Gadabouting in Baltimore

Candidates way out front when it comes to fashions

With Lula Jones Garrett

It is for sure that if the town's two feminine candidates for the Maryland House of Delegates go into office, there will be no better dressed duo in that political fray.

As pressed, Saturday, when Mesdames Henry C. Welcome and William B. Dixon put in a presence bid for support at the luncheon of the Maryland League of Women's Clubs.

Mrs. Welcome in a muted, striped gray-blue dressmaker suit, topped by a natural straw, flower-trimmed bonnet. That wide brimmed, pale green straw sailor, laden with pale purple and white flowers, topped a superbly fitted black suit that the tall and stately Mrs. Dixon wore.

There were many eye-catching ensembles about, including a hand-knit beige, worn with a white and blue hat and long strings of blue beads by Serena Forehand; the gray ensemble (detailed suit) and pale green straw over-pinned with white by Madam President (Mrs. Roger Williams);

Also the pert red breton trimmed with white ruffles, worn by Mrs. Gertrude Urquhard; the beige wool frock, matching wide hat, tuned off face and sparked with a huge matching rose, by Mrs. Medford Reynolds.

But when Mrs. Vivian Carter Mason began speaking, telling the group as she did of their duties as parents, politicians and citizens, the pretty hats, chic suits and frocks were forgotten. For the half hour that she spoke one could have heard a pin fall, even had it fallen from a Paris model.

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IT'S ALSO for sure that no swankier parties have been held in these diggins than those of the military men there about, who celebrated the 76th anniversary of the Maryland National Guard, Saturday night.

From the formation to the parties, all held in the Armory, the affairs were stupendous extravaganzas.

Enlisted men carried on in the hall room. Commissioned and non-commissioned officers held forth in their respective lounges on an upper floor. Divine music, plentiful board, lovely ladies . . . who could ask for more?

Nellie Bowie was a picture in blue chemise, fitted to the knee, split at the back, with a cute little bow topping the split. Norma Felder wore red taffeta, a barrel skirt its feature. Eleanor Brady was in tufted white metalic frock and Margaret Hudgins in short blue satin.

Ivy Harris also wore blue satin, and Hortense Perkins a mighty becoming combination of black, orchid and blue. Then there was Miriam Brown in ice blue with white, with fitted top, and flared skirt; and Vyna Skinner vivacious in red taffeta.

There were hundreds down stairs at the ball, instead of the usual one. Among those present were Capt. and Mrs. Vernon Green, Majors and Mesdames Melvin Cade and Lester Hudgins.

Captains and Mesdames Joseph Bracy, William Posey, Simon Peter, William Harris, John Leary.

Lieutenants and Mesdames Lorenzo Speiser, Herman Brice, James Mills, Casto Williams and Clifton Jansen.

Their Excellencies included: Messrs. and Mesdames Irvin Nelson, Emerson Broad, Richard Perkins, Capt. and Mrs. William Bowie, Messrs. and Mesdames James Gilliam, Francis Locklear, and Joseph Locklear;

Frank Ellis, Major Donald Parker, Miss Jean Sheridan, Capt. Ihsan Kazmi and Major Murra Ali, the latter two of Pakistan, studying in this country.

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MISS RUTH CRANFORD entertained members of the Thu Harmonic Choir following the choir's presentation at St. James Episcopal Church, Sunday afternoon.

The choir, under direction of Gerald Burks, Wilson, gave a superb rendition of the most of the Easter portion of the "Messiah" by Handel.

Miss Cranford, a member of the choir, had the members for dinner at her East Biddle Street home. Later the group repaired to the club room to hear a recording of their performance taken by Wendell Wright.

Among those present were Mrs. Randolph Tate, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Peterson, Mrs. Gladys Randolph, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Turner, William Potts, Raymond Carpenter, William Banks, Mrs. Mary Hopkins, Mrs. Julia Jones, Mrs. Brenda Thornton, Mrs. Hazel Thompson, Mrs. Edna Owens, Mrs. Elmore Hill.

Miss Celestine Crawford, Benjamin Crawford, Thomas Crawford and Mrs. Cecilia Crawford, who co-hosted with their daughter.

THE LAWYERS' Wives held forth on Monday, when the members in the beautifully remodeled home of the William Murphys in Cherry Hill.

Newest member: Good-looking Bob Lee, husband of Lena King Lee, attorney.

(What with the handsomeness of the town's women lawyers' husbands, methinks the lawyers' Wives are pretty smart cookies. To get ball and chain, Clarence Mitchell, husband of Juanita, jovial and equally easy-to-the-eye Clarke Dixon, husband of Elaine.)

The Lawyers Wives looking as chic as ever, entertained themselves in a style befitting the occasion. One of the cutest of games was that "personals" game played, and at which Doris Cole, Bob Lee and Daisy Josey were really informed on the inside story of themselves.

Prizes were awarded and then there was supper. Holding spot interest were Expectant Mothers Margaret Koger and Georgia Howard. Georgia especially beaming what with this being her first.

Hostesses for the evening, along with Mrs. Murphy, were Clarice Parrish, Margaret Mason and Rosa Murray.

Martha Allen took first prize for the most intellectual game of the Sputnik game took second prize. Wishes for a speedy recovery were sent to Anna Williams, along with a message of how much they missed her.

At the session were Juliar Dearing, Doris Cole, Robert Lee, Georgia Howard, Thelma Foreman, Lucille Fitzgerald, Zaidee Koger, Shirley Hargrove.

Also Adele Forenan, Margaret Koger, Martha Allen, Jacqueline Waite, Shirley Pinkard, Clarice Parrish, Madeline Murphy, Margaret Mason, Rosa Murray and Daisy Josey.

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"WE MOMS," being hostessed by Vinessa Porter, Marie Coles and Jeanette Smith, last week, met about wrapped up in their babies.

Among those present were Mesdames Ann Jones, Ann Bailey, Ann Ellis, Ann Ellis, Ann Ellis