Artist's sketches make Baltimore's 1980 Annual Report alive, colorful

By Elizabeth M. Oliver, City Editor

The Baltimore City 1980 Annual Report describes the town as a warm and friendly place, rich with memories and alive with a sense of community in the preface by Mayor Schaefer.

The 50 - page booklet is a treasure to keep and made especially dramatic by the sketches and drawings by artist Dennis Simon. Outstanding are the portraits of various citizens who are examples of fellow residents, the pride of Baltimore at its roots of all races and creeds.

The contents cover every aspect of the city as one vast neighborhood, all department and citywide activities.

Mr Melvin and Mrs. Eddie fentress, of the 700 block East 21st Street, have provided a foster home for some 20 youngsters over the years, accepting these children as their own. Both husband and wife are active in the Neighborhood Youth Corp and the Parent Advisory Council.

A people - oriented resident of Cherry Hill for more than 35 years, Elizabeth Greer has worked actively with many local organizations, including the Cherry Hill Coordinating Council and the Cherry Hill United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Luwanda Chamberlin of the 1300 block East Federal St., is a lifetime resident of the Oliver area and an active volunteer where children are concerned. She has worked with the Mayor's Office, chaperoned community meetings, made uniforms for the Oliver Cheerleaders, and helped neighbors in need.

Roscoe Herring, at the Mayor's personal representative in City Hall, speaks to hundreds of citizens each day by phone, alleviating their complaints, directing their queries, and seeing to it that everyone receives courteous and prompt attention.

Since 1959, John Saunders, has been extremely active in the Ashburton Community. The Lynchester Road resident helped form the Northwest Coalition, the Forest Park Senior Center, and the Coldspring - Wabash Community Corporation of which he serves as President. He has also been active in church and scouting affairs.

Mrs. Agnes Welch is well known for her spirited leadership in the Rosemont area where she serves her community as a representative of the Department of Social Services and as head of the Rosemont Multi - Purpose Center Planning Committee.

James Gunter, of the 4200 block Evans Chapel Road, is the notable leader of Hoes Heights, an often forgotten community. Under his inspired guidance, issues have been resolved within the neighborhood and a new spirit of cooperativeness has been created.

The cheerful man on the bicycle, Henry Diggs, rides daily along the streets of Northwest Baltimore, delivering prescriptions and other necessities to residents in the area from a neighborhood pharmacy.

Mrs. Odessa Thomas lives in apartments maned after her, the "Odessa Thomas Court," in the Madison Square Housing Complex on North Caroline Street. A senior citizen, she remains active, earning the respect of all. She works daily in the Citizens for Fair Housing Office and serves on the boards of several community and church organizations.

ARTIST DENNIS SIMON'S DRAWING of the picturesque Arabber who has almost passed from the American scene but remains a familiar sight in Baltimore.

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Judge Murphy Jr. is MLK Day speaker Sunday, Jan. 10

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING

Jan. 15, the 53rd birthday anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., will be observed with a talk by Judge William H. Murphy Jr., associate judge of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City.

The Sunday, Jan. 10, 3 p.m. event will take place in the Wheeler Auditorium of the Downtown Pratt Library, 400 Cathedral Street.

Co - sponsored by the Maryland Commission on Afro - American History and Culture and the Pratt Library, the lecture is open to the public without charge.

An outspoken advocate of civil rights, Judge Murphy seemed destined for a career in engineering as a graduate of the Poly A Course and the recipient of a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1965.

Later he entered the Maryland University School of Law from which he obtained the JurisDoctor degree in 1969.

Following private law practice beginning in 1970, he was elected to the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City in 1980.

During 1978 - 1979 Judge Murphy appeared as host of "Sunday Live" WJZ TV and in 1980 was elected to a 2 - year term as director of the Eastern Region of the National Conference of Black Lawyers.

Judge Murphy's talk on "New perspectives on the Last 10 years of U.S. Race Relations" will be followed by an informal reception in the third floor Library Lounge.

Portraits on John H. Murphy, Harriett Tubman and Lillie Carroll Jackson are on exhibit in the library second floor corridor.

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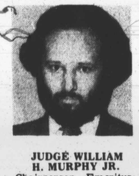

JUDGE WILLIAM H. MURPHY JR.

BG & E continues vital social programs

The Baltimore Gas and Electric Co. is playing a vital role in the community through its specially designed Social Responsibility Activities.

In a booklet called "Your Corporate Neighbor" two of the highlights are the Fuel Fund Program and the Weatherization Program.

The Fuel Fund Program has been active since the severe winters of 1976 and 1977 - 78 when BG & E met with a committee of leaders headed by City Councilwoman Victorine Q. Adams.

The formal agreement established the Baltimore Fuel Fund with BG & E giving $10,000 seed money and $190,000 bill credits.

BG & E's commitment to the Fund, to date, totals $600,000 including the 1981 - 82 contributions of $200,000.

Applicants for aid are encouraged to make partial payment themselves.

Through the Fund connection between industry and public assistance, BG&E is meeting the following objectives:

1. To provide assistance to fixed or low - income persons, who because of circumstances beyond their control have difficulty in meeting home heating needs.

2. To reduce the number of persons cut off from fuel services.

3. To provide a vehicle through which those with limited conservation knowledge can be educated.

WEATHERIZATION

As part of Mayor Schaefer's Blue Chip In Program BG & E is sponsoring ex - CETA workers who will insulate the attics of some low income customers' homes free of charge.

Customers selected will receive a free in - home energy analysis as well as weatherization - in sulation services.

The analysis of energy use will help home owners get the most for their energy dollars

The significant feature is that unlike straight energy assistance programs which help people pay their fuel bills, this program can greatly reduce a person's fuel bills possibly to a level where the individual can pay his own way.

This makes more fuel money available to those who really need it. More importantly, it helps to protect the dignity of those customers involved.

Visitors from New Jersey

FROM JERSEY CITY, NJ are Miss Diane Ryales, a Mt. Claire State College graduate and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority member and daughter of Glasco Ryales; Samuel Matos, age 14, Ryales' nephew and son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Matos and Wayne Russell, a Department of Treasury, U.S. Customs Service supervisor.

NAACP honors M. L. King

The Baltimore NAACP sponsors a special tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Tuesday, Jan. 12, at 7 p.m. The tribute will be at New Shiloh Baptist Church, 823 W. Lanvale St.

Speakers for the program include Dr. Harold A. Carter Jr., pastor, New Shiloh Baptist Church and Dr. Alvin Thorton. U.S. Congressional Legislative Assistant.

The general public is invited.

For more information call Barbara Cooper at 366-3300.

A dramatic moment in the AFRO's 90-Year history

CONFERENCE GROUP OF BLACK EDITORS in Washington during the World War I Reading left to right: Front Row — Former Gov. P.B.S. Pinchback, Charles W. Anderson, Maj. L. D. de Montal, Dr. Emmett J. Scott, Chairman; Col. Edouard Requin, Dr. Robert R. Moton, Judge R. H. Terrell, Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, Major J.E. Spingarn, Chris J. Perry, Rev. Ernest Lyon. Second Row — W. H. Steward, Dr. A.M. Curtis, W. T. Andrews, Dr. W. H. Davis, Benj. J. Davis, Henry A. Boyd, R. S. Abbott, John Mitchell Jr., AFRO's J.H. Murphy, G. L. Knox, A. E. Manning. Third Row — Dr. MauriceCurtis, Dr. H. M. Minton, J. C. Dancy, H.C. Smith, E. A. Warren, C. K. Robinson, J. E. Mitchell, Ralph W. Tyler, R. W. Thomson, N.C. Crews. Fourth Row — Dr. S. A. Furniss, R.C. Bruce, P.I. Young, Geo. W. Harris, Dr. W. H. Brooks, Jas. A. Cobb, Dr. J.R. Hawkins, C. N. Love, W. J. Singleton, W. L. Houston, Wm. E. King, Fifth Row — Dr. R. E. Jones, Maj. A. W. Washington, Robt. L. Vann, A. H. Grimke, Prof. Geo. W. Cook, Capt. Arthur S. Spingarn, F.R. Moore.

OUR WORLD

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Continentals' Yule benefit — a festive happening

CONTINENTAL CONVIVIALITY — Enjoying the festivities during the Continental's annual Christmas Benefit Gala held Sunday, Dec. 27 at Martin's West are (L to R): J. C. Reaves, Olivia Cheeks and Dr. Donald Stewart.

'Tis the season to be jolly — and so it was when some 500 guests joined the Baltimore Chapter of the Continental Societies, Inc. Sunday evening, Dec. 27, in their annual fund-raising affair.

Guests shelled out the price of the tickets, donned their party togs and dancing shoes for the organization's traditionally festive occasion.

Baltimore Continentals, now in their 26th year, raise money to help underprivileged and disadvantaged youngsters.

1981 contributions went to Camp Farthest Out, the Children's Shoe Fund, the annual Scholarship Fund, Camp Glyndon for Diabetic Children, AFRO Charities, the Maryland Educational Opportunity Center, and to the Kidney Foundation for research.

In addition to these monetary donations, members give of their time and talents to conduct tutoring sessions, workshops and outings for cultural deprived children.

During intermission, the club's second annual Helen O. Gattis Award, named for the late founder of the club, was presented to William G. Sykes, former Peace Corps executive and a member of the Continentals' Honorary Board of Directors.

The award, given to the person who gives unselfishly to programs or service which enhance the development and well-being of children was presented last year to A. Paul Moss.

Sykes was cited for his continuing encouragement and aid to young people, especially in the area of education.

Mrs. Constance Butler is president of the local chapter. Members are: Mesdames Frances Branch, Lillie Branch, Zelma Brown, Sevilla Carroll, Odessa Dyson, Katherine Gross, Audrey Harden, Serena Holmes, Susan Jones, Priscilla Marshall, Marlene W. Mohamed, Ann Parker, Helen Quarles, Doris Smith, Phyllis Thompson, Mary Tucker, Margaret Turner, Elmira Washington, Delores Young and Associate Member, Ellen Howard.

BENEFIT GUESTS in the spirit of the party are John Rich and Dr. Lois Young.

GATTIS AWARD — Mrs. Constance Butler, president of the Baltimore Continentals, presents the organization's second annual Helen O. Gattis Award to William G. Sykes.

ELEGANTLY BEDECKED — Dorothy Clinton (Dr. Shirley) beautifully gowned in a dress by Baltimore Award Winning Designer Birty Fenner.

CONTINENTALS COMMITTEE — These members of the Baltimore Continentals were among those members of the committee planning the club's fund-raiser. Left to right, Mesdames Mary Tucker, Doris Smith, chairman, and Helen Quarles.

ALPHA WIVES YULE PARTY — Alpha Wives, mates of members of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, held their annual Christmas party on Sunday evening, Dec. 20 at Fontaine Bleu. Left panel, Alpha wife, Sara Ellas, greets her guests, Dr. and Mrs. Andrew Billingsley. Right panel, top, Alpha wife officers, Helena Hairston, president; Catherine Adams, chair of Yule affair; and Norma Bracey, secretary. More guests are shown in insert at right. From left, Mr. and Mrs. John Stokes, Dr. Lois Young and Dr. Clarence Beverley of N.J.

Partyline

Templars end season with elegance

By Pattie Hodges, AFRO Women's Editor

The Templars, a men's club organized for good fellowship and comradery, is also known for its exquisite taste and excellent party planning.

The first Christmas party at Blue Crest featured squab-under-glass expertly served as a main course followed by Irish coffee and brandies for a bit of elan.

Ladies were beautifully gowned in flowing taffetas and laced with the added glint of gold and silver for the season.

The Fisher aggregation was sounding very good, however the sights and sounds of Jennifer Jones were preferred on stage rather than swirling around the dance floor.

both to the palate and the eye.

The Templars including: Milton Allen, Glascoe Baker, Solomon Baylor, William Bowie, Perry Bradby, Earl Britt, W. Emerson Brown Jr., Melvin Callaman, Harry Cole, Samuel Daniels, John Datcher, James Gilliam, James Goodwin, J. Wilson Henson, Samuel Hicks, Cecil Johnston, Herman Lee, Cyrus Marshall, Robert Payne, Myles Robinson, Ronald Scott, William Sykes, Lester Wallace, Robert Watts, and Robert White, left us with one of the happier memories of 1981.

New Year's Day Open House

Mrs. Rachel Eaton hosted a New Year's Day open house at her Lauretta Avenue home.

Mrs. Eaton, known for her superb cooking, prepared such delectables as chicken in pineapple sauce, broccoli and noodles, yellow rice, brisket of beef, collard greens, potato salad, chitterlings, black eye peas and homemade rolls.

And for her guests with a sweet tooth, she baked 12 sweet potato pies. And the cook says she started preparing the delicious meal two days in advance.

Among her guests were Rep. Parren Mitchell, Elsie Thompson, Jimmy Parker, Lucas Hicks, Harold Hawkins, Gwendolyn Fields, Ed Smith and Helen Jones.

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Peace — Happiness and Health to all In the New Year

MORE GUESTS seen at Alpha Wives Yule party on Sunday evening. From left, seated, Barbara Bridgeforth, Virginia P. White and Mr. and Mrs. Roland Harris. Standing, John H. Smith.