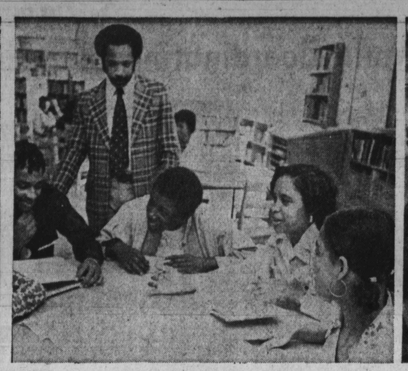

LEARNING TOGETHER — To achieve field experience psychology students from Morgan State College help academically backward students at Pimlico Jr. High School with their studies ina special cooperative program between the two educational institutions. In the left panel Willis C. Tomlin from Morgan helps Daniel Dukes, 15; Wayne Evans, 15; Louis Colvin, 16, and Curti White, 15; while in the second panel Miss Paula Bess, second from right helps tutor Anthony Williams, 16; Charles Harris and Beverly Randall with tacher, Elijah Macke. In the last panel Miss Barbara Briscoe, teaches Jeff Grizzen a better way of reading.

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Morgan program helps slow learners

Students enrolled in an educational psychology course at Morgan State College are getting the first-hand experience by working with Pimlico Jr. High students who have learning problems.

According to Dr. Benjamin Smith, instructor of the course at Morgan, students at the College spend 6-8 weeks in the class studying, and then another four weeks in the field.

Pimlico students who are chosen for the project have a good ability for learning, but who, for some reason are not achieving.

The junior level, 3 credit course — not exclusive to psychology majors —, provides teacher assistance in such areas as tutoring and counseling, and uses work groups, individual self-evaluation scales, and conferences with regular teachers for evaluation of individual problems.

According to Mrs. Marian Barclift, 9th grade counselor at Pimlico, the course is exclusively for 9th graders, filling a gap that is covered by group counseling for 7th and 8th graders.

Miss Barbra Briacoe, a Morgan student involved with the project, gave an example of a typical working day, citing her experiences at a previous session, "The class I was working with was writing peotry, so I helped three students who were slow. I just talked to them about what they were going to write, and it seemed to help."

"Some need help in math, some in spelling,and others just need someone to talk too," said Miss Paula Bess, another student tutor.

Students and Dr. Smith have noted that many Morgan tutors have spent far longer than the 12 hours required by the course. "Some of the tutors will come back in June when classes at the college are over, going with the students on their class trip to Kings Dominion" in Virginia. They just liked the kids that much," said Smith.

The major gripe of all parties involved was best aired by Miss Briscoe, stating "The major problem is a lack of time. Most of the Morgan students are just beginning to relate to the Pimlico students — we just need more time. We should start in September and work through May."

Both students and teachers also agreed that the program has shown an improvement on the ninth-graders academically and as Mrs. Barclift put it, "I wish I'd had it when I was in college."

Sen. Blount to serve on Education Commission

Sen. Blount who is the Majority Whip and vice chairman of the Senate Committee on Budget and Taxation, has been asked to serve on the steering committee of that organization.

The Educational Commission Of The States provides a forum for discussion and development of public policy alternatives in education on local, state, and national levels. It informs educational leaders of current trends and ideas in education and provides a clearing house for related information.

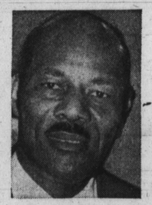
Chairman of the commission is Gov. Reubin O'D Askew of Florida.

Sen. Blount will serve on the Maryland Educational Council composed of seven members who constitute Maryland's representation to the national organization.

The appointment of Sen. Blount to the Educational Commission Of the States was made by State Senate President Steny Hoyer because of Sen. Blount's interest and extensive experience in the field of education.

Sen. Clarence W. Blount (Balto. City, 41st) has been appointed to serve on the Education Commission Of The States.

The commission is a national group created to establish and maintain close cooperation among executive, legislative, professional and lay leadership in the field.



SEN. BLOUNT

Driver education program

Free Driver Educatilon programs for high school students will be offered at ten schools during the summer months.

Classes will be scheduled at:

Douglass High School, Gwynns Falls Parkway and Pulaski Street; Dunbar High School, McElderry and Caroline Streets;

Mergenthaler Vocational High School, Hillen Road and 35th Street; Northwestern High School, Park Heights Avenue and Fallstaff Road;

Patterson Park High School, 100 Kane Street; Polytechnic High School, Falls Road and Cold Spring Lane; Walbrook High School, 2000 Edgewood Street;

Western High School, 4600 Falls Road; Southern High School, Warren and Battery Avenues and Southwestern High School, 200 Font Hill Avenue.

Enrollment is open to Baltimore residents who are at least 15 years of age and have not reached their eighteenth birthday by June 30, 1975. Students registering for the course may be on the rolls of public, private or parochial schools.

Only students with good attendance records should be encouraged to register.

The course will be conducted for one 6-week session beginning June 30, and ending August 8, 1975. Classes will be scheduled from 7:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., during which time a student is obligated to attend daily classroom sessions and scheduled in-car instruction.

Registration materials are available at each junior and senior high school.

Students desiring to enroll should return the completed driver education registration forms to the Office of Driver Education, Oliver and Eden Sts., Baltimore, Maryland 21213.

Classes will be formed on a first-come first served basis.

Information is available at the Office of Driver Education; 396-1557.

Summer School is free for city adults

All adults 16 years and over in Baltimore are eligible to attend any summer program offered in the adult centers.

All classes are tuition free for city residents. A materials fee of $2 is charged for most courses.

Classes are offered during the day, Monday through Friday, at the Calvert Educational Center.

Evening classes are available Monday through Thursday, from 7:40 p.m. at the Carver, Douglass and Eastern Adult Education Centers.

Registration is the first day of the opening session at the adult education center of your choice. It is not necessary to register in advance.

DAY SCHOOL
JUNE 25-AUG. 8
Calvert Educational Center
200 East North Ave.
8:15 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Courses are high school subjects, business education, basic education, high school equivalency, and Americanization. Students may enroll in one or two subjects during the summer session. One credit may be earned for each high school course successfully completed.

The high school equivalency program is a noncredit program which is of special value to those adults who plan to take the GED examination given by the Maryland State Department of Education. Cashier-checker and industrial sewing training programs are also offered to adults interested in employment in these job fields.

For information on day programs, call the registration office, 396-1590.

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Harbor bank effort continues

"Efforts to form Baltimore's first Black National Bank will continue," according to Dr. Curtis N. Adams via chairman to the Board of Directors, Harbor National Bank.

"Our recent publicity campaign created quite a bit of interest in the bank with many people buying stock. We received a coupon from our AFRO ad from as far away as Minneapolis, Minn. Though we sold stock to a lot of people, we still did not reach our goal of raising $1,500,000."

The organizers of Harbor National met recently with Federal Banking Officials who gave the group the green light to go ahead even though the goal was not reached.

However, before a new date and other information is announced to stockholders and others, the group plans to reorganize its Board of Directors and develop a new campaign to reach the goal of raising $1,500,000.

A new date to organize the bank is expected in early August. In the meantime stockholders' money remains on deposit invested safely in federal securities.

For more information contact, Harry S. Davis, 955-3194, 396-3276.

Youth power job bank back

Mrs. Marion W. Pines, director of Manpower Resources announces Mayor Schaefer has once again committed the city of Baltimore to the further development of summer employment opportunities for youth.

In addition to the Baltimore Summer Corps and the National Alliance of Businessmen efforts, another innovative program of jb development is in operation, and it is called Youth Power.

As a result of the AFRO's assistance last year, youth were referred to 400 Baltimore Area households to perform a variety of odd jobs.

Under the coordination of the Mayor's Office of Manpower Resources, 9 community based odd job banks have federated on a citywide basis under the Youth Power banner, both to offer part-time jbs to needy youth and to private homeowners and to the demand for odd job labor, this effort complements rather than commpetes with other employment programs or commercial enterprises operating in the community.

Youth are employed in people's homes doing odd jobs such as lawn mowing,babysitting, window washing, etc.

TV TALK

"How the Social Security Administration and the Department of Social Services Serve the Supplemental Security Income Recipient" will be the subject of a 15-minute program to be aired at 8:15 a.m. on Saturday, June 7 on WBFF-TV, Channel 45.

Guests will be Miss Nancy Wegman, supplemental security income coordinator, Department of Social Services and Miss Medora Kaltenbach, branch manager, Rotunda Branch, U.S. Social Security Administration.

On June 14, the subject of the program will be "Emergency Services For the Elderly and Disabled." Guests will be Mrs. Jayne Volpitta, income maintenance supervisor-in-charge, Westwood Social Services Center and Mrs. Gladyce Harris, supervisor, Emergency Grant Control Unit.

Both programs are part of a continuing series on the Baltimore City Department of Social Services produced in cooperation with WBFF-TV. Hostess for the program is Mrs. Ruth Crowder, a social worker with the Baltimore City Department of Social Services.

FIRST CUSTOMER — Mrs. Minnie Pulley of the 400 block Woodhaven Ave., and her two-year-old son, Christian, were the first customers to enter the new Goodwill Thrift Store in the Edmondson Village Shopping Center, 4200 block Edmondson Ave., when it opened last week Thursday. Greeting them and giving Christian a tricycle is Jim Parker, former Baltimore Colts star who is a member of the Board of Directors of the Baltimore Goodwill Industries.

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Mrs. Norris named customs inspector

As a customs inspector Mrs. Norris enforces laws governing importation and exportation of cargo and the processing of passengers to and from foreign ports. In addition, she reviews individual customs declarations, oversees the unloading of commercial shipments to ensure compliance with tariff laws and prevents improper entry of merchandise into the United States.

Mrs. Norris entered the customs service in El Paso, Tex., in 1971 as secretary to the district director in El Paso. She transferred to U.S. Customs Service Headquarters in Washington, D.C., in 1974 as secretary to the director of the Customs Patrol Division. Prior to Customs employment Mrs. Norris was a secretary in the Department of the Army.

Mrs. Forris attended the University of Pittsburgh and El Paso Community College.

She has received several awards including a Sustained Superior Performance Award from the Department of the Army and a Sustained Superior Performance Award from the U.S. Customs Service.

She is a native of Finleyville, Pa. Mrs. Norris is married to McKinley Norris. They have two children: Denice and McKinley III. Mr. and Mrs. Norris live in Millersville, Maryland.

The appointment of Mrs. Dolores E. Norris as a U.S. customs inspector in Baltimore district has been announced by Neil J. Marsh, Baltimore district director. Mrs. Norris is the first black woman inspector i Baltimore district, a geographical area which includes all of Maryland. District headquarters are located at 103 South Gay St.

MRS. NORRIS

Region 9 crab feast

The Regional Advisory Council of School Region 9 invites the community to a crab feast sponsored for the benefit of the students in the region. This gala event will take place Sunday, June 8 from 12 noon to 6 p.m. at the Rolling Terrace Democratic Club, 619 Mathews St. (off Church St.) in Brooklyn.

The purpose of the crab feast is to provide funds for students to take educational trips, as well as to finance summer programs.

The menu features steamed crabs, crab cakes, crab soup, beef, cold cuts, set-ups and salads. Cost is $8.50 per adult and $4 for 14 and under.

Some of the scheduled events include a bazaar, a concert, an art gallery tour, a drama club presentation, a sports festival, a talent show, a fashion show and dance, a picnic, a movie, a Port Welcome Boat Ride, and a basketball game.

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Dr. Saunders to be cited

The American Heart Association will recognize outstanding volunteer service and leadership at its annual meeting, Saturday evening, June 14, in The College Center, Towson State College.

A Bronze Service Recognition Medallion, awarded for continued and sustained service, will be presented to Dr. Elijah B. Saunders, president of The Central Maryland Chapter and Chief of Cardiology at Provident Hospital.

In addition to serving as the current president, Dr. Saunders has been very active on The Medical and Community Program Committee and is currently chairman of The Hypertension and Stroke Committees. Dr. Saunders is also a member of the Board of Directors of The American Heart Association.

Where to get food stamps

Mrs. Maud S. Harvey, director of the Baltimore City Department of Social Services, has announced the establishment of five food stamp outreach locations.

"These locations have been established to make it more convenient for Baltimore City residents to apply for Food Stamps," Mrs. Harvey said.

Hours of the locations are from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Persons wishing to apply for food stamps may visit the locations or call ahead for an appointment. The locations, names of staff manning them and telephone numbers are as follows:

St. Martin's Church, 29 North Fulton Ave., Ms. Cecelia D. Plater, 383-2511; St. Ambrose Church, 4502 Park Heights Ave., Ms. Vera Simms, 383-2510; Franciscan Center, 2212 Maryland Ave., Ms. Beverly A. Lang, 383-2312; St. Augustine's Lutheran Church, 30 South Broadway, Ms. Margaret Lockiear, 383-2448; Waxter Center, 861 Park Ave., Ms. Rita Taylor, 396-1336.

In addition to the five locations named, persons wishing to apply for food stamps may visit the locations or call ahead for an appointment. The locations, names of staff manning them and telephone numbers are as follows:

Park Circle, 3000 Druid Park Dr.; Steuart Hill, 2133 West Pratt St.; Franklintown Road, 220 North Franklintown Rd.; Hampden, 3692 Falls Road; Govans-Waverly, 4607 York Road; Federal Hill, 915 Sterret St.; Upton, 2521 North Charles St.; Cherry Hill, 2490 Giles Road; Liberty-Garrison, 3301 Garrison Blvd.; Collington Square, 1719 East Oliver St.; Dunbar, 621 North Eden St.; Mount Royal, 2000 Mondawmin Mall; Clifton, 2523 North Charles St.; Echo House, 1615 West Baltimore St.

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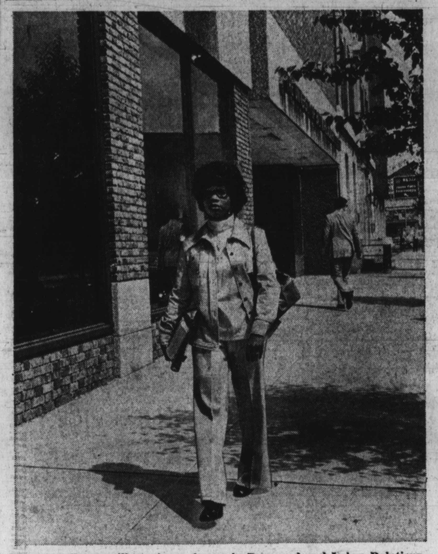
REFLECTIONS SALUTES GRADUATES

IWY '75—Black women, you've paid your dues



Mary Lou Perry will receive a degree in Personnel and Labor Relations from University of Baltimore on June 11.
(Photo by Richard Lippenholz)

UNIVERSITY OF BALTIMORE

'... only available jobs, housecleaning,babysitting'

Mary Perry came to Baltimore in May, 1959 from King Queen County in Virginia.

Like many blacks who migrated from the South, Mrs. Perry came in search of something better. "I came because I had finished high school and the only available jobs in my home town were housecleaning and babysitting—I figured it wasn't any use of going to school twelve years for that."

She stayed with relatives until she got married in November, 1959.

After 3½ years of hard work, three of her own and three foster children later, Mrs. Perry will realize at least one of her goals — on June 11, she will graduate from the University of Baltimore with a degree in Personnel and Labor Relations. Mr. Perry, a retired Ft. Holabird civilian employee who currently works as a security guard, has given her the support and encouragement she needed to get through school.

When Mary Lou Perry came to the University of Baltimore in 1971 as a result of a scholarship, she was working in the Anti-Poverty Program as a community organizer working with welfare recipients. When that phase of the project was cancelled, her business acumen and typing ability landed her a position in the Fiscal Office of the agency.

A natural achiever, Mrs. Perry "always wanted schooling because I wanted something to fall back on in case I had to work."

During that time she worked in the Fiscal Office she kept approaching the director about continuing her education. It was at this point that she won the scholarship under the Model Urban Neighborhood Demonstration Project (MUND) to the University of Baltimore. This scholarship allowed her to work toward a degree. Mrs. Perry credits Dr. Ted Durr, sociology department chairman, in helping her get the scholarship.

Being drawn toward business, she majored in personnel and labor relations. Working at the Social Security Administration in the evening and going to school during the day, she will soon realize her goal.

She hopes eventually to get into personnel management and get a stable position with some benefits. Right now, however, her concern is to get on the day shift at her present job so she can be home with the children who are 12, 9 and 6. "It's now that my children need attention to help insure that they don't fall by the wayside." Her foster children are older. All three are in the military.

She has been reinforced in her ambition, but she does admit that she has had problems. "I haven't had the time — being a mother, working and managing a household — to devote to my duties as I should. That's the only difficulty I've seen." But with a 3.0 average in her major, one would not think Mrs. Perry had any difficulty with her academic career at all. In fact, one of her professors remarked, "If you can hold a job, manage a family and still get B's in your courses, then under less pressured conditions, you should do A work."

When asked about her future academic plans, Mrs. Perry announced: "I'd like to get a master of business administration degree from the University of Baltimore. I can't put a time frame on it yet, but it would increase my marketability — being black and a woman."

Inez Byrd, former entertainer, and mother of three, was graduated from Coppin State College with a B.S. in Special Education

COPPIN STATE COLLEGE

'All came about with the new me'

By Michele C. McRae
Reflections Staff Writer

"My children needed motivation. Since I was doing so well as a professional entertainer and had not completed high school, they felt that education wasn't necessary.

"I knew that wasn't what I wanted them to feel so I gave up entertaining in 1970. I went to the Community College of Baltimore and earned my high school equivalency. I still realized this wasn't enough.

"So, I entered Coppin in 1971, and have now graduated," said Inez Byrd, in a recent interview.

Just a few Sundays ago Mrs. Byrd received a B.S. degree in Special Education.

Maintaining a B average during her three and a half years at Coppin, Mrs. Byrd was employed on the campus, tutored students in music, served as a counselor for incoming students and councilwoman of her freshman and senior class.

A native of Tampa, Fla., Mrs. Byrd came to Baltimore from Cleveland, Ohio, when she was hired to entertain at the Ramble Inn, in Joppatowne. After a short stay she decided to make Baltimore her home.

Mrs. Byrd has become a member of the Jonn Wesley United Methodist Church where she serves as an usher.

"All of this came about with the new me. I just did a turn about in my way of living and doing. I am now glad that I did it," she says.

In August, she will be going to Scotland to attend a two-week workshop at Edinberg University on Behavior Modifications. The credits awarded for attending the workshops will be accredited to her master's degree program.

Mrs. Byrd advises those who are interested in furthering their education, no matter what their ages or circumstances, "Go after it, and let someone know this is what you want to do. Someone along the way will help you and give you a boost."

A lover of music, she also enjoys gardening, arts and crafts and reading.

"I'm very grateful to the faculty of Coppin for sharing their wealth with me. My daughter now wants me to save her all my books, she's interested in attending Coppin."

The wife of Curtis L. Byrd Sr., a chauffeur for Sherwood Feedmills, Inc., their children are: Darlene, 16, Northwestern; Dorreen, 14, Gwynns Falls; and Curtis Jr., 15, Walbrook.

... knowing what it was all about ...'

I am here
having been wounded
and recovered,
having been blessed
and sharing it,
having been deeply hurt
and living through it,
having had my mind messed with
and regaining my sanity,
having had my mind changed
and grateful for it,
having been born a female
without knowng what it was
all about,
having to become a woman
by trial and error,
having so much to give
without finding one
special receiver.
I am here.
Willing to take the chance that
Giving of oneself requires,
Unwilling to be destroyed again,
Decicing— pursue, or
die a little.

From "Sundays Are Special" by Saundra Sharp

Gloria Still, mother of 7, completed her studies at Community College of Baltimore in 18 months. Her A.A. degree in elementary education will be conferred on Sunday, June 8.

Ingrid Johnson was awarded the degree of Doctor of Medicine from Howard University at the spring commencement. She plans to delve into cancer research in the field of gynocology. She says, "The world of opportunity is open to all people, regardless of sex . . . the time has come for women to go forth toward their own destiny." Her parents, the Rev. and Mrs. James Johnson say they re exceedingly proud and thankful for their daughter's successes.

Coming to Reflections:

"Butta goes to the Big Apple."
By Michele L. McRae and Marie P. Cooke

"Love, Love, Lone," a photo feature by Benjamin M. Phillips

Reflections photos by Benjamin M. Phillips

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

COPE made it happen

By Michele L. McRae

"I owe it all to the COPE (Career Opportunities Program in Education) Program, to my family, and the faculty and staff of School No. 61," says Gloria Still.

On Sunday, Mrs. Still, after only 18 monts will receive an A.A. degree in Education from the Community College of Baltimore, graduating with a 3.9 cumulative average.

"I was lucky. I was working as a teachers' aid at School No. 61, (John Eager Howard Elementary) and was given the opportunity to further my teaching education through COPE, directed by the Baltimore City Public Schools.

"The program paid my union, paid for my books and afforded me the opportunity to continue my teaching experience by working a half day in the classroom and to attend school a half day," she says.

Ms. Still, wife and mother of seven has been active in oratorical contests during her stay at CCB. She has won several trophies for first prizes in her travels to Bucks County, Md., Pennsylvania, Anne Arundel and Catonsville.

She enjoys greative writing and has written short stories, poems, essays and fiction.

In addition, Mrs. Still has been named to Who's Who in American Junior Colleges, awarded the Ford Foundation and inducted into Phi Theta Kappa, a national honor society of junior colleges.

Mrs. Still has been awarded a scholarship to attend Goucher State College in the fall where she will continue her teacher education studies.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Wright and Mrs. Ruth Hursey, all of Baltimore, Mrs. Still attended Dunbar High School.

Upon high school graduation she joined the U.S. Army as a cryptographer (coding and de-coding classified information) and was discharged when she married.

Mr. Still is the wife of Kenneth W. Still Sr., a retired U.S. Army staff sergeant (23 years). He is now a full-time student at the Community College, majoring in Law Enforcement.

They are the parents of Kenneth Jr., 17, Walbrook High; Kith Ann, 15, Western; Karen, 15 and Kelly, 14, Rock Glen; Kyle, 12, Garrison; Kimberly, 10 and Krystal, 9, Dickey Hill Elemeptary.

Community calendar

JUNE 7

Commencement—Bowie State College; Physical Education Complex, 10 a.m.

Sixth Annual Miss Black Maryland Beauty Pageant; Morgan State University McKeldin Center, Coldspring Lane and Hillen Rd., 8 p.m.

Wedding of Miss Doris M. Brown and Lt. Bernard C. Gibson; St. Ann's Catholic Church, E. 22nd and Greenmount, 3 p.m.

Krinon Club, pledge group of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Gamma Chapter hosts an Educational Seminar, "A Look at the Total Child," Regional Office 6, Reisterstown Rd. and Keyworth Ave., 1-4 p.m.

June 8

Baltimore Fire Fund, Inc., fashion show; Poly-Western Auditorium, 5 p.m., Diana Johnson, president.

Commencement—Community College of Baltimore; Liberty Campus, 3 p.m.

JUNE 11

Commencement—University of Baltimore; Baltimore Civic Center, 8 p.m.

R. C. Marshall Recreation Center, Pennsylvania Ave. and Lanvale St., Second Annual Spring Modern Dance Recital, 7:30 p.m.

JUNE 14

The Bishop's Guild of Maryland, Annual June Fair, Episcopal Cathedral, University at Charles St.

Provident Hospital dinner; Blue Crest North, Reisterstown Rd., 7 p.m., Florence Gainor, public health hospital administrator, Newark, N.J., keynote speaker.

June 15

St. John's Day parade, Hiram Grand Lodge; parade leaves Garrison Blvd. and Roslyn Ave. to Wayland Baptist Church, Garrison Blvd., 12:30 p.m.

June 21

Red and White Ball, Royal Arch Masons (Prince Hall Affiliate); Hunt Valley Inn, 6 p.m.-1 a.m.

June 22

Reception honoring John S. Wood by Citizens to Elect John S. Wood for City Council 5th District; Mondawmin Mall, 5-9 p.m.

JUNE 23-JULY 25

Wim-a-Was Day Camp opens for boys and girls 6-13 years old at the YWCA, 1912 Madison Ave., Monday-Friday; 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

JUNE 25

Meeting of the Bicentennial Coordinating Council, Forest Park High School, 2 p.m.

JULY 9-13

Iota Chapter of Lambda Kappa Mu Sorority, Annual Conclave, Baltimore Hilton Hotel.

JUNE 13

Annual Dinner Dance of the Graduating Class of 1975, Cortez Peters Business School; Sheraton Inn, Broadway and Monument St., 7:30 p.m.-1 a.m.

Send us 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

VAG's

The club met recently at the home of Mrs. Francis Bibbs. Mrs. Esther Brown was co-hostess.

This group of women is constantly planning activities in order to help others.

Their motto is "Service is the price we pay for the space we occupy on earth." Those members who enoyed the meeting were:

Ruth Brown, Queenie S. Lane, Lillian Carter, Ida Swanson, Gladys Knox, Virginia Champ, Odell Payne, Edna Walker and Mildred Williams.

Metropolitan Committee

Retired educators of the Metropolitan United Methodist Church Committee on Church and Social Involvement are screening children 2½-five years for vision and hearing problems.

With the help of the Md. Society for the Prevention of Blindness, the church members are screening children in the Franklin St., Park Circle and East Baltimore areas.

Those children of low-income families on the family day-care program were targeted for treatment because they are seldom able to obtain adequate health care, or take advantage of public clinic facilities. The parents of these preschoolers are either working, being trained or completing their education and day-care mothers do not have time to see that every child is taken to the well-baby clinic or pediatrician.

The Society for the Prevention of Blindness which needed black volunteers began working with these retired educators about two years ago. For this project, the church committee has a total 18 volunteers, 16 of whomare active vision screeners.

Mrs. Roxanne Bernard, program director of the Md. Society was instrumental in organizing this program, which is being held at the Faith Baptist Church June 10. Two other screening sessions were held prior to this date.

Baltimore Fire Fund, Inc.

With the purpose to aid non-insured fire victims in the metropolitan area, the Baltimore Fire Fund, Inc. was recently organized. Diana E. Johnson, the group's convenor, was elected president.

Other officers include: Gretchen R. Roundtree, vice president; Eunice Johnson, secretary; and Charlotte Toney, treasurer.

The organization will host its first fund-raising activity on Sunday, June 8, 5 p.m. at the Poly-Western Auditorium, Falls Rd. and Coldspring Lane.

The affair will be a benefit fashion show in cooperation with the Flair Studios featuring such models as, Andrea Bland, Happy Mitchell, and Artartus. Fashion commentator will be Willa Bland.

For tickets call 356-3736 or 323-8097.

Md. Council of Deltas

The group which is comprised of 12 chapters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. in the state gathered on Sunday in Columbia, Md. to celebrate its founding, to exchange ideas and to discuss plans for the national convention to be held Aug. 3-9, Seattle, Wash.

The idea for the Md. Council of Deltas, was developed by Ruth Pratt, president of the Baltimore Alumnae Chapter when she realized there were 12 chapters of Delta in Maryland.

In September of last year, Mrs. Pratt discussed the idea with the executive committee which felt the idea was a good one. She contacted Baltimore Alumnae member, Mrs. Esther Williams to chair the committee, and since then the Md. Council of Deltas has had joint efforts.

Attention all organizations

Send for your FREE copy of "So You've Been Elected Publicyt Chairman," an easy-to-read booklet, published by the AFRO-AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS. It tells how to write and submit news releases to the mass media. Write: Booklet, P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md. 21203.