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Rhuedine D. Davis is claims examiner

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Rhuedine Gary Davis, employed as a claims examiner in the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), was born in Clinton, S.C.

Her parents, the late James and Mary Bea Gary, died when she was eight years old, leaving her to be reared by an aunt, Mrs. Jannie Kinnard.

On coming to Washington, she lived in Foggy Bottom and attended Martha Briggs-Montgomery Elementary School. She also attended John R. Francis Junior High, Armstrong Technical High and Howard University.

Though reared in poverty, Rhuedine maintained high scholastic records at Francis Junior High and Armstrong High Schools and acquired membership in honor societies at both. Also, while in junior and senior high school she was awarded bronze and gold medals in track by the Evening Star Newspaper.

Rhuedine's activities in the church and community are deep-rooted, and she works diligently for the improvement of each; believing that, "There must be a church, homes and schools in order to build a complete community."

Years ago she purchased property in her community for the specific purpose of resale to a church only. That piece of ground now houses the Zion Baptist Church of Eastland Gardens.

Through a member of Union Wesley AME Zion Church, she sponsors a community benefit, annually, to assist Zion Baptist in its financial program. She has been a delegate to the International, Interdenominational and Interracial Christian Endeavor and Sunday School Conferences on numerous occasions.

Rhuedine founded Eastland Garden's Community Park and Eastland Garden Flower Club, was a member of Mrs. Lyndon Johnson's



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idea of planting tulips in flower boxes on the East Patio of HUD. Presently she has on hand approximately 200 plants at a local hot house for planting in her yard and for sharing with others in the community.

Recently Mrs. Davis appeared on a local television network championing recreation and the building of Kenilworth Park, so vitally needed by the children of this community.

She will chair a three-day festival on June 25, 26 and 27 to be staged on the Kenilworth land-fill area. In 1967, she was awarded the "Women Doer of the Year" citation.

Mrs. Davis' affiliations are many. She is a member of Prince Hall Chapter No. 5, OES; vice president of the Eastland Garden Civic Association; member of the board of managers of the

finds time to sell real estate.

At HUD she never misses a "brown bag" lecture which is a seminar on public housing, held on Wednesdays under the briefing of the assistant secretaries. She has an invaluable collection of slides of construction, dedication and other events at HUD.

Rhuedine is a world traveler, having made camper trips through 42 states and many of the provinces of Canada plus jaunts into many Asian and European countries. She also has color slides of all of these trips.

Her hobbies are sewing, photography and gardening (she is a graduate landscape gardener of the D.C. Adult Education Department). Since she likes to sew, she prefers to design and make her own clothes which lean toward the casual.

Many of her designs are fashioned of materials pur-