If you ask me...

By Dottye Moss

THURGOOD LIBRARY

In our story in this newspaper six months ago, we reported that the University of Maryland Board of Regents had voted to name its $4 million plus law library in downtown Baltimore for a native Baltimorean, Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall.

The announcement came at the 5th annual awards banquet of the Black American Laws Students' Association, (BALSA), at La Fontaine Bleu on March 30. Remember?

Here's another scoop! Dedication of the Thurgood Marshall Law Library is set for Thurs., Oct. 2, at 5:30 p.m. U.S. Supreme Court Justice William J. Brennan Jr., will give the keynote address. A reception follows.

Cuff notes: The Thurgood Marshall Law Library is located on Paca St., at Fayette St.

It is a four-level structure, capable of housing approximately 215,000 books. There will be seating for over 350 persons.

Other features: — terrace and smoking lounges, rare book rooms, special electronic book detection and burglar systems.

Members of BALSA, who campaigned for two years to get the U. of M. building named for Justice Marshall, are hoping that he will attend in person.

They contend that racial progress at U. of M. is a fact, that it will be an honor to the state and an inspiration to generations to come to have the building bear Justice Marshall's name.

They reason that this is what America is all about — the young NAACP lawyer-Marshall is the same Supreme Court Justice Marshall who could not attend the U. of Md. Law School.

It was the same NAACP Lawyer Marshall who sued the U. of Md. on behalf of Donald G. Murray, a young black Baltimore attorney. The U.S. Supreme Court acting on the convincing argument of Attorney Marshall, opened the U. of Md. Law School to Attorney Murray and other black law students in 1936. Remember?

NAACP Attorney Marshall went on to argue successfully the cause of equality for all Americans, resulting in such landmark cases as the 1954 school desegregation ruling (Brown vs. Board of Education).

More cuff notes: Justice Marshall observed his 72 birthday on July 2.

Dedication of the Baltimore city law library on Oct. 9, comes on the 13th anniversary of his elevation to the nation's highest court. He took the oath of office on Oct. 2, 1967.

People, Places, Things

Happy 52nd wedding anniversary hellos to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brown of N. Appleton St.

Both are longtime members of Bethel AME Church. Relatives and friends fondly refer to them as "Uncle Eddie" and "Aunt Myrtle." Both are known as good neighbors, ever willing to offer helping hands to others.

He is active in the church's Brotherhood. She is a member of the choir and choral group and member emeritus of the trustee board, where she served 48 years.

On their big day-Sept. 19, Mrs. Phoebe Hastings, hosted a dinner party in their honor at her Essex Rd. home.

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A Baltimore youngster is chairing the Homecoming Pageantry Committee at Howard University. It is Oct. 11, when the Bisons play Delaware State.

She is Karen Giles, a graduating senior and a honor student majoring in chemistry. She was also an honor graduate of Western High.

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Breath - takingly beautiful was the wedding ceremony Saturday afternoon at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, 3121 Walbrook.

The standing-room only crowd oohed and aahed as the lovely young couple, Lynne Iris Barney and Errol Taylor Jr., entered with their party of pretty bridesmaids and handsome ushers.

She is the researcher at National Police Executives, and daughter of the Warren Barneys of Pittsburgh, Calif. He is the State Credit Union employee, son of the senior Errol Taylors (Mildred), of Baltimore.

The stained glass windows in the handsome church auditorium glowed with the sun's rays, as though as happy as the wedding party.

A reception in the spacious church hall featured music by Lionel Jiggetts Combo, and variety of delicacies prepared by Palestine Anderson's K and K Caterers.

More People Etc.

To many who gathered at Grace Memorial Baptist Church for Sunday evening rites for Samuel T. Redd, he was the beloved associate minister of the church and owner of the York Rd. funeral home.

Our memories of him go back further — 18 years ago to be exact. We remember him as the kindly night nurse in our home who cared for the cancer, bedridden patient at the times when he (the late Frank W. Phillips Jr.), was allowed home after frequent hospital visits during that long and painful illness.

We watched Mr. Redd at that time, too, as he pitched in and gave a helping hand at the Charles Law Funeral Home to Mrs. Mary Law, who succeeded her late husband.

Sam Redd was like that-always helping others. In his own long and unsuccessful battle with cancer these past two years, he has shown great strength and courage.

His wife of 27 years, Genevieve Thompson Redd, and their sons, Samuel T. Jr., 22, Charles, 16, and Jeff, 15, have carried on the business during these difficult days, providing the family trips and gatherings which delighted him.

Samuel Redd was an ordained minister, like his father, the Rev. Samuel B. Redd, pastor of Mt. Ararat Baptist. The younger Rev. Redd has been associate minister, under the Rev. Alfred V.C. Vaughan at Grace Memorial, since 1977.

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Another church loss-the death on Sept. 14 of Elder Alberta Coffield Edwards, who was eulogized on Thursday at Christ Holy Temple Church.

Known to family and friends as "Mag", she was licensed by the Apostolic Church, ordained by Bishop James Randle, and held the title of 'state mother,' for Md., Va. and Pa. churches.

Remember her family — Husband, Robert D. Edwards; daughters, Beatrice Smith, Helen Waters and Lillian Talbert; sister, Georgia Clyborne; brother, Walter Coffield. Sixteen grand and 19 great - grandchildren also survive.

A BISHOP VISITS

It is a big day in churches when the bishop or chief presiding officer pays a visit.

It was so a Sunday ago at Allen AME Church on W. Lexington St., in downtown Baltimore. The newly-elected bishop, the Rt. Rev. John Hurst Adams was on his first visit since his appointment three months ago.

Bishop Adams was accompanied by his wife, Dr. Dilly Adams, well-known educator, formerly a deputy superintendent in Seattle, Washington schools. They now make their home in the Washington suburbs.

While at Allen, Bishop Adams officiated at the baptism of two infants.

One was Shannon Elizabeth Murphy Braxton, daughter of Allen pastor, Rev. Ronald E. Braxton and Mrs. Braxton (Marie Murphy Phillips Braxton).

The three-month-old infant is our first grandchild and namesake.

Assisting in the ceremonies was the Rt. Rev. Harrison J. Bryant, retired AME prelate; and Presiding Elder Walter L. Hilderbrand.

Second infant baptised was nine-month-old Chanelee Lavern Harris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Harris.

Mother, Mrs. Lavern Harris, is the new executive director of J. Poppleton Urban Renewal area in which Allen Church is located. Dad is a controller at Westinghouse.

Their oldest child is 3-year-old Melvin Leon Harris Jr., Grandparents are, Harriet and Bernard Thomas of Baltimore; and James and Christine Harris of Newport News, Va.

MAE CHAMBERLAIN

How many people do you know who can keep a reasonably good disposition, remain active in church and civic groups and extend a helping hand to others despite their own miseries?

Well, Helen Mae Flacks Chamberlain did.

She died suddenly on Sept. 13, while she was doing what she liked to do in her relaxing hours — playing bridge.

In her 59 years, Mae Chamberlain had done a heap of living and serving others. At an Oct. 1978 testimonial in her honor, friends marvelled at the number of club and civic groups in which she was active, and that she was able to keep up these activities, despite a weak heart and loss of a leg.

To name a few — she was a dynamic force in Delta Sigma Theta, Continental Societies Inc., Big Sisters of Baltimore, Ladies Guild of Provident Hospital, Women's Civic League, Business and Professional Women's Club, Epworth United Methodist Church, where she was a member of the administrative board.

Career-wise, she was a teacher, counselor to youth, accountant, teacher of business administration and program director. She was head of a business department in the Business Education Department of the Baltimore Public Schools when she took medical leave in 1976.

Her friends knew her as a gracious and elegant person. She and her husband, Malcolm, were ever finding ways of making others happy at their St. Luke Lane home, where they entertained frequently.

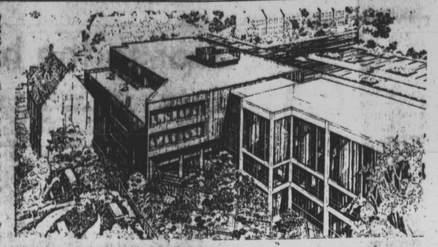
Mae was never one to be seen without her blonde hair properly groomed, and even with that leg, she was always stylishly dressed and together.

She had a heart of gold. Several weeks before her death, she had been confined to a hospital. In this column at that time, we told of her praise for the Baltimore County ambulance service which she called herself when she felt the first pangs of the heart attack.

After leaving the hospital, she drove her car to the home of a friend to counsel with her about how the artificial leg the friend was about to get should be handled.

Mae Chamberlain was a grand and glorious person, whose impact on lives of many young people will not soon be forgotten. Her friends will remember her generosity, her courage and her creed — keep on living despite adversities.

At Mrs. Chamberlain's last rites last Wednesday evening at Epworth Church, the national president, Rosa Stanback of Columbus, Ga. and members of the Continental Societies from Baltimore, Washington and New York conducted memorial services. So did over 100 members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority led by president Charlene Cooper Boston and immediate past national president Thelma Daley. The Delta women carried lighted candles and ringed the dimmed church sanctuary. Very impressive.



THURGOOD MARSHAL LAW LIBRARY on University of Maryland campus in downtown Baltimore is to be dedicated on October 9. For details, see If You Ask Me.

PEOPLE, AND THINGS

Glad - you are - better cards to Beth Patterson, the retired state director of social work, and Thelma Bell, the retired teacher.

Their car went out of control (stuck accelerator) a week ago near the Pimlico Hotel.

They suffered face, head and leg injuries and consider themselves lucky because the impact (when the car hit a wall), was so severe.

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Baltimoreans who attended the National Bar Association in Dallas, recently, were talking about how young people from our town are making good in other sections.

For example, Andrea Pair, an attorney with the patent department in Austin, Texas, Joan Sessoms, practicing attorney in Dallas; Tama Meyers, with the solicitor's office in Philly.

At the convention were: Judge Solomon Baylor, Judges and Mesdames William Murphy, Ben Foreman, John Hargrove and Judge Robert Bell.

Visitors in our midst: Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Holmes (Ernestine) Brynwyn, Pa., in town to visit his brother and sister-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Holmes; also spent a while on Sunday with friend, Philathea Carter Hall

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And, Medford and Vernice Reynolds had dinner on Monday for Gwendolyn Fowlkes, Des Moines, retired state pharmacist, and for Dr. and Mrs. Millard R. Dean (Frankie), of Highland Beach, Md.

The day before, Dr. Dean ('Buddy' to friends), had been honored at a testimonial luncheon at the Annapolis Hilton. The event marked the retirement of the dentist and civic worker from his post as secretary to the Board of commissioners and Town Clerk for Highland Beach.

Glad you're better cards to Mrs. Milton Stanley (Doreva), who

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Delegate Young seeks fuel stamp program

Delegate Larry Young, D-38, has called for the establishment of a national fuel stamp program to help the poor pay high fuel bills.

In luncheon remarks recently before the Center for Urban Environmental Studies (CUES) National Energy Teach-In in Washington, D.C., Young said, "... low income communities are being punished. We have struggled with the nation's energy need but have forgotten the energy needs of minorities and the poor. Energy stamps, through a public subsidy, would maintain the integrity of poor families to manage their own resources and make their own economic decisions.

The CUES Teach-In reviewed the efforts of industry, governments and community groups over the last year in helping the poor manage the energy crisis.

Over 130 representatives of community groups, government agencies, state legislative bodies, civil rights organizations and industries met at the International Inn to focus attention on the pressing energy problems of the low income.

Delegate Young highlighted the energy problems of the poor. He said, "Minorities and the low-income are the first and worst casualties in this energy war. By the way, first and worst is a close relative of last hired, first fired ... Congress appropriated only $1.8 billion for low-income energy assistance while increasing eligibility.

"You know what happens — the poor must fight among themselves for the crumbs."

Young is a second-term member of the Maryland House of Delegates who serves on its Environmental Matters Committee.

AFRO photos by Kisman Hankewycz

AUTUMN FUN — Young Baltimoreans enjoyed the warm weather of early autumn playing outside. In the photo (L) Anthony Hughes, age 3, of the 2100 block Etting St., perches on a swing in Druid Hill Park. In the photo (R) Darryl Funn, age 8, takes a break from big wheel riding on Liberty Heights Avenue. Darryl, a third grader at Pinhill Elementary, lives in the 2700 block of Reisterstown Rd.

Mayor worried

Budget acts could end 1,000 city jobs

About 1,000 city employees stand to lose their jobs if state and federal officials follow through with plans to cut back on funds awarded Baltimore, Mayor William Donald Schaefer has warned.

Gov. Harry Hughes this week announced his intentions of cutting all state agency budgets by three percent this fiscal year, in response to an expected revenue shortfall.

The Congress is also considering a reduction in the federal revenue-sharing programs that could cost Baltimore $30 million.

Such cuts may reduce the level of services offered the city's disadvantaged residents, Schaefer said, adding that those services have already been cut from previous levels.

Schaefer said he doesn't know which persons might lose their jobs, saying that would depend mostly on decisions by state and federal officials.

Teen finds thousands in stolen money and turns it in to cops

A Glenmont youth gave Baltimore County police several thousand dollars taken during a Wednesday hold - up from a Ravenwood shopping center, but police are declining to disclose the amount of cash recovered or the finder's name.

The youth found the money lying in a ravine near his home, wrapped in a paper bag and buried beneath some leaves, police said Saturday.

The recovery spot is within a few feet of where police had earlier arrested one of three men charged with the robbery, said Sgt. Gilbert Sommers.

Although refusing to give a precise figure, police said the amount of money is significantly less than the sum stolen from the bank. Maryland National Bank officials continue to post a $1,000 reward for the return of all the money, police said.

Two men entered the Ravenwood Shopping Center Bank at about 1 p.m. Wednesday and ordered customers and employees to remain still. One man jumped over the counter and grabbed the cash from four tellers and then fled on foot.

A tip on a suspicious car traveling near the robbery scene led to the arrest of two of the alleged robbers. A third suspect was caught in some woods near the place where police arrested the other two men.

Two of the suspects, 20 - year - old Roderick A. Ford and 23 - year - old Duryea Johnson, are currently being held in Baltimore City Jail. Larry A. Parker, 23, is being held at the Baltimore County Jail. None has yet posted sufficient bail to be released, police said.

Parker is a Baltimore resident, while Ford and Johnson are recent escapees from the Brock Bridge correctional facility in Jessup, police said. (UPI)

Ben Cardin to speak on human services $

Benjamin L. Cardin, speaker of the Maryland House of Delegates, will discuss "Influences On Human Services Funding" at the Maryland Conference of Social Concern's first Wednesday Luncheon Series, Oct. 1, noon to 2 p.m., at the Camillia Restaurant, 700 N. Calvert St.

Cardin will focus on factors which influence human services appropriations in the Maryland legislature giving special attention to issues he expects to dominate the upcoming 1981 session.

The Maryland Conference sponsors this series of first Wednesday luncheons to offer all interested citizens an opportunity to hear and exchange ideas with prominent state and community leaders.

This talk is open to the public. For more information or luncheon reservations, call 225-0600.

BY THE WAY...

By Joe Black

Are you one of those who is always asking, "Where is the political representation for our community?" Are you tiring of too little action and too much rhetoric? Would you like to see things turned around?

If you answered yes to those questions, then heed the advice of the National Coalition of Black Voter Participation when they urge us to become involved by locating the voter participation campaign in our town and offering our services. My friends, we have arrived at the time when we must become more sophisticated in our selection of political candidates. They all promise us a chicken in every pot, but the pages of history show that too many of them mean a chicken for those who have and unfulfilled dreams for those who have nothing except hope.

Thus, it requires our recognizing that the selection is more than Democrat or Republican, or Carter versus Reagan. We must listen to and evaluate those political leaders who project sincere plans that are designed to give us lasting dignity and self-respect via equality of justice and an opportunity to attain preparation for today's jobs so that we receive paychecks rather than handouts. To achieve this goal, we must not let political parties think that we are their robots.

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