## YMCA Week

YMCA Week is observed at the Druid Hill Ave. branch through Jan. 26.

Members of the community are urged to visit the branch and participate in the various featured events.

These include fitness programs for adults, Pee Wee Club, Gra-Y Clubs for Youth, bridge classes, golf classes, life saving classes, basketball games and a learn-to-swim campaign.

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## Lincoln-Douglass contest again offers cash awards

The annual Lincoln-Douglass essay contest sponsored by the Pennsylvania Avenue -Lafayette Market Association as part of the birthday celebration of the two great Americans is in its 11th year.

The contest will start on Monday, Jan. 27 and will close on Wednesday, February 12.

All entries must be postmarked not later than midnight, Feb. 12, 1964.

Pupils in the public and parochial, primary, junior high and senior high schools in Metropolitan Baltimore area invited to submit entries for prizes that will be awarded for the winning essays.

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THE SUBJECT selected this year will offer the pupil the opportunity to state what he would do if he were either Abraham Lincoln or Frederick Douglass.

Essay titles are "If Abraham Lincoln were Alive Today, He Would . . . " or "If Frederick Douglass were alive today, he would . . ."; awards will be given in the several categories. First prize in each of the primary, junior high and senior high schools will be $10, second prize in each category will be $5, and third prize in each category will be $3. Certificates will also be awarded by the judges.

Honorable mention certificates in schools attended by essay winners will benefit by receiving an amount equal to that won by the pupil.

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THE FOLLOWING rules must be observed by each contestant:

1. Essays must not exceed 100 words.

2. Essays must be written legibly (for typed) on one side of paper only.

3. Contestant's name, address, phone number (if he has one), name of school and grade must be printed in the upper left hand corner of each sheet of paper used.

4. Entries must be addressed to P.A.L.M.A.'s Lincoln-Douglass Essay Contest, c/o the AFRO-AMERICAN, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore, Md. 21201 and must be postmarked no later than midnight, Feb. 12.

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AS IN THE past contests, separate judging will be held for each school division; primary, junior high and senior high, so that young contestants will be competing within their own grade groupings.

Girls and boys are urged to complete their essays as soon as possible and mail them before the deadline.

Announcement of the Lincoln-Douglass Essay winners will be made in the AFRO-AMERICAN and the winners will also be notified by mail.

FIRST UNION ACCOUNT — George D. Holley, secretary - treasurer of the International Hod Carriers Bldg. and Common Laborers Local Union 194, presents for deposit $10,000 check to Dr. W. O. Bryson Jr., president of Advance Federal Savings and Loan Association as James McKoy, president of the Union, and Mrs. Carrie M. Young, administrative assistant to the president of Advance Federal, look on. The officers of the Union selected Advance Federal because in addition to earning 4 per cent dividends on their insured account (1) they are making it possible for prospective homeowners to either build or buy homes any place that they desire and (2) they are providing employment for an ethnic group in their community that has not been accepted by other financial institutions in the past. They hope other unions will follow their example.

## Md. National makes promotions

Hooper S. Miles, chairman of the board of Maryland National Bank, has announced that stockholders of the bank voted approval of profit sharing and stock option plans for officers and employees of the bank at the annual meeting.

At the same meeting, six members of the trust department were elected to higher ranks, and Leonard A. A. Siems, senior vice president, was elected a director of the bank.

A profit sharing plan was adopted for the benefit of all full-time employees under 65 with three years of service.

Contributions will be based upon earnings over and above a fixed percentage of capital, surplus, and undivided profits.

The plan is to be a deferred profit sharing plan and trust designed to supplement the bank's present pension plan.

## Lincoln-Douglass sale Feb. 8 in PALMA stores

Shoppers from all over Baltimore are expected to crowd the PALMA stores on the 1500 to 1800 blocks of Pennsylvania Avenue, as well as the PALMA merchants in the Lafayette Market on Saturday, Feb. 8.

They will be there to take advantage of the give-away prices that are a part of the Lincoln - Douglass celebration sponsored by the PALMA Association.

The thousands of men and women who shopped in previous Lincoln-Douglass sales are expected to be joined by new shoppers who were 'doubting Thomases' before.

"With many more stores participating in the once-a-year sensational sale," said Seymour Sussman, PALMA promotion chairman, "we can promise the shopper the biggest bargains in town."

Stores will be open earlier on Lincoln-Douglass Day.

Extra salespeople will be on hand in every store.

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HERMAN KATKOW, president of the association, said that he wants to remind shoppers that parking meter rates on the Avenue and in the Lafayette Market parking lot have been reduced to five cents for one hour and ten cents for two hours.

He further stated, "PALMA stores can be easily recognized by the now famous Lincoln-Douglass window banners. The Pennsylvania Avenue-Lafayette Market Association will stand behind any item advertised by any of its members — but we cannot be responsible for non-members of this Association."

## City accepts donation for news stand

The Board of Estimates has approved in principle the offer of Rudolph J. Schaefer to finance the construction of a newsstand on Monument Square for Abe Sherman, a 65-year-old newsdealer who has sold newspapers at a kiosk in front of the Battle Monument since 1919.

Currently, Mr. Sherman is located on Fayette St. on the south side of the Court House. He was ordered to move his newsstand from Monument Square because of the landscaping project last September. Since then his business has dropped 50 per cent, Mr. Sherman reports.

Mr. Schaefer, chairman and president of the board of the F. and M. Schaefer Brewing Co., is offering the gift to the city with the request that Mr. Sherman be allowed to operate there as long as he desires to do so.

## WBAL-TV Schedule

FRIDAY, JAN. 24
6:45—Sign On and Devotions
7:00—Today Show
7:25—Maryland News
7:30—Today Show
8:25—Maryland News
9:00—Today Show
9:00—Rhea and Sunshine
9:30—This Week's News
9:55—News with Royal Parker
10:00—Sparetime Bowling
10:30—Word for Word (c)
11:00—Concentration
11:30—Missing Links (c)
12:00—Your First Impression (c)
12:30—Truth or Consequences (c)
12:55—NBC News Day Report
1:00—One O'Clock Show
1:55—News with Royal Parker
2:00—Let's Make A Deal (c)
2:25—NBC News Mid - Afternoon Report
2:30—The Doctors
3:00—Loretta Young
3:30—You Don't Say (c)
4:00—Pete the Pirate and Popeye
4:30—Mickey Mouse Club
5:00—Five O'Clock Show: "Adventures of Wallace Beery (Highwayman Rides)
6:30—The Hourt Huntley - Brinkley Report
7:00—Hertsgaard and the News
7:10—Inquiring Reporters
7:15—Exclusive
7:25—Sports with Joe Croghan
7:30—The Restless Sea (c)
8:30—Bob Hope Show (c)
9:30—That Was The Week That Was
10:00—Jack Paar Show (c)
11:00—News with Ralf Hertsgaard
11:10—Weatherman (Al Herndon)
11:15—One Man's Opinion
11:25—Sports Final - Joe Croghan
11:30—Tonight Show with Johnny Carson (c)
1:00—News Headlines
1:01—Evening Devotions
1:10—Sign-Off
SATURDAY, JAN. 25
7:15—Sign On and Devotions
7:30—The Big Picture
8:00—Learning to Read
8:30—Adventure at Work
9:00—Light Truth
9:00—Gang's All Here
10:00—Ruff 'n Ready Show (c)
11:00—Hedge Hennicott Show (c)
11:00—Sheriff Xiu
11:00—Dennis the Menace
11:30—Fury
12:00—Sergeant Preston
12:30—The Twilinaha Show (c)
1:00—Exploring (c)
2:00—Mr. Wizard
3:00—Garden Living
3:30—At Home in Maryland
3:30—"The Fighting 69th" (James Cagney, Pat O'Brien)
5:00—Wrestling
6:30—Pinbusters
7:30—Checkmate
8:30—The Joey Bishop Show (c)
9:00—Saturday Night At The Movies: "Until They Sail" (Paul Newman, Sandra Dee)
11:00—Jed Duvall and The News
11:05—Saturday Night Movie: "Dash McCain" (c) (Jamie Garner, Natalie Wood)
SUNDAY, JAN. 26
7:45—Sign On and Devotions
8:00—Learning to Read
8:30—Frontiers of Faith
9:00—Sunday Sermon
9:30—Light Unto My Path (aged)
10:00—Jungle Jim Theatre (Killer Ape)
11:15—Gang's All Here
12:00—Sunday Afternoon Show: "The Story of Dr. Wassell" (c) (Gary Cooper, Laraine Day)
3:00—Hollywood and The Stars
2:30—Wild Kingdom
3:00—Christian Unity Week
3:30—The Southern Baptist Hour
4:00—Wonderful World of Golf (c)
5:00—Maryland News Conference
5:30—G. E. College Bowl (c)
6:00—Meet The Press (c)
6:30—To Promote Good Will
7:00—Death Valley Days (Three Minutes to Eternity)
7:30—Wonderful World of Color (c)
8:00—Bonanza (c)
9:00—The Kremlin (c)
11:00—News with Royal Parker
11:10—Forecast with Jim Lyons
11:15—Sports with Joe Croghan
11:20—Esso World Theatre: "England: Puritan Vs. Cavalier" (repeat)
MONDAY, JAN. 27
6:45—Sign On and Devotions
7:00—Today Show
7:25—Maryland News
7:30—Today Show
8:25—Maryland News
8:30—Today Show
9:00—Rhea and Sunshine
9:30—Science Everywhere
9:55—News with Royal Parker
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7:25—Sports with Joe Croghan
7:30—Monday Night At The Movies: House of Bamboo (c) (Robert Ryan, Robert Stack)
9:30—Biography: Eva Peron
10:00—Along Along with Mitch (c)
11:00—Hertsgaard and the News
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## Morgan alumni to meet Jan. 26

The M. J. Naylor Chapter of the Morgan State College Alumni Association will hold its regular monthly meeting on Sunday, Jan. 26 at 6 p.m. at the YWCA, 1912 Madison Ave.

During the social hour from 7 to 8 p.m., Miss Ruth Fegley, director, Baltimore Fellowship House, will be the guest speaker.

## Club assists fire victims

Fire hit the Caves Rd. home of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Copper, destroying most of their household furniture and personal belongins.

Members of the "As You Like It Club, Inc." of which Mr. Copper is a member, gave their time and services along with a van from the Lawrence Morton Express, Inc., in moving various pieces of furniture to a neighbor's home.

Members of the club are John Merritt, Albert Pinn, Chester Rivers, James Pinn, William Morris, George Wood, William Morton, Jame Braswell, James Gray, Frank Meyers Reginald Wilson, Clifton Foster, Jerry Williams and Orville Brightful.

## Clerical jobs open at Social Security

Applications will be accepted for the position of Electrical Card Typing Machine Operator, GS-2, paying $3620 per year with the Social Security Administration, Baltimore, Maryland. Applications will be accepted from January 21, 1964 until further notice.

A typing test and a written test are required. There are no educational or experience requirements.

Full information and application forms may be obtained by contacting the Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, Social Security Administration, Baltimore, Maryland 21235, or at any first - or second - class post office.

## 3 young brothers face court action

Three brothers - ages 13, 12, and 10 - are facing action by juvenile authorities for allegedly assaulting an 11-year-old boy Wednesday.

Northwestern District police reported that the brothers "jumped on" the other youth while he was en route to school. The victim, Phillip Willey, of the 400 block Annellen Rd., was knocked to the ground, striking his head on the pavement.

He was kept home from school by his mother, police stated, and became sick later in the day, complaining of pains in the head and convulsions.

The mother, Mrs. Patricia Anderson, told police she took her son to Lutheran Hospital where he was admitted for observation and treatment for a possible skull fracture.

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A 15-YEAR-OLD BOY charged with assaulting a police officer on duty at the Harlem Park Junior High School, was committed to Boys Training School for an indeterminate term Wednesday.

Juvenile Court authorities filed petitions against the youngster after he was arrested by Western District policemen who came to the assistance of an officer allegedly attacked by the youth and several other unidentified companions.

Charles Brown, principal of the school, said he did not witness the incident but did learn of it shortly after it occurred. The youth was not enrolled at his school, Mr. Brown reported.

## Hospital auxiliary seeking 10,000 new members

Setting a goal of 1,000 new members, the Women's Auxiliary of the Provident Hospital, under the leadership of Mrs. Virginia L. Brown, will conduct a Winter Membership Campaign, Feb. 12 - March 12.

A kick-off meeting of the area chairmen and their workers will be held on Jan. 30 at the Hospital Annex.

A Speakers' Bureau is available to club groups. Mrs. Ruth Brown is chairman.

Area chairmen are Mrs. Celia Crawford, Eastern; Mrs. Elizabeth Parker, Mt. Winans; Mrs. Sarah Bundy, Cherry Hill; Mrs. Plassie Finney, Western; Mrs. Madie Thomas, Central; Miss Mae Thomas, Catonsville, and Mrs. Elizabeth Cheatham, Sparrows Point.

## Provident tea slated April 26

The 17th annual Benefit Tea of the Woman's Auxiliary of Provident Hospital will be held Sunday, April 26 from 4 to 7 at Douglass High School, Gwynns Falls Pkwy. and Pulaski St.

Fashions by Pauline Brooks, hats by Nell Sheridan.

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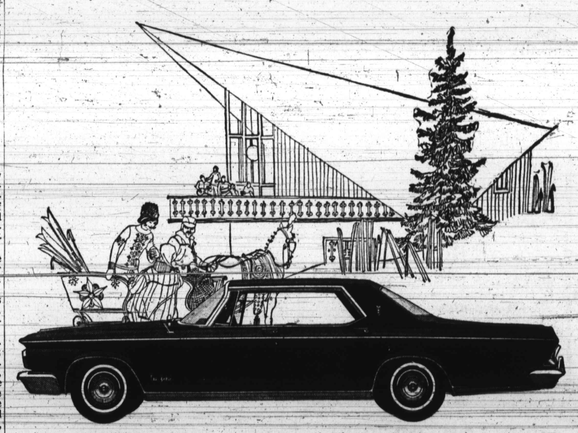
## Day nursery sought for 2902 Allendale

An appeal, asking the operation of a day nursey at 2902 Allendale Rd., is to be heard Tuesday by the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals.

Also scheduled among the cases beginning at 1 p.m. in Room 231, City Hall, is a request to permit the housing of three families at 2125 E. Baltimore St.

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At one time or another—or all at once—he has answered to such titles as:

Lawyer, churchman, civic leader, police court magistrate, fraternal leader, legionnaire, politician, crusader, war hero, gourmet and man-about-town.

Currently topping this list of titles which gives an insight into the complex machinery which makes Koger run, is still another one—man in retirement.

Mr. Koger, a practicing member of the bar for 40 years, pulled in his shingle last year and is now content to "read and listen to good music."

The saga of Koger, stretching from Reidsville, N.C., to 2106 Bryant Ave. via Howard University and countless other stop-offs, is well known to all who have had their ear bent by the "judge."

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FOR INSTANCE the episode of the late Mr. Koger taking a maple switch to young Linwood preludes any dissertation on the life and times of Linwood G. Koger Sr. when told by the man who knows the story best.

Time and space limitations prohibit an exhaustive study of the many projects that have caught his imagination and attention.

It would require volumes to record his exploits as a first lieutenant in World War I, he recalled recently, when he was injured in France.

Ditto for his political efforts, where as a staunch Republican he ran, unsuccessfully for the State Senate, House of Delegates, and City Council and U.S. Congress.

While sitting as magistrate in the old Northwestern District, Mr. Koger had the rare capacity to bring smiles to the lips of those who had little reason to smile.

"He's the first judge I've seen to send a man to jail with a smile on his face," was the reaction of one attendant who observed with unbelieving eyes a defendant near hysteria with laughter as he was being led to the lockup.

The unrestrained break-up was occasioned by one of Mr. Koger's homey description of the depression days which he said were so bad that the rats ate up his diploma from Howard.

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SUCH HOMEY witticisms, and the man-in-the-street approach to the lawless elements in the old Northwestern earned Mr. Koger this tribute from those most likely to find themselves before "the judge with the hawk-billed nose," as one frequent station house visitor put it:

"He's hard but fair and that's all you can ask."

Mr. Koger, whose professional, fraternal, civic, and social membership favor a thumb-nail sketch of "Who's Who in Whatever It Is," lives alone on the first floor of his row-house home in the quiet residential section.

He and his wife, the former Miss Ruth Wilson, are separated, "and we did it on friendly terms," he said. They are the parents of three children—Linwood G. Koger Jr., attorney; Harry O'Neal W. Koger, attorney and Mrs. Ruth K. Blake.

Anticipating leisure-filled days, free of the press of business, legal and otherwise, Mr. Koger registered satisfaction at a life well spent, a life, incidentally, that began 28 years after slavery was officially ended.

"I have seen profound changes in my day, but that's just a beginning. It won't be long now."

That was in reference to the progress of the equality struggle which Mr. Koger has seen in its darkest hour when "keeping a colored man in his place" was an accomplished fact.

The judge's memberships and affiliations are extensive. Among them:

Former president, NAACP; president, Howard University Baltimore Alumni Chapter; former commander, Walter Green Post, American Legion; founder, Pi Omega and PI chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Inspector General, Scottish Rite Mason, Grand-Legal Advisor of Md. Masonic Jurisdiction; legal adviser, Pride of Baltimore Elks and Hiram Grand Lodge.

Vice president, Citizens Planning and Housing Association; president, Monumental City Bar; past treasurer, National Bar Associations member, American Bar Association and Urban League.

Church affiliations include former board of managers, Druid Hill YMCA; member of Union Baptist, where he is also a member of the choir; and board member, of the United Chistian Citizens.

RETIRED after long and successful career, Linwood Koger makes adjustment on clock at home where he is now taking it easy.

# MUSIC MAN

A Baltimorean was among three persons who received $1,100 full-tuition scholarships at the Peabody Conservatory of Music, recently.

Walter Lee, 19, 3304 N. Hilton St., an oboist who wishes to be a university instructor, was the recipient from Baltimore.

The other two students were:

Mrs. Iravati Sudiarsi, an Indonesian who is working on her master's degree. She is a pianist.

LeRoy Peterson, 25, is a Canadian and a teacher at Columbia College in Washington. He has his master's degree in music and is currently working on his artist's diploma.

The scholarships were given to the students by WBAL-TV by that station's vice president and general manager, Brent O. Gunts.

The ceremony marked the first year in which the station gave the awards.

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MR. LEE is a freshman student at the Peabody Institute. He has been playing the oboe for approximately 18 months.

He can also play the flute and saxophone.

To earn spending money, the Douglass High School graduate has played in dinner clubs, churches, and music from the serious and classical to the jazz and pop.

He has also played for the Baltimore City Orchestra in Pimlico and in an orchestra for the benefit of the new Provident Hospital.

Getting his doctorate is Mr. Lee's chief ambition.

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MRS. SUDIARSI, whose husband and child are still in Indonesia, has been in the United States for 1½ years.

Most of her early life was spent in Holland, in the cities of The Hague and Amsterdam, where she graduated from high school.

After completing her studies at the Institute, Mrs. Sudiarsi said that she will return to her homeland of Indonesia and embark on a career of concert pianist.

Mr. Peterson has achieved the greatest success of the scholarship winners.

He performed with Washington's National Symphony Orchestra at the age of 17. He has also given recitals in cities of the Malayan Federation, soloed with the Singapore Symphony and performed on Radio Malaya.

Before attending Peabody, Mr. Peterson had studied in Switzerland's Geneva Conservatory with concert-master of the West Berlin (Germany) Philharmonic.

WALTER LEE

# THEY 'PREPARE' PEOPLE

"What happens after the sit-ins and the demonstrations? People must live. They must learn how to live. That is where we come in. Our role is to prepare people to walk through the doors that have been opened for them."

The speaker is Mrs. Edna DeCoursey Johnson, 3655 Wabash Ave.

She is associate director of community organization for the Baltimore Urban League, 2404 Pennsylvania Ave.

Appointed to the position in October, she is the only full-time director of such an Urban League program in the country.

An elementary school teacher for 18 years, Mrs. Johnson gave up her classroom for a windowless office.

In one corner of her office is a four-drawer file cabinet and in the opposite a mimeograph machine. On the wall facing her desk is a green-lettered sign with a bright yellow background: "Strengthen Family Life."

The sign is both a motto and a philosophy: to strengthen the family is to strengthen society.

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MRS. JOHNSON'S tasks are as numerous as there are human situations in the community.

She has a huge task — and she knows it — confronting her.

Somehow, she must go out into a city racked by poverty, unemployment, crime, racial discrimination and other social ills, and instill into parents, children and teenagers that someone cares for them and that they, too, matter in the fabric of society.

To help her meet some of the challenges, Mrs. Johnson has some 90 volunteer professional consultants working with her in areas ranging from advice to the elderly, to family budgets, to zealous fathers who are interested in being better parents.

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ONE PROJECT is a parent education course which teaches low-income parents how to prepare appetizing meals, budget their money and how to maintain an acceptable personal appearance.

Presently, the course is being taught at two schools, Nos. 19 and 126. In the near future, Mrs. Johnson hopes that three more schools will be opened to teach the course.

Mrs. Johnson also works with the Western Police Community Relations Committee, which is an agency designed to help alleviate some of the social problems which plague the area.

Through her husband, Laurence H. Johnson, who is a private housing manager in Cherry Hill, Mrs. Johnson was able to contribute toys for needy children during the District's annual Christmas party at the Royal Theatre.

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MRS. JOHNSON is working with a group of fathers at school No. 144 who are compiling a booklet. "Am I A Good Father?"

Mrs. Johnson is not ignoring the teenagers. Actually she has worked with teenagers for many years and is the youth fellowship adviser of her church, Sharon Baptist.

She has served as president of the Young People's Department of the United Maryland Baptist Missionary Convention and a member of the vocational guidance committee of the Maryland Council of Churches.

Also, she has served as a resource person and consultant for youth conferences throughout the nation for the International Council of Churches.

Recently, she was the advsior for an all-day youth conference at First Baptist Church. The theme of the conference, said Mrs. Johnson, was learning how to live with other people.

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MUCH OF Mrs. Johnson's time is sent in meeting and encouraging groups to be concerned about the people in their neighborhoods.

Recently, she has spoken to church groups in Lutherville and Towson, to neighborhood clubs, to interracial youth forums and to residents in special urban renewal project areas.

There is still more: Mrs. Johnson's organization offers advice ranging from how the elderly may obtain supplementary welfare care to essentials such as informing people that the Post Office should be notified when addresses are changed and that voting is important.

Such a plethora of activity will challenge all of the practical experience Mrs. Johnson has accumulated through her years of teaching and of graduate courses in human relations, group dynamics and education which she has taken at Johns Hopkins University, Rutgers University and the University of Maryland.

In order for people to take advantage of the changes and new demands which will be imposed upon them, they must change their values, said Mrs. Johnson.

Each family must change psychologically, she continued.

A positive, psychological change in a family, said Mrs. Johnson, can be measured through the family generations. If each generation climbs higher than the previous one, said Mrs. Johnson, that is an indication that the family is attempting to adjust and to improve itself.

The project which Mrs. Johnson is part of is comparatively new. It has been in operation in the city only since 1958.

Mrs. Johnson believes that much can be accomplished and that there is no finer way than in beginning with the family.

Mrs. Johnson is a native Baltimorean, a 1940 graduate of Douglass High School and a 1944 graduate of Coppin State College.

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# BEAUTY AND TALENT

ONE OF LAST performers to appear at Ford Theatre is Miss Helen Sylvia, dancer in current show. Theatre is to be torn down.

One of the reasons why the musical comedy "A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum," now at Ford's Theater, is such a joy to watch is a lithe, leggy girl from Brooklyn, Helen Sylvia, one of the featured dancers.

Miss Sylvia, perhaps the only colored performer so thoroughly integrated into a touring Broadway show, is a seasoned young professional who like so many younger artists won her greatest recognition in Europe before making a splash back home.

"I see the doors opening in American theater for us now," she said on a visit to the AFRO Tuesday. "Very slowly, but they're opening. I've been interviewed for television work since my return from Europe and that would have been practically unheard of two years ago."

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EXCEPT FOR artfully mascaraed eyes, Miss Sylvia, in a neat tweed suit when interviewed, is "un-theater-ish" offstage, bearing little resemblance to the exotic half-clad she portrays in "Forum."

Not to say Helen resembles a school marm off the boards. Her dancer's figure is not to be denied by tailored suits and her personality, described in a press release as "bubbling with energy and a zest for life" proved to be all this and more.

This young professional began her dancing career while still a school - girl in Brooklyn. Of West Indian heritage, she remembers that her mother, in the practical way of Barbadians, "was completely against show business so I studied commerical art to please her . . . but kept on dancing."

She made her first professional appearance with the Geoffrey Holder Dance Company in 1953. Later she came to the attention of Katherine Dunham, who signed her to a two-year contract as a featured dancer with her internationally famous company. This was Helen's first world tour. She danced throughout Europe, Asia and the Far East.

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LATER, SHE joined the Duke Ellington "Jump For Joy" revue and afterward formed her own act appearing in night clubs here and in Europe. Overseas, she has appeared in the Moulin-Rouge, Geneva, Switzerland; the Terrace Room, Zurich; the Belvedere Della Rosa in Rome and in Milan and Venice.

While performing at Rome's Belvedere Della Rosa, casting agents of the Taylor-Burton version of Cleopatra saw her and hired her for a dancer's role in the current box-office smash:

"In the movie, I danced and had a bit part which I believe has been cut out of the finished picture."

Helen was reluctant to leave Europe. "I loved Switzerland. None of the pressures of 'can I go here, will I be accepted in that place. . but I hadn't seen my family for so long and my grandmother was ill."

She was not plagued by unemployment while overseas. "We always had work and once I took a month off just to rest."

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SHE PLANS to remain Stateside, to get film and theater parts, and keep on building her talent. "Now I'm trying to develop my voice for singing and am taking lessons with the show's pianist in my spare moments.

"When not in a show and home in New York I study with a drama group taught by Lee Grant. To keep my dancing sharp, I study with Sevilla Forte."

Marriage? Helen laughs: "I think I'm an old-fashioned girl at heart. I would cater to a man but I would want him to give me all the little attentions."

Men? "When I got to Italy, the men there absolutely frightened me. They came on so strong. They pay too much attention and then if you go along with this, you find youself shackled. But after you get to know them and understand them, they aren't so bad."

Helen came of age in Europe. "I'm in my late twenties, but not too late. In Europe on our racial problems here they are curious to know why we haven't done anything about it. They see the injustices and wonder why they haven't been removed."

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AFTER HER stint in "Forum" she plans to revive her night club act and go on tour nationally.

Not the worrying type, Helen, thinking about her future, clicked off possibilities on her fingers.

"Dancing, that's first, I'm to talk with some people about a movie here, I am a commercial artist, I design and sew all my own clothes. I cook, well I used to be a good cook before all this traveling . . .

Helen Sylvia: you'll be hearing from this capable young performer again.

MRS. BERNICE WILLIAMS, 2111 Garrison Blvd., a service representative for the telephone company, demonstrates the new card dialer automatic dialing phone. The new device is presently available for installation in homes and frees the user of using his fingers for dialing numbers. (See story on Page 16)