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BG&E helps area residents with energy problems

By Pinnie L. Ross

Howard county is one of the counties which has accepted an offer of the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company to assist low-income households meet increased energy costs and to insure deliveries of fuel and continued utility service.

The Energy Crisis Assistance Program is administered by the Howard County Community Action Council.

The Baltimore Gas and Electric Company has set up a fund of approximately $200,000 that will be used to match any private funds raised within Howard County or offered in payment of the needy ratepayer.

The assistance came from the Federal Community Service Administration and HEW.

Recognizing the energy crisis facing many families in Howard County, the county executive, Hugh Nicols has appointed a citizens committeeto solicit contributions from the private community sector for the Baltimore Gas and Electric matching funds.

Funds raised from these efforts will be administered by the community action council under the direction of the citizens committee.

The following names were recommended for the Fuel Committee by Mr. Dorothy L. Moore, program director for the community action council sent to the county executive, and approved: attorney Richard Talking, Mrs. Celonia Walden, James W. King, Mrs. Pinnie L. Ross, chairperson; Mrs. Mickie Dunham, the Rev. Lon Chessnutt, co-chairperson, and Roger Carter.

To be eligible for ECAP a family of four can earn no more than $8,375 per year and a household must be spending at least 8 percent of its income on fuel or energy.

If a person qualified, he will be paid up to $250 for energy. If one heats with fuel oil it will be possible for him to set up credit with his fuel dealer.

For those under energy circumstances it might be possible to provide food, medical care and clothing.

Woodlawn Highlights

NAACP State Conference holds 4th annual MLK seminar

By Majorie R. Green

The State Conference of NAACP Branches recently held its fourth Annual Martin Luther King Seminar and Luncheon at the Asbury United Methodist Church in Annapolis.

Several resolutions were passed which endorsed immediate action by all branches to flood the governors office with letters and mailgrams opposing the merger of Morgan State University into the University of Maryland system.

Resolutions were also passed regarding support of the D.C. Voting Rights Amendment.

Ms. Josie Bass, Prince George County NAACP President, and former member of the governor's staff was one of the luncheon program participants. Ms. Bass later introduced congressional Delegate Walter Fauntleroy as the keynote speaker.

Plans have been finalized for the April 19, NAACP Celebrity Benefit Ball to be held at the Hunt Valley Inn. The $30 subscriptions will include $5 for NAACP membership in the branch where the ticket holder lives.

The proposed theme will center around a tribute to black business in Maryland. Mrs. Bette Dowdy, executive secretary for the State Conference is chairperson.

Joe Bond is co-chairperson.

Members of the Freedom Chapter, American Business Women's Association (ABWA) have selected Mrs. Verna Day, SSA, as their Business Woman of the Year.

The Greater Baltimore Chapter of Blacks In Government will meet at Provident Hospital auditorium Wednesday, Feb. 13, at 5:30 p.m.

The Woodlawn Toastmistress Club will sponsor its annual Speech Contest at noon, Saturday, Feb. 16 at downtown Holiday Inn. Ms. Dorothy Brown is chairperson. Mrs. Martha Puryear is club president.

Ms. Eve Lynn Jones, claims authorizer in the Office of Disability Operations was recently named one of the Outstanding Young Women of America for 1979 in recognition of her outstanding service to the community.

Ms. Jones has been working as coordinator of programs for handicapped students. She was nominated for the award by the dean of students at Towson State University.

FAREWELL TO ELEANER

It was just four months ago when friends and co-workers attended a farewell dinner party held for Mrs. Eleaner L. Anderson at the Holiday Inn, Belmont on the occasion of her retirement from the Social Security Administration.

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KIMBERLY CHAMBERS AND MYOAH BAILEY air fashions at the annual Founders' Day observance of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. held at the Provident Hospital auditorium on Jan. 27.

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LOCAL JACK AND JILL CHARTER MEMBERS pictured at their annual Founders' Day observance of Jack and Jill of America Inc., are seated (L to R) Mesdames W.A.C. Hughes, Sadie Marshall Douglass and Frances Hill. Standing are (L to R): Mesdames F. Walter Shervington, Zaidee Koger, Nellie Moore, Doris Oswell and Shirley Hill, president.

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By Pattie Hodges, AFRO Staff Writer

Post - Holiday dinner party is elegant fun

Mrs. Lilian Yates, a resident of the Marlborough Apts., 1701 Eutaw Place was the charming hostess at ther annual post - Christmas dinner in the Banquet Suite, One Sixteen Marlborough Room recently.

There was much lively chatter and many warm wishes were exchanged among her family, friends and neighbors attending this festive bash!

The room was beautifully decorated and a delicious menu was served to guests by the gourmet caterers, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett, along with egg nog and other sippables in keeping with the season.

Corsages of red and white were pinned on the ladies as they arrived and boutinneres on the men.

Highlight of the evening was the music furnished by Donald Jiggetts and the solos rendered by Charlie Parker of Trinity AME Church. An evening of pleasure and elegance was enjoyed by all.

Guests included: Mrs. Josephine Cole, co - hostess and the 94 - year - old mother of Mrs. Yates; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Johnson, (Gladys); Mr. and Mrs. Dave Jones (Flossie); Mrs. Henrietta Scott, Mrs. Dorothy Ferrabee and Freddie Jones.

Also Messeurs and Mesdames Charles Page, and Louis Tate; Mesdames Merry Mosby, Frances Stuart, Jeanette Spriggs, Maggie Bowser, Alice West, Nellie Brown, Josephine Cole, Nannie Dunnock.

—Sigma

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Grand Epistoleus, Vivian D. Tillman, of Rocky Mount, N. C. conducted the workshop on public relations and community involvement and Soror Laura Hawkins, of Philadelphia, Pa. conducted the undergraduate workshop.

Other workshops were involved with membership development, national youth projects, Sigma's activities, vocational guidance, national programs, planning, policy and procedures, recommendations, the status of women and historical repertoire.

During the luncheon period the undergraduate hostess chapters, (Beta Tau, Gamma Mu, Gammi Rhi and Eta Xi) entertained the visting sorors.

Alpha Alpha Sigma, the Baltimore chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc., acted as host chapter for the

JACK and JILL

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Mesdames Juanita Gates, Muriel Johnson and Gloria Stokes were presented plaques for outstanding service to the Baltimore chapter through the years.

Four past presidents, Mesdames Carolyn Willis, Marion Patterson, Juanita Gates and Catherine Howard, received certificates of appreciation.

Recognition was given to Mrs. Ida Murphy Peters, first editor of the national publication of Jack and Jill of America, "Up the Hill," and also a charter member.

Mrs. Blanche Hughes, past national program director, was also given special recognition.

A reception immediately following the program was hosted by the Founders' Day Committee. Members were Mesdames Anastatia Benton, chairperson; Flossie Johnson, co-chairperson; Gwendolyn Lindsay, Ruth Sheffey, Doris Holmes, Edwin Burke, Anne Davis, Sarah Gray, Joan Powell, Irma Holmes and Mazie Rea.

Jack and Jill of America Inc. is a non-profit service organization dedicated to the interests of children.

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First local black female law firm is alive and doing well

PARTNERS - IN - LAW — Two females who have formed a the first black female law partnership are Ms. Valerie Watts - James, (L), and Ms. Eileen Carpenter, (R). Their firm, Watts - James and Carpenter 12 E. Pleasant St., is so far, quite successful.

Two enterprising young women have pooled their intelligence and expertise to form what is the first black female law partnership in the Baltimore area. Ms. Valerie Watts-James and Ms. Eileen A. Carpenter, of Watts-James and Carpenter are the two precedent-setting women. Ms. Watts-James is a graduate of Douglass High School, the University of Maryland, Eastern Shore, summa Cum laude. She received a master's degree in history from Georgia State University, magna cum laude, and her juris doctor from the University of Maryland, 1977. She has served as assistant director of Echo House Foundation, investigator for the Human Relations Commission (housing discrimination), a clerk with Judge Robert Watts in Domestic Relations Court, assistant city solicitor for Baltimore and Assistant states attorney for Anne Arundel County.

Her community and political involvements include general counsel for OIC, Anne Arundel County, Alcoholism Advisory Counsel, Anne Arundel County, fourth vice president and general counsel for University of Maryland, Eastern Shore National Alumni Association, National Women's Political Caucus, Advisory Board for Annapolis Youth Services and the Anne Arundel County Commission for Women.

She is also a member of the Monumental Bar Association, Maryland Sta te Bar Association, the National Bar Association and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

Ms. Carpenter grew up in Nashville, Tenn. and graduated from Cathedral High School as valedictorian. She graduated with a major in physics from Vanderbilt University in 1969 and received her juris doctor from the University of Maryland in 1977.

Her employment experience includes associate engineer for Westinghouse Electric Corp., partner in the marketing and consulting firm of ACS Associates Inc., clerkships with Judge Harry A. Cole and Judge Milton B. Allen, attorney in the law firm of William H. Murphy Jr. and assistant city solicitor for Baltimore.

Active also in community and political affairs, Ms. Carpenter is second vice preisent for the Monumental Bar Association, a member of the Attorney Grievance Commission, the American Bar Association and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

Ms. Carpenter is also a member of the bar of Washington, D.C. For the past four years she has been active in the campaign of Norman V.A. Reeves, 5th District councilman.

Ms. Carpenter and Ms. Watts-James met while they were law students at University of Maryland and became friends while clerking for judges on the Supreme Bench.

Their goal is to develop a specialized firm in the area of family law, including domestic relations work (divorce, separation, child custody) and estate and trust work.

At present, their practice is a general practice and in addition to the areas mentioned, it includes accident and workmen's compensation claims and corporate law.

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Special to the AFRO, by Liz Williams

The Big Sisters Inc. held their Founders Day Luncheon at the Broadview Restaurant on Saturday, February 2, at which time they honored, roasted and toasted Co - Founder Bettye Murphy Moss and Charter members Ida Nixon Nicholas and Lucille Ward Brown.

Iris Williams the vice president, was the mistress of ceremony at this memorable occasion. casion.

The opening prayer was given by a second generation Big Sister, Rev. Marie Braxton.

Ida was roasted by Mae Chamberlain, Bettye by Liz Williams and Lucille by Imogene Douglas.

The serious and humorous incidents in their lives were told along with their many civic contributions and personal accomplishments.

The honorees were presented corsages with the club colors, red and white and silver engraved loving cups.

This happy occasion was an opportunity for old friends to get together, many who had not seen each other in years. These gals have been blessed to have lived so long and still looking good.

The closing prayer was given by former Big Sister Edith Roberts Shorter.

The hostesses were Lil Slater, Phyliss Shamwell, Iris Williams and Irma Givens.

Former Big Sisters and charter members present were: Lucy Wilson Gallordo, Bea Lindsey Wright (Co founder), Lucy Holt Bradford, Roberta Coleman Keets, Gladys Jackson Parker, Esther Young Blake, Pauline Hackett Pullen and Edith Roberts Shorter.

Former charter members not present were Jeannette Day Smith. (due to illness), Margaret Harris Nixon, Neil Dudson, Hilda Orr Fortune (Florida), Theresa Weaver, and Dorothy Smith (New York). Margurite Roberts Nixon is deceased.

The guests who helped to celebrate this happy occasion were: Loretta Byers, Courtney Valentine, Isoline Crowner, Hazel Bailey, Eleanor Annis, Margery Prout, Ellen Fisher, Esther Hudson and Gladys Gorss.

Lil Slater gave the history of the Big Sisters and presented a large scrap book which contained pictures, invitations and news items which had been collected by the various members throughout the 43 years. Congratulations to Lil for a job well done. She put many hours and energy into this project.

Now for a bit of history about the Big Sisters. The club was founded by Bea Lindsey Wright and Bettye Murphy Moss in Bea's Brantley Avenue home in 1937.

Their ideas of civic and community involvement and civic needs were shared with other friends.

They called themselves the Big Sisters and this is what they are all about - a true, loving and dedicated sisterhood.

A follow up on this group will appear soon so that our readers know about their missions and community involvement in all areas.

The present members of the club are: Bettye Moss, president; Iris Williams, vice president; Wendy Robinson, secretary; Ida Nicholas, treasurer; Imogene Douglas, financial secretary.

Also Glodine Adams, Ernestine Bland, Charlene Boston, Willa Bouldin, Marie Braxton, Vivien Burnett, Mae Chamberlain, Lucille Brown, Imogene Douglas, Norma Felder, Bernita Fuller, Sara Giles, Irma Givens, Frankie Hinchen, Madora LaForse.

Also Gladys Parker, Ernestine Press. Mary Robinson, Wendy Robinson, Phyliss Shamwell, Lilyan Slater, Cathryn Stanford, Credella White, Liz Williams and Iris Williams.

A silent moment of prayer was given to their deceased members: Margurite Nixon, Mamie Green and Grace Walker.

Congratulations are in order to Bea and Bettye for getting together such a beautiful group of dedicated women.

Big Sisters of Baltimore, Inc. celebrate their 43rd year

43RD ANNIVERSARY was celebrated Saturday, Feb. 2 by members of the Big Sisters Club of Baltimore Inc., who gathered for a Founders' Day luncheon. Pictured here are founders Bette Murphy Moss and Bea Lindsay Wright, seated center. Seated extreme (L), Ida Nixon Nicholas, (R), Lucille Ward Brown. Other charter members, standing from (L) are: Gladys Jackson Parker, Roberta Coleman Keets, Lucy Holt Jones. Pauline Hackett Pullen, Esther, Young Blake, Edith Roberts Shorter and Lucy Wilson Hackney Gallardo. Charter members not present were Dorothy Smith and Nell Dodson, N.Y.; Hilda Orr Fortune, Florida; Margaret Harris Nixon, Glen Burnie; Jeanette Day Smith and Theresa Weaver, Baltimore. Deceased charter member was Marguerite Roberts Nixon.

Announcements

Participants wanted for Miss Teen Pageant

Want to be a beauty queen? Well, come on and enter the "Miss Inner - City Teen Pageant" for 1980.

Applications for students from grades 10 to 12 with talent and high grades are now being accepted.

You have to apply before February 15 so call 225 - 7100 to find out how to apply. That's 225 - 7100. Hurry now so you won't miss out.

The Childbirth Education Association of Baltimore, Inc. would like to invite the public to attend a free Early Pregnancy Series.

A new series will begin Tuesday, Feb. 5, 1980 at Towson Presbyterian Church at 8 p.m.

Guest speakers will address each class on topics such as nutrition, drugs, exercise and sexuality during pregnancy. Films are also shown.

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