If YOU Ask ME

BY BETTYE M. MOSS

Chicago, no windy city

They call her a windy city but Chicago was mild and comfortable 20 degrees when we landed at O'Hara Airport on Sunday afternoon.

It took us just an hour and a half to make the 612-mile trip from Baltimore via TWA convair 880 jetliner flying 31,000 feet in the air.

Shortly after reaching the Conrad Hilton Hotel, there was a surprise reunion.

An attractive young lady walked up and advised she was from Baltimore.

She turned out to be Mrs. Cynthia Bryant Pitts, daughter of AME Bishop and Mrs. Harrison J. Bryant, formerly of Baltimore, now of South Africa.

A Howard University graduate, Mrs. Pitts and her husband, Orville Pitts, a lawyer and American U. grad, live in Milwaukee, Wisc.

She is in an anti-poverty post in the Wisconsin city, and he has recently passed the bar and opened his office.

They were in Chicago for a weekend vacation. So we had a chance to start the week off with home folks and make arrangements too.

Later in the week we spent an evening with them in Milwaukee, which is a two-hour bus ride away.

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Meeting in Chicago, a joint meeting (first time in 82 years) of YMCA resident and day camp directors.

Delegates numbered 252 and came from all sections of the country.

Also in session (from Wednesday through Saturday), was the National Convention American Camping Association which drew 2,297 delegates representing 53 organizations and 525 camps here and in Hawaii.

These were working conventions — a marvel to behold.

Sessions — some of them started with 8 a.m. breakfast and went on around the clock, past nine o'clock. Whew!

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Quote of the convention was

People, places, things

And, you have not heard singing of hymns, gospel songs and spirituals until you attend a YMCA convention or camping convention.

Typical songs: 'I'm on my way, great God, I'm on my way,' 'Swing Low, Sweet Chariot,' and 'O, Lord, Remember Me.'

Walter Anderson, professor of music at Antioch College (Yellow Springs, Ohio), directed group singing at the banquet session and conducted a worshop.

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Highlight of the camping convention was the appearance of Carl Rowan, the author, onetime an ambassador and head of U.S. Information Service.

His frank remarks were frequently punctuated with humorous stories which kept the audience laughing and won for him a sustained applause and a standing ovation.

Typical Rowan joke, was about a group of foreign newsmen. They wanted to know whether he attended social events given by white associates and vice versa.

Stating he was a firm believer that people are alike, no matter their color, he quipped, 'The only thing I found is that my colored friends and my white friends both could drink more than I could afford to buy.'

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Orchids to our beauticians who take their days off and study new methods to prepare themselves to make you and you and you lovelier to look at.

At Rogers Beauty Supply office on Monday morning, a score of our beauty shop owners from Annapolis, D.C. and hereabouts, turned out for a clinic.

It was a demonstration of Vigorol hair relaxer by Mrs. Rose Marie Davis, one of our town's most capable technicians.

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Seen about: Mesdames Cora Henderson, Lenora Harris, Ruby Roberts, Gonzell Thompson, Evelyn Williams, Mary Reese, Lucille Burnett, Evangeline Pearson, Alice Henry, all of Baltimore; Mrs. Eloise Nash of D.C., and Mrs. Adell Walker.

Mrs. Walker is the well-known Annapolis, Md. beautician. Her shop on Calvert St. is called Charlene Marie's.

She is also well known as the wife of Charles M. Walker, the Naval Academy food tester.

They have three children, two of them Baltimore teachers: Charles, on the faculty of Wood School No. 178; and Miss Charlene Walker on School No. 76 faculty.

Also met at the clinic: Affable Willie Moore, sales manager for the Rogers firm.

And, Mrs. Rogers Sanders, wife of the owner. Many may remember her as the former Dorothy Byrd, a Dunbar and Carver grad.

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Also met an old friend, Mrs. Ruth Russell Jackson. Had not seen her since high school. She is the firm's sales clerk.

Recently widowed (her husband, Sp. 5 John F. Jackson, died last summer), she returned to her native Baltimore after his death — marking the first time she's been home to stay in eleven years.

Previously, she and her husband lived abroad and at U.S. Army bases where he was stationed.

There are two Jackson children, Mrs. Nina Lonesome, who is associated with a dance studio in Mondawmin; and Mrs. James Ransome (Peggy), a city teacher.

Another chance meeting after long - time - no see: At Friendship Airport on Monday evening a friendly gentleman tapped the head of our home on the shoulder.

He was Richard Tolliver, who was en route from stateside in Ogden, Utah to the Pentagon in D.C.

A native of Springfield, Ohio, he recalled happy days as a member of the YMCA Hi-Y Club out Springfield way.

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Dr. John W. King, professor of biology, Morgan State College, who underwent an operation in February, is recuperating at his home, 2402 Mondawmin Ave. He hopes to return to his post shortly.

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And, do remember another good neighbor, Mrs. Helen Carroll, 236 N. Amity St.

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Mrs. Sidney Hellander Jr. (Catherine) a member of the Madison Ave. YWCA Board, is recuperating in Puerto Rico. She had been ailing a month before she and her husband went to the Island.

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Thinking of - you cards to Hopkins Hospital (Marburg 120), for a very special lady Mrs. Elizabeth Julian.

She's been in for tests since a Thursday age.

Many know Mrs. Julian as a good, good neighbor, and as the senior member of the well - known Julian family.

Mrs. Julian had surgery on Wednesday, so do keep her spirits up.

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Convalescing: — William C. (Bill) Taylor, 5115 Herring Run Drive, suffered a back injury when he fell down the steps on his job last month.

He's still under treatment, hopes he hasn't suffered a slipped disc.

Which brings me to mention that Mr. Taylor marks his 63rd birthday on March 18.

She has been confined at home for six long months. She is well - known as a member of the Gillis Memorial Senior Choir.

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Glad you're better cards to Dr. Frank Saunders, the physician. He is in Marburg Room 233 at Hopkins, where he has been confined since Feb. 21.

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March 18th birthday candles for State Sen. Verda F. Welcome, 2101 Liberty Heights Ave.

Best wishes on March 20 to Charles R. Law (the mortician).

Same day cards to Mrs. Eugene Byrd, (Mabel). She's the teacher and wife of the dentist.

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Candles on March 21 for Clayton L. Bywaters, 2207 Lewina Rd. and Mrs. Ruth Beasley, 2206 Riggs, a Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church member.

March 22 belongs to Frisby Lindsay, 2401 Bryant, another good, good neighbor, and to these other Madison Avenue Church members: Miss Carol A. Sheffey, 4511 Forest Park Ave., to Mrs. Lillie A. Ross, 2315 Winchester St., and to Joseph P. Reyes, 2629 Wheeler Ave.

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People being kind to other people: Members of the Stork Club will hold a theatre party to benefit Provident Hospital on Saturday, March 19.

Place is the Arena Playhouse.

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Thinking - of - you cards to Mrs. Mildred Rideout, senior registered nurse with the City Health Department. Her address: 8 Dunbar Ave., Catonsville, Md., 21228.

She buried her mother, Mrs. Annie Bivens this week. A former resident of Crisfield, Md., Mrs. Bivens was confined to a Catonsville Md., Mrs. Bivens was, a confined to a Catonsville Convalescent Home for some time.

Her daughter, Mrs. Rideout has been the kind of good neighbor who has comforted others in moments of distress. Now is the time to let her know YOU remember her many kind deeds.

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Wise words heard during the week: There is nothing more powerful than an idea whose hour has struck.

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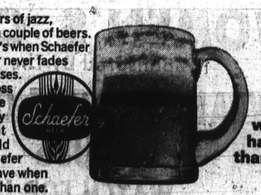

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FAVORITE TEACHER at Fulton Elementary School 138, Mrs. Helen DeLeaver, reads story to kindergarten pupils in picture at left. Children are: (seated, left to right) Ronald Womack, Patricia Robinson, Darlene Derricks, Deidre Wilkins; (standing) Brigette Brown, Charles Norman, Alan Wilder and Jervis Leo. At right, Mrs. Gene Wilkins and Mrs. Rosalee Rich of the school PTA fill in AFRO vote coupons for Mrs. DeLeaver.

Kindergarten teacher proud of her AFRO contest backers

Mrs. Helen DeLeaver, kindergarten teacher at Fulton Elementary School No. 138, can't be blamed if she seems bursting with pride these days.

Ever since the AFRO's Favorite Teacher contest began she has seen a school and community that has loved and admired her for many years, go into action like one of Caesar's legions conquering the Western World.

Two members of the Fulton PTA are working full-time clipping out the Favorite Teacher coupons in the AFRO canvassing for votes door to door bombarding neighbors with telephone calls, and thinking up new ways to "get out the vote."

THEIR EFFORTS are paying off, for Mrs. DeLeaver is still among the leaders in the contest in which the last coupon will appear on April 2.

One of the PTA workers Mrs. Rosalee Rich, of 819 N. Monroe whose two sons both had Mrs. DeLeaver in kindergarten, walked eight blocks Tuesday to get one vote.

"That's how precious these votes are to us," Mrs. Rich said. 'Sre is one of the oldest teachers in the school. She needs a vacation."

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MRS. DeLEAVER, who has been teaching for 26 years, has been at No. 138, at Harlem Ave. and Montoe St., for 19 years.

One of her pupils during those years was Mrs. Gene Wilkins, of 1904 Edmondson Ave., who started the campaign for Mrs. DeLeaver and is working with Mrs. Rich.

She also has a youngster whom Mrs. DeLeaver taught last year.

One of the ideas the women thought up is to have parties with at least one vote for Mrs. DeLeaver as admittance fee.

Also solidly backing the veteran trainer of tots is No. 138's principal, Mrs. Ida Nicholas.

She told Mrs. DeLeaver Tuesday: "Because we think so much of you, we're willing to stick our necks out."

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WHAT DOES "Fulton's favorite" herself think of all this action to get her that dream trip to Bermuda April 11?

"It's a wonderful experience to realize people appreciate you so much," she said. "I've enjoyed working in the community. It's been lots of fun. This makes me very happy."

The smile never left her face for a moment as she turned back to the youngsters whose love — and the respect of their parents — has kept her among the leaders in a real tough Favorite Teachers contest.

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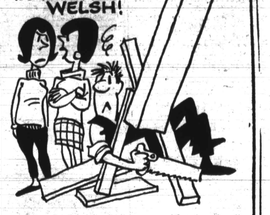

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TUESDAY'S LEADER in AFRO's "Favorite Teacher" Contest was Mrs. Luella M. Brooks, of Houston Junior High, with a whopping 208,700 votes. In music class she works with Anthony Nelson on trumpet and Frankie Williams on piano. Both are 8th graders.

Teachers contest

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[illegible] are expected to top the [illegible] 800,000 mark.

The final ballot in the race [illegible] two favorite teachers [illegible] Bermuda holidays—and [illegible] prizes for 12 others—[illegible] appear in the edition dated April 2.

It should be noted that in the issue before she soared into first place, Mrs. Brooks was not even among the top five—proving that it is still anybody's race.

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ALSO IN this week's voting, Ernest Moody of Collington Square Elementary School 97 leaped over [illegible] contenders into second place with 219,100 votes.

Moving down to third and fourth places, respectively, were William H. Roes of Cherry Hill Junior High School 180 and Mrs. Helen DeLeaver of Robert Fulton Elementary School 138. Their votes totaled 214,600 and 201,100.

Jumping into fifth place was an earlier leader, Mrs. Sylvia Witherspoon of William A. Alexander School 112, with 184,800.

Hot on their heels are Mrs. Dorothy Thomas of Windsor Hills Elementary School 67, sixth with 179,800, and Mrs. Ellen S. Cockrell of Mary E. Rodman Elementary School 204, seventh with 106,500.

The third place winner will receive $150 in cash and $100 goes to the fourth place teacher. There are also $10 prizes in store for each of the next 10 winners.

Classes of the first and second place teachers will win a trip to Washington, D. C. and a theatre party.

ALL SET for the gallop to the goal? Give your favorite teacher a boost by mailing or bringing votes to the AFRO, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore, Md. 21201—remembering to observe the expiration date on each ballot that appears on Page Two.

The vote in today's paper must be in by March 26. Ballot in Tuesday, March 22, must be cast by March 29 and the one to appear on Friday, March 26, must be in on April 2.

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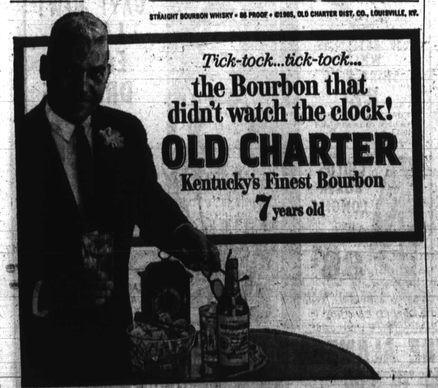

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