Jack & Jill, Inc. is 41

By Bernice Shelton
AFRO Correspondent

Jack & Jill of America, Inc. observed its 41st weekend recently celebrating the 41st anniversary of the original founding. Chapter's founding was the home of the late Marian Turner Stubbs, with 18 members present at that time.

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It was called simply, Jack & Jill Children's Club, because the youngsuns were in that "nursery rhymes" age.

The Mothers Auxiliary was made up of friends of their former girlhood years.

Constant publicity of the happy little social activities and the tiny tots' various programs and projects, helped this little social club idea, in time, to take wings and soar, across the nation, into the status of a national organization with some 148 chapters.

It became incorporated through efforts of Dorothy Bell Wright. The program then grew and developed into plans less circumscribed than strictly social; thus meeting community and educational needs.

Marion Stubbs Thomas, founder, who drove up from Washington with her married, school vice-principal, younger daughter, Fredrika ("Rikki" — Sarah Lawrence alumna and former J & J) Stubbs Hill, Vassar alumnae daughter, Patsy Stubbs Fleming's son, H.G. Fleming; to address the fantastically gala Founders' Day-and-members' joyous reunion, on Sunday afternoon, at the Safari, in Cheltenham.

She told that assemblage of beautiful mothers that widespread ex- and Jill over the years had flabbergasted her "I never even dreamed the club would reach such heights."

Marion flashed her quiet, magnetic smile, which eloquently bespoke how genuinely proud she was. Her talk gave a resume of the club's early history.

JUNIOR MISS EBONY BEAUTIES — Keeping warm following their participation in the annual Cherry Blossom Parade last week were, left to right, Misses Bridgitte Ford, Karen Byrd, Gwendolyn Wynn, Lorri Lee Green and Deborah Watts. (AFRO Photos by Milton Williams)

The next session following the initial one 'n 1938 lists the following charter members, including the original ones:

Barbara Abele, Lela Jones, Marion G. Alexander, Mary Manly, Saide Alexander, Mildred Matthews, Thonasseenia Amomitti, Themla McNight, Marjorie Anderson, Marion Minton, Gertrude Andrews;

Alice Belton, Lucille Blondin, Jennie Chew, Irene Conner, Louise Dench, Frieda Durham, Florence Evans;

Grace Galamison, Vivian Gardner, Helen Gilbert, Mary Graves, Maude Haskell, Blanche Hawkins, Ruth Jackson Hawkins, Louise Hill;

Helen Hopkins, Gladys Hurley, Lela Jones, Mary Manly, Mildred Matthews, Themla McNight, Marion Minton, Gladys Nicholas, Slyvia Phillips;

Virginia Provette, May Riley, Alfreda Rodgers, Aramenta Rogers, Adele Sadler, Bernice Shelton, Inez Simpkins,

Dorothy Feageans Simpson, Lee Smith, Edna Sweeney, Maude Tabourne, Marion Stubbs Thomas, Arlene Watson, Mabel West, Gladys C. Williams, Virgil Spaulding, Dorothy Wright.

Deceased members.

Another former young club member, the now Hon. William H. Gray III, of the 96th Congress, who romped as a youngster with other peer members of Jack and Jill, was principal speaker at the Sunday Soirees.

So this distinguished young Congressman, married to the former Andrea Dash and father of three sons, arose before a raptly attentive audience and actually waxed lightly nostalgic about numerous experiences of his as a Philadelphia Jack and Jill-er.

Most of these Mothers' Auxiliary members of the earlier days are retired school teachers and educators now and many are whose grown children have acquired the reins and the privilege of running the club for their own wee ones.

There is soon to be a fourth generation member — of J. and J. — when Mercedes Anderson's grandchild becomes member!

One of the entertaining features was the reading of the first secretary's (Bernice Shelton — three consecutive terms) minutes, by Mercedes Anderson Sadler.

Another was the display of early pictures of the little ones and group photos of some of the children's parties and dinners.

Hugged and greeted by so many we haven't seen, it seems, since we got our second set of permanent teeth —: Actually, it only seems that long; Florence Baugh Evans, her sister-in-law, Maude Evans Haskell, Mable West, widow of Dr. A.E. West;

Jennie Ramsey Chew; Gladys Calloway Williams; Freda Durham; Theima McKnight; Thelma Howell, who was so exuberant about the fete and the general reunion with so many friends.

Then there were Elsie Styles Harrison and her mother May Styles; Mary Graves, daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. Robert W. Henry, and her young grandson. Also, Frances Hamblin, whose daughter, Conchita, had attended the Jack and Jill scholarship and mighnight breakfast dance the night before.

Also, Marion Roland Minton, Marjorie Anderson Smith, Rufus Esq. and Arline Watson, Phyllis Davis Phillips and daughter-in-law, Audrey Longley Phillips, from Macungie, Pa.

Also, Ruth Hampton Shorter and daughter; Barbara Abele and Barbara A. Daly; Lela Warrick Jones; Dolores B. Jones; Ada Davis Lloyd; Enos and Gertrude ("Cutie") Andrews; Blanche ("Bonnie" Baxter) Hawkins, to whom we waved, and her daughter, Shirley Cummings; Araminta Rogers; and Karen Day Selsey, Eastern Regional Dir[illegible], from Riverdale, N.Y. We also sa[illegible] Brown, her sist[illegible], Glacys Ellison Nixon and daughter, Camilla; Vivian Gardner. . . . . So many more!

Co-chairmen for the (Sunday) Founder's Day festive celebration: Brenda Hamilton and Frieda Crampton.

Week's Best Buys

Poultry prices make pleasant reading in the ads, says Georgia Stevens Nerud, Consumer and Food Economics Specialist, Cooperative Extension Service, University of Maryland.

Turkey is really a bargain when compared with red meat prices. Tests done in Oregon show that a 12 to 13 pound oven-ready turkey has yield of about 66 percent.

Therefore, if you buy a 12 pound turkey at 69 cents a pound, the cost of the edible meat amounts to $1.50 per pound, in the raw state. This 7.92 pounds (66 percent) of raw edible meat does not include the neck, tail, outer two wing sections and the giblets.

Therefore, this figures out to about $1.50 per pound with some pieces left for soup stock and stuffing. Large 20 to 24 pound turkeys have a greater yield and usually are priced several cents per pound less.

Whole fryers, fryer legs and mixed fryers parts are being featured. Local markets continue to offer whole broiler-fryers at a reasonable price and a few cents less per pound than cut-up birds. Supplies of all sizes of eggs are adequate to meet demands.

Beef prices remain at the highest lever in history Food stores have very few beef features available. Look for the most reasonable prices to be on hamburger with soy protein, cube, sirloin and chuck steaks, sirloin tip roasts and liver.

Regular creamed cottage cheese, milk and sour cream, as well as cream cheese and cheddar cheese are good selections at the dairy counter. Cheese is rich in quality protein and makes an excellent meat alternate. For an economy class main dish, serve a macaroni and cheese casserole.

Citrus selections are ample but not as reasonably priced as in previous years. There are plenty of apples from storage, along with bananas, avocados and limes. Pineapple, strawberries, Honeydew and Persian melons will lead a colorful spring note to late winter menus.

Rutabagas, turnips, carrots, potatoes, parsnips, cabbage and onions are very low-cost-per-serving vegetables. Asparagus is available at a higher price. There is an ample supply of lettuce, celery, cucumbers, radishes and corn. Green beans and tomatoes are more expensive.

TURKEY RICE CASSEROLE
Yield: 7 cups

2 cups cubed, roased turkey
½ cup chopped onion
¼ cup chopped green pepper
3 tablespoons butter or margarine
¼ cup flour
2 cups chicken broth
3 tablespoons diced pimiento
¼ cup sliced almonds
1-8 teaspoon pepper
3 cups cooked rice (white and wild)
¼ cup shredded Cheddar cheese
Paprika

Panfry onion and green pepper in butter for 3 minutes. Stir in flour. Add chicken broth gradually. Stir and cook over medium heat until thickened. Add pimiento, almonds, pepper, turkey and rice. Stir to combine. For a future meal freeze half of mixture in a freeze-to-table 1 quart casserole.

TO SERVE: Turn remaining mixture into a 1 quart casserole, top with ¼ cup cheese and sprinkle with paprika. Bake in 350 degree F. oven 20 to 30 minutes.

Makes 3 to 4 servings.

TO SERVE FROZEN CASSEROLE: Place covered casserole in 350 degree F oven for 1 hour. Sprinkle with cheese and paprika. Return to oven a few minute until cheese melts. Makes 3 to 4 servings.

R.S.V.P. with Marie

By Marie Phillips Braxton

It's been a mighty long time since I heard folk say that they're bored or have nothing to do. We keep busy . . too busy in most cases. Often, we have to make choices — which event best suits my needs, wants. Gotta go here, there, everywhere. Appointment books are away of life.

No longer are weekend activities confined to fashion shows and luncheons — card parties too. [illegible] for every life style.

Last weekend as my husband [illegible] taking a mid - day stroll, we saw an [illegible] jogging along, all dressed up in look - alike running attire. And just across the street was a senior couple riding along on their shiny bik - her 10 - speed bicycles. A co - ed baseball team was warming up on the adjacent field, while on the other, there was a crowd loaded down with Easter shopping bags.

Workshops. Social events. Leisure - time activities. Civic projects. Theatre. The arts . . . choices and more choices.

Speaking of choices, the Arthur Lamberts (Electra) are in Hawaii for an insurance convention. With them is their 11 - year - old daughter, Kearry and a nephew, 10 - year - old Harmon of Detroit.

Alice Pinderhughes, the assistant school superintendent, doesn't have much of a choice as to how to spend her time these days. She's in Provident Hospital with a broken leg suffered in a fall on Easter.

The Robert M. Matthewses (Harriet Lane) chose to name their first son Robert M. Matthews V. Baby arrived Easter Monday, weighing in at 7 lbs., 10 oz. at St. Joseph's Hospital in Chicago. This is their second; Jennie is now two.

Grandparents, all of Baltimore, are: John and Genesta Lane and Robert and Vashti Matthews.

A group from Baltimore chose to party - down with the Washington Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity at the annual Easter dance on Sunday. The black tie bash was held at the D.C. Hilton.

Frederick B. Senior is polemarch: William G. Robinson, vice polemarch. James Hinkle, Andrew Jenkins and Albert Burgess were the dance chairmen.

Several hundred women have choosen to attend the upcoming conference Black Women: Meeting the Challenges of the 80s, scheduled for next Saturday, April 28, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Morgan State University. Attendees will have their choice to participate in a variety of workshops. The highlight will be the keynote address by Michele Wallace, author of the controversial book, Black Macho and the Myth of the Superwoman.

There's no charge for registration. The conference was under - written with funds provided by the Maryland Committee for the Humanities, Inc., through a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Child care will be provided by Little Miss Muffet Daycare Center, and services for the handicapped will be available.

You might want to choose to attend this seminar "Blackfolk and Media Culture," May 5 (Saturday) at Morgan State University. It's from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and sponsored by the Maryland Committee for the Humanities.

And, "An Evening With Sam Lacy," the AFRO's very own — sports editor of four decades. The affair, sponsored by the Committee of Concerned Citizens, is for the benefit of Project Survival, an Urban Services Agency program. It's Wednesday, May 2, 6 to 9:30 p.m. at Martin's West. Expected to attend are famous sports personalities and athletes from all over the country as well as noted persons from Baltimore and surrounding areas.

Honorary chairmen are: Governor Harry Hughes, Mayor William Donald Schaefer, D.C. Mayor Marion Barry (Lacy lives in D.C.); Carroll Rosenbloom, owner, Los Angeles Rams.

General Chairman is Morgan U. Coach Earl C. Banks; John H. Murphy, III, of the AFRO - AMERICAN, is vice chairman; Alvin S. Steele, coordinator.

Black student week at Goucher

The Black Student Association at Goucher College will sponsor an "Anti - Apartheid Week" of events to benefit the liberation struggle in Southern Africa through April 28.

"Scenes from Soweto" will be performed by the Back Alley Theatre of Washington at 2 p.m. Sunday in Kraushaa Auditorium. It is a tribute to a black South African, killed during the 1976 Soweto riot under mysterious circumstances, who was a friend of Steve Wilmer, the playwright.

The two - person play, directed by Fredric Lee, shows Nelson Malubane's progression from an apolitical, ubane's progression from an apolitical, Oxford-educated mathematician to an imprisoned revoluntionary.

Other events will include a midnight candlelight service at Haebler Memorial Chapel April 23 and screening of "Last Grave at Dimbaza," and "End of the Dialogue" at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Kelley Lecture Hall.

Senator Clarence Mitchell (D., 36th Baltimore) will take part in a panel discussion on "The Ramifications of Apartheid' at 7:30 p.m. April 25 in Kelley lecture hall.

Other panel members will include Professor Pamela Bridgewater from the African Studies department at Morgan State University and Maghan Keita from the Washington office of the American Committee on Africa.

Rounding out the week will be a performance by Walter Jones, folk singer and theology student at Howard University, at 8 p.m. Thursday in GLoucher's Greenhouse.

A benefit disco will be held in Stimson Hall beginning at 10 p.m. Friday.

Throughout the week, the Goucher BSA will also sponsor a clothing and canned food drive to aid South African refugees, with pick - up points in each dormitory lobby and the College Cener.

Proceeds from al events will benefit the black struggle for equality in Southern Africa. For more information, call the Groucher Dean of Students Office, 825 - 3300, extension 244.

Editor honored

Marcia Ann Gillespie, Editor - in - Chief of ESSENCE magazine will be one of six New York women to receive the 1979 Matrix Award April 26 where First Lady Rosalynn Carter will be the keynote speaker.

The five other recipients are Betty Furness, WNBC - TV; Barbara Tuchman, best - selling author and historian; Elaine R. Pitts, Vice President - Corporate Relations, The Sperry & Hutchinson Co.; Joan Lipton, Vice President, Creative, McCann - Erickson, Inc., and Barbara Yunckner, medical reporter, New York Post.

State pageant director selected

Diana Kane has been awarded the Maryland franchise for the Miss Black Universe International Cultural Pageant, the first of its kind for blacks and third world countries.

Ms. Kane brought the first Miss Black America to Marylandiwhich she directed from 1970 to 1975. She also directed Miss Charm City and Miss American City.

The international headquarters is located in New York and Vernon Johnson is the producer.

The competition to select Maryland's Miss Black Universe will take place on Sunday June 10, at Morgan State University. The winner will receive up to $500 in cash and prizes and will travel to White Plains, N.W., where she will compete in the Miss Black Universe U.S.A. pageant on Aug. 25. 1979.

Young ladies who would like to enter should be single, between 17 and 26 years, a high school graduate and possess a performing talent.

For applications write: Miss Black Universe, P.O. Box 4633, Baltimore, Md., 21212, or call 435 - 8608.

Diana Kane

Free Wheelers

The D.C. Free Wheelers, a newly formed non - profit bicycle club, will meet Saturday, April 21, at 11 a.m., at Rosedale Recreation Center, 17th and Gales Sts., N.E.

For further information, call Bridget E. Sheridan, 529 - 6645.

UNITY DAY — More than 300 alumni of Winston-Salem State University gathered at the Hyatt Regency Hotel last week to observe the national alumni association's sixteenth annual unity day conference. Pictured here are Rubie Gilbert (L), nominating committee chairperson; Carl Penn, president of the D.C. alumni chapter; Bobby Cato, vice president of the chapter and Lucille Daniels, 1979 - 1980 Miss Alumni candidate.

Winston-Salem alumni conference draws 300

Pride and Excellence was the conference theme last week as more than 300 alumni of Winston - Salem State University gathered at the Hyatt Regency Hotel to observe the alumni association's sixteenth annual unity day.

The three day national conference, which ran from Friday April 13 through Sunday April 15, featured a breakfast meeting with the D.C. chapter board of directors, an alumni symposium, and a banquet and dance.

Highlighting the conference was a gospel performance by the Rhymic Choir, of the Peoples Congregational Church. Lozelle Deluz, a former student at Winston - Salem and currently an education curriculum specialist with Harper and Row Publishers, delvered the guest speech.

Deluz related the concept of pride and excellence to the progress of black colleges and universities, and pointed out the need for continued support from alumni associations to aid in the financial plight of these schools.

Her own alma mater, Winston - Salem, became the first black college to offer a four year degree in education. Currently, the school is faced with the dilemma of being one of five schools that HEW (Housing, Education and Welfare) is threatening to use as a basis to withhold federal funding from the North Carolina University system.

The conference, ended Sunday morning following a buffet breakfast for the conferees. Amy Jones, recording secretary secretary for the D.C. chapter and chairperson for this year's unity day stated, "I thought the conference went exceptionally well, much was accomplished."

Carl Penn is president of the D.C. alumni chapter; Bobby Cato is vice president.

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Ministers' wives luncheon a success

GREETINGS — Mrs. Bertha Winston, founder of the annual ministers wives Easter luncheon extended greetings on Monday to 800 guests.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS who planned the annual Easter luncheon sponsored by the Ministers Wices shown from (L) are Mesdames Cora Crawley, Mary Gray, Leola O'Neal, M. Harrington, Betty L. Johnson, Marie E. Moyd, Pauline E. Logan, Sarah L. Fleming, Lovie Johnson, Lina Toyer and Goldie E. Kitchen.

800 persons attend 26th annual affair

MRS. PAULINE LOGAN, wife of the Rev. Junius Logan, Cornerstone Baptist Church.

MRS. BERTHA WILSON, wife of the Rev. Eddie R. Wilson, Leadenhall Baptist [illegible]

By P. Elaine Badham
AFRO Staff Writer

More than 800 persons attended the 26th Annual Easter Luncheon sponsored by the Ministers' Wives Committee of the Women's Auxiliary to the United Baptist Missionary Convention of Maryland.

The festive activity, held April 16, was highlighted by a hat and fashion show.

Originated by Mrs. Bertha Winston 1953, the annual Easter Monday event has grown from 150 guests who attended the first luncheon at First Baptist Church to the overwhelming 800 attending the affair this year at Martin's West.

For several years, the luncheon was held at area churches and in 1965, the activity took place at the Lord Baltimore Hotel.

Mrs. Winston who brought greetings to the audience, said, "God bless you all for continuing the work I started several years ago. I am so happy to see how much it's grown."

She continued by saying that she thought of the activity as a project that could be sponsored by the ministers' wives so that all churches could participate.

Presiding over the program [illegible] Betty Johnson, [illegible] Women's Auxiliary. The program included Bertha Wilson who gave the occasion, a piano prelude by Cecelia McLeod and the invocation and grace by Rev. James O. Neal.

Several members of the Ministers' Wives Committee modeled hats designed by Lillian Cates.

The fashion show which was narrated by Doris Wynne, featured lovely spring and summer hats from the Dove Boutique located in the oldtown mall.

Committee members were Mesdames Pauline Logan, Marie Moyd, Cora Crawley, Goldie Kitchen, Lina Toyer, Mary E. Harrington, Leola O'Neal, Mary Gray, Sarah Fleming and Lovie Johnson.

MINISTER'S DAUGHTER — Angela Moyd, daughter of the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Olin P. Moyd of Mount Lebanon Baptist, was one of the youngest models who participated in the annual Easter luncheon.

MOUNT LEBANON BAPTIST First Lady Mrs. Marie Moyd was one of the models who wore a hat made by Mrs. Lillian Cates.

CHECKING THE HATS — Mrs. Nattie Lyle and Miss Ella Yancy are shown looking at the hats that were on sale at the 26th annual Easter luncheon.

STYLING INTO SPRING — Lovely ladies model spring fashions for sporty afternoons or casual evenings. Fashions from Dove Boutique.

Christian training union at Gillis

Sunday March 11 marked another milestone for Gillis Memorial Christian Community Church when the Rev. Theodore C. Jackson Jr., dedicated the Church's newly organized Christian Training Union.

Christian education is not new at Gillis Memorial considering its long standing and viable Sunday School and Wednesday night Bible study sessions.

However, it was determined that a more comprehensive educational and training program was necessary if the needs of the ever growing congregation was to be met. In view of this, the Christian Training Union was established so that Christians can and will initiate needed changes and greater participation in all aspects of community life.

The Christian Training Union will provide Biblical teachings that will emphasize the fact that the Bible is different from all other books in that it is a living book, and through it the life and power of God are communicated to the life of an individual.

Auxiliary projects of the Christian Training Union will include such activities as tutorial, recreational, and secular educational assistance programs. The curriculum is basically designed for individuals 12 years of age and older, however activities will be devised for younger age groups should the need arise.

Deacon Brandis E. Mattison is Director of the Christian Training Union with Reverend Laura Stevenson as assistant director. Education and training programs are under the very capable leadership of Ms. Carolyn Bruce.

A full course breakfast was served during the Christian Training Union's get acquainted session, March 17. An overview of the organization's philosophy, goals and objectives were presented by Melvin Jackson, Director of the Educational Assistance Program, outlined the function of this division to include the granting of scholarships to worthy students for the purpose of continuing their post secondary education. Those present included the Rev. and Mrs. Theodore C. Jackson Jr., the Rev. Agnes Alston, and several Deacons and Trustees. Encouraging remarks were made by Reverend Jackson and Reverend Alston.

Rev. Kearse observes 57th anniversary

50TH ANNIVERSARY — The Rev. Dr. Logan Kearse, pastor of Cornerstone Church of Christ will be honored at a banquet on April 27 at the Holiday Inn downtown.

The Rev. Dr. Logan Kearse, 57 - year - old founder and pastor of Cornerstone Church of Christ, 4239 Park Heights Ave., will celebrate his 50th anniversary in the ministry April 22 - 27.

Services will be held at the church at 8 p.m. with the Rev. Dr. Harold Carter, pastor of New Shiloh Baptist Church as speaker on April 23 and the Rev. Dr. Arthur Jones, pastor of Jones Tabernacle Baptist Church, preaching on April 24.

Cornerstone family night will be observed April 25, 6 p.m., and the youth of the church will honor their pastor on Thursday, April 26.

Jesse Jackson, director of Operation Push will be the guest speaker at a testimonial banquet for Dr. Kearse April 27 at the Holiday Inn downtown. Special guests will be Dr. Thomas Kilgore, pastor of Second Baptist Church in Los Angeles, California and the Rev. Dr. Clarence Cobbs, pastor of First Church of Deliverance and president of the Metropolitan Spiritual Churches of Christ in Chicago.

Cornerstone church was founded by Dr. Kearse in 1958 with eight persons in attendance. During the 13 years of its development, more than 8,000 persons became members. The church was formerly located on Bolton St., and was destroyed by a seven alarm fire in January 1969.

It was one of the largest and most active churches in the community. The founder of Cornerstone began preaching when he was seven years old and has traveled abroad several times in Europe, Afrka, India, South America, Latin America and across the United States, preaching to religious and academic gatherings.

He has received honorary doctorate degrees from eight institutions in recognition of his contribution as preacher, pastor and businessman.

GUESTS attending the Easter luncheon shown are Mrs. Julia Durant and Mrs. Arthur Jones, wife of the Rev. Arthur Jones of Jones Tabernacle Church.