NEW OFFICERS elected at the Baptist Ministers Conference were from left, Rev. Dr. Alfred Vaughn, president; Dr. William Rivers, first vice president; Dr. Norrison Owens, second-vice president; Rev. W. A. Hall, secretary; Rev. E. S. Williams, assistant recording secretary and Rev. S. W. Robinson, financial secretary.

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 youth of Faith Baptist Church, Ashland Ave. and Bond St., will observe Youth Day on Sunday. Prior to their Sunday services, the youth will have a "mod banquet" and fashion show featuring styles of 1940.

The Rev. Dr. Walter E. Paige will speak at the 11 a.m. services.

At 3 p.m. the Rev. William Johnson of Tmothy Baptist Church will preside. Miss Margaret Alston, is chairman; Miss Joe Anne Scott, publicity chairman.

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The Women of St. Martin's Community Incorporated of 20 N. Fulton Ave. will sponsor a theatre party at the Arena Playhouse on March 2. Mrs. Myrtle Cockrell is president; Mrs. Dorothea Reinant, second vice president.

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The Business and Professional People Council of Emmanuel Christian Community Church will present a comedy on Feb. 14, 8 p.m. at Emmanuel Christian Community Church, Carrollton Ave. and Lanvale St. Mrs. Gladys Burt and Mrs. Doris Williams are chairmen. The Rev. Sidney Daniels is minister.

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An appreciation birthday program will be held at Christian Community Church of God, 2701 W. Baltimore St. on Sunday for Mrs. Peggy Daniels.

The program is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Featured guests are the Rev. Rufus Abernathy of Mount Zion Methodist Church; Dick Simms, The Voices of Faith of Darlington, Md. and the Gay La Sellus Charity Club.

Frat members cleared in N.J. hazing death

FREEHOLD — After a mony by police, county defull day of hearing testi- tectives and others, seven former members of the Zeta Beta Tau fraternity, and students at Monmouth County College, were abzing death of 19-year-old ing death of 19-year-old Pledgee William Flowers last November.

The Monmouth County grand jury, in dismissing all criminal charges, reportedly could not find any willful intent and were convinced that Flowers' death was an unfortunate accident.

The seven students, some of whom served as pallbearers at the funeral, were: chapter president Richard A. Pierce, 21, of Long Branch; Howard Raff, 21, of East Brunswick, treasurer; Brian Siegler, 19, of Paramus; Corey Wilson, 19, of Oceanside, L.I.; Frank Yvarone Jr., 19, of Neptune; Glen A. Hart, 20, of New Milford, and Robert Caemmerer Jr., 19, of Wall Township.

A college official, hinted THAT THE school plans ing disciplinary action, adding that suspension is not being considered.

The frat members, all of whom were originally charged with manslaughter, have reportedly moved out of the 310 Ocean Ave.

Shortly after the young student's death, the chapter was suspended by the national frat headquarters.

Flowers, who lived in Neptune and had transferred to Monmouth College from a more distant institution, to be near fraternity house.

home, died when a grave he had dug as part of an initiation ritual, caved in on him when he descended into the beach-sand excavation for a mock burial. It required rescue workers 20-minutes to recover the body.

A ROAST—Heritage United Church of Christ honored its pastor last Friday at a roast to commence the celebration of his tenth anniversary as pastor. AFRO photo by A. Paul Moss shows from left, the Rev. Wendell H. Phillips, pastor; Mrs. Dorothy Phillips, wife; Treadwell Phillips, Dr. Channing E. Phillips and the Rev. Allison Phillips. Front row from left are Mrs. Marie Phillips, Mrs. Jane Phillips and Mrs. Velma Phillips.

A. P. MOSS DAY was designated by Baltimore city Mayor Schaefer at ceremonies in the temporary City Hall on Wednesday. Pictured are members of the Camp King's Landing Women's Club, sponsors of testimonial for Mr. Moss on his day, Sunday, Jan. 26. Third District Councilman Joseph Curran, stands in for the mayor. Pictured with him, left to right, KLW members Mary Smith, Margo Ross, Gwendolyn Clarke, president; Marjorie Green, chairman of testimonial; Mamie Jones, Priscilla Lansey and Mildred Nelson. Mayor's citation notes Mr. Moss' leadership in city affairs and with the Baltimore area YMCA, which he serves as associate general executive in charge of camping, including the Y's resident facility, King's Landing, in Huntingtown, Calvert County, Md.

(AFRO staff photo by Benjamin M. Phillips, IV)

THE STATE OF THINGS

L'affaire Jamaica

By Don and Val Hymes

Marvin Mandel was riding high when he got on that plane to go to Jamaica.

He should have walked back.

An incredible comedy of errors, including a series of gaffes hardly befitting such an experienced and sophisticated propaganda machine like the governor's office, darkened the clouds that had been hanging over Maryland's government for two years. And all of this on the brink of a new term in which his leadership abilities will be strained to the utmost.

To Mandel, the question was one of privacy. Does not a public official, like a governor, have the right to a private life?

To everyone else, however, the question was one of credibility. Again. After all that has gone on in Maryland's capital over the years, and after all of the lies in this scenario, how could anyone believe those protestations of innocence?

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In his customary manner of fielding an embarrassing question by embarrassing the questioner for asking it, he insisted on his return, "I never thought that anyone in their wildest imagination could have thought there was anything wrong with the arrangement."

Even his best friends won't tell him any more, and that includes some of his staff.

An "arrangement" like l'affaire Jamaica with Steuart Petroleum's private jet and hospitality has all the stink of a bad cigar in a smoke-filled room.

Even if the trip were a favor by "old friends," the most naive voter will no longer believe Mandel really opposes the construction of a refinery in Southern Maryland. But he might as well, because now if he changes his mind, as has been expected, St. Mary's County residents will land on the State Houe so hard the dome will rock.

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State House reporters, disturbed in the past by the evasions and lies at news conferences, are sickened by this affair. It's not only because Mandel's press secretary lied to them. What's worse is that Mandel lies to his press secretary too.

The point is that Maryland's governor has won his way with the press and the public so many times he apparently thinks both of them will, in some mindless way, believe everything he says.

If it doesn't work, though, he's already identified the villains. The media, he feels, are out to persecute him.

He dates it back to his divorce proceedings, complaining that for "two trying years, some members of the press forced me to become a private person by interfering in my private affairs."

Since when does the highest public official — the chief executive of a state — have "private" affairs?

Nobody wants to know whether Mandel brushes his teeth two or three times a day, but taxpayers do have a right to know where their governor is, how he got there (with their money or his — or somebody else's), and who might be sharing the luxuries and largesse of a trip to Israel, Europe, Florida or Jamaica — just since the election.

All of this, remember, since the voters denied him a raise after he protested he couldn't live on $25,000 a year, much less pay alimony.

Mandel apparently doesn't realize how many times during his romance with Jeanne Dorsey he was protected by the members of the press corps who, when they err, usually err on the side of allowing people to be human. It was no secret, for example, that Mandel and Jeanne were frequent house guests of Steuart executives for several years.

Mandel is bluntly confident that the press and public look at l'affaire Jamaica differently.

"I don't think the public is concerned," he said. "I think the public feels that they and I are entitled to our own private lives."

That's not quite true, either. This column has been contacted by people from various parts of the state who are disillusioned by this affair. Most consider it the last straw in a series of episodes in which Mandel played "footsie" with the opposition, as one man put it, "while telling us something else."

"People will take just so much," said a young woman. "At the very least, it was bad taste."

Bad taste and credibility. That combination surfaced again when Press Secretary Frank DeFilippo said the governor's daughter, Ellen, was on the protocol list and had been invited to the inauguration. The implication was that she boycotted it.

According to Ellen, however, she was neither contacted nor invited — and her father, in fact, hasn't talked to her for months, even on her graduation from law school.

Maybe he has held the line on taxes, and maybe, his inaugural speech was inspiring oratory.

But it's becomming more obvious that no matter how many times you dress Marvin Mandel in a morning coat and silk cravat, you won't turn him into the inspirational leader Maryland needs.

St. James' Episcopal Church

The Rev. Donald O. Wilson, Rector
The Rev. Joseph L. B. Forrester III, Assistant
A. Maurice Murphy, Choir Master-Organist

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 1975

8:00 A.M.—Holy Communion
9:00 A.M.—Family Eucharist And Church School Classes Nursery Through 12 Grades
10:30 A.M.—Solemn High Mass And Sermon

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4:00 P.M.—Guest Speaker- Dr. Logan Kearse of Cornerstone Baptist Church and Congregation.

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ORDER OF SERVICES
9:15 A.M. CHURCH SCHOOL Member Orientation Class
10:45 A.M. WORSHIP SERMON: Dr. Walter E. Paige
3:00 P.M. WORSHIP Youth Day Message: Rev. William Johnson, Associate Minister Timonthy Baptist Church
Music for services by Selected Guest Choirs and the Youth Day Choir, under the direction of Miss Linda Hardy.
5:00 P.M. SOCIAL HOUR
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Added Guests: The various Male Choruses of the city: Gay La Sellus Charity Club.
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DR. MARION BASCOM PREACHING

MUSIC
8:30 A.M.
"With A Voice Of Singing" "Come And Go To That Land" —Arr. Williams
11:00 A.M.
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(Psalm 47)—Kirby
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11:00 A.M.—MORNING WORSHIP: Sermon by Rev. Marshall H. Strickland
Topic: "The Question of Personal Involvement."
MUSIC: The Sanctuary Choir and Gospel Choruses
3:30 P.M.—ANNIVERSARY—The Virginia Club, Rev. W. Richardson and Congregation of Psalmist Baptist Church, with choirs will worship with us.
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9:15 A.M.—Church School
10:30 A.M.—Open Heart Service
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6:00 P.M.—B.T.U.
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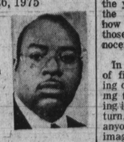

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Mrs. Richardson named health program head

Mrs. Loretta Richardson has been appointed acting nurse administrator for the Practical Nursing Program of the Adult and Community Education area of the Baltimore City public schools.

Currently, Mrs. Richardson is the coordinator of Health of the Division of Instruction and Curriculum Mangement.

In her new position, she will plan and implement a program of instruction that meets the needs of the adult students and the health care needs of the Baltimore Community.

Mrs. Richardson, a graduate of the Provident Hospital School of Nursing, holds a master of science degree in nursing from the University of Maryland.

She has held varied positions in the nursing field including staff and head nurse, coordinator of health programs and teacher.

Mrs. Richardson told the AFRO, "My new position will be challenging because of the tremendous need to provide competent health care workers."

MRS. LORETTA RICHARDSON

EDUCATOR'S MOTHER BURIED — Relatives of Mrs. Addie Pearl Davis, 78, at graveside rites at Arbutus Memorial Park on Thursday morning. Sole surviving child is Marvin C. Davis, seated in front row, director of developmental studies at Community College of Baltimore. Other relatives seated, from left Mrs. Thomas Cousins, sister; Mrs. Ruth Gunthrarp, sister; Mrs. Jeanne Davis, daughter-in-law; Standing, Thomas Teal, grandson; Mrs. Vivian Teal Crank, granddaughter; Mrs. Sandra Davis Harris, granddaughter; Miss Marjean Davis, granddaughter; Mrs. Curtis Davis, daughter-in-law; and Miss Davis fiance, Charles Funn. Child is Renard Teal, great grandson and Marvin Davis Jr., student at William and Mary College. Funeral services for Mrs. Davis were held Wednesday evening at Faith Baptist Church where she was an active member for over 50 years.

(AFRO staff photo by Benjamin M. Philips IV.)

Arthritis act becomes law

President Ford has signed into law the first piece of national arthritis legislation passed by Congress in the last 25 years.

The National Arthritis Act authorizes $50 million to be spent over a three-year period to upgrade research, training and treatment in combatting the disease.

Dr. L. Myrton Gaines, Jr., president of the Maryland chapter of the Arthritis Foundation, hails the legislation as a boon to the state's 400,000 arthritis suffers.

The act authorizes the establishment of a National Commission on Arthritis, and the funds, if they are appropriated this spring, will be used primarily to support arthritis treatment centers and medical training programs.

Congress, in approving the act, also called attention to the need for treating the nation's 250,000 children, 5,000 of whom are in Maryland, suffering from JRA, juvenile rheumatoid arthritis.

WASHINGTON — Roosevelt Watts is the new secretary-treasurer of the Transport Workers Union, an international organization. He replaced the retired Douglas L. MacMahon.

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The boundaries of the 21239 ZIP Code area include districts formerly committed to the 21212 and 21214 ZIP Code areas, and extend to include Stevenson Lane on the North; Cold Spring Lane on the South; Hilten Road and Perring Parkway on the East; and the Alameda on the West.

Located at 1800 East Northern Parkway, the new Northwood Station (21239) has a 35 carrier routes, delivering mail in an area of approximately five square miles. Total complement for the new postal installation includes 4 clerks, 48 carriers, 2 supervisors, and 1 custodian.

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