Mandel aides to be reimbursed for legal fees

ANNAPOLIS — The Board of Public Works agreed Wednesday that the State should reimburse two aides to former Gov. Marvin Mandel for more than $4,000 in legal expenses incurred during the federal criminal investigation of Mandel.

The board, headed for the first time by Gov. Harry R. Hughes, adopted the recommendation of a special committee to reimburse Mandel's former chief - of - staff, Frank A. Defilippo, and his executive assistant, Hans F. Mayer.

The legal expenses for Defilippo, now an advertising executive, totaled $2,823. The attorney fees for Mayer, now a member of Hughes' staff, were $1,239.

Four other former Mandel aides were denied reimbursement for legal fees in accordance with an accompanying recommendation from the same special committee.

The board also deferred action on another recommendation that Harold Gordon, an official with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, not be reimbursed for legal expenses incurred in an unrelated investigation.

The board asked that the Attorney General review Gordon's claim for reimbursement of $4,550 in legal expenses incurred after he was investigated on reports he accepted bribes in connection with his work licensing nursing homes and hospitals.

Gordon is chief of the health department's Division of Licensing and Certification.

The committee said both Defilippo and Mayer had requested representation by the attorney general. But were told that was impractical and that they should retain private counsel.

The committee said both men understood reimbursement for attorneys' fees would be approved by the state, and that the claims were reasonable under the circumstances.

The aides denied reimbursement were Ronald L. Schrieber, Michael Silver, Frank Harris and Maurice R. Wyatt.

The committee said attorneys for the four had bargained for and obtained immunity for their clients, an action the attorney general would not have taken.

The issue of reimbursement for the former Mandel assistants came up earlier this month at the last board of public works meeting headed by ex-Acting Gov. Blair Lee III, but action was deferred until Hughes became governor.

Hughes asked James H. Cook, a Towson attorney who headed the special committee that reviewed the claims, if state law concerning legal representation of state officials was lacking.

"Lacking? It's abysmal," he said.

He called the task "a difficult assignment," noting his three-member committee was asked to resolve the dispute after the attorney general "apparently couldn't make up his mind."

PROVIDENT GRADUATES — Four students who graduated from Provident Hospital, School of Radiology are from left: Freddie Edwards, Debbie Jenifer, Demetria Sherrill, Norman Wheeler.

Minority businessmen cite commerce chief

Secretary of Commerce Juanita. M. Kreps was honored by the board of directors of the Minority Contractors Assistance Project, Inc. (MCAP) for her role in promoting minority business development.

Following the annual meeting of the MCAP board in Washington, Secretary Kreps was presented with a plaque which cited her "steadfast, creative and energetic actions to stimulate successful minority contractor participation in the construction industry."

In presenting the award MCAP President Dickie S. Carter cited Secretary Kreps' "Effective implementation of the Local Public Works Program, which made more than $600 million in construction contracts available to some 8,000 minority contractors.

"The law required 10 percent minority participation," Carter said, "and 15 percent was achieved. Furthermore, these contracts were made available at the hurry-up pace demanded by Congress and in the face of organized and very vocal opposition.

"We knew in advance that the Local Public Works Program would draw fire from those who don't like to share the action with minority contractors," Carter said, "and last year we honored Congressman Parren Mitchell for his political leadership and daring in getting the program through Congress.

we now honor Secretary Kreps for her steadfast and forceful administration of this important program which made jobs and income available to minorities who in the past have been excluded from public construction."

Funds requested for mental hospitals

A state health department official said he will urge the Maryland General Assembly to allocate funds to bail out two state mental hospitals that may lose their accreditation.

Dr. Gary Nyman, director of health and mental hygiene for the State Health Department, said Spring Grove and Crownsville State Hospitals could lose their accreditation because of run - down and obsolete buildings.

"I think the governor and state legislature are aware of the problem," he said. "My hope is that they'll see this as a high priority and will allocate available money to improve the buildings."

Nyman said funds are available in Gov. Harry Hughes' proposed budget. But he added, "Money that's available can get shifted and the health area usually gets neglected."

He said key buildings at the hospitals "barely met the (fire and health) standards last year" and doubts they will receive federal approval this year.

"I think we may have to go through a year without accreditation unless the funds come in time," Nyman said.

Street Academy bids for full accreditation

The D.C. Street Academy at 10th and Monroe Sts., N.E., began its new year with news from the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Secondary Education that the academy is being accepted as a candidate for accreditation.

The academy's candidate status is based upon information supplied by the academy and a visit there by Dr. Frederick Aho, the associate director of the Middle States Association.

The candidate status is the preliminary step to achieving full academic accreditation for the academy. This does not mean that accreditation comes immediately; it means that the academy has from one to two years to strengthen the areas that were pointed out in Dr. Aho's report.

Additionally, the academy will be listed as a candidate school in the Middle States Association annual accredited membership publications. Also as an obligation of candidacy, the academy will nominate several staff members to serve on visiting committees to other schools on behalf of the commission.

City picked for special program to stop arson for profit crimes

Baltimore has been chosen for a pilot program aimed at curtailing arson - for - profit, a federal official said Thursday.

Federal Insurance Administrator Gloria Jimenez said the program will penalize building owners who do not repair structures damaged by fire and threaten property owners with cancellation of fire insurance if their buildings do not meet safety codes.

She said she selected Baltimore because of the city's closeness to Washington and because government and insurance industry officials take a more progressive stance toward coping with the arson problem.

The Federal Insurance Administration has reportedly been under pressure from Congress to do something about arson - for - profit, which is blamed for rising insurance costs.

The Senate permanent subcommittee on investigations is expected to issue a report soon that will be critical of the agency for failure to adopt stricter guidelines against arson.

Ms. Jimenez said the program will have two major elements: — Owners of properties that remain in violation of fire and building codes will have their fire insurance cancelled.

— A new type of insurance policy will encourage owners to repair and rebuild structures damaged by fire and will penalize owners who abandon burned - out buildings after collecting insurance.

The Maryland Joint Insurance Association, a group of companies that insure inner - city buildings in the state, has promised cooperation with federal officials.

"We've got a problem with arson that has grown horribly in the last decade," said association manager Walter Sawyer. "Arson for profit has grown even faster than the other forms of arson. And it should be noted that it has caused higher premiums for everybody."

Senate passes bill on student loans

The Senate Thursday passed a bill to raise fees paid to banks for processing Maryland student loans amidst argument on whether the measure will make more student loans available or merely increase bank profits.

The bill, passed 34-11 by the Senate, now goes to the House of Delegates.

Under the measure, banks would be paid $60 — up from the current $40 — for processing student loans. Sen. John Garrity, D-Prince George's, the sponsor of the bill, said the fees are paid by the state.

"The measure is for the benefit of students who want to help themselves get an education by seeking loans to pay for that education," Garrity said. "The loans are guaranteed by the United States and the application processing fee is paid by the state of Maryland."

He said bank studies show the cost of processing an application for a simple loan is $40, but a student loan is more complicated because of federal guidelines.

Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee Chairman J. Joseph Curran, D-Baltimore, said the bill will make more money available for student laons because banks will be more willing to make the low-interest rate loans if they are not forced to lose money on the processing fees.

He also noted that the default rate on loans made to Maryland students is only 6 percent, far below the national average.

But Sen. Fred Malkus, D-Dorchester, criticized banks that do not supply loans to needy students.

"It's cold-blooded on the part of banks not to make loans to students because it's a little bit of trouble," he said. "We're doing more for bankers than for anybody else in Maryland."

Doctor: brain circuits may trigger violence

Many criminals may have unstable brain circuits and with treatment might cease their criminal behavior, the chief psychiatrist at the University of Maryland Medical School said.

Dr. Russell Monroe said experiments have determined that 26 of the 93 prisoners studied at the Patuxent Institution are victims of "Epileptoid Explosive Disorders." He said they have tiny bits of abnormal tissue in the part of the brain that controls emotions that can trigger a chain of neurological events, culminating in violence.

The UM research revealed concentrations of people with such disorders in the state prison system, he said.

Monroe said medical officials plan to treat the afflicted prisoners upon release with psychological therapy and drugs to center at the physical disorder.

Monroe said experimental evidence gathered by UM medical scientists indicates that various brain circuit instabilities can be diagnosed through psychological tests, brain wave recordings and other examinations.

The physical mechanism that triggers the violence is similar to the one that causes epilepsy, making researchers hopeful that drugs used to treat epilepsy could be useful in treating people with "Epileptoid Explosive Disorders," he said.

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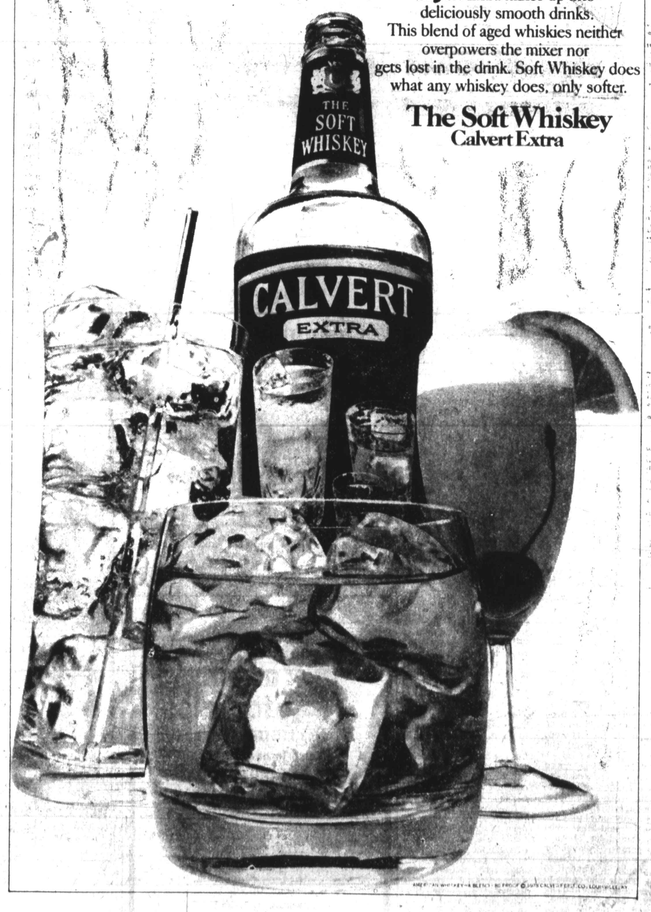

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Deltas 66th Founders' Day

Deltas seek to rebuild the black support system

By Michele L. McRae

"The child who sees his parents as strong, trustworthy and loving individuals will display the same attitudes. Those who see negative attitudes will display the same.

"As a result of 'Roots', many now realize and know that our heritage goes back more than 300 years. They now know that despite all our hardships and obstacles — we've survived.

"The black family has always been an important part of this nation's heritage. It is important and will always be important."

Attorney Frankie Muse Freeman made these remarks when she addressed some 500 members and guests on Saturday, Jan. 20 attending the 66th Founders' Day observance of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

She was speaking to the theme: "Rebuilding the Black Support System through a Personal Commitment to Public Service."

The theme was developed when Deltas felt they should provide a forum for assisting blacks in their striving to uphold and protect those rich traditions and ideals that have sustained blacks rather than be wiped away with the tide that seems to be breaking down the Black Support System.

Atty. Freeman stressed to the audience that it is important for blacks to get involved in decision making policy.

"We must seek to make government appreciate the strength of the black family. We must seek to get better child care services for our children. Child care is not a luxury, but a necessity.

"Child care is not only for working mothers, but benefits working fathers as well.

In her captivating address, Atty. Freeman also spoke to the problems of representation of blacks working for an represented by the media.

"Minorities and women continue to be underestimated by society because of the poor representation we have there. Blacks continue to be underemployed by the media and stereotyping of blacks continues to be an insult to our heritage."

She encouraged the audience to get moving to change as many of these things as possible.

"It is only us that can make the change — no one will do it for us."

How to develop a Black Support System? Atty. Freeman answered, "We must continue to do what we've been doing, but do more. We must press for the elimination of things that have always plagued us as a people. We must fight for better representation behind the screens and on the screens."

Recipients of the Annual Founders' Day awards were presented to Deltas who have exemplified by their continuous and devoted service, the goals and ideals of the 22 founders of Delta.

Honorees included Dr. Gwendolyn Cooke, Sallie Fletcher, Anne Fuller, T Jon Hill, Ethel Hucles, and Mae Wright Peck.

Deltas who have also demonstrated through their continuous and devoted service, the goals and ideals of the 22 Delta founders were given a special "Golden Heritage Recognition Award."

Those members included Bernice Brandson, Mae Chamberlain, Ellen Fisher, Sallie Fletcher, Rubye Gill, T Jon Hill, Ethel Hucles, Alice Parham, Mae Wright Peck, Ruth Rosedom, Gladys Sheppard, Gladys Sims, Mary Spellman, Vivian Washington and Beryl Williams.

Leah G. Hasty served as chairperson of Founders' Day along with Martha Bradford and Alice Shelton as co-chairpersons.

Other committee members included: Rosemary Atkinson, Dorothy Barrick, Laura Byrd, June Chapman, Rita Cooper, Thelma Cox, Rosemary Backus-Davis, Mary Demory, Janice Forrest, Anne Fuller;

Also, Sara Gwaltney, Ellen Howard, Sara Howell, Lousonia Jefferson, Delores Jessup, Virginia Johns, Aloha McCullough, Kathie McLaughlin, Mabel Murray, Doris Nash, Hazel Parks, Vera Proctor;

And, Sara Smalley, Joan Taylor, Ruth Travis, Rosita Uncles, Maggie Wiggins, Delores Winston and Julia Woodland.

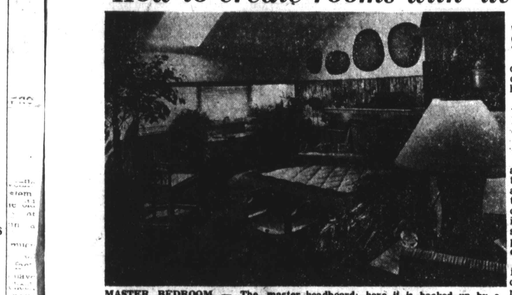
Officers of the Baltimore Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. include: Laura Knight, president; Sara Smalley, first vice-president; Hazel Parks, second vice-president; Hattie Stevens, third vice-president;

Kathie McLaughlin, recording secretary; Mary Demory, corresponding secretary; Rosemary Atkinson, financial secretary; Laura Byrd, treasurer; Julia Woodland, assistant treasurer;

Regina Bernard, journalist; Thelma Cox, historian; Adele Dutton parliamentarian; Doris Nach, sergeant-at-arms and Anette Hall, chaplain.

ATTORNEY FRANKIE MUSE FREEMAN — The only black Civil Rights Commissioner, Attorney Frankie Muse Freeman was the guest speaker for the 66th Founders' Day Luncheon, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. on Saturday, Jan. 20 at Blue Crest North. Pictured from (L) are members of the organization: Alice Shelton, luncheon co-chairperson; Laura Knight, president; Mrs. Freeman; Chapelle Armstead, Eastern Regional Director; Leah Hasty, luncheon chairperson and Martha Bradford, luncheon co-chairperson.

How to create rooms with 'living' potential and like it



MASTER BEDROOM — The master bedroom can reflect your own personal status. A haven for privacy and relaxation, the right furnishings will turn it into a place to use more often than just eight hours a night. One of the most innovative designs of our time is the storage headboard; here it is backed up by a bamboo wall covering that stretches a short wall. A bedroom of typical dimensions is also made to look larger by simplifying the window treatment with Levelor blinds.

Viable — a word misused, abused with over-use — still means what its derivation implies: livable . . . workable.

How many interiors displayed in department stores, model homes, or other areas do you see that really have a practical quality?

No matter how glamorous room vignettes are, home furnishings have to "earn their own rent." Most of us can't afford the time or money to create the super situations we witness in professional showcasing.

Armstrong interior designers are aware of the need to inspire, but at the same time appreciate that almost everyone needs ideas on how to eliminate elaborate revisions and costly remodeling. In these illustrations they offer helpful suggestions on how to get professional effects with minimal expense.

The first bit of advice concerns itself with wall space. Shelves to the ceiling provide storage for necessities and niceties. By lifting the eye to higher levels, there is visual balance to furniture weight on the floor.

Strategic placement of furniture itself can also help "architect" a room. Coaxing sofas away from their traditional place against the wall (see photo) and staging them at angles delineates conversation areas and establishes intimacy.

Dual-function furniture is a must to help provide a quart of living in a pint-sized apartment (apologies — the metric system!). A parsons table desk is a dutiful, practical addition and stylish trios of tables that double as end or cocktail tables are excellent investments.

New wall systems from Founders and Thomasville, stacked to 78" door height, can literally wrap around a room to look like authentic built-ins. Regardless of how stingy your living space is, certain basic storage and serving units will permit you to live and entertain quite comfortably.

There is a trend lately to the undressed window, and some designers predict that the drapery has seen its day. True or not, where a premium is placed on sunlight and air, the barer the windows — the better. This is particularly true when you consider the viability of plants in a room. Living plants, blossoms, or trees indoors is proof that somebody cares . . . somebody loves. They're an important part of every decor — the "liveliest" part!

Collins heads Caucus

Rep. Cardiss Collins, D-Ill., is the new chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus. Mrs. Collins was elected Jan. 24, succeeding Rep. Parren Mitchell, D-Md.

The chairmanship is considered one of the nation's most powerful positions since it represents black clout in Congress.

The caucus is composed of all 17 black House members. Mrs. Collins and Rep. Shirley Chisholm, D-N.Y., are the two women on the caucus.

R.S.V.P.

By Marie Phillips - Cooke
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Lest we sometimes forget . . . about those individuals who helped lay the foundation which has enabled us to be where we are today. We forget.

Lest we sometimes forget . . . how our forefathers and mothers sacrificed, did without many of those things we simply take for granted today. We forget.

Lest we sometimes forget . . . about how they stood up amidst a society, — that would have rather seen them die than live — unprotected by civil rights laws, and sang the songs of freedom. We forget.

So to set aside days to commemorate those leaders of the past whose legacies yet live are extremely important, especially to us as a people whose history was literally disregarded by the masses and lay hidden in the bowels of the Motherland, slave ships and these American soils until just recently.

To spend a day a year to say "thank you" to the trail - blazers of yesteryear and to recommitt oneself to the fulfillment of their visions is what founders' days are (or should be) all about.

Delta Sigma Theta Baltimore Alumnae Chapter President Laura M. Knight, has similar thoughts:

"In an era when ideas and institutions which originate in the black community are often discredited, 66 years of Delta are certainly a tribute to our founders' purposes and visions.

"Too often it is indicated that the price we must pay to enter the mainstream of American life is to leave behind our institutions, our schools and colleges, our press and our organizations.

". . . we pause here to say to the founders, with whose presence God continues to grace us, and in memory to those founders who have passed on to His eternal care, 'thank you' for giving us Delta Sigma Theta as a vehicle through which we may continue to contribute to each other and to the communities in which Deltas live."

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Committment is the major component of success. The event was successful due to the tireless and continuous efforts of those who were committed to the cause.

By combining the gifts and talents of the sorors with those of some of Baltimore's outstanding leaders, Delta once again upheld its identity — a public service sorority.

A panel discussion followed the keynote by Attorney Frankie M. Freeman, member, U.S. Civil Rights Commission (see Delta article by Michele L. McRae), was an added dimension to the program. Panelists were: Dr. Andrew Billingsley, president, Morgan State University; Dr. Rebecca E. Carroll, deputy superintendent, Baltimore City Public Schools; Rev. Dr. John R. Bryant, pastor, Bethel AME Church; Thelma Cox, superintendent, Region II, Baltimore City Public Schools and Judge Robert Bell, Baltimore City Housing Court; Baltimore attorney William Murphy served as moderator.

Panelists were asked to share with the audience their reflections of the speaker's message and or their views on how the black support system can be strengthened.

Attorney Murphy opened the discussion by addressing what he sees as a fundamental support system problem: communication between black people. "The link (between blacks) is by expression and communication whereby we can generate a more accurate view of ourselves. We live apart from one another . . . we're no longer next door neighbors like we used to be.

"We are threatened by fear," said Murphy. "We're now beset by a new kind of fear. Now that we are higher up on the ladder, we're more afraid of losing our jobs. We're afraid of stepping outside of the pattern (while.)

"We have assumed a defensive posture. We don't want to point out to ourselves those things which are wrong," which Murphy referred to as "airing our dirty linen in public."

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Sigmas continue to build bridges into the eighties

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority

When Baltimore got its first real snow of the year a few weeks back the streets and highways in many parts of Maryland were very wet and icy. Many Baltimoreans decided to stay in the house instead of daring out into the bad weather, but members of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. and friends were bold!

They got into their cars wearing boots, carrying their shoes and made their way to the Hunt Valley Inn to the 65th Anniversary Founders' Day of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity.

There were three chapters of the national culture and service organization celebrating together. They include the Zeta Sigma Chapter, the Epsilon Nu Sigma Chapter and the Zeta Sigma Chapter.

"Building Bridges into the Eighties" was the theme for the observance. It was addressed by Dr. Rufus Barfield, president of Bowie State College and also a member of the fraternity.

Special awards presented included the Distinguished Service Achievement Award received by Dr. Rufus Barfield, guest speaker; Education Award to Dr. George Crawford; Bigger and Better Business Award to Robert Clay, a Laurel contractor, and the Social Action Award to Dr. Harold Carter.

Guilbert A. Daley of the Zeta Sigma Chapter was inducted into the Distinguished Service Key Chapter of the fraternity for outstanding service to the fraternity, the community and his vocation.

Highlight of the Founders' Day event was the presentations by Miss Isidra Hightower of New York City. The piano soloist rendered beautiful selections of Serge Rachmaninoff.

She is a student at our Savior Lutheran High School and the Common Sheppard School of Music.

The Founders' Day Planning Committee included Clifton Felton, general chairman, Zeta Alpha Sigma; Marvin Cheatem, awards, Epsilon Nu Sigma; Guilbert A. Daley, program chairman, Zeta Sigma; Vernon F. Greene, business manager, Zeta Alpha Sigma;

Ernest W. Lee, committee treasurer, Zeta Sigma; Parlett L. Moore, printing, Zeta Sigma; Samuel B. Newton, and Edward Wilkins, Zeta Sigma and Elijah Williams, secretary, Epsilon Nu Sigma.

Joseph Wiles is president of Zeta Sigma Chapter; Marvin Cheatem, president, Epsilon Nu Sigma and Clifton Felton, president, Zeta Alpha Sigma.

Alpha Alpha Sigma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. recently held its annual national Carver Commemoration at the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church. The Commemorative Committee was chaired by Julia Medley and co-chaired by Hortense Franklin. Other persons on the committee were Vivian Stanfield, Carolyn Robinson, Brenda Black, Eliza Diggs and Sarah Rose.

Basileus Reba Matthews gave the purpose of the program.

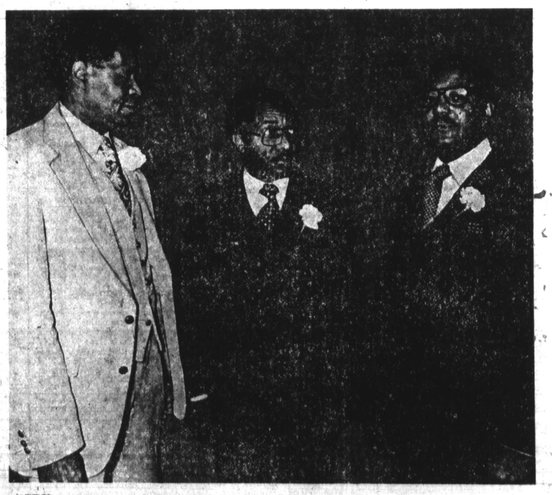
Sigma's theme, "Self - Help vs. Youth's Development" was explicitly carried out by their guest speaker, Dr. Samuel L. Banks, coordinator of Social Studies in the Baltimore City Public Schools.

Dr. Banks' topic for the occasion was "Dr. George Washington Carver a Believer in Excellence: A Challenge for Youths."

Some of the highlights of the program were the prelude and postlude rendered by Mrs. Clara Green, a music specialist in the Baltimore County Schools; a dramatic presentation of Carver's favorite poem, "Equipment" by Mary West Miller; a beautiful solo by James Green Jr., a music teacher in the Baltimore City Public Schools.

The invocation and the benediction were given by the Rev. Reginald Daniels of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church.

After the program the guests went to the social hall for a reception and to view the exhibits depicting Carver as a humanitarian, an educator, and a scientist.



SIGMA'S FOUNDERS' DAY — Dr. Rufus Barfield, president of Bowie State College was the guest speaker at the 65th Founders' Day observance of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. held Jan. 13 at the Hunt Valley Inn. Shown from (L) are Clifton Felton, general chairperson; Dr. Rufus Barfield; and Guilbert A. Daley, program chairperson.

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