Party line

When the Avalon Club hosted its annual Bohemian Cabaret recently at the Winchester Armory, the members were entering their thirty-first year as an incorporated group.

In the early years the club sponsored dances at the Elks Hall on Madison Avenue with such long forgotten bands as Douglass McArthur and his Blue Notes, The King Draper Band, Calvin Fenwick and his Lads of Rhythm, and the Tracy Kentuckins Group.

From the Elks Hall, the club went for big names at the Coliseum on North Monroe Street. There they featured stars like Count Basie, Ruth Brown, Eddie "Lock Jaw" Davis, Shirley Scott group, and the Milt Buckner Band from Philadelphia.

From the Coliseum they moved their annual event to the Winchester Armory with the Bobby Felder Band until 1977.

At their recent affair "The Johnny Walker Revue Band" was on site to entertain guests. The response from the 500 guests indicated that the new group had passed the test.

Throughout the years, the Avalons have not forgotten their commitment to the community. They have contributed to the Camp Fire Girls, Banneker Optimist Club, Core, American Red Cross, American Cancer Society, and Provident Hospital Building Fund.

The Avalon Club added travel to their agenda in 1971 when the group and friends vacationed in Nassau. Since that initial trip they have traveled along with their patrons to Jamaica, Puerto Rico, St. Thomas, Las Vegas, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Bermuda, Monte Carlo and Hawaii. This year the group is sponsoring a trip to Mexico.

Leroy Wilkins is president of the Avalons. Other members and officers are: Robert L. Walter Jr., recording secretary; Winston J. Hall, treasurer; James Cornish Sr., financial secretary; Asbury Hopewell Sr., sergeant - at - arms, Columbus Goode, chaplain and William Davis, honorary member.

Madhatters Luncheon

On Monday afternoon you'll find this AFRO writer on her way to the annual Madhatters Luncheon (hat and all) to be hosted at the LaFontaine Bleu. The Madhatters is a group composed of beauticians from across the State of Maryland. See you there.

Travis and company

Travis Winkey and Company will be surprising the audience at Odell's this Easter Sunday when they put on another one of those exciting fashion shows. Don't miss it.

Look for AFRO writers and reporters to be at other upcoming affairs like the Dinner Dance of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew in the guild hall of the St. James Episcopal Church, April 1, 6 p.m.

And the Spring Dinner Dance of the Moles at Blue Crest North, April 2, 4 p.m. and the Retirement Dinner honoring the longtime Coppin State College educator, Dr. Flossie M. Dedmond, April 7, Blue Crest North, 7 p.m.

See you at the Baltimore Marketing Association's Dinner Dance, at Overlea Hall, April 8, 8:30 p.m. and the Original Gardenia Bridge Club Dinner Dance at Blue Crest North, April 14, 9 p.m.

Don't forget the Appreciation Dinner for State Sen. Verda Welcome, April 19, at the Blue Crest North, 7 p.m. and the Card Party of St. Martha's Guild, St. James Episcopal Church, 1 p.m., May 20.

And we're going to have a ball at the upcoming Black and White Ball sponsored by the King David Chapter No. 1 and St. John's Court No. 2, Prince Hall Affiliate on April 7, 10 p.m. - 2 a.m. at LaFontaine Bleu. Call Frank Kelly at 362-6258 or Nellie Jefferson, 355-7780 for tickets.

Conferences

Clayton McNeill, regional director of the Eastern Region of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity will preside next weekend March 30 - April 2 over some 300 members of the organization at their 64th Anniversary Conference.

'Sigma: Building Bridges into the Eighties" is the conference theme. The activities of the group will be housed at the downtown Hilton Hotel.

Also in town next weekend will be members of Iota Phi Lamda Sorority. Housed at the Lord Baltimore Hotel members of the organization will go through four days of learning in activities centered around "Women Achievers."

Middle - aged women were largely responsible for the increase in labor force participation by women between 1950 and 1965, but since 1965 the largest gains have shifted to women under age 35, according to a U.S. Labor Department publication, "U.S. Working Women: A Databook."

FIRST PRIZE WINNERS — Queen of Sheba Court No. 1, Daughters of Sphinx Drill Team captured first prize in drill competition recently at the Eastern Coast Assembly held at the Statler Hilton Hotel, New York City. From Left sitting are: Bertha Thomas, Beulah Black, drill mistress; Beannie Wagstaff. Second row from Left: Ola Carver, Eunice Hicks, Geneva Lentz, Lucinda Rucker and Alice Pridgen. Third row from Left are: Ethel Harrell, Carrie Perry and Lottie Moore.

Woodlawn Highlights

... by Marjorie Green

The room is quiet. All movement has stopped. The smokers have stuffed out their cigarettes, because smoking is not permitted. Toastmistress Esther Jackson raps the gavel, reviews the contest rules and announces that "Tonight we are under the influence of the power of words." The moment of competition is at hand and no one can enter or leave the room. The contestants seem tense as they sit there trying to pretend as though coming in first doesn't matter.

The events are taking place at the Sheraton Johns Hopkins Inn. The occasion is the Blue Ridge Region Council I speech contest.

The toastmistress introduces the first speaker, Sarah Scribner, mother of three and Upward Mobility student with three years experience in the federal government. The title of her speech is "The Bulls Eye of the Target." When Sarah finishes, you wonder how any of the six other contestants can possibly keep her from winning first place. (She won second place.) There is a short pause to allow the judges time to score their work sheets.

The toastmistress announces Alice Dixon, a program analyst representing Vita Toastmistress Club. She is a 22-year veteran in SSA. Her speech title is "Even In Dying, Life Moves On." If is an interesting speech that covers five stages a person encounters when death hovers over a loved one. She ends her speech with one second to spare. (Speech time is 5 to 8 minutes) A Contestant who goes under or over the time limit is automatically disqualified.

The third contestant is Naomi Mason. She joined the Toastmistress Club 3 years ago. Her speech title is "Service."

Carol Siegel, secretary at the Maryland State School for the Blind and member of the Chesapeake Club titled her speech "The Power of Input."

Anna Groppe, Point Breeze Club chose, "Living Portrait" as the title of her speech.

Irene Carroll, who walked off with the third place prize, is a communication specialist at SSA. The title of her speech, "Growing Step by Step."

The big first place prize goes to Martha Puryear, member of the Woodlawn Club. The title of her speech, "Journey to the Top." She was encouraged to join the club 2 years ago by Ms. Dorothy Brown, a relative. Martha is married to Herman Puryear and is the mother of two children; Antoinette, age 12 and Sean, age 10. Saturday was her first big contest win and she is looking forward to competing in the regional contest to be held in Arlington, Va. sometime in May, 1978.

"Marty" as she is affectionately called by her club members is a supervisor in the Bureau of Disability Insurance, SSA. She sings on two choirs at Lewin United Methodist Church where the Reverend St. George Crosse is pastor.

Contest judges were: Ms. Doris Browning, Baltimore City School system; Leroy Durham, Morgan University; Ms. Roberta Epps, Department Health and Mental Hygiene; Emma Rae Hubbs, retired government worker; and Ned L. Young, News American Newspaper columnist.

Women compete equally for jobs at General Motors

NEW YORK — Women can compete equally with men for virtually every job in General Motors, Chairman Thomas A. Murphy said tonight, and he predicted they would someday hold "upwards of one - third of all engineering and plant supervision positions" in GM.

The greatest opportunities, he reported, lie in manufacturing and engineering positions that historically have not been considered attractive to women. So, he added, GM is attempting through scholarships, through its own engineering institution and through other inducements to encourage women to educate themselves to do production - oriented work.

Speaking at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel at the annual dinner of Catalyst, an organization devoted to increasing the role of women in the American economy, Mr. Murphy described GM's progress in employing women in and training them for management positions.

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Hints For Homemakers

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Time certainly passes quickly. My granddaughter, Rashyna Nicole, had her first birthday last month. We hear she is walking all over the house, talking an unknown tongue and eating meat as fast as they can give it to her.

She already has ten teeth and is cutting two more. It will not surprise me in the least to learn soon that she's trying to brush her teeth by herself.

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Book drive at Coppin

"Give a damn; give a book" is the theme of the used book drive being sponsored by the Pan Helenic Council of Coppin State College. All books collected will be given to the Institution for Women at Jessup, the women's penitentiary, to augment the number of current reading materials available to the inmates.

The drive was suggested by a student enrolled in Coppin's Inmate Extension Program who saw it as a way of "furthering the education" of those still incarcerated. The Greek - letter organizations agreed and adopted the idea as a public service project.

Donations of textbooks, novels and magazines will be collected until March 27; they can be brought to the Office - Classroom Building or the College Library 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. each day.

AFRO staff photos by Roman Hankewycz

EASTER BONNET TIME — With Easter Sunday just a couple days away, it's time to buy that Easter bonnet you've been thinking about all year long. Here model, Pinnie L. Ross, displays three styles of '78 head gear designed and created by Mrs. Ann Drayton.

Catonsville Notes

... by Liz Williams

Sympathy or mass cards to the family of the late Helen Mercer Cothorn, whose funeral services were held from St. Cecelia's Church on Holy Thursday morning. She is survived by her husband, John Cothorn (the retired school administrator), her sisters, Mrs. Carrie McPherson (N.Y.), Mrs. Lucille Kono (Philadelphia), Miss Ann Mercer (California), Mrs. Gussie Harris and Mrs. Mabel Brooks (Baltimore); her stepson, John A. Cothorn Sr., her grandson, John A. Jr., nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

We all remember Helen because of her beautiful, quiet and sincere personality. She always saw the very best in people. I do not remember having ever heard unkind words about others, coming from her. She was a very warm person and it rubbed off on all with whom she came in contact. Helen attended the Juilliard School of Music. She entered the Social Security Administration in 1948, and from there she retired. She taught music to students in her home until a year ago. Helen was a member of the Firesiders Club. She along with the other members formed this sisterly group, back in their early school days. The Cothorns would have been married 31 years on the 25th of this month.

Continue to send cards to all of the known sick, shut - ins and the aged. John Henson, the husband of the late Emma Carson Henson, is now at home after having sustained injuries in an automobile accident.

The Catonsville Golden Age Club will sponsor its 10th Annual Raffle, Fun and Game Party on Saturday, April 15, 2 p.m. 7 p.m. at the Banneker Recreation Center. There will be bingo, doorprizes and of course a delicious colation. Hurry and get your tickets and chances now...it was a sellout last years. Charles Maorris, chairperson Thomas Fleming Sr., president, and Elizabeth Washington, leader.

The Tri - State of Elks presented its annual Cotillion last Saturday night at the Lord Baltimore Hotel. The Emma Williams Temple and the Crescent Lodge of Elks of Catonsville sponsored three debutantes this year. They were: Marie King, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph King, and a senior at Archbishop Keough High School. Her escort was Dennis Randall. Deborah Young, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley, the granddaughter of Mrs. Marie Young and a senior at Catonsville High. Her escort was Edward Harris, Patricia Delrene Wall, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Collin Waites, granddaughter of Mrs. Carrie Scott and a senior at Edmondson. Her escort was Jeffrey Jones.

I received a communication from Mrs. Hattie Kidwell this week requesting that the following information be put in this column. Hattie, as we all know her, is the personable lady who lives on Dunbar Ave. The Maryland Division of the - Cousins will host the Eighth Reunion from June 23 to June 25 at the Baltimore Hilton Hotel, downtown. The Cousins are descendants from eight families - Barnes, Brevard, Bufford, Cauthen, McGriff, Peay Truesdale and Vaughn — whose roots lie in South Carolina. If you are a part of this family group, please call one of these two persons — Mary Truesdale, coordinate of Maryland, 4106 Woodhaven Ave., 21216 or Hattie Barnes Kidwell, chairperson for the reunion, 19 Dunbar Ave., 21228.

Henry M. Joyce, a former Catonsville native and the only brother of the Joyce guys asked that this be put in this column —

"My wife and I wish to thank all of Addison's friends and mine for their expressions of sympathy and condolences sent to me after reading about his passing in Catonsville notes. Henry Joyce, along with other Catonsville folks are living out of town subscribe to the AFRO.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Livous Coe (Thelma) who recently celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary. Their attendants at their narriage were on hand to help them celebrate this beautiful occasion. The Coes are the parents of Lita Crooms (John), Anna Mae Wooten, Edvard (Audrey), Theodore Marie), Livous Jr. Geraldine) and James (N.Y.).

Their attendants, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Powell (Washingtn, D.C.) had dinner with them at the Holiday Inn, here in Catonsville. The Powells celebrated their 50th anniversary a year or so ago. The Coes and the Powells have had dinner with each other on their anniversaries throughout these many years. Mrs. Coe told me that her advice to the young people is "Relax and stop doing everything in a rush. Slow down and you will get there." I think that we "older folks" need to take heed to what this "younger lady" is saying.

Congratulations to Frisby Lindsay, the father of of Bea Wright, (David) and Alice Lindsay, who was 92 years of age as of the 22nd of this month. Pop, as he has been fondly called by all of us, looks good and gets around better than most of his younger friends. Here's hoping that Pop will see many more years.

I was about to end this column when I received word that Grace Walker, the Romance Language teacher in the Baltimore High Schools had died. She was the wife of Joseph Walker, the Baltimore attorney and was quite active with the Lawyers Wives and many organizations throughout the city. I remember her as being a very outgoing and a personable person. Whenever and wherever the city. I remember her as being a very outgoing and a personable person. Whenever and wherever you saw her she always had something nice to say to you that made your day a good one.

Last minute news came in about our good friend and neighbor, Ethel Trent, who passed on Tuesday. She is survived by her husband, Alvin, and her two daughters, Karen and Wanda. Karen is in medical school at the University of Maryland and Wanda is a student at Kansas State. Ethel and Alvin were both retired employees from the federal government. Ethel's funeral services will be held at Metropolitan Church on March 24. Family hour will be be from 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. Funeral services will follow.

Gwen Hillen, who has been like a sister to Ethel and her family throughout the years, has been with Ethel throughout her illness. Thank God for "friends." What could we do without them. Just "remember" — We need each other, whether we like it or not.

Remember Doris Tartar (Clifton) who is ill. Hopefully, she is out of the hospital by now. Have a happy and glorious Easter and continue to do your good deeds.

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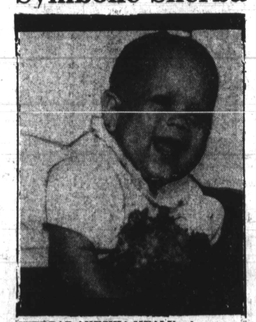

SHERBAR AKESHIA MEALY, whose name tells the history of her family, past and present, is the daughter of Sharl and Leslie Mealy. She will be one year old, March 31. Sher-bar is named after her two grandmothers, Sherri Kober and Barbara Mealy. Sherbar symbolizes the present ideals of her parents. Akeshia is African for girl with ebony eyes. Mealy is the European name, a part of slavery in the past.

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