PROCLAMATION ISSUED — Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro 3rd presents proclamation declaring Sunday, May 16, as "Elizabeth Murphy Moss Day" in Baltimore to Mrs. Hardrienne Griffin, president of WO-BE-CO, Inc. The club will sponsor a tribute to Mrs. Moss on Sunday at the Hunt Valley Inn in Cockeysville, Md. Looking on are members Mesdames Mary Robinson, left, and Sarah Giles, extreme right.

Lt. Watkins, a major soon, Freedom House announces

The Freedom House Neighborhood Council met with Police Commissioner, Donald D. Pomerleau, last week expressing the concern of the Neighborhoods about the lack of promotions for black officers in the department.

Dr. Lillie M. Jackson, Freedom House advisor, reported that the committee asked that Lt. James Watkins of the STOP Squad be made a major; that Sergeant Stanley be promoted to lieutenant, and that more black officers be included among those selected for promotion.

"Commissioner Pomerleau received us favorably and has promised that within the immediate future Lt. Watkins will be promoted to major," Dr. Jackson stated.

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The committee praised the work of the STOP Squad in cooperation with the neighbors in cleaning up pockets of crime and delinquency.

"Lt. Watkins is one of the most capable men in the department," William Pinderhughes, assistant superintendent of schools and member of the Freedom House Board of Directors, told the commissioner.

"I saw him during the 1968 riots. He was a tower of strength. He knew his community. He helped to accelerate the restoration of peace," Mr. Pinderhughes said.

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The members of the committee besides Dr. Jackson included the Rev. S. A. Thompson, pastor of Ebenezer AME Church; Mrs. Marie Matthews, 2000 Block Neighborhood Club, leader and member John JM Peters, chairman of the Freedom House Neighborhood Council; John J. Peters, Chairman of the Freedom House Neighborhood Council; The Rev. Richard R. Clifford, pastor of Sharp Street Memorial Methodist Church, and Mrs. Johnnie Mae Thompson, Freedom House Neighborhood Council.

Freedom House Neighborhood Council meets each Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at 1234 Druid Hill Ave.

Neighborhood leaders bring problems to the attention of police officials who represent the police department at the meeting and plans of action to curb criminal activities are developed together.

As a result a "Hot Line" has been provided Freedom House whereby calls for police assistance receive immediate response.

This has led to a cleanup of long standing centers of prostitution, dope and numbers, as well as a sharp reduction in purse snatchings, automobile break-ins and house burglaries.

Representatives of the Credit Unions have met with the Freedom House Neighborhood Council and encouraged neighborhood leaders to start or save in the credit unions sponsored by The Community Action Agency.

AME's to end conference here Sunday

The 20th Annual Conference of the Washington Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church is in its third day of sessions here at Ebenezer AME Church, 18 W. Montgomery St.

The Right Reverend Henry W. Murph is presiding bishop and the Rev. S. A. Thompson host pastor.

Meetings of delegates and members from churches in the District of Columbia and Maryland will end Sunday afternoon with the reading of ministerial appointments at Bethel AME Church, Druid Hill Ave. and Lanvale St.

The Rev. Walter Hildebrand is pastor of Mother Bethel established in 1787. More than 2,000 persons are expected to attend the final session.

Judge Jones at Sharp Street

Judge Shirley B. Jones of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, will be the Women's Day speaker Sunday, May 16, at 11 a.m. at the Sharp St. Memorial United Methodist Church, Dolphin and Etting Sts.

Judge Jones, a lay leader in Lovely Lane Methodist Church, is a native of Cambridge, and graduate of the University of Baltimore City School of Law. She was admitted to the Maryland Bar and Supreme Bench of Baltimore City in 1947.

She has served as judge of the Orphans Court, and was formerly assistant attorney general, the first woman to hold this position in Maryland.

Mrs. Theresa Clay will preside. The Rev. Richard L. Clifford is pastor.

Mrs. Murray granted hearing

Mrs. Carolyn Murray, president of Local 112 of The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, will be granted a hearing scheduled for 7:30 p.m. today (Friday) at 308 W. Monument St.

Mrs. Murray and her attorney are expected to refute charges made by the Local's executive board that she misappropriated union funds and refused to carry out board decisions.

Mrs. Murray left Mark Sissman, administrative assistant to Congressman Parren J. Mitchell in his Baltimore office, spoke Tuesday night on the recent war protests in Washington and its effect upon the effort to end the war in Vietnam.

He encouraged veterans as well as those who have draft problems to come into the office of the congressman for assistance.

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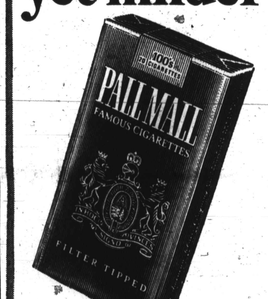

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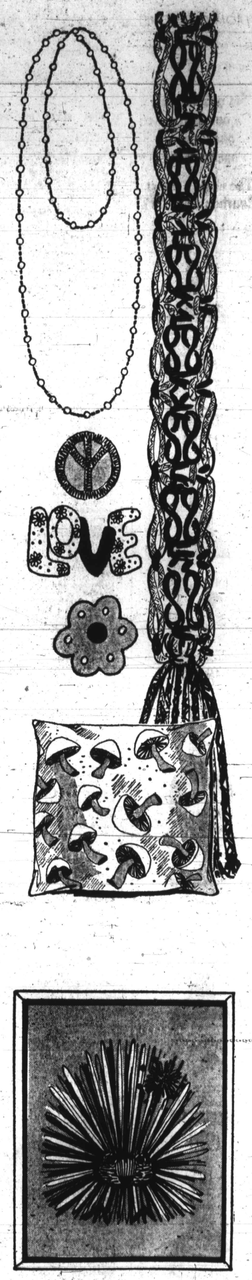

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Miss Jenny Power, who has exhibited works in the Museum of Modern Art, demonstrates batik.

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Miss Nancy Smith, an exhibitor in many local craft shows, displays her leather apparel.

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Miss Virginia West, who has written about her art demonstrates card tablet weaving.

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Mrs. Dorothy Fix, active member of the Md. Craft Council and local exhibitor, does tie-dye discharge.

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Miss Tarren Reese, who has shown works throughout the country, discusses creative stitching.

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Miss Bonnie Dunn will show you how to accessorize your wardrobe with a hand-woven belt.

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Here Are The 1970 AFRO Honor Roll Winners

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MRS. HAROLD A. CARTER

Doing one's own thing is too often a misused cliche these days, but certainly that phrase can be applied to Mrs. Harold A. Carter.

Mrs. Carter, pretty and poised at 34, is a young woman who assists residents in Baltimore by operating a thrift shop where articles of clothing and furniture may be obtained at little or no cost.

At no reward to herself, Mrs. Carter singlehandedly collects such items as toys, household goods, jewelry from friends, neighbors and stores that wish to donate, and displays them in the Christian Center of the New Shiloh Baptist Church where her husband is the minister.

Patrons of the center say Mrs. Carter is not content with being "First Lady" of the New Shiloh Church. She often takes visitors to the center home when their bundles are too heavy to carry.

All of the work done at the center, at Lanvale and Fremont is done by Mrs. Carter. The AFRO was told she is especially diligent in getting items for buyers which are hard to obtain.

"This is done solely for the community," says Mrs. Carter, young mother of two children, Weppy, 10 and Harold Jr., 9, who taught public schools for four years.

She loves to travel. With her husband, the Rev. Harold A. Carter, she has recently returned from the Holy Land with more than 40 church members.

Longtime East Baltimore Leader

If there were ever an area in the life of citizens in the inner city sections of Baltimore where understanding and strength is needed, it is in the field of police-community relations.

At the point of having her life threatened, Mrs. Mary Sue Johnson, 430 E. 21st St., has fought for over 15 years against the drug problem in the Greenmount Ave. area and served as a mediator between residents and the police.

Mrs. Johnson receives an AFRO Honor Roll plaque because she has shown that in an era of pessimism and non-involvement, a community can maintain integrity and interest in its programs while utilizing the talents of young people in the community.

She has been the organizer, director and chief mover of many groups in East Baltimore for the last 20 years. She is widely known among her neighbors for her work in:

The St. Ann's Catholic Church Parish Council's Community Relations Committee, the Parent Advisory Council for the Early Admissions Program at School No. 74, the Model Urban Neighborhood Development and the Neighborhood Development Corporation.

MRS. MARY SUE JOHNSON

The AFRO is pleased to honor this courageous East Baltimore lady who has for 44 years resided in the same community, with faith in her neighbors and herself to solve the problems of urban living.

She is a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church. She and her husband, Lenzie Johnson Sr. have two children, Reginald, 8, and Lenzie, 5. Both children attend St. Ann's Catholic School.

Courageous Trio

They said it couldn't be done. They said three AFRO community men couldn't run on a ticket and win. "Baltimore just wasn't ready for that kind of thing," was the word that was passed around among downtown politicos.

The AFRO had faith and confidence in three men: Milton B. Allen, first winning candidate for state's attorney in the nation; Paul A. Chester, first successful candidate for the crucial office of Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas and William H. Murphy Sr., an underdog candidate for a judgeship on the Municipal Court bench.

This newspaper was not surprised one iota when all three men won handily.

The AFRO honors three proud, courageous men for the breakthrough success and perseverance they demonstrated during the 1970 elections.

Their innovative trends in office have already caused controversy and comment, and the AFRO feels this is good. These three men believe: that our citizens have a role in politics and their collective running was not a hindrance to their success as was believed by so many.

We laud Messrs. Milton Allen, William Murphy and Paul Chester for the political trailblazing of 1970 they accomplished.

MILTON B. ALLEN

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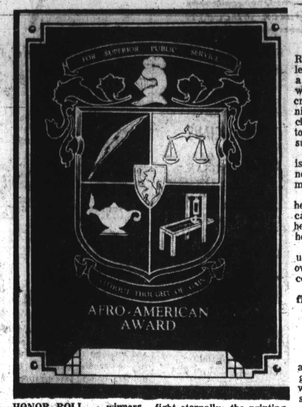

HONOR ROLL — winners announced this week by the AFRO will receive this handsome plaque at a public ceremony to be announced. The plaque, 8½ inches by 10½ inches in size, is the coat of arms of the AFRO-AMERICAN. At the top of the banner reads 'For Superior Public Service" and at the bottom "Without Thought of Gain." In the parted shield (four sections), there is a quill pen, the scales indicating justice and equality for which we fight eternally; the printing press to symbolize the power of the printed word, the lamp to spread the news and knowledge abroad so that those who see and understand can find the way. In the center of the seal is the lion rampant indicating that the press is a courageous and fighting institution and at the top is the ornamental helmet indicating that we are ready for action. The colors are green, silver, gold and black, making a colorful and handsome plaque.

Voice of Inner City

Mrs. Ella Strother, president of the Provident Comprehensive Neighborhood Health Advisory Council and mother of four successful children, is representative and voice for over 2,000 inner city persons who otherwise might be neglected and forgotten.

In addition the official duties of the dedicated citizen include planning for health care for some 30,000 other needy and ill persons who will come under the health center's wings when the facility moves to new quarters at Mosher and Division Sts. The center is now at 907 Edmondson Ave.

Plus that, the former school teacher, attends professional conferences across the nation to learn more on how the sick and economically deprived can safeguard their rights to health care services.

Her type of neighborhood and community leadership in 27 inner city Census Tracts embracing over 200,000 persons and spreading the heart-felt milk of human kindness independently wherever she goes, came to a highpoint in 1970.

During that period New Provident Hospital became a reality and the Provident Comprehensive Neighborhood Health Center patient load spilled over due to stresses and burdens of the times.

But, Mrs. Strother trudged on, seeking ways to involve the needy in understanding their mountainous problems and solutions available.

She is a veteran of eight years leadership in the Girl Scouts of America and

MRS. ELLA STROTHER

head of Troops No. 360 and No. 1355; GSA Field vice-president, 1970 and now, 1971 executive vice-president of Central Maryland Girl Scouts.

As a 1970 Resident Advisory Board member of Housing and Urban Renewal she helped get new roofs, screen doors, stoves and street lighting for the Gilmor Homes.

Her children, all former AFRO Clean Block captains, found the newspaper's celebrated institution helped mould character and has led them to success.

They are: Miss Elva Strother, a Morgan State College honor student now on the Dean's List; Charles Strother, Harlem Park Junior High School music teacher; Miss Evelyn Strother, Coppin Elementary School No. 132 teacher and Miss Ellen Strother, on the faculty of Hampton High School, Hampton, Va. Mrs. Strother and their father, Haywood Strother, are divorced.

GM Assembly plant employee contest set

The General Motors Award for Excellence in Community Activities program has started at the local GM Assembly Division plant. Announcement of the program was made by the plant manager, H. H. Prentice, in a letter mailed to all employes' homes.

Mr. Prentice noted the program is designed to recognize and honor GMAD Plant employes who perform outstanding service for the betterment of their community through voluntary participation in civic, charitable, and other activities.

In describing the program, Mr. Prentice said, "Throughout the years at the Baltimore Plant, countless numbers of our employes have devoted their time and energy toward making our community a better place in which to live, work, and raise a family.

"Our new awards program will be our way of honoring such employes for their selfless and sincere work and at the same time demonstrate our support and interest in their endeavors."

All GMAD employes located at the Broening Highway plant, except those directly connected with the administration of the program, are eligible to be nominated. The nomination period will run from May 13, 1971 until midnight, June 15, 1971.

There is no limit to the number of nominations an individual may submit. Nominations may be made by employes, their families, members of service organizations, or the general public.

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Wise Church Mother

To all who know her, the Rev. Mrs. Ruth Neal is called "Mother Neal." She is a pleasant, strong-framed woman whose day is crammed from morning to night with appointments, church services and visits to hospitals in the city and suburbs.

"Mother Neal" is minister at Pentecostal Holiness Church at 1116 N. Gilmor St.

The AFRO honors her for her activities in 1970, because of selfless devotion to her neighbors and those in her church.

For those who are unable, Mrs. Neal uses her own money to buy groceries and pay rent.

Her home is literally flooded with baskets and packages, which she distributes to those who are unable to afford adequate food and clothing.

One of those aided by Mrs. Neal says, "You can find her everyday visiting different old folks homes and hospitals. She never forgets the forgotten old people. She carries baskets of fruit and gifts to them. All of which she pays for herself. She never lets sickness or weather stop her. She has no car, but this doesn't stop her either."

The Rev. Mrs. Neal is a pillar and tower of strength in the Gilmor St. community. The AFRO is pleased to honor her with an AFRO plaque for "superior service without thought of personal gain."

Roving Pastor

"He's always on hand to assist when needed and to give faith and courage when things and times seem their darkest."

The ladies who are residents of the Maryland Correctional Institute for Women say this about the Rev. Monroe Simms, minister of First Baptist Church in Elkridge, and see him as a "God-sent man."

Not only does the Rev. Mr. Simms, 36, perform pastoral duties for his own church, but he finds the time to conduct services at the institute every Sunday.

The Rev. Mr. Simms encourages visitors to come to services as well as the relatives and friends of the inmates.

He has been engaged in a number of counseling and social work activities.

High on the list of his 1970 achievements and contributions is his follow-up counseling of girls and women from the Jessup Institute and providing assistance to needy children.

The active clergyman receives an AFRO award for his unselfish rendering of services to groups of women, youth and needy children and his work with Model Cities in Baltimore.

The REV. MONROE SIMMS

He is actively engaged with the NAACP and the Prince Hall Masonic Lodge No. 40. He has had past service as an administrator and teacher in the Baltimore schools for 14 years.

He and his wife, Mrs. Gloria Simms, a teacher at school No. 159, have a daughter, Gloria, aged 7, and reside at 5871 Race Rd. in Elkridge.

Young Nature Lover

In days when many adults feel all young people are calling for the "destruction" of society, 21-year-old Larry Young, will certainly leave many adults rest assured the future is in capable hands. Larry has called for the "construction" of society by change and working within that phrase which has become a cache in our own times, "the system."

A sophomore and recreation major at the College Park campus of the University of Maryland, Larry is the youngest of four brothers and sisters.

A June, 1967 top 10 graduate of Edmondson High School, major accomplishments for the young "environmentalist" include:

The passage of a plan by the State Board of Education which permitted high school seniors to participate in local elections by working for the candidate of their choice in last fall's elections.

Other achievements in 1970 is his selection as a student representative of the Maryland Committee for Children and Youth at the White House Conference.

Larry also serves as youth consultant for the American Association for Physical Education, Health and Recreation.

In line with his concern for the environment and

LARRY YOUNG

the quality of life and amount of oxygen needed for human survival he is a conservation intern for the Izaak Walton League of America.

This is an eight month internship to work with community organizations in the District of Columbia to bring about ways to improve the atmospheric conditions and limit the pollution of streams etc.

His numerous affiliations with local "activist" groups are: NAACP Youth Council, past president; the Maryland Youth Decency Council; the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council, 1963; the Baltimore Youth Franchise Coalition and chairman of the Youth Advisory Council, 1968-71 of the National Recreation and Parks Association and 1970, chairman, the Governor's Youth Study Advisory Committee.

Ours For All Time

Twenty years ago in 1950, this newspaper honored Parren J. Mitchell by naming him to the AFRO Honor Roll. Since that time we have maintained a policy of permitting a person to be named only once.

We have asked ourselves: How could we pass out honors for "superior public service without thought of personal gain" for 1970, and overlook the herculean efforts of Maryland's first black congressman?

There is so much to be said of Congressman Mitchell's brief tenure in the U.S. House of Representatives that our every expectation has been fulfilled.

He has been in the forefront of the battle to have our legislators heard and their influence felt in the chambers of the White House. He has been a charter member of the struggle to bring dignity to men of all races and a prime mover in efforts to extricate America from the Indo-China War.

With so much to say and

PARREN MITCHELL

so much having been said already about our dynamic public servant, we feel it would honor him more in our brevity.

Again, Parren, the AFRO salutes you, as does the AFRO community in Maryland for your gallant work during 1970, and the knowledge of even more outstanding success in the coming years is shared by us all.

Activism Personified

A modern dictionary defines an "activist" as an "unusually vigorous advocate of a cause or causes." In Norman V. A. Reeves, personification of that definition is truly manifested in its highest form.

His very personality can give the casual observer a cursory glimpse of the vitality and inner strength which is the groundswell of his commitments to the improvement of life for all peoples notwithstanding race, creed or origin.

Norman is a doer as well as a sayer. His fight with muscular dystrophy since the age of seven has strengthened his commitment to overcome all obstacles in his path toward liberation of blacks in the city, the state and the nation.

He has often done his work in the background, unseen, unheralded, yet felt and known for his ability to shake the "power structure" when the occasion calls for such a move.

Most outstanding in 1970 has been his work with the Black Coalition of the University of Maryland campuses in demanding greater black enrollment in the university's Baltimore professional schools and the Baltimore County campus.

He was graduated from the Lincoln University in 1967 with an A.B. degree in psychology and a minor in economics and philosophy. He received the master degree in psychiatric social work from Howard University in 1962.

Mr. Reeves is presently employed at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County campus.

His affiliations include: The chairmanship of the William L. Moore Foundation. Mr. Reeves has led this foundation in a series of human relations programs, seminars and symposiums designed to generate understanding between the races. This foundation was named for William Moore, a postman, who died while participating in a Mississippi freedom march.

NORMAN V. A. REEVES

He is associate director, Center for Afro-American Studies; board member, Activists, Inc.; president, Fairmount Development Corporation; president, Concerned Citizens for Black Political Progress; the Citizens Planning and Housing Association; the National Association of Black Social Workers; Community Council, Walbrook Junior-Senior High School; the Black Caucus-Baltimore Urban Coalition; past member, the Congress of Racial Equality; the Baltimore Moratorium Committee; and past member, International Longshoreman's Association, Local 858.

Mr. Reeves and his wife, Iris, have two children. They are Norman 7, and Traci 2. The family has a home in the 3700 block Winterbourne Rd.

Crusading Educator

The work of a few citizens during 1970 will have as long-lasting effect on the children in Baltimore as that of Samuel L. Banks.

Urbane, indomitable, no citizen in the past year has had to fight harder or as long for the very survival of an idea or project as has Mr. Banks.

He has managed to survive racial conflicts and polarization on the Board of School Commissioners over the creation of a Commission on the Revision of the Social Studies K-12.

He has overcome attempts by certain school officials to have him dismissed from his position and replaced by a less qualified person simply because of his race.

It is clearly acknowledged by both races that Mr. Banks has been most vocal and effective in heading the arduous task of revamping the entire Social Studies program for the public schools.

The AFRO honors Mr. Banks for his courage as a scholar, as a teacher and a student of the social sciences who has stood up to those forces who would hamper our history being taught in the city's schools to children of all races and creeds.

SAMUEL L. BANKS SR.

Mr. Banks is married to the former Miss Gloria Harvey, a graduate of Morgan State. They have two daughters, Gale Bernette and Allison Faith Banks.

Equal Rights For All

The Mayor's Task Force for Equal Rights in Education was established by former Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin in 1966.

The aim of the Task Force is to find ways and offer solutions toward providing equal opportunities in education to all of the children of Baltimore. That commission was continued by the present mayor, Thomas J. D'Alesandro III.

Since its initiation, the Task Force has been jointly chaired by Mrs. Marian Banfield and Hans Froelicher.

The Task Force meets once a month and makes recommendations on problems in the school system to the mayor, to the superintendent of schools and to the Board of School Commissioners.

In past years this commission has been innovative and courageous in its recommendations and suggestions.

Perhaps its greatest contribution was its call for increased racial balance on the school board, more black administrators in high positions and greater rapport between the community and the Department of Education.

HANS FROELICHER

MRS. MARIAN BANFIELD

The AFRO salutes the Task Force for its report submitted to the mayor recently which among suggestions included the calling for more student participation in school governance and school affairs in general.

The report when submitted to the Board of School Commissioners, it was done, according to Mr. Froelicher "with love."

Mrs. Banfield is a social worker with the Family and Children's Society. She has four children and is the wife of Dr. Gilbert Banfield.

Mr. Froelicher has two children, is 80 years old and has been long known for liberal ideas and residence in Baltimore's inner city. He lives in Bolton Hill.