In Our Churches

By Pam Widgeon

Churches are invited to send news of special church activities and a copy of their church programs.

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The women of Bethel A.M.E. Church will hold a pre-valentine dinner at the church, Druid Hill Ave. and Lanvale St. on Feb. 3, 1 to 4 p.m.

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Baptism and Holy Communion were held last Sunday at Church of the Holy Trinity, 2300 W. Lafayette Ave. Among those to be baptized were Brandon Corey Matthews, Richard Charles Crutchfield III, Inga Bullock and Miss Renee Ross.

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Robert Price will appear in a recital Jan. 29, 8 p.m. at Fountain Baptist Church, Monument and Gay St.

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Youth day will be observed Sunday at Fountain Baptist Church, Lloyd Austin Jr. is president, the Rev. Walter E. Paige is pastor.

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Tony Muse will be the guest speaker at Mount Winans United Methodist Church on Sunday, 3 p.m.

The church is located at Hollins Ferry Rd. and Waterview Ave. Mrs. Sadie Blocker is sponsor of the services. The Rev. Rudolph Flood is pastor.

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Among guests who recently attended the Christmas party given by the Missionary Circle at Berean Baptist Church were Mesdames Colleen Cary, Juanita Dodd, Ann Tyler, Cynethia Graham, Ann Kirkpatrick, Irene Gay, Elvira Wright, Julia Rawlings, Patricia Williams, Evelyn Peters, Norma Beard.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Paige, Mr. and Mrs. Hilton McDaniel; Miss Joan McDaniel, Miss Jacqueline Underwood, John Galliman, David Smith, Charles Hughes and Edward Garnett.

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A Soiree Musicale featuring the Rev. Benjamin S. Foust, baritone, and Mrs. Linda Poulson Hutchins, soprano, will be held Sunday, February 3, at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary of St. John AME Church, 810 N. Carrollton Ave.

Mrs. Ruth J. Holloman operated Jumbo store

"She had been suffering with low blood pressure for sometime, but she hadn't been ill."

A sister, Mrs. Mamie Hannah, was telling the AFRO about the sudden death of Mds. Ruth J. Holloman, 47, well-known West Baltimore businesswoman and church worker.

Mrs. Holloman's husband Carl, told the AFRO he found his wife dead Friday evening when he returned to their home at 594 Pressman St.

Mr. and Mrs. Holloman owned and operated for 14 years the Jumbo Store at Carey and Baker Sts. near the Lafayette Market.

Funeral services were held at Ames Methodist Church, where Mrs. Holloman was a member of the gospel choir.

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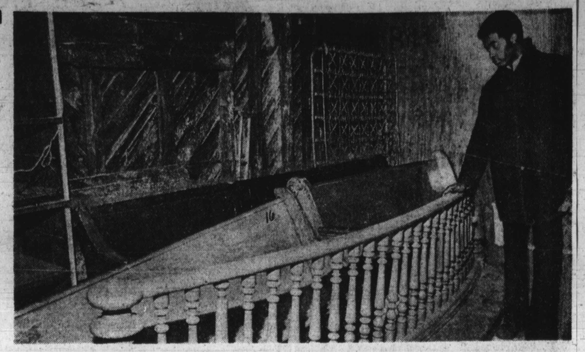
Daughter of the late George and Lydie James, Mrs. Holloman was born Dec. 11, 1927, in Williamsburg County, Cades, S.C.

After graduating from Wilson High School, Flodence, S.C. she attended Claflin College, Orangeburg, S.C. She was a graduate of Sue's Beauty Salon, Richmond, Va. and pursued her career in Lake City, S.C. before moving to Baltimore 16 years ago.

In addition to her husband, the sister Mrs. Hannah of Lake City, S.C., she is survived by two other sisters, Mrs. Candace Richardson and Miss Martha James, both of Jamaica, N.Y.

Budial was in Baltimore Cemetery.

IN HOSPITAL — The Rev. Spencer C. Dobson, pastor of St. Mark's Institutional Baptist Church, is a patient at Kernan Hospital. He entered on Monday. Mrs. Dobson, his wife of 52 years, told the AFRO that her husband is resting comfortably after surgery. The Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Dobson are parents of the Rev. Harold Dobson, co-minister with his father at St. Mark's and the Rev. Vernon Dobson, the minister of Union Baptist Church.



MT. MORIAH PEWS GO TO AUCTION — The Annapolis Mt. Moriah AME Church pews were sold at auction Jan. 22 at the Lee Auction Rooms 700 S. Caton Ave. Here James McCoy an employee of Lee's stands by some samples of the 45 pieces that were put up for bid.

Weldon Irvine taught music for 37 years

WELDON J. IRVINE
he loved music

Weldon Irvine, 61, the well known retired music teacher who played 20 instruments was found dead in his home Tuesday by a friend.

James Early told the AFRO, "Some friends called me because he (Weldon) had an engagement to play and they had not heard from him." Mr. Early said Mr. Weldon had a heart problem.

Funeral services were held today (Friday) at Douglass Memorial Community Church. Mr. Irvine lived in the 1900 block Appleton St. Born in Lynchburg, Va. he became interested in music when he was five years old.

Mr. Irvine taught music for 37 years. He played the trumpet with the Baltimore City Park Band and was formerly conductor of the band.

He was a member of the National Education Association, Maryland State Teachers Association, Teachers Association of Baltimore County, Musicians Local No. 534 and the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

During the summer months, Mr. Irvine served as music specialist with the Baltimore City Department of Recreation.

He is survived by a son, Weldon Irvine Jr., of New York; his mother, Mrs. Edithy Irvine, Lynchburg, Va.; one brother, Rev. Eugene D. Irvine, two sisters Misses Jeannette E. Irvine and Alma T. Irvine of Lynchburg, Va. He is buried in Forest Hill Cemetery, Lynchburg, Va.

Former editor paid last tribute

Funeral services for Josephus Simpson, a former editor of the Richmond AFRO-AMERICAN, were conducted here Wednesday, Jan. 16, from the Georgia A. Price Memorial Chapel. In Richmond. He died Jan. 9 in Baltimore.

Simpson, who was editor in Richmond from 1946 to 1951, spearheaded numerous editorial crusades, including the successful drive to place blacks on the city police force.

Survivors include two nephews, Paul and Josephus Simpson, both of Washington, D.C.; 2 nieces, Mrs. Delores Putney of Richard and Mrs. Minnie Starkes of Washington.

Albert Hicks, 65, dies; Calvert County resident

Funeral services were held Tuesday for Albert Hicks, 65. The eulogy was delivered by the Rev. William Edwards, assisted by Brothers Kinsey Jones and Henry Booth.

Mr. Hicks died January, 18 at Calvert County Hospital.

Born March 17, 1908, he was the son of John and Florence Hicks.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Bessie Scott Hicks, four sisters, Mrs. Pearl Jones, Mrs. Elizabeth Simms, Mrs. Mary H. Morsell, all of Owings; and Mrs. Gladys Hicks, Washington; and two brothers, John and Benjamin Hicks.

Pallbearers were Frank Booth, Edward Thomas, George Booth, Eugene Holland, Howard Booth, Joseph Booze.

Burial was in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

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Funeral services for Mrs. Clara Prout Jones were held Thursday, at St. Edmonds United Methodist Church.

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Sorry — Wesley Hall, brother of Mrs. Martha Brown, was omitted in the list of survivors last week. The writer regrets the omission.

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Funeral services for Benjamin Howe, were held Monday at Mt. Hope United Methodist Church. Services were conducted by Brothers Howard Brown and Herman Coates. Burial is in Mt. Hope Cemetary.

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Send cards of cheer to Mrs. Ellean Jessie Brown, who has returned to Calvert County Hospital. She is the daughter of Mrs. Ethel Brown of Chesapeake Beach.

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Continue prayers for Mrs. Alice Smallwood, who is in New York with her sister, following a stroke.

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Sympathy to Mrs. Susie Gorman and family. Funeral services were held for her husband, Harrison Gorman at Plum Point.

Fire Bd. president says false alarms must stop

According to Fire Board President Howard Owen, some 2,821 false alarms have occurred in Baltimore between July, 1973 and Jan. 21, 1974.

That brings the total number of false alarms which have occurred between July, 1972 and Jan. 21, 1974 to 5,631.

"It seems to be a fad to pull a false alarm," Owen remarked, adding that he didn't "know what to do" in order to eliminate or minimize the problem.

Mr. Owen said that since Jan. 13, 1974, police have arrested 11 persons for pulling false alarms, including six juveniles in the Patterson Park area.

The Board president said that Waverly and Cherry Hill had been trouble-some areas in regard to false alarms until fire boxes in those locales were placed under surveillance by the Police Department.

Those convicted of pulling false alarms can be sentenced to one year in jail, a maximum of $500 or both.

Artie Thaxton, retired seaman, of Federal St.

Artie Thaxton Sr., a retired seaman, was given last rites on Tuesday at his home, 1913 E. Federal St.

Mr. Thaxton, who had been ill since last October, died at John Hopkins Hospital on Friday.

Born in Halifax County, Va. Mr. Thaxton settled in Baltimore as a young man.

After working at Bethelehem Steel Co. for a while, he began work as a seaman. He retired in 1971.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth (nee Austin), a daughter Janice, a son, Artie Jr. Also, six sisters, Mrs. Rosa Minor, Mrs. Ruby Sergio, Mrs. Eva Walker, Mrs. Mary Jones, Mrs. Lois Little and Miss Carolyn Thaxton.

Also, three brothers, Leroy, John and Howard Thaxton. Burial is in Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

Rev. Thomas C. Freeman, 63, pastor of Allen AME Church

"His latest project at Allen was the renovation of the main sanctuary which was completed Thursday, January 17. He was so pleased with his accomplishment that he was singing praises to his lovely congregation and friends until the end. He was especially loved for his sincere interest and devotion for all mankind."

These words were part of the tribute paid the Rev. Thomas Calvin Freeman at the funeral services on Wednesday.

The Rev. Mr. Freeman, 63, died on Friday, January 18, 1974. He was minister of Allen AME Church, 1130 W. Lexington St., where last rites were held.

In other tributes, it was noted that "because of his eminent ability to organize, to build and to serve the AME institution," the Rev. Mr. Freeman successfully pastored two other leading churches, Bethel, Eastville, Va. and Allen in Washington, and served as presiding elder of the Hagerstown district until he returned to Allen in Baltimore.

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Bishop Henry W. Murph, presiding prelate 2nd Episcopal District, delivered the eulogy and the Rev. J.G. Barnes, presiding elder, Hagerstown District, officiated.

Five other ministers participated in the services. They were: the Revs. Melvin C. Swann, Benjamin S. Foust, Walter Hildebrand, Isaac M. Gray and John M. Cox.

Also joining in the tributes was Mrs. Juanita Jackson Mitchell who recalled the Rev. Mr. Freeman's dedicated service to Freedom House, where he served as chairman of the board of directors.

Mrs. Mitchell described the Rev. Mr. Freeman as a "truly great Christian."

"His life was an inspiration to all of us who remain to carry the little boys, who used to throw stones and break windows of the church to join the Sunday School and Church and be active on the Junior Choir and Usher Board.

"He recruited new members in the naighborhood - was a father in Christ to the inhabitants of that area. But, he reached beyond that neighborhood to help Freedom House in its works on other neighborhoods to bring peace and security."

Mrs. Pauline Madison told of his service to the Missionary Society.

John Peters, chairman of the Freedom House Neighborhood Council, in a voice choked with emotion, told how the Rev. Mr. Freeman like Martin Luther King, had forseen his own death. He told me on Tuesday night before his death, "I might not be yith you because I have finished my work at Allen AME. I have finished what the Lord has given me to do, to revive thec hurch, rehabilitate the structure and give leadership in the community surrounding the church."

Others who paid tribute in word or song were Mrs. Dorothy McClain, Mr. Elzie Williams, Joseph C. McKinney and Mrs. Bennice Downing and Major James Watkins chief of community relations, police department.

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Born on April 12, 1909, in Pittsboro, N.C. the Rev. Mr. Freeman was the oldest of seven children.

REV. THOMAS C. FREEMAN

Despite the early death of his mother, he finished both elementary and high school with honor.

He received his degree in theology from Kittrell College and did further studies at Howard University School of Theology.

He was married twice. His first wife was the late Geraldine Jones Freeman.

In 1962, he was married to Helen Stephens. They had a son who died in infancy. He credited his wife with working cooperatively to help Allen become known as "the friendly church on the corner."

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In addition to his wife, Helen, he is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Ernestine Press, Mrs. Thomasina Carter and Miss Jessica Freeman.

Also, two sisters, Mrs. Lillie Rogers and Mrs. Emily Peggie of Pittsboro, N.C., two brothers, William and Theodore Freeman, mother in-law Mrs. Lena Dula of Hickory, N.C. and two grandsons.

Honorary pallbearers were the presiding elders of the Second Episcopal District. Active pallbearers were the Revs. David Sparrow, W.K. Woods, Roland Howard, L.M. Bowie, Napoleon Hines and Ira Cutler.

Burial was in Maryland National Memorial Park.

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RAYMOND KELLY, JR., M.I.D.
JAMES S. HAMMOND Minister of Music
JUANITA HALL DAVIS, Organist

SUN., JAN. 27, 1974
"THE RELIGIOUS ENERGY CRISIS"
DR. BASCOM Preaching

MUSIC
8:30 A.M.
ADULT CHOIR
"FATHER OF HEAVEN, WHOSE LOVE PROFOUND" —Willan
"STUDY WAR NO MORE" Arr.—Work
11:00 A.M. YOUTH CHOIR
"PRAISE THE LORD" —Diemer
"WHY DO I DO?" —Landgrave

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ANNUAL YOUTH DAY
SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 1974
Theme: "Youth Communicating With God in Times Like These"
ORDER OF WORSHIP
9:15 A.M.—CHURCH SCHOOL Member Orientation Class
10:45 A.M.—WORSHIP Youth Day Message: REV. LARRY SHORT with Special Music by Guest Choir and Youth Day Choir of Faith
1:00 P.M.—BAPTIST TRAINING UNION
3:00 P.M.—WORSHIP Speaker: Evangelist Herbert Sye Emmanuel Christian Community Church
Lloyd Alston, Jr., President
DR. WALTER E. PAIGE, Minister

EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH
GUILFORD & 23rd ST.
SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 1974
8:00 A.M.—Morning Worship
9:30 A.M.—Sunday School
11:00 A.M.—Worship Service
4:00 P.M.—Recital Program
An Evening of Inspiration with the Combined Sunbeam Jr. Intermediate, Sanctuary Choir of Ebenezer Baptist Church. In their 8th Annual Recital
Mrs. Myrna T. Powell, Director
Mr. Alvin Richardson, Organist
Mrs. Gwendolyn Neal, Pianist
NO ADMISSION
ALL ARE WELCOME
REV. CLARENCE POOLE, Pastor

PENNSYLVANIA AVE. AME ZION CHURCH
"The Church of the Burning Heart"
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 1974
9:30 A.M.—CHURCH SCHOOL
11:00 A.M.—MORNING WORSHIP
SERMON "As Time Goes By" By Rev. Marshall H. Strickland
MUSIC: By The Sanctuary Choir and Gospel Choruses
1:30 P.M.—ZION FELLOWSHIP HOUR
3:30 P.M.—ANNIVERSARY The Virginia Club. Rev. Frederick C. Atkins Choir and congregation of Psalmist Baptist Church will worship with us.
A FRIENDLY WELCOME IS EXTENDED TO ALL
REV. MARSHALL H. STRICKLAND, Minister

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Perkins Square Baptist Church
2500 EDMONDSON AVE. at corner Warwick
SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 1974
LADIES GUILD DAY
8:00 A.M.—Early Morning Worship Sermon by the Pastor
9:15 A.M.—Church School
10:30 A.M.—Open Heart Service
11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship Sermon by the Pastor
3:00 P.M.—Rev. Willard L. Clayton, Pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church. Choirs and Congregation "Measuring Time In 1974" Text JOSHUA 10:15
6:00 P.M.—B.T.U. The Funeral Directors and Morticians Association To Sit In Mr. Vernon Bailey, Pres.
WE WELCOME YOU
REV. RICHARD H. OGLE, Pastor
REV. OGLE

Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church
(The Church With The Family Atmosphere)
2320 REISTERSTOWN ROAD, BALTIMORE, MD. 21217
SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 1974
10:00 A.M.—Sunday School
11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship Sermon by the pastor
Subj: "I Must Tell Jesus"
3:30 P.M.—St. Abraham Baptist Church will worship with us.
MAY 1974 GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHURCH AND 10th ANNIVERSARY OF THE PASTOR.
REV. HOYD

St. James' Episcopal Church
LAFAYETTE SQUARE
The Rev. Donald O. Wilson, Rector
The Rev. Crayton Dudley, Assistant Priest
Mr. Joseph Forrester, Deacon
A. Maurice Murphy, Choir Master-Organist
EPIPHANY III
SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 1974
8:00 A.M.—Holy Communion
9:00 A.M.—Church School-Eucharist, Class Instruction
10:15 A.M.—Solemn High Mass and Sermon
Confirmation Class—Children 10:00 Sat. Adults 11:45 Sun.
THE COMMUNITY IS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 1974
10:00 A.M.—BIBLE SCHOOL, Classes for ALL Ages
11:15 A.M.—WORSHIP SERVICE
7:00 P.M.—EVENING WORSHIP
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New Look Coming At Mondawmin

Photo story by Benjamin Murphy Phillips IV

When Sears vacated its Mondawmin location last year, the public began to wonder whether the shopping center was on the decline. This belief could not be further from the truth.

On February 4th, the Motor Vehicles Administration will open its spacious offices in a remodeled portion of the old Sears building.

According to Will Reich, MVA is just the beginning. Between Februare 4th to June 1st, a whole new group of retail stores and business offices will open in the former department store.

The new stores will run into a Mall. The finished project will be called Metro Plaza at Mondawmin Mall.

The ground and first floors will be retail stores with the exception of MVA, and the second floor will be an office complex.

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The new plaza will include quality stores and businesses like Pollack-Blum and Admiral Insurance and Premium Funding.

The Metro Plaza project is sponsored by the North west Associates. Headed by three businessmen who came together with an idea to expand the shopping facilities at Mondawmin.

They are William (Little Willie) Adams, a well-known West Baltimore businessman; Ellis Goodman, an attorney; and Mr. Reich, owner of Mondawmin Motors.

When the project is completed in June, it is projected that expansion will bring 750-800 permanent jobs and will serve 4,000 or more customers daily.

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It appears that those who thought Mondawmin was on the decline because of Sears removal are wrong.

When this AFRO reporter visited the Mall on Wednesday, there was an air of excitement. Workmen were busy making improvements and Mr. Reich expressed great hope for the future.

He explained that last year, the shopping center's sales exceeded 42 million, excluding Sears. He added the shopping center did $83 a square retail foot when the national average is $72.

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The problem, said Reich, is that some prospective tenants and others have unfairly blamed Mondawmin. For instance, if someone is murdered in Druid Hill Park, the report will say: near Mondawmin Shopping Center.

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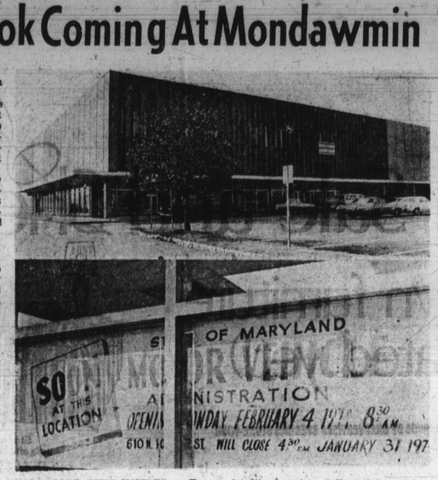
Today, the shopping center couldn't be doing better. Metro Plaza is an expansion, not a revival of Mondawmin Shopping Center, and this will run in excess of $1 million dollars.

There is optimism that the expansion of stores will not be duplicating anything else already in the shopping center.



OLD FACE, NEW INSIDES — Top photo gives overall view of the old Sears building located in the Mondawmin Shopping Center. At bottom, photo announcement of the coming of the Motor Vehicles Administration spacious full-service center. The new office will have grand opening February 4. This is the first of new businesses to be located in the old building which will be called Metro Plaza when completed in June. (AFRO staff photo by Benjamin Murphy Phillips IV)

Educator relates dropout problem to state college desegregation

Involuntary suspensions or "pushouts," particularly of minority students, from desegregated school systems and a high dropout rate in high schools adversely affect the state colleges, Dr. Samuel L. Myers, president of Bowie State College, said Monday.

Mr. Myers was speaking at a meeting of the Governor's Commission on the Structure and Governance of Education in Maryland, where he appeared as spokesman for the state colleges.

Dr. Myers stated that in studying the government structure of higher education in Maryland, it is essential that "provision be made for articulation and coordination between the state colleges and the secondary schools of the state."

He said the high dropout rate among minority males in high schools adversely affects the desegregation efforts of the state colleges.

He also stated that a recent report by the Legal Defense Fund of the NAACP and of the Southern Regional Council indicated that "suspensions are often imposed for reasons that do not warrant such extreme actions."

Dr. Myers said, "The supply of black males available for college is directly affected at a time when the aspirations of blacks to attend institutions of higher education are rising and when institutions of higher education are accentuating their desegregation efforts."

Other areas of concern expressed by Dr. Myers were the expansion of terminal programs in the community college and the high dropout rate in community college.

Also the persistence of reading, writing and mathematical deficiencies of high school graduates and the significant influence of secondary schools on desegregation of higher education.

The increased influence of high school counselors on college financial aid. Here he stated that under the new federal program of financial aid to students — students are more influenced than ever by counselors in applying for financial aid and choosing his college and that this points up the necessity of the state colleges and high schools to cooperate.

Dr. Myers also pointed out the necessity to train and place teachers in Maryland high schools and the need for the expansion of joint high school-college academic programs.

Also appearing with Dr. Myers at the Commission Hearing were: Dr. King V. Cheek, president, Morgan State College; Dr. James L. Fisher, president, Towson State College; Dr. Calvin W. Burnett, president, Coppin State College; Dr. Nelson P. Guyld, president, Frostburg State Colge and Dr. Norman C. Crawford, president, Salisbury State College.

Ford is first veterinary grad

Donald Ford, 27, became the first black graduate of the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine upon his completion last December.

Son of Mrs. Gloria Ford Latta, 3718 Woodbine Ave., Ford is a 1964 Douglass High School graduate. He received a bachelor degree in biology from Morgan State College.

At Morgan, he was an active member of Grove Phi fraternity. After graduation in 1969 he went to the University of Pennsylvania wbede he was instrumental in founding the Philadelphia Chapter of Grove Phi.

Mr. Ford plans to become an officer in the Army in which he already holds the rank of captain. He says his long term plans will lead him to development of livestock in Africa.

1st row—Dr. Fuss, Optometrist, Dr. Boskin, Optometrist, Marsha Tolson, Theresa Smith, Joanne Stewart, Devona Harris, June Horton, Cathy Hayes, Celestia Grays, Fred Champion, Willie Edwards, 2nd row — Norma Parker, Alice Oliver, Barbara Harris, Irene Butts.

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THE STATE OF THINGS

Shotgun Approach

By Don and Val Hymes

The Republicans were braced for the blast against the Nixon administration, especially after last year's fire-and-brimstone partisanship.

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But it never came.

Instead, when Governor Mandel delivered his State of the State message drawing the legislative line he will walk in 1974, he aimed all his front-line cannons at political corruption. It reverberated through the marble halls with about as much thunder as one hand clapping.

Mandel has been saying for a long time that cash is the "contemporary evil" in political campaigns, and many of his reforms are aimed at that type of contribution.

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His legislative critics, while noting that many of the ideas had familiar rings to them after failing to get gubernatorial support in past sessions, feel that the program isn't tough enough. Full disclosure is vital, some say.

What really peeves Mandel's critics is that the new rules would go into effect in time to hamstring his opponents, while he and his running mates are flush with the million dollars raised under different rules last May.

Committees have worked all year on campaign reform, and literally dozens of ideas have already gone into the hopper, much of it direct offshoots of the revelations in the Agnew and Watergate cases.

But Sen. William S. James feels that they're all missing the mark. He agrees with the goals of all the anti-corruption efforts, but he is convinced that they are off target enough to fail in their mission.

REAL BULLETS

The real bullets against any corruption, he says, are the prosecutors. And in Maryland, the state's attorney's offices are "the most sensitive, neglected, and publicly misunderstood" areas of criminal justice, he added.

James pointed at the well-financed teams of federal prosecutors who prepared the Agnew and Anderson cases, both of which originated in Baltimore County under the noses of county prosecutors. And James' efforts to get prosecutors out of politics, and vice versa, are dramatized by the fact that the Baltimore County prosecutors is now a defendant himself in a corruption trial of his very own.

Where were all the prosecutors before Watergate and the kickback cases made this kind of probe if not popular, at least politically possible? Where they were was in the middle of the political arena themselves.

"How can you expect a man to investigate and prosecute, his own running mates '' asked James Some do, however, and risk political oblivion.

James, the long-time Senate president, pointed to the success of the state-run public defender system as the right approach. But this means that the scales of justice are tipped because there is a state financed, efficient defense system against locally financed systems of part-time moonlighting prosecutors.

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"If any one element of the system is weak," he said, "then the entire system of criminal justice fails. If a prosecutor is corrupt or inefficient or overworked, it affects the entire fabric of government and the confidence people have in it."

His proposal is for a public prosecutor accountable to a board of trustees supervising a system of District Prosecutors. The Chief Prosecutor would be charged with training the local appointees, and he would be able to appoint special criminal task forces to meet special problems, such as in corruption cases.

PLAN "FRIGHTENING"

The plan would, of course, abolish the constitutional office of state's attorney, and the men who now hold those jobs don't like it. They call it "frightening" that a governor would have power over all law enforcement in the state, because he would appoint the board, which would name the Chief Prosecutor.

The state's attorneys, who are launching a new lobbying effort this year to dramatize their feeling as stepchildren of a beefed-up judicial system, prefer a bill that would allow them to crossfile and run in both party primaries, as judges now do.

They feel strongly that prosecutors should not be political animals, but they insist they must remain in politics as elected officials answerable only to the public.

The state's attorneys have many other legislative plans, including one effort for a state agency like the General Accounting Office to conduct special audits of suspected campaign improprieties and other crimes requiring detailed research.

They definitely do not want a master law enforcement official of any kind, and will fight to keep the state attorney general's office as it is — mostly advisory.

Everyone needs a boss, counters James, but he says he has no pride of authorship as long as the question of politics in prois.

So with the governor's legislative and administrative plans, the senators and delegates and their bills for financial disclosure, contract awards and campaign reforms, and now the prosecutors in the spotlight, there is hope.

Maybe the old cliche is true that you can't legislate morality, and none of these comes with a guarantee of preventing corruption.

But when you fire enough shots, maybe one will hit home.

Patterson Hi to honor memory of John Hooper

The Key Club of Patterson High School is establishing a scholarship to honor the memory of John Hooper, a club member, who died heroically in a fire in his home on Dec. 9, 1973.

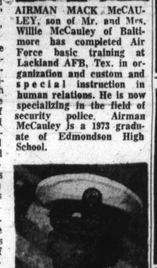
To raise funds for this purpose, the club will hold a Spaghetti Dinner at Wesley Methodist Church on the corner of Highland Avenue and Pratt Street on Friday, Feb. 8, from 4 to 8 p.m. and on Saturday, Feb. 9, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 to 8 p.m. The menu will include spaghetti with meat or regular sauce, salad, bread and beverage for just $1.50, desserts and carry-outs will be available.

Tickets are on sale at Wolfers Bakery, Foster Ave. and Bouldin St. They may be purchased from Key Club and Key Club members and school representatives. Tickets will also be on sale at the door.

Meanwhile, the members of the John Hooper Memorial Fund wish to express their thanks to you for your response in helping in a time of need. The way you responded has once again proven that you are the finest people on earth.

The contributions you made have enabled us to help this family reestablish itself in the community. Nothing we can do will ever make up for the loss this family has suffered, but it has meant so much to them to know that they have so many wonderful friends.

AIRMAN MACK McCAULEY, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie McCauley of Baltimore has completed Air Force basic training at Lackland AFB, Tex. in organization and custom and special instruction in human relations. He is now specializing in the field of security police. Airman McCauley is a 1973 graduate of Edmondson High School.



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