"I am a man of peace; God knows how I love peace. But I hope I shall never be such a coward as to mistake oppression for peace."
Hungarian Freedom Fighter
Kossuth

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Dear Lord, answer now our desires and petitions as may be most excedient for us, granting us in this world knowledge of Thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.—Amen.

Tawes Can Crack DES Whip

U. S. Secretary of Labor Willard Wirtz upon study of AFRO articles outlining racial practices of Maryland's Department of Employment Security, ordered an investigation of this situation.

As a high - ranking member of the Kennedy Administration, Secretary Wirtz was doing what was both moral: is and politically correct.

The days are fading when state or federal agencies of government can be a party to any form of racial discrimination.

DES as the AFRO articles explained had more than its share of racially inequitable patterns, some traditional, some contemporary, all of them unnecessary.

DES had no colored Marylanders in policy - making jobs. DES until recently operated a job placement program that discriminated against colored citizens in filling requests for workers from private industry.

DES had no colored Marylanders on its advisory boards, with one exception. In essence, here was, and is a state agency, which made only the barest kind of recognition of the needs and aspirations of minority citizens.

This situation prompted Secretary Wirtz to look into DES's operations. The Federal Labor Department has national jurisdiction over all state DES agencies. He was wise enough to see that colored Marylanders no longer could tolerate a system that used federal tax money to perpetuate segregation.

We hope that Governor Tawes approaches the DES situation with much this same outlook. This agency's executive director is answerable only to Mr. Tawes and so all Mr. Tawes has to do is tell this official to up - grade colored employees and end all vestiges of discriminatory job placement practices.

It is as simple as that. DES can become fully democratic in outlook any time Mr. Tawes wishes to not only chief executive but Democratic boss of Maryland, so wills it.

The Governor appointed the man who runs DES and he can get results from that gentleman, anytime he chooses to pick up his State House phone.

It is regrettable that the Federal Government must step in and prod state administrators to do what has to be done.

300 Courses For Adults

The Baltimore Public Adult Evening Schools start the spring term on Wednesday, Jan. 20. Registration, now under way, continues through February.

Although there will be more than 300 courses offered in 27 different evening centers all over Baltimore, thousands of residents who need to do further study will fail to take advantage of this golden opportunity.

Never in history was it more important for a man to have as much education as possible.

Most of the people unemployed today are those who are unskilled. As automation and other scientific and technical advancements demand ever more skilled workers, it will still be the unskilled worker who will not find work.

Even the retraining programs the government offers to help the unskilled require the person to have a certain level of education.

Too many adults think it beneath their dignity to return to school now. This is not true. The real shame is in letting the opportunity to learn more slip by when it is almost as certain as taxes and death that knowledge is the key to the future.

Many of the adults who would profit greatly by these courses will not read this editorial. We know that principals will be talking about the courses at PTA meetings.

Hopefully, every minister in Baltimore and those employers, social workers and others who come into contact with adults can help themselves by returning to school, will help spread the message.

The adult education program is one of the most important the city sponsors.

Is There Flu. Or No Flu?

Are you coughing more and enjoying it even less?

Is your throat sore, do you have chills, is your stomach upset?

If you answer yes, there's a strong possibility that you may be coming down with whatever it is that has incapacitated a healthy, or perhaps we should say unhealthy, portion of the city's population.

Suspected as the villain in the outbreak of illness is treacherous Asian Flu, which even when it has done its worse leaves one feeling tired and dispirited.

From all available evidence, it has cut a wide swath through the city, indiscriminately felling the old and the young, the strong and the weak.

However, since the Health Department insists there is no epidemic, and since we have complete faith in the Health Department, we too will have to believe there is no epidemic, and the fact that there are so many people ill at the same time is a pure coincidence.

Meanwhile, we suggest that if you notice the symptoms mentioned above, that you hasten to your family physician and take things easy for a few days.

The flu, like almost everything else in life, in time will pass.

Society Responsibility

Walter Roger Webster had some pretty harsh things to say about justice in Baltimore when released from prison Monday after serving 22 months and 8 days of a 30-year sentence imposed although he had not committed the crime for which he was convicted.

It is not surprising a man in these circumstances would be unhappy, especially when the State of Maryland settled his account with a pardon from Gov. Tawes, a cheap suit and the grand sum of $101.37.

Webster claims he was railroaded by policemen in a race to see which squad could arrest more colored people, that his prosecutors felt because he 'fell' once he would do so again, that the judges believed the prosecutors who believed the police.

He added that it was easy for no one to believe him because he is an ex-convict and colored.

That is quite a mouthful.

We are not so naive as to think there will be an outpouring of agreement. This will be written off as one of the inevitable mistakes in the effort to see that justice is done.

And great emphasis will be placed on the fact that once the mistake was noted, the wheels of justice turned to see the innocent man regain his freedom.

We are not sure this is sufficient. We go so far as to suggest the state might be a bit more careful about imprisoning innocent men if they had to pay them an amount at least equal to the minimum hourly wage for every day spent behind bars.

Those who commit crimes against society have to pay the price and society should have to pay the price of illegally taking away a man's freedom.

We recall the case of Horace Spriggs who spent nearly three years behind bars for a crime he did not commit. For that he so far has received $1,000, this made possible by Gov. Tawes.

It may be that the public will become more concerned about these miscarriages of justice, some of which we suspect are based on the reasons cited by Webster, when they are made to feel it in the pocketbook.

Certainly the unjustness of the jailing of men for crimes they did not commit and the jailing of others as result of illegal arrests, seem not to have produced any great outcry from the public.

Death Of A Statesman

The untimely death of Togo Prime Minister Sylvanus Olympio is more than the loss of a brilliant and warm-hearted leader.

Mr. Olympio's assassination has again focused attention on the uncertain political turbulence which has lately characterized African politics.

To see our brothers abroad engaged in his most ruinous kind of fatricide wounds us deeply.

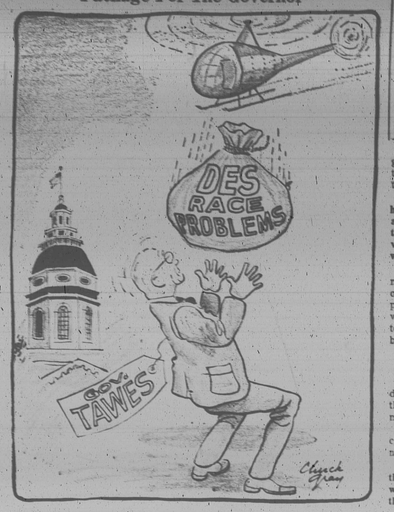
We loved Sylvanus Olympio, not so much because he was "pro-West," and all of the other sentiments which most of the daily newspapers which are anti-African attached to him after he died.

We loved him because he truly believed in the future of African greatness and that one day there would be a United States of Africa in which black brother would live, work, and play side by side and not be torn by tribal loyalties.

He was a man of vision and a humanitarian.

His voice will be missed as Africa struggles forward to find her new soul in the arena of international affairs.

Package For The Governor



What Our Readers Say

Social Security Union

Dear AFRO,

The inexorable movement of the social order in the United States toward equal rights for all regardless of race, color, or creed creeps on.

Its progress is slow, but considering the interest and effort expended by the majority of those who should be interested parties, the wonder is that there is any progress at all!

The militant perseverance, energy, and drive of a few dedicated individuals provide the motive power for the organizations which are creating a peaceful social revolution.

Equitable treatment for every man be he black or white, Christian or Jew, another color or another creed is the inevitable end of our evolution.

It is a slow process, however, and whatever means are available to those interested in the advancement of the principle of equality regardless of race, color, creed or national origin should be exercised.

There are not many among us who are orators and have a platform, are writers with a publication, or have wealth or political influence to utilize in the interest of social progress.

Even with numerous sympathizers in these categories, the motive force would fall short of the need. In our society, only one voice is sufficiently strong to be heard,

This is the voice of an organization with a large membership.

One such organization is the American Federation of Government Employees. This organization, composed of federal workers, is more than one hundred thousand strong.

Its work on behalf of individuals is well known to agency heads on the local lodge level and on the national level, is well known to the Congress by its sponsorship of legislation benefiting all federal workers.

Through the affiliation of this union with the AFL-CIO, it lends its support to the improvement of the social order through betterment of the lot of the working American, and through International Labor Organization it works internationally for like goals in other countries.

THE AFGE has been a leader in promoting the brotherhood of man. Long before it became a requirement for such organizations, its constitution contained a provision to guarantee equality to all regardless of race, color, creed or national origin.

In the Baltimore area there are 35,000 federal employees. There are also AFGE locals to which these workers can belong. One such local is Social Security Lodge AFGE No. 1923, one of the largest lodges of federal workers in the country.

The officers of this lodge, both black and white, have proven to the community by their example that the brotherhood of man is not a hollow phrase, and that the provision of equality in the AFGE constitution is a reality.

With the large number of colored government workers in this area, the officials of the AFGE locals, particularly No. 1923, are at a loss to understand the reluctance of the colored worker to join their organization in numbers commensurate with their ratio of the work force.

We do not know the answer, but we can tell the colored worker this: The American labor movement is one of his best friends.

We colored employees are 4,000 strong at Woodlawn. Being a member of the AFGE, we can help to pull our lots up hill, or we can become complacent and pull our lots down.

In the union, we can aid ourselves in promoting job security and a brighter future for those who come behind us. Without the union, to ourselves we become a black death, stagnating, depressing, retarding our own interests to advance fellow employees. Which is to be?

COUNT THOMAS
Vice president
THOMAS SMITH,
President, AFGE No. 1923

On Leadership

Dear AFRO,

Are we slowly becoming a leaderless people or have we been leaderless, or is there an outstanding, dynamic leader in whom 18 million colored people can put their hopes and inspirations, one who is fearless with proven ability?

I saw and heard on television the speech of the Governor of Alabama when he told a vast audience that Alabama would have segregation forever. My blood came to a boiling point as I listened to his speech. Religion and the oaths taken by these public servants seem to be a mockery of the law of this great nation.

How can they defy the courts without reprimand?

I for one would suggest that 18 million colored people refrain from buying anything that comes out of Alabama. We have been taught that nonviolence is our greatest asset. Maybe it will be but what great nation or community ever has won anything sitting on its haunches?

We can't wait for President Kennedy to do everything. We need a leader with a program to lead us. It seems we are the same loyal but humble colored people kneeling in the streets and fighting to get into white places.

The Jew also had the same trouble but he didn't put his tail between his legs and wait for the good Lord to send him manna from heaven, but they had leaders and with hard work fought for his place in the sun and the life blood of the nation.

We have made progress in some fields. We pay our taxes and give our lives in war to protect everyone.

Barber shops and beauty parlors are okay but what we need are other businesses to get into the life blood of the nation. What do we control? I'll say nothing. Where can our boys and girls use their training when they leave college?

Wake up. Only by using the brains we have, hard work and leadership can we attain our place, as have others.

BERNARD CUMMINGS

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 200 words in length. Address them to "Our Readers Say," AFRO-AMERICAN, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore 1, Md.

Pin-Point

Why Must We Go Away To Become 'Somebody'?

By GEORGE W. COLLINS

The philosopher who once observed that "A prophet is without honor in his own home" must have had us in mind.

At least two incidents over the past week would seem to justify this.

First there was the "Adlai Stevenson Reports" television program Sunday featuring Dr. Ralph Bunche, the brilliant diplomat who makes a habit of settling disputes and ending wars between nations.

Dr. Bunche first gained international fame for bringing peace and harmony out of war and chaos between the Israelis and Arabs several years ago while serving as troubleshooter for the United Nations.

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SUNDAY MR. STEVENSON, U.S. Ambassador to the UN, on behalf of all nations, publicly thanked Dr. Bunche for his feat of bringing an end to hostilities in the Congo.

It now seems unbelievable that the peacemaker was forced to leave Washington because he was unhappy with housing and education opportunities available to persons of his color!

But he did.

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JOHN DEAN, foreign service officer, is another illustration of the accuracy of the philosopher's statement.

Mr. Dean is a press attache for the United States Information Agency. As such, he is an official spokesman for his government in far-flung corners of the world.

Obviously, this classifies him as a pretty important person—OVERSEAS!

Back home, however, he suddenly becomes merely another young, intelligent colored husband and father who has trouble finding a decent home for his family!

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FROM the rash of complaints brought to our attention recently, charging denials of one sort or another—all based on color—it's hard to grasp the fact that Abe Lincoln decreed an end to slavery a century ago.

Without listing details here, what follows are some of the major complaints:

1. A housewife accused the Physicians Exchange of refusing to send her a doctor when she was suddenly stricken on Saturday night.

She was at home alone and completely helpless to do anything, except summon help by telephone. It never came, she said.

2. An operator of a modeling agency accuses downtown department stores of flatly refusing to hire colored models to show off their slinky gowns and other apparel, although dollars from the purses of colored buyers are readily welcomed.

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3. ANOTHER caller is concerned about the practice of a downtown hospital which allegedly shunts colored patients aside while treating white persons who have less-serious ills.

4. Then there's a former patient at a U.S. Government hospital who swears that deceased colored service men are buried in an isolated section of the hospital's graveyard while whites are put in more accessible and attractive areas.

And so it goes.

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THE ENDLESS pattern suggests that slavery under the big, mean boss has been replaced by slavery under a system that is just as mean, if not meaner.

I'm all for a new Emancipation!

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 injustice, race prejudice or compromise.
JOHN H. MURPHY SR., 1930

Sightseeing

These Md. Winters Are Getting Rougher

By JAMES D. WILLIAMS

It is either growing colder or I'm growing older, but whatever the cause the winter weather seems to be getting rougher.

From more than one source I have heard it theorized that all the atomic and hydrogen bombs shot off in the past decade or so, have had an adverse cumulative effect on the weather.

In the past, I've been inclined to dismiss these theories as the pipe-dream of minds so shaken by the enormous power unleashed by such monstrous weapons, that they would be willing to believe anything bad about the bombs.

But now, I'm not so sure.

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THE WEATHER has certainly undergone a recent change, and something has to be causing it . . . so why not the bombs?

I know that the weather has changed, because I, too, am different now.

In other days, I can remember well the crisp and cold mornings when I would wake up and look out across the frozen landscape, with a lump of of anticipation in my throat.

Within me I would feel a powerful urge to jump out of bed, don a sweat suit and run across hill and dale for several miles in the cold air.

After this, I thought lovingly about the possibility of cooling down with a series of setting up exercises in the great out-of-doors, as the sub-freezing breezes whipped over my body and my breath froze in great clouds.

Unfortunately, I never got around to doing any of these things, but just the fact that I even thought about them at all, shows that at one stage of my life cold didn't bother me at all.

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WHEN I WAS a child, youngsters went out-doors early in the morning and played for hours in the snow, and the worse thing they ever got was a runny nose.

Today, let a child go outside for more than ten minutes, and chances are that he'll come back with a $100 illness.

It could be that they are not making kids today like they did yesterday but this I'll rather doubt.

Each generation looks upon itself as having a monopoly on strength, intelligence and moral fortitude, when actually, all generations are just about the same—we just look at each other differently.

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IF WE LOOK for the real reasons why the weather seems colder in this period in which we live, we can take the changing atmospheric conditions as one cause, and also add our devotion to material comforts.

Man was originally an outdoor animal, but as he grew more sophisticated and intelligent, he became more and more conscious of a thing called comfort.

He started in caves, then moved through the area of lean-tos, and tents, and then graduated to houses, with each succeeding generation demanding more and more in the way of comfort.

In his search for comfort man bit by bit lost his hardiness, his ability to withstand the changing moods of nature.

Steam heat replaced the open fire, electric blankets replaced the quilts, and automobiles replaced the feet.

Being so pampered, it is no wonder that man feels the cold so bitterly, and is so affected by it.

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BUT BEING the type of creatures we are, I doubt very seriously if a back to nature move would ever get off the ground.

Comfort has grown so important in our lives, that we aren't about to give it up.

And as we become more and more domesticated, it's going to seem colder and colder to us, until that time comes when we'll be so pampered that we won't even be able to set foot outside in cold weather without contacting pneumonia.

Such then is the way of man — we gain comfort and lose part of the ability to cope with nature.

COMMENT

Curtis P. Mitchell

The cause of civil libertism has lost an eloquent champion with the death of Curtis P. Mitchell, attorney. An individualist, rather than one who sought change through organizational channels, Mr. Mitchell spoke out for individual rights at a time when the silence roared.

Legally, he left an impact on the laws regarding illegal search and seizure. His successful argument before the Supreme Court, against the Government's right to appeal adverse rulings in search and seizure cases, settled the law in that area.

A highly respected practitioner, Mitchell was frequently consulted by colleagues and their ideas and attitudes were often formulated or shaped by his viewpoint.

Tangentially, his family, and specifically, one of this sons, was the principal in an unsuccessful legal fight by the local NAACP to outlaw segregated Police Boys Clubs in the District, an issue since settled by Commissioners' order and NAACP negotiations with club officials.

Again, as an individual, Mr. Mitchell, through public statements and protest, helped create a climate of concern among the public and officialdom in connection with illegal arrests by police. Such arrests have now been banned, effective March 15.

During his career, Mr. Mitchell defended some of the most well known members of the local underworld. He often won. His performance, career and intellectual achievements lent honor to his chosen profession as counsel for the defense.

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If YOU Ask ME

By B. M. PHILLIPS

Remember them

Ed Weaver's death on Monday was unexpected. He had seemed on the way to recovery after that recent illness.

We were neighbors. From my front porch, we could see Amy and Ed's neat back yard.

They were a devoted couple. Ed was a postal worker. His wife is a school principal.

Ed was a retiring guy, yet he had a friendly hello and a smile whenever he passed our way.

We will miss this good neighbor.

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Send sympathy cards, to Amy Weaver, (she's the former Amy Hackett), at 2221 Windsor Ave.

And to Mr. Weaver's 81-year-old dad, J. Edward Weaver Sr., 1336 Druid Hill Ave. Hasn't the elder Mr. Weaver been a grand person all these years?

Remember the children were small when Mrs. Weaver died in 1934, and he was both father and mother to them?

Daughter, Theresa, reports her dad is holding up well. It would be thoughtful if you let him know he is in your prayers.

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Speaking of missing people: Mrs. Catherine Mayo, the teacher, who died on Monday was a grand and gracious lady.

This reporter first knew her as Miss Jordan. She was our history teacher at Douglass High.

Classmate Louise Kerr Hines recalls her room was on the second floor, across from Study Hall Room 211. Do you remember?

All her life Catherine Jordan Mayo was a concerned person. She was ever ready to help those in trouble, sorrow, need, or sickness.

And, she was a very religious person. She practices as well as preached the Golden Rule.

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Last year, she wound up 43 years in the Baltimore school system. She had to retire. Her tired heart would not permit her to go on.

On Monday, in Hopkins Hospital, her heart gave out. But to those of us who were privileged to benefit from her good counsel and kindnesses, Catherine Mayo will live in our memory.

Remember the floral greetings she sent when a loved one was ill or you had an 'event' or you opened a new office?

Juanita Mitchell does. The plant Catherine sent is a beauty even today — 12 years after Mrs. Mitchell opened her law office.

Mrs. Mayo leaves 21 nieces and nephews. One of them, S. Anthony (Tony) Porter, the postal worker and World War II Army Captain, was reared by her and lived at her home until he was grown. Remember?

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There is so much sickness and sadness these days, isn't there? Send so-sorry cards to Mrs. Everett Berry (Elizabeth), the teacher, 2527 Madison Ave.

Her brother, Willie Good, died suddenly on Wednesday.

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Thinking-of-you cards to the Holland sisters — Josephine, (Mrs. Edward), Murray, 2504 Chelsea Terr., and Gladys (Mrs. Samuel) Mitchell, 100 S. Tiffany Ct.

Their brother, James F. Holland, was found dead in his Philadelphia apartment on Wednesday morning.

Many may remember Mr. Holland when he worked in the Baltimore post office. He was working in the Philly post office when he retired several years ago.

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Visitor: Mrs. Bernice Parker King, wife of the Norfolk physician (Dr. John) King, and their three daughters, were here this week for the funeral of Mrs. King's uncle, James N. (Dicky) Randall, the retired school principal. He died last Thursday.

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Dr. Thomas C. Jones, the eye specialist, is in Columbus, Ohio because of the death of his mother, Mrs. Lottie Jones, 74.

Remember she has been in and out of hospitals in D.C. and Baltimore (cancer), for three years.

Cards may reach the Jones family — (James H. Jones, the widower) at 56 Auburn Ave., Columbus.

Other survivors are: Son, James Jr., Columbus; Mrs. Helen Hawkins, Dayton; and Wilbur Jones, Los Angeles.

The death this week of Harvey H. Weiss means a 'real setback' for Provident Hospital.

Longtime director of Sinai Hospital, Mr. Weiss had accepted the job as consultant for Provident's current two and a half million dollar fund raising program.

Provident's trustees are in a dither. They will try to find a new coordinator. But, that is no easy task. Harvey Weiss's shoes will be hard to fill.

P. S. — Members of Provident's trustee board have set a $100,000 goal for themselves.

Send sunshine

Glad-you're better cards to Mrs. Elaine Blackmon Stevens (she's claims specialist at Dept. of Employment Security), 3304 Elbert St. She is out of Sinai.

In Hopkins for surgery, Thomas Greene, 118 Marley Neck Rd., Glen Burnie.

He is the Social Security worker. Mrs. Greene (Veronia), is also a DES claims specialist.

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Plenty of sunshine to Hopkins Hospital, Brady 503 for Mrs. Earl Parker (Lois). She is down in the dumps because her blood pressure forced her to enter the hospital Monday evening.

Mrs Parker is such a nice gal, do cheer her up.

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Another lovely lady ailing (and who isn't these days—what with the flu disrupting many a household'), is Mrs. James Denkins (Mabel or Pinchie as friends call her.) She confined at home, 2051 N. Bentalou.

Lawrence Mapp, the popular sportsman was hospitalized over the weekend, is now at home — broken blood vessel.

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More lovely ladies abed: Mrs. Agnes Underwood, 1905 McKean Ave., Mrs. Bea Wright, 2001 Bryant Ave., Mrs. Margaret Armstrong, 2029 Fulton, to name a few.

Warren Weaver, the housing manager is in.

J. C. Reaves is tearing his hair out. He is operating a one - man radio - TV repair shop. All employees are ill.

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Also ill: Meredith Birche, the music specialist, 300 N. Hilton St.

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Get well cards to Provident Hospital to the following shut-ins: Curtiss Greene, 1824 Etting, in room 120.

In Room 218, to Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Byrd, 209 Allendale; to Room 312, for Howard Briggs, 109 Browns Terr.,

In 209, Mrs. Annie Greene, 2321 Rosedale; Mrs. Catherine Thornton, 1736 McKean Ave., is in 215.

John Diggs, 642 N. Fulton, is in Room No. 118. Patient in room no. 213, Mrs. Margaret Smith, 2701 Rosedale; and in No. 208, Mrs. Eva Warren, 2322 Arunah.

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More sad news: Send sympathy cards to Mrs. Norman Uncles (Rosita), 2418 W. Lafayette Ave.

Her brother, Everett Berry, was found dead in his chicago apartment on Wednesday. Funeral services will be here in Baltimore. Nutter Funeral Home is making arrangements.

Other relatives here in Baltimore are two aunts, Mrs. Leona Felton and Mrs. Anita Cleary. Two brothers, Frank, Hempstead, L.I., and Ernest, Pasadena, Calif., also survive.

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Cheer to Edward Young, the Dundalk High counselor, 2059 N. Bentalou St. He has been ill for two weeks.

And, William Kirkwood, AFRO maintenance contractor,

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Plenty of sunshine, please, to Miss Mayme Tilghman, 1129 Myrtle Ave. She has been ill for a month.

Miss Tilghman is the energetic lay leader in Bethel AME Church, a veteran beautician and civic worker,

New Year resolutions

Recommended for beginning a New Year.

Make a resolution to clean the rubbish from around you.

Start with accumulated bills — even if you pay just a little on each one.

Empty drawers, cabinets, clean off table tops.

Make a list of things you'd like to do in the 12 months ahead.

Plan your time, and make every effort to keep a schedule.

Manifestly, this cleaning-up process takes time. Conserving your energy takes time, but around about the end of the first four months of the year, it is likely you will be operating in top shape.

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This writer set out on the New Year resolution while on vacation. It took two days to begin the clean up.

It helped, however, because there were records we had not had a chance to listen to.

(Imagine two days when you don't leave the house!) Imagine listening to records by candle light!)

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Don't get the idea things are shipshape in our home yet. They aren't.

There are interruptions. Like the evening we stopped cleaning to work on a puzzle with nine-year-old son and daughter, 7 and ate cookies made by daughter, 13, who constantly reminds us she will be 14 next week.

If you want to see how stupid you are, try working a game with children.

Missing pieces, difficult for mother to find, are easy for them. You think you're a real jerk until seven-year-old remarks, "I've worked it three times." Ho hum!

The above was written three weeks ago. This is to report that some progress has been made on getting things in order, but it will indeed be a full three months before we're truly organized. Resolutions, you know, can be made. It is something else again to keep them!

People, places, things

Note for ladies: The Women's Cooperative Civic League needs your help and your attendance at the first meeting of the year — Saturday at 3 at Fellowship House.

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Here for the AFRO Honor Roll ceremonies on Tuesday evening: Mrs. Bernice Martin, wife of Dr. J. Ernest Martin, the Bluefield W. Va. physician.

Mrs. Martin's brother, W. A. C. Hughes Jr., was among those who received the AFRO's coveted bronze plaque for superior public service to the community.

Mrs. Martin had been in D.C. last week with sisters Gwen Higginbotham, and Elaine Williams, for Delta sorority's golden jubilee service.

While they were visiting sister, Elaine, word came of the death of Elaine's husband, Alphonso Williams, the retired D.C. government worker.

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More on the Honor Roll ceremonies: Biggest surprise was the acceptance speech of Mrs. Maceo Williams, wife of the Druid Health Center director. He was ill and unable to attend (flu).

A handsome woman, with a beautiful speaking voice, Mrs. Williams charmed the audience when she told how much her husband and other members of the family appreciated the honor.

She said they planned to put the plaque in a prominent place, and it would be an inspiration to future generations.

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Most moving speech was that by Dr. Saul Perdue, Carver High principal.

He seemed near to tears as he observed, 'I am still wondering why and how I got this award.'

He said the honor would serve to remind him and coworkers of the work ahead.

Another highlight, the sincere acknowledgement of Mrs. Josephine Monroe, mother of 12, who said simply: "I will cherish this plaque all my life."

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Plenty of celebrations this week in the Kerr family. The senior Kerrs, Dr. and Mrs. T. Henderson Sr., 1907 Division St., are married 49 years on Jan. 28.

On Jan. 30, Mr. and Mrs. Judson Kerr (Delores Parker), mark a wedding anniversary.

His birthday was on Jan. 24. Mr. Kerr is the realtor. She is a Ft. Holabird stenog. Congratulations to them at 2565 Harlem Ave.

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Rush Happy Jan. 26 birthday cards to Miss Mary Butler, 1113 Argyle Ave. She is Internal Revenue Service group clerk.

Also on Jan. 26, cards to James Bias, 1425 Druid Hill.

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Birthdays coming up:

Feb. 3, remember Mrs. Annie E. S. Wells, 2836 Rayner Ave. She has long been active in civic circles in our city.

Mrs. Charlotte Swann, the popular music teacher birthday is on Feb. 5. Her address: 2042 Ruxton Ave.

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Residents in the area of the 1700 block McCulloh St., are up in arms. On the surface, they seem to have a real beef.

Two aged residents of the neighborhood face loss of their homes. They have been ordered to make - extensive repairs to exterior walls of properties they have occupied for over 40 years.

What they don't understand is why they must make such repairs ($2100 or over), which they can not afford while other property owners in the area are not under such orders. More on this.

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New citizens, born at Provident Hospital: Jan. 22, a boy for Raymond and Icylee Adams, 2007 McCulloh; a girl, for James and Martella Buckson, 1324 N. Linwood.

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Mighty snazzy indeed is the new brown silk hat with high crown of ermine Dr. Lillie M. Jackson (NAACP president) is sporting this week.

She found it at Victorine Adams' Charm Centre.

I walked in and saw it, liked it, put it on and paid for it," said Ma Jackson, when we in the AFRO City Room admired it.

As to reports that the flu had her down last week, Dr. Jackson said: "Yes, but I can't stay in. There is too much to do." Some lady!

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A GOOD CITIZEN registers and VOTES. If you are not already eligible to vote in the March 5th Primary, do so TODAY, Feb. 4 is deadline for registering. Place to register: Supervisors of Elections, ground floor, People's Court Building, Gay and Fayette Sts. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mondays through Fridays, except Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturdays, 9 a.m. to noon.

Envoy says Americans free to settle in Africa

By ONUORA NWANYA

ENUGU, Nigeria — Joseph Palmer 2nd, U.S. Ambassador to Nigeria, said at a press conference, Jan. 9, the United States Government would not oppose colored Americans settling in Africa.

Mr. Palmer explained that any American could settle in any part of the world, if he so desired.

Speaking on the question of discrimination in the United States, Mr. Palmer said that the steps taken by President Kennedy to enroll James Meredith in the University of Mississippi showed a sincere desire by the U.S. Government to remove the feeling of inequality in the American society.

He said that the 14,000 troops and 600 marshals were sent to Oxford, Miss., solely to ensure that the constitutional rights of a single individual proved conclusively that the U.S. Government is determined to bring about racial amity in the country.

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HE EXPLAINED that the United States is not a perfect society and could not be expected to transform over night the various races that make up the community of the United States into one unit.

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A smile for the week

A mother in a suburban home discovered her teenage son slumped dejectedly in a chair in the living room, the picture of anguish and depression.

She asked her husband, who was sitting nearby, what calamity had struck Junior.

"He wants to go to the corner drug store," the father said, "but the car won't start."

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