WEDDING BELLS — All-American football player Keith Anderson (Ben Powers) asks Thelma (BernNadette Stanis) to marry him in the one-hour season premiere of "Good Times," Saturday, Sept. 16, 8 to 9 p.m. on CBS.

Vagabond Players announce season

J. Bruce Johnson, president of the Vagabond Players Inc., the oldest continuous "little theatre" in America, has announced the beginning of the 1978 - 79 season subscription campaign.

The Vagabond Players will open their sixty - third consecutive season on Oct. 5 with a new production of "A Thurber Carnival", a Tony Award - winning revue directed by Joseph Senatore.

The production will continue on weekends through Oct. 29.

From Nov. 9 to Dec. 3, the Vagabonds will present "The Ballad of the Sad Cafe", dramatized by Edward Albee from the Carson McCullers novella, and directed by J. Bruce Johnson.

"Otherwise Engaged" by Simon Gray, winner of the Drama Critics Award for best play of '76 - '77, will be presented from Jan. 4 to 28.

Michael Joyce will then direct Agatha Christie's melodramatic courtroom mystery, "Witness for the Prosecution", running Feb. 8 through March 4.

"Veronica's Room", an absorbing thriller by Ira Levin, will be directed by F. Scott Black, and will run March 22 through April 15.

The final subscription offering of the '78 - '79 season will be a revival of the delightful 1917 Jerome Kern musical, "Leave It To Jane", with book and lyrics by Guy Bolton and P.G. Wodehouse.

This season the Vagabonds are presenting a six - play series. Subscriptions are recommended to guarantee seating for all of the shows.

The Vagabond Theater is at 806 S. Broadway in Fells Point.

For subscription information call the theater at 563 - 9135.

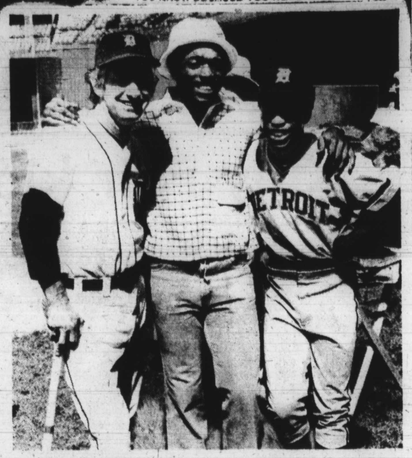
Free music class given

Men and women over 55 years of age are invited to enroll in a free music course offered this fall at the College of Notre Dame of Maryland.

Classes meet for eight consecutive Fridays beginning Sept. 22, from 11 a.m. to noon in Fourier Hall.

The course will study Handel's "The Messiah" as an art form, analyzing its massive choruses, recitatives, and arias.

For more information call 435 - 0100, extension 321 weekdays.



BASEBALL BIOGRAPHY — Portraying himself when he was the Detroit Tigers manager, Billy Martin (L) poses with Detroit Tigers centerfielder Ron LeFlore (C) and actor LeVar Burton who plays LeFlore in the true-life story of the ball player's struggle to make the transition from a life of crime to major league baseball star in "One In a Million: The Ron LeFlore Story," to be presented on the CBS Tuesday Night Movies, Tuesday, Sept. 26, 9 to 11 p.m.

Center Stage announces auditions for students

Stan Wojewodski Jr., Center Stage artistic director, announced that auditions will be held Saturday, Sept. 23 and Saturday, Sept. 30, for the Center Stage Conservatory's Internship Program and Student - Actor Workshop.

The tuition - free programs are under the direction of Donald Hicken, asociate director of the Young People's Theater, and are designed to provide high school students with exposure to professional level theater training.

The Internship Program is for Maryland High School students in the eleventh and twelfth grades who are interested in pursuing a career in the professional theater.

The Internship Program will run two sessions. Session one begins on Oct. 3 and ends Dec. 21.

The session will be repeated from Jan. 23 through April 18.

Each 12 - week session meets from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

Students work with the professional actors, directors, designers, craftspeople and administrators of Center Stage.

The Center State Student - Actor Workshop is a 16 - week program designed to further the training of tenth through twelfth grade Maryland high school students who wish to increase their acting experience.

Classes meet once a week on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The workshop covers scene and characterization study, voice, improvisation and movement work. In addition to class sessions, students will attend all main stage productions.

Applications for both programs are available through Drama teachers and may be picked up at the Center Stage Box Office.

The forms contain information regarding time, place and nature of auditions. No audition appointments can be made by phone.

These tuition - free programs of the Center Stage Conservatory are supported through funds from the Maryland Arts Council, the city of Baltimore, Baltimore County, the National Endowment for the Arts and the Maryland State Department of Education.

For more information, call the office of Public Relations at CenterStage, (301) 685 - 3200.

TV watching

Boxing, King Kong and disco on the tube this weekend

By Vanessa Johnson

Friday

Mike Douglas: From Hollywood, on the set of "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band" Mike visits cast members. 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. - Channel 13.

Billboard's Disco Party Side 1: Hostess **Donna Summer** sings "Try Me" and "Last Dance" on a program of disco music that also features **Tavares, A Taste of Honey, Peter Brown** and **Andy Gibbs:** 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. - Channel 5.

Boxing: Leon Spinks (7-0-1) defends his WBA heavyweight crown against **Muhammad Ali** (55 -3) at New Orleans. 8:00 - 11:00 p.m. - ABC.

Midnight Special: Larry Gatlin, host is joined by **Tavares, Tony Orlando, Evelyn Champagne King,** the **Cars,** and many others. 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. - NBC.

Saturday

Fat Albert: A story about a girl whose problems stem from a hearing defect. 12:30 - 1:00 p.m. - CBS.

American Bandstand: Performances by **Betty Wright, "Where Is the Love?"** and **Foxy, "Get Off."** 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. - Channel 7.

Soul Train: The performers are **Rose Royce** "I'm in Love," "Love Don't Live Here Anymore" and **D. J. Rogers** "Love Brought Me Back" and the Soul Train Gang. 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. - Channel 11.

Mata: Guests discussing the music and musicians of Baltimore include night club owner **Henry Baker, Vernon Welsh,** vice president of the Left Bank Jazz Society. 1:00 - 1:30 p.m. - Channel 13.

Good Times: Florida (Esther Rolle) returns to the series as the Evans family begins a sixth season with a wedding in the works. Thelma is marrying a college athlete and her mother is flying in from Arizona for the event. First of three parts. 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. - CBS.

Love Boat: Issac (**Ted Lange**) poses as a tycoon to win a knockout passenger (**Lola Falana**). 9:00 - 10:00 p.m. - ABC.

NBC Movie: In part I of "King Kong" an expedition to find oil on an uncharted Pacific Island turns up a giant ape instead. 9:00 - 11:00 p.m. - NBC.

Saturday Night Live: A 1977 show with Steve Martin, host, joined by Franken and and Davis. 11:30 - 1:00 p.m. - NBC.

Saturday

World of Disney: Disney's anniversary celebration concludes with "Dumbo," the 1941 cartoon about a flying baby circus elephant. 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - NBC.

Battlestar Galactica: Once upon a time, a race of sinister droids waged a thousand year war against mankind. This space series opens eith a last ditch effort by the human forces a peaceful end to the conflict. 8:00 - 11:00 p.m. - ABC.

Emmy Awards: Tonight television honors its finest shows and your favotite stars in a gala evening of entertainment. Billy Dee Williams joins the many other stars. 8:30 - 11:00 p.m. - CBS.

NBC Movie: "King Kong," concludes with the giant ape amok in Manhattan and pursued to the twin towers of the Wordl Trade Center. 9:00 11:00 p.m. - NBC.

Daybreak: Tony Brown is the host of this daily discussion program focusing on current events. Harold Weisberg, former investigator for James Earl Ray, discusses some new information on the Dr. Martin Luther King assassination. 6:30 - 7:00 a.m. - Channel 4.

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KIDS AND CLOWN—Two children shake hands with the funny man at the "I Am An American" Day Parade held in southeast Baltimore, Sunday, Sept. 10.

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Could be first black legislator

Dixon wins nomination in Carroll County

A 40 - year - old stockbroker may become the first black delegate from Carroll County.

Richard N. Dixon, a native of Westminster, Md., narrowly won the Democratic nomination for the 4th District — subdivision B.

He will be facing Republican incumbents Raymond Beck and V. Lanny Harchenhorn in November.

Dixon, who resides in New Windsor, won with 3,072 votes followed by John Willis, who also won nomination with 3,012. Robert Tabler followed with 2,097.

A veteran of the U.S. Army Medical Corps and a former AFRO columnist, Dixon is a graduate of Morgan State where he received a bachelors and a masters in business administration.

The first black ever to serve on the Carroll County School board and later elected president, Dixon sees himself as a "fiscal conservative" who favors capital punishment and takes a hard line on criminals.

Richard N. Dixon wins nomination

During his tenure as school board president he has constantly played down the racial differences and racial issues which have enhanced his acceptance with the white establishment.

Political observers say Dixon has a good chance at a victory in a largely rural district which is 97 percent white.

Dixon says if he is elected he will probably not join the black caucus because it might conflict with his primary responsibility of representing the rural county.

He added the other black politicians do not share his concern for farmland preservation.

Dixon is married to the former Grayson L. Dorsey and has two sons.

Miss Mapp at Cornell

AT CORNELL U. — Miss Patricia K. Mapp, graduate of Walbrook Senior High School and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mapp, is attending Cornell University where she is majoring in Electrical Engineering. She received a partial scholarship from Cornell and was also the recipient of the John F. Kennedy Scholarship given by A.F.G.E. Local 1923 at the Social Security Administration. A National Honor Society member, she was class vice president, named in Who's Who of American High School Students, and has received recognition by the National Merit Scholarship Committee, Delta Sigma Theta and AKA Sororities. Her varied interests are gymnastics, tennis, piano and sewing.

New rules on car repair ordered

The Maryland Consumer Council has been asked to adopt new rules that would require mechanics to inform their customers of the billing method used for repair service.

The State Attorney General's office has recommended to the board that mechanics be required to explain whether they use a flat rate labor charge or bill for the actual time spent on repair of each vehicle.

A study of eight repair shops in the state presented Monday to the council found some mechanics finsh repairs to cars in less time than the "flat - rate" quoted in industrial manuals.

Assistant Attorney General Jack Shapiro, who prepared the study, said consumers are being charged the flat rate even if the repair takes less time to complete.

Shapiro said that in the study repairs were listed in two manuals, "Motor" and "Chilton's," at a two hour labor charge, when the work could be completed in one hour.

But the study also found if the job actually took three hours, the customer was only charged for two hours.

The study, however, did not find any excessive, or continued overbilling through the use of the labor rate manuals, Shapiro said.

"It is the practive of automative repair facilities to tender invoices to a customer whidh do not describe the labor computations at all, but rather simply indicate the cost of labor in dollars and cents without further description," the study said.

"Thus, the consumer has no way of telling how it was figured," Shapiro said.

The report also suggested car mechanics punch a clock at the beginning and end of a repair so consumers would know just how long the work took.

Grand Jury to concentrate on handgun violations

A Baltimore Supreme Bench judge has asked the 23 members of the newly sworn grand jury to concentrate on the use of handguns during crimes in an effort to solve the problem of violence in contemporary society.

Judge James Murphy told the grand jury, which was sworn Monday, to consider "the relationship of handguns to the violence prevalent in our society today.

"Humanity's right to life must prevail over the right of any individual to remain unregulated in regard to the acquisition and ownership of handguns," he said.

Murphy noted that more than 200 persons are killed in the city each year by handguns. He said society "is deteriorating to the level where peaceful citizens feel obliged to have guns not only in their homes but to carry them for their own protection.

"We do not expect you to fashion a panacea to eradicate the problem," Murphy told the jurors. "But you will at least be able to express your views as a cross section of the conscience of our community."

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