ROVING REPORTER

Susan King, once given 6 weeks to live, is now 16 years old

By STERLING PAIGE

Today, Friday, November 4 is a very important one for the King family, of 2317 Poplar Grove St, Baltimore.

It is the sixteenth birthday of their daughter, Susan.

She is the youngster who was given six weeks to live thirteen years ago when doctors found she had what they called an incurable brain disease.

Susan was two years old when they said she would not live to see her third birthday.

Her mother, Mrs. Susan fainted at the dread news.

William King, the father was a merchant seaman.

During Susan's illness he refused to ship off. He wanted to stand by and do what he could.

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THERE WERE two other children.

The family savings dwindled to nothing as heavy medical expenses plus lack of current income took their toll.

It was about that time (Sept. 1953) the AFRO ran a story about little Susan's plight.

Generous AFRO readers responded.

It became immediately apparent that people do care.

Toys, gifts, and words of comfort poured in to Lee King home.

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PEOPLE GOT together — business people, civic workers, and average citizens — and gave a huge birthday party, several weeks before the birthday she would not live to see.

Mr. King was not at the party. He had sailed for Japan a few days before. His little family still had to be taken care of.

Susan had a wonderful time. Mrs. King took on a new courage.

Late in October, 1953, Susie was taken again to Johns Hopkins Hospital for another examination. Time was running out.

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AFTER THE examination, the specialist gave additional hope. He told Mrs. King to bring Susan back again in December a month after her third birthday.

That was 13 years ago. Today, after several brain operations and many treatments, Susan is 16 years old.

When the AFRO roving reporter visited Susan this week she appeared almost like any normal child.

She talked of her likes and dislikes, of her birthday and what she wants, of Christmas.

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THERE IS no birthday party this year.

"Too expensive," said her mother. "I am going to take her out to dinner — over to Mondawmin. Just the two of us."

1953—Susan King and her mother on her third birthday.

1966—SUSAN KING on her 16th Birthday

Mr. King was away again. There have been four other children since 1953.

The six other King children are:

James, 20; a Douglass High School senior; Susan, who can no longer go to school; William, 14, a Lemmel Junior High 8th grader; Mercia, 10, and Adriene, 7; both attend School 60; and the twins, Gail and Garland, 5, who attend kindergarten.

This past June, Susan underwent another successful operation for a second brain tumor.

"So far there have been no complications. She spent six weeks in the hospital," Mrs. King said. "I have to take her back to the hospital in two months."

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UNTIL HER latest operation, Susan attended public schools.

She learned to read, write, and do her lessons.

The Susan of today is tiny (about 4 feet tall), weight 98 pounds, and, despite her trials, is cheerful, neat and likes to talk.

To conceal the results of her surgery, she wears a neat-fitting black wig that is not easily detected.

"She is beginning to tell me about styles now," Susan's mother told me. "She learns from her girlfriends."

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FOR HER birthday Susan would like a 'poor-boy' dress.

For Christmas she wants a guitar, she'd would like to learn to play it, and she'd like Santa Clause to bring her a second television for the family.

With this Susan feels she could maybe get equal time for the programs she likes.

Like now — there is a thing going between her and the little sisters.

They want Superman and Susan wants "Where the Action Is".

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SUSAN ALSO likes washing dishes, dusting, sewing (she makes her dolls' clothes) ice cream, sherbet, candy, making beds, Sunday School (she attends Mt. Aranat Baptist Church), steaks, chicken . .

She goes for birds — wants a canary. She has two goldfish.

"The other one died," she told me.

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SOMETIMES she finds it a problem being a celebrity.

Like when small sisters were fussing to have AFRO cameraman take their picture.

"She (Susan) has been in the papers and everything—we never have any made," they protested.

Mrs. King added the interview with:

"I thank the Lord for each day. It has been a long road but there are others much worse off than she, even at the hospital."

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Surgeons hear

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sychronized movement.

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DR. BENSON, who was instrumental in developing the technique at Hopkins had gathered statistics showing the "inner stabilization" method to be of much greater effectiveness in treating these chest injuries than older methods.

After 19 days, Mr. Kirkwood's mechanical respirator was removed and its entrance into the throat allowed to heal.

A religious man, Mr. Kirkwood will cite scripture to tell how he felt in the hospital, then attribut his remarkable recovery to "good doctors, my faith in God and the care of a good wife, who is also a practical nurse."

In charge of Mr. Kirkwood's treatment was

WILLIAM KIRKWOOD

Dr. Harvey Bender, who was assisted by Dr. Robert Ratcheon.

Using Mr. Kirkwood's experience with the technique as an example, Dr. Ratcheson observes, "We have had very good success with it."

Mr. Kirkwood and his wife, Mrs. Dorothy E. Kirkwood, live at 2912 Violet Ave.

Ticket mixup

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as possible.

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A BALTIMORE woman, Mrs. Ruth Sye, 200 block N. Carey St., who chanced to meet Miss Dingle on the street on her way to the station after the trial described the New Yorker's plight as a "pathetic one".

She told the AFRO, "she had been held in jail all night and had not a friend she could turn to. From what she said, it was an awful experience for a stranger in town."

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Capt., Sgt.

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said he wanted a place for his family to live near relatives in Baltimore.

He and his wife also have two children, aged 17 and 12. Their furniture also had to be sent to Holabird because no accommodations were available.

Finally Sgt. White's brother, a Baltimorean was able to help locate a place and the White's moved in Wednesday.

At least one local real estate man, incensed at the situation, called the AFRO to offer a house which the Whites "could move into immediately."

Clarence Cox, of Cox-Realty, told an editor, "I don't like this—a man who was in two wars can't find a place to live."

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- Loyola College, Ph B (Summa cum laude) 1st in Class
- Yale Law School, LL B (Scholarship) 4th in Class

PUBLIC SERVICE
- Maryland State Insurance Commissioner (1966 to present)
- City Solicitor of Baltimore City (1961-1963)
- Board of Estimates Baltimore City, Member (1961-1963)
- Planning Commission of Baltimore City (1961-1963)
- Chairman of Mayor's Committee on Mass Transit (1962)
- Pension Study Committee of Baltimore City (1962)
- Chairman of Mayor's Committee on Scholarship Program (1963)
- President of Civil Service Commission of Baltimore (1960-1961)
- Standard Salary Board of Maryland, Member (1960-1961)
- Mayor's Committee on Conflict of Interest, Member (1960)
- President of Junior Bar Association (1956)
- Chairman of Executive Committee Junior Association of Commerce (1956)

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- Began surprise examinations of high-risk auto insurers
- Held public hearings on automobile cancellations, non-renewals, and discriminatory practices
- Warned all insurance companies writing automobile insurance from using "black out maps" when selling policies
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Auth.: J. D. Ross

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3 new actors debut with Center Stage

By ADAH K. JENKINS

With the opening on Nov. 1 of Center State's production of "The Death of Bessie Smith" and "Benito Cereno" three new actors will debut as members of Center Stage acting company — John Marriott and Andre Womble as guest actors for the current production and Graham Brown as a permanent member of the 1966-67 company.

After three seasons with the Tyrone Guthrie Theatre, Mr. Brown will premier at Center Stage as "Babo" in Benito". Playing such roles as "Horatio" in "Hamlet" and "Ratcliffe" in "Richard III" at Guthrie, Mr. Brown's off-Broadway credits include "The Emperor's Clothes", "Major Barbara" and "The Firebug".

John Marriott, appearing as "Jack" in "The Death of Bessie Smith" and as Aturo in "Benito", began his professional career with the famed Karamu Players of Cleveland.

Some of the Broadway productions to his credit are "The Green Pastures", "The Iceman Cometh" and "The Little Foes". He has also appeared in movies and television shows, including "The Edge of Night", "The Patty Duke Show", "Route 66" and "The Hallmark of Fame".

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A RECENT understudy to the lead in two Broadway productions of "The Zulu" and "Slow Dance on the Killing Ground", Andre Womble comes to Center Stage to play "The Orderly" in "The Death of Bessie Smith" and "Francesco" in "Benito".

While at the Cleveland Playhouse which is similar to Center Stage, Mr. Womble had the opportunity of playing various leads.

"The Death of Bessie Smith" and "Benito Cereno" will run through November 27, with performances at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. on Sundays; matinees on Saturday Nov. 5 and 12 and Wednesday, Nov. 16 and 23.

Reservations may be made by writing Center Stage, 11 E. North Avenue 21202 or by calling the box office at 685-5020.

A GOOD CITIZEN is registered and VOTES. Prepare NOW to VOTE in the General Election, Tuesday, Nov. 8, 1966.

FROM BALTIMORE — This is part of a group of 70 Social Security employees from Baltimore who were in Washington Wednesday on a training tour of the Capitol and the FBI Building. They were on the trip as part of their training as tour guides. Left to right are Mrs. Mildred Nelson, Mrs. Charlotte Conaway, Miss Pearl Dyson and Mrs. Kim Bunche. (Photo by Cabell.)

Gadabouting In Baltimore:

Flurry of affairs on this weekend

By Elizabeth M. Oliver

(By Elizabeth M. Oliver, substituting for Lula Mae-kay who is on vacation)

The fall season reaches a highpoint this week-end in a flurry of colorful events as numerous as the autumn leaves.

Fully half a dozen dances are scheduled among the many other smart affairs tonight (Friday). And, the rest of the evenings will find many a fireside aglow as old friends and classmates gather on Baltimore hearths at private parties for its Morgan State College Homecoming Weekend.

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The Baltimore Continentals Stardust Ball tonight at Emerald Gardens starts the whirl with the black-tie swing to the music of Washington's Bobby Felder. The traditionally gay, gay dance, according to their bids is to raise funds to give underprivileged children a helping hand.

Guests arriving from out-of-town Continental chapters and those contributing from here can take tax-deductions. This year's ball to sparkle as never before, is chaired by Sevilla Carroll and Helen Quarles. Mattie Mumby is president.

Morgan's homecoming kicks off at the Alumni Cabaret Dance this evening at the Famous Ballroom with the Hampton Alumni taking a leading part.

The other four dances where smart folks will gather are the Lords and Ladies at Unity Hall, Dundalk; Alpha Wives at the Eastwind; the JUGS (Just Us Girls) at Northwood Gardens.

THE NATIONAL Council of Women national convention at the Sheraton Park Hotel in Washington Nov. 10-12 is slated to be attended by the nation's most outstanding women by any standard whether on brains, beauty or accomplishment or all three.

Discussions and plans to go home all over the nation "to do something about it" will revolve around the theme "Women and Girls in Urban Crises."

Mrs. Flossie Dedmond, a local member who is a national vice - president, will preside over the Nov. 12 luncheon for all affiliated chapters in America.

Also taking important part in activities will be Baltimoreans. Mesdames Anna Klinkseales, local president; Thelma Dailey, Emma Dudley, Kate Shepard, Beryl Williams, Regina Goff, Celonia Walden, Christine Moore and Senator Verda F. Welcome.

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THE ALPHA Kappa Alpha Sorority North Atlantic Regional at the Sheraton Belvedere Nov. 12 will actually begin the night before when the leading ladies from Massachusetts down to Virginia on the Eastern Seaboard begin arriving.

The informal reception that Friday nite, Nov. 11, in the Red Room of the hotel is certain to be quite an affair since Soror Edna O. Campbell is heading the committee.

All AKA's around town will be on hand to welcome the more than 200 out - of - town sorority officers and members due to stay over through Saturday's affairs.

Mrs. Carl Wheelock, an outstanding parliamentarian, will be the guest speaker at the Saturday noon luncheon in the ballroom.

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MRS. KELLY JACKSON (VIOLA) wife of Sharp Street Methodist Church pastor is crairman of the Sharp Street Art Fair that dominates the calendar for Nov. 19.

The Saturday 3 to 5 p.m. affair is one of a series of things to come at the church. A sample for example is the Awards Dinner sometime in December. With Dr. Ed Wilson as chairman, this grand event will witness the deserving carrying off glowing citations for services to church and community.

But, back to the Art Fair next week — among the treasures from far-away lands on display will be those from the travels of Dr. Irene Diggs, anthropology professor at Morgan; Mesdames Beautine DeCosta, Sarah Rayne, Alleyra Taylor, Vernice Reynolds and others.

In addition, count on many more exhibits from along list of other collectors, lecturers, food and music . . . a really rewarding experience.

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THE CARDIGANS Club tops all in doing the fabulous the fabulous way. Last Sunday, the members sped their husbands and 118 friends up the highway in three plush buses complete with a bar on each to New Jersey.

Arriving at the elegant Latin Casino in the N.J. town of Cherry Hill where they had reservations, the gay crowd enjoyed the dinner show featuring Sammy Davis Jr.

Louise Edwards is president of the Cardigans whose members are Marian Banks, Vera Fry, Rose Hawkins, Beulah Wescott, Myrtle Smith, Theresa Collins, Vera Taylor, Tiny Butler, Bernice Hall, Lollie Hockaday, Mary Williams, Ruth Tonkins.

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THE 5TH birthday party the Lynn Joneses gave for their daughter, Adrienne, at the Elegante Ballroom, saw 29 of her little friends enjoying puppet show, games, ice cream and cake.

Co-hostesses along with her mother, Margaret, the University of Maryland Medical School librarian, were Florence Herbert and Gertrude Smith. Of course, her father, the Gwynns Falls Junior High counselor, helped too.

Guests were Angela Sykes, Julie Chance, David and Evelyne Owens, Camille King, Michael Blow, Stephen Lone, Billy Rowlett, Norma and Russell Kelly, Mimi and Melba Holton, Clinoer Rodney and Phyllis McDonald, Theresa Sellers, Janie Johnson, Eugene West, Elmer III and Marilyn German III, Michelle Ross, Shelly Dukes, Sharon Statham, Joyce Parker, Gina Gray, Isabelle Wilkerson, Wayne and Lynn Hicks, Kimberly Kelly.

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REMEMBER Gloria Lockerman, the darling little tot who put Baltimore on the map as she won spelling bee championships during the 1950's and captured the hearts of thousands of Americans on TV?

On Oct. 31, the now quite beautiful and gracious school teacher, marked her 23rd birthday. And, according to her grandparents, the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. V. T. Key, she hasn't changed a bit, is still unassuming, sweet and shy although she is a world traveler and has studied in some of the finest universities abroad.

At present she is the much - adored Spanish teacher at Showalter Junior High School in Chester, Pa., and driving her own auto (in the fine car field) drops in on her grandparents quite often.

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GUESTS FROM all over the Seaboard to Harve de Grace Sunday to attend the surprise party the Randolph Davises gave for Mr. and Mrs. William Peace.

The Davises, as you know, left afterwards for his new post at the U.S. Naval Station in Oletha, Kansas.

Wishing them happiness ahead and arriving with gifts of luggage, things for their new home and everything else imaginable, the smart crowd spent the evening dining and chatting. (The Peaces' club room as a backdrop rivals any setting where elegance is concerned).

Hilda Hawkins and Elizabeth Jenifer were hostesses. The flower arrangements for the Davises were done by Lillian O. Brown. The gourmet dishes were Mrs. Davis's own creation.

Guests included Mr. and Mrs. John Head and daughter, Genette, New York; Mr. and Mrs. James Gibbs,

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Mrs. Ann Davis Page retired after 28 years

Mrs. Ann Davis Page, 3217 Yosemite Ave., was retired last month after 28 years continuous service with the U.S. Public Health Hospital in Baltimore.

MRS. ANN DAVIS PAGE enjoys being home

Mrs. Page is the wife of Eugene Page, who will be retired from Bethlehem Steel Co. in February.

Long looking forward to retirement, Mrs. Page plans to enjoy her home, visiting friends and after February traveling with Mr. Page to see America, with California first on the list.

Among gifts received at the surprise retirement party were a vacuum cleaner from the hospital staff, silverware, plants, cologne, paintings, a handbag and other presents.

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Fluffy applesauce pudding is church supper favorite

Years ago, the highlight of any social season was the church supper or picnic. The women of the church began planning and preparing days ahead of time. The chickens had to be cleaned and picked before they were turned into crisp, golden - brown goodness; the rolls, pies and cakes had to be baked; the vegetables had to be washed and prepared for cooking; and all the meats had to be readied for roasting.

My, that must have been a time, and time-consuming, too! Each woman tried to outdo the other . . . each wanted to fix something extra special.

One dessert they took great pride in was a church supper favorite — pudding. How nice it would have been for them to have had the advantages of today's convenience foods, such as whipped topping mix and applesauce. They could have easily combined them in a Fluffy Applesauce Pudding (applesauce was always a favorite, too) — so delicious everyone would have taken notice.

THE MANY hours spent peeling, coring and simmering the apples for applesauce and the careful mixing and stirring required to keep the pudding smooth and creamy are no more, with modern convenience foods on hand. Here is an easy to make, no-cook pudding that would proudly grace any church supper table or your own.

Coconut Fruit Fluff is another delicious, easy pudding that rates applause. Fold canned apricots and pineapple into fluffy whipped topped mix.

FLUFFY APPLESAUCE PUDDING — The perfect dish for that important church supper or PTA meeting. Fluffy Applesauce Pudding, made the modern convenient way with whipped topping mix. Just enough spice and ever so fluffy, you'll be proud of your contribution.

FLUFFY APPLESAUCE PUDDING

Four to six ladyfingers, split*, one fourth cup orange juice, one envelope whipped topping mix; one - eighth teaspoon cinnamon, one - eighth teaspoon nutmeg, one jar (1 lb.) applesauce.

* Or use 12 thin strips pound cake.

Line a 1-quart bowl or 6 individual dessert dishes with ladyfingers; then sprinkle with orange juice. Prepare whipped topping mix as directed on package; blend in spices and applesauce. Spoon into bowl. Chill thoroughly. Makes 6 servings.

COCONUT FRUIT FLUFF

One cup drained canned apricots, one cup drained diced canned pineapple, three tablespoons sugar, one envelope whipped topping mix, three - fourths cup flaked coconut.

Cut apricots in quarters. Add pineapple and sugar. Prepare whipped topping mix as directed on package; fold in fruits and coconut. Chill. Serve in sherbet glasses. Makes 4 or 5 servings.

FOOD

Features-Bargains
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Pork rates high among red meats

By VIRGINIA McLUCKIE,

When the calendar year reaches November, seasonal foods take prominence in the market and are the makings of interesting meals, says food economist Virginia McLuckie, food economist, Department of Markets, University of Maryland.

This week let us consider pork as the entree since pork consumption ranks second of the red meats. The usual seasonal increase in marketings of pork has been underway for two or more months.

Shoppers can expect to find somewhat more pork available this fall and winter than last year.

The increase will not be ten percent as was previously expected but rather six to eight percent, because producers are keeping some of the increased number of pigs for breeding purposes.

ALTHOUGH LIMITED declines are expected in retail prices of pork, prices will continue at relatively high levels. Shoppers should continue to shop for specials and expect to find pork cuts featured more often. Compare cost per serving. Cuts differ in the number of servings per pound because of differing amounts of bone and fat.

High quality pork has firm, fine textured lean that is grayish-pink in color, firm, white fat on the outside of the cut and some fat well distributed throughout the lean. The development of leaner pork from meat-type hogs, through breeding and feeding by producers and closer trimming of fat by meat packers and retailers means more edible pork per pound with extra plus values to the homemaker today.

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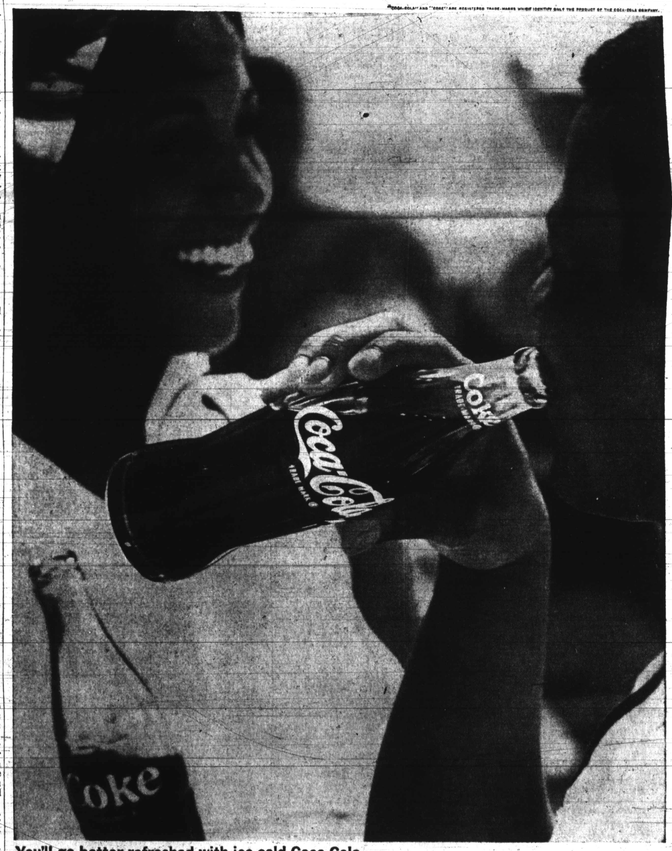

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