Baltimorean seeks brother

Professor M. Pinkney of Baltimore is asking for help in the search for his brother, James Pinkney. He hasn't seen him in five years.

He would like to tell his brother that their uncle is ill in South Carolina.

It is thought that James Pinkney is in Washington. His former address was 222 Seton Pl., NW. Prof. Pinkney has asked anyone who knows Mr. Pinkney to phone him at his home, 728-7022, or at work during the day at 752-3500.

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TO GET BIRD LOOK — Lenny Scott (right) has een signed to a contract with the Baltimore Orioles' instructional league Miami club. The former Dumbar High and sandlot pitching star is shown with George Henderson, with whom he works as sales representative for Brooks Robinson's sporting goods firm. Lenny's father also is reportedly in the employ of the Birds, to serve as area scout covering local high schools.

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ROUND about TOWN

By AL RUTLEDGE

Due to an unfortunate mechanical error Mrs. Carmilita Waters' name was omitted from this column when we featured her husband Edward (Dickey) Waters.

Mrs. Waters is a 2nd grade teacher at sir Robert Eden Elementary School, Number 20.

For those of you who plan to check out the plays for '69 we suggest you plan to visit the Arena Players January 17, 18, 19, 24, 25 26, 31, and February 1 and 2.

The acting gang over there is offering three one act plays for "mature audiences."

The first will be "Clara's Ole Man. The other two are "How Do You Do?" by Ed Bullins and "Take Care Of Business" by Marvin X.

The plays are called provocative, modern and hard-hitting. Call 728-9303 for further information.

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The New Year's Eve cabaret of the In Crowds, Inc. was out of sight.

The Crowd drew a capacity group to the Winchester Armory and gave them some fine entertainment and along about two A.M. they served up heaping platters of fried chicken.

Big Daddy Anderson, president of the Crowd, was all smiles as he greeted the hundreds of people who came out to blow in the new year.

ONETIME TRACK STAR — Dekie Edwards who was once Morgan College's most illustrious runner is now the big brother and counselor of hundreds of kids who attend the Easterwood Recreation Center. Read more about him in Round Arnut Town.

In 1915, the federal government stopped paying claims for damages caused by the Union Army in the Civil War.

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Average daily cost per patient in Veterans Administration hospitals during 1968 was $39.34 for general hospitals.

Civic groups support police gun controls

WASHINGTON

The D.C. Federation of Civic Associations has issued resolutions supporting the City Council's guidelines on police use of firearms and the Planning Commission's cutbacks on the proposed Freeway program.

The two resolutions were among five passed at the group's regular monthly meeting, Dec. 27 in the District Building.

The text of the five resolutions, released by the Federation's president, Edward J. MacClane, is as follows:

To support a task force of prominent citizens who would speak to our junior and senior high school students in an effort to stimulate greater scholastic achievement.

To send a letter to President-elect Nixon thanking him for reappointing Mayor Washington. The resolution also included support for Mayor Washington.

To send letters to the D.C. Council and the National Capital Planning Commission commending them for their action in disapproving the construction of segments of the D.C. Highway program.

To sponsor an award to be given for outstanding work in the field of human relations. This award will be presented at a dinner sponsored by the American Federation of Police, January 26, at the Presidential Arms.

To support the guidelines in the use of firearms by the Metropolitan Police Department as outlined by the D.C. Council.

New housing plan proposed

NEW YORK — The NAACP, through its New York Metropolitan Housing Council, has proposed conversion of sound housing into cooperative for low and middle income families.

The Council, composed of the housing chairmen of 18 NAACP branches in New York City, was organized by William R. Morris, the association's national director of housing programs. Edward Beresford of the uptown New York City Branch is chairman. The proposal calls for utilization of FHA-insured mortgages and large-scale professional management to achieve improved housing for colored families.

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Javits sees drive toward providing economic rights

By STEVEN GERSTEL

The bitter and divisive legislative battles over civil rights which have tormented Congress for more than a decade may have ended with the last session.

But the drive to provide equal opportunity did not.

The goals remain the same but almost certainly the 91st Congress will move away from the era of granting legal equality to a period of providing substantive economic gains.

Sen. Jacob K. Javits, R-N.Y., a prime mover of civil rights legislation in the last decade and one who in the past prodded for broader and swifter action, feels that the Nixon administration will lead in this shift of emphasis.

In a recent interview, Javits said: "In other words it's almost as if the President-elect said 'let's get down to cases. What are we doing all this for. We're doing it so that people can have jobs, decent homes, better health, better education, better chances, more dignity.'

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"Okay let's do that instead of worrying about legislation that will adjudicate their rights. Now the real answer is that the adjudication of rights and the law which would enable individuals to get their rights was indispensable when it was done."

Javits added: "There is a good deal of that on the books now and it needs to be implemented and enforced. That's the big issue and so this is the right moment to come along with other programs which relate to getting the better life which the rights gave you an opportunity to seek to acquire."

One approach which might get congressional approval this session is the "economic self-determination" act which was introduced last year and drew heavy, bi-partisan sponsorship.

Better known as the black capitalism program age—through tax incentives—ghetto business, either initiated or developed locally or outside industry moving into the slums.

"It's the only vehicle that I know of that actually implements president Nixon's ideas on how to encourage business on the local level in the slums and ghettoes of America," Javits said.

He commented: "The estimate is that it will involve about a billion dollars a year, beginning the first year it becomes law. It's a very promising bill and the administration, when we get it refined, is very likely to back it."

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Javits, who is known as more of a liberal than Nixon on rights issues, said, "I think that it is fair to say that jobs and job training, housing, education, small business, health, problem-solving in the substantive sense will be the prominent note of this administration and that this administration will not be nearly, in my judgment, as much involved in an improvement in legal terms. ."

The expected shift in emphasis does not mean that rights leaders, such as Javits, feel they have passed all legislation possible to secure equal rights for Negroes.

There are some measures — one to end discrimination in the selection of state juries, for instance — which have not been enacted.

Others, such as non-discrimination in employment and housing, were modified from their original scope to attract enough votes for passage.

But the 11 years of hectic civil rights activity — beginning with the creation of Federal Civil Rights Commission in 1957 and ending with the blockbuster open-housing package in 1968 — made notable advances.

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ON VIETNAM TOUR — Serving with U. S. Navy off the coast of S. Vietsam is Radioman's Mate Third Class, Emanual Butler, grandson of Mrs. Catherine Butler of Baltimore.

GILBERT DAVIDSON

MARKS 25TH — Gilbert Davidson, 1100 block Whatcoat St., marked his 25th year of service with the C. and P. Telephone Co. with a luncheon last week. Mr. Davidson, who started his career in the St. Paul St. headquarters is currently an apparatus attendant in the Pikesville office.

Agencies to adjust wage scale in '69

The Civil Service Commission has issued instructions to Federal agencies to convert all their custodial, laundry, and service workers to regular wage schedules before July 1969.

In most agencies, these employees are now paid under separate schedules directly related to wage rates in the traditionally low-paying service industries.

As the new Coordinated Federal Wage System goes into effect in their wage area they would be paid under the regular wage schedules, which generally would result in pay increases.

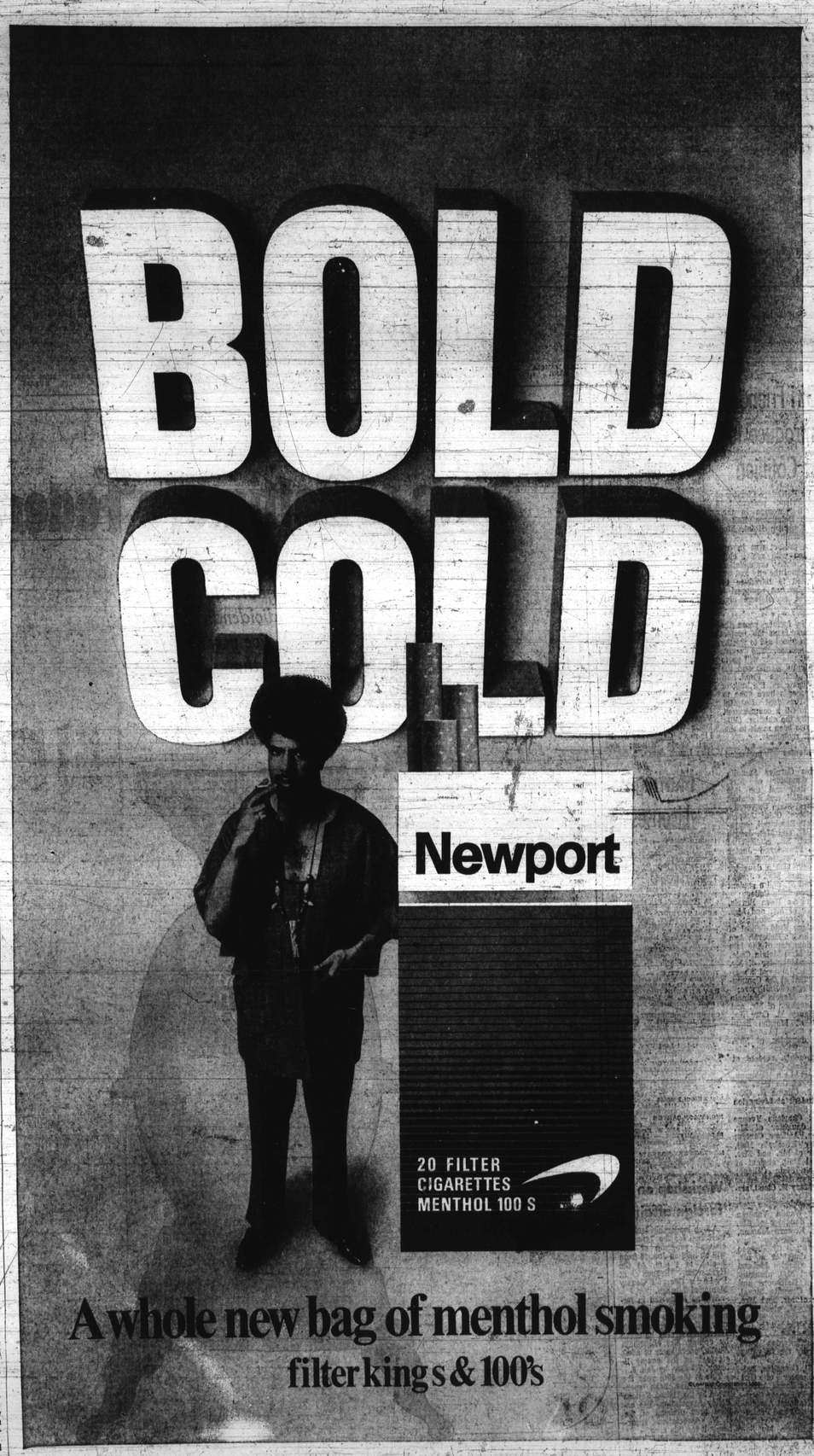
However, implementation of the Coordinated Federal Wage System will not be completed in all 150 wage areas before July 1970.

In order that these low-paid employees may get the benefits of this feature as soon as possible, the Commission has told agencies to make a trasitional adjustment during fiscal 1969 for custodial, laundry, and service workers in the areas which are not scheduled for full-scale wage surveys and conversion to the new Federal wage system until fiscal year 1970 (i.e., the period July 1969 to July 1970).

In the areas affected, each agency having a separate schedule or schedules applying to custodial, laundry, or service employees will bring such employees under its regular wage schedule at the time in fiscal 1969 when it effects the adjustment in its regular schedule based on informal, interim surveys (known as "wage change" surveys).

If an agency has no regular schedule based on a survey having industry and job coverage similar to that provided under the Coordinated Federal Wage System, it may adopt for this purpose the regular schedule of another agency in the area; for example, the Army-Air Force or General Services Administration regular schedule.

The transitional instructions for bringing service employees under regular agency-type wage schedules do not apply to service employees in areas in which full-scale wage surveys are made under the new system during fiscal year 1969.

In these areas, employees are converted to, and receive the full benefit of, the new system at the tie new wage schedules based on full-scale surveys are effected.

In areas in which a fiscal year 1969 wage change survey has already been made, the effective dat of the transitional charge is the first pay period starting on or after January 1, 1969.