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MUSICAL MOMENTS

St. James Episcopal Choir presents unusual concert

By ADAH K. JENKINS

"Musical Moods", presented by the Parish Choir of St. James Episcopal Church on Sunday afternoon proved to be a unique concert of sacred music under the able direction of William N. Parrott. It was well attended.

Included in the program were well known hymns, famous anthems and solo renditions by Roslyn Coffin, Elaine L. Howard, Sinclair Swan and Samuel M. Phillips.

The concert was presented for the benefit of the undercroft improvement at the church, of which Father Cedric Mills is rector.

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SUPERIOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS marked the recent concert given by the combined choirs of Douglas Memorial Community Church in the auditorium.

J. Spencer Hammond, minister of music at Douglas, held his forces under well defined control through an exacting program from classic, romantic and modern music literature.

Paul Hinton, possessor of an unusually powerful voice, was tenor soloist in Franck's "O Lord Most Holy" (Panis Angelicus).

In the group of spirituals, Lloyd Johnson, also from the tenor ranks, gave a very commendable performance, with the choir, of "Lord, I'm Out Here on Your Word" (work).

Juanita Hall Davis, at the organ, lent efficient support, in addition to playing a very pleasing offertory solo.

A highlight of the afternoon was the performance of R. Hayes Strider's new work, "Five Minatures or String Quartet" and Piano, which was performed by the Haithcock String Ensemble.

Playing in the ensemble were: William Haithcock and Matthew Fraling, violinists; Ernest Hammond, violist; Henry Mays, 'cellist, and Dr. Strider, who is head of the music education department at Morgan State College, pianist.

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THE JEWISH Community Center Choral Society, which is interfaith and interracial, was featured in the recent Bar Mitzoah anniversary of Israel's independence. The choir, conducted by Saul Lillienstein, music.

The annual piano playing auditions sponsored by the National Guild of Piano Teachers were held in Maryland last month. Students of your writer were heard by Miss Grace Barber, head of the famous Detroit Community Music School.

Over 40,000 pupils, from every state, participated this year in the event which was held in 403 music centers of the country.

Mrs. Margaret H. Clay was registrar and Miss Beth Hudnell, chairman for the audition which was held at Coppin State Teachers College.

Students completing successfully the audition at Coppin were: Hansonia Caldwell, International certificate; Mrs. Bertha T. Johnson, social;

District and Local: Pamela Carroll, Gwendolyn Carson, Bernard Johnson, Mae Pinkett, Samuel Shofford, and Rebecca Sydnor; Karen Banfield, Phillip Borum, Carla Brewington, Sandra Burgess, Cassandra Costley, Gloria Day, Milton Etheridge, Hermione Graham, Patricia Jenkins and Mitchelle Jones.

Also Shirley Branch, Ernestine Loggins, Kathryn Davenport, Thomas Lynch, Patricia Holtsclaw, Mabel Matthews, Gloria Nelson, Patsy Roberts, Mathilde Sheppard, Larry Stancil, Valerie Waters and Joanne Williams.

Pledgees are: Adrian Banfield, Donna Carroll, Edith Dennis, Linda Grant, Paula K. Hutchinson, Evangeline Johnson, Lalita Matthews, Paula McNair, Peggy Newman and Janel Wilson.

Saturday, June 10 at 8 p.m. in the chapel auditorium of Coppin State Teachers College, 2500 W. North Ave., the first of two annual exhibition recitals by students of your reviewer.

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CALENDAR: Sunday, June 11 at 4 p.m. in the school auditorium of the New Masonic Temple, Eutaw Pl. and Lanvale St., the oratorical, instrumental and vocal contest sponsored by the Education Committee of Myra Grand Chapter, O.E.S.

Sunday, June 11 at 5 p.m. at Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, Madison Ave. near North, the annual concert by the church choir, under the direction of Clarence Henderson.

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NEW NABAL OFFICER — Commencement exercises on Wednesday at the Naval Academy saw three colored midshipmen receive commissions as ensigns in the Navy. John A. Srelton of 2219 Douglass St., NE., Washington, is with his mother, Mrs. Lula Srelton at Annapolis.

—3 commissions

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based on Ensign Johnson's performance at the Academy, he has been selected to teach Russian.

The 23 - year - old who will begin his tour of duty at the Navy Flight School at Pensacola, Fla., may elect to take further instruction in Russian at Yale University.

ENSIGN JOHNSON, a native of Delray Beach, Fla., was given a certificate as an official Navy interpreter last April, and was assigned last year to accompany President Eisenhower on the proposed trip to Russia.

All three of the graduates were former Navy servicemen.

With the graduation of Ensigns Johnson, Byrd and Shelton, eight colored midshipmen remain at the Academy.

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PRESIDENT KENNEDY, a PT boat commander in World War II, drew a laugh from the audience at the beginning of his address when he said:

"I have had some contact with this service. The Navy admonishes its officers not to mix in politics."

"I should point out that my rather rapid advancement from a reserve lieutenant to commander - in - chief came because I did not follow that very good advice."

The President wiping his brow several times, told the graduating class:

"Fifty years ago you would have been required to be seamen and leaders of men, but today you are not only expected to handle ships and men, but military officers must be students of politics, economics and diplomacy."

The President recalled that when Woodrow Wilson addressed an Annapolis class of 154 men in 1914, the "Victorian structure of power was intact.

"Our world a half century later is vastly different," he declared.

The President said, "We are witnesses to the most extraordinary revolution in the history of the world as the emergent nations of Latin America, Africa and Asia awaken from long centuries of torpor and impatience.

"The United States today is no longer the spectator but the leader."

"Your education", he told the graduating middies" is just beginning.

"You must understand not only this country, but other countries and the various forms of government. You must know all you can about military power and the limits of military power.

"Few of the important problems of our time have been solved by military power alone" the President declared.

He added: "To make great decisions, you must go far beyond the official curriculum. You must be more than a servant of national policy. You represent the American people and the best ideals of the American people.

"Your posture and your performance will provide many people far beyond our shores who know very little of our country with the only evidence they will ever see as to whether America is truly dedicated to the cause of justice and freedom.

"All they will ever see is what America represents. The greatest contribution a man can make is a dedication to his country.

"When there are chances for material gain and personal advancement your choice will be hard but never forget, the battle for freedom takes many forms.

"Let us have no doubt that the United States needs your assistance today.

"This commitment today represents the kind of commitment you are willing to make.

"This nation salutes you as you take up your duties" the President concluded.

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On The Town

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Summertime and the living is easy! Crawlers wouldn't know about the fish and cotton, but do know that gay lifers are swinging high.

F'instance:

All week long at the magnificently decorated Maceo's Lounge, enchanted by the magic of organ music as played only by Waverly Edmondson, throngs have flocked there to partake of the second anniversary offerings.

Plus the regulars, club groups; from happy houses around the town halve trooped in to hep make Maceo's celebration a gala smash.

The Rinky Dinks, Young Pharoahs, and the Lamp Post delegation were among the fine batch of folk chatting with crawlers during the week.

Bob, Azora and Ruth headed the Lamp Posters who dropped in Tuesday.

Then there's the red mark around the calendar for next Tuesday. This is the Crawlers' way of reminding you not to forget to head for Kleeco on that date.

There's good reason, too. Genial Walter will fling wide his doors to do homage to Editor Jimmy Williams who'll be waltzing down the aisle come June 17.

In addition to refreshments, and delicious tid bits, on hand to give smooth demonstrations in the Tango will be that dynamic team of Walter and Miss B.

Like this is one you can hardly afford to miss.

AT THE house of C. P. T., Sphinx naturally, where everyday you'll find heaps of happenings, the Young Pharoahs are getting insured away for that swinging excursion to the boardwalk in A. C., come the 20th.

Other happenings on tap include the Old Timers' family picnic, cocktail parties galore, and The Sphinx Soft Ball League, now hitting high gear. Like if you want to see action, make it to the bowl in Druid Hill Park each Sabbath.

And down where the drinks are big and the tag is small, Adams Cocktail Lounge, Al Brown and his Tune Toppers are waxing as hot as the weather.

As a matter of fact when Big Bill goes into action with his million and one gimmicks, it really sizzles.

Along the Main Stem, a spot—the Spot, as a matter of fact, is making like days of yore, as Roland and his gang of greeters play the part of perfect host and hostesses.

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WHILE YET on the Street of Fascination, you'd better ease in and have a peek at Charlie Burns and the Casino. This seven, that should be one of the nicer things to happen to lovers of life.

You see, as of yesterday, The Willene Barton and Dayton Selby Trio moved front and center. And that's a big move, we gotta tell ya.

A little piece up the road (we're hicks at heart, ya know) Wendell Wilson and Vilma are bubbling with tall tales of yesteryear, fabulous fabulous foods and fine tastes.

To hear Wendy reminisce is a revelation. He actually makes you wish for the "good ole days."

While you're making the rounds and would like to give a listen to the sweetest little jazz singer on the scene, stop in at Red Fox.

It's dimes to donuts Ruby'll send you. She's aided and abetted by Mimmy Wells and his Continental Wizards of the cool sound. Then, of course there's Vicky, a solid gal if ever there was one. You gotta like it.

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BREEZED IN on Richard and the gang at the house of stomp, Knotty Pine, this seven.

Rich said they threw a wild one for Big No. 77 the other dark. He's with the National folk off season ya know.

With the beach season upon us, hardly any of you in the know must be told to swing down to Carr's and see how Press and the gang are making summers worth while.

Algernon, just as he was at the helm of one of the town's swankiest houses, is the man with ideas. He bringing in some swinging acts, so like it would be smart to drop in.

No better way to have a ball while cooling off.

Speaking of cooling off, Frank Reddish's Dotson's never stops simmering. With personable Sammye Jay holding the m.c. spot, Frank throws some of the wildest shindings you've ever dug.

And guess who's coming back — the A-Ok boys. No, not Sheppard and his astranauts, but Herman Hill and his Jolly Jax. They laid their latest platter on the Crawlers. this week. The title: "Everything's A - Okay." They'll be there in a deuce of brights and darks.

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NOW THAT the little imps (excuse us, we really mean the darling little children), will be busting out of their nine months' prisons shortly, pack 'em in the old bus and breeze up to the New Forest Park in Hanover.

They'll have the time of their young lives, and you won't suffer, either.

Morris Richmond, Carnival Lounge's perfect gentleman, is holding on to the swinging Jack Perkins Organ Trio.

After giving a listen Crawlers could hardly blame him. Go see if you'll agree. This is such a nice, cozy spot, too.

How can you think about organs and the name of Cornell Muldow doesn't pop up like those well known rolls.

Cornell and his Bim Boos have become as much a part of Lucky Number as Watty and the rambling horse-shoe serving area.

And Watty is as happy as a lark with the arrangement. Who wouldn't be?

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IF YOU want to live the millionaire on a working man's budget, hit the Millionaire Club.

Millionaires might have more money, but they can't have more fun than the happy throng that calls this spot their relaxation center.

Betcha something. You can't find a wilder combination of pourers than those two at Jones Cocktail Lounge.

They answer to the tags of "Dusty and Dukie." And both are really something else again.

Something else reminds us. That could very well describe Phil's Lounge. The combination of The Jazz Trio plus One, Joe Rubin, and the nicest hostesses around town makes it just that.

Same goes for Mel's Hideway. Chick's and North End: they all swing because they are with it. And so will you be when you meet the Crawlers there—CURTAIN COMING DOWN!!

SEEKING MEMBERSHIPS—With the NAACP currently in the midst of its annual membership renewal campaign, these are some of the people active in the project. Left to right: Mrs. Emma Byrd. Hesikah Hayes. Mrs. Mary E. Hawkins, Mrs. Charlotte Downie, campaign director, Mrs. China Dean. Back row: Miss Leola Green, Joshua Brown,

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Sphinx Speaks
TOP EVENTS OF WEEK — Shriners and Sphinx Club annual softball battle will highlight crab feast at Halethorpe Saturday, June 10. Motorcade will start forming at 1 p.m.
Elbow Benders will throw their annual cocktail party at the club Sun. It is expected to pull a big batch of regulars and generous number of Sandowners.
Rinky Dinks affair at Joe Perry's in Brooklyn July 3.
TID BITS — It was Sphinx Club nite at Maceo's Wed. where the crew had one whale of a time. They helped Maceo celebrate his second anniversary with a gala tongfest. Couldn't shake Herman (yak yak) Page.
Bets Williams now at Pyramid. Zelma Fowlkes doing all-round job at club — bartender, cook and waitress with personality. Church, after sleeping all night Sat., left without paying lodging, hadn't been seen since.
Squeeze Box not on scene since obligation to club. Phil Harper borrowing on new job. Cecil Coleman elated over ??? birthday celebration. Pike (I mean to tell you) Davis had to walk home other night — car impounded by wife.
Monterey Clay will be in town Mon. Blue Dotson is on good behavior. As a starter he's trying to clear up bark tabs. Master Beauticians Guild had swinging affair Sun. Howard Page, doing the shimmy, was top entertainer.
Howard Lewis, realtor, took C.P.T. around Sun. From observation and comments, Royal Weaver should become permanent fixture at Sphinx Club. Don't forget Nitelifer's Beach party at Carr's June 15, 6 p.m. until.
Expect change in higher echelon of several nite spots.
NEWLYWEDS — The former Miss Venetta Purvey is now Mrs. Charles Carter. Jean Harris and Jimmy Williams have decided two can live cheaper than one (he'll learn).
SICK LIST — Doc Woingust homesick (whaddya mean). Mickey Archer and Henry Pollard have foot trouble. Connie Wooden ailing at home. Sorry about Dan Rogers, our all-around man, losing his son, Junior, in an auto accident.
OLD TIMERS — Aubrey Brown, Herman (Yak Yak) Page, Amos, Benny Wade, Mike Queen, and Count Thomas are still official club nuisances.
FACES IN THE CROWD — Buddy Chisholm picked up father in Ohio recently. He will be in town for a while on business. Shirley Fields, Chick's headliner, in with D.C. guests, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Valley and Ed Doyle. Howard Dixon stopped in. Plan big deals at Comedy. Was wondering about J. C. Foster (he was in auto smashup a couple months back, ya know).
C. P. T. had to lean on Lawson Vessels to get him to clear up the tabs.
Sphinx speaks again next week.

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Off the beaten path

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

PEOPLE WE WOULD LIKE TO MEET

These are the individuals who make the news this week, people you would enjoy knowing.

A friendly peek into their lives reveals:

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MRS. ARDELLA FIELDS, well-known fraternal leader, guest of honor at the Junior Lodge of the Ideals testimonial at Mt. Pisgah Methodist Church, Sunday.

Mrs. Fields is also an ardent Myra Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star member and was featured in the AFRO a few years back as the inspiring person who bakes marvelous Sunday morning hot rolls, roasts whole pigs, lamb, legs of beef in her home ovens.

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WHAT AN inspiring person is Vasily Christos Cateforis, the 22-year-old Greek student who captured high honors at Morgan graduation and walked off with highest academic records in the history of the college.

He sat down one day after high school graduation to write to many U.S. colleges for catalogues. He wanted to come to America to school although he knew he must work all the four years.

Dr. Edward Wilson, Morgan registrar, who is always alert, prompt, sent the Morgan catalogue at once.

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ENSIGN MACK JOHNSON of the Naval Academy is another inspiring person.

He is the youngest of ten children of a widowed mother and was graduated Wednesday with honors.

Ensign Johnson tells his own story best: "I got tired of high school. I wasn't learning anything. I had spent a few months in the Navy so I went to the Academy and took the examining. They let me in at once."

His mother is Mrs. Mary Johnson. All his sisters and brothers are brilliant. Their native home is Pensacola, Fla.

Samuel Torsell, AFRO reporter for the Catonsville Area for 53 years, resides at 79 Winters Ave., has the most beautiful flowers.

He has been gathering community news since the AFRO was on E. Pratt St. and workers were founder, John H. Murphy Sr., Daniel, Mrs. Lavenia Henry, Cambridge, Md.

Mr. Torsell is still playing in the Creston Lodge Elks Band, is a trombone player, has held the post 30 years.

Director of the Grace AME Church 40 years, he sings bass. He refuses to tell his age, will not read the age of 60 He has set been ill a day in his life.

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TALENTED YOUNGSTERS from all areas of Maryland will appear in contest Sunday, June 11, at 4 p.m. in the Masonic Temple, Eutaw Place, sponsored by the Education Committee of Myra Grand Chapter, OES.

Mrs. Mary West Jones is directing the contest which includes instrumental, oratorical and vocal talent.

The interracial group will compete for the prize — a scholarship.

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AT DOUGLASS HIGH SCHOOL, three sets of twins deserve congratulations as well as their parents who saw them through.

They are, Alice and Anne Chambers, 1336 Mosher St.; Doris and Dorothy Davis, 809 Brighton St.; Mary and Frances Brooks, 1134 N. Carrollton Ave.

A brother and sister team, Ronald and Delven Bailey, 2713 Edmondson Ave., also graduated.

NOTE: Fifty graduates disclose that their parents were graduated from Douglass High.

ABOUT TOWN

THURSDAY MARKED the beginning of wedding festivities for Ensign Orville Martin, New York, and Miss Helen Strasburgh, Towson, Delaney Valley, Md. who will be married Saturday here in Baltimore

Among wedding guests are Miss Martha Rose Hood and Ensign Mack Johnson, New York, Ensign Johnson will serve as an usher.

Thursday was the bachelor party given colonial party and dinner Friday, dance.

Ensign Johnson and Martin share roommates at the Naval Academy.

The Academy affair included horseriding, garden parties, formal and informal dances, parties and banquets.

Dr. Lawrence D. Reddick and Mrs. William H. Richardson and Marsha were guests at the Monday banquet for parents and friends, held at Bancroft Hall reception and the parade where the colors were presented.

Ensign Johnson is a Russian scholar, has been recommended to teach Russian at the Academy when he finishes his four of duty at jet flight school. Prior to teaching Russian, he will study at Yale University

He has been named official Russian interpreter, served as president of the Russian Club three years.

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THOMAS STOCKETT, AFRO artist, won first prize, a carving set, at the Sunday Annual Art Show at the Anna Mae Hunter Home for the Blind.

The setting was the mass-efficient garden at the side of the Eutaw Place home, all jewels with myriads of roses, scarcely blossoms.

Charles Jackson, 5 Douglass High student, won a paint set.

Fourth prize was won by Mrs. Jessie Doyle, 3318 Holmes Ave., who received a set of water glasses and pitcher.

Objects of art were donated by the Amor Scott Memorial Art Club of Catonsville and by the Art and Craft Club of Catonsville.

Mrs. Geraldine Baker is president of the CXT Club. The 1900 block Pulaski Park Neighborhood Club with Mrs. Gladys Mosley, president, gave sewing tapies home — made canned goods, fruit preserves were given by Mrs. Lillian Cromwell of Monkton, Md.

June 23, 24
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