Parrish acquitted in 4 cases of abortion; 2 cases pending

"I see no evidence at all here connecting Melvin Parrish to an abortion. There is nothing in any of their (prosecuting witnesses) testimony to show that Parrish assisted in any way in any abortions.

"At no time did he advise them. At no time did they pay him.

"The witnesses themselves are very candid in saying that they made arrangements with Iona Watson."

W. Emerson Brown Jr., attorney, advanced this argument in Criminal Court Wednesday as he successfully defended Melvin Parrish, 29, accused in four cases of abortion and conspiracy to perform illegal operations.

Acquittals in the cases were handed down by Judge John Rogers Carter.

Mr. Parrish, who resides at 1421 N. Bond St., still must face trial in two other cases of abortion and conspiracy.

IN COURT during the day-long trial but not called upon to testify was Mrs. Iona Dean Watson, 37, 1520 N. Bond, convicted on Jan. 17 of five cases of abortion and three of conspiracy.

Mrs. Watson and William Spicer, 31-year-old city fireman, convicted of conspiracy to perform an illegal operation, are still awaiting final disposition in their cases. Mr. Spicer lives at 2020 Kennedy Ave.

Abortion and conspiracy charges against Dr. James Blake, 50, 1603 N. Caroline St., were again postponed by the court. The prominent East Baltimore doctor is reportedly ill.

Joseph Rosenthal, attorney for Dr. Blake, said Wednesday he expects the cases to be docketed soon.

MR. PARRISH denied he had any connection with any alleged abortions. He admitted, however, that on one occasion he did transport a young woman to Caroline and Lafayette Sts at the request of Mrs. Watson and handed her a sealed envelope addressed to Dr. Blake.

The defendant also testified that he was at the home of Mrs. Watson when police raided the home on March 17.

Sgt. Ethyle Diven testified Wednesday that when the raid was conducted they found a seriously ill young woman at the house.

A medical report introduced into evidence by James Murphy, assistant State's attorney, showed the young woman was suffering from effects of an abortion.

Mr. Murphy questioned the dant closely concerning his relationship with Mrs. Watson. Mr. Parrish contended that he was hired to do some interior decorating for Mrs. Watson, which took several months.

AT ONE point this exchange took place:

Q.—What do you know about Mrs. Watson's reputation in the community?

A.—Well, as far as her reputation is concened, I think she has a wonderful reputation.

Q.—Do you know she was convicted for performing an abortion (referring to a 1954 conviction)?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And you know she had a record as an abortionist?

A.—No, she was a seamstress.

Q.—And you drove women to Dr. Blake's office on sealed orders from Mrs. Watson?

A.—Yes.

Four prosecuting witnesses who identified Mrs. Watson as having performed illegal operations upon them appeared to testify against Mr. Parrish.

Milton Allen, attorney, assisted Mr. Brown in defending the cases.

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No arrests yet in case of the beaten widow

Northwestern District police are still looking for the man who brutally beat a kindly 79-year-old widow early Sunday morning, during the Christmas season.

The window, Mrs. Mary L. Giles, 1621 Druid Hill Ave. was recently released from President Hospital, where she had been treated for injuries sustained in the beating, reportedly an attempt to rob her.

Mrs. Giles was reported as "coming along nicely" by one of her tenants, who also said that since the beating incident, Mrs. Giles has been trying to obtain as much rest as possible.

Medical group urges polio shots be taken

"We strongly recommend that all children be innoculated with the Salk vaccine because it is the best weapon we have to combat polio . . ."

Thus the local medical men, members of the Chi Delta Mu Fraternity, this week joined other health experts in urging parents to have their children take advantage of free polio prevention facilities.

The group of physicians, dentists and pharmacists endorsed the vaccine as safe, having been "satisfactorily proven" with the innoculation of "hundreds and thousands of children throughout the country."

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BEGINNING MONDAY, Feb. 11, the Baltimore City Health Department starts innoculating children in the schools, free of charge, the group announced.

The Health Department also maintains free clinics for innoculating infants, pre-school children and young adults.

The only requirement for the children to receive these free benefits is for that the parent sign a slip granting permission.

The medical group urged that parents take their children to private physicians if they preferred to do so. At any rate, they said, "this is the proper time to protect your child against this disease."

All persons between 3 months and 40 years of age, particularly children and expectant mothers are urged to obtain vaccine innoculation.

Immunization shots are available free of charge at the following clinics:

914 W. 36th St., Wednesdays at 9 a.m.
620 N. Caroline St., Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m.
2817 Oakley Ave., Fridays at 8:30 a.m.
3411 Bank St., Thursday at 12:30 p.m.
1211 Wall St., Fridays at 12:30 p.m.
University Hospital (Lombard and Greene Sts.) Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m.
1313 Druid Hill Ave., Druid Health Center, Tuesdays at 12 p.m.

J. Arnett Frisby's '54 claim upheld

The Md. Court of Appeals on Wednesday upheld the claim by J. Arnett Frisby, 1400 block Pennsylvania Ave. and a licensed real estate broker, that he is entitled to $2,187.50, minus the attorney's fee, as his share of a broker's commission for the sale of a church in 1954.

The decree resulted from a controversy between Mr. Frisby and another real estate broker, James J. Burrell, 600 block W. Franklin St., who appealed a Baltimore City Circuit Court ruling which awarded the fee to Mr. Frisby.

The church involved is the Central Summerfield Methodist Church building on Poplar Grove St.

IN MAY 1954, Pratheaus C. Land, a real estate agent, for Mr. Burrell, noticed a "For Sale" sign for the church building. The sign read: "H. B. Rollins Attorney on your broker." At that time, H. B. Rollins, an attorney, was the church's agent, authorized to handle the sale of the church property.

Contacted by Mr. Land, Mr. Rollins agreed to split the commission with Mr. Land, should Mr. Land get a buyer, who had not previously been interested in buying the church.

Mr. Burrell showed the property to another church, which later bought the property, but which at that time was not interested.

ABOUT TWO months later, Charles A. Reid, a real estate agent for Mr. Frisby, noticed the same "For Sale" sign and contacted an official of Central Summerfield Methodist Church, for permission to show the property to a possible buyer.

The buyer turned out to be the same church which Mr. Burrell's agent, Mr. Land, had previously contacted.

However, the courts ruled that the actual sale of the church property was the direct result of the efforts of Mr. Frisby and Mr. Reid.

Judge Reuben Oppenheimer in Circuit Court ruled that the sing on the church, "For Sale: H. B. Rollins Attorney or your broker" suggested an offer to pay half of the commission to any agent who was responsible for the sale, and that Mr. Frisby was responsible for the sale, and therefore entitled to the money.

Mr. Burrell appealed the order. A motion to dismiss the appeal filed by Mr. Frisby was overruled.

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THE DECISION handed down by the Court of Appeals notes that: "after Reid, Mr. Frisby's agent, saw the 'For Sale' sign, he tried to contact Rollins, but was not successful, as Rollins was not in town."

Mr. Reid did contact an officer of the church (the seller) and arranged to show the property.

"Shortly after Mr. Frisby showed the property, he wrote Rollins before the sale had been completed, saying that should the sale go through, he would be entitled to a full commission, as allowed by the Baltimore Real Estate Board.

Mr. Rollins, in turn, wrote back, informing Mr. Frisby that he would get only 50 per cent of the commission. Mr. Frisby, after obtaining legal advice, decided that he actually was entitled to only 50 per cent of the commission.

The Court of Appeals said in effect that there was a contract between Mr. Rollins and Mr. Frisby.

The ruling states:

"The sign reads: 'H. B. Rollins, Attorney or your broker.'

"If some purchaser had come direct to Mr. Rollins of course, the entire commissions were to be paid to Mr. Rollins.

Mr. Rollins put up the sign and he had authority to represent the church completely in the matter; in effect, he offered to pay part of the commissions to any 'broker' who brought a purchase and who was the procuring cause of a sale."

In upholding Judge Oppenheimer's decision, the Court of Appeals ruled that Mr. Frisby is entitled to half of the commission on the sale.

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'It's terrible,' writes mother to Governor

"I hope and pray that you will do something about this nuisance in Baltimore City as it is terrible that people must live in this manner."

This was the plea that was sent this week in a letter to Governor McKeldin by a housewife in the northeastern area of the city who said that several policemen entered her home without permission early Saturday morning.

Mrs. Ella Mae Veney, 1023 Somerset St., was the author of the letter in which she also complained that the officers:

"Entered my home by force, breaking the window glass of my door and almost knocking it off the hinges.

"When I asked them why did they do such a thing and whether they had a warrant, they told me they didn't need one. The way they talked to me made me feel so embarrassed that I could almost cry."

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IN AN interview with an AFRO reporter late Saturday, Mrs. Veney said that she was in bed about 2 a.m. when several officers knocked on her front door and made inquiries about her two sons, Robert, 20, and Samuel, 18, in connection with a disturbance at a tavern in the 1700 block Harford Ave.

"They shone lights in my face and I told them my sons weren't home," Mrs. Veney said.

At approximately 7 a.m., Mrs. Veney reported, the officers returned.

"I heard them knocking and before I could get downstairs they were inside the house," she said as she pointed to a side door leading out to a small areaway that runs along the side of the building.

The window of the door had been broken and according to Mrs. Veney it was undamaged before she went to bed.

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THE SECOND visit by the police resulted in the arrest of her son, Samuel, who was in bed, Mrs. Veney said.

In her letter to the Governor, Mrs. Veney said:

"I think it is a shame...I've often read in the papers about how officers use force but I never thought it would happen to me."

When her son, Samuel appeared in Northeastern Police Court, he was fined $25 on a disorderly conduct charge growing out of the tavern incident.

Also fined $25 in the same case were:

Miss Irene Johnson, 24, 900 block McDonogh St.; Fred Ervin, 22, 1700 block Rutland Ave.; Wilbert Keoth, 22, 1500 block N. Aisquith St.; Robert L. Smith, 1400 block E. Madison St.

Hospital fund chairman named

Robert E. Daiger, Executive Vice-President of VanSant, Dugdale and Co., Inc., has been named chairman of the public information committee of the Mercy Hospital Building Fund, it was announced today by M. Jenkins Cromwell, Albert D. Hutzler Jr., and Dr. Walter D. Wise, the general chairman of the $8,000,000 drive which gets under way next week.

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Former correspondent leaves for Germany

NEW YORK, N.Y. — Army specialist 2nd class Conrad Clark, a former AFRO war correspondent, left here this week by Army transport for duty in Germany.

A World War II correspondent in the South West Pacific for more than 18 months, Clark is now a member of a Gyrostosops Battalion which replaced an armored field artillery battalion that was assigned in Germany for 36 months.

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RECENTLY, WHILE enroute to New York, Clark escaped serious injury on Highway 7 between Claremont and Choctaw, Okla., when the car which he was a passenger skidded on the icy road and landed down an embankme

Before leaving for Germa Clarke spent a few days Washington where he. was house guest of Mrs. Virgi Slocum of 737 Morton St., N and Ralph and Selma' Ma

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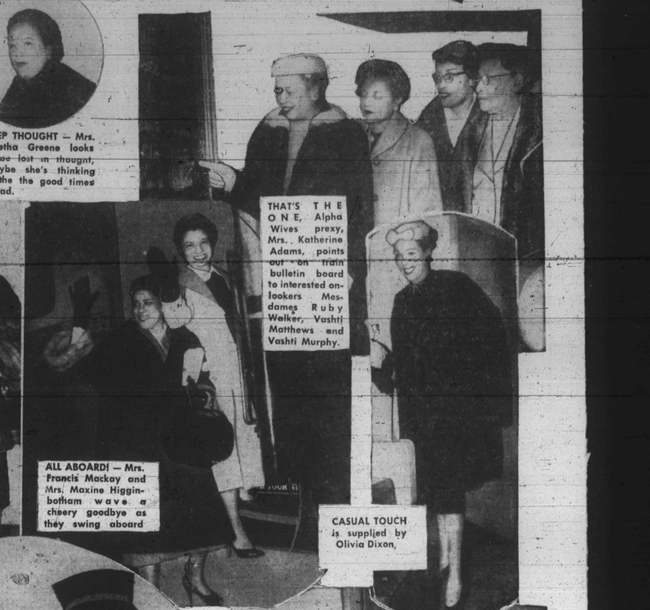
Alpha Wives weekend in N.Y.

RESTING EASY — Sitting patiently until train time are Mesdames Marguerite Brown, Elaine Baker and Josephine Baker.

BEAUTIFUL BONNET — Mrs. Alice Dixon this floral chapeau complement her traveling costume.

DEEP THOUGHT — Mrs. Saretha Greene looks to be lost in thought; maybe she's thinking of the the good times ahead.



THAT'S THE ONE, Alpha Wives prexy, Mrs. Katherine Adams, points out on train bulletin board to interested onlookers Mesdames Ruby Walker, Vashti Matthews and Vashti Murphy.

ALL ABOARD! — Mrs. Francis Mackey and Mrs. Maxine Higginbotham wave a cheery goodbye as they swing aboard

GREETINGS, EVERYONE! — Mesdames Hilda Higgins, Ann Wayne and Llewellyn Walker smile their greetings as they join the group at the station.

CASUAL TOUCH is supplied by Olivia Dixon.

"I'M GOING TOO!" Mrs. Blanche Hughes seems to be thinking as she clings to her hatbox before boarding the train.

HERE'S THE TICKETS — Miss Florence Dennis, Mrs. Helena Hall, and Mrs. Alma Grey hold on to their tickets but their attention is distracted as the arrival of the train is announced.

YOU'D NEVER KNOW it was pouring down rain on the outside to look at the smilling faces of Mrs. Mary Pitts and Mrs. Georgianna Smith who were along on the "weekend of fun."

'HERE WE ARE!' Joyously whoops Mrs. Ella Edemy as she bursts into the station, trailing Mrs. Marguerite Harmon and Mrs. Jeannette Grinage in her wake.

'Heavenly' say Alpha Wives of Manhattan 'Hen Party'

The old adage that only men can have fun in each other's company was completely disproved when husbandless Alpha Wives took off via the B. and O. for a weekend in New York City.

An impartial judge would have had a difficult time deciding who was the happiest when a number of husbands showed up at Mt. Royal station Friday night to bid their beloveds goodbye for a 72-hour vacation.

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DEBARKING at Jersey City, the girls, all smiles and chatter, boarded buses which ferried them into New York City and deposited them bag and baggage in the lobby of the Governor Clinton Hotel.

Room assignments on the seventh floor consumed a brief 15 minutes, then unpacking and a half hour later, they were ready for the first event of the weekend—a command appearance in the President's Suite (Catherine Adams) for cocktails.

Here is where the mood of the gay weekend was set. So enthralled did the Wives become with their own company, plans to attend the Urban League Beaux Arts Ball were abandoned by some, while engagements of others, with friends uptown were cancelled.

Of course, the heaviest snow of the year in New York was a contributing factor in helping the girls decide to stay in as was the shuffle and slap of pieces, when the card which he was a passen- skidded on the icy road a landed down an embankme

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ANOTHER OLD ADAGE that women dress for men dropped with a shattering clink. For from the station, where, in the smartest of hats and the lushness of furs, to the night clubs, in chic decolete, they staged their own private little fashion show.

Maxine Higginbotham, for instance, was super in a beige wool, hooded coat, lined with a deeper rosy beige and which she accessorized in brown, over a fitted black suit. That was a-going; and returning was equally stunning in a gray sheath frock.

Mary Pitts in mink-trimmed Persian lamb coat, a chic white felt; and Llewellyn Walker in mink, toned with black accessories left nothing undone in the fur line.

At the lush cocktail party at which Catherine Adams held forth in her suite on the evening of their arrival, the gals came in lounging gear . . . the hostess setting the pace in aqua toreador pants, matching blouse, gold slippers and gold jewelry.

When they dashed off to the Hawaiian Room, there was Anne Wayne i na kelly green taffeta, with intriguing scoop neck, and black accessories; and Olivia Dixon in a smart white flannel sheath with off-shoulder treatment and a big bow at the front.

Hilda Higgins, a picture in a scooped neck black frock and magnificent rhinestone jewelry, and Vashti Murphy suave in naby blue embroidered cocktailer.

And no chi-er chick stepped off that train, Sunday night, tired but still fashion fops, than Florence Dennis, whose satin hat topped a smart black broadcloth coat with shawl collar.

Of course, there was one time they missed the masculine arm . . . when they were unable to get into two clubs because they were "un-escorted."

But Alpha Wives and their friends were seen at Birdland, the home of the bouncing blues, where Al Hibbler dedicated one of his hit tunes to them.

The Hawaiian Room of the Lexington Hotel, the Broadway Theatre where Sammy Davis is nearing his close in "Mr. Wonderful," the Broadhurst Theatre to see Rosalind Russell as "Aunt Mamie," Radio City Music Hall and Carnegie Hall.

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THE GIRLS got together and gave Maxine Higginbotham, who served as conductor of the trip, a beautiful pair of copper earrings and a pin set, in appreciation for the time and work she contributed toward making the adventure such an overwhelming success.

They agreed their most satisfying experience was having breakfast in bed on Sunday morning and not having to rise for two whole days to prepare breakfasts for hungry husbands and children.

Steak dinners in the Royal Blue's diner enroute back to Baltimore climaxed this feeling of luxury.

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SHARING THE JUNKET as guests of the Alpha Wives were Anne Wayne, Helen Hall, Florence Dennis, Jennie Grinnage, Margaret Harmon, Seretha Greene, Georgeanna Smith, Elaine Baker and Alice Nixon.

Alpha Wives on the trip were Catherine Adams, Margaret Brown, Mae Campbell, Olivia Dixon, Alma Gray, Maxine Higginbotham, Hilda Higgins, Josephine Kimbers, Ella Edemy, Mary Pitts, Ruby Walker, Llewellyn Walker, Blanche Hughes, Vashti Murphy, Vashti Matthews and M. Francis Mackey.

DEAR HARRIET HICKS

EDITORS NOTE: Here is a brand new feature for AFRO readers. We were lucky to secure the services of Mrs. Harriet Hicks, a matron of long experience in helping people.

You can trust her to give you the guidance you need on problems affecting love, marriage, teenagers and children.

Address your letters to Harriet Hicks, AFRO City Desk, Baltimore 1, Md. She will answer them through this newspaper. All letters will be held in confidence.

MRS. HICKS

Dear Mrs. Hicks:

I am 23, and I have been told rather attractive.

"My problem is that I am friendly with three men and I am not sure what to do about them.

"Actually I am in love with one. He is 34, married, but separated from his wife.

"The trouble here is that he never waits to take me anywhere. I want him to take me out sometimes and show me off.

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"I JUST want to go to a movie, or visiting or to a party, but he says he is always out with the fellows.

"Then I met another fellow, who wants to marry me and give me the things I want.

"But I just don't think I would love him ever.

Now about six months ago I met a fellow that I've learned to like very much and who seems to like me. He is a policeman.

I would like some advice by which I could solve my problem.

E.F.

Dear E. F.

I know a lot of girls who would be very glad to take over a problem of three beaux on a string. However, I can understand why you are in a quandry.

Seriously, the time you have been interested in the first man is entirely too long to waste with one who is not legally free.

You might as well eliminate the second, also, since you realize that you can never be in love with him.

At 23, with possibilities of a good-paying career ahead of you, you do not need to marry any man for what he can give you.

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THE THIRD young man seems a more likely possibility. You say there's mutual admiration and he seems perfectly eligible.

Let your conscience be your guide. At your age you might not need to take anyone seriously.

Anyway, when the right man comes along you probably won't take time to ask anyone's advice. Your heart will tell you.

Dear Mrs. Hicks:

I am 14 years old and interested in a boy 17.

"My problem is that I am too shy to tell him what I think of him though he says that he likes me very much.

"In fact I am often too shy to talk to him, and he gets annoyed at me.

"I want to know what I can do to help myself.

Carolyn V.

Dear Carolyn:

Shyness is a behavior pattern that needs to be conquered.

It can retard you in school, in your future career as well as in your friendships with others.

As for your immediate problem, I think you will outgrow the shyness with boys.

One of the best ways to do this is to enjoy the company of boys and girls in groups.

Games, etc., give you contacts and fun. When you learn how to play with numbers at a time, you'll find that you have so much to talk about that words won't fail you when you find yourself in a person-to-person conversation.

Gadabouting in Baltimore

Jack and Jill Club members dance that others may walk

With Lula Jones Garrett

Members of the Baltimore chapter of Jack and Jill of America set up colorful tables, filled them with snacks, provided good music and, along with scores of their friends, held forth in the Coliseum, Saturday evening.

"Twas a fine party and for a worthy cause. For the Jack and Jill-ers were dancing that their less fortunate neighbors and neighbor's children might walk.

Funds from the project will go to their fund to fight polio. And from the number of folks who came to share their fun for the evening, it looks from here as if they more than reached their goal, $1000. Aid to the Foundation is a national project of the organization.

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THERE WAS considerable buzz, pro and con, that highlighted the affair. For instance, the Leonard Underwoods, who planned to go on to a night-club to celebrate that birthday he was having, just fetched his birthday cake to the table of their hostess, Ida Smith, and the celebrations went on there.

Sue Harmon wasn't showing off that full - skirted blue taffeta she had donned, because a broken shoe heel had her grounded.

The chapter's president, Mrs. W. A. C. Hughes, was showing Washington's Burma Shave ad about. Mrs. Whitted is national program director of the organization.

Estelle Dooley, here from Los Angeles, Calif., was enjoying her first party at home front in ages. She's back, in training on an administrative post with Social Security, and a - visiting with her mother, Mrs. Leila Wheatley, while doing so. Looked as chic, too, in a sheath of cloth of silver.

And in all that high brass, lending a high note to the affair was Capt. Rose Everett of Morgan's ROTC and Capt. Clarence Hurtt of Fort Meade. Capt. Barrett admitted that era many moons he will be Korea bound.

No prettier dress have I seen in these diggin's than the silver and gray torso - filling frock with intriguing off - shoulder and cute half - sleeve (a Cell Chapman's affair worn by Elizabeth Jefferson Artis. Ida Smith's red and white candy - striped nylon drew an eye.

Kay Carter's sheath, of an Oriental print, was something to snatch right off her back, and Bernice Monroe was lush in black lace under - pinned with satin. She was at Gwendolyn Grinnage's table. . the hostess being sparkling in taffeta. . . And Janet Clash Woolridge was as cute as a button in pale beige wool, sequinned.

On Beltye Phillips that pale green sheath looked hot GOOD. Sarah Raynes was another-wearing pale blue, her frock, of brocaded taffeta fitted through the torso, flared at the skirt. Frankie Wood was also in blue. . a halter - necked, satin. Her sister - in - law, Dorothy Wood was, as usual, as sleek as a fashion model, this evening in a dark big - flowered print, sheathed and squared at the neck. Margaret Proctor selected a black frock, partly uplifted at the side with a bigg black and white bow. She, incidentally, was chairman of the affair.

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GAMMA PHI DELTA sorors held a regional session here, with members from Philadelphia, meeting in the Walbrook Ave. home of Mrs. Sara Loggins.

With them was their supreme basileus, Mrs. Marie Rivers Faust of Dayton, Ohio, who came down to assist the two chapters in plans for Founders' Day, this month, and the Boule in August. The latter session will be held on the campus of Morgan State College.

Mrs. Lena Lee, attorney, and recently appointed member of the Urban Renewal Commission, addressed the group.

Husbands of members joined the group for a social hour at the close of the meeting.

THE BALTIMORE chapter of the Rinky Dinks spent the day, Sunday, in Boys Village, where

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