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Parker, Melvin Randolph and Theodore Johnson.

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MR. AND MRS. Chester Wright of New Albany, Ind. were entertained at a round of dinners and cocktail parties while being the house guests of their brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James R. Addison.

On Sunday evening, the Addisons had a cocktail party for them to meet friends at their Lexington Street home. Remember, Thelma Addison, and avid collector of elephants, whose collection has grown past the five hundred mark. The elephants cause much comments because they are distributed in every room in the house.

Among those who attended the affair were:

Messrs. and Mesdames William B. Addison, Randolph Nelson, Arthur Clash, Julius McRae, Norman Smallwood, Lawrence Johnson, James Bonner, Cabell Smith, Edwin Jones, Julius Thompson, Leroy Matthews, Irvin Henson, George Fulton, William McCullum;

Mesdames Angela Franze, Carolyn Smith, Lester Duvall, Rosa Gaskins, Louise Turks, Jeanette Johnson, Lillian Nichols, Goria Barnes, Minnie Bruce, Thelma Lane, Mildred Hooper, Alleyne Wallace, Christy Carr, and Miss Geneva Hill;

Edward Nottington, Horace Derricks, Maynard Derricks, Albert Jacobs, Westley McNeil, George Addison and Joseph Bush.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright were also entertained with dinner at the Garrison Lounge followed by a cocktail party by Mr. and Mrs. William B. Addison, another brother and sister-in-law.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Clash had a party for them on Wednesday. Their brother, George Addison of Washington, showed them around the capital followed by dinner. Before leaving for their New York visit to their newest nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. William Smith, the Wrights visited their native home in Annapolis.

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"BECOME A NEW you with a new view" is the theme of the Madison Avenue branch YWCA open house to be held from 7 to 9 p.m. on September 26 at the branch, 1912 Madison Avenue. The public and friends of this Community Chest Agency are invited.

The evening will feature demonstrations of classes and activities to be offered during the coming year, all of which are designed to develop the individual mentally, physically and spiritually.

Hostesses for the evening are members of the YWCA Business Girls Clubs, the Y-Teens, and members of the Committee on Administration. Chairman of the open house committee is Mrs. Katherine Gross, and serving with her are Mrs. Eugenia B. Harris, Mrs. Dorothy Payne, Mrs. Laurie Parker, Miss Mildred Kelley, and Miss Ann Wood.

YWCA junior members will demonstrate their fall activities through skits and dancing.

There will be a tour of the building with residence girls as hostesses, a viewing of the slide narration "A House of Many Mansions," refreshments, group singing led by Weldon J. Irvine, and prizes.

THE MEGS, (The Most Elegant Gals) held their first meeting of the year last Friday night in Arlington, Va. with Mrs. Jennie Davis as hostess.

Mrs. Davis moved to Arlington in June.

The Gals who are starting their second year as a group made some plans for the coming season.

After the meeting supper was served, and there was quite a lot of chatter about the happenings of the past summer.

Those about were

Mrs. Mary Johnson, vice president; Mrs. Jennie Davis, recording secretary; Mrs. Frances David, financial secretary; Mrs. Betty Lindsey, treasurer; Mrs. Palestine Anderson, business manager; Mrs. Mary Harris, parliamentarian; Mrs. May Lee, Mrs. Hilda Askew, Mrs. Eva Murdock and Miss Cathryn Parker.

ASSOCIATE MATRONS District No. 1, Myra Grand Chapter's School of Instruction, O.E.S., will hold their graduation exercises at the Masonic Temple, on Wednesday, the 25th.

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MORGAN FRESHMEN — Morgan State College officials expect some 2,450 students to enroll for the fall semester. Of that number some 725 will be freshmen. Among the new freshmen are (left to right) Misses Mildred Blow, Gloria Fleet, Joyce Swann, of Marburg; Robert Gordon, of Lawrenceville, Va.; Miss Naomi Swann, of Marburg; John Johnson and Miss Joan Swann, of Mason Springs.

Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority will present the 1963 version of Ebony's Fashion Fair, Friday October 11.

Soror Helen Mae Chamberlain is general chairman; Frances Smith and Lucille Venture are chairman and co-chairman of tickets; Soror Joan Cole is president.

The Ebony Fashion Fair is slated for 67 cities from coast to coast and will appear in 10 cities for the first time. The show will be held in the Murphy Fine Arts Auditorium, Morgan State College.

The 1963 show takes on the AMERICANA theme with outstanding designs created by top American designers and also features some exciting collections from young colored designers. In addition to the American creations, there will be an assortment of garments from world famous designers as Eleanora Garnett, Emilio Schuberth, Jacques Heim, Mingolini Gugenheim, Claude Riviere, Christian Dior, Bob Bugnand and Nina Ricci.

The show features 10 top female models and two male models. Some of these models are in ads which appear in the pages of the AFRO, on billboards and newspapers throughout the nation.

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THE CIVIC LEAGUE will present "Autumn Flowers in Melodies" at Carver on Sunday October 6. Mrs. Bernard Harris Sr. is president; Flower chairman, Mrs. Henrietta Holloman; co- chairman, Mrs. Naomi Camper; Melodise, Mrs. Nikki Randolph, chairman; Mrs. Anebia Williams, co-chairman. Music will be by the Baltimore Singers.

The first exhibition of the Fall season at the Walters Art Gallery, entitled "From the Treasure Rooms of Italy," opens Saturday and will continue through to Nov. 3.

The exhibition is being held in Gallery XV, on the second floor.

AFL-CIO leader on MCIC board

Dominic N. Fornaro, Baltimore Council president of the AFL - CIO, was elected a director of the Maryland Crime Investigating Committee on Sept. 12.

Alvin T. J. Zumbrun, the Crime Committee's executive director, congratulated Mr. Fornaro at the time of the Commission presentation. Charles A. Della, president of the AFL - CIO for the Maryland and D. C. districts, and also a Crime Committee Board director, assisted in the presentation ceremonies.

Mr. Fornaro is also vice chairman for labor of the 1963 Red Cross- Community Chest Appeal, and serves on a number of civic organizations, boards and service committees.

452 adult center registering now

Registration for evening classes of the General Vocational Adult Evening Center at McCulloh and Biddle Sts. is now being held at the school from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays until all classes are filled.

Courses will include art (sign painting), barbering, cosmetology, dressmaking, electricity, industrial - sewing, shoe repairing, tailoring, woodwork and upholstering. Further information may be obtained by calling the school at HO 7-4000, Ext. 2240 or Ext. 2241, from 7 to 10 p.m.

Classes are held Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 8 to 10 p.m.

Appeal rejected to house Morgan students

Residents of the Elsinore-Piedmont Ayes sector successfully blocked Tuesday a proposal to house and board eight Morgan College students at 2503 Elsinore Ave.

The Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals rejected an appeal by Mrs. Gladys M. Collins that the premises there be approved to house eight students and one family.

Protesting were representatives of the Greater Garrison Heights Association, who charged that the proposed boarders as such would tend to degrade their residential neighborhood.

Mrs. Collins told the board she had planned to furnish room and board to eight Morgan students only at a fee of $25 a week each.

In other action, the board approved appeals to:

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CONTINUE housing three families and one roomer at 824 N. Wolfe St.; the use of the first floor front at 2701 Harlem Ave. as a beauty parlor; the first floor front at 1325 E. Biddle St. for a confectionery store; a parking lot and fence at 4030-36 Evans Chapel Rd., and the continued use of the first floor at 1439 N. Patterson Park Ave. as a food market.

Among the cases scheduled to be heard the coming Tuesday, beginning at 1 p.m. in Room 231, City Hall, are appeals asking:

The construction of a one-story garage at 1814 - 26 McKean Ave.; the housing of two families at 500 Dolphin St.; the operation of a confectionery store at 1600 N. Broadway; and the use of 1945 W. Baltimore St. as a dormitory for 1 hospital interns.

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Dixon, Parks on Council session

Baltimore's City Council convenes again Monday evening, ending a summer recess.

A number of controversial issues are being readied for its consideration, among package of proposed civil rights legislation.

Details of this have not been revealed by the Mayor.

Already before the Council is a proposed open occupancy housing ordinance, which would make it unlawful to practice racial discrimination in the sale and rental of housing.

Facing the councilmen, too, are some board and commission nominations by the Mayor which may stir controversy.

This is a newly elected City Council, having taken office in May, with eight new faces among its 21 members.

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THERE ARE now two colored councilmen serving together for the first time since 1931, and both representing the Fourth District.

Walter T. Dixon, dean of Cortez Peters Business School, is beginning his third consecutive term.

Henry G. Parks Jr., president of Parks Sausage Co., who led his district's ticket in the May general election, is a newcomer.

Six colored councilmen served at various times from 1891 to 1931, prior to Mr. Dixon's election in 1955.

The first two to serve together 1919-23 were William L. Fitzgerald and Warner McGuinn. Then Mr. McGuinn and Walter Emerson served 1927-31.

Other colored councilmen elected here have been Harry S. Cummings, 1890, 1897, 1907; Dr. Marcus Cargill, 1895, and Hiram Watty, 1899.

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THE AFRO asked Councilmen Dixon and Parks to comment on the opening of this long fall and winter session of this new City Council.

Here are their comments:

Councilman Dixon

The housing ordinance now pending in the City Council bears the Number 1 label, which of course, means that it is the first item listed on the calendar of the Council.

At the present time this ordinance reposes in the hands of several city agencies, including the Judiciary Committee of the Council.

Of course, Ordinance No. 1 deals with open occupancy in housing. Only casual observation is necessary to convince an onlooker that program of the Urban Renewal Agency makes it absolutely imperative that this ordinance be passed without delay.

The only apparent construction now under way in the Fourth District is the erection of an office building and a fire house, neither of which will accommodate the hundreds of families which have been moved out of the area because they had no choice.

More than any other single step, open occupancy in housing will dissolve de facto segregation.

And while it is evident that considerable opposition to this important ordinance is in the making, those who would penalize innocent, defenseless children through a denial of equal opportunity to secure an education, must sleep with their backs to the mirror of public opinion to keep from looking themselves in the face.

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AS LONG AS de facto segregation persists, will the increasing severe problems and contentions inherent in this separation of our citizens continue to plague our people and bleed the energies of our nation, state and city.

Colored hands have contributed mightily to the creation of America's inventory of housing.

As a race, the colored citizens ought legally, and also as a matter of morality, be permitted to enjoy the housing they have helped to create — limited only by his own free choice and his financial means.

If there ever has been a worthy cause that merits the entire support of all Baltimoreans, it is that of open occupancy.

Councilman Parks

I am very hopeful that colored citizens of Baltimore will take an interest not only in civil rights issues, but also in the broader issues concerning the whole city.

It is time that we really assert ourselves as full citizens.

WE SHOULD realize that every municipal building, every street, every city employee is here to serve all citizens.

We should take a good look at each municipal department and require all of them to perform up to standard. Agencies must justify their existence.

Each citizen should, through a neighborhood organization where possible or as an individual, express his complaints to any department that is involved.

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FAILURE TO get proper cooperation means that the councilman should be contacted. Behind specific previous action of an organization or an individual a councilman's value is enhanced.

It is good and necessary that we concern ourselves with total community but, unfortunately, the colored citizen must continue to "punch away" at civil rights.

With this, it looks as if we have no alternative other than to go directly to our Mayor.

We do not want to harass the Mayor, but we must press for more appointments related directly to us.

Before us now is the matter of appointments of colored persons to the Civic Center Commission and to the Park Board.

It is also important that the two appointments soon to be made to the Equal Opportunity Commission be filled by persons sympathetic to the objectives of the commission.

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WE REALIZE that the Mayor is working on a civil rights package that promises to be broad in scope. We realize that there are already forces building against the Open Occupancy Housing Ordinance that is now before the City Council.

We cannot afford to sit back and wait, so it is important that the Mayor give us some insight into his plans and procedures and a time schedule.

We are very hopeful that the package to be proposed by Mayor McKeldin will be acceptable to the colored community.

We are practical in realizing that we must carefully measure how far we can push, but we cannot afford to accept less than what we should.

This point we must thrash out among ourselves.

It seems then, that we are going to have to rally our various forces, discuss this matter thoroughly and objectively, and arrive at some decision as to our proper stand.

We imagine the Mayor will call on labor, the Greater Baltimore Committee, religious leaders and many other parts of the power structure of our community behind his civil rights legislation.

Yet, it is important that we know step by step what is being prepared for us.

I have great faith in the Mayor's intentions, but is it up to him to ask the community to stand by and the decision of the community to stand in "good faith."

Johnson C. Smith Alumni meet Sat.

The Baltimore alumni chapter of the Johnson C. Smith University meets at 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Yates, 3727 Columbus Dr. He is president.

Plans will be finalized for participation in the Nov. 9 homecoming when Smith meets Livingstone. Miss Phyllis Brown is Miss Alumni of the Baltimore chapter.

MR. AND MRS. ARDNT W. PATE were married in Baltimore Wednesday. The bride is the former Miss Gloria E. Stewart, daughter of Mrs. Frances S. Weedon. The Rev. W. P. Mitchell performed the ceremony.

Pvt. Allen tops in service class

Pvt. Arthur L. Allen, 24, 1804 Riggs Ave., was an "outstanding honor graduate" in a communications school in South Carolina.

The Baltimore - born private was drafted by the U.S. Army and sent to the communications school at Fort Jackson.

Pvt. Allen, who graduated from the field communication crewman course, maintained an average of 96 for a period of eight weeks to earn the honor.

In a letter of commendation from his commander, Major Vernon Peel, it was stated:

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Pvt. Allen finished high school in Snow Hill. Before he was drafted into the army he was a frammer for the local telephone company.

His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Allen.

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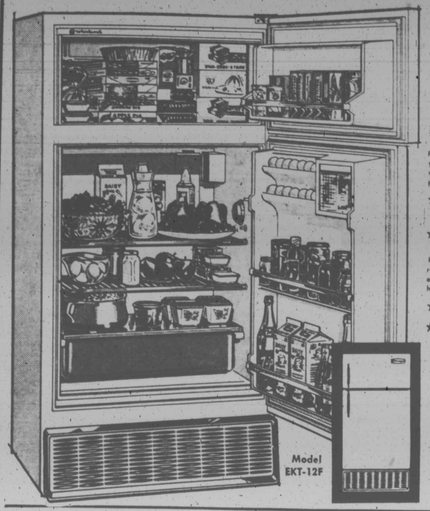

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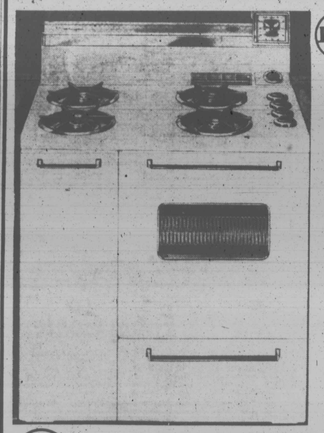

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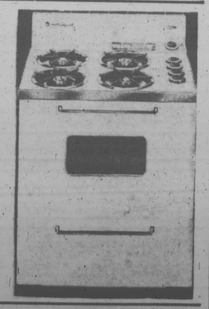

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