Druid Hill YMCA holds galas for old time members

Shown from left to right are John Hargrave, chairman of the Y's board of managers; Otis Warren, co-chairman of the annual giving campaign; Eddie Murray, co-chair; and Nate Jackson, executive of the Druid Hill Y.

A May 20, 1901 photograph, donated by Mrs. Mabel Brooks, shows the Religious Work Committee of the Colored YMCA, then located at Druid Hill Ave. and Hoffman St. From left to right are G. A. Goines, secretary; W. H. Murray, president; W. B. Marshall, leader of singing; Charles M. Haskins, secretary; M. B. Mayfield, chairman; Thomas H. Smith and R. N. Matte.

Thursday is big night

By Nate Jackson
Executive Director

During the past 100 years, over 50,000 young men have been a part of, and benefited from the Druid Hill Branch's character building programs. Friendships made at Druid Hill were lasting and beneficial. The present board of directors, staff, and members have planned a series of events during this year celebrating the centennial of the oldest continuous black organization in Baltimore.

One of these events is an "Ole Tymers Reunion" scheduled for Thursday, March 28, 1985, 7—9 p.m. at the branch, 1609 Druid Hill Ave. This reunion will serve two purposes: First, hopefully it will bring together all the 'Ole Tymers" from as far back as the 1920's so we can share those good old experiences, and secondly, to lend our support to Druid Hill's Annual Giving Campaign.

This is a very important campaign at Druid Hill in that all of the money raised by the branch remains at the branch for camperships, memberships for youth, special projects for youth and other worthwhile causes for youth and underprivileged families. As Ole Tymers ourselves, this is a cause we simply cannot turn down. We feel $1.00 per year for each year of service ($100.00 for the 100 years) is a minimum all of us should pledge or give.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity members who are officers of the Baltimore Alumni Association are shown from left to right: Lester McCrea, president; Henry Holman, Scholarship Committee; and Henry L. Pope, Publicity Committee.

Alpha Phi Alpha assists Joint Venture Program

Mayor William Donald Schaefer announced recently the first three Community Volunteer organizations to participate in the Joint Venture Program and unveiled a new distinctive logo which will be placed in each school selected to participate in this joint venture.

The Joint Venture Program links individual city schools with community groups, local business and other organizations to further educational excellence. These organizations will assist schools in critical areas of need.

Today, three professional fraternal organizations have joined with 21 schools in the Mayor's Joint Venture Program. These organizations, Prince Hall Masons, Pan Hellenic Council and Alpha Phi Omega, Baltimore Alumni Association are assisting the schools in establishing P.T.A.s and Tutorial Programs, working on Attendance Monitoring, Truancy Programs, Field Trips and helping with Fundraising activities. This is but one example of the continuing cooperation between the City and its citizens, working together to improve services to all.

Montessori Toddler Program to begin June 15

A new session of the acclaimed Toddler's Program conducted by the Montessori Society of Central Maryland will begin on June 15 at the Society's Lutherville location. The Toddler's Program allows children, working with their parents under the guidance of a trained Montessori instructor, to explore special materials and activities designed to arouse their interest and involvement and to encourage concentration.

The Montessori program recognizes and utilizes the desire of children to explore their environment during the early years and satisfies their innate need for order as a preparation for intellectual growth. Parents learn to guide their children to more positive activities and learn when to participate and when to stand aside. Parents in the program will begin to recognize the capacity for learning and growth in their children and to trust this vast potential.

The next six-week session of the program will run from June 15 thru July 20. Classes are offered on Saturday mornings at the Montessori Emerson Farm Children's House at Falls and Greenspring Valley Roads, Lutherville, MD. Classes last for one hour each. For more information call 321-8555.

The Montessori Society of Central Maryland is a non-profit organization, established in 1962, which offers educational programs for children ages 1-½ to 11 at locations in Towson, Lutherville, Liberty Heights and Ellicott City.

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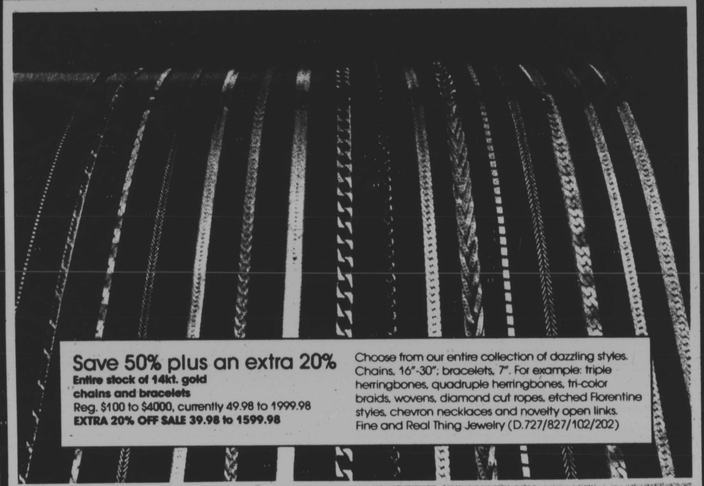

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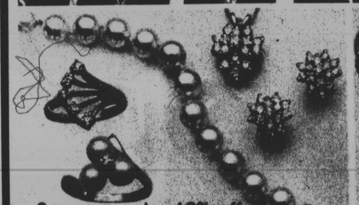

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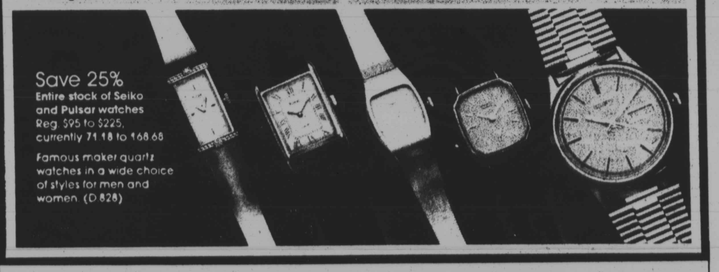

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BLSA holds 10th annual Awards Banquet

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER JUDGE JOHN HARGROVE, (L), judge for the United States District Court of Maryland, chats with Charles Dorsey and Kenneth L. Thompson during the Black Law Student Association's (BLSA's) 10th annual Awards Banquet held at the Omni Hotel, Saturday, March 9.

JULIA SHIVER (L) converses with Bobette Watts-Jones and Lavoy Jones.

CAUGHT BY THE CAMERA during the affair are (L to R) JuDonna Price, Bryan Foreman, Wanda Tilley and Wayner Simms.

ON THE SCENE are (from left) Judges William H. Murphy, Thomas E. Noel and Atty. Dwight Pettit.

BALTIMORE STATE'S ATTORNEY KURT SCHMOKE, recipient of the BLSA Award of Merit, is pictured with Jan M. Alexander, BLSA president.

THE HONORABLE MICHAEL WARING LEE receives the Distinguished Alumnus Award from BLSA vice president, Michael Powell.

ATTORNEY AND MRS. KEN RAVENNELL are seen enjoying the event.

With the theme "No Longer a Dream Deferred: Celebrating One Hundred Years of Legal Practice in Maryland," the Maryland Chapter, Black Law Students Association, hosted its 10th annual awards banquet, Saturday, March 9.

A cross-section of nearly 300 Baltimoreans, including many prominent judges and lawyers, were on hand for the occasion.

Held at the Omni Hotel, Fayette St., the affair began at 6:30 p.m. with a cocktail hour, during which the law students and their guests were engaged in lively conversation.

The welcome was given by Ruth C. Byrd, chairperson for the event, who also introduced dais guests.

The invocation was by the Rev. Tony W. Torain. Greetings were forthcoming from Dean Michael J. Kelly, of the University of Maryland Law School (a longtime supporter of BLSA).

Following the singing of the Black National Anthem by Carol DeGraffenreidt, soloist, accompanied by Penelope Calloway, a delectable dinner was served.

Dignitaries and the introduction of the keynote speaker were done by Jan M. Alexander, BLSA president.

The keynote address was given by the Honorable John R. Hargrove, Sr., a judge for the United States District Court of Maryland.

He spoke of the changes that have taken place from past to present on how the black lawyer operates. He also spoke of the role that lawyers' wives can play by joining organizations and helping to build the practices of their spouses.

His keenly interesting and informative remarks were very well received by the assemblage.

Awards and other presentations were made by Cynthia R. Wood, BLSA member; Michael A. Powell, BLSA vice president and Jan M. Alexander, BLSA president.

The 1985 Distinguished Alumnus Award recipient was the Honorable Michael Waring Lee, Chief Judge of the Orphans' Court of Baltimore. Judge Lee also chaired the prestigious Moot Court Board at the University of Maryland School of Law where he was awarded the Juris Doctor Degree in 1978.

The 1985 Award of Merit recipient was Kurt L. Schmoke, Esq., Baltimore State's Attorney.

John Warren Ester, a senior professor at the University of Maryland School of Law, was the 1985 recipient of the Teaching Excellence Award. Professor Ester, for the past eight years, has been instrumental in helping black students prepare for and pass the bar examination.

A special award was made to guest speaker, Judge Hargrove.

Following remarks and acknowledgments by chairperson Ruth C. Byrd, the Rev. Torain pronounced the benediction.

Entertainment during the evening was provided by violinist, Noel Pointer. Dinner music was provided by Penelope Calloway.

Immediately after the formal program there was a disco in the Francis Scott Key Ballroom to top the evening off.

The Black Law Students Association is a black student organization founded in 1968 to articulate and promote the professional needs of black American law students.

The national chapter of BLSA currently has approximately 7,000 members in chapters throughout the country.

Maryland's chapter of BLSA was founded a year before the national BLSA. Their chapter currently has 160 members. Their goals are to foster and encourage professional competence; to promote equitable educational opportunities and experiences for black students at the University of Maryland; to promote legal occupational opportunities for black students and to instill in the black attorney and law student a greater awareness of and commitment to the needs of the black community.

1984-85 BLSA officers are Jan M. Alexander, president; Michael A. Powell, vice president; Barry Watson, recording secretary; Carol Ann Speed, corresponding secretary; Marie Harmon, treasurer and William Sherman, parliamentarian.

Pattie Hodges
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GOLDEN JUBILEE B'DAY-ANNIVERSARY

Recently Deacon and Mrs. Julius Tanner celebrated two auspicious occasions—the 84th birthday of Deacon Tanner and the Tanner's 58th wedding anniversary. The affair was held at the Faith Baptist Multi-Purpose Center, Bond St. and Ashland Ave.

The Tanners have lived in the Baltimore area for more than 55 years. They are originally from Keysville, VA.

Many relatives and friends came to wish the Tanners well. Miss Freida Jones, niece of the Tanners, was Mistress of Ceremonies.

Communications were sent from President Reagan, Governor Hughes and Mayor Schaefer, who was represented by Ms. Jean Spence. Congressman Parren Mitchell sent a congratulatory telegram. Best wishes were also sent from the Mt. Ellis Baptist Church of Keysville, VA.

Tributes were given by the Rev. James Everette and Deacon Hawkes of the New Shiloh Baptist Church. A lovely tribute was given by Miss Vanessa Noel, a neighbor of the Tanners. Remarks were given by the honorees' pastor, the Rev. Willie S. Chambers, of the New Antioch Baptist Church.

The Occasion was given by Theodore Rudolph Jones, brother of Mrs. Tanner, who was the ringbearer at the couple's wedding 58 years ago. Relatives and friends came from Washington, DC, Virginia, New Jersey and New York.

The delicious dinner was prepared by Lillie Gill James and members of the First Baptist Church of Back River. Music was rendered by Harrison Hill, Geraldine Washington, Audrey Nole, Joe and Mary Kearney and Sonda Staples. Joseph Kearney was the photographer.

The affair was planned by the Tanners' daughter and son-in-law, Bishop and Mrs. Isaiah Hill (Ernestine).

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Deacon and Mrs. Julius Tanner

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