CHRISTMAS SHOPPING GUIDE

If Butterflies Are Free

Dorothy C. Alves

Poet Dorothy Alves hosts Reading

Dorothy C. Alves, author of "People Talk" presented her second book "If Butterflies Are Free" in a reading on Sunday.

Mrs. Alves held her audience of more than 50 persons spellbound as she so charmingly and dramatically read excerpts from her new book.

The walls in the spacious family room of her Winner Avenue home were covered with citations, congratulatory letters, copies of publications in which her poetry was used, and the very first poem she has written on the original paper now tattered and yellow with age.

Mrs. Alves is a mother, grandmother and business woman — a district manager for Avon Products Inc.

She has been published in numerous journals, given reasons for several colleges and organizations and has also appeared on radio and television.

Thomas Stockett was the artist for Mrs. Alves' newest publication "If Butterflies are Free" as well as "People Talk."

The successful poet informed her audience that she is already working on her third book, which she will call "Don't Print That" and she gave them a sampling of the type of poetry it would contain.

Guests wetted their palates with a delicious assortment of cheeses and wines before and after the reading.

The book, charmingly and poignantly written, has been acclaimed for its warm touch with the real world of people caught up in the drama and trauma of life.

Howardites meet H.U. Alumni prexy

Local Howardites turned out last Saturday evening to meet the president of Howard University Alumni Association, Clifton H. Kearney of Poughkeepsie, NY. The meeting was held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Lionel Desbordes.

Kearney is a systems development engineer with the International Business Machine Corporation (IBM), where he has specialized in large intermediate computer system design.

He has worked for IBM for 27 years and is presently assigned to the staff of the Data Processing Product Group Executive.

In his position as head of the Howard University Alumni Association he has traveled extensively to increase alumni support of the University in active participation in local clubs and the National Association.

In his remarks, Kearney, reviewed some of the outstanding programs of the University, including the tenth anniversary of the first black controlled radio station, WHUR - FM, in the Washington area; the first anniversary of WHMM - TV, the only black owned and operated television station in the nation; the publication of the H.U. Printing Press, which has published 10 books in paper back editions this fall; Howard's College of Dentistry, which has organized a program that trains dental students to provide special services for people over 65 who are chronically ill, requiring dental services; the Howard Inn, a hotel on Georgia Ave., which has been purchased by Howard U., with the idea of making it a top rate hotel which will provide training for those interested in such a business and of course the University's continued programs in cancer and sickle cell anemia research.

Members were given opportunity to ask questions about problems concerning the local alumni organization.

Before the meeting was adjourned, the Dinner - Dance committee, chaired by William Curtis and co - chaired by Dr. Thelma Bando and Mrs. Irene Johnson, outlined plans for the 115th Charter Day Celebration which will be held Friday, March 12, 1982.

Those present were Dr. and Mrs. Lionel Desbordes, Dr. and Mrs. W. Bruce Russell and the Rev. and Mrs. Maxwell Johnson.

Also, Mesdames Mazie Rea, Thelma Ashe, Weida Alston, Thelma Bando, Mamie Woodford, Gwendolyn Buckson, Fannie Moragne, Luella Armstrong and Catherine T. Howard;

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Mrs. Bernice Hunley— A caring teacher

Mrs. Bernice Hunley began her teaching career in Baltimore County as a Social Studies teacher.

She endeavored to follow the successes of her students, very often keeping close personal contact with them.

What is so warmly and uniquely human is that recently she prepared an elegant dinner for her homeroom class and hosted it for them in her home.

Students shared moments of nostalgia as they strolled down memory lane. It was indeed evident that Mrs. Hunley was then and is now a very warm and understanding person.

She gave of herself continuously and involved her students a great deal in extra - curricular activities, which enriched their lives greatly.

Their first visit to the United Nations Building in New York was under her supervision.

She was proud to acknowledge the accomplishments of those she referred to as "My Children." She saw to it that each student exerted his or her best efforts toward achieving specific goals.

Her students warmly presented her with roses symbolizing their love and appreciation for her years of dedication.

Former students present were Rosabell Graves Lewis, Juanita Daugherty, Merrit, Marian Martin, Gloria Cheatham, Ellen Evena, Barbara Williams Holt, Cora Buckson Lyons, Phyllis Strawther Wade, Sonia Moody Harvin of Virginia Beach, VA, Millard Lopez, Melvin Johnson, James Howard and Charles Mack.

Former instructors present were Miss Flora McMillan, Joseph Woodfolk and Lawrence Custis.

Also present was their former vice principal Miss Elizabeth Williams.

NYC opera newcomer to sing at White House

Gail Gilmore

Gail Gilmore, a newcomer to the New York City Opera, has been chosen to appear with seven other young singers from the opera company in a holiday concert at The White House, to be televised nationally over the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) on Sunday, December 20. (Check local public television listings.)

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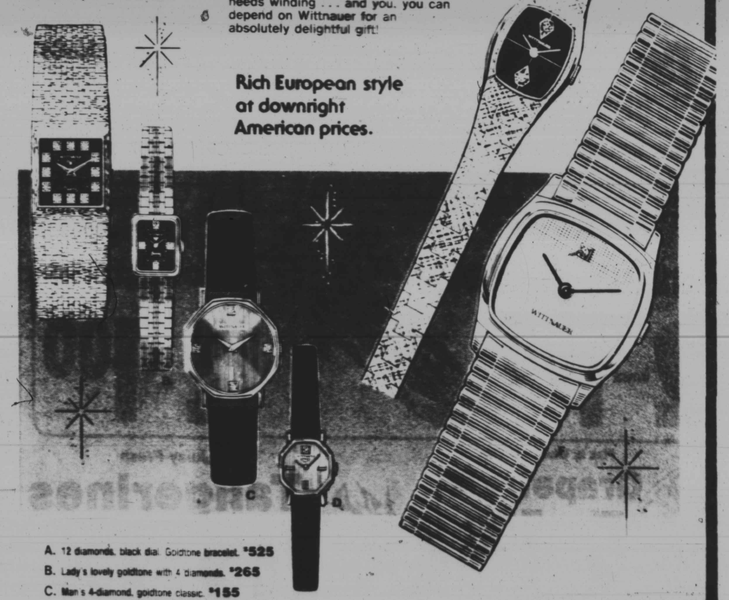

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Two blacks on committee for Md. Science Ctr. New Year's fete

MRS. DORIS JOHNSON, president of Adopt-a-House, and Charles Taylor, president of OMNI Graphics Productions, are two members of the Planning Committee for the Maryland Science Center's first New Year's Eve fund-raising celebration. Mrs. Johnson, ticket chairman for the event, says, "The Maryland Science Center's efforts toward involving Baltimore communities is vital if neighborhood people are to realize what an educational and cultural resource the Science Center really is."

Ring out the old and bring in the new in style at the Maryland Science Center's exciting New Year's Eve fund - raising party on December 31 from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Nearly 75,000 people last year welcomed in the new year at the Inner Harbor with a host of fireworks and entertainment.

This year Science Center guests will have first - row seats to a spectacular countdown display with champagne in addition to an all - night buffet, open bars, casino games of chance or fortune, numerous door prizes, and music for dancing by "The Anything Goes Orchestra" and "The Tobago Steel Band."

The Science Center will be a highlight itself on New Year's Eve, featuring a brand new "Science Arcade" among three floors of contemporary exhibits, live science demonstrations and even the Davis Planetarium will shine with its special holiday presentation throughout the evening of "Star of Bethlehem."

Tickets for the event are $35 per person, 50 percent tax deductible. Senior citizens can purchase tickets at a 15 percent discount.

Tickets are available at any American National Building and Loan Association Office, or reservations can be made by calling the Science Center at 685 - 2370.

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Andre Watts to be featured in Balto. Symphony benefit concert

Andre Watts pianist

The Baltimore Symphony Orchestra Players will present a benefit concert featuring Leon Fleisher, conductor, and Andre Watts, pianist.

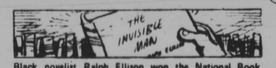
The concert will take place on Saturday, Dec. 19 at 8:15 p.m. in the Lyric Theatre and will feature Beethoven's 3rd Symphony "Eroica" and Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 2.

Tickets are $7.50 and $12.50 for general admission, $4.00 for students and $20.00 for box seats.

There will be a 7:30 "Holiday Music" concert in the Lyric Lobby presented by the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra Brass Ensemble.

Fleisher and Watts are donating their services to the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra musicians for this program. The proceeds will benefit the Musicians Welfare Fund.

Tickets are available at the Lyric Box office.



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