MS. ADELE HOLDEN, noted poet, will be featured in a public seminar at CCB, April 12.

CCB to feature noted Ms. Holden

The Community College of Baltimore student faculty seminar will feature widely-acclaimed poet Adele V. Holden in a poetry reading on Monday, April 14, 3 p.m., in the Bard Library, 2901 Liberty Heights Ave. The seminar is free and open to the public.

A native of Maryland's Eastern Shore, Miss Holden is an associate professor of English at the Community College of Baltimore, where she has been teaching since 1965.

Before joining the faculty at CCB, Miss Holden taught English at Dunbar High School in Baltimore City. She is a product of Morgan State College.

At Morgan she won a scholarship for writing in a national essay contest and first prize in a short story contest.

Following publication in 1961 of "Figurine and Other Poems" Miss Holden was awarded a certificate of merit as a Living Maker of Negro History by Kappa Chapter of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority.

Later she was the recipient of a fellowship to study at the Johns Hopkins University, where she earned an M.A. Degree in creative writing. In 1962, her works were honored with an Enoch Pratt Library window display.

Although Miss Holden's selections on April 14 at the Community College of Baltimore will be taken mostly from her recent work, a few poems from "Figurine" will be included. Her readings will deal with various universal themes.

Critical acclaim from many parts of the world has come to Miss Holden in response to her published poetry. Among letters which she values are ones from outstanding writers, including Josephine Jacobsen, poet and former consultant in Poetry to the Library of Congress; Langston Hughes, poet; Ruby Dee, actress; Sterling A. Brown and Arna Bontemps, poets; and E. Franklin Frazier, writer.

Miss Holden, who paints as well as writes, designed the jacket for "Figurine and Other Poems." She is currently illustrating and writing a collection of children's poems and adding to her new poems.

MISS SOUL — Contestants for "Miss Soul 1975" are shown with their chairperson, Mrs. Gwen Kellam of Flair Studio, Inc., (center, second row), as they prepared for the Miss Soul pageant and crowning on Friday evening, April 18 at the Steel Workers Hall, Dundalk Ave. Contestants are from left to right (front row), Misses Karen Ricks, Eleanora Edmondson, Wendy Paige, Mary Finch. Second row from left are Ms. Augustine Dixon, Linda Stewart, Shoka Angelece, Pat Johnson, Janice Allen and Ernestine Bynum.

Lambert elected chairman Equal Business Opportunity

Arthur "Art" Lambert of the Lambert Insurance Agency succeeds the retiring chairman, G. Cheston Carey Jr., president of Carey Machinery and Supply Co. as chairman of the board of directors for Equal Business Opportunity.

The chairman-elect has been a member of CEBO's Board of Directors since 1969.

He is an honor graduate of Hobart College, Geneva, N.Y. where he was the captain of the basketball team (1956-1957) and won "Most Valuable Player" honors on the football team (1956-1957).

Mr. Lambert served in the United States Air Force from 1950-1954 and was honorably discharged as an airman first class.

"Art" and his wife, the former Electra Kearney, have three children, a boy and two girls, Craig, 19, Renee, 17 and Kearny, 7.

CEBO executive director Samuel T. Daniels, in making the announcement, stated that Cheddy Carey has been of great service in the growth and development of this agency.

He has always exhibited a real depth of understanding of the purpose and goals of the Baltimore Council for Equal Business Opportunity.

Mr. Daniels adds he is pleased that "Cheddy" will remain on the board.

The retiring chairman is a charter board member of CEBO and has been making his vast business knowledge available to CEBO's business counselors and clients since 1969. He was elected chairman Jan. 13, 1970 and has served continuously since that date.

ARTHUR LAMBERT
chairman of the board

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retired chairman of the board

Orioles

To get the Orioles season off to a packed-house start at the stadium today (Friday) April 11 at 3 p.m., Mayor Schaefer has asked principals and teachers to let children with tickets out in time to attend.

WBAL director to speak for BNI

Jesse Webster, director of Urban Affairs for WBAL radio will, beginning from April 12, conduct a series of programs on the work of the Baltimore Neighborhoods Inc., according to BNI newsletter.

Mr. Webster will deal with how to handle housing discrimination complaints, tenant-landlord problems, mobile home park problems and the activities of fair housing councils.

The programs will be from 6:33 p.m. to 7 p.m. each Saturday.

According to the newsletter the BNI has pledged support of the Maryland Commission on Human Relations right to award damages and for having hearing examiners to speed up the hearing of complaints.

It also supports the Governor's Landlord-Tenant Law Study Commission, right of appeal in tenant-landlord cases, improved bill against retaliatory eviction, protection for tenants in conversion to condominium and rent escrow.

The newsletter announces housing forum by the Black Communications Committee at 8 p.m. at the YWCA, 1912 Madison Ave. April 24. Speakers include Gerald Mack on loan aspects and Vincent Quayle will speak on housing financing in the city.

The Fair Housing Council of the BNI will hold its annual meeting at 7:30 p.m. April 20 in Baltimore County.

Speakers will include Jay Cherry, president; Ms. Kathy Koth, vice-president for projects; Ms. Barbara Bachur, vice-president for personnel and Ms. Lillian Dorsey, vice-president for communications.

Slated for the Maryland Presbyterian Church, 1105 Providence Rd., on the Beltway exit 28 north, the program will feature films, small group demonstration and audience participation.

Teen Talk

By Gary Givens

How many of you know what the teen creed is, or even know there was such a creed? Well I looked around and this is the creed I dug up:—

1. Don't let your parents down, they brought you up.
2. Be humble enough to obey: you may give orders some day.
3. Choose companions with care, you become what they are.
4. Guard your thoughts; what you think you are.
5. Choose only a date who would make a good mate.
6. Be master of your habits or they will master you.
7. Don't be a show off when you drive, drive with safety and arrive.
8. Don't let the crowd pressure you, stand for something or you'll fall for anything.

I can't say if you follow this creed you will become the best, but you will become a better person. So why not give it a try; it can't hurt, it can only help.

Attention! Attention! Attention!

Calling one and all teens to the Poly High School auditorium today (Friday) from 7 p.m. to midnight, for a big benefit concert for Sickle Cell Anemia. The program is entitled "Fashion to Rock," which is a combination fashion and rock show.

The program will include many teenage participants. The show is being sponsored by teenagers (black history group of Poly).

Two big names behind the program are - Willie Rodgers and Charles Boty, who both attend Poly.

Other participants from Poly are Garry Press and Nathan Reynolds members of the band Whiskey Sour, who will perform at the show.

The fashions will be from Western High, under the direction of Robin Thomas. Also modeling beautiful fashions will be "The Sodi qu's"-an African fashion group.

There will be plenty of good music provided by: Chocolate Rain, Whiskey Sour, Earth, Black Image, Confucius and others.

The tickets are $2.50 and will be sold at the door. Your master of ceremonies for the night will be yours truly.

I want to see everybody there. It's not often teens try to do something for the betterment of somebody else, so let's make it a success.

Chuck McDaniels is our teen of the week. He is a senior at Poly and is enrolled in the "A" course, (engineering program).

Chuck is a very energetic young man, who participates in many outside activities outside of his studies.

He is involved in playing baseball for the Yankee Rebels, participating in such charity events as riding a bike for the mentally retarded.

He plays the organ, is a member of a Boy Scout Explorers Post, and works a part-time job.

Chuck has been busier than ever this year visiting colleges. He plans to enter the field of engineering. He has already been accepted at Cornell University, Georgia Tech, Carnegie Mellon, Northwestern University and many other fine schools.

Right now, he thinks he is going to choose Cornell.

Our teen of the week has one brother, David, 14 who also attends Poly, and is enrolled in the "A" course; a sister, Brenda, 12, who attends Mount Royal Elementary.

His "beautiful" mother is Mrs. Francis McDaniels, and his "wonderful" father is Charles McDaniels.

This column offers best wishes to Chuck in his future doings and thanks him for being our teen of the week.

If you have any comments or criticisms of any activities going on in the city that you think will be of interest or just want your picture in the AFRO. Contact me at 323-0431 or send the info to Teen Talk c-o AFRO AMERICAN, P.O. Box 1857.

Officer cleared in slaying

William Swisher, state's attorney, has ruled as justified the shooting death of Jerry Parker, 23, 3500 block Springdale Ave., by a traffic policeman March 29.

Police records show Officer Melvin Parker, 26, of the Traffic Division shot and killed the man on a parking lot when the suspect broke loose and ran out of the stationhouse while he was being booked. All charges against the officer have been dropped.

According to police the suspect was arrested for making an illegal U-turn on Russell St. and was arrested when he showed an out-of-state driver's license.

While Mr. Parker was being booked in the Southern District policehouse, he broke loose pursued by Officer Parker.

Police said the suspect was shot in a parking lot. Police also discovered that outstanding warrants were found accusing Mr. Parker of burglary and robbery.

Police also alleged two passengers who followed Mr. Parker to the stationhouse tried to prevent the officer from opening the door while pursuing the fleeing suspect. The two have been charged with aiding and abetting an escape.

MCHR gets new offices

The Maryland Commission on Human Relations (MCHR), a state agency that prohibits and enforces state anti-discrimination laws in the areas of employment, housing, and public accommodations, has moved to a new location.

The Commission is now housed at Metro Plaza in Mondawmin Mall, Suit 300, Baltimore, Maryland 21215. MCHR's telephone number remained the same — 383-3680.

MCHRC was formerly located at 701 St. Paul St.

Swann murder trial set

Garland Avon Spence, 22, will remain at the Maryland Penitentiary until May 20, when he goes to court for trial.

Spence, of the 900 block Kevin Rd., also known as Garland Spencer, is charged, with the gangland style Nov. 11, 1974 murder of the Rev. Dr. Melvin Chester Swann, 59, former pastor of Waters AME Church, 427 N. Aisquith St.

Spence has requested a jury trial and will be represented by William Murphy Jr. He is also charged with unlawful use of a hand gun in the commission of a crime and robbery with a deadly weapon.

Police reports at the time of the crime reveal the assailant or assailants who executed the Rev. Dr. Swann pumped four 38 caliber bullets into his head and neck.

The Rev. Dr. Swann's feet were bound with a leather belt and his hands tied behind him with two neckties.

The incident occurred in the minister's home in the 1300 block Limit Ave.

FINALISTS in essay contest sponsored by Big Sisters Club of Baltimore, are from left, Yvonne Creswell, Douglass; Eric High, Walbrook; and Hubert Cuthrell, Lake Clifton. They will vie for $700 in scholarship prizes at Big Sisters' awards luncheon Saturday, 11 a.m., at Morgan State College's new Student Union Building. Dr. Thomas P. Fraser, Morgan interim president, and Dr. Roland N. Patterson, superintendent of schools are honorary chairmen, and will present winners' prizes. Mrs. Phyllis Shamwell is club president; Mrs. Sara Giles, contest coordinator.

award fete

The Community Health Council of Maryland, Inc. will hold its third annual awards extravaganza on Friday, May 4, at 5 p.m. Morgan State College.

Fairmount confab

The Community Council of Fairmount Hill Junior-Senior High School will have their day time Parent-Teacher Conference April 17, from 1 to 3 p.m.

At this time parents can have conference with all of his child's teachers and also pick-up their report card.

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Reflections. . . lifestyles, fashion, women, food, youth, society, clubs

For those who shun the rising sun, the Seventh Step is here to help

By Marie P. Cooke
Reflections Editor

On December 12, Robert Chambers will be 22-years-old. There will be no celebration with a birthday cake, champagne and dancing, in fact, each of the birthdays he has for the next 28 years may be spent behind the heavy steel bars at the Maryland Penitentiary.

Provided young Chambers has to serve his 30-year sentence for robbery with a deadly weapon and kidnap, he will have just marked his 50th birthday in the year 2003.

Time passes slowly for the 799 men who are confined to the Forrest St. maximum security facility . . . each new day serves as a reminder of the past.

In the 50 minutes Chambers talked with this writer on Tuesday, it was sensed that he is going to try to make the best of his stay in jail. A student in the four-year college program offered by Coppin State, he plans to earn a degree in physical education or social work, so that when his parole does come up he will be able to return to society with something to offer. "I know I can make it," he said as he held onto the gold and black high school ring on his left pinkey finger. "I want to prove that everything that comes out of the Pen isn't bad — I want to prove this isn't true."

Young Chambers will not allow himself to rot away. ". . . I am letting 30 years serve me in a way I never thought was possible in any type of jail," he says. For the past six months Chambers has been heading the Pen's chapter of the Seventh Step Foundation, Inc., one of the eight such self-help programs which function within the institution.

The Foundation, founded by Bill Sands, an ex-convict, is a national organization consisting of convicts, ex-cons, community workers, both professional and non-professional, whose main purpose is to prepare the convict for the world outside.

According to its bylaws, the group is an organization which will instill "a sense of purpose and self-respect through self-help, facilitating successful re-adaption to the community"; to educate and counsel offenders prior to their release from prison;

To continue education and counseling after parole or release; to assist ex-offenders in preparing for or attaining employment, clothing, food, and lodging when such needs arise;

To meet with civic and professional groups and interested persons for the purpose of promoting a realistic understanding of the problems of crime and corrections; to counsel youthful offenders and other youths using the experiences of adults to dissuade them from making the same mistakes;

To constantly seek effective programs and methods of supporting both youthful and adult offenders in their resolve to make it in a realistic, self-respecting way.

For the 95 members at the Md. Pen, the Foundation's purposes are multi-folded. ". . . being president or a coordinator of any program as widespread as 7th Step is not an easy job to do." But Chambers says, "I can proudly say that the men here are working together to keep this organization together. That does make my job a bit easier."

This local chapter, headed by Henry E. Wisowaty and his eight-member board of directors, was organized nearly 10 years ago, according to board member Sister Cecilia Doyle. The directors meet on the second Thursday of each month at the Pen. Robert Chambers and Author Caldwell, an inmate who is the Youthful Offender Director, serve on that board.

By having a genuine interest in people, Chambers, an Army veteran (honorable discharge, 1972), says there are men in the Pen who are somewhat like himself. "I have found men (here) who seriously want to help." They want to help themselves, their fellow inmates as well as youngsters who have already "gotten a taste of crime."

The Youth Offenders Program which is about to be re-implemented, is aimed at giving wayward youngsters "a chance we never had, or if we did, didn't take advantage of. We want to prevent them from the social demise that we went through. We want these children to be spared the injury and the pain of having to come to jail and go through a lot of changes that ocould hurt or change them later on in life," says Chambers.

"We can't stop crime, but we can help to curb it," he says. "We must be cognizant that these youths are the key to our tomorrow's future and we must start some cardinal changes in our dealing with them," Chambers adds as he shrugs his shoulders when asked when the Youth program will begin.

"It was supposed to begin this week, but now we don't know." The group had hoped it would be working with youngsters from Boys Village and Montrose School for Boys this month, but due to cutbacks within the institution, the program may be delayed indefinitely. It was hoped that the young boys would be transported from their facilities to the Forrest St. prison for rap sessions.

What can we in the community do to help Seventh Step?

"We want the peoplein the community to accept the excon as being part of the society. Usually out of fear or something, people just don't trust them. Everybody has to work hand in hand. The excon can take something back out there to the community."

Secondly, "the businessman can organize a system wherein they can provide jobs for the men when they come out," and thirdly, "we want the people to know what we're trying to do to help ourselves while we are incarcerated, we want them to know about Seventh Step."

Twice a year the organization is allowed to hold a fund-raising affair. Proceeds are used just as they would be used for any type organization, printing costs, mailings and incidental expenses, like for flowers and cards.

Robert B. Chambers: "I can proudly say that the men here are working together to keep this organization (Seventh Step Foundation) together . . . that does make my job (coordinator) a bit easier." (Reflections photos by Benjamin M. Phillips).

The first of seven steps: Facing the truth about ourselves and the world around us, we decided we needed a change. Shown here: Harry Murdock, treasurer, and Arthur Caldwell, public relations director, Seventh Step Foundation.

Miss AFRO – Pall Mall Menthols thanks family and friends

Baltimore — In an open letter to the AFRO, Cee Cee Stokes, winner of the Miss AFRO-Pall Menthols contest said:

"I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone responsible for helping me to win the title of Miss AFRO-Pall Mall Menthols.

"I would especially like to thank my family and other relatives; my dear friend, Jay Watts, the Businessmen's League of Baltimore, Eastman Kodak Co. employees, Mr. O'Neal (Fred) of Mondawmin Photo; Walburton Pully, Mr. Taylor (George) of Taylor's House of Flowers; Gruner's Market and the countless other personal friends and associates who helped me to win the contest.

"Again, thank you!"

The public saw Ms. Stokes as Miss AFRO-Pall Mall Menthols last weekend as she began making her rounds throughout this city.

Her first stop was the Delta Round-up held on the campus of Morgan State College on Saturday. The affair was sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

Later in the day, Ms. Stokes was seen at the regional meeting convention of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority at its banquet held at the downtown Hilton Hotel.

She also made an appearance at St Bernadine's Men's and Women's club's cabaret held at the Famous Ballroom.

On Sunday Ms. Stokes was at the Helene Fuld School of Nursing, Provident Hospital, for its spring fashion show and tea.

For the next 11 weeks Miss AFRO-Pall Mall Menthols will be seen at various community affairs and will be visiting businesses throughout the area.

Tell Reflections about your mama

Blessings on the hand of women!
Angels guard its strength and grave,
In the palace, cottage, hovel,
Oh, no matter where the place;
Would that never storms assailed it,
Rainbows ever gently curled;
For the hand that rocks the cradle
Is the hand that rules the world.

Blessings on the hand ofwomen!
Fathers, sons, and daughters cry,
And the sacred song is mingled
With the worship in the sky—
Mingles where no tempest darkens,
Rainbows evermore are hurled;
For the hand that rocks the cradle
Is the hand that rules the world.

(From "The Hand That Rocks the Cradle Is the Hand That Rules the World" by William Ross Wallace)

Mothers, the Great Creator's gift to earth. Even before Christ, man wrote countless words about mothers, be they man or beast.

This section, Reflections, wants to print the words you've written about your mother or some woman who has greatly influenced your life. In 100 words or less, in prose, poetry or composition style, tell us about your mama.

For the next four weeks, we will print your reflections of mothers on this page. In the May 10 edition, the AFRO will feature its Mother of the Year, selected from the letters you sent. A special gift will be presented to the mother selected if she is living. If she is deceased, there will be a memorial given in her honor. In addition, a gift will be given to the person with the winning essay.

Address all letters to: Salute to Mothers, c-o AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers, P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md., 21203.

Note: All letters must be received no later than Thursday, May 1, and must be either printed or typewritten.

Mother'S Day is May 11 and the AFRO wants your reflections on your mother or some woman who has greatly influenced your life. For the next four weeks, we'll be featuring some of your mamas. Pictured here is Mrs. Cheryl Spence and her three-year-old daughter, Tina.

Community calendar

April 12

Department of Natural Resources, A Look at Family Fishing: Chesapeake Beach, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

United Pentecostal Church of Deliverance, Holy Ghost Cabaret; 128 W. Franklin St., 8 p.m.-12 p.m.

Pauline Brooks Boutique, "A Fashion Bonanza;" Stanton Community Center, 92 W. Washington St., 2 p.m.

April 13

Combination Bull and Oyster Roast, United Committee of Federal Post No. 19, American Legion, Inc.; Steelworker's Union Hall, 8 N. Broadway, 1:00 p.m.-4 p.m.

Baltimore Advocates, cocktail sip fashion show, featuring models from Travis Winkey's Fashion Beat; Lafayette Palace, 5-10 p.m.

Baltimore Clark College Club presents The Clark Family in concert; Metropolitan United Methodist Church, 5 p.m.

April 15

Baltimore Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority presents an Evening of Elegance and Entertainment; New Hilton Inn, 10 p.m.

April 16

Zeta Epsilon Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., sponsors a Health Awareness Fair, Coppin State College, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

April 18

Md. Licensed Practical Nurses Association, Inc., spring dinner dance; Dogwood Rd. Hall, 10 p.m.-2 a.m.

Fashion show to benefit retarded children of Happy Hills Hospital given by Young Designers of Baltimore; Alcazar Ballroom, Cathedral and Madison Sts.

April 19

Kappa Chapter, Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, benefit luncheon — for scholarship fund; Emerald Gardens, noon.

Tribute to Dr. G. James Fleming, sponsored by the G. James Fleming Scholarship Fund, Inc.; McKeldin College Center, Morgan State College, 7 p.m.

Male and Female Pageant, sponsored by Emerald Enterprises, Wild Lake Pool, Columbia, Md., 9:30 p.m.-3 a.m.

April 20

Graduation ceremony of Pinnie's Charm Studio; American City Building, Columbia, 1:30 p.m.

Gala Spring Fashion Show, sponsored by the Little Miss Muffet Day Care Center PTA, featuring top local designers, displays of jewelry and arts and crafts; Provident Hospital Auditorium, 5 p.m. Call 466-9291.

Original Creations presented by Kevin Garner, spring fashion show and banquet; Hilton Hotel (downtown), 3 p.m.-6 p.m.

City Temple of Baltimore, luncheon and fashion show; 317 Dolphin St., 5 p.m.

April 26

Drawing and Supper sponsored by Thompson-Miller Auxiliary 9527 Veterans of Foreign Wars; 1335 West Mosher St., noon-midnight.

April 27

The Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Angus Smith will celebrate their 50th anniversary; LaFontaine Bleu, Erdman Ave., 6 p.m.-10 p.m.

Designer Fashion Show and Luncheon by Willis Bland's Flair Studio, Baltimore Hilton, 1:30-5:30 p.m.

Send community notices

You can have your notices included in the AFRO's Community Calendar. Send us the dates of meetings, civic and social events, weddings, parties . . . anything of community interest to: Community Calendar, P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md., 21203. There is no charge.

Local club notes

1Herbert M. Frisby Society

Annapolis — The annual Wreath Placement ceremony at the State House in Annapolis commemorating Matthew A. Henson as co-discoverer of the North Pole was held on Sunday afternoon at the site of the Henson Memorial Tablet.

Members of the Herbert M. Frisby Historical Society and their guests were enthused by the efforts and performances of the pupils of Matthew A. Henson Elementary School No. 29.

They were introduced to the guests by their principal, Mrs. Kathryn Frisby, who then presented Lorne Matthews, a personable sixth grader, as master of ceremonies. The pupils showed presence and knowledge of the occasion, narrated by Elmira Bowen.

As the program proceeded, Mark Newton gave a noteworthy biography of Mr. Henson, followed by Choral Speaking by the sixth graders on "A Salute to Matthew Henson." The audience then joined in singing "Lift Every Voice and Sing," led by Jo Ann Washington and Gay Maultsby.

The Governor's Proclamation was extended by the Hon. Lena K. Lee and Col. William Harris. The unveiling of the Memorial Wreath was accomplished with dignity by two pupils, Gary Madden and Brian Bowman.

The president of the Society, Mrs. Bernice White then stressed the importance of this occasion. Mrs. Lee and Dr. Herbert M. Frisby each gave a resume of the origin and significance of the ceremony through their long involvement in its cause.

Mrs. Naomi Camper, chaplain, gave the closing prayer. Teachers responsible for the program are: Mrs. Joyce Hamer and Kermit Williams, both teachers at School No. 29.

The ending of the program was given by Mrs. Kathryn Frisby, chairperson of the ceremony.

The Northwest Branch of the Women's Civic League met on a recent Saturday afternoon at the home of member, Sarah Rayne. Some 25 members were present when the group voted to make a contribution to the Madison Avenue YWCA.

Mrs. Roy Kirby, president of the Board of The Women's Civic League was invited to speak to the group and while there encourage members to become interested in reactivating the Flower Mart and Civic League House at Front St. Mrs. Kirby pointed out to members that the house is now being restored and upon completion will be permanent headquarters of the organization.

Hostesses for the meeting included, Martha Snowden, Marion J. Jackson, president of the League.

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