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HONEY & THE BEES will be playing the Scene Night Club this week-end. The group includes Nadine (Honey) Felder, front right; Ann Wooten, Jean Davis and Gwen Oliver. You may have caught these fantastic entertainers when they toured with Jerry Butler, James Brown and the Delfonics.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

BY IDA M. PETERS

During this past week, on a quick trip through Atlanta to New Orleans ... the Jackson 5 was the center of attraction with their concert, in Macon, Ga. Michael Jackson's hit, "Rockin' Robin," was No. 2 in Atlanta.

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The reviewer for the Atlanta Journal said the play "Georgia, Georgia" has nothing to do with the Georgia governed by Jimmy Carter. ... "it is a poorly conceived, designed and executed movie."

"The film comes under the heading and qualification of " a black movie," meaning it is by, for and about black people." So now you know how they think about you down in "Georgia."

PURLIE

The above thought brings to mind the opening of the Broadway musical comedy, "Purlie" this past Monday at the Morris Mechanic.

Sherman Hemsley in the role of Gitlow, (the Deputy for the cullud to O'Cap'n) is recognized by the audience as the "Uncle Tom" seen in many places, high and low, and not necessarily black, either.

One of my good friends, puzzled at the laughter, commented that things can't be that bad today. Another friend countered, "it's just as bad, but in a different form."

He then gave a for-instance. He was sitting in a Board Room and a case of student riots came up. The entire group focused on him with ... "what do you people think?" In this case ... he was being called on to be the O'Cap'n's deputy for the cullud.

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MORE PURLIE

There are plenty of seats still available for Mondays through Thursday to see "Purlie." It looks like most week-ends are sold out.

Patti Jo (Lutiebelle) has gone from singing with a jazz group in her native Florida to starring in a musical in only 2½ years.

She's a graduate of Florida A and M where she sang with the bands. After college, she joined Columbus Smith and his Gospel Jazz Singers. She worked in the Catskills and the PowWow Room in Miami where she was reviewed in Variety and finally auditioned for producer-director Philip Roas.

You'll enjoy 'Purlie." It's the best thing to hit our town in a long time.

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REVA LEWIE

An exhibit of metal sculptures (with innovative techniques), paintings and assemblages by Reva G. Lewie, a well known local artist-educator, will be on display at the Morris Mechanic Theater during the run of "Purlie."

Mrs. Lewie is head of the Art Department at Walbrook High School. She graduated from Morgan State College, magna cum laude, where she studied under Dr. Charles Stalling, black muralist, and James E. Lewis, sculptor and an authority on African Art. While working on her Masters in Art at New York University, she studied under Hale Woodruff, black artist and muralist.

She has exhibited in the Baltimore-Washington area and New York City. She is best known for her 'Matriarchal Madonna" or the "Black" Madonna, which depicts the strength and beauty of the black female ... from infancy ... to adolescence ... to adulthood. The technique employed in this expressive work of art was collage and acrylic.

Vibrant shades of red and yellows enhance the black figures. The background is blue and green with overlapping foreground colors. This painting became the cover for an AFRO-AMERICAN Career Magazine issue.

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'BUCK-PREACHER"

See Sidney Poitier and Harry Belafonte with Ruby Dee in "Buck and The Preacher" now playing at the New.

This picture you'll find the black man finally finding a place in the fiction of the Old West. The movie shows how black people traveled West after the Civil War.

The story shows the hardships of pioneering, the wagon trains, the Indians, the gun fights.

Buck and The Preacher" does make some comments about man's inhumanity and greed, it is not a message movie. It is good Western movie entertainment.

SORRY ABOUT THAT!

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ROBERT GUILLAUME (Purlie) and Patti Jo, (Lutiebelle) in a scene from the Broadway Musical, "Purlie," now playing at the Morris Mechanic Theatre. Opening night audience welcomed the play with four enthusiastic curtain calls.

—What's Happening

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dropped line. It should have read:

"In town last week were William Rowland, executive producer and Fred Williams, producer of 'Boots Turner' coming soon to J. F. Theatres."

Fred Williams is the black owner of theatres in Baton Rouge, La. and Miss.

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ARENA PLAYERS

The Arena Players, Inc., will perform in 'New England Winter," a segment of a trilogy relating the black experience of Ed Bullins' main character "In the Wine Time."

The play will be directed by director, Sam Wilson. It will run weekends May 5 through May 21.

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PHASE III

Jackie and California Woody will sponsor a Shrimp Party at the Phase III Cocktail Lounge on May 11th.

Little Clarence and the Super Brot ... Calvin "Ghost Charity, guitar; Eric Ward, bass and Bobby Ward drums, play on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Week-ends, Jimmy Dotson and the Wild Ones.

NIGERIAN WOOD CARVER

Lamidi Olonade Fakeye, a wood carver, will serve as artist-in-residence at Morgan State College from May 8-12.

A native of Nigeria, Fakeye will give several lectures, demonstrations, and an exhibition during his residency on the Morgan campus.

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CENTER STAGE

Members of the Center Stage Student Theatre Workshop, a drama instruction program under the direction of Vivienne Shub, will present an Act-a-Thon" at Center Stage on Sunday, May 7.

Activities begin at 3 p.m. when students from the high school class will present a series of scenes improvised via a theatrical technique known as "Word Game." At 5 p.m. members of the adult workshop will give informal presentations of scenes and one-act plays developed in their classes.

'THE MIDDLE MAN"

"The Middle Man," a full-length drama by Harmon S. Watson is now playing on the Little Theatre stage of the Carl Murphy Fine Arts Center at Morgan.

The play, being presented by the Ira Aldridge Players, is under the direction of Joseph P. Wilson, III, a veteran performer and a member of the Morgan staff.

"Middle Man," which took Watson five years to complete, deals with the controversial — interracial marriage and Black power. Racism and solipsism have created an environment in which the traditional values such as love and marriage are placed in conflict with personal identification.

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Friday, (tonight) at 8 o'clock, Olatunji and his company of African drummers, dancers and singers will perform on the campus of Coppin State College as the final feature of a three day fine arts festival.

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JOHNS HOPKINS

The Baltimore Free Theatre will present "Ages of Man," a rock cantata by Joseph Reiser, Saturday, May 6, on the Homewood campus of The Johns Hopkins ...

The program, which will be at 8 p.m. in Shriver Hall, is sponsored by the University's Office of Special Events and is open to the public without charge.

"Ages of Man" is described as a play in the "Every Man" tradition, following man and woman through the confrontations of life. Slide shows and a rock band accompany the improvisational techniques of the lone singer/dancer/actors.

'Up With People' at Civic Center for Scouts, Boys' Clubs

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This year "Up With People" will replace the Annual Oriole Day, sponsored by the Department, attended by thousands of Baltimore youngsters.

Public performances will be held at the Civic Center Friday, May 12, at 8:30 p.m. and Saturday, May 13, at 2:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

"Up With People" will present performances for public school students on Monday, May 8, at Poly Institute and Western High School; Tuesday, May 9, at Lake Clifton Junior High and (at Lake Clifton) for Douglass High School.

Also, Wednesday, May 10 at Southwestern High and (at Southwestern) for Edmondson High School, and Thursday, May 11, at Northern Parkway Junior High School.

School No. 21 sells pens for new equipment

The Hilton Elementary School No. 21 PTA is conducting a fund-raising drive from May 5 to May 26 to upgrade the audio-visual and language laboratory equipment.

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