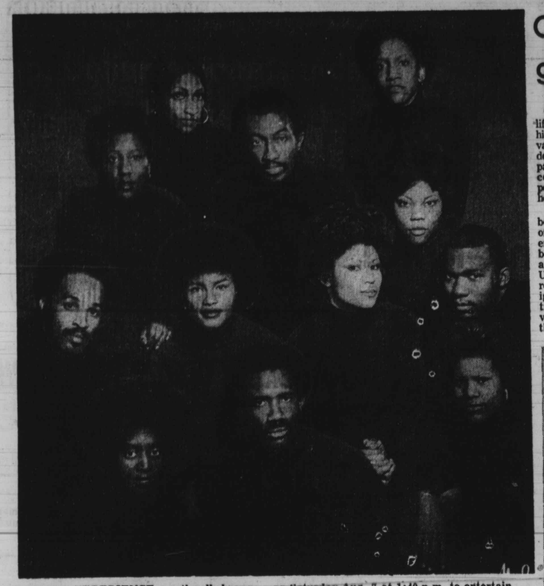

PAMJOMA EXPERIENCE, a nationally known dance troupe, will be there at the Hopkins Plaza on Saturday, Aug. 7 at 1:40 p.m. to entertain Expo participants.

Our contributions helped in giant growth and development of America

Norman E. Ross

The story of early black life in America is now history. It unfolds as a vast and endless canvas depicting an everflowing panoramic view of the contributions of black people to the American heritage.

In spite of their physical bondage, the free minds of black Americans enabled them to greatly benefit the development and growth of America. Unfortunately, until recently, historians have ignored these contributions; therefore, very few people knew of the black gifts to America. However, the facts show that from our country's outset, blacks have actively participated in its development.

The black medical contribution to America has been substantial. Dr. Charles Drew, a black Howard University surgeon educated at Montreal's McGill University and New York's Columbia Medical Center, founded and directed the world's first two major blood banks. (Ironically, Dr. Drew bled to death on the steps of a hospital which refused him admission and blood because of his race).

Another physician, Dr. Daniel Hale Williams, performed the first successful open heart surgery.

In the fields of science, Dr. George Washington Carver discovered over 300 uses of the peanut and the pecan, and Benjamin Banneker published annual almanacs, now housed at the Maryland Historical Society, from 1792 to 1797.

Blacks have distinguished themselves as pioneers and explorers. Pedro Alonso Nino accompanied Columbus to the New World in 1492. Mathias DeSousa, Francis Peres, and Robert Price were among the first settlers of the Province of Maryland in 1634. Matthew Henson, a former slave born in Charles County, Md., was the first man to reach the North Pole in 1909. And only just recognized, Jean Baptiste DuSable founded Chicago, Ill.

In the field of music, Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, William Dawson, Nathaniel Dett, A. Jack Thomas, Liewellyn Wilson, Eubie Blake and Scott Joplin composed superlative music still

(Continued on Page 23)

FRANKY AND THE SPINDLES will participate in the Expo at Hopkins Plaza this weekend. The famous group, known for their soulful songs, attracted a crowd of 13,000 persons when they performed at the Morgan State University on Aug. 20, 1974.

Strength

. . . is often found in moments of greatest need. This may be an inner strength that comes in knowing what to do when a loved one dies quite without warning. Or it may be in the foresight and wisdom of having made arrangements in advance of the unexpected. AT Eternal Hills, we are pleased to see so many young families taking one additional step toward safeguarding their future, a step that financial security alone can't assure. Before need is an investment in living . . . one that can be met with complete satisfaction at beautiful

King Memorial Park, Inc.

801 N. Fremont Avenue
Baltimore, Md. 21217
669-7500
669-7501

Teen Center sponsors Bicen parade

St. James Teen Centers, sponsored a Bicentennial salute on Friday, July 16 at City Hall Plaza.

M's Josephine Davis served as mistress of ceremonies for the program; and an original speech surrounding "Recognition of black contributions to America" was delivered by M's Angela Barnett, drama instructor for Teen Centers;

A "Bicentennial March" was choreographed by M's Vanessa Jackson, dance instructor for Teen Centers, and performed by Brian Mackin, Sterling Baptist, Rolanda Harris, Sheila Tires, Thinelle Turner, and Dornette Mackin;

"Dancing Machine" was performed by the Inner City Three, a pre-teen group from the Area "A" Center, whose choreographer is Quentin Young formerly of the Area "A" Center.

Other dances included "Disco Connection" performed by Annette Bailey, Sherna Dunstan, Kim Pindell, Rochonne Fair, and Michonne Fair; "Yearnin' Learnin'", and "I Am Love", by the Inner City Three, the group consists of Jerry Fields, Thomas "Pepe" Jones Jr., and William Bacon.

A very moving speech, entitled "What America Means to Me" was delivered by 12-year-old Dornette Mackin of school No. 157, and a member of the Area "F" Teen Center. Dornette was crowned "Miss America" recently at school 157 for her original speech in a Bicentennial Contest at the school.

Miss Mackin's speech was followed by a beautiful dance selection by Carol Redfern and Rolanda Harris of Area "F" who performed to Ray Charles' "Oh Beautiful".

The Plaza was filled with 200 BSC Workers, employed by Teens Centers, who attended the performance and conducted themselves very well under supervision of the Teen Center's staff.

CEBO AFRAM/EXPO '76

CELEBRATES THE BICENTENNIAL AND

VISIT BALTIMORE'S LEADING BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION AT ITS NEW LOCATION:

METRO PLAZA-
SUITE 110 AT MONDAWMIN

669-3400

· MANAGEMENT SERVICES AND ASSISTANCE
· CONTRACT PROCUREMENT
· LOAN PACKAGING
· BUSINESS AND CONSTRUCTION PROBLEM SOLVING

The Baltimore Council For Equal Business Opportunity, Inc.

FUNDED BY:

· URBAN SERVICES AGENCY
· U.S. OFFICE OF MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES
· UNITED FUND OF CENTRAL MARYLAND

Six citizens form new city insurance agency

A new black owned and operated insurance agency has appeared on the Baltimore scene and promises to generate considerable excitement in the business community.

Ashburton Insurance Ltd. (brokers), located at 3903 Liberty Heights Ave., near Garrison Boulevard, has come into being out of the consolidation of six well established insurance agencies, whose main concern is to offer greater services in both casualty and life insurance lines.

Officers of the corporation are as follows, Frank M. Conaway has been elected chairman of the board and will act as Life Insurance Agency Director.

Mr. Conaway started his career with the Prudential Life Insurance Co. of America and became a national leader in his first year of sales.

Later, he was appointed first black agency manager (ordinary). After several years in that position, he was appointed Regional Director of Golden State-Mutual Life Insurance Co., the largest black owned and operated insurance company in America.

Mr. Conaway is also a former member of the Maryland State Legislature (1971-1975).

Alford Laws was associated with the Earl Koger Insurance Agency until he founded his own agency in 1970. He distinguished himself as the first black to specialize in Auto Insurance, and is currently vice president of the Agent and Brokers Assoc. of Maryland and a member of the advisory board of the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund.

Donald Williams, executive vice president, is founder of Abel Insurance Agency, Inc. He has been associated with Travelers Insurance and has distinguished himself serving as a solid businessman in a short period of time, serving as treasurer of the York Woodbourne Rehabilation Committee, a member of Greater Govans Committee and executive secretary of the Baltimore Marketing Asso.

Mr. Williams has also been active in a number of youth organizations in the Baltimore community.

Carroll A. Smith vice president and comptroller, started his career with the Metropolitan Insurance Co. and early received citations for outstanding production.

Later he joined the Prudential Life Insurance Co. of America as a special agent and as a result of sales production, was promoted to division manager.

In 1970 Mr. Smith formed his own agency,

(Continued on Page 22)

ALFORD LAWS

ROGER WALKER

ISAIAH DIXON

FRANK CONAWAY

CARROLL SMITH

BALTIMORE'S OWN GREEN SISTERS, the world famous gospel singers, are slated to perform at the Expo at Hopkins and Charles Plazas. Known for their generosity, the sisters participate in most city non-profit events. Be there to see them.

39 teens qualify

A class of 50 youngsters from five city teen centers received multi-media instructions at St. James Gill Hall facility under the direction of Ms. Ruby Billinger, director of Center "E".

Thirty nine of the youngsters completed the course and will receive Red Cross cards which certify them for administering first aid assistance.

The Baltimore Chapter of the American Red Cross loaned the class the necessary equipment to carry out the project.

Dates to remember

OCT. 28

Businesswoman Ruth Lowery started a silk industry in Huntsville, Ala. in the mid-nineteenth century.

OCT. 29

In the 1800s, New Bedford, Mass. had a very large concentration of black seamen, most of whom worked in the whaling industry.

OCT. 30

The Atlanta Civil and Political League was organized for the purpose of encouraging black persons to vote, 1936.

OCT. 31

Between 1869 and 1901 twenty-two black men from the South were Congressional representatives.

NOV. 2

Two black cavalry units, the 9th and 10th, were organized in 1866 composed of black Civil War veterans.

6 teen centers sponsor exhibition

The six teen centers of the Urban Services under the direction of Cleveland Brister, executive director, are displaying the works of young gifted artists and craftsmen of the various centers.

These are only a few examples of the many talents the youngsters have. The art pieces are only for display, however they may be purchased by placing your order with the Teen Advisory Boards at 225-7100.

Recently, the centers sponsored art exhibition at the Mondawmin Mall. Because of enthusiasm received from visitors, the advisory boards will use the arts and craft as a fund raising project.

A resource day was also held on July 22 for the residents of the Newington Avenue Community.

It was a day of fun for teen center youngsters at Green Briar State Park on Monday July 26. The trip was fun filled and without incident.

The center is operating a basketball league which is composed of eight male teams and five girl teams. There are 500 or more youngsters who come from various areas of the city such as Operation Champ, Neighborhood Centers, Teen Centers and others.

The program will be in operation for a 10-week period. Funding sources for this program come from R.S.P. and is under the auspices of Ms. Marian Pines office. Funds are utilized in the following categories:

a. purchasing of uniforms
b. rental of gymnasium
c. officials salaries

Games are played on weekends Friday thru Sunday at C.C.B.

During the month of July 50 youngsters attended the Red Skins Exhibition Game in Annapolis, Md.

Eighty youngsters attended the Operation Sails Exhibition in the Inner Harbor during the week of July 12 and 19.

The following programs are scheduled to be held during the month of August:

1. 8 Eye examination clinic
2. — Street bazaars
3. — Trips-Gunpowder Falls-Painters Mill
4. — Closing exercise-B.S.C.
5. — Fishing trips-Eastern Shore
6. — Football exhibition games.

Dates to remember

NOV. 4

Shirley Chisholm was the first black woman elected to the United States Congress, 1968.

NOV. 5

Jenny Slew, slave of John Whipple of Ipswich, Mass., sues for her freedom and wins, 1766.

CONGRATULATION TO AFRAM/EXPO '76

We're Still No 1: Service Facilities. . . But Not Price

Morton & Dyett

FUNERAL HOMES INC.
1701 LAURENS ST./311 MAIN ST.
728-5070

FUNERAL HOME WEST INC.
4600 LIBERTY HEIGHTS AVE.
466-7200

First National Bank OF MARYLAND

CUSTOMER BILL OF RIGHTS

The following statements are published as evidence of our commitment to good service and to the protection of your best interest. They constitute a promise that our officers and employees are pledged to the highest standards of integrity in respecting and upholding your rights as a customer of The First National Bank of Maryland.

1. With respect to any and all contracts entered into by you and the First National Bank, you have the right to a full and complete explanation of the terms and conditions, interest rates charged and paid, penalties, methods of calculation, or other information that is relevant to the contractual relationship.

2. You have the right to fair treatment, courteous service, and competent assistance in all your dealings with the First National Bank.

3. If you, as consumer and customer of this bank, have cause for dissatisfaction, you have the right to a prompt, fair, and equitable resolution of your problem.

4. If you are unable to obtain satisfaction through normal channels of redress, you have the right to contact the *Special Assistant for Consumer Affairs* who reports directly to the Chief Executive. You may contact the Special Assistant for Consumer Affairs at our corporate headquarters, either by mail or by telephone.

J. Owen Cole
Chairman of the Board

7 AUG 7