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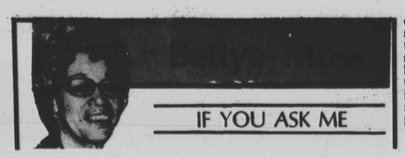

IF YOU ASK ME

(Editor's note: This week marks the 44th anniversary of this If You Ask Me column, first published in 1943).

Smiles

Smile-of-the-week orchids to Dr. Rebecca Carroll, the retired school exec, who keeps busy volunteering her time in a number of areas, always with a smile on her face and in her voice.

Congrats are due her, too. On Saturday, she was reelected president of Baltimore Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

Plenty of sunshine too, in the voice of Mrs. Edmonia Yates, whom School Superintendent Alice Pinderhughes named deputy superintendent last week.

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There was lots of sunshine in voices when the Morgan State University Choir appeared in concert at the Meyerhoff a Sunday ago, sponsored by the President's Committee and Chi Delta Mu, the physicians' fraternity.

Those who were there are still singing the praises of the youthful singers and their director, Dr. Nathan Carter, and speaking in glowing terms of the varied program they gave, particularly the "Precious Lord" presentation.

My, how Sopranos Elizabeth Norman and Sherry Hunt, brought the audience to their feet. And wouldn't precious song writer Thomas Dorsey have been proud. They were terrific.

So was featured artist Eric Conway, the pianist. He, too, drew standing ovations.

More smiles

Mailbag: Jimmie Cook writes: "I do not live in her district, but I have observed Councilwoman Jackie McLean on a number of occasions. She is the same all the time — to everybody — she has a pleasing smile. Please include her in your orchids list."

Also due orchids, Delegate John Douglass, who never forgets to send Mother's Day greetings to his constituents. He did so again this year.

Please send your nominations for our smile section. Help us prove people will take time to praise others who have sunshine in their voices . . . and smile, smile . . . smile. . .

To Morehouse

Leroy Keith, Jr., is the new president of Morehouse College, the prestigious 100-year-old all-male, predominantly black school in Atlanta, Ga.

In 1983, University of Maryland President John Toll, named Dr. Keith Vice President For Policy and Planning. He leaves this U. of Md. post June 30th.

At Morehouse, he succeeds retiring president, Dr. Hugh M. Gloster, who became president in 1967, succeeding longtime President, Dr. Benjamin E. Mays.

Alma Mater

Dr. Keith, 46, earned his bachelor's degree at Morehouse in 1961, and holds a master's and doctorate from Indiana University.

Before joining the U. of Md. administrative staff, he was acting president and executive vice president of the University of the District of Columbia (1978-82).

Prior to that, he was chancellor of the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education, associate vice president at the University of Massachusetts, and associate dean and assistant professor of education and urban studies at Dartmouth College.

Morehouse College Trustee chair, Dr. Thomas Kilgore, Jr., said of Dr. Keith's selection, "We think he's going to be a worthy successor to two great men . . . he has impeccable credentials, a tremendous amount of administrative experience and a facility for fund-raising and public relations."

An Honor

Of his appointment, Dr. Keith said: "I think there's no greater honor an individual can receive than to be asked to serve as president of his Alma Mater.

"Morehouse College is an institution with a rich tradition for developing black, male leadership, and with that mission Morehouse takes on an increasingly important role because of the critical need of a strong black, male leadership in our society."

Dr. Keith has received numerous honors and serves on a number of professional and community boards and commissions.

He is a member of Phi Delta Kappa, a trustee of St. Andrew Episcopal Church.

He is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. He and his wife, Anita have four daughters — Lori, 24, a junior in the U. of Michigan Medical School; Susan, 23, a U. of Md. grad now employed by the U.S. Public Health Service; Kelli, 17, a Dartmouth freshman, and Kimberly, 8.

NEW PRESIDENT of Morehouse College in Atlanta, Dr. Leroy Keith, shown here with his wife, Anita, is former vice president of U. of Md. In accompanying article, he gives his reaction to his appointment.

About people

Continue get-well cards, please, to Mrs. Ethel Hucles, the retired teacher. She's at home.

Also to Mrs. Lena Meredith, the 92-year-old mother of Mrs. Ben Foreman (Adelle). She's recuperating following surgery at University Hospital.

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Members of the Bridge Brunch Buddies marked their tenth anniversary a Thursday ago, entertained guests at lunch at Meushaws'. Hostesses were, Julia McDaniel, Philathea Hall, Gwen Tarter, Ruth Rosedom, and Lucille Williams.

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Love note: Diana Gillis, the Rite Aid assistant manager on McMechen St., and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thornton D. Gillis, exchanged vows on April 25, with Frank Willmer Phillips Lansey, the Urban Services employee, and son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Gaines Lansey (Priscilla). Couple is at home on Madison Ave. in West Baltimore.

More people

Congrats to Mrs. Audry Bennett Pinkney, the retired city school guidance teacher. She was honored for outstanding volunteer service to the American Red Cross when the organization held its annual recognition dinner on Wednesday, (April 29), at Martin's West.

She received the Volunteer's Plaque, given for volunteer work as a b lood services scheduler, and the 1987 Clara Tucker Award (a silver bowl), for outstanding service and achievement.

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Scoop: May 1 edition of the Community College of Baltimore newspaper, The Crier, carries a full-page interview with one of its most famous grads — U.S. Congressman Kweisi Mfume.

He is asked whether divorce has cured him and whether he plans to marry again. His reply: "I expect to, but I don't know when. Marriage is a good institution . . . it is something I look forward to doing again . . ."

Cuff note: Congressman Mfume paid his deceased mother a beautiful tribute when he spoke last Saturday at Philomathian Club's closing luncheon. Of her, he said, "I learned the real meaning of loving, from my mother . . ."

Cecil Eason

Thinking-of-you-cards, please to the family of Cecil Eason. He was the good neighbor who owned two barber shops in Mondawmin — Esquire and Metro Esquire, and was known for volunteering his time to.

Mr. Eason, 66, died last Sunday at Denton Medical Center. He had leukemia. Memorial services were Saturday at Timothy Baptist Church.

Many of us who knew Mr. Eason will always remember how he gave generously of his time to help others.

It was not unusual to find him at the bedside of ailing patients — shaving them and cutting their hair, and helping them to look good in the sick bed. He was a kind person.

Survivors: His wife, the former Lorraine Lee; sons, Kedrick and Broderick Eason, Baltimore.

Also, four sisters, Mrs. Pearl Rainey, Baltimore; and Mrs. Elaine Morris, Mrs. Emma Simpson and Mrs. Dorothy Freshwater, and a brother, Eugene Eason, all of his native Elizabeth City, N.C.

Willard A. Pinkney marks 95th birthday

By Bettye Moss

Friends and relatives from far and near gathered in Baltimore recently to honor Willard Allen Pinkney, Sr., on his 95th birthday.

A native of East Baltimore, Mr. Pinkney was for 45 years a repair man with the Smith-Corona Typewriter Co. He retired in 1957.

The birthday celebration featured tributes in word and song, saluting Mr. Pinkney for his energy, his love and devotion to family, community and church.

Speakers related how Mr. Pinkney still enjoys bowling, even teaches handicapped to bowl, likes to shoot pool, pitch horse shoes, play cards, visit the race track, watch sports on TV, listen to sacred music, attend meetings of his men's club and participate in church activities.

What he likes

There was much laughter when speakers recounted how he also likes to walk, smoke his pipe, drink beer, play the lottery, read the newspapers, repair typewriters, buy fashionable clothes, listen to Dixieland jazz, create designs, scenes, lamps and vases from old typewriter parts, and visit often with his children and grandchildren.

His nine children, all of whom live in Baltimore, and many of his 22 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren were among the 250 guests at the birthday luncheon held on April 25th at the Regency Terrace. Also there, relatives and friends from Ind., Ill., N.C., Pa., Conn., and D.C.

Guests gave Mr. Pinkney and his wife of 38 years, Mrs. Ann White Pinkney — a standing ovation when they led the family procession into the banquet hall.

Tributes

Union Baptist pastor, Rev. Vernon N. Dobson, offered prayer, and a daughter, Mrs. Fannie P. Thomas, presided. She was one of several family members who offered tributes and presented the honoree with gifts and a purse.

Among others were, sons, Richard and Willard, Jr., nephew, Clifton Scott and grandson, Michael J. Pinkney and daughter-in-law, Mrs. Audrey B. Pinkney.

Other presentations came from, Mrs. Anne L. McClothern, Helping Hand Circle of Union Baptist Church, James Williams, Daytimers' Bowling Club; Elijah Mallett, Lafayette Ave. Bowling Center, James Murray, the Phalanx Club, and Dr. John Crew, an Ellamont Rd. neighbor.

There were resolutions and citations from Gov. William Donald Schaefer, Mayor Clarence "Du" Burns, Del. Howard Pete Rawlings and Waters AME Church.

Musical tributes were by Lionel Jiggetts and Mrs. Eartha Lamkin.

15 children

Mr. Pinkney was born April 12, 1892, at 811 McDonough St., in East Baltimore. In 1913, he married the former Fannie Ruth Johnson. They had 15 children, 9 of whom are living today, 2 daughters and 7 sons.

During World War II, seven sons served in the armed forces. One son, Harvey, an Air Force officer, was killed in a plane crash shortly after the war. A daughter, now Mrs. Fannie P. Thomas, was in the WAVES. When the children were growing up, the family lived for many years on Madison Ave., near North.

After the death of the first Mrs. Pinkney, Mr. Pinkney was married to the former Ann White of Huntsville, Ala.

9 living

The birthday celebration was given by the 9 living Pinkney children, all of whom live in Baltimore and have spent their working years in Baltimore.

They are:

Willard Allen Pinkney, Jr., retired in 1976 after 35 years as claims investigation clerk at Social Security, is now a permanent deacon at St. Veronica's Catholic Church.

James Hurst Pinkney, retired June 1972, after 24 years as supervisor at the main post office.

Ralph Donald Pinkney, a 26-year employee at the Francis Scott Key Medical Center, where he is carpentry shop supervisor and head of the In-House Construction Facility Management Department.

Richard Aaron Pinkney, retired January, 1987, after 25 years as letter carrier, U.S. Postal Service, formerly worked 14 years at Glenn L. Martin.

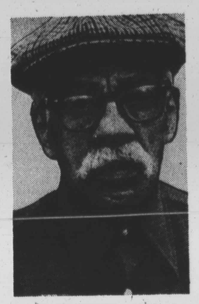
Thomas Arthur Pinkney, a 27-year postal employee, presently is supervisor of bulk mail acceptance at the main post office.

Julius Clifton Pinkney, retired December, 1986, after 30 years with post office, was general supervisor at main post office when he retired.

Mary May Pinkney Harris, former toll collector at Harbor Tunnel. Now a homemaker.

Andrew Merritt Pinkney, a 30-year employee at General Motors, 10 years as supervisor.

Fannie Pinkney Thomas, program analyst with Health Care Financing Administration, employed 26½ years.



95 YEARS YOUNG—Willard A. Pinkney, Sr., the typewriter man, marks a birthday.

22 grandchildren

The 22 Pinkney grandchildren are:

Joseph Pinkney, Dolores P. Lomax, Elizabeth P. Harris, Patricia P. Gaither, Michael J. Pinkney, Michelle P. Kelly, Thomas A. Pinkney, Richard Pinkney, Jr., Ericka Pinkney, Renee Pinkney, Ronald Pinkney; Eric Pinkney, Brenda Pinkney, Donald Pinkney, Diane Harris, Carol H. Marks, Melanie Harris, Gina Pinkney, Clinton Thomas, Ronald Thomas, Carolyn Williams and Thelma Terry.

Other kin

Nieces and nephews are: Jeannette R. Christmas, Mary S. Pool, Freida S. Brown, Clifton U. Scott, Bernice Hall, Louise P. Edwards, Dr. Talmadge Pinkney, Thelma

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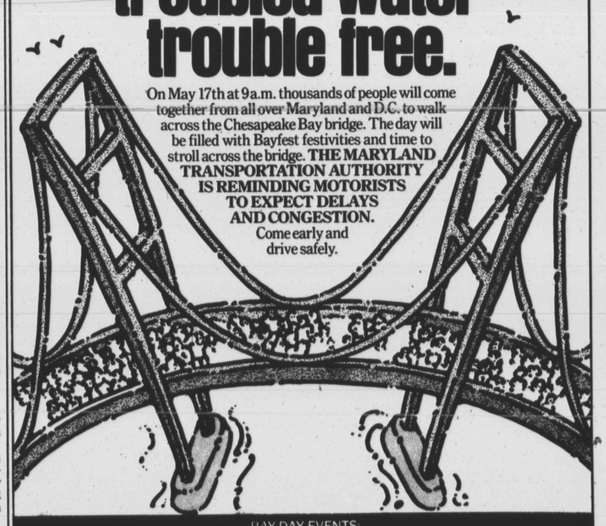

BAY DAY EVENTS:

- **Governor's Race** • 8 a.m.
- **Bay Walk** • 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Bayfest** • Sandy Point State Park • 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (No parking at the park)

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