Fun to Remember "Proms 1973"

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Being surrounded by lovely people in a warm atmosphere with dimmed lights, dressed in the latest style gowns and tuxedos, holding the hand of your favorite man or woman, and being on the dance floor doing your own thing are just a few reasons why proms are a fun time to remember.

From September to May and June high school students all over Balti more make preparations for the big event of going to their high school proms. Shopping once a month, once a week and some to the extremes of everyday look for shoes, tuxedos, gowns, earrings, patterns, hoping that on the night of the prom everything will be just right.

But just as it was in the roaring twenties when people were preparing for high school dances, no matter how far in advance you start venturing into the preparation field, those last minute "I forgot to get my stockings" or "Man," I forgot to pick up my tux," still linger on.

But lo and behold after all the frustrations and tensions from the excitement built up inside one from rushing is over everyone turns up looking good.

A perfect example of these happenings must have been "Proms 1973."

The ladies and gents who stepped out forr their proms this year looked too cool, calm and dry to believe they had gone through any frustration, but after speaking with some of those personsthis writer found differently.

To make a long story short this writer will not go into detail of the weary times these young ladies and gents had, but will just tell you how attractive and handsome they looked.

Ronnie Collins, who sported a white tuxedo complemented with black trousers and bow-tie was shining bright with Miss Janice Ellis who wore an original design gown made of floral print with white background.

Miss Cheryl Taylor who wore a colorful printed gown with dark background was escorted by Ivy Webster who wore white high - waisted pants with a dark double-breasted jacket.

A perfect two-some was Miss Deborah Sutton wearing a white gown with jacket to match trimmed in black embroidered lace and Webster Hemby wearing a black tuxedo with matching pants.

Miss Rachael Phillips wearing an original designed floral print gown with matching jacket was escorted by Michael T. Banks dressed in a black tuxedo with printed shirt and bow-tie.

Miss Debbie Williams wore a pastel colored purple and baby blue gown with matching jacket and was accompanied by Ralph Spencer looking sharp in a black tuxedo with red, white and black print and bow-tie.

Miss Edna Montgomery wore a white sailor-backed gown with her escort Allen Whitherspoon wearing a plaid jacket with light colored high-waisted pants.

Billy Brown, Leslie Collins, Dwayne Echols, Otis Edwards and Gordon Jones were all equally as sharp in their different style tuxedo with which some wore matching hats and carried canes to complement their attire. They were the escorts of pretty Misses Angela Dickerson, Phyllis Wilkerson, Gina Hairston, Deborah Scott and Catherine Bowers.

(CUFF NOTE) All the ladies and gents wore platform sole high-heels to complement their outfits.

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Miss Cheryl Taylor and Ovy Webster.

Webster Hemby and Miss Deborah Sutton

Michael T. Banks, Miss Rachael Phillips, Miss Debbie Williams and Ralph Spencer.

Ronnie Collins and Miss Janice Ellis.

Miss Edna Montgomery and Allen Witherspoon.

Billy Brown, Miss Angela Dickerson, Leslie Collins, Miss Phyllis Wilkerson, Miss Gina Hairston and Dwayne Echols.

MODEL YOUTH COUNCIL—These four students of Carver Senior High School held mock posts at a recent Model City Youth City Council meeting. These girls and their mock titles are Top, L-R, Karen Sutton, mayor; Eartha Fitzhugh, sergeant at arms; Bottom, L-R, Rita Coward, chairman pro tem; and Betty Waters, chairman for the committee on marital status.

Miss Black Teenage Md. Day, June 17

As a lift of encouragement, Governor Marvin Mandel has proclaimed Sunday, June 17 as Miss Black Teenage Maryland Day in Baltimore.

Mrs. Marie Cooke, AFRO's Women's Editor and chairman of the judges for the contest has announced the addition of Samuel H. Wilson Jr., founder of the Arena Players and a faculty member of Coppin State College as one of the judges.

Marti Franklin, popular professional model and assistant to associate director of the pageant, Mrs. Jaki Hall, said, "It's just fun being among the girls and a part of the glitter."

Prizes awaiting the winner at the state level include a six day, all expenses paid trip to New York City to compete in the National Hal Jackson's Miss Black Teenage America Beauty Pageant and Teen Revue.

Prizes for the national winner include $1500 cash "self-achievement award," a sun-filled vacation in the Virgin Islands, an exciting star studded trip to Hollywood, California to appear in AM MGM TV series, a diamond party ring courtesy of Lurick Ventures of New York City, a "Young-Style" fur coat courtesy of Harry Kirschner Furs of New York City.

In addition, the new Singer "Genie" sewing machine, a four-piece set of Silhouette Luggage in the beautiful color of moonglow by Samsonite, a fashionable sports wardrobe by Happy Legs, Inc., the Kodak X-L movie camera, courtesy of Eastman-Kodak Company, the Beauty Makers by General Electric, a beautiful assortment of personal appliance, and a year's subscription to "Black Stars," a Johnson Publication.

As stated by executive producer-director of the pageant, Maurice "Hot Rod" (Hulbert (WWIN), "As far as I'm concerned beauty comes from within and I think that each of the participants is beautiful."

The affair will be held in the Walbrook High School Auditorium, Clifton Ave. and Walbrook St., 7 p.m. Doors will open at 6 p.m. when tickets will be available.

JUNE 18
Citizens Planning and Housing Association, 32nd Annual Dinner, Senator Charles Mathias, speaker.

JUNE 28
Public School Administration and Supervisors Summer Social, Port Welcome, 7 p.m.

MISS JANET CARIENE SMITH
engagement told

Miss Smith to wed Mr. Thomas

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith of Levindale Rd. announce the engagement of their daughter Janet Carlene Smith to Charles Edward Thomas Jr. son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Thomas Sr. of W. Lexington St.

Miss Smith is a graduate of Douglass High School and an employee of Social Security Administration.

Mr. Thomas is a graduate of Edmondson High School and an employee of Social Security Administration.

A September wedding is planned.

Choosing sunglasses

Poorly chosen sunglasses can lead to eye irritation, headaches, eye strain, nausea, and dizziness. Peter Y. Evans, MD, Professor of Surgery (Ophthalmology), Georgetown University School of Medicine, warns:

"Don't use cost as the only guide to quality. Check the manufacturer's tag to see if the sunglasses meet the minimum standards of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration or American National Standard Institute. Look carefully for scratches, bubbles, or other flaws on the lenses. Neutral gray or smoke tinted lenses are considered best," says Dr. Evans.

Youth Action Mock Election August 21

Youth In Action, a politically oriented group of youth has made plans for a mock city wide councilmanic election. The young people will begin campaigning July 1, working toward the Aug. 21, election day. The program, a subsidiary of area "D" Model Cities has been endorsed by Model Cities, Community Action Agency, Neighborhood, Youth Corps and a host of city and state elected officials.

Headquarters will be set in all of the councilmanic districts with the main action headquarters at 2600 Woodbrook Ave.

The political process in its entirety will serve to educate the youth to all mechanism of the all important process.

Beginning with filing, for office, campaigning and voting on the actual voting machine.

Among the prizes for winners will be a chance to be a part of a mock council session, trophies and scholarships.

Plants need tender care

Give plants a loving touch by keeping leaves as clean and fresh as possible. Remember, all your plants can benefit from a little extra loving care.

Professional Green Thumbs inform us that a good time to give plants a cleaning is in the morning. Use cool water, but never cold. Dip a soft, reusable wipe like a Wonder cloths — into the water and wring out slightly. Supporting the leaf from the underside so that it doesn't get bruised is a good idea, then gently wipe the top surface of the leaf with the water. Never rub, you just want to remove any dust or dirt that may have settled on top of the leaf.

In the evening is a good time to use an atomizer and treat your plants to a fine shower mist that helps keep them moist and flourishing.

A good rule to follow is to clean plant leaves in the morning and also water the earth in the morning. Spray leaves at night. A word or two of plant conversation, depending upon your views on the subject, might also be beneficial. They're not exactly sure why — but the Pros say that these measures work.

It's worth a try — isn't it? To get your plants looking like they've been given loving care that only Mother Nature could match!

FAIR AND BAZAAR
A ribbon cutting ceremony for the Mental Health Fair and Bazaar was held at 12 noon today (Friday, June 15) given by the Advisory Board and Board of Directors of the Provident Community Health Center.

Fair is being held, now, in Lafayette Community Square, 1100 W. Lafayette Ave.

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