Columbia Capers

Bernice's Style Shop presents Designer Fashion Show

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By Pinnie L. Ross

"Fashions For All Seasons" is the title of the fashion show scheduled for Sunday, October 4th at the Rouse Building in the beautiful Kittamaqundi Room, Columbia.

This designer show is being sponsored by Bernice Gooch Cooper, a Baltimore School Teacher, owner of Bernice's Style Shop.

More than 400 guests are expected from the Baltimore - Washington area. Special guests will be Mrs. Cooper's family from Gary, Indiana.

Mrs. Cooper has been an expert seamstress for more than ten years. She first started as a fun kind of thing. She said, "I received several calls for alternations until it became so great, then I realized the great need for alterations and I began to work afternoons and at night with patterns and designing."

The lady had contracts with most of the stores in the Columbia Mall for alternations and has designed over 200 skirts for boutiques in Towson and Pikesville.

She has been one of the Provident Hospital designers for more than four years for their annual fashion show.

There are other super designers working under the umbrella of Bernice's Style Show who will be presenting a fabulous collection for the show — Our own Mary Buster, Jean Taylor, Catherine Wooten.

Mrs. Wooten will present men's wear. All of those designers mentioned are from Baltimore, Md. Debbie Thompson, making her first debut in pattern making from Silver Spring, Florence London, sister of Mrs. Cooper's who does the tailoring for the shop and is on duty at the shop every day and also Mrs. Cooper owner of the shop will show some of her designs.

Special guests will be County Executive, Hugh Nichols, and Miss Talented Teen International.

Commentator for the show will be Aratartus Jenkins, admission is $12.50. You may call Bernice Style Shop for further information 992-8264.

St. John Baptist marks 10th anniv.

"We've Come Thus Far By Faith" is the title for St. John Baptist Choir's 10th anniversary Sunday, October 11th at 5 p.m. at the Interfaith Center.

Guests choirs will include The White Stone Baptist Church (male chorus), Long Reach Church of God's Gospel Choir, Columbia, The Ghee Family, Owings Mills, Md. and Special soloist, Mrs. Fredericks Matthew. St. John Baptist Choir will do a medley of songs.

Mrs. Gloria Pinkey is chairperson, Mrs. JoAnn Johnson is co-chairperson. Other committee members are: Jackie Jackson, Courtesy, Helen Cernick, Recognition, Bettie Martin, Hospitality, Beulah Buckner, Flowers, James Scott and Pinnie Ross, Publicity. The public is invited to attend. Free.

Guest happenings at St. John Baptist Church, October 7 - 10. The Annual Revival will be held. "To serve This Present Age in The Name of Jesus" is the theme.

Evangelist Rev. Dr. Rafe Taylor, a native of Clearview, Okla. will be the guest minister.

The revival will commence Wednesday night October 7 with a gospel concert featuring male chorus of First Baptist Church of Pimlico, (Baltimore) and St. John Gospel Choir.

The Cathedral Choir will furnish the music Thursday night.

Friday night, along with our special guest minister, Mt. Airy Baptist Choir, Washington, D.C. will provide the music.

The Revival will be climaxed with an annual Breakfast Saturday, October 10th, 9 a.m.

Special music will be provided.

Breakfast tickets are $4.00 adults, $2.00 children 12 years under and seniors.

Rev. H. Eaton is pastor of the church.

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Masonic king to be crowned

The King of the Naomi Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star will be crowned Friday, Oct. 2 at 7 p.m. at Gillis Memorial Church, 4016 Park Heights Avenue.

The program will include musical entertainment and three prizes will be awarded. The group sponsoring the event operates under the Hiram Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M.

Twenty-three lodge brothers are vying for the title. They are William H. Clanton, Columbus McNeil, Amos Brown, Eddie Durham, Paul Peterson, Garnet Parson, Jerome Houston, Ronald Hayes, Joseph Vaughn, Philip Ajayi, John Summers, Ransom Wade, James Thomas, Harmon Bobbitt, Jasper Moore, Lesser Dodd, Elwood Russell, Lamar Smith, James Johnson, William Hunter, Robert Johnson, Jeremiah Dawson and Louis Skinner.

Supporting the candidates are the following leaders of the Naomi Grand chapter: Maravene Bell, Katie Taylor, Shirley Plater, Adele Gooden, Mary Ford, Eugenia Stargbill, Thelma Cash, Lina Toyer, Berline Lewis, Rosebud Walker, Margaret Gaines, Mary Giles, Carrine Bryant, Ida Dodd, Georgia Bobbitt, Mary Frazier, Evelyn Muriree, Ola Carver, Laressa Smith, Millie Byrd, Glorious Johnson, Myrtle Blackwell, and Barbara Forbes.

The umbrella organization under which these two chapters operate is chaired by the following Masonic brothers: William Clanton, Richard Ward, Amos Brown, Eddie Durham, Raymond Regustus, Newell Wilmore, Melvin Green, Jerome Houston, Abraham Walker, Charles H. Carter, Lloyd Morse, Jr., Melvin Drumgole, Arthur Hill, Philip Ajayi, Jesse Boyd, Harmon Bobbitt, James Somerville, Herman Lee, Horace E. Shelton, Elwood Russell, Jeremiah Dawson, James Johnson, Denver Blackwell, and Theodore R. Lassiter.

Members of the steering committee are the Grand Patron, Assistant and Associate Grand Patrons: Thomas E. Frazier, Newell Wilmore, Lesser Dodd, Robert Uzell, and Lemuel Rouson.

John V. Thornton, 33rd degree is the Grand Master of the Jurisdiction. Mrs. Helen M. Carter is Grand Worthy Matron of Naomi Grand Chapter.

Columbus McNeill, 33rd degree, is the Deputy Grand Master. Mrs. Ardessa L. Pitts is the Associate Grand Matron. Clarence Wycoff, 33rd degree is the Grand Master Emeritus. John H. Thornton, 33rd degree, is the Past Grand Master. Miss Helen V. Benton is the Past Grand Matron of Naomi Grand Chapter.

Officers, members, friends of the Jurisdiction and the general public is invited to the musical program and crowning ceremony. Admission is free.

Woodlawn Highlights

Black Caucus spouses host luncheon-fashion show

By Marjorie B. Green

The annual luncheon-fashion show sponsored by the Congressional Black Caucus spouses this past weekend in the Washington Hilton was a spectacular affair attended by a capacity crowd of beautiful, talented and successful people representing a cross section of the black community throughout the world.

Adding excitement to the fast moving professional show were several Travis-Winkey-trained male models.

Dr. William A. Burke and his wife, former congresswoman, Yvonne B. Burke (D-California) presided during the short program that was highlighted with a special presentation to Missouri Congressman William Clay.

Sharing in the excitement at our table hosted by Mrs. Ethel Hill, new proxy for the Columbia chapter of Business and Professional Woman's Clubs were Ms. Audrey Hopkins, Deputy Director, Office Per Civil Rights and Equal Opportunity, SSA; Mrs. Mary "Kitty" Smith, Federal Woman's Program Manager, SSA; Mrs. Karen Clark, Baltimore; Ms. Lillian Allen, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mrs. Christine Hamilton, Chester, Pa.; Ms. Nancy Kirby, Bryn Mawr, Pa.; Mrs. Eliosse Lee and Ms. Gladys Gross, Columbia, Md.

Following the luncheon and show the group attended an informal reception hosted by Mrs. Coretta King.

DIO anniversary

Thursday evening, approximately 155 Division of International Operations (DIO) employees along with several former employees, directors and branch chiefs celebrated the 20th Anniversary of the divisions existence at a sit down dinner and dance.

The celebration chaired by Ms. Darlene Briean took place at the Forum on Primrose Lane. DIO Division Director, George Bodden and Deputy Director, Ms. Maggie Wiggins were among those enjoying the food and music furnished by SSA's popular disc jockey, Eugene Goodall.

In 1961, employees working out of the Candler Building on Light Street started processing claims for Social Security beneficiaries in foreign countries. The division is currently located on the fourth floor of the Operations Building in Woodlawn.

New career

We talked with former SSA'er Pat Davis this week. She is doing great things with the Otis Warren Realty Company. Her husband, Andre is also doing very well as an Assistant U.S. States Attorney.

Sad news

Death came suddenly this week to Mrs. Willie Mae Brown, a former employee in the Office of Central Operations.

Mrs. Brown retired from SSA in August of this year. She was a member of Enon Baptist Church and the 100 voice choir of the Women's Convention, Auxiliary to the United Baptist Missionary Convention of Maryland.

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COMING EVENTS

GGOG's fundraiser

The Alpha Chapter of Government Girls on the Go will present their fundraiser for the year 1981 — "A Cabaret Extraordinaire" (charity benefit) Sunday, Oct. 11, at Martin's West from 8 p.m. until midnight.

Music will be by Lionel Jiggets 'Infinite Experience' with vocalist Calvin Brooks.

The committee members are Mamie Jones, president; Marceline Clerkley, Pauline Turner, Eileen Manning, Bernice Tyson and Hazel Woods, chairperson.

SSA Reunion

A reunion of Inquiries Staff employees of the Social Security Administration's Office of Disability Operations will be held on Friday, Oct. 16 from 7:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. at The Forum, 6219 Primrose Avenue (off Reisterstown Road near Northern Parkway.

All past, present and retired employees are invited. For reservations or more information, call Audrey DeLuca (944 - 3148) or Chip Day (298 - 0863).

Kappa Guild Sale

The Kappa Guild, Inc. is a non - profit organization of women whose goal is helping needy children.

To achieve this goal they have, in the course of the year, several fundraising events.

Kappa Guild's fall 1981 New and Nearly New Sale will be held Sunday, Oct. 18, at the Millbrook Social Hall, 6908 Millbrook Park Drive, Baltimore, Maryland 21215.

Sale hours are from 10:00 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Fall - Winter merchandise only - NO RUMMAGE.

Voters entertain League Women

The League of Women Voters of Baltimore invites you to attend the premiere showing of "The Baltimore Connection: An Historical Perspective" (followed by a wine and cheese reception) on Saturday, Oct. 17 at 3 p.m. at the Walters Art Gallery Auditorium, Charles and Centre Sts.

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New Advance Branch praised by churches

Advance Federal Savings and Loan Association's new branch office in the Walbrook Plaza "should give us a sense of great pride and accomplishment."

The words are those of the Rev. Dr. Marion C. Bascom, speaking at the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of which he is president.

The Thursday meeting was at Douglas Memorial Community Church, where Dr. Bascom is pastor.

Further, Dr. Bascom told his fellow ministers that Advance's new branch, with its overnight depository, drive - in window, and high interest rates "has been a long, almost too long, a struggle, but now it is a fact.

"Somehow," he added, our churches must link our Sunday to Monday.

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Prior to the remarks by the Rev. Dr. Bascom, the Alliance heard a description of Advance's new facilities by Ms. Claudie Dennis, Vice President of Advance's Branch Operations.

She emphasized that if sufficient monies are banked at Advance, additional jobs can be created and the thrift institution can continue to make more mortgage loans to churches, businesses and individuals to buy or build new structures.

Ms. Dennis told Alliance members about the new All Savers Certificates, available October 1, and explained how those who deposit $500 or more can earn an annual interest rate of 12.6 percent, and claim income tax exemption of $2,000 or $1,000 for those who file joint or individual income tax returns.

She invited the ministers to tour the new Walbrook facility, to apply for overnight depository keys, and assured them that their monies saved at Advance are as safe there as anywhere.

She emphasized that deposits at Advance Federal are insured up to $100,000 by the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corp. (FSLIC).

Additionally, she reminded the ministers that Advance Federal now has available checking accounts which pay 5.25 percent interest, compounded daily and credited monthly. She noted there is no service charge for accounts that maintain a monthly balance of $300.

Dr. W. O. Bryson Jr., is president of Advance Federal, whose home office is at 1405 E. Cold Spring Lane. A second branch office is located at 1611 W. North Ave.

OPENING DAY SMILES are exhibited by these employees of Advance Federal Savings and Loan Association, pictured at last Saturday's open house of the firm's new drive - in branch office at 3411 Clifton Ave., in the Walbrook Plaza. From (L), Tressa Gardner, Vivian Postell, Wanda Burton and Brenda Smith, head teller, being introduced by Claudia Dennis, vice president of branch operations. New facility has overnight depository, as well as drive - in and inside office space for customers to make transactions. It is the first drive - in owned and operated by a black bank in Maryland. Advance is the only federally chartered savings and loan in the state with two other offices in Baltimore city, 1611 W. North Ave. branch, and the home office at 1405 E. Cold Spring Lane.

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James Hawkins celebrates century mark

By Patricia Tatum
AFRO Staff Writer

A 100-year-old East Baltimore man, who enjoys sitting in the sun watching pretty girls as they walk by, credits his longevity to getting plenty of rest.

James Hawkins, of the 1300 block of North Washington St., celebrated his birthday with the help of his friends and neighbors at a two-hour block party Tuesday.

Hawkins is a spry, smiling man, who likes to laugh alot. He walks with the help of a wooden cane and likes to spend part of his days sitting in the sun, talking with his neighbors and looking at girls.

He said he has done something "special" to live so long. Part of his success includes having respect for people and getting the proper amount of rest.

"I didn't run around ... stay up all night. I got my rest," Hawkins said.

He was a farmer for about the first 50 years of his life. When Hawkins moved to Baltimore in the 1920's, he said he worked in the construction trades.

Even though Hawkins said he cannot recall the exact year he arrived in Baltimore with his brother, he can remember his reason for leaving his North Carolina home.

"I had it in my mind I could make more money here," he said.

His stay in Baltimore was supposed to be a brief one, but months turned into years. Hawkins said he found he had because "attached here and couldn't get away."

"I didn't come to stay," he insisted.

The city has changed a lot since Hawkins first arrived. He said he remembers clean streets and alleys, bright flowers and neatly cared for lawns and gardens.

Now Baltimore looks "like another country."

Hawkins said he was born on a farm in Grandville, N.C., Sept. 29, 1881. His parents were the late Fannie and Sandy Hawkins and he had three brothers and two sisters.

They all have died, leaving him "the last button on the shirt," he said.

James Hawkins
100 years old

Hawkins is a farmer at heart. He said he loved the life, even though there was not much time to play and the work was hard. He remembered how his family raised chickens, hogs, wheat and corn and how he worked from "Sunday to Sunday."

He said he did not receive much in the way of a formal education, because he was too busy working on the farm.

Memories of his childhood are dim, but he said he recalled going to church on Sundays with his grandparents. Hawkins said the people he grew up with were hard working people, who had few holidays.

What holidays they did celebrate, such as Christmas, were simple affairs. His Christmas presents were usually placed inside a stocking and it did not take much to make him happy.

"A stick or two of candy, a few raisins, some 'Bob-crack' stuffed inside of a stocking ... and I'd be happy as a lark," he said.

Hawkins said he married three times during his long life. His first wife was Martha Snead, whom he wed in 1902. They had four children, (three boys and a girl.

Hettie Tyler became his second bride 25 years later and Jessie Hunt was his third wife, whom he married in Baltimore in 1935. She died in 1978.

Since her death, Hawkins lives alone in his apartment. An independent man, he does his own cooking, cleaning and shopping. He also has a bit of a reputation around his neighborhood as a good cook.

Hawkins said his parents raised him how to cook and he passed his knowledge on to his children.

The celebration, which included a birthday cake and presents had been in the making for about a year. His neighbors and long time friends, Rose Goodman, Carole Matthews, Anna Howard and Robert Jones formed a committee to plan the event.

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