BEFORE AND AFTER — The photo shows the condition of the 1100 block Shields Place in West Baltimore's Upton renewal area as Commercial Credit Co. and the Baltimore housing department began restoring 33 vacant rowhouses to new condition. The architect's rendering indicates what 10 houses being restored by Commercial Credit will look like later this year.

Shields Place will come alive in pastel colors, patios and gardens

Commercial Credit has announced the start of its work in cooperation with the Baltimore housing department to restore to new condition 10 rowhouses once earmarked for demolition in West Baltimore's Upton renewal area.

The homes will be sold for $15,500 each within about three months to families with low-to-moderate incomes. Specially arranged financing will result in monthly payments of no more than $145, including principal, interest, tax escrow and property insurance.

The two-story, 10.5-ft.-wide by 35-ft.-long houses, which date to the late 1800's, are in the 1100 block Shields Place, between Dolphin and Hoffman St.

Houses built in the late 1800's are being restored with everything new

IN 90 DAYS

Commercial Credit bought the boarded-up homes from the Baltimore Department of Housing and Community Development last year after an employee-based committee suggested their restoration as a worthwhile company project for the community.

"Our contractor, Harry L. Holt Builders, Inc., has moved onto the site," said Stephen J. Hartman, vice president of Commercial Credit Development Corp., which is overseeing the work.

"If schedules go the way we expect, the first homes will be available for occupancy in about 90 days."

EVERYTHING NEW

Under a design by the Baltimore architectural firm of Donald B. Ratcliffe and Associates, Commercial Credit is having the brick-faced homes restored to standards of "new housing."

He explained that the houses are being reduced to a shell. New flooring, interior walls, ceilings and roofing will be installed. Wiring, plumbing and heating systems will be new.

On the first floor, the houses will have an eat-in kitchen and a combination living room-dining room. The kitchen will have new cabinets, a built-in oven and counter-top stove. The upper level will have two bedrooms and a bathroom.

PASTEL COLORS

Cellar space beneath the units will house new furnaces and 40-gallon hot water heaters, as well as provide ample storage space on concrete floors. The cellar space varies between four and six feet in height, depending on the unit.

The front of the houses will be painted various shades of pastels, as had been done several years ago before the city took over ownership. In the back, the brick surface will be covered with stucco.

Back-yards will include a small concrete patio, as well as a grass plot or garden about 8.5-ft. by 10-ft. in size. All yards will be surrounded by new chain-link fencing.

23 MORE TO COME

Later this year, the housing department itself will restore another 23 units on Shields Place along similar plans and under a similar financing arrangement.

Henry D. Felton, director of corporate social responsibility and concerns for Commercial Credit, said that the resident-controlled Upton Planning Committee is screening potential buyers.

The committee, directed by Mrs. Lena Boone, is handling inquiries and letters of interest from its office at 1315 Division St. The group has publicized the offering in recent days by circulars distributed throughout the Upton area.

UPTON RESIDENTS FIRST

Ms. Boone said the committee is giving priority to Upton residents or to former area residents who would like to return.

She states, "We want to make sure that buyers are interested in home-ownership.

"We want the owners to live in the houses rather than turn around and rent them out."

Under 30-year, 7 per cent mortgages arranged by the housing department through the Maryland Home Financing Program, the homes are being sold "in fee," which means the ground is included in the sale price. Commercial Credit will absorb the settlement costs, with buyers required to pay a $500 down payment.

INCOME LIMIT

State regulations limit the gross family income for applicants to $12,526 a year for two-member families, $13,326 for three-member families and $14,126 for four-member families.

But unlike some rental programs that also use income ceilings and require the tenant to move if income exceeds the ceiling, buyers at Shields Place must meet the ceiling at settlement; future income increases will have no bearing on ownership.

Baltimore Afro American

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REPRESENTING CARVER — From left are Aaron Ostrofsky, school job coordinator; Charles Pines, student; Robert Gosnell, diesel instructor and Charles Monroe, student.

Carver gets rare opportunity at Annual Truck Exhibition

Recently Carver Vocational-Technical High School, for the first time in its history — in fact, the first time for any high school in the city — was honored by being invited to participate and display in the Annual Maryland Truck Exhibition held at Hunt Valley Inn.

A monumental event in the trucking industry, the exhibition consisted of displays, demonstrations and slide-talks by every major manufacturer of heavy-duty trucking equipment in the nation, including General Motors, Mack, Caterpillar, Brockway and Chrysler.

This singular distinction of a high school being invited to take part in such a prestigious exhibition, reflects the results of Carver's continuing efforts to create a bond between private industry and the technical schools producing its future employees.

From an impressive eight-by-ten booth, the school's participants demonstrated training equipment and procedures used in its diesel shop, the only such shop in the Baltimore Public School System.

Included also in the display were photographs of the school's work-study program.

In addition to the diesel shop instructor, Robert. Gosnell, the school's booth was manned by students Gregory Pines and Charles Monroe, who handed out school-prepared brochures and gave brief talks concerning Carver's history and philosophy.

In attendance also was Henry Johnson, Carver's principal.

Bicentennial Town Meeting '76 Saturday

Bicentennial Town Meeting '76, sponsored by the Baltimore Department of Education, Council of PTA's and Jaycees, is set for Saturday, May 3 at Poly-Western Senior High School complex, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Town Meeting '76 is a one-day community gathering celebrating the American Revolution Bicentennial.

Sponsored by local groups in some 5,000 American communities, Town Meeting '76 will engage more than one million people in creating practical proposals for the nation's future direction.

While the day's activity is structured, the atmosphere is informal.

Beginning at 9 a.m. with coffee and doughnuts, the opening plenary session includes two workshop sessions, a celebrative lunch, two talks on the Bicentennial Era and the American Citizen and a closing plenary session.

Town Meeting '76 appropriates the unique insights of community residents in two major workshop sessions.

In the morning session the participants analyze the underlying challenges facing our nation.

In the afternoon they use the data from the morning's work to write practical proposals for meeting the present challenges, and create a story, song and symbol for America's Bicentennial Era.

Luther Stuckey honored in Charles County

Charles County's Afro-American Society has honored Luther H. Stuckey as one of its top citizens. Born April 5, 1894, Mr. Stuckey is one of the 10 children of a former slave, farmer and turpentine chipper.

He was a candidate for the House of Delegates from Charles County in 1966.

A resident of Charles County since 1942, he became NAACP president and held the post 22 years.

Many changes came during his leadership when schools and public facilities were segregated. His unceasing efforts and dedication brought about gradual integration.

Today Mr. Stuckey is still active in civic and community circles.

Here are highlights of his unusual career as an educator, businessman and church and community worker:

HIGHLIGHTS

Graduate of Allen University, Columbia, S.C.,

Taught in the public school for 22 years.

Attended summer school at Marion, S.C., Orangeburg State College, Orangeburg, S.C., Fayetteville State College, Fayetteville, N.C. and Morgan State College.

Served as Supervisor of Agriculture in South Carolina and Superintendent of Sunday School there.

Resident Agent of the Sunday School Union of the State of Maryland and Vicinity, Inc. for 12 years in 13 churches.

President of Pomonkey Health Center.

Member and president of the NAACP for 24 years (including St. Mary's and Charles Counties) Now President Emeritus in Charles County NAACP.

A masonic member and past Building Fund secretary of Bee Hive Lodge, Pomonkey, Maryland.

Charge Lay Leader, Smith Chapel Methodist Church Building Fund Secretary and Methodist Men Secretary.

Government Worker in the Naval Propellant Plant, Indian Head, Md. for 22 years. Elected and served three terms as Shop Councilman while there.

Served on the board and as Chairman of the program committee of the Farmers Fair Association, Pomfret, Md.

Regular attendant of the Human Relations committee meetings.

Past Chaplain of the Pomonkey High School P.T.A.

Registered in the Republican Party in 1929, Baltimore County, Md.

Was a Bail Bondsman in Charles and St. Mary's Counties.

LUTHER H. STUCKEY, distinguished Pisgah, Md. citizen WASH.

Frontiers hear Bicentennial talk

DR. J. RUPERT PICOTT
black history authority

"Black and ethnic involvement in the 1976 Bicentennial" will be the speech given by Dr. J. Rupert Picott, executive director of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, Washington, D.C. at the Frontiers Club Luncheon meeting, 12:30 next Tuesday.

The event is at the Memorial dining room 301 McMechen St., in Bolton Hill.

The ASALH was founded in 1915 by Carter G. Woodson and is in the forefront as authorities on black history.

In preparing for the 1976 celebration of the nation's 200th-birthday, this organization is concerned that it involves all aspects of American history and the contributions made to this nation.

Dr. Picott holds degrees and has studied at leading colleges and universities including Virginia Union, Hampton, Temple and Harvard.

He has published numerous articles on education and other topics that have appeared in the Phi Delta Kappan, Journal of Negro Education and The Negro Education Review.

The public is invited. After Dr. Picott's speech there will be a question and answer period on black involvement in the Bicentennial.

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

Female tenor vocalist, Jeanne Irby says she sings spirituals best in tenor and gospels in alto.

Jeanne, sing your song!

By Cynthia K. Grandison
Reflections Staff Writer

The tenor sound of "In That Great Gittin' Up Mornin'" surprisingly enough came from female singer, Jeanne Irby. M's, Irby sang loud and strong as the Morgan State College Choir entertained at the business luncheon and meeting of the Iota Phi Lambda Sorority.

When asked how did she adjust to singing tenor, "very, very easily," she said, "it's within my range and I can sing loudly—it's fun being over there with the guys."

Jeanne admitted when she first came to Morgan it was an oddity being the only female tenor.

"I find that in concerts I do get stared at . . . people say, 'what is she doing over there?' "

It is not easy to get accepted in the Chambers Singers, the Morgan Singers and the Concert Choir but, talented M's Irby met the requirements of all three. She is very enthusiastic about her involvement with these singing groups and says that the people are very versatile.

The traveling aspects of these activities also suit M's Irby. The choirs have gone as far as Europe in their travels.

Church trio

The Mt. Zion Trio was like a training station for this young singer. Then, in her early teens, she had an alto voice.

She says, "I always wanted to sing like Mary Lewis," who was a member of her parish. It was this person's encouragement and image that greatly influenced M's Irby's talent. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Irby, have been tremendous moral support.

When asked her feelings about music, she said, "I feel very good about it . . . you can't use it, but I can hardly imagine living without it."

She thanks God for having discovered her talent and enjoys every moment that she sings.

Career plans

Spiritual and gospel selections by Chester Hairston, William L. Dawson and Edwin Hawkins are favored by this singer. She also enjoys the wide variety of songs that the choirs perform. She's come a long way from the church trio in Glassboro, New Jersey, but, furthuring a music career is not in the cards.

There is a definite need to have people work with the young child and the elderly says M's Irby. She sees her career helping those facing senality and guiding the young.

In preparation for this profession, M's Irby, now a sophomore, has declared sociology as her major. The University of Pennsylvania is where she hopes to do her graduate work.

Morgan State Choir Spring Schedule

The Morgan State College Choir will be in concert on Sunday, May 4, at the Carl Murphy Fine Arts Auditorium, 8:15 p.m.

WINNERS TO BE ANNOUNCED NEXT FRIDAY

Readers give reflections of mothers

Little Rascals salute mothers

To the mothers of the Coldspring Terrace Apartments: we salute you from: Their "Little Rascals"

Dear Mom,

I very seldom, if ever, say "Thanks" for all the wonderful things you do for me. Somehow, I always took those nice things you did for granted, and somehow just expected them. I just realized, however, that you do these things for me, because you Love Me!

You wash my clothes, and keep me clean; you fix my favorite foods, you help me entertain my friends when they come to visit. You never get angry or upset; you seem never to have any regrets.

When I don't clean my room, and leave my clothes all over the floor—all you do is close my door. I mean Mon, you could holler and scream and kick up a fuss, but as always you just do what you Must!

Mom, while I'm being completely honest with you, I must confess, sometimes I take advantage of your kindheartedness. Like the time I borrowed money, and promised to pay it back—and conveniently "forgot." And, remember when I asked you to pay me for cleaning my room, to empty the trash, for raking the leaves and going to the store; for watching the house while you went away-and for these things I wanted pay? I realize now that I could never repay you for all that you have done for me, so in the future I will do all I can for you—at NO CHARGE!

Mom, I'm saying all this to say — "You're the Greatest Mother in every way, and I love you More and Mmre everyday.

With much love and admiration,

Your "Little Rascals"
Olivia Battle, Gayle Moore, Jeffrey Moore, Cheryl Kennedy, Ian Curtis, Lorenzo Beale, Quintoh Beale, Valeria Battle, Lydia Battle, Yvette Brown, Andre Butler, Wanda Butler, Earla Chandler, Tia China, Lisa China, Purnell Coleman
Ronald Coleman Karen Epps, Katherine Epps, Kevin Epps, Rhonda Evans, Robin Evans, Tye Evans, Melondie Foreward, Charon Goodman, Gilbert Gardner, Trina Gardner, Cheryl Gardner, Leonora Goodman, Angie Graves, Tedra Gwynn, Stacey Rock;
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Supervisors: Mr. and Mrs. Joe Curtis, Lee Moody, Ronald Mitchell.

My Mother
By Nan Jones

My mother, Mrs. Monie Lloyd is no longer here but, her memory lingers on. She wasn't a mother of high society, fame, or contributed to anything outstanding for society, or had her name up in lights, but, she was the best mom any child could have ever had.

She was a mother of nine children.

My mom worked hard in her day to see that we all stayed in school and got an education so that we could become self-supporting and have a place in society. She taught us love, understanding and respect.

Mom greatly influenced my life by the way she lived her own. Around her it would take more than a pencil and paper or any medal to give my mother the honor she so greatly deserves. This may not be much to our readers but to the nine children she was the greatest.

Who's the Lady?
By Sharon Vaughn

Who's the lady that held me tight,
And told me its okay,
And when things just didn't go right
She always knew what to say.
When I cried and felt real hurt,
She took me to her side,
And told me someone really loves me,
And not to cry at all.
Now I'm grown and on my own,
Trying to be like you,
And I really understand what you were trying to do.
What you were trying to do.
Showing me how much you loved me
In your own special way,
So, I'd like to thank you Mom
—
Happy Mother's Day!

My Mama
By Bernadette Rogers

A lady of hope and fear
A lady of loving and caring,
A lady that's always willing.
My mama is the best mama n the world,
Because she loves her two children
To the max

Mrs. Martha J. Dukes is shown here with her great-granddaughter, Dedra T. Coleman, the first female to be born in Mrs. Dukes' family since 1903, the year she was born. Mrs. Dukes recently had the quilt, which is pictured, restored to its original state and gave it to Dedre. The quilt has been in the family since 1913 when it was made by Mrs. Susan Rogester for her daughter, Easter Green, Mrs. Dukes' mother. (Reflections photo by Benjamin M. Phillips)

Womderful Mother
By Gary H. Causion

I am one of 14 children who belong to Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Causion. My mother's name is Jean. I'm one of her twins out of two sets, two boys and a boy and a girl. There are eight boys and six girls in all.

Our mother is the greatest mother in the world to us. She is an active member in her community and church. She is secretary of the youth board, trustee board, youth advisor and works diligently in helping her church function properly. I dedicate this poem to her:

God made a wonderful mother,
A mother who never grows old;
He made her smile of the sunshine,
And He molded her heart of pure gold;
In her eyes He placed bright shining stars,
In her cheeks, fine roses you see;
God made a wonderful Mother,
And He gave that dear Mother to me.

Mothers, Wives and Our Best Friends
By Willie Watkins

The woman whom I speak of is a mother, my wife and my best friend;
And all the things that speaks of beauty,
I see her face within.
She gave to me her warmest love
And a torch to light the way;
She gave me happiness with every dawn
And a song to sing every day.
Among the happiness she gave
Was a little baby girl;
That also made me happier
Than any other guy in the world.
Although she's faced the hardest times
That women sometimes do,
As mother, wives and our best friends
She always made it through.

MOTHER'S DAY MAY 11TH

Appreciative Lady
By Roslyn Williams

My Mother is a warm, sweet, appreciative lady. She is the mother who worked alone to take care of my sister and me. She is the woman who enriched our lives with a lot of responsibilities.

She had a lot of patience to make life worthwhile for us. She never neglected her love for us, but fulfilled her deeds and love for us to the best of her ability.

So to my mother, Mrs. Susie Williams, thank you for having the strength and goodness you have shown us. We both love you in so many ways.

Deceased Mother
By Arthur Dixon

L . . . is for the life that God gave to her,
O . . . is for the honest affection we shared,
V . . . is for that vigorous feeling whenever I think of her,
E . . . is for the eternal flame, that shall always burn in my heart.

Mrs. Julia Tate Abrams, seated, known affectionally as "Aunt Julia' celebrated her 90th birthday recently with five generations of her family at her Marlborough Apartments resident. Pictured with her standing at left is Councilwoman Victorine Q. Adams and right, Mrs. Delores Whidbee, both nieces of Mrs. Abrams. Mrs. Abrams, a lifetime member of Union Baptist Church is also a charter member of Woman Power, Inc.

Inside Reflections:

R.S.V.P. with Marie — Woodlawn Highlights
Columbia Capers — By Marjorie Green
By Pinnie L. Ross — Week's food economies

Coming to Retections:

"Rappin' with Barbara Ruffin" By Marie P. Cooke
"Home Gardening and Canning", a consumer series By Michele L. McRae

Community calendar

MAY 2

Maryland Institute College, Annual Fashion Show, Royal Station, 1400 Cathedral St., 8 p.m.

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Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., May Formal Dance, 6817 Dogwood Rd., 10 p.m.-2 a.m.

MAY 3

May Ball, Baltimore Chapter of Las Amigas, Inc., McKeldin College Center, Morgan State College, 10 p.m.-2 a.m.

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Wedding of Miss Sandra Landis and Patterson Bowley; 4007 Woodridge Ave., 6 p.m.

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Lawyers' Wives Dinner, Meushaws Hilltop Inn, Security Blvd., noon.

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Druid Park West Child Study Group; African Rites, dinner dance; 6817 Dogwood Rd., benefit Scholarship Fund, 10 p.m.-2 a.m.

MAY 4

King's Landing Women benefit cocktail party, Club Venus, 3-7 p.m.

May 4

G. K. Theatre presents the Arena Players in "The Living Room;" George Kelson School, 701 Gold St., 4 p.m.

MAY 5

UMBC Maryland Commission on the Status of Women, conference; UMBC dining hall, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

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Urban Services G, Community Development meeting, Porehouse Auditorium, 203 N. Fremont Ave., 7:30 p.m.

MAY 7

"Fashion Extravanganza" presented by the Zeta Epsilon Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Walbrook High School, 7 p.m.

MAY 8
MAY 8

"Female and Male: A Biologist's Approach to Sex Differences," free lecture; UMBC, Room 301, Fine Arts Building, 3:30 p.m.

May 8

Child Study Association of Md. holds 51st anniversary luncheon; Martin's West, 11:30 a.m. Guest speaker: Alan Christian

MAY 8

Child Study Association, Annual Luncheon Meeting marking 51st Anniversary, 6817 Dogwood Rd., 11:30 a.m.

May 9

Child Study Association of Md. to hold meeting, "Parent Effectiveness Training;" 2408 Burridge Rd., 8:30 p.m.

MAY 9

Sculptors of Boys and Girls, meeting, 2408 Burridge Rd., 8:30 p.m.

MAY 9-11

National Convention of Girl Friends, Inc., Baltimore Hilton Hotel, downtown.

MAY 10

Masonic School of Instruction, Most Worshipful Hirma Grand Lodge, May Ball; Baltimore Civic Center, Howard Room, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

May 11

Mother's Day Fashion Show, Cherry Hill Union Hall, 111 Cherry Hill Rd., given by Dynamite Super Stars, 5-10 p.m.

May 12

Child Study Associationof Md.'s Kids Biz Chapter will meet; 314 Highknol Lane, Reisterstown, Md., 8 p.m.

MAY 12

Kids Bizz Chapter, Child Study Association, meeting, 314 Highknol Lane, 8 p.m.

MAY 16

Eastern High School Class of 1960; 15th Year Reunion, Martin's Eudowood, Towson, 8 p.m.-1 a.m.

MAY 17

Delta May Ball, Baltimore Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Ramada Inn, Belmont Ave., 10 p.m.-2 a.m.

May 18

Cherry Creation Center, 29th Annual Mother and Daughter Banquet, 2:30 p.m.

MAY 20

Child Study Association, Yours and Mine Chapter, meeting, 3825 Pikeswood Drive, Randallstown, Md., 8:15 p.m.

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DuBois Circle closing dinner, 6817 Dogwood Rd., the Honorable Mary Arabian, guest speaker, 6 p.m.

May 20

Representative of the American Red Cross to speak on, "Teaching Your Child to Swim" at a meeting of the Child Study Association of Md.; 3825 Pikeswood Dr., Randallstown, 8:15 p.m.

May 21

Momy Chapter, Child Study Assoc. of Md. to meet; Home of Joan Pente, Arbutus Rd., Pasadena, Md., 8 p.m.

MAY 24

Maryland Association of Ministers' Wives, Annual Meeting, Zion Baptist Church, 1700 N. Caroline St., featuring "The Minister's Wife - of - the - Year," 1 p.m.

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Send us community notices

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Local club notes

Philomathian Club

Speaker for the 43rd Annual May Dinner of the Philomathian Club is Dr. Lorraine A. Williams, acting vice-president of Academic Affairs, Howard University.

The dinner will be hosted at the Holiday Inn, downtown, Saturday, May 3, 6 p.m.

Dr. Williams is a former professor and chairman of the History Department at Howard and Editor of the Journal of Negro History; co-author of a number of books, and editor of numerous articles in professional journals.

Du Bois Circle

The Du Bois Circle will host its closing dinner meeting on Tuesday, May 20, 6817 Dogwood Rd., 6 p.m. The Hon. Mary Arabian will be guest speaker.

The members expect some 200 guests at the dinner meeting.

The Du Bois Circle is a cultural organization of 30 women founded in Baltimore over 60 years ago and is headed by Miss Edna Brown.

Baltimore Frontiers

The Baltimore Club of the Frontiers International and the Women's Auxiliary will attend worship services at the Morgan College Christian Center withithe club's chaplain, the Rev. H. L. Cornish on May 4 at 11 a.m., followed by lunch at the Hecht Co. in Northwood Shopping Center. The public is invited.

Dale G. Lee is president of the local chapter.

Baltimore Las Amigas

The Baltimore chapter of Las Amigas, Inc. wilp hold its annual Charity Ball, "An Affair To Remember," tomorrow, Shturday at the new McKeldin College Center, Morgan State College from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Guests will be entertained by "Black Ice." Proceeds from the affair will benefit the group's scholarship fund and various charities.

Lois Joynes is president; Doris Hayes, chairperson.

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MAY