Pioneer receives Candlelight Award

Murphy recalls ADA's fight against segregation

(Continued from Page 1)

Stating unemployment is the root of crime, divorce and such national ills as suicide and illiteracy, Piniey said the bill requires full government support as well as the cooperation of all citizens "or it's an impossible task."

Mr. Murphy received a plaque for his service for more than 30 years as ADA president on two occasions and membership on the board, local and national, and many committees.

He was cited as one of the few persons in the nation who had the vision to advocate family planning and other human welfare causes "long before they were popular."

The semi retired AFRO comptroller of more than 50 years service, Mr. Murphy was termed a fearless leader who championed the group's pioneer role in public affairs, in social and civic progress."

Noteworthy was his acceptance speech which recorded not only ADA's historic activity on the Baltimore civil rights scene but on the national level as well.

Howard H. Murphy

Accenting the fact that ADA Candlelight Award was established in 1977 on the principle "It is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness," he recalled:

"ADA is a very necessary part of United State life, a gathering place of - a - sort and training organization for many people who want to be active in good causes."

Among those listed as members and guests were Rep. Parren J. Mitchell; Sens. Paul Sarbanes and Charles Mathias; Supreme Bench Judges Milton B. Allen, Robert B. Watts, Marshall Levin, Elsbeth Levy Bothe; Dels. Troy Brailey and Walter Dean; Harry R. Hughes, Sens. Steny Hoyer and Verda Welcome; David Glenn; Councilman Tom Waxter; William Boucher and representatives from more than 20 Maryland, Washington D.C. and Delaware unions, postal organizations and lodges.

SIT-INS

Desegregating Poly was probably ADA's most spectacular victory against darkness but members continued active in civil rights causes as the movement grew in the 60s.

We joined the sit-ins at the Lexington Street dime store lunch counters when no black person could get a cup of coffee anywhere downtown.

We demonstrated at Gwynn Oak, and on the famous Sunday afternoon when the Towson jail was filled with protesters against local inequality, ADA mebers were among them. Bill Engleman represented Baltimore ADA at the great Selma march for the right to vote in 1963, refusing compensation for expenses, knowing the constant depressed state of ADA treasury.

EVEN WATERGATE

When the Vietnam war protests began, we were there, joining vigils here, and journeying to Washington for national demonstrations. Always we attended ADA national Board meetings and conventions, helping to form policy in matters of disarmament, Watergate, impeachment of Nixon, energy, unemployment and other domestic matters.

ADA supports the unions when they try to dispel the darkness surrounding workers in hospitals and nursing homes. Our most recent activity has been support for the group, Marylanders for the Right to Choose, working to win Medicare aid for poor women needing abortions.

What I cherish most in my association with ADA over the years is knowing and working with the people of goodwill who are its officers and members. None has done more to dispel the surrounding darkness than Henry and Hannah Waskow whose idea it was to establish this Candlelight Award.

From my heart, I thank them and all of you.

HISTORY TRACED

In accepting this award, I express pride that you think I may have helped light some candles instead of just cursing the darkness in Baltimore.

I can best express my appreciation by describing the darkness that ADA has expelled and to mention some of the ADA members it has been my pleasure and good fortune to work with in rolling back some of the darkness.

In the early 1950's Americans everywhere were beginning to see that our number one social problem was that of race. Handicapped by a segregated society we could not take the position of world leadership that World War II had forced upon us.

Baltimore ADA decided that the time had come to attack segregation, and the best place to start was in the schools where the doctrine of "separate but equal" had prevailed for fifty years.

POLY INTEGRATED

The perfect local example of the failure of "separate but equal" was the A - course at the Polytechnic Institute.

No black could be admitted to this course and there was no similar course in any black school.

In 1952, under the presidency of Herbert Fedder, ADA began the project of integrating Poly.

Ms. Peggy Randol was chairman of the committee which brought in the Urban League, the NAACP and the Teachers Union.

A frantic school board promptly set about establishing such a course but the brilliant job of research and the tactical skill of ADA soon put the Board to shame.

In September 1952 Poly was desegregated.

This was the first victory in the nation for the cause of equality in the public schools, and it came two years before the great May 17, 1954 Supreme Court decision.

The successful two - year period of desegregation at Poly convinced the School Board that Baltimore was ready for equality in education. When the 1954 decision came, Baltimore was the first city south of the Mason and Dixon line to announce that segregation in its schools was ended.

Public Works lowers property tax rate

ANNAPOLIS — Maryland homeowners received about $10.8 million in tax relief Wednesday from the State Board of Public Works, which reduced the state property tax rate from 23 cents to 20 cents.

The state loses about $3.6 million in tax revenue for every penny the state property tax rate is lowered.

The reduction is connected to a $100 million property tax relief program passed by the General Assembly.

The money to make up the lost revenue comes from the $128 million state surplus and the favorable revenue estimates for fiscal 1979, the board said.

State property tax revenue for fiscal 1979, at 20 cents per $100 of assessed value, is expected to reach $72 million.

"We are able to cut the tax rate because of cooperative efforts to limit bond issues by the Board of Public Works, which sells Maryland general obligation bonds, and the General Assembly, which must authorize bond issues, as well as an increased emphasis on a 'pay as you go' policy for some state construction projects," said State Comptroller Louis Goldstein.

The Board of Public Works also made a major decision to accept a proposed plan in which Penn Central Railroad would pay the state cash and securities equaling the $7.1 million it owes in taxes unpaid since 1970.

Penn Central, which announced bankruptcy in 1970, owes 16 states and various other creditors up to $450 million in taxes and fees, according to Assistant Attorney General Gerald Langbaum.

Under the federal reorganization plan for the bankrupt railroad, Maryland would be paid $5 million in back taxes and interest and would assume control of the railroad's north - central line that runs through Baltimore County, worth another $2.1 million.

The plan would be guaranteed through federally secured notes.

In repaying the $5 million of unpaid taxes, Penn Central will give the state an immediate cash settlement of 26.4 percent of the total when the plan is officially approved by the other states and the U.S. District Court in Philadelphia.

The state will receive another 17.6 percent of the total by the end of 1979.

The rest of the taxes and interest will be paid by 1987.

Levels higher than last year

BG and E says residents used more gas this winter

The Baltimore Gas and Electric Co. said that its customers used seven percent more natural gas last winter than during the winter of 1976 - 77, although the season was only slightly colder.

The company said local utilities were the major reason for the increased usage.

Gas used by residential customers was about the same during the two winters, and it was not necessary to seek a gas hookup moratorium as did other utilities in the state.

Figures show that 190 of metropolitan Baltimore's biggest businesses received half of the gas they needed during the winter, compared to only 10 percent of the gas required during the previous year, said B G and E.

The company said it had about the same amount of gas to sell in each of the two years, but the 50 percent supplied during the past winter was still below the amounts for earlier winters.

No predicitions on next year's gas supply have been released yet, said the company.

The company said the winter season, which it considered to be ended by April 1, had 4,244 "degree days", the measurement used to determine how much heat is needed.

The more degree days, the more heat is needed, the company said.

In comparison, the 1976 - 77 winter season used 4,273 "degree days", but the average for the past 30 years has been 3,933 the company said.

During the winter of 1977 - 78, B. G and E sent 525 million therms of gas through its pipelines, compared to a total of 490 million in 1976 - 77, according to company statistics.

Pregnant women need fatty acids

Improper brain development and mental retardation in infants can be linked to a deficiency of essential fatty acids in the diets of pregnant women and infants, University of Maryland scientists said Wednesday.

Drs. Anthony T. Campagnoni, Mark Keeney and Mary C. McKenna made the conclusion from tests performed during their work as biochemists at the University of Maryland Agricultural Experiment Station.

"Essential fatty acids are needed for proper myelination — a process that produces 'insulators' around nerve fibers which transmit brain impulses," Campagnoni said. "Myelination occurs in the last three months of pregnancy in humans and continues for the first year of life."

He said people who could run into serious problems with essential fatty acid deficiencies are young pregnant women whose diets consist of "junk" food, which does not have enough unsaturated fats to provide the fatty acids.

"A balanced diet supplies plenty of essential fatty acids," Campagnoni said. "Most vegetable oils are an excellent source. Corn and soybean oil rate high in this respect."

The United States recommended daily allowance for essential fatty acids is two percent of the caloric intake for infants and one percent for adults. Five percent of the calories of Milk from well - nourished mothers are supplied from the fatty acids, the scientists said.

NOTICE

The Park Heights Jewish school in Baltimore city. The school does not discriminate on the basis of race, creed or color and is presently seeking 501C3 tax exempt status from the Federal Government 4/19/78.

P.O. Box 2541
Arlington Station
Baltimore, Maryland
21215

Mathias wants creation of rights institute

Sen. Charles McC. Mathias Jr., R - Md., has joined Sens. Claiborne Pell, D - R.I. and Dick Clark, D - Iowa in introducing a bill to establish an Institute for Human Rights and Freedom.

The Institute, Mathias said, "would promote respect for an observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms in foreign countries. It would provide financial assistance only to nongovernmental organizations and individuals.

Social work seminar to be held

The Student Social Work Organization of Morgan State University is presenting their annual spring seminar. This year's theme is "The Black Man: An Endangered Species."

The seminar will be held Wednesday, April 26, from noon to 4 p.m., in Jenkins Building, Room 104 at Morgan State University. There will be several guest speakers addressing this topic.

For further information contact the Social Work Department 444-3537.

The public as well as students and faculty are cordially invited.

We're American Airlines. Doing what we do best.

American's SuperFares™

Save up to 45% with SuperSavers — With American's new SuperSaver fares between New York and California, you save 45% of the regular roundtrip Coach fare if you fly Monday thru Thursday, and 35% if you fly Friday thru Sunday. And to any other American Airlines destination in the continental U.S., you save 40% Monday thru Thursday, and 30% Friday thru Sunday. Seats are limited and certain restrictions apply.

Save 20% on Day Excursion Fares — Take the family on a Day Excursion roundtrip to any American Airlines city in the continental U.S. for 20% off the regular day coach fare. (Savings 15% between June 1-Sept.14.) Just make reservations and buy tickets at least 7 days ahead. You can return no sooner than the Sunday following your departure, and maximum stay is 30 days.

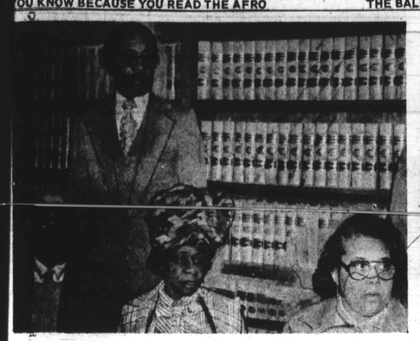
Save 20% on Nightcoach Fares — Going by Nightcoach, you and yours can fly between selected cities with no restrictions. And you save 20% off regular day coach fares.

Kids 50% — When you fly on SuperSaver or excursion fares, kids 2 thru 11 can fly with you for half the regular coach fare. (Save 47% on Nightcoach flights.)

Call American or your Travel Agent for information and reservations. And ask about our SuperTours too. Selected excursion fares expire on December 31, 1978.

It takes everyone to be Number One. The Airline Passengers Association has again named American Airlines the No. 1 choice for domestic air travel. And the No. 1 reason is still service. We think it's because of 36,000 courteous, efficient American employees. And one of them is Suzette Mack, ticket sales agent.

American



Merritt photo

TRUSTEES witnessing the historic transfer of the Samuel Ready School property to their United Church of God in Christ, Apostolic, are the officials (L to R) McNeil Brockington, Eugene Sims, Mrs. Bera Sims, Mrs. Katie Brooks.

Merritt photo

THE PASSING OF THE DEED from the old Samuel Ready School to new owners is accomplished by (L to R) Bud Williams, chairman of the board, Samuel Ready Inc. to Bishop Monroe H. Saunders and Mrs. Saunders at the April 18 settlement. Their lawyers are Rosser Pettit and Robert Lemback.

Bishop Saunders buys Samuel Ready School

A swank suburban Baltimore private school whose grounds, furnishings and facilities are valued in the millions was purchased this week by the Apostolic Faith Church — making a dream come true for Baltimore's Bishop Monroe H. Saunders, pastor and founder of the denomination's First United Church of God in Christ Apostolic at 3600 Copley Road.

When Bishop Saunders and church laymen concluded negotiations to acquire the Samuel Ready School property in Catonsville on April 17 at a base cost of more than $900,000 it was the end of a story that began for Bishop Saunders when he worked years ago as a porter for the same school he was later to purchase on behalf of his church.

The Ready school, which is set back on 21 acres of land on Baltimore National Pike, is situated one third in Baltimore County and two thirds in the city.

The school, founded in 1887 by Samuel Ready, a Fells Point lumberman and sail maker, was once for orphaned girls and was located at North Avenue and Harford Road.

When it moved to Baltimore National Pike, it became a boarding school for upper class girls, kindergarten through the 12th grade. In the 1950's girls of all races were enrolled. Boys were admitted before the school closed in the mid 1970's.

Now the school is owned by black citizens. Its worth is more than $6 million by the most conservative estimate and includes antique furnishings worth a fortune.

However, the history that leads to black ownership is even more meaningful than more monetary factors.

Bishop Sanders reveals he worked at the North and Harford School location as a porter when he was a youth and dreamed one day he would own an institution like that.

He kept his dream as he built his churches and watched the old school move to the spacious buildings in the stately suburbs in 1938.

Now the handmade walnut and oak bedroom, dining and living quarters' furnishings of the founder, Samuel Ready, have been taken to the Maritime Museum in Fells Point, the dream is real.

The great halls, classrooms, dormatory, music and science rooms and libraries are his and his members' possessions.

The headmaster and headmistress's offices, the walnut and marble appointments, apartments and everything in the lower and upper school areas can be converted to another part of the bishop's dream: a quality school for youngsters from kindergarten through high school.

The property not only includes the main building but also a gymnasium with auditorium and stage.

There are the tennis courts, formal courtyards adjoining and a Cape Cod cottage and triple car garage.

Bishop Saunders' many committees and boards are wasting no time getting ready for the conversion of the old dream.

This weekend Trustee Bertram Merritt, the vice principal of Forest Park High School, leads a church educational committee of more than a dozen members and trustees to Youngstown, Ohio to examine a quality religious school as a model.

Merritt told the AFRO, "We plan a regular, quality, private school with Christian emphasis and we want to see something like that in operation."

Bishop Saunders himself is in Washington reviewing government standards for private parochial educational facilities.

Other church members play a leading role in preservation of the grounds and buildings and preparation for opening this fall.

Administrators and faculty job descriptions must be outlined and highest quality executives and teachers employed.

Other jobs to be filled include personnel for the kitchens, recreation facilities, music, science, art and the several libraries.

Much of the original furnishings are still there but Bishop Saunders has definite "colonial" motif plans for the auditoriums, great halls and reception rooms.

The chapels are presently non-denominational but will be converted to reflect the Apostolic faith.

Highlighting the main building's large rooms and areas is the auditorium, spacious and equipped with a stage.

A projection room rises above the rear of the balcony which seats 100 persons. The lower auditorium seats 275.

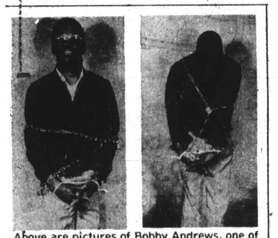
Some of the many bathrooms have solid marble showers and tubs.

The caretaker reports that inspectors have often remarked how the buildings are virtually fireproof.

Language, audio-visual and music rooms are electrically equipped and fireproofed as are the science laboratories.

The hospital areas are equipped with modern facilities.

NATURAL HAIR GROWTH
MEN & WOMEN
3 MONTH SIZE $6.75 — 6 MONTH SIZE $9.75
Longer, Thicker, Dandruff Free Hair. In 30 Days or Your Money Back.
Krieger Drugs 2877 W. Lafayette Ave.
Broadway Drugs 1645 E. Balto. St.



Above are pictures of Bobby Andrews, one of the city's strongest athletes who is open for bookings or shows. He can be reached by calling 728-9131, 9 to 9 or 367-6583.

Nubian Baby Book winner

Jolly Janice

JANICE NIKOL DAVIS is the daughter of Annie Louise Curry and James Davis.

Today is my lazy day
I'll simply chase rainbows
While Angels' harps
Make sweet sounds in my ear.
by Dorothy C. Alves

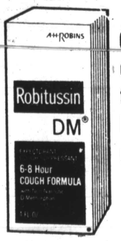
SEND FOR FORM

There is no charge for printing wedding and engagement stories and pictures in the AFRO. Send for the special AFRO Wedding Form which gives prospective brides all of the details for publication. Write: Wedding Form, c/o AFRO-AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS, P.O. Box 1817, Baltimore, Md. 21203.

York Committee to meet

The York - Coldspring Action Area will hold its general meeting Wednesday, April 26, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Govans United Methodist Church, 5210 York Road.

The meeting will focus on discussion of a series of recommended improvements to the York - Coldspring Planning Process.



6-8 hour cough formula. Non-narcotic, good-tasting.

$1.97 4 oz.

Red's 2013 Edmondson Ave.
Hopkins 3101 St. Paul
B-N-M 523 Edmondson Ave.
Flag Court 1008 E. Lombard St.
Jepp's 1831 Mosher St.
Krgis 1401 W. Baltimore St.
Lloyd Phcy 411 Lloyd St.

AT ALL TRACT VALUE STORES

Kodak introduces Colorburst™ instant cameras

Instant color by Kodak. You get it only from Kodak instant cameras.
Now, there's a low-priced, motorized instant camera that gives you what no other motorized instant camera can—bright, brilliant, bursting color by Kodak. And it's so simple. Just press the button and out pops a clean, white print that turns to magnificent color right before your eyes. Like magic. It's completely automatic, no timing, no peeling apart, no mess.

Close up or far away, focusing's a snap.
Kodak's "zooming circle" helps get you clear, sharp pictures of your favorite people because it lets you set the focus quickly and easily.

The 200—with protective lens cover

Tough, durable prints.
An elegant, textured Satinluxe™ finish protects prints from smears, fingerprints. You can even wash spills off with water.

Electronic flash pictures.
Colorburst instant cameras use flipflash or electronic flash. The *Kodak* electronic flash has an electric eye that gives you correct exposures automatically. Great for fill flash outdoors when the sun is behind or on the side of your subject. And you can buy a Colorburst instant camera in a handy kit that also includes a Kodak electronic flash.

Only Kodak instant cameras give you vertical or horizontal pictures.
Just change the camera position. Hold it upright for a horizontal group shot, sideways for a single vertical subject. And, you can have copies made of your favorite pictures, from wallet size to enlargements.

Easy-to-use cameras—lovely-to-look-at prints.
Colorburst instant cameras are comfortable to hold—with just enough weight for shooting stability. Best of all, Kodak instant cameras give you what no other motorized instant camera can—bright, brilliant, bursting color by Kodak.

Kodak

© Eastman Kodak Company, 1978