If you ask me

By Bettye Moss

Hats off!

Our salute this week to Walbrook High School students whom we observed on Saturday morning.

They are members of the school's mixed chorus, directed by Morris Queen.

At ribbon-cutting for Advance Federal's new drive-in office in Walbrook Shopping Plaza, they sang two numbers, a cappella (without accompaniment), the Black National Anthem and a spiritual.

What made you proud was that they all looked good, their voices were resonant and they appeared to enjoy singing together.

We called the director to get their names. They are: Brenda Garrett, Rhonda Horton, Nellie Montgomery, Yzette Hodges, Arlene Robinson, Wanda Harris, Cynthia Eames, Carl Edwards and Homer Williams.

Hats off to these Walbrook High students, and to Director Queen.

Continue nominations for our Hats Off section. Don't forget we adults often are quick to critize young people, and not so eager to give them a deserved pat on the back. Hats off!

Send cheer

Cheer to Union Memorial Hospital for Mrs. Edward Hunt, (Bea). She's the wife of the man whom many Morganites revere as a great coach, and in her own right a lovely and considerate good neighbor.

Pat Taylor, the longtime Morgan State University employee, is doing well after eye surgery.

Mrs. Alease Ellis, (many know her as mother of Aaron Ellis of Grantly Rd.) is in Bon Secours Hospital for possible eye surgery.

Mrs. Arnetta Lottier, AFRO staffer, is in Greater Baltimore for tests.

In this space last week, we mentioned that AFRO president John J. Oliver Sr. is recuperating at the home of his wife, Sally, in Indianapolis.

He did not suffer a heart attack, rather had a bout with diabetes. Is doing nicely now.

Glad you're better hellos to Mrs. Ella Hughes, the retired nurse. She suffered painful hand injury in a fall a week back.

Also to former St. James P. E. Church associate rector, Father David E. Croll, recuperating at his home in Pasadena, Md.

Continue cheer to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Collins, (Elmira), longtime Baltimore residents, both shut-ins at their Ellamont Rd. home.

And to Henry Scott of Fairview Ave., who is confined to Provident Hospital.

About people

Good news about two other senior citizens, Elizabeth and William Parker of Huron St.

Both are in their eighties and doing just fine, thank you. Both were hospitalized recently, she for two weeks and he for a week.

They report they were "overwhelmed" by the kindnesses of friends and relatives, and that they thank God for all their blessings.

Visiting here from Elsinor, Calif., is Mrs. Hiawatha Shaw Moore. Also here, her sister, Mrs. Virgil Leonard from Los Angeles. They are guesting with relatives.

Md.'s 'Willie'

"Come on, Willie," was the cry heard over and over at Byrd Stadium, U. of Md., in College Park on Saturday afternoon.

Willie is the Terps' 19-year-old tailback. His full name is Willie Joyner. He is 5 feet, 11, weighs 195 pounds, and knows how to move the pigskin. He hails from Brooklyn, N.Y.

In the opener with W. Va., he scored the Md. team's only touchdown with 12 minutes left in the fourth quarter, but that was not enough for hometown victory. The visitors played a better game.

Cuff note: Md.'s football program shows no black coaches on its roster, although a number of team members are black. Yet, Md. has 4 women, all white, on its athletic coaching staff.

W. Va. also has a substantial number of black players, but the W. Vs. Mountaineers' nine-man staff includes a black coach, Bob Simmons, who was very active in Saturday's contest.

The university does not have a single black person on its athletic administrative staff either.

And the very excellent band cheering squad and marching units (which performed admirably on Saturday) have only token black representation.

Here is an area where U. of Md. powers-that-be can and should make a change now. Whoever heard of a football team, with large numbers of black players and stars, and no black coaches!

Mrs. O. Dyson

Co-workers, former co-workers, family and friends joined in a salute

to the AFRO's Mrs. Odessa Wilson Dyson on Sunday evening.

The informal dinner at the Pimilico marked her departure from this newspaper after 35 years service as editorial employee, confidential secretary and personal exec.

On Monday, she began work as executive assistant to the Director of Program Operations for the Peace Corps in Washington.

Her relatives present were her husband, Clarence; her mother, Mrs. Hilda Green; her sister, Mrs. Agnes Clayton; her brother-in-law, Walter Dyson, and his wife, Mae.

Close friends there included Mattie and William Mumby and Delores and Bill Sykes, (he's in a new Peace Corps post, too. See details about this testimonial in this column).

Surprise

The dinner party honoring Mrs. Dyson was a surprise. When she and hubby and friends walked into the west Baltimore eatery, some 50-plus guests were already seated.

She was completely floored!

Arranging the event were co-workers Sam Lacy, Carolyn Tutman, Gaynor Hackney and Gaymor Hackney and Gertrude Steele, who wrote an original poem for the honoree.

There was a sparkling cake plus much good fellowship, since a number of former AFROites turned out.

Vets return

Among them former editor, Moses Newson and Mrs. Newson; Eva Barnes and Bea Wilson, (with her husband, Roland), both former proofreaders, they retired earlier this year.

And Lee Lassiter, former editorial assistant and Mrs. Lassiter; Berean Gail Bundara, former classified chief.

Pauline Blackwell, the circulation exec who retired last year, was present with her hubby, Sam.

Also, former photog, I. Henry Phillips and wife, Laura; and former mail room head, Ellsworth Wilson and Rev. Marie Phillips Braxton, former women's editor, who said the grace.

AFRO chief, John H. Murphy 3rd gifted her with a sun dial he designed.

On behalf of oldtimers, we noted that Odessa Dyson "has the reputation of one who could be trusted to keep a confidence, and her head when all around her were losing theirs."

In family

We first knew "Doc" Phillips when the children were growing up. It was grand to have a doctor in the family. His father, Aquilla Phillips, and our children's grandfather, the late Frank W. Phillips Jr., were brothers.

It was not unusual in the old days, when an emergency developed, to call "Doc" Phillips and get advice, or hurry to his busy office and wait with child in tow.

In later years, we have known him for his work as longtime business manager of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, which he loved, and his service as trustee at Sharp St. United Methodist Church.

His wife of 45 years is Hazel Mitchell Phillips (her father was Rev. A. J. Mitchell, beloved Methodist minister in our town.)

She told this writer that her husband had "cut down" on his night hours, and that at the time of his death he was en route to Provident Hospital to check on a young boy due for surgery the next morning.

Crime wave

The death of Dr. Phillips (he was known as Dr. G Franklin Phillips), is another unfortunate crime statistic in this crazy mixed up society.

Several months ago, the victim was a white family doctor in northeast Baltimore.

Last week, the victim was an innocent cab driver, on the way to his family of 5.

We hope those who have called us to say, "Isn't it a shame about Dr. Phillips," will join with others in their communities to help put a halt to senseless killings.

They can do that by being alert when suspicious persons appear in their neighborhoods, by not pulling their blinds and turning aside when they see lawless acts committed.

They can develop close relationships with police community relations officers and work with them; rather than against them, when they seek help.

All our crying will not bring "Doc" Phillips back. But if we do not bestir ourselves and get involved to help make our communities safe, there will be more neighborhoods without doctors, teachers, taxicab drivers, and the other plain Joes who go to make up the backbone of our neighborhoods.

Pool party

Charles and Marie Hicks invited friends from D.C., Md., and other parts to their Sunday afternoon Country Western Swim Party and Picnic.

It was poolside at their Frederick, Md. home.

The hostess was attractive in a blue denim old fashioned yolk and gathered skirt, and of course, a cowboy hat. Hubby was also in Western Style attire, as were a number of guests.

Baltimoreans about included: Judge and Mrs. Robert Watts, Messrs. and Mesdames John Wood, Walter Edmonds, Hiram Butler, Raymond Haysbert, Ken Wilson, Charles Hillen, Royal Weaver, Justen Marsan;

And, Drs. and Mesdames Ted Phifer, H. Garland Chissell, Simon Carter, Marcus Moore, William Garner,

Also, Mesdames Alice Pinderhughes, Bertha Forte, Seretha Greene, Helen Odom, Ellsworth Rhetta;

And, Henry Parks, Henry Freeman, and Lewis Shepperd.

There from Laurel, Md., Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Massie, (Gloria). With them, their houseguests, Dr. and Mrs. Walter Leonard of Nashville.

Dr. Leonard is president of Fisk University. They were in our area for the Alex Haley ceremony in Annapolis this week.

Sykes salute

There was love shinning all over Martin's West on Wednesday evening.

Present were over 300 persons of both races to pay tribute to William G. Sykes, the retiring president of the State Board of Education.

"Bill," as he is known to many, has assumed post as Peace Corps director of African Affairs, and is headquartered in D.C., although he keeps his residence here in Baltimore.

For nearly 25 years, Bill Sykes, in his unassuming, but efficient way, has served our city and state in key roles.

He began with the Department of Social Services and later joined Urban Services, was an important liaison in the mayor's office and later an administrator with the State Department of Human Resources.

The evening was sponsored by the State Board of Education. Its present president, Josane T. Goldsmith, led the array of speakers who hailed Sykes for his outstanding service, his concern and his understanding.

Speakers

Among speakers were U.S. Senator Paul Sarbanes, Kalman (Buzzy) Hettleman, State Human Resources Secretary who represented Governor Hughes, Harry Dietchman, payroll chief, brought greetings from Mayor Schaefer.

Others who lavished well-deserved praise on the honoree for his long service to city and state, included:

State Senator Clarence Blount, Morgan State University Choir Director Nathan Carter, Richard Schifter and Charles Thompson, former chairman and member of the state board.

Richard F. Celeste, former director, brought greetings from Sykes' new associates at the Peace Corps. Dr. David W. Hornbeck, state superintendent of schools, gave the last word before the honoree

When his turn came to speak, Bill Sykes went around the entire room and heaped words of praise on others, crediting them with his own successes in various areas. It was tremendous how he did it with such ease.

His family

Mrs. Sykes, (Delores), was a picture in white silk, trimmed with lavender and a saucy red sash.

Also proud onlookers, the Sykes daughters, 21-year-old Angela, a Tulane grad employed with the U.S. Patent Office; and 13-year-old Jackie, Pallstaff Middle School pupil.

Other relatives in attendance: Mr. Sykes' aunt, Mrs. Ivy Sykes, Norfolk; cousins, Mrs. Johnella White, Chicago; and Reginald and Delores Bondurant from D.C.

Mrs. Sykes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Spearman Butler, came from Newburg, Md.

Dunbar sings

Real treat of the evening was the performance by the Paul Laurence Dunbar High Chamber Singers, directed by Dr. Hugh Carey.

They sang several numbers, including one with dancers. The audience responded with sustained applause.

Charles Sloan accompanied them on piano. Proud as punch was Dunbar High Principal Julia Woodland. She was attractive in a maroon chiffon gown.

The young singers looked so good. The men were in tux. The ladies in long blue gowns.

Members of the singing group are:

Glynis Barber, Schenia Brooks, Reba Johnson, Wendy Samuels, Sharonda Sharp, Irene Warker;

Lisa Brown, Monica Brooks, Tracey Elliott, Sophia Hunter, Cynthia Maynor, Michelle Sutton;

Also, Dwayne Budd, Zarok Carr, Milroy Harried, Phillip Jeffries, Dennis White;

Hosea Chew, Leanto Jones, Andre Maybin and Dwayne White.

Bill Garrison entertained at the piano during cocktail hour.

'Doc' Phillips

Dr. George Franklin Phillips, 72, was one of the last of our physicians who maintained offices in the inner city of west Baltimore.

He died early Tuesday at the hands of an unknown gunman who ambushed him in front of his Bentalou St. home and deprived this section of the city of a valuable friend who served for 45 years.

We talked with one friend who described "Doc" Phillips as "unusually kind to the poor . . . a doctor who would treat you whether you could pay him or not . . . you were always welcome in his McMechen St. office."

Another recalled, "He was one of the few doctors around here who still made house calls. You can say, also, that he was very professional and he treated everybody alike, children, adults, the poor, and those who were better off."

PROMOTION — Kenneth T. Merchant of Chesapeake Cadillac Company has been promoted to sales manager, responsible for new and used car sales as well as leasing and fleet cars. Merchant has been employed by Chesapeake Cadillac for three years and has earned membership in the prestigious Cadillac Crest Club.

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ANNUAL HOMECOMING

8:00 A.M. — PRAYER AND SPIRITUAL HEALING SERVICE
Music: The Branch Family
9:05 A.M. — CHURCH SCHOOL
Ms. Juanita Gaither, Superintendent
9:55 A.M. — CHURCH TRAINING
Deacon James Gilliard, Director
10:30 A.M. — MORNING WORSHIP — Preaching, Rev. Elmer Williams, Pastor
6th Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Music — COMBINED CHOIR, 6th Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.
COMBINED CHOIR, Morning Star Baptist Church, Under Direction of Mrs. Shirley Thomas and Mr. James Peterson
1:00 P.M. — HOMECOMING DINNER
3:30 P.M. — CONCERT — Combined Choir, 6th Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.

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Reverend Dr. Samuel Ray, Pastor

Men's Day of
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Penna. Ave. and Cumberland St.
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1981
11:00 A.M. — Rev. Kenneth Stewart Mt. Zoar AME Church of Conowingo, Md.
3:30 P.M. — Rev. Walter Thornton Pastor of Psalmist Baptist Church
8:00 P.M. — Male Chorus Reunion featuring guest male choruses and soloists
Mr. Ernest Gaines, Chairman
Mr. Frank Lewis, Co-Chairman
Mr. James P. Thornton Jr., Program Chairman
Mr. Carter Robinson, Musician
Rev. William King, D.D., Pastor

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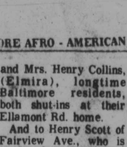

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9:15 A.M. Church School
New Members Class
10:30 A.M. Open Heart Service
11:00 A.M. Morning Worship Sermon by the Pastor
6 P.M. BTU and New Members' Class

REV. RICHARD OGLE
Pastor

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Dr. Robert T. Ford, Deacon
Maurice Murphy, organist — Choirmaster
8:00 A.M. — Holy Communion
9:00 A.M. Church School
11:00 A.M. — Choral Eucharist Sermon
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Mrs. Cecelia Bryant
Preaching at 11:00 a.m.

8:00 — Men's Choir
Rise Up, O Men of God — Kenneth Jennings, arr.
I Have a New Name — Kemper Harreld, arr.
11:00 — Praise — Alec Rowley
Ain-a That Good News — William Dawson, arr.
The Lord Is My Shepherd — Thomas Matthews

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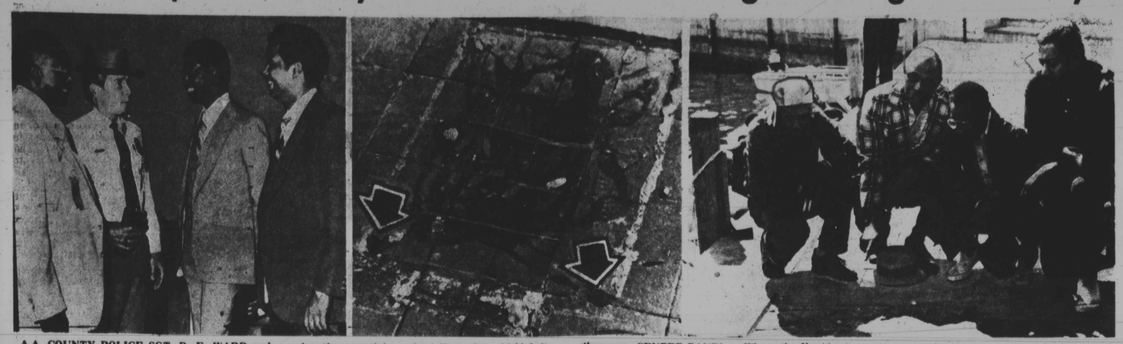

A.A. COUNTY POLICE SGT. D. F. WARD and Plainclothesmen Officer G. Starkey and Officer J. K. Turner (Left Panel) were on duty at First Baptist Church Sunday night, inside and out, among other officers. (L) William Reese II, longtime mortician, whose limousine whisked the famed author of ROOTS away to his family party at Arundel - On - The - Bay. The guards followed behind in the caravan which included members of the Haley family, party guests, and members of the press. CENTER PANEL — Where the Kunta Kinte plaque was bolted (Arrow) into the cement blocks on the dock in Annapolis, the only traces left are the holes. (Exclusive photos by Glasco Ryales) RIGHT PANEL — Showing the place of the theft and expressing anger are black citizens who gathered at the dock Wednesday morning after the crime, Jesse Williams, Willie Q. McManus, James Carroll and William Oliver Stansbury Sr.

World's most famous author at his family party Sept. 20, will be in Baltimore Nov. 21

By Elizabeth M. Oliver, City Editor

Alex Haley, author of ROOTS will speak Nov. 21 at the Hilton Hotel as guest of Baltimore's Lillie Carroll Jackson Museum. Haley was in Annapolis Sept. 20 first at the First Baptist Church and then at his family gathering at the Arundel - On - The Bay home of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Q. McManus. This was the night before the dedication of the plaque to Kunta Kinte, Haley's slave ancestor, on the dock.

Other 200 persons attended the reception for the man whose book is now printed in every language on earth. His ROOTS TV series was viewed by more persons than the all time No. 1 Gone With The Wind.

When his next TV series and his new book come out, Haley will again respond to world wide audiences and will hardly be seen here again for many years. This is why we print the exclusive photos of him at the party — so AFRO readers may clip and save.

In Baltimore Nov. 21, Haley will be under tight security at the Hilton Hotel as 1,200 guests of the Museum gather to hear him speak. Tickets are available at the Hilton Downtown and the 1324 Eutaw Place Museum and from members of the Museum.

Haley told this writer Wednesday night after the theft of the plaque from the Annapolis dock: "this incident mars the good and beautiful demonstration of America as it recorded another piece of history. As far as whomever committed the act, they made a more graphic statement about themselves than I ever could."

Mrs. Wendy Hinton's group, the donors of the two by three foot, solidly heavy plaque have been assured it will be replaced at state expense "and mounted so that it cannot be removed."

The plaque was forced loose from the bolts sunk into the concrete the night of Sept. 22 within hours after the first such event-ever-held in the United States, a ceremony for a slave at the point where he landed in this country from Africa 214 years ag.

ALEX HALEY AND FAMILY in the photo by Glasco Ryales at the family party at Arundel On The Bay home of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Q. McManus, is one of a kind (L TO R) Brother Julius Haley; Sister, Mrs. Lois Blackstone, an Annapolis music teacher, Alex Haley, mother, Mrs. Leona Haley and brother, George Haley, a Silver Spring, Md. attorney.

TREASURED AUTOGRAPH from Haley is received by Mrs. Lloyd Fowlkes

REMEMBERING OLD TIMES, Alex Haley, his mother and brother George enjoy a moment together (RIGHT PANEL) Annapolis Mayor

Richard L. Hillman and Mortician William Reese.

HOST AND HOSTESS Willie Q. McManus and wife Joyce and Haley (CENTER PANEL) Harold and

Sina Reid, one of the chairpersons of the Young People's Travel Club of Howard County, the group

holds the Nov. 22 brunch for Alex Haley (RIGHT PANEL) Mr. and Mrs. George Haley of Silver

Spring, Haley and sister Joyce. (All requested for clip - and - save).

FISK UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT Dr. and Mrs. Walter J. Leonard and Fisk graduates Elizabeth

M. Oliver, Alex Haley, Stephanie McManus Collins and Joyce Haley Blackstone (CENTER PANEL)

Michael Blackstone, her son and member of the 8th Haley generation. (RIGHT PANEL(Alex

Haley and Attorney Joyce Ellis and State Senator Clarence M. Mitchell III.

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