EDITORIALS

Vote First For AFRO Candidates

The AFRO ballot printed on page one of this edition conveniently lists for our readers the names and key numbers of those candidates in Tuesday's election who, we believe, if elected, will advance the cause of fair government in our city, state and nation.

If AFRO readers VOTE FIRST for AFRO candidates and then cast ballots for other good office-seekers, we believe our readers will have exercised an opportunity to HELP THEMSELVES secure a better community.

The first levers AFRO readers should pull are those of Milton B. Allen for State's Attorney, Robert B. Watts for judge of the Supreme Bench and Harry A. Cole, judge of the Supreme Bench.

Then the other judges listed on our ballot — Joseph Carter, Solomon Liss, David Ross, George Solter and Basil A. Thomas — should be elected.

Do not be confused by the presence of the name James W. Murphy for the Supreme Bench. This is NOT William H. Murphy, Sr. whom the AFRO supported to victory in the primary and who does not need votes in the general election.

Of course the leaders of the ticket are important, and all AFRO readers should vote for the candidates listed from Governor down through Joseph D. Tydings for the U.S. Senate.

The AFRO views it as important for our readers to vote FOR the loans proposed on the ballot as Questions A thru H.

Some of these are more important than others, and therefore we are asking that you VOTE FIRST for Question A and Question E. Then vote FOR the remaining loans.

On the proposed Charter Amendments, also on the first line of the ballot, AFRO readers should be certain to VOTE FIRST against Question L and Question M. These, if passed, would hamper the authority of the School Board to spend money allotted to it in ways most advantageous to your children.

With respect to constitutional Amendment Questions on the second line of the ballot, AFRO readers should VOTE FIRST against Question 2 and Question 3.

These amendments, if passed, would make it impossible for the black community to vote into office judges of its own choosing elected at the polls.

You should keep certain other facts in mind: You may take the time necessary to vote carefully and select the people and issues you want to cast a vote for or against; if the lever you want to pull down does not work, you are entitled to have a judge inspect the machine and secure repairs so that your vote may be accurately registered;

Also, you may take the AFRO ballot in the booth with you so that it can be used as a guide.

Now we turn our attention to the two congressional districts and the four legislative districts in which AFRO readers have substantial political interest.

SEVENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

There is no doubt in our mind that the best qualified candidate to occupy the congressional seat in the U.S. House of Representatives is Parren J. Mitchell. His record of public service and advocacy of causes for the benefit of all people speaks for itself.

Seventh Congressional District voters should not forget: VOTE FIRST for Parren J. Mitchell for Congress; Milton B. Allen for State's Attorney; Robert B. Watts for judge of the Supreme Bench and Harry A. Cole for judge of the Supreme Bench.

FOURTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Paul S. Sarbanes should be elected to the congressional seat in the Fourth Congressional District. He is a working liberal who has a distinguished legislative record in the Md. House of Delegates.

Fourth Congressional District voters should not forget: VOTE FIRST for Paul S. Sarbanes for Congress; Milton B. Allen for State's Attorney; Robert B. Watts for judge of the Supreme Bench and Harry A. Cole, for judge of the Supreme Bench.

5TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

VOTE FIRST for Clarence W. Blount for the State Senate; Walter Dean and Kenneth L. Webster for the State House of Delegates; Milton B. Allen for State's Attorney, Robert B. Watts for judge of the Supreme Bench and Harry A. Cole for judge of the Supreme Bench.

4TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

VOTE FIRST for Verda F. Welcome and Clarence M. Mitchell, 3rd for the State Senate; then vote the entire slate as shown on the ballot. Also, vote Milton B. Allen for State's Attorney; Robert B. Watts for judge of the Supreme Bench and Harry A. Cole for judge of the Supreme Bench.

3RD LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

VOTE FIRST for Milton B. Allen for State's Attorney; Robert B. Watts for judge of the Supreme Bench and Harry A. Cole for judge of the Supreme Bench.

2ND LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

VOTE FIRST for Robert L. Dalton and Marshall W. Jones, Jr. for the State Senate; for Mrs. Barbara Anderson, Floyd B. Adams, Joseph Chester and John W. Douglass for the Md. House of Delegates; Milton B. Allen for State's Attorney; Robert B. Watts for judge of the Supreme Bench and Harry A. Cole for judge of the Supreme Bench.

Our final admonitions: Vote accurately, vote early and VOTE FIRST for AFRO candidates.

No To Amendments 2, 3

Your vote is not worth two cents if you do not use it wisely.

The American way is to vote your best interest, to back those changes you feel will promote our democratic way of life.

Constitutional Amendments 2 and 3 on the Nov. 3 ballot are against your best interests.

They take away your right to vote for judges.

Those who promote this scheme claim it is some sort of court reform.

They claim the appointment of judges would take them out of politics and they point to the federal system as an example of what we could expect.

Under the federal system there are about 500 district-level or above judges and only 13 of them are black. There are no black federal judges anywhere in the South.

The reason is politics steeped in racism.

To become a federal judge you have to get the okay of the senator who has the ear of the President. Otherwise, the President will not appoint you and the Senate will not approve you.

That's what they want for Maryland.

It is not taking judges out of politics.

But it would keep Baltimoreans from electing their own judges.

Your votes against Amendments 2 and 3 could be the ones that save your right to elect judges.

Only big politicians and their high-brow friends want to make the change. The question is why. Remember, Maryland's judges today are as good as judges anywhere who are appointed.

Don't give up your right to elect judges.

Vote against Amendments 2 and 3.

Census Every 5 Years

Widespread criticism of the public officials responsible for the recent census has cropped up throughout the country.

On a national scale, the census takers are reported to have missed at least five million men, women and children, and locally between 40,000 to 60,000 are believed to have been missed.

All of this has led to a suggestion from Mayor D'Alesandro for a recount and studied campaign to pick up the missing residents by mail census or personal filing.

Already a survey by Baltimore's chief executive has found 900 persons overlooked in two Baltimore census tracts.

Presently before Congress is a census reform bill, now running the gauntlet of committee hearings and probably lost for this session.

Any miscounting naturally puts political leaders in a tizzy. They realize that allocation of certain government funds is based on population, and this possible loss of federal aid is not to be lightly handled.

From our view, one of the best ways to eliminate all this confusion would be to provide a census every five years instead of every ten.

A five-year system would enable the Census Bureau to employ more professional census takers on a permanent basis rather than massive employment of part-time volunteers who regard the job as a quick way to get a fast buck in their spare time, but have little concern about the seriousness of the census taking, or its social significance.

AFRO Credo

A newspaper succeeds because its management believes in itself, in God and in the present generation. It must always ask itself—

Whether it has kept the faith with the common people;

Whether it has no other goal except to see that their liberties are preserved and their future assured;

Whether it is fighting to get rid of slums to provide jobs for everybody;

Whether it stays out of politics except to expose corruption and condemn injustices and prejudice, or compromise.

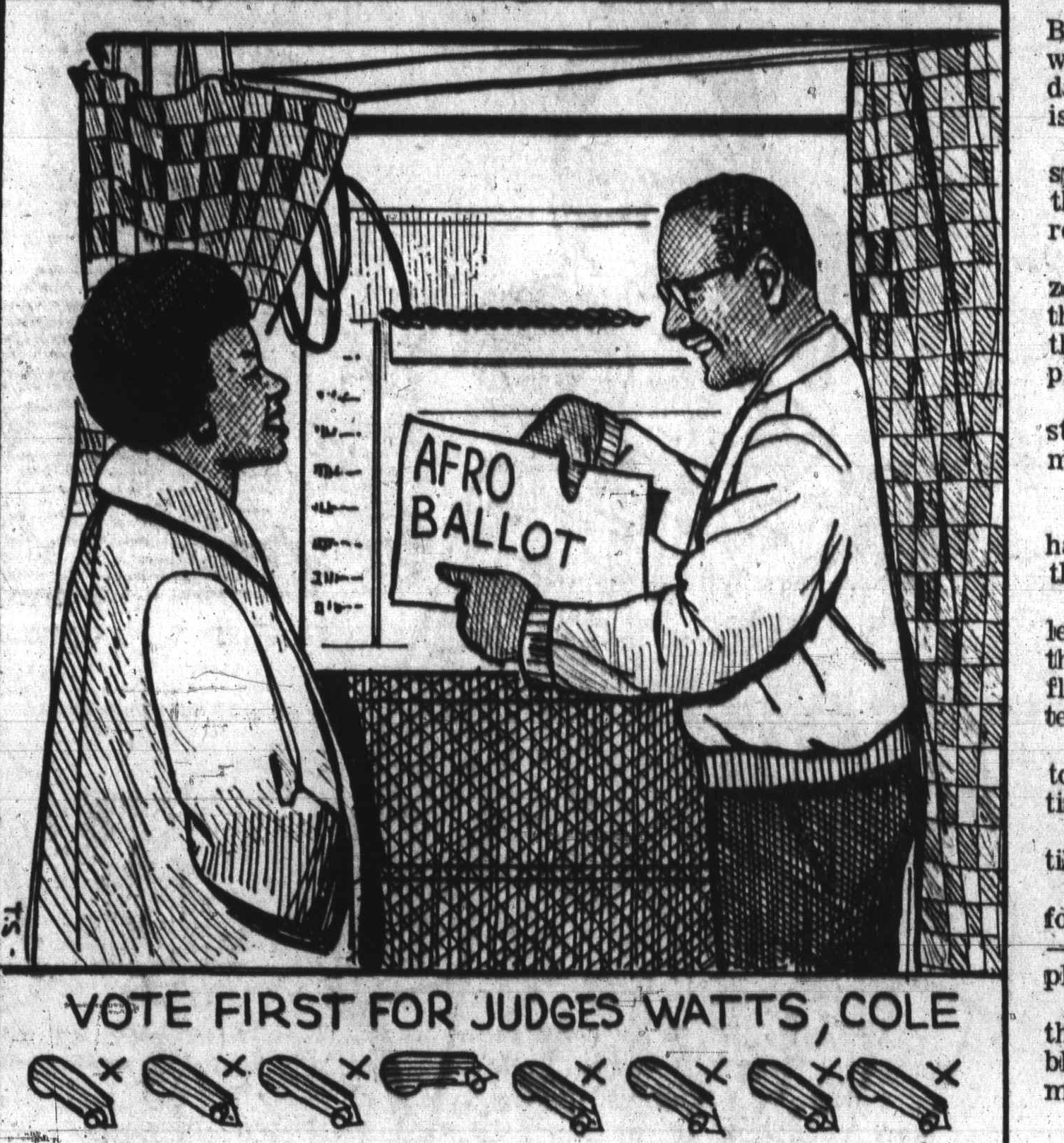
JOHN MURPHY SR. — 1920

"Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of hate and bitterness." — MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Baltimore Afro-American

May we let our light so shine that it will illuminate that which is good and beautiful, and magnify our Faher which is in heaven. May we stand strong and firm against despair, falsehood, rudeness, hatred, pessimism and prejudice.—Carl Murphy, Editor-Publisher—1889-1967

Your One Vote Counts
Vote First For Watts, Cole



LETTERS

Readers are invited to submit letters for publication. All letters must be signed, but signature will be omitted if requested. Letters should be no more than 300 words in length. Address them to "Our Readers Say," Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN, P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Maryland 21203. . .

'Defenders' Okay

Dear AFRO:

We, the people of the western district community, would like to congratulate and extend our best wishes to Domenick Iamele and Melvin Johnson of the Public Defenders for the excellent way they performed their duties at the western district precinct.

One For Allen

Dear AFRO:

I was looking at my TV on Sunday, Oct. 17. I heard Mr. Allen, who is running for State's Attorney. I was proud of the way he answered the questions that were asked of him.

He talked like a man who really knows his job. This was one time. I was really proud to be black. He was wonderful. He has my vote.

Mrs. GRACE DAWKINS

Right On, Joe

Dear AFRO:

Following the recent efforts of Spiro "Agony" and "Tricky Dick" to eliminate Senator Tydings from the next U.S. Senate, I cannot remain silent; "my people love him because of the enemies he has made."

"Keep right on," Senator!

JOHN W. WHITE, Presidential Aide
National Alliance of Postal and Federal Employees

Yes, On E

Dear AFRO:

The bond issue for a Harbor Campus of the Community College of Baltimore, which will be Question E on the ballot in November 3, 1970, election, offers the city a chance to start an unprecedented boot-strap operation, which will open many doors of opportunity for Inner City youths.

Business, professional, and semi-professional careers will be made available to thousands of young men and women who have previously been unable to find such a chance.

For this reason, as well as for community planning and development reasons, the Community College is an integral part of the City's massive Inner Harbor rebuilding program.

Architecturally, the college will provide a beautifully-designed urban campus on the shores of the Inner Harbor, completing the development started by office buildings, hotels, apartments, and shops.

But even more important is the impact that will be made on the city economically and socially — when college-level courses can be offered within walking distance of well-paying jobs in downtown stores and offices.

The whole downtown will become the laboratory and workshop for students in business, sociology, and related classes.

Work-study programs can be developed in any number of forms — at the very center of the city's public transit network, and without the burden of time and money lost in double commuting.

The resources of downtown business, hospitals, government agencies, and other institutions will be near at hand for meetings, field trips, and 1970's.

Vote "for" Question E in the elec- part-time faculty personnel.

For all of these reasons, the Community College will enable the Inner Harbor area, and downtown Baltimore more generally, to help provide the

It has been a real pleasure to hear and see Mr. Iamele and Mr. Johnson at work with so much concern for the indigent. If all attorneys in all precincts showed concern as much as these men did, I am more than certain the Public Defenders program will be a success. Once again we tip our hats to these wonderful men.

WESTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY

better quality of life that is universally sought for urban dwellers in the tion on Nov. 3.

MARTIN A. MILLSPAUGH, President
Charles Center-Inner Harbor Management Inc.

Is There Interest?

Dear AFRO:

The Baltimore Community College will sponsor evening classes in "Environmental Sanitation," the "Key" course in Public Health studies, if enough student interest is generated. Write today to: E. HENRY LOKSTEIN, 1207 Delbert Ave., Balto., Md. 31222.

For Israel

Dear AFRO:

I find that many Maryland voters are in favor of rendering aid to Israel while others may not feel exactly the same way. But regardless of anyone's sentiments, it seems to me that all right-thinking Americans must realize that Israel is friendly to the United States and is rendering a great service towards the preservation of the free world against the spread of communism.

So long as we remain strong and resolute our President may, by a mere word, insure the safety of any free nation throughout the world, particularly Israel, courageously fighting, while beset by the imperialistic policies of the Soviet Union.

PAUL CHIERA

Liberal

Dear AFRO:

Candidates with a liberal record are entitled to the support and endorsement of liberal groups. To simply endorse a candidate because he is "black" is racism that is as vulgar as choosing a candidate because he is white.

WILLIAM BRAITERMAN
Republican Candidate for State's Attorney

Redistricting

Dear AFRO:

The Baltimore City League of Women Voters urges support of the Baltimore City Charter Amendment on the Nov. 3 Ballot which provides for automatic councilmanic redistricting after each federal census.

Criteria for redistricting are: equality of population based on ONE MAN ONE VOTE, contiguous territory, compactness, natural boundaries and standards established by the Supreme Court of the United States. These criteria should preclude the possibility of gerrymandering.

If this amendment is passed, it is extremely important for the citizenry to be aware of and supervise the redistricting process. The League would expect the Mayor to appoint a qualified commission to draw up a redistricting plan. If the City Council sees fit to amend the mayor's plan or to develop another one, close supervision of their actions is essential.

(Mrs.) CLARE MILTON, President
(Mrs.) WM. N. HALE,

COLUMNS

Political Notebook

No Time Tuesday For Voter Apathy

By MAX JOHNSON

No Time Tuesday — 30 Pt.

There are two high hurdles facing Baltimore's possible record jump forward politically in the coming Tuesday's general election — and apathy is both of them.

Apathy of citizens who fail to respond to superior qualifications of their candidates — and sorely needed representation in vital offices.

Apathy of too many registered citizens toward taking the time to go to the polls and vote — either assuming their vote is not needed, or just in plain disinterest.

It's a disturbing picture that stubbornly has projected itself at most past elections here.

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To tell it like it' tis — this apathy has been noticeably predominant in the black community.

Not at the lower blue collar income level — among the thousands and thousands of office workers, more affluent professionals, including schoolteachers.

I am aware this isn't a nice thing to say — but it's a fact that is high time somebody said.

And there's hardly more opportune time to say it than right now.

If Parren J. Mitchell loses his bid for the 7th District Congressional seat — apathy of black eligible voters will play a major role in his defeat.

If Milton B. Allen loses his bid for the state's attorney post — apathy of black eligible voters will play a major role in his defeat.

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And as aforementioned — this apathy could be either toward their superior qualifications, or citizens failing to go to the polls and vote, or both.

Valid reasoning at this time then raises two key points.

Messrs. Mitchell and Allen are going to have to run scared to win — and their avid supporters must remain scared they will lose.

Over confidence and apathy on the part of those who would like to see them win could be a big determining factor in watching one or both lose.

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It isn't that Peter Parker, Mr. Mitchell's Republican opponent, is more imminenthy qualified for the 7th District Congressional seat than Mr. Mitchell.

He isn't.

It isn't that Sheldon Braiterman, Mr. Allen's GOP opponent for state's attorney, is even near as qualified for the office as Mr. Allen.

He isn't.

It's just that this is a vital election Tuesday — and people are sometimes as unpredictable in such elections as they are on criminal court juries.

Confidence is admirable — but over confidence is not.

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In earthy politics — the nitty gritty is that about the only votes a candidate in a heated race can be assured of, other than his own and perhaps those of his family, are those ultimately cast on ballots over his name in voting booths.

The public can be as uncertain in some elections as a woman in a poker game.

A lot of things have been known to swing elections at the last minute — particularly money.

Weather has been known, too, to stand as a key factor.

It's always quite amazing how so many registered citizens manage to go almost everywhere else on a rainy election day but to the polls to vote.

It's amazing — for they have previously, at one time or another, taken the time to register to gain their citizenship right to vote.

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Point here is that this is a vitally important election Tuesday — one that can hike the city forward politically by way of realization of some degree of just racial representation.

Or — negative results in this respect could stand as a political blotch in the city's history.

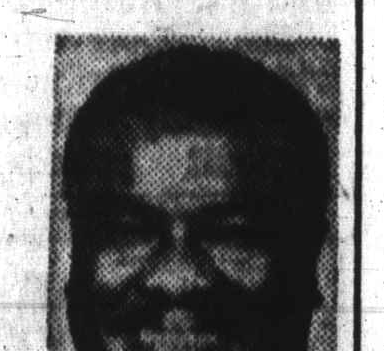
This is no time for apathy.

Eligible citizens who don't vote Tuesday ought to be ashamed of themselves — for those who do vote should be ashamed of them.

The whole thing is as simple as that.

Perspective

Tyrone And The Naked



By DAVID E. SLOAN

I have this friend, Tyrone, who has a strange twist of mind.

He asks such questions as, "Well, ah, if God built the world, where was he standing?"

And, "Wonder how many grains there are in a jar of coffee?"

Last week when I was talking to Tyrone, he told me about a dream he had.

It seems that he had been appointed to be a counter during an election in Baltimore.

Just before he was to report to duty, he was called to the People's Court Building for orientation.

"All of us — about 100 — were seated in a big room in the basement," he said, "and a tall white man came into the room with a long sheet of names.

"After he called the roll and was satisfied that all the new counters were present, he took out another long sheet of paper.

"'Now I'm going to read a list of the winners,' the man told us."

Of course, I stopped Tyrone at that point to make sure I understood him.

"Did you say the man informed the group that he was going to read a list of the winners?" I asked.

"Yes," Tyrone replied.

"And did you say this was before the election?" I persisted.

"Yes," Tyrone echoed.

"Go ahead," I said.

Well Tyrone proceeded to unravel a long account of how he and the others were given the list of "winners" and oriented in how to misread totals on the backs of voting machines after all the ballots had been cast.

But the most interesting part of his dream was yet to come.

He said that following his tour of duty at the precinct to which he was assigned, he and a number of other counters were arrested.

"All I can remember about what went before the arrest is that Milton Allen and Parren Mitchell brought an army of paratroopers into the Supervisors of Elections Office after they discovered the hanky-panky that had gone on," Tyrone narrated.

"And all of them were naked," he added.

Of course I was as startled by this curious turn of my friend's dream as he seemed to be.

"All naked?" I asked.

"Yes, and then they took us up to a judge who listened to the charges against us for fixing the count. And he was naked."

Needless to say, I was shocked by all this and was about ready to believe that Tyrone had blown his nocturnal mind when he asked me:

"Say, Dave, did you see that piece in the paper about the Md. Court of Appeals handing down an order for the Baltimore City Police Department to hire a nudist who applied for a job as a policeman?"

"Yes," I answered.

"Well, ah, if a police officer doesn't have on any clothes what will he pin his badge to?" my friend with the strange twist of mind asked me wide-eyed.

"And if a police officer is a nudist, how does one know he is a police officer — by his hat?"

"Ah, I wonder how a police officer would carry his gun while he was walking around naked," Tyrone asked as I slowly turned and walked away.

We Stand For . .

Equal justice, not only in theory, but in fact before the courts of the city and state.

Adequate black representation on all public boards and commissions of Maryland cities, counties and the state itself, including colleges and universities.

Extensive and untrammeled black political power.

Equal job opportunities in fact as well as theory.

Equal housing opportunities in fact as well as theory.

Black judges on all benches of the city, county and state court systems.

Open and free election of judges, except those constitutionally authorized.

A black owned and operated taxicab [illegible]

A black owned and operated [illegible]

Dentists for CCB

Dear AFRO:

The Maryland Dental Society vigorously endorses the Bond Issue which would support the development of a Community College of Baltimore in the Harbor Area.

We ask dentists and responsible citizens of the City of Baltimore to recognize that beyond our offices we hold a great civic trust and as deliverers of health services, it is our responsibility and our duty to support the development of the human mind.

We further recognize that it is only through a good education that opportunities become available and we visualize the proposed development of the Community College of Baltimore in the Harbor Area as a demonstration of effective leadership for the community's welfare.

We ask the assistance and support of each of our patients and request that they vote for the Bond Issue which would support the development of the community college.

We ask the assistance and support [illegible] city for this college and challenge you to make an investment in a YES vote for the community college which will yield dividends for your children.

MD. DENTAL SOCIETY,
Irving Hawkins Jr., D.D.S.,
President

MRS MOSS

If You Ask Me

BY BETTYE MOSS

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following are excerpts of remarks by this columnist at the Oct. 16, 1970 testimonial for the retiring Coppin State College president, Dr. Parlett L. Moore).

Dr. Moore, Coppin and things

A majority of the teachers, principals and administrators in Baltimore public schools are graduates of Coppin.

A majority of the black teachers, principals and administrators in Baltimore public schools are Coppin grads.

Most of the administrators who are black and over 40 received their early teacher training at Coppin State College.

Coppin State College has a rich heritage because it has only been in recent years that other schools in our state have admitted colored youngsters interested in teacher training.

Coppin, like Morgan, was the only first rate institution we could attend in the city.

There is ample proof that both schools have been excellent training grounds — look around you in our city, state, nation — Coppin grads abound.

William Pinderhughes, the number two man in the Baltimore city public school administration under Dr. Thomas D. Sheldon, superintendent, is a Coppinite.

State's Attorney candidate Milton Allen, Dr. Elaine Davis, a member of the state board of trustees and an assistant superintendent, Clarence Gittings;

And, Samuel T. Daniels, grand master of Maryland Masons and member of the city school board; State Senator Verda F. Welcome and State Legistator Lena K. Lee. I could go on.

Those of us who have grown up in Baltimore know Coppin has been a stepchild, first as the school for "cullud," when it was established in 1900, still later as a training normal school in an old school building on Gilmor St., and now at its present location, 2300 W. North Ave., which it occupied in 1966.

The wonder is that Coppin could achieve the academic excellence that it has with the meagre financial support and facilities it has had.

In April, 1957, when Dr. Parlett Moore became Coppin's second president, the AFRO, of that period was recording that the Sheraton Belvedere Hotel had agreed to relax its policies to permit the morticians convention to meet.

There were protests about jim crow signs at city jail.

Easterwood Park on Bentalou and Presstman Sts. had degenerated into an eyesore and residents were up in arms because the newly turned colored area was denied city services.

Smith's Hotel on Druid Hill Ave. was being torn down for a parking lot.

Some 724 families were being forced to move from the Preston St. area to make way for the state office building, excavation had begun.

Marian Anderson was at Morgan for an honorary degree, a man was thrown out of the B and O Railroad Restaurant because at that time black people could ride the trains but not eat in the restaurant.

Joe Black had signed a contract with the Senators and John Hargrove, now a municipal court judge had been named the first assistant U.S. attorney.

It was also in that period that Martin Luther King was here to address a convention of United Baptist Church.

And an AFRO front page story reported that Dr. Moore would be installed as the second president of Coppin.

There was just one building at the North Avenue site so the installation took place in the Douglass High School auditorium.

In his inauguration speech, Dr. Moore promptly put his finger on the key problems facing Coppin.

He said, "Adequate facilities attract increased enrollment and Coppin has a very definite contribution to make to higher education in Maryland but it can't do it without support.

That AFRO article reported Dr. Moore was a youthful-looking 49, that he was pleasant and enthusiastic about his new job, and in fact that he had been in town from Rockville, Md. some weeks in advance of assuming his new assignment.

Under Dr. Moore's leadership, Coppin has grown from one building, 300 students and 16 faculty members to 7 buildings, 1,187 undergraduate students, 430 graduate students, 220 of the 430 graduate students are part time. There are 325 Evening students and the faculty has 86 full time and 35 part-time professors, students and it has been accredited.

His has not been an easy task but he has persevered, he has set Coppin on the road for even greater contribution to the community in the future.

Today's youth who would shrug their shoulders and say he hasn't done enough, didn't demand things, didn't raise enough fuss, or hasn't been innovative and aggressives have no conception of the times in which he lived.

They have no idea, of the struggle, the frustrations, the roadblocks he faced along the way.

Largely because he and others stuck it out in this racist city, state and nation. The youth who now say he was not relevant and militant enough, are able to move ahead faster and are better prepared becaus he trained them lovingly at Coppin.

He has given the best years of his life to put Coppin on the new threshold.

He has been a valiant and dedicated educator. God bless him.

People, places and things

More good news about our public schools: The perfectly marvelous Educational Exposition at the Civic Center.

It was a joy to behold the exhibition of pictures, see and hear our public school children perform, watch the love with which the teachers helped mount the exhibits and remained at the booths with the children to demonstrate the new techniques and equipment.

If you missed this exposition (it was too short — should have lasted an entire week), ask now that the next year's exposition last at least a week.

At the opening luncheon, Superintendent Thomas D. Sheldon credited his No. 1 assistant, William Pinderhughes, for coordinating the work.

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Mr. Pinderhughes presided at the luncheon and made you proud as he showed great talent as a presiding toastmaster.

Also, he took no back seat to the mayor.

hughes was introducing head table guests, TJD interrupted to suggest it was time to eat.

Later, Mr. Pinderhughes' good humor came through when he introduced the Mayor as "Mr. er, George DAlesandro — a slap at the mayor who has been known to call him George instead of Bill. Smile.

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Also proud of the exhibit — and he had a right to be because he was the one who was geenral chairman of the whole show. Richard L. Micherdzinski. (He's director of art education.)

The photos of young people, their teachers and adults are graphic.

Orchids also to the young vocational school students from all over the city.

They demonstrated their home economics ability by preparing and serving all the food the luncheon. Attractive and tasty, Mrs. Sidney Geister is the specialist in charge.

More good news: In his remarks, Mayor D'Alesandro observed he was pleased with the progress of education in our city, with the role played by teachers, principlas, administrators and the school board.

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Orchids for this very fine exposition should go in greatest volume to Superintendent Sheldon. It was one of the proposals he made when he first came to Baltimore two years ago. Remember?

Dr. Sheldon's message about the Expo appeared in a prominent place as you entered the Exhibition Hall. It said in part: —

"The American public school system constitutes our society's major force for assuring maximum refinement of its vast human potential; the extent to which we are successful in that undertaking will determine the future of our community, state and nation.

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This column's treatre reviewer has these comments about "Last of The Red Hot Lovers," now at the Mechanic Theatre through Nov. 7.

"If you feel like having an enjoyable evening of laughter and mirth and forgetting for a moment the cares of the world then go see "Last Of The Red Hot Lovers," which opened at the Morris Mechanic Theatre Monday night to a full house.

"Red Hot Lovers is about a good and simple man who wants to try his hand just once at being a Casanova. It's extraordinarily funny."

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Dr. Samuel R. Owings, the physician, had a chance this week to have the shoe on the other foot.

He went ice skating with his sons, ended up in Lutheran Hospital with fractured shoulder et al, is all taped up at home.

Recuperating at her St. James Apartments home is Mrs. Evelyn Dixon, widow of the prominent Avenue club owner and businessman, Isaiah Dixon Sr. and mother of House of Delegates member, Isaiah Dixon Jr. God's blessings on her.

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And, Mrs. Sarah Bundy (she's the well known Cherry Hill teacher and civic worker), has her leg in a cast.

Her husband, James Bundy, the lawyer, reports she broke her left leg when she fell while leaving a meeting at Coppin State the othere vening. Hellos to her at 601 Cheraton Rd.

By the time you read this, Mrs. Priscilla Marshall, who had surgery last week at Sinai Hospital, will be at home. She's the reading resource teacher at School No. 139. Send cheer to her at 4605 Norfolk Ave.

Mrs. John R. Hargrove (Shirley), is out of the hospital, recuperating at her Ellamont Rd. home. She's the wife of Municipal Court judge.

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A number of Morgan staff, faculty and students were in the Sunday morning homecoming congregation at Sharp St. United Methodist Church.

Reason: The morning speaker was Dr. King V. Cheek, president-elect of Morgan State College.

With him, Mrs. Cheek (Ann). She was elegant in beige cape ensemble. Her hat was brown velvet with just a dash of sequins.

Her shoe and bag accessories were bone. Pretty outfit on a pretty lady.

Getting old department: Seems just yesterday we were writing about Mrs. Martin D. Jenkins (Elizabeth), the new Morgan State College first lady. But it was fourteen years ago, and here we go again. Time flies!

PAGE OPPOSITE

In the Spotlight

Lieutenant Colonel Howard C. Hartsfield is the new Commanding Officer of Headquarters Fort Holabird.

The change of command was made Sept. 30, in a ceremony where retiring Post Commander Col. William A. McKaney, Jr. presented the headquarters standard to LTC Hartsfield, who was formerly Deputy Commanding Officer of Headquarters Fort Holabird.

LTC Hartsfield, originally from Chicago and a 1951 graduate of Morgan State College, is serving his 17th year in the Army.

He has served two tours of duty in Vietnam, one as advisor for South Vietnamese battalion and regiment.

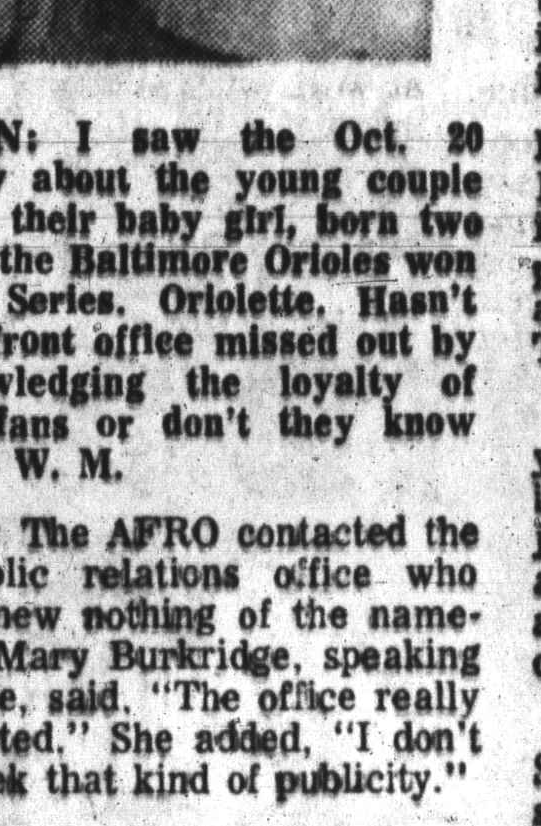
As a result of his service and actions he has been presented many awards including: the Soldier's Medal, the bronze Star Medal with first and second Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with first Oak Leaf Cluster and the Purple Heart.

His wife, Mrs. Millicent Hartsfield, and their two sons, Mark and Eric, reside in Philadelphia.

LTC. HOWARD C. HARTSFIELD

Afro Line

AFRO LINE is an AFRO community service to help you solve problems, whatever they may be. All you have to do is write a postcard ot AFRO LINE, AFRO, 628 N. Eutaw St., P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md. 21203. In addition to stating the question you want answered, include your name, address and phone number. Then watch for the answer in the AFRO LINE each week because that is where the action is.



QUESTION: I saw the Oct. 20 AFRO story about the young couple who named their baby girl, born two hours after the Baltimore Orioles won the World Series, Oriolette. Hasn't the Oriole front office missed out by not acknowledging the loyalty of these two fans or don't they know about it? — W. M.

ANSWER: The AFRO contacted the Orioles public relations office who said they knew nothing of the namesake. Mrs. Mary Burkridge, speaking for the office, said, "The office really isn't interested." She added, "I don't think we seek that kind of publicity."

QUESTION: In April of 1967, I was found guilty of violating the narcotics laws and sentenced to five years.

Since then I have been moved from city jail to the penitentiary and now to the Maryland House of Corrections.

At one place I was told I would have to serve 42 months of my time, at another 44 months and at the other I was told my time would expire in December of this year.

Can you help me learn when I can expect to be released? — D.F.

ANSWER: The State Department of Probation and Parole says look forward to being released on April 1, 1972. You were denied parole at your 1968 hearing. The Department realized you were a second offender and has not labeled you ineligible for parole.

QUESTION: I am one of the unidentified queens in the City Fair parade picture shown in your Oct. 17 AFRO Line. — T.M.

ANSWER: The AFRO was happy to learn the identity of Queen Terri Milburn, 13, who was named Miss Mt. Holly Improvement Association, 1970-71. The queen received a prize when she came to the AFRO office to identify hrself after an AFRO reader requested pictures of black City Fair parade participants. Terri, who acted as a guide and information agent at the fair, likes to read and swim and is a Lemmel Junior High student. She is the daughter of Arthur Milburn, Edmondson High School teacher, and Mrs. Margretta Milburn, Calvert Junior High School teacher. Terri, her parents and sister Amelia, 6th-grader at Edgewood Elementary, attend Trinity Presbyterian Church.

QUESTION: I am a mother of five young children who has been receiving welfare aid since 1964. The checks just don't seem to be enough to feed and clothe my family. Can I get a job and still receive welfare checks as I do now? — H. L.

ANSWER: The City Department of Social Services says it may be possible to arrange such a self-help situation but the amount of your welfare check may change after your added income and family circumstances are reevaluated.

Some mothers do work and continue to receive welfare aid. Tell your social worker about your situation and she will help you work it out. If you don't have a worker, contact the Department of Social Services and they will assign one to you.

QUESTION: Are GI's in Vietnam taxed on their pay?

ANSWER: Enlisted men and warrant officers need not report pay received for a month any part of which they served in Vietnam. Commissioned Officers may exclude from income the first $500 of monthly pay received for service during any month in Vietnam.

It's NOT A Man's World

By

BERNICE S. WHITE

Women in the world of art have experienced serious overt and covert acts of discrimination. The work of a woman artist is thought of as an ornamental attraction, not to be confused with real art, the profoundly serious contributions made to our culture, which will live in immortality, etc. — which is men's work.

There is certainly no problem of women getting into art schools — students run from 60 to 80 percent female. There she is told that a work of art is judged solely on its aesthetic merit.

But she is not told that art is male, that aesthetic values are in masculine terms, that no one could possibly understand a work of art outside of its cultural environment. Art values, like all values are relative, subjective, and variable.

A recent report on the status of women in art revealed that as a result of this, a woman's psyche does a queer twist and she maintains that her work is not to be confused with women's art. She doesn't question the lack of women artists in history — somehow overlooked by all male art historians — this has nothing to do with her, and things are different now anyway; nor does she question the lack of women on the faculty.

After all, she needs male approval and only male teachers can best transmit current cultural thought. She doesn't want women on the faculty any more than men do. She simply does not identify with other women; as far as her work goes, and all other women are automatically suspect.

When the woman artist graduates and goes to her college employment office, she is steered into "women's fields" such as textile design, and told there is nothing else available; it is doubted that a man is told this.

In commercial art, just as in teaching, it is the man again who is preferred who will be better paid, who will be promoted to more responsible positions. Any agency that uses women art directors, for instance, is assumed to be paying much less to the women than any qualified man has to accept. The woman does not get much beyond a girl-Friday position, which is mostly an artistic secretary.

In photography, she is not told that she hasn't enough talent but that she lacks the muscle to carry the heavy equipment around on shooting jobs. She considers herself lucky to be a dark-room assistant, or some such peripheral position. The non-commercial film-maker or photographer, where women have been more readily recognized, have some other source of income.

Women artists are in revolution and are organizing for action. They want more equal opportunity, financial assistance in the form of grants and scholarships and the opportunity to freely develop their own art in a more corroborating atmosphere.

TOGETHER You Can Make It Happen

By PARREN J. MITCHELL

This Tuesday, November 3, you are going to make history. I say you, because on Tuesday, when Maryland elects the first black Congressman in its history, it will be you who will make it happen.

Right from the beginning, it's been your campaign, a people's campaign in fact as well as in name. Without the volunteers, the people who canvassed, who printed and distributed literature, who sent contributions, who gave gladly of their time and themselves, we could not have got this far.

Now everything depends on November 3, and, more than ever, on you.

For too long our community has been denied access to high office. Too often in American history, black people have been excluded, defrauded, persecute, and even driven violently from the polls.

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We have been forced to struggle — to march, to demonstrate, to petition, to sue — for the simple right, guaranteed us in the Constitution, to cast a ballot. Since the 1965 Voting Rights Act the number of black officials at all levels of government has been slowly, but inexorably, growing.

There are now 1,469 of us in office in America — including one senator, nine Congressmen, 31 State Senators, 137 state representatives, 48 mayors, 115 judges or magistrates, and 64 county commissioners. On Tuesday, we must consolidate our gains — and multiply our forces.

Those who have oppressed us have worked so hard to keep us from the polls, because they know that the polls are the key to power in America. On primary day in this election, we were once again faced with unfair election practices — a day we should not soon forget, when polling places stayed closed for hours, judges were absent, voting machines were delivered to the wrong locations, or were broken or improperly functioning.

Despite this second class treatment in the black wards, we turned out a record vote late in the day, and the day was ours.

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On November 3, an aroused citizenry will see to it that this won't happen again. Already the voting machines are being checked by citizen groups, and our poll watchers will be out in force to insure a fair election.

Now it is up to you. Our strength depends on our willingness to use it. America is a pluralistic society of competing interest groups; for years, ethnic groups have voted together — people of Italian, Irish and Polish descent — and built themselves a power base in local and national politics.

Now that the political road is open to us, we must follow the American minority group pattern — we must vote strong and vote together.

People who oppose equality for black people are quick to call our political unity "racism"; in their circles, the same practice goes by the name of common sense.

We have so many qualified candidates this time: Milton Allen for State's Attorney; Walter Dean and Kenneth L. Webster, 5th District House of Delegates; Clarence W. Blount, 5th District State Senate; and a whole slate of able candidates in the 4th District. All of them need your votes to be your voice in government.

At the risk of repeating what is already your intention — let me urge you to vote on November 3, and to get your family, friends and neighbors out to vote. And come down, if you can, to 3561 Park Heights Avenue on election day, and help us to get out a record vote.

November 3 will be our victory — all of ours. We're on the move — and this time we're going to Washington!

DR. FLEMING

NOW And THEN See YOU At The Polls?

with G. JAMES FLEMING

"Once you get inside the polling booth, you are monarch of all you survey, you are your own boss."

These are the sentiments once uttered by Oscar DePriest of Chicago, first black Congressman elected from the North.

He was replying to some blacks who had complained to him that they were afraid to vote for him, or that they had taken money to vote for another.

This was during the depression, but DePriest continued:

"If you need money that badly, take it. If the guy who gives you the money is that dishonest, take his money, but vote as you darn please; remember offering you money is a violation of law, anyway."

Nowadays, with social security payments, unemployment insurance, etc., there is no reason for anybody to "sell" his vote for money.

We doubt many people are so inclined. Many more people have specious reasons why they cannot support black candidates for high office.

The same kind of silly arguments they once used against using black doctors or black lawyers.

The truth of the matter is, however, that all of the white ethnic groups have gotten into the American mainstream by electing members of their own group to ever higher political office.

The truth is that white Americans, by and large, think that "there is something wrong" with blacks who consistently vote against their own.

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Next Tuesday — Election Day (Nov. 3, 1970), all of us can help Baltimore make history. We can:

1. Vote in the largest numbers possible;
2. We can help elect blacks to a variety of important offices;
3. We can help elect the best white candidates wherever no black candidate is running.

Every breathing voter should vote; even if you are "a little ill," get to the polls anyway. If you can't get there, ask someone to take you. If you are in good health, see that some others get to the polls.

Vote early; vote.

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Obtaining political power through the vote is the American way up.

Political power gives a group something to barter with. If you have nothing, you get nothing — almost nothing.

In Bible times, if a farmer wanted a pig, he usually had something to offer in exchange; perhaps a bag of potatoes. In many places and in most years, black Americans have had little to barter with, sometimes nothing. They have been short of money, weak in organization, easily frightened.

Now with urban areas being what they are, blacks have numbers (not "the numbers") to use as an instrument to political power.

To numbers they must add organizational ability, the ability to raise and contribute money, and whatever it takes to [illegible]

In the September Primary, black voters turned out 10 to 20 percent better than they usually do in primaries. For next Tuesday they must add the same plus percentage to their usual or average Election Day participation.

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With malice towards none, we can still elect Milton Allen as state's attorney, Parren Mitchell to the House of Representatives, Solomon Reddick as People's Court Judge.

These are city-wide offices and all voters can help fill them.

There are also the incumbent judges of the Supreme Bench — Harry Cole, Robert Watts and their associates.

Likewise, there is the opportunity to elect blacks from the Fifth District, for the first time, to the State Legislature—to both the Senate and the House of Delegates. Then, too, we can send a black (or two of them) to the Senate from the Second District.

Harold Laski, the late and noted British political scientist, once said: "Those who are excluded from politics are also excluded from the benefits of government."

It is just as true that "those who exclude themselves from politics are also excluded from the benefits of government."

Voting in significant numbers gives a group a voice, a tool, a weapon. It also gives them something to barter with. And it costs each of us so little.

Like the "old time religion" which was good for our fathers, voting in the U.S., has been good for the Irish; it has been good for the Poles; it has been good for the Jews.

It can be good for the blacks, as we use it seriously, responsibly, enthusiastically, smartly — even better than any group has used it before.

POET'S NOOK

Candidate Parren Mitchell

Congratulations old boy
Your campaign has given me great joy
Some men as you, really bear down
To build America, and not tear down.
We need men who will lead and guide
With high principles to be applied.
Indifference and bias will no longer succeed
And racism has outlived its use or need.
Having a black congressman from Baltimore
Won't exactly even up the score
But our nation will find that your dedication
Will be a fresh political medication.
And common sense can ride off in a hearse
If by some chance, you do not come in first,
For every faction, voter, or creed,
Knows that Parren Mitchell is the man as [illegible]

Philip D. [illegible]