General Assembly departs after 90 days hard work

Black members of the Maryland General Assembly, which has just finished the 1972 Session, played a significant role in the Senate and the House of Delegates.

Only two of the representatives are elected from districts outside of Baltimore. Del. Aris T. Allen, the lone Republican among the legislators, is elected from Anne Arundel County. While Del. Arthur A. King comes to the Assembly from Prince Georges county.

There are four black senators in the 43-member upper chamber and 14 black members of 142 Delegates in the House.

The four — senators are: Mrs. Verda F. Welcome (D.4th), Clarence W. Blount (D.5th), Robert L. Dallon, (D.2nd) and Clarence M. Mitchell, III (D.4th).

The 12 members in the House are elected from four of the six legislative districts in Baltimore.

SECOND DISTRICT
Floyd B. Adams, John J. Douglas and Joseph A. Chester

FOURTH DISTRICT
Hildagardeis Boswell, Calvin A. Douglas, Mrs. Lena K. Lee, Frank M. Conaway,

Lloyd Randolph, Isaiah Dixon, Jr. and Troy Braileу.

FIFTH DISTRICT
Walter R. Dean, Jr. and Kenneth L. Webster

The Afro caught several members of the 18-member black delegation at work. Also snapped by AFRO photographer, I. Henry Phillips, were some of the new office aides.

Now that the 1972 session of the Maryland General Assembly has ended the contingent has scattered across the state to resume activities interrupted by work in the General Assembly. — KB

Judges can not support jurists nor contribute in campaigns

Maryland judges may neither publicly endorse nor make contributions in support of the candidacy of another judge seeking election, according to Frederick W. Invernizzi, secretary of the Maryland Judicial Conference, which is composed of all of the state's judges.

According to Mr. Invernizzi, the Judicial Ethics Committee of the Conference, in an advisory opinion, has ruled that the canon of Judicial Ethics which precludes a judge from publicly endorsing a candidate for political office prevents a member of the judiciary from endorsing or supporting the candidacy of another judge even in instances where the candidate has the support of a nonpartisan committee.

Mr. Invernizzi said that the Ethics Committee, composed of members of the Judicial Conference, is authorized to promulgate advisory opinions, interpreting the Canons of Judicial Ethics.

Sample convicted on check charge

PHILADELPHIA — His wife, Andrea, sobbing openly, former pro football star Johnny Sample was convicted Thursday by a federal court jury of cashing 25 U.S. Treasury checks.

Sample, who was a member of the 1958-59 world championship Baltimore Colts, and played on the Super Bowl champion New York Jets of 1968, had told the jury of 10 men and two women that he was in New York City when the checks were reportedly cashed here.

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Sample, who now runs a ticket agency, was visibly shaken when the jury returled the verdict. His wife began to cry. He went to her and tried to comfort her with kisses.

JOHNNY SAMPLE
was 3-time champion

An 11 count indictment charged that sample cashed the stolen checks over four days during April, 1971.

The cash went to the jury Thursday afternoon. after U.S. Attorney Richard Galli said three bank tellers "could not have been mistaken when they testified earlier in the tlial that Sample cashed some of the stolen checks.

Galli said Sample picked his own bank where he was well known and the tellers would not question the checks.

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Sample's attorney, Herbert Hardin, maintained that the checks were cashed between April 5 and April 8 of last year by "professionals who picked up a victim and a patsy." He said the bank was the "victim" and Sample was the "patsy."

Hardin sail after the trial that he would file a motion for a new trial within one week.

He said if the motion is denied, he will appeal to the U.S. Third Circuit Court of appeals.

"There is no doubt in my mind that we'll get a new trial," Hardin said.

Regulation 28 in effect here as of May 15

Chairman James Latham of the Maryland Real Estate Commission announced Tuesday that the commission decided to implement Regulation 28, dealing with prohibition of solicitation in changing neighborhoods.

"The regulation was implemented in the 10 following areas identified as:

"Chin-Quapin Park, Midwood, Woodburn Heights, Perring Park, New Northwood, Northwood, Edna Lakeside, Waverly, St. Bernard's Parish, Homestead a d the Montebello Area.

"The effective date of implementation is May 15, 1972.

"Exact boundaries will be published in accordance with regulations mailed to all real estate licensees throughout the State of Maryland."

'Special Olympics' planned with volunteer worker aid

The Baltimore Association for Retarded Children, Inc., currently planning a program of physical education for its entries into the statewide "Special Olympics" competition scheduled this June, needs volunteers.

The "Special Olympics" are a series of local state, regional, and national games for mentally retarded children and adults. Events include: track and field sports, swimming, floor hockey, volleyball and gymnastics.

The purpose of the "Special Olympics" is to create opportunities for sports and athletic competition for all retarded children and adults. in order o encourage a spirit of fair play and cooperation and help the retarded develop a sense of self-worth.

Volunteers are needed to work with the retarded on developing their skills. While some knowledge of the games would be useful, more important is a willingness to become involved in helping others on a personal level.

Anyone interested in working on the "Special Olympics" should call the recreation director of ARC at 323-5600, ext. 61.

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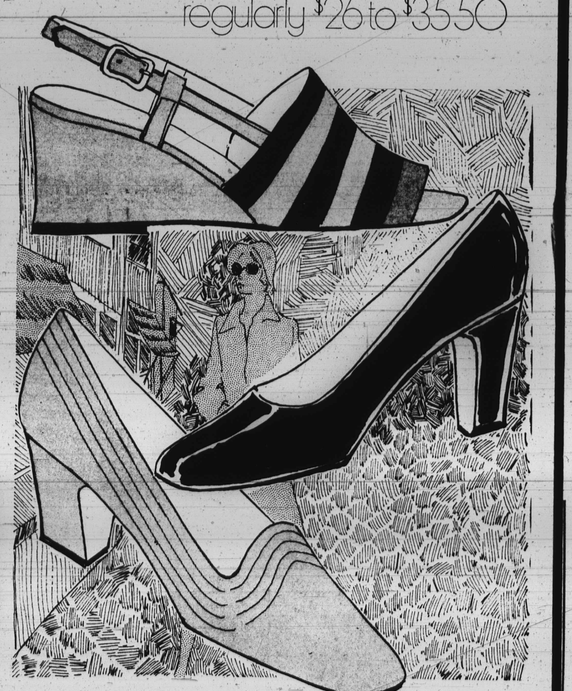

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4 Groups, Basketball Team On AFRO Honor Roll

Quest For Dignity

In October 1971, McCulloh Homes residents held a special anniversary and Open House.

Special guest at the celebration was William Perkins, president of the Oxford St. Improvement Association, who received for the Association commendations and awards for the community efforts they spearheaded to clear the land which now houses the McCulloh Homes extension.

This is the new development of 950 dwelling units, 394 of which are in the twin high rise towers, especially designed for the elderly.

Organized by George Jannson in 1963, Oxford St. Improvement Association has vigiorously pursued its quest for dignity of mankind in housing, jobs, health, education and welfare.

Because of its persistence, the new McCulloh Homes came into being.

For this effort and for their fight to see that Oxford area residents get fair market value for their homes, the indigent receive proper relocation payments and for their protest about poor conditions in the Pennsylvania Ave. area which led to intensive urban-renewal of the area and its renaming to Upton, the AFRO Honor Roll salutes the Oxford Improvement Association Inc.

WILLIAM PERKINS
President, Oxford St. Improvement Assoc.

Victory Over Adversity

The Dunbar High School championship basketball team earns a place on the AFRO's 1971 Honor Roll because it went on to victory in spite of unprecedented adversity.

Players completed an undefeated season of 16 games while playing the entire schedule under a penalty that denied them the normal use of their school floor.

The team, as a whole and as individuals, combined the elements of athletic talent, dedication to sacrifice and toil, personal pride and strength of character to bring honor to the school, the community and the city.

The AFRO's 1971 Honor Roll plaque goes collectively, to head coach William "Sugar" Cain and to the following members of the championship 1971-72 basketball varsity:

Leonard Andrews, 19; Edgar Bell, 18; Anthony Brown, 19; Charles Butler, 16; Carlton Carrington, 18; Douglas Carter, 19; Larry Gibson, 16; Ronald Jefferson, 18; Donnie Joy, 17; James Owens, 19;

Also, Charles Richardson, 18; Donald Smith, 16; William Snowden, 18; Alen Wise, 16, and managers Anthony Crockett and Terry Alexander.

WILLIAM CAIN
Coach of championship Dunbar High Basketball Team

Fencing Champ

Ruth White, a graduate of Western High School now preparing to enter medical school at New York University in September, is cited for her outstanding year as the nation's leading fencer.

The 20-year-old NYU senior capped a brilliant 1971 season with a gold and silver medal for first and second place finishes in the Pan-American Games at Cali, Colombia, in South America.

Earlier she had competed in the World University Games at Turin, Italy, and in the International Fencing Association tournament at South Bend, Indiana. In the latter event, Miss White finished third, the highest ranking ever attained by an American woman in competition with the top fencers in the world.

In addition to these international championship accomplishments, Miss White was undefeated in capturing the Christmas Invitational event at Leland College in New York, and was a winner also in the National Intercollegiate Fencing Association meet.

MISS RUTH WHITE

Having been established, at the age of 16, as the youngest — and first black — national titlist while still a high school student, Ruth has represented the United States in every country in the uliverse where fencing is a popular sport — including Russia, Italy, Austria, Belgium and France.

Helping Themselves

If you are among 25,000 residents living in a crowded, west Baltimore neighborhood, do you fret and cry or do you do something to help yourself?

Residents in the area bounded by Franklin St. on the north, Pulaski on the West, B and O Railroad tracks on the south and Carey St. on the east, are working to rebuild their neighborhood.

The core of their activity is a row-house at 1705 W. Fayette St. This is headquarters for Echo House, which wins a place on the AFRO 1971 Honor Roll.

Echo stands for Efforts of Community Helping Others.

Businessmen and residents founded Echo House in 1964 as a private family service project.

In the years since then it has enlarged its emphasis so that it is resident-oriented, providing community development, services, training of volunteers and related cultural and social services all within the neighborhood which embraces residents of both races.

Significantly, 1971 saw Echo House take another giant step.

It secured support from the Baltimore United Fund and in cooperation with a neighborhood-based community management outfit called WHATCO, has secured an $812,000 grant from Housing Urban Development to renovate five buildings in the area for a multi-purpose center where a variety of activities can be offered in one location.

Since this grant merely covers acquisition and renovation of the structures, the cooperating groups are working now to raise funds to staff and provide needed equipment.

If the commitment of people serving as volunteers and the zeal of the staff of 19 headed by Alfred C. Joyner, executive director; the program coordinator, Mrs. Sylvia Sartor; and the work of the 35-member board of trustees is any indication, there are great things in store for this west Baltimore neighborhood.

ALFRED C. JOYNER
Executive Director, Echo House 1705 W. Fayette St.

Friend Of Juveniles

Juvenile Court Chief Judge Robert I. H. Hammerman, at 44 heads a court division which needs deep knowledge of the problems of young people and expert handling of punishment.

Judge Hammerman's place on the 1971 AFRO Honor Roll is for unprecedented action taken in regard to juvenile detention centers long needing attention in this city. On June 2, 1971 he spent hours visiting the jails and talking with the young inmates.

Immediately he issued an order for separation of juveniles from adult prisoners noting 'a jail can never be an adequate place to detain children presumed innocent before trial and those subsequently found innocent will bear scars."

By August he found complete compliance with respect to the juvenile center also at City Jail. He has checked twice monthly since then," to be sure."

Noteworthy in his visit to the jail he found juveniles huddled in cold cells and eating cold food. He immediately ordered "the intolerable and inhuman conditions to cease.

JUDGE ROBERT I. H. HAMMERMAN

Committee Of One

Mrs. Eulah M. Parker of Grayson St., is known far and wide in her East Baltimore community as a dependable, sincere and concerned good neighbor who takes the time to help others.

Her good deeds have earned her the title of "Committee of One,' and this qualifies her for a place on the AFRO Honor Roll.

Being a committee of one means that Mrs. Parker does not sit back and wait for someone else to solve a needy neighbor's problems, lift an invalid to the bed, arrange a trip to the hospital for a chronically ill patient or call another to help a hungry mother find food, or a sick patient get medicine.

She takes care of things herself and when she can't she personally contacts agencies which can.

Those who know her best assert: 'She is a woman who believes that Christianity is helping your fellow man without thought of reward, recognition or praise.'

Mrs. Parker has shared her food and her time even though she had obligations with her own family as wife and mother because she recognized her neighbors urgent distress and desires to help.

Mrs. Parker's efforts extend beyond administering to the sick in body and mind.

She extends her energies in being a committee of one to make sure there is regular street cleaning, trash collection and is watchdog for sanitary conditions in neighborhood stores.

As committee of one, she is demonstrating that people who have faith in their neighborhood and a desire to keep them up will join with others with similar views to help keep Baltimore a decent place in which to live.

Dared Speak Out

For the first time in modern history, 1971 saw a group of black professionals desert the conference table after long months of dialogue and take an activist role in exposing discrimination in policies of the United Fund and C.I.C.H.A. (Commerce and Industry Combined Health Appeals.

Because the Maryland Community Health Council Inc., dared speak out and even picket, Baltimoreans learned how commercial and industrial interests work hand in hand with charitable and social service agencies to keep them out of jobs and services., even though they too give to United Fund through regular payroll deductions.

The man largely responsible for the direction of the Health Council is Eugene D. Byrd Sr., D.D.S., a man noted for his leadership, integrity and commitment to justice.

Because of his dedication and the support of the Council he heads, there is evidence United Fund and C.I.C.H.A., are moving in a positive manner to rectify the disproportionate representation of black people on policy-making boards and in professional jobs and services.

For this service beyond the call of duty, the AFRO's 1971 Honor Roll salutes the Community Health Council of Md. Inc., and its president, Dr. Byrd.

DR. EUGENE D. BYRD SR.
Director, Community Health Council of Md., Inc.

They Bridge The Gap

The Police Community Relations Section of the Police Department came into being in July, 1971 to bridge the gap between the community and the police. to give the department a better image and reach the young people "to give them a better deal" in the inner city.

The brain child of Major James A. Watkins was immediately put into form to go still further to ease tension in the street, rise to the occasion when police and citizens do not agree and to create more harmonious and meaningful relationship everywhere.

The 22 unselfish officers well deserve the AFRO's highest honor.

Under Major Watkins are administrative Lt. Carolyn Robinson; Lt. Howard Parrott, operations lieutenant; Sgts. Mercedes Rankin, head of the Officer Friendly program for the schools; Sgt. Raymond Krick, supervisor; Patrolmen Vernon May, aide; Adrian DeLilly, police agent and members of the Tension Patrol, Officers Thomas Smith, William Braxton and Edmund Helm.

Stone Front agents are Officers Robert Woods, at Murphy Homes; Oliver Murdock, Cherry Hill; Elwood Davenport, 2400 E. Baltimore St. and Julius Richburgh, Kirk Ave. Community Center.

And officer Friendly Patrolmen Gordon Dean, Robert Franklin, John Harbin, Linda Levin and Cadet William France. Officer Bingham Hunt is on loan from Community Services. Office clerks are Mesdames Mary Cameron and Vera Smith.

The Community Relations Division is located in Room 403 on the 4th floor at the Fayette and Fallsway main Police Headquarters and on call around-the-clock to serve as brothers, sisters, mothers, fathers to all citizens just by calling MU. 5-1000 Ext. 216.

MAJOR JAMES A. WATKINS
Chief Police Community Relations Division

She Forgets Illness

Even though she suffers from sickle cell anemia, Mrs. Clarice Harden, forgets herself in the service of others.

It is this courage which qualifies her for a place on the AFRO Honor Roll.

Despite her illness, Mrs. Harden is a busy homemaker, wife, mother, community worker and job-holder.

She is well known in the Homewood Ave., East Baltimore neighborhood where she lives and is active with the Model Urban Neighborhood Development (MUND).

She is on the MUND board of directors and serves as chairman of the police protection committee.

In the latter role. She works hard to mediate differences between residents and police and other public agencies.

She and her husband, Berry, a postal employee have five children. Mrs. Harden does not confine her interest to her own children but spreads her sunshine to other children at Faith Baptist Church where she delights in singing gospel music.

Her cherry and unusual disposition are assets at her regular job as group accountant at Blue Cross and Blue Shield. She is also on the board of directors of the employees' credit union.

No Retirement For Her

In 1971, when Mrs. Anita Keller Henson officially retired as public health nurse supervisor with the Baltimore City Health Department, she could look back on 30 years distinguished service.

But she was not content to rest on her laurels and immediately plunged into work as a volunteer

She keeps busy transporting the young and elderly to hospitals and clinics, volunteering her services in church and civic groups with the same enthusiasm she displayed when she was on the job.

Dedicated to improve health services, Mrs. Henson is noted for organizing needed child health clinics in the Druid Health Center where she spent most of her career.

She joined the department in July 1940, and embarked on the program, for innoculation, child hygiene with special emphasis on the improved health of elementary and pre-school children.

When she retired, she could take credit for elevation of the public health nurse to professional status and the newer method of team service which provides more efficient nursing care for communities.

This was due in large measure to her commitment to excellence, her desire to see progress come and the needs of the department and community met that she worked above and beyond the call of duty to train new personnel, lecture to community groups, participate in workshops and teach student nurses.

It is with this same zeal that she pursues her volunteer activities now and for this commitment to people, superior service without thought of personal gain, she deserves a place on the AFRO Honor Roll.

MRS. ANITA K. HENSON

Backed Early Learning

Dr. Percy V. Williams, assistant superintendent in the State Department of Education has long advocated early childhood education programs for disadvantaged children.

Because he worked tirelessly, with quiet dedication to provide a leadership generated by a rare sense of selflessness, he earns a place onthe AFRO Honor Roll.

It was Dr. Williams who prepared the model program which was funded by Title 3 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

In cooperation with Baltimore city school superintendent, Dr. Roland N. Patterson, and under the direction of Miss Betty Showell, the project enables 450 toddlers in five elementary schools to benefit from individual learning.

They did so well that Title 3 selected the program for national acclaim during 1971, ranking Baltimore as one of the 12 outstanding in the nation.

His associates note that Dr. Williams has worked tirelessly for years to improve educational opportunities for black children and to gain professional recognition for their teachers.

For years, he has maintained early instruction encourages the younger child (ages 3 and 4) to learn and find joy in achievement.

DR. PERCY V. WILLIAMS

The prize-winning project he designed proved that three and four year olders with IQ's of 86, considered low on a national basis, responded to individual attention and moved up the IQ ladder 16 points.

This put them on a level with youngsters throughout the nation and thus prepared them to read, write and do arithmetic like other children their age when they enter kindergarten.

Dr. Williams and associates in his Model Early Childhood Learning Program have developed a great sense of hope in the future of the children and what school can do for them.

Million $ Scholarships

In June 1971, the Civic Center graduation audience gasped with delight and then cheered.

Reason for the outburst was an announcement that members of Dunbar High School graduating class were to receive over a million dollars in college scholarships, a figure unprecedented in public school history.

The person responsible for the hard work which went into securing grants and preparing students to take advantage of the opportunities is Mrs. Janet Woolridge, a public school counselor, now assigned at Walbrook High.

Because of her efforts some 275 of Dunbar's 350 graduates were college-bound last fall, armed with grants which covered four years full aid.

They are in such prestigious schools as Case Western Reserve, U. of Pittsburgh, Cornell, Yale, and Harvard. Vassar where stipends total $4,000 a year and over, as well as at Morgan, U. of Md., Coppin, Mt. Providence.

Securing the scholarships and fitting students into the slots meant extending herself beyond the classroom, convincing parents their children could achieve, helping students fill out applications, learn to take tests and generaly prepare for the outside world.

For the unselfish service, Mrs. Woolridge has a place on the AFRO Honor Roll. She is living proof that a guidance counsellor who cares can help children achieve and move far beyond their own expectations.

Typical of the youngsters she helped was a member of the class who flunked out and was not on stage with his classmates, but he scored so high on the tests he was accepted without a diploma and is now studying Greek on a full scholarship at one of the top colleges in the state.

MRS. JANET WOOLRIDGE

She Helped 7,000

Miss Harriet Vernon, for 12 years a counselor at Hampstead Hill Junior High school in East Baltimore, earns the AFRO's highest award for giving a better chance to over 7,000 students in the Neighborhood Youth Corps the summer of 1971.

Soft spoken and one who likes people, Miss Vernon went beyond the call of duty as a Field Supervisor on the NYC staff to help solve any personal problem brought to her attention.

There is no estimate of how many young people have gone on to college from her summer of '71 encouragement nor how many she saved from doom by accenting their achievements rather than misdemeanors.

Monday evenings in the winter, she served as an Adult Education math and science teacher to help prepare those who wished to qualify to take the Maryland High School Equivalency Test.

Last spring she worked with 400 Hampstead 9th graders to help them plan for high school and choose curricula.

She organized a Career Conference so they would know about jobs and college opportunities.

As a self-appointed reporter, Miss Vernon wrote school news so the public would know the good things happening to children "instead of only the bad."

MISS HARRIET VERNON

Modern-Day Florence

It is not easy to visit the sick and shut-in regularly, give them a comforting word and attend to their needs, but Mrs. Gladys R. Johnson does.

She provides the kind of loving care which endears her to residents of the St. James Terrace Apartments for the elderly where she and her husband, Ernest, live. They call her the Modern Florence Nightingale.

For this display of unselfish service to senior citizens, Mrs. Johnson wins a place on the AFRO Honor Roll.

A retired nurse, Mrs. Johnson delights in servicing the sick and shut-in.

Her concern for physical, mental, social welfare and spiritual well-being is shown by her daily visits to check temperatures, medication, etc; contacting doctors, hospitals, relatives; assisting with making appointments, transportation to hospitals; consulting with Mrs. Brooks, the manager, as need arises.

Plus Mrs. Johnson finds time to serve as president of St. James-Lafayette Square Senior Citizens Club, involving members in many social and spiritual activities for young and elderly.

She is on the Lafayette Square Community Center board and volunteers six hours weekly as chairman of Clothing Room.

She is a member of St. James Episcopal Church; serves on the Associate Vestry; and is warden of Bragg Missionary Guild; and helped plan visitation with gifts to City Hospitals Infirmary, Rosewood and Henryton State Hospitals.

He Restored Hope

Thirty-five-year-old James B. Gray Jr., became pastor of the semi-rural North Point Boulevard Pleasant Zion Baptist Church in January 1971.

When he arrived he discovered a church family bereaved by the unexpected death of its pastor and bewildered by its sudden lack of leadership.

He found the sheperdless flock becoming increasingly scattered, politically divided spiritually declining, and administratively adrift.

In a spirit of rare selfless service and with energy and resourcefulness the Rev. Mr. Gray has set Pleasant Zion on a bold road of financial and spiritual recovery.

He has rekindled the old spirit of community customary to the area.

In just a year, he and his two official boards have led the church well into a $5,000 mortgage liquidation drive and a $1,500 renovation project. Also underway is a revitalization effort which doubled membership, increased the number of organization from 14 to 20, and raised the operating budget four-fold to $20,000 annually.

But more important he has brought hope by expounding the ever-presence of God and the absolute certain fulfillment of His promises.

He harnessed hope by accenting the power of Pleasant Zion youth. He has reactivated the Sunday School and organized a 30-voice youth choir, secured it robes and a young director.

The Rev. Mr. Gray has a place on the AFRO Honor Roll for this unselfish service and commitment he has exhibited at a time when so many would not sacrifice to restore others' hopes.

REV. JAMES B. GRAY, JR.

HANDSOME is the word for the AFRO's Honor Roll plaque which will be presented to the organizations and individuals named to its 1971 Honor Roll announced in this edition. Presentation will be made at a public ceremony, time and place to be announced.