R.S.V.P. With Marie

By Marie Phillips-Cooke
AFRO Women's Editor

For the past two weeks, townsfolk have been pressing on from one activity to another. This desk has tried to keep up, sometimes we just lost pace. Here are some of the events we attended:

The salute to our dear friend, Dr. Flossie Dedmond, who was cited on her retirement as dean of liberal arts and sciences at Coppin State College, held at Blue Crest North. We were glad to meet her family and intimate friends: Dr. Seretha Kennedy Brown of Jacksonville, Va., who's the former director of home economics at Morgan State University; Mr. and Mrs. Warren Brinkley of Philadelphia; Esther Pollard of Washington, D.C., a national officer of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; Zelma Chaney, Washington, D.C., and Dr. Marjorie Parker and husband, Judge Harrington Parker of Washington, D.C.

Also, Mr. and Mrs. Erney Newkirk (Dr. Dedmond's sister and brother-in-law) of Mt. Vernon, N.Y. and daughter Lauren.

Ramona Wagner (her niece) of Nashville, Tenn.; Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Durham, Silver Spring; Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Myers, former president of Bowie State College, Mitchellville, Md. and Dr. and Mrs. Lana I. Mishoe, Dover, Del. where he's president of Delaware State College. (See details of the Dedmond salute in this section.)

At the same time the Dedmond affair was going on in Pikesville, there were several hundred (standing room only) in Baltimore, at the Hilton Hotel. It was the kick-off for Convocation '78, a night with Ruby Dee and Ossie Davis. The three-day conference on the concerns of black Christian women, was sponsored by the Missionary Department of Bethel A.M.E. Church and brought together women from many parts of the globe. Events included a prayer breakfast on Saturday with our own Juanita Jackson Mitchell as guest speaker, along with the Morgan State University Choir; Global Awards Luncheon with Essence Magazine vice president-editor, Marcia Gillespie as speaker; varied workshops, old time prayer meeting, issues caucus. The conference closed on Sunday morning with worship services at Bethel. Convocation '78 was a historic occasion.

Two weeks ago, there were over 500 black women in New York City for the Eastern Regional Conference of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. It was a glorious weekend!

Many of the confrerneces were from Baltimore and its surroundings; the local alumnae chapter, led by its president, Aleha McCollough, turned out in full force. And the national president, who we claim as our own, Thelma Daley, also attended.

The meeting was especially significant to this writer, for I was among the five women taken into the sorority.

The Baltimore Urban League, Inc. will hold its 53rd Annual Dinner April 23 beginning with a reception at 5 and dinner at 6 p.m. at the downtown Hilton Hotel.

Donald H. McGannon, chairman, National Urban League Board of Trustees and Chairman of the Board of Group W (Westinghouse Broadcasting Company), will be the keynote speaker.

This year, the League will posthumously honor Wiley E. Daniels, Jr. for his service to the community as a trailblazer in the field of communications.

The Annual Dinner serves as a medium to let the public and supporters of the Baltimore Urban League know what the agency is done in the community during the past year. Tickets for the dinner are available at the League headquarters located at 1150 Mondawmin Concourse, 523-8150.

Invitations are in the mail for the NAACP Unity Ball slated for June 9 at Eastwind. Keynote speaker again this year is NAACP Executive Director Benjamin L. Hooks.

General chairperson Marie C. Henderson, urges you to attend the ball and "become a part of our people tree."

A note from our sweetheart, Winifred P. Ashby, says she's home from Provident Hospital and is doing nicely. "Thanks to the man upstairs, He does answer prayer," she boldly writes. And, thanks to all of her friends for their kindnesses.

Prayer and remembrances to Charlotte Johnson who underwent surgery on Monday at Church Home Hospital. "Aunt Charlotte," as she's affectionately known, suffered a fall last week in her Pulaski Street home and suffered minor abrasions; however it was discovered during the examination that she would have to be operated on for another problem.

Have a marvelous week!

AFRO staff photo by Roman Hankewycz

DEDMOND RETIREMENT BANQUET — The Blue Crest North was the scene of the Friday evening retirement dinner honoring Dr. Flossie M. Dedmond who retired in September from Coppin State College after 31 years of service. From left back standing are: Dr. Frederick H. Dedmond, husband of honoree; Mrs. Juanita J. Mitchell, Mrs. Blossom K. Horowitz, Mrs. Mildred Stewart, director, North Atlantic Region, Alpha Kappa Sorority, Cong. Parren J. Mitchell. From row seated are the honoree and Attorney Ruth Harvey Carity, national vice president, National Bar Association.

DEDMOND GUESTS — Those members of the Coppin Family about for the retirement dinner of Dr. Flossie M. Dedmond on Friday night included from left, Luke Shaw, chairperson, Art Department; Mrs. Peggy Graves, director, Extensions Program; Joseph Haskins, vice president of Business and Finance; and Dr. and Mrs. Freeman (Jackie) Hrabowski III. He's the new Dean of Arts and Sciences.

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Catonsville Notes

By Liz Williams

Continue to remember our sick, aged and shut-in friends. Send a card, pay a visit, or make a telephone call. Among them are: the Rev. Theronia Collins, Arthur Welling, Wilbur Radcliffe, Burley Caldwell, Laura Baines, (Walter Reed Hospital, Wash., D.C.) Margaret Ebb, Mamie Williams Frances Gee, Charles Adams (Columbia General) Edna Wainer, Marie Johnson, Emma Eldridge, Ruby Morris, and Marie Young (Lutheran Hospital).

Continue to remember our city friends who are on the sick list. Among them are: Wallye Young (Elroy), Dr. Cyril Ashby (Winnie), Rose Gallop (Elvin), and Marion Patterson (Roland). Get well cards to Cecil B. Johnston, the son of Dot and Cecil Johnston, who was in an automobile accident during his spring break. Cecil is a student at Tuskegee Institute.

Ann Emery, the principal at Walbrook High School, has recently returned from a recruiting trip in the south. Ann (Val) visited three states (Alabama, Georgia and Louisiana) and five cities. She was thrilled to know that so many of our Baltimore students, especially those from Walbrook, are doing so well. We want to congratulate these young people and let them know that we are so proud of them.

Graduation time is coming up. Please let me know about the "Graduates of 1978." Regardless of the school level we want to know about them.

Congratulations to John Boston (Charlotte), whose retirement party was given on April 7 at Synder's Willow Grove. John retired from Western Electric Co. after having given 34 years of dutiful service. The party was well attended by co-workers, family and friends. Congratulations, to John Boston, for a job well done.

St. Mark Catholic Church will celebrate the Feast Day of its patron saint, St. Mark, with a parish homecoming on Sunday, April 23 at the noon Mass in the church. It will be followed by a reception in the hall.

This year, the parish will celebrate the 90th anniversary of the chapel. On St. Mark Day, the parish will be returning to its roots. All of the priests and religious who were stationed at St. Mark or who came from St. Mark, have been invited back for the homecoming.

The black community

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Girl Scouts life and careers

"Life and Career Planning," a workshop planned by senior-high-age Girl Scouts for senior-high age Girl Scouts and their friends is set for Saturday, April 15, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Catonsville Community College. Members of the Catonsville Community College staff assisted the Girl Scouts in their planning and will serve as instructors and resource persons for the workshop. More than 200 girls, ages 14 to 18, are expected to attend.

In an opening assembly, Phil Ringle, career planning specialist at the College, will discuss employment trends, alternatives to college, having a career vs "just a job," and other issues relating to women and work. Later, girls will have opportunity to delve into one of the three specific areas: the search for summer employment; values clarifications and time management and goal setting.

During the afternoon, girls will attend three "classes" selected from a roster of nine vocational fields — health, social services, computer science, environmental concerns, the media, education, business, the military (with emphasis on aeronautics, space and communications), and non-traditional careers for women such as engineering, carpentry, plumbing, architecture and electrical work.

An assembly featuring a presentation on futuristics by Balint Szent-Miklosy, editor of "The Futurist," will close the day.

Girls Scouts of Central Maryland, a United Way agency, offers year around program year around for all girls ages 6 to 17 in Baltimore City and Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford and Howard Counties.

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AFRO Bridal Register

REPEAT WEDDING VOWS — Irving H. Phillips, photographer for the Sunpapers repeated wedding vows with Miss Clarice L. Scriber, Information Service Manager for WJZ-TV on Sunday, April 2 in services at the St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church with the Father Henry Offer presiding. Best man was Frank W. Phillips III, brother of bridegroom and matron of honor was Mrs. Beverly Wright, sister of the bride. Mr. Phillips is the son of Mr. and Mrs. I. Henry Phillips Sr. of Whitmore Avenue while the bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence V. Scriber of Payson Street.

Miss Collins, Mr. Westbrook

Mrs. Shirley D. Collins of Havre de Grace, and Arthur A. Collins, New Jersey, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Zelda M. Collins, to Ronald Westbrook, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Westbrook, Holyoke, Mass.

The future bride was graduated from Havre de Grace High School in 1968, the Baltimore Institute and the Patricia Stevens Modeling School of Baltimore. She is presently employed by the Department of Defense, Washington, D.C. Mr. Westbrook is a Union College graduate and is employed in Washington, D.C.

Miss Collins is the granddaughter of Mrs. Julia R. Hawkins and Howard Hawkins and the great-granddaughter of George Hawkins Sr. of Havre de Grace.

A June wedding is planned.

MR. AND MRS. THEODORE TURNER JR.
(the former Miss Carla Ann Walker)

Miss Walker, Mr. Turner

In wedding services at the Macedonia Baptist Church on March 11, Miss Carla Anne Walker was wed to Theodore L. Turner. The Rev. Willard L. Clayton officiated at the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Ruby Bevans Lee while the bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Beralee H. Baffo.

The bride was given in marriage by Henry Winston Moore. Best man was Joseph Colonel of Mexico City and maid of honor was Mrs. Grace Winfield.

Other bridal attendants included Mrs. Wendy N. Poulson, cousin of the bride; Aunder Perkins, Veronica Boyd, Kandy Winfield.

Ushers were Kenith Walker Jr., Alan Poulson and Herbert Scott.

A reception honoring the couple was hosted at the Park Community Center and was prepared by Mrs. Elnora Burton of Chic 'n nale.

The bride is a graduate of Morgan State University and presently enrolled at the University of Maryland School of Social Work.

The bridegroom is employed at Hobbird and is a part-time student at Essex Community College.

Miss Zelda M. Collins

Miss Sanders, Mr. Ellerbee

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Walter Sanders Sr. announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Audrey Patricia Sanders to Alvin Maurice Ellerbee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ellerbee.

The ceremony was held at the Beres Temple Seventh Day Adventist Church on April 9 followed by a reception in the lower auditorium.

Maid of honor was Verina Sanders and best man, Ronald David.

The couple honeymooned in the Poconos and will reside in Baltimore County.

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and the black churches have always had a good relationship with St. Mark's Church. Hopefully, many of us will be able to attend the "St. Mark Homecoming."

Do not forget the Fun and Game Party that the Catonsville Senior Age Club will hold on Saturday, April 15, 2-7 p.m., at the Bamacker Recreation Center, located on Main and Wilkens Avenues. Kindly give these Senior Citizens your support. This group is a vital part of the Catonsville community.

The deadline for dues collection is on Tuesday, 18th, must receive your money no later than Monday afternoon. Due to the new deadline, I was unable to let our members know about the recent death of our good friend and neighbor, Mrs. Hattie Smith, the wife of Hawthorne Sr. and the mother — of Hawthorne Jr., Lucy Swain, William and Bolding. I wanted to get the names of the in-laws but due to busy telephone lines, was unable to do so. I really tried.

Our friend, "Mrs. Smith" taught in several Maryland counties schools for eight years. It was during this time that she met and became the wife of Hawthorne. Upon leaving the field of education, Mrs. Smith served as the matron of the Md. Home for Friendless Colored Children, where her husband, Hawthorne Sr. was the superintendent.

After the years at the home, which was then under the Episcopal Church, with the late Rt. Rev. George F. Bragg as its leader, Mrs. Smith devoted 35 years to the Dept. of Recreation in Baltimore City, she served as a center director, during which time, she demonstrated her creative abilities, by helping children of all ages to make use of their leisure time.

Mrs. Smith was an active and loyal worker at St. James P.E. Church, time, as the Warden of the Bragg Guild. Mrs. Smith assisted her husband, Hawthorne, in founding the Golden Age Club of Catonsville, Md. The certificate and awards she received attest to the fact that she was appreciated by her community. Mr. Smith will be 90 years of age this year. This coming September, this lovely couple would have been married 59 years. If you want to talk or play a game of pinochle, call Mr. Smith. Nelson misses and so was Mrs. Smith. It was a privilege to have known the Smith family. Our community had a great loss when we lost "Hattie Smith."

Continue to keep smiling and try to do a good deed each day. I know that it hurts.

Woodlawn Highlights

By Marjorie Green

Miss Helen V. Benton, grand worthy matron, Naomi Grand Chapter Order Eastern Star has been reappointed to the Commission on Aging and Retirement Education for a two-year term that will expire on Dec. 31, 1979. The swearing-in ceremony took place on Wednesday afternoon in the Ceremonial Room at City Hall.

A Baltimore City resident, Miss Benton worked at Social Security Headquarters for 30 years before retiring. She is a member of the Memorial Baptist Church and serves as Memorials Director of Christian Education. She is also secretary to the United Baptist Women in Maryland and a trustee of the Maryland Baptist Home for the Aged.

In his statement requesting the approval of the nomination of Miss Benton, Mayor William D. Schaefer stated that "I believe Miss Benton will be an effective member of the Commission On Aging and Retirement Education."

Employees in the Earnings Inquiries Section in the Bureau of Data Processing recently sponsored a retirement luncheon honoring co-worker Ed Brown who retired after working approximately 31 years as a federal employee.

Mrs. Leona Holly was Toastmistress for the

The Maryland Cesarean Section Association's monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 19, at 8 p.m. in the Wilson Room of the Towson Library. Dr. Donald Spengler, OB-GYN, will discuss "Questions About Sterilization Following Cesarean Delivery."

All interested persons are invited to attend. For further information call MCSA at 876-0055.

farewell tribute held in the Altmeyer Multi Purpose room. Among those persons participating on the program were Barry Brown, supervisor; Joseph Ward, section chief and Father Ted Wisniewski.

Committee members helping to plan Ed's happy hour were Alfreda Clark, Carrie Lawrence, James Fleet, Sara Wiener and Betty Hubbard. Music for listening pleasure was furnished by disc jockey Abe Riley.

Speaking about Betty Hubbard, word is out that she will be honored for her role as an ideal mother at a dinner and fashion show on Mother's Day. The activities will take place at the Union Hall in Cherry Hill and is sponsored by a group of local beauticians.

Betty began her career as a key operator in July, 1955. She is publicity chairperson for the Government Group. On The Go. Her husband, Joe is retired. They are the parents of three sons. The youngest son attended Owings Mill Elementary School where he is active with the PTA. The entire family attends Gillis Memorial Community Church. The Rev. Theodore Jackson is their pastor.

On Thursday, April 27 at 7 p.m., the Special Activity Committee of the Women's Auxiliary, UMBC, will present a Debutante Pageant and Reception at the La Fontaine Bleu. Mrs. Bessie Mason is coordinator of the event.

The Virginia Raynor Memorial Choir will celebrate their anniversary on Sunday, April 16, at Concord Baptist Church, 5204 Liberty Heights Ave. The program will start at 6 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

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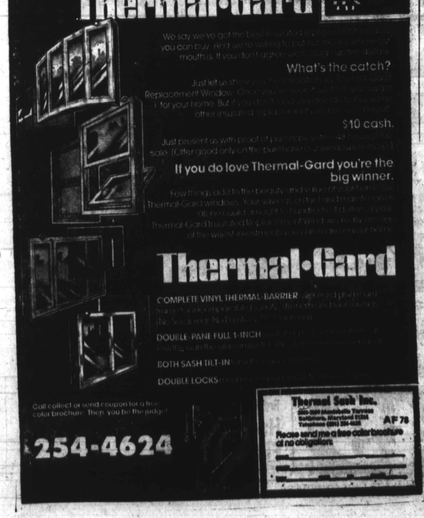

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