## Columbia Capers

By Pinnie L. Ross

### LAURETTA D. YOUNG IN BENEFIT CONCERT

Teens, Inc. presents the charming Miss Lauretta Dorsey Young, soprano, in a benefit concert at Howard Community College Theater in Columbia, MD Saturday, April 2 at 7:30 p.m. — Donation is $6.00 per person.

The young soprano is a graduate of the Peabody Institute in Baltimore with a B.M. in Music Education and Voice. She did her graduate studies in voice and opera theater of Juilliard school of Music, New York.

She was a winner of the Metropolitan Opera's National Auditions and the International Musikwettbewerbe, Munich, Germany; Won silver medal at the International Competition in Voice, Toulouse, France and was a State Department entry to the Tchaikovsky International Competition, Moscow, U.S.S.R.

resident of Columbia. She is currently teaching at the Holton Arms Schools for Girls and the Duke Ellington School of the Arts, Washington, D.C. orchestras throughout the U.S. and abroad.

She made her operatic debut as Susanna in "The Marriage of Figaro" with the Boston Opera Company.

She has made two appearances at the White House for Presidents Johnson and Nixon.

She is the founder and director of the Columbia Children's Choir and is host and producer for "The Women's Korner" on Howard Cable TV. Her most recent appearance was with the Baltimore Symphony in the "Pendesecki Lacrymosa."

Mrs. Young is a Metropolitan Opera Auditions winner and internationally acclaimed concert and opera artist.

For further information regarding the Benefit Concert call Mr. or Mrs. Fleer at 596-5956.

### CHAMPAGNE TOAST

Ms. Attrices D. Griffin, President of Atris Associates, Inc., and staff hosted a Champagne Toast celebrating the opening of firm's newly expanded facility at the Teachers Building in Columbia, MD.

The diverse gathering of more than 75 federal officials, politicians, clients and well-wishers sipped from a fountain of champagne and nibbled a fancy assortment of caviar, squid and other exotic delicacies.

Since 1976, Atris Associates, Inc., a technical writing and consulting firm has performed a range of writing, evaluation, data collection and other contractual services for the Department of Defense, Department of Interior, National Institute of Health, Veterans Administration, National Institute of Education, Amtrak, and numerous other federal and local agencies. Ms. Griffin, long-time resident of Columbia, founded Atris Associates, Inc. after a prominent career spanning several disciplines.

Ms. Griffin, a well-traveled person, has authored as well as designed several evaluation studies, policy statements, handbooks, literature searches, and other materials in mental health, family planning, manpower, hypertension, education and other areas.

A partial list of her publications include "How To Do Business With Veterans Administration, Abstracts of Educational Intervention Programs, 1967-80," and other reports.

Similar to her mobile career, as top executive, Ms. Attrices Griffin continues to promote Artis Associates, Inc., as professional firm with a steadily progressive track record.


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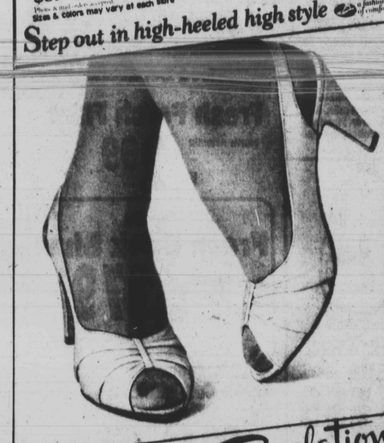

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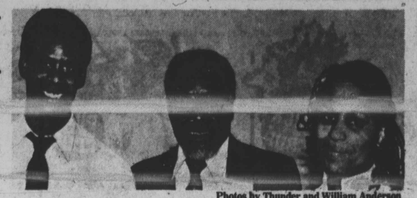

DR. ANDREW BILLINGSLEY (c) enjoys a moment with MSU students during the Alumni Chapter's gala reception

Photos by Thunder and William Anderson hosted in Annapolis, MD; Monday, March 14. With him are Robert J. Elliott and Necola Hamm.

RECEPTION GUESTS (from left) are James Roberts, Delegate Richard Dixon and Jack Dennis.

OTHER GUESTS are (from left) Dr. Joel Nwagharaocha, Lawrence Montgomery and Verna Hall.

LAUGHING IT UP are Dr. Harriett Trader, Senator Troy Brailey and John Oliver Jr., publisher and chairman of the Board, AFRO-AMERICAN Newspaper.

HEAVY RAP SESSION includes Churchill Wortherly (L) and Judy Brown.

DR. HERMA WILLIAMS and Dr. Delroy Cornick enjoy a chat during the festivities.

## MSU goes to Annapolis

Morgan State University's alumni chapter and organization hosted a gala reception in Annapolis for Maryland's Legislative body on Monday night which was attended by senators and delegates from Baltimore City, Baltimore, Prince Georges and Howard Counties and other portions of the state.

Jakie Oliver, publisher and chairman of the Board of the AFRO, was also there.

The reception was held in Baltimore City Delegation Room at the old House of Delegates Office Building. Its purpose was to further strengthen the communications channels between governmental representatives and the various organizations that have supported Morgan over the years.

National concern about Morgan's future was reflected through the cooperative funding of the event by the following alumni chapters and clubs in Baltimore and J. Naylor Chapter; Howard L. Cornick Chapter; Varsity M. Club; Golden Bears: Class of 1950; and alumni chapters from Philadelphia, PA. Chicago, ILL.; Detroit, MI.; San. Francisco California and Richmond VA.

Looking at state government, Morgan's contribution to Maryland leadership becomes increasingly obvious.

Morgan graduates in Maryland's legislature include Senator Clarence Mitchell, Clarence Blount; Delegate Clarence "Tiger" Davis; Delegate Richard Dixon; Delegates Howard P. Rawlings, Ralph Hughes, Curtis Anderson, Nathaniel T. Oaks.

Success of the affair can be attributed to the diligent efforts of Vera Hall, Dr. Herma Williams, Nunley Caterers, Judy Wise, students hosts and hostesses from Morgan's Human Ecology Department, Dr. Delroy Cornick, Lawrence Montgomery, Frederick I. Douglass Tim Thompson (graphic designer), Thunder and William Anderson (photographers), plus a wide array of devoted Morgan supporters and employees.

Reacting to the fact that Everyone enjoyed the reception, Morgan's alumni chapters and clubs are planning future receptions for various groups and individuals who will be influential in shapin Morgan's future approaches to providing quality education to students who are drawn from around the world to attend Maryland's best known institution of higher learning.

Guests at the reception included: Senator Clarence Blount; Senator Nathan Irby, Frank Shore, Troy Brailey, Delegates Tommy Broadwater, Howard Rawlings, Clarence Davis, Curt Anderson; Hattie Harrison; Dennis McCoy; Sandy Rosenberg; Ralph Hughes; Mary B. Adams; Richard Dixon; Sylvania Woods; Lucille Maurer; Eileen Rehrmonn; Delegate Susan Buswell;

Also Ben Cardin, Speaker of the House; Delegate Wendell Phillips and other elected officials.

Representing Morgan State University were President Andrew Billingsley; Dr. Harriett Trader; Dr. Delroy Cornick; Dr. Joel Nwagharaocha; Abraham Moore; Lawrence Montgomery; Dr. Herbert Olivera; James Roberts; Dwight Lanier; Dr. Herma Williams; Dr. Kenneth Jerkins and Sarah Jerkins; Judy Brown; Dr. David F. Johnson, President of Morgan's Board of Regents and many others.

Representing Morgan's alumni chapters and clubs were Leonard Jackson, Churchill Wortherly, of the M. J. Naylor Chapter (Baltimore); Stanley Tucker, Dr. Elijah Rowe, Golden Bears Assoc.; John Bethea, John Williams and Jack Dennis, Varsity Club; Mrs. Emma Minott, John Grimsley, Will Maddox Philadelphia Chapter; John Branch and Bill Martin, National Alumni Association.

## Woodlawn Highlights

By Marjorie R. Green

### RETIREMENT FETE FOR 17-YEAR SSA EMPLOYEE

Retirement means many different things to many different people and to Mrs. Betty F. Garner, Friday, December 31, 1982 was the beginning of a whole new way of life.

Now there is time for hours of volunteer work at the Bon Secours Hospital "Place" on Mulberry St. and the Enoch Pratt Library in downtown Baltimore. There is even time to sew and just relax and listen to the music she loves.

Early this month in preparation for her long awaited retirement dinner, Betty leisurely dressed in a soft blue chiffon dress and navy blue shoes. She added silver earrings, necklace and a blue clutch bag to complete the outfit.

Satisfied with her appearance and feeling good about her retirement status, she joined more than 100 friends and relatives who were gathered in the Holiday Inn, Belmont to dine and dance in celebration of her retirement from the Social Security Administration after 17 years of dedicated service.

Toastmistress Betty Brown presided during the informal program. She spoke of Mrs. Garner's creative contributions to the Woodlawn Toastmistress Club.

Special blessings were bestowed by her minister, the Rev. Paul Gregory, Saint Joseph's Monastery Catholic Church on Frederick Ave.

Frederick Bailey, a branch chief and friend of the honoree recalled the many happy days he spent on Ocean City with Betty and her husband.

Mrs. Blessine Grant, a next door neighbor for 27 years and George Booker also spoke of their friendship with Mrs. Garner.

The honorees husband Clarence, a U.S. Post Office retiree, shared several humorous anecdotes about their first meeting and long life together. He also introduced their daughter Sharon who is a sophomore at Cheyney State College in Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Lillian Coombs rendered several vocal selections on the program. Disco music was furnished by music man Abe Riley.

Many of the guests expressed their love and friendship in the form of gifts that included a pocketbook made of 100 one dollar bills, earrings, jewelry box, gown and lounge set, perfume, necklace, book of poems, plaque and several cards containing various sums of money. Presentations were made by Marvin McAdory and David Ross.

In an expression of love and gratitude, Mrs. Garner prepared and distributed a book of special poems to each of the well wishers.

A product of the Upward Mobility College program, Mrs. Garner began her career in SSA as a Key Punch Operator.

Members of the immediate family who attended the buffet retirement dinner dance were Geraldine Cross, Hattie Parker, Elizabeth Garner and son Harold, Regina Watkins, Garry Thomas, Delores Thomas, Pamela Thomas, Clarence Thomas, Elizabeth Derricks, Agnes Thomas, and Theresa Coombs.

Planners of the retirement tribute were Betty's co-workers in Mod 16, Office of Central Records Operation; Deborah Dent, Evelyn Lide, Shanda Dillard, Sandy Clark and Rhonda Williams.

### NAACP TRAINING SESSION

The Maryland State Conference of NAACP Branches is conducting special training for all NAACP officers, executive board members and committee members 9:30 a.m., Saturday, March 19.

The free training session will be held at Perkins Square Baptist Church, 2500 Edmondson Ave. and is open to all NAACP members.

### SPECIAL REQUEST FROM MWC

The annual "UNCF Gala" was brought into fruitian in 1971. The foresight of the ladies involved was to better prepare our young people to meet the challenges of our society. For they, too, know that "A mind is a terrible thing to waste." This committee attempted to accomplish its goal by sponsoring a fund raiser, namely the "UNCF Gala."

However, this year the committee decided that not only would the over forty Black Colleges, under the umbrella of UNCF be honored, but, that special tribute would be given to other Black Institutions in Maryland, which were having financial difficulty. Morgan State University was selected to be the first institution.

The gala this year will have three parts: The Dinner, Congressman Parren J. Mitchell, a former Morgan student, the guest speaker, and the crowning of the queens of the "Gala."

This occasion will take place on Sunday, March 20, at the Forum, 4210 Primrose Avenue. The cost is $17.00 from 6:30-10:00 p.m.

You the public have been most generous and kind in the past years in helping to support our endeavor. Will you please help us now. You may help us in the following ways:

1. Support a young lady or,

2. Purchase a ticket to the Gala or,

3. Become a patron for $3.00 — an honorary patron for $10.00 or a Contributor for $50.00 or more.

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For additional information please contact Mrs. Prettyman, ticket chairperson, 669-1382.



# The LIVING CHURCH

## Bethel AME museum traces church's history

The Raymond A. C. Young Historical Museum houses photographs, membership records and other memorabilia reflecting Bethel A.M.E. Church development from 1787 to now.

Located on the second floor of the Church at 1300 Druid Hill Avenue, the Museum will begin regular operations this summer.

Melba Wharton, director of the museum committee, told the AFRO, the Museum is now open to the public. Interested individuals should call 523-4273 to arrange a tour. Admission is free.

The Museum, which was named after the Church's historian, offers a complete history of the A.M.E. Church and its founder Bishop Richard Allen.

According to Ms. Wharton, there are records and photographs of Bishop Allen which offer a detailed account of his denomination's birth.

Current funding for the Museum is not as consistent as the Museum committee would like. Proceeds from church fund-raisers and membership dues have made the operation of the facility possible.

Ms. Wharton said her committee is seeking other routes of funding such as federal and private grants. Still in the planning stage, the Museum will eventually be open four to five days a week, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For further information contact Ms. Wharton at 523-4273.

CHURCH HISTORY — The history of the Bethel AME Church in particular and the AME church in general is chronicled on the second floor of the church at 1300 Druid Hill Ave.

AFRO photo by P. A. Greene

MORTGAGE BURNING ceremony at Christ Temple Apostolic Church in Cherry Hill occurred earlier this month. Top photo, the pastor, Bishop Willard E. Saunders, left, holds congratulatory message presented by Congressman Parren Mitchell's assistant, DeVera Lyns, center, and right, Dr. W. O. Bryson Jr., president of Advance Federal Savings and Loan, which held the mortgage. Bottom photo, a view of the crowd which filled the new building for the celebration.

## Cherry Hill church has mortgage burning ceremony

"Faith in Action, Onward and Upward, On Business for the King," was the theme of the celebration at the spanking new brick structure at 827 Cherry Hill Rd. on Sunday afternoon, March 13.

The occasion was to mark the burning of the mortgage and to observe the 13th annual Family and Friends Day at the Christ Temple Apostolic Faith Church.

Extra chairs were required to seat the overflow crowd which was treated to a variety of music and words of happiness by members, community leaders and persons who helped build the $150,000 facility.

Bishop Willard E. Saunders Sr., pastor, praised members for their faith and dedication and thanked those who helped construct the building.

Among them, Dr. W. O. Bryson Jr., president of Advance Federal Savings and Loan Association. His firm granted the mortgage.

He told the crowd that Christ Temple was a good customer, prompt in payment and thanked them for their business.

Edward Taylor, the black architect who designed the building, recalled he got his start in Cherry Hill. He credited his roots there for his success. There was also praise for James Peters, the general contractor, who is also black.

Mrs. Diane Gordy was present to bring greetings from the office of Baltimore's Mayor William Donald Schaefer.

Ms. DeVera Lynn, assistant to Congressmen Parren J. Mitchell, presented a framed plaque to the pastor, Bishop Saunders.

Also extending congratulations was Baltimore mortician, Leroy Dyett.

There were also greetings read from Gov. Hughes and other state and local civic and church leaders, including Bishop Winfield Showell, assistant presiding bishop, Bibleway Churches Worldwide.

Elder Willard Saunders Jr., introduced Bishop Morris Lane, who presided. He is pastor of Refuge Community Church.

The sermon was by the Rt. Rev. Ramsey Butler of D.C., Diocesan Bishop of the 22nd Episcopal District Pentecostal Assemblies of the World. He was accompanied by the choir from Morning Star Pentecostal Church of which he is pastor.

Singing by the guest choir and the choirs of the host church moved the congregation to stand and applaud.

Other participants were District Elder Thomas Weeks and Elders Frank Brown, and Larry Miles.

During the mortgage burning ceremony, there were amens when Bishop Saunders observed, "By the help of God, our togetherness has enabled us to pay all our indebtedness. The mortgage has been lifted . . . this is a great day of victory and another milestone in the history of the Christ Temple family . . ."

Bishop Saunders also announced that the church now plans phase 2 of its program. He said a block of undeveloped land is being purchased, bounded by Cherry Hill, Terra Firma, Bridgeview and Cherryland Rds., for further expansion.

A 28-page souvenir book, printed for the occasion, contained a detailed history of the church and credited the late Elder Clenso Robinson for his pioneer work in establishing the church in his home in 1951.

It also praised the leadership of the present pastor, Bishop Saunders, and other church workers.

Included in the book were photos of the pioneers, including Elder Robinson's widow, Mrs. Sarah R. Hackett and members of the Robinson family.

E. M. MOSS

## Minister crusades against rock music

CARIBOU, MAINE -- A local minister seeking to rid public schools of "demonic" rock 'n' roll records has taken steps to get his message out to a national audience.

The Rev. Harold Beesley Jr, of the Caribou Pentecostal Assembly of God, has hired a consulting firm to help him get on radio and TV talk shows across the country.

"I think it's very possible that some of the rock 'n' roll lyrics are promoting what are considered religious philosophies under the Supreme Court definition of what is religion," Beesley said in an interview.

"We're going to have to remove equally the availability of these artists from the students," Beesley said.

His ultimate target is not the rock records, Beesley said. His goal is to change public policy to allow school prayer and other religious activities in public schools.

"In many ways, anything with a Judeo-Christian background has been removed from our schools -- Bible clubs, prayers and what not -- while rock artists are allowed to use their music to propagate religious themes, Beesley said.

"Our effort is to get our rights back so we can have voluntary Bible clubs, so we can have prayer in schools and not be judged against," he said.

In the last two weeks, Beesley has appeared on radio shows in Florida and Washington. He has hired Christian World consultants, based in Burke, Va., to help him get interviews on radio and talk shows.

The firm is seeking spots on the nationally broadcast Larry King Radio Show, the Phil Donahue Show and the 700 Club on the Christian Broadcasting Network, said Steve Kovach, of Christian World Consultants.

A non-profit organization called Gospel Outreach Ministries is providing most of the money for Beesley's campaign, Kovach said.

There is considerable evidence some rock 'n' roll music goes beyond basic philosophy to promoting religion, Beesley said.

He ticks off examples as if quoting from the Bible:

"Craig Charquico, of Jefferson Starship, said in an interview in Bay Area Magazine on Feb. 1, 1977: 'Rock concerts are the churches of today. Music puts them on a spiritual plain. All music is God.' "And John Denver said in an interview with Newsweek Magazine that he viewed his music as a means of promoting his religious philosophy," Beesley said.

## Scouting program launched at Gillis Memorial C.C.

Gillis Memorial Christian Community Church, 4016 Park Heights Ave., recently sponsored its first induction ceremony of the church's scouting program.

Initiation of Boys Scout Troop 267 and Cub Scout Pack 3267 was established at Gillis Memorial.

The pastor, Dr. Rev. Theodore C. Jackson Jr., was awarded both charters for each scouting unit, which were presented by Joseph B. Bracey, district executive of the Trailblazers from the Boy Scouts headquarters.

Deacon Broadus Mattison, youth program coordinator and liaison from Gillis, also presented Dr. Jackson a charter.

After this occurred, the adult scout leaders, of both units took the oath and were sworn in by Mr. Bracey.

The 8:30 Sunday Morning Youth Day Service at Gillis was a happy and proud occasion. The program was presided by the scout coordinator, Ms. Constance Fenwick.

The scripture was read by scout Charles Donovan and welcome was given by Irene Norfleet, scout committee member. Songs of praise were sung by the Women's Chorus and scouts, directed by Roland Joe Smith, organist.

Members of Cub Scouts Pack 3267 present at the ceremony are Cub

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SCOUTING — Members of Gillis Memorial Christian Community Church's scouting troops are left, John Chase, Cub Scoutmaster, Constance Fenwick, center, Scout coordinator and Ivan Fenwick, junior assistant Scoutmaster.

## Metro Church Briefs

Members of St. Mark's United Methodist Church will sponsor a prayer breakfast on March 20, 8 a.m. at the church, 3900 Liberty Heights Ave. The Rev. Bernard Keels is pastor. D'Army Bailey will be the guest speaker and music will be by Chambers Singers of Dunbar Senior High School and inspirational reads by Mrs. Verna Day.

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The Chancel Choir of the Sharp Street Memorial United Methodist Church at Dolphin and Etting Streets will present The Great Hymns Choir in concert, Sunday, March 20 at 5 p.m.

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The officers and members of the Evergreen A.M.E. Church will sponsor an appreciation and retirement dinner for their pastor, Rev. Robert C. Lane, Friday, March 25 at Blue Crest North.

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A musical program will be sponsored by the First Charity Baptist Church, Sunday, March 20 at 3:30 p.m., Douglass Howell, Ronald Huff, the Whitey Sisters and other groups will be featured.

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The Usher Board of Trinity Presbyterian Church will sponsor a comedy, fashion and talent show Saturday, March 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the church at Walbrook Ave. and Ellamont

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The Combined Choirs of the Govans-Boundary United Methodist Church and the Kenwood Presbyterian Church will present "Requiem" by Faure, Sunday, March 20 at 4 p.m. at 5210 York Road.

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The First English Lutheran Church will present J. Clinton Miller in an organ recital at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, March 20. A wine and cheese reception will follow the recital in the Church Nave, located at North Charles and 39th Streets.

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A Messiah Sing-Along will be sponsored by the Grace United Presbyterian Church, Greenspring Avenue and Banister Road Sunday, March 20 at 3:30 p.m.. Call 466-4000 Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m.-4p.m. for information.

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The Christ Church Concert Association will present the Durufle Requiem, Sunday, March 20 at 4 p.m. The Christ Church Choir will perform the concert at the church at Charles and Hill Streets.

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The Israel Baptist Church will sponsor an evening of Gospel music, Saturday, March 19 at 7:30 pm. Featured will be Nicholas and Company from L.A., The Sensational Singing Disciples and The 100 Youth Mass Choir of the First United Church.

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The Senior Usher Board of the Friendship Baptist Church will sponsor a Weight Rally and Concert, March 20 at 6 p.m. March 27 at 3:30 p.m. the Ushers will have their anniversary. Both events will be at the Church at 346 Dennison Street.

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Starting Monday, March 21 through March 25 there will be a revival at 7p.m. each night at the New Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, 1907 Popular Grove Street. The revivalist will be the Church pastor, Rev. Errol D. Gilliard.

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The renovation committee of the City Temple Baptist Church, 317 Dolphin Street, will present a vesper musicale featuring the W.W. Payne Chorale, Sunday, March 20 at 5 pm.

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