For All We Know

By Elizabeth M. Oliver
City Editor

THE HEART leaps up when spring is in the air. Also, an inspiring thing is a nostalgic party such as the one held recently for longtime friends.

THE OLD HOWARD STREET GANG, neighbors who used to live in the area of the 2000 block to 2600 block N. Howard St. which is no more, decided to renew old friendships.

Hosts for the gala affair were Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Burrell, 1506 Braddish Ave., who are incidently the AFRO City Desk's longtime friends. Their flower garden was a glow of color in September, some years back. (See photo on this page). He's a retired cement finisher.

THE HOWARD STREET NEIGHBORS' affair brought together neighbors of 10 to 20 years ago. Their old blocks that once were so beautiful are now mostly commercial. The kids grew up there, had block parties and enjoyed coming home from school together. For generations, everyone shared joys and sorrows.

GRADUALLY, as times changed, the friendly neighbors moved away. Days spread into months, months into years.

AND SO, it was indeed a pleasure to assemble at the Burrell home for the big party.

Mrs. Burrell, the former Miss Bernice Boss, was frocked in an orange and black print gown. Also smartly dressed were the many guests who arrived eager to renew old acquaintances and "catch up on the news."

AMONG THOSE PRESENT were Mr. and Mrs. John Boss and daughter, Dianese; William (Billy) Burrell, Mr. and Mrs. Charles (Cub) Burrell and daughter, Charlotte; Mrs. Betty Burrell Saunders, who wore an Afro-print gown; Mrs. Lucille Gray Burrell, who modeled a green knit pant suit.

Also, Mrs. Anna Weatherberry Woodson, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander (Spooky) Robinson, Mrs. Eunice Williams Yancey, Mrs. Julia Atkins and Mrs. Magruda Royston Gardner.

And, Roscoe Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Washington (Mildred Emory); Mrs. Mildred Dixon Bright and sons, Albert and Martin; Mrs. Delores Johnson, Mrs. Virginia Briscoe (Brown); Mr. and Mrs. Edgar (Babe) Whiting; Mr. and Mrs. James (Sport) Clax-

REWARDED FOR SUCCESS are partime Special Security employees, (from left) Miss Delinda Dorsey and Marsha Jones shown receiving certificate from Ms. Thelma Williams (center).

HOSTS for the Old Howard Street Gang were Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Burrell.

ton, Ulysses (Hickey) Johnson; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Harris, Mr. and Mrs. William (Flash) Johnson, Mrs. Fannie Dixon, Mrs. Maggie Venly, John (Johnny Boy) Venly, Donald Mack, Mrs. Virginia (Pinchis) Pinnix, Oliver (Bunky) Johnson, Mrs. Agnes (Peggy) Johnson;

Also, Mrs. James (J. O.) Royston, James (Boo) Burrell Jr.; Mrs. Selma Braxton Cherry, Mrs. William Pritts, Mrs. Elaine Willis Patterson, William (Tackey) Whiting, Mrs. Rosalie Taylor Burrell, Mrs. Margaret (Liggnie) Stewart, leton, Donald Cann and Mrs. I. Willie (Ike) Wilson Sr., Mrs. Jurinia Pendelton, Donald Cann and friend, and Mrs. Raymond Howard.

DOUGLASS HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1926 will hold its meeting March 15, at 1 p.m. at the Gwaltney Inn, 5803 Baltimore National Pike.

SOCIAL SECURITY student employees are making fine records as proved by Ms. Marsha Jones and Ms. DeLinda Dorsey who recently received special achievement awards for superior performance.

Marsha, a second year student at Towson State and DeLinda, a senior at Coppin State, are both night shift part-timers in the Division of Benefit Payments.

Making the presentation was Mrs. Thelma Williams, the supervisory workflow technician for the night shift. Ms. Dorsey is a Leave Clerk and Ms. Jones, a control clerk.

EXCITEMENT, HAPPINESS and a taste of fame came to the Druid Hill YMCA Wednesday.

The reason for this additional hustle and bustle was the fact that "Chuck" Norris of the famed Bruce Lee movies and the Aveagers' Karate Club, under the direction of Riley Hawkins, used the facility to practice for the Professional Full Contact Karate Tournament.

This Tournament will take place at the Cole Field House, University of Maryland campus in College Park, Saturday at 8 p.m. The youngsters really did enjoy a chance to watch these young men in action.

The Druid Y hopes the facility will be used more and more for this type of activity.

THE RIGHTS OF THE PRESS at last have a friend in Major Calvin Lewis, commander of the Western District.

Freedom of the Press is guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution, as the right of a free society to know what's going on. However, Balogun Olugbala, for many years a reporter, editor and photographer for The Black Dispatch, has been denied this right and suffered harassment.

The community news is a small paper, but no law takes away the Freedom of Speech right because of the size of the paper.

Recently a police officer arrested Olugbala FOR TAKING PHOTOS.

He was fined $10 by Judge Henry Rogers.

WHEN THE AFRO inquired of Commander Lewis why officers haunt the footsteps of Olugbala, he said he recognizes the rights of the press and notes, "Believe me, some action will be taken."

He assured us he will call in all officers and explain to them the full significance of the rights of ANY newspaper reporter, whether the reporters are white or black.

MT. HEBRON BAPTIST CHURCH has scheduled the ground-breaking ceremonies for March 15, 3 p.m. at the site of the new church, 2651 W. North Ave. The Rev. Paris S. Thompson and his congregation are finally reaching the highpoint of their mission and North Avenue has a bright spot glowing on the horizon.

JUVENILE COURT JUDGE U. THEODORE HAYES will be off March 15 for Reno, Nev. to attend for two weeks the National Juvenile and Family Court College. STUDY is the name of the game while there. Valuable information on the new view on the juvenile court scene is to be unfolded by the nation's best jurists and lawyers. Judge Hayes will bring home some good news stories.

A SUNDAY BAZAAR where you can find trinkets and treasures, is set for the McKeldin Center at Morgan, 1 to 6 p.m.

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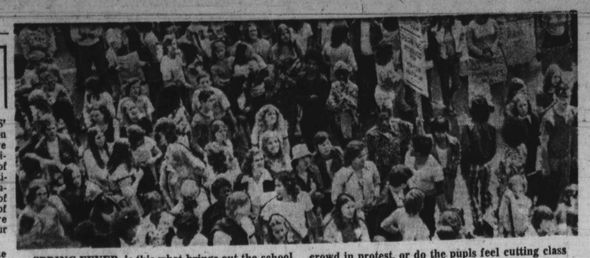
DR. BETTY THOMAS' Black History lecture on TV 11 Sunday was more than excellent. A magnificent and complete study of Baltimore's majority citizens included the miraculous accomplishments of our pioneers just out of slavery. Today we are beautiful because of our past.

WOULD THAT the learned young Ph.D. degree holder could have informed the General Assembly of our role in Maryland as a salute on Black History Week .... instead of the grave error of the salute to slave-breaker George Washington.

OUR General Assembly members who are deprived of black history information should ask Dr. Thomas for a copy of her lecture citing our climb from bondage to achievement beyond belief.

FOUL LANGUAGE is never condoned in any society for the reason that it reflects a degraded person, ignorance and inability to find other words than the nasty one. Hiding behind sick words is the person who is actually insecure and inferior.

AFRICAN PROVERB: A fool and water will go the way they are diverted.



SPRING FEVER, is this what brings out the school crowd in protest, or do the pupls feel cutting class is the thing to do?

Spring is class-cutting time for some

It's nearly Spring and as usual, students across the land are poised to stage boycotts, eat day-long pound sub sandwiches and pack up in phone booths.

Baltimore, however, has parents of junior high school pupils pulling their children out of school illegally to protest an integration move they claim (they the adults) do not like.

The children, may of whom will no graduate from high school under any circumstance, are following the lead and are victims of misguidance.

There are only 66 days left in the school year. The summer vacation starts June 20 for pupils and June 24 for teachers.

Meantime boycotts by white pupils are increasing in Baltimore.

A week ago Canton Junior High pupils cut classes at the insistence of their parents.

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Early this week another boycott was staged at the Hamilton Junior High School, Wednesday during the morning shift.

Theodore Woronka, principal of the school at 5600 Sefton Ave. near Harford Rd. told the AFRO that more than 60 per cent of the school's 1,050 pupils were in attendance during the early shift.

He stated, "So far it's been a very routine day. There have not been any parents outside the school demonstrating in any way."

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Wednesday's boycott at Hamilton followed the near successful boycott held Friday, Feb. 28 at Canton Junior High School. Members of the Southeast Desegregation Coalition held the boycott to demonstrate disapproval of their students being re-assigned to Lombard next Fall.

Under the proposed junior high desegregation plan, Hamilton's white students would be re-assigned to nearby predominantly black schools.

Hamilton's racial composition would then increase from 21 per cent to 45 per cent black.

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Circling the ring

By Don and Val Hymes

Just about every politician in the state has an eye on that chair.

It's located in the United States Senate, and J. William Beall is sitting in it — solidly.

It looks tempting and ripe for snatching from under the genial senator who is entering his first term in 1976. But, beware.

For despite his careful party-line profile, Beall has been tending and mending his fences religiously. He has led the battle on a number of grassroots issues (like the doctor shortage and public service jobs). And he makes a regular habit of travelling all around the state to keep in touch, while methsweating gets top priority in his office.

Yet there is more than one would-be challenger who think Beall is pushover because of his cautiousness on issues, his steady loyalty to Presidents Nixon and Ford and his ability to excite the news media.

So no doubt there will be a Democratic primary, and the potential fighters are proceeding about warily eyeing each other, but nobody yet is throwing a hat into the ring.

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Governor Mandel had been considered a likely contender for months, but his travel indiscretions and continued alliance with those under investigation have turned his supporters' appetite for the race.

In fact, speculation that Mandel might even try for a vice presidential slot on a Henry Jackson ticket was recently stifled in the midst of the clamor over the Jewelgate fiasco and other revelations. At this point, it begins to look as if Maryland's governor will actually go back to practicing law, as he said he wanted to do in the first place, unless a nice cabinet spot opens under a Democratic President. At any rate, Beall does not expect — or fear — Mandel's candidacy.

The announcement that former Sen. Joseph D. Tydings is seriously testing the political waters came as a surprise to many who say the Democratic Party organization will never back him.

Not so, says Tydings, who feels that he is covered at least a known factor in a time of frightening uncertainty. And there's the Marylander's traditional sense of fair play. As one of the first victims of the Nixon "dirty tricks" brigade in 1970, Tydings deserves another chance.

But Beall feels that a man beaten once can be beaten twice.

He is more worried, it appears, about a serious issue-oriented challenge from the youthful, brilliant Rep. Paul S. Sarbanes, who was able to knock off of the Congress a long-entrenched incumbent by knocking on almost every door in his Baltimore district.

Sarbanes is not saying he won't run — [illegible] said, "It's too early," he maintains, but he is enjoying a fairly low public profile while another Baltimorean, Barbara Mikulski, the gutsy city councilwoman with national and neighborhood clout, is cropping up everywhere.

And remember, the party does have a bugle for playing Joan of Arc against the Maths as campaign.

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The city elections this year only complicate the whole matter. Council President Walter Orlinsky has toyed with the idea of running for Senate. And if Sarbanes vacates his House seat, there's word that state Sens. Joseph Curran and Harry McGuirk are tempted. Ah, the pot thickens!

The newest face in the crowd of potential candidates is the well-known criminal lawyer, Edward Bennett Williams, who is being touted by Democratic National Chairman Robert Strauss.

Williams, who has represented James Hoffa and former Sen. Daniel Brewster among many other notables, is not a frivolous idea. "Sources" in the Mandel administration have said that the governor "looks favorably" on a Williams run.

That makes sense because Mandel has always preferred to be a king-maker than a king, and Williams would have all of the sophisticated national party machinery at his fingertips because he is also national party treasurer.

It would indicate Mandel is few to unite Democrats behind one candidate. But it looks hopeless at this point.

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An omen for the Democrats to heed is the response Senator Beall got back from the 21,000 questionnaires he sent out asking his constituents how they feel about the issues.

Sixty per cent — or 120,000 — came back, an unheard-of return in the polling business.

Beall feels that sending the questionnaire was almost a more important move than frightening the rivals, because "everybody likes to feel they play some role in the system."

Anybody who can instill that feeling in the voters in these perilous times has a giant political edge that can stop any well-oiled machine.

Dr. Baker named St. Joseph president

DR. FRANK W BAKER

Frank W. Baker has been elected president of the Medical Staff and chairman of the executive committee of St. Joseph Hospital for 1975.

A native Baltimorean, Dr. Baker was educated in the public school system of Baltimore City and graduated from Baltimore City College in 1942. He received his premedical training at the University of Maryland and the University of Chicago. He graduated from the University of Maryland School of Medicine in 1948.

He then served as an intern and resident in obstetrics and gynecology at St. Joseph Hospital until 1952 when he became the chief of obstetrics and gynecology at the Elmendorf Air Force Hospital in Anchorage, Alaska. Since that time Dr. Baker has been in private practice and gynecological practice in Baltimore with offices in Highfield Town and Towson.

Dr. Baker is on the staff of St. Joseph Hospital, Mercy Hospital, Bon Secours Hospital, Johns Hopkins Hospital, Greater Baltimore Medical Center and Good Samaritan Hospital. He served as chief of obstetrics at Bon Secours Hospital from 1965-1969.

He is a member of the Baltimore City Medical Society, the Maryland Medical and Chirurgical Faculty, the American Medical Association and the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Dr. Baker is certified by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

2 get top positions

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