Group charges FHA lags on housing discrimination

"The FHA is giving you a wishy-washy put-off are not buying any of it," Frank M. Conaway, chairman of the Strawbridge United Methodist Church Committee on Discrimination in Housing, told the AFRO Wednesday.

In a reply to charges by Mr. Conaway, the Rev. Mervin C. Gray, and the Strawbridge United Methodist Church that the FHA was using firms to manage its rental properties who practice racial discrimination, Allen Clapp, Baltimore director FHA said:

"We do not enter into a contract with any company practicing racial discrimination by the same token we do not discharge a firm until it has been proven guilty."

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"Mr. Clapp admitted in a letter to me." Mr. Conaway, committee chairman, told the AFRO, "that he does not investigate management firms before awarding them federal contracts, and that he does not have the slighest idea of what other properties they manage."

Mr. Conaway challenged Mr. Clapp's remark that they would not do anything until a court determination was made. "Clapp knows well that the Marylander Apartments settled their racial discrimination case out of court," he said.

"He also knows that racial discrimination was practiced again by Wallace H. Campbell and Company in the Park Pleasant Apartments case now before the Federal Court.

"If the FHA thinks we are going to stand by while Campbell, the FHA management contractor at Sutton Place, also seettles this one out of court, or gets a judge soft on discrimination, or finds a loop hole in the legality of the charge, then they are sadly mistaken.

"If the FHA can't do better than that, Frank M. Conaway and the Rev. Mervin

C. Gray jointly announced a mass protest meeting would be held in the next few weeks.

"Parren J. Mitchell, Democratic Congressional nominee for Maryland's 7th District said he would have plenty to say on this issue."

Mr. Conaway has sent letters to the FHA and the Wallace Campbell and Company, inviting the mot participate "and tell their side of the story" if they so desire. "Though we're not going to let this thing die while everybody sits around twiddling their thumbs" Mr. Conaway added.

Search for murderer of mother of 2

No suspects have been apprehended in the murder a week ago of Mrs. Vivian Marie Jones, mother of two, in her 3800 block Wabash Ave. apartment.

The 30-year-old matron who resided with her small children, was found slain on Oct. 3 when her 7-year old daughter arrived home from school.

Medical Examiners' reports show the victim sustained multiple knife wounds of the throat and bruises of the head believed to have come from a beating with a blunt instrument.

Homicide Det. Sgt. James Shriner heads the investigation which is still in progress.

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Thomas Hunt named Justice Dept. officer



THOMAS R. HUNT

For 31-year-old Thomas R. Hunt of Annapolis, appointment to one of the top positions at the Department of Justice can best be described as "job satisfaction."

A former administrator at the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Mr. Hunt says of his new post:

"It combines my two major interests — civil rights and administrative management."

Mr. Hunt has been named administrative officer in the Civil Rights Division of the Justice Department. He was selected by Jerris Leonard, assistant attorney general in charge of the division.

His primary responsibility will be the overall administrative management of the Division, including budgetary and fiscal activities. He also has charge of personnel, procurement, transportation and office services.

Mr. Hunt expects to be able to call upon much of the knowledge he gained this year while working for his master's degree in Government Administration at George Washington University.

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His experience in the Civil Rights area includes a 3-year stint with the Maryland Commission on Human Relations in 1967-69, and as a former member of the Annapolis Fair Housing Commission.

Active in the civil rights movement while earning his degree at Morgan State College, Mr. Hunt continues his interest by serving as political action chairman for the Maryland NAACP.

The Civil Rights Division, youngest of the Department's legal divisions, has grown steadily in response to the nation's determination to guarantee equal rights to all citizens. Established in 1957, and now organized into five regional sections, the division is responsible for enforement of all civil rights bills passed by Congress.

He also has held administrative posts at the Departments of Navy and Labor, and at the Baltimore Job Corp. Center.

Born in Braddock, Pa., Mr. Hunt and his wife, the former Miss Mary M. Moore of Bellevue, Md., have one daughter.

Medical Society sets scholarships

The Baltimore City Medical Society has voted to establish a $1,000 a year scholarship fund for a needy high school student in the city, who will attend premedical and medical school.

Procedure set is that the superintendent of public schools will form a committee which will select a candidate based on academic achievement interest in medicine and need.

Dr. Philip Wagley, chairman of the Society's Policy and Planning Committee, stated that the committee hopes this scholarship would give continual stimulation and impetus to a needy student, preferably black from the inner city, to follow his interest in the medical field.

Teenaged heroine wore her own hair, not a wig

This week in Juvenile Court, Master U. Theodore Hayes discredited the story a middle-aged woman who accused a black teenage girl of snatching her purse in the vicinity of St. Paul and 25th Sts.

The main reason the blond woman's story failed to ring true was the fact that she said she was able to identify the 15-year old girl by the red-tinted wig she was wearing.

The tall, attractive girl appeared in court wearing her own red-tinted hair.

Pulling her red-tinted hair at the roots to show it was permanently attached to her own scalp, the 15-year old said, "It's not a wig. It's mine, my own hair."

In addition, Mr. Hayes questioned the validity of the woman's story since she was unable to state if the day of the incident was a Saturday or a Sunday or explain why she had given the teenager a dollar.

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In the end Mr. Hayes completely exonerated the 15-year-old girl saying, "Your story is a more likely one. You are a heroine, not a hoodlum."

The girl contended, "I actually helped rescue her from four boys. I heard them planning to grab her purse.

"I felt sorry for her when I saw them coming. I took her pocketbook and ran home with it. I gave it back to her later and she gave me a dollar as a reward."

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TEACHERS MEETING — Photos made Thursday morning at breakfast meeting of national Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Gamma Chapter, one of many sessions held in connection with the 103rd meeting of the Md. State Teachers' Association. Panel No. 1, Mrs. Thelma Rice, basileus; Dr. Samuel Massie, Naval Academy professor who was guest speaker and Mrs. Lucille Johnson, anti-basileus. Panel No. 2, Sterling Keys, associate superintendent; Mrs. Ann Larkins, grammateur; and Mrs. Massie. Panel No. 3, Mrs. Dorothy Bennet, dean of pledgees, Robert Umphery, administrative assistant to Superintendent Thomas D. Sheldon; Mrs. Margaret Dunlap, chairman of Zinos; and Clarence Gittings, assist superintendent — AFRO Photos by Ben Phillips.

Gadabouting in Baltimore

Shriners host 1200 at Potentate's Ball

with Lula Mackay

For their second meeting of the year, the Pierians went Saturday afternoon to Timberlane, the sculpture garden and home of Mrs. Alan Wurtzburger. There, in a sylvan setting, Samuel Green, assistant professor of art at Morgan State College, gave the group a broader understanding and appreciation of the works of Maillol as seen in his "Study of Summer," of Moore's "Reclining Woman," Epstein's "The Visitation" and many others.

These pieces of sculpture, of bronze and stone, are designed for the out-of-doors. Together with nature — the dogwoods tinged with red, the deep green of the boxwood, the glistening hollies, the rolling lawn — they created a mood, invited reflection, expanded one's thoughts and feelings.

It was difficult for the Pierians to answer the call of business and, even then, they gathered in the Wurtzburger drawing room looking out upon Lipschitz's "Mother and Child," one of the greatest works of art of our times.

"This was more than a meeting; it was an experience, precious and rare," are the words used to close the afternoon by Mrs. Vernece Reynolds, president of the Pierians.

Other members present were Mesdames Pearl Brackett, Jessie Colson, Geraldine Desdorden, Hazel Fleming, Annette Johnson, Louise Lamb, Jacqueline Lewis, Charlotte Mebane, Fewell Moseley, Audrey Norris, Melissa Perdue, Gwendolyn Tarter and Celonia Walden.

Members of the For-Win-Ash Club held forth, Thursday evening, in the beautiful Lynchester Road home of Mr. and Mrs. John T. McGuire, where she and her sister, Miss Carrie Johnson, entertained.

The group was, of course, excited over their highly successful role in the Baltimore City Fair... and equally excited over the fact they are, treasurery-wise, doing nicely. Anent the latter, they added a new office to their structure, financial secretary, and names Mrs. Juanita Young to the post.

President Naomi Camper presided at the business session, held in the club room, over cocktails. Later the group moved on to the dining area for supper.

At the meeting were Mesdames Anne Carson Payne, Isoline S. Crowner, Jimmy Laforest, Olga Rodney, Winifred Asbby, Alimay T. Kendrick, Viola W. Wright, Ethel T. Payne, LeRay Hayden, Juanita Young, Mesdames Katherine Gross, Madeline Harding, Myrtle N. Lee, Beatrice T. Rawlings, Inez Kent, Lula Mackay, and Ethel Cox; Dr. H. M. Frisby and Messrs. and Mesdames Eddie Cunningham and L. Arthur Lewie.

One of the projects of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Monumental Medical Society was to organize a junior auxiliary, this year. This they did on Sunday.

Michele Clay is president of the new unit. Her mother, Mrs. Earl Clay, heads the Woman's Auxiliary. Other officers of the Junior Auxiliary are Patty Hall, vice president; Marlene Venter, secretary; Minnie Grant, treasurer; and Robert Chissell, parliamentarian.

Other members are: Ralph Birt, Adreine Banfield, John Braxton, Jr., Barbara Braxton, Malcolm Moore, Tommy Hayes, Robert Chissel, Lisa Cooper, James P. Grant, Minnie Grant, Patty Hall, Pamela Hall, William Hall, Jr.

Marilyn Harris, Adraine Persall, Michele Jones, Darrell Jones, Michael Lamb, Melonie Priest, Linda Randall, Ronald Smoot, Karen Stewart, Ronald Robinson, Richard Clay, Wayne Young, Richard Young and Mark Carter.

The Shriners (of Maryland) garnered some 1200 guests at Eastwind, Saturday night, for their annual Potentate's Ball. Among them, a number of out-of-towners including the Imperial Potentate, Charles A. Dargan, of New York City. But then, the head of the Jerusalem Temple is an out-towner . . . Illustrious Potentate Aaron Williams of Rockville, Md. Also there were Imperial Captain of the Patrol Lawrence Tyson of Washington, Illustrious Potentate Porter Neal of Washington. The annual ball is a benefit for Shriner projects, and funds are for, among other things, the NACCP Educational day, at luncheon in Hecht's, Fund and Cancer Research, each of which receive around $100,000 from the national body. The local charity is shoes for some hundreds of school children.

fact they are, treasury Mesdames Margery Sheffey and Anita Myers were hostesses to the Northwest Club on Saturday Northwood.

'Twas a relaxed afternoon with intimate chatter between discussion of program plans for the year.

Attending were Mesdames Jimmy Laforest, Flozella Clark, Lucille Cephas, Gloria Phillips, Ellen Johns, Cleo Diggs, Rupert Waters, Vyna Skinner, Iona Collins and Mary Sprow.

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Two members, Mrs. Joyce Scott and Mrs. Dorothy Richard, were inducted into the Pleasurettes Club at the session with Mrs. Velma Bailey, Saturday.

The meeting, after business, evolved into a birthday party for Mrs. Geneva Moses, who is business manager for the group.

Attending were Mrs. Valley, who is president; Mrs. Betty Howard, recording secretary; Mrs. Moses, Mrs. Pauline Bynum; treasurer; Mrs. Beverly Fleming, financial secretary; Mrs. Joyce Scott and Mrs. Dorothy Richard. This Saturday, the group will meet with Mrs. Pauline Bynum.

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Wearing a chic lavender longuette frock and silver metallic shoes, Mrs. Aaron Taylor, and Mr. Taylor of Glen Burnie, entertained members of the H. and H. Club, Saturday night.

New president of the group is Milton Credle. Officers also include Mrs. Della Royster, secretary; and Lindbergh Parker, treasurer.

Buffet dinner followed the

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United Church sets annual confab here

NEW YORK, N.Y. — The Board for Homeland Ministries of the United Church of Christ will hold its 36th annual meeting in Baltimore, Maryland, October 26-27 at the Holiday Inn-Downtown.

The two-million-member United Church of Christ is a union of the Congregational Christian and Evangelical and Reformed churches. There are 77 churches of the denomination in Maryland.

Ramsey Clark, former U.S. Attorney General, will address the opening session of the 225-member corporate board on the crisis in American institutions at a dinner meeting Sunday, October 25 at Heritage United Church of Christ.

The United Church Board for Homeland Ministries is responsible for the denomination's work in higher education, new church development and building and welfare institutions, Christian education, new church development and building and ministries to communities of special need.

The Rev. Dr. Howard E. Spragg, New York City, is executive vice president of the board. Mrs. Judson E. Fleiger, Des Moines, Iowa, civic leader and active lay woman, is president. The 80-member board of directors which will meet October 28 following the end of the corporate board meeting is headed by the Rev. John F. McClelland, Billings, Mont.

October 21

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Dr. Massie gives advice to teachers

More than 30,000 public, private and parochial teachers, including hundreds of black teachers, student teachers and educators from across the state, converged on the Baltimore Civic Center Thursday to attend the opening session of the 103rd Maryland State Teacher's Association Convention in Baltimore.

Black men and women in brilliant fall colors attended professional meetings in the morning and in the afternoon visited concessions and exhibits on the first and second floors.

At opening sessions of the MSTA Representative Assembly, Milson C. Raves, executive secretary, told the packed hall, "we are informed that the Baltimore Teacher's Union has been ejected from their national group, the American Federation of Teachers, for failure to pay their national affiliation dues. We have also been told that this same group has failed to make premium payments for insurance benefits advertised and promised to members of Local No. 340.

"If these facts are true, the Union has fallen far short of its promises to potential members in the City when this teachers' organization was seeking the right to represent them.

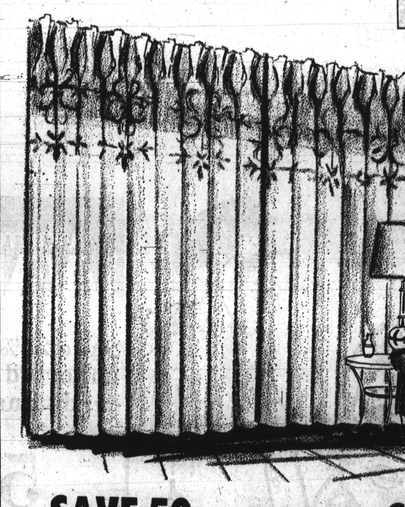
He concluded, "The Public School Teachers Association, thus, remains the only teachers organization with a state and a national affiliation — organizations which have kept and will continue to keep their promises and continue to deliver service to their members, in cooperation with their national affiliate, the National Education Association.

Meantime the Baltimore Teachers Union holding its separate session at the James Brown Motor Inn when reached by the AFRO, Godfrey More, executive secretary of the BTU, said, "The charges made by the MSTA that we have been ejected from the

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