MODEL CITIES GRADUATION — Mel Butler Associates Wednesday graduated 63 Model Cities staffers at Harlem Park Junior High School. James C. Watkins, (left), MCA Economic Development director, congratulates Lee Douglass, Jr., Area "A" director. Mayor Schaefer and School Superintendent Dr. Roland Patterson proudly pose with Emanuel Burnell, a Area "G" planning aide (in cap and gown), Mel Butler, Dr. Ralph Jones and Miss Barbara Taylor of Mel Butler Associates. On right, Ronald Thompson of Area "D" is praised by his wife, Gladys, and son, Lanee, 5, holding his diploma. (AFRO staff photos by S. Ponemone)

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Cong. Mitchell warns on hospitals removal

Congressman Parren Mitchell has warned he will use every means at his disposal as a community organizer "to get what we want" if maximum medical care is not provided for the growing population of West Baltimore when Lutheran and Bon Secours Hospitals are removed to Howard County.

Mr. Mitchell's reaction came in the wake of proposals to remove the two institutions from their present locations in West Baltimore to the Howard County.

Mr. Mitchell told a meeting of the Regional Council Wednesday night:

"My motive for being here is not to impugn on the integrity of any member of the council. My argument is this. I don't care what hospital is removed. my concern is maximum medical care for the people."

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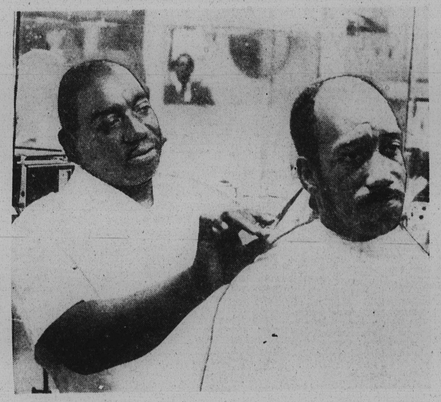
He suggested to the Council that any action that is taken must be accompanied with a written guarantee that the same amount of services taken away will be given.

"I don't threaten anybody but I could use every means I have as a community organizer to get what we want."



NEEDS NEW HOME — Baltimore urban renewal is forcing Alex Waddy, 62-year-old polio victim to vacate his barber shop on Baltimore's famed Pennsylvania Ave. He tells AFRO about his dilemma in accompanying story. Note, Mr. Waddy is forced to sit as he does his work. Customer in chair is his longtime friend, Joseph Mason, West Baltimore civic leader. (AFRO Photo by S. Ponemone)

FIRE BOARD

Wants 35 fire trucks on 10-year lease plan

The Board of Fire Commissioners in its 1974 budget proposal (revealed last week) recommends leasing enough new fire trucks to put the Fire Department fleet in "tip-top shape."

Instead of buying four or five new pieces of apparatus next year as the Department has been doing, the Board wants to lease 25 new pumpers and 10 new fire trucks over a ten year period.

The Board's executive secretary, John O'Malley told the AFRO. This plan will allow the Department to have no fire vehicle older than 10 years, a situation, he said, that would put the fleet in "tip-top shape."

The 1974 proposal allots some $414,000 for equipment replacement, over $160,000 increase from the current budget.

The $37.4 million budget request puts aside $26.5 million for salaries, a $829,000 hike, to pay for 76 proposed new positions including seven more community relations posts.

Presently, Lt. David Echols forms a one-man community relations staff.

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Urban renewal will uproot Alex Waddy, Avenue barber

By WILLIAM K. EGYIR

Some even have their hair cut on credit. That's why the neighborhood is concerned about him. Most people here are on welfare and he understands their problems."

Joseph Mason, 41, 1500 block N. Stricker St. lifelong friend and customer was telling the AFRO about Alexander Waddy, well-known Pennsylvania Ave. barber.

Mr. Waddy, 62, crippled by polio since he was 10, has been a barber s. 1916 Pennsylvania Ave., since 1933.

However, his activities in the block are soon to become history as the apartment which houses his basement shop is to be torn down shortly as part of the city's rehabilitation program.

"The people need him," continued Mr. Mason, "and we're going to get the city to find him a place in this vicinity.

"Everyone around here will tell you that. He has served this community better than anyone else. He never refuses a service because you're poor and have no money."

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The success story of Mr. Waddy, now greying but looking younger than his age, is one of grim determination and hope.

"I used to go around people's houses to cut hair, that's how I started. With the money I got as capital, I went into business.

"But the social atmosphere on Pennsylvania Ave. at the time helped to make my venture a success."

Here he recalled the busy activities of The Avenue.

"Times have changed and we're not what we used to be," he stated.

"At that time there were a whole lot of people any minute, 3 o'clock in the morning was just like the evening. The shops and bars were busy all the time.

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"It all began when at 10 I became crippled by polio as a result of wading in water," he said as he remembered his bitter experience.

"My father was at sea then and my brother and I were living with relatives. I quit school but Ernest Green, a well-known tailor, took pity on me and gave me the opportunity to learn to sew."

However, the young, aspiring tailor-trainee was hard hit by misfortune when Mr. Green died.

"My future looked bleak" Mr. Waddy said with sober reflection.

"I learned some of the trade but I did not get all the techniques I couldn't work on my own."

Mr. Waddy stated he settled on barbering because, "I had the natural inclination and started going around people's houses to cut hair."

He said after nearly two years of barbering around, I was ready to make a start. I started right here in his basement with some old chairs and

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Education cuts anger Mitchell

Cong. Parren J. Mitchell, D-Md., announced Thursday he will hold hearings on Elementary Secondary Education Act (ESEA), Title I.

The hearings will be in the Federal Office Building, Room G-30 on Friday, March 9 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, March 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The public is invited.

Cong. Mitchell said he is committed to retaining ESEA, Title I, and he is greatly concerned about the jeopardy in which the program has been placed by President Nixon's recent budget announcement. The congressman said it is typical "Nixonomics". The tragedy of cutting these funds which would educate our poor and disadvantaged children is incalculable, when compared to the price of ignorance.

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State and local officials have assured the congressman of their testimony and participation in the hearings. He has also received commitments from community groups, parents, and Baltimore City Public School Administrators.

It is hoped that the hearings will provide the congressman with supportive information and also insight into areas of ESEA, Title I, which need improvement.

NAACP will have mass meeting in Turner Station

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will have a mass meeting tonight (Friday) 7 p.m., at New Shiloh Baptist Church, 105 East Ave. Turner Station.

The action is to benefit all workers and their families who are interested in job advancement under Secretary of Labor Order of Jan. 15, 1973.

Main speaker for the occasion will be Herbert Hill, National Labor Director of NAACP in New York. Workers who are on the rotating shifts will be able to come by and get first hand information on the secretary of labor order which will be put in effect at Bethlehem Steel Plant.

The occasion is sponsored by the Maryland State Conference of NAACP branches, the Baltimore and Dundalk branches. For further information contact Mrs. Madeline Jones, 664-6591.

Model Cities has a future, Mayor tells graduates

"What are we doing here graduating when tomorrow there may be no Model Cities program?"

This was a question Mayor William Donald Schaefer, speaking Wednesday night at the MCA staff development graduation, declared must be on the minds of all the graduates.

The mayor admitted Model Cities will lose over half of its federal monies by July while the Community Action Agency may well cease functioning by December.

But, the moyor told the 63 graduates from all six Model Cities areas "we shall" continue to have adequate services and he has begun discussions with MCA Director William Sykes and CAA head Lenwood Ivey "to reconstruct what we can do."

The ceremonies in the Harlem Park Junior High School auditorium marked the end of a 12-week training course to area staff members by Mel Butler Associates.

University of Baltimore instructor, Dr. Ralph Jones was the master of ceremonies. Mayor Schaefer and School Superintendent Dr. Roland Patterson presented the diplomas.

Special awards for job performance went to Ms. Doris Johnson of Area "A"; Ms. Anna Gibson of Area "B"; Ronald Thomp-

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Liddie's lawyer free of bribery charges

The 24-year-old man who used to be John E. (Liddie) Jones' lawyer has been freed of charges that he tried to bribe a Baltimore County deputy State's Attorney last September.

A 6-man, 6-Woman jury in Chestertown, Md. on Wednesday deliberated less than three hours before announcing Robert H. Frank was innocent, even though Mr. Frank did admit he paid Deputy State's Attorney Stuart E. Hirsch $3,000.

One of Mr. Frank's lawyers, James J. White 3rd, afterwards announced he will file a claim for the return of the money that Mr. Frank testified he was forced to pay under threat of disbarment proceedings by Mr. Hirsch.

Mr. White also asked the Kent County State's Attorney to ponder perjury charges against Samuel Green Jr., Baltimore County State's Attorney, who testified in the trial.

The case originated in Baltimore County but was moved to Kent County.

The charges had read Mr. Frank had promised Mr. Hirsch $25,000 in return for dropping drug charges against Liddie Jones, who in September was being held in County Jail on $200,000 bail.

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Jones presently is hiding from federal agents who have charged him with leading a $4 million a year heroin ring in the city. So far, two of Jones' brothers and three other men have been arrested and placed on bails ranging from $20,000 to $50,000.

Two other men named in the same federal indictment are serving prison terms.

On hearing the innocent verdict, Mr. Frank was unable to hold back the tears. He hugged his mother and other relatives in the courtroom.

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He later remarked his trial served to highlight the corruption in the Baltimore County State's Attorney's Office.

Hints of misdoings in the Towson office first came to light during the Liddie Jones' January trial in which Jones was found guilty of escaping County

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PROUD of her son's work is Mrs. Rosetta Jones who attended exhibit on behalf of her son, Cleveland Jones, an inmate at the Hagerstown Institution. (See Story Page D-36).

Miss Dopson-Mr. Knight repeat marriage vows

The new Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Donavan Knight greeted relatives and friends at a Saturday wedding reception given in their honor at home of the bride's parents.

The coupld exchanged vows in a private ceremony at Unity Methodist Church, Baltimore, in late December with the Rev. Levi B. Miller officiating.

The bride is the former Miss Mary Elizabeth Dopson, daughter of the late Thomas Dopson and Mrs. Henry Dopson of Poplar Grove St. She is a graduate of Douglass High School and Coppin State College where she majored in early childhood education. She teaches in the Baltimore Public Schools.

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Mr. Knight, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Knight of Forest Park Ave., was graduated from City College and is currently attending Morgan State College. He is employed at Sears and Roebuck Co.

The couple is now at home on Boarmon Ave. following a 10-day trip to the Bahamas.

GUESTS

Among the out-of-town guests were: the Rev. and Mrs. Vincent Hodge, West Point, Va.; Mrs. Theodore Daily, Washington, D.C. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Robinson, Randolph, Va.; Frances Phillips, D.C.; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lee, D.C., the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Welsh, Bowie.

MR. AND MRS. CARLOS DONAVAN KNIGHT
former Miss Elizabeth Dopson
(Photo by John Dorman)

BLESSING OF BABY — Tara Lynn Harris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Harris was christened recently at Grace Memorial Baptist Church by the Rev. Alfred C. D. Vaughn, left. Also shown are: Mrs. Gigi Jackson, her godmother, second from left; Mrs. Sandra Harris, her mother; Bunny Jackson, her godfather and Mr. Harris, her father. More about the blessing in R.S.V.P. with Marie. (AFRO photo by I. Henry Phillips)

R.S.V.P. with Marie

Couple renews marriage vows on 50th wedding anniversary

MARIE MURPHY PHILLIPS COOKE
AFRO Women's Editor

Fifty years, no matter how you look at it, is a long time to spend with someone. Think about it. That's over 18,000 days, over 350 weeks or a half century. When a couple has maintained a union for that long, it's a fine time to celebrate. Like a few Saturday's ago when Mr. and Mrs. Willie Revis of Register St. said "I do" at the Bethlehem Temple Church.

The couple renewed their marriage vows before relatives and friends who came from other points of the country for the occasion.

For her special day, Mrs. Revis was stunning in a gold and champagne brocade floor-length gown with gold accessories. She was given in marriage by the pastor of the church, District Elder John D. Barnes.

Mrs. Cora Massey of Detroit, stood with her sister during the ceremony. Elegant in kelly green, gold sequins at the neckline and sleeves, highlighted her gown. Elder Isaib Lucas of Baltimore served as best man.

GUESTS

Folks came from far and near for the elaborate occasion. Mr Revis's three sisters, Mrs. Rosa Walker and Mrs. Alberta Williams came from Lancette, Ala. and Mrs. Hattie Winston from Shawmute, Ala.; his two nieces, Mrs. O. C. Stiggles from West Point, Ga. and Mrs. Louise Smith from Atlanta.

Mrs. Revis's sister, Mrs. Lillie Askew, from Detroit, was there, too.

Among the other guests were: Mr. and Mrs. R. Emmett Voekel, president, Accurate Business Forms and their two sons, daughter and secretary; Mr. and Mrs. Benedict Frederick of Frederick Realtors; District Elder and Mrs. Marion Shaw and Elder and Mrs. James Bolden from Springfield, Mass. and Mr. and Mrs. George Wynn of Detroit.

RECEPTION

An elaborate reception followed the ceremony in the church dining hall where a full course dinner was served. The cutting of the three-tier wedding cake and the display of beautiful gifts highlighted the evening.

Elder Revis is employed at the Accurate Business Forms Co.

TUCKERS' PARTY

John and Helen Tucker invited members of their clubs, co-workers and other friends to join them for dinner on Sunday at Forest Manor and that's where we saw a lot of beautiful people.

Most beauteous of course was the hostess, who received guests in an elegant floor-length gown, yellow with threads of gold.

There was music for dancing by her Social Security co-workers, Eddie Gough and his quintet.

And, there was a brief program when guests were treated to a Langston Hughes' reading by talented Harvey Denmark.

SPECIAL GUESTS

Special guests were co-officers in the Social Security union in which Mrs. Tucker holds office. Members of the other clubs the Tuckers belong to are Lords and Ladies, Maefinigues and the King's Landing Women.

Guests who signed the register were: Mesdames Mamie Jones, Evanus Webb, Gloria Coles, Thomas Greene, Catherine Smith, Clarice Brooks, Theresa Matthews, Josephine Greene, Mollie Walson, Sarah Carter, Bernice Burrows, Hallie Tucker, Ethel P. Rich.

Also, Mesdames Gladys Roberts, Anne Hill, Lloyal Randolph, Thelma Grier, Pat Matthews;

And, Mesdames Myrtle Thompson, Victorine Adams, Dorothy Wicker, Susie Moore, treasurer; Hester Greenway, Edna Weldon, Alma Perry, Ruth Paysour, Pearl Bonner, Irene Harris.

OTHER GUESTS

Messrs. and Mesdames about included Joseph Marrow, Iglehart Keats, William Bevans, Joseph Felton, A. Paul Moss, Roy Amos, Donald Tilford;

Messrs. and Mesdames Allen Wolfe, James Murphy, Richard Willis, Hubert Simmons, Harold Street, Donald Patterson, Troy Lewis;

And, Messrs. and Mesdames Ernest Underdue, James Parker, Avis Fagan, Ernie Wilson, Edward Perkins, Clark Mallory and Charles Tildon.

Also, Messrs. James Bonner, Milford Elsey, Robert Smith, William Dickson, Fred Bailry, Lorson Cooper, Asbury Rideout, Walter Rice, Vernon English, Roland Goode, John Hawkins, Fred Weldon, Pat Matthews, Councilman Clarence Burns and Miss Cynthia Burrows

ALPHAS CELEBRATE

Lovely gathering on Saturday was the Delta Lambda Chapter, Alpha Phi

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MR. AND MRS. WILLIE REVIS
celebrated golden anniversary with the renewing of vows

MR. AND MRS. JOHN O. TUCKER
gave dinner party for friends on Sunday at the Forest Manor
(Photo by Moss)

for and about Women

Columbia Capers

By PINNIE L. ROSS

One of the liveliest parties of the new year was held at the cozy home of Dr. and Mrs. Harold Ridgely in the Village of Harpers Choice.

MRS. ROSS

The Ridgely's like a few other couples I know have captured the familiar touch of graciousness and fun in entertaining.

The decor, a centerpiece consisting of red, white and orange flowers placed in a wrought iron cart, sat on a red tablecloth covering a huge oval table with a white background. It gave complements to the color scheme carried throughout the spacious house.

The scrumptious buffet was very tasty. The guests continually required the hostess to replenish the well-prepared table.

Among the finger-licking goodies on the table was a regular size loaf. Blue wrapped in a decorative card to her guests that it was a combination of bread and meat. The loaf was stuffed with chicken and shrimp. She used cream cheese and a food coloring to give it the shiny blue color. Believe me, it disappeared immediately and so did the next two loaves.

As fast as Dr. Ridgely would make up his special formula punch, it was gone. He kept dashing in and out for more mixture to satisfy the guests.

The hospitality of the host was so inviting that the guests stayed on and on and on.

The beautiful Mrs. Ridgely chatted among her 50 guests wearing a sof. beige knee-length cocktail dress. The dress was the liberated look in fashions.

The ladies were fashioned in mini dresses, pants-suits, palazzo pants with fashionable tops, but the long creations had it.

Mrs. Ridgely is a certification specialist, G.E.D. Testing for State Department of Education and a part-time model.

Dr. Ridgely is the director of the Singer Learning Center here in Columbia.

DANCE THEATRE

The Columbia Dance Theatre and the Columbia Multi Media Theatre presented "This Time It's Happening" to peter Pan at the Slayton House. "I am Joy" — this was the theme of the presentation.

The house was packed to capacity for all three-day performances. Parents waited patiently for the 8 p.m.

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FOUNDERS' DAY CELEBRATION — The Delta Lambda Chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity held its annual celebration Saturday at the Center Club. Seen that evenig were from left: Mr. and Mrs. Houston Stansbury, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Sydnor and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Reese. More about the Alphas in R.S.V.P. with Marie. (Photos by Moss).