Columbia Capers

By Pinnie L. Ross

The first black law office was opened recently in the new city of Columbia. The opening brought over 100 well-wishers out to a reception honoring charming and talented Miss Georgia Goslie.

Miss Goslie, a 24-year-old graduate from the University of Maryland Law School, passed the examination at the first sitting.

Arriving in ample time to greet the many guests were the lovely hostesses, Mesdames Judy Neale, Leslie Oliver and Ann Marino.

Wearing an orange two-piece suit, Miss Goslie was full of surprises as her friends and past instructors embraced her. She stood gracefully in the receiving line. Standing tall and proud by her side were her two sons, Thomas and Winston. Also in the receiving line were Messrs. Gant and Hayes, owners of the Gant-Hayes Real Estate Co. where the young lawyer's office will be housed; Carroll A. Smith, broker and owner of the Carroll Insurance Agency at the same address; Mrs. Odessa Hampter, sister of the honoree and Charlie Howard, noted attorney from Baltimore.

Whiskey sours flowed from a fountain and plenty of hors d'oeuvres were served.

Some of the people enjoying the evening were: James Polk, Eugene Weiss, Ron and Shirley Thomas, owners of three McDonald Shops; Atty. Glascoe, Terry Jones, home economist; Donald Hoes, principal of Swansfield Elementary School; Mrs. Virginia Draper, first female appointed to assist the U.S. Attorney; Miss Dianne Gayle, Columbia dress shop owner and Daniel Kim and Richard Wright, Coppin State College professors.

Circulating among the guests were representatives from local clubs: lovely Mrs. Ethel Hill, AKA president; Mrs. Celonia Walden, past Delta president; Mrs. Wilhelmina Kelly, past president of the National Council of Negro Women; Mrs. Willie Cardwell, Jack and Jill financial secretary.

Also among the guests were Melvin L. Blanheim, owner of the Howard Security Agency, Inc. and Mrs. Dottie Moore, Community Action Agency.

Miss Goslie will be the keynote

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MS. MARTHA JONES, personnel clerk in the Civil lan Personnel office at Fort Meade, has been presented a Department of the Army certificate of achetvement for htr outstanding performance in Project Steadfast, general reorganizaaion of the Army.

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Calvert County News

By Melvina Edwards

Mr. and Mrs. Thelma Spriggs of Owings, Calvert County entertained at a dinner party party last week for the Rev. and Mrs. William Edwards.

Mrs. Grace Thomas of Paris, Calvert Co. is a patient at Washington Hospital She is the wife of the late Rev. David Thomas.

Continue your prayers for the sick. Mrs. Mabel Emerson is a patient at Calvert Convalecent Home and Mrs. Little Duppins is also a patient there.

The writer of this column and the Rev. William Edwards along with Mesdames Martha C. Duirs and Hattie Charter will attend funeral services at Asbury Methodist Church for their cousin, the Rev. Mrs. Edith Gross Smith of Annapolis, Md. Funeral services are Friday (today). The Rev. Joshua Hutchins is pastor.

A rally for building fund at St. Edmonds United Methodist Church, Chesapeake Beach was held Sunday. The sermon was delivered the Rev. William Edwards whose subject was "Remembrance Over No. 700." The Rev. Charles N. Bourne is pastor of the church.

A new subscriber to the AFRO is Mrs. Anna Martin of W. Lafayette Ave.

New Pageant Comes to Md.

COLUMBIA — Pinnie's Charm Studio located here in the "model" city will sponsor the Miss Black International Beauty Pageant for the State of Maryland. Announcement came this week from Studio owner/directress, Mrs. Pinnie L. Ross.

Mrs. Ross is no stranger to the state. In prior years she conducted the former Miss Black Teenage America Pageant in Howard County. Last year her local winner, 17-year-old Edna Hill of Columbia, won the state title and then captured the national title in Newark York City.

Mrs. Ross has produced fashion shows throughout the area, featuring her own professionally-trained Pinnie Ross models. Needless to say, Mrs. Ross, herself, is a professional model. In additon, she is an active community worker, serving numerous nonprofit organizations. Among them are: The Cancer Society, National Council of Negro Women, Jack and Jill of America, Columbia Association, Community Service Dept.; Slayton House, Advisory Board; National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and past board member of the St. John Baptist Church in Columbia.

This past year the Pinnie Ross Studio aided the scholarship program at Howard County Community College, "and this year is no exception. A portion of the proceeds from this new contest will help some deserving college-bound youngster with the cost of his education." Mrs. Ross says.

"The Miss Black International Pageant is new to Maryland," says Mrs. Ross, "and it's here to stay."

The contest is open to single young ladies, 17 to 24-years-old. The state-wide pageant will be held in early July.

The lucky young lady who wins the local title will receive an all-expense-paid trip to the sunny Virgin Islands. In addition, all mf her expenses to New York City where she will compete for the national crown will be paid. Other gifts will also be awarded. She will take the national crown, she will win a movie screen test, $6,000 educational scholarship and $1,000 cash.

Those interested in participating in the pageant as sponsors or contestants may call Mrs. Ross at 730-8639 or 730-8879.

MRS. PINNIE L. ROSS
state directress, Miss Black International Beauty P jeant

—Columbia

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speaker at the upcoming Annual International Tea for the St. James Youth Day in Salisbury, Md.

The St. John Baptist Gospel Choir will present the Arena Players Sunday, March 3, at 3:00 p.m. at the Slayton House in Columbia. The Baltimore professional play group will present to the Columbia residents "Tambourines to Glory." Tickets are $4 for adults, children under 12, $2.

The Baltimore Urban League Guild will meet Saturday, March 2, at 4:00 p.m. in the league's office, Mondawmin Concourse. Interested people may call Mrs. Edna Johnson at 523-8150. See you there.

Thought for Today

"Curiosity is one of the most permanent and certain characteristics of a vigorous intellect." SAMUEL JOHNSON

Mr. Joiner graduates

Michael Joiner, a recent graduate of the American Motel School in Roanoke, Virginia has been awarded a diploma for successfully completing a course in hotel/motel management. Mr. Michael Joiner is a resident of 2307 Ellamont St., Baltimore.

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SOUTH BALTIMORE NOTES

Mr. Thornton, Grand Master

After serving 28 years as Grand Master of the Most worshipful Hiram Grand Lodge, Grand Master Clarence Wycoff relinquished the office at a recent session to Deputy Grand Master John V. Thorntonn.

Grand Master Thornton is Past Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Past Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden, Past Captain of the Guards of the John G. Jones Consistory, Past Chief Rabban of Medina Temple No, 1 A.A.O.N. M.S., Pa st Scribe of Mt. Moriah Chapter no. 1 Royal Arch Masons and Past Worshipful Master of New Bethlehem Lodge No. 11. In addition to the numerous elected and appointed positions he has held in the jurisdiction in the State of Maryland, he has also served in positions at the supreme level where he currently holds the office of secretary general of the Original General Grand Masonic Congress of Grand Masters of the U.S.A. and Canada as well as the assistant secretary General H.E. of the United Supreme Council of Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Free Masonary.

Grand Master John V. Thornton has a wealth of knowledge and experience of masonic work and respect. Trornton has a wealth of him well for the enormous task he is undertaking.

He is married to the former Miss Shirley Fowlkes and the father of Miss Jewelle V. Thornton.

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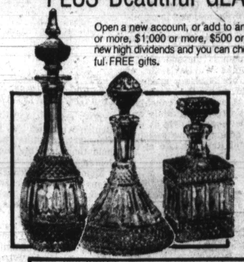

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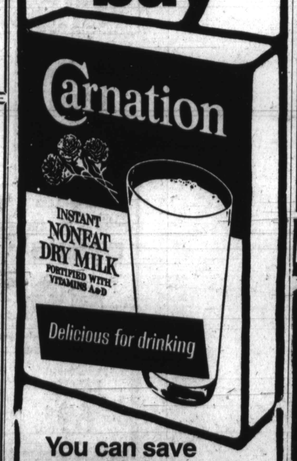

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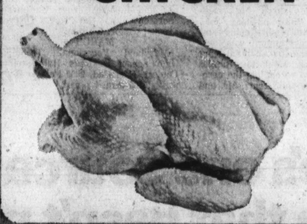

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