Other entrants in the Baltimore N.A.A.C.P. Annual Parade of Human Dolls to be held at Douglass Memorial Community Church on Sunday, June 3 at 3:30 p.m. are; front row sitting (L-R) Marc Christopher Perry and mother Faye; Wade Thomas Jones 3rd and mother Geolia; Tori Lee Adams and mother Leona Johnson; Eric Jermaine Sye and mother Verna. Back row standing (L-R) are, Mrs. Ida Russell chairman of Freedom Fund Committee; Anthony Hardy and mother Antionette; Hall A. Taylor Jr. and mother Betty; Julia Alease Owens and mother, Mrs. Leola Brooks, on Baby Contest Committee.

Columbia Capers

By PINNIE L. ROSS

The Social Security Choir made its debut in Columbia at the Interfaith Center last Sunday. The forty-four voice choir, under the direction of Normon McNeil, blended its voices together in such renditions as my Shepherd Will Supply My Needs," "The Lord Is My Shepherd," "Battle Hymn of the Republic," "Listen to the Lambs," "Jacob's Ladder," "Invictus" and "No Man Is An Island."

"A City Called Heaven" was rendered by Moore Carson, a retired employee of Social Security whose melodious voice echoed throughout the auditorium. Hansel and Gretel, duet and prayer were well done by cute Gail Dawson as Gretel and handsome David Davidson as Hansel.

As the program began to climax, the 44-voice choir divided itself — part marched to the back of the room and did the echo song. The program climaxed with "Through the Years" and the choir received a standing ovation.

Clarence Frazier, a Columbia resident and employee of Social Security was totally responsible for the choir rendering its spring program in Columbia.

The choir was established 17 years ago to provide festive music at Social Security. He said the performances are usually limited to the Social Security only and that they have performed at kick-off meetings for Board Drives, dedication of the building downtown Social Security office, Woodlawn Recreation Park, also in Washington, D.C., etc. This group only has one rehearsal per week — isn't that amazing?

MRS. WALKER SPEAKS

Faith of Our Mothers was the theme chosen by Mrs. Betty Walker, a Doctor of Law degree speaker, when she spoke before a crowded audience at the St. John's Baptist Church in observance of its first Women's Day and Mother's Day program.

How Did We Get From There To Here was her theme. "I'm talking about progression, not retrogression. I'm talking about gaining and not losing." She said her mind went back to the time when we were not allowed to be mothers, when we were not allowed to communicate ith our young ... when we were forbidden to teach them how to pray; and in order to teach our children how to beseech God, in order to inspire and sustain our children who would be off in other fields somewhere, we'd pray in a loud voice, often in the tongue of mother Africa.

She continued, "Our children in those distant fields would hear our voices and would learn how to pray, gathering strength therefrom. They also learned their natural, mother-tongue, but when the old slave master found out what we were doing, he took whatever brutal steps he deemed necessary to stop us.

"Therefore, it became against the law for us to pray in our natural tongue, and when our children in those distant fields realized that our voices had been silenced, they cried out in spiritual anguish and yearning: I wish that I could hear my mother pray again, 'way down yonder, all by myself, and I couldn't hear nobody pray.

"How did we get from the motherhood in bondage," Mrs. Walker added, "I for one, believe that we've come this far by faith; a faith of our mother's grounded in a religion so strong that when we begin to comprehend it, we can't help but cry out — give me that ole time religion. it was good enough for our mothers, it's good enough for us. Let us meditate on their faith today, for if we judge ourselves, not by the heights to which we have risen, but by the depths from which we have climbed, we will better understand the sheer force of that faith, as Mary Bethune observed: 'one of the modern miracles of the new world.' She was the most pathetic figures on the American continent.

"She was not a person in the opinion of many, but a thing ... a thing whose personality had no claim to be respected of mankind. She was a household drudge ... a means of getting distasteful work done; she was an animated agricultural implement, to augment the services of mules and plows in cultivating and harvesting the cotton crop. Then she was an automatic incubator, a producer of human livestock.

"And look at us now, look at us now, taking place in whatever area there is a place to be taken, contributing most outstandingly in the most vital fields in the society and culture today, and so doing, with unmatchable humanity, dignity and poise, and on top of that we're understanding with the mind's new eye that the black woman, the mother of civilization is the Queen of the Universe."

She added, "Our value and beauty can never be denied again, and so, we need not settle ourselves to imitate others. We are the original ... all else is a copy.

"How did we get there today ... feeling so good and positive about ourselves, achieving in spite of the odds. I, for one, believe, we've come this far by faith.

"But whatever particular context, background, situation, pseudo-class we may have come from, we've all known mama. Maybe if we had mama this day, we would have called it Mama's Day or Mom's Day. Whatever road we've traveled to get here, along the way, there has been the formidable spirit-person who counseled dignity against the constant onslaught of indignities, who motivated us always to hold our heads up high — to be something, to be somebody! and she knew we could."

This beautiful black woman had this to say to our brothers: "If truth is what seek, then you know that we have never been matriachs in the sense that we wielded authority for authority's sake or assumed responsibility for some domineering pleasure. You know how powerless we both were, we acted, because you had been rendered incapable of doing so. Incapacity, due not to any inherent weakness, but due to oppression and the lack of opportunity. All too often, due to economic oppression."

She also said, "You could not secure and maintain steady employment at a decent wage to be a bread-winner, and even more dehumanizing, you were not permitted to protect and defend me at the time when I was most exploited.

"But throughout it all, your manhood was never in doubt. In fact, you were the only true men in society. Everyone else understood the tremendous power of your essence; why else do you suppose there was so much furor about 'containing you.' And you know we didn't go around flounting our strength ... hey, we didn't ever know we were strong, we just knew we had to do what we had to do, so we did it. There is too much to be done together. We must be of one flesh. We must have faith that you will be too wise to allow those who have kept you and me down all this time to now start putting me down anew.

"There's a popular tune entitled, "Ain't No Woman Like the One I've Got." We would like to think that this is your tribute to us, for if it is our hand that rocks the cradle, it must be yours that builds it."

After Mrs. Walker's speech, there was a moment of silence, white tissues were moving slowly to the women's eyes, for Mrs. Walker spoke the truth. Cuff Note: The struggle of blacks for independence and self-assurance in the agrarian South are root causes for the strong independent growth of black women.

Columbians will miss the presence of this dynamic woman, for she has made great contributions while residing in the new city.

Paul and Betty Walker will be moving to their native home, North Carolina, in the near future to start a business of their own. Cuff Note: God bless the child who has his own.

The lovely Mrs. Helen Cormick presided over the morning program. Miss Teresa Steward was Women's Day chairman. Other members of the community were: Gertrude Woolford, Bernice McGowan and Carolyn Bradford.

Ushers and hostesses for the program were St. John's youth. A reception for Mrs. Walker followed the program.

Thought for Today

Sweet language will multiply friends; and a fair speaking tongue will increase king greetings. Ecclesiastes 6:5

Woodlawn HIGHlights

MRS. GREEN

By MARJORIE R. GREEN

for and about Women

MAJORIE R. GREEN

The Social Security Administration Local No. 1923 American Federation of Government employees (AFL-CIO) has authorized two $2000 sholarships to be awarded each year in memory of former President John F. Kennedy.

This year's recipients are graduates Aggie A. Alvez, Patterson Senior High School and Cathy A. Pugh, Walbrook High School. Both girls scored high in educational achievement, scholastic recores, and evidence of leadership and character.

Aggie, is the daughter of Mr. Beato C. Alvez, Earnings Reports clerk in the Bureau of Data Processing. Her student activities included participation on the Student Review Board, Model Youth City Council, High School Bowl and membership in the Honor Society.

Activities outside of the school have been with the Baltimore Peace Coalition, Insight Youth Organization, Coldspring Education Planning Committee and the Third World Committee.

Miss Alvez will enter the University of Maryland in College Park as a political science major.

Cathy, is the daughter of Mrs. Juanita B. Pugh, claims examiner in the Bureau of Disability Insurance.

She is the editor of her school yearbook, a member of the spanish club and the Honor Society. Her activities outside the classroom have included membership in the Explorers club and various community groups involved in preparing young people to enter business.

Miss Pugh looks forward to a career in medicine and will begin her training at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County.

After notifying the girls that they were winners of the J.F.K. scholarships, Local No. 1923 hosted a luncheon in their honor. A tour of the Operations and Altmeyer building was also arranged.

Seated around the table in the executive dining room were Mrs. Helen G. Tucker, chairman of the scholarship fund; Henry Moore, 1st vice president of the Union local No. 1923, Mr. Herbert Creech, director of the Special Staff for Labor Relations and Equal Opportunity; Theodore Jensen of the same staff; Mrs. Juanita Pugh, Beato Alvez and this writer who was assigned as tour guide.

SSA RETIREE

The public relations committee of the Womens Auxiliary of the Maryland Baptist Convention gave a luncheon at the downtown Holiday Inn on May 26 in honor of former SSA employee Mrs. Helen V. Benton. The occation was for friends to render expressions of appreciation to the outgoing president as she closed the book of five years of dedicated service as president of the auxiliary.

Mrs. Benton retired from government service several years ago but has continued to be a strong active leader in carrying out Gods program. Because of her commitment to do Gods work her friends believe that she will never voluntarily retire from this program. To emphasize their trust and confidence in her leadership the auxiliary has elected her to serve as coordinator for the group.

Keeping pace with this former Social Security worker would be a challenge to anyone.

Among those attending the afternoon luncheon were two past presidents; Mrs. Bertha C. Winston and Mrs. Irene Paige who is now Liaison to the Parent Body.

Other officers attending included: Mrs. Mary E. Harrington, newly elected president, Mrs. Betty L. Johnson, 1st vice president, Mrs. Theoptra Silver, 2nd vice president; Mrs. Natalie Carter, recording secretary; Mrs. Clementine Henson, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Cecelia McLeod, acting pianist.

Also enjoying the luncheon were the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Ira Guthrie, Mesdames Olivia Hargraves, Maggie Green, Lola Davis, Mary Downs, and Anna Paxton, Cora Crawley, Elizabeth C. Jones, Frizell Johnson and Mrs. Mary Evans who has been affiliated with the convention since its conception 47 years ago.

Mrs. Leanna Guthrie acted as chairman and Mrs. Florence Montgomery, co-chairman.

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The Tulls greeted 500 at anniversary party

There were some 500 guests at the recent anniversary celebration honoring Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tull, Sr.

The setting for the gala affair was the Eastside Roller Arena, Milton Ave., where the Rev. Timothy Gillison, assistant pastor of Faith Baptist Church, officiated during the renewing of their wedding vows.

Mrs. Tull, a homemaker for the past 50 years, was lovely in a white polyester dress trimmed in gold. Standing with her was Mrs. Dorothy Cook, matron of honor, who chose pink adorned with rhinestones and pearsl.

Following the ceremony the couple greeted their guests, many of whom had travelled from New York City, Philadelphia, Pa. and Virginia.

ABOUT THE COUPLE

Mr. Tull is a retired Sparrows Point brick layer. Both he and his wife have been members of Faith Baptist for 50 years and are active in many of the church's circles, such as the Flower Circle, Ladies Aid and Pastor's Aid.

They are the parents for two sons, Walter, who is making his home in New York City, and Burley who lives on the Eastern Shore. And, they have four grandsons, Robert, Jerome, Burley, Jr. and Reginald.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tull, Sr. are shown renewing their marriage vows at their 50th wedding anniversary celebration. The Rev. Timothy Gillison, right, assistant pastor of Faith Baptist Church officiated at the ceremony. Also shown is William White, best man, and Mrs. Dorothy Cook, second from right, matron of honor.

Honored at a reception Friday night at the Druid Hill YMCA, given by the Mother's Club were also Wilbur ooke and Earl Banks. The men were honored for their outstanding leadership and participation in the YCMA activities rae pictured here with their families. Shown (L-R) in left photo are Miss Carol Cooke, daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur (Doris) ooke, rs. Elizabeth Smith, mother-in-law of honoree and Melinda, daughter. Pictured (L-R) in right photo are: Myra Banks, sister of honoree; Mrs. Harriet Banks, mother; Earl Banks, Mrs. Carla Penis, aunt; Mrs. Florence Simpson, aunt; Judge and Mrs. Salomon (Ernestine) Baylor.

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The Martha Chapter No. 25 of Grace A.M.E. Church, Winters Ave. in Catonsville, Md. got together recently to honor all past matrons and past patrons of the church. Present at the ceremonies front row (L-R) are: Brother D. Hopwell, Sisters Major, Holley, Hughes, Yancey, Bacon, Webb, Robinson, Williams, Hopwell and Brother Bacon. Back row (L-R) are: Sisters Brown, Brooks, Broadley, Barnes, Brother Robinson, Sisters, Jacks, Bacon, Torsell, Coe, Webb.

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ON THE EASTSIDE

Birthdays top early June scene

By GEORGIANA MOODY

Happy birthday greetings to our many friends who are celebrating in the month of June.

Mesdames Geselle Thomas, June 1; Gloria Hairston, June 2; Gwendolyn Russell, June 2; Sherry Powell, June 2; Delores Best, June 3; Sylvia Thomas, June 3; Rhonda Driver, June 6; Margaret Reed, June 6; Latonia Best, June 7.

Wanda Brown, June 7; Darlene Evans, June 8; Mae Anderson, June 9; Sharon Brown, June 9; Shawn Braxton, June 11; Kim Stinson, June 11; Stephane Wilkerson, June 12; Edith Francis, June 12; Veronica Reynolds, June 14;

Ronald Geenthrop, June 2; Ernest Davis, June 2; James Yerby, June 2; Wilbur Branham, June 3; Marvin Butler, June 3; Gilbert Savoy Jr., June 5; Carol Jefferson, June 3; Allen Holmes, June 6;

Aaron Reynolds, June 6; Richard Jones, June 6; Barry Scott, June 6; John Sprow, June 7; Michael Clark, June 8; Ernest Moody, June 8; Michael Mitchell, June 9; Aaron Lee, June 13; Adam Custis, June 15.

Congratulations to our many June graduates:

Warren Covington, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Covington, who graduated from Coppin State College, June 5.

Eddie Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Williams, graduated from Yale University, June 4.

Harrett Williams, Eddie's brother, will graduate from high school this month.

Almita Bell, graduated from Coppin State.

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VACATIONING? Have a Nice Trip! Mr. and Mrs. Troy Young of East Baltimore leave Baltimore June 8 for a three week vacation in the Bahamas. Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Stinson will spend two weeks vacationing in Canada, leaving Baltimore on June 15.

Please send a card or visit the sick. It will make them feel better.

Mesdames Roxanne Hatcher, Johns Hopkins Hospital; Alice Jennings, Lincoln Memorial Nursing Home, 1217 W. Fayette St.; Maggie Hughes, St. agnes Hospital; Jean Murphy, 3907 Penhurst Ave.; Martha Phillips, 2041 E. Biddle St.; Annie Hatcher, 101 N. Castle St.; Susie Smith, 1050 N. Eden St.; Bessie Shelton, 2009 E. Eager St.; Mollie Price, 1100 E. 43rd St.; Margaret Roberts, 1706 E. Oliver St.; Mollie Watson, 1309 E. Eager St.;

John Nollie, 1536 E. Biddle St.; James Williams, Bolton Hill Nursing Home; Willis Redfern, University Hospital, Rm. 1131; Robert Williams, North Charles General Hospital, Rm. 204; Benjamin Brooks, Pleasant Manor Nursing Home, 4615 Park Heights Ave.; Willie Watkins, 2934 E. Preston St.; Bossie Ryles, Rt. 19, Box 197, Pasadena, Md.

CORRECTION FROM LAST WEEK: An error said this writer was elected president of Coppin State College's Alumni Association. This writer's husband, Ernest Moody, was elected president.

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