Eastside Women Plan Annual Blue Ribbon Tea

Delinquency Prevention Group of ECC Plans Annual Affair

Some 50 members of the women's city-wide committee for delinquency prevention of the Eastside Community Committee met recently and mapped plans for the sixth annual Blue Ribbon Tea.

The tea will be held on March 5 at Dunbar High School.

Officers of the women's committee are Mrs. Laura M. Alexander, president; Mrs. Elizabeth G. Ralph, chairman; Mrs. Celia Crawford, assistant chairman; Mrs. Grace Boothe, secretary; and Mrs. Viola C. Jackson, treasurer.

Program Planners Named

Attending the meeting were: Mesdames Laurie G. Parker, Priscilla Gattis, Louise Harris, Beatrice Bailey, Addie M. Ward, Mabel Lee Rose, Mabel R. Queen, Martha J. Baker, Catherine Watkins, Elizabeth Edwards, Lillian Brown;

Genevieve S. Williams, Theresa E. Bailey, Josephine Taylor, Mary S. Kelly, Annie Brown, Rose Lassiter, Laura M. Alexander, Marie E. Johnson, Hester Millingan, Obiedell Alston Birtsal Ross, Lucille Marcus, Henrietta Holliman;

Mesdames Delaphine Dorsey, Lucy Bryant, Catherine Harris, Allean Butler, Flossie Harcum, Agnes Underwood, Ellen M. Love, Savilla Cooper, Anne L. Payne, Lillie S. Gantt, Levi Henry;

Cora H. White, Theresa J. Tate, Kelly L. Jackson, Myrtle Waddell, Grace Boothe, Evelyn Cook, Celia Crawford Bertha F. Johnson, Theresa Hayes, Ethel T. Harris, Ophelia Eggleston, Ada Brown, Amber G. Taylor, and Dorothea Spinner.

South Baltimore Notes

The Loch Raven Savings Club met recently at the home of its president, James Moore of 304 N. Pine St. Mrs. Florence Moore is recording secretary and Mrs. Mable Lee, financial secretary.

Next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Mildred Bailey, 1811 Riggs Ave.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Hill of 1807 Eagle St. observed their 15th wedding anniversary recently with a gathering at 2520 Huron St.

Those present included:

Mr. and Mrs. Moses Chinn, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Christian, Miss Edna Scott, Mesdames Grace H. Hines, Roberta Christian and Trilby Wicks; and Mr. and Mrs. William Stansbury.

Mrs. Eliza Barnes of 2029 Division St. and her daughter, Mrs. Izetta Coates of 433 W. Henrietta St., visited relatives in Philadelphia Sunday.

Club Notes

The Modern Mannequins met recently at the home of Mrs. Willie Coglin, 1726 McKean Ave. Members attending were Mesdames Susie Carter, Willie Coglin, Emma Bush, Marjorie Washington, Mary Watson;

Officers of the club are Mrs. Thelma Gamby, president; Mrs. Hilda Simms, treasurer; Mrs. Catherine Cooper, secretary; and Mrs. Goldie Cunningham, business manager. Next meeting will be at Mrs. Bush's residence, 526 Archer St.

The Congenial Savings Club met Wednesday at the home of Miss Annie Chester, 624 Hilton Rd., Cherry Hill. Mrs. Elizabeth Lee is president.

The Wesleyan Service Guilds of Baltimore are planning a turkey dinner at Sharp St. Methodist Church on Feb. 22, Washington's birthday.

The committee includes Mrs. Juanita Hill, chariman; Mrs. Audrey Taylor, South Baltimore District Guild secretary; Mrs. Edna Howard, North Baltimore District Guild secretary; and Mrs. Mamie E. Joynes of John Wesley Methodist Church, publicity chairman.

The Star of Bethlehem AME Church in Mt. Winans will hold its annual men's day celebration on Sunday, March 5. George W. Hill is chairman of the effort and the Rev. W. R. Chew, pastor of the church.

Other officers for the day will be Walter Hill, first vice-chairman; Richard Parson, second vice-chairman; William Polk, secretary; Roland Christian, recording secretary, and George Martin, treasurer.

Southside Personality

This week's personality choice is Miss Shirley Holt, 15, of 2824 Spellman Rd., Cherry Hill. A pupil at Harvey Johnson Junior High School, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Booker Holt.

Miss Holt is a member of Payne AME Church where she sings on the choir. She plans to take a commercial course and seek a career in the business world. Miss Holt enjoys playing basketball and lists sports as her main leisure-time interest.

MISS SHIRLEY HOLT

AFRO'S 'WOMAN OF YEAR' AWARD GIVEN TO AUTHOR

NEW YORK—Shirley Graham, author of "Your Most Humble Servant," the story of Benjamin Banneker, was given the AFRO award as the "Woman of the Year," Sunday, and will receive another big award soon.

Westinghouse Chorus to Give Concert Here

The Westinghouse Male Chorus will be presented in concert next Friday at Sharp St. Methodist Church, Dolphin and Etting Sts.

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The chorus has traveled throughout the Eastern and Southern United States and Canada. Its repetoire includes 150 numbers. Robert O. Barkley is director.

Soloist with the male Chorus is Miss Alice Long, a soprano, outstanding in Pittsburgh.

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POLICE REALLY BAFFLED:

Medical Exam Only Key to Pals' Deaths

Police were still baffled this morning (Friday) as they awaited the medical examiner's report and some possible clue to the mysterious deaths, last Tuesday, of two 19-year-old pals.

The youths, Norman Gibbs and Eugene Woodford, were found lying about 60 yards apart near the 1000 block N. Arlington Ave.

Although rumors of "foul play" spread rapidly throughout Northwest Baltimore, police and Provident Hospital physicians stated in preliminary reports that no signs of violence were evident.

Dr. Henry Freimuth, city toxicologist, first announced he "might have something" late last week. However, on Thursday, he was still working on "time consuming evaporation tests and other chemical analyses "in his search for indications of poison.

Week at Least Required

"If I was working on these tests only," explained the chemical specialsit, "it would be a different matter. But they require at least a week, sometimes longer. We're giving complete tests which will indicate any possible type of poison."

Police, who say they have now traced the youths' whereabouts until 9:30 p.m. on the fatal night, are still working on the case.

However, Capt. William Feehley admits "We won't be able to make a real move until we get the medical examiner's report."

Raymond Novak and Richard Ermdan, radio patrolmen, saw Gibbs stretched on his back about five feet from 1005 N. Arlington Ave. Some of his clothing was open, other parts of it were missing and his hands were under his head.

Woodford was found, about two and a half hours later, on Riggs Ave. between Arlington and Fremont. He had bled from the mouth and a Riggs Ave. resident told police she saw him stagger, bump into a parked car and fall to the ground. He was fully clothed. Both youths were last seen by friends in a Pennsylvania Ave. pool room around 6:30 p.m.

Mrs. Woodford and Mr. Gibbs were originally quoted as having said their sons had been ill prior to the sudden deaths. Later, these reports were denied.

The youths were buried, last Friday, in Mt. Auburn Cemetery, following separate services at the Kelson Funeral Home.

2 Studeents Elected to Honor Society

PETERSBURG, Va. — Miss Patricia M. Mehtesse of Massillon, Ohio, and Paul H. Logan of this city, juniors at Virginia State College, were elected to Beta Kappa Chi honorary scientific society recently.

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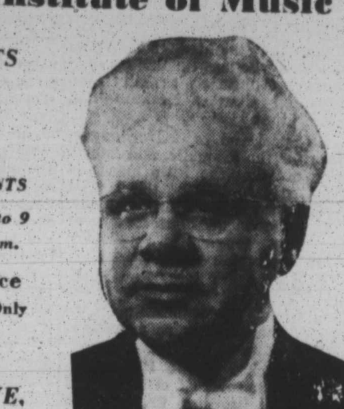

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Literary Lights Brighten Poetry Prize Presentation

William Gardner Smith, Philadelphia novelist, appealed to young Americans to contribute to the general uplift of those at the bottom stratum of society.

With Miss Shirley Graham, biographer, Mr. Smith, a veteran and author of "Last of the Conquerors," shared the platform at the Morgan State College Christian Center at a History Week assembly on Tuesday.

Although his remarks were addressed primarily to Nathaniel Hoff and Miss Fannie E. Chester, poetry contest winners, Mr. Smith outlined a path of action that youth generally, should follow.

"Ignore Uncle Toms"

"Your path should ignore Uncle Toms, the easy rise to fame. It should be one of identification with those who count," he avowed, adding, "Society is observed better from the bottom than the top."

He urged youth to find causes and to name them, pleading:

"Develop humility, courage, your own intelligence. Forget about money. Hope that you will make some, but don't sell your soul for things.

"It is better not to have fame, not to be praised as a hero," the young author said.

Success Played Down

Drawing from his personal experiences, Mr. Smith told of what follows the success of a writer's work.

The routine includes interviews in New York by neurotic publishers, who give him the "run-of-the town," because he is making money.

Then a successful author goes on a run of teas and cocktail parties, is interviewed, and receives letters, and goes on speaking tours.

In pursuing a literary career, a writer may follow the course of commercialism, be a "Bill (Bojangles) Robinson," or a Mantan Moreland or write things that "tear at your stomach," Smith declared.

A writer may become Bohemian, cynical, or an apologetic compromiser. "These are the paths of death," the speaker maintained.

Textbooks Ignore Facts

Miss Graham's address dealt with many of the facts about colored Americans she had learned in doing research for her five books.

She told the students that a textbook survey in NYC schools had given documented proof that these books condone slavery, ignore slave revolts, advocate segregation and humiliate Jews and foreign born Americans as well as colored citizens.

There were constant uprisings of the slaves in an effort to free themselves, Miss Graham said, adding that textbooks give the idea that white abolitionists were needed to free slaves.

Lists Robeson Among "Greats"

Her biography of Benjamin Banneker inspired the local observance honoring the colonial astronomer, inventor and surveyor.

As in her previous speeches, Miss Graham talked of the influences felt by Banneker and Phyllis Wheatley, the poet.

She touched upon Banneker's concept of a nation built upon peace, the appointment of a secretary of peace and the beginning of free education.

In chronological order she lauded Frederick Douglass the abolitionist; and Dr. George Washington Carver, the scientist; and Paul Robeson, the actor and singer.

Defending Carver as an appeaser and Robeson as a radical, Miss Graham declared that neither can be judged in isolation. "The full story of Robeson has not yet been told," she avowed.

"We have not yet reached the high places envisioned by Banneker We must unite and make history what we want, founded on the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights," She concluded.

Prize-Winning Poems Read

Mr. Smith was introduced by Dr. Nick Aaron Ford, chairman of Morgan's English Department, and Miss Graham by Truman Coles, president of the college Social Science Club.

During the program, Miss Chester and Mr. Hoff read their prize-winning poems, for which each received a $25 award, presented by Richard Hart, chairman of the division of languages and literature at Pratt Free Library.

With Elmer A. Henderson, assistant superintendent of Schools, Dr. Ford and Mr. Hart were the sponsoring committee of the third annual poetry writing contest for Maryland students.

Prizes were donated by the Book-A-Month Club of Baltimore; and Gamma chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity.

The college choir sang, directed by J. O. B. Mosely. Dr. J. Welfred Holmes presided.

Young Poet Wins Award

Miss Fannie Chester of Dunbar High School, second place winner in the annual poetry writing contest receives her $25 award from Richard Hart, head of the Pratt Library's department of literature, as she and Nathaniel Hoff, 1st prize winner, were honored at Morgan College this week.

Morgan Speaker

William Gardner Smith, author of "Last of the Conquerors" addressed the History Week program assembly at Morgan State College, Tuesday.

Miss Annie M. Lunn's Funeral Rites Held

The funeral of Miss Annie May Lunn, former teacher at School No. 140, was held Thursday at Morning Star Baptist Church with the Rev. Nathaniel H. Wicks officiating.

Burial followed in Arbutus Memorial Park.

Ill for 18 months, Miss Lunn died Sunday at the Henryton Hospital. She was 25 years old.

She was graduated from Douglass High School and Copin Teachers College.

Miss Lunn was a Sunday School teacher, member of the BTU and organist of the Youth Choir at Morning Star.

She is survived by her father, Joseph with whom she lived at 1651 N. Fulton Ave., two sisters, Misses Edna and Rose Mare Lunn; three brothers, Joseph Jr., Samuel, and Daniel; a nephew, Dexter Kenney

4th Report Shows Plans Working

NEWARK

New Jersey citizens recognize the desirability of abolishing discrimination and segregations and are taking steps in this direction which some previously considered impossible, the Division Against Discrimination stated in its fourth annual report to Gov. Alfred E. Driscoll.

The report added that the "combined task of combatting discrimination in employment and in the use of public facilities is working smoothly and effectively without resort to legal action.

Ballot Drive of NAACP in Full Swing

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trice Martin is general secretary, and Mrs. Hawkins, chairman of the ward captains.

The captains are assigned as follows:

Fourth District, 13th Ward, Mrs. Martin and Julian Bright; 14th Ward, Miss Leona Lancaster and Mrs. Blanch Claiborne; 15th Ward, George Parrish and Lindsay Washington; 17th Ward, Milton B. Allen, Mrs. Esther Thompson and Joseph Boston;

Fifth District, the Rev. G. G. LeGrange, chairman; 6th District, Miss Addie Edwards; 2nd District, William Price; and 3rd District, Addison Warren.

99 Groups Sent Letters

The registration committee has sent letters to 99 organizations requesting co-operation in the effort.

Harry A. Cole, chairman of the speakers bureau, reports he is soliciting ministers' aid, as the chief effort will be made through the churches.

Boy Scouts also will lend their assistance to the drive.

Workers will meet at the NAACP office each Tuesday. The drive ends Mar. 31. All persons who have never registered are urged to do so at once.

The Courthouse is open daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

HOFF, MISS CHESTER LAUDED:

2 Win $25 Awards in Poetry Contest

Teaching, not writing!

Winners of the third annual poetry writing contest, Miss Fannie Chester of Dunbar High School and Nathaniel Hoff of Morgan State College, coincidentally, have made this decision in what field their careers will be carved out.

They were honored, Tuesday, at a special assembly at Morgan Christian Center.

Lauded by Librarian

Richard Hart, head of the Pratt Library department of languages and literature, awarded them $25 prizes and lauded each for a "promising beginning."

Twenty-one-year-old Hoff, a veteran, took top honors in the college division with his poem, "War and Peace." Mr. Hart described this poem as wholesome, realistic, possessing boldness, replete with sharp images.

Hoff began writing poems in the sixth grade. He received encouragement from Miss Ethel Wise, Mesdames Ethel Hodges and Thelma Lawrence at Douglass High School, and Dr. Nick Aaron Ford at Morgan.

His collection of poems totals about 125, most of them about romance and the lives of outstanding persons.

Won $4,000 Elks Scholarship

Easily one of the "big wheels" at Morgan, Hoff, a senior, has a long string of achievements to his credit.

He is now attending Morgan on a $4,000 scholarship, which he won in 1946 in the regional oratorical contest of the Elks. In 1947 he won the Baldwin Medal at Morgan for oratorical excellence.

Also in 1947, he placed third in the oratorical contest sponsored by a local daily. In 1948 he stood sixth in the same event.

Athlete as Well as Scholar

Hoff is president of the Morgan chapter of Future Teachers of America; acting president of Pi Lambda Psi chapter of Alpha Kappa Mu National Honorary Society, and a member of Beta Kappa Chi Scientific Society, captain of Morgan's wrestling teams for the second year and CIAA wrestling champion in the 121-pound class.

Singing and writing, his hobbies, Hoff says, are strictly for his own benefit. He hopes to teach biology, do graduate work at Columbia University and eventually become a physician.

He is a Baltimorean, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Hoff of 1934 W. Mulberry St.

Miss Chester 1 of 7 Children

Miss Chester is 15. Her sensitive handling and deep religious feelings are evident in her poem, "Brotherhood Marches On."

Last year she garnered honorable mention for her poem "Onward and Upward." Her secret desire is to publish an anthology of her own poems.

In elementary school she began writing poems for special occasions. Now she is at work on a short story which she will submit to a national high school publication.

She is one of the seven children of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Chester of 1014 E. Preston St.

Prizes were donated by the Book-A-Month Club of Baltimore, Mrs. Lois J. Carter, president; and Gamma Chapter, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Phillip Braxton, president.

NATHANIEL HOFF

Truman Restates Pledge in 'Jackson Day' Speech

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growth of democratic insitutions that a just and lasting peace can finally be achieved.

Among those attending the dinner were:

J. KcKinley Neal, member of the Missouri State Legislature, Kansas City;

Robert Miller, Kenneth Campbell, Charles Sykes, all members of the Illinois House; State Sen. C. C. Wimbush, all of Chicago;

Corneal Davis, Louis Martin, John Sengstacke and Willard Townsend, Truman K. Gibson Jr., Theodore Jones, Bryan Hammond, James, McLendon, Edith Sampson, Helen K. Hall, all of Chicago;

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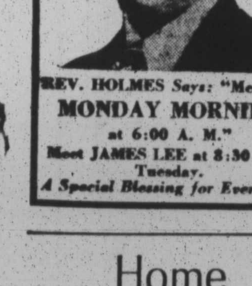

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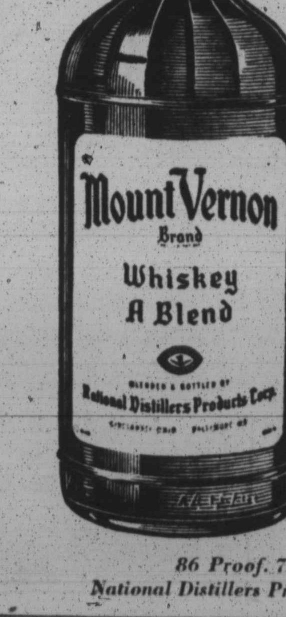

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