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Bad food

We fervently hope Delegate Hattie N. Harrison, D-40th, will reward the Donated Food Liability bill she successfully shepherded through the General Assembly last session and saw become law.

It needs much tinkering.

Currently in the news is a potentially dangerous health situation involving senior citizens who participate in Baltimore's splendid Eating Together program.

"Suspicious" insofar as quality is concerned canned sardines had to be recalled by the program director as being a potential health hazard.

The menace of food poisoning, especially for the elderly who have possibly less resistence to violent illness, is frightening to contemplate.

We are sure companies who turn over their excess food supplies or surplus edibles are honestly motivated but that does not lessen the dangers of bad food being distributed.

Delegate Harrison's law, in our opinion, takes away from valuable health safeguards.

She was concerned, in this legislation, that the original law, which states "for the purpose of providing that a person who donates food for use by certain corporations, organizations or association is not liable for civil damages under certain circumstances; providing exceptions to this," be broadened.

Her amendments to the existing legislation stipulate that "operator who in good faith donates food for use of distribution by a nonprofit corporation, organization or association is not liable for civil damages as a result of an act of omission affecting the nature, age, condition or packaging of the donated food, unless the act or omission amounts to gross negligence or willful and wanton misconduct."

Delegate Harrison's amendments, we feel, make it entirely too easy for lousy foodstuffs to be dumped on human service programs like Eating Together with absolutely minimum safeguards to health.

We think companies and individuals should give generously of their food bounty but limits have to be drawn. Under certain conditions businesses can get tax write-offs for such largesse as there could be a money factor as a root motive in some instances.

We think Delegate Harrison ought to amend her amendments so that the elderly, the poor and whomever else are recipients of donable foods need not ever worry that what they are given is too old, too stale, or too unsafe for consumption.

Save our colleges!

Television commentator Tony Brown has taken the lead in a national drive to dramatize the plight of the historically black colleges and has engineered a mass march on Washington this coming Monday as part of this campaign.

Tony is to be commended for making the good fight. The great majority of black college graduates and many of the leaders of our communities across the land are products of such black-controlled schools.

So-called desegregation of schools since 1954, as Brown notes, has weakened many of these colleges. Many are on the ropes financially and others are threatened with being swallowed up by larger white-dominated state university systems.

This is unthinkable. But it is happening.

Traditionally black colleges and universities have a continuing role to play and since their greatest success has been in preparing black youth who had no other place to go to get a quality education, they are needed now as never before.

What we do question about Tony's crusade is that like most things he does, it is completely his own baby. Which is good and bad.

We have no evidence that Brown seriously consulted the many long-established black institutions that have been at the forefront of preservation of black academic centers.

The fight to save black colleges did not begin with Brown, who is a newcomer to the freedom struggle, and we think he would do well to make this distinction as he rallies his young troops.

We wonder a trifle about the timing of Brown's crusade. It is aimed at getting a voice for the black colleges just before the presidential elections.

All three of the contenders presumably will attend the rally and at this point we think Carter, Anderson and Reagan would promise us anything before November 4 to get our votes.

Whether presidential politics and the serious plight of our colleges should be thrown altogether is a question that gives us pause.

Brown is an officer, technically, of the Pepsi-Cola corporation, a company with a positive record on minority involvement.

We must remember that fact of business life, however, and hope that Tony keeps his two roles, corporation spokesman and crusader for our colleges, sharp and separate.

As the fight to preserve our colleges increase much praise must go to Brown and we hope that he and his sponsors will build a solid coalition with those organizations who have long struggled to maintain black scholastic independence

That great job rush

Well 8,500 of the 26,000 Baltimoreans who stood in line last week to apply for jobs at Social Security offices downtown have already mailed in their applications.

A Social Security spokesman has told the AFRO that applications postmarked after Sept. 19 will not be accepted.

Remember now some 75 jobs are all that are open.

We represent - the fact that so many Baltimoreans, mostly black, need jobs to the degree evidenced by that 26,000 person turn-out suggests that the Baltimore we are being sold as so completely revitalized is not the true picture of this city.

It is an excellent illustration for one of our black political leaders to seize as an example of what must really be done in our city as we look down the road toward the 1983 mayoral race.

Fairer taxes for families

The Internal Revenue Service recently published proposed rules which clarify certain parts of the Tax Reform Act of 1976.

Some of these rules declare that by renting space in your home to close family members such as your mother, father, brother, sister, grandmother or grandfather-for example, you will lose tax benefits that otherwise would flow from your rental unit.

"We are deeply concerned about this IRS rule proposal and the negative effect it will have on the family", said Dr. Matthew Tayback, state Director on Aging. "We recently have expanded great energy and time and money in developing programs and implementing policies when strengthen family life and promote elderly relative ties with the existing family. I'm sure Congress never intended this part of the 1976 Tax Reform Act to have such a negative effect on family life."

We agree stronger with Dr. Tayback.

The rule states that "personal use" of the rental property is in effect when such property is rented by a relative. You may therefore not claim operating losses on the rental unit on your Federal income tax return.

What this means is that you will be prohibited from taking any tax loss on such property. Such a loss is allowed if renting to an outsider. You are not allowed under this proposed rule to deduct such expenses as insurance, maintenance and depreciation to the extent such expenses exceed the remaining rental income. These conditions are a significant change from renting the same property to an outsider.

The proposed rules are based on a law enacted by Congress in 1976. Only today is the IRS interpreting the law by proposing such regulations.

The IRS will accept written comments and requests for a hearing regarding the rules until Oct. 6. In addition, anyone with questions about the rules should contact the local IRS office.

We strongly recommend that our readers contact the IRS to protest the rules and to petition elected officials to change the law. Address mail to IRS National Office, 1111 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20224; and to individual congressman and senators. "Why penalize and over tax someone who only wishes to rent space in his or her home to a mother?" asked Tayback, as do we.

MADELINE MURPHY

By Madeline W. Murphy

Inquisition revisited

When we hear of the Moral Majority and the New Christian Right, we must ask ourselves how much this dogma will infringe itself upon the political mainstream.

Because the founding fathers understood after years of religious persecution in the Old Country, how much the separation of church and state was central to freedom.

We must not forget the excess of religious fervor that spawned such narrow mindedness that women who committed adultery were branded with the scarlet letter or were burned at the stake as witches.

We must not forget that the Spanish Inquisition was not only strictly developed to adhere to what the church fathers considered to be religious, but also its excesses included violence, racism, cruelty and hatred for anything or anyone who did not conform to the dogma that the church hierarchy considered holy. And the rules changed from day to day.

Black people have used the church always with a political emphasis in the area of human rights, but with the Christian ideal that one must "love thy neighbor as thyself." Also that vengeance and retribution were in the hands of God.

To exploit the Bible as a wedge, to use it as a banner of self-righteousness that all problems of society must be reduced to black and white, perverts the basic principles of Christianity.

The way the New Right Christians punish Congressmen for not adhering strictly to their party line in the area of school prayer, abortion, homosexuality, to name a few, does not translate into the principles of Christianity, but rather puts this group as solo interpreters of the Bible as if they had a direct pipeline to God. Thus this is tantamount to blackmail, extortion and hatefulness.

Some of the very issues that they are adamantly opposed: equal rights for women, school desegregation, prayer in school, are central to an indictment of a church in this world, that has not used its facilities to temper justice with mercy, to develop lateral programs that would build a Christian atmosphere of love and friendship.

A church faithfully doing its job, uses the Bible to help people become more humane. It recognizes man has but one teacher; that all men are brethren.

The Christian right as one would suspect is usually the employed, white Anglo Saxon; the middle and upper middle classes. Very few so-called born again black Christians are included in their star chamber.

To look at this homogeneous group should make us question what this pressure group wants to retain in a democratic society; and how it uses the mantle of Christianity as false prophets to protect its autonomy.

When we see the millions of dollars that have been raised under the pretext of Christian witness, we must question also the dichotomy of such wealth and how it is used again the preachments of Christ: "...which is greater the gold or the temple that has made the gold sacred?"

Moreover, in the so-called strict observance of traditional and written law they have forgotten Jesus cautioned about straining at a gnat and swallowing a camel!

In their anti-communism as well as being anti-Israel, strongly favoring a more war-like stance in defense spending, we may be witnessing again the horrors of the Crusades and holy wars.

Little is published about the reason for the strict adherence to the separation of church and state in the Soviet Union, because it is precisely what we see today in the blurring of this separation in the United States that the excesses of religious zeal cloud the real issues caused by the neglect of Christian teachings; neglect of humanism; fostering the permanent separation between the haves and have nots; - the status quo practising Old Testament rigidity under the banner of Christianity.

What we must deduce then is the self-perpetuation of this growing group of false prophets, Pharisees and hypocrites, profitably hewing to the line of narrow judgement, witnessing against themselves as the sons and daughters of those who persecuted the poor, the weak, the black, the Jew, the Catholic, the American Indian, the Spanish speaking and perpetrating an inflexible survival of the fittest philosophy.

From where I sit, it is plain that when Oscar Wilde, a man pilloried for his homosexuality, said, "Morality is simply the attitude we adopt toward people whom we personally dislike," he could well have been speaking eloquently about the wave of Moral Majority advocates today.

We blacks as carriers of heavy burdents might rethink what Jesus said: "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat; so practice and observe whatever they tell you, but not what they do; for they preach but do not practice. They bind heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on men's shoulder; but they themselves will not move them with their finger."

PARREN J. MITCHELL

There is real hurt in our community

On Thursday, Sept. 11, 1980, I walked from my office to a shoe repair shop that is less than 30 yards away from the office. Before I could get to the shoe repair shop I was stopped four or five times.

The first person who stopped me was a senior citizen who had a personal disability case.

"The lawyer wants to take forty percent of my disability claim; is that fair?" she asked.

I told her my first reaction was that it did not appear to me to be fair, but advised her to go across the street to my office, let one of my staff take a full statement from her, and I would follow through. She promised to do so.

The second person to stop me was a man who appeared to be about 32 years old.

"Can't you get me a job . . . I have been out of work for almost two years . . . have I got to be like the young brother up the street who told me it was better to go to prison for at least there would be a prison job for me . . . can't you find me a job?

It all just spilled out of him. I told him that I had a list of almost 600 names for whom I was trying to find work, and that after getting his name, address and telephone number, I would put him on the list.

I warned him that I could not make a definite promise, but that the effort would be made on his behalf.

The third person was a black merchant who wants to be a part of the business revitalization efforts in a two block area of North Avenue near Ellamont Street.

He had concerns about securing the cooperation of some of the other merchants and asked would I support the business revitalization effort. I assured him that I would and promised to attend one of the meetings.

"I am on lay-off at Koppers Company, can't you get me a job?" the fourth person asked. There was a little feeling of sickness as I explained to the man what my problem was regarding finding jobs for more than 600 people on the list in my office.

I finally got into the shop and put my shoes in for repair.

While out, I went to Walbrook Junction to get some lunch.

Just as I got out of my car, a young man walking with the aid of a cane yelled that he wanted to talk to me. He had been injured on the job some several months ago and had not yet gotten his disability paymentst.

"I can't let my wife and child starve," He said. Once again I referred him to my office to give the staff a full statement and promised to try to help him get his disability.

Before I could finally get in the restaurant, two more men asked me to help get them work.

During the hour and a half while I was out of the office, I was only actually in the street for about 25 minutes. Seven people who had real hurt, real problems approached me in that 20 minute period.

That, in my opinion, is evidence of the hurt and pain and frustration in Baltimore's black community.

Get out and walk the streets, talk with people, there is real pain in our community.

LETTERS

Support employment opportunities for mentally retarded

Dear AFRO:

One of the most persistent myths about mentally retarded people is that they cannot become productive, self-supporting citizens of the community. The reality is far different. Time and time again, retarded individuals have proven to be capable and desirable employees.

According to the National Association for Retarded Citizens, three out of every four mentally retarded adults are capable of becoming self-supporting.

Properly trained and educated, retarded persons who are competitively employed compare favorably to non-retarded workers in similar jobs: their attendance is better, their accident rate is lower, they tend to stay with an employer longer, and their performance level is at least as high.

Statistics support these facts. In a special 10-year program in which the federal government employed 7,000 retarded individuals, it was found that 93 percent successfully mastered their jobs.

Only seven percent were terminated due to unsatisfactory performance. In addition' supervisors gave high marks to their retarded employees' work attitudes and behaviors, including following directions, punctuality, attendance, enthusiasm and relationships with co-workers.

Mentally retarded people deserve the opportunity to be productive. They deserve to be a part of the mainstream of humanity. Ironically, it is often public attitudes and not retardation that is their biggest barrier to employment.

In this, "National Employ the Handicapped Week", I urge readers to examine their attitudes and support community efforts to employ mentally retarded and other handicapped individuals.

MATTHEW J. DILLON
President Baltimore Assn. for Retarded Citizens Inc.

Judge Robert Hammerman salutes AFRO Clean Block

Dear AFRO:

As a subscriber to the AFRO, I read with interest, as I do each year, your articles and pictures in the August 30th issue on the AFRO Clean Block Awards.

I have long admired this unique and marvelous effort by your newspaper — as I have admired so many of the AFRO clean blocks I regularly travel through.

Although a program of many years standing, your undertaking is still one of the most innovative ones in the city of Baltimore. It contributes immeasurably to the attractiveness and beauty of many neighborhoods, but it does much more than add beauty to the eye.

Your efforts contribute significantly to a spirit of neighborliness and joint effort and to a justifiable feeling of pride on the part of thousands of people.

The AFRO is to be commended for its continual efforts and the entire community for its enthusiastic participation. Baltimore is a much better city for this.

JUDGE ROBERT I. H. HAMMERMAN
Supreme Bench of Baltimore City

Black money, white crew

Dear AFRO:

In my neighborhood I notice a lot of improvements being done on homes in the area.

I also notice that all of it was done by white workers.

A dollar house was done over up the street from me and I know it must have cost $40,000 because it was a large four-bedroom cottage and it took about three months to complete.

There was not one black man in the crew. The people paying for these home improvements were black

Why couldn't they have hired black firms or at least insisted that they have black workers? Then maybe we wouldn't have so much unemployment among Black people.

MARY AIKEN

AFRO welcomes letters

The AFRO welcomes letters from its readers. Letters should be brief and must bear the writer's name and address. All letters will be given consideration for publication.

Praise for Muslim coverage

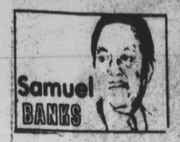
Dear AFRO:

In the most holy name of Allah, the beneficent, the merciful, who came to us in the person of Master Fard Muhammad, and in the name of his last and greatest messenger, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, and on the behalf of the Caliph of the Nation of Islam, the Honorable Emanuel Abdullah Muhammad, I greet you, As Salaam Alaikum.

We, the nation of Islam, are pleased and gratified by the manner in which the AFRO reported the vicious and brutal beating of our Brother Thomas X Jefferies. We acknowledge the AFRO's longstanding commitment to the uplifting of black people in America. Incidents of the same nature as the one experienced by our brother only further help to illustrate how far we as a people have to go. We thank the AFRO for the obvious importance they accorded this incident and applaud your unceasing efforts on our people's behalf.

SISTER DARLENE Z
Public Relations Director
The Nation of Islam

NEW DAY BEGUN



Samuel BANKS

Soar to the heights

The prodigious and elaborate socio-economic, educational and political forces arrayed against 30 million black Americans in our nation today provide a sense of urgency, as to what must be black America's foremost consideration: STRATEGIES FOR SURVIVAL. The linchpin for this survival, as a centerpiece in the life of black America, must be demonstrated excellence in education.

It is ironic, even with the subtleties and rhetorical mellifluousness of the "New Racism," that black Americans have not despaired of the promise of the Brown decision rendered over a quarter of a century ago.

Most of the 8 million black youngsters who comprise the nation's 46 million students enrolled in the nation's public schools are more segregated now than before the Brown decision on May 17, 1954.

The white majority through a variety of strategies, resistance and ruses have been successful in keeping most black Americans and their children sequestered, in spite of the law, in separate and unequal urban schools and housing.

The failure of the Supreme Court to affirm Bradley v. Milliken (i.e. Michigan) supporting school desegration across county lines supports a long-term concentration and isolation of black and minority children in urban schools.

The "New Racism" is defined here as the espousal and support of bigoted and prejudicial thought in less virulent and pseudo-scientific language. The basic objective, however, remains the same: The systematic dehumanization and denial of opportunities to persons or groups deemed as inferior.

The theories of Arthur Jensen, Edward Banfield, William Shockley represent some of the "high priests" of academic circles who are determined to prove the "genetic inferiority" of black people.

Edward Banfield, author of "The Unheavenly City," states with ringing assurance and conviction his perception of the black poor:

"The lower class individual lives in the slums and sees no reason to complain. He does not care how dirty and dilapidated his housing is either inside or out, nor does he mind the inadequacy of such public facilities as schools, parks, libraries: indeed where such things exist, he destroys them by acts of vandalism if he can. Features that make the slum repellant to others actually please him."

This, of course, is unmitigated nonsense! It is ironic that the same kind of spurious and reprehensible descriptions were applied to Jews and white Protestant and Catholic immigrants to America in the 19th and 20th centuries.

Black Americans who attended segregated public elementary-secondary and institutions of higher education before Brown clearly understood the multiplicity of efforts utilized by the white majority in order to traduce, vilify and make them feel subhuman.

However, an impregnable inner spirit, strong and cohesive sense of community and a phalanx of dedicated and highly able black teachers and administrators in segregated schools demanded educational excellence and positive self-awareness and pride.

The extraordinary record of black graduates in rigidly segregated black high schools depicts the power and education, persistence and daring. Black students believe they could achieve and soar to the heights in all-black schools because their parents, teachers and administrators believed that they could achieve and soar to the heights: THE SELF-FULFILLING PROPHECY.

The graduates of Parker High in Birmingham, Ala.; Pearl in Nashville, Tenn.; Booker T. Washington in Norfolk, Va.; Dunbar in Washington, D.C.; Douglass in Baltimore, among others, in the 1930s and 1940s demonstrated the power of caring, demanding academic standards and resiliency.

Black communities across the nation, given the awesome retreat on Brown and socio-economic programs, fiscal and monetary austerity, the perilous state of the 107 predominantly black colleges in the nation and a national mood of reaction and conservatism, must now seek to resuscitate and energize the spirit of sharing, caring and the highest academic and intellectual performance at all levels. The time has come, at a most critical juncture, to engender and sustain, a spirit of intellectual soaring to the heights among eight million black youngsters in the nation's public schools and one million enrolled in institutions of higher education.

Counter Cullen in his moving poem, "Copper Sun," offers a pregnant challenge and opportunity:

"We shall not always plant while other reap
The golden increment of bursting fruit,
Not always countenance, abject and mute,
That lesser men should hold their brothers cheap;
Not everlastingly while others sleep
Shall we beguile their limbs with mellow flute,
Not always bend to some more subtle brute;
We were not made eternally to weep."

The challenge and opportunities in education are yours for a better life for black children and youths. Seize them now for survival and soar to academic and intellectual heights.

Year of the Family, By Marion Banfield

Develop respect through understanding

By Marion M. Banfield

How I wish we could set up more dialogues between black men and black women!

Two years ago, a handsome (I mean really gorgeous!) black man joined a group I was conducting. He said he had found that his life-long learning about women had led him to have very unsatisfactory relationships with women.

He was seeking a more stable and satisfying relationship. He was reading, he was questioning, he was getting a better understanding of male-female relationships.

American culture has been a squelching factor in the development of black males. Times are changing. Racism is still a reality in our aspirations!

Yet, race is not the only problem. The world has been male-dominated throughout recorded history. That extra strength seems to have been as powerful as guns of Europeans entering Africa.

Males have been put in the role of dominance. They have had their "macho" image prescribed in all countries.

With the developing of roles of educated, intelligent women both male and female roles have accelerated in change.

Institutions of schools and churches are slow in helping us to recognize ways of meeting our needs for each other. Some religions fight valiantly to maintain female subservience. Some women choose this relationship. Some women have no choice.

No man is an island. Nor is any woman isolated completely from others. We will always have male and female relationships to meet.

Rather than a new power struggle, how about looking at ways of developing mutual respect through shared understanding?

Black women as well as white women watched "The Women's Room" on television. They also read the book. It doesn't matter whether or not it was "good." There were too many identifiable situations and feelings to ignore some basic cultural truths.

Perhaps the Greek letter organizations where there is a concentration of abilities might be a starting place for a chance to develop better understanding and deeper caring for each other.

Mrs. Banfield is director of Family Life Education with the Family and Children's Society.

Careers in Law

If you are a motivated and dedicated individual who wants to work in the field of law without attending law school, Dundalk Community College has the program for you.

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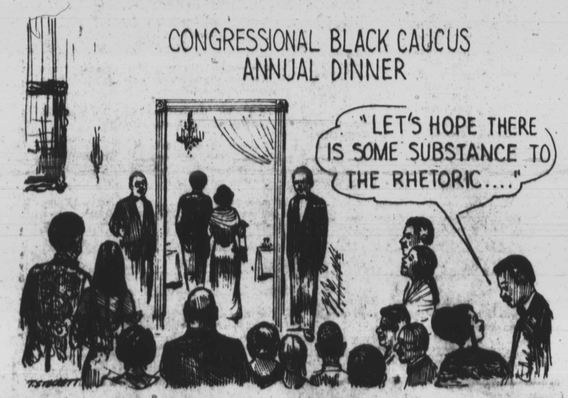
For specific information about job opportunities and educational training required, call Francis D. Polk, at 282-6700, ext. 260.



FOR ALL WE KNOW

By Elizabeth M. Oliver
City Editor

THE POET SAYS, "Goodbye, goodbye to Summer for Summer's nearly done. The garden's smiling faintly, cool breezes in the sun."

AND so it is now. We can not escape it. Sad it is for the hopeless and unemployed who have found the scorching heat and balmy nights just right for them. Homeless, they have slept comfortably in various parks. What will they do now?

Perhaps, like the poet's robin, he will sleep in a barn, (to keep warm), or an empty house boarded up by the city "and hide his head under his wing, poor thing."

A PERSIAN poet who compared human beings and God to a potter who moulds vases asks, "Would he make the vase imperfect and dash it to pieces or set its path with pitfalls because it is not perfect?"

It is with this thought the we ponder the fate of imperfect mankind whose path is set with pitfalls. Why is imperfect mankind so tortured?

POUNDED with all kinds of talk and speeches these last presidential election months, we are sick unto death with the never-ending opinions (all of them different) and the stupid advice we are getting.

WE QUESTION eligibility of most of those who speak for US looking into their backgrounds, we find most just spout off at the mouth with no knowledge or facts on anything.

THEREFORE next week we will publish a list of persons WHO CAN SPEAK FOR US with authority and intelligence. We need good guidance backed with thought and facts from the mouths of those who are NOT ignorant and stupid.

WATCH for it. Both black and white citizens need to know those upon whom they can rely to inform.

—CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS plans are NOT all fun and games. There are task forces arriving from across the nations with panels made up of our best scholars and authorities on Aging, Black Voter Priorities, Youth Unemployment, Draft, Justice and Delinquency; Communications (media); Science and Technology; Police Violence, Energy, Voter Participation, and all the problems which face black Americans.

FROM THE WORKSHOPS scheduled all day Sept. 25-28, Friday, Saturday and Sunday will come guidelines for every one in black America.

THE DINNER Saturday features Cicely Tyson and Gladys Knight and the Pips since they have strong ties to the black family and black community. Both have received worldwide acclaim and remain an inspiration to all persons regardless of race throughout the universe.

ALL TICKETS have been sold and partly because the nation's highest ranking white executives administrators and elected officials feel an overwhelming desire to be present.

YOU SHOULD PLAN for next year, the 11th Annual Black Congressional weekend, always in late September. You will see and hear and sit at the feet of our BEST thinkers.

The make-believe big-timers who pooh-pooh the braintrusts and workshops are not expected to come to run their feeble mouths and fantasies. That's why they are green-eyed. Jealousy is an awful thing.

IN THE NEWS

TOM B. HAWKINS writes me he has at last culminated a lifelong dream. He is in Brazil, South America.

LOOKING BACK to when we were kids, he recalls my brother John and I sent him Christmas presents from our hometown in Brazil, Ind. Tom always wondered where Brazil was and wanted to go there thinking it was a town in South America. Now he says he has finally made it to Brazil, after visiting Lima, Peru and Rio.

HERE IS GOOD NEWS

AS AMERICA celebrates the 200th Anniversary of the Sunday School. Sharon Baptist observes this event with its first Sunday School Reunion and fellowship.

For 50 years, the Sharon Baptist Church School has provided the membership and the community an opportunity to study the Bible. The graded program of Bible study teaches the children God's truth in terms fo their own understanding.

A special invitation is extended to you and all other former Sunday School members to be part of this historic occasion which is Sunday Sept. 28, from 9 a.m., to 10:45 a.m., in the lower auditorium of the church, Stricker and Presstman.

The pastor Dr. James L. Moore, and the Sunday School Reunion Committee look forward to your presence. At the conclusion of the Reunion Program, all are invited to attend the 11 a.m., morning worship service.

Sunday School Reunion Committee: Mrs. Mary L. Ward, supt., Mrs. Gwendolyn Daye, chairperson; Dr. James L. Moore, pastor; Mrs. Ruth J. Pratt, publicity.

Because a continental breakfast will be served, please call 664-5211 for information.

DR. SAMUEL L. BANKS, coordinator of Social Studies of our public schools was one of over 150 national leaders in social studies to participate Sept. 17 in activities associated with the "192nd Birthday of the Constitution."

Following a commemorative breakfast, Dr. Banks joined educational leaders from across the nation in lighting 192 candles in memory of the adoption of Constitution in 1787.

Key members of Congress, including Sen. Randolph of West Va., and Javits of New York, were present for activities in the Dirksen Building. Sen. Randolph in his closing remarks urged the group to encourage fellow-citizens to vote in the fall elections.

THE "192ND Birthday of the Constitution" was hosted by Convention II, National Assn. of Secondary School Principals and National Assn. of Student Councils.

BAYARD RUSTIN has announced formation of a Committee of Black Americans to elect President Carter.

The nationwide pool of prominent black citizens will familiarize the black community with accomplishments of the president and stress importance of the black vote in November.

Members of "Black Americans to Re-elect President Carter" include: Andrew Young, Coretta King, Mrs. Jackie Robinson, Henry Aaron, Dr. Kenneth B. Clark, Rep. Parrent Mitchell, Mayor Thomas Bradley, Rep. Charles Rangel, Eleanor Holmes Norton, United Auto Workers vice-president Marc Stepp; Steelworkers vice-president Leon Lynch; Leontyne Price AFL-CIO vice-president Fred O'Neal; Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, Clarence Mitchell Jr., Ossie Davis, Rep. Augustus Hawkins and Dorothy Height.

For information contact: Bayard Rustin, coordinator, Black Americans to Re-elect President Carter. Phone (212) 888-6004; 260 Park Avenue South, New York, New York 10010.

Career planning, placement emphasized at the Univ of Baltimore

The University of Baltimore's Career Planning and Placement Office has been expanded to include new services for students and employer outreach programs, with significant results in student and employer participation.

According to a recent study, 850 employment interviews for U of B students were arranged through the Office during 1978-80 (compared with 790 during 1976-78), and over 970 students benefitted from expanded individual career counseling services and small-group workshops in job search skills, resume writing, interviewing techniques, and other career-related topics.

In addition, 1,568 U of B students were referred to job openings by the Career Planning and Placement Office (representing a 43 percent increase over 1976-78) and 94 employers visited the campus to recruit U of B students (representing a 22 percent increase over the past year).

Dr. Betty Stirling, Provost at the U of B, attributes the increased career planning and placement activities to additional staff and outreach programs conducted by the office.

"The University has made a greater commitment to the career preparation of its students, not only in terms of academic programs but also in terms of expanding counseling and placement services for students.

"So much of our graduates' future success and satisfaction — whether in the public or private sector — will depend on a good understanding of their career skills and goals, and of the strategies for gaining employment in their fields," she commented.

According to Dennis Pelletier, Director of Career Planning and Placement at the U of B, the current recession seems to have had no negative impact on employer participation in programs and services conducted by his office.

"We are encouraged by the fact that not only are students seeking career placement services more actively, but so are employers. There are jobs for college graduates — in the past year we have experienced not only a 38 percent increase in jobs listed with our office, but a 68 percent increase (from 275 to 462) in the number of employers listing those jobs."

At present, the University of Baltimore alumni number approximately 20,000, almost 60 percent of which are employed in public, non - profit and private organizations in the Baltimore metropolitan area.

Twenty - nine locally - based companies employ more than 20 (and in some cases, up to 250) of U of B U of B graduates, including Baltimore Gas and Electric, Bethlehem Steel, Black and Decker, Control Data Corporation, Equitable Trust, First National Bank, Martin Marietta, McCormick and Company, Maryland Cup, and Westinghouse.

For more information, call: Kate Peterson, Director Public Information Office, 727-6350, Ext. 481.

Goucher center workshops

Workshops and courses designed to help women make personal and professional decisions will be featured this fall at the Goucher Center for Educational Resources.

"Personal Exploration: In Search Of Lifework" is a self-assessment process which begins with two self-administered tests prior to the workshop which are recommended for women considering a return to school, work or a shift in personal direction.

Test evaluations, information on job hunting and a bibliography will be provided by Carole Ellin, an advisor in the Goucher Returning Women's Program who has an M.S. in guidance and counseling. The half-day workshop will be offered four times — on Oct. 16, Nov. 6, Dec. 4 and Jan. 15 — between 9:15 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Tuition is $25.

Women interested in re-entering the work force or changing careers will learn how to assess their skills and interests in several one-day workshops on "Employment Strategies For Women."

Winifred Borden, director of the Women's Management Development Program, and Ann Kenderdine, assistant director, will offer the workshop on Oct. 6 and 29 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Cost for the one-day workshop is $20.

Ms. Borden and Ms. Kenderdine will also teach "Career Evaluation and Planning," which aims to help professional women identify career-related skills, which will be offered on October 17 and 18 or November 7 and 8. Tuition for the two-day workshop is $75, and the conflict between personal decisions and professional careers will be explored in "Professional Women-Personal Decisions," which will meet on Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. beginning October 14.

Led by Carol McGowan, women will discuss decisions such as marriage, child bearing and divorce, and examine the evolution of our value systems. Tuition for this course is $45.

In "Dealing With Divorce: A Workshop For the Formerly Married," four experts in the field will focus on the emotional crisis of divorce, children and separation, and learning to live single, among other topics.

This five-session course runs on Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and costs $60.

For more information, call the Goucher Center for Educational Resources at 825-3300, ext. 410.

Rodeo comes to Maryland

An invitational championship rodeo will be one of the feature attractions of the 34th annual Eastern National Livestock Show at the Maryland State Fairgrounds, beginning Friday, Sept. 26.

The seven-event rodeo will be held on Sunday at 3:30 p.m. Events include saddle bronc and bareback bronc riding, calf roping, steer wrestling, barrel racing, team roping and bull riding. There will be a $3 admission charge to the rodeo.

More than 1,000 prize livestock from 20 states will compete for blue ribbons, trophies and prize money in livestock judging contests that begin on Saturday and continue through Wednesday.