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Miss Glenda Harrison, Route 4, Box 338, Lake City, S.C. Hobbies are dancing, basketball, cooking. Interested in receiving letters from boys 14-16.

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Miss Sharon Wane, 15, 1121 17th St., NW, Roanoke, Va. 24017 would like to correspond with boys 15-18. Hobbies: baby sitting, reading, dancing and cooking. Enclose picture.

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Miss Faye Carroll, 11, Box 357, Huntingtown, Md. 20639 wants letters from boys and girls 10-13. Hobbies are listening and dancing, typing, sewing, sports and piano playing.

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READERS SAY

Readers are invited to write on any subject they desire. However, all letters must be signed. Names will be withheld upon request.
THE EDITOR

POSTMASTER

NEW YORK — This note brings a belated "Thank you" for including the article Mr. Alvin E. White wrote about me in the June 24 Magazine Section of the AFRO-AMERICAN.

My family and I were quite pleased with Mr. White's factual reporting and with his presentation of the story. I was flattered, of course, that you accepted the article.

Again, thank you and please forgive my oversight in not saying so sooner. — JOHN R. STRACHAN, Postmaster

"75TH CONTEST"

BALTIMORE

As a 22-year-old unmarried woman, I wish to salute the AFRO on its 75th Anniversary. I feel the AFRO has tion gained a prominent place in our heritage.

I am pleased to be made aware of its long standing in informing and entertaining.

The young Americans are gratified to feel this link with the past and yet know we are part of a wondrous future.

I speak as one of these Americans as I say "thank you" for sharing your DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY with us. (Miss) CHARLENE COOPER

CANCER SOCIETY

BALTIMORE — The American Cancer Society greatly appreciates the coverage it receives of its programs and activities in the pages of the AFRO-AMERICAN.

We especially appreciate your use of our recent item concerning cancer not being contagious. It is unfortunate that such rumors begin and we are indebted to you for bringing the truth to your readers. — James E. Fowler, Director of Public Information

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★'S AND YOU

LEO (July 21-Aug. 22): Another nervous and uncertain day. Ary to keep calm. Color orange.

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): An excellent day to settle personal questions. You get on fine with friends. Color blue.

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): If you organize your day properly, you will also feel much better in yourself. Color gold.

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SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Another day when you must exercise self-control to avoid spoiling what you have just built up. Relax. Color gray.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Influences are improving and you need not have any fear of what the next days will bring you. Color red.

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A good day to meet friends and make arrangements, but there is some risk of muddling things up. Color yellow.

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You tend to get nervous and feel rather low. Gardening and musical activities favoured. Color pink.

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PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You will get on well — happy relationship with your partner. Color purple.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Avoid friction in your family. Some good news. Color brown.

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't take on too much and avoid heated arguments. General prospects are excellent. Color black.

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GEMINI (May 21-June 20): A very busy time. Some very attractive propositions, but you must examine things well. Color silver.

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CANCER (June 21-July 20): You feel enterprising and energetic and will make much progress. Color white.

PRAYER

O Almighty Father, Lord of Heaven and Earth, we confess that we have sinned against Thee in thought, word and deed. Have mercy upon us, O God, after Thy great goodness; according to the multitude of Thy mercies, do away our offenses and cleanse us from our sin; for Jesus Christ's sake.

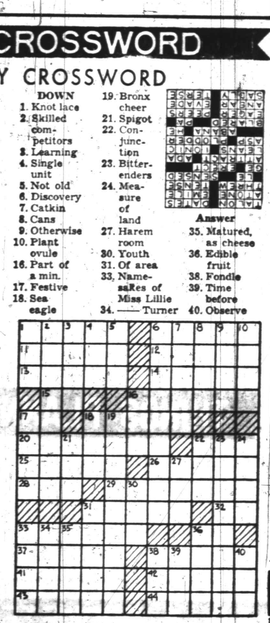
AMEN

CROSSWORD

WEEKLY CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1. Claw
6. Appointments
11. Make amends for
12. Zola
13. Cast
14. Tight
15. French article
16. Became aware of
17. Earth, as a goddess
18. Upright
20. Allure
22. Ohio college town
25. Inclines
26. Type of architecture
28. Snake
29. One who toils slowly
31. Biblical river of Damascus
32. Pronoun
33. Proclaimed loudly
36. Ma's companion
37. Anxious
38. Members of House of Lords
41. Near: poet.
42. Escape
43. Mournfully
44. Concise

DOWN
1. Knot lace
2. Skilled competitors
3. Learning
4. Single unit
5. Not old
6. Discovery
7. Catkin
8. Cans
9. Otherwise
10. Plant ovule
16. Part of a min.
19. Festive
18. Sea eagle
19. Bronx cheer
21. Spigot
22. Conjunction
23. Bitter-enders
24. Measure of land
27. Harem room
30. Youth
31. Of area
33. Name-sakes of Miss Lillie
34. —— Turner
35. Matured, as cheese
36. Edible fruit
38. Fondle
39. Time before
40. Observe



Answer

ENGLISH

By CARROLL H. JONES

Spelling One

Here are some of those -ARY vs. -ORY words which, though rarely presenting a major problem in spelling, nevertheless can sometimes cause more confusion than they should.

Which is the proper vowel to insert in each of these words where the dots are, A or O?

1. evolution ..ry
2. pulmon..ry
3. explanat..ry
4. obligat..ry
5. concliiat..ry
6. heredit..ry
7. dilat..ry
8. transit..ry
9. compliment..ry
10. signat..ry

ANSWERS

1. Make it an A: evolutionary.
2. Ditto: pulmonary.
3. Make this one an O: explanatory.
4. Ditto: obligatory.
5. O: conciliatory
6. A: hereditary
7. O again: dilatory
8. Ditto: transitory
9. A: complimentary
10. Back to the O's: signatory.

Spelling Two

How's your spelling today? What's the missing letter — or letters — in each of the following words where the dots are?

1. ab..yance
2. absor..tion
3. acad..my
4. a regate (total)

ANSWERS

1. It's an E that is missing: abeyance.
2. Make it a P: absorption.
3. E: academy
4. Two G's are needed: aggregate.

ALWAYS FINISH
Each one has been
a little child,
A little child with
laughing look,
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friend,
As each goes out at
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2ND 75TH CONTEST ENTRY

THIS CONTEST

- *The prize for Mr. Bumble's '75th Anniversary Contest' is $75. This amount will be shared by the three top winners.*
- *A $50 award will be given to the writer of the best letter.*
- *For the second place winner there will be a $15 prize and the third place winner will get $10.*
- *In the case of people 75 years old who enter this contest the letter should relate to the most rewarding experience of your lifetime.*
- *For the couple celebrating their 'Diamond Anniversary' a brief note about what those years together have meant to you will do.*
- *The club or organization celebrating its 75th must tell me all about its most outstanding accomplishment during its existence.*

LOOK UP!

Mrs. Bertye H. Watson
444 North Street
Seaford Delaware 19973

Looking back over my life I find that if I owe thanks it's to God and His guidance.

I was left a widow at the age of 27. For fifteen years, thereafter I lived in widowhood. I then met my present mate. He was the kindest person, and he proved to me that he was 'worth waiting for.'

I have found pleasure in helping others. I helped my younger brother finish college; after my father's death I cared for my mother.

I am presently a shut-in due to a 1965 automobile accident. Despite this I am still doing all I can to help others.

I am, in fact, considering organizing a 'Sunshine Club' among my friends which will be pledged to send a card (per member) to someone shut-in or to a soldier in Vietnam.

My slogan is "look up and lift up."

DOING FINE

By
BOOKER T. BUMBLE

We're coming along just fine in our quest for septegenarians who have fascinating stories to tell. Just last week my first entrant had her story told and this week we have another.

These ladies have been very useful to themselves, their families and their neighbors. We can't thank them enough for their contributions.

Average

I have often wondered how one might feel if he grows to be older than the average person. And let's it face 75 years is above average even here in America.

There's so much we can learn from these grand old people about life and living, and yes, even love.

They've done most of the things we dreamed about in our youth and won't ever have the opportunity to execute.

Wisdom

Another thing they've got going for the them is the result of so much more experience; which is wisdom. In talking with these people Mr. Bumble feels a little short on good sense. It isn't that I think I'm stupid or anything but when someone tells me about the first World War and how this country made it through those trying times I really feel inadequate.

Oh, I've read all the things you read about it. But what do you know about a small family struggling though a livelihood when the oldest boy is off to fight somewhere across the sea.

Three wars

All of us today are accustomed to what happens when this country is at war. After all the last 30 years we've been involved in no less than three.

But what about the mother who had never seen or heard of fights that require the participation of whole countries. She has to send her son off to fight and perhaps to die. This is new to her and most of all it's more frightening because there's no one down the street who can reassure her that every thing will be all right.

Well it is such things as that which we must look to the oldtimers to bring to us.

Happier

Our ladies haven't, up to now, talked about such things as war and poverty but have been occupied by the happier thoughts of life. That too is characteristic of the aged. They think very little of the sadder side of life.

Mrs. Viola Woolfolk
520 Mulberry St.
Baltimore, 21201

I am 76 and though that's a little too old for the contest, I would like to tell you about my story. I used to read the AFRO a long time ago, but I was blinded by some boys who threw acid in my face.

My daughter then took up reading the AFRO to me. I was 40 years old at the time and remained blind for 10½ years.

When my aunt died, she left me a very special present: her eyes. I have been able to see ever since my 51st birthday.

On August 13 I will be 77.

George W. Byrd
689 W. Mulberry St.
Baltimore, 21201

Indeed I find it so happy and gratifying to be around on the 75th birthday of the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers. I've been reading it for about 35 years.

In those years, I've found the editorials and other features timely and interesting. It has been both a comforting and an interesting pastime throughout the years.

I particularly enjoy the sports and magazine sections.

I have played many of the contests which Mr. Bumble runs and occasionally I have won a few.

The AFRO has been a leader in the colored community of our city and has given of itself immeasurably.

Its position during times of crises has contributed to the endurance and the increasing of knowledge of all people.

I may not be around when you celebrate your 76th anniversary so I want you to know how things are with me right now.

I'll just leave this thought with you: ORCHIDS TO A GREAT AND INSPIRING NEWSPAPER.

Mrs. Cornelia Walton
957 N. Chapel St.
Baltimore, 21202

I am happy to send you the name and address of my mother so that she can celebrate her 75th birthday along with you.

She was born August 20, 1892.

Just seven years ago she retired from Church Home and Hospital. She worked there for 35 years.

She has two daughters and one grandson, two great-grandchildren and always reads the AFRO.

Her name is MRS. DAISY WATSON, 2025 Llewelyn Ave., Baltimore, 21213.

The Legend Of Jocko

The liberty-loving American colonies rebelled against the tyranny of the English King, George III. They formed the Continental Congress and recruited an army. On June 15, 1775 George Washington was elected commander.

The Revolutionary War was bloody and hard. By December, 1776, General Washington faced defeat because the British had superior forces.

Congress had fled to Baltimore as Philadelphia appeared doomed to capture. Port Washington at the northern end of Manhattan had fallen, and the Red-Cots had taken 3,000 patriots. Field Commander Lord Cornwallis had been detailed to close in on General Washington and his hard pressed colonials.

Depression

Scores of patriots were deserting the militia. Many continentals' enlistments were about to expire. Others hae not received their pay. Depression was everywhere. What was General Washington to do?

Washington sorely needed a victory. He justhad to do something to rally his forces. So he decided to attack th British and the Hessians' forces at Trenton. He would cross the Delaware River which was choked with great masses of floating ice and would surprise the enemy by attacking on Christmas night.

To do this in the frezing cold and snow; to ferry a whole army, weapons and supplies across the river in secret, was an important and tremendous venture. Washington knew that this would lift the patriotic morale of the tattered and despondent revolutionists.

Horses

Finally, with 2,400 troops on December 24, 1776, Washington began his brilliant coup. The high daring of his attack and its success now rested on whether the horses promised by the colonial spies on the Jerseyside of the Delaware would be waiting.

Spririted horses for the General and hi officers could not be ferried across the raging andicy river because the boats were too shallow and the fiery harges could not stand on the slipper barges.

Washington and his officer had to hav these horses. His army was lading at three points on he shore. How else could his staff mount up, reform their lines, rawly the men, and lead the charges. "O God!" prayed Washnton, "Please have the horses ready."

As he neared the shore very early that morning, he peered ttrough the faling snow searching for a glimpse of the horses. Did he see them? Yes! There they were, all tied to a stump of a tree.

As he landed and neared the precious steeds, he discovered that they were not secured to a stump. No, not of stump! The horses were held by a little colored boy. Hewas covered with ice and snow and sood fozen to death.

Voulnteers

All night long Jocko had stood there freezing from ice and snow. Te had crossed earlier with his father, Tom Graves. Tom was among the ixty colored volunteer troops in Washinton's immediate comtand. When ptriots were needed to secret2ly collect and herd the horses on the Jersey de, Graves was among the volunteers.

His son, Jocko, having the attributes of a normal boy tagged along wi his father. When the horses were gathered, some one asked, "Who will hold the General's horses?" Jocko was quick to step forward, saying, "I will."

When General Washington realized the supreme sacrifice made by the little colored boy, he was very much impressed. He told his oficers about it and they in turn told their men whose hopes and valor were restored as if by magic.

The colonial charged the Red Coats and Hessians at Trenton, routing the garrison, killing and capturing over 1,000 ryalists. Only four patriots died; two in battle, and two frozen to death. Jocko is counted among the latter.

At the was the turning point for Washington. Nicholas Ressewell, who knew the father of our country personally, wrote the followi:

Extolled

Six weeks ago . . . I was lameenting the unhappy situation of the Americans and and pitying the wretched conditions of the much beloved General . . . But now the scale is turned and Washington's name is extolled to the clouds.

After the War, and after serving as the first President of the United States, George Washington returned to his estate at Mount Vernon. There he ordered two things erected commemorating America's great political and military crisis:

A Dove of Peace in ironwork was added to the cupola as a weather vane and a statue of Jocko stepping bravely forward to hold the horses as if saying, "I will," was set up on the lawn before the manion.

Today on lawns and in front of homes and lans throughout America, and even in far-away lands, may be found statues of Jocko, the brave little colored boy, who willingly gave his life for his country. It is praiseworthy to honor him, who like so many others, have made America the home of the brave and thee land of the free.

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DEGRADATION

A religion can no more afford ao degrade its Devil that to degrade its God. HAVELOCK ELLIS

75th CONTEST RULES

1. *In 125 words or less write your entry entitled 75th Anniversary Contest.*
2. *Mail your entry to me, Booker T. Bumble, AFRO Magazine Section, P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md. 21203.*
3. *Make sure that your entry is neat as possible and written as clearly as possible. Illegible letters will be disqualified.*
4. *Only one entry per person or club.*
5. *If club or organization is celebrating its 75th birthday, a picture taken at its inception or other identifying material must accompany letter.*
6. *Persons 75 years old must send photo with letter.*
7. *A self-addressed stamped envelope must accompany all material you wish to have returned.*
8. *Deadline for the contest is August 13th. No letters will be accepted after this date.*