Eastside Blue Ribbon Tea Attracts 1,300 Guests

BLUE RIBBON TEA—At Dunbar Community High School on Sunday, among guests seen at the Eastside Blue Ribbon Tea were left to right Mesdames A. Harris; D. Lilly; Mary S. Jackson; Shirley Barnes, Shirley Evans, Iris Gladden, Barbara Williams, Laura White, vice chairman; Mabel L. Watts, treasurer; Thelma Ray, chairman; and Marylyn Arter, president.

28th Eastside tea hears Dr. Hunt

By Pam Widgeon

Dr. Delores Hunt recommends if parents would improve their relationship with their children they must lay down and enforce a few ground rules. The place to start would be with themselves. Just three would be helpful here:

"Stop and think when answering each request from a child instead of automatically saying yes or no. Then present your decision firmly and quietly without anger.

"Take time to give the reasons for your answer. Permit choices, but make clear the price to be paid or reaped for the choice taken.

"Do just one thing at a time and undertake that activity wholeheartedly. If you are going to listen to your child then listen. Give to him all of your attention for that moment."

Dr. Hunt thus began her talk Sunday at the 28th annual Eastside Blue Ribbon Tea sponsored by the Women's City-Wide Committee for Delinquency Prevention.

The affair was held at Dunbar Community High School Auditorium where an estimated 1,300 persons occupied seats and $3,311.51 was the amount of cash raised.

Mrs. Thelma Ray, chairman, presided at the tea. Music was by the Eastside Community Choir and Holliman's Student Orchestra.

Dr. Hunt further explained "Children have become the masters and ex-

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City employees to get $312 minimum wage hike

City Labor Commissioner Robert Hillman announced Tuesday members of the Classified Municipal Employees Association (CMEA) can expect a 3 per cent wage increase with a minimum annual increase of $312 beginning July 1.

The memorandum of understanding was unanimously ratified by the Board of Governors and the CMEA Council Monday night.

The increases will be included in the budget recommendations which will go before City Council in April.

Other features of the settlement include increases in health insurance coverage to provide for pre-and post-natal care and maternity benefits, increase in death benefit improvements in the tuition reimbursement program, and adoption of a report recommending the upgrading of over 2,000 city employees, mainly in clerical positions.

The CMEA represents approximately 10,000 city employees.

Hillman said, "Both sides were hard-nosed, in pre-

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Hubby loses bid, wife wins divorce

Otis Matthews, 2900 block Allendale Rd., a steel worker, lost his bid for a divorce last week when the court granted his wife the decree on grounds of voluntary separation.

The court was told the Matthewses separated finally July 8, 1970 following a two month reconciliation when Mrs. Matthews left their home because she testified, "her husband's excessive drinking and threats of violence."

In a bill of complaint originally submitted to the court by Mr. Matthews the wife was charged with adultery.

However, in a cross-bill for divorce, Mrs. Matthews denied the charges and contended to the court that the couple's only child came following a period of reconciliation.

The court was informed the Matthewses agreed to save their marriage through reconciliation during May to July 1970 following a ten year separation from July 1960 to May 1970.

The Matthewses, accord-

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United Fund, Health Council negotiations offer some hope

By SCOTT PONEMONE

Over a year ago, a group of black medical professionals, the Community Health Council, began their drive to improve the services and promotional practices of the United Fund.

Dr. Eugene Byrd, chairman of the Council, told the AFRO Tuesday, "It is safe to say. we have made an impression upon the Fund that what we were discussing should be attend to."

The announcement of the United Fund's Push for Self Help (PUSH), said Dr. Byrd, is, in part, due to the controversy the Council raised around Fund activities.

Said the Fund, PUSH is an effort to offer funds for the needs of urban councils instead of only allotting money to the standard agencies.

Dr. Byrd said, "PUSH was done to take some of the steam out of what we're doing.

"We want to see if it is a one time proposition because of some noises made or whether it will become part of the Fund structure.

"We don't know if PUSH is an answer."

The Council's argument with the Fund came to public attention when the Maryland Human Relations Commission came out, in the fall, in support of the charges against the United Fund and CICHA.

(Some dispute exists within the Commission that the Commissioners considerably softened the report and recommendations of the investigating staff members.

One outcome of the Commission decision was the formation of a negotiating committee to reach a workable solution.

This committee, said Dr. Byrd, had trouble meeting because Fund members could not find common free time to meet. but Dr. Byrd met with Fund Executive Director H. Allen Larsen two weeks ago and ironed out the problem.

The Committee met last Wednesday and this Wednesday.

Dr. Oakley Saunders,

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Mrs. Tina Brown is Freedom House chairman

Mrs. Tina Brown has been appointed as chairman of Freedom House for the talent drive. The purpose of the drive is to raise money for Freedom House. She is also assisting Dr. Lillie Jackson during her illness.

A mother of eight children, along with being chairman of Freedom House, she finds time to volunteer her service as secretary three days a week. She is also a part time student at Community College of Baltimore. Her hobbies are writing poetry, sewing and enjoys dancing.

Mrs. Brown explained "I just do it, I like doing things. I like being involved in doing a little of everything.

"A member of AME Zion Church, her children are Misses Margaret Cassandra, Margaret Ann, Maggie, Monica, Marlen, Marion, Darnell, and Albert Brown.

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Officers Thomas Smith and Edmund Helm of the Community Relations Department of the Police Department spoke at the Freedom House Neighborhood Youth Council meeting last Tuesday.

Mrs. Brown, praised the officers for the inspiration they give to the neighborhood youth and called upon young citizens to refuse to become involved in the delinquent activities which abound in the inner city.

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The Soulful Five rendered two vocal selections and Mrs. Brown sang "Without a Song."

The Neighborhood Council is building a bridge of cooperation between the Police Department and the inner city residents based on mutual respect and working together for safe and decent neighborhoods.

Young people have the most vital stake in this program, Mrs. Brown stated.

Elmer Smith, former Disciplinary Officer and House Parent at the Woodbourne School speak on "Self-

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MRS. TINA BROWN

GETTING READY—Students of Fairmount Hill High School registering for the May 16 Presidential primary elections at the Board of Supervisors of Elections, People's Court Building, Fayette and Gay Sts., last week. Remember April 17 is the last day to register. Get your precious voter's registration card and decide your future by voting wisely in the elections.

City may put Belvedere Hotel up for sale

City Solicitor George L. Russell, Jr. announced Wednesday the city on March 6 obtained a judgment against the owner of the Belvedere Hotel for $4,014.79 in delinquent hotel and motel taxes.

If Gotham Hotel, Ltd. of New York, fails to pay those taxes within a 30-day period. Russell said, the city will become legally entitled to put the hotel up for sale.

He said the city has a second recourse. Gotham also owes $5,576.98 in 1971-72 real estate tax.

If that sum is not paid by July 1, Russell said, the city can put the hotel up for sale then. —SDP.

Estimates again hears 'Goose' talk

By SCOTT PONEMONE

Seven white ladies of Parents United spoke before the Board of Estimates Wednesday, in opposition to the book "The Inner-City Mother Goose" by poetess Eve Merriam.

Mrs. Mary Olszewski told the Board her 9-year-old

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Husband wins divorce, wife left no warning

Abarry Ralph Shaw, unit block S. Morley St. was granted a divorce from his wife. Mrs. Florence C. Shaw. of Wilmington, Delaware on Mar. 2.

Judge Albert Sklar awarded the decree to the husband on grounds of abandonment.

The 33-year-old bakery worker told the court his wife left their Delaware home without warning sometime in January, 1970 taking "the furniture, my clothes and the kids" while he was at work.

The Shaws were married in a religous ceremony in Baltimore on Aug. 30, 1963.

Attempts to locate his wife, according to Mr. Shaw, proved unsuccessful. "I haven't seen her since," he stated.

MARCH 14 ..

Barbara C. Banks, assistant in the education department of the Walters Art Gallery, will speak on "Lao Tzu and His Magic Friends" at noon today at the weekly luncheon lecture sponsored by the gallery at the Stafford Hotel.

Notice

I will be on WFDW 1370-AM-Radio Sunday 5:45-5:55 P.M. I will have a brief message on two PROPHECIES SPOKEN, BY GOD against Baltimore City and the surrounding areas. Please tell others. Thank you.

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AT AN ANNIVERSARY DINNER marking the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Venable, held in Faith Baptist Church, the hostesses were, (l-r): Mesdames Beulah Jones, Ruth Walker, Frances Carter, Lucille Lewis, Eunice James, Rose Coleman, Inez Young, Frances Webb, Christine Addison, Bertha knight, Marian Stokes and Annie Jefferies.

Mr., Mrs. Venable wed half century

More than 150 guests greeted Mr. and Mrs. Claude Venable at the testimonial dinner in Faith Baptist Church which marked their 50th wedding anniversary, Thursday.

The dinner was given by their children, Mrs. Virginia Robinson, Berkley Venable and Satterfield Venable. Also in the receiving line, prior to being seated were the Rev. Walter E. Paige, minister of Faith Baptist Church, Mrs. Paige, and Mrs. Bertha Mosely, sister of Mrs. Venable and Mrs. Gloria M. Sullivan her niece.

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Mrs. Celia McLeod was toast mistress. The Rev. Mr. Paige gave the Grace and invocation.

Other program participants included William Omara, baritone, who sang "Bless This House," Mrs. Mary W. Foster Smith of Rice, Va., Mrs. Vera L. Myers, representative of the Pency Williamsons' Nurses Unit of which Mrs. Venable is a member; Councilwoman Victorine Adams, who brought greetings from Woman Power, of which Mrs. Venable is also a member; and Mrs. Grace L. Boothe, who represented the Gospel Jewels, a choir in which the honoree sings.

Mrs. Bessie H. Mason gave a brief picturization of the couple's life. The Rev. Mr. Paige offered a prayer of dedication, and Mrs. Virginia Robinson gave the tribute to her parents. Councilman Robert Douglass and Carence H. Burns were other speakers. The Rev. Frank J. Bell gave the benediction.

Also making contributions to the program were Mrs. Margaret DeShazo, Mrs. Lucille Hawkins, Mrs. Rose L. Coleman, Mrs. Celia McLeod and Emmanuel Moaney.

Members of the Courtesy Guild and Male Ushers Board of the church were assisting hostesses and hosts.

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This week, through the offices of Mrs. Victorine Adams, City Councilwoman, a resolution was passed in the City Council of Baltimore congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Venable.

Mrs. Venable is the former Miss Pearl Smith. Both she and Mr. Venable grew up in Prince Edward County, Va. They were childhood sweethearts and were baptised in the same church.

They have been members of Faith Baptist Church since 1932.

Mr. and Mrs. Venable were parents of four children, three of whom survive. They are Mrs. Virginia Venable Robinson, a private duty nurse; Berkley Venable, a disabled veteran who was injured while in the U.S. Navy; and Satterfield Venable, a veteran of the Korean War and a teacher at Booker T. Washington Junior High School.

They are also grandparents of six, and have one great-grandchild.

Mrs. Venable is a retired private nurse, who now gives her time to church and community. Mr. Venable retired in 1967 after 47 years in the employe of the Bethlehem Steel Company at Sparrows Point.

Gadabouting in Baltimore

Tri-State Elks to present 20 debutantes at cotillion

with Lula Mackay

Twenty young women, from Maryland, Delaware, Washington and Monrovia, Liberia, Africa, will be presented at the annual cotillion of the Tri-State Association of The Elks, this season.

The cotillion is scheduled for March 25 and will be held in the Lord Baltimore Hotel.

The debutantes were presented to their sponsors at a reception for the young woman and their parents, recently.

At the reception they were greeted by the Tri-State presidents, William P. Fountain of Milford, Del., and Mrs. Amy Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Davis, Salisbury, Md.; Odessa E. Whye, Mr. and Mrs. Ammon Whye, Towson, Md.; Trevillan D. Kennedy, Mrs. Velma S. Jones of Centerville, Md. and Howard Kennedy of Atlanta, Ga.;

Misses Ophelia Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Matthews, Baltimore; Eleanora Ringgold, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Ringgold, Chestertown, Md.; Wendy Franklin, Mrs. Bessie Franklin, Baltimore; Linda Elissa Gwynn, Mrs. Dorothy Gwynn, Baltimore; Beverly A. Peters, Mr. and Mrs. John Peters, Baltimore; Annie L. Courser, Mrs. Mattie Courser, Baltimore;

Misses Rosalyn Taylor, Mrs. Eloise Taylor, Baltimore; Cynthia D. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Lewis, Baltimore; Edith Cornick, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Cornick, Baltimore; Denise Redmond, Mrs. Sarah Redmond, Baltimore; Donna L. Cutler, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brashears, Annapolis, Md.;

Misses Monica Redd, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Redd, Baltimore; Yolanda Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Elroy Thomas, Sr., Baltimore; and Lady Margaret Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Ulysses S. Gray, Monrovia, Liberia, Africa, will be presented along with other Cotillion Committee members.

Young women who will be presented and their parents are:

Misses Beverly Ann Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Johnson of Kent County, Maryland; Adrienne Eloise Taylor, Mrs. Eloise Taylor of Dover, Del; Vivian V.

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Miss Watson Bowie speaker

Miss Barbara M. Watson, administrator of the bureau of security and consular affairs of the Department of State, will lecture at Bowie State College Thursday, March 16 at 12:30 p.m. in room 018, Science Building.

Miss Watson is the first woman and also the first Black ever to hold the position of assistant secretary in the Department of State.

The lecture, free and open to the public, is one in a series given in the course "Black Politics in the U.S." The speaker series, sponsored by the Political Science Department at Bowie, seeks to broaden the student's viewpoints of black politics.

Miss Watson joined the Department of State in July 1966 as Special Assistant to the Deputy Under Secretary for Administration. She was appointed to her present position in April 1967.

A native of New York City, Miss Watson is the daughter of the late Judge and Mrs. James S. Watson. Judge Watson, the first black elected to a judgeship in New York, served as Municipal Court Justice for twenty years and later President of the New York City Civil Service Commission.

Miss Watson received her academic training at Barnard College, where she earned a B.A. degree and New York Law School where she obtained a Bachelor of Laws degree, graduating third in her class. A committee of eminent jurists selected her as the "most outstanding law student in the City of New York."

Before joining the Department of State, Miss Watson had broad experience in both governmental and non-governmental positions. She served successively as Attorney on the New York City Board of Statutory Consolidation, Assistant Attorney in the office of the Corporation Counsel of New York City, and Executive City Commission to the Director of the New York United Nations.

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