THE 1971 QUEEN OF DEBUTANTES, Miss Sadie Lottier, escorted by Me-De-Se Club president, Dr. Lionel Desbordes, presided at the annual Spring cotillion, in Baltimore, recently. In panel No. 2, Debutante Karen Willis, is enchanted. In panel No. 3, Debutante Robin Green is pensive. In the wings, a bevy of sub-debs (right) await their entrance role in the evening's presentation. They are (l-r) Misses Donna Grable, Susan Wood, Stephanie Gibson and Carlite Jones of Buffalo, N.Y.

DEBUTANTES presented at the Annual Cotillion of the Me-De-So Club in Baltimore, last week, included, from left, Misses Renee Taliferro, Robin Quarles, Melita Griner and Brenda Carter.

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A highlight of the week-long event will be "The Big Check-Up," a National Consumer Referendum on business and industry. Through the use of a nationally-distributed questionnaire, the consumer will have a unique opportunity to make known to business his complaints, attitudes and informational needs.

BBB said speakers are available to groups interested in "Consumer Information Week" and in what the BBB is doing to provide more help to consumers.

MT. WINANS NEWS

Women's Day, Sun. at Mt. Winans United

Women's Day services will be held at Mt. Winans United Methodist Church on Sunday. The Rev. Mrs. Eunice King of Ivory Temple Community Christian Church will deliver the 11 a.m. message. The women's choir of John Wesley United Methodist Church, Bloomingdale Rd., will render musical selections.

Mrs. Gertrude M. Parker is chairman; Mrs. Bessie Malloy, co-chairman; Mrs. Gloria Clements, program chairman; Mrs. Desdemonia Levi, treasurer. The Rev. Clarence Govans, pastor.

Among those who attended the Mad Hatter's Luncheon at North Point Gardens on Easter Monday were Mesdames Veneta Butler, Elizabeth Parker, Viola Jennings and this writer.

Kenneth Hemsley was among those 25,000 people who walked in the recent March of Dimes Walkathon. Mr. Hemsley and his wife, Edith, live on Huron St. with their three sons, Kenneth, Eric and Keith.

Mrs. Sadie Blocker attended the southwest Baltimore district meeting of the Women's Society of Christian Service on Monday. The theme of the session was "Color Me Green" with emphasis on pollution in the United States.

Mrs. Blocker is chairman of the Christian Social relations of Mt. Winans United Methodist Church Women's Society.

Caribbean conference slated at HU

WASHINGTON

More than 500 students from colleges and universities in the United States and at least two foreign countries are expected to attend a three-day Caribbean Unity Conference on the Howard University campus, beginning Friday, (April 21).

The conference was announced by Godfrey Kilkenny, president of the Caribbean Students Association, sponsor of the meeting.

In the call for the conference, the Caribbean Student Association said that the formation of a "united front among Caribbean peoples" would be one of the goals of the meeting. Mr. Kilkenny said that students from the Caribbean, Canada, London, and France have indicated they will attend the meeting.

The conference sessions are scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. each day in Cramton Auditorium. The April 21 session is scheduled to conclude at 7 p.m. On April 22, the session is scheduled to end at 4 p.m. and the conference will adjourn at 5 p.m. on April 23.

APRIL 25

Children living in the Patterson Park area are invited to the Patterson Park branch of the Enoch Pratt Free Library, Linwood and Fayette Streets, at 3:45 p.m. on Tuesday, April 25, to see "Beaver Valley," a half-hour color film from the Walt Disney Studios.

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AT LUNCHEON given by Mrs. Delaphine Henson, Saturday, in honor of her sister, Miss Brenda Carter, current debutante, guests were, kneeling at front: Misses Yolanda Comegys, Rosaria Bass, Vonzella Comegys and Frankie Reed; standing, from left: Misses Lydia Marlow, Carolyn Finch, Holly Zaiker, Marilyn Harris, the honoree (arrow); Misses Janie Thomas, Elyeni Kenner, Celeste Minor, Janet Johnson; back row: Misses Karen Byrd, Evelyn Yenias, Singleton McAllister, Marilyn King, Joyce Smith, Linda Waller, Adrienne Pearsall.

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Illustrious Women

"I like the students and I think they like me. I think we have some talented people although it's a little too early to tell," commented Mrs. Lucille Clifton, first poet-in-residence at Coppin State College.

Mrs. Clifton, sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts in Washington, D.C. through its "Poets in Developing Colleges" program, teaches creative writing and acts as advisor to the student literary magazine at Coppin.

The classes are held Tuesday and Thursday at 10:30 a.m. She has about 12 students some of whom are from other colleges including Morgan State College.

Although she was asked by several other colleges, she says, "I gave a reading at Coppin and I enjoyed myself so much, I wanted to come and I felt exciting things are happening here.

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"I've pretty much written all my life" said the mother of six. Her books include "Good Times" which was selected by the New York Times as one of the ten best books of 1969.

She is also the author of three children's books, "The Days of Everett Anderson," a week in the life of a little black boy, and "Black BC's" an ABC book in verse and facts about black life.

The third book which was just released is a sequel to "The Days of Everett Anderson" entitled "Everett Anderson's Christmas Coming." In the spring an adult poetry book will be released.

Mrs. Clifton attended Howard University majoring in drama. She has appeared on the "Today Show" and the international poet forum.

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Helping to kindle the numbers of poetry lying within small children, the poetess has worked for one of the Regional Laboratories of the Office of Education.

"We were to devise a curriculum in the arts for children. It was unique in that there was a practicing artist in each field from kindergarten through the third grade," she added about the program.

Enthusiastically received by college audiences, Mrs. Clifton has read her poetry at Harvard, Massachusetts, Columbia and Boston Universities.

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Her husband, Frederick Clifton, a former professor at Harvard University and now the education coordinator of Model Cities for Baltimore, shares her talent and is a poet himself.

As to how she had her works published, the poetess says, "I never thought of writing professionally although I do now. Robert Hayden, also a poet, had a manuscript, he passed it on. Random House got it and published the book."

Busy with her family, the creative writing class and her own creativity, Mrs. Clifton says, "my children are older and in school and other than class, I think of myself as a writer.

MRS. LUCILLE CLIFTON

Frequently they recite together at readings.

Of her husband's poetry, she says, "his is tougher than mine and more male while mine is pretty female and some of the children also write poetry."

Even the names of her six children sound enchantingly like characters from a story book. They are Sidney 12, who attends Pimlico Junior High School, Fredrica 10, Channing 9, Gillian 7, Graham 6, and Alexia 5, all of whom attend Windsor Hill Elementary School.

The Cliftons migrated from Buffalo, N.Y. to Baltimore four years ago and reside in the 2600 block of Talbot Rd. in Windsor Hill, Hill.

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