Columbia Capers

Howard Co. NAACP meets $5,000 life membership goal

By Pinnie L. Ross

First Baptist Church of Guilford was the scene of the Life Membership Round-up last recently. The Rev. John Wright is the very fine minister of the church.

The NAACP Life Membership Committee was chaired by our Columbia lady, Mrs. Celonia Walden, a recent recipient of the Patuxent Business & Professional Women's Club Award "The 1981 Woman of the Year Award."

The Life Membership Round-up had its purpose and it was to honor those who had committed themselves to the purchase of a $500 membership.

All fully paid life members were awarded beautiful plaques, and all new subscribing life members received certificates. All awards were presented by Chairlady, Mrs. Walden.

The local branch goal set for 1981 was $5,000 in life memberships. Mrs. Walden was beaming with joy as she reported to the anxious members her report which exceeded their goal of $5,000. At the present the local branch's life memberships number 88 members.

You must know that our local branch is headed by one of the finest dedicated and Christian gentlemen that I've ever known. Dr. Silas Craft, a retired Howard County school principal who has been fighting and leading the organization as president for many years. (Cuff note: God bless you Mr. Craft- The work you've done will surely speak for you.)

After members pay their life memberships they will be candidates for the subscribing Golden Heritage $1,000, if members want to subscribe for it. Thus far we have two members and one organization. They are Dr. Silas E. Craft, Sr., Mrs. Celonia Walden and the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Columbia Chapter.

The afternoon had not been climaxed after the awards were given. There were three special guest talents to be presented to the audience. Miss Kimberely Ann Brooks, National winner, Hal Jackson's Talented Teen International, who did her winning monologue, portrayed a child viewing her father's body at a funeral home for the last time, and first runner - up, Miss Dorisha Carey sung one of the Gospel hits, "Be Grateful."

Lloyd Moore, a Guilford resident, and a member of First Baptist Church of Guilford, captivated the audience with a guitar rendition, "O Happy Day."

Our dear member Mrs. Esther Vines is recuperating at her home after surgery. We wish her God's speedy recovery.

Congratulations to Miss Sherri Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. (Ora) Harvey Anderson who received a certificate for Outstanding Performance on the PSAT Test. Because of her performance in National Scholarship Competition, she will appear in Who's Who Among American High School Students 81-82.

Thought For Today

Goodness is the only investment that never fails.

Henry David Thoreau

DELTAS TICKET PLANNING COMMITTEE — Planning for the 69th commemorative Founder's Day to be held at Blue Crest North January 30 and 31, 1982 are committee members (L to R): Ms. Antoinette Thorson, journalist, Ms. Deborah V. Lewis, Ms. Lavania Fitzpatrick, ticket committee, Miss Aloha J. McCullogh, ticket chairperson, Sara G. Gray, (standing), chairperson; Mrs. Barbara A. Hill, committee secretary and Mrs. Phyllis G. Nelson. For further info. call 448-1115 or 624-1019.

COMING EVENTS

VSU Party

Virginia State University Alumni, Baltimore Metro Chapter, will host a "covered dish" centennial Christmas party, Saturday, December 12, 1981, at the Alpha House, 3201 Clifton Avenue, from 10:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.

Each member may invite only one guest.

You may have already been contacted by a committee member to bring a covered dish or to help in some other way. If you have not been contacted and you are coming, please call Janice Cromwell at 383 - 8108 or DeLois Latimore at 367 - 6317.

Everyone is asked to bring the beverage of his - her choice. Sec - ups, egg nog, and beer will be provided.

Evening of Distinction

The Baltimore Branch NAACP invites you to an Evening of Distinction held on December 13th, at the Ritz Town Club, 28 South Light Street, 5 - 9 p.m. Donation will include entry to the slub and a membership in the NAACP.

Special features for the evening include a fashion show presented by NAACP members and local media representatives and Poetic Drama by Miss Natalie Carter.

This event is a part of the 1981 membership campaign in an effort to increase memberships and encourage persons to join NOW before the minimum $5.00 membership increases to $10.00, effective January 1, 1982.

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International opera star and world renowned soprano, Veronica Tyler, will be presented in a benefit recital on Sunday, Dec. 13, at 5 p.m. at the St. James Episcopal Church, North Arlington & Lafayette Avenues.

Her peerless recitals have been accorded highest acclaim throughout South, Central and North America.

In September of this year noted San Francisco Chronicle critic Heuwell Tircuit enthusiastically deemed her recital "a performance of a lifetime."

As advisor to the school's administration for the recruitment of minority faculty and students at the Peabody Conservatory of the Johns Hopkins University, of which she is a graduate, Miss Tyler offers this concert to benefit selected minority students matriculating at the Peabody.

Tickets available at the door. For further information please call 523-4588 or 358-3726.

Woodlawn Highlights

Mother-Daughter Father-Son Banquet held

By Marjorie R. Green

"A dynamic young woman who has come a long long way." These were the words spoken by the Reverend Harold E. Palmer, Jr., pastor, Centennial United Methodist Church when he referred to Mrs. Bernetta Wilson Archer during last week's mother - daughter, father - son banquet held in the Church dining hall.

The recently married, Mrs. Archer, a Health Finance and Care Administration employee served as the general chairperson of the affair that featured Mrs. Barbara Cooper, NAACP program director and Carl Thompson, member of Centennial U.M. Church as guest speakers.

The banquet theme was "Christian Women With The Vision To See - Faith To Believe - Courage To Do."

Mrs. Cooper used as her topic, "Black Women: God's Best Creation." In a very effective manner, she scanned through history to trace the beginning of woman.

Thompson in his presentation, emphasized the affect of peer pressures on young people.

Among the many friends and co - workers of Mrs. Archer supporting the church fundraiser were Carolyn Mello, Katie Brown, Dorothy Brown, Lenore Collins and Brenda Rigby.

Mrs. Mary Carter Smith and Mrs. Coopers family were included among the special guests introduced by Mrs. Judy Palmer, the young and talented wife of the Rev. Harold Palmer.

NAACP Awards Program

The Baltimore City [illegible] of the NAACP will sponsor its Annual Awards program at 5 p.m., Sunday, January 31, 1982 Preparations have been made by the Community Coordination Committee to hold the program at St. John A.M.E. Church on Carrollton Avenue. The Rev. Benjamin Foust is pastor.

During the program many of the NAACP workers who have made significant contributions during the 1981 year will be honored.

Special attention will also be given to those persons who purchased life memberships during the past year.

Committee members are Delores, Pierre, Betty Boone, Kathy Williams, Olivia Weems, Ernestine Smith, Ruby Glover, Wallace Gatewood and Norman Watkins.

The public is invited to attend this special program. Contact the Baltimore City Branch office by calling 366 - 3300 for additional information.

SSA Employee Xmas Disco

Brenda Brownley and Sheryl Morsell are hosting a Christmas Eve disco at Pascals, 1900 Druid Park Drive, Thursday, December 24 at two o'clock in the afternoon.

Sick List

Get well wishes are extended to Mrs. Rose Logan who is a patient at Bon Secours hospital.

Chris Terry is improving nicely in Sinai Hospital. Chris is the husband of SSA retiree, Irene Terry.

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CHRISTMAS SHOPPING GUIDE

If you ask me

By Bettye Moss

Hats off!

She is the young woman who has much talent as a musician! She plays the piano and organ and sings.

Her soprano voice is melodious. When she accompanies herself as she did on Saturday, she presents a variety of songs, in a professional way.

Mrs. Blake is a product of Baltimore public schools, U. of MD, and Towson State, where she taught for 8 years. She gives much credit to her first music teacher, Baltimore's Mrs. Emma Poulson.

Mrs. Blake's talents are enjoyed by members of Fulton Baptist Church, where she plays regularly. She lives on Arunah Ave., and does volunteer work with the Girl Scouts.

Hats off. Keep your nominations coming to this section. We seek to commend young people who are doing outstanding jobs. Reason: Too often people criticize our young people, seldom take time to praise them. Hats off!!

The Arts U.

Mrs. Blake, mentioned above, provided background music and later entertained at the Arts Unlimited brunch on Saturday morning at Blue Crest.

Arts Unlimited is a club of talented Baltimore women who create marvelous things.

Annually, they invite friends to dine with them and view their work.

When guests arrived at the Reistertown Rd. hall, at 11:30 a.m., they were greeted by members, attractive in the club colors — blue skirts or pants and silver tops.

Displayed in the lobby were the things they designed themselves — clothes, accessories, household items, home decorations and art works.

Kids' stuff

New category offered this year — children's clothes, toys and games, also produced by members.

Theme for the affair was, "Christmas Dreams." The blue and silver invitations urged guests . . .

"Wrap your Chrismas in dreams . . fantasies or realities . . . joyfully seal with friendship, kindness and compassion . . . thoughtfully tie with understanding and caring . . . for dreams will fade if we are deprived . . ."

After brunching, guests were treated to movies, showing the club's activities since it began in 1970.

Member Adelle Foreman emceed. David Wright, hubby of member, Bea Wright, handled projector.

Mattie Gardner, club president, welcomed guests. Other members are, Lucille Venture, Agnes Reaves, Viola Stokes, Clarice Parrish, Ruth Pratt, Otyce Froe, Ada Weaver, Bernice McDaniels, Dot Johnston and Jewell Marsan.

Gift to guests was a pot holder in Yule colors. Carol singing concluded the day.

Continue cheer to Mrs. Dorothy Bennett. She's the principal of Rosemont Elementary School, whom many know as a good, good neighbor.

She has been ailing since February, is hospitalized again at Good Samaritan Hospital in room 329, at 5601 Loch Raven Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21239.

Dr. Lionel Desbordes, the physician, had eye surgery at University Hospital, is out and doing well, expects to be about his regular duties in several days.

Get-well cards to John G. (Jack) Gloster, at 2300 Good Hope Rd., SE, Washington, DC 20020. He's the Baltimore native who has distinguished himself in the State Department. He suffered a stroke last Tuesday, was well enough this week to leave George Washington Hospital.

At one time, Mr. Gloster was a U.S. State Department official in Ethiopia. In recent years, he's been consultant and in the communications business. Wife, Augustine, is also Baltimorean.

Christmas came early — in fact last Thursday — for Navy Ensign Warren Barkley.

His parents, the senior Warren Barkleys moved up family celebration because he was assigned to fly to Spain to join his ship, which is due back to its Norfolk base early in the year.

Ensign Barkley and his bride (they had all-white wedding) were featured here in a September column.

She is the former Lisa Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marcellus Moore. She is engineering writer for a national firm here in B-More.

Cuff note: Come January 1, Mrs. Moore, Community College of Baltimore dean, takes a new post.

She becomes executive assistant to CCB president, Rafael Cortado, the post held by Senator Clarence Blount, who is retiring.

Love at Caucus

The Hyatt-Regency in downtown Baltimore was full of beautiful people of all races Saturday evening.

Many black residents from all sections of the country were present for the closing banquet of the National Black Caucus of State Legislators.

The VIP visitors attracted crowds of admirers, but the largest one gathered to congratulate a local couple, the newlywed Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Dyett.

Bride is the former Sue Moore, one of our town's civic workers and friend to many, plus a businesswoman, (owner and operator of Pleasant Manor Nursing Home in Glen Burnie.) Bridegroom is the well-known mortician.

Mrs. Dyett was attractive in a black and red outfit (the material from Panama).

Over black satin pants, she wore a red top, highlighted by black and red flowers. Pretty!

Much happiness to them.

More love

Parents of the recently wed Warren Anthony Begien entertained for them on Saturday afternoon at the Me-De- So Club house.

The bride the former Adrienne Camille Banfield, is a Copplin nurafng student and daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Gilbert Banfield, (Marian).

The bridegroom, the assistant state's attorney, is the son of Mrs. Dorothy T. White and the late Haywood G. Brown, long-time Wilson Park area residents.

They were wed August 27, 1981, in a civil ceremony at the Courthouse. It was a second time around for both.

Her daughter by a previous marriage, Jada Pinkett, 10, was among witnesses.

The couple is at home on St. George's Ave., where he grew up. Many may remember his dad was the longtime Gas and Electric Co. employee. A brother, Haywood G., is a Baltimore architect. Mom is longtime teacher.

Out-of-towners here for the reception included Mrs. Banfield's cousins, Dr. Marjorie Costa, Rockville, MD, Mrs. Elaine Francis, and Mrs. Lorna Choisey, both of N.Y.

They joined the Banfields later in the evening for the Yule party given by Me-De-So Wives at Fontaine Bleu.

Memories

When the five girls in our family were growing up, Dad called us all by boys' names — Johnny, George, Willie — because the boy he wanted never came.

On Saturday, (Nov. 28), there were memorial services for daughter no. 3, Vashti Turley Murphy Matthews, named for our mother who was co-founder of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

Her twin sister, Carlita, and baby sister, Frankie, came from Buffalo. Together, with second sister, Ida, we composed her memorial entitled, "She Lavished Love."

In it, we recalled our childhood days when we lived at 1051 Myrtle Ave., and later on Overland Ave. near Morgan, where Dad, Carl Murphy, had a lifetime interest, as well as in this newspaper where he was publisher until his death in 1967.

Cremation

It was Vashti's desire to be cremated. Her husband of 39 years, Bob Matthews, this newspaper's executive editor, and her five children, carried out her wish.

Because cremation is often whispered about, it was significant that during the services at St.

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