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On the TOWN

There comes a time when it's necessary to deviate from the norm in all phases of human endeavor (no, Crawlers are not going high brow, or something), and the gaylife circuit is no exception.

This seven is one of those times for the Crawlers.

So instead of looking at the places which make the night beat go, we're going to take a peek at some of the people who make up the heartbeat of life after dark.

Coming to mind then, naturally would be groups and individuals, all as integral part of the scene, who pin their sights on and lend their dollars to worthy causes.

For this reason Crawlers feel it is more than a distinct honor to know the Pyramids, Cossocks and the Ladies of the Sphinx.

These gentle - hearted folk, headed by Charlie T. Bruce, Alvin Townes and Mrs. Betty Lindsay, et al, showed once again Sunday, that they care.

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THE AFRO'S Holiday Music Festival, staged for the benefit of the Mrs. Santa Fund, was a brilliant success because the above and others like them cared enough to make sure that some lonely, young heart would not be broken because St. Nick did not call at their home this Christmas.

They gave two of the most precious commodities—time and money — to assure the success of the venture.

The Cossocks and Pyramids bought 100 adult tickets each and distributed them to appreciative souls who otherwise would have been bypassed by brilliant excursion in music. The Ladies, whose charm and personality lent dignity to the occasion, were ushers — and a finer collection of ushers we have not seen.

There were others who made equally valuable contributions, but we fingered the above because they are living proof that those people do care.

To them, Crawlers doff their lids in a gesture of humble appreciation.

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ANOTHER GROUP of night beat faithfuls coming under the Crawlers' spotlight of scrutiny is barmaids.

Since the introduction of alcohol to work is often refer to as society — and at times it's ruff to figure out what the word really means — virtually everything associated with it has been given the "bad" tag.

Barmaids most of all. This badge of dubious honor has been hung on all ladies behind the fountain without reservation, modification, or anything. They have become to be considered bad, period!

But no group or profession can "be justifiably labeled "all bad."

In rebuttal Crawlers present the following example:

Mrs. Vicky Clark, at the Red Fox, who has spent 15 years, nine at the same place, in the profession of pouring.

The mother of three grown sons, whom she raised along from ages 3, 4, and 5, Vicky is a widow. Having no truck for angles, gimmicks, or deals, the veteran barmaid works on the sound philosophy of "honest pay for honest work."

In her years behind the rail, she had heard countless proposals for marriage, listened to thousands of tales of woe and misery from lonely souls who feel free to cry on her shoulder.

Like other late night workers, Micky sleeps late days then races against the clock to get home chores finished before work time rolls around.

She likes TV, reading, and naturally sleeping.

Vicky was first bitten by the pouring bug while working as a day time helper in a night club. The regular barmaid was absent one day and she pinch hitted.

That was the beginning of a long run. The Washington native said she has mastered the art of not letting customers "get on my nerves."

Like other callings, Vicky has found her work rewarding, too. She said:

"I suppose the greatest lesson I've learned is patience, and the need for people to understand people and try to understand the reason they act a given way."

The first to admit that barmaids labor under a stigma, Vicky has this to say:

"Most men and women think barmaids will go for anything. Many do. They choose this work as a means to an end. In most cases, the end deserve criticism. But like other people doing other things, barmaids too can be described in two words — good and bad."

When the day comes for her to desert the soft lights and tinkling glassware, Vicky said she would like to become a traveling governess.

We'll have some more interesting barmaids to talk about in future edition.

With the granddaddy of all holidays, Xmas, descending on us, fun spots around town are gearing their actions accordingly. Next seven Crawlers will bring you a preview of what's on tap for the holly season at our favorite spots, including:

North End, Knotty Pine, Dotson's, Jones, Maceo's, Kleeco, Casino, Lucky Number, Pink Pony, and welcome to you too; ditto for Flash Gordon;

Also Alhambra, Carnival Lounge, Chick's, and elsewhere.

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GETS SECOND TERM — Tollie Vann Jr., Worshipful Master of Universal Lodge No. 15 of Masons in Annapolis, was recently re-elected for another term to the office of Right Excellent Grand Scribe of Hiram Holy Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons for the jurisdiction of the state of Maryland at a grand session in Baltimore. He is the second Annapolis persons to hold this office.

Bridge Theatre manager dies

Ernest L. Lewis, 64, 3401 Denlyn Rd., manager for 12 years of the Bridge Theatre, 2100 Edmondson Ave., died Wednesday at Johns Hopkins Hospital of a heart attack. He was taken suddenly ill at his home shortly after midnight.

Funeral services will be Monday at 1 p.m. at Grace Presbyterian Church where he was a member 12 years. In the theatre business more than 40 years, he was a former Newport News, Va., theatre owner, came to Baltimore 15 years ago.

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Off The Beaten Path —

ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

MY GREATEST MOMENT At the Maryland Debutante Ball in Washington Saturday this reporter was cited as a distinguished newspaper woman by the sponsors, Dr. and Mrs. Henry A. Wise of Lanham, Md.

The event was a thrill of a lifetime.

However, my greatest moment came when I shared honors along with Mrs. J M Udochi, wife of the Ambassador from Nigeria, who was cited as a distinguished international figure.

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WHY WAS this a great moment?

The fact is, Mrs. Udochi, her husband, the Ambassador, my daughter Marsha and I are descendants of natives of the same African country — Nigeria.

When we informed the Ambassador and his wife that we are members of the third and fourth generation of Nigerians, they were overjoyed. When we told them we are members of the Ibo tribe, they were elated.

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THE STORY of our African heritage comes down to my family, the Oliver family, over a period of 150 years, from our great grandparents, born in Nigeria, who were members of the Ibo tribe.

When I was a small child, my father, Dr. Jacob B. Oliver, told me of our forefathers.

When I was at Fisk University, I wrote the history of my family's Nigerian background and won a prize in sociology.

When my daughter, Marsha, was a student at Howard University, she also wrote the same history, received acclaim in class and broadcast on world-wide radio to tell her African heritage for the United States Information Agency.

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AT PRESENT, doing further research for our family history, is Pete Moore, editor of the Suffolk, Va. Daily Herald.

Suffolk, Va. was where my father was born, the town where our grandparents arrived from Nigeria.

(When the Suffolk Herald editor completes his research, we will tell you more on this.)

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RECENT research through Howard University files disclosed that Dr. Oliver was graduated from the university's School of Medicine in 1892 in both dentistry and medicine, registered his home address in 1880 as Suffolk, Va. He was a drummer boy in the Civil War.

Meanline, we are assembling more than 100 actual photographs which trace our family history more than 100 years, through three generations.

Someday, soon, my daughter and I will go to Nigeria to become official members of the Ibo tribe.

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IN THE next week or two we will accept the invitation of the Ambassador and his wife to visit them at the Nigerian Embassy in Washington.

Also a member of the Ibo Tribe, our tribe, is Nigeria's chief executive, Dr. Nnamdi Azikiwe.

Tracing family history can be interesting. Why don't you try it?

All that is necessary is to know the town where your grandparents arrived from Africa.

The Enoch Pratt Library has a volume which discloses the African nations from which they came.

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DR. AND MRS. WISE are worthy of many orchids for their contribution to education through the many scholarships they have given young women over a period of five years.

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AFRO WRITER, Mrs. Elizabeth M. Oliver, second from right, receives ebony and silver - engraved plaque for distinguished service in the field of journalism at the Maryland Debutante Ball held at the Hotel Washington in D.C. on Saturday. Left to right are Mrs. Henry A. Wise, wife of the Lanham, Md. physician, who with her husband sponsored the25 debutantes presented at the ball; Mrs. J. M. Udichi wife of Nigerian Ambassador, who was also cited as a distinguished woman and international figure, and Ambassador Udichi.

Higher ed. the aim as 26 debs 'bow'

WASHINGTON

The ballroom is large There is the gentle swish of bouffant white dresses. The delicate strains of "A pretty Girl is Like A Melody" can be heard.

The 1961 Maryland Debutante Cotillion has begun.

Twenty-six young ladies from Maryland and Washington make their bow to society.

For Saundra A. Abney, Marva A. Allen, Jean O. Brown, Joyce Carroll, Paressa M. Conor, Virginia M. Conner, Virginia Colding, Carolyn Crutchfield, Virginia Costee, Bettye Evans, and Patricia A. Grimes this is a big moment.

For the mothers and fathers of Harriet E. James, Gretchen M. Jeremany, Veronica Jones, Rose Kyler, Ida M. Little, Mary G. McDade, Valoria M. Mickens, Mildred J. Minor, Betty A. Mitchell, Karen A. Robertson, Brice Spears, Joyce Tongue, it was an even bigger moment as the parents "lost" a little of their daughters who would enter the social set with a bang.

For the friends and other relatives of Sharon Wilkes, Delores A. Gross, Elaine Torney and Thelma Woodland, it was a tender moment.

ON EOP the many high moments of this cotillion was the Father - Daughter Waltz.

Madame J. M. Udochi, wife to the Ambassador of Nigeria crowned the coronation queen: Miss Delores Gross of Clavert City, Maryland. Second and third place winners were Saundra Abney of Glenarden and Paressa M. Connors of Lanham.

These three young ladies will receive tuition scholarships to colleges or business schools of their choice.

While the sum of the scholarship will be determined once expenses have been paid, in previous years the scholarship sum divided between the three winners has been as high as $1.00. Each year, it has increased

A SURPRISE presentation was made to Mrs. Mary A. Wise, Jr. who sponsors the Cotillion with her husband each year by the former debs. She was given a silver cup.

"I was surprised, touched and pleased," said the charming Mrs. Wise when questioned later.

Suddenly attention left debutantes for the lovely recipient of the lovely Achieve ment Award was presented by Mrs. Eloise Richardson. The recipient this year was Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy Oliver, staff writer for the AFRO-AMERICAN, for outstanding service and courage.

Mrs. John Oliver, sister-in-law to Mrs. Elizabeth Oliver and Miss Marsha Rose Hood, daughter of the recipient, were present.

The Maryland debutante Ball began five years ago as an incentive to young women in the suburban areas of Washington and Baltimore "My husband was concerned with the number of dropouts in the community. We felt that a ball like this would encourage many of the young women to remain in school and to continue further in school," said Mrs. Wise.

The project has succeeded admirably, for in five years there have been 14 scholarship winners who are still in school continuing their higher education.

"And one young lady," says Mrs. Wise, "will finish Bowie State College this year."

—Mob victims set

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parts of the country deplore the incident."

IN JACKSON, the CORE field secretary, accused Mayor C. H. Douglas of literally "inviting violence."

He said that before arrival of the group from New Orleans the Mayor issued a public statement to the effect that he and the plice would not attempt to enforce segregation, but were going to let the testers "get their heads skinned."

He said the group arrived at the bus terminal the second time at 2:59 and was almost immediately set upon by a waiting mob of about 25 men and boys.

"THEY WERE beat until 3:10," the COR Eofficial declared.

The actual attack was described as follows:—

When the group arrived at the terminal an elderly white man wearing work clothes and a gray felt hat attempted to block the entrance to the waiting room.

He stepped aside when the Freedom Riders pushed pass. Misses Smith and Thomspon, Raymond and Valentine sat at the lunch counter. Smith went to the ticket window, while Raymond asked to be served.

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UPON BEING ignored, Raymond again asked to be served. A. P. McGehee, walked from behind the operator of the terminal counter and said in a loud voice:—

"Greyhound does not own this building. Greyhound does not own this restaurant. You get out of here."

While McGehee was ordering the group out, one of the members of the mob grabbed a cup of hot coffee from a table, went over to Raymond and poured the hot liquid down his back.

Smith, who still was sitting at the lunch counter, got up and motioned for the others to take seats in the waiting room. As the group got up to move, Raymond was then attacked by another member of the mob.

THE FREEDOM RIDER tried to protect himself from blows that were being rained upon his head and body by the mob leader and others who joined the attack.

The whites were shouting and cursing: "Kill 'em, kill 'em, kill em."

One of the men Freedom Riders was tossed again and again into the air. All of them were struck, knocked down and kicked inside the terminal and on the street after being forced outside.

All suffered bruises, cuts and contusions. Miss Smith was mauled so severly she had to be treated by a physician.

After the group escaped by taxi and was carried to a local hotel, Police Chief George Guy and Patrolman Edward Smith arrived on the scene and told the mob to clear the street. They left McComb at 9:30 p.m. Thursday, escorted directly to a bus by policemen.

No arrests were made.

EARLY THURSDAY morning, Johann Rush, television cameraman, was assaulted by members of the mob.

The violence followed by a week and one day a ruling by a three-judge Federal Court that the Nov. 1 Interstate Commerce Commission regulation banning segregation in railroad stations and bus terminals must be complied with.

Monday of this week, copies of the order, which also invalidated three Mississippi laws requiring segregation, were served by a Deputy U.S. marshall on Mayor Douglas and Chief Guy.

It is understood that agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation were present during the violence and have first hand information on what actually occurred.

—Death laid

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scene and hid behind a union hall until police completed their investigation, and then returned to his home where he was later arrested.

IN ONE other homicide case at Central Tuesday, Louis Williams, 60, of the 800 block W. Franklin St. was also held without bail for action of the grand jury.

Mr. Williams was charged with shooting Albert B. Turner, 42, of the 600 block W. Franklin St. on November 4.

According to Western District Police, Mr. Turner was shot when he tried to enter a home where his estranged wife was residing.

The body of the deceased was found in the kitchen of the William's home.

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THEODIS DIGGS, a taxicab driver of the 3400 block Walbrook Ave. was arranged on a homicide charge at Central Tuesday morning in connection with the death of Miss Juanita Hendricks, 27, Mr. Diggs was denied bail pending a further hearing.

Miss Diggs died at Provident on Sunday from a gunshot wound of the neck.

CALVERT COUNTY NEWS

Residents improve from accidents, doing fine

By ME.VINA EDWARDS

Mrs. Ada Contee of Sunderland, Md. who was injured in an accident is able to be up again and is recuperating.

Milton Emerson of Owings, Md. sustained an injured finger.

Leroy Wills is recovering from injuries suffered in an automobile accident.

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MRS. MARY QUEEN of Gold St., Baltimore, fell and Gold St., Baltimore, fell and broke her hip. She has been confined to City Hospitals for four weeks.

Everett Wills of Huntingtown was home for the Thanksgiving holiday. He is a senior at Maryland State College.

Mrs. Mable Emerson of Owings, Md. visited her brother James Claggett at his Lanvale St. home.

The Rev. William Edwards presided at the wedding ceremonies for Charles Louis Hall and Miss Blanche Juanita Hall A reception followed the nuptial rites.

Among the 45 women attending the W.S.C.S. seminar at the United Nations in New York on Nov. 21 was the daughter of Mrs. Lovie Blackstone of Annapolis.

South Baltimore Notes

By WALTER W. E. HILL

Congratulations to John Oglesby as he successfully passes his examination for the Housing Authority for Michigan.

Mr. Oglesby recently married the former Miss Marie Littles.

The South Baltimore Methodist Church Men's day recently raised $1,403.00.

This Sunday, the Bishop Edgar A. Love, dedicates the altar Rails and the Baptism Bowl.

THE GALORETTES Social Club announces its "Fall Party" Saturday, Dec. 9, at the Cherry Hill Union Hall.

Get well wishes go to Mrs. Henrietta Brown and Mrs. Cora Johnson.

A happy birthday goes to Richard Braxton and Miss Elsie Brown.

Seen in the Thanksgiving Parade was Reelo Ham Stanley Williams of station KSJA, operating his station in conjunction with the Baltimore County Emergency Corps.

The Sociable Social Club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Mayfield. They heard stories from overseas places from the hosts' son, Ralph now on leave.

South Baltimore Memorial Church will celebrate Men's Day for the first time in the new location. The Rev. J. L. Harris will deliver the message at 11 a.m. Albert Williams Jr. is chairman.

The Rev. James Davis was speaker for the Golden Age Club's Thanksgiving party.

John McQueen was Men's Day chairman at Sta' of Bethlehem AME Church.

Friday night socials are being sponsored now at School 161 by the MFY of St. Paul's Church.

The Sadie Hawkins Day dance was well attended.

Birthday greetings to Richard Braxton, Miss Delphine Houston and Miss Elsie Brown

—Harlem Park

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24 other building and loan groups which agreed to back financing, but to date, no loans have been granted.

2. FHA insurance is a total failure to date. Credit requirements are found to be too high. Thirty applications have been filed, none settled.

3. Hardship cases, totaling 71, (where owners because of age and fixed income can not repair their properties), need help to conform to the new program.

(It was suggested BURHA fenance repairs for these grassroots residents.)

4. One of several parks has been completed, but its design does not encourage use, unshaded benches have no backs, and there is commercial dumping.

5. Six vacant and boarded properties still grace the completed inner park area

6. The Bureau of Recreation failed to supply the park with a worker as promised last summer.

7. The present building code is geared to new structures. There should be an immediate new code geared for existing structures.

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MR. CURTIS concluded his remarks with the following plea, which said in part:

"I invite you to visit Harlem Park and take note of the scaffolds.

"It looks like an Indan village, but we are not dealing with that particular type of pioneer.

"The pioneer (in Harlem Park) wants the same things as all minority groups and he will get them because of his perseverance, his will and his fortitude.

This pioneer knows that when the prayer meeting is over, the bear meeting starts."

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FRANK T. GRAY, president of Citizens Planning and Housing, presided at the luncheon meeting. Subject was 'Success or Failure for Our Community: Issues Involved."

Mrs. Marion G. Johnson, area director in elementary schools discussed the educational problems, — facing teachers in schools bordering the Harlem Park area.

She noted that the schools believe there must be intensified in-service programs for teachers to help develop new attitudes and new ways of working with disadvantaged children.

She also explained children of meagre experiences must have the curriculum content reassessed, there must be increased participation by parents, and more coordination between the school and other community agencies.

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WILLIM BOUCHER 3RD, executive director of the Greater Baltimore Committee, urged the 200 persons in the audience to take an active interest in a mass transportation system.

He predicted that by 1980, Metropolitan Baltimore would have a million more residents and 100 per cent more autos.

The time is now, he said to plan for the future and support a 'radical new approach in rapid transportation,' and to recognize the need for public funds to subsidize such a transportation system.

William G. Fastie, chairman of the Recreation Council's Committee for Baltimore County's Soldier Delight Park, made a plea for state aid to preserve the five mile square, unpopulated area as a beauty spot.—B.M.P.

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