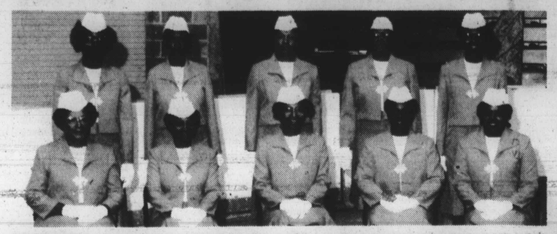
50,000 attend, spend more than $30,000,000

Local Drill Team wins at Shriner's Convention



DAUGHTERS OF ISIS DRILL TEAM MEMBERS of Baltimore who won Second Place at the recent Shriner's Convention held in Chicago, IL are (seated, L to R): Alice Edwards, Dorothy Johnson, Capt. Darlene Stewart, Janice Randall and Altomease Gibson. (Standing, from L) are: Fern Brown, Cynthia Burroughs, Wilhelmina Stewart, Constance Ridgeley and Bettye McCleod.

Fifty thousand Prince Hall Shriners gathered in Chicago recently to attend their 93rd annual convention.

One hundred fifty of those in attendance were from Maryland.

The Shriners spent more than $30,000,000 during their one-week stay in Chicago.

The convention officially opened on Monday, Aug. 18 with a session at the Chicago Hilton Hotel, for which the Shriners dressed formally in tuxedos with white jackets.

The conventioneers were welcomed to the city by Mayor Harold Washington, who was inducted into Shrinedom prior to the opening.

In addition to their business meetings, the Shriners, in full uniforms, with marching bands, clowns and mounted units, put on a two-hour street parade through the black community. A second parade, with 8,000 participants, was held for the downtown Chicago area on Wednesday.

The Baltimore Drill Team–The Daughters of Isis, Military Drill Team -- led by Captain Darlene Stewart, placed Second in the National Drill competition.

There were six teams competing--Bltimore, MD, Washington, DC, Los Angeles, Ca; Philadelphia, PA; St. Louis, MO and Detroit, MI. The competition was won by Philadelphia, PA; Baltimore was Second and St. Louis, Third.

There is a total of 300 possible points to be earned by a Drill Team in competition. Thirty of those points can be earned at inspection. The inspection is done by a unit of Marine drill instructors led by a Colonel. The Baltimore Team received a perfect score at inspection.

The Team members are Captain Darlene Stewart, Lt. Bettye McCleod, Cynthia Burroughs, Constance Ridgely, Altomease Gibson, Alice Edwards, Dorothy Johnson Wilhelmina Stewart, Fern Brown, Janice Randall and Delores Mack.

CITY COUNCILMAN KWEISI MFUME (C) is seen chatting with (from L): Celonia B. Walden and Marti Franklin at a fundraiser held in his honor at the home of Pinnie and Bill Ross, Green Mountain Circle, Columbia, MD, Friday, August 22.

CONTESTANTS for the title of Ms. Big and Beautiful 1986 are (seated, L to R): Joyce Carter, Annette King, Barbara Jackson, Thomasine Bonner, Brenda Pouncey, Jeanette Smith and Ainia Sneed; (standing, L to R) are: Regina Dow, Sybil Clark, Marlene Shrieve, Gloria Hunter, Miriam Thomas, Lea Gilmore, Pearl Smith, Shelly Stokes, Norris Butler, Julia Williams, Beverly Jones and Cynthia Eggleston.

Ms Big and Beautiful Pageant set

This year's second Annual Ms. Big and Beautiful Pageant is alive and kicking. It has 20 of Maryland's Beautiful full figured ladies, whose goal is to become 'Ms. Big and Beautiful' for 1986.

Allen Pageants International, in conjunction with Valet formal wear, will be holding this Pageant at the Palladium, September 14, from 7 until 11 p.m.

This pageant has proven to be a veryexcitingevent for the contestants, and the audience. It has given a new meaning to the word full figured. It has enhanced the attitude of big being more positive.

The ladies participating and the ladies in the audience, big and small, have a better perspective about the importance of being satisfied with yourself and showing it. No longer do the big women need to feel self-conscious about their size or feel less acceptable in society.

If nothing else comes out of Pageants like this, at least it will have changed a lot of negative attitudes about big women.

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By Joe Black

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If you are born with this tendency from one parent, you have Sickle Cell Trait. If you are born with this tendency from both parents, you have Sickle Cell Anemia. You will not know whether you have Sickle Cell Trait unless you take a simple blood test. So help combat and support the fight against Sickle Cell Disease by:

1. Having a blood test to learn if you have the Trait.
2. Riding Greyhound, because in 1986 a percentage of each ticket will be donated to the National Association for Sickle Cell Disease.
3. Mailing a contribution to your local Sickle Cell Chapter. or to:

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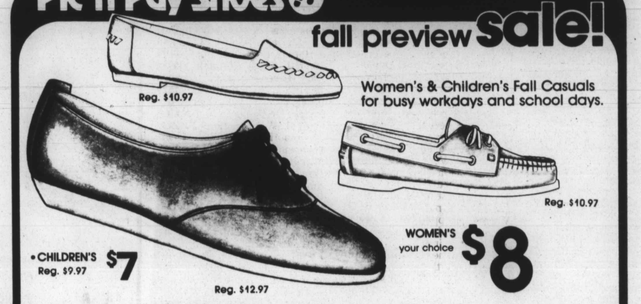

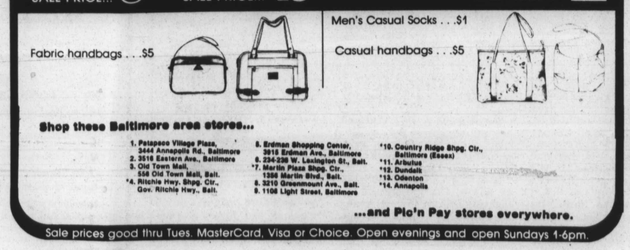

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Athena Harris weds Makau Wa Mutua

Mr. and Mrs. Makau Wa Mutua

Athena Dianne Harris, 3700 Garrison Blvd., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Johnson, Jr., was united in matrimony Saturday, August 16 to Makau Wa Mutua, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mutua, Kenya, East Africa.

The double-ring ceremony took place at the Calvary Baptist Church, 3011 Garrison Blvd., at 6 p.m. with the Rev. Dr. Lorenzo Graves officiating.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a long, white gown with Reflections of Spesabella beaded Milano lace bodice, a Sabrina neckline, tapered sleeves and a bubble-flared skirt of taffeta, finished off with Milano lace detailing.

Maid-of-Honor Laurie Yvette Harris, and Matron-of-Honor Carolyn Kay Jones, both of Baltimore, wore Royal purple taffeta with satin sheen lace overlays, sequinned Sabrina necklines, tapered sleeves and ruffled waistlines.

Bridesmaids Myra Gaskins, Kimberly Horsely, Baltimore; Barbara Peeble, St. Louis, MO and Dawn Toler, Newark, NJ, wore Royal purple taffeta with satin sheen, fitted bodices, lace overlays, sequinned Sabrina necklines and ruffled waistlines.

Flower Girls Tiffany Jackson, Baltimore, and Jennifer Jordan, Fawn Grove, PA wore iliac taffeta with fitted bodices, lace overlays and tapered sleeves.

Best Man was William T. Snipes, Ivington, NJ. Ushers were John Clark and David Hall, Cambridge, MA; Joseph at Matua, Kenya, East Africa; Joseph Oleoxa Onyango and Frederick Snyder, Cambridge, MA, and William T. Snipes, Irvington, NJ.

Ring Bearer was Thurston T. Jones IV, Baltimore. Bible Bearer was Kyalo Mutua, Kenya, East Africa.

Decorations at the church were done by Vicky Brown, Baltimore. Musical Programs Organist was Mrs. Bernice Waker. Soloist was Tammy Westbrook.

Receptions were hosted for the couple at Calvary Baptist Church in the lower auditorium after the ceremony, and at Martin's West, Dogwood Rd., where a formal dinner reception was held.

The bride graduated from Western High School in '78, from Earlham in '82 and the Washington College of Law in '86, and will be attending the Graduate Program at Harvard Law School in the fall of '86.

The groom, of Kenya, East Africa (Kenyan) attended Harvard Law School, University of DAR-ES-SALAAM L.L.M., L.L.B. and the University of Nairobi.

The new Mr. and Mrs. Makua are at home in Cambridge, MA.

Out-of-town guests attending the wedding and reception were from Kenya, East Africa - Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mutua, and Kyalo Mutua;

From California - Betty Lou Hammonds, Deborah Hammonds, Jean Berry, Betty Littlepage and Njisha Shakur;

From Florida - Caridad Farrington; from Massachusetts - Kathryn Franklin, Adelaide Jones and Oladle Akinla II;

From New York - Althea Garvey, Karen Hambrick, Morakane Thipe and Tammy Westbrook;

From Oklahoma - Earl Harrison, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Harrison, Windell Harrison, Louise Parker and Thelma Preston;

From Pennsylvania - Mary Collier;

From Tennessee - Mr. and Mrs. Earl Harrison, Jr., Thresea Harrison and Earl Harrison III;

From Washington - Merrylle Doughty, Ibrahim Gassima, Maryse Mills, Valerie Nicholes, Randall Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard VanGals, Gloria Williams, Niiaibo Akuete and Doris Clemmons.

Xmas in August

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ginaire' from 3:30 p.m., when it began, until 11 p.m., when it ended.

For openers, the decor transported guests right into the Christmas season–a wreath on the door, a "Seasons Greetings" sign at the entrance to the Clubroom, a gaily decorated tree with wrapped gifts underneath just inside the clubroom, a Santa and his reindeer festooned in action on one wall, decorative snowflakes on another, Christmas tablecloths and napery on the tables (along with miniature lighted ceramic Christmas trees, and another Santa smiling broadly from the bar area.

Many folks came decked out in Christmas colors of red, white, or green, in keeping with the theme.

Hostess Lavania or "Lee" as she is fondly known, was resplendent in a silver gray "Roaring Twenties" dress while hubby James wore a green sports jacket to represent the holiday season.

The afternoon began with wine, cheese and cards savored by members of the Pinochle Pals Club and the many guests.

The animated party patter among them blended with the beautiful Christmas music which was played continuously for five hours.

During this segment of the party, guests also enjoyed taco salad based in cream cheese, raw bar and other sippables.

Following the wine, cheese and cards, in an atmosphere in which guests seemed truly buoyed up with the Christmas spirit, there was a super delectable buffet dinner.

The dinner menu boasted, in addition to the traditional turkey, stuffing and cranberry sauce, potato salad, candied sweet potatoes, macaroni and cheese, sauerkraut, corn pudding cabbage, roast beef and ham...There was also punch, more wine, cocktails and other sippables of every kind. Before, during and after dinner the cups-o-cheer were filled and refilled.

The melt-in-your-mouth meats had been smoked on the grill by Johnny Smith who has "special" sauces that add to their flavor. Smith, the principal of School 313, looks forward to opening his own restaurant.

Desserts included sweet potato pies, apple cobbler, ice cream and the piece-de-resistance– a huge sheet cake, iced in chocolate on one side, vanilla on the other. The vanilla side was inscribed "Seasons Greetings", and the chocolate sported a decorative candy Christmas tree with candy droplets resembling snow underneath. Very "Christmasy."

The food and drink were consumed with gusto, with many going back for seconds, and thirds.

City Councilman Kweisi Mfume dropped in to greet everyone, and added his warmth to the gathering.

Folks relished the affair to the hilt, so much that some could be heard saying, "This really gives me the Christmas spirit. I think I'll go out tomorrow and start my Christmas shopping."

The party was hosted to cheer and lift the spirits of host James, a victim of Multiple Sclerosis. Christmas is James' favorite time of year.

Upon departing, many, in the true holiday spirit, whose spirits had also been lifted, said jovially to their hosts, "Happy New Year." Christmas in August– a fantastic affair.

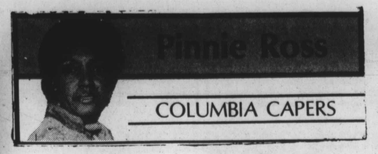
Guests included Messeurs and Mesdames Arthur Rosebrough (Doris), Ronald Harris (Yvonne), Samuel McNeill (Joyce), Milton Solomon (Nancy), Steve Wainwright (Carolyn), John Gilliam (Delores), Ronald Connors (Nancy)*, James Maddox (Lorraine), Charles Campbell (Ella), Castomal Alexander (Jean), George Dixon (Kate), Kenneth Fairfax (Barbara), Earl Bogles (Ruth) from Landover, MD; Attorney and Mrs. Jacques Leeds (Polly) and John Wiggins (Gertrude);

Also Ms. Shirley Richmond, Melvin Beckles, Jr., Miriam Curtis, Sharon Desouza, Lousonia Jefferson, Georgiana Cobb, Julia Randall, Sandra Randall, Vivian Lee, Gwen Murray, Sandra Robinson, Ruth Edwards, Mary Edwards, Dr. Nora Cartledge-Cheek, Dr. Frances N. Beckles, Cheryl Wingo, Eva Brown, Thelma Hamilton, Ray Brown, Ernestine Brown, Shawn Hilton, Margaret Dorsey, Martena Rawley, Anna Kennard, Joyce Smith, Carrie Singleton, Delores Polston, Jean Boone, Mae Hale;

And Lloyd Gardner, Leroy Nicholas, Donald Tucker, Oliver Anderson, John McCaskill, Arthur Jenkins, Dr. Lynn Jones, Johnny Smith, Benjamin Holmes, Melvin Boardley, Norman Scott, Norman Branch, Kenneth Rogers, John Parker, "Mickey" Bradford and yours truly.

Family members attending were Mrs. Rosie Small, (Lavinia' mother); the hosts' son and daughter, Sherard and Dawn Fitzpatrick, and Mr. and Mrs. Maxie Brooks, (Barbara).

In the New AFRO full page coverage of special events is now available. For information call Mrs. Steele, 728-8203



COLUMBIA CAPERS

SAD NEWS

A service of triumph was held Monday for Earl Tatum Gardner at St. John Baptist Church in Columbia, MD, where he was a long time member and a two term president of the Gospel Choir as well as a member of the James Fenimore Cooper Male Choir.

Mr. Gardner was the beloved son of the late Rufus Morgan Gardner and Edna Tutman Gardner of Baltimore. He departed this life on August 19, 1986 as a result of a massive heart attack.

Earl had attended the Baltimore Public Schools and had served in the United States Armed Forces. He worked for the Signal Corps and completed his work career with the United States Postal Service. After he retired he had a desire to keep himself busy and took a parttime position at the Sears Store in the Columbia Mall.

Prior to moving to Columbia, Earl was a member of Emmanual Christian Community Church. The Rev. Sidney Daniels, Pastor of Emmanual gave an opening prayer and read the New Testament Scripture at the services.

The Rev. Gene Bradford, Associate Pastor of Full Gospel Tabernacle in Cooksville and Catonsville read from the Old Testament. Rev. Bradford was the assistant pastor at St. John Baptist until recently and a choir associate of Mr. Gardner.

Mrs. Jacqueline Banks, a long time co-worker and personal friend of Mrs. Francis Gardner, widow of the deceased, and Baltimore Public School System retiree, read the acknowledgements from the family.

The Gospel Choir rendered three selections and Deaconess Esther Vines read the Obituary. Church Clerk Sadie Woolford read the statement from the church.

The Eulogy, entitled "Having A Good Death" was presented by Pastor Herbert H. Eaton. "Don't talk about me when I'm feeling good, and don't be afraid of death. Think of people who have died before you and those who will die after you. It doesn't make sense to say "WHY ME?", WHY COULDN'T IT BE SOMEONE ELSE?" So the smart person plans for a good life and focuses on the spiritual qualities of life. The role of religion is to teach us how to have a good life and a good death."

The Eulogy remembered Mr. Gardner as a loving husband and father; a happy and jolly person at all times; a person who would never say "no" and always willing to undertake any task that was placed upon him.

I personally remember Earl as a dear friend. He was one of our choir members who was always wearing a smile and kept you laughing to no end. It seems that I can hear him say "Pinnie, where have you been? I have not seen you in two weeks." Well, this is pageant time.....Then he would laugh and say, "you know, I haven't been here in two weeks either." FUNNY!!!!!

He was devoted to his family, making every sacrifice to care for the wife and two sons.

To cherish his memory, Earl leaves his beloved wife Francis; two sons–Earl, Jr. and Arthur; four sisters–Alma, Ruby, Vivian and Bernice; three brothers–Rufus, Paul and Vernon; one uncle, two aunts and a host of nieces and nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends.

SANDRA GRAY— ONE OF THE NATION'S TOPS

Sandra T. Gray, wife of Howard Council Chairman C. Vernon Gray, was named one of the nation's top one hundred Black Business and Professional Women at a recent event sponsored by Dollars and Sense Magazine.

Mrs. Gray is vice president of Independent Sector, an alliance of volunteer organizations, corporations and foundations. She was one of the first teachers to integrate faculties in Little Rock, Arkansas.

From 1981 to 1984, Sandra served as executive director of the National School Volunteer Program. Prior to that service, she was the Assistant Commissioner in the Department of Education, the Assistant and Policy Advisor to the Under Secretary of the Department of Education, a Special Assistant to the Secretary of Education and an HEW Fellow.

Congratulations Sandra. May the work you have done speak for you.

More Partyline

Gilliam, Mrs. Amelia Gresham (Great aunt), Ms. Carolyn Session, and Mrs. Jessie Taylor and family (cousins).

MESSAGE TO FAMILY DAY MEMBERS

The Guiding Star is you, you and you families and friends from South and North Carolina. This year our annual Family and Friend Reunion will be held at the Patapsco State Park. Labor Day, Monday September 1, beginning at 11:00 a.m. until Sunset at Pavillions 76-A and 86-B.

Please bring the food and beverages of your choice. Include enough food for your invited relatives and guest!!!!

The park provides areas for a great number of activities such as: volleyball, fishing, hiking, camping, baseball, soccer, horse shoes etc. But, you must bring equipment for any activity or games you wish to play. Any other types of games you wish to bring are welcome.

Free entertainment will be provided. Anyone wishing to show his or her talent is welcome.

There will be a fee of $3.00 per car or van to enter the park.....For additional information contact:

Phyllis Morgan, 366-4665; Curtis Whittenburg, 484-7124; May Frances Millard, 542-7096; DeWitt Thompson, 323-2014; Bontee Woods, 566-0897; Eunice Garrison-Bustios, 358-8723; Saul Bridges, 947-4913 or Rachel Morgan Williamson, 466-3290.

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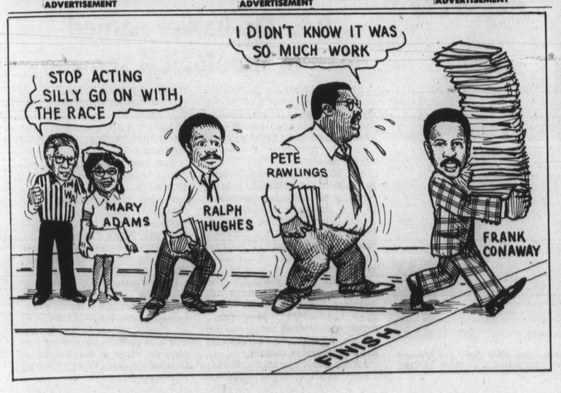

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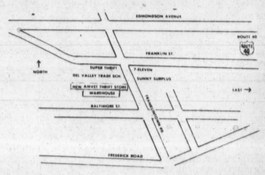
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