'MORE RESPECTFUL'

Welfare's new Park Circle center is 'just wonderful'

"I think it will be real nice. It will be great. I livt in this section, and it'll be closer and everything will be more convenient for the peopit in this community."

Robert Coltrane, a welfare recipient, describing his reaction to the first neighborhood office of the Departmtnt of Social Servjces, echoed the sentiments of persons gathered at the DRIVE CENTER.

Called the Park Circuit Social Service Center," the neighborhood office hat brouth the welfare service to the people.

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Mrs. Diane Sands, a resident of Beehler Ave., commented, "I don't have to walk downtown becuase there are so many people over there. I think its wonderful.

It's so hard for most people to get to the other place (main headquarters). They either have to transfer to so many buses or either if its vtry important, ther, if this very important, catch a cab or something over.

" The community welfare office has been at its current location since February, and shares office space with a supply company on the first floor.

According to a fact sheet, "The Park Circle Social Servire Center is the first lized center of the Baltimore comprehensive decentralized center of the Baltimore City Dpeartment of Social Services. It serves. It serves the lower Park Heights area, a portion of the Pimlico area, and a portion of the Forest area."

An official of the central welfare office told the AFRO that the decision to decentralize social services was made in August 1969, when the department's present director, Maurie Harmon, took over.

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"Its more respectful to have us go to them, instead of them having to sit and wait," the official said, comment on the old practice of having overcrowded waiting rooms at the main office on Greenmount Ave.

The fact sheet again emphasizes, "As a first, the center is experimental. The establishment of this center gives recognition to the values of the smaller, integrated unit where problems can be dealt with more immediately, and where people can be treated in a more individualized manner. As the first community based center, primary emphasis is being placed on becoming a part of the community—the residents, the groups, and the agencies."

A whole agency in miniature." is how one official described the number of services that the new center will handle. Included will be an experimental "Intake Unit" which assesses all applications for assistance to determine whether the problem should be handled by the center, or an "appropriate agency."

Food Stamps, grant changes, and financial assistance will be handled by the "Income Maintenance Unit," while the "Continuing Service Unit" will aid recipients who have problems other than financial.

Mrs. Eula Jennings, another recipient, said of the center: "I am in favor of this community center because I think that Baltimore really needs it. I think it is a wonderful idea."

The center is open from 8:30 to 4:30 Monday through Friday.

MAY 17

Dr. Hayes Newby, Director of Division of Speech and Hearing Science, Department of Speech, University of Maryland, will be the guest of Lou Corbin, News Director, WFBR Radio, on "Issues In The Air," 8:30 p.m. Dr. Newby will discuss, Noise Pollution, Its Effect on the Ear.

MRS. MARY M. BROOKS, standing, left, receives plaque from Mrs. Margaret C. Mitchell, president of the Maryland State Beauty Culturists Association, at awards luncheon in Baltimore, Sunday. Mrs. Brooks heads the Professional Guild, Chapter 215 of the Association. Seated lower left is Mrs. Bettie Foy.

Beauticians cite Mrs. Mary Brooks

Mrs. Mary M. Brooks, president of the Professional Guild, Chapter 215, was recipient of a plaque denoting outstanding service from the Maryland State Beauty Culturists Association, Sunday.

The citation was made at the annual Awards Luncheon held in the Belvedere Hotel.

In addition to Mrs. Brooks, past presidents of the organization were awardees, including Mesdames Iona H. King, Ethel M. Felder, Evelyn Andrews and Rosetta Addison;

Chapter presidents honored were Mesdames Hazel Adams, Clementine Griffin, Janie G. Sanders, Lillian L. Jackson, Anna B. Golden, Bernice Handy and Stanley Thornton.

The awards were presented by Mrs. Margaret C. Mitchell, state president.

Mrs. Betty Foy presided at the luncheon. She was introduced by Mrs. Lillian L. Jackson, who was luncheon chairman.

Dr. Katie E. Whickam, president of the National Beauty Culturist League, discussed the progress of educational and research center in Washington.

Other participants on the program were Wallace H. Baden, soloist; and Mrs. Gloslie H. Brown and Timothy Picken, pianists, who provided the music; and Mrs. Evelyn Benston, who gave the invocation and benediction.

Special guests were Delegate Lena K. Lee, Senator Clarence Mitchell III and Delegate Joseph Chester.

MAY 22

The faculty of Dundalk Junior High School will present its annual show in the school auditorium on Friday, May 22 at 7:30 p.m. "The Odd Couple" and scenes from "The Miracle Worker" will be performed by members of the faculty.

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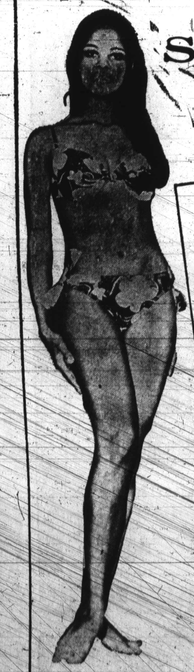

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Senator Welcome writes open letter to Anderson

(Ed. — The following letter was released to the AFRO by Senator Verda F. Welcome, D-4th, in which she criticizes Baltimore County Executive Dale Anderson, recently chosen Democratic National Committeeman for Md.)

"I am certain that I speak for the overwhelming majority of my constituents in the 4th Legislative District of Baltimore City when I say we were shocked to note recently that you had been chosen Democratic National Committeeman for the State of Maryland.

"We were even more amazed that the selection of you for the position has been recorded as unanimous by Democratic legislators of the state.

"Obviously, if a true vote had been taken, you would have received more than a little opposition.

"And there would have been adequate basis for the opposition, as most recently revealed by Mr. Thomas D. Dawes, chairman of Baltimore County's Human Relations Commission.

"It is obvious — and anyone can see by simply looking — that very little, if any, heed is paid to the needs of low-income persons in the county.

"The constant undercutting of the budget of the Human Relations Commission in the county indicates the low regard in which you and your official family hold the aspirations and needs of black citizens.

"On the level of a more personal experience I have had with those who represent you, I call your attention to the fact that Baltimore County is the only jurisdiction in the state which refuses to permit its children who live near the border of the adjoining arta (Baltimort City) to attend schools closest to them, whether inside or outside their county residence.

"I attempted to change this policy in the legislature by amending the law to include Baltimore County, though the majority of the Senator was clearly with me on this proposal, your representatives in the Senate made such violent objection that the amendment was killed.

"Even though it will be denied, there is no doubt in the minds of most citizens of my district that your county's isolation on this matter is only because of the fear that some black students who live nearer Baltimore County schools than city schools might be able to attend schools in your area.

"Your policy, as recently documented by non-partisan statisticians, has over the years been to free black and poor people out of the county, relegating them to such horrible livi- conditions that they have had no choice but to leave — thus contributing to the continuing accomplishment of a near lily-white county.

"How can you, with such a record, be considered a satisfactory committeeman for Maryland's black citizens?

"I am greatly disappointed and my constituents are most indignant at your choice.

"I am certain that they will be prepared to show their disappointment when they have an opportunity."

The letter was signed by Senator Welcome.

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Joint affair for Del. Lee and candidate Briscoe

Two candidates, one from the 4th District and the other from the 5th District, have planned a celebration for June 7 at the Alcazar.

Mrs. Lena K. Lee, the 4th District member of the House of Delegates, up for re-election, has sent out invitations for citizens to attend the 4:30/7:30 p.m. buffet and open bar event which the committee calls "A Show-Case of Prominent Leaders."

Tht tickets at $10 are to honor Delegate Lee as "The Fighting Floor Leader of the Black Caucus."

Making his first public appearance as a Senate candidate is Attorney Leonard Briscoe, Mrs. Lee's law partner, who is running "to give his people the kind of fully qualified representation needed in these times."

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Candidate for reelection to the House of Delegates from the 4th District

James J. Arvin joins Marine Corps Reserves

James J. Arvin, 21, has duty in the Marine Corps Reserve. He will be leaving for Parris Island, S.C., on une 29. Later he will return to the Baltimore area to serve in the 4th Engineer Battalion, USMCR, Hamlet and Chesley Aves.

Pvt. Arvin is a student at Morgan State College and graduated from the City College of Baltimore in 1967.

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WASHINGTON — ANTHONY W. HUDSON, a Civil Service Commission employee, will receive the William A. Jump Award for distinguished career service Tuesday. Hudson, 33, has been recognized for contributions in training disadvantaged and underutilized federal employees. He is divisional director of personnel in the commission's bureau of management services.

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RALEIGH, N.C. — Dr. PREZELL R. ROBINSON, president of Saint Augustine's College, has been elected to several top-level positions in education and religion. He is chairman of the Association of Episcopal Colleges, secretary to the Council of Presidents of the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association, and a member of the Board of Directors of the United Negro College Fund.

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