AT PIMLICO EVENT to raise money for Baltimore's homeless were (L to R) Catherine Werner who arranged the elegant bouffet for the 300 patrons in the Triple Crown Room; Marie Henderson, Ida Pete, former City Councilwoman Victorine Adams, chairlady and City Council president Clarence Du Burns.

MORE GUESTS who contributed to the Fund For The Homeless are (L to R) Dr. Delores Hunt, co-chairlady, Stella Williams, former City Councilwoman Victorine Q. Adams, chairlady; Steve Brown, Irene E. Savage and Pauline D. Scott.

GUESTS AT THE TRACK for the special Day for the Homeless Fund were (L to R) Perrilee Waters, Arthur Sargert, Thomas Talley and Johnnie Sargeant.

State/county maps of Maryland produced for visually-impaired

For the first time, thousands of people whose eyes cannot see well enough to read maps and regular print can enjoy and understand maps of the State of Maryland and its counties.

An innovative new atlas of Maryland combines Braille, raised lines, large print and voice-indexed cassettes to present geographic, historical and demographic information for easy understanding by low visioned and blind readers.

The Tactile and Large Print Atlas of the State of Maryland is produced and edited by Dr. Margaret Rockwell Pfanstiehl, president of The Washington Ear, the radio reading service for blind and physically handicapped of the Maryland-D.C.-Virginia region, 35 University Blvd. East, Silver Spring, 20901.

Cartography is by Professor Joseph W. Wiedel, an internationally known expert in designing maps for the visually impaired, assisted by graduate student Mary Helmsen. Both are with the University of Maryland Department of Geography.

The atlas includes 21 maps (7 state and 14 regional), a unique touch coordinate system, an index with 230 entries, and an instructional voice commentary for each map with additional historic, geographical and demographic information.

The commentary is also available in print for sighted family members, teachers and friends. A large-print-only version of the maps is available for low vision and fully sighted readers.

Included are major political boundaries, cities, towns, waterways, railroads, highways and roads, parks, cultural and educational institutions, and historical information from early resident Indian tribes through colonial settlements to the present.

The audio commentary is voice-indexed on four cassettes for quick reference. Mrs. Pfanstiehl's husband, Cody, narrates the commentary.

Mrs. Pfanstiehl composed 128-pages of commentary on her word processing computer that speaks words as fast as they are typed.

"I could touch the Braille on the maps, but Cody's eyes were my eyes in checking the printout from my word processor," she said.

Maryland is the first jurisdiction anywhere to have an atlas combining braille, raised lines, an easily understood coordinate system, large print and the spoken word for both visually impaired and sighted readers.

Begun in January, 1984 and available in May, 1985, the pioneering project is a unique part of Maryland's 350th Anniversary celebration. It is funded by the Maryland Humanities Council, the Maryland Heritage Committee, the National Geographic Society and The Washington Ear.

Volunteer Braille Services of Washington, D.C., transcribed the index into Braille and proofread the Braille labels on the 21 maps.

The atlas will be introduced at a symposium May 8 at 2; 00 p.m. at Strathmore Hall, 10701 Rockville Pike, Rockville (North Bethesda), MD.

By the way...

By Joe Black

No doubt many of you have heard the Staple Singers and Diana Ross suggest through song that we can help to make the world a better place by reaching out and taking the hand of a fellow human being. And through the years, Blacks who were on an upward and onward career path have been admonished to reach back and help someone else up the ladder of success. But I wonder how many of us understand this challenge of reaching back. Does it mean being charitable with your money? Yes, sometimes we must be willing to share our money with those who are still struggling to rid themselves of a depressed lifestyle. On occasions, it will require nothing more than some of your time for listening and/or making suggestions as to how he or she can overcome. And at times, we may "reach out" in a positive way by "opening the door of opportunity" for someone else. Please bear with me as I give an example of opening doors.

The Georgetown University Basketball Team has been a dominant force in collegiate basketball for the past several years. Their successes have given Coach John Thompson favorable identification as a leader who molds winners in athletic ability and character. His team has won national championships, and he has been honored as Coach of the Year. But John Thompson was not content to rest on his laurels. He has used his fame and prestige as a "tool" to help a needy, but worthy Black institution — our colleges and universities. Coach Thompson included a Black college on the Georgetown basketball schedule. This act generates two positive results: (1) it identifies the existence of Black schools and (2) the TV exposure adds to the revenues of the Black schools. I salute Coach John Thompson for demonstrating that you can enjoy the success of a king and still be able to walk with the "common" man.

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Vice President
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Top Army nurse lauds role of Vietnam black soldier

By Elizabeth M. Oliver

Lt. Col. Maurine L. Hill (Ret.) the top ranking black nurse on duty during the Viet conflict reminds that black soldiers comprised the greatest number of enlisted men in the war.

She told the AFRO in a recent appearance in Baltimore that black soldiers comprised the greatest number of casualties, loss of life, in all categories, those killed in action and those wounded.

She explains, "Our men were in the lower enlisted ranks and sent to the front. In all our wars, history shows that the least educated men are on the front lines and are the greatest casualties."

Deploring the fact that this does not show up in TV and news media, and especially recently with all the publicity on Vietnam, she cites the documentaries like the flag raising on Iwo Jima, the take over of Corregidor where black soldiers were absent as if they had no part whatsoever.

Col. Hill, now Ms. Hill, a Maryland resident and recently appointed a commissioner by Gov. Harry R. Hughes, says America still has a long way to go before there is equality in the military and in civilian life.

She states that in all her travels to other countries, in the military career of over 30 years, she still believes that America is the greatest country of all but (going back to her experience in Vietnam) she feels the role of black soldiers has been sadly underplayed.

In the Viet conflict, Col. Hill was head nurse at the hospital where casualties arrived. Working around the clock in the never-ending stream, she knew the multitude killed in action and wounded in action.

During the few breaks from exhaustion from endless hours on the job, she said the nurses under her got some moments to listen to news broadcasts which were saying there were "few or none Killed in Action (KIA) and few WIA (Wounded in Action."

The broadcasts also said the enemy was suffering great set-backs. Col. Hill states, "We wondered if it was another war they were talking about and we questioned, What war is that they are describing?

She notes, "The Commander in Chief, President Johnson, ordered our men into Vietnam, ordered them to go but when they came home, there was no one to welcome them except their families."

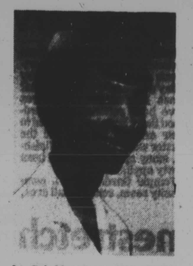
Col. Hill says her knowledge of the history of wars shows "In all history when a recession occurs, we get into a war of some kind."

As to Vietnam, war was never declared since we lost so many men. It was called "Police Action." The soldiers however received combat pay.

Col. Hill who prefers to accent her civilian status since she is retired, say she was stationed 1969-70 at the Third Field Hospital near the Republic of Vietnam headquarters and the military headquarters outside of Saigon.

There she assisted in a kidney transplant for a Vietnamese, the first one ever done in Vietnam. In addition to regular duties as head nurse, she was also nursing consultant to the Republic of Vietnam.

Since retirement Col. Hill has had vast experience in medicine at all levels. Her 12 military awards including the Bronze Star assures she is a top authority in her field. Gov. Hughes has appointed her as a member of the Maryland Vietnam Veterans Memorial Commission. She is vice chairman. She is a professional registered nurse licensed to Maryland, Missouri and the District of Columbia.



Lt. Col. Maurine L. Hill (RET.)

Highlighting an extensive career due to strong administrative abilities, Col Hill is substantially connected in Hawaii and has extensive properties there.

At one point in her military career she was an administrator at the famous Tripler Army Medical Center and served as Emergency Preparedness Officer "in case of disaster" to coordinate all medical resources and facilities.

A published author, Col. Hill is available for public speaking. Much traveled, she was stationed in Spain, Germany, Hawaii, Vietnam. She has visited the Holy Lands, Middle East, Far East, Alaska, North Africa and South Africa, with considerable knowledge of each place.

As the former second highest ranking nurse in the Armed Forces, Col. Hill's citations include not only the Bronze Star, but also Air Force Commendation with two Oak Leaf Clusters: Longevity Award; Army Commendation with Four Oak Leaf Clusters and National Defense Award plus half a dozen others.

A native of Missouri, she earned a ME degree at Kansas State University; BSN, University of Omaha, NEB.; RN, General Hospital, Kansas City, MO; ABA, Lincoln Jr. College, Kansas City, MO.

Noteworthy are her certificates which include National Security Management, US Armed Forces Senior War College and chief director of Nursing Orientation, US Army.

EXPERIENCE

Administrative: Over twenty years of broad management experience with responsibilities for various resources including professional, support and volunteer personnel, supplies, equipment and procurement.

Developed standardized contingency and emergency operational policies and procedures for all aspects of resource management.

Wrote, negotiated and arbitrated union agreements. Periodically conducted and evaluated all operational systems. Coordinated all operational and resource management plans.

Developed and supervised multi-level projects requiring quantitative skills.

Reviewed blue prints, made recommendations and coordinated remodeling and new construction projects.

Junior Girl Scouts teach youngsters how to read

Congratulations are in order for Junior Girl Scout Troop No. 1548. The 24-girl troop has just received the TYLER'S SERVICE TROOP OF THE MONTH" award for the month of February.

Troop No. 1548 received the award for their "Book Buddies" project which enabled the girls to work with younger children (1st and 2nd graders) to help teach them how to read. The girls also selected the reading materials and kept records so as not to duplicate their efforts.

Through this project the junior girls learned to be patient and understanding when working with someone younger than themselves. The "Book Buddies" project will continue during the 1985-1986 school year.

Troop No. 1548 was awarded a $25 check and "Troop of the Month" badges. The money awarded will go towards purchasing new uniforms for the girls.

Members of the troop are: Keisha Hull, Tamara Garrett, April Lewis, Alicia Lewis, Kia Wake, Ernessa Fullmore, Sheena Fullmore, Monique Yates, Erika Jones, Erica Smith, Melinda Hill, Sharon Fisher, Jayleine Slater, Schannel Taylor, Collette Campbell, Stacy Mack, Carla Thomas and Trina Elliott.

Applications for TYLER's Troop of the Month may be picked up at any TYLER'S location or by calling the Girl Scouts of Central Maryland at 889-2861.

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