"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 WEEK

Our Heavenly Father, we pray that loving kindness may abide in this house. We pray that at work we shall find strength, joy in achievement, and finally we pray that in our relations with others we shall demonstrate a knowledge of Thy presence. Amen.

Forces of Reactions

What opponents of the Public Accommodations law could not do on the floor of the General Assembly in Annapolis, they now seek to do through the back door with a petition that would subject the bill to a state-wide referendum.

This despite the fact that half of the political sub - divisions in the state have exempted themselves from the law.

In deepest secrecy the foes of the bill have quietly gathered what they say are 12,325 valid signatures, thereby preventing the measure from taking effect on June 1.

Volunteers, guided by Baltimore City Comptroller Hyman A. Pressman, are now at work checking the signatures, and there is reason to believe that enough invalid signatures will be uncovered to throw out the entire petition.

While we hope this is true, we would be amiss in our responsibilities if we did not criticize the apostles of reaction who concocted this racist and repugnant petition for the sole purpose of blocking a bill that attempts, in a limited way, to implement the theory that all men are created equal.

The leaders in our midst who have spoken out against the petition are to be congratulated, for they have served notice that the right thinking citizens of our state are behind the Public Accomodations Bill.

Out of all this, we have learned a new lesson that none of us should forget.

This fight for dignity and equality is a long way from being won, and we can never underestimate the lengths to which our enemies will go.

Cambridge Again

The spectacle of a 15-year-old girl being held in the Cambridge jail without bail for four days, because she prayed outside a segregated bowling alley during a demonstration, is one that should disturb all Marylanders with a conscience.

The Supreme Court has already decided that such peaceful demonstrations are innocent things, and not a violation of the law, but perhaps this fact has not filtered down to the Cambridge police, who made the arrest on their own initiative.

The arrest was stupid enough, but a bad matter was made even worse by the court's decision to keep the young girl locked in jail, as if she had committed a heinous capital crime, such as homicide or arson.

She probably would still be in jail had it not been for the activities of the NAACP lawyer, Tucker R. Dearing, who secured her release on a writ of habeas corpus.

Even then, the court restricted the girl's freedom by threatening her with arrest should she appear on the public street.

This is the type of frantic madness that tends to promote discord among the rest of the citizens.

The arrest of the girl was unnecessary as was the order to hold her without bail, and then to release her with restricted freedom.

Once again, Cambridge has failed the test.

The Archbishop At Morgan

The Catholic Archbishop of Baltimore, The Most Reverend Lawrence J. Shehan, was one of six persons to receive honorary degrees at Morgan this week.

He remained for the trustee dinner that followed and delivered a brief address.

It was his first visit to this state college, formerly a Methodist school.

That same day marked the death of Pope John XXIII, in Rome.

This leader of world Catholics, in his five years as Pontiff, set an example of Christian tolerance, charity and good will that endeared him to the followers of all religious groups.

When this great Pope called upon all faiths to meet together and upon all Catholics to work for brotherhood, he created a climate in which Archbishop Shehan could come to Morgan.

It may well be that he would have come anyhow.

But we like to think of His Holiness Pope John XXIII as one of the great forces for human rights, peace and progress in our day.

And we find in His Excellency, Archbishop Shehan, a local reflection of the Papal spirit.

We are proud to salute the Catholic Archbishop of Baltimore, Doctor of Laws, honorary alumnus of Morgan State College.

A Distinguished Group

In addition to Archbishop Shehan, Morgan State College conferred honorary degrees upon five other eminent persons this week. Among them were:

The brilliant psychologist and commencement speaker, Dr. Kenneth Clark of City College, New York;

Major General Benjamin O. Davis Jr. of the U.S. Air Force;

Dr. Clifton R. Wharton, career diplomat, U. S. Ambassador to Norway;

Dr. John W. Haywood, former dean of Morgan, and

Roy Wilkins, national secretary of the NAACP.

The college set a precedent by awarding honors to Dr. Wilkins in absentia. The NAACP secretary is in Jackson, Miss. directing the association's work in that area of ferment, which is attracting world - wide attention.

Morgan will have more commencements every year, but it will be extremely difficult to match the eminence of the six persons whom the college assembled for highest honors this week.

Moreover, there were 327 graduates, the largest class in Morgan's history, together with their parents, to take part in the impressive commencement exercises.

The Free Press

In freeing AFRO photographer Irvin H. Phillips Jr. on charges arising out of the Riverside Pool incident last Labor Day, Judge Oppenheimer displayed a commendable concern for freedom of the press.

Mr. Phillips was assigned to the pool as a working newspaperman and his presence there was obviously resented by many members of the white mob, gathered there to harass the colored swimmers.

This resentment is no new experience to newspapermen, who have long since come to realize that the source of this feeling is the fear of exposure on the part of the mob.

So long as a free press does exist, evil will be exposed wherever it is found, and we believe that by doing this, the press strengthens our democracy.

Judge Oppenheimer said the right of a newspaperman to report the news is one that must be respected by everyone, and in this we heartedly concur.

If Necessary, Jail Wallace

If Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace does not chicken out (and we think he will) on his threat to block a colored student from entering the University of Alabama on Monday, despite a court order telling him to keep hands off, President Kennedy should see that he ends up in jail.

Our guess is that, faced with the facts and the futility of the situation he has created, Gov. Wallace will find some excuse, such as Mississippi's Gov. Ross Barnett did on Wednesday when a second colored student enrolled at Ole Miss.

Commented Barnett from Jackson, Miss., "I can't be two places at once."

Back in the 1800's when the judges and others wouldn't live up to the law, they were thrown in jail. If Wallace shows up at the Alabama University and does anything he has been ordered not to do, he should be put in jail with all deliberate speed.

Undercover Work

Sightseeing Through Africa With The Senator

By JAMES D. WILLIAMS

Through means too devious to explain here, a letter fell into my hands this week dealing with the recent antics of one of the less enlightened representatives in the hallowed halls of Congress.

The writer of the letter is a government employee assigned to one of the African countries, or at least he was a government employee. It was sent to his department chief in Washington.

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DEAR ARCHARALD:

As you can see by the postmark on this letter, I am not at my usual post. Before you explode and accuse me of deserting my job, let me tell you how I come to be out here in the bush country, away from all semblance of civilization.

I realize that ever since that unfortunate day when you overheard me describe your head as a blank space surrounding nothing but air, you have not been too well disposed toward me.

I didn't mind it too much when you took my desk away which made me the only bureaucrat in Washington who had to dictate letters standing up. I could even forgive you for sending me to Africa. But this last thing you did, I think, was going a bit too far, even for you.

When I received your cable that a U.S. Senator was going to visit this country, I was delighted, because I believed it would help improve international relations with the government.

If I had known that the senator you were sending was Senator Hiram P. Mugglewump, I would have cabeled you no, and if you insisted upon sending him, I would have personally shot down the plane.

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I'VE GOT a rough enough job explaining to these people how we can have things like Birmingham and Oxford, Miss., and still be "The Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave," and then you go and send me somebody like Mugglewump, which is like sending General Custer to bring religion to the Indians.

Not knowing who the senator was, I rounded up all the dignitaries that I could find and even got the local Army to lend me its band, so we could make a good impression.

There we are at the airport, and I'm running around in the 110 degree weather making sure that everything is okay, cause I figured here's a real good chance for our side to win friends and influence people.

The plane lands, the senator steps out, the band starts playing and he starts to make a speech, which nobody hears, and for that I am grateful.

I got close to the senator and he's saying:

"I am glad to be here today in the Union of South Africa which has found the right way to handle the race problem — shoot it."

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I GET so upset I almost drop my walking stick and I whisper in the senator's ear:

"People around here have gotten lynched for less than what you just said."

"You mean this ain't the Union of South Africa?" he asked me.

"It sure is not," I tell him, "and around here that's a dirty word."

I got the senator off the plane and we walked up this red carpet to where the delegation is waiting and Senator Mugglewump, who probably didn't hear a word I said, looks at the man who runs the treasury of this country and tells him:

"Boy, why don't you go home and get into some colored folks clothes instead of wearing them silly robes."

This "boy" just happens to hold degrees from several of the world's finest universities, has written several books, and is a recognized expert on fiscal matters, so he doesn't take too kindly to being called "boy," and besides that, the robes are his native costume and they cost about $500.

BEFORE I can apologize the senator goes up to the band leader and asks him:

"What lodge you boys from? Can you do the senator a favor and play Dixie?"

By this time the Africans are steaming and things aren't helped any when the senator begins to tell them that what's wrong with their country is that they have too many colored folks in charge of things and it takes a white man to really run a country.

It's all I can do to get the senator away from the airport and into a car, where I tried to explain to him that you don't do that kind of talking in a country like this.

"So, how long you been over here with these colored folks," he asks me?

"About six months. Why?" I reply.

"Well you better come on back home cause you're beginning to sound like one of then do-gooders who think that colored folks is just as equal as anyone else," he says.

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I TAKE him to his hotel and I lock him in, while I go down to the bar and down a few quick ones to get my nerves together. I'm seriously thinking about quitting right then and there, but duty gets the best of me and I decided to stick it out, Mugglewump or no Mugglewump.

I decide that the best thing to do is to get the senator out of the country as soon as possible, so I call the local rent-a-car agency, and hire me an old-fashioned limousine with side curtains.

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I GET him in the car and out to the airport without any difficulty, because I've got the curtains drawn.

He's a little surprised to see where he is but I tell him that there's been some trouble in Alabama and Governor Wallace wants him to come and

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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 chaos, to provide jobs for everybody.

Whether it always sets all politics except to expose corruption and condemn injustice, race prejudice or compromise.

JOHN H. MURPHY SR., 1939

What Our Readers Say

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.

Weiss Appointment

Dear AFRO:

The colored community a week or so ago was up in arms . . . white men have denied us of our birthright . . . a principalship of a predominantly (99 percent) colored school (but in an integrated Baltimore) has gone to a white man.

Space limitations evidentally dictated that the article concerning this seemingly newsworthy item (if no more than to let the community in whose interest you publish) caused it not to be newsworthy (murder, rape, debutante balls, police brutality, etc must be published first . . . things that break our economic backs . . . if we can find space, yes.)

The editorial page (?) also was void of comment and Collins' box which suggested an 'article' forthcoming the following week concerning de facto integration, evidentally got the proverbial editor's axe.

Question to you who supposedly serve as a guidepost in a black community:

Why is it that things of an educational nature that affect our health, social and economic, are left to conjecture and rumor.

Why is it that the happenings in the 'colored schools' are always alright?

Is it alright because nobody with a voice has acted as a responsible citizen and checked to see if it was all okay, or is it all okay because "the man' who says it is all okay has seen to its okayness before and the 'man' knows?

Do we sleep too soundly and let the 'man' do all the burning of the midnite oil, all of the 'thinking' and follow blindly?

Checklist for editors who want to know . . . not without background and not a touch and go bit . . . but dig like you do when somebody of note is divorced, a 4 - year - old is raped, or some one who disagrees with an editor has a household misunderstanding.

1. Do we have fair representation in the higher echelons of the Department of Education (We comprise a lot of Baltimore.)

2. Why are the colored people with doctorates given such 'hard times' by the 'man'?

3. What determines promotion in 'our schools' . . . politics . . . the ability to see the man's point of view every time? Can our husband and wife teams of administrators be as competent as their appointments would suggest or is there a clique at the top?

4. Where are the city's 'dumping grounds?' Identify for all to know. City - academic; Western - academic . . . who gets the trash?

Try these for size if you really want to give us a school system fair to all. If not, continue on your merry headin-the-ground, trust in the 'man' way.

JIM SMITH

(ED. NOTE- A full and detailed story on the public's reaction to the appointment of a white principal at Lemmel Junior High School appeared in Tuesday's edition. Another story on the same matter appears in this edition.

(We point out to our correspondent that we published the story as soon as it came to our attention — something no other paper in the city has seen fit to do.

(We think this answers the charge "head - in - the ground.")

Dear AFRO:

As citizens and taxpayers we are strongly opposed to the assignment of Norris Weiss as principal of the Lemmel Junior High School.

There are many colored administrators who are better qualified than this man. We request this assignment be rescinded.

MR. and MRS. OTHO R. RINGGOLD

Dear AFRO:

Congratulations on bringing to the public's attention the discrimination in public schools here.

MRS. CYRUS W. MARSHALL SR.

Race And Cold War

Dear AFRO:

It has never been a secret that a significant portion of the Kennedy Administration's concern with the blossoming civil rights struggle has been involved with cold war considerations.

Not too long ago the non - violent leadership in the South was counciled to keep this in mind when formulating its plans for demonstrations.

Fortunately it did not give this council very much heed.

The latest evidence of cold war worry regarding the struggle has come through the Secretary of State Dean Rusk. He has pronounced, "We are running this race with one leg in a cast," (i. e., in reference to the race with the Soviet).

It seems to me that if a small amount of logic is brought into play in this one aspect of the civil rights struggle, that it is hard to escape the conclusion that were it not for the existence of the Soviet-Chinese group that Washington's interest in the freedom struggle in this country would be even less than it is today.

Parenthetically, the world wide anti-colonial struggle would still be in its pre-World War I stage.

In formulating a view about what is taking place in the world today maybe people should not be too quick to latch on to simple absolutes such as good versus evil or freedom versus slavery. It's really not all that simple.

HERMAN M. HEYN

God And Provident

Dear AFRO:

The spirit of God is present when the name Provident Hospital is mentioned, and both colored and white should realize this.

A new Provident Hospital means progress — another step toward equality. Civil rights involves more than restaurants, motels, hotels, parks, beaches, etc., but hospitals also.

Progress is the spirit of God.

Provident Hospital means that our doctors will have a better chance to develop into great specialists. I have heard many people knock the hospital, and it is morally wrong.

Remember many are suffering in Mississippi and Alabama for progress. Here, however, during the Provident Hospital's Fund Drive, or after it, everyone can give some money without being a victim of violence.

I shall approach "some" of my coworkers in the Pipe Mill for contributions for the hospital, and I say "some" because I have approached others before and was shocked by statements such as:

"I am not giving, period," "I have given," etc.

If the last statement is trugitful, then I will say that the drive will be very successful. Let the spirit and will of God be done.

REV. G. S. McGUIRE

Pin-Point McAllister Rescues 'System'—For Now

By GEORGE W. COLLINS

Northwestern District police needed a man to do a man's job Monday . . . and they got him.

The job was to rescue the cops involved in the business of jailing a citizen who was acting as a peacemaker between two youngsters.

Protectors of the peace didn't stop at jailing and allegedly roughing up James R. Slaughter, but also arrested two model young women who registered disapproval.

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MR. SLAUGHTER was subsequently freed and promptly lodged a brutality complaint, putting the cops squarely behind the eight-ball.

Thus arose an urgent need for a typical Police Department whitewash.

Slaughter's arrest didn't make it any easier. But the cops still had a trump card — the pending trials of Miss Florence Wilkinson and Joanna Brooks, a Morgan College junior and a Western High School sophomore.

Both were charged with disorderly conduct, an offense normally considered as being as routine as night and day. Hundreds are disposed of daily with never a thought of fanfare.

Such was not the case Monday.

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TO MAKE certain that these cases were resolved in favor of the police, Capt. Edwin E. Taylor sent an SOS to William J. O'Donnell, state's attorney.

James W. McAllister, admittedly the toughest assistant prosecutor on the staff, was picked for the role of Jim Dandy to the rescue.

It was the first time in the history of station houses that an assistant state's attorney had been assigned to prosecute disorderly conduct cases.

And prosecute he did. McAllister was at his slashing best. In the jargon of the courthouse, he proceeded to cut the 'desperate criminals' to ribbons.

With the precision of a watchmaker he drew testimony from seven policemen.

With incredible similarity —even in terminology — the men in blue related a sing-song account of alleged events punctuated with profanity that would make a sailor blush.

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ON CROSS- examination, McAllister displayed a thoroughness rarely witnessed in the biggest murder trials in Criminal Court.

When he had finished, the defendants and their witnesses, completely unschooled in the techniques of court proceedings, had been reduced to confused, bewildered, and even weeping innocent babes in the legal jungle.

Judge Aaron A. Baer's guilty verdicts were purely academic. They were convicted the minute McAllister walked in the station.

He did his job. The establishment was in hot water and it was McAllister's job to pull it out.

Presumably the prosecutor was sent to the station to prosecute two defendants accused of a minor charge.

In reality, he was sent there to defend the police.

He did a brilliant job!

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By J. M. PHILLIPS

If YOU Ask ME People, places, things

Congratulations to brilliant Dr. Virgil Clift, professor of education and head of the department at Morgan State College.

A CALL TO FAITH AND FREEDOM BY Martin Luther King, Jr.

Men, women and children have been quickened to pray, to march, to suffer imprisonment — even to face death — for the ideals and beliefs preached by Martin Luther King. Now, in his new book, the fearless leader of the desegregation movement shares the convictions that guide his life and are inspiring a revolution in America today. Don't miss this "Emancipation Proclamation for our time"...

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And, that is indeed a very great honor, when you consider that NYC, along with Harvard and Teachers College, Columbia, rank as the the top colleges in the education field.

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Grad: Alonzo Kelly Jr., a commercial artist, was an honor graduate from the Maryland State College on Sunday. He is the son of Mrs. Mary S. Kelly and Alonzo Kelly Sr. The family attends Madison Ave. Presbyterian Church.

June 4 graduate at Tilton School in Tilton, New Hampshire — Errol Arnold Wynn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chandler Wynn (Vernieee).

This is the exclusive finishing prep school for boys. The 117th commencement speaker was Dr. Vannevar Bush, the scientist renowned for developing the A-bomb.

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New Wilsons in our midst: Announcement elsewhere in this issue tells of the appointment of Kenneth O. Wilson as the AFRO's vice president in charge of advertising. He hails from Chicago.

His wife, Geneva, modestly says she is 'just a housewife,' and Ken Wilson's wife.

Her leisure time activities include volunteer work with the Travelers' Aid Society. And she likes to play bridge.

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The Other new Wilson family due in our midst shortly is Father and Mrs. Donald O. Wilson of Wilmington, Del. He is the new rector of St. James' P. E. Church.

Mrs. Wilson (Theda), is principal of Northeast Elementary School, largest in the Delaware city.

She will take a post in our schools come September.

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Remember James O. J Boyd, longtime employee in the health service department at the Central YMCA?

He called this week to express surprise that his old friend, Robert (Bob) Goodlow had died last month.

'We were kids together. missed it in my AFRO, and I get it twice a week,' he said.

(We referred him to the editions in which the story ran.)

Many may remember Mr Boyd as a pioneer member of Metropolitan Baptist Church.

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Seventy - five on his last birthday, Mr. Boyd says he is proud of the fact that he has a daughter. His wife, the former Ethel Pollard, is several years his junior. They were married in 1941.

Their daughter is eight-year - old Astria. She is a second grader.

P.S. — Mr. Boyd recalls he finished Princeton University Seminary in 1931, 'the same year the Lindberg baby was found.'

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Due home soon: Airman 3/c Howard L. Tutman Jr., now on duty at McDill AFB, Tampa, Fla.

The 21 - year-old Carver High grad was attending Morgan State College, when he entered service two years ago.

Many know Airman Tutman as a Sunday school teacher at Sharon Baptist Church. Others may remember when he joined that Sea Scout expedition headed by Avon Cooper several years ago.

More people, things

More orchids: A group of citizens led by Joseph Sachs (Sachs Shoes for Juveniles), raised over $500 on Friday evening for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference headed by the Rev Martin Luther King.

The meeting was at the Sachs' Ken Oak Ave. home. Which reminds me to mention that Mr. Sachs' Mondawmin store is hiring qualified colored shoe salesmen.

Go and see for yourself.

William Bell is here from Phoenix, Ariz. visiting his mother, Mrs. Maud B. Smart, who has been ill for the past two weeks. Get - well cards to her at 2497 Druid Hill Ave.

The Rev. A. J. Payne, Enon Baptist Church, is out of the hospital and looking well.

He preached on Sunday, and attended Morgan - College's trustees' dinner on Monday evening.

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Happiest hospital patient this week is Dr. Maurice Lee, the Morgan State College professor.

He entered Hopkins (Marburg 329); on Saturday suffering an intestinal ailment. When this writer talked with him on Wednesday, he was bubbling over.

Reason: Doctors will not have to operate after all. So he may be home by the time you read this.

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Church item; At the recent Maryland Assembly of the Episcopal Church's Brotherhood of St. Andrew, two St. James members were elected officers.

They were: Edgar Smith, secretary, serving his third term and Prentiss Nolan, executive committee; Ernest Stokes, Holy Trinity, was reelected treasurer for the second year.

Other officers: Charles Stokes, Old St. Paul's president; Marvin Bentelspacher, St. Timothy's, vice president; Charles Donnelly, Good Shepherd; Thomas Johnson, St. Alban's, and William Tutman's mother is Mrs. Mary T. Peaker, Department of Education employee at School No. 452. A sister, Mrs Norman E. Ross (Ruth), teaches music at Dunbar, and is organist at Holy Trinity Church.

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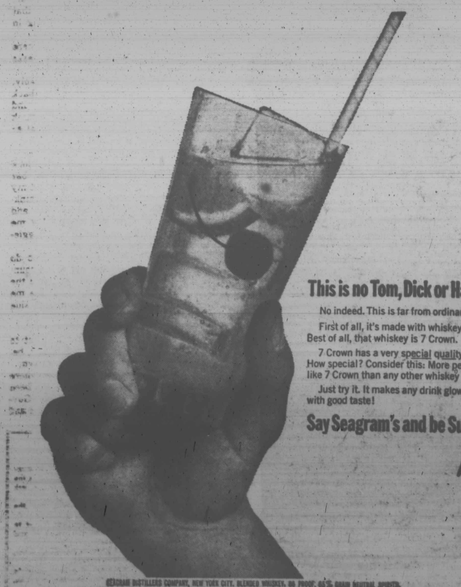

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Townsend, Good Shepherd, all to the executive committee.

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Congratulations to Joseph L. Amprey, 2544 W Lanvale St.

He is the new appeals referee at the Department of Employment Security.

This is the post vacated by David T. Mason, now assistant state's attorney.

Seventeen years on the job, Mr. Amprey is married, has two sons.

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Smile of the week: When President Kennedy visited daughter Caroline's private school class, in which Associate White House Press Sec. Andrew Hatcher's little son is the only colored pupil, the boy reported to his mother: "The President knew me. Pop must have told him the kind of pants I would have on."—From Jet.

School No. 144 shines

If you want to be inspired, attend a lively and instructive parent-teacher association meeting, such as was held on last Tuesday evening, at James Mosher School No. 144, Mosher St. and Wheeler Ave.

There was standing room only in the auditorium as the evening's activities began, with a program by the school orchestra directed by George Maxie.

The young instrumentalists (violinists, trumpeters etc), seemed exceptionally well trained. Several of them took turns at directing the group.

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We remarked during our talk that perhaps the secret of the school's outstanding record under Principal Mary N. Brooks, is that all youngsters are given a chance to take leadership roles if they can measure up.

You, too, would have been proud to see, and hear these youngsters.

Another significant thing about this PTA. It is headed by a father, Joel Newton. There is no doubt about his ability to keep things moving smoothly.

In addition, praise God, there were a large number of fathers in the audience. You know at many PTAs, one might gather the PTA is MPTA (mothers parent teacher association). But, at No. 144, there appears to be good father support of the school program. Hoorah!

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In addition there was a parade by the school's Boy Scout unit under the able direction of Roland Ganges and Mrs. Mabel Johnson, den mother.

They were terrific! (And, anyone who was not moved by their plea for more den mothers and fathers to help the program, does not have a heart.)

Not unmindful of the need to support community endeavors, this PTA gave funds to Provident Hospital, the YM and YW.

There was more: Mrs. Susie Strother, the Food Fair econmist, was there to invite parents to her WEBB show and to give away food baskets.

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Think this is all they did that night? Nope, there was distributed an eight-page report prepared by the PTA's evaluation committee headed by Father Van S. Bird.

In the report, the parents gave results of their study and school program, and concluded that 'the school community known as 144 is one of the best in all of its high aspects.'

. . . it has a very high standing in the school systems; an excellent community image; and its students perform very well upon entering junior and senior high school.'

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The report added:

'In all of its facets the school shows a concern for the students' growth so that he can live a full life, satisfying to himself and to society.

Isn't that a grand appraisal? And, it is fine tribute, too, to the leadership of Mrs. Mary N. Brooks, whom all agree is t top administrator and a grand person.

Her co-workers admire and respect her and so do her fellow citizens who know how she has worked in the community and in particular in the Harlem Park urban renewal area. Orchids to her.

Little League

I submit you have not lived until you have a son old enough to join a Little League baseball team.

On Saturday, our youngster was among nearly 1,000 others who participated in the opening day program of the James Mosher Club Baseball League.

This is the League associated with the James Mosher School No. 144 mentioned above — another program which has prospered under Mrs. Brooks.

'Twas a sunny day, just right for a parade with all the trimmings. Uuiforms were colorful—and the various teams and musical units put on a real show.

Assembly point was Edmondson Ave. and Evergreen St. The two-block long parade wound up at the Mosher School playground.

Outstanding: the Cadets and Cadettes of Ames Methodist Church. Quite an aggregation.

The Hamilton Drum and Bugle Corps in white and purple showed real talent. So did the high stepping Kadets of America and the Lexington Terrace youngsters —band, marchers et al.

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'Twas a real inspiring show, thank to the leadership of Eddie Watson and his associates.

Needless to say, the real stars—the baseball teams — were looking good.

They included the 1962 champs, Yankees; 1962 second place Orioles; the Beavers, Athelics, Pirates, Tigers, Dogers, Jets, Cavaliers and Wildcats.

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Youngest and eutest paraders were Terrance Wheeler, 4, and his brother, Eric 6. They were mascots for the Orioles team, and naturally wore the uniform.

They were decked out in uniforms and marched at the head of the Orioles team.

By the time the parade wound its way from the park to the school ground they were two tired young men. (The younger child traveled the last seven blocks on an adult's shoulder.)

Parents are, Mr. and Gene Wheeler, of Boarman Ave.

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INTERESTED spectator—Dr. Ralph Young, the physician. He seemed as pleased as parents to see the youngsters perform.

Remember, Dr. Young has been 'taking it easy' since that heart scare.

'Taking it easy' has given him an opportunity to get around and do some of the things he likes.

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Only sour note at the scene of the activities was provided by officers in police car RD (radio division) No. 707.

Time was 2:15 p.m. Participants were lining up on the School No. 144 playground.

One harried mother had parked her car at the intersection of Braddish and her son, a Little Leaguer, to join his unit.

The area around the intersection was like a three-ring circus. Out of nowhere came 707. One officer jumped out, demanded to know how come the car was parked like it was.

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While the officer talked to a spectator, his partner parked the police car in the middle of the street.

Add to this the ding dong of an ice cream truck also parked illegally in the midst of the street, and you get the picture.

And, guess what! Instead of demanding that the ice cream truck driver move away and stop tying up traffic, occupants of RD 707 drove off and parked further up on the school grounds!

Here is another example of how our public officials don't make friends and influence people.

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