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MUSICAL MOMENTS

Musicals lend flair to college campuses

By ADAH K. JENKINS

Music abounded in the halls of learning this month. Dean Warner Lawson, head of the School of Music at Howard University, was guest conductor of an intercultural massed chorus from five Maryland colleges on the stage of the Murphy Auditorium at Morgan.

The choir of Coppin Teachers College, under the direction of Henry N. Freeman, and the school woodwind ensemble, of which George Starks is instructor, were heard to excellent advantage under the modern shell of the Pullen Auditorium.

Two assemblies of Calverton Junior High School students filled the auditorium to witness "Music Festival Echoes," the third program of the annual Fine Arts Week," with Gloria S. Stokes, John Miller and Chester Rowlett on the podium.

The Morgan College event was one of the highlights of the Centennial celebration which has brought to the campus a number of distinguished musicians and artists.

Since Coppin is one of the Maryland institutions where future teachers are trained, the high standard of performance that is being maintained is most gratifying.

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UNDER THE decisive and energetic direction of Mr. Freeman the vocal ensemble sang a well-chosen program of religious and secular works with stimulating vitality and musicianly regard for the fine points of phrasing, interpretation, and, with one exception, careful intonation.

A lovely obbligato of female voices was most effective against the well balanced male chorus.

An ensemble of flutes, clarinets and percussion performed with taste. Since instrumental instruction, as well as bands and orchestras, are the order of the day in many elementary schools, the woodwind program at Coppin is of notable value.

The program was opened by the Francis Murphy Demonstration School band.

Music in the junior high school offers particularly challenging opportunities which were met with admirable success at the Fifth annual "Fine Arts Week" at Calverton High School.

The mixed choruses conducted by Mrs. Stokes and Mr. Miller in "Music Festival Echoes" were characterized by clear voice leading, buoyant tone quality and well cultivated blending.

A humorous pantomime in "I'll Wait For You" and the well sustained humming obbligato in "While We're Young" added a welcome contrast.

The Modern Dance Group, directed by Cynthia Pompey, was applauded enthusiastically in "Hits and Bits from Academy Award" films, with Berdina Baylor as the talented vocalist in "Alfie."

CONDUCTED BY Chester Rowlett, the School Band displayed precision, zest and finish that might well be the envy of older students.

The departments have wisely included much of the better popular music as well as the classics, so that there is as adequate communication with the youngsters of today.

Thru the cooperation of Robert Russell the art practice students sketched the participants during the program and also contributed an elaborate art exhibit.

During the Fine Arts Week there was a recital by 26 students in piano, organ voice and band and orchestral instruments.

A television program on Mozart and a music film completed the week at Calverton with Mrs. Stokes as general coordinator. Harry R. Parker is principal and William F. Jeffries, vice principal.

MAIL-BOX .From Vienna, Austria, a delightful announcement (with decor of a blue bow) Marc Solomon Comegys, the addition as of March, to the family of Daniel, Elaine and Danielle Comegys.

Enclosed was a program of the recent leider concert given by Danny, which included French, German and English art songs.

The Baltimore baritone was accompanied at the concert on April 7 by Prof. Erik Werba.

From Portland, Oregon, where James Nathan Jones is singing with the Metropolitan Touring Opera Company. When the season closes shortly he will be returning home after a year of appearances that covered all sections of the United States.

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CALENDAR: Saturday, May 20 at 8:30 p.m. in the Kraushaar Auditorium, Goucher College, the Maryland Youth Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Angelo Gatto, with chorus, in Rachmaninoff's "Bells."

Sunday, May 21 at 5 p.m. at in the Church of the Redeemer, Charles Street and Melrose Avenue, the final concert of the season by the Handel Choir of Baltimore conducted by Saul Lilienstein and the Chamber Ensemble. No charge.

Sunday, May 21 at 3:30 p.m. in the Peabody Conservatory Hall, 1 East Mt. Vernon Place the Preparatory Department Saturday Morning Symphony and Senior Choir under the direction of Dr. Louis Cheslock and Mark Dubbs. No charge.

Aunday, May 21 at 5 p.m. at Ames Methodist Church, Baker and Carey Streets, the exhibition concert by students under sponsorship of the Piano Teachers Activity Group. No charge.

Sunday, May 21 at 5 p.m. at the Heritage United Church of Christ, 3106 Liberty Heights Avenue, Isador Oglesby, tenor, in concert of art songs.

Sunday, May 21 at 8:30 p.m. at Goucher College, "Music Moderna" by the Philadelphia Composers' Forum Chamber Players.

A series of events at Peabody: exhibition concerts at 8:30 p.m. in the concert hall, on Monday, May 22 thru May 26 and May 28. No charge.

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Wife Accuses Husband's Friend

Rites today in murder, suicide case

Funeral services for Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Tilley Jr., who died Monday in a tragic murder-suicide at their 2515 N. Rosedale St. home, were scheduled to be held at 10 a.m. today (Friday) from St. Cecilia Catholic Church.

According to police, Mr. Tilley, 43, a Harbor Tunnel guard, was apparently shot

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by his wife, Mrs. Mildred Tilley, while asleep in a second floor bedroom.

The body of Mrs. Tilley was found, shot through the head — gun still in her hand —in another bedroom.

The tragedy was discovered by the couple's 19-year-old daughter, Stephanie, upon her return from school.

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POLICE SAID the dead woman had recently been undergoing a severe nervous condition following surgery.

They believe her distraction reached a sudden breaking point at the time of the tragedy.

Neighbors of the couple described them as quiet and well-liked. Many were seen in tears after news of the deaths had leaked out.

A member of the family said that teachers and classmates of the older daughter, Stephanie, at the Carrollton School, cried when they heard the news.

Numerous students have insisted upon making personal delivery of sympathy cards to their now-orphaned school mate.

They also volunteered to serve as flower-girls at the final rites.

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THERE ARE 3 children surviving: Stephanie, Davis, 10; and Airman 3/c Michael Tilley, who was in Korea when the deaths occurred.

He arrived in Baltimore early Thursday.

Other survivors include Mrs. Cora White, mother of

PFC. SANDY ZIMMERMAN

PFC. ROBERT J. THOMAS

'How I wish I were home'

A Baltimore Marine who just passed his 19th birthday two weeks ago, was killed in Vietnam Saturday by enemy rifle fire.

Pfc. Sandy Zimmerman Jr., 1629 N. Bradford St., had been in the service since November and was shipped to Vietnam last month.

Before that he was a student at School 46, McCulloh and Biddle Sts., which he left last June as a tenth grader.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sandy (Fannie) Zimmerman.

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THE LAST letter the family received from him was written in Vietnam on his birthday, May 11.

"This was the first time I heard from him to know he had arrived in Vietnam," his mother said.

"Boy, how I wish I were home for my birthday," the Marine Private First Class

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'66 Douglass graduate

Viet victim was due out before death

A 20-year-old former City College senior was added to the Vietnam casualty list this week.

Marine Lance Corporal Harold D. Shelton, 541 Mosher St., died May 19 of fragment wounds of the head from mortar shell fire while defending his position.

L/Cpl. Shelton graduated from School 130 before going on to City College. While a senior at BCC, he enlisted in the Marine Corps, entering in January, 1966.

He was sent to Vietnam in July. According to his mother, Mrs. Clara Snowden, he was due for a release from Vietnam service May 14.

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"I DON'T know what caused the delay," Mrs. Snowden said, "but he was killed 5 days later and I was notified Tuesday."

In a last letter, dated May 9, the Marine corporal wrote: "Mother, I am so happy they promised to release me from here May 14."

He also thanked the family for remembering his birthday, April 28.

"He had told me he could be wounded or killed, but told me not to worry," the mother said. "He asked me to take special care of his younger brother Jesse W. Snowden Jr., age 21. He always called him 'the little one.'

"He had his plans for the future," Mrs. Snowden went on. "He was looking forward to a happy reunion with his family, and, probably, getting married."

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THE YOUNG Marine was a member of Union Baptist Church and received the church bulletin each week while in Vietnam.

In addition to his mother, Cpl. Shelton is survived by a step-father, Jesse W. Snowden; 3 sisters, Barbara, Carolyn, and Linda Snowden; and a brother, Jesse Snowden Jr.

SINGER JACKIE WILSON, second from right, and his new bride, the former Ebony Fashion Fair model Harlean Harris, left, are given congratulations by a host of friends at their reception at the Roundtable niteclub in New York City following their marriage by Judge Amos Bowman in his chambers. Well-wishers are, left to right, Mrs. Johnny Nash, Juliette Jones, Sol Coleman, the groom and singer Johnny Nash.

Students over 5 million

The AFRO's contest editor has been working around the clock trying to crawl out from under the mountain of more than five million Student Contest votes that have poured into her office since the race began.

But she will find quick relief as the contest enters its final stage and she dishes out $1,500 in cold cash to this year's winners.

Eliminations will begin May 31 at 3 p.m sharp. This means that any contestant not having a total of at least 2,500 votes will be dropped from the contest ledger at that time.

To date the contest editor has received 5,282,000 votes.

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DENISE BRANDON, a student at Northern High School has a commanding lead of

Young girl drowns in pool at dump

By ROGER J. NISSLY

A pool of water in an abandoned dump and a small child's toothache, which kept her home from school, were the ingredients Tuesday in the tragic drowning of nine-year-old Vanessa Williams.

The young girl, of the 800 block Seagull Ave. in Cherry Hill, drowned about 2:30 in the afternoon after she fell in the pool on swampy ground near her home while chasing turtles.

Southern District police said the small pool, in the 3300 block of Reedbird Ave. was about four feet deep where the child fell in.

The girl's father, Elroy Williams, said the next day that the area, abandoned for

mates along with her brother and sister who usually played together in a group after school.

One playmate the same age who lived next door — the pair was hardly ever separated — Sharon Langley, said she would have jumped in the pool after her friend.

"But that would have just ended in both of you being killed," her mother sadly commented.

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BESIDES HER parents and brother, Michael, 7, and sister, Varnette, 12, the young girl is survived by grandmothers Mrs. Lena Hebb and Mrs. Mary Dorsey, and aunts and uncles.

The family will receive friends Friday evening at

Steelworkers march today

An estimated 350 or more persons are expected to participate today (Friday) in the Steel and Shipyard Workers March to Washington.

Scheduled to leave in two contingents at 9 a.m. from the CORE office, 832 N. Gay St., and Metropolitan Methodist Church, Carrollton Ave. and Lanvale St., CORE spokesman said Thursday the march would be led by its former national director, James Farmer.

The march, to include Bethlehem steel workers, civil rights groups and others, will proceed to the Labor and Defense Departments where appointments have been sought with Willard W. Wirtz and Robert S. McNamara.

The Steel and Shipyard Workers' Sponsoring Committee seeks to air com-

Suspect had been out with husband

WASHINGTON

Joe Louis Carter, 31, of 1135 Summit St., NE, has been charged by police with the rape of his friend's wife.

A 21-year-old Southwest woman told police a friend of the family used a knife to force her to have sexual relations.

The incident occurred, she told police, in her home while her three children were asleep. A man gained entrance to the house she reported, on the pretext of leaving a package for her husband.

The victim said that earlier in the evening, she, her husband, her brother-in-law and Carter were together at her house. all three men are fellow employees at a construction firm, and frequent each other's homes

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THE THREE men left, she told police, and went to the home of her brother-in-law. She remained home with her three children, aged 1, 2, and 3 who were asleep in one of the bedrooms of the two bedroom house.

Police say the three men had a few beers and socialized at the home of the husband's brother. The suspect left, saying that he was going home, police say.

The victim told police once her attacker gained entrance to the home, he started to make advances. She backed off from him, she said and told him to behave.

He drew out a pocketknife, she said, placed the point in her stomach and forced her backward into a bedroom just outside the living room. He then pushed her on the bed.

Carter, who has no criminal record completely denies the charge, police said. He maintains he went directly to the home of a friend and stayed there until after the hour in which the incident was supposed to have taken place.

Later, he went home, he told police.

The case came before U.S. Commissioner Sam Wertleb and was continued until June 1.