If You Ask Me

By Bettye Moss

Hats off!

Salute this week to seven - year - old Lanaya Williams. She's a second grader who has early displayed a pleasing personality and talent, a joy to her adult relatives and friends.

We picked her this week because we watched her bring joy to adults when she picked up her violin and called them to hear her play, "happy birthday" to her "Pop Pop." (See photo on this page).

Looking on was proud grandfather, Joseph Felton, who was given a birthday party on his 71st last week, hosted by Mrs. Felton, (Leona).

The young violin player is the daughter of the Feltons' daughter and son - in - law, Woody and Beverley Williams. She is taking violin lessons at Bryn Mawr at school. Hats off to Lanaya. If she keeps up her present personality traits, she'll be a real role model when she grows up, and a pretty one, too.

Please write this column and let us know when you see or hear of people who stand out. Help us prove that people will take time to praise others when they do well. Hats off!

About people

Some 300 relatives and friends were on hand for that 35th birthday fete for Alexis Maria Morton a Saturday ago. Event was at the Prince Hall Masonic Temple.

In attendance the honoree's parents, Bill and Betty Morton, her co - workers at Social Security, and family friends. Frank Kennedy provided music for the evening and there was entertainment by Vanity.

Afterwards, honoree's sister, Adrienne Savage, and brother, Aaron Morton, hosted a small party at her home on Allendale St.

New residents in our B-more town are retired Lt. Col. Lester Frank Russell and his wife, Mamie, now residing in a University Parkway apartment. They come here from Farmingdale, N.J. Both are retired educators.

Baltimore is no strange place for them. Mrs. Russell is the sister of our town's Mrs. Beautine DeCosta Lee. Mr. Russell is the brother of our Dr. Bruce Russell.

Thinking - of - you cards to Mrs. Tillie Young. She was released from the hospital this week, had been confined for over a month. Hellos will reach her if addressed to 3404 W. Lanvale, where she lives with her daughter, Mrs. Tillie Pair.

Now 82, Mrs. Young will be remembered as one of our town's most vivacious and hard-working residents. For years, she was active in the NAACP, and with the Charles C. Cook Scholarship Fund. Also, she was active with the real estate firm run by her late husband, Bob Young, and in Sharp St. Methodist Church, where Mr. Young's dad, Rev. Alfred Young, was onetime minister.

Glad - you're better cards to Mrs. Roberta Keets of Bentalou St. She had foot surgery.

And, to Dr. Roger K. Williams. He and wife, Dr. Beryl, were in Harrisburg on Friday for funeral of his cousin Mrs. Martha Scott Field.

More people

If you were near Forest Park golf course last week, you may have noticed the entourage of armored cars, vans and other security vehicles in the area.

You can learn here why. — Visitor in our midst was Prime Minister of Dominica, the Honorable Eugenia Charles, who was houseguest of our city's distinguished author and world traveler, Dr. Irene Diggs.

Dr. Diggs and the Charles family have been friends for years. During her stay here, the Secret Service, augmented by local police, provided round - the-clock surveillance, even when the two ladies went to mass on Sunday at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen.

Cuff note: Prime Minister Charles has been on the front pages of newspapers in the States for sometime — ever since she was here to counsel with President Reagan after Grenada invasion.

She is president of the Eastern Caribbean States, and much in demand as a speaker. After leaving Baltimore, she went on to Atlanta, Charlotte and Clemson and speaks at Harvard University this weekend before winding her way home.

Dominica is a small island located between Antigua and Guadaloupe, not to be confused with the Dominican Republic.

Must have been thrilling to watch the 18 Secret Service men protect these two distinguished ladies. Whew!

And more

Distinguished lady in our town on a sad mission was Mrs. Percy Julian, (Alma), widow of the distinguished scientist. She was here from Oak Park, Il., to attend the Monday morning rites for her sister, Mrs. Alma Johnson Harris, the beloved and longtime Baltimore teacher and good neighbor who lived in the Morgan Park area. She was in her mid - eighties when she died last Monday.

When Mrs. Harris retired in 1968, she could look back on a 30 - year career at social studies instructor at Dunbar, Lombard and Clifton Park High. She began as an elementary teacher at School No. 108.

Other kin here, the deceased's daughter, Mrs. Alma Bond, D.C., grandchildren, Roderick Ellis, Oak Park; Miss Olga Ellis, D.C., and Ms. Sardi Billingslea, St. Louis; also, nieces, Miss Faith Julian, Oak Park; and Mrs. Charlotte Wesley Holloman, D.C.

In attendance at the half - hour rites were Morgan Park neighbors and friends, including Baltimore cousin, Miss Edna Brown, the retired educator. York, Pa., friends here were Mrs. Ineze Alexander and Mrs. Alice Mead.

Baltimore kin unable to attend because of illness was the deceased's brother - in - law, former Judge E. Everett Lane, who is ill at his University Parkway home.

More, more

The Edward Slaters, (Lilyan), were in Asbury Park, N.J. on Friday for funeral services of his brother, Paul Slater, Jr.

Mr. Slater, 61, died unexpectedly on Jan. 31. He and his wife, the former Thelma Turner, were in Baltimore for the Big Sisters' annual holiday party a month back.

A native of Baltimore, the deceased was a graduate of Dunbar High, and Hampton Institute, where he held degrees in building construction and education. He served 28 years in the Army — saw duty in Germany, Okinawa and Vietnam, retiring as sergeant major.

In Neptune, N.J., where he lived, Mr. Slater was active in Prince Hall Masons, Lions Club, Neptune Board of Education of which he was past president, and a former vestryman and member of St. Augustine Episcopal Church, where rites were held. He was a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

Fraternal groups held memorial services on Thursday evening. In attendance, his Hampton Institute classmate, Baltimore's John Earl Stokes.

Other Baltimore kin there, his sister, Miss Thelma Slater; brothers, Leonard and Kendall; his children, Paul W. Slater Jr., David M. and Neal R. Slater, all of Columbia, Md. Other survivors, five grandchildren and a niece, Miss Judith Martin.

Honorary pallbearers were members of Kappa and of the Monmouth City Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, of which the widow is a member.

Happy 80th

Samuel S. Douglass, the longtime Baltimore motion picture projectionist, got the surprise of his life on a recent Sunday. Relatives tricked him and his wife, Julia, into going to the Silver Spring home of daughter, and son - in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Leslie Duke, (Dolores).

When they arrived for what they thought was a family dinner, they found relatives and friends from Pa., Va., Md. and D.C., present to exclaim "happy birthday." It was his 80th.

Joining in planning the surprise were Baltimore offspring, Mrs. Shirley Stewart, the U. of Baltimore prof., and son, Stuart Douglass, who is the director of the State Employment Service. His wife, Eugenia, was also in on the secret.

They had guests in a "This Is Your Life" salute and other toasts.

Six grands gave or sent greetings. They are, Sherrell D. Campbell, with the State Department; Leslie Duke with ABC; Loris Duke, a senior at Stanford; Karen Stewart, with the state info center; Philip Stewart, the bank manager; and Eugene Stewart, the data processing student.

Cuff notes: Mr. Douglass retired five years ago. For years he was on duty at the Roosevelt Theatre, later rotated at other Baltimore area movie houses.

His dad, the late George Douglass, was a pioneer projectionist, long at the old Regent Theatre and president of the motion picture projectionists' union. Since his retirement, Mr. and Mrs. Douglass have made their home in Thornburg, Va.

Remember Mr. Douglass and his family lived for years on Sanford Place in west Baltimore when the children were young? Happy, happy birthday to him!

Getting along

"The Art Of Getting Along" is the title of this helpful verse.

Sooner or later a man, if he is wise, discovers that life is a mixture of good days and bad, victory and defeat, give and take.

He learns that it doesn't pay to be a sensitive soul — that he should let some things go over his head like water off a duck's back.

He learns that he who loses his temper usually loses.

He learns that all men have burnt toast for breakfast now and then, and that he shouldn't take the other fellow's grouch too seriously.

He learns that carrying a chip on his shoulder is the easiest way to get into a fight.

He learns that the quickest way to become unpopular is to carry tales and gossip about others.

He learns that most people are human and that it doesn't do any harm to smile and say "good morning" even if it is raining.

He learns that most of the other fellows are as ambitious as he is, that they have brains that are as good or better, and that hard work, and not cleverness, is the secret of success.

He learns that it doesn't matter so much who gets the credit so long as the business shows a profit.

He comes to realize that the business could run along perfectly without him.

He learns to sympathize with the youngsters coming into the business, because he remembers how bewildered he was when he first started out.

He learns not to worry when he does not make a hit EVERY time, because experience has shown if he always gives his best, his average will break pretty well.

He learns that no man ever got to first base alone and that it is only through cooperative effort that we move on to better things.

SURPRISE ON 80TH — Samuel S. Douglass was surprised on his 80th birthday by his children. From left, Mrs. Dolores Duke, Mrs. Shirley Stewart and Stuart Douglass. For more about the event in Silver Spring, see If You Ask Me.

7-YEAR-OLD SHINES — Lanaya Williams uses violin to salute beaming grandpop, Joseph Felton, on his 71st birthday. See details in If You Ask Me.

Mary Wake, Perkins Home Clean Block Leader

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Wake, for 30 years was the guiding light working for the betterment of her community in Herring Court, Perkins Homes, died February 5 after a sudden massive heart attack.

The long-time AFRO Clean Block Captain was looking forward to celebrating her 60th birthday this August during the 50th Clean Block Campaign and was ill only during this past month.

She kept her home and court immaculate and regularly attended AFRO Clean Block meetings. She painted her court yearly; proudly displayed her winning flags and flowers over the four-block court and was instrumental in having a huge picture of Jesus hand-painted at the entrance to the court.

Last summer the Southeast Community Relations Team-Atlantic Bell adopted her court and planted eight barrels with emerald and gold flowering plants.

Funeral services were held at March Funeral Home at 8:30 p.m., Thursday Feb. 9. Internment will be Friday 10 a.m. at Baltimore National Cemetary.

Mrs. Wake was born Aug. 28, 1924 in Baltimore to the late George and Gertrude Monroe. She was the baby of 10 children. She received her education in the Baltimore public schools. She was married to her childhood sweetheart, the late Master Sgt. Martin L. Wake, killed in action in Italy in 1945 in World War II.

She lived in Perkins Homes for 30 years, serving as AFRO Clean Block Captain. She was instrumental in community development in the lives of those she shared her neighborhood with. Tay, as she was affectionately called, believed in giving of herself. Many years, especially last year, she could be seen out late at night painting and planting.

Survivors include one daughter, Gloria Edmonds; one son, Ronald Cann; five grandchildren, Russell Edmonds III; Kevin Edmonds, Ronald Cann Jr.; Deneen Edmonds, and Rhona Cann.

The family requests a contribution to the Heart Fund instead of flowers.

Mrs. Mary Wake, long-time AFRO Clean Block Captain of Herring Court in Perkins Homes.

St. James Episcopal Church
Arlington and Lafayette Aves.
(Lafayette Square)
The Reverend Donald O. Wilson, Rector
Samuel T. Knight, Assist. Rector
Dr. Robert T. Ford, Deacon
Maurice Murphy, organist — Choirmaster
8:00 A.M. — Holy Communion
9:00 A.M. — Church School-Family Service
11:00 A.M. — Holy Eucharist
The Public Is Cordially Invited To Attend All Services

DOUGLAS MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CHURCH
"The People of the Way"
Lafayette and Madison Aves.
Dr. Marion Curtis Bascom, Minister
James S. Hammond, M. Music
Juanita Hall Davis Organist
Sunday, February 12, 1984
Eight and Eleven O'Clock
Marion Curtis Bascom preaching
8 & 11
God Is My Song — Guy Ringwold
8:30
Little Innocent Lamb — Marshall Bartholomew, arr.
11:00
In His Care-O — William Dawson, arr.

LISTEN HERE, BALTIMORE
It's Double Play Saturday With Aunt Pauline & Aurelia On 860 AM
The weekends are twice as good in Baltimore when you spend Saturday mornings with Aunt Pauline Wells Lewis, the pioneer of Baltimore Black Gospel music and Aurelia White.
The sounds start early and the beat goes on until 9AM, as Aunt Pauline plays your favorite hits.
But that's only the beginning. They'll keep you in touch with all the area church activities and let you know who is a year older on the Birthday Party.
It's Double Play Saturday with Aunt Pauline and Aurelia on the new 860AM.
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Baltimore's Full-Time Black Gospel Radio Station

Community Calendar

BROOKS ROBINSON, MISS WHEELCHAIR MARYLAND HIGHLIGHT HOME WITH HEART DAY

Brooks Robinson, baseball Hall of Famer, and Gaynell Colburn, Miss Wheelchair Maryland (83' - 84'), will headline the Lafayette Square Nursing Center "Home with Heart Day" on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, 1984. On that day, residents will walk, wheel in wheelchairs, and rock in rocking chairs to raise funds for the American Heart Ass.

A full day of events has been planned to involve the community, family, staff, and residents in the project. The purpose of "Home with Heart" is three fold. It allows residents, a forgotten population, to make a very real contribution to society, enforcing their feelings of selfworth. Second, it focuses attention of the public on the abilities as well as needs of the residents. Third, the money raised goes to a very worthy cause.

The public is invited to stop by, or to take part. Volunteers and donations are needed. The kick-off is at 10 a.m. and the program will come to an end with the crowning of the Queen of Hearts at 3:30 p.m. For additional information contact Kim Novak at 523-3400. The Lafayette Square Nursing Center is located at Lafayette Ave. and John St, Bolton Hill.

HUNT VALLEY ANTIQUES SHOW

The 14th annual Hunt Valley Antiques Show will be held Friday through Sunday, Feb. 24-26, at the Marriott Hunt Valley Inn (I-83 and Shawan Rd., Hunt Valley).

The show benefits Maryland Children's and Family Services and is sponsored by its Women's Auxiliary. It features lectures by two Winterthur Museum curators, a loan exhibit from its study collection, and 60 dealers from more than 15 states. The loan exhibit and the lectures are based on this year's theme of "Fakes and Forgeries, Marriages and Deceptions, Number II". Charles Hummel, deputy director for collections at Winterthur, will discuss the problems of fakes in furniture, brass, pewter and silver on Friday, Feb. 24 at 10:30 a.m.; while Phillip H. Curtis, associate curator and in charge of glass and ceramics, will discuss fakes and forgeries in pottery, porcelain and glass on Saturday, Feb. 25, at 10:30 a.m.

A Preview Party is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 23, from 6-9 p.m. Tickets for the Preview Party are $25 each, which includes continuous admission to the show. Show hours are noon until 9 p.m. Friday through Saturday and 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is: $5 to the show; $10 for each lecture, which includes admission to the show on the day of the lecture. For information call 825-3700.

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF FREDERICK DOUGLASS H. S.

The Alumni Association of Frederick Douglass High School is calling its regular meeting, for Thursday, Feb. 16, at 7:30 p.m. - to be held in room 209 of The Control Data Center, located on the hill, at 2901 Druid Park Drive.

All class representatives are urged to gather, in preparation for the re-opening of the Gwynns Falls Parkway site, this spring. For further information, please call: Mr. Hannibal Mickens, Jr., 466-8100.

MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY'S TALENT SHOW

The Student Government Association of Morgan State University cordially invites you to our Eighth Annual Talent Show, Friday April 6 at 7 p.m. This is a special event for us because it is for our Scholarship Fund. Help us celebrate this festive occasion. Your participation will be greatly appreciated.

VALENTINE'S DAY IS FOR VETERANS

Valentine's Day is a time for showing others how special they are to us. Feb. 14 also marks the day for the national salute to hospitalized veterans—a time when veterans in Veterans Administration Medical Facilities throughout the U.S. are especially remembered. The Baltimore Veterans Administration Medical Center will be celebrating this event the week of Feb. 14, 1984.

Three days of festivities are planned. Beginning with Tuesday, Feb. 14, the First Army Jazz Band will entertain patients and prominent public figures in attendance. On Wednesday, Feb. 15, patients will be visited by local sportscasters and members of the Maryland Terps Football Team. Thursday, Feb. 16, activities will include local high school and elementary school essay writing and drawing contests as well as a reception for students and patients.

The salute is a nationwide effort, sponsored by the Veterans Administration, to pay tribute to the more than a million veterans who enter VA Medical Centers each year. It is a time for reflection, and a time of appreciation for the veterans who still suffer emotional and physical scars from their service to their country. The national salute to hospitalized veterans reminds us of these patriots and allows us another opportunity to show our thanks for their efforts.

BALTIMORE CO. FIRE DEPT. SEEKING CANDIDATES THROUGH NEW DIRECTIONS

The Baltimore County Fire Dept. and Baltimore New Directions for Women (BNDW) will present a career opportunity program on Friday, Feb. 24 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the BNDW Career Resource Center, located at 12 E. 25th Street.

Representatives from the Baltimore Co. Fire Dept. will provide information current job openings for the position of "firefighter."

Prospective applicants must be at least 18 years of age at the time of appointment, be citizens of the United States, have a high school diploma or GED and possess a valid Maryland driver's license.

There is no charge for the program, but pre-registration is required by Feb. 23. Call 889-6677 for registration and information.

THE PARK HEIGHTS STREET ACADEMY'S SCIENCE FAIR

The Park Heights Street Academy will host its Fifth Annual Science Fair on Wednesday, Feb. 15 from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. The public is invited to view science exhibits prepared by Academy Students.

For more information, call 367-3446.

WORKSHOP ON LEGAL PROBLEMS OF SEPARATION AND DIVORCE

Baltimore New Directions for Women (BNDW) will offer a workshop entitled "Legal Problems of Separation and Divorce" on Wednesday, Feb. 22, from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at the BNDW Career Resource Center, 2517 N. Charles St. The cost is $8 for BNDW members and $15 for non-members. This workshop is co-sponsored by the Women's Law Center and BNDW.

Participants in this workshop will discuss the current domestic laws and legal processes involved for separation and divorce in Maryland. Attorneys and members of the Women's Law Center will facilitate.

Pre-registration is required. Call 889-6677 for registration and further information. This workshop is a part of BNDW's "Start A New Direction" series.

STUTTERING AND FEAR

"Stuttering and Fear" Lecture by Dr. Alan H. Glick, Speech Pathologist and Clinically Certified Mental Health Counselor, will be given on Saturday Feb. 18, 6 until 8 p.m. at the Edmondson Professional Building, 6206 Edmondson Ave., Catonsville, MD. FREE. Reservation and information call 730-5181.

SEVENTH ANNUAL MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

The Elemenfary Division of the Baltimore City Public Schools is sponsoring its Seventh Annual Mathematics Contest. Students in grades three through six are eligible to participate.

There are two levels according to grade placement: Level 1 - students in grades three and four; Level 2 - students in grades five and six.

All questions must be answered orally and in a prescribed period of time.

School champions and first runners-up will compete in the Regional Contests which will be held between Feb. 18 and Feb. 29.

The winners of the Regional Contests will compete in the Citywide Contests which will be held for Level 1 on March 14, and for Level 2 on March 15. Each Citywide Contest will be held at Eutaw Marshburn Elementary School No. 11, 1624 Eutaw Place, Baltimore 21217, at 9 a. m.

For further information call 396-7236 or 7237.

RHEUMATOID ATHRITIS

Mercy Hospital is sponsoring a free seminar on "Rheumatoid Arthritis", Wednesday, March 7, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room B of the Burk Building.

Keynote speaker is Dr. Gary Ruppert, Mercy's Division Head of Rheumatology. For more information or to register, call Mrs. Crandell at 332-9346 between 9 a.m. and 12 noon.

REDWOOD STREET GOES ONE WAY

Redwood Street, between Light and South Streets, will revert to a one way westbound operation Saturday, Feb. 18, 1984. Signs will be placed on Redwood Street to notify drivers two weeks in advance of the change.

The change will improve traffic movement that was disrupted by subway work said Transit and Traffic Commissioner James. W. Causey, who asks motorists to "Drive Friendly" when encountering the new traffic pattern.

FREE STATE HEALTH PLAN, INC.

Members of the Free State Health Plan, Inc. who receive care at Constant Care Medical Center in Baltimore City are invited to attend any of three health education courses being offered by Free State in cooperation with Towson State University (TSU).

The courses are being offered by Free State, a federally qualified health maintenance organization sponsored by Blue Cross of Maryland, as part of its commitment to provide quality health education to members.

Registration for non-credit courses on Stress Management, Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Weight Control are open to the public and priority placement will be given to Free State subscribers. All classes will be held in Burdick Hall on the campus of Towson State University.

Free State members can register for any of the classes by completing the registration brochure form mailed to them and returning it with a check to College of Continuing Studies at TSU or calling Barbara Raskin at the Free State Health Plan, 828-7700.

HEALTH-PROFESSIONAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR POST-MASTECTOMY PROGRAM

Health professionals, nurses, physical therapists, occupational therapists and nutritionists are needed for leaders in order to expand the NEED (Nutrition, Exercise Education, Discussion) program, a ten-week, health education course for women who have had a mastectomy.

NEED, developed by health professionals in 1981 with a grant from Johns Hopkins Cancer Control Development Program and the YWCA, is now a community-based program, co-sponsored by the Young Women's Christian Association, the National Council of Jewish Women, the American Cancer Society and Reach to Recovery in the greater Baltimore area. It is offered to all women, free of charge, who are six weeks or more past the date of surgery.

Training seminars and group experience are being offered this winter for health professionals who are interested in serving as volunteer leaders. The professional development training is free of charge. For further infomation call the YWCA, 685-1460, extension 238 (NEED representative).

BLACK HISTORY MONTH RECOGNIZED BY BALTIMORE POST OFFICE

The traffic light, the first clock made in America, and refrigerated trucks have one thing in common. They were all invented by black Americans.

Drawing attention to these and other achievements, the United States Postal Service has designated February as Black History Month.

The Postal Service began recognizing the contributions of black Americans with the issuance of the Booker T. Washington commemorative stamp in 1940. Since then numerous stamps have been issued featuring prominent black Americans.

Throughout February, the Baltimore Post Office will display the entire collection of United States stamps honoring blacks. This collection is being shown courtesy of Harry A. Stokes and the Baltimore Philatelic Society.

Stokes, who has been collecting stamps since 1940, will also arrange a collection of 16 cachet envelopes commemorating important black Marylanders.

Both displays will be exhibited in the Baltimore Post Office's Philatelic Center.

GOVAN MULTI-PURPOSE CENTER TO OFFER FREE INCOME TAX HELP

Residents of the Govans and Northwood communities will be eligible to receive free income tax assistance on Saturdays beginning Feb. 4 and continuing through April 14 at the Govans Multi-Purpose Center.

Loyola College students participating in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, will help residents with both the federal and state tax forms.

Interested persons should call 396-6084 for an appointment and bring all relevant documents including W 2 forms, interest statements, etc. Walk-ins will also be accepted at the Govans Multi-Purpose Center, 5225 York Road.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Are you looking for something to enrich you interpersonal relationship skills and to give meaning to your life? Here is an opportunity — take a listening skills training course and become a volunteer telephone counselor for CONTACT-Helpline. This crisis intervention helpline provides a life line to people in trouble.

The comprehensive 50 hour training course includes a number of challenging topics and a chance to work with other enthusiastic people. Training classes will run on Monday evenings from 7:30 p.m. until 10 p.m., Feb. 27 through April 16. Two Saturdays will also be necessary and these days are March 24 and April 7 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. All of these classes are held in Mr. Vernon Place United Methodist Church, 10 E. Mt. Vernon Place. There is a nominal fee of $25 to cover materials and financial aid is available to those who need it.

For a stimulating, challenging experience and a chance for personal growth, come and take advantage of this opportunity.

For more information, please call 332-0567 or 332-1114 and sign up to help your fellow neighbors in the community today. It could be the start of something very enriching.

CORPS CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers' Baltimore District is sponsoring a series of activities the week of Feb. 13-17, 1984, in celebration of Black History Month. Performances open to the public will be held daily from 12:30 until 1:30 p.m. in the lobby of the George H. Fallon Federal Building, 31 Hopkins Plaza.

Performing groups include Edmondson High School, Waverly Elementary School, Social Security Chorus, Sylvia Hardiston, Accompanied by Fernando Allen and Mack Lewis' Boxers.

WALTER P. CARTER CENTER NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The Walter P. Carter Center long-term mental health care facility located at Spring Crove Hospital Center is presently looking for VOLUNTEERS to visit with patients assist during meanltime, teach classes, show movies and slides - and much more. If you are interested in volunteering, call Debbie Hamlet Today -528-2218-2219.

SECOND CHANCE SHOP

Beginning Monday, Feb. 6, the Second Chance Shop, a thrift shop sponsored by the Women's Guild of the Annunciation Cathedral announces a special half price sale which will continue through Friday, March 16. The shop, which is located at Maryland Ave. and Preston St. will feature a choice selection of winter, spring, and summer clothing and household items.

Shop hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. until 3p.m. Special features of the ongoing sale will be the very popular $1 bag sale.

COMMUNITY ENERGY RESOURCE DIRECTORY AVAILABLE

Residential Conservation Service staff, a section of the Maryland Energy Office, has prepared a community energy resource directory. This publication, a year in preparation, lists state, local government, and community resources designed to addresss the broad field of energy related problems. This directory is in loose-leaf form so it may easily be up-dated. Information is listed both alphabetically and by geographical division. For further information or to obtain a copy call Harriet Hertz, Maryland Energy Office at (301) 383-6810.

ACTORS' CONSERVATORY

The public is invited to celebrate the opening of the 1984 Winter - Spring semester of Actors' Conservatory, a private, non-profit school dedicated to quality training for the actor.

The Pro-Arte Ensemble will entertain with a mini-concert featuring works of Handel, Faure, Guiliani, and Britten performed by Hermar Meyers, Beth Rothenberg, and Colleen Darkow.

Come along for this "lively arts afternoon" and have the chance to meet the Conservatory's Staff and Students. Register for classes. Find out about how to become a special member of Actors' Conservatory.

That's on Sunday, Feb. 12, from 2 until 4 p.m. at the Baltimore Ballet Center, 1398 W. Mt. Royal Ave.

Refreshments will be served. Admission is free.

Mrs. Mary Adams to fight for child support

By Arthur Johnson
AFRO Bureau

ANNAPOLIS — Delegate Mary B. Adams (D, Baltimore City) has been named chairman of the Maryland Legislative Women's Caucus subcommittee on Child Support Enforcement Legislation.

"Our main responsibility is to become familiar with all bills introduced in reference to the enforcement and we will guide the legislation through the General Assembly," says the diminutive former City Council member who is in the midst of her second year in the House of Delegates.

The Women's Caucus is designed to address women's issues in the legislative process which can range from health to economic issues. For Del. Adams' committee, the members narrowed its scope so that all legislation would fall under two or three headings.

"We don't want to be misunderstood. Just because my committee doesn't include all bills under child support doesn't mean we're not for them. It just means that the bill doesn't fall into the heavy priorities of the Women's Caucus at this time.

"If our priorities are spread too far, nothing can be done with success," says Mrs. Adams.

So far the committee is

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POLICE SEEKING

The Maryland Toll Facilities Police and Baltimore New Directions for Women will present a law enforcement career opportunity program on Friday, February 10, 1984 between 10 AM and 2 PM at the BNDW offices at 12 East 25th St.

Representatives from the Toll Facilities Police will be on hand to give a brief presentation on the force's activities and operations and to answer questions about law enforcement career opportunities with their agency. Initial interviews will be given to interested persons.

Toll Facilities Police are duly trained and sworn professional law enforcement officers who have full police powers and authority at the State's four toll bridges and the Baltimore Harbor Tunnel. The force totals some 200 members.

There is no charge for the program, but pre-registration is required by February 9th. Call 889-6677 for registration and information.

—Annual awards

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bringing happiness and fun for all.

Ms. Anne Beyer, an outstanding high school student who does an outstanding job as a volunteer at Baltimore City Hospitals.

Box 414 Association and its Ladies' Auxiliary, a group of dedicated fire buffs, has been serving our City especially its firemen and policemen since 1949.

Mrs. Velma Moore, a community volunteer who has a special feeling for all the people she helps—children, the elderly, and the sick.

Daniel Mark Epstein, a poet who brings poetry and folk music to school children through his free readings.

My Sister's Place, Sister Pat McLaughlin, SSND, directs over 40 volunteers who provide needed services for Baltimore's homeless women.

WCAO Radio 60, this radio station raised thousands of dollars for Multiple Sclerosis through fund-raising events held in Baltimore

Dr. William L. Fearing, gives medical care to the needy at reduced fees and often without pay.

Raynor Banks, an employee of MTA who organizes a donation drive each year for the AFRO - AMERICAN'S Mrs. Santa campaign.

RAYNAR T. BANKS, Customer Service clerk at the Mass Transit Administration, Washington Boulevard plant was nominated for Baltimore's Best by his supervisor Clyde Headley and Mrs. Margaret Hanna of the MTA Accounting Department. His special nomination was for helping the AFRO'S Mrs. Santa program run by the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers. For the past four years he has collected toys and clothing at Mass Transit; organized for three years a Softball Marathon, Christmas In August which has raised thousands of dollars.

Each year at Christmas, he has organized a 50-50 raffle at MTA with half the proceeds going to AFRO's Mrs. Santa.

The AFRO's Mrs Santa, Ida Peters, noted that she was so proud of Mr. Banks especially since he also organizes drivers to pick up clothes and toys during the drive and stays with the program up until Christmas Eve delivering late baskets.

In the audience were his mother, Mrs Verniece Banks and his son, Raynor Banks, Jr; Pappy Brooks, a legend in the softball world; Shelton Stewart, Rosemont Community; Mrs. Sheila Smith and Mrs. Reese Davis; Morris Vaugh, sister, Miss Trina Saunders and Tyrone Banks from MTA. Mrs. Mary Turc, who for the last three years has make cookies for Mrs. Santa's families and donated a turkey was also there with her children and her two sons and sister, Mrs. Ann Stewart. Also there was Vertis Parra, Superintendant of Training for MTA who with his wife sponsors Dr. J's Softball team.

Banks also received letters of commendation from Congresswoman Barbara A. Mikulski and Senator Charles Mac Mathias, Jr

Banks told the AFRO "I accept this award with pride and I wish to share this award on behalf of my many friends who have played an important role in helping me to exercise my inner and most sincere feelings in reaching out to touch the lives of others in love and compassion".