Judge Ben Foreman retires

JUDGE BENJAMIN FOREMAN

JUDGE ARCHIE D. WILLIAMS

Benjamin H. Foreman, associate judge of the Orphan's Court, is resigning formally today (Friday) from the post he has held since December, 1971.

Judge Archie D. Williams, is the remaining black jurist on the bench.

The Orphans Court is the only court in Maryland to have two black judges out of the three.

Del. Frank M. Conaway, head of the Legislative Black Caucus said the Caucus and the Monumental Bar Association have submitted three names to Gov. Harry Hughes to fill the Foreman vacancy.

Judge Foreman stood for election in 1974 and 1978 winning each time in the lead of the ticket.

He told the AFRO he has no special plans for the immediate future and will enjoy "just doing nothing in particular."

Born in Galveston, TX, Judge Foreman was educated in the parochial and public schools. He received a B.S. degree from Prairie View College and a LLB degree from the University of Maryland.

He taught in the Galveston schools, was a field representative for the Social Security Administration. A veteran of World War II, He eentered the general practice of law after he finished the University of Maryland.

His service activities include: Equal Employment Opportunity Comm. (S.S.A.); Reserve Appeal Agent (Selective Service System); Board of Directors (Project SAGA); Deputy Grand Knight (Knights of Columbus); Member Parish Council (St. Cecilia's Church); Member Balto. City Bar Assoc.; Monumental City Bar Assoc.; American Judicature Society.

GETTING READY FOR NOV. 21 MUSEUM HONORS DINNER

Hilton Hotel prepares Red Carpet for Haley banquet

The appearance of famed ROOTS author Alex Haley at the Hilton Downtown Hotel for the Nov. 21 Lillie Carroll Jackson Museum banquet is certain to be the biggest event of the season, according to Ron Williams, chief of catering for the international chain.

He and Mrs. Louise Johnson, public relations representative reveal that all of the five giant ceiling chandelaires and the 12 others on the walls will be turned on in full for the 1,200 guests.

The Great Francis Scott Key ballroom, the finest of the old banquet Halls in Baltimore, will be otherwise decked in all pomp and glory, Ron states, with over 100 waitresses and waiters frocked for the occasion.

Fully a week ahead of time Master Chef Lewis will get the kitchen set for preparation of the special foods and pastries.

This is our finest banquet, Ron says, and we're rolling out the Hilton's best Red Carpet. Tight security has been arranged.

Haley will receive the Lillie Carroll Jackson Museum's coveted Freedom Heritage Award which has been bestowed in the past to Dr. Carl Murphy, NAACP Leader; Congressman Parren J. Mitchell - First black congressman from Maryland; Dr. Elizabeth Murphy Oliver, Crusading Journalist; Marvin Gilman, Interracial housing builder who erected Sutton Place and declared it open housing occupancy; Rosa Parks, Freedom Fighter; W.A.C. Hughes, NAACP Lawyer (In Memoriam); Dr. J. E. T. Camper, NAACP Leader (In Memoriam); Rev. Asbury Smith, Methodist minister who fought against lynching; James H. Rouse, builder of Columbia, lifelong opposition to segregated housing.

Tax free tickets of $25 each may be obtained at the Hilton front desk, the Eutaw Place Museum and from members of the Museum board of directors.

ALEX HALEY, his mother, Mrs. Zeona Haley of Institute, WV, and his brother George Haley, a DC attorney who resides in Silver Spring, MD will join other relatives at the Nov. 21 banquet in Baltimore.

MRS. LOUISE JOHNSON Hilton public relations exec.

RON WILLIAMS Hilton catering executive

YWCA honors set for 3 ministers

The YWCA Madison Avenue Center's 85th Anniversary Awards Luncheon on Saturday, Nov. 7, 1 p.m. at 128 W. Franklin St., is part of a week of exciting activities planned to celebrate the Madison Avenue YWCA's 85th year of service to the community.

Three prominent ministers will be honored at the luncheon. They are: Rev. Marion Bascom, Douglas Memorial Community Church; Rev. Darneal Johnson from Wayland Baptist Church and Dr. Vernon Dobson from Union Baptist Church.

The YWCA Madison Avenue Center has a unique position in Afro American history in Baltimore.

It was founded in 1896 as the Colored YWCA and merged with the Baltimore YW in 1920.

For 85 years Madison has served as a social, recreational and educational facility for black women of all ages.

For information call Marian C. Callaway, Public Relations director, YWCA, 128 W. Franklin, 685 - 1460. The YWCA Asso. is an agency of the United Way of Central Maryland.

REV. MARION BASCOM

DR. VERNON L. DOBSON

REV. DARNEAL JOHNSON

RED CROSS YOUTH SERVICES Outstanding Teacher Award winner, Mrs. Ruby Lee (center) was cited at the annual dinner for eight years distinguished service as a teacher-sponsor. A teacher at Easter High, she was praised for variety, quality and the number of programs she directed for the students. The award was presented by (L) Doris Carroll, chairman of the Youth Services dinner and John Carrington (R) vice-chairman.

Mary Carter Smith to appear at Md. Institute in Nov.

"Symbolism in African Art, Tribal Marks and Scarification" to be taught by Acha Debela is one of three short courses to begin in early November at the Maryland Institute, College of Art.

In the four non - credit sessions of this course starting on Wednesday, Nov. 4, the use of symbols in masks, sculpture and the decorative arts will be discussed and illustrated with films and slides.

The course will feature guest speaker Mary Carter Smith, an African - American storyteller.

Ms. Smith's repertoire of stories, poems and dramatic sketches has been developed through her recollection of experiences in Alabama, Kentucky, West Virginia and Ohio as well as in Baltimore, her current home.

It has been further enriched by her careers as a librarian, teacher and activist, and by her travels throughout the United States, Europe, the Caribbean and Africa.

In 1973 - 74 Ms. Smith was Girot (Storyteller) - in - Residence at Morgan State College. She has appeared on television and on radio and her poetry is included in Poetry of the Negro, (Doubleday).

There is still time to register for this short course as well as for "Problems in Concept Formation" and "The Hand." All courses meet four consecutive times in the evenings from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

For information or to register please contact: Office of Continuing Studies, Maryland Institute, College of Art, 1300 West Mount Royal Ave., Baltimore, MD, 21217, (301) 669 - 9200.

BALTIMORE'S MARY CARTER SMITH, a noted dramatist and teller of black heritage stories, is also a poetess and writer.

Morgan has free meals for children program at Lake Clifton

The Morgan State University Child Development Center has announced its policy for free and reduced price meals for children enrolled in the center's food program.

MSU and local officials have adopted the following family - size income criteria for determining eligibility:

Family Size.
Guidelines for reduced Price measl.
1 - $7,160.
2 — $9,420.
3 — $11,680.
4 — $13,940.
5 — $16,200.
6 — $18,470.
7 — $20,730.
8 — $22,990.
9 — $25,250.
10 — $27,510.
11 $29,770.
12 — $32,030.

The Morgan State University Child Development Center, presently located at Lake Clifton Senior High School, 2801 St. Lo Drive, receives funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

However, receipt of this funding is dependent upon the economic level of the individual children in the center. Children from families whose income is at or below that shown are eligible for free or reduced price meal reimbursement.

In addition, families not meeting these criteria but with other unusual expenses due to the physical or mental condition of a child, and disaster or casualty losses are urged to apply.

Application forms have been sent to all parents. The information provided on the application is confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility. Applications may be submitted any time during the year.

In certain cases, foster children are also eligible for these benefits. If a family has a foster child living with them, they should contact the center.

If a family member becomes unemployed or if family - size or income changes, the family must contact the center to file a new applicati. Such changes may make the children eligible for additional benefits; for example: from reduced price meals to free meals.

All children are treated the same regardless of ability to pay. In the operation of the child development food program, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, or national origin.

A complete copy of the policy is on file in the Morgan State University Child Development Center and may be reviewed by any interested party.

For information, call Ms. Adrienne Koram at 243 - 7877.

WORKING IN BALTIMORE FOR ONE YEAR

Congressman Diggs is apprentice at Elizabeth Phillips Mortuary

By Elizabeth M. Oliver
City Editor

When I spoke this week with former Rep. Charles Diggs, the one time senior black member of the U.S. Congress, he confirmed that he had been working since Sept. 1 as an apprentice here in Baltimore at the Elizabeth Phillips Funeral Home.

He said he will stay in the post for one year, until September, 1982 as required by law before he can qualify for a funeral director's licence in Maryland.

Mr. Diggs, who has a family - owned funeral chain in Detroit, MI, says he expects to open a new establishment somewhere in Prince Georges County, Md.

His daughter, Mrs. Denise Diggs Taylor, is in charge of the Michigan Businesses.

Exactly where in PG County the Diggs mortuary will be is to be determined by a survey the former congressman is now making.

Mr. Diggs said he selected the Baltimore funeral home for apprenticeship because he was acquainted with the founder, the late Arlington S. Phillips for some years back.

Diggs has moved his residence to Fort Washington in Prince Georges County, a town located near Oxen Hill.

Although he was convicted of fraud and kickbacks, Michigan voters re - elected him in 1978. He resigned from Congress in 1980.

The Congressional Black Caucus stood by Diggs all the way and employed him as a consultant for the group, one of the strongest in the U.S. Congress.

The Maryland funeral board will act on Diggs' application for a funeral director's license after a Nov. 25 hearing by the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

Diggs claims there could be no connection between his conviction and the practice of his profession. He told the Funeral Board should his application be denied, the action would be "a classic case of double, triple jeopardy."

Diggs is continuing his work with the Congressional Black Caucus during his apprenticeship.

CONG. CHARLES DIGGS, elected from Michigan, was when he resigned in 1980, the senior black member of the U.S. Congress.

BUSINESS/REAL ESTATE

This week's financial section produced by P. E. Badham

New townhouses planned for Rosemont

A private developer has announced a $2 million renovation of 54 townhouses that will be sold for under $40,000 in the west Baltimore neighborhood of Rosemont.

The project, called Franklintowne - on - the-Park, involves renovation of the entire 2200 block of Westmont Ave. It is being undertaken by Fairfax Properties Corporation without assistance from city, state or federal funds, according to Michael Kalis, vice president of the development firm.

Fairfax Properties the process of completing another renovation project at Highgate Village in the Gardenville section of northeast Baltimore, where the firm has converted 200 apartments into 100 semi-detached homes.

The Rosemont homes were originally built as rental units in 1950. Fairfax Properties acquired the property earlier this year and began renovation last month.

Extensive renovations are being performed on the homes. Inside, new kitchens and baths are being installed, along with wall-to-wall carpeting, heating systems, electrical service and fixtures.

Outside, the homes are getting new roofs, concrete sidewalks and steps, landscaping and aluminum prime windows and storm windows.

The three-bedroom homes are being sold for $38,500 plus $180 ground rent. A model home at the site will open Sunday, Nov. 1.

Kalis said the special FHA low-interest graduated mortgages will be available for buyers at Franklintowne, with total monthly payments starting at $450. Buyers will need approximately $3,000 for down payment and settlement costs.

CCC offers real estate classes

A series of credit-free courses in real estate will be offered by Catonsville Community College in November and December.

All courses will meet on the college's main campus, 800 S. Rolling Road. The classes may be of interest to the consumer as well as the real estate professional.

"Home Inspection and Warranty" is a one-day course meeting on Saturday, Nov. 7 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The registration fee is $12.

"Investing in Income Producing Properties" is offered on Saturday, Nov. 11 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. 4:15 p.m. The registration fee is $9.

Two sections of "Real Estate License Preparatory" will be offered. Section I will meet on Saturday, Nov. 14 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Section II will meet on Saturday, Dec. 12 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Both classes cost $11.

"Real Estate for Licensees' Continuing Education" will meet Saturdays, Nov. 14 and 21 from 9 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. The fee is $17.

"Financing the Real Estate Transaction" is scheduled for Mondays, Nov. 23 to Dec. 7 from 7 p.m. to 9:45 p.m. The registration fee is $11.

For more information or to register, call the College office of Continuing Education at 455-4318.

12-hour course on real estate

This fall the Loyola College office of Professional Programs is offering the 12-hour "Real Estate Continuing Education Program" Mondays, Nov. 9 and 16.

The program will take place on the college's North Charles Street campus from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. The course is approved and required by the Maryland Real Estate Commission.

For more information, call 323-1010, ext. 696.

Two-day forum scheduled on international trade

Government officials representing 10 countries from Africa and the Caribbean will present first-hand information regarding trade and investment opportunities in their respective countries at a two-day international trade and investment forum.

The forum will identify by the American Association of Minority Enterprise Small Business Investment Companies (AAMESBIC), will be held Thursday and Friday, Dec. 3 and 4 in Washington, DC.

The purpose of the forum is to facilitate the increasing involvement of small and minority business in international markets.

"The growing interest in international markets, the change in world economic conditions, and advancing technology present new opportunities for minority entrepreneurs," stated Patricia Jacobs, president of AAMESBIC.

Thr forum will identify some of these opportunities and assist in accessing international market entry for small and minority firms.

Nigeria, Jamaica, Egypt, Kenya, Sudan, Haiti, Trinidad and Tobago, Zaire, and the Ivory Coast will all be represented at the forum. In addition, experts in international trade and investment from the Agency for International Development, Export - Import Bank, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, U.S. Department of Commerce, and the U.S. Small Business Administration are also scheduled to be on the program.

The first day will feature comprehensive presentation by the representatives from Africa, the Caribbean, and federal agencies, with a question and answer session following each presentation. On the second day, participants will have the opportunity to participate in workshop sessions and meet with the speakers on an individual basis.

The cost of the two-day forum, to be held at the Sheraton Washington Hotel, 2660 Woodley Road, N.W., is $75 and includes breakfast, lunch and materials.

For more information, contact Errol Gillette, AAMESBIC, 915 15th St., N.W., Suite 700, Washington, D.C. 20005, 202-347-8600.

New postage rates effective Nov. 1

The cost of mailing a first-class letter will rise to 20-cents beginning Sunday, Nov. 1 when new postage rates go into effect.

The 20-cent first-class rate and increases for other classes of mail, approved last month by the Governors of the Postal Service, take effect at 12:01 a.m. local time on Nov. 1.

A new "C" stamp is already on sale at the main post office and all stations. The stamp bears the letter "C" instead of a denomination and has a postage value of 20 cents, the new rate for one ounce of first-class domestic mail.

The brown and white stamp features an eagle with the legend "U.S. Postage" beneath it. The letter "C" appears beside the eagle.

Also included in the design are the words "Domestic Mail" to remind mailers of its intended use.

"The 'C' stamp cannot be used on international mail," Postmaster John R. Cochran cautioned.

"Mail destined for foreign countries and bearing 'C' stamps will be returned to senders."

The "C" stamp is available in sheets, coils, and booklets. Embossed stamped envelops, bearing a "C" in lieu of the 20-cent denomination, also are on sale. A non-denominated postal card, also available, sells for 13 cents, the new postal card rate.

"Any remaining supply of 18-cent stamps that mailers have on hand may, of course, be used," Postmaster Cochran said, "as long as they are combined with one or two-cent stamps to meet the new Class rate."

The world's first adhesive postage stamp, the Penny Black, was issued May 6, 1840 in Britain. It was not until 1847 that the United States adopted adhesive stamps for use on mail.

George Washington and Benjamin Franklin have appeared on more U.S. postage stamps than any other persons.

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