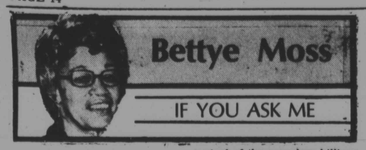

Bettye Moss
IF YOU ASK ME

A sad story

Sometimes the news is so sad you hate to write it . . . it is so with this story about Ralph Edward ('Peetey') Parker, because it is typical of the senseless killings in our community.

Just 32, Ralph was shot to death on Halloween night as he crossed the street in the 2000 block W. North Ave. He was a fourth generation member of old

VICTIM — Police are still looking for killer of Ralph Edward Parker, member of well-known northwest Baltimore family gunned down on Halloween night. See more in If You Ask Me.

Baltimore families who have struggled to make things brighter for others.

Those who have watched him grow up knew him as a talented youngster with great promise. He was a 1971 Northwestern High grad, held a degree in personnel management from Towson State U., had worked as a teacher and more recently joined USF and G. His artistic paintings are treasured by relatives and friends.

Relatives say Parker was en route home from a visit to his fraternity house, (Omega Psi Phi), when he was felled by a single gunshot wound to the chest, believed to have been fired from a passing green car.

Police spokeswoman Arlene Jenkins told this column detectives are still investigating, have no suspects and no arrests.

Mother ill

What makes this death even sadder is that Parker's mother, Mrs. Lois Parker, is recovering from major surgery, is confined to their Grantley Rd. home, where the slain son, Robert, and his brother, Raymond, the Lemmel teacher, were caring for her. She was unable to attend his funeral Tuesday noon at Douglas Memorial Church.

The pastor, Rev. Marion C. Bascom, observed, "We come here to tend to the pain, the shock, the trauma . . . there is so much sadness and hurt, but there is no better place to come than to the place where he was christened . . . so Ralph comes home to rest . . ."

He urged listeners not to ask the why of his death but to remember that death is inevitable, and that we should deal with the whenless . . . and how we take it is what matters.

He recalled that Mrs. Parker and her family were charter members of Douglas Church, and were active when he assumed the pastorate 37 years ago. ("They were all members of this church when I came"). Ralph was a lifetime member of the church, began in the Sunday School and was in church last Sunday. "Go home to rest my young friend . . ." His brother Raymond, sings on the choir.

Beautiful was the singing of the 35 - voice choir - in white vestments, with soloists Rose McCarther and Rufus Graves ("O Lord Be Merciful" by Bartlett and "If With All Your Heart" by Mendelssohn). Spencer Hammond was at the organ. Some 75 Omega men participated in the fraternity rites, under leadership of George McKinney and Kevin Toliver. Clarence Henderson directed the melodious hymn.

Their share

Cuff notes: Please send thinking-of!you cards to Mrs. Lois Parker and her family. They have had their share of sadness.

Many remember, husband and father, Earl I. Parker Sr., was one of the pioneers to open jobs for black workers in the A and P, went on to lead fight to become one of the first licensed plumbers in the state.

And we remember his untimely death — we were there when he collapsed and died at a Valentine's Day neighborhood gathering back in February, 1969. And, we remember, too, that sad day back in 1948, when first son, four - year - old Earl Jr., was killed by car.

Other survivors: Daughter, Joyce now Mrs. Sylvester Cox of Pasadena, Calif., where she is an educator, he's an architect; the son, Raymond, the Lemmel Middle School teacher; and aunts and uncles, Theola Hall, Nathaniel and Jackie Giles, Effie Bowser, Naomi Thompson and Anna Parker.

UNCF-'85

The 1985 Maryland Campaign for the United Negro College Fund (UNCF), kicked off its 1985 fund raiser with a reception on Wednesday evening, (Nov. 6), at the Belvedere Hotel.

Some 125 persons turned out to promise support for the UNCF's annual Lou Rawls Parade of Stars the national television UNCF party fundraiser. It airs December 28.

Mrs. Laura Knight, the Baltimore city school exec., is chair of the television special. She presided at the reception program which featured welcomes and pledges from Belvedere chief, Victor Frenkil, who chairs the Md. UNCF drive, along with Dr. Levi Watkins Jr., the Hopkins professor, Md.'s 1985 goal is $500,000.

Gracious workers on hand to greet guests included Thelma Daley, Marion Patterson, Sara Smalley, Hazel Parks.

Bill Hart, a graduate of Tuskegee, one of the 43 UNCF colleges, cited the work being done by Westinghouse Corp., where he is unit manager. ("Westinghouse has long recognized that good must come from all segments of our community ...")

Who was there

More faces in the crowd: Syd King, whose WBAL-TV airs the Lou Rawls show in Maryland; M. Diane Fields, the UNCF staff director was there. UNCF office is at 1 E. Chase, phone 752-8623.

Also about UNCF staff consultant Harriet Exum.

City Councilwoman Jackie McLean was there . . . so were C and P's Carl Smith, pharmacist Dr. David Scott and wife, Norma, Dr. and Mrs. Bruce Russell, (Alice), who advise that Nathaniel Reynolds, died in Los Angeles. He was the brother of the late AFRO staffer, Medford Reynolds.

Also spied, kindly Iris Williams, now residential sales counselor with Otis Warren Co. . . . And, Dr. Vernon Gray, Del. Elijah Cummings, and Judge Mabel Hubbard — who received Deltas' high honor a week back, along with WEBB's Dorothy Brunson.

Judge Hubbard was with the six other sitting judges who greeted UNCF guests and pledged support. The other six: Judges Hilard Caplan, Kathleen Friedman, Clifton Gordy, who spoke for the group; David Mitchell, David Ross and Marvin Steinberg.

More faces in the crowd: Energetic Mary Robinson, who manages to wear many hats effectively, and Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Sutton, (Essie), who were fresh from University Hospital, where their son Ronald, was admitted earlier in the day. He's 32, and is a loan officer with the Municipal Employees Credit Union. Get well cards, please to him — hope his slipped disc won't keep him in too long.

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THE AFRO

HE'S BACK

Mr. Arthur Bradford of Brooklyn, N.Y. is back in the U.S.A. after having spent most of his adult life conducting Christians crusades in several countries in East & West Africa, several countries in Central and South America, India and several other countries. Mr. Bradford is a native of South Carolina, and spent his early life in Baltimore. Mr. Bradford has a keen knowledge of ten languages, however, he speaks and understand seven languages. We are now reaching people in more than 100 countries, through TV, Radio, Newspapers, Magazines, Tracts and the spoken word. If the Lord lead you to send us a gift to assist us in our work, we will send you free a booklet filled with photos of people from many countries, and ten major subjects I feel that you would be most interested in; one full page is written in seven languages. Please pray for our Philadelphia Crusade. Please write, call or visit us. Call ! (718) 257-3773. God loves you and we do too. THE ARTHUR BRADFORD EVANGELISTIC ASSOCIATION, 729 Cleveland St., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11208.

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WINTLEY PHIPPS
(Nationally known gospel singer)
In Concert
Sunday, November 12, 1985
4:00 P.M.
at
Metropolitan United Methodist Church
Lanvale Street at Carrollton Avenue
Donation - - - - $3.00
Come and have your soul revived!
Dr. Irvin C. Lockman, Minister — Mrs. Estella Cage, Chairman

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LOGAN KEARSE, D.D., LL.D., S.T.D. Founder and Pastor
and
INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT,
METROPOLITAN SPIRITUAL CHURCHES OF CHRIST
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1985
10:50 a.m. ..... Morning Worship
Dr. Kearse, Preaching
8:00 p.m. ..... Evening Worship
10:05 p.m.-11 p.m. — Broadcast Service over WITH, 123AM
"ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE TO THEM THAT BELIEVE"

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
2701 W. BALTIMORE STREET BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21223
ELDER C. GREEN, Pastor
Sunday, November 10, 1985
"God is our refuge and strength," a very present help in trouble." Psalm 46:1
9:00 A.M. — Sunday School (All ages)
10:30 A.M. — Live Radio Broadcast WYST 10:10 A.M. dial
11:00 A.M. — Morning Worship Service
Sermon by Elder C. Green
3:30 P.M. — The Willing Heart Workers will celebrate their 21st Anniversary. They will feature The Whites Male Chorus of Balto.
7:30 P.M. — Miss Davora McWilliams will be presented in Concert
Sponsored by the Jr. Men
Friday, November 15, 1985
8:00 P.M. — A Work of Worship with the Gospel in Song. Featuring the Imani Messengers of Bethel A.M.E. Church and The Spiritual Lights of Balto.
Sponsored by Jr. Men
ELDER C. GREEN, Founder & Pastor

MORNING STAR BAPTIST CHURCH OF CHRIST
"The Witnessing Church"
1063 West Fayette Street
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1985
95th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY
18th ANNIVERSARY OF OUR PASTOR
8:00 a.m. ..... PRAISE & SPIRITUAL HEALING SERVICE
8:45 a.m. ..... CHURCH SCHOOL — Deacon William Nelson, Director
9:45 a.m. ..... CHURCH/COMMUNITY HOUR, Dr. Cynthia Neverdon-Morton, Director
SPEAKER: Mrs. Geraldine S. Curry
TOPIC: Eating For Life: Developing Good Nutritional Habits
11:00 a.m. ..... MORNING WORSHIP
MUSIC The Anthem: "Glorious Things Of Thee Are Spoken" ..... Haydn
The Spiritual: "Everytime I Feel the Spirit" ..... arr. Dawson
Bro. James R. Peterson, Director
PREACHING: ..... Reverend Dr. Marion C. Bascom, Douglass Memorial Community Church
3:30 p.m. ..... PREACHING: Reverend Elmore Warren, Whitestone Baptist Church, Choirs and Congregation
MONDAY, November 11, 7:30 p.m. Reverend William Brown, Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, Choirs and Congregation
TUESDAY, November 12, 7:30 p.m. Reverend Wendell Phillips, Heritage United Church of Christ, Choirs and Congregation
WEDNESDAY, November 13, 7:30 p.m. Reverend William Calhoun, Trinity Baptist Church, Choirs and Congregation
THURSDAY, November 14, 7:30 p.m. Reverend William King, Simmons Memorial Baptist Church, Choirs and Congregation
FRIDAY, November 15, 7:30 p.m. Reverend Frank Tucker, First Baptist Church, Washington, D.C., Choirs and Congregation
Reverend Dr. Samuel Ray, Pastor

FELLOWSHIP MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH OF CHRIST
319 N. Schroeder Street
Balto., MD 21223
Pastor Tyrone B. Griffin, Founder
(301) 523-9883
Nov. 10, 1985
9:30 A.M. ..... Fellowship at School
11:00 A.M. ..... Fellowship at Worship
Pastor Griffin preaching
5:00 P.M. ..... Prince of Peace Baptist Church
Rev. Dr. R. Moses Williams, Pastor and Founder
"A Church of Love and Faith"
Sunday, Nov. 17, 1985, we will worship with the Winston Ave. Baptist Church, 3900 Greenmount Ave. 5:00 p.m. Rev. Dr. Westbrook, pastor.

FULTON BAPTIST CHURCH
1624-30 WEST NORTH AVE.
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1985
81st Annual Women's Day
Theme — Women of Fulton Fulfilling Their Christian Stewardship
9:30 A.M. ..... Church Bible School, Mrs. Ethel Fitchett, Superintendent
11:00 A.M. ..... Worship — Speaker — Dr. Peggy Walls, Bethel AME Church
4:00 P.M. ..... Worship — Speaker — Rev. Jerald Brunson, Southern Baptist Church
Music by the Angelic Choir
First Baptist Church of Guilford
MRS. MABEL S. GEE, Chairperson
MRS. EDDIE TAYLOR, Co-Chairperson
REV. DOUGLAS WILSON, Pastor

SUNDAY, NOV. 10, 1985
Women's Day
COME/ HEAR/ SEE/
"CHRISTIAN WOMEN, walking, working, and witnessing in the Spirit of Christ"
COME To
Gillis Memorial C.C. Church
4016 Park Heights Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21216
HEAR
Three Dynamic Speakers
8:30 a.m. — Minister Myrna Powell, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Baltimore, Maryland
11:00 a.m. — Rev. Violet Fisher, Kings Apostles Church, Odenton, Maryland
3:30 p.m. — Evang. Gloria Swirwinga, Peoples Church, Washington, D.C.
See:
GOD work through these Speakers and THE WOMEN OF GILLIS ON THEIR 46th observance of Women's Day.

CHAIRPERSON
Mrs. Margaret Harris

CO-CHAIRPERSON
Mrs. Celestine Knight

DINNER IS FREE — ALL ARE WELCOME
REV. DR. THEODORE C. JACKSON (PASTOR)
GILLIS MEMORIAL C.C. CHURCH

ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Lafayette and Arlington Avenues
St. James' Episcopal Church
Lafayette Square
The Clergy
The Rev. Donald O. Wilson, D.D., L.H.D., Rector
The Rev. Robert T. Ford, ED. D., Deacon
Mr. Maurice Murphy, MUS. D., Choirmaster-Organist
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1985
8:00 A.M. ..... Holy Communion
9:00 A.M. ..... Family Service — Church School
11:00 A.M. ..... Choral Eucharist and Sermon
The public is cordially invited to attend.

DOUGLAS MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CHURCH
Lafayette and Madison Aves.
"The People of the Way"
Dr. Marion Curtis Bascom, Minister
James S. Hammond, M. Music
Juanita Hall Davis
Organist

Sunday, November 10, 1985
8:00 and 11:00 Services
Officiating Minister:
Dr. Marion C. Bascom

Music:
8:00 and 11:00 Services
Dr. Bascom
8:00 a.m. — On Great Lone Hills
— Jan Sibelius
Ride the Chariot
— arr. William H. Smith
11:00 — How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place
— Johannes Brahms
Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit
— arr. William Dawson

Glittering audience honors Druid Y on its centennial

(AFRO Photos by P. A. Greene and John H. Murphy, III)

Scherron Joseph Lee tries to hold back tears as he receives a plaque honoring his grandfather, Joseph Lee, once known as Mr. Y. The youth's mother, Mrs. Alice Lee, consoles her son.

Two members of the Druid Branch Board of Managers are shown. They are Jessie Warren and Kathryn Waters.

Mrs. Reba Smith served 'behind the desk' at the Druid Avenue Y for over 50 years.

Dr. Slaughter brings the main address

Give a boy a light and'
He'll find his way;
Through the dark shadows of circumstances
That can lead him astray

He'll follow that light
As it leads to where he yearns to be,
It becomes his constant guide to unknown heights
That slowly unfold and set him free.

Written by Mrs. Janet Woolridge in honor of the Druid Hill Family Branch of the YMCA, the above two stanzas are from her poem, "The Gift of Light." All six stanzas were read at the recent celebration that drew a distinguished audience to commemorate the Y's 100th anniversary. Guest speaker was John L. Slaughter, chancellor of the University of Maryland's College Park campus. The Thursday, Oct. 24 dinner was at the Regency Terrace in northwest Baltimore.

"The 'Y' has withstood segregation and has endured integration," Dr. Slaughter said. He emphasized the decline of the economic condition of black people and explained that the cause of "our present problems are not always within. We must have a sense of self-worth and ability."

Dr. Lorenzo C. Handy, director of the Union Baptist Church Coffee House Ministry, presided.

"The Occasion" was presented by John A. Hargrave, Jr., chairman of the Board of Managers of the Druid Hill Family Branch.

Special greetings were offered by Lady Sara Carter on the behalf of the International YMCA and Larry Alvey, president of the Greater Baltimore YMCA.

A proclamation was presented by an official of the City of Baltimore, and the invocation was given by Bishop Harrison J. Bryant, retired prelate of the AME Church.

Retired Circuit Court judge, Robert B. Watts, introduced the speaker, Nathaniel Jackson, Druid Branch executive director, presented awards, and Mrs. Gail Halderman and Mrs. Janet Woolridge presided over the Ceremony of the Candles.

Music was provided by Ms. Gaynell Colburn, Miss Wheelchair America.

At left is Judge Robert L. Watts (ret.), Charles Howard, and Dr. John Slaughter, chancellor of the University of Maryland's College Park campus, who was the main speaker.

Members for oyer 50 years are, from left, Theodore 'Teddy' Stewart, Charles 'Gawky' Jones, Hiram Butler, and Osborne Dixon.

Guests are Johnnie Cothorn (left) and Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Owings.

Shown are Dr. Lorenzo Handy of Union Baptist Church and Dr. Earl Richardson, president of Morgan.

Shown are Nathaniel Jackson, YMCA Druid Branch executive director, Lady Sara Carter, of the Int'L YMCA, John Hargrave, chairman of the Druid Y's Board of Managers, and Mrs. Janet Woolridge, chairperson of the Banquet Committee.