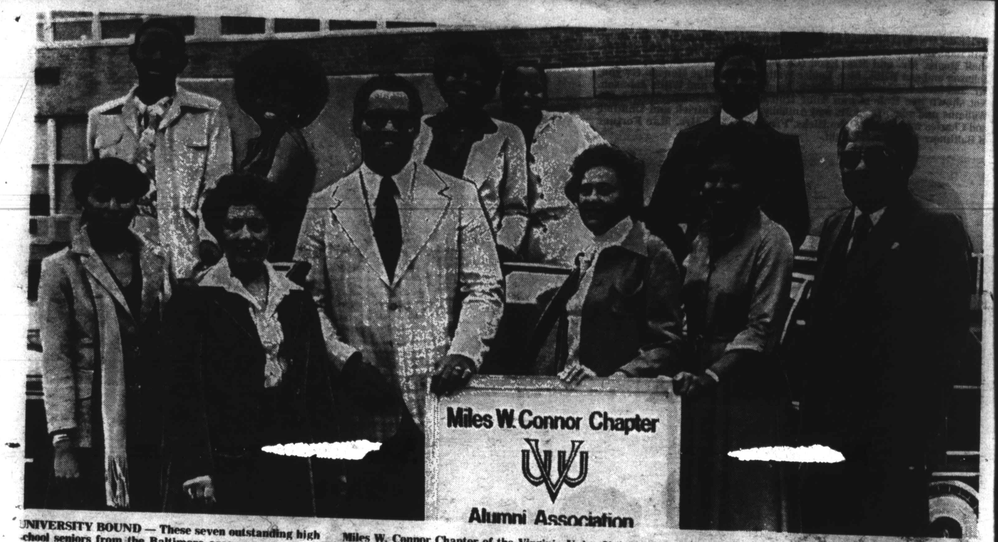

UNIVERSITY BOUND — These seven outstanding high school seniors from the Baltimore area were guests of the Virginia Union University in Richmond, Va. Activities for the scholarship candidates included a tour of the university facilities, an opportunity to meet with the university president, as well as being special guests for lunch and dinner. The students made the trip in a 1979 Cadillac limousine. The occasion was sponsored by the Miles W. Connor Chapter of the Virginia Union University Alumni Association, Baltimore. Shown (rear, L to R) are: Cheisie Davis Jr., Woodlawn High School; Denise Knight, Sharen Hepderson, Danita George, Edmondson High School and Kevin Gresham, Polytechnic. (Front, L to R) Dawn Valentine, Walbrook High School; Mrs. Sue Jones, principal, Edmondson High School; Harlow Fullwood Jr. of Woodmoor, chapter president; Mrs. Dorothy Dorsey, senior guidance counselor, Edmondson High School; Geraldine Pearson, Edmondson High School and the Rev. James Thomas, director of Recruitment and Alumni Affairs, Virginia Union University. Last week seven other students shared a similar experience. Forty students will matriculate at VUU from the Baltimore area in the fall of 1979.

Photos by Glasco Ryales

Virginia Union University Alumni Reunions

13 classes bring former students across the nation back to Old VUU

RICHMOND, Va. — Virginia Union University at Richmond will receive some 40 1979 graduates from nine Baltimore high schools when school opens in September.

Virginia Union will also be somewhat richer due to the presentation of an $11,000 check on behalf of the Baltimore Miles W. Connor Alumni Association at their May meeting.

Harlow Fullwood Jr., president of the Baltimore chapter, made the announcement at the Alumni Weekend on the Richmond, Va. campus May 5.

Fullwood of Baltimore was elected vice-president of the International Alumni Asso. of Virginia Union and Mrs. Mary Redd of Richmond was elected president.

There were 13 reunion classes from all areas of the nation present during the gala reunion weekend. Activities included a reception at the home of Dr. Allix B. James, college president; alumni breakfast, the annual meeting of each class and the international chapter and the final banquet.

At the Alumni Banquet which honored the 13 reunion classes, Fullwood received two standing ovations when he presented, on behalf of the Miles W. Connor Chapter, engraved awards to Dr. John M. Ellison, university chancellor and former president of VUU and Dr. John L. S. Holloman Jr., president of the VUU Board of Trustees.

Also, a World Clock was presented to Dr. Allix B. James, president of VUU. Nine other presentations were made to various faculty and staff members of VUU.

The highlight of the occasion was the check in the amount of $11,000 presented to the university on behalf of the chapter for the year 1978-79 which represented the fifth consecutive year the Miles W. Connor Chapter who attended the gala weekend were Alvin M. Henderson, chapter treasurer; attorney DeHaven Smith and Audrey M. Hopkins.

The Miles W. Connor Baltimore chapter was founded by the late Dr. Miles W. Connor and later named in his memory. Currently there are 65 active members.

VIRGINIA UNION UNIVERSITY, Baltimore, officers of the Miles W. Connor Chapter, join hands after presenting VUU with a check for $11,000 to lead all other alumni chapters in fund raising for the fifth consecutive year. (L to R) Alvin S. Henderson, treasurer; Mrs. Emma M. Jones, secretary; Harlow Fullwood Jr., president; Mrs. Martha E. Valentine, corresponding secretary and David S. Jones, vice-president.

Orioles keep hanging in there!

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Shot, thrown in tub and left to drown

A&P bakery worker found in Wakefield apartment

On the morning of Wednesday, May 23 someone shot Bruce Edward Cobbs at close range in the bathroom of his apartment, dumped his body fully clothed into the tub, turned the water on and calmly walked away, leaving police with a baffling murder on their hands.

Scene of this homicide was the fashionable W... complex in northwest Baltimore, a housing development whose radio commercials state proudly "that moving in is "the day you change your lifestyle, you are moving up."

For Cobbs, a 28-year-old A&P bakery employee, that can no longer be.

His body was discovered at 11 a.m. Wednesday after neighbors reported their apartments were being flooded. A maintenance man traced the source of the leak could not unlock the front door of the Cobbs apartment and had to climb to the balcony, kick in the terrace door.

When he opened the bathroom door, he found the victim in the tub with the water still running. The maintenance worker told police he could not turn the water off because the tap was broken.

Police said Cobbs was lying in the tub face up with his feet at the top of the tub near the spigot and hanging out of the tub. His head was at the bottom of the tub but not submerged in the water, reports said.

Cobbs was dressed in a hat, white shirt, blue denim pants, black socks and white shoes. According to the York Mrs. Gail Cobbs, the victim's wife, told police that when she left for work at 6:10 a.m. and the victim was in the bed asleep, but not dressed.

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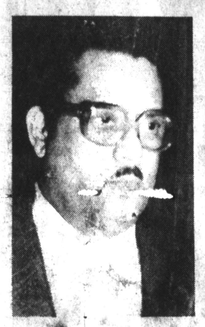
Rev. Silver, Mrs. Betty Johnson re-elected to top Baptist posts



Rev. Dr. Matthew Silver

Mrs. Betty Johnson

The Rev. Dr. Matthew R. Silver was re-elected as president of the United Missionary Convention and Auxiliaries of Maryland.

The 53rd annual session is being held at Leadenhall Baptist Church, 1021 Leadenhall St., where the Rev. Dr. Eddie R. Wilson is pastor. Mrs. Betty Johnson was also re-elected as president of the women's auxiliary of the convention.

The Rev. James Alexander Forbes Jr., associate professor of Worship and Homiletics, Union Theological Seminary of New Y... is the main speaker for the convention.

The four day convention ends today, Friday with the president presiding at the 7 p.m. service. The theme for this year's convention is "Close Encounters, Christ, The Center." President Silver delivered his annual address on Tuesday and the installation of officers was also held.

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18 rape center counselors fired for supporting black executive

By Clarence W. Hunter
AFRO Staff Writer

How do you fire a volunteer?

This is what Doris Terrell, volunteer coordinator for the Baltimore Center for Victims of Sexual Assault (formerly the Rape Crisis Center) would like to know.

She was sacked by the center's board of directors because they said her work and goals were "at such variance with the organization" that to have her continue "would be detrimental to both you (Ms. Terrell) and the center."

Not only was Ms. Terrell given the boot but some 18 of the 21 volunteer counselors who devoted their time to the center were also fired.

They were dismissed because they questioned the board's action and supported Ms. Terrell.

As a result Ms. Terrell, a city school official, and the 18 volunteers who sided with her have banded together to form their own organization, the Rape Counseling Clinic Inc.

The agency which dismissed them is now without staff and the only thing currently available to help victims of rape and other sexual assaults is a phone recorded message that says "No counselor is available at this time" and that "emergency calls will be returned as soon as possible."

The AFRO learned that Terrell was fired by the board March 21.

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Doris Terrell

GAS FORECAST—HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Maryland motorists can be assured of having enough gasoline to get them to vacation spots this Memorial Day weekend if they stay within the 55 mph speed limit, a state energy official said.

Don Milsten, state energy police director, said motorists have to realize that exceeding the 55 mph speed limit wastes gas. He said motorists who maintain the speed limit could save more than 20 percent of their fuel.

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All city agencies, schools and libraries will be closed Wednesday, May 30 in observance of Memorial Day.

There will be no trash collection. However, parking meters must be fed.

Federal offices and the Social Security Administration will be open Wednesday, May 30. They will be closed Monday, May 28.

Baltimore County offices, schools and libraries will also be closed Wednesday, May 30. There will be no trash collection.

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New downtown development rents will be too high for most folks

By Fred Hines
AFRO Staff Writer

Housing units in a proposed $170 million complex in the Camden section of Baltimore would cost too much for low and moderate income residents to rent, an official of one of the development firms involved told the AFRO this week.

Martin Millspaugh, president of the Charles Center - Inner Harbor Management, Inc., reported that the initial housing units consisting of 75 condominium apartments are scheduled for completion by late 1981.

"All of the housing will be unsubsidized," Millspaugh said. "Anybody below the middle income level will have a hard time affording them. The cost of the housing units will be what apartments rent for two years from now."

With continuing inflation this could be $600 a month.

The housing units will be part of a project that would redevelop the Camden yards of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and a portion of the Inner Harbor West Renewal area into an office - residential complex.

The area encompasses about 22 acres, including 14.5 acres owned by the railroad and 7.5 acres owned by the city, requiring an investment of over $170 million in private funds.

The project to be developed in stages over the next 10 to 12 years, would include 1.1 million square feet of office space, 700 residential units, a 500 - room hotel, expansion space to support the office and residential land uses.

Mayor William D. Schaefer said he is pleased that this property appears headed for a return to the city's tax rolls (railroad rights of way are tax exempt) and that a number of jobs will be created.

"The project is expected to generate at least $4 million a year in tax revenue," Millspaugh said.

The project should create at least 1,000 construction jobs. Millspaugh said contracts for the construction of the facility would be let on an affirmative action basis where minority contractors would be given a certain amount of work.

The proposal is based on a plan and program worked out in a cooperative undertaking between Charles Center - Inner Harbor Management, Inc., and Camden Station Associates.

The total project, if approved by the city, would cover an area two - thirds as large as the original Charles Center Urban Renewal project.

Discussions have been under way for more than a year between the Chessie interests and representatives of Charles Center - Inner Harbor Management, the city's downtown development arm.

Now the city will allow 30 days of public comment — including any alternative proposals — before deciding to give Chessie exclusive negotiating rights for development of the land.

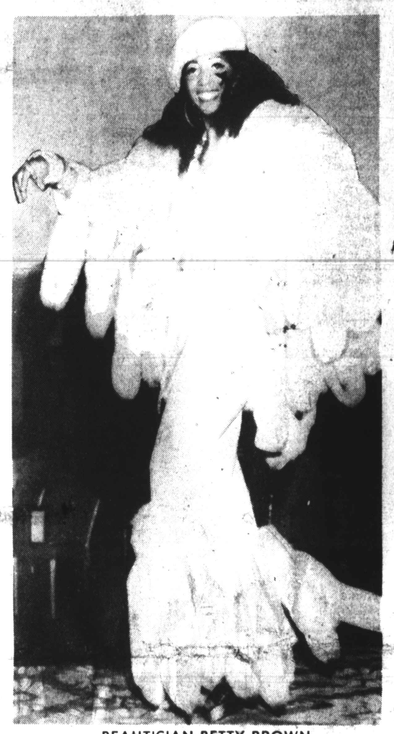
Don't miss Provident day at Mondawmin!

The Community Fund Raising Committee of Provident Hospital headed by Mrs. Vashti Christmas is holding Provident Day in Mondawmin Mall Shopping Center Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Doctors and nurses will be on hand to explain various services of the hospital.

Leroy Moore and various sports celebrities will be on hand to conduct one - on - one basketball contests.

There will be balloons and snacks on sale as well as baked goods. Black - eyed Susans will be on sale made by AFRO Clean Block leaders and senior citizens from the Waxter Center.



BEAUTICIAN BETTY BROWN

Betty Brown's ★

By Ida Peters

Beauty Culture can be a very exciting, challenging, and rewarding experience, if you let it be. It doesn't have to be "just that plain old ordinary job". Through dedication, admiration, and a thorough knowledge of this field, it can only be a profession held in the highest regard.

This is the expressed opinion of Miss Betty Brown, one of Maryland's finest hairstylists, owner and operator of Betty's Beauty Salon.

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Reeves: it's official

He made it official this week.

Everybody knew he was going to run for a seat in the 5th Councilmanic District.

They knew when he came in fourth in 1971, and they knew it in 1975 when he came in fourth again losing in the primary by a little more than 400 votes after a man whose name happened to be the same as his entered the race and pulled some of his votes, a play conceived by the late Jack Pollack, the political boss.

When that happened they knew he would be back on the campaign trail.

But to hear some of his friends tell it, though, he had never really left the political arena.

Norman V.A. Reeves is determined to become the first black city councilman from the 5th District an area that is 50 percent black.

Now 44, Reeves stood in front of the World Trade Center on an overcast day this week and declared what everybody knew — that he was a candidate for the 5th District seat.

Norman Reeves

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Clayton James dies

Clayton Theodore James, 56, a well - known labor union official, businessman and civic leader died May 22.

The family will receive friends May 25, 7 p.m. at Douglas Memorial Community Church, Lafayette and Madison Avenue. Funeral services will be held at the church at 8 p.m.

James was an active member of Douglas Memorial Church and president of its usher board and a member of the board of trustees. He was also actively involved in the renovation of the Douglas Memorial Housing Project.

Relatives state James was working in his yard at home on Tuesday when he had a heart attack.

Born in Florence, S.C., James was a 1942 graduate of Douglas

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Clayton James Sr.

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