AN HISTORIC OCCASION

Citywide Forum marked its 50th anniversary, Dec. 27

Forty members of the Citywide Young People's Forum, Baltimore's Youth Movement of the Thirties, held a 50 - year reunion last Friday, Dec. 27 at the Guilford home of Dr. and Mrs. Reiner J. Mitchell, the guests of Attorney Juanita Jackson Mitchell, Forum founder and first president.

Co- founder, Virginia Jackson Kiah, the artist, attended with her husband, Dr. C. L. Kiah, retired vice - president of Atlanta's Georgia State University.

Attorney Elmer W. Henderson, retired counsel for the U.S. House Government Operations Committee, and Maceo T. Howard, retired U.S. Government employee, both Forum vice - presidents, came from Washington.

Tributes were paid to Clarence M. Mitchell, Jr. and John W. Haywood, Jr., deceased Forum vice presidents.

Memories were shared of the CityWide Young People's Forum, organized in September, 1931 during the Great Depression. It was led by 500 church youth, high school and college members and graduates.

They held citywide public discussions every Friday evening from September to May, 1932 at the Sharp Street Memorial United Methodist Church. The admission was free and offerings were depended upon to pay expenses of speakers.

At the end of the first year, the Forum was asked to leave Sharp Street Church by the pastor, Rev. John Waters, for being "too radical."

The Bethel A.M.E. Church, Revs. A. C. Clark and C.C. Ferguson, welcomed the youth. Soon the Friday night open forum meetings at Bethel drew crowds of adult citizens as well as the youth came to hear nationally known speakers each Friday night.

Drs. W. E. B. DuBois, James Weldon Johnson, and Walter White came from the NAACP in New York City. Dr. Charles Houston, Dean of the Howard Johnson, Law School, Drs. Ralph Bunch, Robert Weaver, and Mordecai Johnson, Sterling Brown, the poet, came to speak from Howard University in Washington, D.C.

Nationally known women educators, Dr. Mary McCleod Bethune, president of Bethune Cookman College in Daytona Beach, Fla., Nannie H. Burroughs, president of The National Vocational Training School for Girls, Washington, and Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown of Palmer Memorial Institute in Sedalia, NC, drew capacity audiences.

Leaders, white and black, spoke from all the major political parties, Communist and Socialist, as well as Republican and Democrat. Attendance increased as the youth never ducked controversy.

Forum crusades for jobs were backed by the churches, Dr. Carl Murphy, publisher, and William N. Jones, city editor, AFRO Newspapers, fraternal and civic organizations. A citywide Adult Advisory Committee was headed by Dr. Lillie M. Jackson.

Massive door to door drives for signatures to petitions for social worker jobs in the city administration brought the first five black social worker positions for college graduates.

In December, 1933, the Forum backed the Buy Where You Can Work Campaign of Prophet Kiowa Costonie, who was conducting a revival at the Perkins Square Baptist Church. A & P stores in black neighborhoods refused to hire black clerks.

Forum youth manned the picket lines in front of every A & P store in Northwest Baltimore. After three days, William Scrimger, A & P Regional Manager, came to Baltimore and 40 young black clerks were hired.

The campaign moved to Pennsylvania Avenue stores and Lafayette Market. After a week of picketing, Tommy Tucker Store owners secured a court injunction which stopped the picketing.

Indignation soared as sheriffs served the subpoenas in Bethel Church at the Friday night Forum meeting. The Forum's court litigation led by lawyers Warner T. McGuinn and W.A.C. Hughes began. The Court of Appeals affirmed the lower court's granting of the injunction against the picketing.

Lynching was a fact of life in Maryland.

In October, 1933, after the lynching and burning of George Armwood's body in Princess Anne, the Forum led the door-to-door drives for signatures to petitions to support the National NAACP's crusade for the passage of federal anti - lynching legislation in Congress.

Forum leaders took 4000 signatures to Washington and testified at the U.S. Senate hearings in support of the Costigan - Wagner Federal Anti - Lynching Bill.

The Forum's activities laid the foundation for the revival of the Baltimore Branch NAACP which was inactive.

NAACP lawyers, Charles Houston and Thurgood Marshall, came to Baltimore in 1935 and filed suit to open the University of Maryland Law School to blacks with Donald Gaines Murray, Amherst College graduate, as plaintiff.

in June, 1935, after one day of trial, the Baltimore City Court ordered the University Board of Regents to admit him.

Louise Kerr Hines, became plaintiff in the NAACP's successful suit by Houston, Marshall and Hughes to open the Enoch Pratt Free Library Training Course to black young women.

Dr. Carl Murphy, National NAACP Board member, called together civic leaders and clergy in the AFRO office to reorganize the Baltimore Branch NAACP.

A Membership campaign brought in 2,000 NAACP members, Dr. Lillie M. Jackson was elected president in November, 1935 and the revived Baltimore Branch NAACP was off in a crusade for freedom backed by the AFRO, the churches, and the CityWide Young People's Forum which later became the youth division of the branch.

AMONG THOSE PRESENT

Mrs. Katrine White, Forum secretary, widow of Dr. Herndon White, and Gladys Fitzgerald Sims, retired teacher, corresponding secretary, were present at the reunion Friday night.

Dr. Rebecca E. Carroll, retired assistant superintendent of the Baltimore Public Schools, who served as Forum recording secretary, brought her daughter, President Constance Carroll of Saddleback College in San Clemente, California, and her husband, James Carroll, retired principal.

Forum members Mrs. Maria Dotson Hammond, vice - president of Baltimore Museum of Art, retired art teacher, Mrs. Margaret Demann Armstrong, Board member of Peabody Conservatory of Music and retired teacher of music;

Courtney Carter Valentine, and her husband, Wilbur Valentine, retired educators, Vivian Young, retired Social Security analyst, Georgia McMechen Chester, and her husband, Paul, retired teachers, William B. Dorsey, retired U.S. Postal clerk, and his wife, Anne, Mrs. Ada Frazier Armstead, Catherine McConnell, and Mrs. Dorothy B. Lewis, were also, in attendance.

Also, Vernice Ferguson, National VA Director of Nursing, daughter of Bethel's pastor, the late Rev. C. C. Ferguson, came from Washington. Senator Clarence Mitchell, III, Dr. Keiffer Jackson Mitchell and City Councilman Michael Bowen Mitchell, paid tribute to the Forum leaders as bridge builders. William Hackett sang "You'll Never Walk Alone" as Georgia Chester accompanied at the piano.

Forum leaders laid plans for a larger public reunion in 1986 and for a more permanent record to let the children know the history of the City Wide Young People's Forum, Baltimore's Youth Movement of the Thirties.

NEW LIFE FOR WALBROOK COMMUNITY— Dr. Joshua R. Mitchell, III and various city officials and community leaders recently attended groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Walbrook Professional Center, at Garrison Boulevard and Windsor Mill Road. Dr. Mitchell is the owner of the three-story building which will cost $820,000 to construct. (AFRO Photo by P. A. Greene)

Rep. Mitchell speaker at breakfast

By Elizabeth M. Oliver

Congressman Parren J. Mitchell is the guest speaker at the Saturday, Jan. 11 breakfast sponsored by the Morgan State University Howard Cornish Alumni Chapter.

The 8:30 a.m. event at the Forum is to provide funds for the annual Martin Luther King Scholarship Fund to be awarded worthy Morgan students. Tickets are $15.

Cong. Mitchell, a Morgan graduate, praises the sponsoring group which begins this coming semester to go to various high schools to encourage the seniors to choose Morgan as their college.

The group headed by Dr. Clayton Majete, the breakfast chairman and Ms. Virginia B. Coleman, president, will sponsor buses to bring high school seniors to Morgan for full - day visits.

They have decided to concentrate on Douglass, Forest Park and Dunbar High Schools as well as other high schools in the city.

The special scholarship committee will also lecture at the various schools to encourage students to select Morgan for their 1986 fall semester and "all of their college years as well."

Dr. Majete asks that as many Morganites and all others interested in Morgan's progress in the future, "Come to our breakfast, hear Cong. Mitchell, our distinguished MSU graduate, and bring a friend. Let's help Morgan rise again. Tickets are only $15." Call 462-2066 for reservations.

Grocers cited for food Stamp fraud

TRENTON, N.J., December, 1985—Several Baltimore County grocers were cited for Food Stamp Program violations during the six month period April-September, 1985, according to Peter Santos, Food Stamp Director of the USDA, Food and Nutrition Service, Mid-Atlantic Regional Office.

Eight of the stores involved received 3-year disqualifications and three firms were permanently banned from the program for violations. Two other stores were suspended for one year and several other stores were disqualified for shorter periods of time.

"Since the program was established to combat hunger and malnutrition, food coupons may be used only to buy food for human consumption or seeds and plants which produce such food," according to Santos.

Food stores participating agree in advance to abide by the laws and regulations. Any store that breaks the law or regulations, and anyone who pressures a store to do so, weakens and endangers the whole program.

Stores suspected of violating program rules are visited by USDA investigators, who make actual purchases to prove that the violations are taking place. If the investigation shows that store employees are violating food stamp guidelines, the store is disqualified for a period ranging from six months to 10 years, depending on the severity and frequency of the violations. Stores charged with food stamp trafficking are subject to permanent disqualification from the program.

STORE DISQUALIFICATIONS IN BALTIMORE CITY, APRIL—SEPTEMBER 1985

Ahn's Grocery, 4007 Old York Road

Six months effective until 2-26-86

Bennett's Grocery, 1608 E. Lafayette Avenue

Six months effective until 2-21-85

B&L Grocery, 1745 N. Bond Street,

Three years effective until 7-23-88

C&L Grocery, 219 E. 27th Street

Three years effective until 7-16-88

Cokesbury Grocery, 666 Cokesbury Avenue

Three years effective until 4-11-88

Curran's Gardenville Deli, 5510 Belair Road

Six months effective until 10-5-85

Dipals Food Market, 1001 West Cross Street

Three years effective until 1-30-87

Frank's Poultry, 1700 Pennsylvania Avenue

One year effective until 4-29-86

Jerry's Food Market, 1900 East Pratt Street

Three years effective until 4-17-88

Lee's Grocery, 2236 Eastern Avenue

Six months effective until 3-3-86

Mack's Grocery, 1721 E. Lombard Street

Three years effective until 8-15-88

Mrs. King Inc., 2049 E. North Avenue

Six months effective until 1-22-86

M. Sun Grocery, 2581 W. Baltimore Street

Three years effective until 7-29-88

Northway Grocery, 2729 Pennsylvania Avenue

Three years effective until 3-25-85

Omny Food Store, 3205 Belair Road

Six months effective until 10-26-85

Saunders Market, 1007 E. Lombard Street

Permanently disqualified

Sun's Grocery Store, 911 Whitelock Street

One year effective until 3-14-86

West Grocery, 1839 Edmondson Avenue

Permanently disqualified

York Food Market, 532 Rose Hill Terrace

Permenently disqualified

PHILADELPHIA, PA — Maryland State Del. Larry Young, chairman of the National Black Caucus of State Legislators Health Committee, addresses a health symposium sponsored by NBCSL as a prelude to its Ninth Annual Conference held here. Legislators from 42 states attended the meeting in which they discussed health care issues with industry professionals. Among the issues addressed were health care for the poor and encouraged people to seek health treatment as a preventive measure. At right is David R. Markson, president of Blue Cross of Philadelphia.

James Hite, school principal, remembered at Monday funeral

On Monday, Dec. 30, at 12 noon, a service of memory for James Russell Hite was held at Douglas Memorial Community Church with Dr. Marion C. Bascom, pastor, presiding. He died on Thursday, Dec. 26 at age 72.

Mr. Hite was born on September 28, 1913 in Surry County, VA. He was the son of the late Thomas and Mary Hite, two well-known and respected Christians.

He was the third child born in that loving Christian union. He, along with his two brothers, Roger and Monroe, was reared and educated in the public schools of Maryland. There he met and married the former Margaret Thompson.

After his marriage he moved to Westminister, where he then began his teaching career. With the strength of his strong Christian indoctrination, he was able to form a strong family union and raise three devoted sons.

While still a devoted family man and father, Mr. Hite continued to study at New York University where he earned his master's degree. Soon after he found work in the Baltimore Public Schools System where he proved to be a productive administrator. Within years of his start in the system, he had climbed the ladder of responsibility, retiring as the principal of Booker T. Washington Junior High School in 1975.

A strong Christian and advocate of family responsibility, he stressed to his sons, Russell, Charles, and Louis, the importance of good Christian values and morals. He did this with all young people with whom he came in contact.

Mr. Hite came to Douglas Memorial Community Church in 1938 after being adopted spiritually by Ms. Marie Alma Kelly who impacted greatly upon his strong Christian character. Her influence was so strong that he continued to grow and develop into a wise and responsible member of the church.

Holding offices in the church such as chairman of the Church Home Purchasing Committee, a member of the Finance Board, Trustee Board Chairman for 25 years, Treasurer of Camp Farthest Out, Y.M.C.A. Board of Directors president, and director of Douglas Village.

It was a happy time when Douglas Memorial Church held a day's celebration in his honor. He always treasured this honor as Trustee Emeritus of the church and continued to serve the church in many capacities. He is credited with helping make smooth the transitional road for the church.

He was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and the Masonic Order for years and was well respected by those organizations.

Mr. Hite is survived by his beloved wife, Margaret, his three sons: his four daughters-in-law, Doris, Barbara, Judy and Bunny; his five grandchildren, Jocelyn, Russell, Jr., Christopher, Stacey and Angela; his two brothers, Roger and Monroe; his five sisters-in-law, Blanche, Lillian, Mabel, Nona and Edith and many other relatives and friends.

Members of his family file out of Douglas Memorial Church Monday after impressive funeral rites for retired principal James Hite.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 8, 1986

	WMAR 2	WRC 4	WTTG 5	WJLA 7	WDVM 9	WBAL 11	WJZ 13	WDCA 20	WETA 26	WHMM 32	WBFF 45	WMPB 67	HBO
5:30	News,	News,	Day At A Time Allen	Jeopardy News	News,	Barney Miller	Dff. Strokes Tod	Lev. & Shirley Lev. & Shirley	Sesame Street	I Spy,	G.L.Joe Beverly Bunch	Leave Cabbagetown	Life On Earth
6:00	NBC News	News,	Sesame Break Tom Chase	News,	News,	CBS News	News,	Dff. Strokes W. Hagganing	3-2-1 Contact Bill Nye	Mitchell / Lehrer	Mitchell / Star Trek	Mitchell / Jim Lehrer	Movie: "Hairspray"
7:00	Wheel Fortune Jeopardy	News,	TV Company M*A*S*H	ABC News Bat. Tonight	ABC News Wheel Fortune	Newshounds Price Is Right	Jeffersons Benson	Wheel's Hot Sports Magg.	Mister Rogers Neighborhood	Evening Exchange	Trio Chase Pyramid	Business Rpt. Animals	Movie: "Hairspray"
7:30	Jeopardy	A-Team	Cosby Show Bat. Tonight	Wheel Fortune Cash Bonanza	Jeopardy Sports Fanatic	Star Quest	Movie: "The Chase"	Wheel's Hot Sports Magg.	Mister Rogers Neighborhood	Mitchell / Lehrer	Wheel Fortune	News,	Movie: "Harem's Day"
8:00	Family Ties	Family Ties	Cosby Show Jack Van Impe	Jeopardy Cosby Show	Movie: "Three To Tango"	Movie: "Three To Tango"		Ralph's India	Ralph's India	Dinner's		Ralph's India	
9:00	Remington Steele	Remington Steele	News,	Scrimger: For Hire			Spectrum: For Hire	Jeopardy Swagart	Spiritual India	Spiritual India	Trigger John, M.D.	Special Effects	The Hitchhiker Movie:
10:00	News,	News,	WKRP Rogers	News,	News,	News,	News,	Great Performances	Great Performances	Rear Port Peter Gunn	Star Trek	SCTV Secret Agent	"Last American Virgin"
11:00	News,	News,	Tonight	Rat. Of Giant	"Paragon Of Morality"	Bloom & Brown	Nightline TBA	Hitchcock Jim Bakker	Great Performances	Business Rpt.	Tonight	Movie: "Lana Me"	Mel Brooks Movie

THURSDAY JANUARY 9, 1986

	WMAR 2	WRC 4	WTTG 5	WJLA 7	WDVM 9	WBAL 11	WJZ 13	WDCA 20	WETA 26	WHMM 32	WBFF 45	WMPB 67	HBO
7:00	Today	Today	Sp. Counter Joyce	Good Morning America	CBS Morning News	CBS Morning News	Good Morning America	Transcr Vision	Aerobics		Trio: Gadget Transformers	To Computers Bizarre Street	Movie: Cool & Fragile Rock
8:00	"	"	Pat Albert Bloopers	"	"	"	"	Hemcott Bugs Bunny	Machel / Dinny		Godzilla Pat Albert	Mister Rogers Neighborhood	Movie: "Hysterical"
9:00	Donahue	Newlywed Pictionary	Hardtime On Bizarre Street	People's Court Beverly Hills	Donahue	Divorce Court Beverly Hills	People Are Talking	Hour Magazine	Sesame Street	Jeopardy! Wheel Fortune	Ernest Angley	Sesame Street	Movie: "Lan's Spend
10:00	Hardtime On Bizarre Street	Family Ties Cosby Show	Jeopardy Wheel Fortune	Make A Deal Wheel Fortune	C. Brooklyn Law Jeopardy	Price Is Right	Price Is Right	Hour Magazine	700 Club	Sesame Street	Bizarre On Bizarre Street	700 Club	The Night "Together"
11:00	Wheel Fortune	Wheel Fortune	Wheel Fortune Bloopers	Wheel Fortune Long Shot	Mary Lou Retton's Hope	Price Is Right	Price Is Right	Catch Phrase New Love	Mister Rogers 3-2-1 Contact	Mitchell / Lehrer	Wheel Fortune Jeff For Youth	Programming	Movie: "Bite"
12:30	News,	News,	News,	Jeopardy	News	News	News	All About Us	Ralph's India	Mitchell / Lehrer	Big Valley	Educational	Movie: "Bonnie's Kids"
1:00	Days Of Our Lives	Days Of Our Lives	Mary Griffith	All My Children	This Morning	This Morning	This Morning	Wheel's Hot Sports Magg.	Firing Line	Evening Exchange	Movie: "The Oddity"	Programming	Story" Movie:
2:00	Another World	Another World	Match & Mindy	Dear Life To Come	Days Of Our Lives	All My Children	Eye On Hitch	Gold & Break Bread	None	Movie: "Hang Them"	Living Woman		"Bang Them"
3:00	Swing Barbara	Swing Barbara	Thunder Cats Of Power	Guiding Light	Guiding Light	Guiding Light	General Hospital	Jeffersons Transformers	Mister Rogers Reading	A House Painting	Movie: "Hunter Cats	Sesame Street	
4:30	Love Conn. People's Court	Hart To Hart	Hart To Hart Announced	Hour Magazine	Sanford Jeffersons	General Hospital	Sesame Street Special	Sesame Street	Fire Dance	Mitchell / Lehrer	Movie: "Hunter	Mister Rogers Neighborhood	Movie: "Video Jukebox Underground"
5:00	News,	News,	Day At A Time Allen	Jeopardy News	News,	Barney Miller Tod	News,	Dff. Strokes W. Hagganing	3-2-1 Contact Bill Nye	Mitchell / Lehrer	Star Trek	Sesame Street	Secret Agent Movie:
6:00	News,	News,	Sesame Break Tom Chase	News,	News,	CBS News	News,	Dff. Strokes Business Rpt.	Jeffersons Benson	Mitchell / Lehrer	Trio Chase Pyramid	Sesame Street	Movie: "Stripes"
7:00	NBC News	ABC News Bat. Tonight	CBS News Wheel Fortune	ABC News Wheel Fortune	Newshounds Price Is Right	Mary Foley Square	Mary Foley Square Insiders	Free At Last	India Speaks	India Speaks	Movie: "Lana Me	Country Music Jubilee	Movie: "Ms. Q. Cab"
8:00	Highway To Heaven	Highway To Heaven	P.M. Magazine Movie:	Jeopardy Cosby Show	Dynasty	Cosby Show Cheers	Dynasty	"	Dance Dance Dance Rock Me	Dance Dance Dance Rock Me	Movie: "Hang"	"	"
9:00	Magic & Bloopers	St. Elsewhere	St. Elsewhere "Breakaway"	News,	Hotel,	Dead Man's Party	Hotel,	Beverly Hill Nomin	India Cabaret	India Cabaret	Trigger John, M.D.	Bonkersdog	Movie: "Highway On Fire"
10:00	News,	News,	News, Nightline	WKRP Rogers	News, Nightline	News, Ent. Tonight	News, Ent. Tonight	Great Performances	Star Port Peter Gunn	Star Port Peter Gunn	Star Trek	Tonight	Movie: "Highway On Fire"
11:30	WKRP	D. Letterman	Rat. Of Giant	Movie:	Movie:	T.J. Hooker	Nightline TBA	Hitchcock Jim Bakker	Great Performances	Business Rpt.	Ind. News	Sesame Street	Mel Brooks Movie

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