JUDGE ROBERT M. BELL

MLK birthday fete at Library Sunday

"The Legacy of Martin Luther King: Where Do We Go from Here?" will be the topic of Judge Robert M. Bell, a member of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, at a free program in observance of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 11 in the Wheeler auditorium of the central Pratt Library, 400 Cathedral St.

Sponsored by the Maryland Commission on Afro-American History and Culture and the library, the talk will be followed by a discussion by State Commissioner Elizabeth Murphy Oliver, city editor, the **Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN**, and Lee Lassiter, associate editor, editorial page, the **NEWS AMERICAN**, both of whom covered many facets of the civil rights movement as reporters, and Michael Olesker, whose columns in the **NEWS AMERICAN** and more recently the **SUN** have dealt frequently with questions of human rights.

Dr. Roland C. McConnell, historian and chairman of the Maryland Commission on Afro-American History and Culture is moderator.

A successful litigant in a landmark case involving admittance of blacks to Baltimore restaurants when he was a student at Dunbar High School in 1960, Judge Bell was graduated from Morgan State College, now Morgan State University, in 1966, and from Harvard Law School in 1969. After practicing with the firm of Piper and Marbury he was appointed to District 1 of the District Court of Maryland in 1975.

The public is cordially invited to attend the King Day observance.

Limos will take Md. Inaugural guests to ball

Limousine service is available for guests to go to Washington for the Maryland Inaugural Ball Jan. 20.

Leaving at 5 p.m. from the Downtown and Pikesville Hilton Hotels and the Annapolis Hilton, the interracial group will arrive at the Rayburn House Office Building at 6:30 p.m. for the official event.

Among the 600 guests listed by General Chairman Louise Johnson are Dr. and Mrs. Aris Allen and family, Annapolis; the Shirley Clintons, Garland Chissells, Marshall Joneses Jr. and Sr., Carl Adairs, Bernard Lacewells, John H. Murphy III's, Thomas Mackles, Howard Marshalls, Edward Smiths, Charles Blake and Frank Conaways.

The Northwestern High Junior ROTC drill team and color guard will be hosts along with principal James L. Lamor, Major Robert Dash and Master Sgt. Albert S. Randall.

Dining and dancing are features of the black tie fete which has Mrs. Johnson, Dr. Allen, Benjamin Mason, Paula Cullings, Norman Holmes, Terry Addison, Christine Davis and St. George Crosse as chairmen.

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OUR WORLD

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Guardsmen host New Year's Eve gala at Convention Center

LIVING IT UP during the Guardsmen's New Year's Eve Gala held at the Convention Center are dancers Ray Haysbert and Ms. Libby Goodman.

LAUGHING IT UP during the evening's fun before the bell tolls for 1981 at the Guardsmen's gala are Ms. Anethia Williams and Dr. Harold Ramsey.

WATCHING THE SCENE — Checking out the action as they watch the new year in are Mr. and Mrs. Marcus (Mike) Moore.

MR. AND MRS. ARGIN HUTCHINS do their dance thing during the New Year's Eve festivities at the Guardsmen's annual gala.

On Wednesday, Dec. 31 the Baltimore Guardsmen Inc. Hosted its annual New Year's Eve Party.

The scene for the organization's festive 1980 into 81 black-tie gala, which started at 10:30 p.m. was the convention Center, West Pratt St.

Over 300 guests came out to hail in the New Year with them— all in very high spirits.

They danced to the music of the Commissioners Band, sipped cocktails, engaged in lively conversation and were ready when the new year arrived—throwing out paper streamers, wearing Happy New Year hats and leis and living and laughing it up with their party noisemakers.

After welcoming in 1981, guests feasted on a scrumptuous buffet breakfast.

A great time was had by all as once again the Guardsmen extended their spirit of conviviality to everyobe attending.

Baltimore Guardsmen are: Benjamin L. Brown, Charles E. Brown, Guy M. Bragg, Sidney O. Burnett, Howard G. Collins, Jr., Richard H. Cummings, Robert P. Diggs, Walter T. Edmonds, William M. Garner, Raymond L. Gray, William H. Hall, William A. Harris; also Harold J. Jennifer, Jr., David T. Mason, Marcus W. Moore, Stephen P. Moore, II, Clifton S. Murray, Joel W. Newton, Donald E. Patterson, George L. Russell, Jr., Charles G. Tildon, Jr., Warren W. Weaver, Edward A. Williams, and John M. Wood.

Meritocrats host Evening of Elegance at Regency Terrace

By Pattie Hodges
AFRO Staff Writer

The Meritocrats hosted a 'Night of Elegance' at the Regency Terrance, Labyrinth Pd. or Sat., Jan. 3.

Over 250 guests who came at 10 p.m. and stayed until 2 a.m. were treated to open bar, hors d' oeuvres and a delectable buffet dinner.

All were dressed in blue, white or a combination of two (Meritocrat colors) and looking very elegant indeed.

Music which kept many on the floor dancing the night away was provided by Morris Dow's local Eastern Sound Band.

Lloyd Mitchner, who has served as Meritocrat president for the past two years was presented a plaque of appreciation for excellent service and was named 'President Emeritus.'

Meredith (Mickey) Addison was named 'Meritocrat Man of the Year' and was also presented a plaque.

Both presentations were made by Cleveland Brister, business manager.

Newly installed Meritocrat officers for the year 1981 were also presented. They are Earl Banks, president; Clarence Harris, vice president; Jim Edwards, secretary; Larry Peaker, treasurer; Cleveland Brister, business manager; Rick Palmer, Sgt.-at-arms and Clarence Hawkins, parliamentarian.

Other members are John Donaldson, Randolph Edwards, Rufus Handy, Armstead Jenkins, Lloyd Mitchner, Ernest Murphy, Henderson Neal, Claude Parker, Claude Patterson, Charlie Robinson, Alonzo Rogers, David White and Vernon White.

IN A FESTIVE MOOD at the Evening of Elegance hosted by the Meritocrats at the Regency Terrace, Labyrinth Rd., Saturday, Jan. 3 are (front row, L to R): Mrs. Delores Hobbs, Miss Brenda Richardson, Mrs. Yvonne Young and Mrs. Ann M. Nichols; (back row, L to R): Warren Hobbs, John Marauke, Meritocrat Armstead Jenkins and Edward H. Morris.

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MERITOCRAT MERRIMENT — Enjoying lively camaraderie are (L to R): Meritocrats Lloyd Mitchner, president emeritus; Clarence Harris, past secretary and newly-elected vice president; Claude H. Patterson Jr., Armstead Jenkins and guest Harry A. Gail, of San Mateo, Calif.

MERITOCRAT OFFICERS — Newly installed Meritocrat officers pictured left to right are: Cleveland Brister, business manager; Harry Peaker, treasurer; Clarence Harris, vice president; Rick Palmer, sergeant-at-arms; Earl Banks, president; Jim Edwards, secretary and Clarence Hawkins, parliamentarian.

RAP SESSION — In animated conversation during the evening's festivities are (L to R): George Barrett, Ms. Joyce Scoby, Ms. Lila Powell, Alonzo Rogers, chair, Meritocrat social committee and Miss O. Cheek.

Partyline

New Year's Eve bash at Bonnie Ridge

By Pattie Hodges
AFRO Staff Writer

Roberta Ross, head of Staff Development for Urban Services Agency, hosted a gala New Year's Eve party at her lovely Bonnie Ridge Apartment.

Despite the steadily falling snow her guests began arriving shortly after 10 p.m. and stayed until the wee-wee hours.

Pre-taped music with all the latest tunes and some oldies-but-goodies as well kept many on the floor doing their foot-stompin' thing.

There was food enough to feed an army and was it ever good — Potato salad, greens, fried chicken, stewed chicken, roast beef, salads, cheeses — you name it — it was there.

The well-stocked bar area provided all types of cocktails, beer and wine.

Prior to countdown time for the new year, Roberta, resplendent in a white and gold hostess gown with matching slippers, gave everyone noisemakers and a tiara-type Happy New Year's hat.

When 1981 arrived in Times Square with fanfare so it did at Roberta's. Everyone cheered, tooted noisemakers, drank toasts and there were hugs and kisses all around as guests jovially welcomed in the new year.

The party spirit prevailed, with many playing their noisemakers in time with the music, many clowning and laughing it up, many continuing to least and dance through the early morning hours.

Among those enjoying the scene to the hilt and reluctant to leave were: Shelley Sutton, Claire and Hubert Dorsey, Jeannette and George Colona, Lynn Curley, Calvin Drummond, Warren Thompson;

Also Joe and Lucille Perry, Jimmie and Stella Richardson, William Mercer, Irving Quarles, Patti L'Amour, James Johnson, Sherrie Kober, Nellie Taft, George Reed and Clifton Sterling.

Holiday Luncheon

Once again Sandra East (Sandy) entertained royally at her annual holiday luncheon held on Friday, Jan. 2.

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Holiday fashion commentary

By
Camay Calloway Murphy

The holiday parties are over but the memory of the glitter and tinsel linger on.

Ladies at the many holiday parties were truly decked out. This was most decidely a holiday of sequins and golden fabircs. Cleo Diggs, was seen in a red sequinned jacket, Sue Jones in black sequins, Alice Pinderhughes in an emerald sequinned dress looking like a dancing mermaid, Louise Murphy in patterned sequins — very slinky. The rush for the sequinned 'thing' can even make one agressive. Gwen Hillen tells the story of denuding a mannekin in a certain store in her enthusiasm for a black beaded and sequinned jacket.

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