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# ANNAPOLIS DOINGS

BY ELOISE RICHARDSON

Snow scenes; flower gardens, April showers, May flowers and a profusion of other seasonal replicas made Adams Park School'hun with activity and color when the Anne Arundel County PTA entertained over 300 guests at its birthday tea on Sunday.

The schools, the theme of their table decorations, and hostesses were:

**BRISTOL,** the month of May, with Mesdames Frances Johns and Agnes Johnson as hostesses;

**Bates Senior High carrying out the theme, "Keep Maryland Beautiful," giving a unit literature on the subject, with Mesdames Veronia Greene, Elizabeth Phillips and Elizabeth Hodges as hostesses;**

Bates Junior High, the summer season, with Mesdames Sarah Jones, Loig Randall, Laura Haskins, and Novene Hilliard and Miss Frances Williams as hostesses;

Lothian School, the month of January, with Mrs. Alice Garnett as hostess;

Harmans, the month of December, with Mesdames Phyllis Matthews, Alice Hebron, Dorothy Faulkner, Golden Matthews, Virginia Clark, Helen Slaughter, Ruby Hamilette, Gertrude Burley, Bertina Wright, Ella Long, Doris Carter, Audrey Dailey, Birdella Truxton and Miss Mildred Richardson as hostesses;

Carver School, the month of September, with Mesdames Taylor, Dorothy Belt and May T. Conway as hostesses;

**RALPH BUNCHE SCHOOL,** the month of February, with Mrs. Dorothy Rawlings as hostess;

Eastport School, the month of July, with Mesdames Gertrude Hawkins, May Robinson, Travoia Broxton and Miss Charlotte Smith as hostesses, and Samuel Dr Grant as host;

Adams Park, the month of April, with Mesdames Lulu Hardesty, Romaine Parker, Vivian Fore and Carolyn Tools as hostesses;

Lula Scott School, the month of March, with Mesdames Pauline Cross, Doris Brown, Willie Mae Barnes and Jessie Neal as hostesses;

**Jones School, the month of August, with Mesdames Mary Wilson, Sylvia Nolan, Helen Gregg, Isabel Watty, Ruby Smith and Virginia Cook as hostesses, and Hilton Robinson as a host;**

Parole School, the winter season, with Mesdames Sallie Brooks, Gloria Johnson, and Bettie Platterson as hostesses;

Pumphrey School, the month of October, with Mesdames Velma Meacham, Lucille Carter and Evelyn Roth as hostesses;

Friendship School, the month of November, with Mesdames Gladys Estep, Bessie Thomas and Miss Dorothy Taylor, principal, as hostesses.

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**THE TABLE,** which represented the entire county, was a symbolic of a typically-decorated table for a birthday celebration. Centered by a huge deep two-tier white cake, made by Miss Sarah V. Jones, supervisor of elementary schools in the county, adorned the table so much it beautiful. were pink tapers in crystal holders, arrangements of pink roses and ferns and colorful napkins.

During the entire afternoon, what with all the beautiful hats that were worn by the various women from over the county,and the stunning outfits, a continuous enjoyable musical program was presented with James Williams, teacher of music in Harmans and Jones Schools, master of ceremonies.

Among the many participants were:

**The Cooper Sisters and Ingrid Johnson, Pumphrey School; Patricia Jones and Dale Lavrosky, Clayton Greene Jr., Deborah Marvin, Norris McDonald, Nathaniel Jones and Gene Williams, all of Freetown;**

**Also Mesdames Helen Smothers, principal of Lothian, Joyce McManus, teacher of music at Bates Junior High, and Lula Hardesty, teacher at Adams Park; David Purnell and Roland Hall, Bates Junior High;**

Also the Adams Park Chorus, under the direction of James Clemons; the Parole Chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Irene Richardson, the Pumphrey PTA Chorus, and James A. Williams.

A band made up of instrumentalists from Bates Junior High, Parole, Freetown, Jones and Lothian also played.

Mrs. Ella E. Daniels, president of the Maryland Congress of Parents and Teachers, was a special guest. She made dynamic speech in a short get-acquainted talk to the groups.

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**THE AFFAIR,** although different in scope, is one of the annual projects the PTA sponsors each year for finance.

**The following partial repeats were given by the schools on Sunday:**

**Jones, $83; Pumphrey, $59; Bates Junior High, $48; Bates Senior High, $42; Freetown, $50; Harmans, $30; Lula G. Scott, $30; Lothian, $28; Eastport, $20; Bristol, $18; Friendship, $25; Carver, $51; Ralph Bunche, $35 and Bates Senior High, $13.**

Miss Sarah V. Jones, was overall chairman, assisted by Everett Pettigrew, also a supervisor in the county.

Mrs. Hattie Pierce, popular matron, had as her weekend houseguest, Miss Myrtle DeCourcey of Baltimore. On Sunday, Mrs. Pierce entertained at a dinner party for Miss DeCourcey, when covers were laid for eight.

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**OTHER GUESTS** were Mesdames Ophelia Barnett, Eva McGowan, Virginia Larkins, and Pearl Smith and her nephews. Mrs. Pierce served a lovely three-course turkey dinner.

Mrs. Lula Upchurch had as her week end guest, her sister, Mrs. Mildred Tooks of Baltimore.

Mrs. Elizabeth Watkins entertained at dinner recently, Miss Jetty Jones, Miss Sarah M. Randall and Charles Green.

**Mrs. Elizabeth Jones was the weekend guest of her brother, Mr. Henry Johnson. Mrs. Catherine Cooper had as weekend guest, Mrs. Audrey Johnson of Philadelphia.**

Mrs. Audrey Ball of Chicago and neice, Mrs. Eleanor Nylon of Providence, R.I. spent the weekend with their mother, Mrs. Agnes Jacobs and Mrs. Dorothy Sessoms.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Simpson had as their guest their Mother's Day, their daughter and son-in-law, the Garners and daughter, Shirley of New York City.

William Jones, the husband of Mrs. Sylvia Randall Jones, has returned home after serving his country over in Germany for 2½ years.

Mrs. Hattie Mamie Baden, one of Annapolis' oldest citizens, a native of this city, and a former school teacher, passed on Saturday after a lingering illness. This column will carry a story on Mrs. Baden in next week's issue.

A son, Thomas E. Baden Jr., is well-known in Frontier Club circles. He recently served as vice-president of the Eastern Regional at one time. He is also a well known photographer.

BALTIMORE COUNTY

# Writer criticizes welfare dept.

by DORIS B. ADAMS

Being a columnist sharpens one's interest in what is happening in all areas. It carries you to places where in your lifetime you would perhaps have no reason to visit, like the Baltimore City Department of Public Welfare.

It is shocking to see how hard times are for many people and it is equally shocking to note how the unfortunate ones seeking help are talked to by the more fortunate sisters and brothers across the desks. I know I received the full treatment! A suggestion!

**If the receptionists and interviewers would share the smiles and charm the flash at each other with the miserable people who file past them, maybe less fortunate ones would regain a measure of hope. After all, but for the Grace of God...**

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MOTHER'S DAY Dinner was held Sunday at the Benjamin Commodore Building for the trustees of Sharp St. Methodist Church. Several members were honored. Mother of Sharp St. Church, was Mrs. Laura Washington. Mrs. Elizabeth Coupling was the mother with the most grandchildren, thirty.

Mrs. Catherine Pitts was the mother with most children and Mrs. Alice Lee of Bradshaw, Md., was the oldest mother present. Mrs. Mary Williams was the visiting mother. All ladies received corsages.

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**UP FROM** Indian Head, Md. and from Baltimore to see aunt, Arabella Ross, that aunts and uncles, nieces and nephews of Mother's Day were Mr. and Mrs. Orbie Smith (Joan) and kiddies Trevor and Orbie Jr., the William Estep's Jr. the Clark Mallorys, Joe Burtons, Miss Fanny Estep and Miss Clarks.

The William A. Rossers and Brooxie, Rae and Dion motored to Milford, Dela. to share Mother's Day with William's mother, Mrs. Rachel Ross. Also home were Vivian Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Berlin Hollingsworth, Earl, Ross, Celia, Eugene and Earl Ross.

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**SUNDAY** dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey Johnson, 718 New Pittsburgh Ave., were the John Strothers of 1820 Bentalou St.

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**INCIDENTALLY,** Sparrows Point is proud of its own Calvin Statin, a Morgan Student whose singing group the Statin singers is making quite a name for itself. Calvin recently presented the Clare Ward Singers at Union Baptist Church and the Young Tenor of Maces Lane. The celebration was in honor of the 10th anniversary of his Statum singers.

The Flamingoes Club was elegantly entertained by Mrs. Irma Lewis of the 900 block J St., recently. The group completed plans for its August 19 jaunt to Niagara Falls. Club president is Mrs. Florence Parks, secretary, Mary Johnson. Other members present were Mesdames Garnett Rogers, Lillian Hamlet, Mary Mitchell, Teresa Willoughby Pauline Goode and Mildred Stigger.

The Catholic War Veterans of St. Edwards Church, L.W.V. Auxiliary and guests danced to the music of the Sherman Lewis Band Friday at the Winchester Armory. Bernard Joseph was chairman of the affair. Sylvia Joseph, president of the auxiliary.

The Postal Wives, Inc. have completed plans for their Cotton Ball to be held at the Cherry Hill Union Hall, May 26. Berniece Walker is chairman of the ball. Audrey Highsmith is president. Sec. is Mrs. al Wives, Yolanda Proctor, business manager.

# ON THE Eastside

By CHARLOTTE W. DOWNIE

Top drawer affair on our Eastside this weekend is the Annual Tea and Bake Sale by the officers and members of the 6th Ward Women's Cooperative Civic League.

The luncheon will be held at **The Waters AME Church located at Aisquith and Orleans St., at 1 p.m.**

Guest speaker will be Mrs. Naomi Gregory, director of the youth department, Zion Baptist Church.

Officers of the 6th Ward Civic League are Mrs. George Holden, president; Mrs. Amanda Lowman, vice president; Mrs. Matilda Stokes, secretary; Mrs. Arizona Redmond, treasurer; Mrs. Dorothy Mills, ticket chairman; Mrs. Delaphine Dorsey, decorations, and Mrs. Arnetta Moore, membership chairman. Mrs. Celia Crawford is luncheon chairman.

Hostesses will be Mesdames Dorothy Ross, Bessie Barrow, Ellen Wilkerson, Elizabeth Thompson, Henrietta Hoffman, Birtisal Ross and Josephine Maxwell. See ya there.

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**ANOTHER TOP affair will be the big May Ball and Dance** arranged by the **Unique Pals** Social Club (Friday, May 26 from 10 to 2 a.m.) The doings will be held at the Elks Home, 1328 Madison.

Members working like mad to make it a real stopper include Mary James, president; Ida Williams, secretary; Annie Richardson, business manager; Mamie Hoggard, business manager.

**Members include Matilda Jordon, Queenie Reynolds, Shirley Spence, Malline Lashley, Alice Williams, Hazel Sanford, Annie McArthur, Cora Gentry, Lonnie Mae Askew, Beatrice Halliday and Hazel Crosby.**

The Women's Missionary of Bethel AME Church will celebrate the annual day this Sunday. Theme will be "We Have Only Today."

At the 11 a.m. service the Rev. Lucius Robinson of Mt. Olivet will be the speaker. At 4 p.m. Mrs. Frank Madison Reid will speak. Movies on the life of Dr. Albert Schweitzer will be shown at 7 p.m.

Mrs. Florence Hamlin is chairman for the day; Miss Hattie Bryant, secretary; Mrs. Edith H. Bryant, president and the Rev. Mr. Bryant is pastor.

**ATTEND THE** concert given by the Eastside Community Choir this Sunday at 6 p.m. The concert will be sponsored by hotel of Liberties and Emergency Relief of W. E. Brooks Temple No. 482 and will be held at Shiloh C.C. Church, Lombard and Catherine Sts.

Dr. Thelma Raye is chairman.

Remember to go and enjoy the Musical Tea and Hat Show given by the No. 2 Quack Board at the United House of Prayer located at 1513 Ashland Ave. on Sunday from 3 to 5 p.m.

A prize will be given for the prettiest hat.

A rainbow tea will be sponsored by the North Baltimore Civic and Home Improvement Association, Inc. at 2304 Greenmount Ave., Sunday, June 11, 4-7 p.m.

Mrs. Bertie Brown, president.

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**REMEMBER TO** join the NAACP Neighbors ... The Eastside membership campaign now on...Meetings are held Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m., Sharp Street Community House, Sharp Street at the office 1234 Druid Hill Ave., from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Dr. Lillie M. Jackson, president; Mrs. Charlotte W. Downie, campaign director — Do It Today.

**OUR GOOD** Neighbor of the Week is ambitious David Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Williams of 1818 W. Mulberry St.

He is a member of the 1077th Light Boat Co. of the 21st Corps, U.S. Army Reserve, Curtis Bay, Md.

David is one of six children. His brothers are: Carl, Harold, Samuel and Daniel, and his sisters are Shirley and Velma.

**Our neighbor is a member of Cornerstone Baptist Church and his pastor is the Rev. Logan George. He sings on the Church Choir.**

David is vice president of the NAACP Junior Robinson Unit, Westport.

At one time David was co-chairman of the recruiting committee of the Civic Interests' Group.

His hobbies are meeting interesting people and traveling to interesting places. Also, he likes to attend the Carver Vocational Technical High School.

# Mrs. Mussenden was member of old Baltimore family

Funeral services were held Wednesday at Sharp Street Memorial Methodist Church for Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Coates Parrington Mussenden, 82, 2008 Druid Hill Ave., who died Sunday at her home.

Mrs. Mussenden was a member of an old Baltimore family whose history dates back more than 160 years. For more than 50 years the family resided at the Druid Hill Ave. residence.

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SHE WAS a member of the Sharp Street Church for 78 years. Her family joined the church over 190 years a Methodist minister.

Active in the church until her illness a year ago, Mrs. Mussenden was treasurer of the North Baltimore District Golden Cross Society for 10 years; a former treasurer of the Women's Society of Christian Service; former director of the Sharp Street Golden Cross Society; former president of the Naomi Circle; former vice president of the Parsonage Aid Circle and the board of honorary stewards.

**Mrs. Mussenden died at her home of a heart attack. She had been ailing with a heart condition for more than a year.**

She was born Sept. 19, 1878, one of 11 children of the late Perry Dennis and Amanda Louise Pennington. Her brother, P. D. G. Pennington, a retired Baltimore school teacher, is the last surviving member of the family.

The elder Mr. Pennington was a native of Easton, Md. and Mrs. Pennington, a native of Baltimore.

Mrs. Mussenden attended private and public schools in Baltimore and at the death of her mother stopped school and took private lessons in dressmaking.

During her early adulthood she made a livelihood as a seamstress.

**She joined Sharp Street Church when she was 14 years old and maintained active membership throughout her life taking special interest in missionary work.**

She became the first treasurer of the Women's Society of Christian Service.

On April 30, 1901, she and John W. B. Mussenden were married. Mr. Mussenden, a native of St. Kitts, WI, died in 1951. They had six children, four of whom survive.

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A CHARMING personality, Mrs. Mussenden became friend and "mother" to dozens of young people as the friends of her sons and daughters moved across her life. She left them a legacy of a life dedicated to joy and encouragement of others.

In other activities she was a member of the Progressive Art Club, the Queen of Sheba Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star.

Surviving are her brother, Mr. Pennington, her sister-in-law, Mrs. Pearlie Pennington; two daughters, Mrs. Louise Dennis, principal of School No. 137; Mrs. Allegra Taylor, teacher at School No. 139; two sons Dr. Glenford Mussenden, physician and John W. B. Mussenden, electrician, all of Baltimore.

Also surviving are three grandchildren, Edith Dennis, 14; Carrol and Christine Mussenden, 10, twins, a cousin, Miss Nora Smith, Baltimore.

Also surviving are sons-in-law, Ernest Dennis and Leroy Taylor and daughters-in-law, Mesdames Lydia Mussenden and Hilda Mussenden.

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# Bon Tons are entertained

By E. S. McDANIEL

Mrs. Flavia Thomas was a charming hostess as she entertained the Bon Tons at bridge in her palatial home on Bullneck Rd. last Saturday evening.

Among the club members present were Mesdames Theoress Waters, Florence Gloster, Anita Thomas, Blanche McKay, Mattie Conner, Virginia Gunn, Sadie Murphy, Audrey Butler, Lillian Jeffery, Sonia McDonald, and Flavia Thomas.

The guest included Mesdames Ida Berry, Ethel Henry, Alice Sykes, Pearlie Pennington, Lucille Wade, Mae W. Allen, Mae Stanley-Brown, Ida Adams, Anna Smith, Lula Garrett, Patterson, Lillian Barnum, Emma Kelly, and Eliza McDaniel.

The member winners were Mrs. Blanche McRay, first; Mrs. Lillian Berry, second; and Mrs. Florence Gloster, third. The winners for guest prizes were Mrs. Catherine Adams, first; Mrs. Lillian Pennington, second, and Mrs. Lucille Wade, third.

The ladies of this club have been together for approximately 30 years. Mrs. Florence Gloster is the president and Mrs. Sadie Murphy is secretary - treasurer.

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**I VISITED the Adams Park Elementary School last Sunday afternoon to enjoy the Anne Arundel County birthday celebration. Everyone I participated in by all 15 local parent-teacher associations and the County Council of PTA.**

Mrs. Sarah Jones, supervisor of schools of the county was the director of the affair.

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**ON LAST Sunday morning,** the Baltimore chapter of the North Carolina College Alumni Association worshipped at the New Shiloh Baptist Church. The guest speaker for the day was the Rev. Paul H. Johnson, pastor of the Martin Street Baptist Church of Raleigh, N.C.

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**THE HIGHLIGHT** of the year for the Sellers Point High School PTA was the crowning of Mrs. PTA held at the school on May 7. Mrs. Ruth Jones, the outgoing queen for one year. She was crowned by the outgoing queen, Mrs. Virginia Jones.

Her majesty was serenaded by Mrs. Jones, the talent of the area under the direction of Mrs. Clara Green. She was also commended for her good work by the president of the Baltimore County Council of PTA's, Edward Little.

# James O. Scott

James Oliver Scott, 56, 413 Myrtle St., a former motor vehicle company employee, died last Thursday at the University Hospital after a two-week illness.

Funeral services were held Thursday at a funeral home in the 500 block Carrollton Ave.

**A native of Baltimore, he was son of the late Benjamin and Ada Scott of this city.**

Mr. Scott had been employed by the motor express company for 15 years at the time of his death.

Survivors include 11 cousins, James Smith, James E. Scott, Hillary Scott, Mesdames Marie Scott, Mary Scott, Dorothy Scott, Ernestine Scott, Annie Mae Jones, Ruth Lyles, Frank and Izaac Jones.

# Perry Turner

A long-time resident of the city, Perry Turner, 55, died Saturday at his home, 1601 Edmondson Ave., after a two-month illness.

Mr. Turner had been released from University Hospital two months ago.

**A native of Baltimore, he was son of the late George and Sarah Turner of the city.** He had been ailing with a heart condition for more than 3 years.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Edna Mae Simms, Mrs. Gloria Turner and Miss Gladis Turner; a brother, Eugene Turner; three sisters, Mrs. Elmira Thornton, Mrs. Bernice Ramsey, all of Baltimore, and Mrs. G. Lee, Los Angeles, Calif.

Other survivors include 11 children.

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