The 344th Maryland General Assembly

Dr. Allen becomes 6th black senator, a great occasion in Maryland history

By Elizabeth M. Oliver

Maryland has 20 black members of the General Assembly sitting in Annapolis for the 344th meeting, six senators who will remain for four years and 14 members of the House of Delegates.

Highlighting the historic session is the fact that Dr. Aris T. Allen, 67-year-old Annapolis physician and a Republican, has been officially named and became on Jan. 10 sworn in as the sixth member of the Senate.

Acting Governor Blair Lee III handed down the official membership document shortly before 12 noon Wednesday, Jan. 10 declaring that Dr. Allen had been appointed by him to serve the full four year term left vacant by the death of longtime 30th District's Senator Edward T. Hall of Calvert County. He and Dr. Allen were friends.

Dr. Allen had served in the House of Delegates from 1966 to 1974 with seven years as the Minority Whip the assistant Republican Party leader.

The division between Calvert County and Anne Arundel County citizens was wiped out late Tuesday when the incoming chief executive Gov. Harry Hughes sent word he would choose Dr. Allen if the dispute was not ended by Jan. 17 when he's sworn in.

The acting governor had already made it known Allen was his choice.

Long years from 1979 the above incident will be recalled when the General Assembly convenes. Dr. Allen had at first lost his bid for the post of lieutenant governor, this past general election, when he was the only black man to run. The Republicans are jubilant that he has now become one of the most capable of lawmakers, "a man who will make his mark in the Maryland state Senate."

Allen's collegues are Senators Clarence W. Blount, 41st District; Tommie Broadwater Sr., 25th District; Robert L. Douglass, 45th District; Clarence M. Mitchell III, 38th District; and Verda F. Welcome, 40th District.

Also setting a national record are the 14 black members of the House of Delegates who are: Dels. Troy Brailey, Joseph A. Chester, Frank M. Conaway, Walter R. Dean Jr., Isaiah Dixon Jr., John W. Douglass, Nathaniel Exum, Hattie N. Harrison, Lena K. Lee, Margaret H. Murphy, Rev. Wendell H. Phillips, Howard P. Rawlings, Sylvania W. Woods Jr. and Larry Young.

Maryland's legislative body has a distinguished history.

When the Province of Maryland declared itself a state independent of Great Britain in 1776, its Legislature already was 141 years old having served continuously as the legislative body for the Colony almost from the date of its founding.

The Maryland General Assembly held its first session in St. Mary's in 1635, scarcely a year after the Ark and the Dove arrived with the first settlers.

This first Maryland Legislature was a one-chamber (unicameral) body, comprised of the Governor, his Councillors and all the free men of the Providence. By the third session in 1638, five men were instructed to meet and choose their representatives.

Although they sat as one body, a distinction was made between the Governor and the members of his Council and citizens of the Colony at large.

An effort was made in the session of 1642 to separate the two groups but Governor Calvert demurred. The first division appears in the record of the 1666 session when the "upper house" is mentioned.

Men selected to represent their "hundreds" (communities) were called Burgesses and their legislative body was called the House of Burgesses. It bore that name through much of the Colonial period, although it frequently was called the House of Delegates or simply the "lower house."

The other chamber, after adoption of the bicameral system, was the Governor and his Council and it was called the "upper house."

The Governor and his Council exercised executive as well as legislative authority. In Colonial period, ending when a new legislative body was created after independenfe from Great Britain.

The governor of the Province of Maryland moved from St. Mary's to Annapolis in 1695, and the story of the General Assembly from that time to independence is a continuing conflict between the two houses.

SEATED FOR FOUR YEARS, Dr. Aris T. Allen, the newest state senator, was destined for the State House. Although he lost the bid for lieutenant governor, he returned triumphant to succeed his late friend Senator Edward Hall and occupies Senate Seat No. 30. In possession of two membership certificates he first received one from Gov. Blair Lee III to fill the unexpired term of Sen. Hall and then with full consent of incoming Gov. Harry Hughes takes over for the term, 1979 to 1983.

THE SENATOR AND HIS STAFF—Sen. Dr. Aris T. Allen is shown in his Senate Building office suite with his employees, (L to R) Jerri Trott, legislative assistant; Coleen Shaffer, administrative secretary; Regina Royster, a Morgan State University Junior who is a legislative intern and Fran May, legislative aide.

MADAM CHAIRMAN, Del. Hattie Harrison, chairman of the Rules Committee, is seated in the Hall of Delegates and occupies an historic position as first and only woman to head the all-male committee.

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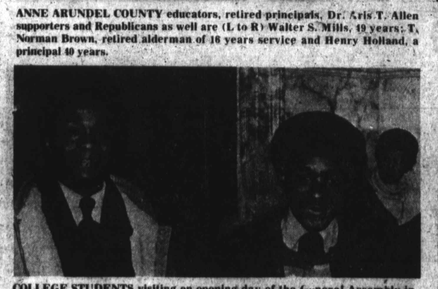
SIGNING IN for the 1979-1980 General Assembly is Sen. Verda F. Welcome, named vice-chairman of the Executive Nominations Committee. This is her 21st year as a legislator.

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY educators, retired principals, Dr. Aris T. Allen supporters and Republicans as well are (L to R) Walter S. Mills, 49 years; T. Norman Brown, retired alderman of 16 years service and Henry Holland, a principal 40 years.



COLLEGE STUDENTS visiting on opening day of the General Assembly included (L) Barry Hill, Upper Marlboro, a University of Richmond sophomore, who is a former Maryland Senate page and a close friend, Michael Molock, Cheltenham, Md. who is going to the Philadelphia College of Art in February. The two were among over 1,000 persons who attended the first day of the 1979 meeting of Maryland lawmakers.

Facts You Should Know

The following are duties and responsibilities of the Senate and the House of Delegates:

1. To pass laws necessary for the welfare of Maryland's citizens.
2. To pass public laws for counties and special taxing areas.
3. To decide the manner in which State funds are to be spent.
4. To supervise the State's administrative agencies.
5. To propose amendments to the State constitution.

The Legislature is instrumental in integrating public decisions with public policy.

The sale power of impeachment of an officer of the State rests with the House of Delegates. The Senate tries all impeachment cases and two-thirds of the total number of Senators is required for a conviction.

The Legislative Council, appointed from the Senate by its President and from the House of Delegates by its Speaker, meets regularly between sessions of the General Assembly.

The Council reviews proposed legislation, holds studies and hearings, conducts investigations and prepares legislative proposals for the next session.

DATES

Jan. 10 — General Assembly convened.

Jan. 17 — Inauguration of the governor and lieutenant governor, State House, high noon.

Jan. 19 — State of the State message by the Governor.

Febr 18 — The Green Bag appointments are due on this a Sunday, the 40th day of session.

Feb. 23 — Deadline for introduction of all bills.

April 2 — 63rd day — deadline for passage of the State Budget.

April 9 — 70th day — Assembly adjourns at 12 midnight.

THE PAGES (L to R) include Bill Jefferson, Oxen Hill Senior High; Cheryl Chambers, Central High, Seat Pleasant, Prince George's County and Charles Jones, Baltimore, Walbrook Senior High, all brilliant students and diligent aides in the Maryland House of Delegates. There are no black pages in the Senate. Others not shown are Mary Beth Bell, Olney High, Sherwood; Linda Collins, Southern High, Baltimore; Sue Hodges, Kenwood High, Essex.

FROM PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY, the family of Del. Nathaniel Exum has arrived each year to see him sworn in again and proudly spend the day. Del. Exum is one of three enthusiastic PG County representatives with Sen. Tommie Broadwater heading the team and Del. Sylvania Woods, a single businessman the newest member.

VISITORS from Baltimore included (L to R) Neal Janey, Saundra Banks, the first woman and the first clerk of the Court of Common Pleas and Rosetta Kerr, her chief deputy. The opening of the Maryland General Assembly is cause for celebration in that the representatives elected by the citizens are present on the scene to make the laws for the residents of the 23 counties.

5 experts to lead NNPA Black Press workshop

JOHN H. SENGSTACKE — ARTHUR SEGALL — ROY W. STEVENS — TED MACDONALD — DANIEL ORR — JOHN L. PROCOPE

Five experts in marketing and newspaper advertising and circulation will lead the Mid-Winter Workshop sessions of the National Newspaper Publishers Association — Black Press of America — Jan. 17-20 in Memphis, Tenn. at the Hyatt Regency Memphis Hotel.

The five are: Roy W. Stevens, president of Hiram Walker; Arthur Segall Sr., general advertising sales manager of the Memphis Commercial Appeal and its sister, the Press Scimitar, largest dailies in the Mid-South; Ted MacDonald, president of the MacDonald Classified Services; Daniel Orr, circulation director of the Boston Globe and president of International Circulation Managers Association, and Malcolm F. Mallette, director, American Press Institute.

This disclosure of expanded Workshop program plans was made this week by NNPA President John H. Sengstacke, editor-publisher of the Chicago Daily Defender and other newspapers in his chain. He said the program is being planned by NNPA first vice president John L. Procope, publisher of the New York Amsterdam News.

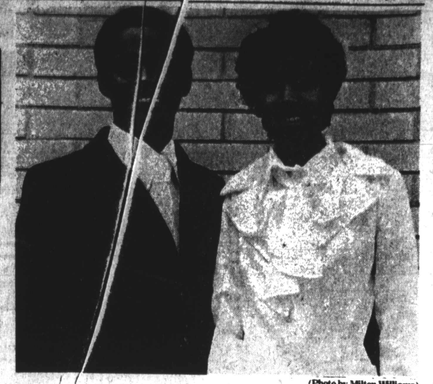
In addition to specialized sessions on circulation and advertising, Sengstacke said a general session will be held with the representatives of private industry, schools and departments of journalism, and the government. These officials, who attend most NNPA workshops and conventions, are expected to join in a dialogue with the publishers on the role of the Black Press in helping to further improve the status of blacks in America and worldwide.

The workshop will open with the President's Reception on Wednesday evening, Jan. 17. Following the reception, two or three short newspaper movies will be shown. These will include "Dateline Today," a film on newspaper circulation produced by the Audit Bureau of Circulation.

Sengstacke says he expects greetings to be brought during the luncheons and dinner by Senators Howard Baker and James R. Sasser of Tennessee, Mayor Wyeth Chandler of Memphis, and Bishop J. O. Patterson of the Church of God in Christ.

Stevens, who will address the advertising luncheon on Friday, Jan. 19, has been president of Hiram Walker since 1975. His broad experience in the marketing field began in 1948 when, fresh out of the University of Iowa, he joined Coca-Cola. Then he moved on to General Foods and Rivsana Foods before entering Hiram Walker as a vice president in 1973.

Orr, who will open the discussion on circulation, is one of the nation's leading authorities in the field. He has been involved in the work since 1948 when he arrived here from his native Ireland. Orr came up through the ranks of the Boston Globe, becoming circulation manager in 1964 and director eight years later. This year he was elected president of ICMA. He holds a B.A. and a law degree.



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YOUNG CLERICAL COUPLE who spent their first New Year's Day together as man and wife are Minister/Kenneth McCullough and the former Francine Brown. They were married in Holy Ghost nuptial services by Bishop Henry Williams at Triedstone Church of Christ in southeast Washington.

Peep shows on 'The Block'

Court says city police illegally seized projectors

ANNAPOLIS

The Maryland Court of Special Appeals has ruled that Baltimore police illegally seized movie projectors from peep show operators in an unlawful attempt to drive the merchants out of business.

A three judge panel held Wednesday that a series of equipment seizures from merchants on Baltimore's burlesque strip, "The Block," were "unlawful and unconstitutional."

Judge Richard Gilbert said the seizures were an attempt to financially hurt peep show operators by making it unprofitable for them to show films, which the state claims were shown without being reviewed by the state Board of Censors.

"It is crystalline that (the prosecution's) aim was not to offer hundreds of projectors into evidence but to strike at the (store owner's) pocketbooks and thus to make it unprofitable for "peep shows' to continue to exhibit unlicensed film," Gilbert said.

The court issued its opinion to explain an order handed down last november that prhoibited city police from continuing the raid on the film operators.

In another case, the court overturned the conviction of a Baltimore County man who was found guilty of the second - degree rape of a high school student in August 1977.

The court held that there had been no proof of force, either physical or verbal. Randy J. Goldberg received a five - year sentence for the conviction.

Push started to bar 'walk around' money

The use of "walk around money" by politicians to influence voters by doling out cash on election day degrades politics and should be prohibited, a young Democrats official told a legislative committee.

Leonard Lucchi, issues and legislation director for the Young Democrats of Maryland, said his group supports a bill offered by Sen. John Garrity, D - Prince George's, that would make "walk around money" illegal.

"Walk around money" is used, mainly in Baltimore, by politicians who pay people for political services on election day or pay voters for the time lost from work while voting.

Lucchi told the Senate Constitutional and Public Law Committee the use of "walk around money" brings with it the tinge of unethical conduct.

"This practice degrades politics and it places all politicians in a bad light," he said. "We should thus not be merely concerned with the direct effects of 'walk around money,' but more importantly, we must seek to reassure the public that Maryland is indeed entering a new era of state politics that was demanded by the voters in the 1978 elections."

However, Lucchi said the bill should be reworded because it prohibits a candidate from giving refreshments to his campaign workers on election day. He suggested an amendment to prohibit payments of more than $5 per person by a candidate on election day.

"No other state in the nation uses 'walk around money' the way Maryland has," he said. "It is a Maryland political tradition, but it is a tradition that the Maryland General Assembly must end if it wants to convince its constituents that the days of shame and embarrassment are finally behind us."

Sen. Edward Conroy, D, Prince George's, chairman of the Senate Constitutional and Public Law Committee, said he expects Garrity's bill to be approved by the committee with minor changes and predicted senate passage.

He also said the bill has a good chance of being passed by the House of Delegates.

Pharmacists may sue for full Medicaid rebates

A political action group representing Maryland pharmacists says it may file a federal lawsuit to force the state to reimburse pharmacists for the full cost of dispensing Medicaid prescriptions.

Anthony Padussis, the leader of Pharmpac, said the group may file the lawsuit in an effort to persuade state officials to bring Maryland's reimbursements for medicaid prescriptions up to par with other states.

He said the state Department of Budget and Fiscal Planning is ignoring a consultant's report that found that Medicaid prescriptions are costing pharmacies $2 million more lthan the government is giving back.

A state - funded survey by the Kansas firm of Myers and Stauffer pharmacies are now being reimbursed by the state.

"We're way below other states in reimbursements," he said. "Pharmacies cannot exist on the fees they collecting from the state."

Currently, Maryland pays $18 million to finance about five million Medicaid prescriptions a year for medical assistance recipients.

Padussis said the 1980 state budget contains only "a token increase" in the funds allotted Medicaid prescriptions.

More than a dozen pharmacies went out of business last year and the number of pharmacies has been steadily declining, said David Banta, executive director of the Maryland Pharmaceutical Association.

City plant cited for safety violations

The Maryland Occupational Safety and Health Agency cited the Glidden - Pemco plant for exposing some workers to excessive levels of lead that it says could cause seerious physical harm or even death.

MOSH issued the citation for lead exposure earlier this week along with six other citations alleging violations of state safety and health codes.

The agency cited the Baltimore company, a branch of the SCM Corporation, after it determined that it was possible the lead levels could cause serious physical harm or death. MOSH said workers were being exposed to nearly two times the level of lead permitted in the air under state health codes.

The violations stemmed from an October inspection of an area of the plant in which workers use lead ore to manufacture ceramic clazes. High levels of lead exposure could gesult in muscle pain, nervous nervous system damage, anemia, or loss of teeth.

Although the company refused to comment on the violations, Samuel Friedman, general counsel of the company's chemial - metallurgical division, said officals had been trying to "upgrade" the plant's ventilation system and reduce air contaminants.

Kamka fires 2 prison officials

Gordon C. Kamka, Gov. - elect Harry Hughes' choice for Maryland's Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services, has fired two top state prison officials in a move toward upgrading prison facilities through increased pre - release programs.

Kamka, currently the Baltimore City Jail warden, dismissed W. Donald Pointer, deputy secretary of correctional service, and Corrections Commissionr Mark Levine — the principal architects of the state's prison construction program which Kamka has openly criticized.

Kamka, who assumes his state cabinet post Jan. 17, has proposed solving prison overcrowding problems by developing more programs to reintegrate inamtes into society rather than building more prisons.

Despite open disagreement between the men over plans to build more state prisons, Pointer said Kamka did not mention the philosophical differences during private meetings when he dimissed the prison officials.

"We really didn't discuss the basis for it," he said. "It was simply a question of his wanting his own man."

Realtist to hold banquet

The Real Estate Brokers of Baltimore Inc. have announced plans to hold its first annual Installation Banquet on Saturday, Jan. 13, at Lydell Mitchell's The Point After.

The 7 p.m. affair features Ms. Nettie Hailes of Washington, D.C., regional vice president of the National Association of Real Estate brokers, as the guest speaker.

Other local guests include City Councilman Dr. Emerson Julian Jr.; Ms. Betby Simpson from H.U.D.; Tom Davis from H.C.D. and State Sen. Robert L. Douglass from the 45th District and chairman of the Legislative Black Caucus.

State Sen. Clarence M. Mitchell III will serve as toastmaster.

The committee members are Ms. Denise DeLeever, James Crockett, Michael Cassell, Joe Pinder and Herman L. Saunders Sr., chairman.

The new officers to be installed are William Valentine, president; Michael Cassell, first vice president; Berkely Savage, second vice president; Len Underwood, treasurer; Margaret Wicks, secretary; Joyce Jordan, financial secretary; Mildred Hawkins, correspondence secretary; Florance Valentine, parliamentarian; Crockett, chaplain.

Guard charged in beating

George Collins, warden of Maryland Penitentiary, confirmed that an inmate suffered a broken wrist after a prison guard allegedly attacked the inmate.

The AFRO received a phone call from another correction officer at the penitentiary, who said a guard slammed the inmate's arm in a wooden door five times.

Collins said he would "make no statements at all" regarding the incident. He did say the guard has been suspended for 10 days and charges have been brought against him.

The correctional officer will be allowed to return to work at the penitentiary, Collins said, pending the outcome of the charges.

"This is going to a court, before a judge and jury," Collins said.

He also said "circumstances involved" presented him from giving information.

SPORTS EQUIPMENT SALES boomed last year, thanks in large part to an increase of 11 percent in running and jogging shoes and other recreational footwear. However, the personal fitness fad and increased participation by women in active sports also helped. Women, for example, bought 20 percent of the baseball gloves sold last year and 30 percent of "the skateboards.

Mitchell appointed majority whip

Sen. Clarence Mitchell III, D - 38th, was appointed majority whip this week by Senate President James Clark.

Mitchell, a member of the legislature for 18 years, replaces Sen. Clarence Blount, D - 40th, who served as majority whip when former state Sen. Steny Hoyer was president of the senate.

As majority whip he will replace Majority leader Sen. Rosalie Abrams, D - 42, as majority leader when she is absent and preside over the senate when the President, president pro tem and the majority leader are not present at the session.

"I intend to be very involved in the leadership of the Senate," said Mitchell late Wednesday. "I will be allowed to preside over several Senate sessions and take part in all leadership meetings."

Baltimoreans in the armed forces

Away from home

U.S. AIR FORCE GRADUATED

Air National Guard (ANG) Airman Timothy W. Gardner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Gardner of 7831 Bank St., has graduated at Sheppard AFB, Tex., from the U.S. Air Force for carpentry specialists.

Airman Gardner, who was trained to construct and maintain buildings and assemble prefabricated structures, is returning to his Maryland ANG unit at Baltimore. Completion of the course earned the individual credits towards an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

The airman is a 1978 graduate of Kenwood High School.

U.S. ARMY ASSIGNED

Pvt. Reginald K. Riddick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver W. Riddick, 420 Chestnut St., recently was assigned as a communications specialist with the 72nd Field Artillery Group in Wertheim, Germany.

Riddick entered the Army in June 1978. He is a 1978 graduate of Dundalk High School.

Pvt. Phillip V. Howard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam R. Howard, 6707 Brighton Ave., recently was assigned as a teletype repairman with the 3rd Support Command in Hanau, Germany.

Howard entered the Army in May 1978. He is a 1978 graduate of Woodlawn High School.

Pvt. Larry S. Black, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Black, 2626 Violet Ave., recently was assigned as a launcher crewman with the 31st Field Artillery in Korea.

He entered the Army in August 1978. Black is a 1978 graduate of Northwester High School.

Pvt. Herbert LeCount, son of Mrs. Marvetta Le Count, 1018 Druid Hill Ave., recently was assigned as an infantryman with the 2nd Infantry at Fort Riley, Kan.

Le Count entered the Army in July 1978. He is a 1977 graduate of Baltimore Experimental High School.

Pvt. Andrew L. Tucker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Tucker, 1567 Homestead St., recently was assigned to the 28th Infantry at Fort Riley, Kan.

Tucker entered the Army in July 1978. He is a 1978 graduate of Harbor City Learning High School.

Pfc. John T. Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Jones, 3412 Mayfair Road, recently was assigned as a supplyman with the 52nd Air Defense Artillery at Fort Bliss, Texas.

Jones entered the Army in April 1978. He is a 1974 graduate of Woodlawn High School.

COMPLETED TRAINING

Pvt. Terry Perkins, son of Mrs. Delina Perkins, Queensborough Ave., recently completed One Station Unit Training (OSUT) Fort Benning, Ga.

OSUT is a 12 - week period which combines basic combat training and advanced individual training.

The training included weapons qualifications, squad tactics, patrolling, landmine warfare, field communications and combat operations. This qualifies the soldier as a light weapons infantryman and as an indirect fire crewman.

Spec. 4 John L. Campbell, son of Mr. and Mrs. George M. Young, 5638 Kavon Ave., recently completed a primary noncommissioned officer course here.

The course offers increased career educational opportunities while preparing the student for leadership duty.

PARTICIPATED

Spec. 4 Tony C. Poag, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harris L. Stokes, 4015 Fairview Ave., recently participated in GALLANT EAGLE 79, a joint readiness exercise at Elgin Air Force Base, Fla.

More than 25,000 troops from all four services and the Army and Air Force Reserves and National Guard participated in the month - long exercise.

Poag, who is regularly assigned to the 320th Field Artillery at Fort Campbell, Ky., entered the Army in August 1976.

The specialist attended Howard University in Washington, D.C.

Spec. 4 Gregory C. Keyes, son of William E. Keyes, 733 E. 22nd St., recently participated in an Army Training and Evaluation Program in Germany.

The program is designed to evaluate individual and unit efficiency under simulated combat conditions.

Keyes, a chemical, biological and radiological noncommissioned officer with the 26th Infantry in Germany, entered the Army in November 1973.

The specialist is a 1973 graduate of Baltimore City College High School.

Sgt. Walter L. Ingram, whose wife, Deleaner, lives at 2815 Alameda, recently participated in an Army Training and Evaluation Program in Germany.

The program is designed to evaluate individual and unit efficiency under simulated combat conditions.

Ingram, a squad leader with the 1st Infantry Division in Boblingen, Germany, entered the Army in July 1970.

AWARDED

Spec. 4 Mark S. Bennett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis A. Bennett, 745 Gratley St., recently was presented the Expert Infantryman Badge in Baumholder, Germany.

The badge, the Army's highest non - combat proficiency award for infantrymen, is awarded upon successful completion of a week - long period of testing. The tests are administered only to volunteers who have scored highly on the physical training test and are expert marksmen with the M - 16 rifle.

Seventeen specific infantry skills are covered in the testing, including rifle marksmanship, hand grenades, the Claymore mine, anti - tank weapons, first aid, military intelligence and signal communications. A 12 - mile road march with full combat gear completes the testing.

The specialist is a 1975 graduate of Baltimore City College High School.

Rural organization gives jobs to old

D.C. senior citizens have found a friend in the District of Columbia's Farmers Union Green Thumb. Begun in 1965, Green Thumb is a rural community improvement and service organization that hires and finds jobs for the elderly. Currently operating in 45 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, Green Thumb has hired more than 17,000 senior rural citizens.

Sponsored by National Farmers Union, Green Thumb, Inc. is funded by the United States Departments of Labor, Commerce, Health, Educatio and Welfare, the Environmental Protection Agency, various State Governments and by over 3000 local public and private non-poroft local sponsors within these in which the program operates.

Green Thumb seeks to demonstrate and to utlize the potentially great value of senior workers to society in general andto rural communities in particular. It provides opportunity and wages for productive employment. It encourages and helps rural employers to hire more seniors on their owne payrolls.

The District of Columbia Green Thumb provides equipment for more than 126 senior workers. These persons work in community agencies such as the National Senior Citizens Law Center, the National Caucus of the Black Ages, the Spanish Senior Center and the Dowtown Cluster's Geriatric Day Care Center to mention a few.

Participants in the program are provided an annual medical examination, supportive services and technical assistance.

Persons over 45 are welcome to participate in the On-The+Job Training Program.

A person can participate in Green Thumb Programs if he or she is 55 years of age or older and of a low-income status. Green Thumb works cooperatively with the following type of organizations to establish employment opportunities for Green Thumb workers:

Units of states and local governments; private non-profit organizations; tax-supported institutions and businesses needing the services provided by Green Thumb; and organizations seeking assistance in learning new and better ways to identify, recruit, hire and effectively utilize workers above the age of 45. For more information call 783-5447.