CONTESTANTS IN Iota Phi Lambda Sorority's Business Week contest were, from left; Mrs. Linda Wyatt of Baltimore College of Commerce, Miss Latisia Robinson of Carver High School, first runner-up; Miss Sylvia Stokes of Forest Park High School, winner; Miss Patricia Crawley, young business woman; and Miss Vernilia Jones of Dunbar Evening High School, runner-up.

Rev. Jackson retires Church pays tribute

Sharp Street Memorial Methodist Church paid tribute to its retiring minister, the Rev. Kelly Leo Jackson, Wednesday evening, at a testimonial and dinner which was not only attended by his congregation, but by leaders from every area of the community.

At the request of the Rev. Mr. Jackson the affair was held in the church, which aged members could easily reach.

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THE REV. Mr. Jackson, who celebrated his 69th birthday on the same date, is a native of North Carolina. He was graduated from Slater Normal School, and holds degrees from Morgan State College, Garrett Biblical Institute (B.D.) Philander Smith College and Boston University (M.A.).

His first charge was Mount Zion Methodist Church in this city, after which he was appointed to Sharp Street. He served the West Baltimore District, Metropolitan Methodist Church, here, the Washington District, and a return to Sharp Street Church.

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AT THE dinner, Dr. Edward N. Wilson served as toastmaster.

Greetings were brought by Bishop John Wesley Lord of the Washington Area, Dr. Clarence M. Mitchell, Jr., president of the Trustee Board of Sharp St.; Sharon Harper, president of the Methodist Youth Federation; Dr. Earl Embree of the Methodist Men and Mrs. G. D. Rawlings, President of the Women's Society of Christian Service. Speakers also included the Rev. William Bishop, Dr. Asbury Smith and the Rev. J. B. A. Dyson, Dr. Baxter Matthews, Dr. Martin Jenkins, of Morgan State College and C. Walter Caldwell of Elkton, Md.; the Rev. Walter Williams of Rockville, Md. the Rev. James Moore of OIC.

Mrs. Ernest Dennis who is the retiring chairman of the Commission on Education made presentation of hundreds of cards, gifts and money.

Mrs. Jackson gave one highlight from each of the three churches which the Rev. Mr. Jackson has served.

The honoree responded.

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THE REV. MR. Jackson served is conference as treasurer, dean of the Summer Institute, chairman of the Board of Education and the Board of Christian Social Concerns, Trustee N. M. Carroll Home, Trustee Morgan Christian Center, Trustee Board of Pensions.

During this time, he was elected delegate to the Jurisdiction Conference in 1952, 1956, 1960-1964 and the General Conference in 1956-1960-1964. He was also delegate to the Ecumenical Conference in Oxford, England in 1951, member of mission team to Puerto Rico, Haiti and San Domingo in 1952 and member of the Lacour Evangelistic Team to Japan in 1958.

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HE ORGANIZED the West Baltimore District, liquidated a $40,850 mortgage at Sharp Street Memorial in 23 months and in the same period made improvements at $9,000. He reduced the mortgage at Mount Zion to $2,000, restored several rooms and remodeled the Social Hall at Metropolitan.

While the Rev. Mr. Jackson majored in church work, he served at various times as vice president, NAACP Baltimore Branch, treasurer, Opportunities Industrialization Center; trustee, Provident Hospital, member, Governor's Committee on Safety, member, T V Committee Council of Churches and Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance.

He married the former Miss Viola Coulbourne of Berlin, Maryland in 1932.

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OUT-OF-TOWN guests included:

Bishop and Mrs. John Wesley Lord, the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Simpson, the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Williams, the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Goolsby, the Rev. Joseph Carroll, the Rev. Sherman Mason, Clifton Lyles, Mrs. Richard Johnson;

The Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Edward G. Carroll, the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Brooks, the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. J. B. A. Dyson, Dr. Gertrude Rivers, the Rev. Walter Sewell, Mr. and Mrs. James Gibson, Raymond Gray and Mrs. Belcher Travis of Washington;

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Moore of Brandywind, Md., Mrs. Fannie Jackson and Mrs. Mildred J. Dorsey of Bel Air, Md.

Mesdames Elsie Scott Price, Martha Mitchum and B. Williams; and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford DeBrille of New York City.

Also attending were:

Messrs and Mesdames William Proctor, W. Ernest Dennis, Herbert Nutter, Charles Fletcher, Frank Butler, James Flippen, Lawrence Mason, Edward Bradley, Robert Phillips, Aaron Ellis, Calvin Thompson, Elbert C. Moore.

Messrs. and Mesdames Leonard White, Kniffer Jackson, Charles Walker, C. W. Caldwell, Francis Murnaghan Jr., S. Leroy Taylor, Charles Harper, Everett Butler, Dallas Barnhill, Benjamin Keene.

Messrs. and Mesdames Glenford Dudley, Charles Bennett, John T. Robinson, Charles M. Harris, Jr., James Stevens, Theodore Cooper, Hardes, Corheda Bettar, Emily Bryant, Beatrice Smith, Aldean Allen, Sarah Anderson, Hilda Green, Martha Henson, Theda Pafferson, Eva D. Barnes, Odessa Claiborne, Mary Easley, Edith Mae Sample, Sadie Johnson, Theodosia Burnett.

Mesdames, Edna Redmond, Hersehell Williams, Evelyn Rigsby, Ernestine Rigsby, Helen Keene, Grace Anderson, Florence Johnson, Gertrude Johnson, Susie B. Reid, Julia Murray, Katherine Jones,

Mesdames Eunice Fisher, Inez Lee, Gladys Harbour, Eleanor Mitchell, Virginia Smith, Estelle Lee, Sallie Larkins, Pearl Shipley, Mary Gordon, Bernice Chatman, Joseph Butler, Theodore Donaldson;

Misses JoAllen Lofton, Cheryl Harper, Sharon Harper, Tamara Brown, Dorothy Briscoe, Ernestine Crump, Jocelyn Blackwell, Willie Mae Cheatham, Verle Roberts, Irma O. Dancy, Ruth Russell, Beatrice Mayo, Mary Allen, Mary Stewart, Nora Smith, Annabel Simms, M. Roberta Boston, Mabel Fields, Christine Jackson, Adelaide Jordan, Edna B. Phifer, Margaret Johnson;

Robert G. Holt, Morris Woodson, F. Wheatley Gates, Elliott F. Flurry, Michael Mitchell, Maurice Moore, Ingleind Staley, Francis Burton, Milton Stanley, Warren Stanley, Lawrence Draper, William W. Freeman, Samuel Wilson, A. Leslie Bullock, Charles Rogers, Donald Mooney, James N. Caldwell, Morris Owens, Howard Wright, Tall Mackel, Anthony J. Bowen, Sylvan Bevans, Clevon Thompson, and William L. Jones.

Provident clears loan hurdle

Dr. Saul M. Perdue, president of the Board of Trustees of Provident Hospital believes the community's commitment to Provident Hospital has been reaffirmed in many ways. Dr. Perdue said this week that "Provident Hospital expects to break ground in the fall."

The hospital will cost approximately $12,455,853 and will be supported by contributions from community and foundations throughout the city and funds from the federal, state and local governments.

He said planning for the new hospital is progressing well and construction bids will be sought on or about July 30.

Dr. Perdue said, "The delay by the State Hospital Commission on the loan application, would in now way affect the progress of the plans for the hospital.

Though no member of the Provident Hospital staff was present at the Commission meeting and the minutes were not heavily available, reports indicate that the decision to put off approval of the loan resulted from a new policy within the Commission.

It would appear that this policy has resulted from experiences in the past that several hospitals had when they underestimate their building cost.

The architects for Provident Hospital were contacted and they expects to proof that this current estimate considers all known existing factors. Since this is the only reason given for the delay, it should have no effect on the total development program for Provident Hospital.

Dr. Perdue stated, "This should pave the way for smooth sailing once our bids are awarded."

Celebration set for Rev. Smith

NASHVILLE — The 25th Anniversary of the Ordination of the Rev. Kelly Miller Smith will be observed at historic First Baptist Church, Capitol Hill, here on June 18.

A native of Mound Bayou, Miss., the Rev. Smith beam his college work at Tennessee State University, earned his first degree at Morehouse College and the Bachelor of Divinity degree at Howard University.

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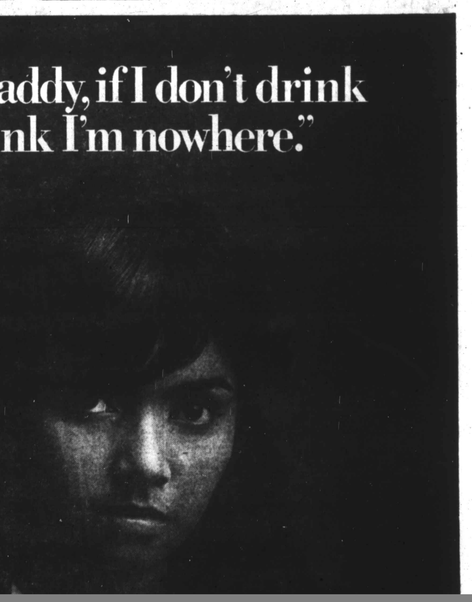

Medics back strikes at supply firm

A group of colored Baltimore physicans might take direct action in a labor dispute between the Murray Baumgartner Company, a local surgical supply firm, and members of Teamsters Local 500.

Eight warehouse employees of the firm have been out on strike since May 10 over a dispute in which the union has asked that the local be recognized.

An official for the union said that the eight employees petitioned for an election which would allow the Teamsters to bargain for the workers.

He said company executives agreed to the election but wanted to include salesmen and office workers in the union vote.

Local 500 said that since white-collar workers outnumber warehouse employees it was assumed that the union bid would be turned down.

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THE TEAMSTERS HAVE taken the position that warehouse workers constitute an independent branch of the company's operations and as such are entitled to their own exclusive bargaining agent.

Earlier this month the state labor relations board ruled that all of the workers of the surgical supply firm be included in the union vote.

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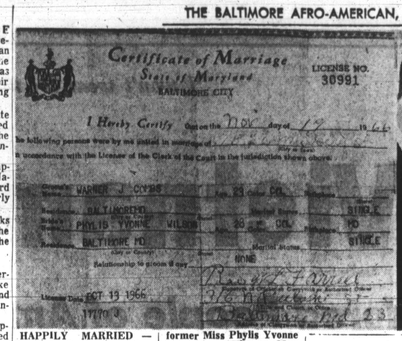
The company's attorney declined to discuss the situation at this time.



HAPPILY MARRIED — Warner J. Combs, New York drummer, chuckles while AFRO City Editor George W. Collins examines marriage licenses which united him and the former Miss Phylis Yvonne Wilson in matrimony. Mrs. Combs, a striking ash blond Afro-Cuban dancer, looks on. The marriage license, issued by the Baltimore Court of Common Pleas, is at left.

—Blushing bride

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enthused while comparing her life as a young man to her newly-acquired status of marital bliss.

"Whatever makes her happy is all right with me," Mr. Combs answered when asked to comment on his unique mate.

They met, Mr. Combs said, while Mrs. Combs, then dancing under the name of "Keeba," was working at a Brooklyn cocktail lounge.

"I was off that night, so I went to catch her show. When she came by my stool, I swung around and accidentally stepped on her gown.

"It came off and she was standing in the middle of the club in the nude," Mr. Combs remembered as he shook his head and smiled.

"Oh, was I embarrassed," Mrs. Combs added. "Everybody was looking and I was just standing there."

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REGAINING HIS composure, Mr. Combs wrapped his jacket around the dancer, who never reached the stage.

"I ran to my dressing room and cried like crazy," Mrs. Combs recalled.

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"I sent several drinks to her dressing room and all kinds of apologies," Mr. Combs added.

Following that first night disaster, the couple met again two weeks later and became friendly. They began dating shortly afterwards, Mrs. Combs reported, and married a year later.

Mr. Combs had been dating her three months before he learned of her sexual conversion, the bride said. Here is how she tells it:

"We had been going together for about three months when he began asking questions," Mrs. Combs said.

"There is something you ought to know,'" the celebrated patient said she told her finance.

"I couldn't tell him, so I just gave him the story that was printed in the AFRO."

(That was the story reporting that Mrs. Combs was a patient at the GIC Clinic, which at that time was still in the experimental stage.)

"When he read the story," Mrs. Combs continued, "he stomped out of the house and said he didn't want to ever see me again."

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THE INTERRUPTION in their romance was shortlived, according to Mrs. Combs and Mr. Combs returned after two weeks.

During their romance, Mrs. Combs said, she continued dancing at New York night clubs and Mr. Combs continued playing with the North Star Steel Band and the Domestics Rock 'n' Rool Band.

Mrs. Combs said she not only changed her name, but also her race while entertaining as a professional dancer.

Her work permit issued March 4, 1966 by the New York Police Department shows her to be "Anna Valasco, 25, 5' 10" 134 pounds. Her show business name was Keeba."

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"WHEN WE decided to get married, my husband stopped me from working and said he wasn't going for that name-changing bit," Mrs. Combs said breaking into a smile which accentuated the dimples in her cheeks.

They applied for marriage license here on Oct. 13, 1966 and were married at the home of relatives on Nov. 19 last year.

The Rev. W. L. Farrell of 316 N. Pulaski St. performed the ceremony and "a fabulous reception" followed, according to Mrs. Combs.

Mrs. Combs, who marked a birthday Wednesday (like all women, she is reluctant to say which one), said they have filed an application in New York to adopt a child.

"Oh, I feel so relaxed," she volunteered. "One time I would be looking over my shoulders, afraid that some of my friends would recognize me and call out 'Avon.'

"There is no need to hide and sneak anymore as if somebody is looking over my shoulder," she added.

"I feel that it is good. It is a good thing for both of us since we are in the entertainment business," Mr. Combs added.

Headstart project set at Coppin

For the third consecutive summer, Coppin State College will have on its campus a Headstart teacher training program of one week's duration: June 19-23.

Marriage licenses

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Urban League to prep apprenticeship youth

The Urban League and the AFL-CIO construction trades unions will start a cooperative program in Baltimore to prepare and train youth for participation in apprenticeship programs, Secretary of Labor W. Willard Wirtz has announced.

Whitney M. Young Jr., executive director of the National Urban League, was in Washington Thursday to sign a $46,400 Manpower Development and Training Act contract with Assistant Secretary of Labor Stanley H. Ruttenberg who heads the Manpower Administration.

Approximately 300 Baltimore youth will be recruited from the disadvantaged sector of the community by the Baltimore Urban League and the Baltimore Building Trades Council for participation in the educational preparatory program, called LEAP (for Labor Education Advancement Program.

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THE PROGRAM sponsors hope to place a minimum of 30 youths in apprenticeable construction trades. Classes will consist of from 25 to 75 youths, depending upon the apprenticeship opportunities available at a given time, and will run from 4 to 10 weeks prior to the apprenticeship test date.

One of the features of the program will be mock interviews conducted to prepare the applicant for the actual screening sessions held by the various joint apprenticeship committees. Qualified personnel will be recruited by LEAP to assist in the tutoring of applicants.

Leap was organized under the joint sponsorship of the National Urban League and the American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations through a grant from the Ford Foundation to help motivate and prepare colored youth for participation in apprenticeship.

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ALL FEDARAL and local agencies in the Baltimore area will be utilized in the program, including the field staff of the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training, the services of the Apprenticeship Information Center, the Baltimore Central Labor Council, the Neighborhood Youth Corps, and the various civil rights organizations.

The program is similar to the pioneering efforts of the Workers Defense League in New York City.

The Technical Assistance Division of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission aided in planning this program.

CATONSVILLE NEWS

2 pastors returned

By SAMUEL TORSELL

The Rev. James L. Harris has been appointed pastor of Mount Olivete Methodist Church. Also receiving an appointment to SOUTH Baltimore Memorial Church, is the Rev. Alphason Thompson.

FATHER'S DAY services will be held Sunday at Grace Church. The 11 a.m. speaker will be the Rev. Charles Johnson of Middleton, Pa. Music will be furnished by the Male Chorus and the Youth Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Carol Hayes. Elhana Washington is president of the Father's Day committee.

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MORNING STAR Baptist Church will present a musical program featuring the "Little Voices of Grace" and the Chapel Choir, Sunday, June 18, at 4 p.m.

Mrs. Frankie Mobsett of New York has returned home after spending two weeks with her brother, Robert Allman, who is a patient at the Greater Baltimore Medical Center.

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WILLIAM GAINES of Buffalo, N.Y. was the guest of Mr. Edward Dorsey last week.

George Gordon has moved to 108 Winters Ave.

Mrs. Levenia Bonds, 2911 North Ave., spent a week visiting her cousin in Philadelphia, Pa. She was accompanied by a friend.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Maybin, 329 Melvin Ave., was christened last Sunday at Grace Church. The Rev. C. E. Johnson is the pastor.

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THE FABULOUS Alamount Pleasure Club will sponsor their annual family picnic to Seaside View Recreation Park at Ridge St. Mary's County, on Sunday, June 25. Club president is Berlie Brooks.

DR. WHITNEY YOUNG, National Urban League director, testifying before Senate subcommittee in support of Office of Economic Opportunity: "Some Congressmen use the excuse of Vietnam to oppose programs they never supported anyway. The liberals are so preoccupied with Vietnam that they have neither the stomach nor the stamina to work on two problems.

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