DOWN ON THE BAY:

Sen. Steffy reveals plans for low-rent county homes

By PHYLLIS C. KIRKLAND

Sen. John Steffy (R., Anne Arundel) revealed this week that after more than two years of "red-tape" with various Washington agencies, Anne Arundel County residents can look forward to low-rent public housing in four areas.

The plan calls for 1,000 units. Designated areas are:

Deale Area, 100 units; 200 units in the Odenton area; 200 units in Glen Burnie; and 100 in the Patapsco Park area.

Perhaps Severna Park and some of the other more needy areas might be considered, the senator said.

He stated that employment has never been a great problem in the area because of the closeness of metropolitan areas as well as government agencies in the county.

However, the latter has also presented a problem with regard to taxes which, if increased, would increase the facilities the county and city governmental agencies could provide for its citizens, Mr. Steffy said.

Much to our surprise, when discussing the present housing conditions in Earleigh Heights, we learned that one of the most difficult landlords with poor housing, high rent, is black.

According to Mr. Steffy, this landlord has been taken repeatedly before the Real Estate Board. Each time he pleads a sad, sad case but never really moving.

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At National Plastics, according to the Senator, there are 200 jobs presently open with beginning salaries of $2.50 an hour.

The proof of the pudding is in the eating. If you know someone without work or someone who wants to change jobs, refer them to Sen. Steffy or National Plastics.

Requirements are that applicants are able to do basic reading and very little writing.

The Pasadena Elementary School had an interesting musical Christmas program. Featured were Christmas Carols from various ethnic groups, including two spirituals.

We were also impressed with young Jennings who portrayed the black king. He handled himself most unconsciously with the dignity, impassivity and bearing of our African forefathers.

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Everette Wilson, ex-director of the Anne Arundel County Community Action Program, is doing a beautiful job as a teaching fellow in the Ph. D. program at the School of Social Work, University of Maryland.

We are not surprised as he has shown his competency as a social worker, community organizer and in being active in community affairs.

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Recently employed as a fifth grade instructor at the Pasadena Elementary school was Orrington Caldwell of Freetown.

He will be a 1969 graduate of Bowie State College, a bachelor and the son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Caldwell of Freetown.

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The Mt. Calvary Church sponsored the Silver Tones of Calvert County in concert recently. This group is made up of the sons of the late Rev. S. T. Collins who served many years as pastor of Ashury Town Neck and Mt. Calvary.

If this is possible, the tones are better now than when we last heard them.

Another son, Joe, follows his father in the ministry and is as forceful, informed and moving.

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Under the leadership of Mrs. Josephine Pinkard, Pack No. 2, Cub Scout Troop 428 of Freetown continues to function with little help from the parents of the boys involved.

Perhaps our country has let us down, but we have chosen to help our country help itself. Scouting is one way of rearing dutiful, responsible men.

Can't we help by letting our boys join and both parents participating. In the last meeting J. P. Kirkland received his Wolf Merit badge.

Crownsville State Hospital celebrated its second Annual Awards Day Program on last week in the Campanella Building.

This program was put into effect during the present administration of Dr. Gporge McK. Phillips, one of the two black mental hospital superintendents in the state and one of the few in the country.

Beginning with the invocation by hospital chaplain Cecil Marshall, followed by a moving welcome address by Dr. Phillips, the program held the interest of participants and guests.

Two solos were presented by Mrs. Edwina Jacobs, accompanied by Mrs. Lillian Rollins (Lil). Both were excellent.

Many employees received awards for years of service, attendance and blood donors. Among those receiving recognition were:

Joseph Brimes who has completed 38 years service and will retire during this year; Mrs. Alexiann Oberg, 20 years;

Mesdames Lillian Rollins, Ida McKever ad Elease Kent, 15 years.

Two employees, John Caroll of the Social Service Department and Joseph E. Kirkland, stationary engineer, both received 10-year service and attendance awards.

We congratulate each of the employees receiving honors. We are proud of you, although space limits the listing of the entire group.

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The Stanton Elementary School now serving the community as a community center and headquarters for the Urban Renewal Program was presented last week with a flag flown over the U.S. Capitol for its services to its community.

During the brief ceremony with Sen. John Steffy presenting the award, the voices of children of varying ages could be heard as they played various games and participated in numerous activities.

Among those attending the presentation were Mrs. John Steffy, Dr. Aris Allen, J. Sims, T. Norwood Brown and others.

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Although black-listed in many states by many disc jockeys, including some in the State of Maryland (the Free State), "Makeba," the controversial new album by Mrs. Miriam Makeba Carmichael, has been featured frequently on the "Hoppy Adams Show" in Annapolis.

Mr. Adams is the black vice president of WANN and a disk-jockey. From 1 to 2:30 p.m. he features contemporary jazz and it is during this time that "Makeba" has been featured.

All black people do not smoke pot and dig "sounds." Some dig "sounds" and don't smoke pot and therefore listen to this segment of "Hoppy's show. There are others who prefer the part of the show from 2:30 to 4:45 featuring rock and roll.

Mr. Adams plays a wide variety of music, reaching a listening audience in five states with varying musical tastes.

He has deliberately attempted to introduce different music with black roots to different listening audiences to help motivate our youth.

People, according to Mr. Adams, can only become motivated to be "aware" when the unknown is introduced and becomes the known.

He feels that the "black and proud" segment of his audience will eventually become "aware" of and appreciate Miss Makeba only if he keeps playing it, and that the "jazz" segment will only appreciate "The Ghetto" if it is heard.

"We have to try to meet the musical needs of all; foster racial pride, by using all of the creative avenues open to us," says Mr. Adams.

"Black people have always loved music."

We wish to make known through this column some of the changes which have taken place in Anne Arundel County within the last six years which you might have missed.

Black faces are showing up in the darndest places, more than the mere tokenism so often found. "We" are cashiers and sales people in large and small department stores, liquor stores, insurance agents, collection agents and a whole slew of other "things" and in a whole slew of other types of businesses.

The county has employed a number of qualified black workers; some through regular Merit System procedures and others by appointment, through the efforts of Joseph Alton, county executive.

There are two clerks of court; 1 draftsman; 1 magistrate, a director of the Departments of Parks and Recreation, a black gold professional who will be working with both the city and county.

Please don't cry "Uncle Tom" every time a competent black person moves into a position which pays well and is in the public eye. This is not always true.

Most of these people have fought as hard as you to win a place, deserved, but for years denied, and are still in there fighting against and with the "Establishment" for the rest of us.

We would also like to mention that Dr. Aris Allen has recently become a stockholder and member of the Board of Directors of the Colonial Bank and Trust Company. Where are you banking?

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It's called "Police Community Relations, Officer Murdock. . .May I Help You."

The special examines the Police storefront centers after one year in operation.

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Channel 13's cameras focus on the center in the Cherry Hill district of the city. The center is manned by a staff of one man — officer Oliver Murdock.

Although his beat is a small desk behind a four-foot counter, his influence and contacts cover the entire South Baltimore community.

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As Officer Murdock handles countless daily problems, viewers will see that a policeman is many things to many people.

To the people of Cherry Hill, he is a father, social worker, employment counsellor and law officer.

Four storefront centers are now in operation. Their effectiveness related to the people of the community is explored during the hour program.

The show was written and produced by Allen Mondell and Jerry Galyean. Mike Styer is executive producer of the special.

Library hours are extended

The Cherry Hill station of the Enoch Pratt Free Library will be open to the public, beginning January 6, from Monday through Thursday, from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m., thus adding one afternoon of service to the present Tuesday through Thursday schedule.

Circulation of books and other materials at Cherry Hill has increased 53 per cent since last June over the corresponding period last year.

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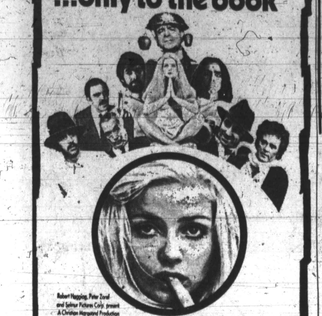

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By KAREN BANFIELD

"Tonight is the night that the sugar plum faries do their thing.

This is the night that all the young ones try to stay awake to get a peak at Santa. Although those days of fantasy are gone for most of us (I hope) it is always nice to reminisce.

Christmas has brought college guy and gals home so that they will have a chance to remember old times with friends. Baltimore's college bound kids have really spread out over the country and have a long way to come.

Some of the states are Massachusetts, Ohio, New York, Kansas, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Washington D.C., Virginia and North Caorlina.

Some of the kids returning from these far-away places are:

Sharon Bouldin, Antioch College; Tyrone Hill, Kansas State; Tony Hill, Howard; Windy Butcher, University of Pensylvania; Laurie Butcher, Boston University.

Karin Kendrick, Howard; Annette Carter, Syracuse University; Darlynne Hunter, Howard; Janice Bowie, Howard, Eddie Watson, Hampton Institute; and LaVerne Nicholson, Howard.

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For those high school seniors interested in one or senirs interestedin one or several of the colleges mentioned above write me and I'll see if we can get some information about them. Give your name, address, phone number, and college(s) in which you are interested.

If your choice is not listed write any way. We may be able to talk to some one already enrolled in your favorite school.

This may be your last chance to get first-hand information on colleges, so take advantage of it while you can.

A reminder of the places to be for the next few nights. Dec. 25, Phi Alpha Sigma's dance at the Civic Center, Dec. 26, the Sigma Omega Kappa Sorority's dance at the Club Venus; and on Dec. 27 the Rho Sigma Tau Fraternity will also hold a dance in the Howard Room of the Civic Center.

Keep me informed on other holiday soul happenings, 3709 Springdale Ave. 21216. Merry Christmas to all of Baltimore's swinging Keen Teens!

A PICTORIAL REMINDER —Jackie "Moms" Mabley, the "Clown princess of comedy," takes this picture frame method to remind Baltimoreans that she will lead a holiday explosion of stars into the Civic Center Sunday. The show, beginning at 8 p.m., also includes Clarence Carter, "Too Weak To Fight" fame; the Young Holt Trio Unlimited, the Voicemasters, Fantastic Four and Aesop's Fables.

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Contests, shows, dances and various tournaments have been planned.

A city-wide chess tournament will be held at the Northwood Recreation Center, at Loch Raven Blvd. and Winford Rd., Dec. 26 through Dec. 28.

NAMED TO BOARD — Three men recently named to the Board of Directors for 1968-1969 of the Social Security Administration Employees Activities Association were: (from left) David McCoy, Donald Rusk and Irvin Sutton.

Correction

The notice of a birthday party being given for Samuel D. Evans, 910 N. Gilmor St., on Dec. 27 by a group calling itself the Faith, Hope and Charity Club, as printed in the last edition of the AFRO, has no basis in fact, according to Mr. Evans.

Other information in the short notice of the party also is not true, Mr. Evans said.

The AFRO regrets the error.

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'Canterbury Tales' opens at Mechanic Theatre

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"Canterbury Tales," voted by London critics as the season's "Best Musical Comedy," will have its local premiere at the Morris A. Mechanic Theatre on Dec. 25.

Baltimore playgoers will get the opportunity to see the Chaucerian romp through Jan. 18, 1969.

Starring in the attraction, which is based on Chaucer's lusty tales, are George Rose, Hermione Baddeley and Marty Green. Featured players include Roy Cooper, Ed Evanko, Sanday Duncan and Ann Gardner. The cast to appear at the Mechanic was recruited in the U.S. recruited in the U.S.

It is being presented in this country by Management III Productions Ltd. and Frank Productions, Inc. by arrangement with Classic Presentations Ltd.

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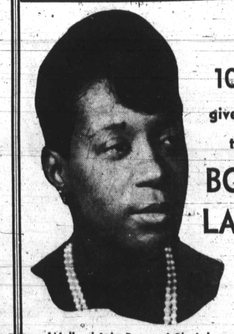
Nevil Coghill, an Oxford professor of English Literature, and Martin Starkie adapted "Canterbury Tales" for the musical comedy stage.

The show utilizes four of Chaucer's tales that, according to the adapters, "have love and marriage for their theme; together, they form a dialogue on the comedy of the relations between the sexes."

Choreography is by Sammy Bayes, with musical direction by Oscar Kesarin.

The scenery has been designed by Derek Cousins. Jules Fisher is designing the lighting.

The Broadway premier is set for the Eugene O'Neill Theatre on February 3.



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