THE ENGAGEMENT of Miss Mary Frances Washington to Linwood Hartson of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Hart of Baltimore, has been announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Washington of Winchester, Va. The couple will be married this month. The bride-elect is a 1965 graduate of Virginia State College.

By 1981, Baltimore's slums may be gone

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

By 1981 Baltimore, the sixth largest port town in the world, can become a city without slums. That is, if city government housing agencies and the people work together toward the goal and have enough money to complete the job.

According to Eugene M. Feinblatt, chairman, Balti more Urban Renewal and Housing Agency Commission, the basic plan that has 1981 as a target date will be ready to come before the public in January.

Meanwhile, BURHA is asking churches, unions, fraternal organizations, foundations and other non - profit groups to build new housing projects or make over old houses in the city for low income and middle income families with government aid.

Mr. Feinblatt made the announcement, as part of the overall plan, as guest speaker for the Citizens Planning and Housing Agency, an organization of private citizens, at their Tuesday Luncheon Kick - off meeting for the Fall Fund Raising Campaign.

The affair at the Stafford Hotel attracted over 100 representatives from BURHA, CPHA members, city officials, neighborhood association officials and interested citizens. Mr. Feinblatt's talk was entitled "A Slumless City - What's Ahead."

Among those present were BURHA official, Edgar Ewing, J. Nelson Fortune, John L. Berry, Mrs. Edythe Myers, Mesdames Mildred Harper, Hattie Fields, Adeline Ware, of the Northeast Improvement Association; Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Hollie of the Clifton Park Neighborhood Association.

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THE FORMULA that intends to have a decent home in suitable living environment for every family, as the 1963 Housing Act, promises, is called "The Community Renewal Program."

The citywide strategy in three projects will (1) eliminate slums and blight from the inner city (2) contain the spread of blight outward from the inner city (3) prevent the formation of blight in the remainder of the city.

One of the keys of strategy is a vigorous conservation program in a belt surrounding the inner city at the same time renewal activities are carried on in the inner city.

Mr. Feinblatt said the entire city will be divided into 10 major geographical districts, each containing from 40,000 to 100,000 persons, with a detailed plan for each district.

Preventive programs will preserve existing sound neighborhoods and deter blight where deterioration is beginning to show.

Corrective programs that eventually become preventive in character will be somewhat like work now going on in Harlem Park and involve up - grading in cooperation with the residents. City Codes will be inforced on a complaint basis. Public works and improvement of community facilities and services will be coordinated.

Highlighting the effort for non - profit groups to go in to building homes and rehabilitating houses for low and middle income families that can not get into public housing projects.

The city is ready now to lend non - profit sponsors help by giving them site plans, preliminary drawings, estimates of construction costs, rent schedules, analysis of operating expenses, aid in financing and negotiating contracts.

CPHA president, Cherton Carey said its 1966 budget calls for $65,000 and asked that business groups an# all other organizations and individuals supply money and members.

Banks and other establishments now belonging were asked to increase pledges.

The 3,000 - member organization celebrating its 25 - year anniversary has voluntarily contributed dedicated leadership in housing and planning.

Noteworthy in many gigantic efforts, has been its relentless fight against slums and attempts to reclaim people, by rehabilitating homes and environment.

CPHA has pioneered in encouraging schools, churches, social agencies, business groups and individuals to participate in community and neighborhood self - help programs.

Among many citations are those for zoning reforms in the city and county, additional housing for middle and low income families and the aged, more open spaces, parks and recreation areas.

Persons wishing to become members may call the 330 N. Charles St. office, Phone, 539 - 1369 or the Baltimore County office at 401 Washington Ave., Towson, phone 823 - 2585. Regular membership is $5.

Y DRIVE CHAIRMAN—Frank Veney, manager of the Poe - Lexington Homes, will serve as chairman of the 1966 Druid Hill YMCA membership drive. Mr. Veney is a member of the Y's board of managers.

Business women set public meeting here

The National Association of Business and Professional Women's Clubs sponsors a public meeting Saturday, Nov. 20 with Mrs. Augusta Braxton Baker, native Baltimorean and coordinator of Children's Services of the New York Public Library as speaker.

Mrs. Baker has the honor of being listed as one of the great story tellers of the world. She is on the faculty of Columbia University and has authored several books for children including "The Talking Tree; a best seller.

Mrs. Mary Carter Smith is chairman of the Public meeting scheduled for 8 p.m. at the Heritage United Church of Christ, 3106 Liberty Heights Ave. The theme is "Our Challenge, A Call to Service."

Queen Anne gets anti-poverty grant

Receipt of a Federal grant to establish an anti - poverty program in Queen Anne's County was announced Wednesday by Gov. J. Millard Tawes.

The grant is in the amount of $9,874 and is to be used to employ a director and a skeleton staff to study the county's poverty situation and what steps should be taken to relieve it.

The Community Action Agency will work out of Centreville. Kent Narows, a sector where the Civic interest Group has protested against bad housing and living conditions.

Parents fly dead son's flag in face of threats

TAMPA, Fla.—"If I'm alive and God willing, John's flag will fly out there next Thursday."

The father of a young marine killed in Vietnam made this pledge in the face of threatening telephone calls warning him not to fly the American flag on Veterans Day

The flag covered the coffin of Lance Cpl. John Bell, Jr. who was killed Aug. 18. A small flagstaff has been erected in the Bell's front yard for the flag.

John Bell, Sr. quoted one caller as saying:

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The Bells have been given an unlisted telephone number.

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Oct. licenses at Bel. Air, Md.

BEL AIR, Md. — Harford County issued marriage licenses to four couples last month, two of them out of state. They were:

GILBERT - McDOWELL — Milton S., 32, and Diane, 22, both of Paterson, N. J.

BIRMINGHAM - SECREST —Troy F., 34, of Tulsa, Okla.; and Marjorie, 27, of Columbia, Tenn.

HARRIS - JOHNSON —John C., 23, of Abingdon, Md.; and Nancy A., 19, of Joppa, Md.

CUNNINGHAM - GOODWIN —John H., 34 and Alice R., 30, both of Havre de Grace, Md.

Nigerian tribute to Wm. Hansberry

WASHINGTON — The Nigerian Government sent a wreath in tribute to historian William Leo Hansberry during funeral services for the educator Saturday in the Howard University Chapel.

Dr. Hansberry, 71, died last Wednesday in Chicago of a cerebral hemmorhage. Uncle of the late playwright Lorraine Hansberry, he served for many years as a professor at Howard.

REPRESENTING the Nigerian Ambassador and presenting the wreath was Godwin Onyegbula, counselor of the Nigerian Embassy. Dr. Hansberry travelled widely throughout Africa, and was considered an authority on its history.

He is survived by his wife, Myrtle K. of 1510 Hamilton St., NW; two daughters, Gail and Kay of the home; a brother, Francis O. Washington of Chicago; and two sisters, Mrs. Carrie Fitchett of 1128 Columbia Rd., NW and Mrs. Mamie Martin of Chicago.

Burial was in Lincoln Cemetery.

'Black Russian's' works taped here

CHICAGO (U.)—One of the works of Alexander Sergeevich Pushkin, Russia's first great modern dramatist and poet, is to be heard in operatic form in an album recently recorded in Europe under the Monitor label.

The work is a novel in verse, "Eugene Onegin" which Petr Ilich Tchaikovsky, fellow Russian composer, was into transform into an opera.

Pushkin, a native of Moscow and a member of a famous noble family, was a descendant of a captured black slave. Born in 1799, he was a powerful influence in the court of Peter the Great. He died in 1837 at the age of 38.

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Robinson wins $250 citation of Jobs Corps

Maurice Robinson, a graduate of Morgan State College and the Harvard University Graduate School, is the recipient of a $250 incentive award and is the first instructor assigned to the Job Corps under the Anti -Poverty program.

The AFRO learned recently by letter from F. Sutton Jet, regional director for the U. S. Department of Interior, that Mr. Robinson was honored on the "basis of the excellent manner in which he handled his teaching assignments." Mr. Robinson was also instrumental in sustaining an educational program in the absence of a deputy director of education.

Robert Kloske, regional coordinator of Job Corps Centers from Washington made the surprise presentation.

Native Baltimorean Robinson, 24, of 3314 Carlisle Ave., is formerly of the faculties of Lemmel and Douglass High Schools.

The camp to which Mr. Robinson has been assigned is the Catoctin Job Corps Catoctin Mountain of Western Conservation center in the Maryland.

NATIONAL FIGURES — Members of the National Grand Masters Council, F. and A. M., Ancient York Masons, and officers of the Order of Eastern Star, met in Camden, N.J., recently at the Masonic Center. Top Photo (l-r), C. P. Carter, GM of N.J., host to the council; Matthew Brock, national GM, of Ohio; Earle Johnson, national secretary; Clim Davenport, GM of Georgia; Bisby Seller, Baltimore, Md.; James F. Little, national grand legal advisor, Columbus, O.; and Richard Walker, imperial recorder; Bottom photo, Eastern Star (l - r), seated: Mrs. Fields, Georgia; E. Kennedy; Mrs. Maxine Walker, grand worthy matron, Hackensack, N.J.; Hattie J. Trent, national Most Ancient Matron, Beckley, W. Va.; Fannye Turner, national grand matron, youth dept; Birmingham, Ala.; Mrs. Peters, Chicago; Standing, Lucille Dudley, Penna.; Mrs. E. Taylor, Oklahoma; Mrs. E. Williams, W. Va.; Mrs. Sadie Charleston, Mich.; and Mrs. Mary Medley, Grand Worthy Matron of N.J.

Hits 'chiseling' on overtime pay

WASHINGTON (NNPA) — Citing recent disclosures that American workers were short-changed at least $75 million last year in their pay envelopes, an AFL - CIO economist called for vigorous enforcement of Federal wage and hour laws.

Rudolph Oswald, economist in the AFL - CIO's Department of Research, said Monday the $75 million figure is only a fraction of wages workers lost last year as a result of employer violations of minimum wage and overtime regulations in the Fair Labor Standards Act.

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Reynolds tells Elks 'Never be ashamed of your color..'

WATERBURY, Conn. — "Hold your head up high," former Judge Hobson R. Reynolds spoke out to the nation's 450,000 Elks in a key address here Oct. 24. "Always remember there are no second class Elks. Never be ashamed of your race, color or civil liberties background."

Rising to a standing ovation at the Golden Crown Restaurant the "Grand" told a "freedom Smorgasord Dinner" that the World Order of Elks is no "Johnny - come - lately" to the modern struggle for equal justice. The Elks' family, the No. 1 Elk declared was publicly oriented to the challenge of first class citizenship more than 40 years ago — long before such adherence became "drawing room fashionable."

And, he added, noting that the $350 realized has been earmarked for contributions to local NAACP and CORE we've stood up to be counted through every change of pace, in all kinds of civil rights weather."

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THE DINNER was sponsored by the Waterbury crack Goodwill Lodge of Elks No. 1325, as a civil liberties Dept. project. Among 100 area guests on hand to hear the summary introduction of the Elks grand exalted ruler as a "builder, a former legislator, a nationally recognized leader "who -gets things done" were top city brass, Elk and NAACP dignitaries and clergy. He was presented by Charles P. McLane, grand director of public relations, a resident of Steeltown, Pa.

THE PROGRAM highlight brought a top citation to one of New England's outstanding lady Elks. The presentation to Waterburian Mrs. Kay Wyrick was presided over by Reynolds.

Mrs Wyrick who enjoys a reputation hereabouts as a stalwart in just about every action field in Elkdom, is also an assistant grand director of civil liberties. She's originator, founder and director of one of the most unusual projects on the fraternal horizon — a "Friendship Garden adjoining her residence at 5 Caroline St. In it are nurtured individual trees memorializing prominent Elk dignitaries the nation over.

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IN CONTINUING Mr. Reynolds told the dinner that the Elks Civil Liberties Dept. which he formerly headed has been active since 1926 at the national level.

The "grand" cautioned his listeners to remember, however, that "not all white people are bad." "Were it not for the efforts of the good white peple in this country," he added our progress, as a race would be far less than it is today."

Reynolds, a former human relations advisor to the Federal Housing and Home Finance Agency during the Eisenhower administration and first six months of the Kennedy administration, made several observations regarding the national scene

REYNOLDS TOLD assembled NAACP, CORE and Elk leaders that President Johnson in his view had done more to help the race than any president since Abraham Lincoln.

The black man in America has a right to hold his head "We've worked 140 years without a payday, helped to make the country — we cut down fees, tilled the soil, contributed to the arts and sciences, fought in every war.

And through it all, he added, we've never turned Communist — "and never will." The colored masses, Mr. Reynolds predicted, will continue to fight for freedom within the framework of the Constitution.

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RESPONDING FOR the Mayor's office, Supt. of Police Joseph Guilfoile called the address one of the best he had heard in the city. Other commendations came from the Rev. Charles Pendleton, director of Race Relations Dept. for Connecticut Council of Churches. State Treasurer Gerald A. Lamb brought greeting from Gov. John N. Dempsey.

Others paying their respects to the "Grand" were Mark Roberts, national NAACP youth director; Atty. Keesler England regional NAACP; Frank Moore of Waterbury NAACP; State (Elks) president William H. Baum and State Auxiliary president Mrs. Olive Walker Archibald; Dr. Rucie Recie Goldston and exalted ruler Junius Harrison, Past State Pres. Jeanetta Clark (Norwalk).

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Farmer envisions vote as a weapon

NEW YORK (UPI) — James Farmer, national director of the Congress of Racial Equality said that within 12 years colored persons will be elected to mayoral posts in major cities across the nation.

Farmer told a news conference that the off - year elections proved "it is now crystal clear for all to see that the colored man will use the vote as a weapon."

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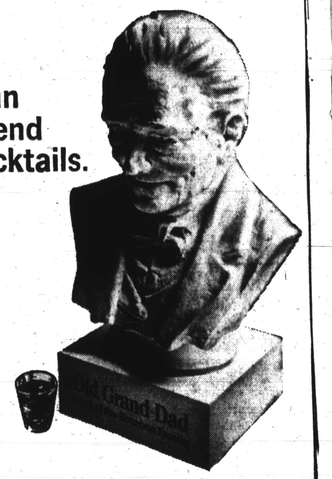

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