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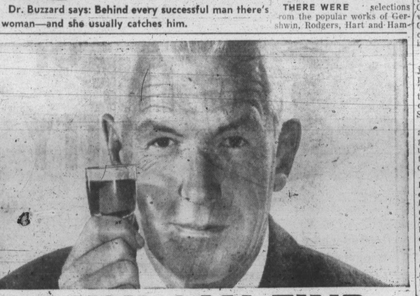

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JESSE JOSSEY Singers who appeared in concert recently in Enon Baptist Church included left to right, Marian Nettles, soprano; Francis Marsh, soprano and Paulline Weeks, contralto. For details about the concert read Ada K. Jenkins's "Musical Moments."

Adah K. Jenkin's MOMENTS MUSICAL

A near-capacity audience filled Enon Baptist Church to welcome Eva Jessye and her American Concert Ensemble at their recent concert.

They rendered a two-hour program that ranged from folk music to semi-classics that are known in every household, and several time-honored classic arias.

All this was coordinated by the pungent and witty program notes given by Miss Jessye, who conducted the group from the piano.

The ensemble possesses a full-bodied tone quality and the ability to project their offerings with a spontaneity and freedom of expression that was engaging.

Particular interest centered around "St. Theresa at Avila" from the modern opera "Four Saints in Three Acts," by the New York composer and critic, Virgil Thomson.

Miss Jessye's ensemble did the choral music for this modern opera that created a sensation in the music world last year.

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THERE WERE selections from the popular works of Gershwin, Rodgers, Hart and Hammerstein and a group of moving spirituals arranged by Miss Jessye.

The group seemed to have sufficient resonance and command of enunciation so that the the loud speakers seemed unnecessary and, in some instances, created a blur.

Marian Nettles, soprano, delighted the listeners with the piquant "Strawberry Woman's Call" from the opera "Porgy and Bess," which she sang in costume, adding a touch of realism by strolling through the audience.

The same semi-dramatic approach was used in "Timber" and the immensely popular "Banana Boat Song" (Day-O) with Raymond Soares, tenor and Johnny Swift, baritone.

Francis Marsh, soprano and the contralto, Pauline Weeks scored in arias from Bizet and Debussy as well as in solo parts of ensemble numbers by Strauss, and Schubert. Earl Anderson, of the music department at Douglas High School, was guest accompanist for several numbers.

The concert was sponsored by the Sanctuary and Chancel Choirs of Enon Baptist Church, with Mrs. A. J. Payne and Mrs. Christine Pendleton, as co-chairmen. The Rev. A. J. Payne is pastor.

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YOUNG PEOPLES from six junior and senior high schools participated in annual Youth Talent program sponsored by the Jackie Robinson Youth Council of the Baltimore NAACP at Sharp St. Methodist Church.

Friends of the young people, as well as sponsors of the organizations, filled the auditorium and heartily applauded the talented young musicians and orator.

In addition to the contestants Eleanora L. Bryant, gospel singer, Barbara Prestwidge, pianist, Mrs. Venoris Williams and the mixed chorus of Dunbar High School and the Youth Chorus of Bethel A. M. E. Church, directed by Harrison Bryant, Jr., were guest performers.

Top prizes in the three areas of vocal and instrumental music and oratory were captured by Herbert Muldrow baritone Mary Fowlkes, pianist and Clarends Churn, orator all from Douglas.

A NUMBER of talented young people represented Cherry Hill, Douglas, Dunbar and Douglass High Schools.

They were: Joan Distance, Rita Epps, Myrtle Crowner, Daniel Carroll, vocal soloists Betty Nelson, Mary Adams, Mary Fowlkes pianists, David Cook, violinist and Joyce Vinso Victor Cole, Marilyn Toik, Angelis Skimer and Charles Gordon, orators.

Awards were presented by the Spelling Champ, Gloria Lockerman.

Judges were; Mr. and Mrs. Waters Turpin and Arthur Lamb, for oratory; Mrs. Carol Blanton-Diggs, Mrs. Katrine White and Louis Shub, instrumental and Carence Henderson and your writer for voice. Garland Gay, head of the Jackie Robinson Council, presided and Mrs. Emma Michael, advisor of the Jackie Robinson Council, presented the guests of honor.

Mrs. Lillie Jackson, president of the Baltimore Chapter of NAACP made the appeal for memberships and the judges were presented by Bowen K. Jackson, executive secretary of the organization.

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ALL ESSAYS on the program best liked in the Young Musicians Series should be mailed before April 1 to Mrs. Wm. Gerringer, 1811 Roland Ave. Ruxton 4, Md.

Six winners will be selected from the contestants and prizes will be announced at the benefit concert April 27.

The essay should comprise two or three paragraphs, with contestant's name, address, age and school be attached.

CALENDAR: Senior students in the Music Department of Morgan State College will give concerts at the Christian Center from now and until school closes.

They are Elvira Helen T. Allen, pianist; Andrew Suggs, saxophonist; Mary Ann Henley, organist; Fred Thaxton, pianist, Gloria Irene Ford, pianist and Robert Sherill, spinnist.

These recitals are set for April 26, May 5 and 10 8 p.m.

Marjorie Short, soprano and Joseph E. Nettles, tenor from Prof. Shewar Studio of Musical Arts, will sing on the "Opun House" program. Fellowship House, 21 W. Preton St!, Sunday, March 31 at 4 p.m.

Induction ceremonies for the Bob Haffenden Chorale of 43 voices that has joined the Fellowship as one of the projects, will take place.

The group, which has been rehearsing at the House this year, is interfaith, interracial and intercultural. Composed of students from Southern, Douglass, Dunbar High Schools and Johns Hopkins University, it ha become one of the popular youth choirs in the city.

It was foudded in 1956 by Bob Haffenden, member of the music faculty at Southern High School.

The Program Sunday is being arranged by the Program Committee of the Fellowship, with Dr. G. James Fleming, chairman of the Board, presiding. Barton Bond, of the Committee, is in charge of the refreshments.

FRIDAY, APRIL 5th at 8:15 p.m. in the auditorium of Carver Vocational Technical High School, Bentalou and Presstman Streets, the 4th annual Poetry Hunt, sponsored by Pi Omega Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

Vocal and instrumental performers from high schools and colleges of this area are welcome to compete and may apply for audition on Saturday March 23rd from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Community Building: McCulloh Homes, 1010 McCulloh St. W. Dubois Johnson, 2755 Winchester St. (LOngwood 6-6483) is in charge of the auditions and program.

Awards are trophies and United States Savings Bonds of $50, $25 and $10. All contestants will receive a certificate of merrity from the fraternity. Receipts from the contest, to which there are subscription tickets, are for the scholarship fund for worthy students.

April 19 (Good Friday) at 8:15 p.m. at Booker Washington Junior High School, Lafayette and Madison Avenues, the first concert of the Baltimore Youth Guild's Young ARTIST Concert Series

The Passion Singers, conducted by Richard G. Richardson, Jr will perform his cantatas "A Child is Born" and "Calvary."

SCORED — Left, Baritone Johnny Swift, right, Tenor Raymond Sokrea, who sang solo parts with Eva Jessye Choir which appeared in concert at Enon Baptist Church recently.

Catonsville News

By SAMUEL TORSELL

Landmark Lodge Masonic Choir will sing 3 P.M. Sunday, March 31 at Locust Methodist church at Simpsonville, Md. The Rev. E. Arter is pastor.

The Jackson and Johnson Post and Unit of the American Legion and the Ameriona Legion Auxiliary, celebrated the 38th birthday of the founding of the American Legion Sunday, March 17 at the post home.

The Unit presented the Post with a birthday cake and served refreshments. Mrs. Eva Brooks is president of the Unit and Milton Gaines is commander of the Post. William Holley is Post Adjutant.

The Confidential Pals will give a Pink Tea Sunday, March 31 at 7 Melrose Ave., the home of Mrs. Dorothy Henderson, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Mrs. Dorothy Henderson is president and Mrs. Elizabeth Watts is secretary. Mrs. Catherine Cook is chairman.

The Alpha Deputy Club of Maryland met at the home of Mrs. Rosa A. Jones Friday night, March 22. Miss Carwell Parker was invited guest.

Church News

The Rev. W. L. Evans, pastor, will be in charge of services at Olivet Baptist Church, Riggs Ave. and Woodyear Street Sunday at 11 a.m.

Members of the Missionary Society of the church will celebrate their anniversary with services at 3 p.m. Mrs. Lillie Palmer is chairman.

Bishop Frank Reid and the Rev. John M. Cox, presiding elder, will lead in the formal dedication services of the new annex to Oak Street AME Church, 2311 North Howard St. The public is invited.

Mrs. Sarah Wims is chairman and the Rev. Perry M. Tilghman Jr. minister.

THE YOUTH Choir of New Pilgrim Baptist Church will celebrate the 4th Anniversary Day at the church on Sunday, April 14. Services will be held at 11 a.m., 3 p.m., 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.

The Rev. Albert Holbrook will be guest speaker at the 11 a.m. service.

Willis Jefferson is chairman and Joseph Gladdin is president. The Rev. W. H. Block is pastor.

The nurses of Perkins Square Baptist Church met at the home of Nurse Jennie Drungale, 713 Mount St. The next meeting will be at the home of Nurse Flossie Rivers, vice president.

The women of the church are putting forth a special effort for the Women's Day program and working towards a goal of $4,000. Mrs. Inez Lucas is chairman.

Activities will include a recital presented by the Ladies Guild which will feature the Young Adults Choir of the Bethel Baptist Church, Friday, April 12, 8 p.m.

Mrs. Madeline Taylor is chairman of the program. Mrs. Patricia Tate is assistant director and V. L. Bonney is business manager of the choir; and the Rev. Ward D. Verby, pastor.

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Ran into Flink Johnson the other afternoon as he was leaving the Royal Theatre after viewing a rock and roll film. Flink stopped a moment to pass on the news that he is scheduled to appear at a benefit show sponsored by a downtown organization.

Flink has been doing this type of thing for many a day and in fact he has appeared at a number of institutions such as Henryton and the City Jail to bring a bit of cheer into the lives of people who don't have too much cheer.

For those of you who like good music, and we guess that includes just about everybody, we recommend that you pay a visit to CHICK'S LOUNGE, Baltimore and Greene St. Tuesdays Flink can be heard in person.

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ONE OF THE most interesting personalities in town is Steve Harris, assistant manager at the Royal, who is considered by a father confessor to the citizens along the Avenue.

Seems like everytime someone needs a friend they head straight for Steve, who has one of the biggest hearts in town.

Over at JONES GREEN DOOR, 1724 W. Lanvale St., the customers are chanting the praises of the song stylist, Lou Martin, a young lady with a happy voice.

The first time the column heard the young lady was at an Avenue club. Now, some months later, we can't recall the title of the number that she belted out so well, but we do recall that it was a masterpiece and from that moment on we were among Miss Martin's fans.

You'll like listening to the songstress and a good time to hear her is on Sunday morning when the GREEN DOOR presents its weekly sunrise jam session.

The session starts at 8 a.m. and runs until 3 p.m., so if you want entertainment, the GREEN DOOR on Sunday morning is the place to be.

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NICE PEOPLE have nice things in store for them as witness Love of Mrs. Rosa L. Jones and Race Jones up at the beautiful CLUB PAREE, 1723 Pennsylvania Ave.

On Monday night, just to show how they felt about the matter, the employees of the club got together and gave a surprise birthday party for the two wonderful people.

When something like this is done you know it's sincere and the people so honored must be very special.

BUT THEN of course, everything is very special at the CLUB PAREE where the principal concern of the owner is to see that everyone has a wonderful time.

Sponsors of the party were Jackie, Vernice Williams, Shirley Logan, Eleanor Smith, Emma Washington.

Our suggestion for the week is that you visit the CLUB PAREE and relax in a comfortable atmosphere where the people are so nice that you want to keep going for additional visits. Remember the address, 2714 Pennsylvania Ave.

CALYPSO IS the order of things at the RED FOX LOUNGE, Pennsylvania Ave. and Fulton. Andre King and the star filled full evening of calypso, "Ale Bellafonte" is the attraction. Andre King, who is a native of the Virgin Islands, is accompanied by Primo on the congas.

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THE CLUB CASINO is featuring the music of Cornell Drew and the songs of Horace Bailey. In addition to the fine drinks, the club also serves some of the best food in town.

On Tuesday night, two young ladies will be celebrating their birthday at the CASINO. They are Mrs. Margaret M. Nichols, 2034 Walbrook Ave., and Mrs. Mabel McGuire, 2706 Sethlow Rd. They are twins.

The beautiful CARNIVAL LOUNGE, 1345 Poplar Grove St. is offering the tasteful music of Gene Smith's Forenotes.

Calypso is featured at the club every Tuesday.

Another great name in jazz is set for the COMEDY CLUB. The gentleman to open on Tuesday is Chet Baker from the West Coast.

Regarded as one of the really greats of modern jazz, Chet follows the Miles Davis Quintet which is winding up a successful engagement this weekend.

Al Brown is making the music at the CLOVER CLUB and quite wonderful music it is.

STOPPED in the other night at the CROSSROADS, Pennsylvania and Fulton, to say hello to Rick Cummings and "Reds" Harris the two gentlemen who make the club one of the friendliest in town. Why don't you pay them a visit.

There's a jazz and jamboree every Monday at the LAS VEGAS, Lexington and Warwick Ave.

The PINK DOT, 1907 Greenmount Ave., is the place to go when for them as witness the Clifton Selby is the featured artist at the CLUB PAREE where there will be a continuous jazz session this Saturday afternoon.

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"The Three Sisters" opens April 9 at the Arena Stage, 26th and N. Sts. NW, under the direction of John O'Shaughnessy.

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NAACP to spearhead pilgrimmage

NEW YORK — Describing Southern defiance of the courts as a "threat to the spiritual fibre of the nation," Roy Wilkins, NAACP executive secretary, issued a call Thursday for a planning session for a "Prayer Pilgrimage to Washington."

National leaders from all sections of the country were urged to meet with A. Philip Randolph, president of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters; the Rev. Martin Luther King, head of the Montgomery Improvement Association, and Mr. Wilkins on Friday, April 5, at Metropolitan Baptist Church, Washington.

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IN THE CALL for the session which will make plans for "a massive public expression of our determination to see justice and morality prevail," the three leaders of the movement declared:

"This nation is now on the threshold of momentous decisions. For the first time since Reconstruction, passage of civil rights legislation is a possibility.

"At the same time, the supremacy of law and order are increasingly endangered.

"Widespread terror is visited upon law abiding citizens, the clergy and churches.

"There is outright defiance of the courts and a threat to the spiritual fibre of the nation as the breakdown of morality.

"The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was mandated by the San Francisco convention last June to make a suitable public demonstration in support of federal action to protect civil rights and implement decisions of the courts.

"On Feb. 14, this year, the Southern Leaders' Conference, representing 90 leaders from 40 southern communities, issued a mandate for a Prayer Pilgrimage to Washington.

"In this context, a dignified massive public expression of our determination to see justice and morality prevail seems to us an historic necessity.

"Your counsel is of the utmost importance in making the necessary plans for this joint observance. The support of all organizations and individuals North and South, is needed.

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