Bethel A.M.E. Church celebrates Kwandulukwa

As a part of the Women's Day 1976 Observance, the women of Bethel A.M.E. Church are sponsoring the Ritual of Kwandulukwa Ntu at 7:30 .m. on March 26, at Bethel A.M.E. Mrs. Thelma Doles national president of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority will be the featured speaker for this occasion.

This is the culminating event for a series of meaningful experiences that have been provided at Bethel AME Church for a group of young ladies during the past two months. The Ritual involves 22 young women in the Baltimore comfunity ranging in age from 16 to 18 years.

In order to participate in the Ritual Celebration, a young woman must have a letter of recommendation from her pastor.

The Ritual of Kwandulukwa Ntu, taken from African Heritage serves to express the passage of these young women from adolescence into womanhood. The ritual serves to express the added responsibility that accompanies the transition into adulthood.

In the African communities, the religious, social, political, and economic aspects of the culture are incorporated in the rites of passage with attempts being made to show the coherence and relevancy of each of these aspects in the total life of the community.

The Ritual of Kwandulukwa Ntu was introduced into the American black culture as part of the African tradition in 1972 when theology students and Church laity of Massachusetts held the first ceremony at Boston.

They realized the necessity of young black persons' understanding of the significance and responsibility of black folk's spiritual history as they moved into adulthood.

In the rite of passage, the young women who take part are instructed and made aware of the religious, social, political, and economic aspects of their black legacy and of their own lives.

Prior to this ritual of passage from adolescence into womanhood, the young women have been involved in many activities at Bethel with members of the church and with visiting resource persons instructing them.

The initial activity was the successful Mother-Daughter Brunch in February. This served as an orientation for the girls and their mothers or sponsors. They have been involved in creativity sessions in which they sought to find and display their individual talents and skills. The girls were also involved in writing essays on this years' Women's Day theme, "Women Gaining Strength Through Sacrifice." This event was competitive.

They have also received lessons in African heritage. In order to learn more about their African Heritage, the young women visited the African Arts Museum in Washington, D.C. They have also had the opportunity to visit the Senegal Embassy in Washington, D.C. as guests of Commissioner of Information, Liberian Embassy Leonard McClain.

They have been given instruction on how to efficiently run their households. They have engaged in Biblical study.

The Ritual is a culmination of all of these activities and experiences, signifying the fact that these young women are now becoming equipped to cope with the responsibilities of their respective families and communities.

The ceremony itself promises to be quite impressive and colorful. The young women will be attired in dresses which they themselves made from colorful fabric that comes from Senegal.

The Ritual consists of several very impressive segments. Prince Hall Masons from the unit under the leadership of Herman Carter will serve as the honor guard on this occasion.

Officers for the Women's Day Observance are: Chairperson, Cecelia Williams Bryant; co-chairperson, Celonia Walden; secretary, Lorraine King; financial secretary, Elizabeth Carter; treasurer, Sylvia Moore; public relations, Mary E. Robinson; Bethel woman, Delores Thomas and chaplain, the Rev. Mary Henry.

The public is invited to attend this event. Further information may be obtained by calling Bethel A.M.E. Church.

Surrounded by the love of his family in celebration of his 82nd birthday recently was Dr. John E. T. Camper. From left are: Mrs. Florine Camper, wife of honoree; the honoree; Mrs. Jean Camper Carson, daughter. Standing from left are: Nixon Camper Sr., Mrs. Elizabeth Camper Jones, Mary Camper Redd, Ellen Camper Johns and John E. T. Camper Jr.

(Reflections photo by Ben Phillips)

Checker match scheduled

The Urban Services Agency, Council "E," is holding a Championship Checker Match on Saturday, March 27, from noon to 10 p.m. The match will be held at the Urban Services Teen Center located at Fremont Avenue and Lanvale Street.

Maryland State Champion Fred Owens will take on the World Champion Carl Buster Smith in the 15 game match. The games will be played on the USA board.

Admission is free, and the public is invited. Free refreshments will also be served.

For further information, please call Wright Dixon, 523-3965.

Human sexuality seminars

The Pllanned Parenthood Family Planning Training Institute has scheduled seminars on human sexuality for March 23 asd April 21. The first workshop will focus on "sexuality Through the Life Cycle," while the second it titled "Adolescent Sexuality." The hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Both workshops are open to the public. The fee for each workshop, which must be paid in advance is $10.

The program for the first seminar includes sessions on childhood, adolescent and adult sexuality. In addition, sex and the aging, and homosexuality will be discussed.

Since registration for the March 23rd workshop is limited to 60, and many registrations have already been received, those interested in attending are asked to call or write to MaryCraig, Director, The Family Planning Training Institute, 24 W. Franklin St. Balto., Md. 21201, at 685-0940.

The Planned Parenthood Family Planning Traising Institute trains family planning professionals from a six-state region, funded largely through HEW. The Institute also offers educational services to the public as part of the broad Planned Parenthood community program.

A FAMILY AFFAIR—Many of the Silhouettes patrons consumed their dinners right on the premises. Among them were (L to R): Mrs. Amanda Sanders, Phyllis Brown, Jack Brown, Jr. and son, Jack, III, Jackie Brown and Mrs. Carolyn Brown. Standing is Silhouette member, Berine Bundara.

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Thieves hit City Temple Baptist and doctor's suburban residence

JEWELS TAKEN

Mrs. William M. Garner, wife of Dr. William M. Garner, prominent Baltimore physician and her mother Mrs. M. C. Allen, both escaped serious injury after fleeing their home in Morgan Park while robbers looted the house inside.

The burglary, which occurred last Friday between 11 p.m. and 1 p.m. netted the burglars a healthy haul of an undetermined amount of jewels that included rings, necklaces, earrings and other gold and silver pieces.

Mrs. Garner said she and her mother heard the voices of the burglars as they entered their home on Coldspring Lane.

One of them was overheard as saying "Okay, don't forget to pick up that gun." The two women then reportedly fled the house, and flagged down a passing motorcycle policeman outside.

Mrs. Garner said as she and her mother entered through the front of the house accompanied by the policeman, the robbers fled through the rear, jumping a six-foot fence into a neighbor's yard.

Additional police arrived within minutes, accompanied by the helicopter, but the thieves were no where in sight.

Mrs. Garner said she immediately called her husband at his Pennsylvania Ave., office. She said his immediate reaction was "Are you all right, is mom all right?

Dr. Garner has been one of Baltimore's most prominent physicians since 1947, while Mrs. Garner is associate professor of education and Coordinator of Secondary Education at Morgan State University.

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CHURCH FOOD STOLEN

"It upset me because the Mothers Club was preparing for a dinner the following day and the church had purchased the food."

The Rev. W. W. Payne pastor of City Temple Baptist Church, 1125 N. Eutaw St., was speaking of the March 20 incident when someone forced entry into the church and stole 70 pounds of chicken valued at $39.20 and 50 pounds of fish worth $17.96.

200 DINNERS

The Rev. Mr. Payne stated the Mothers Club had planned to sell at least 200 dinners.

Police report Herman Johnson, a trustee at the church stated when he opened the church March 20 around 9:15 a.m. he noticed someone had "broken into the church from a rear basement window."

Police quote Johnson as saying the chickens and fish were being kept in a large refrigerator and an electric IBM typewriter was also missing from another room.

HELP FOR NEEDY

Police investigation revealed the suspect used the rear door leading to 1100 block Morton Alley to leave and entrance was

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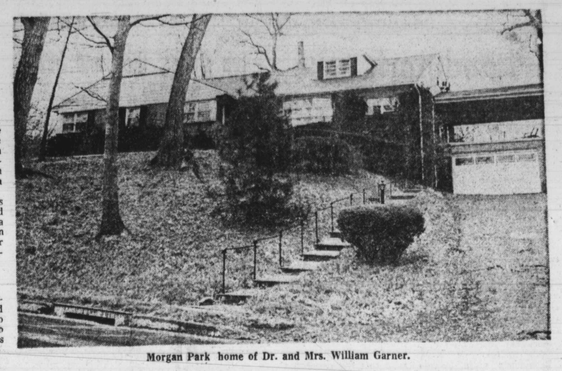

Morgan Park home of Dr. and Mrs. William Garner.

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Calverton Hi student slain

A 20-year-old Calverton Junior High School part-time computer programing student was found shot to death shortly before 9 p.m. Wednesday in the 4000 block Penhurst Ave. in Northwest Baltimore.

Several neighborhood residents reported they heard what sounded like a single gunshot several minutes before Mrs. Joyce Nicholson, 3300 block Caton Ave., was found lying face up on the sidewalk. She had been shot once in the head, police said.

Detectives state they have no suspects, motives nor clues and were Thursday seeking witnesses who might have seen the young woman shortly before the slaying.

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Relatives told the AFRO Mrs. Nicholson, a pretty, friendly and likeable woman, had been separated from her husband. She left home at 7 p.m. to visit a friend. Her body was found only a block away from her destination, according to a family spokesman.

Police state the attractive 5' 5" tall victim was found wearing a rust-colored, long sleeved sweater and rhinestone studded blue denim dungarees and carrying a rust-colored suede jacket.

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Police quote several neighborhood residents as stating they heard what they thought might have been a single gunshot at about 9 p.m. but no one went outside to investigate.

A short time later, three youths found the body on the sidewalk and called the police.

Investigators have ruled out robbery attempt as Mrs. Nicholson's purse, containing an undisclosed amount of money, was found intact. Her clothing was not disarranged.

The victim's father, George Bailey, a Woolham Transport Co. employee, told the AFRO: "I was shocked when her (Mrs. Nicholson's) sister called stating her mother had to go to the hospital to identify the body. She had left here only a few hours ago. I cannot think of who could have done that to her."

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Kevin Bailey, the victim's brother, stated: "She didn't bother anybody. She was very friendly and liked people." Almost in tears he added: "All of us are going to miss her."

Mrs. Nicholson attended Western High School and all her life was anxious to be a computer program-

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MRS. JOYCE NICHOLSON

AFRO HONOR ROLL PLAQUE, a possession highly valued by many recipients, awaits the 1974 honorees already named and those who will be picked for the 1975 awards.

Take notice of these AFRO Honor Roll notes

Winners in the 1974 AFRO Honor Roll are urged to call the AFRO and indicate where and when they want their awards presented to them. The presentation may be at a church or a public ceremony of their choice.

They may call Mrs. Gertrude Steele, 728-8200, Ext. 50, to let her know where and when they want their plaques delivered and presented: at your church on a Sunday or at some affair or celebration?

Meanwhile, nominations are open for the 1975 Honor Roll. Deadline for the nominations is May 31. The only criteria is that the nominees rendered superior public service without thought of personal gain during the year 1975.

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For the past 36 years, the AFRO's highest award, a beautifully engraved plaque, has been awarded to each of nine individuals, two organizations and one couple. Each is an example of the ideals established by Dr. Carl Murphy, the late AFRO publisher. Winners are selected not according to any class or occupation, but rather for unselfish service to the community.

Nominations may be sent to: AFRO Honor Roll, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore, Md. 21201.

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Recently, Dr. Thomas P. Fraser, former instructor and interim president of the Morgan State University, was presented with his award won when nominated by students and faculty of the institution for his dynamic leadership during the year 1974. The citation said the retired educator provided creative leadership and direction to

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Key bills facing the Black Caucus

By Ben Phillips
AFRO Bureau

ANNAPOLIS — There are less than 18 working days left for the regular 1976 session of the Maryland General Assembly.

In that time, the Legislative Black Caucus has some important issues facing it.

One is what will be the final disposition on SB 288, affecting the powers of the State Human Relations Commission? Will the bill remain buried or will there be a last minute effort to force the bill out of committee?

In its original form the measure would have bogged down the state commission with procedural details as it tried to investigate complaints of discrimination.

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Another Caucus concern is getting firm commitments from Gov. Mandell on hiring of minority contractors for Baltimore City's proposed subway system.

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The Caucus has met with the governor several times. If the vote in the House was any indication, some commitment might have been received, but the subway authorization still has to survive the Senate.

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Other legislation of particular interest to the 19 black legislators who make up the Caucus are:

(1) Final disposition of the cost-of-living increase for welfare recipients.

(2) The bill to help save hospitals from closing their emergency rooms and outpatient clinics, (HB 647)

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(3) Making sure the governor keeps his promise to provide proper funding for Morgan State University.

In addition, the Caucus

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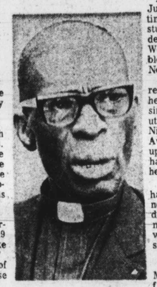

WEDS SATURDAY — The Rev. Jesse Boykin, pastor of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, a widower, and Mrs. Janes Anderson, a divoreee, resident of Prince George's County and church nurse, will be married in double ring rites at the altar Saturday, 6 p.m. A reception follows at the church.

'The most shocking case in recent times'

(EDITOR'S NOTE — Scores of citizens have called the AFRO to say the case of the abduction of the Baltimore County youngster and the death of the Virginia boy comprise the most shocking of crimes heard of in recent times. The persons involved are all white. However, citizens of all races have expressed sympathy for the families of the children.)

FAIRFAX, VA.: Arthur Frederick Goode is escorted from Fairfax jail 3/24 by an unidentified detective, right. Goode, an escapee from a mental hospital, w[illegible] earlier. He is accused of abduction [illegible] on March 15.

FALLS CHURCH, Va. (UPI) — Acting on a tip from a Maryland boy found safe with a mental hospital escapee after his abduction 10 days ago, police found the body of another boy, Wednesday, in a wooded area near a shopping center.

Earlier in the day, authorities had arrested Arthur Frederick Goode, 21, of Hyattsville, Md., on kidnaping charges after he and 10-year-old Billy Arthes returned to a Falls Church home where they had been promised work, washing windows.

Fairfax County police said the boy told them he had witnessed a murder in the wooded area behind the Holiday Inn at the shopping center. State, county and city police searched the area and found the body late Wednesday afternoon.

DEAD BOY

Police said they had not confirmed the identity of the dead boy. However, there were indications it may be the body of Kenny Dawson of Falls Church, who has been missing since last Saturday, when his mother dropped him off at the Tyson's Corner Shopping Center.

Goode, who escaped from Spring Grove State Hospital, near Towson, last month, is also wanted for questioning in the sex murder of a 10-year-old Cape Coral, Fla. boy who was found strangled in a wooded area near his home, March 5, police said.

BILLY OKAY

Billy was reported in good health and preliminary reports indicated he was physically unharmed as a result of the ordeal.

Goode, arrested by a Virginia state trooper and two Baltimore County detectives, was held in the Fairfax County Jail, pending extradition hearings on his return to Maryland.

"They found him. He's okay and that's all I care about," said Billy's father, Dr. Federico Arthes.

Goode was committed to the Spring Grove Hospital after pleading guilty in Prince Georges County to two molestation charges.

His sister, Carol Allison said the last she had seen her brother was when she tried once again to get him back to Spring Grove. She said, however, he walked away when he feared the

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FAIRFAX, VA.: Police and rescue squad members carry the body of a young boy from the woods near Tysons Corner Shopping Center in Fairfax, Va. 3/24. The body is believed to be that of Kenny Dawson, 11, of Falls Church, Va. who has been missing since last Saturday when his mother dropped him off at the shopping center. The body was found on a trip from Billy Arthes, 10, of Towson, who was found earlier 3/24 with Arthur Frederick Goode, 21 of Hyattsville, Md., a mental hospital escapee.

(UPI photo)

Landmark case frees 5 Liberian students

(Note — This is an unprecedented case in that the U.S. Supreme Court's decision of U.S. vs Perez was interpreted by a State court laying out the criteria to be used by trial judges in the declaring of a mistrial.)

The Court of Special Appeals of the State of Maryland handed down a stunning defeat to the Circuit Court for Prince George's County of Maryland involving the trial of five Liberian students who were charged with assorted crimes in connection with a diplomatic party held in Prince George's County on July 6, 1974.

On July 6, 1974, various members of the official Liberian Embassy Diplomatic Corp were hosting a reception in Riverdale, Maryland when a group of Prince George's County policemen and State policemen raided the reception, brutalized numerous persons at the recention and subsequently charged them with assault on various police officers and resisting arrest.

Roland Sigismona Carey, Leon Edison Clark, Momolu J. Sr. Sirleaf, Charles Alexander Snetter and Richard Jappal Snetter were all arrested, charged and brutally beaten.

Carey is a government student at New York University; Clark, a Georgetown Medical School graduate is interning in a Philadelphia hospital; Sirleaf is an engineering student; Richard Snetter is a professional in government at A and T College; Charles Snetter, a University of Maryland student.

In August, 1974, the Republic of Liberia retained the services of Michael Bowen Mitchell and Mrs. Juanita Jackson Mitchell to represent the aggrieved citizens of the Republic of Liberia.

The matter came to trial in Prince George's County Circuit Court Feb. 26, 1975 in a jury trial.

After lengthy testimony

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