The great chefs of Baltimore

Irene Tackett's Skillet Pork Chops

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APPETIZING — Mrs. Irene Tackett's specialty is Skillet Pork Chops a la Irene. She also cooks various American and soul food dishes.

By Pattie Hedges

Our great chef for this week is Mrs. Irene Tackett of the 1300 block of Windemere Avenue. Irene has been cooking since her early teen years. She learned with the help of her mother, Mrs. Lillian Futado.

Irene loves to cook for folks who love to eat, but cooks mainly for her husband, Andrew, son, Stephen, other family members and close friends. Whenever people eat her delicious food they enjoy it so much that, after eating their fill, they usually ask if they can take some home.

Irene considers herself and all-around American cook. She especially likes to prepare delectable desserts but also likes to do up American and soul food favorites.

Some of her most scrumptious concoctions are spaghetti and meat sauce, macaroni and shrimp salad, kale and collard green combination, and Bonnie Butler Cake.

To all of these she adds her own original touches which make them truly special.

Irene is an Equal Employment Opportunity Officer with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. She has been with the government for 25 years. She is a lifelong member of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church on Caroline Street.

When not busy with her job or cooking for family and friends, Irene finds time to do much civic work. Recently she received The Community Service Award from the Alpha Beta Chapter of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc.

Irene's hobbies are bowling, and playing pinochle and pokeno. She has decided to share with AFRO readers her recipe for Skillet Pork Chops.

Skillet Pork Chops A'la Irene

4-6 medium pork chops
salt, pepper, and season-all
1 tbsps of brown sugar
1 tbspn vegetable oil or shortening
1 large onion, sliced
1 large green pepper, sliced
2-4 oz. cans of mushrooms
2 6 oz. cans of tomatoe sauce
1 cup long grain rice

Directions: Wash pork chops. Season with salt, pepper and season-all to taste. In a medium skillet put vegetable oil or shortening. Heat. Add pork chops, brown on both sides and remove. Saute onion and green pepper in same skillet. Add brown sugar. Stir until smooth. Put pork chops back in, add mushrooms and tomatoe sauce. Stir until well blended. Stir in rice. Cover skillet. Simmer 30-45 minutes. Remove. Serves six. Goes well with greens or a salad.

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REAL CASINO GAMBLING — Sylvia Tapp, Erma James and Rita Cooper were among the many guests who tried their luck at the Friday night Las Vegas Night sponsored by Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity at Martin's West.

Madison Avenue YWCA center relocation

The Madison Avenue Center of the YWCA is presently being housed at 128 W. Franklin St. until a new permanent residence can be found.

Although no YWCA classes are in session at 1912 Madison Ave., the Hendricks Beal Day Care Center is renewing its lease on a monthly basis. The Archives Committee including Dr. Flossie Dedmond, Mrs. Thelma Ashe, Mrs. Ethel Brown, Mrs. Ethel Day, and Mrs. Patricia Page have completed Phase I of the Relocation Plan. A complete inventory of furnishings has been made and those important to the history of the center, including all Memorial Plaques, have been set aside to be moved to the center's new home when it is established.

A sale will be held later in the spring to dispose of items which are neither of historical value nor useful to the YWCA. This sale will be the first major fundraiser of the new Madison Avenue YWCA. All members will be able to purchase goods prior to the public.

The Madison Avenue Center invites members and friends to make suggestions during these exploratory stages for future programs. Memberships ($8 for adults and $2 for children) may be obtained by sending checks to the Madison Avenue YWCA, 128 W. Franklin St., Baltimore, 21201.

Dr. Beryl Williams, longtime member of the Madison Avenue YW, will be the featured speaker at the YWCA Leader Luncheon II on April 4.

The Madison Avenue Reorganization Committee headed by Mrs. Regina Bernard, is exploring ways to reach hospital workers and taking services such as voting information to community organizations. Groups requesting services and outreach programs should contact Mrs. Marcia Boddie Cummings or Mrs. Marion J. Jackson, 685-1460, ext 31 and 34.

The best meal you've ever tasted

The AFRO is looking for the Great Cooks of Baltimore.

Who cooked the best meal you ever tasted? The chef can be male, female, plain or fancy.

Let us know. We want to spotlight folks who create lip-smacking, mouth-watering food.

Send your favorite meal-maker's name, address, and phone number to: AFRO-AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS, P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md. 21203.

THREE KAPPA POLEMARCHES — Joseph Ennis of Annapolis, William 'Box' Harris, Baltimore and Ezra Merritt of Columbia, Md. all serve as polemarches of their chapters. They are shown chatting at the Friday night Las Vegas Night sponsored by the Baltimore Alumnae Chapter, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

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Have you seen this stray dog?

The Bureau of Animal Control of the Baltimore City Health Department is attempting to locate a large, black and white, German shepherd dog which if found will prevent a series of painful rabies vaccinations for a city teenager.

A 13-year-old resident of the 200 block Aisquith St., was bitten on the wrist by the dog on Monday, March 5 at 9 a.m. in the vicinity of Herring Run Junior High School and Sinclair Lane.

Anyone with information about this dog should call the Municipal Animal Shelter, 396-0218.

SCIENCE AND YOU

Why a science column?

Today, we all have many choices to make. People have to make choices. Our government has to make choices. Choices about energy, about jobs. Science can help us to make the right choices. Science alone can not provide all of the answers to our important questions, but unless our answers are based on scientific facts our answers are unlikely to be good ones.

What are these choices about?

Some of our most important choices have to do with energy. In the United States, almost three fourths of the energy used comes from oil and natural gas. Just a few years ago, we were able to produce almost all of the oil and gas we needed right here in the U.S. Slowly, we have been using up our oil and gas. We now have to buy oil from other countries, and soon we may have to buy natural gas too. This oil is expensive. It costs us both money and jobs. One important choice is what other kinds of energy we can use so we don't have to buy so much oil.

What exactly is energy?

Energy is any thing that we use to produce light, or heat or motion. The gasoline that runs our car is a form of energy. The electricity that runs our TV is a form of energy, and so is the coal or uranium that is burned in a power plant to produce the electricity. Food is the energy needed for our own bodies. Energy is needed for growing food and for industry. Without energy everything stops. That is why energy is so important.

How much energy do we use?

Every day, each of us uses as much energy as is contained in about seven gallons of gasoline. Of course, much of this energy is actually used in other forms, such as electricity or natural gas. Of all the energy used in the U.S., about one-third is used by average consumers for their own homes and automobiles. The other two-thirds is used by businesses and by governments. Of the energy used by us consumers, most of it—every 80%—goes into either our cars or into heating and cooling our homes. The other 20% operates our lights and all of our other appliances.

What changes will be made in our energy future?

That is what we will talk about in our *Science and You* columns. There is more use of electricity in our future. Use of solar energy and other new sources of energy. Conservation too. This and more will be in future *Science and You* columns.

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Handcuffed man

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It was then that Patrolman Pasquale Possidente, the second officer, entered the store.

The two officers wrestled with the man attempting to handcuff him. Investigators said they managed to get one handcuff on but could not get his hands behind his back to manacle him, so handcuffed his hands in front of his body.

Base said the man apparently calmed down for a moment and the officers thought he was subdued. But Parker then jumped for Possidente's .38 caliber revolver and ripped it out off the heavy leather holster.

Investigators said Rupertus, seeing the revolver in the suspect's hand, pulled his revolver and fired twice striking Parker twice in the chest.

Officer Rupertus was treated at Mercy Hospital for cuts and bruises and released. One officer said that one of Rupertus' eyes was completely shut and the other required a patch.

Officer Possidente was given a cardiac test after complaining of chest pains and released.

Homicide detectives said they are still investigating Parkers' background and the reason for his outburst in McCory's.

Although there were no further details at presstime, police said Parker's nearest living relative is in the New York area.

Base said that both officers are presently on medical leave and would be reassigned to desk jobs on their return if the homicide, and internal affairs division and the state's attorney's office completed their investigations.

Photo courtesy the Honolulu Advertiser by Ron Jett

NAACP IN HONOLULU — Installation of officers of the Honolulu branch of the NAACP was held at Leeward Community College with Lt. Gov. Jean King addressing the gathering after administration of oaths by the Rev. Abraham Akaka. Shown are (L to R): Dr. Joy Bouey, C. Edward Singer, president, formerly of Ohio and well-known to many Baltimoreans; Marshall Potts, first vice president; Carol Mengesha, third vice presient; Marsha Rose German, second vice president and former Baltimorean; Cass Burnett, treasurer; Margaret Sapp, secretary, also well-known in Baltimore and Scott Wolfe. Guests at the Spring Freedom Dinner with Marsha German chairman will be Baltimoreans Clarence Mitchell Jr., retired head of the Washington NAACP Bureau, guest speaker; his wife Mrs. Juanita Mitchell, the attorney; Rev. Dr. A.C.D. Vaughn, pastor of Grace Memorial Baptist Church and Mrs. Vaughn.

Stokely returns

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He started out by asking the United States "capitalist" form of government.

"The best way to confuse people is to make them think they are thinking when they aren't thinking," Carmichael said. "Unless we're thinking, we're not living like human beings but like animals.

"The student comes here and sees his people suffering everywhere he looks. He knows he or she should use their knowledge to help his people. But the capitalist system confuses them.

"Knowledge doesn't belong to any man or woman but to the people, but yet when students graduate from college they think that before they can share the knowledge they have gained someone has to pay them for it."

Carmichael did not tell students how they could specifically tear down the capitalist system except to say they could do nothing individually.

He said the only solution is to join an organization that works for the liberation of black people.

"There is but one solution," Carmichael said. "Pan Africanism. There is no middle ground. Either you are for the people or against the people."

At times during the speech it seemed as though the former leader of the Black Panther Party was launching a recruitment drive for people to join the All African People's Revolutionary Party.

"I seek to get the most conscious African students," he said, pointing out that black Americans are really Africans. "We come to try to make those of you who are not conscious, conscious."

"A conscious man or woman knows that if a system has made them a slave they have a responsibility to destroy that system so that it will not make slaves out of anyone ever again."

Later Carmichael bore out some of the contradictions of the American system. He started off by saying America is the most technologically developed system in the world.

But, he said, America built for its people better cars in 1955 than today in 1979.

"Common sense tells us that it shouldn't be this way. But the reason it is like this is that the motivating force is making money by any means necessary."

He warned students that it is one thing to recognize why people do the things they do as a part of capitalism and another thing to realize that it is tough to buck it.

"This capitalist system is ruthless. Anybody who gets in its way gets crushed. It is not playing, every move is calculated," he said.

"It waits for you to relax and then it pumps propaganda into you in the form of movies, television, radio and newspapers.

He said he knew of many "brothers in the 60s who said they would go up in the system and fight it from within. But they go up and you never see them again."

Carmichael, one of the remaining reminders of the protests that took place during the 1960s, also spoke about the war between Uganda and Tanzania where Uganda and Idi Amin are reportedly losing.

He lauded Tanzania for fighting Uganda off when Uganda invaded Tanzania, but criticized the Julius Nyere government for invading Amin's teritory as a counter measure.

"It is clear that Zionism doesn't want Amin in power and it is also clear that the United States does not like Amin," Carmichael said.

"Certain forces stand to gain with Amin out the way for reasons that are not so clear."

But Carmichael cautioned students against directing too much attention to Amin.

"The American capitalist system, using the mass media, will attempt to direct our energies against Amin even though Rhodesia Prime Minister Ian Smith and South Africa Prime Minister Botha also operate brutal regimes," Carmichael said.

"We've got to get Smith and Botha out of their governments and once we do that we can come back and deal with Amin if he is still operating.

"If we allow them to direct our energies against Amin, Smith and Botha would entrench themselves in the Southern Africa governments and later be even more difficult to remove.

Dobson judged guilty, to be sentenced April 11

Sherman W. Dobson, 25 - year - old son of the Rev. and Mrs. Harold Dobson showed no emotion on March 6, when a Criminal Court jury found him guilty of attempted murder and five other charges.

Judge Elsbeth L. Bothe will impose sentence on April 11. Dobson could receive a sentence of 103 years in prison. He was also found guilty of two counts of armed robbery and three handgun violations.

In 1973, Dobson was acquitted by a Criminal Court jury on charges he murdered Del. James "Turk" Scott. Scott, a member of the Maryland House of Delegates was killed while leaving his downtown apartment.

At the time of his death, Scott was under Federal indictment, charging that he was the baron of a multi - million dollar interstate drug ring.

Dobson was found guilty of shooting Officer Wardell James on Sept. 7 and kidnapping Reginald L. Lee, 28.

The incident began about midnight when Officer James, 38, heard a man identified as Lee, ask for help as Dobson and two other men attempted to pull him into a car at gunpoint.

Officer James testified he ran across Parkside Drive after hearing the man call for help. The man, who was later identified as Reginald Lee told Officer James that Dobson and two other men had kidnapped him.

The officer told the jury Dobson got out of the car and produced a gun. Lee, 29, grabbed the officer's gun.

While police and prosecutors charged that Dobson fired the two shots which struck Officer James in the chest and abdomen, the officer testified that he was shot by Lee. There was conflicting testimony during the seven day trial.

Lee testified for the state and said Dobson shot the officer. Assistant State's Attorney Joseph Lyons told the jury that Dobson forced the drivers of two separate cars to give up their cars at gunpoint during an escape attempt after the shooting.

Dobson was apprehended when a van he had commandeered struck a utility pole as he tried to avoid a police roadblock.

Report says more blacks are staying in high school

A new Census Bureau report shows substantially more blacks are staying in high school, and the new graduates are going on to college at about the same rate as white students.

Although blacks still drop out of high school more frequently than whites, the gap is closing and is likely to narrow further in the next 10 years, the bureau said.

In addition, both black and white children are starting classes at an earlier age. The number of 3 and 4 year olds in nursery school rose from 14 percent to 32 percent between 1967 and 1977, and a much higher percentage of young blacks than whites attended all-day sessions.

Perhaps the most promising change outlined in the report for the 1967 - 1977 decade was the reduction in high school dropout rates; among black youths aged 18 to 24 it fell from 35 percent to 24 percent, while the rate for whites dropped from 18 percent to 15 percent.

More blacks also started college, increasing their proportion on campus from 7 percent or half a million students in 1970 to 11 percent or 1.1 million in 1977.

"In recent years, more black youth have remained in high school and college and, in addition, those enrolled have been less likely to drop behind in school," the bureau said.

"Current enrollment rates suggest that the difference between black and white high school graduation levels will decrease further in the next 10 years.

"In addition, there is already evidence that among youth high school graduates, blacks and whites are attending college at about the same rate (32 percent)," the report said.

But there also was evidence that blacks drop out of college at a higher rate than whites.

Mexican connection

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Castro's sources named in the indictment are Jesse Trevino and Garcia Gutierrez of Chicago. Garcia Gaspar and Amaro Gutierrez of Mexico, were allegedly distributing the brown heroin from Mexico to Chicago.

Baltimoreans named in the indictment charged with narcotics violations are Walter Lee Powell, 27, 200 block of Harlem Ave.; Avon Johnson, 29, 10000 Woodkey Lane; Dennis Daniel Wise, 25, 3600 block Fairview Ave.; Marvin Blocker, 2900 block Mosher St.; Angela Burnell, 27, 3800 block Monterey Rd.; Roland Payne, 25, 2500 block McCulloh St.; Edward Anthony Smith, 24, 1300 block Mosher St.; Charles Murel, 44, 900 block McKean Ave.; Larry A. Walker, 28, 900 block Bennett Place; William Pryor, 26, 3800 block of Hilsdale Rd. and Jose Trevino of Chicago.

During the summer of August 1978, Allen allegedly went to Chicago and purchased a half kilogram of heroin. Once he returned with the heroin, according to Federal investigators he allegedly distributed the heroin in ounces quantities for $1,600 to $2,400 depending on the customer. Court records state his profit was approximately $80,000 per kilogram.

PACT MEETING

The orientation meeting for Parents Assisting Children and Teachers (PACT) will be held from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Monday, March 19, 1979 at Woodmoor Elementary School.

PACT is composed of volunteers from the community, PTA, high schools, and senior citizens who are willing to volunteer their services during the school day.

Anyone wishing to join PACT may contact Tom Zito assistant principal, Woodmoor Elementary School at 944-6221.

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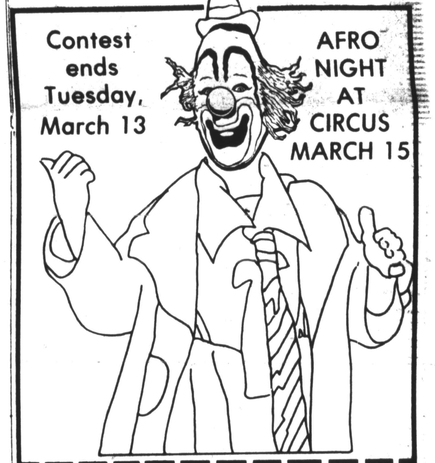

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