Seen at the Arena Players' Awards banquet Friday evening were from left: Jack Gales, Ms. Martha Blackstone and Ashton Moore. (AFRO Photo by Benjamin Murphy Phillips IV)

Folks frolicked on Friday; bevy of fashionables there

By BERNICE SHELTON

In elegantly classic simplicity, Ye Olde Philadelphia Club's invitation formally bade their friends to attend their Spring Dance. (No gala ball, was it called.)

Held on Friday evening of Memorial Day weekend, in the Grand Ballroom of the Bellevue Stratford, it turned out to be just that! A spectacularly elegant gala ball; with Jimmy Shorter furnishingthe music for dancing, until two in the morning.

Guests arrived deriguеur in white tie and frock coat for the husbands and escorts; and elaborate evening gowns for miladies.

The tables on the main ballroom floor and those in the surrounding balcony were a colorful sight to behold, when you could see them through the throngs that clustered around, beset by the inevitable-table-hoppers. This has been true, year in and year out at their festivities, even when the dance floor was almost too crowded for more partners to swing the light fantastic. It as "old home" reunion time. Any friend you might not have seen in the intervening year, was on hand to greet and be greeted with warm cordiality.

It seemed though that 'youth' predominated in the throng. The club has initiated into their fold a number of successful younger Philadelphia-born men, accompanied at the dance by their wives or young ladies of their choice, if they were among the bachelor contingency.

Among the latter recently inducted were U.S. diplomat Robert A. Dumas attending with Mrs. Dumas, (and the eldest of their three sons); attorney Lawrence Watson with Mrs. Watson; Peter Shelton, now an M.A., from the University of Pennsylvania, and member of the city's high school faculty, who could not attend because of his grandfather's illness at home.

FASHIONITES

At the table of Dr. and Mrs. Allen P. West were: Dr. Leon Robinson and wife. (Jean were: Leon Robinson, psychiatrist, is married to a pretty little artistic wife, who was draped in an exotic Japanese frock, set off with enchanting drop earrings made of delicate beads; Lewis and Elizabeth Booker, of New Jersey; the Clayton Dillons, the Howard Watsons; he is quite distinguished looking, and she is a cute little artist in her own right; Miss Doris West and her escort. There was no table-hopping for Hallye.

Nor was there table-hopping for Cozley and Lela Warrick Jones.

And because he handled so many of the duties connected with arrangements and publicity: Robert Gorgas Sr., a former president of the club, and son of one of the late, earliest members, was here, there and everywhere, and helping his brother "Hank" (George) Gorgas, secretary, to see to the comfort and welfare of the club's myriad guests.

But "Rob's" (as his family refers to him) wife, the gracious, school teacher, Mae Gorgas, was surrounded by family and friends at their table, including young Rob and his wife. Mor Gorgases included their sisters Miss Claire Gorgas, and Alice Booth. Mrs. Bertha Gorgas Gaskins Warfield, an older sister, and mother and mother in-law of Dr. and Mrs. Clifford Smith, of upper New York state, could not be present this time, but her other daughter, the former Joan Gaskins and husband were. And who doesn't remember the attractive sisters, Jean (new Smith) and Joan Gaskins.

Dr. Howard E. Townes and his bride, Mrs. Grace M. Townes; Dr. Howard Stratton, formerly eligible widower, and his financee, Mrs. Myrtle C. Mannigault; the Steven Simpson, senior and junior were there. Young Steve is an attorney — a Harvard graduate; his wife is the former Audrey Murdah; Mr. Albert Tervalon and wife, Marie; Mrs. Florence Drummond, all joined the gala festivities.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Gorgas's guests: The Charles Whites, the Stanley Duvals, the Wm. Edwardses, the Henry Johnsons, Dr. and Mrs. Edward Holloway and Mrs. Marguerite Martin.

So, also attending were: Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence Christmas, attorney J. Austin Norris, Dr. and Mrs. Nolan Atkinson and son; attorney and Mrs. Frank Gilbert, Dr. and Mrs. George Amonitti, the Lewis Hamptons, the Leon Davises, the Leon Newsomes, the Wally Newsomes, the distinguished chief deputy assistant superintendent of schools, Robert Poindexter and wife, Josephine; the Everette Waltons and sister, Mrs. Lucille Paul, of New Jersey, the William Youngs Sr.;

ALSO SPIED

Dr. Daniel B. Taylor, Urology specialist, and wife "Trudy," herself a former registered nurse; the most gracious Jimmy and Grace Tyson, the James (Anne) Garrotts, the Bobby Bivinses, Dr. and Mrs. Whittier Atkinsons (the former Alice Johnson), of Coatesville, Pa.; Mrs. Leslie Smith, the Frank Bradleys, Dr. and Mrs. Russell Minton Sr.; Dr. and Mrs. Lancess McKnight, of Media; the Hon. Judge Theodore O. Spaulding and Mrs. Spaulding (the former Virgil Trent; Dr. Arthur E. Thomas and wife;

The Lewis Mintesses, Betty and Thornton Taylor, Dr. and Mrs. Talmadge Hayre (Dr. Ruth Wright); the so-likeable Mitchell Cappses, Miss Lydia McClane, the popular Dr. Oliver Wilson Winters (Billy and Esther); Mrs. James (Ruth) Ramsey, Miss Marion Johnson, the Sammy Beards, Mrs. Florida Williams and sister, Mrs. Mary Twisdale; Dr. and Mrs. Allen Walker, the H. George Gorgases, the Bernard Hamblins, the Rev. and Mrs. "Pat" Patterson of Philadelphia and Harrisburg; (Mrs. Patterson is the former Christine Wilson); the "Mutt" Wilsons, Christine's uncle and aunt; Reginald and Blonnie Hawkins, and the Fred Hawkinses (no relation); the Francis Martinys);

President of the club, John E. Thomas, and wife, Gladys, both retired from the school system, he as principal, and she as teacher; Mrs. Sunie S. Warrick, Judge and Mrs Herbert Cain, the George Egglestons, of New Jersey; Stanley Cohns, Paul Terry Jr.; Archie and Freda Durham, Mr. and Mrs. James S. Tyson, Sr., of Cape May, N.J.; Mrs. Beulah Creditt Abele, the stunning Mrs. Lillian Woodward. Missed was Mrs. Celestine Tyson Fulchon, recently widowed, whose husband, Thomas Fulchon, was a club member.

EVENING'S HOSTS

Hosts for this sparkling affair were: John E. Thomas, president; John R. Allen Jr.; Lloyd J. Ama, Samuel P. Beard, Dr. George Amonitti, Robert W. Bivins, W. C. Blondin, Guernsey H. Booth, Dr. Andrew Brazington, Mitchell Capps, Robert L. Chapman, Ernest S. Coldburn, Stephen L. Cuyjet, Leon B. Davis, Robert A. Dumas Frank E. Gilbert, George H. Gorgas, Robert B. Gorgas, Robert W. Gorgas, Bernard A. Hamblin;

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Louis A. Hampton, Banton M. Harris, Ed R. Harris, Leslie H. Harris, Leslie T. Harris, Walter P. Harris, CPA, (whose wife is Judge Doris May Harris); Frederick C. Hawkins Sr.; Frederick C. Hawkins Jr.; James L. Hawkins, Julian V. Hawkins, Julian V. Hawkins Jr.; Leroy H. Hawkins, Reginald Hawkins (whose late father, Clarence Hawkins Sr., was a charter member); A. Donald Jackson, Earle W. Jackson, Perry W. Jones, Hugo Marcos;

Dr. Russell Minton Sr.; Leon P. Newsome, Wallace Newsome, Robert L. Poindexter, Franklin N. Rider, William J. Rider Jr.; Peter A. D. Shelton, Stephen W. Simpson Sr., Stephen W. Simpson Jr.; William H. Smith Jr.; Dr. Daniel B. Taylor, Thornton H. Taylor, Paul S. Terry Jr.; Dr. Alvin H. Thomas, Dr. Arthur H. Thomas, George H. Thomas, John E. Thomas, Dr. Howard E. Townes Harold H. Trulear, James S. Tyson Jr.; G. Everette Walton, Lawrence R. Watson, Dr. Allen P. West, William A. Young.

Listed among the life members are Albert E. Dutrieuille, Leon F. Martin, Oliver D. Ramsey, Joshua Saddler, and Dr. Lemuel T. Sewell.

This is really like 'old times' when men's clubs predominated the social scene, and women's clubs were rarely — if ever — heard of. Some of those 'old' clubs were the Vagintis, the Ugly Club Jr.; the Bachelor Benedict Club.

We recall our own parents getting all "gussied up" — as their older folk used to say — for some of the formal subscription, invitation balls, especially the Bachelor Benedict Black and White Ball. They were quite, quite snazzy spectaculars top hat, white tie, swallow tails, black patent leather slippers, and snowy white gloves. (Oh, and we haven't forgotten those starched white shirt fronts, with pearl buttons, and vests — when suddenly one shirt-front wou'd snap out above the vest! . . . The lovely ladies were enchantingly beautiful.

Pictured at the gala testimonial honoring Alonzo T. Kelly, center, for 46 years of service in the Baltimore public schools. Shown here with the honoree are from left: Gary Brown, grandson; Alonzo Kelly, Jr., son; Mr. and Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Gloria Brown, daughter; Miss Pamela Brown, granddaughter, and William Brown, son-in-law. (AFRO Photo by Benjamin Murphy Phillips IV)

Fund raising swims at YWCA

Fund raising marathon swims at two area YMCA branches Saturday and Sunday (June 9 and 10) will close the association's second annual "sink-or-swim" drive.

Volunteer swimmers at the Black Rock Family outdoor branch at Butler (Md.) and the Northeast Family YMCA branch near Essex Community College will try to raise the final $13,000 toward the 1973 campaign goal of $57,000.

Swimmers at seven other branches raised almost $70,000 in May.

All swimmers — whether members of the YMCA or not — are invited to join in the fund raising swim to help support youth activities sponsored by the two branches. A swimmer must have one or more sponsors who will make a contribution to the YMCA based on the number of laps of the pool he swims.

Entry blanks for enlisting sponsors can be picked up at the Northeast or Black Rock YMCA branches or at Equitable Trust Company offices.

Every swimmer will receive a ribbon, with special awards for swimmers who bring in $10 in pledges and $50 in contributions. Trophies will be awarded to the 20 swimmers who bring in the most contributions.

The outdoor swimming pools at both Northeast and Black Rock will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday for the fund raising events.

Miss Mimi Flynn, nature study teacher at the YWCA day camp center, instructs campers in catching moths and butterflies.

Another honoree of the Gilman School Upward Bound Program was director Martin J. Smith III. Pictured at the recent testimonial dinner given in his honor at the Holiday Inn, downtown (L-R) Mr. and Mrs. Martin J. (Rachael L.) Smith III, and the honoree's parents Mr. and Mrs. Martin J. (Gracie) Smith Jr.

Miss Bryan to wed Dr. Maupin in July

Mrs. Bernice Bryan announces the engagement of her daughter, Linda to Dr. John Maupin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Williams of Los Angeles, Calif. Miss Bryan is also the daughter of the Rev. Clarence R. Bryan of Baltimore and the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William (Beula) Smith and the late Mr. and Mrs. George (Rachel) Bryan.

Miss Bryan is a graduate of Western High School and Morgan State College. She is a professional model, has won several modeling awards and holds many beauty queen crowns. In addition, she is a member of Delta Sigma Theta sorority. Currently, Miss Bryan is employed as a claims examiner at the All State Insurance Co.

Dr. Maupin is a graduate of the San Jose State College and received his doctorate degree in dentistry from Meharry Medical School in Nashville, Tenn. He is now living in Baltimore where is on the staff at Provident Hospital.

The couple plans to be married in late July.

MISS LINDA BRYAN

to wed Dr. John Maupin in July

Calendar of Events

JUNE 23

Wedding of Miss Martha Linear, New Salloh Baptist Church; 2 p.m.

Wedding of Miss Shelia Watts, Mt. Pisgoheme Church, Fulton and Riggs Ave.; 3 p.m.

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Wedding of Miss Clementine Johnson, Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Gay and Preston St.; 3 p.m.

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Wedding of Miss Marsha McClarry, Union Baptist Church, 1210 Druid Hill Ave.; 1 P.M.

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Wedding of Miss Valerie Jennifer, St. Edwards Catholic Church; Popular Grove and Prospect Circle; 2 p.m.

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Wedding of Miss Beulah Carolina, Shiloh Christian Community Church, 2500 W. Lombard St.; 3 p.m.

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Wedding of Miss Karen Hill, St. Edwards Catholic Church; 3:30 p.m.

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Wedding of Miss Suzanne Dorsey, Post Chapel Fort Meade; 3:30 p.m.

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Miss Black Maryland Beauty Pageant, Langsdale Auditorium, University of Baltimore, Maryland Ave. and Oliver St.; 8 p.m.

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Douglass Class of '58 Dinner Dance, LeFontaine Bleu, 3120 Erdman Ave., 10 p.m.

Registration ends Saturday at Fallstaff M.S.

Student registration for the limited enrollment of the Falstaff Middle School deadlines Saturday for applicants who live neighborhoods serve by the three feeder elementary schools—Mt. Washington, Cross Country and Falstaff Elementary.

This cutoff date applies to students who attend public or private schools.

Falstaff Middle School, according to the Baltimore City Department of Education, is a new development in public school education in the city.

Registration is at the new school building, 3301 Fallstaff Road.

By the way...

by Joe Black

"Who said the free?
Surely not me.
The millions who have nothing for our pay.
Except the dream that's almost dead today."

Langston Hughes wrote those lines a long time ago. But isn't it curious how they seem to tell it like it is, today. How they aptly describe an attitude, all over America.

Attitudes. There are good ones, and there are bad ones. Negative ones. And, I wonder just how much the bad attitudes are getting in the way of the good ones, these days?

Everything changes, as an old axiom says. And, for many Blacks, many things have changed.

Many Blacks today have made it. Many have become more economically a part of the time we live in today. More secure. More achieving.

Which brings us to hope and determination, as they apply to the "haves" and "have nots."

Our overall dream could die, if those who have don't consider some serious rethinking. Some serious attitude changing.

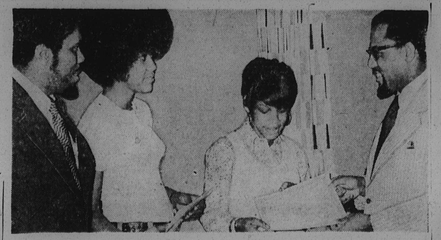
Changes like these take involvement, however. Our involvement. No longer can we overlook identifying with the problems of our less fortunate brothers and sisters. No longer can we who have accomplished stand apart and be concerned only about our own personal importance and popularity.

Where we have raised a clenched fist in the past, perhaps it is now time to extend an open hand.

A helpful hand.

By so doing, many more of us could make a real contribution to this historic period.

Joe Black
Vice President
The Greyhound Corporation



BRIGHTER HORIZONS— Two attractive young ladies prove that dropouts can make it if given the chance. The men responsible for giving these students that chance are Morgan State College president Dr. King V. Cheek Jr., right, and James Chavis, director of Neighborhood Youth Corps (NYC) in Baltimore City. left. NYC and Morgan State jointly sponsor a tutorial program named Project Onward, which allows dropouts to study for the State high school equivalency exam on the college's campus. Receiving their diplomas are from left, Rene Henderson and Wanda White.

THE STATE OF THINGS

A Master Stroke

By Val Hymes

Well, he did it again.

Marvin Mandel pulled off another one with legal legerdemain and political finesse called at the same time "a clever, crafty maneuver" and a "typical Mandelian coup."

He refused to sign or veto the disclosure bill, which was originally drafted because of a land deal that was uncovered involving him. And he neatly tossed this hot potato right back to the legislature.

And not only does he warn the legislature to draft a cleaner and more constitutional bill that he likes or he will sign this one, but he wants it done right away because of what's going on in Washington. He denies it's blackmail or a bribe, over the legislature, but from this angle it looks like a sword poised to drop at any provocation.

The full impact of the man's cleverness here may not be realized for a long time. But this was a classic Mandel maneuver, on the eve of his last big fling as chairman of the bipartisan National Governors Conference.

His ability to weigh grass roots effects with long-range political impact, and to apply a suspicious legal mind and a long memory, catapulted him to the top of the heap of chief executives -- a growing political force in the country. So his action on such a matter as a tough financial disclosure bill would earn national attention.

So there he was, pen in hand, damned if he did and damned if he didn't.

COOKIE JARS AND COATS

The bill had become so sweeping that officials from the governor himself through congress, the courts, the county courthouses and his own cabinet would have been forced to disclose all of their debts, assets and holdings. And not only that, but those of their spouses and children, from furniture to fur coats to cookie jars.

A veto, obviously, would have made it look as if Mandel were covering his own tracks or those of his powerful contributors.

Most legislators had mixed emotions about revealing how much -- or how little -- they own, but many, like the sponsor, Sen. Julian Lapides, wanted the governor to sign it and let the courts clean it up or throw it out.

That would have been an easy out for the governor, but he had sworn several times that he would sign it.

Not only that, but he liked the idea of getting credit for another national first, like gun control, environment, and auto insurance reform. Just this week he signed the first statewide rent control law in the nation which, incidentally, had some constitutional questions too, but this time he left them to the courts.

The governor made it clear he wants the Assembly to move quickly on a disclosure bill, possibly during the special July 30 session, or soon after.

He told me it is urgent, because the public needs to know its leaders are "above reproach" after what has been happening in Washington and even to some Maryland officials.

JAMES SAYS NO

But Senate President William S. James said he would fight any controversial issue like this getting in the way of the special session's more mundane, but important, assignment of recodifying Maryland statutes.

"It wouldn't go into effect until the following July anyway," he said, "unless it is declared an emergency, which is not likely." But the senator said the Legislative Council would try to field this hot potato beginning this week in the Policy Committee.

It is higly likely that the final product in this Machiavellian plot will be close to the original Lapides bill, requiring all state elected officials to disclose their property holdings.

Remember, those teeth in the bill that made it the toughest in the country were tacked on amid guffaws as a practical joke by the delegates to teach the Senate a lesson.

They were peeved because it fell on them to cast the final vote to enact it.

The amendments were added to make sure the bill went back to the Senate, and that's where the joke became a political noose from which nobody, including the governor, could escape.

So Mandel not only endeared himself to nervous politicians all over the State by putting the bill in limbo, but he now holds a weapon over the heads of the legislators, and in fact, every office-holder, until the end of the 1974 session. And he gained as much publicity out of it as if he had signed it.

SAME AS VETO

Maryland has no pocket veto provision, and Mandel insists he will sign this one if a "more specific" bill is not enacted soon.

But it might as well be vetoed, because as one official noted, "Let's face it: as long as he doesn't stick his John Hancock on it, it's not a law."

But that's not the point. The bill would not necessarily catch the corruptors or the corrupted in the act.

Mandel put his finger on the real problem when he said, "If an individual is going to be dishonest, he doesn't have to transfer (assets) to his children.

He could transfer them to a friend, or keep them in a street name or do a dozen things. If you're going to assume dishonesty, you might as well not pass a bill."

The point is -- and the governor is astute enough to know it -- that a disclosure law is imperative now to keep faith with a disillusioned public.

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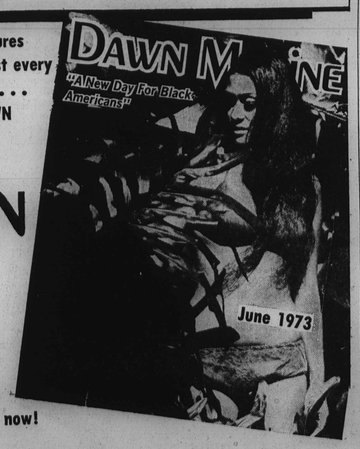

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