COLUMBIA CAPERS

Black History Week observance held here

Little princesses from Pinnie's Charm Studio in Columbia ended their course with a luncheon recently. Pictured from L to R: Pinnie L. Ross, directress; Gina Garzett, Jeri Fisher, Allyson Harris, Gilda Garrett and Denise Jennings. Students from the studio will be presented during graduation ceremonies to be held April 20 at the American Cities Building.

By Pinnie L. Ross
AFRO Columnist

Black History Week was observed in many churches and schools around the country last week.

The St. John Baptist Church celebrated its third annual observance last Sunday. The Church theme was "Fulfilling America's Promise."

Guest speaker for the 11:45 service was Dr. Charles Saunders, assistant vice president of St. Luke Hospital Center, in New York City. He was introduced by Mrs. Ora Anderson. His subject was "Black History Means Touching Somebody's Life."

Dr. Saunders, speaking before a filled capacity church, had this to say: "It is good to see this chapel involved in such a subject as 'Black History Emphasis'. It is indicative of the Church's role in race relations and education."

He said it shows how we could get black history out of the books, libraries, classrooms and put it in the hearts, minds, and muscles of the people.

"My invitation to speak here has raised questions for me. How did Black History Week start? And what is significant about Black History Week? Carter G. Woodson, the father of the scientific association for the study of Negro life and history in 1915 which he headed, was a strong advocate for the need for inclusion of black people's contributions and achievements in history.

Woodson, author of Miseducation of the Negro says, 'If the Negro is to be elevated he must be educated in the sense of being developed from what he is, and the public must be so enlightened as to think of Negro as a man.'

He felt that no one could be thoroughly educated until he learned as much about the Negro as he knows about other people. We would not ignore the use of Christianity and the development of the church; but we would at the same time give honorable mention to the person of African blood who figured in these achievements and who today is endeavoring to carry out the principles of Jesus, long since repudiated by most so-called Christians."

The young doctor went ahead to say that many students are apt to be resistive to taking history courses because it deals with what has happened; but he reminded the congregation that the past is important. "We are what we are today because of what happened yesterday. Our todays are a result of how we confronted yesterday."

Black History is a reciprocal relationship between the past and future, and the future is emerged by our dreams and actions of today.

Black History Week has another important meaning to us. There have been myths of the submissive slave; many myths in Black history and some of the African past.

Dr. Saunders added "This special week is a time when we can stand tall, take pride in our accomplishments, because we are a 'unique people'."

"Black History has helped to renew our pride, self-concepts, and brotherhood. It allows us to honor you and just not the notable, but those of you with purpose and commitment, and our contributions in history are measured by our purpose and commitment."

Dr. Saunders concluded, "the challenge is before us not only for Black History Week, but subsequent weeks. Stumbling blocks and stepping stones make History Week, which will you be?"

Black History Week Committee members were Harolyn Harrison, chairperson; Harvey Anderson Jr., co-chairperson; Ora S. Anderson, Barbara Bray, and Ms. Yvonne Howell.

The Howard County Branch of the NAACP will hold its 1975 Freedom Awards luncheon tomorrow, Saturday, at the Urban Life Center in the American City Building at 12:30.

Clarence M. Mitchell Jr., director of the NAACP Washington bureau will be the guest speaker.

For ticket information call 531-5549 or 730-5778.

Thought for Today

"The question for each man to settle is not what he would do if he had means, time, influence, and educational advantages, but what he will do with the things he has." — Hamilton Wright Mobie

Catonsville Notes

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number of prominent Black people of the Baltimore community in what we call a "Black Rap Extravaganza".

Among those persons who will share their experiences and advice are Mrs. Edna Johnson of the Baltimore Urban League, Mrs. Lota Howard, a former school teacher and now world traveler, and Miss Ava Fields and the Ava Fields Dancers. Also Marvin E. Jones, divisions manager-personnel relations from Westinghouse Corp.; Ronald Matthews, head, art department, Dunbar High School, and members of the Santa Jones Karate School.

Another feature on Saturday's program will be exhibits of works of art, arts and crafts, and other artifacts of individuals and groups. These items will be displayed for your viewing pleasure and some things will be available for sale.

On Sunday, the Youth Choir of the Waters A.M.E. Church will conduct a concert in the tradition and splendor of the Black be Thomas Boyer, the first church. The speaker will be Thomas Boyer, the first black member of the Baltimore County Board of Education.

Woodlawn highlights

By Marjorie R. Green

Recently, the market has been flooded with small companies throughout the United States legitimately advertising the sale of books and information regarding Social Security programs.

The fact that many people feel that they are not getting all that is coming to them makes it easy for them to be misled by tricky ads and promises of lumpsum settlements.

Consumer protection agencies have not been able thus far to prove any serious legal or administrative violations against these companies. According to Richard DeMeo, Technical Services, Bureau of Retirement and Survivors Insurance, "The ads are geared to sell service and information that is available to the public, free of charge at any local office.

Hopefully after reading this column, those who can benefit from the many services offered through the Social Security Administration will not fall for the high-priced ads that sell an overpriced and out-dated book that falsely hints at an official connection with Social Security.

The young as well as the elderly have been taken in by clever catch phrases similar to "Hey Bride!" "Don't forget your name changes. We'll help handle your social security and other records. Fill out the enclosed card and return with $2."

All local offices have available just for the asking, forms by which any record changes can be made. There are also forms to request a statement of your recorded earnings.

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Among the most asked for bookle's are: "Your Medicare Handbook" "Estimating Your Social Security Retirement Check," "Your Social Security" and "Supplemental Security Income for the aged, blind and disabled."

SSA wants to be made aware of any misleading advertisement circulated in the community about any of the services or programs handled under the S.S. programs.

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Ms. Louise Cutting Chesapeake Toastmistress club did a beautiful job as a participant in the club's recent annual speech contest. Watch this young lady for future first place winnings.

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Retirement party for Ms. Gladys Palmer is scheduled for March 7 at Ridgeway Inn.

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Mrs. Carrie Reed, GS-12 Supervisory Training Specialist in the Division of Claims Operation is the proud recipient of the Supervisory Excellence Award.

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Social Security Employees who want to but have not contributed to the Benefit for the Baptist Home for the Aged through a church or organization may send contributions c/o F.R.E.D. P.O. BOX 6962 Baltimore, Md. 21216 or contact this writer who is serving on the banquet committee. "You Can Make the Difference!" Support F.R.E.D.

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Cover-ups for barer-than-ever beachwear

With swimsuits getting barer than ever before, it's only natural to expect fashion to come along with something to counterbalance the trend — and beautifully. That's just what leading swimwear houses have done with cover-ups, those casual clothes you can toss on over your swimsuits — or even wear solo.

Included in this fund-to-wear category are long robes (newest have hoods), shirt jackets, ankel-length skirts to knot around the waist over a bikini, T-shirts, even a separate shawl or scarf, and ankle-length shifts ranging from classic T-Models to tanks to halter dresses.

"Quite a number of these cover-ups come in fabricks of "Antron" nylon and "Lycra" spandex because of these fibers' affinity for the easy life as well for their great good looks.

Beautifully conceived and coordinated, some of these cover-ups could go from beach to ballroom. Because of sheer drama and pure chic, there is such a great surge of fashion interest in the cover-ups.

Fashion feature

A key look among the cover-ups is the classic ankle-length T-shirt dress. Slit on both sides, this one by Cole of California is in a peppermint-striped free and easy fabric of shape-retaining nylon and "Lycra" spandex, and just as fetching as the view of Rio's Sugar Loaf Mountain. Pictured is top fashion model Billie Blair.

More local club notes

Kappa Alpha Psi

The Baltimore Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. will present its fifth annual benefit, "Night in Las Vegas" affair, March 7, 6617 Dogwood Rd. from 10-3 a.m. The affair will include dinner, open bar and such games as "Big Six" "Horse Race," "Las Vegas" and "The Wheel." Proceeds will be donated to charities. Tickets can be purchased at the Fraternity House, 4903 Liberty Heights Ave., each Saturday between 12-2 p.m. or call Walter Picket, 728-1552, Howard Tutman, 922-9075 or any Baltimore Alumni Chapter member.

The Baltimore Kappas have donated thousands of dollars annually to various local benevolent organizations. This year, the recipients include the Louis E. Harmon Memorial Fund for Camp King's Landing, Orchard Street Church (Restoration Fund), Morgan-Coppin Revolving Student Loan Fund, James Mosher Little League and the Senior Citizens Club or Lafayette Square.

University Women

Elra M. Palmer will present an illustrated talk, "Australian Holiday," on Sunday, March 2, at 4 p.m. for the Baltimore Branch, American Association of University Women at the clubhouse, 601 West 40th Street. Members and guests attending will be asked to make a small contribution to benefit the Fellows Fund, which awards grants permitting women scholars to pursue graduate study.

Mr. Palmer is a graduate of Johns Hopkins University, and after holding many positions with the Baltimore City Public Schools is currently coordinator of science of environmental education. He is also an instructor in science education at Johns Hopkins University and Loyola College, president of the Natural History Society of Maryland, and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Maryland Academy of Sciences.

The program is being arranged by Miss Rose T. Kinney, Fellowships Chairman, and refreshments will be served by Miss Julia Hoopper and Miss Alice Shugars. Miss La-Vina Moore is president of the branch.

Lawyers's Wives

The Lawyers' Wives of Baltimore will again present the "Teen Spectacular" which will conclude with the crowing of Miss Teen-Age Justice on April 25 at Coppin State College auditorium.

A spokesperson for the group, Louise Johnson, says that the pageant is now being opened up to young women, 12-17, in the Annapolis Area. Mrs. Johnson, a Bates High School alumnus and wife of Annapolis attorney, Richard V. Johnson, has extended an invitation to girls in that area as well as Anne Arundel and Baltimore counties.

The purpose of this presentation is to develop dignity, pride and self-respect with today's youth.

Girls taking part in this event will sell books containing votes. The girl turning in the highest amount will be crowned Miss Teen-Age-Justice '75." Monies received from the votes will assist the group's charities and projects.

Mrs. Solomon Reddick is president of the local chapter; Gertrude J. Smith, chairperson, Louise Johnson, agent.

Six young women were recently inducted into the Kopelles, youth group of Lambda Kappa Mu Sorority, Iota chapter. From L to R: Stephanie Gates, Lori Johnson, Tracey Harris, Sabra Dorsey, Denise McCray, Rhonda Fleming and Nadine Johnson.
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SOUTH BALTO. NEWS

Sewer project on its way

By Walter W. E. Hill
AFRO Columnist

Here again we pause to pay tribute to South Baltimore's unofficial Mayor George Wallace E. Hill who died Feb. 17, 1958.

Mr. Hill was the recipient of many plaques from the AFRO-AMERICAN, civic groups, P.T.A. and churches. He was a person of great distinction, a leader in his own rights.

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It seems the Mt. Winans Civic Interest Group is progressing during its dry run period. The Sewage Project will soon become a reality. The system will curb the multitude of inconveniences experienced during heavy rains.

The Rev. Arthur Jones, pastor and founder of Jones Tabernacle Church will be at Star of Bethlehem A.M.E. Church on Sunday, March 9 at 3:30 p.m.

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