DROP CHARGES AGAINST KEARSE, SHAW

Baltimore Notebook

By MAX JOHNSON

If you are a home owner and contract for improvements to your property—you are now protected by the law against unsatisfactory practices and work by the contractor.

Maryland's General Assembly, during its regular session this year, authorized the establishment of the Maryland Home Improvement Commission.

This is a State agency designed to govern the home improvement industry.

This is a five - member commission with duties of making regulations for the industry, administering and enforcing its laws — and issuing licenses to contractors and their salesmen.

The commission and its laws became effective the past June 1.

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HERE, IN broad terms, are the protections these laws afford the home owner contracting for property improvements.

1. Should a contractor do unsatisfactory work—the commission can force him by law to rectify the shoddy job.

Previously — a property owner's only recourse in such cases was to complain to the Better Business Bureau.

And this agency could only use moral persuasion on the contractor — or perhaps put his business on their blacklist.

2. A contractor may no longer have a property owner sign a false completion certificate — a statement that the work has been finished when it hasn't.

Some contractors have been known to be guilty of this practice to obtain their money from the bank or building and loan association — while still engaged with the improvements.

If the Maryland Home Improvement Commission determines that a contractor is guilty of this now—he can be fined to $5,000 and/or jailed up to three years.

3. A contractor, under the commission's laws, may no longer use misleading advertising.

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FOR EXAMPLE, he may no longer advertise specific work or materials for a low "bait" price — and then actually offer the same for a higher price.

4. Any contractor doing a job for a property owner amounting to $300 or over must be licensed by the commission.

Contractors must have such licenses by Oct. 1.

Failure to have such a license can result in up to a $1,000 fine and/or six months imprisonment.

Property owners who contract for home or property improvements under $300 are equally protected by the commission's laws — though the contractor in such cases is not required to be licensed.

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HERE, THEN, is a broad picture of the new protections afforded those who contract for home improvements.

John Coolahan, executive secretary of the Maryland Home Improvement Commission, puts it this way:

"This way:

"This wasn't designed to hamper contractors. We are try ing to weed out the ones who are working illegitimately, and doing bad jobs.

"They are a minority in the industry."

Mr. Coolahan's office is presently at 318 Light St. He can be reached by telephone through VErnon 7-9000.

His office stands ready to handle legitimate complaints of unsatisfactory home improvement work or practices on the part of contractors.

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THERE IS one thing, however, Mr. Coolahan's agency can't do.

If a property owner contracts for home improvements at a higher price than reasonable — then it is his own fault.

No laws are yet on the books in Maryland to protect against this type of stupidity.

Our lawmakers assume that when a person has sense enough to buy property — he also has sense enough to shop around among contractors for a reasonable price for improvements to his property.

While I have mentioned home owners here — the commission's laws, of course, apply to contracted improvements to all properties, business establishments as well as homes.

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SO—HERE are new laws and a new commission that may well save you money.

Remember this name — the Maryland Home Improvement Commission.

Considering its long range coverage and the thousands of people it protects — it is undoubtedly the best thing to come out of this General Assembly.

Bentalou School hit by vandals

"It is sort of disheartening. I think it was teenagers," said Mrs. Rosalie McGuire, principal of Bentalou Elementary School, Bentalou and Saratoga Sts.

The school, which was opened for the first time in September, 1961, was extensively damaged by vandals. They broke into the main building and the annex.

"They must have gotten into the main building from the Back," Mrs. McGuire said.

"Every classroom on the second level was broken into and ransacked. So was every office.

"They got into the classrooms by removing the vents or breaking the glass and reaching in and opening the doors.

"All the teaching materials were scattered all over the place.

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"THEY STARTED a fire in the janitor's room in the basement.

"They have been in before. But this is the first time that this much damage has been done.

"In the annex they emptied paint all over the floors, ransacked all desks and cupboards.

"They started a fire in the annex restroom. They must have gotten frightened and put it out. If they had not the building would have been burned down."

The annex is a plain, wooden building.

THE VANDALS entered 16 of the 28 rooms in the main building.

A radio was stolen from the principal's office, Mrs. McGuire could not determine whether anything else had been stolen because most teachers were away.

Although the vandals ransacked nearly everything else, they did not destroy the pupil's records. In the offices they merely moved some records apparently without the intention of destroying them.

The vandalism took place between 4 p.m. Tuesday and 1:30 a.m. Wednesday.

Solves case (ouch!) hard way

Policeman Joseph B. Huffman got the proof he needed the hard way while investigating a complaint of dangerous dogs being loose in the 1600 block of John St.

He said he was bitten by two dogs, which set upon him on orders of their 41-year-old mistress.

Fined $75 for assault by ordering the dogs to attack the policeman and an additional $25 for disorderly conduct was Mrs. Pearl Singleton, 1600 block John St., Tuesday in Central District Police Court.

Officer Huffman reported Mrs. Singletary admitted to owning four unlicensed dogs, but refused to give her name and address. When he threatened to arrest her, she ordered the dogs to "get him," he reported.

The policeman fought off the dogs, but was bitten on both legs. He was treated at Mercy Hospital.

The dogs were later taken to the City Pound where they were examined.

151 registered this week; registration—116,555

If you have not yet registered to become eligible to vote, you may now do so.

Who should register.

These persons over 21 years of age who have lived in Baltimore for one year or more — and are not yet registered to vote.

Where to register — Supervisors of Elections, ground floor of People's Court Building, Gay and Fayette Sts.

Hours you can register — Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Total registered for Nov 1960 election. 106,306
Total registered for May, 1962 primary. 115,761
Registered this week period. 151.
Total to date. 116,555.

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Thursday	26	8	1
Friday	24	2	1
Monday	26	1	0
Tuesday	26	3	1
Wednesday	28	4	0

*AFRO weekly tabulations.

Rec. Dept. halts JC swim program

"The Department of Recreation and Parks shall not be involved in any way with the sponsorship or responsibility for any activities or events held at private or public facilities that operate under a policy of racial segregation, starting July 21."

Harold S. Callowhill, superintendent, Department of Recreation, read this statement to the Park Board at its meeting Tuesday afternoon.

The Park Board members agreed unanimously.

This means specifically, Mr. Callowhill explained, that his department after this Saturday will no longer participate in a "private club" swimming class arrangement with Carlin's Park.

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THE DEPARTMENT'S non-involvement in racially segregated activities will apply generally thereafter, he said.

Irvin Kovens, Park Board member, seemed particularly pleased with this reversal of policy.

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THE CALLOWHILL statement follows an AFRO exposé in the June 30 edition, revealing that six of his department's recreation centers were conducting swimming classes at Carlin's Park on a "private club" basis.

Carlin's pool is segregated.

The "private club" means that the classes are segregated, and colored children are not allowed to attend.

Recreation workers who supervise the swimming classes are city employees.

The children are transported ther from the centers by buses assigned to the Department of Education, which are city vehicles.

At the time of the AFRO expose, Mr. Callowhill stated:

"Parents request it. We can't refuse to do it as long as they pay."

Charles Hook, superintendent, Department of Recreation and Parks, who told the AFRO then he didn't know "whether it's right or wrong, revealed the program has been going on "seven or eight years."

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MR. CALLOWHILL said

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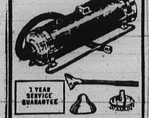
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Cornerstone Church bus trip marred by driver's death

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 12 noon at Cornerstone Baptist Church for George Millard Burnside, 45, 1122 Homewood Ave., who died Tuesday in McConnellsburg, Pa. Burial will be in Mt. Auburn Cemetery.

Mr. Burnside was chief usher of the Cornerstone church. He had been a member 18 months.

His wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Burnside, told the AFRO he died as result of a heart attack, according to a report she had from the 'medical examiner at the Fulton County Medical Center in the Pennsylvania town.

She said her husband, a truck driver of nine years, left Baltimore Monday night about 11:30 driving one of the two buses taking Cornerstone members to Chicago.

Dr. L. Logan Kearse's mother was on one of the buses. Dr. Kearse is pastor of Cornerstone.

MR. BURNSIDE was not driving the bus when it pulled into a filling station at McConnellsburg, about five hours out of Baltimore, Mrs. Burnside was told.

Church members informed the wife her husband left the bus at the service station complaining he was ill and collapsed.

MRS. BURNSIDE said her husband had taken a week's vacation to go with the congregation to Chicago.

The choir and over 40 other Cornerstone members on the two buses journeyed on to Chicago after the tragedy and returned Thursday afternoon.

Dr. Kearse, the church organist, Jay Dunning, and church clerk, Mrs. Ernestine Wilson, accompanied by the pastor's two children, went to Chicago by jet plane. They also returned Thursday.

The Cornerstone group were guests of the Rev. Clarence Cobbs, noted evangelist and pastor in Chicago. The Rev. Dr. Kearse was guest speaker.

The two-day stay in Chicago represented a return visit. The Rev. Mr. Cobb and his congregation came to Baltimore in the summer of 1961.

For the trip, the Cornerstone church purchased a 45-passenger Greyhound Bus.

July 13. Mr. Burnside and a substitute driver were assigned to the old Cornerstone bus while two other drivers were on the new bus, a church spokesman told the AFRO.

The Rev. Dr. Kearse will officiate at the funeral services and the church choir will sing. Members of the Usher Board which Mr. Burnside headed will serve as pallbearers.

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THE UNEXPECTED death of the church official brings Cornerstone July deaths to a total of five in three weeks time.

On July 7, brief rites were held at the church for John B. Kearse, 34, of New York, brother of the pastor. Mr. Kearse died accidentally after a boat capsized while he was on a fishing trip in New York.

THE BURNSIDE family will receive friends at the Chatman Funeral Home, 1701 McCulloh St., tonight (Friday) from 7 o'clock to 10 o'clock.

The body will lie in state at the funeral home chapel from 12 noon today (Friday) until Saturday at 11 a.m.

Review at Cornerstone will begin at 11:15 a.m. and continue until noon service time.

MR. BURNSIDE was born Feb. 22, 1917, in Simpsonville, N.C. and came to Baltimore in 1936. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Burnside, are deceased.

In 1948, Mr. Burnside was married to the former Miss Elizabeth Helena Brooks of Chestertown, Md., at ceremonies in Baltimore.

Their son, Guy Irvin Burnside, age eight is a third grade pupil at Elementary School No. 147.

In addition to his wife, and son, surviving are a sister, Mrs. Mildred Epps; a brother Gerald Andrew Burnside; an aunt, Mrs. Frances Sullivan; an uncle, Irvin Henderson; nieces and nephews of Baltimore and other relatives in New York and Washington.

Morgan trustee board status still unanswered

The State Board of Education has not yet discussed the recommendation by the Curlett Commission on Public Education in Maryland to abolish the Morgan State College Board of Trustees.

Dr. Thomas Pullen, state superintendent of schools, said the Curlett plan was not on the special meeting agenda this week and he didn't know when the matter would come before the board.

Dr. Pullen has already announced himself in favor of the plan.

The Curlett commission calls for Morgan and the five state teachers colleges to be placed under a newly organized board of control.

Earlier this month, the board of trustees rejected the Curlett recommendation and supported the minority report of Dr. Martin D. Jenkins, Morgan president, and John H. Murphy, III, members of the commission.

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THE MINORITY report calls for the Morgan Board of Trustees to be retained.

In support of retaining the separate Morgan trustee board, the minority report states the college has the second largest enrollment in the state for full - time undergraduate study; its educational program is considered national attention; it has assembled a distinguished faculty, and its graduates are playing an important role in the life of the state.

"These achievements are due in no small measure to the existence of an independent board of trustees composed of lay citizens dedicated to the development of the college," the minority report says.

Pointing up the difference between Morgan as a liberal arts college and the teacher colleges engaged solely in turning out teachers, the report says placing the two under the same board might lead to neglect of Morgan's needs, or turning it into

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Court glad to free sit-inners

"The sit - in cases have raised various issues, some of which are still pending in the Supreme Court, but this court is happy to express its approval of the motion to nolle prosequi (drop) these cases."

Chief Supreme Bench Judge Emory H. Niles made these remarks this week when the state asked that trespassing charges be dropped against 20 sit - in demonstrators.

They were among 56 persons jailed during the two-year fight against restaurant segregation.

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SAUL A. HARRIS, state's attorney, and Miss Lucy Ann Garvey, assistant, requested the cases be dropped because of the Public Accommodation Ordinance, outlawing restaurant segregation, rendered the charges moot.

Upon instructions from Judge Niles, Mr. Harris, Mrs. Juanita J. Mitchell and Tucker R. Dearing, counsel for the sit - inners — some from as far away as New England — secured releases, freeing owners and police from civil action.

Releases were signed by the 22 and 36 others are expected to sign when contacted, Mr. Dearing said.

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FREED FROM prosecution, after they were indicted by the grand jury, were:

Miss Carol Whitehead, 20, 2500 block Francis St.; John R. Quarles, 22, 2400 block W. Lafayette Ave.; Miss Phyllis Hendrix, 18, 1100 block Warner St.; Miss Jewell C. Chambers, 20, 2900 block Mt. Holly;

David Williams, 20, 1800 block W. Mulberry St.; Clarence M. Mitchell 3rd, 1200 block Druid Hill Ave.; all arrested in 1960.

Charges against Tony Adona, former leader of the Civic Interest group, also arrested two years ago, were abated by death.

OTHERS include:

Walter Henderson, 24; Blyden Jackson, 23; Carlton E. Moss, 25; Miss Libby Palmer, 22, all of Connecticut.

Also Miss Carolyn E. Walden, 19, Goucher College; the Rev. Dr. L. Logan Kearse, 40, pastor of Cornerstone Baptist Church; Warren S. Shaw, 38, real estate broker; Frederick Feldman, 19, 4900 block Greenspring Ave.

Also the Revs. Matthew Silver, 36, 900 block W. Franklin St.; Herbert O. Edwards, 32, 4600 block Liberty Heights Ave.; George

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NAACP State chapter to end contest

The Maryland State Conference of NAACP branches' first annual Human Dolls on Parade for Freedom Contest will end July 22.

The program will be held at the Sharp Street Memorial Methodist Church, Dolphin and Etting Sts., at 2 p.m.

The contestants, sponsored by the branches, will be between the ages of six months and six years. They will compete for prizes.

Also, prizes will be given to the branch which reports the most votes sold.

DURING THE program, Walter Black, state executive secretary, will read a report on the 53rd annual NAACP Convention which was held in Atlanta, Ga., July 2-8.

The Human Dolls contest seeks to raise funds so that the NAACP can conduct legal action in such areas as public accommodations, police brutality, employment, housing and education, Mr. Black said.

Also, the voter registration drive is costly, the office reported.

Financial contributions may be brought or mailed to the NAACP office, 1234 Druid Hill Ave.

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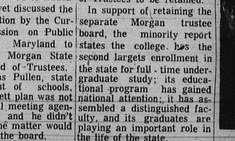
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Tears Of Joy For School Edict

'There was rejoicing in streets'

Prince Edward Co. parents hail Court order opening schools closed for three years

By RUTH JENKINS

FARMVILLE, Va.—There was great rejoicing throughout Prince Edward County Thursday over the court order which gave hope that the public schools closed 1959, would be reopened in September on an integrated basis.

The decree by U. S. District Judge Oren R. Lewis said:

"This court holds that the public schools of Prince Edward County may not be closed to avoid the effect of the law of the land as interpreted by the Supreme Court, while the commonwealth of Virginia permits other public schools to remain open at the expense of the taxpayers."

"In the event the public schools are reopened and maintained in accordance with the order of this court (Dated) April 22, 1960, it will not be necessary to enter a more formal order.

"If, however, the schools are not opened prior to September 1, 1962, this court will on that day, consider any and all proposed orders tendered by counsel.

"The School Board of Prince Edward County is directed to consider with all deliberate speed the admission of pupils to the public schools on a racially nondiscriminatory basis.

Defendants are the members of Dr. George Eli Bennett, orthopedic surgeon, who died here, last week.

Mr. Smothers, who had served as chauffeur for Dr. Bennett for the past 16 years, will receive an out-right gift of $20,000.

The bulk of the $300,000 estate will go to the children's Hospital School, Greensprings Ave., with which Dr. Bennett

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IN NEW YORK CONCERT — Miss Veronica Tyler, who studied at the Peabody Institute of Music on an AFRO - AMERICAN Newspapers' scholarship, will appear at the Guggenheim Memorial Concerts with the Goldman Band July 29 and Aug. 12 on the Mall in Central Park, NYC. Miss Tyler, a native of Baltimore, is currently a scholarship student at the Juilliard School of Music.

Chauffeur left $20,000 in will

known throughout the country for his treatment of many baseball stars.

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MR. SMOTHERS' wife, Mrs. Una Smothers also is an employee in the home of Dr. Bennett. Another employee, Mrs. Sophia Hoerner, physician's nurse, who cared for the late Mrs. Bennett during her last illness, was left a bequest of $25,000.

MARINE ON TRIAL

'Fought For My Life....'

Hostess tells of struggle

By GEORGE W. COLLINS

"He said he had told his landlady he was going to kill me, but I didn't pay any attention to him. He slipped the knife from under his sleeve.

"Then when I looked in his eyes, I knew I had to fight for my life!"

Mrs. Ruby P. Harrison, attractive nightclub hostess, was testifying in Western Municipal Court Tuesday.

She was testifying against Sgt. Walter S. Damon, career Marine, due to retire in November.

Sgt. Damon is charged with stabbing the wife of a fellow Marine, Pfc. Robert L. Dearmon, to death. He entered a not guilty plea.

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JUDGE I. SEWELL LAMDIN ordered the Marine held for action of the grand jury and set bail at $5,000.

Sgt. Damon, scheduled to report to a California duty station July 30, was ordered jailed when he was unable to make bail and had not been released at presstime.

Wearing dark glasses, fashionably dressed in a grey summer outfit, the hostess spoke in refined, modulated tones as she told the story of a fierce struggle in the middle of the street on the hot afternoon.

"I put my leg and arms up as I was wearing pants—to fight him off," she said at one point.

The hostess, described as "very popular" and as having "many friends," credited "20 children, playing ball in the street," with saving her life.

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"AS I WAS fighting him off I turned and started falling. He stabbed me in the back," she related to Judge Lamdin. "When I fell I started rolling and he was kicking me as I rolled. I started getting weak from losing oxygen and he was still kicking me. I could hardly breathe.

"The children took off their shoes and beat him. Then two men came up and beat him off with a jack."

The witness said because of the "loss of oxygen" she was helpless and an unidentified woman helped her in a car which took her to the hospital.

Detailing her injuries, Mrs. Harrison told Judge Lamdin that one blow from the paring knife struck her left lung and she was confined to an oxygen tent for four and a-half days.

Without hearing any testimony from the defendant or his attorney, Milton B. Allen, Judge Lamdin ruled he had no jurisdiction in the case.

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"I UNDERSTAND that you attempted to go back and finish the job," the judge said. "This is attempted murder," he added.

The hostess interrupted to say that "she has threatened me in anonymous letters

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SGT. WALTER A. DAMON held in $5,000 bail

HOSTESS LEAVES COURT — Mrs. Ruby P. Harrison leaves Western Municipal Court with her husband, John Harrison. She testified against career Marine charged with stabbing her.

Policemen get in their views on brutality

"It's not a case of police brutality—it's a case of a policeman protecting himself."

This statement by a Western District patrolman generally summarizes the feeling of Baltimore police toward the recent influx of complaints of police brutality.

In an AFRO survey, a number of officers indicated that they feel there is a direct connection between the growing public cry against police brutality and an increase in the frequency of assaults on policemen. None would permit use of his name.

Cited most often were the three policemen who were shot in the past three months, two of whom were killed. Others expressed their belief that newspaper stories emphasize the civilian's case while ignoring the job that the policeman has to do.

"If had to arrest a 220-pound woman once," a Western District lieutenant said. "She clipped me on the jaw and got pretty violent. In order to restrain her I hit her with my fist...busted her eye—but it was either that or use my night stick.

"And all the public sees is 'Cop Hits Mother'.—What else could I do?"

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ANOTHER officer in the Western District said he felt that there is a "lot of contributing factors, but the human element is the real issue.

"An officer is supposed to meet force with force and who is to say what is undue force?" he asked.

"Certainly you don't expect a policeman to stand there and get hurt—it's only human, as well as his duty, to keep the subject from hurting anybody, especially the policeman himself," the patrolman said.

On the other side of the "human element" coin the same patrolman described "typical" arrest for investigation.

"You pick a man up—you approach him, and he asks you 'what are you picking on me for'?—as if you have selected him out of 900,000 people in the city just to pick on.

"We have a reason for addressing him, and all he has to do is come along peacefully."

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A CENTRAL District patrolman denounced the courts as the cause of the unrest between police and Baltimore's citizens.

"They think they can get away with it so they take a chance on punching a policeman. The judge gives them a light sentence, or a fine, and they get off easy.

"I think the guy who punches an officer should get as big a sentence as the fellow that shoots one. One is just as bad as the other—you're still assaulting an officer of the law."

A fellow standing nearby broke in to say that in England a man could get 20 years for assaulting a law officer.

A motorcycle sergeant, greying about the temples, gave this opinion.

"I think it dates back to the end of World War I and the increase in civil liberties since then. All over the country there's been a decrease in respect for authority —the symbol of authority represented by a uniform.

"People just don't look upon policemen with the same kind of respect they once did."

"A CENTRAL District sergeant said that he felt that there hasn't been a serious increase in police brutality or assaults on police officers.

"The three killed recently is an exception, but I think generally there is much more publicity given to this kind of thing than there once was—more attention is focused on it."

Another officer blamed the problem on unemployment.

"All those people with nothing to do, frustrated and pretty low—they just can't take any more—fly off the

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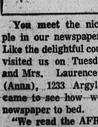

By B. M. Phillips

You meet the nicest people in our newspaper office. Like the delightful couple who visited us on Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Goode (Anna), 1233 Argyle Ave., came to see how we put a newspaper to bed.

"We read the AFRO twice a week. We've been readers for nearly 30 years. We read everything in it," they explained.

During their tour of our offices, we learned these facts about our visitors:

Mr. Goode 72, is a retired laundry employee. The Mrs., 12 years his junior, is a city worker, employed at Elementary School No. 157, Walbrook and Clifton Aves.

Both play the piano for recreation ('we don't have a television set,' she said). They go for music by the old masters - Bach, Beethoven, Verdi etc. Mrs. Goode is still taking music lessons. Arthur Boardley is her teacher.

Both are members of Bethel AME Church. Mrs. Goode sings on the gospel choir, and belongs to the missionary society.

Mr. Goode is a member of the brotherhood club. He also belongs to the Knights of Pythias.

He is a native of Cincinnati. Former Douglass High students may remember his sister, Mrs. Mary Goode Clarke, who was dean of girls. She lives here in Baltimore.

Mrs. Goode is the former Anna Toogood of Montgomery County. Her closest relative is a sister, Mrs. Martha Norris, a Henryton Hospital nurse.

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HANDSOME AFRO visitor this week: Samuel Lacy 3rd., (Tim), whom we had not seen since he was a youngster. He is the son of the AFRO's ace sports editor.

Now 24, he stands 6 ft. 4, weighs 183 pounds. He has seen service in the Air Force (4 years) in Japan and the Far East, is now engaged in

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AFRO in Georgia; youth draws life

By FRANK HUNT

ALBANY — New protests were due in this tense southwest Georgia city as Gov. S. Ernest Vandiver threatened to throw the Rev. Martin Luther King and other integration leaders out of the town.

Meanwhile, Dr. King preached his non - violence theory on street corners, pool halls and bars in an effort to curb outbreaks of violence promoted by colored persons.

There is no certainty which protest method or methods will be given preference when demonstrations resume in force but nowhere here is there any doubt they will continue until something gives.

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DURING THE lull, attention shifted to Augusta and a trial which grew out of a racial conflict.

In Augusta a 20-year-old boy was found guilty and sentenced to life imprisonment Wednesday night in the Richmond County Superior Court in the shooting of a 15-year-old white youth who was reportedly one of a group who took part in rock

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Barber's feast Sun. for NAACP

A bar-be-que and crab feast will be held 10 a.m. until on Sunday, at the Forest on Cedar Hill Lane off Richie Highway for the benefit of the NAACP's Get-Out-The Vote Campaign.

Clarence Mitchell of the NAACP will speak at 3 p.m. The affair is sponsored by the Barbers Union, Local 795 and all barbers, union and non - union, are invited with friends. The union has urged each barbershop to become a voters registration post.

Fate Remains Unkind To Catonsville Family

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

"Something good should come to this family soon. Fate has been awfully unkind. This latest blow seems almost too much. My heart aches for them."

A kindly neighbor voiced those sentiments as she talked with this reporter Wednesday on a shady lane in Catonsville near the Leslie Ave. residence where John Butler Sr., took his own life and the lives of his wife and two young children in murder-suicide shortly after dawn July 15.

On Monday, Mrs. Marlene Randall, Mr. Butler's 29 - year-old step-daughter, who was spared from death that Sunday morning, was stricken with appendicitis.

Rushed to Sinai Hospital, she underwent operation Monday afternoon.

Hospital authorities report she is "resting nicely" and may be discharged in a week or 10 days.

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HER HUSBAND, Thomas Randall Jr., a telephone company employee, told the AFRO what happened as he sat at her bedside Wednesday night:

"We had not returned to work, either of us. We had been staying home in the Leslie St. house) in the day and with nearby relatives at night.

"My wife naturally had not been feeling well. She had been through so much.

"She became ill suddenly. We called the doctor. After he came, I drove her to the hospital immediately."

The Randall's 3-year-old daughter, Bernel Andrea, separated from her parents during the days following the Sunday tragedy, is again being cared for by relatives.

"We miss her, indeed we do," he said plaintively, "but she is in good hands."

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MR. RANDALL also confirmed reports that his wife's great uncle, Leroy Purvey, Bronx, N.Y. is not expected to live.

Mr. Purvey is the brother of Mrs. Anna A. Ross, 78-year-old mother of the slain woman.

The family's comfortable 3-story frame house now appears deserted.

The only sign of life—two friendly dogs, King and Duke, pets of the dead children, John Jr., 10, and Leslie, 15.

Through jalousied porch windows, this reporter saw two bowls of goldfish, also the children's pets.

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NEIGHBORHOOD schoolmates and friends of the Butler children said their father was going to build them a swimming pool in the yard next summer. "He didn't feel like it right now, he told us."

Neighbors also told the AFRO how Mr. Butler named the street on which they re-

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Westinghouse tightening its security

A spokesman for the Westinghouse complex at Friendship International Airport on Thursday denied that the giant plant will be closed for two weeks in order to track down classified papers feared stolen.

The AFRO was told there is no truth to the rumor and that the firm is operating on regular schedules.

"We have problems here the same as everyone, I imagine," he said, "but we are not closing down." He would not elaborate.

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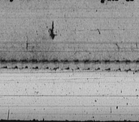
IN A PREPARED statement Westinghouse officials said:

"The Navy's Bureau of Weapons representative at the Westinghouse Defense Center has informed us of recommendations he has made concerning what he feels are certain unsatisfactory security conditions at the defense center.

"These recommendations are the result of a recently completed Navy survey which received our fullest cooperation.

"As a result of detailed studies, it is our intention to strengthen our procedures and further safeguard the best interest of the government and national defense.

"In fact, this program began last Feb. 1, with the installation of rigid and effective new procedures which have materially strengthened our security system."