R.S.V.P. With Marie

By Marie Phillips Cooke

We've been hearing about it, watching it and have even agreed to be a part of it!—the Movement that's stirring around Baltimore to get folk involved in helping to make life just a little sweeter.

Like the current membership campaign by our Madison Avenue Center YWCA, chaired by our sisters Ethel J. Day, Patricia Page, they're asking that you and your organizations rally around them and help get at least 339 adult memberships at $8 each; and another $604 in donations.

Center director, Marcia Boddie Cummings says she's "praying" that this will be a community - wide effort to keep Madison alive in Baltimore. You need not be a committee member to be a part of the campaign. Simply call the office at 669 - 1881 give the name of your organization and request the number of applications you need.

One - Day Conference

Despite the rain, some 135 persons representing 55 club groups gathered at the Sheraton - Hopkins Saturday morning for the 35th Annual One - Day Conference sponsored by the Maryland League of Women's Clubs.

Workshops addressed themselves to the theme "Reassessing Our Employment potentials." Workshop leaders were: Larry Dean, new director, WEAA - FM, communications; Bessie Simon, who heads Health Education Program in Baltimore City Public Schools, health; Del. John W. Douglass, legislation, and A. Paul Moss, coordinator, Community College of Baltimore pre - retirement program, senior adults.

Following the morning workshops there were reports by club leaders who told of the progress they had made during the year. The luncheon speaker was Hilda Ford, personnel director, Civil Service Commission, Baltimore City.

The speaker drew laughter and applause when she noted at the beginning of the speech that the occasion marked the end of her first year in Baltimore and quipped "I've survived."

She said that she has been visiting public schools in the Baltimore area and talking to young people and has discovered that they dream so big that they are not disillusioned, yet. "They think they can do anything! However," she said, "chances are very minimal in our society which is white maleroracy — where the best jobs go to white males."

She discussed the high unemployment rate among blacks and said that it is imperative that in order to be equal, we women don't want any changes in the system or in its values, we only want to go with the system and make it.

In conclusion she said, "The long range solution, is to have a better male - female mix where women are in more non - traditional jobs — that is jobs formerly closed to blacks and women. She urged the adult audience to keep working against discrimination and blatant racism so that the eyes of the young people will continue to sparkle.

EXHIBIT IN TOWN — "Black Women: Achievements Against the Odds," presented by the Citizens for Black History Exhibits and the Peal Museum, at 225 Holliday St., across from City Hall, will run through April 14. It was prepared by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service. Shown here are representatives of the Black History Exhibits from L to R: Cornelia Lake Smith, Rubye Gill, Viola Jackson, chairperson; Elizabeth Henderson and Emma Dudley. The museum is open on Saturdays and Sundays from 1-5 p.m., and Tuesday through Friday, 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Admission is free. (Photo by Benjamin M. Phillips)

The reactors who gave summaries at the luncheon were Dorothy Johnson, Evelyn Faulk, Mamie Jones, and Sandra East.

Soloist was Evelyn Dixon, St. Paul Baptist, accompanied by Mary Fields. Special guests were the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. John W. Coleman of Sharp Street Methodist, who offered prayers.

Each participating club had been asked to nominate outstanding adult volunteer and a youth volunteer. The winners who received special citations during the luncheon were Mable Waters, director, Anna Mae Hunter Home for the Blind; and Stepubye Barksdale, an Edmondson High School student majoring in printing. Both winners had been nominated by members of the King's Landing Women's Club. Mrs. Rubye C. Gill is president; Mildred L. Nelson, first vice president, and Marion J. Jackson, who is second vice president, chaired the luncheon committee.

They're Just Friends

There's a newly - formed group in our town, that's committed itself to raising funds to assure that the Morgan State University Choir has the necessary funds to carry out its cultural arts program. Members are calling themselves Friends of the Morgan State University Choir. Chairperson is Elizabeth F. Johnson.

The Friends are presenting the choir in concert May 7, 8 p.m. at the Lyric Theatre. It will be conducted by Nathan Carter, assisted by members of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra and will perform Brahms' "Requiem" in English. Prior to this presentation, selected music by Undine Moore, a black female composer and graduate of Fisk University will be presented.

Other Friends are: Esther P. Brooks, Ruth J. Pratt, Mary E. Robinson, Delores B. Sykes, Bernice S. White, Audrey E. Williams, Amy Billingsley, Doris Cole, Mary E. Fields, Jacqueline Hardy, Elizabeth M. Moss, Alice Parham, James Priest, Hope Quackenbush, William Sykes, Genevieve Wisner, the Rev. A. C. D. Vaughn.

Morgan staffers, who're also Friends are: Dr. Billingsley, Gaylen Grant, Washington Green, Wright Lassiter, Lawrence Montgomery, Norman Ringgold, Clayton Stansbury.

You can call 444 - 3168 for ticket information.

Week's food economies

That strange symbol on most products in supermarkets with the black bars and spaces of varying widths is becoming even more common, says Georgia Stevens Nerud, consumer and food economics specialist, Cooperative Extension Services, University of Maryland.

The lines are a symbol for the Universal Product Cost — (UPC) which is part of a new computerized system for marking items. The numbers under the lines are for identification. The first five digits identify the manufacturer, who uses the same five digits on all his products. The last five digits identify the product itself. At the checkout counter special optical scanning equipment reads the UPC symbol, translates it to the computer which then translates product cost information to cash registers. None of the numbers in the UPC symbol indicates a price.

Several stores throughout Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia are using the UPC system. To work, the store must be equipped with a computer checkout electronic register. This is hooked into an in - store computer that keeps track of prices and inventory. The checker slides the item from the grocery cart over the scanner that reads the UPC symbol. An item description and price flash on a viewing screen on the register for the customer to see. Simultaneously, the register prints out a receipt with the same information.

There are several advantages for the consumer with the UPC symbol and computer assisted check - out system. Check - out time is speeded up with it taking only about one - third to one - half the time needed for conventional cash register checkout.

Scrumptious Creamed Potatoes

1 can (1-¼ cup) condensed cream of mushroom or celery soup.
½ cup milk
½ teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon minced onion
5 cups sliced cooked potatoes
2 tablespoons butter
Dash of pepper

Stir soup well; blend in milk and heat. Add salt, pepper and onion. Arrange a layer of half the potatoes in a greased 2 quart casserole; pour on half the soup sauce - repeat layers. Dot with butter, cover and bake in a moderate oven at 375 F. for 30 minutes. (Casserole may be topped with crumbs and baked uncovered for the last 15 minutes). Yields 6 servings.

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Catonsville Notes

By Liz Williams

Sympathy cards to the family of the late Dr. Evans A. Gilkes, the longtime Baltimore physician, whose funeral services were held today (Friday) from Trinity Presbyterian Church.

The family of the late Dr. Moses L. Barksdale (Edna) has requested that this note of thanks be written to the many friends everywhere — "Even though life is a mixture of sunshine and rain, laughter and tear drops, pleasure and pain, the family of the late Dr. Moses L. Barksdale has realized during its bereaving moments, how much their many friends have meant to each one of them. Each family member says 'Thanks Be To Thee' for the gift of life, for the mystery and wonders of existence in this universe, for love of family and friends who have expressed sympathy. May we take these expressions of, gifts and all, not for their own value only, but as steps by which to climb to "Thee" who is of all that is true and beautiful and good." The Barksdale family just wants to say "Thank You."

I was asked to write the Barksdale family's expression of thanks because so many gifts and expressions of sympathy have come to the family and are still coming in that the family is trying to catch up with "thank you notes" but until you get yours, they want everyone to know how they feel.

Get well cards to Marion Patterson (Roland) who is in Provident Hospital. Get well cards to Cecil B. Johnston the son of Dorothy and Cecil Johnston. Dot, as we fondly know her is the kindergarten teacher at Coldstream Elementary School and Cecil is in the Central Office. Continue to send cards to Paul Johnson (Muriel) who is now at home. Paul loves to talk, so pay him a visit or call him. Knowing him, I know that he would love to hear from you.

Prayers and cards to Charles Adams (Mary) and brother of Louise Lockerman who is in I.C. in Columbia General Hospital. Cards also to Marie Young, the niece of the Rev. Ida Torsell, who is in Lutheran Hospital.

I just received word that Wendell Sutton (Essie), the co-ordinator at Social Security, is convalescing at home. Howard Holland of Cookeville is in Veterans Hospital.

Among the sick, the shut-ins and the aged in our community are: Riley Howard, Mary W. Williams, Rosie Fields, Josephine Robinson, Alexander Smith, Julia Williams, Annie Smith, Emma Eldridge, Edna Wainer, Hazel Boston, Mamie Williams, Hattie and Hawthorne Smith, Hattie Boone and Lillian Whiting. Kindly remember them by a call, a card, or a visit.

The Senior Choir at Grace AME church will have a chicken supper on Saturday, April 1, from noon until 6 p.m. The Morning Star Headstart will have a fish and chicken dinner at the Elks Home on April 15 from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Do not forget to get your tickets for the Catonsville Golden Age Club's Fun and Game Party which will be held on April 15 from 2 p.m. until 7 p.m.

Have a good week and continue to do a good deed each day. If you do this, you will really have a good week.

THEY WON AGAIN—The Medina Drill Team of Maryland won first place in the drill competition for the tenth time at recent competition at the Statler Hilton Hotel, New York City. From left sitting are: Earl Gray, Reginald Burrell, George Greenhill, and Amos Baxter. Standing from left are: Nathan Noble, Leon Pettaway, Thomas Lee, Walter Johnson, William Day and Clyde Cole.

Mrs. Waters to be honored

Mrs. Virgie W. Waters, former president of the Maryland State Beauty Culturists Association, Inc. retired last December after sixty years of service as a cosmetologist. On Sunday, April 9 she will receive an Appreciation Award at the special awards dinner of the group to be held at the Lord Baltimore Hotel.

Mrs. Waters was born in Charleston, W. Va. where she received her high school education. After moving to Baltimore she pursued the course in Beauty Culture. She received a master's degree in Advance Beauty Culture from the National Beauty Culturists League, Inc. in 1957.

Mrs. Waters served as president of the Maryland State Beauty Culturists Association for 15 years and was instrumental in aiding the growth and development of local chapters in the state in various areas as subordinate chapters of the state and national body.

She also served as a member of the State Board of Cosmetologist for five years, is a member of Saint Peter Claver Catholic Church, a members of many civic and community groups. Mrs. Waters believes that success comes through cooperation, participation and education.

Mrs. Virgie W. Waters

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Community colleges

Tennis Course

A special non-credit course for tennis buffs will be offered at Anne Arundel Community College beginning in early April.

The class will meet on Fridays, 9:30 to 11 a.m., April 7 through May 12. Registration fee for this six-week tennis course is $23.

To learn more about this course or to register for it, call the College's Office of Community and Extension Services and Evening Administration at 647-7100, ext. 327.

Day Camp Registrations

Camp Heritage, an environmentally designed day camp held at Catonsville Community College, will accept registrations Saturday, April 8 on the main campus, 800 S. Rolling Rd.

Four sessions will be open to children ages six through 12, each lasting two weeks. The sessions begin June 26, July 10, July 24 and Aug. 7. Each session costs $45 per child.

Registrations will be accepted, in person only, in the Physical Development Center, Room 206. A doctor's phone number and other medical information should be brought to registration.

For more information, call 455-4310 between 12:30 and 3 p.m. Mondays and Fridays only.

Columbia Capers

By Pinnie L. Ross

Doctors John and Harriett McAdoo, two social workers, John at the University of Maryland School of Social Work and Community Planning, his wife Harriett is on the faculty of Howard University's School of Social Work, both have Ph.d's from the University of Michigan.

The McAdoo's took two years leave of absence through a research undertaking called "The Family Life Project." It was funded by grants from the National Institutes of Mental Health and the Office of Child Development.

Just why did the McAdoo's undertake this research? Well they had been reviewing literature on black families and from the reality they saw around them they found practically nothing to support it. They found small pictures of black families caught up in a tangle of stereotypes. Over and over again most of the existing research on black families focused on the most depressed problem plagued families.

Such findings dismayed them in many ways, personally and professionally. Instead of basing their views on hear-say, the couple went into the homes of black families who seem to be coping with situations.

Dr. McAdoo looked at parent-child interaction in black families with pre-school children to see how it affected the child's self esteem and motivation to achieve at the same time. Dr. Harriett McAdoo was examining upward mobility in black families and identifying some of the forces helping to shape it.

Their studies according to Dr. Harrie[illegible] were interrelated "we set out to collec[illegible] measurable information on black family life, and to do it without making any judgement. We were not setting out to prove anything but to find what is there. She added "this is not a laboratory study, but an examination of real people in real homes.

The soft spoken and charming Mrs. McAdoo emphasized the word systematically "with caution" we went into the community syste-

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