IN MEMORIAM

May we let our light so shine that it will illuminate that which is good and beautiful, and magnify our Father which is in heaven. May we stand strong and firm against despair, falsehood, rudeness, hatred, pessimism and prejudice.—Carl Murphy, Editor-Publisher—1889-1967

ConCon Choices

On Tuesday, Baltimore City voters will choose 43 of the 142 delegates who will write Maryland's new constitution in an historic convention starting Sept. 12.

To help voters choose from among the 272 candidates for those 43 seats, the AFRO-AMERICAN publishes on its front page today a list of would-be-delegates we feel would make a contribution to the convention.

Because of the large number of qualified candidates, it was impossible to list all those who could do a good job.

The prospect of having to narrow to no more than eight persons our choices in a district when each had a total of 36, 59, 63, 27, 56 or 31 candidates, was not a task we welcomed.

But in asking the voters to turn out and make the hard choices, we felt a responsibility to offer them a guide.

In the final analysis each voter will decide for himself, but in recommending candidates in the various districts, the AFRO strongly feels that those who follow our guide will help assure that the new state constitution is written by qualified persons who are interested in the welfare of all citizens.

The polls will be open in Baltimore City from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Governor Agnew has proclaimed Election Day, Tuesday, June 13 a state holiday.

Whether you choose to vote for the candidates the AFRO recommends or prefer to make your own choices, the important thing is that you go out and cast your ballot in this non-partisan election.

Those who do not vote allow others, many of whom are not your friends, to determine the constitution under which you and your children may have to live for the next 100 years.

He Takes A Risk

Brig. Gen. William E. Ekman is busy working on the elimination of segregated off-base housing for colored military servicemen in the D.C. - Md. area.

As part of the study he is conducting, General Ekman will make a survey to determine the number of developments close to military bases where non-white servicemen may live.

Groups pressing for open occupancy housing near military bases are asking that the Dept. of Defense declare segregated off-base housing off limits for all military personnel, thus bringing economic pressure against landlords who discriminate.

This makes it all the more ironic that the Brigadier General assigned to look into the segregation picture is himself living in an all-white development.

General Ekman explains he moved into River House, located near the Pentagon because it is "convenient."

Unintentionally, the Brigadier General touched on the cornerstone of the segregated system. It survives because it provides convenience to the majority population while denying it to others whether it be the convenience of good schools, jobs or homes.

Brig. General should seriously consider the harm he does to the task he tackles when he risks the disbelief of others in his principels and sincerity for the indulgence of his personal comfort.

Class Of '67

At times — and this is one of those times — it seems that our elders have done a rather poor job in promoting peace among nations of the earth.

While they have performed ably in areas of technology, the arts, and sciences, they have been less than a shattering success at coping with man's inhumanity against man.

There's no guarantee that tomorrow's leaders will be able to improve on the record of their elders.

While there is an absence of assurance, there is reason to hope.

This June, as in June past, that hope is reenforced by the abundance of university, college, and high school graduates who either ended their training and entered the world of fierce competition or stepped up to a new plateau in their educational pursuits.

The bumper harvest of degrees, certificates, and diplomas clutched by eager hands of future leaders speaks well for the future of this nation and the world.

While they will find no easier path to peace and prosperity than their elders, they have at least built—and are still building — a solid foundation on which they must do battle with life.

The AFRO is happy therefore, to salute all members of the Class of '67 and wish them a prosperous and happy life.

A Right Returned

Welfare clients in Baltimore are going to be accorded the same rights now as other citizens.

Long before the Supreme Court's ruling on Monday, health and safety inspectors in Baltimore were forced to get warrants to go into homes where they were not freely admitted.

Not so for the poor people on welfare.

Although the welfare inspectors firmly wended their any-time-at-night searches after prodding from the AFRO, they still had the right to enter a home to search whether they were wanted or not.

All the welfare inspectors have needed was the word of a jealous or disgruntled neighbor — or some anonymous caller with nothing better to do on a slow day — to go out and search a house.

If these inspectors have a reason to search a home a judge will see that they have the proper authority.

If they have nothing more than a hunch about something, then they'll have to get out in the community and do some investigating and watching.

This might require the investigative units to add some colored agents —another long overdue move.

The court decision returns to the welfare recipient one more citizenship right his low position in life made it easy for the community's better-off citizens to take from him.

D'Alesandro Agrees

The AFRO is please to learn that City Council President Thomas D'Alesandro has agreed to bring Mayor McKeldin's open occupancy bill to a vote before the current session ends.

It is of utmost importance that the city councilmen take their stands on this matter before they face the voters for election this year.

Not only is there the chance, slim though it may be, that the bill may pass, but more important, this will prevent any councilman from going to the voters with the story he would have voted for the bill had it come up.

We think the vote this session will show the voters exactly what must be done in the next few weeks if progress is to be made.

In the next City Council only 10 votes will be needed to pass any new law, including that of the president of the City Council.

The Congregation's Vote

It was with a degree of sadness that we noted the action taken by the membership of Lincoln Temple Congelational Church in D.C. against their pastor, the Rev. Channing Phillips.

On occasion, Lincoln Temple has served as a meeting place for out-of-town groups which otherwise would have met little or no hospitality in the nation's capital because of their stand on controversial issues.

The fact that Lincoln Temple extended the use of its quarters to these pilgrims should not have been interpreted to mean that the church necessarily subscribed to the causes which were being espoused.

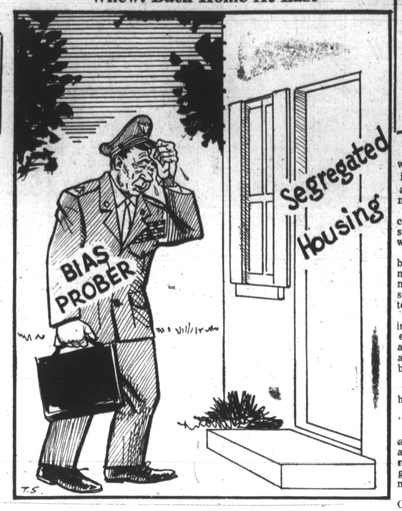
Evidently, however, this was what happened and some members decided to disassociate themselves from these travellers, especially after the appearance of Stokely Carmichael at the church with his anti-administration views on Vietnam.

Consequently, the congregation voted by 50-43 to strip the Rev. Mr. Phillips of his powers to allow outside groups to use the church. The church has a total membership of 694 members.

The church, of course, has the right of determination as to what use its facilities will be put. It also has the right to limit the powers of its pastor, which it did.

But by doing so, Lincoln Temple loses its place as a symbol of independent thinking, a calm citadel unruffled by the pressures of the establishment and a place where those who would challenge that establishment might expect kindness.

Whew! Back Home At Last



THE PEOPLE SPEAK

Teachers Defended

Readers are invited to submit letters for publication. All letters must be signed but signatures will be omitted if requested. Letters should be no more than 300 words in length. Address them to "Our Readers Say," Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore.

Dear AFRO:

In response to the toast, "Long live our teachers!" I ask, "On What?"

School teachers are just about our lowest paid, most overworked so-called professionals. If a society can be judged by how it treats its educators and how it treats its children, ours would fail the most elementary test.

What our society really thinks of its members is directly reflected in how much money it gives to them. By this standard, of course, it reserves its highest esteem for the parasitic ruling class, which contributes nothing but merely owns the tools with which the others must work.

The reason why our teachers (in whose hands we place the lives of what should be our most precious commodity — our children) are so poorly compensated is the fact that no capitalist can make a direct profit from their labor.

Since the profit motive is the mainspring of the system, why should the capitalists (who appoint themselves to our boards of education and whose representatives are financed through our legislatures) concern themselves with anything so distant to their profits as — the next generation!

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THEY SEND their own children to private schools, private nursery schools, private camps, and private colleges. When they graduate, they join private clubs.

Do these private institutions discriminate? Not much! The poor can join them as well as the rich — so long as they have the money.

Attention must also be called to the fact that the increasingly crowded, inner-city schools are mostly for colored and poor white children.

All the fine new luxury schools just happen to be built in wealthy neighborhoods — in the suburbs and the counties.

Not only are our inner schools overflowing with mostly non-white children, but our teaching staff, too, is increasingly colored — due of course to the fact that colored college graduates (just as all Americans of color) face discrimination in better paying jobs.

Thus, the fight for a decent standard of living for our teachers (as in the fight for a decent education for our children) is directly involved in the fight against racism.

We should all demand that our clubs, churches, PTA groups, and unions pass a resolution to support the teachers and follow it up with action.

ROBERT KAUFMAN

A Challenge

Dear AFRO:

While being lauded for printing in its entirety the proposals for the up-coming Constitutional Convention, the press has yet to see the importance of printing the NEA Report in its entirety.

The deplorable state of our city schools, to me, rivals the importance of re-writing our State Constitution. What good will it do to have a modernized Constitution and only illiterates adhering to the principles therein.

This type of priority in the handling of issues, vital to the citizens of Baltimore, cannot be condoned or continued.

Until the newspapers can act in a manner beneficial to all citizens, this great city will remain as antiquated as our present State Constitution.

I challenge the newspapers to print the NEA Report in its entirety and wait for the public's response.

Can it be that the newspapers are waiting for permission from the powers that be?

MILTON M. WEST

Boys Town Help

Dear AFRO:

My most sincere thanks for the very excellent article about our Boys' Town Centers.

I am so pleased with your continued cooperation with our publicity efforts, that I felt I must write you and thank you once again.

The "Mavericks" heading our way are counting on us and you are certainly doing your share.

Yours for Boys' Town,

JACK COHEN, Vice-President

Clifton T. Perkins

Dear AFRO:

Please accept the sincere thanks of the entire hospital staff for the generous publicity given Clifton T. Perkins State Hospital for our open house on May 19.

We are grateful for your interest in this hospital and the patients whose welfare is our chief concern.

PHILIPPA M. PONTIER
Volunteer Services Coordinator

Favorable Comment

Dear AFRO:

Words cannot express my thanks for the wonderful story in Friday's paper.

I have had quite a few favorable comments and proudly sent clippings to out-of-state relatives. Thanks again.

(MRS.) MADELINE W. MURPHY

Political Notebook

Carl Rowan Preaches Sermon

By MAX JOHNSON

Carl Rowan, TV commentator and syndicated newspaper columnist, reared back and preached "himself quite a sermon last Friday at a school just outside Baltimore near Catonsville.

It was a sermon on race relations that applied, principally, to politicians and would-be politicos of both races — especially the whites.

Because of this basis and the merits of what Mr. Rowan said I should like to refer to some of his pertinent remarks.

Those who missed them missed some earthy preaching.

Quite aptly the occasion was the launching of Westinghouse Broadcasting Company's Breakthrough series through WJZ-TV — a study of the problems facing the Baltimore metropolitan area.

Mr. Rowan's sermon, however, would be applicable to almost any metropolitan area.

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AFTER LULLING his integrated audience to pleasant attention with a mild beginning — he rocked a lot of people back in their seats with this:

"The times require some communication (between the races) that is natural, that is no stultified and stunted by the formal business of social and professional strangers sitting down periodically to run through the psuedo-intellectual ritual of talking about what the community ought to do to, for or with 'the colored folks' or "the poor folks."

We all recognize the political boards and commissions Mr. Rowan referred to, don't we?

They are usually comprised mostly of white citizens who really know little if anything about the colored community or the poor — for their travels carry them in other areas.

Usually, too, the one or two colored citizens on such boards and commissions as token representation more often soon forget that they are colored — and also think in terms of "those colored folks."

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MR. ROWAN turned to the need for racial communications. Some of what he said on this point went like this:

"You are not going to solve these problems unless you find a way to communicate at lunch, at cocktail time, at dinner, on the 19th hole after golf with some people from groups with which you are not accustomed to socializing.

"There is not a country club in this entire area, to my knowledge, that does not operate under the unwritten law that no colored family is deemed suitable for admission.

"The colored person may be a cabinet member, a federal judge, a Nobel Prize winner or a Metropolitan Opera star.

"But the American white man, however, lowly and unaccomplished, was got to have his exclusive club from which to thumb his nose and try to convince himself: 'I'm better than the best black man.'"

Here, then, is another prime morsel for the politicians, and would-be politicos to chew on — especially those who think they are "in with the man down town."

A number of white citizens in Mr. Rowan's audience squirmed in their seats as he delivered that truism.

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BUT THERE was more to come and here's how Mr. Rowan said it:

"Wherever big city violence has occurred —in Los Angeles, Cleveland or you name it — you will find some white politicians crying that 'colored leaders refused to meet their responsibilities.'

"They all think that when the crisis is upon them, 'colored leaders' can wave some magic wand and herd all those angry black devils back into their ghetto corrals.

"The whole truth is that, in the eyes of the hopeless who nurse hatreds born of despair, there are no real 'colored leaders.' There are those who know oh so well how to exploit the animosities and irritations of these embittered masses.

"But the rational, reasoning selfless colored citizen is deprived of the respect essential to leadership by the narrow-minded racism to which I referred earlier.

"To the upper class colored citizen's pacifying entreaties, the colored slum dweller thinks — and today is likely to say:

"'Who the hell are you to be calming me down? As far as Whitey is concerned, you're really just another colored person.

"'When they let you in the Merchant's Club, come back and talk to me.'"

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SOMETHING ELSE to think about, eh?

Many of our so-called and more often self-styled political leaders and the 'gray people'—those neither colored (though they are really) nor white — might dwell on this for some time.

A crucial municipal election is fast approaching this fall.

If more racial barriers are to fall — votes may be the bulldozer.

Cooperative community thinking and voting direction will put the right people in office — and open those clubs and communication lines to which Mr. Rowan referred.

Pin-Point

'The Good Kids' Get Top Billing

By GEORGE W. COLLINS

The original intention here this week was to examine a rapidly-growing malady that can best be described as political exploitation within our midst.

Time and space permitting, a critical examination of the buying and selling in the political market place was also under consideration.

Particular attention was to have been focused on the sacrifice of such noble ideals as honesty, integrity and morality on the altar of expediency, self aggrandizement, and personal interests, now ensnarled in our town.

The incredible and devastating war in the Middle East, coupled with the equally devastating war in Vietnam and near-wars elsewhere would have also been appropriate subjects for debate.

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THEY LIKE other "bad news," however, were shelved temporarily.

This week belongs to the kids — "the good kids."

It all happened when a proud father and an equally proud mother sat among thousands of other proud mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, grandmothers, grandfathers, nieces, nephews and friends.

Particular reference is to the Civic Center on Wednesday night. It could have been the Civic Center any night or any other auditorium this or next week.

This week — and next — you see, is graduation week. This automatically means that for a welcome change, the "good kids" will get top billing over the "bad kids."

IN THIS context, however, at least one man wants to emphasize that the term "bad kids" is used with grave reservations.

While neither time nor space permits treatise on that point, suffice it to say that the belief that "bad conditions" produce "bad kids" is firmly entrenched here.

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GETTING BACK to the "good kids," this man, like thousands of other men, women and children found this week especially enchanting.

Those of us who eke out a living by recording the deeds and misdeeds of humanity from cradle to grave, grow tired of a steady diet of youthful hot-wire car thieves, glue sniffers, Dum Dum pill pushers and users, bandits, purse snatchers, and streetcorner hipsters.

Graduation night for us then is much like a refreshing breeze blowing across a sleepy lagoon on a midsummer night.

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BEFORE A man and his wife settled down to beam over the magnificently gowned 760-plus Western grads — and the same thing was being done at the same time at Poly by those who had "rooting interests" in Carver's commencement — there was a chance to watch from the outside.

The steady stream of humanity which flowed through the gates of the mammoth building presented a kaleidoscope of hues, forms, and statutes.

Overshadowing this vast show of individuality, however, was the sameness of expression worn so proudly on the countenance of the thousands who went there to see their "favorite graduate."

It was one of happiness and inner joy. It showed on the young, old, and the in-between.

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FOR A fleeting moment, a man's mind raced back to other times at the Civic Center when such an outpouring of people would have presented problems of one sort or another.

Wednesday, there were no problems. The weather was beautiful; the place causal; and there was evidence everywhere it was a special time. It was.

While a man's restless memory rambled, he was suddenly aware that 13 years had passed since he had picked up his pudgy 3-year-old and carried her the rest of the way to nursery school when her short legs had become tired.

Now, she like her radiant classmates, was sitting on the stage listening to Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin tell his "Red Sea" story for perhaps the millionth time.

While witnessing the magic transformation of once toddling three-year-olds into attractive and gracious young women who were the epitome of culture and refinement, there was also time for other reflections.

Depending on the circumstances of the respective families of each graduate, thoughts turned to the tomorrows when parents' favorite teenagers would bid farewell and go off to work or college.

And in spite of reluctance to admit the inevitable, the thoroughly enchanting commencement exercises also signaled the entrance of former babes in arms to the troubled waters of early adulthood and a confrontation with all its attendant problems.

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THERE WAS also time for thoughts on the restless nights sure to come when Johnny and his buddies are ready for a night on the town in the family's — or his own — car.

Some pondered the dawn dances and breakfast parties destined to attract many of the gleaming faced youths who marked a milestone in their educational pursuits.

These thoughts, however, were shortlived, there will be a time and place when they will crowd out all others.

This and next week, belong to the graduates — "the good kids."

And like the weather, and ceremonies, they were and are beautiful.

POETS' NOOK

And it came to pass, that wars and
rumors of wars
Plague the world, on land and sea,
And wise men, who had gathered,
were asked
How would this world be,
If man could learn from his own
deeds,
And be cured of war fever, the
world's most contagious disease.
Many great men have given their
lives, for the causes of war,
Doing not knowing . . . why they had
fought,
The question is, were they fighting
for freedom, or were they
Fighting because they were taught?
Those men, who return from war,
without arms, legs, and eyes,
Those men, who have lost their dignity, because of their race,
Now, these men must readjust themselves to life,
That was the price that they had to
pay for being
A member of a Society called. . . the
Human Race.
Now once again, we hear the bugles
of war blowing,
As young men burn their short legs
and chant the slogan. . . .
"Hell No. . . we ain't going"

JOHN R. CAMPBELL JR.

Beta Sigmas entertain 500 at dansant

EPTIES GIVE — When members of the Epicureans Inc., held their national conclave in Baltimore on Saturday, they took time out to give to the NAACP and the Provident Hospital Development Fund. In left photo, Earl Hagan accepts check for Provident from Mrs. Gwendolyn Parker, president of the Baltimore host chapter. At right, Mrs. Thelma Boone, national president and a member of the Hampton-Newport News chapter. In right panel, the Rev. John Tilley, gives NAACP life membership plaque to Mrs. Sadie Jenkins and Mrs. Vonzella Murray, both of the Baltimore chapter.

Chic, no end, were the men of Beta Sigma Tau Fraternity, Friday night as they entertained approximately 500 guests at a formal dance in the Famous Ballroom.

Wearing paisley black tuxedos and bedecked with black and red ribboned medallions, the fraternity members presented an impressive picture.

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AND THEIR ladies were not a breath behind, in exquisite gowns (floor-length the rule rather than the exception), as, for example, Mrs. Parrish Griner, wife of the chapter's president, in a red ensemble, with stark white accessories, from shoes to bag (the latter bore the fraternity seal); Mrs. Meridith Addison, in white, pearl paved number; and Mrs. Melvin Watts, in pink, but whose elaborate coiffure was the eye-catcher.

A high point of the evening was the introduction of the group's new members. These included Maurice Robinson, Frank Smith, Oscar Jones, Ernest Soden, Wallace Baden, Walter Cole and Charles Carlies.

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SHARING THE spotlight was Miss Dedra Raye, who was crowned "Miss Beta Sigma Tau". In her court were Miss Ernestine Everett and Miss Jenifer Jones.

A continuous buffet and music for dancing by Carl Hamm were included in the evening's pleasures.

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THE HOSTS were:

Robert W. Griner, Jr., Merriman Wilson, Joseph Parham, William Deas, Melvin Watts, Charles Cornish, Arthur Scribner, William Brent, Paul Cockrell;

James Pearson, Dennis Foster, Ralph Williams, Robert Hawkins, Lindsay Hill and Linwood Forbes.

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THEIR GUESTS included:

Messrs. and Mesdames James E. Grant, Thomas Waters, Earl Hayes, Lester Bland, M. McIntosh, Alfred Sutton, J. Edward Lansay, Albert Paster, J. Llewellyn Davage, Melvin Dobson, Le Roy Matthews, James Johnson;

Messrs. and Mesdames Frank Thorington, Samuel Winder, Walter Davis, Joseph Thomas, A. Parks, Michael Marshall, R. Feild, Vivian Stafford, W. Griffin, Calvin Lambson, Horace Redd, Woodward King, David Stockley;

Messrs. and Mesdames David Graham, William Distance, Boyse Mosley, Artie Williams, Lowry Brooks, H. Gittings, A. Ervin, S. Scott, Thomas Harryman, Lonnie Carlies, William Matthews;

Messrs. and Mesdames Bernard Mitchell, William Spencer, James Jordan, Roy Cragway, Ernest Custis, E. Young, Robert Jordan, Charles Carrington, Dewey Robinson, Louis Jackson, George Cockrell, John Grant, Melvin Carter, Leon Riley, Lansford Travis;

Messrs. and Mesdames J. B. Mills, Eugene Ward, James Johnson, Radell Thompson, Vernon Soden, Charles Bundy, Frederick Turner, John E. Riley; Conrad Turner, Ernest Soden, Sr., Raymond Dozier, Jr., Charles Fletcher, Robert Rideout, Fred Johnson, Edward Taylor, Robert Finney;

Messrs. and Mesdames Arthur Boseman, Thomas Counsin, David Robinson, Alfred Jardson, Clarence Dorsey, Clinkscales, Seawood Richmond, Lawrence Rowe, Sylvester Banks, Jr., Ernest Colvin, J. Edward Boston;

Messrs. and Mesdames Thomas Leary, W. T. Rideout Jr., F. Parker, Thomas J. Brown, John E. Green, William Bowie, Calvert Blakey, Walter Cockell, John Butler, Raymond Purvear, Clinton Dashiell, George Howard, Glen Neal, Clarence Morton;

Messrs. and Mesdames Milton Hawkins, Conrad Johnson, William Johnson, Robert Lockley, Stanley Butler, Luther Day, William Mason, Stanley Peterson, Robsol Pinkett, Samuel Young, James

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Gadabouting In Baltimore

Wives of Alpha fraters close season with gala dinner party

With Lula Jones Garrett

The Baltimore Alpha Wives had a real gay closing party in Forest Manor, Saturday evening . . . being their usual chic selves as they wined and dined their mates and invited guests.

The hostesses were Catherine Adams, Audrey Davis, Sarah Elias, Helen Fitzpatrick, Otyce Froe, Arnetta Hargrove, Ruby Smith, Ellen Johns, Josephine Kimbers, Thelma Lawrence, Mary Pitts, Doris Reese, Vivian Sydnor, Ada Veney and Natalie Woodson.

Their special guests, members of the Annapolis, Md Wives, included Drs. and Mesdames Artis Allen, Robert Haywood, Samuel Callaham; and Mesdames Charles Gibbs, Larry Knight and Jerry Luck.

They were also joined by:

Drs. Maurice Adams, Otis Froe, Benjamin Kimbers, Nathan Pitts;

Pierre Davis, Tony Elias, James Fitzpatrick, Cluey Hargrove, Glendi Johns, Ralph Reckling, Paul Reese, Herman Sydnor, Frank Veney, Cornelius Woodson;

Messrs. and Mesdames Hartz Brown, Daniel Brewington, Jasper Clay, Melvin Evans, Talmadge Hill, James Hodges, Frank Jones, Jr., Needham Lewis, William Newton, Clyde Tatum;

Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin Smith, Col. and Mrs. Merle Smith, Mrs. Mabel Hawkins, Norman Bibbins and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Walker.

Greetings were extended to the group by Sarah Elias, vice president of Baltimore Alpha Wives, and chairman of the affair; and Vivian Sydnor, president of Baltimore Alpha Wives.

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MULES (MATES of the Moles) Eddie McDaniels Glenford Dudley, Thomas McPherson and Nathan Pitts entertained their fellow Mules and their wives, the Moles at a champagne brunch on Tuesday. The highlight of the menu being Mr. McDaniels' melt-on-your-mouth biscuits.

Attending the all-day affair, which also included the usual barbecue fare were Bob Bailey, Paul Beckham, Emma Dudley, Allen and Bertha Forte, Alonzo Hairston, Mary McPherson, Helen and Donovan Queen who came down from Parksburg, Pa. for the party:

Also Anabel and Marsden Rawlings, Carolyn and Wesley Stubbs, Harriet and Herbert Trader, Jacqueline Spencer, Roland Williams, Beatrice and David Wright, and of course, Dr. and Mrs. (Bernice) McDaniels, whose home the party was held.

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THE PRETTIEST PARTIES of the week have centered around brides-to-be.

Mrs. Medford Reynolds hosted a shower for bride-elect Brenda Waitts, who is to be married to Dr. Amon A. Martin of Sacramento, Calif.

Mrs. Reynolds was assisted by Mrs. Sherlock Grinage, and guests banked bath towels in an array of garden colors under a canopy of white satin ribbons and wedding bells. Brenda was assisted in opening her gifts by her sister, Theda Hythe, and bridesmaid-to-be Coleen Thomas.

The service included wedding molds of brides bouquets, slippers, hearts, wedding rings and brides, small cakes and pink champagne, which were made even more inviting by the soft flicker of 24 tiny tapers casting a glow on exquisite linen, sparkling crystal and silver.

Miss Watts wore a short black sleeveless sheath topped by nubby woolen Kelly green jacket. The hostess wore a Hawaiian print in strong colors of hot pink and turquoise.

Guests included:

Misses Ethel Wise, Theda Hythe and Coleen Martin; and Mesdames Chita Shipley, Ivora Gibson, Margie Coles, Dorothy Wilson, Helena Edmonds, Evelyn Edmonds, Laura Pair, Carolyn Chissell, Ruth White, Ethel Pierce, Sherlock Grinnage and the bride-elect's mother, Mrs. Margaret Hythe.

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MRS. ALBERT LAFOREST was hostess at a lingerie shower for Veronica Clark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Clark, who is to be married to Allen W.

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IN ADDITION to the hostesses' husbands guests were:

Messrs. and Mesdames James Baker, William C. Johnson, Clarence Ea, Jr., Lester Willis, Chester Reaves, Alvin Flitts, Stewart Pennington, Sylvester Smith;

Messrs. and Mesdames Wesley Marshall, Thomas Pinkney, Warren Parker, Glenn Tater, Lawrence Waters, David Driver, Robert Payne, Roland Williams.

Messrs. and Mesdames Milton Stanley, Roscoe Monroe, George Lottier, James Ford, Granville Wilborne, Harry Mazer, Lonnie Matthews, Archie Lewis.

Messrs. and Mesdames George Carroll, Forrest Higginbotham, C. Reaves, Wesley Brooks, Leroy Lindsey, Melvin Hall, Henry Page, Walter Berry, Arthur Levi, Glenn DeBeal.

Messrs. and Mesdames Charles Robinson, George Carroll, John Stokes, William Simmons, Marsden Rawlings, Samuel Beasley, John Reddick, Vernon Johnson.

Messrs. and Mesdames Norman Branch, Earl Millings, Perry Bradley, Clarence Henderson, Armistead Jenkins, Henry Jennifer, William Morton, William Gardner.

Messrs. and Mesdames Matthew Williams, Roland Nicholson, John Tucker, Frederick Howard, George Wood, Edward Luttrell, James Hunt, George Johnson, Samuel Hill, Benjamin Barksdale.

Messrs. and Mesdames Isaac Cmack, Thomas Barland, Flan Couch, Vernon Greene, Lonnie Harris, Eugene Westcott, Nathaniel Hall, James Edwards, Samuel Yonkers, Leroy Brown, Warren Wilkins.

Messrs. and Mesdames Harry Bruce, DeWitt Howard, George Howard, Randolph Edwards, Wilfred Shelton, Emmuel Levie, Edward Young, Donald Wallace; Drs. and Mesdames Claude Hill, Vernon Pennington, Thomas Harris, Bernard H. Christmas, Bernard N. H. Christmas, Albert Laforest, Benjamin Whitten, Lucius Leeper; the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. John M. Day.

Mesdames Mary Sprow, Ruth Brown, Catherine Kirk, Stephanie Martin, Gloria Tucker, Margaret Johnson; Misses Ardenia Snowden, Victoria Mason, Olive Williams, Marietta Shaw, Lorraine Newton, Marietta Duvall, Hilda Turner; Lowell Case, Andrew Jackson, James Dorsey, H. Stewart, Charles Thomas, Charles Downs, Charles Jones, Walter Banks, Phillip Turner.

MISS WILHELMA GARNER will be married in August to Richard T. Haskins, son of Dr. and Mrs. Richard M. Haskins of Dayton, Ohio. The bride-elect is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. William M. Garner of Baltimore.

Miss Garner to be married to Richard Haskins of Ohio

Dr. and Mr. William M. Garner announced, this week, the engagement of their daughter, Wilhelma Maxine, to Richard Thomas Haskins of Dayton, Ohio.

Mr. Haskins is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Richard M. Haskins of Dayton, a graduate of Fisk University in 1966, he is now attending Meharry Medical College. Mr. Haskins is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

He is the grandson of the late Dr. Thomas H. Brefer and Mrs. Bryton of Columbus, Ga., and Mr. and Mrs. Richard M. Haskins of Danville, Ill.

MISS GARNER graduated from the Park School, Fisk University in 1966, and attended the graduate school of the University of Maryland.

A member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, she made her debut in 1963 at the Me-De-So Cotillion.

She is the graddaughter of the Rev. Dr. Madison C. Allen and Mrs. Allen of Lynchburg, Va., and the late Mr. and Mrs. Ben Garner of Pottsville, Pa. The wedding will take place in August.

George Russell is honored by Allen Church

George L. Russell, Sr. was honoree at a testimonial given by members of Allen AME Church, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Russell, who is the father of Judge George L. Russell Jr., has long been identified with the church, community and civic life of the city.

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A TRUSTEE of Allen AME Church, he is a 33rd degree Mason, past president of the Baltimore Postal Alliance, past president of the Northwest Neighborhood Club and member of the YMCA and the NAACP.

Miss Charlotte Brent was mistress of ceremonies. Speakers included a daughter, Mrs. Herbert M. Frisby, who told of her father's childhood; Mrs. Gladys S. Turner, his youth; and Harvey Joyce, his adulthood.

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ALSO PARTICIPATING on the program were Rev. Oscar Christmas, the Rev. W. A. Brown, the Rev. A. C. Murray, the Rev. A. J. Felix, and the pastor of Allen AME Church, the Rev. J. G. Barnes.

W. Meredith Birche's Combo provided music, along with Paul Brent, at the organ, who accompanied Miss Gloria Tate, Mrs. Rena Irwin and Miss Godwyn, soloists.

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THE TESTIMONIAL was arranged by a committee of which Miss Willie Wright was general chairman; James H. Saunders, chairman; and Mrs. Jannie Drummond, co-chairman.

Bavlieds mark 25th birthday at cocktailer

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the Bavlieds was sparked by a cocktail party held at Cherry Hill Hall Saturday evening.

Silver, white and blue carried out the anniversary theme in the invitations, table decorations, club name and the exquisite basket of flowers at the entrance of the hall.

All evening the guests were served delicious hors d'oeuvres and a continental breakfast before departure.

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SPECIAL highlight of the affair was the Anniversary Waltz led by the Bavlieds and their escorts, Jimmy Smith and his Swinging Band provided the music for dancing.

The hostesses were Mesdames Irene Thomas, Doris Wallace, Elsie Scott, Ruth Tonkins, Audrey Pinderhughes, Ann Evans, Dazee Rawlings, Lorene Smith, Berine Gail, Betty Fry and Vera Flint.

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IN ADDITION to the hostesses' husbands guests were:

Messrs. and Mesdames James Baker, William C. Johnson, Clarence Ea, Jr., Lester Willis, Chester Reaves, Alvin Flitts, Stewart Pennington, Sylvester Smith;

Messrs. and Mesdames Wesley Marshall, Thomas Pinkney, Warren Parker, Glenn Tater, Lawrence Waters, David Driver, Robert Payne, Roland Williams.

Messrs. and Mesdames Milton Stanley, Roscoe Monroe, George Lottier, James Ford, Granville Wilborne, Harry Mazer, Lonnie Matthews, Archie Lewis.

Messrs. and Mesdames George Carroll, Forrest Higginbotham, C. Reaves, Wesley Brooks, Leroy Lindsey, Melvin Hall, Henry Page, Walter Berry, Arthur Levi, Glenn DeBeal.

Messrs. and Mesdames Charles Robinson, George Carroll, John Stokes, William Simmons, Marsden Rawlings, Samuel Beasley, John Reddick, Vernon Johnson.

Messrs. and Mesdames Norman Branch, Earl Millings, Perry Bradley, Clarence Henderson, Armistead Jenkins, Henry Jennifer, William Morton, William Gardner.

Messrs. and Mesdames Matthew Williams, Roland Nicholson, John Tucker, Frederick Howard, George Wood, Edward Luttrell, James Hunt, George Johnson, Samuel Hill, Benjamin Barksdale.

Messrs. and Mesdames Isaac Cmack, Thomas Barland, Flan Couch, Vernon Greene, Lonnie Harris, Eugene Westcott, Nathaniel Hall, James Edwards, Samuel Yonkers, Leroy Brown, Warren Wilkins.

Messrs. and Mesdames Harry Bruce, DeWitt Howard, George Howard, Randolph Edwards, Wilfred Shelton, Emmuel Levie, Edward Young, Donald Wallace; Drs. and Mesdames Claude Hill, Vernon Pennington, Thomas Harris, Bernard H. Christmas, Bernard N. H. Christmas, Albert Laforest, Benjamin Whitten, Lucius Leeper; the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. John M. Day.

Mesdames Mary Sprow, Ruth Brown, Catherine Kirk, Stephanie Martin, Gloria Tucker, Margaret Johnson; Misses Ardenia Snowden, Victoria Mason, Olive Williams, Marietta Shaw, Lorraine Newton, Marietta Duvall, Hilda Turner; Lowell Case, Andrew Jackson, James Dorsey, H. Stewart, Charles Thomas, Charles Downs, Charles Jones, Walter Banks, Phillip Turner.

THE ENGAGEMENT of Miss Alice Faye Brailey to Thayer Brooks Robinson has been announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Brailey. The bride-elect, a graduate of Coppin State College, is a city school teacher. Mr. Robinson is the son of Mrs. Josephine Pryor Robinson of Monongahela, Pa. and the late Jonas Robinson. He attended Virginia State College and is employed by the Bureau of Recreation. A winter wedding is planned.

Meharry Medical College to cite Dr. and Mrs. Barksdale

Dr. and Mrs. M. L. Barksdale will be honored by Meharry Medical College at its 93rd commencement and Alumni Reunions, in Nashville, Tenn., Monday.

Dr. Barksdale received a M.D. degree and Mrs. Barksdale a R. N. degree with the Class of 1917. Both will receive the Alumni Award of Deserved Acclaim from their Alma Mater, as well as 50-year Plaques.

The award will go to Dr. Barksdale for having served for the better part of his life in a field dedicated to the alleviation of physical suffering and to the prolonging of life itself. Mrs. Barksdale will receive her award for having rendered commendable volunteer service in the field of nursing and nurse training.

MRS. BARKSDALE has rendered unselfish service to humanity. The Second World War provided a new demand on her professional talents. During this time, she served as chairman of surgical dressings supervising the making of bandages for hospitals, civilian use, and for men in the army and navy.

As director of Casualty Station No. 34, at St. Pius Church, here she aided in emergency medical service. She has also spent hours lecturing to church and civic groups on the necessity for more women to take home nursing and nurses' aide courses to be able to serve in emergencies when doctors are not immediately available. Civilian Defense. She also received the "American National Red Cross Award" in recognition of meritorious personal service performed in behalf of the nation, her

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Clubs

The Pleasurettes Social Club recently met at the Gelston Drive home of Mrs. Jennie Banks.

Plans for the annual variety supper were discussed. It will be held on Saturday, June 17, at the Diamond Subway, Fremont Ave. and George St., beginning at 5 p.m.

Club officers are: Mesdames Velma Bailey, president; Rathrier Harris, vice presidient; Joyce Scott, secretary; Geneva Mosess, financial secretary; Helen Jackson, business manager; Eleanor Brooks, treasurer; Pauline Bynum, chaplain.

Other members are Mesdames Doretha Woodford, Eleanor Knight, Edna Wood, Mary Harvey, and Lillian Patterson.

Twigs have gala party

The Twigs, the eight to 12 age group of the Mothers Club, had a swinging good time at their party in Morgan Christian Center, Saturday night.

The lovely center was further enhanced by floral and balloon arrangements done by Mrs. Ruth Redwine. Lively music by the Diablo Musicians had even the shy ones dancing. Abundant refreshments, youthful spirits and a happy atmosphere blended together to make a gala evening.

The Twigs are:

Marsha Williams, Ardyth Diggs, Deborah Holley, Anita Mason, Paul Redwine, William Watkins, Linwood and Michael Koger and George Parrish. Their guests included: Avery Rogers, Darrell Boone.

Darrell Gray, Karl King, Archelle Morrell, Jimmy Pair, William Spencer, Laurence Taylor, Barbara Curry,