By Marie Phillips - Cooke

Last weekend found over 250 Iota Phi Lambdas in town for their Eastern Regional Conference. The site was the downtown Holiday Inn.

Baltimore was ready for the Iotas and the Iotas were ready for Baltimore!

Using the theme "Women: Building for Tomorrow Through Professional Enrichment and Economic Development: Serving Our Community, Our State, Our Nation and Our World," Iota sisters presented several major programs and activities during their three - day stay.

It is my conclusion that those women invited to participate in the conference program brought to the women as much as they took away. Here are some of the highlights:

It was at the official opening that Eastern Regional Director Beatrice E. Crawford of Philadelphia, told the 150 delegates that "we must continue to give service through our professional enrichment." (We were able to meet and talk with National president Dr. Fredda Witherspoon of St. Louis).

At the public luncheon on Saturday entitled "Showcasing Baltimore Women in Government," these women served on an enriching panel: Mary Pat Clarke, city councilwoman, who stressed the importance of women in politics to participate in governmental decision;

Marguerite J. Campbell, community relations specialist, Baltimore, who said that "women must be patient, good listeners, and above all, tactful in community involvement."

Another was Hilda E. Ford, director, personnel Civil Service Commission, Baltimore. Mrs. Ford stressed the need for changes in laws to include more women, especially black women. She particularly emphasized the need to redesign the testing system for prospective police.

AND there was Marie C. Henderson, administrative assistant to Ted Venetoulis, Baltimore County executive, who, too, talked about women becoming involved in government.

Our sweetheart, Ethel P. Rich, member, Zoning Board, Baltimore City, and the first black to serve on that board, said that a wealth of knowledge can be obtained from serving on boards. Clarice LaV Brooks, community relations specialist, Baltimore City Police Department, talked about her job to promote harmonious relations with the department and the citizens, and instruction in self - protection for the female on the street and at home.

And there was more.

On Saturday evenings, Norman Ross, director, fine arts at Dunbar High, brought in his troup to the conference and presented excerpts from "My Fair Lady." The women say they really enjoyed the show!

There was a teen queen coronation where five chapters sponsored young women to compete for the crown. It was a scholarship fund raiser. Proceeds go to high school grads pursuing undergraduate study in business education. Winners were: Connie Ann Arter, "Miss Beta" of Hartford, Conn., and Lynda Laura Townsend, "Miss Beta Epsilon" of Easton, Md.

Speaking of young women, Doris Browning of Kappa Chapter, and winner of the eastern region's award for the Outstanding Soror of the Year, will be a candidate for the National Soror of the Year at the national convention in August in Houston.

Another highlight was the announcement that our own Enolia P. McMillian, president, local NAACP and honorary Iota member, was judged winner of the coveted Iota M. Parker Award.

An 11th grader from Forest Park, Angela Lane, - received the Minerva Gaskins Bevans Award for the fine essay she authored," Working Together for Education."

The Sunday morning fellowship breakfast was an inspiration. I was invited to bring the message, "Go Home — And Spread the News," taken from Matthew 5:16. Our good friend and sister, Fannie B. Poulson chaired the breakfast.

The final highlight was the election of officers. They are:

MD. LEAGUE CONFERENCE—When the Maryland League of Women's Clubs held its 35th annual One-Day Conference March 25, these women and man played key roles in the program. From L to R: Rubye C. Gill, president; Hilda Ford, director, Civil Service Personnel and main speaker; Steven Barksdale, youth community service awardee; Mabel Waters, adult community service awardee, and Mildred Nelson, first vice president and conference chairperson.

A Cora Delle Henderson, Hartford, Conn., assistant director; Elna P. Shannon, Washington, secretary; Marjorie Murchinson, Buffalo, N.Y., assistant secretary; Anna J. Carter, Hampton, Va. treasurer; Lillian Battle, Richmond, co - signor; Patricia White, Norfolk, journalist; Ernestine Pruden, Norfolk, assistant journalist; Beatrice E. Crawford, Philadelphia, was endorsed as Eastern Regional Director for re-election at the national convention.

In New Post

The new area director of affirmative action for the Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co. (A&P) is none other than Virginia "Bunny" Lottier Prettyman.

Her former co - workers at the Maryland Commission on Human Relations where she worked as an intergroup relations representative, and friends honored her at a luncheon on last Friday at the Longwood Street home of Erma Perry.

Bunny began working in her new post on Monday. She's making her home in Patterson, N.J., just outside of New York City.

It won't be long before Mrs. Prettyman's children join her. They're Virginia "Ginger," now 16, and John Love, 14, and Michael Prettyman, 6.

We're all rooting for Bunny's success, especially her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Lottier (Arnetta)

A Benefit Spectacular

Tuesday, April 25, is the day of a "Benefit Spectacular" sponsored by a committee of Friends of the Morgan Christian Center, for the purpose of renovating the interior of an institution which has existed since 1867.

LOCAL CLUB NOTES

Optimist present oratorical contest

The Lochearn-Rockdale Optimist Club's "Ladies Night" turned out to be an intellectual experience for the wives of the Optimists, as well as an enjoyable evening with the husbands.

The Optimist International presented their chapter Oratorical Contest at the Golden Dragon Inn on Liberty Road. The contestants were Misses Alesia Plummer, Patricia Hill, Diane Day, Ardrience Dawkins, and Richard Roberts. Miss Patricia Hill was the first place winner of the girls and Richard Roberts, previously determined, was the first place winner among the boys.

Guest speaker of the evening was Lee Lassiter. The theme of his presentation was entitled "Today's Preparation for Success Tomorrow." His remarks centered around the Optimist Club's oratorical theme which was "Today's Challenge, Tomorrow's Success.

The orations by the young people and Mr. Lassiter were inspiring, thought provoking and deliberate.

Awards for interest and assistance in the work of the Optimist Club were given to Mrs. Gloria Marrow and Mrs. Dallas Barclift. Mrs. Marrow was in attendance due to the "nagging" of her husband, James, who kept the award presentation to her a secret right up to the moment of the presentation by Mel Pride, chapter president.

Some of the guests and Optimists in attendance were: Mr. and Mrs Melvin Pride, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Saunders and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Lassiter, Mr. and Mrs. James H. Marrow, Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Goode, Mr. and Mrs. Edwood Houston, Mr. and Mrs. James Boyd, K. Alexander, Art Bloom, Ms. Lorraince Evey, Al Williams, Herman Saunders, Lee Cousins, DeCarlo Wilkins, Warren Wilson, Dallas Barcliff, Harold Williams, club photographer.

Parents of the contestants in attendance were: Mrs. Maureen Plummer, Mrs. Agnes Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Day, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Roberts.

The committee members who planned this exciting affair were Willie Williams, chairman, Harold Saunders, Ruby Florence, Moses McAllister. Judges for the oratorical contest were members of the Toastmasters Club of Security, Woodlawn.

Md. League of Women's Clubs

The Maryland League of Women's Clubs held its 35th Annual One-Day Conference recently at the Sheraton John Hopkins Inn with League president, Rubye C. Gill, presiding.

Delegates to the conference participated in "Blood Pressure Screening" tests administered by personnel from the American Heart Association prior to the

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by Dorothy C. Alves

Mead addresses AA workshop

The Maryland Association for Non-White Concerns in Personnel and Guidance in conjunction with the Maryland State Department of Education and Morgan State University Political Science Department will sponsor an Affirmative Action Workshop, Saturday, April 8, at the McKeldin Student Union, Morgan State University.

The theme of the all-day workshop is Dimensions of the Crisis in Affirmative Action: Perspectives, Implications and Strategies for Non-whites and Whites in the Educational and Work World.

Keynoting the morning session will be Dorothy E. Mead, acting district director, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Baltimore office. A special panel addressing the historical, legal and political perspectives of the Dimensions of the Crisis in Affirmative Action will be led by Woodrow B. Grant Jr., coordinator of the Office of Equal Opportunity, Maryland State Department of Education and attorneys Stanley M. Walker and John Barnes.

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Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clements of Baltimore announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Joyce Ann Clements to Joseph Norman Handy of Churchpoint, La.

Miss Clements is a graduate of Western High School and a graduate of the University of Maryland. She received her master's degree in Business Administration from Tulane University in New Orleans, La.

Mr. Handy is a graduate of Holy Ghost High School, Opelousas, La. and received a degree in 1972 from Xavier University.

The couple will wed May 20, 3 p.m. at Macedonia Baptist Church, Lafayette and Fremont Avenues. They will make their home in New Orleans.

Miss Joyce Ann Clements

Applicants for Miss Black America

Final entrance date for the Maryland "Miss Black America Pageant" is Saturday, April 15. Contestants must be ages 18 to 28, a high school graduate, must never have been married and talented.

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Columbia Capers

By Pinnie L. Ross

This columnist featured Doctors John and Harriett McAdoo in last Friday's edition of the AFRO AMERICAN NEWSPAPER.

The McAdoo's are two social workers — Dr. John McAdoo at the University of Maryland School of Social Work and Community Planning and Dr. Harriett Pipes McAdoo, principal investigator is on the faculty at Howard University.

The two doctors took a two year leave of absence to do a study through a research undertaking called "The Family Life Project."

Dr. John McAdoo's study primarily focused on 45 black two-parent working and middle class families in Columbia. Dr. Harriett McAdoo's studies were on Black Upward Mobility. She surveyed 180 families half from Columbia and half selected from Census Tracts, in Washington, D.C. that matched the Columbia sampling in terms of income and education.

Here is the second part of their study. A summary of their two year study on the Impact of Extended Family Variables upon the Upward Mobility of black families.

This study focused on the factors that black families, who live in an urban or suburban site in the middle Atlantic area, have found supportive of stability and mobility. All parents were 1) Black; 2) presently of middle income status; 3) parents of school - aged children under 18 years old; and 4) were over the age of 25.

Three hundred and five parents were interviewed (174 mothers, 131 fathers), representing 178 family units.

The sample had 87 (49 percent) urban and 90 (51 percent) suburban families. The family structure forms were nuclear (93 percent) with a few extended (6 percent), and augmented (2 percent). Seventy - two percent were two - parent units and 28 percent were one - parent units. The mean income was $20,500 for males and $12,500 for females.

The kin help system had been maintained before, during, and after mobility. Parents did not have to cut themselves off from their families to become upwardly mobile. Eighty percent of the families indicated an extensive involvement in the kin exchange system, with the family giving more help than friends or community agencies. Child care, financial, and emotional support were the areas of help both given to and received from kin, and the majority appreciated this help. No difference were found between urban and suburban sites. No difference in kin help were found between those born middle class or working class, nor between the four mobility patterns.

The kin exchange was mutually supportive and help was given freely because of common expectations, not from a sense of excessive reciprocal obligations.

Those newly mobile were more pressured to share with those of lower income than those who were born middle calls.

Little help was needed by grandparents who themselves were mobile into middle class. Kin interaction was high in both sites. Suburban families found it more difficult to get to kin who often were in the urban centers.

Help with friends was exchanged in areas of emotional support and child care. They received extensive help from friends, but the family remained the primary source of aid in both sites, for both socio - economic status classes, and all mobility patterns. Non - kin exchanges placed little obligation on the subjects.

Four mobility patterns over three generations were found: 1) 62 percent were newly middle class from two generations of working class; 2) 23 pecent had lower class grandparent, working class parents, and had become middle class themselves; 3) 6 per cent had parents who were born working class and had moved to middle class, and 4) 9 percent had been middle class for three generations.

Higher education was highly valued by the families, with 41 percent having graduate training beyond college. Both parents had approximately the same education; except fathers who had the most advanced degrees. Edcation had increased over the generations, and parents held high aspirations for their children. Two-thirds of the female parents worked; but half of their mothers did not work, one - fourth of whom worked part - time.

Grandmothers' employment decreased when the subjects reached school age. Mothers' incomes were needed during the generation that was mobile into middle class, but the majority did not work the generation before or the one after mobility. The family's social status still was based upon the occupation and achievements of the father, augmented by that of an employed mother.

Religion still played an important role in the lives of half of the subjects, with higher involvement for families under stress. There was a shift from the more fundamental denominations and a decrease in the impact religion played on their lives.

Their level of satisfaction with their physical and social environment was positive, especially when they compared themselves with other blacks. They felt the most positive things about their family were their mutual love and concern. The majority of the families had experienced a great many significant life changes in the past two years in all groups.

They were under a continuing moderate level of stress and felt the impact of discrimination. These parents felt encumbered by discrimination and attempted to protect their children from this stress while actively attempting to maintain their ethnic identity.

In light of the high rate of mobility, change, and stressful events these families had experienced in the past few years, we explored with them their support needs. When crises occurred, the preference was to handle it within the family. Utilization of social service agencies was low because of the cultural preference for kin help and because they felt agencies were insensitive to their unique needs.

The subjects were asked to identify what community agencies had been the most helpful to them. The agency cited was not a provider of social services, but was the public library!

While an unexpected response, it is understandable in light of the high educational aspirations they held for their children and the value placed on education.

The families were asked to indicate what supportive or social needs they may have that are not presently being met and should be improved in order to be supportive of their family's functioning. Each parent was given a list of eight different services and four different types of counseling help that may be needed by the family, covering all of the services usually found across community agencies.

The need for personal and marital counseling and support of their children was strong in both sites. They wanted help in financial planning. The specific services next needed were different in the two sites. Urban families were very concerned about school, day care, and medical service.

The suburban parents had these services available, but were under financial stress to pay for them, had transportation problems, and wanted job placement assistance. They also seemed more sensitive to racial matters in their integrated site. The race of the person providing support was not as important in the majority black urban site in which a variety of practitioners of all kinds were available.

These upwardly mobile families had maintained their cultural pattern of relying upon the extended kin - help exchange, while maintaining their nuclear structural domestic unit. These findings would support the contention that the extended help patterns are culturally rather than solely economically based, and should be considered in the development and implementation of any family support programs.

Catonsville Notes

By Liz Williams

Get Well cards to Rose Gallop (Elvin) the Baltimore Public School principal who has been in the hospital. Hopefully, she will be at home when you read this column. Cards also, to Harry Carpenter (Leonna), who has been in the hospital but is now resting at home. Harry was a counselor with the Project GO before his retirement. Hopefully, Marion Patterson (Roland) will be at home by the end of the week.

Continue to remember the following with a card, a phone call, or a visit: Margaret Ebb, Edna Wainer, Marie Johnson (Ernest), Mamie Williams, Frances Coe, Charles Adams (Mary), Emma Eldridge, Thomas Batten, Wayne Hebron, Ruby Morris, Marie Young, Les Gundy (Sylvia) Wilbur Radcliffe, Burley Caldwell, Laura Baines, Paul Johnson(Muriel) and Richard Peed. Also continue to remember Sally Nelson, Agness Allen, Grace Steward, Julie Williams, Anne Smith, Rosalee Hall, and Beverly Ebb.

Congratulations to Mrs. Flossie Cromwell, who recently celebrated her 90th birthday. Mrs. Cromwell is the mother of Dr. Talmadge Pinkney, Louise Edwards, Louis Pinkney and Bernice Hall.

A group of Baltimoreans spent Easter vacation in the U.S.S.R. Those on the trip were Reva and Arthur Lewie, Charles and Louise Sheppard, Esther Fennell, Shirley Reddick (John), Bertha McCloud, Peggy Jackson, Olivia Bates and Ovella Queen (Morris). The trip took them to Copenhagen, Moscow, Zagoraky, Leningrad, Pushkin, Stockholm, Copenhagen and finally back to the "good ole" United States. Even though each one had a delightful time most of them are still suffering from "Jet Fatigue".

The Annual Women's Day takes place at Grace AME Church on April 23. St. Bernadine's Gospel will be at the church on Sunday, April 16 at 4 p.m. A Rainbow Tea will be held at the Banneker Recreation Center on April 16 - 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. The Rev. Reginald Boston is the pastor.

The Willing Jeweltone of Morning Star Baptist church will hold a dinner at the church on April 8. Congratulations to the Flower Circle which will celebrate its 25th anniversary.

Congratulations to the Baltimore Moles, who celebrated their 19th anniversary with one of the most elegant dinner dances that we Baltimoreans have ever seen. You would expect this type of affair, knowing the Baltimore Moles and their Mules. The affair was held at the Blue Crest North. One of the surprises of the evening was the singing of many old time tunes by Damita - Jo (Biddy). This gal can really sing and is looking good. We can be proud to say that Damita - Jo belongs to us.

Back in Baltimore this week is Clara Cobb Fraling, a Baltimore County educator. She was at East Stroudsburg State Teachers College in Stroudsburg, Pa., where she served on the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education.

Clara is a graduate of Morgan State University's undergraduate and graduate school. She has done advance work at Johns Hopkins and Loyola College. She is the wife of Matthew Fraling Jr. and the mother of Matthew III, a 10th grader at Loyola High School. We, in Baltimore County, are so proud of Clara who is among our dedicated black teachers in the county.

Visiting in Atlanta, Ga. this week is Rachel Phillips. She is visiting her life long friend, Debbie Williams, of Catonsville.

Have you ever wondered whatever happened to friends' children whom you have not seen in many years? My husband and I have not seen James "Jimmy" Baskerville for many years. Jimmy, the son of Mildred Baskerville and the nephew of Dr. Mary N. Brooks is married to the former Marlene White, the son of Bernice and George White. They are the parents of four - year - old Marla Leigh and now residing in Lawrenceville, Ga., which is about 9 miles outside of Atlanta.

Jimmy as we fondly know him is the electronic engineer for southeast region of the Cambridge Isaaco Corporation which is a London based scientific firm. His wife Marlene is a computer programmer at Southern Corporation Services. She is the only black woman among 400 workers.

Please continue to let me know what our young people are doing. They are doing some fantastic things and are holding down excellent jobs at an early age.

Congratulations to Sue Miles and Dr. Clifton Jones who were married last Sunday. It could not have happened to a nicer couple. Sue is the principal at Edmondson High School and Cliff is associated with Howard University.

Do not forget the dinner that the Morning Star Headstart will have at the Elks Home on April 15 - 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Continue to send Get Well cards to the Rev. Theronia Collins and Arthur Welling.

Have a good week and try to give everyone whom you meet a smile, no matter how it might hurt and try to take another step and do something good or kind for the persons who might have hurt you.

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