—Orchard St. Church

(FROM PAGE ONE)

Mrs. Mary Marrow, president of the Arena Players ladies auxiliary, Mesdames Lorraine Brown and Camilla Sherrard, chairmen.

Here is Mary Carter Smith's message on the eve of the gigantic movement to preserve the most beautiful monument of visable black history:

MARY CARTER SMITH
featured in historic Sunday program

SALUTE TO A LADY

Our own Orchard Street Church is an aging lady standing lonely and neglected.

The people who once crowded her pews have moved on, some to the great beyond, some to other parts of this earthly city.

The houses, great and small that once clustered around her have been torn down, bulldozed and carted away.

PEWS STOLEN

They came by night, some rascals did, and took the beautifully carved pews and the gloriously colored windows.

This lady was left with her memories. Ah, what memories? She remembers 150 years ago when black men and women, came and worked to build her.

By the light of torches these courageous people worked; with joy in their hearts that burst forth as songs from their lips.

Men called them slaves. God called them beloved.

The lady remembers well how some of these, our foreparents, used the secret, underground passage as an exit to freedom.

SYMBOL OF HOPE

Tattered, but proud, she stands; a monument to faith, a symbol of hope.

It is easy and quite the "in" thing to talk black. But it is another matter to put heart, muscle, and your hard-earned money behind the grand words.

Finally this lady found that she was not alone. She has friends. They have shown care, they are showing care, and they will continue to show their care for her.

Even her name is nostalgic. She is named after the fruit trees that once blossomed round about her . . . . Orchard Street Church.

OUR HISTORY

This is the year of the Bicentennial.

Remembering our history and working for our future makes sense to me; because our blood, our sweat, and our tears, too, are a part of this land we call America.

There is much to be done. This is just one job that needs doing. Only you know what is meaningful for you to do.

But be ashamed to be black, colored, Negro, or whatever you call yourself, and stand idle.

Don't be afraid of what people will say.

When you know that you are doing the best you can, as well as you know how; let them talk. As the old proverb says: "The tall tree attracts the most wind."

PLEASE COME

At seven on Sunday, July 27, 1975 in the Community College Theatren 2401 Liberty Heights Avenue, some friends of Orchard Street Church are giving their best in a performance. It is one they hope will bring you joy and give the preservation committee some much-needed money. We hope you will be there. If you can not or do not choose to attend, we hope you will send a contribution.

Orchard St. church gets bid to go on U.S. Historic Record

Orchard St. Church has been nominated for the National Historic Register according to a letter received by Mrs. W. A. C. Hughes, president of the Committee for the Preservation of Orchard St. Church Inc.

Under provisions of the 1966 National Historic Preservation Act, all properties in the National Register are eligible for federal grants-in-aid.

The letter from Sidney Brower, chief of Design Analysis, Baltimore Planning Commission, informs the committee of the requirements for property to be placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

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A previous letter from the Maryland Historical Trust, Annapolis, Ms. Nancy Miller, historian, gives credit to Mrs. Hughes' group and its uphill struggle many years.

Commending the organization for determination, Mrs. Miller informs that the Governor's Consulting Committee has endorsed the nomination of Orchard St. Church for the National Register of Historic Places.

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Mrs. Hughes gives credit to the church committee's historian, Mrs. Elizabeth Newman, who, she says, has accomplished the most complete history ever done on any local church.

The church at Orchard St. and Druid Hill Ave. was built by slaves under torchlights held by the workmen's wives.

Nearly 150 years old, it stands deserted but still a miraculous work of art.

Funds for restoral are slated to come from the Arena Players' Sunday 7 p.m. production at CCB.

The University of Maryland Baltimore Campus administration has approved an August event to restore the church which it feels is the heritage of all Baltimore citizens.

Cherry Hill residents hear register, vote plea

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Voter Education Night was held Tuesday at the Cherry Hill Community Building to encourage residents to register to vote in the Sept. 9 Primary.

The non-partisan meeting was sponsored by the Cherry Hill Community Council of the Urban Services Agency (USA).

Guest speaker was Dr. Augustus Adair, associate professor of the Department of Political Science, Morgan University.

He urged the residents to exercise their power to vote. He said "blacks are hiding the illusion that they are free people, but the city, state and federal government will only recognize black people if they exercise their power of the vote."

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Dr Adair added, "Politicians should be accountable to the needs of the people they represent and this should especially hold true for the black politicians . . .

"If they are not accountable to the community," he said, "then they can use the power of the vote to get someone in who is cognizant of their needs."

Other participants were Mrs. Ruth Wilson, chairperson of the Voter Education Committee; Charles Togood, Baltimore Summer Corp and Alvin E. Steele, Cherry Hill Center director USA.

Door prizes, furnished by Cherry Hill merchants, were awarded.

The theme of the Voter Education Committee is "We Can Get It Together In Cherry Hill By Voting."

Cherry residents may register at St. Veronica's Catholic Church and Parish House, Credit Union, 2553 Round Rd.; Urban Services Agency, 807 Cherry Hill Rd.; Cherry Hill Multi-Purpose Center, 2490 Giles Rd. and P.S. No. 163, 844 Roundview Rd.

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—Henry Arringer

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and former Supreme Bench jurist, said at a Wednesday press conference that he assessed the state government to be "exceptionally good" in its operation.

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The commission worked for two years and cost taxpayers over $200,000 to complete a report which calls for practically no changes.

Many of the recommendations are aimed at cutting some of the "red tape" that perhaps the sophisticated citizens" can penetrate, while others direct themselves to changes already being implemented.

The bulky, seven pound report addresses itself to the areas of financing governmental functions, health and licensing, public safety, and planning and development.

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For the past year and a half, Governor Marvin Mandel has shown enthusiastic support of the commission's work and has stated his intentions to implement many of the major changes recommended.

The Governor was reportedly, however, rather let down when he received the report and found that there were no major changes recommended.

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Though the report did not address itself to the relationship between Baltimore City and the State, it does recommend that the state assume costs for fire and police protection and for the Port of Baltimore.

Other recommendations are that the Baltimore Police Department remain a state agency and that the State Police be empowered to operate in the city, and that the state have the power to make the final decision in locating community correction centers when subdivisions fail to agree on a site.

It is also recommended that the state take over the regulation of fire and rescue squads, the licensing of professional and occupational workers, and that the state require counties to have minimum health programs and standards.

GARLAND AVON SPENCE was sentenced to 20 years in prison for the armed robbery of the Rev. Dr. Melvin Chester Swann. Spence was found not guilty by a jury of murdering the Rev. Dr. Swann, former pastor of Waters AME Church, 427 Aisquith St.

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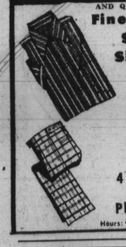

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For All We Know

By Elizabeth M. Oliver
City Editor

AFRICAN PROVERBS have brought such delightful response from readers!

TOWSON STATE journalism teacher-students requested them after we lectured there a few weeks ago.

Here are some of the timely African wise sayings on the **CROCODILE**, a reptile the natives often use as an example:

QUOTE, UNQUOTE

Cross the river in a crowd and the crocodile won't eat you.

The crocodile has trouble hiding. His tail sticks out.

The cromodile's talk in the public square brings whispers of doubt.

The crocodile can't stay in the middle of the river. He has to go sometime to one side or the other.

MORE PROVERBS you can quote in conversation will be coming soon on the **LEOPARD** and his spots.

ACCOUNTS RECEIVED

The Mondawmin liquor question has spread to include concern of liquor store owners for blocks around. One biggie questions, "Do you want to kill my son-in-law's outlet business?"

Another on a corner some 8 blocks away cries, "I was here first."

A corner drug store owner with a longtime license informs, "I'm going to see about this thing."

SEN. VERDA F. WELCOME explains her position thus:

The City Editor's column "For All We Know" in the AFRO July 19 carried a non-factual statement, "Sen. Verda F. Welcome has thrown in the towel in the Mondawmin Drive-in Liquor Store fight."

Nothing could be farther from the truth.

The writer has confused two issues, namely: McDonald's drive-in restaurant and the proposed transfer of a beer and wine license.

I would like to set the record straight.

1. Northwest Associations, owners of Metro Plaza invited McDonald Restaurants Inc. to establish a drive-in hamburger outlet on an acre of land facing Gwynns Falls Parkway on the east side of the mall.

The entire community objects to this intrusion and is fighting the issue vigorously.

Action on the part of the applicants is quiet at this time. However, the community is not asleep.

2. The second issue concerns the writer's (Mrs. Welcome) appearance before the Liquor Board, not in protest, but to check on the transfer of a Beer and Wine License from the 1700 block N. Monroe St. to Mondawmin (102 Metro Plaza).

My only concern was whether or not the new location would be within the center or mall, (It is).

The mistake the applicants made was to have petitions with signatures from all over the city in favor of the transfer, and very few from the surrounding community.

Therefore, I protested this insult to the property owners in that area and asked that the license be held up until a reasonable number of signatures from the immediate community could be attained. This request was granted.

DATE BOOK

SUNDAY at 7 p.m. — The Arena Players' benefit for Orchard St. Church, Community College of Baltimore, tickets at the door.

SPOTTED FEVER TIME

The Health Dept. reports TICKS carrying the dreaded spotted fever are multiplying like mad due to heavy rainfall and their love of moist, lush vegetation. Already 13 cases of the disease from tick bites have been reported.

CHECK YOUR DOG or cat at once after walking in the weeds.

REACHING INTO THE BEYOND

Dr. Leon Wright as reported in the Howard U. magazine, says thousands of scientifically-oriented persons have given plausible evidence that there is survival after death.

For more than 20 years, Dr. Wright has conducted an adventure into the unknown as he teaches at the Howard School of Religion.

A student of the occult, he turns to the philosophies and habits of the peoples if Africa and China and Voodoo rituals of Haiti.

THE ASTRONAUTS on this last space trip each took along his own special CHARM "for good luck."

ON THE FIRST TRIP into space in 1963, the moon-visitors took a Star of David, an Irish charm, a lowly rabbit's foot and a Catholic miraculous medal.

COINCIDENCE is the magic subject in the June issue of the New Times Magazine, the No. 1 news publication.

Cited is the coincidence of the two murdered U.S. president:

"Coincidences sometimes accompany the headlines.

"A scholar charts the weird symmetry of two assassinations: Presidents Lincoln and Kennedy, elected in 1860 and 1960, respectively, died on a Friday in the presence of their wives.

Each was warned to avoid the death place, the one by his secretary Kennedy; the other by his secretary Lincoln.

"Both were succeeded by Southern Democrat ex-senators named Johnson, born in 1808 and 1908 respectively."

SOMETHING'S COMING

AUGUST noted as a star-crossed month brings wars and rumors of wars.

A POEM says "Return NOT home in August. There will be silence and everything is covered with dust."

NOT NECESSARILY SO, the above, since many vacationers take August to restore the soul and free the mind in far-away places.

HOWEVER, Baltimore is soon to witness what our **ACCOUNTS RECEIVED SECTION** will soon reveal as "frightening." It's about that which citizens say, "we refuse to take sitting down." Can you guess?

AMONG PEOPLE WHO CARE is Michael Cassell, acting chief of the Marketing Division, Provident Health Center, who can be seen on the streets, day and night, explaining the work of the center at 907 Edmondson Ave.

Mr. Cassell makes home visits, speaks to neighborhood groups, block clubs and comudity gatherings. If you need him, call 523-6900, Ext. 71 or 70. Dr. Harvey Webb Jr., the new executive director is another one literally performing miracles in theis heavily populated inner city area.

OUR STAR CITIZEN

FRANK HARRIS, the Edmondson Hi grad, has overcome the threat of cancer. Last week, his mother suffered a heart attack.

Frank visits her at the hospital and at home, cooks and cares for the house. He has never forsaken his belief that he can be cured and has planted his faith in his mother's recovery.

Hopkins has distinguished medical student from V.I.

By Bryan D. Holt

For the past three months, former Virgin Islands Governor Dr. Melvin H. Evans has been quietly living and studying in Baltimore.

He came to the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine in April to begin "updating himself in cardiology and internal medicine."

At present, Dr. Evans is vacationing from his studies according to Dr. J. O'Neal Humphery, acting director of the Division of Cardiology.

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Dr. Evans made history in 1971 when he was sworn in by Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall as the first black man to be elected governor of any state or territory under the U.S. flag.

His four year term ended in January and Dr. Evans will soon return to private practice at his home.

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Prior to his election, Dr. Evans was appointed by former President Richard M. Nixon to complete the term of Governor Ralph M. Paiewonsky.

Dr. Evans is no stranger to Baltimore, as he served as Fellow in Cardiology at Johns Hopkins Hospital many years ago.

He was also awarded the Doctor of Humane Letters honorary degree from Morgan State College in 1971.

A "magna cum laude" graduate of Howard University, Dr. Evans was also graduated with honors from its medical school and received the master's in Public Health degree from the University of California at Berkeley.

Dr. Evans has also served as physician-in-charge of a small island hospital municipal physician on one of the islands and later as commissioner of Public Health for the entire territory.

When he was elected in 1971, the Virgin Islands were plagued with poverty, poor education, bad housing and unemployment.

In his inaugural address,

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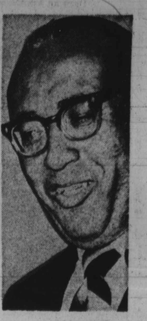

DR. MELVIN EVANS
former Virgin Islands gover-

—Cong. Mitchell

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ethnicity is fundamentally inadequate.

"We at the Federal level must act to insure that federal funds are not used to sustain, undergird or protect racial discrimination in employment at any level of government."

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Cong. Mitchell says LEAA has a double responsibility to move promptly and efficiently with a thorough probe because of the substantial amounts of LEAA funds which flow to the Court House in Baltimore.

According to Cong. Mitchell, $1,168,413 is LEAA more as follows:

funds is received is Baltimore, $262,407; states attorney's office, $370,505, and Public Defender, $503,201.

Judge Howard's charge "the courthouse is a bastion of discrimination based on race and sex" has created a stir among Maryland legislators.

This is the second investigation requested by Rep. Mitchell.

In June, the Congressman, along with Senators J. Glenn Beall and Charles Mathias, requested a probe by the U.S. Department of Justice.

Maryland's four black senators have also met with Maryland Court of Appeals Chief Judge Robert C. Murphy, on the charges.

Judge Howard charges the token employment of black persons and females is in policy-making and administrative positions.

He also says employees on five of the courthouse's six floors appear to be nearly all-white and discrimination extends to maintenance and guard employees.

-Reeves sues

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states that she "candidacy of defendant Reeves and his appointment of defendant Hogsed as campaign treasure and political agent are illegal, fraudulent and invalid, done with the intent to injure the candidacy of the complainant, and to deceive, confuse and defraud the electorate."

Norman Reeves contends that the defendant has not lived at the address listed since 1972 and this misrepresentation violates election law.

"The invisible defendant Reeves," according to Norman Reeves' injunction, "has not embarked upon a serious candidacy.

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His only aim, Mr. Reeves points out, is to "delude the voters and dilute the votes of the serious campaign mounted by the complainant."

Stating that Mr. Hogsed is an "illegal registered" voter, Norman Reeves said, as a result of the defendant Hogsed's alleged conviction of "infamous crimes including larceny an forgery," in Nov. 12, 1963, the law debars him from holding any such position.

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