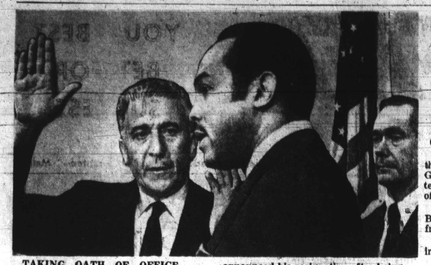

TAKING OATH OF OFFICE — Cleveland Mayor Carl B. Stokes, center, swears in his second police chief in eight days as Lewis William Coffey, left, took oath of office Wednesday. Watching ceremony is former police chief William Ellenburg, right, who announced his resignation after being accused of taking payoffs from the Mafia while a police officer in Detroit. Coffey, a 32-year-veteran of the Cleveland police force, served as Inspector. (UPI Telephoto)

LEAVING THE COURTROOM — Four members of the Black Panther Party who stood trial this week are caught by the A F R O. From left, Sherry Brown, John Clark, Massai, and Raymond Jones. (AFRO Photo By Frank Phillips)

ON THE EASTSIDE

Dunbar plans Blue Ribbon tea to honor youth programs

By CHARLOTTE W. MASON

Our Good Neighbor of the Week is charming Miss Geraldine Riley he daughter of Mrs. Beatrice Riley of Liberty Heights Ave.

Miss Riley was born in Baltimore and graduated from Douglass High School.

She is interested in studying nursing.

Miss Riley is very active in Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church, the Rev. Olin Moyd is her pastor.

Miss Riley is secretary of the Hiram E. Smith Memorial Choir and is one of the charter members of the group.

In her family, she is the only girl and has four brothers, James, Johnnie and twin brothers: Charles and Clarence.

Among her hobbies are: reading, babysitting, sewing, watching television and singing.

Her favorite dish is southern fried chicken and she likes vanilla layer cake.

She likes to sing "What a Friend We Have In Jesus." Her favorite verse is the 23rd Psalm.

Our neighbor celebrates her birthday on July 30 and likes to wear the color pink.

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Our Town is beginning to talk about the coming 26th Annual Blue Ribbon Tea which is to be held Sunday, March 1 at Dunbar High School from 4-7 p.m.

Now hear this neighbor . . . this group is here to "stay" and their past progress record is "top."

The affair is sponsored by The Eastside Community Committee Inc. which had its beginning as Area Project No. 1 in July 1944 under the able leadership of William S. Taylor, a longtime leader in our town.

At that time it was of seven area projects set up in various sections of Baltimore City by the Mayor and City Council.

It is a non-profit organization with the main objective being "the development of programs that will provide educational, recreational, health and religious experiences for young people that may motivate them to avoid delinquent habits and activities."

After many years of "outstanding" service to our community "the group is the only one in operation of the seven original area projects.

Under the guidance of Mr. Taylor who coordinated the programs, the well known organization has done much to make our community a better place to live.

There have been many outstanding achievements of the Eastside group during the past 26 years to mention a few:

The Juvenile Protective Officers (Captain Dennis Mello was assigned to he organization as its first Juvenile Protective Officer, later officer Walter E. Lewis was given the position).

These dedicated law officers worked tirelessly to assist merchants, school principals, housing project managers, parents, children and others to solve their problems.

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Through their counseling and general attitudes, they changed many boys and girls from truancy, unusual hours, loitering, vandalism, thievery and others to law abiding citizens.

They also assisted many families to obtain food, clothing and shelter when needed in dire cases.

Working through many sub committees, the eastside was a leader in organizing neighborhoods for community betterment and social action.

Softball, baseball, basketball and football for teenagers and adults were sponsored. Tot-lots and playgrounds have been equipped to provide for the wise use of leisure time.

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They organized the Eastside Choir which consisted of 44 voices and represented approximately 20 churches both Catholic and Protestant. The choir has served charitable and religious groups in this and other cities. This year Mrs. Thelma Raye has been elected president of the Women's City Wide Committee; and Mrs. Vera Smith, chairman of the tea, Melvin G. Roy is president.

I will tell you more about the Eastside Community Committee Inc.

Stay "tuned in" and read it in Tuesday's issue.

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Out at Rutland Elementary School N. 149, the kindergarten parents monthly meeting promises to be very interesting.

The group will meet on tuesday, Feb. 10 at 1 o' clock. Coordinator is Mrs. Erla McKinnon; teacher sponsors include Mesdames Elva Owens, Florence Wingfield and Health Nurse is Mrs. Geneva Werner.

Guest speaker will be Dr. Lionel Rose, of Johns Hopkins Hospital, who will discuss th emotional problem of the very young child.

Edward Spath is the principal. Do attend parents. These meetings can be very helpful.

See ya Tuesday.

Mrs. Ruth K. Smith, 46, dies suddenly

Mrs. Ruth K. Smith, 46, of 3304 Virginia Ave., died suddenly Wednesday morning, Feb. 4.

Mrs. Smith is the former Miss Ruth James, daughter of the late Eugene and Bessye James.

She attended the Booker T. Washington Jr. High and Douglass High Schools.

She was a former member of the Berean Baptist Church in Pimlico.

Recently, she became a member of Gillis Memorial Church.

She is survived by her husband, James Smith Sr.; two children, James Jr., 3 and Michelle, 5; three sisters, Mrs. Marie Wade, Mrs. Irene Evans, and Mrs. Esther Jackson.

He is also survived by her mother-in-law, Mrs. Irene Amy.

Funeral services will be held at the Herbert Nutter Funeral chapel, Monday, Feb. 9, at 1 p.m. Interment will be at Baltimore National Cemetery.

A GOOD CITIZEN is registered and prepared to VOTE. Register TODAY at Supervisors of Elections, People's Court Building, Fayette and Gay Sts.

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James Arthur Rozier was Tuscan Lodge member

Funeral services for James Arthur Rozier were held Thursday, yesterday, at the Herbert E. Nutter Funeral Home.

Mr. Rozier, 67, died Jan. 31, at his home, 1813 Thomas Ave., after a long illness.

He was a native of Baltimore, but he attended school in Centerville, Md.

He retired from Rosenthal Department Store in 1966 after serving over 45 years.

He was a member of Grace United Presbyterian Church. In fraternal circles, he had been a member of Tuscan Lodge No. 90 Masonic Order.

He was married to the former Mrs. Marie Susie Oliver, who survives him.

Other survivors include one daughter, Miss Selma S. Rozier, a son, Otis Oliver, and one granddaughter, Sandra Perisco of Chicago.

Burial was in Carver Memorial Park.

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Dr. Julian is against dope law relaxations

Speaking mainly as a parent, Dr. Emerson Julian, physician and City Councilman, struck out Thursday against suggestions that the Legislature now in session might relax laws on use of marijuana.

Dr. Julian stated, "Conditions in our society today with drug abuse of all kinds, narcotic addiction and related ills ever on the increase certainly do not warrant a relaxing of our vigil in these areas.

He said further, "On the contrary if any changes would seem proper they would be in the form of lightening of the reigns.

"I am amazed at those star-gazing individuals who have called for relaxed laws with respect to marijuana. Their actions constitute the rendering of a distinct disservice to the many thousands of parents who are not crying aloud in these critical times for help in rearing their children.

Dr. Julian also noted, "No useful properties have been ascribed to marijuana. However it has been definitely established that it does have hallucogenic (produces hallucinations) properties.

He concluded: "We don't need to encourage by legislation putting more hopped-up people on our streets. We have enough troubles now so why in the world would we want to play with fire?

"I suggest that some of the people at the State Legislature who have proposed this legislation, who favor relaxation of marijuana laws come out of their Ivory Towers.

"They should come down to earth and talk with some of the people who have been robbed and beaten, and some of the families of the murdered and the parents whose children started with marijuana and then progressed to using hard-line narcotics.

"They should let well-enough alone."

Dr. Julian is also a member of the Baltimore City Drug Abuse Committee, the State Region No. 5 Planning Commission for Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice.

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'FAREWELL, JANE' was theme of Sunday's evening reception at Blue Crest North given by Echo House Foundation Inc., to say goodbye to Miss Jane Mathieu, executive director since the W. Fayette St. community-participation center was organized in 1964. Guests included, in panel No. 1, Mrs. Paula Rowe, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tildon. In second panel, Dr. and Mrs. Frank Furstenburg, Mrs. Margaret Amstrong and Father Joseph Connally. Third panel Miss Mathieu and Alfred C. Joyner, the new executive director. Fourth panel, Mrs. Frances Fedelicher and City Councilman and Mrs. Alexander Stark. Mr. Joyner, the new executive, is a graduate of Morgan State College and holds a master's in social work from Howard University. (AFRO Photos by Benjamin Phillips)

Gadabouting in Baltimore

Miss Callon Coffee married to 1st Lt. Tilsten Venable

With Lula Mackey

The wedding of Miss Callon Gene and Coffee and 1st. Lt. Filsten Kenneth Venable took place in the Saint Mathews United Methodist Church, Turners Station, Saturday. The bride daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Coffee Jr. is a sophomore at Morgan State College, and Lt. Venable was graduated from the same college.

The Rev. Messrs. Leslie A. Dyson and James A. Everett officiated at the 3 p.m. ceremony. Mrs. Katie Grove was organist, and Mrs. Delores Conaway was soloist.

Miss Coffee wore a Victorian gown of ivory satin with pearl embroidered Chantilly lace bodice. Beaded Chantilly lace flowerettes held her veil, and she carried white carnations and mums.

Mrs. Cynthia Guest, sister of the bride and matron of honor wore an empire line gown of ruby velvet bodice and ice pink skirt. A hot pink satin sash and bow complimented the hot pink bow and veil which crowned her head. She carried a white mink muff.

The bridesmaids were Misses Carolyn Wade, Myrtice Byrd, Marsha Evans, Beverly Mondie, Marsha Friend and Beverly Pendleton. They were stunning in empire line gowns of plum velvet bodices with ice pink crepe skirts trimmed in hot pink satin sashes and bows.

Hot pink satin bows and veils completed their ensembles. They also carried white mink muffs.

Junior bridesmaid, Miss Gayle Mondie, wore an ice pink crepe gown trimmed with hot pink satin sash and bow. A white mink muff complimented her ensemble.

A basket of mums was carried by the flower girl, Shera Hill. She wore a gown of ice pink crepe with hot pink satin sash and bow.

Herbert Glover, ringbearer, was attired in a grey pin-striped tuxedo.

1st. Lt. Charles Harrison was the best man.

The ushers were attired in gray pin-striped tuxedos, gray gloves and white carnations.

They were Raynard Jones, Robert Gardner, Marvin Friend, Edwin Lawrence, Jeffrey Miller, Eric Venable, Darrell Sawyer, junior usher Robert Daniel Everett and James Everett.

For her daughter's wedding Mrs. Coffee selected an ice pink wool shantung coat and dress ensemble trimmed with sequins and beads.

Mrs. Venable, mother of the bridegroom, chose a hot pink silk shantung dress trimmed with sequins and beads.

The reception was given by the parents of the bride at the Unity Hall. It was attended by 400 guests.

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Baltimore's Mary Carter Smith was being feeted in Africa, last week, by her Zeta Phi Beta sororj of Monrovia, Liberia.

Mrs. Edward J. Wesley, wife of the Port Director of the Free Port of Monrovia, arranged a tour of the Port on Friday, and says Mrs. Smith, in the midday heat the air-conditioned, chauffered car was welcome indeed.

Later that evening Mrs. Smith was guest of honor at a dinner party at Lord's Restaurant hosted by the basileus of Delta Iota Zeta Chapter, Mrs. Augusta P. Dennis. Mrs. Dennis is associate director of the library at the University of Liberia.

Sorors at the affair were Mesdames Oretha Phelps-Cole, Josephine Badio, Wilhelmina Dukerly, Edna Wordsworth, Virginia N. Sherman and A. Doris Banks Henries.

Mrs. Dukerly is the owner of a favorite gathering place for Liberians and visitors, called the Liberian Jungle, whose central room seats more than a hundred persons.

Here, the group above was joined by other sorors, viewed some of Mrs. Dukerly's rare pieces of Africana, and were entertained by locally celebrated Devil Dancer.

Mrs. Carter, who says that she has seen many Devil dancers, including that of Ballal African, says this eight-foot dancer was the most impressive. Other dancers and acrobats were a part of the show.

Mrs. Carter and Mrs. Ellen Sandimande were among guests invited to the home of Mrs. Rosalind Porle, who operates a restaurant famed for its food. This party marked the birthdays of Mrs. Inez King and Mrs. Monretta Weeks.

Mrs. Comfort Goodridge, wife of the Defense Secretary, was among the guests. Others about were Mesdames Hyacinth Burrowes, Isabel Cooper, Ceclia Mooney, Martha George, Lucille Brumskine, Ceryl Henderson.

Also Mesdames Eupheme G. Weeks, Sophronia Kumeh, Eugenia Carr, Doris Grimes and Letitia Reeves.

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The faculty of Hampstead Hill Elementary School honored Mrs. Naomi Johnson, recently.

The occasion was her retirement from the Baltimore Public Schools. The affair was held at the House of Winterling in East Baltimore.

Mrs. Johnson was cited for her efficient and dependable service through the years. She was presented an orchid and a gold watch from the faculty by Mrs. Dorothy Stone. The faculty members also presented her many other gifts.

Those attending included: Mesdames Evelyn Karas, Christine Schilling, Judith Huber, Linda Klepper, Myrtle Lee, Bonita Lee, Elizabeth Gundus, Frances Watson, Luberta Smith, Dorothy Stone, Mildred Sanders, Dolores Jankowski, Sophie Ritter, Carmella Hartley, Christine Jaromin, Ruth Zastawski, Dorothy Chambers;

Misses Bernadeette McElroy, Carole Crystal, Mary Ann Winterling; and William Hilliard.

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Dr. Martin D. Jenkins was speaker when the Baltimore chapter of Links was entertained by Mrs. Nathan Pitts on Saturday.

Dr. Jenkins discussed the matter of having Morgan State College involved in the problems of the Urban Community as well as maining its integrity as an institution of higher education.

Links are also lending a helping hand with projects at Tutorial House, 955 S. Paca St. which is sponsored by the Student Government of Morgan.

According to Leonard Richardson, vice president of the Student Government, the house is to be renovated by AFL-CIO Union. Gifts are being sought of furniture, blackboards, books, crayons, typewriters, games and writing paper. The Government will also welcome volunteer workers.

Cited at Saturday's session was Mrs. Hiram Butler, who served for four years as director of the Eastern Area of Links.

Members at the meeting included Mesdames Catherine Adams, Lillian Berry, Cardrienne Griffin, Mary S. Harris, Marie Hicks, Lillian Jones, James LaForest, Xaveria McDonald, Emma Michael, Yvette Murphy, Audrey Norris, Louise Perrin, Etta Phifer, Pauline Watts and Theresa Weaver.

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Pot-Pourri: Mrs. Rose Daniels was home from Japan for the funeral of her grandfather, Mr. Bennie Cunningham, who died at the age of 106, on January 4. Funeral services were held in Saint Johns AME Church. Mrs. Daniels and her daughter, Elaina, spent three days with her mother, Mrs. Della Gross of Demmow Ave. before returning to Japan, where her husband, Staff Sgt. Warren Daniels is stationed.

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John (Junky) Wood is the new member on Peale Museum's Board.

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Mrs. Harold Clark was in Washington, last week, for the premiere of her daughter, Maria, in "The Day of Absence" at the Back Alley Theatre.

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The Society Ladies (Club) will have a benefit Pre-Valentine dance at the Famous on the 13th to aid Operation Champ. They will be assisted by Gamma Tau Omega Fraternity of which Glenn Hawking is president. Dennis Williams is founder of both organizations. Mrs. Sandra Cooper heads the ladies.

Miss Dallistine Jones

Miss Dallastine Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Jones, 3023 Westwood Ave., completed ten weeks of basic training at Recruit Training Command Naval Training Center, Bainbridge, Md., and was graduated during a military review held on January 23.

The Wave, a graduate of Carver Vocational Technical High School will spend a 14-day leave with her family before reporting to Naval Station, San Diego, Calif., for General Duty Administration.

DALLASTINE JONES

THE ENGAGEMENT of Miss Denise H. Lewis to Mark Stephen Diggs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Diggs, has been announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Branch Harris of Chatham Road. The bride-elect, a graduate of Eastern High School, is employed by a local oil company. Mr. Diggs, who graduated from Forest Park High School, is employed at G.M.A.D. A March wedding is planned.

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