CITIZENS HONORED AT FRIDAY BANQUET

Oxford Street president gets unexpected citation

By Elizabeth M. Oliver

William Perkins, president of the Oxford Street Improvement Association, Incmn received sustained applause as he was lauded at the group's banquet last Friday.

The recognition represented a turn-about since Mr. Perkins and the organization's members had set the occasion as an event to honor many of the town's citizens.

In a salute to Mr. Perkins, Mrs. W.AMC. Hughes, president of the Committee for the Preservation of Orchard Street Church, noted Mrm Perkins' unselfish efforts through the years as he "always praised others".

Presenting him with a plaque, she accented his extensive work not only with the preservation of the old slave church but also in the neighborhood embraced by the improvement association.

The Oxford Street Asso. was established in 1958. he awards dinner marked the 17th annual dinner.

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The more than 400 members have been instrumental in developing the Orchard-Biddle neighborhood in housing and general over-all well being under Mr. Perkins' leadership.

Among Mr. Perkins' many honors and awards for his leadership is the AFRO Honor Roll citation and plaque given him in 1972.

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With nearly 200 persons attending the banquet, awards were given Cong. Parren J. Mitchell; Judge Joseph C. Howard; Clarence Mitchell Jr., NAACP Washington Bureau director; the Rev. Vernon Dobson, Union Baptist Church pastor and Mrs. Geraldine Goldstein, HCD community organizer.

Mrs. Myra Hale presented a film of the Beautiful Back Yard Contest for which the Oxford Street group is noted throughout the city. ir

Mr. Perkins noted in his speech that the Oxford Street group holds pride in its accomplishments and he gave credit to the group for the citations of the past.

In review he noted the following:

The first chairman of Freedom House an organization with emphasis on Police-Community Relations.

The Oxford Street helped promote the assignment of the first Black Captain for the Western Police District and the State of Maryland. This was done through the constant protest against crime in Baltimore.

Saving the Orchard Street Methodist Church from demolition was quite an accomplishment. It is now in process of being renovated as a Black Historical Museum. The church is the oldest Black church in the City.

Oxford Street was the first allotted TV time to protest the indignities that existed among segments of people in Baltimore. Worked with Mayor McKeldin on beautification of the City, out of this a 10 ten point recommendation was submitted to local government.

Instrumental in getting a law passed giving 50 per cent of home owners the right to protest and move liquor establishments from their area.

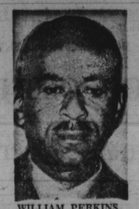
Recommended that school Number 454 be relocated in a new building at Druid Hill Ave. and Preston St.

Protested against abandoned car law was a result of this effort.

Protest against horse stables, open pits and vandals, resulting in a city ordinance to move them from our city. A commitment to move junk yards and junk dealers out of the community, following these protests.

Mrs. Enolia McMillan, president of the Baltimore Branch NAACP, presented the awards. Father John R. Sullivan gave invocation and benediction.

Officers of the association areGe William Perkins, president; Mrs. Lillian Wilson, vice-president; Mrs. Myra Halen secretary; Mr. James Mozzelle Bey, treasurerg Mrs. Mary Batts, secretary treasurerm



WILLIAM PERKINS.. Orchard-Biddle leader..

Active Committee: Mrs. Madelyn Ray, Arthur C. Smith, Mrs. Lillian Wilson, Dr. Marshall I. Stewart, Mrs. Anna Chesleyn Henry Tate, Mrs. Pearl McClean, Melvin Chesley, Mrs. Blanche Hughes, Mrsm Sarah Ricks, Mrs. Clara Palmer, Mrs. Louise Deboyce.

Ticket Committee: Mrs. Mrs. Aloha Warrenn Mrs. Mary Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Somervillen Frank Sho-Mary Sollers,fsMrs. Fleet McKenzie, Attorney

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Representatives present from the Orchard-Biddle areaG

The Arena Players, Orchard-Biddle PAC Project Area, Committee for the Preservation of the Orchard Street Churcha Seton Hill Association, Inc., Council GN Inc., Council F. Inc., Little Important Peoplen Inc., Businessmen of the area, Churches of the area, Freedom House, Local 194 of the area and Maryland General Hospitalm

sOther awards include:

Honorable Mentiong Baltimore City Fair-1970

Certificate of Appreciation, Honorable Theodore R. McKeldin, Mayor of Baltimore City

Letter of Appreciation; WBAL, TV, One Man's Opinion

Plaque and Shovel Award; Mayor Thomas J. D Alesandro, III and City

Certificate of Merit; Oxford Street Improvement Association, Inc.

Letter of Appreciation; Maryland General Hospital

Burch denies his office blocks probe into UMBC hiring bias cases

By Willie Egyir

Francis Burch, attorney general for the state of Maryland, has denied his office stonewalls efforts to probe discriminatory employment practices by the University of Maryland.

On the contrary he said, "... my office has co-operated with the Department of Health and Education and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission when these questions arise."

Howard Rawlings, a former University of Maryland employee and chairman of the Maryland Black Coalition for Higher Education, alleged in a recent news item to the AFRO Mr. Burch's office blocks efforts to investigate job bias charges.

The coalition chairman said over 100 job bias cases against blacks and other minorities with thel-Equal Employment Opportunity Commission cannot be fully investigated as a result of "inaccessibility of documentation."

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Mr. Rawlings stated: "The permission to release the documents lies within the jurisdiction of the Maryland Attorney General's office.

"Numerous attempts to obtain information about the employment practices of the university, including recent issuance of subpoena, have resulted in only failure."

Mr. Burch described Mr. Rawlings charges as "vindictive and a shotgun approach," adding that "statistics will show there is a high number of blacks in every phase and level of employment in the state college system."

William Bradley, deputy director of the regional Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, last Thursday would not comment on the alleged blocking of investigation by the attorney general's office nor would he talk about already handled cases or those currently being investigated.

"All I will tell you is that cases brought before us are confidential until they go before the courts, if ever they do at all," the deputy director stated.

However, Mr. Burch maintained that as difficult as it is to know whom one is dealing with in the office of the HEW, his office leaves no stone unturned and does not hesitate to take any case to the courts.

Citing specific example, he said he personally has taken up a case in which a college park lady professor has complained to Clarence Mitchell, director of the Washington Bureau of the NAACP.

The lady in this case who is black, alleges she has been sidestepped in her promotion to assistant professionship, according to the attorney general.

"I'm very sensitive to these matters and all my attitude is to let the court make decision in such cases. My office is always ready to cooperate," Mr. Burch reiterated.

A UMAB spokesman refused to comment on alleged discrimination against minorities. Echoing what was stated earlier by Mr. Burch, the university administrative official stated:

"I'm not aware of any discrimination here. In proportion to their numbers I think they are well represented so far as hiring is concerned."

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NOTICE TO REPUBLICANS

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Survey calls phony, director warns public

Baltimore City residents are being plagued by phone calls in which the caller is seeking information under the guise of representing a "Model Cities Program."

"Such calls are without any authority," advises Mrs. Elva J. Edwards, associate director of the Urban Services Agency, and asked that the public be alerted to the fact that all "Model Cities Programs," as such, no longer exist.

The Model Cities Agency in toto, was merged with the Community Action Agency on July 1, 1974. The successor agency is the Urban Services Agency.

Anyone receiving such phone calls purporting to do such a survey on the "home-family situation" should be advised to report them to either the Police Department or the Public Service Commission.

He who asks questions, cannot avoid the answers.

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The heart of a wise man lies quiet like limpd water.

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Lower your head modestly while passing and you will harvest bananas.

Mandel hit again

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Federal prosecutors investigating Gov. Mandel have subpoenaed records from the Baltimore law firm of Mandel's friends, W. Dale Hess and Harry Rogers III, the Washington Post reports.

The newspaper said the firm of Weinberg and Green, which has done work for more than 60 different companies owned or controlled by Hess and Rodgers, was ordered to turn over today to the Federal Grand Jury materials dating from 1968 to the present.

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The subpoenaed records included those of companies which bought land near the Baltimore-Washington International Airport before the state took over the airport from the city of Baltimore, the newspaper said.

The state now leases office space at the airport from a company owned by Hess and Rodgers, fundraisers for the governor.

The newspaper said the firms on the subpoenaed list also include consulting firms, real estate firms and Marlboro Race Track, all once owned or partially owned by the two men, who also have been investigated by the grand jury.

No one at the law firm was available for comment. Some firms have argued subpoenas or records violated privileged lawyer-client relationships.

Mandel retained the firm in his divorce proceedings last year.

Prosecutors also have subpoenaed Mandel's tax, expense and salary records and bank records of Mandel and his family.

A recent subpoena went to associated realty company involving the 1969 transfer of a home Mandel and his former wife Barbara owned for 15 years.

Hyman J. Adler, a broker for the firm, said Wednesday he had already taken the records to the U.S. attorneys office.

Records indicate Mandel sold the house when he moved into the governors mansion for about $35,000.

Why I oppose re-election of Incumbent to Council in 4th district

by SENATOR VERDA F. WELCOME

Some people may think it is presumptous of me to express my feelings openly about the selection of candidates in the 4th District Primary election, September 9, 1975. I do so because I campaigned so vigorously to elect them in the the beginning. This gives me the right to express my position on their re-election. (Everyone has the same privilege when I am a candisate.) I have had ample opportunity to observe their lack of community interest and involvement. One Councilman in particular receives the greater share of my criticism, Dr. Emerson R. Julian. There are six areas of concern which disturb me. You, the voters be the judge..

1. McDonald's Drive-In establishment

Rather than serving the majority of his constituents, Dr. Julian has chosen to serve private interest groups which seek financial gain in the District, but who do not have any concern or input in the community. Councilman Julian introduced an ordinance in the City Council to change the zoning so as to allow the building and operation of a McDonald's Drive-In on Mondawmin's parking lot. This operation would be a deteriorating influence on the surrounding neighborhood, inviting more slum conditions. Who would gain? Investors who not only do not live in the District but not even in the state. This action on the part of the Councilman was an insult to the protesting community.

2. Scholarship Awards

Dr. Julian refused to return $7,200 in scholarship awards given to two of his children, after it was discovered that they were not eligible. The State Scholarship Board and I had acted in good faith when we gave the awards, thinking that the physician had given up some of his lucrative office practice to serve as Councilman, thus reducing the family income. However, after finding this untrue, we could only ask the recipients to pay their own tuition so the award money could revert to the Board and thus be redistributed to needy students in the 4th District. This, the Dr. refused to do. Therefore, a terrible mistake was not corrected. Less fortunate children were the losers.

3. The Tax Payers' Money

The Councilmanic 4-year salary is $64,000, which is not too much for a full-time, conscientious councilman, but certainly too much for someone who doesn't even attend committee meetings, and who doesn't take the trouble to respond to constituents' problems. We believe that Dr. Julian's heavy office practice accounts for much of his lack of time to serve his constituents. However, the many problems in the District cry out for a different type of person to serve in the Council. The 4th District's need is great for much more attention.

4. Nepotism

No elected official should take all the goodies in office for his own family. Dr. Julian's son, a medical student, has held the clerk's position in the Council for 8 years as an appointee of his father. This position requires about one hour a week during the Council session and pays $2,000 a year — a total of $16,000 for the Julian family. I know many other students who should have been given the chance to share this learning experience. Nepotism is a bad practice except under certain conditions.

5. Political Signs

How about all those signs? And expensive billboards of Dr. Julian's? Of course, there is no money problem in his camp. But, will someone please ask the Councilman how over 800 posters from his opponents got into his garage during the last Councilmanic election? And why in this election his signs are left posted while other candidates' are torn down. Ask also why he can break the law by hanging his posters on public utilities and other unlawful places. Is it because he can afford to pay for taking them down when he is forced by law enforcement officers to do so? These types of actions are basically dishonest and unlawful! Do we close our eyes to such actions and passively, like lambs to the slaughter, pull the wrong lever again because of signs? I think not!

6. Failure to be "Service-Oriented" in District

The 4th District Councilmen are loners. It takes team work to accomplish benefits which affect the greatest number of people. This working alone has always been a problem in the District. We must shed this burden and vote for people who are willing to work together.

I believe sincerely that the time has come, in this city, for us to select representatives who are dedicated to the people who elected them. We must have more "service oriented" councilmen, who are interested in better city services, better police protection, better recreational facilities, and our share of City Hall jobs.

The persons whom the 4th District Organization are recommending have pledged their word of honor to work together in the Council and in the community as a team. Let's give them a chance. We need dedication for a change. They have our confidence. What we know about these candidates warrants our recommendation. Please pull Levers:

4A — Mary B. ADAMS — who has worked long and hard alone for 4 years

5B — John D. JEFFERIES — whom labor thinks deserves support because of his fine work in securing jobs for ex-offenders

6B — Michael B. MITCHELL — because he is a future leader, and we need a lawyer as well as dedication

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Discussant: Mrs. Victorine Q. Adams, Councilwoman, 4th District - City of Baltimore
Theme: To stress the importance of voter education to the political system; to teach blacks how to garner more political clout and advantages; to stress voting as a duty, as well as a privilege

Wednesday, October 1, 1975
Topic: Women - Community Problems and Concerns
Coordinator: Dr. Chester W. Gregory, Chairman, History Department - Coppin State College
Discussants: Ms. Mary Berry, Provost, SOCIAL AND Behavioral Scientists - University of Maryland, College-Park, Maryland; and Mrs. Katherine Carter, Vice Chairperson, State Commission on Women
Theme: The gamut of women's concerns in their battle for total equality

Wednesday, November 5, 1975
Topic: Marketing and Consumer Problems
Coordinator: Mrs. Edna DeCoursey Johnson, Director, Consumer Services Program - Baltimore Urban League, Baltimore, Maryland
Film: "Just Sign Here"
Discussant: Mr. John Ruth, Chief, Consumer Protection Division for State of Maryland
Theme: Money management, nutrition and credit buying, and buying behavior

Wednesday, December 3, 1975
Topic: Health
Coordinator: Mrs. Doris Reese, Director of Nursing Program, Coppin State College
Discussant: Dr. Oakley Saunders, President, Medical Staff, Provident Hospital - Baltimore, Maryland
Theme: Improving the mental and physical health in the Community

Wednesday, January 7, 1976
Topic: The Aged - Attitudes and Treatment of the Aged in the General Community
Coordinator: Dr. Norman Jordan, Assistant Professor of Biology, Coppin State College
Discussant: Mrs. Ida Wells, Past Director of S.A.G.A. (Security and Action for Golden Agers), Baltimore, Maryland
Theme: Everyday problems of the aged: fixed incomes, Social Security, insurance, medicare, medicaid, recreation, etc.

Wednesday, February 4, 1976
Topic: Crime and the Law
Coordinator: Mrs. Marguerite Campbell, Assistant to Mayor William D. Schaefer
Discussants: Sgt. Mercedes Rankins, Baltimore City Police Department; and Mrs. Clarice Brooks, Community Relations Police Specialist, Baltimore City Police Department
Theme: Rights of private citizens and the responsibility of private citizens to prevent crime; in the event of a confrontation, what are the victim's rights and privileges; how can a private citizen best handle a false

Wednesday, March 3, 1976
Topic: Communications
Coordinator: Marcus Wood
Discussants: Mr. David Glenn, Assistant in Department of Social Security, Baltimore, Maryland; and Mr. Wiley Daniels, News Reporter, Station WJZ-TV, Baltimore, Maryland
Theme: Improving interpersonal communications and relationships on all levels. The responsibility of the mass media to the public; truth and mass media

Wednesday, April 7, 1976
Topic: Community Development and Involvement
Coordinator: Mrs. Claudia Williams, Vice President, City-Wide Organization of Welfare Rights
Discussant: Mrs. Marguerite Campbell, Assistant to the Mayor
Theme: To teach techniques of mobilizing citizens for community services and improvements from the grass roots up to the mayor's office.

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—Lucky Bucks

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ber appears, you are a winner.

Tuesday winners will have to collect their winnings not later than 4 p.m. on Thursday of the same week of publication. Winning numbers appearing in Friday's AFRO must be collected by 4 p.m. Monday. Be sure to get your AFRO Lucky Buck today.

$5.00 WINNER in te AFRO Lucky Buck contest is Ms. Yvonne Laws of the 1500 blok N. Gilmor St.

—Alex Haley

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many as the one man who has traced his roots back to the African village of his forefathers.

Readers' Digest published a condensed version of the book in two issues in 1974.

Ms. Lucy Prinz of Doubleday and Co. informs us this week that the book will be published in May, 1976.

Entitled "Roots", it will be filmed in California and followed by a 14-hour Bicentennial TV film series.

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Hearing Mr. Haley is a moving experience. When he spoke at the Baltimore Enoch Pratt Library in November, 1973, there was standing room only. Most eyes were wet with tears before he finished his narrative.

Tickets are on sale at the Dunbar Community High School, Baltimore; Norman Ross, coordinator or call Mrs. Takach 276-4646 or 276-4647.

Mrs. Takach is manager and Mrs. W.A.C. Hughes, president of the Committee for the Preservation of Orchard Street Church, Inc.

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Contributions for the restoration of the historic old church at Orchard and Druid Hill, have come from as far away as California.

The latest received are: Mrs. A. Isabella Clark, Beech Avenue, $5. S. Smith, Druid Hill Ave., Ivan L. Turner, P.O. Box 10103, $50.

Miss Mildred Shepoard, 22 Grove St., New York, New York, $7.50

John Staten, Dorchester Road $10

The Orchard Street Church has been nominated to go on the National Record of Historic Places.

The recent performance, An Evening with Mary Carter Smith brought a total of $1,681, an incomplete report. Many fraternities, sororities, social clubs and business and church groups plan their fall and winter activities to help restore Orchard Street Churches. The organization's fund-raising dinner is also set for this fall with Mrsm Cornelia Lake Smith, chairman.

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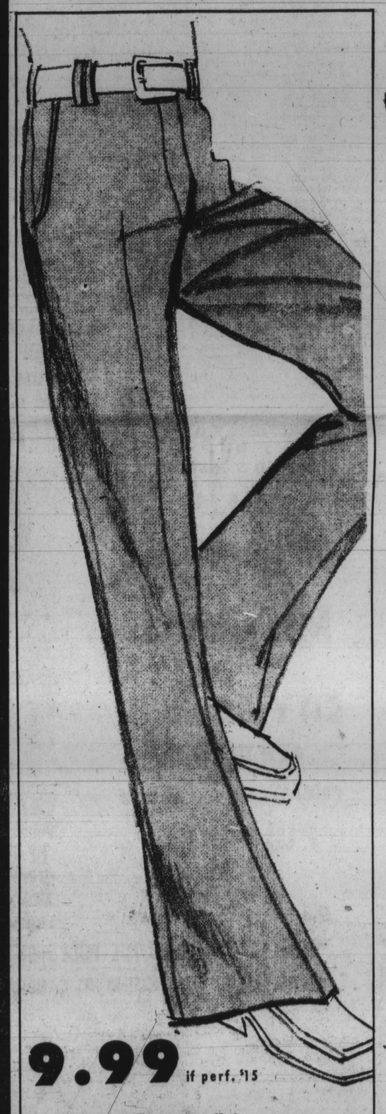

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