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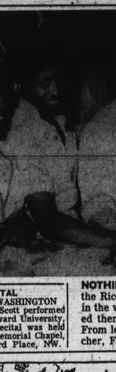

STROLLING the AVENUE

SCOTT IN RECITAL

WASHINGTON

Pianist Vivian Scott performed in concert at Howard University, Thursday. The recital was held at the Andrew Memorial Chapel, Sixth and Howard Place, NW.

NOTHING BUT THE BEST—That's what this staff at the Rice Inn at 1308 Pennsylvania Ave., has to offer in the way of food. Four of the ten waitresses employed there study the menu with their boss, Mr. Chang. From left to right they are: Marie Carey, Marion Hatcher, Frances Smith and Thelma Suitt.

Free haircuts, free hair shaping, curling, styling—free everything along the beauty line.

That was the order of the day Tuesday and Wednesday at the Apex Beauty and Barber School Annual Open House, 1854 Pennsylvania Ave.

During this year's open House celebrations, junior and senior women students held hair styling contests.

Nine prizes were given out twice daily for each class. Among the winners were: Mrs. Minnie McClary, 523 New Pittsburg Ave., and Mrs. Shirley Dennis, 647 Cheraton Rd.

Refreshments were served to all guests. Tints, dyes, and end tipping, facials and manicures were free, of course. More than 100 persons were served Tuesday.

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AS PART of their good work every Tuesday about a dozen barbers go out to the St. Elizabeth Orphan Home and cut hair free of charge. How is that for 'sweetness and light.'

Wednesday night prizes were given to the barbers who had cut the most heads of hair during the two-day period. Apex graduates some 75 students every June.

Heading the staff at Apex are: Mrs. Ethel Page and Mrs. Pearl Dupree, assisted by Mrs. Emma Kelly and Mrs. Doris Perkins, instructors.

Barber instructors are: Otis Harris and Wenzell Carter. This year's Open House was the 21st annual for Apex, and they are planning bigger and better things next year.

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"WE HAVE the most intimate room in Baltimore, and it's just as beautiful today as it was three years ago when we opened it."

George Fox, the jovial proprietor of the Red Fox at Fulton and Pennsylvania Aves., was describing his fabulous Red Fox room.

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Billy Foxx is there Tuesday nites playing and singing in that intimate way. Billy is known as a poetic Rock and Roll disc jockey. The handsome baritone began his career as a radio announcer after his army discharge in '52.

No visit to the Red Fox is complete without meeting Miss Vicki Clarke, who is in charge of the Red Fox room. Also appearing at the Red Fox are Andy Ennis and his combo.

Seen about were lovelies: Morra Frye, Eva Blackwell, Jean Hayman, Mabel Butler and Louise Hoffman — all talented young things.

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THEY'RE STILL talking about that fashion show, the Charm Center sponored at the Sphinx Club Saturday.

Maurice Hulbert Jr., better known as Hot Rod, described the Disc Jockeys' barbecue, dance and presentation at Carr's Beach, Sunday, "a huge success."

For lovers of fried rice, there is still no better place than the Rice Inn at 1306 Pennsylvania Ave.

If you like to eat in a spotlessly clean place, in a beautiful atmosphere and have prompt, efficient service besides, the Alhambra Grill, 1520 Pennsylvania Ave is the place for you.

OVER AT the Comedy Club, 1414 Pennsylvania Ave, scintillate Florence Vetina. Allen is still enchantingly scintillating.

Art Hall singing somewhat like Frank Sinatra and Sammy Davis Jr., takes time out to tell his own variety of jokes.

"It's all right if you don't laugh at my jokes." Art said the other night, "I'm going to keep telling them anyway."

Report is that the new owner is remodeling the Club Tijuana. Alfonso Brown and his Tune Toppers are still topping them at the Clover Club, Fayette and Wolfe Sts.

Remember "It's smart to be seen at Baltimore and Greene." That means of course, Chick's Bar and Lounge, where the Pace Setters and Lawson Vessells are not only setting paces, but doing a good job of entertaining besides.

the ethereal and the earthly contrasted in the Russian Orthodox of Rachmaninoff's "Hymn of the Cherubim" and that magnificent statement of Protestantism in Luther's chorale, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God."

IN ITS closing group, the choir transported the listeners to America today in "Ballad For Americans," with the guest soloist, Frank Whitmore.

This gifted baritone was in splendid voice, singing with conviction, rare humor and fine style.

The spirituals presented an interesting contrast—the tragedy of "Were You There?" the simplicity of "My God Is So High" and the high drama of "Babylon Is Fallen."

The solo portions by Florine Poulson and Carola Jernigan added greatly to this portion of the program. Sympathetic and capable accompaniment were played by Elizabeth Day and Catherine Neale.

The Brahms "Third Sonata" for violin and piano (Op. 108) is not the German master in his usual scholarly moments, but is a work of warm, poetic content, full of contrasts.

The "Allegro" (fast) movement has lovely melodies and is not too lively. The "Adagio" (slow) which follows, is a sombre tapestry of harmonies.

In the third movement—"un poco presto e con sentimento (a little fast and with sentiment), there is a pixie-ish delicacy and the final "Presto agitato" (very fast and excited) builds up an impelling climax.

All this Carol Blanton-Diggs, pianist and Rodney Mercado, violinist, depicted admirably and in excellent taste.

Each instrument complemented the other through the intricate counterpoint that Brahms loved to use; yet the haunting melody lines, especially in the first movement were never lost.

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CALENDAR: Sunday, May 13 at 8 p.m. at the National Gallery of Art, Washington, Hugh O'Meagher, harpsichordist and the National Gallery Orchestra. Featured will be Mr. O'Meagher's composition, a concerto for harpsichord and orchestra.

Mr. O'Meagher, who is a native of Richmond, is a graduate in piano and composion from the Peabody Conservatory. His musical career began with a position as pianist wiff the Philadelphia Ballet Company.

Later he was staff pianist with the Chicago Civic Opera Company. During his service with the armed forces he was piano soloist with a specially-organized symphony orchestra connected with the Navy in Washington.

In 1948 he began serious study of the harpsichord under the great Mme. Wanda Ladowska, world-famous harpsichordist.

He has been soloist at the National Gallery in several series of concerts and on the art-recitals at colleges in Virginia and Maryland.

Mr. O'Meagher is also organist and co-director of the choir at the First Unitarian Church in Baltimore.

Sunday, May 27 at 5 p.m. at Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, Madison and North Aves., the Church Choir will appear in concert, with Clarence Henderson and Marie Fraser as soloists.

Lillian M. Parrott, directress, and Elmira Miller, organist.

Moments Musical

By ADAH K. JENKINS

Citizens of Maryland, and of Baltimore in particular, are justly proud of Morgan State College for its achievemtns over the years. The concert Sunday at the Lyric Theatre added immeasurably to the lustre of its name.

The event, which was sponsored by the Alumni Association of Morgan, was carefully planned by a steering committee from the faculty and staff, spearheaded by the music department, with J. Orville Mosley as chairman.

The many details attendant upon such a project were admirably handled, resulting in a program that moved smoothly.

The participating group presented an effective picture on the stage—the College Choir in the traditional blue and gold robed and the Symphonic Band in formal summer attire.

THE CONCERT opened with a group of classic and romantic works by the band, dynamically conducted by R. Hayes Strider.

A brilliant overture of excerpts from Mozart, the sparkling "Italian in Algiers" by Rossini and the exciting "Ballet Parisien" (Offenbach) were most enjoyable.

The band never blared or blasted, but built up well-controlled crecendos. Difficult entrances were carefully made and the general musicianship was on a high plane.

In the second group by the band, comprising modern and contemporary works, "American Jubilee" and "Tideway" (tone poem) with its ripping accompaniment were most successful. Rousing applause greeted the encore, "Roumanian Rhapsody."

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MORGAN ALUMNI, some of whom have heard every choral group on the college has had over the years, were loud in their praise of the thrilling performance of the College Choir, under the direction of J. Orville Mosley.

In diction, tone quality, phrasing and interpretation they were superb. Veteran concert goers declared they had never heard Mozart's "Ave Verum" sung with such exquisite and reverent beauty.

In contrast, the "Requiem" (Rest in Peace) and "Kyrie Eliesson" (Christ, Have Mercy) from the "Requiem Mass" (also Mozart) built up climax after climax of florid counterpoint.

Every note was a gem of crystal clarity. Florine Poulson, mezzo-soprano, was the soloist.

The choral portion of the concert was so well-planned that the concert listener could find his favorite style of music. There were the richly-patterned harmonies of Brahms' "How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place" (from the "German Requiem").

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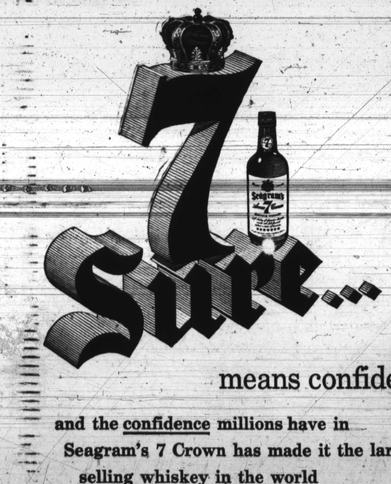

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"I ran downstairs and outside to the street. Flames were coming out the windows. The roof caved in. I screamed until I couldn't scream any more."

Thus spoke Mrs. Elsie C. Jones, 36, 603 E. Chase St., Wednesday afternoon from her bed at Baltimore City Hospitals. Her hands, face and hair were burned in a four-alarm Tuesday morning fire at an overall service plant in the 1000 block S. Conklin St.

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MRS. JONES, whose condition was reported as good Wednesday, has been employed by the overall service company for four years, and worked in the stock room.

She has two daughters, one, Miss Elsie Robinson, 20, a student at Virginia Union University, and the other, Miss Jacqueline, 16, a student at Dunbar High School.

She was the only one of the seven women injured during the blaze who remained in the hospital.

Treated at Baltimore City Hospitals for minor bruises and released were:

Mrs. Louise Dotson, 28, 400 block Poplar Grove St.; Mrs. Mary L. Forrest, 34, 1300 block Myrtle Ave.;

Mrs. Sarah A. Raymond, 46, 1100 block Nanticoke St.; and Mrs. Viola W. Parker, 53, 2800 block Reisterstown Rd.

Mrs. Sarah I. Gillison, 48, 300 block N. Stricker St., and Miss Lucille I. Pope, 22 3000 block Clifton Ave.

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MRS. FORREST, a machine operator at the plant for the past nine years, said: "I fell trying to open the window. The fire started from a washer that blew up. They don't understand what caused it.

"It happened about 10:45 p.m. I work near a shute where they send clothes down. I noticed the smoke coming up, and hollered to the other girls.

"We went out on the roof. A lady saw us after we hollered. She got two men. They came and put two long ladders, one on each building, and helped us down the way. I discovered the fire upstairs."

In the blaze, Mrs. Forrest lost her coat, dresses, shoes, and pocket book, which had $50 in it.

Another lady, who lost all her money, was Mrs. Sarah G. Gillison. Mrs. Gillison had just received an unemployment check, $55.

She said, "I was so thankful I didn't get burned up myself that I didn't even worry about the money."

An unsung hero of the fire was Officer George Flynn of the Northeastern District. Officer Flynn, who was off-duty at the time, said:

"I heard the women screaming from Baylis St. A man was there with a ladder. We propped the ladder up against the wall and helped the women down to the roof below and then down another step ladder to the ground."

Mrs. Ruby H. Pinkston, 1809 block E. Fayette St., saw Officer Flynn Wednesday afternoon at the scene of the fire and thanked him for his part in the rescue.

noon, in front of the ruins, she walked over to him and said reverently:

"We hadn't been off that roof 10 minutes before it caved in.

"We went out on the roof. A hadn't put that ladder up."

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SOL LEADER, manager of the company, said, "The exact cause of the fire is not known. It probably resulted spontaneously when inky towels and overalls were being washed in-one of the first floor washers."

Damage was estimated in excess of $250,000. The company has 70 employees, according to Mr. Leader. Business resumed Wednesday afternoon at 2928 Washington Blvd.

The Conklin St. building consisted of a two-story brick main building with an adjoining one-story wooden structure. Both were hopelessly gutted by the fire.

Walls calms mild storm at parley

By LOUIS LAUTIER

PITTSBURGH (NNPA)—In a brilliant defense, Bishop William J. Walls of Chicago Tuesday, quashed an undertow of rebellion which has prevailed during the first six days of the AME conference here.

Dr. J. R. Funderburk, presiding elder of Bennettsville District, brought the rebellion of ecclesiastical authority to surface when he sought information concerning a pamphlet.

"The Trials and Triumphs of Bishops," written and distributed by Bishop Walls, was the pamphlet in question. Delegates were reportedly calling it a manifesto.

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DR. FUNDERBURK asked: "Who authorized the publication? Who is paying for it?" To such questions, the senior stated that "nobody" authorized the document and that he was paying for it.

According to the Bennettsville presiding elder, the pamphlet challenged the necessity for the General Conference. He quoted several passages from the document to support his assertions.

He also charged that "the manifesto" is an insult to the dignity of the general conference and a reflection on the individual and collective intelligence of the delegates."

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IN DEFENDING the pamphlet, Bishop Walls stated that it only gave an exposition of the laws of the church and was written to pass on to the present generation so they may know the law and history of the AME2 Church.

Bishop Walls expressed surprise that there should be a "storm" from the people who know the law—especially when he made an attempt to give an exposition of the church laws.

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Tale of a kitchen fork

"I don't want to press any charges."

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This exchange of dialogue took place Thursday in Northern Police Court between Frank Doles, 34, 2800 block Reisterstown Rd., and Magistrate Henry L. Rogers.

The two men had reference to Mrs. Ann L. Doles, 36, who was charged with stabbing her husband in the arm with a foot long kitchen fork. She was also charged with disorderly conduct as was her spouse.

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POLICE TESTIFIED that they had been summoned to the house after the couple had engaged in a fight that reached its zenith when Mrs. Doles jabbed her husband with the cooking utensil.

"I didn't mean to hurt him, I just did like this," said Mrs. Doles with a lunging motion of her hand, "and I caught him."

"If you keep up like this somebody is going to get killed," said Magistrate Rogers.

The magistrate then dismissed Mrs. Doles on the assault charge but slapped $25 fine on each of the participants for disorderly conduct.

Mr. Doles was recently dismissed on a homicide charge growing out of the death of his brother-in-law in an altercation.

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AME Church will use new voting device

MIAMI, Fla.—The first change in the election procedure in the history of the AME Church was introduced at the 35th Quadrennial AME General Conference by use of the opaque projector.

Use of the projector was suggested by Dr. Rembert E. Stokes, dean of Payne Theological Seminary, Wilberforce (Ohio) University, and adopted by the delegates of the first tay of business.

Dr. Stokes said the projector is designed to speed up the election process and to eliminate possible inaccuracies. He has long been active in the movement to streamline the church business and administrative procedures.

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THE MACHINE projects the picture of each ballot onto a huge white screen in front of the auditorium. Thus each teller or election judge has a clear view of the written vote. Many spectators in the near-front row seats also get the same view.

Inasmuch as voting for the election of bishops and general officers is done by individual ballot, the new procedure has decreased the time of ballot counting and eliminates probable disputes over tabulation totals.—ART CARTER.

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