TOP CAKES — These happy ladies are holding the prize winning cakes at the AFRO Cooking School which was held last week. They are (left to right) Mrs. Jerrie Lee Wilkins, Mrs. Mary Kersey and Mrs. Ruth Tanner. Earl L. Jenkins of the Washington Flour Co. presented the prizes.

MRS. HOWARD STOKES, 1644 N. Fulton Ave., is shown with David Dvoskin after she had won the beautiful American Kitchen sink, a grand prize offered by the Associated Home Improvement Co. at the AFRO's Cooking School last week.

# Cooking Is Fun

By FANNIEJOE REID

With delicious crab meat, canned, frozen or fresh, at our disposal throughout the year, it behooves us to check up on the new ways in which this delicacy is being prepared.

Crab cakes we've had with us always, but here's a recipe for a deluxe version that you will make your future standby.

**You will need a pound of crab meat, 10 salted crackers, an eighth teaspoon each of salt, black pepper and red pepper; two eggs, three tablespoons of mayonnaise, a teaspoon of dry mustard, three tablespoons of parsley, a fourth pound of butter, a teaspoon of lemon juice and three tablespoons of worcestershire shire sauce.**

Place the crab meat in a bowl and pick out all shells carefully. Add salt, pepper, mayonnaise, mustard, parsley, chopped fine; lemon juice, and worcestershire sauce.

Put butter in a pan over very low heat. Roll crackers until fine and add to butter. Simmer a few minutes. Add the crab meat. Mix well. Beat eggs until light and pour into crab meat. Mix well.

Shape into cakes. Drop into very hot fat or cooking oil and cook until brown. Do not over-cook. This makes about 10 good-sized cakes.

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**A RECIPE,** quite as delicious and very little work to prepare, is creamed crab to serve on toast or in shells.

**This is made with a pound of white crab meat flaked, a can of mushroom soup, an eighth teaspoon salt, three tablespoons butter, a pint of milk, three tablespoons cornstarch, two eggs, an eighth teaspoon pepper.**

Put the milk in a sauce pan over low heat. Beat eggs and add cornstarch, salt, pepper, butter and mushroom soup. Add to milk and cook until cornstarch is cooked. Then add the well picked crab meat flakes.

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**EVEN ON** a warm spring day a good hot soup is a fine dish for luncheon. The one I am going to tell you about here combine nourishing vegetables with the delectable flavor of the crab.

**I use a pound of claw crab meat for this. I also use a ham hock or a small piece of bacon, a cup of white potatoes, a green pepper, a cup of cabbage, a cup of carrots, a cup of corn, a cup of tomatoes, a half cup of tomato puree, two onions chopped fine; three tablespoons parsley, a bunch of soup herb, a cup of peas and a half cup celery.**

Put your ham or bacon in a sauce pan and simmer for two hours or until completely tender. Remove from pan and add vegetables and herbs and seasonings. When vegetables are completely done, add crab meat. Let simmer very slowly until the crab meat is cooked.

Serve piping hot.

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**OF COURSE** you can make a cherry pie, but how about a cherry cake?

**This dessert is made with a cup of glazed cherries, the rind of two lemons, grated, a fourth cup of orange, lemon and citron peel, mixed; a cup of shortening, one and one-fourth cups powdered sugar, five eggs, three cups cake flur, a teaspoon baking powder, and a pinch of salt.**

Cream shortening. Add sugar and the eggs one by one, beating each in lightly. Sift flour, baking powder and salt. Chop the orange, lemon and citron peel fine and cut the cherries in halves.

Stir flour lightly into the egg mixture. Add fruit and lemon rinds. Mix all ingredients together. Bake in a greased loaf pan, 325 degrees, for an hour and a half.

ROMANIA — Mrs. Martha Shelton of 1622 Madison Ave. was hostess to members of the club, this week, when the group discussed plans for the celebration of the club's 23rd anniversary.

This program will include religious services on Sunday.

At pokena, played following the business session, prizes went to Mrs. Edith Toney, first; Mrs. Kathleen Henson, second; and Mrs. Cora Macky, the booby.

Mrs. Oreatha Forster and Edward Oden were guests.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Edith Toney of 437 Bloom St.

MARGATOS — A short business session preceded the pinochle game when Mrs. Violet Ford entertained at her home, 4538 St. Georges Ave., Monday evening.

Prizes at cards went to Mrs. Mae Locks, Miss Hazel Gray, and Mrs. Louise Madden. Supper followed the game.

Miss Gray, who lives at 2214 Bryant Ave., will entertain the club at its next meeting.

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# Coming Events

**MAY 21-26**

Washington Annual Conference of the Methodist Church at Ames Methodist Church Carey and Baker Sts.

**MAY 25**

Annual NAACP state Conference at Sharp St. Memorial Church, Dolphin and Etting Sts. Registration at 9 a.m. William Worthy, AFRO correspondent will be the luncheon speaker.

The Real Estate Brokers of Baltimore will sponsor annual banquet at Morgan Christian Center, 7 p.m. Clarence Mitchell, co-director of the Washington Bureau of the NAACP, will address the affair and will be honored.

National Council of Christians and Jews Commission on Community Organizations will join in keynoting the Harlem Park Neighborhood Stewards hip Discussions at the Francis M. Wood School, Schroeder and Franklin Sts., 7:45 p.m.

**MAY 24**

Ladies of St. Francis Xavier Parish present a musical tea at 830 N. Eden St. From 4 to 7 p.m.

**MAY 27**

Rep. Frances P. Bolton (R. Ohio) speaks at the YWCA's 74th anniversary at 6 p.m.

**MAY 27-28**

The Rev. Milton Perry of Jersey City who walked 271 miles to the Prayer Pilgrimage will appear at Gillis Memorial Community Church, 8:30 p.m.

**JUNE 2**

Annual NAACP Human Dolls On Parade is staged again this year at the Sharp St. Memorial Methodist Church 2 p.m. Awards to the winners.

The Famous Pilgrim Travelers of Los Angeles will appear at Gillis Memorial Community Church, Calhoun and Mulberry Sts., at 8:30 p.m.

I.O. St. Luke Annual Children's Day Services at Psalmist Baptist Church, 2:30 p.m. North and Druid Hill Ave.

**JUNE 7**

Public testimonial for the Mrs. Lillie May Jackson, at the Morgan State College Refectory, 8 p.m., Persons named in the AFRO's 1957 Honor Roll will receive their plaques.

**Sunday, May**

The Blind Association of Baltimore will appear in a recital at Perkins Square, Baptist Church, 2500 block Edmondson Ave., Sunday May 26, 5 p.m.

Benefit of Woman's Day.

Mrs. Ward D. Verby, chairman, James Sharkley, president, Miss Anna Mae Hunter, business manager and director of the Association. The Rev. Ward D. Verby, pastor.

**JUNE 1**

18th annual Alumni Luncheon at Morgan State College in the Refectory at 1:30 p.m.

**JUNE 9**

Baltimore Chapter of the Committee on Racial Equality will hold a public meeting at Madison Ave. Presbyterian Church, Madison Ave. near North.

**JUNE 22**

The 57th anniversary of the Monumental Lodge of Elks with a testimonial dinner for Dr. Bernard Harris Sr., Tri-State president.

**JUNE 23**

Parade at 2 p.m. by the Elks in conjunction with the Tri-State Association Convention.

**JUNE2**

Henry Fleet Elementary School No. 25 PTA will present the Baltimore Boys' Choir with W. M. Birche conducting, at 5 p.m., in a choral concert, at the Dunbar High auditorium, Caroline and McElderry Sts.

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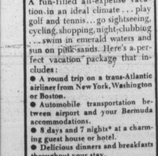

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# Elks open search for beaut queen

Antoinette M. Hawkins, 17-year-old Douglass High School senior, of 2321 Braddish Ave., is the inital entry in a beauty contest to select a "Miss Tri-State of 1957," opened this week by the Monumental Elks Lodge No. 3 and Great Southern Temple No. 30.

The contest is a feature of the Elks Tri-State Association convention here June 22 to 26, during which the winner will be chosen and crowned.

Prizes for the winner will include a complete wardrobe and an all-expense paid trip to Philadelphia in August to compete in a similar contest to be staged by the Elks at their national convention there.

To qualify, entrants should use the official entry blank found elsewhere in this and subsequent editions of the AFRO, or apply at the Monumental Elks Home, 1528 Madison Ave.

SPRING FASHIONS — Myrtle Jackson (right) and Juanita King, both of Western High School, are shown as they appeared at the Jack and Jill Fashion Frolics of 1957 which was held at Carver High School recently.

# In our Churches

The Rev. Albert Holbrook, who has just returned from St. Louis, Mo., will be the "Youth Day" speaker, Sunday, May 26, 11 a.m., at the St. Joseph F. W. Baptist Church, 714 Spring St.

**At 3 p.m., the Rev. Holbrook will speak for the annual Men's Day at New Pilgrim Baptist Church, 1601 Rutland Ave., where the Rev. Mr. Black is pastor.**

The Rev. Holbrook, and his BELAIR Gospel Singers, of Richmond, Va., will be featured guest singers for the 11th anniversary of the famous Steadman Sisters at Gillis Memorial Church, Calhoun and Mulberry Sts. 8 p.m., the Rev. Theodore C. Jackson, pastor.

The 26th Anniversary of the New Shiloh Baptist Church, Turner Station, and it's fourth for the pastor, the Rev. James A. Everett, will be observed on Sunday.

**At morning services, music will be rendered by the Senior Choir Number 1, and the Gospel Chorus. A special anniversary sermon will be delivered by the pastor.**

The program for the evening will consist of special greetings by each department of the church, and special music by the senior choir.

The Pastor's Aid of Eastern Methodist Church feted their pastor, the Rev. Calvin P. Crosson, with a surprise birthday party Saturday night.

**Those present were: Mrs. Odelia Sanders, president; Mrs. Ruth Duffie, vice president; Mrs. Bernice Finch, secretary; Mrs. Willie Mae Mills, treasurer; Mrs. Jesse Anderson, business manager.**

Members present were: Mrs. Honetta Crosson, Mrs. Sarah Cuffee, Miss Isadore Cain, Mrs. Priscilla Chapman, and Mrs. Mary Campbell.

The guests included: The Rev. C. S. Briggs, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Jones, Mr. and Mrs. William Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. George Turner and Mr. and Mrs. Palos Cuffee.

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**ALSO,** Thomas Harris, Benjamin Mills, William Cuffee and Thomas Sanders.

And Mrs. Eula Chavis, Mrs. Martie Pindell, Miss Emily Jones and Mrs. Rosa Parker.

The Rev. Joseph Gwynn is at home, 1205 N. Broadway, recovering from a recent operation at Provident Hospital.

**The Rev. Willard A. Williams, Newburg, Md., will be the guest speaker at the 11 a.m. service Sunday at St. Matthews Methodist Church, East 23rd St., near Greenmount Ave. The Rev. Irvin C. Lockman is pastor.**

The Rev. and Mrs. Wesley R. Nash were hosts Monday night to the official family of the church.

Seventy five persons were present for the business meeting and dinner which followed.

The Rev. Mr. Nash is pastor, Woman's Day service will be held at Olivet Baptist Church, Biggs Ave. and Woodycar St., Sunday at 11 a.m., and 3 and 8 p.m. The Rev. W. L. Evans is pastor.

**Mrs. Agnes Austin is the speaker for the morning services and Miss Sssie M. Hughes will deliver the address at services at 3 p.m. Romania Savings Club will mark its anniversary at 8 p.m.**

The Rev. James S. Wise, pastor, will preach the Sunday morning services at Bethel Baptist Church at 1521 Winchester St.

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