Palladium unveiling due March 16

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Recently, a barrage of inquiries regarding the strange medieval fortress that sits off of Liberty Heights and Druid Park Drive, have flooded the AFRO.

Butlers' Castle to some, The Palladium banquet facility, a $3 million fortress, clad in white stone, complete with moat and contours reminiscent of an era long gone, is due for unveiling March 16.

Edward R. "Slim" Butler, a local community power broker is the spearhead and owner of the project. His other investments include Nutter Funeral Home on Gwynns Falls Parkway, a new $2 million shopping center Reisterstown Road at Rogers Avenue and the $40 million 16½ acre Mountain View Health Village in Baltimore County.

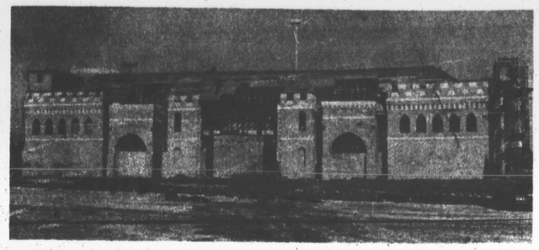
Groundbreaking for the Palladium Banquet Palace was held in June. Notables in attendance included Congressman Parren J. Mitchell, other local elected officials and members of the religous community.

According to Barbara Green, spokesperson for the project, the facility was designed to be an elegant first in this community.

"There is nothing in Baltimore City that can compare to the Palladuium in size and magnitude."

The Palladium, a three section in one design, will be able to accommodate 1,000 sit-down dinner patrons and 2,000 for buffet. it will also house Bridal Suites, administrative offices and other shops.

The 6½ acre project is being built by the Park Circle Construction Co. with Edward R. Butler and Martin Knott. The architect was Donald Radcliff. Lessors are listed as Jerry C. Lymas and Dr. Robert Doyle. Financing was provided by the City of Baltimore and Hanson Savings and Loan.



Shown is the Druid Park Drive location of the lavish and newest banquet hall called 'The Palladium.'

Troubled ASALH installs new officers

Tax relief bill proposed

WASHINGTON

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The take-charge posture of the newly elected President of the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History and new legislation introduced by the D.C. City Council stands to put the black cultural organization on a firm footing.

"We plan to put the organization on an even business level," said newly elected President William H. Harris, who is also president of Paine College in Georgia.

The former history professor was installed as the new president at a ceremony at ASALH's national headquarters, 1401 14th Street, NW, on Saturday.

Also elected to three year terms were Robert L. Harris, Jr., 1st vice president; Darlene Clark Hine, 2nd vice president; and, Janettee Hoston Harris, secretary-treasurer (all are unrelated).

For the past three years the organization founded by Carter G. Woodson in 1915 has been sinking into financial troubles. The organization fell behind to nearly $60,000 in debt, about half of that is due to unpaid taxes.

The building which houses the archives collected by Woodson, at 14th and Rhode Island and the Woodson home at 1538 9th Street, NW, were both scheduled for public auction on January 21. Over $29,000 in delinquent property taxes were owed on the properties and $10,000 in unpaid IRS payroll taxes were due.

Sale of the properties were averted when supporters who learned of the financial problems came to the aid of the organization.

In less than three weeks, more than $40,000 were raised, about two-thirds of the needed $60,000. Fundraising efforts are continuing as more people hear of the problem.

Because the fundraising efforts, though massive, did not totally recover the organization from its debts, the City Council has jumped into the picture.

Councilmember H. R. Crawford (D- Ward 7), introduced legislation Tuesday that would "forgive all taxes on both properties from September 15, 1982 through February 15, 1986." The property taxes owed to the city during that period totals $22,209.29.

Crawford, who chairs the committee on Library, Recreation and Charitable Gains, said he is committed to preserving Black American heritage for all Americans.

The new president said he has not had time to fully examine why the organization is in the shape it is in. "I don't know how we got into this shape," he said. Adding that "we are in it and we have reached as low as imaginable."

He said he is not in a position to outline a full plan on how the organization will recover but he did mention three things that he plans to initiate as soon as possible.

"1. To rekindle and revitalize the branches of the association; 2. To return the Journal of Negro History to its rightful place as the leading journal on scholarship about black life and history in the United States: 3. To revitalize the Negro History Bulletin so the masses of black people are informed about their history."

Harris likened himself to Mary McLeod Bethune, who he described as "a careful, confident woman. Well I'm not a woman, but I'm going to be a careful, confident man."

'Joshua Johnson Way' will be city street on Monday

On Monday, February 3, Redwood Street will be officially renamed "Joshua Johnson Way" for Black History Month in honor of the famous Afro - American artist who lived and worked in Baltimore. At 11 a.m., a new sign will be placed on the southeast corner of Redwood and Light Street by Mayor William Donald Schaefer.

Also participating in the ceremony will be Clarence "Du" Burns, president of the City Council, Enolia McMillan, president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; Dr. Benjamin Whitten, president of the Baltimore Urban League and Dr. Robert P. Bergman, director of The Walters Art Gallery.

Joshua Johnson was a freed slave who worked as a limner, or portrait painter, in Baltimore during the early part of the nineteenth century. City directories of the period list Johnson's studio as being on German Street, which was later renamed Redwood Street.

The first recorded Afro-American artist to achieve fame in his lifetime, Johnson enjoyed a great popularity among Baltimore's "polite" society, receiving commissions to paint the portraits of many of the city's more prominent citizens.

Johnson was rediscovered in 1939 with a revival in the interest in American primitive and folk paintings, and his works have been included in numerous major exhibitions across the country.

A number of Joshua Johnson's works can be seen in the current exhibition at The Walters Art Gallery, **Sharing Traditions: Five Black Artists in Nineteenth-Century America** including "Sea Captain John Murphy," "Barbara Baker Murphy," and "Catherine Anne Bowen." The other artists who are represented in the exhibition are Robert Scott Duncanson, Edward Mitchell Bannister, Edmonia Lewis and Henry Ossawa Tanner.

The Walters Art Gallery is also presenting in honor of Black History Month, **Harlem Portraits: Photographs by Carl Van Vechten**, an exhibition highlighting famous Afro-Americans who made significant contributions to this country's cultural heritage. The exhibition closes on Sunday, March 2.

A full schedule of activities, including a concert by the Morgan State University Choir, dance performance, film festival, and community day have been planned by the Walters Art Gallery in conjunction with the exhibitions and in celebration of Black History Month in Baltimore. For furtner information, call the museum at 547-ARTS.

MTA expands its suburban services

Monday, the Mass Transit Administration expanded its suburban service with three new weekday express bus routes between Essex, Towson, Annapolis, and Baltimore and White Marsh and downtown.

As a part a new five-year expansion of suburban service expected to provide transportation between Essex, Towson, and Pikesville; Bel Air and Baltimore; and BWI Airport, Annapolis and Baltimore.

The new No. 110 line is scheduled for four morning trips and one evening rush hour trip that will travel from the Essex park 'n ride lot to Towson, stopping on Eastern Boulevard at Taylor, Stuart and Marylyn Avenues. The bus will also stop at a new park 'n ride at the Middlesex Shopping Center.

The bus will also stop at Blue Cross-Blue Shield on Providence Road, near Hutzler's on Joppa Road, the Old County Courthouse, Towson State University and St. Joseph's Hospital. One morning and four evening trips are scheduled for the Towson-Essex line.

The No. 120 bus, from White Marsh, and the No. 210, from Annapolis, are both scheduled for five morning rush hour trips to Baltimore. However the 210 will make only four rush hour trips to Baltimore from Annapolis and the 120 is scheduled to make five evening trips from Baltimore.

The 120 will leave downtown heading for White Marsh each morning and make one return trip each evening. The 210 will make three morning rush hour trips to Annapolis and two to Baltimore in the evening.

The White Marsh bus will leave the mall's park 'n ride and travel downtown through the Fort McHenry Tunnel stopping at Camden and Eutaw, Baltimore and Charles, and Calvert and Centre Streets. The bus will then travel along Saratoga, St. Paul, Lombard and Howard Streets as it returns to the tunnel heading for White Marsh.

The 210 bus will leave the Annapolis Navy-Marine Memorial Stadium on Rowe Boulevard, using the U.S. 50, Ritchie Highway, Route 100, Routes 3/301, the Beltway, Route 295, Russell St., Park Avenue and Biddle Street to the state office complex, then to Pennsylvania Station.

The one-way fare on the Essex and White Marsh lines is $1.30. Fare for the Annapolis line is $1.55 and $1.80 varying from zone to zone.

'Friends' organize to aid ASALH

Washington boasts a myriad of organizations, however, none with a more significant role than the Friends of the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History founded on Jan. 4, by Edna McClellan.

This service oriented group's primary goal is to liquidate the debt on the Cater G. Woodson home located on Ninth St., NW, and preserve the legacy of the great historian Carter G. Woodson. Fred Lanley is president pro tem.

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Mrs. Mary F. Day

Memorial services for Mrs. Mary Francis Day were held Tuesday, Jan. 21.

Mrs. Day, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James (Cora) Potts, died on Jan. 17. She was born on Feb. 14, 1899 in Washington, D.C.

She moved to Harmons, MD at the age of nine, where she attended public schools. She was a member of St. Mark's Methodist Church until 1962, when she was baptized as a Jehovah's Witness.

Mrs. Day was married to the late George Day and from this union nine children were born.

She made many friends over the years, and she was devoted to her family.

She is survived by her three sons, James, Walter, and Frank; four daughters, Ms. Irene M. Day, Mrs. Dorothy V. Oliver, Mrs. Evelyn Schoefield and Mrs. Cora Alexander; a sister, Mrs. Catherine Smith, and many other relatives and friends.

Raleigh Rhem

Memorial services for Raleigh Rhem were held on Tuesday, Jan. 21 at Jersalem Baptist Church.

Rhem, one of 11 children born to Mr. and Mrs. Waller (Patsy) Rhem, was born on Nov. 21, 1903 in Kingston, NC.

He was converted at an early age and attended Macedonia Baptist Church in North Carolina until he moved to Baltimore. He later joined Jerusalem Baptist Church where he was ordained as a deacon under the leadership of Rev. Lawyer Murrell.

For years, he worked at the Kaiser Building until he was forced to retire because of failing health.

He leaves to mourn; one daughter, Miss Edna Rhem of Tampa, FL; two sons, Bobby and Rudolph Rhem also of Florida one sister, Ms. Alice Rhem, and several loving relatives and friends.

Frank Nettles, Sr.

On Sunday, Jan. 19, funeral services for Frank Nettles, Sr. were held at March Funeral Home—West.

The son of Mrs. Ada B. Nettles, he was born on July 24, 1931 in Darlington, SC. He died on Jan. 15, after a short illness.

He attended Mayo High School in South Carolina and later served four years in the United States Navy from 1950 to 1954. He then moved to Baltimore and continued his vocational training. He was employed at Morgan State University for over 25 years.

He married the former Miss Maebelle Moses and the couple reared six children, four girls and two boys.

He was a member of Mount Sinai Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ.

Nettles is survived by his wife, Mrs. Maebelle Nettles; two sons, Frank Nettles, Jr. and Jerome Nettles; four daughters, Geneva, Gloria, Cynthia, and Kimberly, his mother, Mrs. Ada B. Nettles of Darlington, SC; sisters, Mrs. Geneva Boston and Mrs. Ida Adams.

Mrs. Ophelia S. Anderson

Funeral services were held for Ophelia Scott Anderson in the chapel of March Funeral Home—East on Thursday, Jan. 23.

The daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jim (Effie) Cook, she was born on Oct. 16, 1910 in Pittsylvania County, VA. She died on Jan. 18 at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

She received her education in Pittsylvania County, and later moved to Appomattox, VA where she met and married the late Henderson Scott. The couple raised three children.

After the death of her first husband, she married the late Irvin Anderson. Mrs. Anderson is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Marie Stanley; two sons, John and Raymond Scott; and many devoted relatives and friends.

Clifton Terry

Clifton Terry died Tuesday, Dec. 31 at Church Home Hospital. Funeral services were held at St. Joseph Freewill Baptist Church on Jan. 3.

He was born on January 11, 1905 in Ellerbe, NC and later moved to Baltimore at a early age.

He worked at the B&O Railroad Company for 50 years.

Terry joined Freewill Baptist in 1950 and was later ordained as a deacon. He served up until the time when he became seriously ill.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Rosie Terry, one daughter, Mrs. Louise Stancil, and several remaining family members.

Miss Catherine Downey

Services were recently held for Catherine Downey, born April 13, 1920 in Wilmington, NC.

She was baptized at the Grace Memorial Church in Wilmington and later became a member of the Fountain Baptist Church in Baltimore.

She was educated in the Baltimore City Public Schools.

The daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jones, she died at age 66.

She is survived by one sister, Mrs. Mary Stewart; one brother, Richard Jones, and many other relatives and friends.

She is buried at Mount Zion Cemetery.

Mrs. Sylvia J. Green

Mrs. Sylvia Jane Keith Green, daughter of the late George Keith and Mrs. Sadie Keith, died on Jan. 10.

She attended schools in Garland, NC and in Baltimore, where she pursued an education in nursing.

She married James Wallace Green and the couple raised two children.

She was an employee at Spring Grove Hospital for over 22 years, and was a member of Gillis Memorial Community Church for many years, serving on the church's Usher Board.

She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Sadie Jones; husband, James Green; a daughter, Mrs. Ellen Presco; one sister, Mrs. Jeanette Davis; a brother, Charles P. Smith; and several other relatives and friends.

She is buried at Maryland National Memorial Park.

James Eddie Reed

Funeral services for James Eddie Reed were held on Thursday, Jan. 23, at March Funeral Home—East.

Reed, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William (Bertha) Reed, was born on Nov. 22, 1928 and died on Jan. 19, 1986.

He received his education in the Baltimore Public Schools.

At an early age, he was baptized by Rev. Edward Jordan of Ebenezer Baptist Church.

On Dec. 4, 1952, he was inducted into the United States Army and saw action in the Korean War. Reed was decorated with numerous military medals.

Reed is survived by his daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Spriggs; two sisters, Mrs. Alma Bowers and Mrs. Jean Brooks, and several other relatives and friends.

Reginald H. Clapp

On Jan. 15 funeral services were held for Reginald Herbert Clapp, born April 5, 1937 in Baltimore County.

He was the son of Mrs. Doris Washington and the late Herbert Mitchell.

He received his education in Baltimore City. He resided in a special group home for the handicapped up until the time of his death on Jan. 10.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Doris Washington, one sister, Mrs. Barbara Pride; and several remaining relatives and friends.

He is buried at Arbutus Memorial Park.

Roland John Ball, Jr.

Funeral services for Roland John Ball, Jr. were held Thursday, Jan. 23 at St. Ambrose Roman Catholic Church.

He attended St. Ambrose Elementary School, Pimlico Junior High School and Calvert Education Center.

Affectionately known as "Mr. Tinker," Roland loved to repair electrical gadgets.

He is survived by his loving friend, Veronica Curtis, daughters, Tyeshia, Dontae and Rolanda, and a host of devoted relatives and friends.

Mrs. Lavinia Banks was member of Delta Sorority

Services were recently held for Mrs. Lavinia Banks Brown, who died Jan. 13, at Sinai Hospital.

A native of Newport News, VA., she received her early education in the Hampton City Schools. Following her high school graduation, she entered Morgan State College and received a Bachelor of Science degree in June, 1941. Later she earned a Masters of Education from New York University.

Mrs. Brown will be remembered as an energetic, enthusiastic, amiable teacher whose leadership qualities helped to influence sports for girls as part of a total school program, her friend said.

She taught physical education at Paul Laurence Dunbar Junior and Senior High Schools, Clifton Park Junior High School and Fairmount Hill Vocational High School.

She was a member of the Alpha Gamma Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

Mrs. Brown is survived by two devoted friends, Hannah Lindsay and Lucille D. Kane; one sister-in-law, Christine Banks; other relatives and friends.

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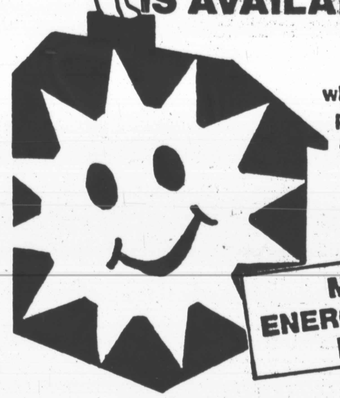

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