Columbia Capers

By Pimie L. Ross

The Rev. Clayton Hammond and his lovely wife, Anna, opened their beautiful home located on Green Mountain Circle to over sixty friends last weekend.

The occasion was to share a delicious Soul Food Dinner and extend special wishes to their circle of friends.

Rev. Hammond played the role of a perfect host, while his energetic wife kept busy preparing the goodies in their kitchen.

A multi-color, season designed name tag was pinned on each guest as they arrived, after which they were invited to the recreation area to chat and watch the game until dinner was served.

Conservations were heard among the ladies, but not a whimper of a sound was heard from the men, but when a touchdown was made . . . such screaming and yelling then . . . silence.

While the ladies conversed in low voices, the guests were enticed by the aroma of yummy-yummy chitterlings which made the guests very ravenous and anxious to be seated.

Just before partaking the scrumptious dinner, Rev. Hammond welcomed their many guests into their home for another year and expressed his appreciation for their friendship — wishing them a prosperous New Year of love, peace, and happiness. In conjunction with his searching prayer, the manner in which his prayer was extended made the recipient feel that he had extended God's Blessings as well.

The food was worthwhile waiting for . . . real soul food, you bet; a buffet lined with chitterlings, pigs feet, chicken and dumplings, greens, potato salad, blackeye peas, and hot steaming rolls. (Cuff note): I mean homemade rolls, not Parker House, punch and coffee.

One guest replied, "Oh! I've eaten too much." The wonderful hostess, Mrs. Hammond, replied, "Now, you can't stop there." The guest replied, "Not dessert." Mrs. Hammond suddenly stopped and said while the other guests chuckled, "Now you know you have never had soul food without dessert. Where did you come from? She continued to say, "You know our race always has been used to dessert, especially after a soul food dinner." She said it, she meant it, and she had it — cakes, pies — name a variety of desserts and you've named over 3,000 calories which she had. Well!!!

You must know that Mrs. Hammond is a very artistic person. Throughout her house she had made (this time) dried flower arrangements to match her color scheme. If you would like a basket arrangement or a dried flower arnagement for next Christmas, why not give Mrs. Hammond a ring. You may reach her by calling 730-5970.

Fashion Talk

I was delighted to have received a call from Mrs. Marie Phillips Cooke last night, our AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers Women's Editor. She is attending the 67th Press Week, New York Couture Business Council held at the fabulous New York Waldrof Astoria Hotel. She is accompanied by the AFRO's staff photographer Benjamin Phillips IV.

Mrs. Cooke called me to give me a brief rundown on the 1974 Fashion Forecast. She said, "I am being kept extremely busy, but having a good time." There have been a variety of designers' fashion shows, including furs, jewelry and the latest in the fashion industry including hairstyles. She particularly stressed the hemline change. The forecast shows for 1974 — dresses are knee length or two inches below the knee. (Cuff Note): It's porbably one of the hottest topics of conversation among the editors, but don't feel that that length has settled everything. According to my research many designers such as Christian Dior and Adolfo, and I'm sure Mrs. Cooke will agree, have already shown mid-calf length skirts worn with long tank top; one of this designer's favorite is the slinky ankle length dress.

According to Mrs. Cooke, softness is expected to carry over big into ankle length dresses and evening pajamas for dinner parties, and will be done in watercolor print organzas, floral chiffons, and pastel crepe, Georgette.

Evening material will be light and airy, gowns will be of chiffon with lots and lots of yards of material. Pleats for dressing up and casual way — pleats will be big this year. Pleated skirts with pale printed blouses will be worn with big brimmed leghorn hats. Still more pleats for really dressing up, tiny fluid pleats.

Mrs. Cooke was quite impressed with the '74 new look for hair. It's shorter than ever, with the mannish sporty look.

Romanticism or not, women are not about to give up those pants yet. The designers feel that you'll buy the woole outfit or forget it. You don't have to stay in the store for hours playing the mix and match bit anymore. It will be coordinated together.

Mrs. Cooke reported, platforms are for the young generation and they are on their way out — '74 trend will be the smart pump shoe with about 2½ to 3-inch heel.

Mrs. Cooke will be back next week with a complete description of the latest 1974 Fashion Forecast.

Thought for Today

We cultivate the mind, we are lovers of the beautiful, yet simple in our tastes, without loss of manliness.
—Thucydides

—Newlyweds arrested at Airport

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loading and discharging."

(At this point, Mr. Rees speculated that the sight of him with his wife's sister was probably a source of irritation to a couple of "redneck" security guards).

Shortly after he and Miss Larkin had started reloading the car Mr. Rees said that the same officer (Boyd) ordered him to move the car for yet a second time.

"I told Officer Boyd that my wife was in the ladies room and about to return. At this point, he became extremely vociferous.

"However," Rees continued, "I noticed my wife coming out of the door and so informed him.

"He (Boyd) then exploded, 'Get your nigger-loving a . . out of here.'"

After a brief exchange of words Rees says he told the officer that they both had had their say and since his wife was in the car the matter could be dropped.

At this point, says Rees, the guard yanked opened the car door and grabbed him by the lapel. (After Rees had attempted to get his license from his back pocket).

"As soon as I got out of the car," Rees stated, his English accent becoming more pronounced as his involvement heightened, ". . . I put my hands up in the air, where I kept them . . . throughout the whole fracas."

According to Rees, it was at this time when a black officer, (later identified as Frank Hocker) "grabbed me by the belt around my waist and tried to put his knew into my testicles."

While the fracas was in progress Mrs. Rees (who along with her sister had been sitting in the car), went over to the officers and asked what her husband had done.

"At this point," Rees relates, "one officer (Paul N. Strien) pushed my wife, and Officer Boyd grabbed her by her right breast and yanked on her."

He states that a bruise in this area as well as a torn neck muscle are documented in a medical report.

Meanwhile Mr. Rees states that he had been placed in a police wagon from which position he observed his wife being beaten by the officers.

"After they had left my wife wimpering, having slammed her against their wagon and thoroughly beaten her, they turned their attention back to me," he added.

Eventually the three of them (interestingly enough, Mrs. Rees's sister was also arrested after leaving the car to comfort her sister) were carted off to the Millersville Police Station where, according to Mr. Rees, his wife (handcuffed) and her sister were tossed into a jail cell.

Surprisingly, Mr. Rees was not incarcerated.

He also claims that he was unable to find out what type of charges had been made against him, as there were no written statements of arrest charges forwarded to him.

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When the dust finally cleared, Mrs. Rees had been charged with interfering with a lawful arrest and Mr. Rees had been charged with failuer to show a license, failure to show registration and failure to obey an officer.

The couple will go to court on these charges Feb. 7 at the courthouse on Aguhart Rd. in Glen Burnie, Md.

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They say that they intend to press charges against officers Duffy, Boyd, Striver, and Hocker, but will wait to see how the criminal charges against them turn out before puttin' a monetary tag on the suit.

If Mr. Rees's statistics are accurate, the alleged attack made on him and his wife was the third such incident at Baltimore-Washington Airport in the last two months.

According to Mr. Rees, Dr. M. Berry superintendent of Washington, D.C. schools, and Mrs. Lee Elder, wife of the professional golfer, were subjected to similar abuse.

"The only common ingredient appears to be that they were black," Rees fumed, adding that "In our case, the racially polarized scene was charged with an additional ingredient: miscegenation!"

An attempt was made to contact R. J. Aaronson, administrator of the State Aviation Administration at Baltimore-Washington International Airport, but will wait to see how the criminal charges against them turn out before puttin' a monetary tag on the suit.

"When I was first shown Mr. Rees's complaints, my first response was to know if they were true, and upon further investigation I am inclined to believe that they were not true," he told the AFRO.

According to Mr. Aaronson, Mr. Rees "was contributing" to a very difficult traffic situation at the airport on the day in question, by parking his car in a traffic lane, (it was Miss Larkin who initially parked the car).

"The other drivers moved their cars," stated Aaronson, "but he (Rees) didn't cooperate." He termed Mrs. Rees's behavior as "outrageous!"

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Aaronson concluded by saying that he personally conducted an internal investigation of the airport policemen involved in the incident and results revealed "that they (the policemen) did act appropriately."

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NOTICE
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—Defendant

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Wheeler is competent to stand trial.

The doctor told the jury, "At the time of the interview, my impression was the patient was an anti-social personality. Wheeler was admitted to Clifton T. Perkins Hospital on Aug. 23, 1973 for pretrial evaluation.

Dr. Adamon testified Wheeler told him about the alleged offense. According to the doctor's testimony, Wheeler said, "He was unable to recall the number of blows he assaulted the victim. He said she was accusing him of being involved with some one else."

Dr. Adamon told the jury, Wheeler had required psychiatric help before and he had previously attempted to committ suicide.

When Dr. Adamon talked to Wheeler at the hospital in August, the defendant said that in July, 1958 he an episode of amnesia, had been drinking and had Wheeler revealed to the doctor he could not remember what happened to him from 11 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. the next day. The doctor told the jury the amnesia was caused by his drinking.

—Schools out

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used before in the United States, that of peaceful protest with "love thine enemy" as the theme. He successfully broke down racial prejudice in the South. Today Atlanta, Georgia has a black mayor elected in 1973 by both white and black citizens.

In addition to bringing about a change in housing and labor, Dr. King's protests resulted in persons of all races striving to bring about full citizenship for minorities.

The history of Dr. King's fantastic career, as he rose from an unknown Baptist minister to one of the greatest men the world has ever known, will appear in Tuesday's AFRO.

Worn-out Yule tree pickup

Is dumping your old Christmas tree presenting a problem to you? Here is the reason you don't have to worry.

The Sanitation Division has a pickup plan for old, droopy, worn-out Christmas trees. City householders are asked to place trees with mixed refuse on their regular collection day from Tuesday, Jan. 15, 16 to 17.

Time change won't affect public school schedules

There will be no changes in opening schedules for the majority of Baltimore public schools because of daylight savings time.

The announcement was made today (Tuesday) by School Superintendent Dr. Roland N. Patterson who stated that the time advance created "no serious problem as a whole."

Dr. Patterson added that there are four secondary schools which open between 8 a.m. and 8:20 a.m. that may need some type of adjustment in their opening times.

In connection with this, the superintendent announced that he has instructed superintendents that "they have the latitude to make adjustments in opening day schedules."

The four secondary schools involved are: Green spring, Mergenthaler, Walbrook and Carver.

Transportation meeting

As part of a continuing program aimed at open discussion of vital transportation issues affecting the Baltimore region, the Unified Transportation Planning Program will hold its first annual meeting Monday, Jan. 14 at the Friendship International Hotel, Baltimore-Washington International Airport. The meeting will open with registration at 9:30 a.m.

Maryland Secretary of Transportation Harry R. Hughes will deliver opening remarks followed by panel discussion on the Baltimore region's transportation problems and solutions.

The panel will be made up of officials from each of the jurisdictions represented in the Unifed Transportation Planning Program: the Maryland Departments of Planning and Transportation, the Regional Planning Council, Baltimore City, Anne Arundel, Baltimore Carroll, Harford and Howard Counties.

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plea, Faulkner of the 200 vertual dismissal of nine othercrimes he is charged with. The state ruled to put on the inactive file, Faulkners charge of the murder of Roosevelt Nixon, along with three attempted murder charges, three robberies with a deadly weapon, an assault and robbery with a deadly weapon and an assault with a deadly weapon.

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Judge Thomas ordered a presentence report of Faulkner who begged in court to be sentenced immediately to avoid a continued incarceration in the Baltimore city facilities.

The prosecutor Phil Tambarello expects Faulkner's cooperation in the continued investigation, headed by Det. Howard Corbin of the Baltimore City Police, an investigation aimed at the conviction of Mr. Hington for all ten of the assorted crimes he is charged with.

Faulkner, who faces a possible 30 years in prison, left the near empty courtroom in tears.

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General Assembly Notes

By Claudette Newson

It's an election year General Assembly session, and legislators were off and running with the opening Wednesday.

Over 300 of the 451 prefiled House bills were read today under the quiet, watchful eye of the new speaker, Del. John Hanson Briscoe, D-St. Mary's, who urged his flock to work efficiently in efforts to avoid a heavy end-of-year backlog.

In the Senate, which started this session in debate, just as it ended last year's session, over 230 prefiled bills were officially introduced.

The Senate narrowly passed a rule allowing closure, and members are expressing concern.

One senator said that he feared the amendment may weaken effectiveness of the body.

Sen. Clarence Mitchell says he feels enactment of the closure amendment is a step backward for the Senate.

The Maryland Senate was one of only four state legislative bodies still without limits on debate. Now there are three.

Baltimore City officials had said that House delegation members were clamoring for a chance to hold an election so that among other things, office staff could be hired for the session.

But it seems that a group of about six or seven women started working for the city House delegation members about 9 a.m. Wednesday morning, with okay of Del. Troy Brailey, interim chairman.

CLAUDETTA NEWSON

The Black Caucus says it would like to see more mortgage loan money made available to city residents by banking institutions and so would he, says Walter Orlinsky, Baltimore City Council president and liaison person to the city delegation for Mayor Schaefer.

Orlinsky sat in on the opening day of the House session, showing off a tan acquired during an island vacation.

Also back from an island trip to Haiti and bronzed is Del. Hiladagardis Boswell, D-4th.

While there she met with several legislators, including M. Andre Dube, president of the council of Port Au Prince.

The Rev. Joshua Hutchins, pastor of Asbury United Methodist Church, West Street, delivered the invocation for the opening session of the House of Delegates.

SENATE

Closure enacted, vote made public

The Maryland Senate has approved 1974 rules, one of which will open committee votes to the public and another, fought by representatives of minority groups, which will limit debate (filibustering) on the floor.

Operating opening day under what Senate President William S. James called "rules of necessity," less than a majority of the 43-member body voted to adopt the closure amendment.

A 21-for, 18-against vote adopted the amendment, introduced by Senate majority leader George Synder, D-Washington, which will limit debate on a bill resolution if 29 members, a majority, of the Senate consent.

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Senators including Clarence Mitchell, D-4th, and Clarence Blount, D-29b, argued against closure, Charging that prolonged debate was not the reason for a backlog of bills during the last days of a regular session, one of Synder's reasons for introducting the amendment.

Sen. Mitchell attempted to avoid the issue until a later date and called upon the Senate leader to have measure acted on by the rules committee. His request was denied, with Sen. James citing rules of Perlimentary procedure.

A motion to have the amendment layed over was also defeated by a 17 to 23 vote.

Sen. Blount said he thought the "very dangerous tool," filibustering, had been used judiciously by the Senate.

"I suspect that it is because this is an election year, some of us may choose to run from the halls of the Senate or Annapolis instead of from the district where we have to face the voter," he charged.

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It was Sen. Verda Welcome who first indicated that state minorities might suffer if the closure measure was enacted.

Sen. Welcome made reference to the fact that the filibuster has been used in the past to prevent pasage of legislation deemed harmful to minorities.

It's the only weapon that the four of us," referring to the black senators and also later including the minority Republicans, "have to protect the people that we represent."

Following the almost two hour debate and final vote Sen. Mitchell said he "definitely" felt the passage of the closure rule was a step backward.

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Following briefer arguments, the Senate next passed an amendment that will require the final committee vote and any other vote requested on a bill to be sent to the Department of Legislative Reference, to become part of public record.

The final vote on the measure was 32 to 4. Senators overwhelmingly agreed that constituents should know what goes on in committee, where a bill either dies or is approved on the floor for action.

Following debate on these major issues the '74 rules were approved by voice vote.

Dr. Patterson supported by Sen. Welcome

Concerned over recent criticism of Dr. Roland Patterson, city school superintendent, Sen. Verda Welcome, D-4th, has issued a letter of support: Dear Editor:

I am seriously concerned about the rumors and inuendos being battered around about our school Superintendent Dr. Patterson, and the reorganization programs in our schools.

The board of directors, the mayor and City Council endorsed hte reorganization plan when it was first presented to them.

Now, while it is in its initial state of development, like most programs when drastic changes are made, there is a mad race to destroy it before the program has a chance to take root.

I heartily endorse Dr. Patterson's effort and call on the mayor, the City Council and the board of education to support the endeavors being made to improve our educational system in the interest of our children.

I deplore the politics being injected in this situation, and I appeal to those who feel they have been affected by the reorganization not to lead guerilla warfare against our dedicated superintendent of schools, but help him with this enormous atsk.

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