EASTER SHOPPING SPECIALS

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By Pinnie L. Ross

NAACP FREEDOM FUND DINNER HELD

The Howard County Branch NAACP Freedom Fund Dinner Dance was held at the Fort Meade Officer's Club recently.

The program was dedicated to Dr. Silas E. Craft, Sr., National NAACP Board Member and outgoing Branch President.

Toastmaster for the evening was Elhart E. Flurry, Principal of Clarksville Middle School. Gwendolyn Malloy led "Lift Every Voice and Sing" and the invocation was given by Rev. John Holland, Pastor of Full Gospel Tabernacle.

Dorothye M. Craft introduced guests and greetings were brought by J. Hugh Nichols, Howard County Executive; Ruth Keeton, Chairperson of the County Council; Vernon Gray, Member of the County Council; Dr. Emmett Burns, Region VII Director; Nathaniel Smith, NAACP State President; and Sheila Wright, Member NAACP Youth Chapter.

Howard County Supervisor of Foreign Language, Dr. Donald Staggers closed the predinner program with a solo.

Thomas J. Adkins, NAACP General Counsel was introduced by Dr. Craft and brought an inspiring and enthusiastic message. Barbara Exum of the First Baptist Church of Guilford sang a solo.

Celonia B. Waldon, Life Membership Chairperson, presented subscribing Life Members with Certificates.

New 1983 subscribing Life Members are Gaston Powell, Jr., Gertrude P. Flurry, Jacquelyn Shropshire and Dr. Emerson C. Walden, Sr. (Golden Heritage).

Tamala LaVerne Rice(better known as Tammie), daughter of Dr. and Mrs. William Rice is the first subscribing $250.00 Teen Age Life Member of the Howard County Branch.

This new life membership is available to youth and young adults from 14 to 20 years old.

Robert Clay and Celonia B. Walden became the Branch's first Golden Heritage Life Members ($1,000.00) and were presented their plaques by General Counselor Thomas Adkins.

He also presented fully paid Life Membership plaques ($500.00) to The Ministerial Alliance of Maryland, Howard Community College Student Government Association, Vivian C. Bailey, William H. Bailey, Dr. Sandra Noel Smith, Dr. Arthur Adkins, Willis E. Gray and Ernest E. Offutt.

Clay joined the prestigious Million Dollar Club of the NAACP by raising $1,000.00 in memberships.

Other Branch members are Elhart Flurry, Rev. John L. Wright, Dr. Silas E. Craft, Sr., Dorothye M. Craft, Cradelia Birdsong and Mrs. Walden.

Dr. Silas E. Craft, Sr. received a standing ovation from those present for his long, dedicated, unselfish service of the highest caliber as a member of the National NAACP Board, Region VII Officer, Maryland State Councilor and Howard County Branch President. He was awarded handsome plaques and a resolution by Celonia B. Walden and Sherman Roberson on behalf of the Branch.

Rev. John L. Wright, pastor of First Baptist Church of Guilford and Branch president closed the evening's program with remarks and the benediction.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it.

Single PARENTING

By Kelly Hill

As the nation's capital continued to roar, as the legislature continued to put into effect new laws, Washington D.C. was making history again.

Single-Parent Families in the School System was the topic. A two-day conference devoted to single parents and their children was well attended by more than 400 professional and nonprofessionals who were also interested in the "New Family" on the block.

Dr. Benjamin SpocK, an expert in the field of baby and child rearing was there to enhance this conference. I was very impressed with the amount of national legislative Congressmen and women who also came out to be guest speakers at this two day conference.

The workshops ranged from topics such as the Effects on Children, Parents and the Poverty Level. Parent Burnout, do you know the symptoms? Kids helping Kids: A Public School System Works with Divorce, and, Who Gets Me for Christmas.

Marian Wright Edelman, president Children's Defense Fund, and Dorothy Rich, president of the Home and School Institute, presented research material about how single-parent families, especially females, are suffering from a physical standpoint as well as a mental standpoint.

I noticed that some participants were from places like Detroit, Yonkers, New York, and even in our back yard, (Prince Georges County).

Parent and teacher relationships in the school system was the thrust of the conference. It was pointed out in many instances that the school system but begin to recognize the single-parent family and the child as well.

According to Marian W. Edelman, "The Reagan Administration budget cuts have assault and hurt children, especially the poor children. The majority of poor children come from single-parent families."

If the school systems fails to recognize the need for a better relationship between families and the school system, the level of education that will reach the child will be hindered due to stressful situations inflicted upon the child as well as the parent.

Single-parent families should receive aid, where needed, on a national basis. The single-parent family won't go away if it is ignored. It becomes a bigger problem as time goes on.

Some of the other topics discussed were "Fathers for Equal Rights." This organization speaks out for equal rights for fathers who do not have custody of their children and may be the "victim" of equal rights.

Survival guides for busy parents, teaching your child to work in the home, and coping with the end of the day blues and etc. were other topics discussed.

The school system and the single parent must bridge the gap between home and school. A successful single-parent family and school system can only enhance the community and the child.

Stimulating a community to become aware of the needs single-parent families in the school system must begin in the neighborhoods.

It would be certainly a positive move to have the same type of conference in the Baltimore area.

For those who attended the conference, they left with an awareness of some of the problems that we as citizens and parents must face on a daily basis.

The nation's capital is now aware of the single-parent family and the school system not only from a neighborhood point-of-view, but on a professional level as well.

Getting into the arena on single-parent families is a giant step for any school system or parent. If you would like to get more information about the conference, or if you are interested in organizing such a conference here in the Baltimore area, please write to: BSPWP P. O. BOX 26643, BALTIMORE, MD 21207.

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cultures are closely related and intertwined.

People who attended the International Open House, especially the students, had a good opportunity to see various Black cultures interact into a positive whole function.

International Open House lasted all day with numerous activities taking place. Part of the agenda consisted of a lively presentation by Western Senior High School's dance troupe, an informative lecture on "Black Religion in America" from Dr. Carleton J. Hayden (Chairman, Department of History), a dazzling fashion by Travis Winkey and his models, an entertaining demonstration by Nucleus Martial Arts Academy and an exciting dance demonstration by Miss Wanda Covington.

In addition to these events, the Open House also featured vendors who sold a wide variety of Afro-American merchandise and food.

The International Open House was a successful event that gave people a chance to fully experience the rich and vast Black culture, history and heritage.

UNCF GALA COMMITTEE MEMBERS — Seated (L to R): Brenda Johnson, Buena Vista Prettyman, Ruby Mills Taylor, A. Bernice Hunley, Elnora Fullwood, Dorothy Polk, Jewel Marsan; (standing, L to R): Vivian Gardner, Mildred Williams, Johnny Mae Stevenson and Ida Swanson.

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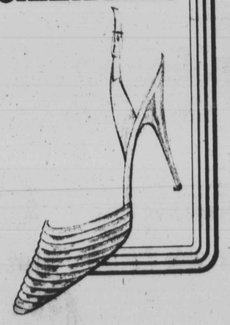
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EASTER CLOTHES — During the Mondawmin Merchant's Fashion Show last weekend fashions aired by Flair Agency models from left are: Andrea Bland who gives us chic for spring; sultry Candace Easterling, who shows us what summer is all about, Candace with little one giving Flair's interpretation of elegance at any age and a handsome couple well-suited for Easter.

AFRO Photos by Val Smith-Madden

Easter fashion shows held at Mondawmin

True harbingers of the Easter season now upon us are the annual Easter Fashion Shows at Mondawmin Mall. The first of these shows, sponsored by the Mondawmin Merchants Association (comprised of the proprietors of various Mondawmin shops) was held Saturday, March 26 at 7 p.m.

Nearly 3,000 folks were on hand to watch the latest in fashions for spring, '83 aired by models un the direction of Willia and Andrea Bland, directress and co-directress respectively of Flair Modeling Agency.

The second show, held Sunday, March 27 at 3 p.m. and which was a fundraiser to benefit Radio Station WEAA, featured not only fashions but entertainment as well.

Gospel songs were done by two singing groups — The King David Singers, under the direction of Rufus Langston and the Woodlawn Senior High School Choir. Moving drama was done by local griot Mary Carter Smith.

Artartus Jenkins was commentator for the fashions which pointed us the new color combo for spring (black and white), weekend wear, career dressing, evening and beach wear and the latest fad for spring — the 50s look.

Theme for the show was Mondawmin in the Fast Track with music by Maryland sound.

The last of the Easter fashion shows will be held Saturday, April 2, also at Mondawmin.

Modeling during last weekend's shows were Andrea Bland, Sakima Hasan, Wanda Cornish, Dawn Brooks, Quianna Cooke, Candace Easterling, Gwen Kellam, Renne Johnson, Dorothy Francis, Janice Moses, Isha Moses, Ernestine Ward, Antonio Paschall, Kelli Tillett, Coleman, Garland Roberts, Jamal Patterson, Sandra Wilkins, Noel Montague, Melissa and Veronica Easterling, Doris Brown, Sophia Carter, Troy Green and Broaderick Hawkes.

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Woodlawn Highlights

By Majorie R. Green

KIDS ARE PEOPLE TOO

"Kids are people too and I love them" says Mrs. Lucille Allen, Director of the Ashburton Day Nursery housed in the Mt. Zion Methodist Church, 3050 Liberty Heights Ave.

A former Baltimore Public School teacher, Mrs. Allen started the Day Nursery 10 years ago following several successful summers working with the tiny tots.

The Ashburton Day Nursery staff along with some of the concerned parents is sponsoring a Benefit Disco on Easter Sunday afternoon in the Church Hall.

Featured on the program will be Dave, The Juggler and the Amazing Josini who performs as a magician and ventriloquist.

The nursery children and their friends will also participate in a dance contest during the 9 to 5 p.m. program.

Monies raised from the affair will be used to buy toys, educational games and equipment to enhance the Day Care learning program.

The Kiddie Disco theme is "Kids Are People Too" and according to Raleigh Gerard whose 7-year-old daughter Tia Lynette attends the nursery school, "the theme was chosen because it calls attention to the fact that youngsters in the community should not be overlooked, taken for granted, or mistreated. Children of nursery school age are the adults of the future and will one day become parents," he stated.

Staffed with seven competent adults, the school day begins at 7 a.m. and ends at 5 p.m.

The 37 children whose ages range from 2 to 5 years receive morning and afternoon snacks in addition to a hot lunch. Graduation exercises take place each June.

Additional information about the Easter Disco which is open to the public can be obtained by calling 486-7929.

MOREHOUSE GLEE CLUB IN CONCERT

In support of their co-worker, Timothy D. Wilson, vice president, Baltimore Morehouse College Alumni, several SSA employees ventured out last Thursday evening to attend the Morehouse Glee Club Concert at Douglas Memorial Community Church on Madison Avenue.

Under the direction of the distinguished Morehouse Professor of Music, Dr. Wendell Phillips Whalum, the choir of approximately 50 male voices performed spirituals, calypsos, ballads and a variety of all time favorite classical melodies before an enthusiastic audience of music lovers.

The musical arrangements were just short enough to keep the audience clapping for more and if one dared to choose then the "Lift Every Voice and Sing" arrangement by Roland Carter would be called the most unusual and the most impressive of solos by Tenor Samuel McKelton.

In his introductions and closing references to the Morehouse students, Dr. Whalum promised "If you send us good men, we will send them back better."

Other SSA'ers on the Baltimore Morehouse club roster are Adger Harvin, Donald Hickman, Mike Garcia, Jerome Mitchell, and retiree Jacob Williams, 11. Joseph L. Smith is president of the Baltimore group.

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