Teenaged Girls Await Trial At City Jail

Many AFRO readers have called to ask what happens next to two 15-year-old girls recently sent to City Jail to await trial as adults on murder charges under $50,000 bail each.

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Long distance calls have come from travellers who were in the bus station at the time of the weekend murder of which the youngsters are accused.

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City Jail authorities told the AFRO Wednesday that women and teenaged girls confined to prison to await trial are not treated as if they are already convicted.

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Warden Gordon Kamka reside in separate rooms or in dormitories, not cells. Twenty-two correctional matrons are on duty at all times.

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The new Women's Detention Center was completed in 1969 and has TV in large day rooms, a central dining room, library with plenty books, magazine and pamphlets, sewing room and school classrooms.

WEARING THE FAVORITE teenaged girls' fashion of the day, these two youngsters, Misses Mary Brown and Tina Green, ages 15, face adult charges of homicide stemming from a before-dawn incident at a Baltimore bus station.

What happens behind bars?

Food is so good. "I eat it myself," he stated.

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On entrance, youngsters such as Misses Mary Brown and Tina Green, ages 15, are provided with clothing, deodorant, soap, tooth brushes, towels and personal necessities.

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Although accused of the murder last weekend of an elderly traveller at the Greyhound Bus Station, and under $50,000 bail each, the teenagers have no re - tions because of the charge. They must have their day in court.

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They are given opportunity to exercise in the yard and indoor gym, visit the Day Room and eat with others at meal time.

All women are locked in at three security count periods each day "to see if everyone is present." At 10 p.m they are locked in for the night.

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Physicians come in four days a week and nurses are on duty at all times.

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Just this week, Morgan State College graduate Miss Gwendolyn Felder, arrived as the first of four social workers.

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At a salary of $8,636, she will conduct interviews and do counseling. The other three will be employed soon.

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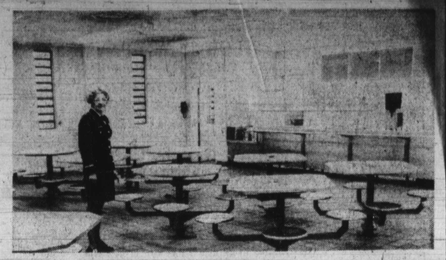
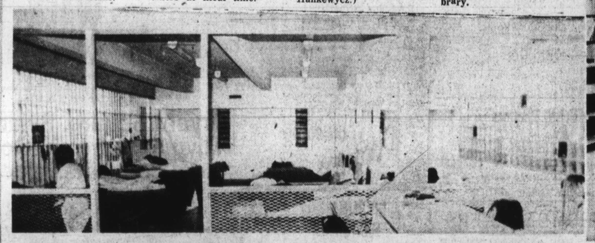
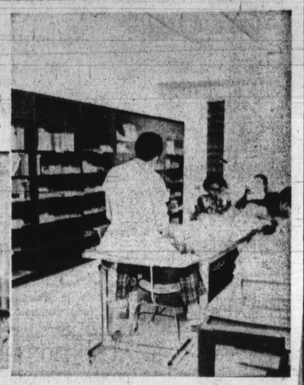
Expectant mothers are given special attention and delivery is arranged at City Hospital (Photo by AFRO staff photographer, Roman Hankewycz.)







INSIDE CITY JAIL Women's Detention Center, in photos taken Wednesday by AFRO staff photographer Roman Hankewycz show, (above) Lt. Margaret E. Stein in the dining hall (below left) the dormitory and (below right) the library.

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Rights office needs $$ to stay open

The Welfare Rights Organization Inc., 31 N. Fulton Ave., is in dire need of money to keep the office open and to pay a $300 phone bill, according to its director, Mrs. Rudell Martin.

Mrs. Martin told the AFRO that the WRO has been funded for the past two years by the Campaign for Human Development, a body of priests and lay people who aid grassroots community groups. When the WRO, along with 800 other organizations across the country, applied for aid last fall, they were turned down. Only two groups were funded.

"When our money ran out in November, 1973, the staff had two choices, either find another job or go on welfare," she said. Further adding, "We decided to stay because we put a lot of work in the program and we didn't want to see the WRO go down the drain."

The group rents a room on the second floor of St. Martin's Church for $80.00 a month. Mrs. Martin told this reporter that the rent is three months behind and the phone might be cut off any minute.

Mrs. Martin says that the community can help by donating $5.00 to the campaign and automatically becoming a member of the WRO. This will help keep the office open so that they can continue to educate the community regarding the problems of the poor.

"Our office serves over 3,000 persons. We don't turn anyone away, even if they're not members of the WRO," she commented. "It is a sad fact," she added, "that many persons forget us after they've received our services."

If the doors of the WRO should happen to close, Mrs. Martin intends to maintain operations from her home. But she admits that the second floor office is more convenient for all — files, waiting room, better facilities, etc.

"The six employees have been working without pay since November," she explained. "And we've been buying office supplies out of our own pockets," the director added.

Man wearing pink gown gets 20 years

A man who wore a long pink gown he had stolen has been sentenced to 20 years in prison. Criminal Court Judge James A. Perrott imposed the sentence Tuesday

Edward Barry Watts, 22, stole the gown from a car on a parking lot. According to court records, Watts attempts to criminally assault a 29-year-old matron who was seven months pregnant last April.

The matron testified she was grabbed from behind and dragged into a restroom. The defendant removed the dress and the victim's screams attracted the attention of three men who entered the restroom and grabbed Watts.

No conflict

Assistant Attorney General George A. Nilson said Tuesday there is no conflict in state law to prevent Mrs. Frances L. Murphy, AFRO Board Chairman, from serving on the Maryland Bicentennial Commission.

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He stated that the law says no one person can hold two offices of profit. Mrs. Murphy's membership on the Board of Trustees of State Colleges and the Governor's Commission for the Structure and Governance of Education require service without profit.

MRS. MARY L. BRYANT

Woman, 43, charged in mate's murder

A 43-year-old Northwest Baltimore woman is charged in the stabbing death of her husband in what police state was a domestic quarrel in their 4700 block Wilern Ave. home at 4:37 p.m. Monday.

Police records reveal Mrs. Mary Bryant is being held in the City Jail pending a bail review hearing this week.

The victim, Ernest Bryant, 43, was pronounced dead of knife wounds of the chest in his master bedroom. He was lying face up on the left side of the bed, police state.

According to homicide detectives a 6-inch knife was recovered from a board on top of the kitchen stove.

Police records show the suspect found sitting in the living room, directed police to the second floor bedroom where the body was lying. Police quote her as saying they had been in argument before the stabbing.

Police found no sign of struggle but only a sandwich on the bed and some ladies' and men's clothing in the front bedroom.

Funeral services for Mr. Bryant are at the Halstead Funeral Home, 1206 W. North Ave., Saturday at noon. Burial will be in the Mt. Auburn Cemetery.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Bryant is survived by two brothers and their wives, Mr. and Mrs. Lawyer Bryant, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bryant; his mother, Mrs. Sadie Bryant; four sisters, Miss Sadie Bryant, Mrs. Dorothy Mathews of Hampden, Va., Mrs. Nancy Whitfield and Mrs. Addie Legett, both of Goldboro, N.C.; three nephews, Lawyer Bryant Jr., Willie Bryant and Victor Mathews and a niece, Miss Victoria Bryant.

Public schools offer courses for adults

The Board of Education announced this week that it will open more than 150 academic, vocational and personal interest courses at adult and community education centers throughout Baltimore City.

Some 65 courses including typing, acetylene wielding, auto meachanics, brick masonry, sheet metal shop and cosmetology will be available for persons interested in up-grading a job or learning a new skill.

Review classes in science, English, mathematics social studies will be offered to those interested in preparing for the ninth grade certificate examination or the Maryland High School Diploma examination, (GED).

Registration for these courses will be held in your nearest Adult Center on Monday, Feb. 4 at 7 p.m. continuing throughout the week.

The adult and community centers open to the public are as follows:

Calvert Adult Center (Day Program), 200 E. North Ave., 8:30-3 p.m.; Calvert Adult Center (Evening), 200 E. North Ave., 6:30-9:30 p.m.; Carver vert Adult Center (Saturday), 200 E. North Ave., 8:30-1:30 p.m. Carver Adult Center, 2201 Presstman St., 5-10 p.m.; Clifton Park Adult Center, 253 Harford Road, 3-8 p.m.

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Douglass Adult Center, 2301 Gwynns Falls Parkway, 7-10 p.m.; Dunbar Adult Center, 800 North Caroline St., 3-10 p.m.; Eastern Adult Center, 1101 East 33rd St., 7-10 p.m. Gwynns Falls Adult Center, 125 Milton St., 3-10 p.m. Hampstead Hill Adult Center, Pratt Street and Ellwood Ave., 7-10 p.m.; Johnson Square Adult Center, 1100 Valley St., 3-6 p.m.;

Mergenthader Adult Center, 3600 Hillen Rd., 7-10 p.m.; Northern Adult Center, 2201 Pinewood Ave., 7-10 p.m.; Pimlico Adult Center, 3400 West Northern Parkway, Center, 201 Warern Adult Center, 201 Warren Ave., 3-10 p.m.

NAACP over the top in 1973 memberships

The Baltimore Branch National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) 1973 campaign brought in over 6,000 members according to Mrs. Enolia McMillan, president and director.

The effort places the local branch in third place in the nation with Detroit, 8,000 members, first and Southside Chicago, second with 7,000 members.

Baltimore NAACP increased 800 members over the 1972 total.

Twelve churches and two other organizations reached their goals of 100 or more members during the campaign.

Ten NAACP workers secured 100 or more adult memberships and thus qualified for membership in the Nation Club 100.

Mrs. McMillan extends thanks to all who helped make the campaign a success. Each worker will receive a certificate for 10 or more members. A gold pin goes to individuals and team captains who secured 50 or more members.

The churches and organizations, their captains and number of memberships are as follows;

City Temple of Baltimore — Captain, Mrs. Pearl McCants — 539;

Calvary Baptist — Captain, Richard Harris — 346;

Douglas Mem. Community — Captain, Mrs. Alease Jones — 277;

Fulton Baptist — Captain, Mrs. Madge Cannon — 239;

Israel Baptist — Captain, Willie Frazier — 238;

Hiram Grand Chapter — Captain, Lloyd Cure — 224;

Faith Baptist — Captain, Mrs. Hattie Richardson — 220;

Wayland Baptist — Captain, Mrs. Daisel Coffey — 216;

Gospel Tabernacle Baptist — Captain, Mrs. Mary B. Ames — 214;

Sharp St. United Methodist — Captain, Mrs. Hilda Mussenden — 153;

Fountain Baptist — Captain, Mrs. Olivia Brown — 148;

Metropolitan United Methodist — Captain, Mrs. Dorothy Johnson — 131;

Mt. Pleasant Baptist — Captain, Mrs. Lillie Shannon — 106;

M. W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge — Captain, Samuel Daniels — 100.

National Alliance of Postal Employees — Captain Raymond Young — 108.

These workers qualify for the National Club 100:

Mesdames and Misses Enolia McMillian — 305; Mary B. Ames — 223; Pattie Holloway — 156; Olivia Brown — 136; Daisel Coffey — 134; Hattie Richardson — 127; Bera Sims — 124; Alease Jones — 117; Gladys Palmer — 111; Madge Cannon — 100.

The Md. State NAACP Conference holds its 33rd annual meeting 1 p.m. Saturday at St. Philip's Episcopal, in Annapolis on Saturday, Jan. 26, at 1 p.m.

JUBILANT BALTIMORE NAACP membership champions are (1st row) Mesdames and Misses Pattie E. Holloway, Alease Jones, Enolia P. McMillan, Madge R. Cannon, Erma C. Hunter, Theodisia Burnett; (2nd row) Mesdames, Misses and Messrs. Martina W. Jones, Florence N. Tongue, Dorothy W. Johnson, Bernice W. Tate, Gladys Woods, Beatrice Jackson, Thomas Rush, Mildred Buckner, Delores F. Davenport, Mary B. Ames; (3rd row) Mesdames, Misses and Messrs. Ernie L. Lofland, Henry L. Wilson, Olivia Brown, Leonard L. Saunders, Helen Robinson, Beryl Smith, Jessie Mitchell, Mary Thomas, Ida Russell and Raymond A. C. Young.

Good Citizens Vote

Primary registration deadline, Aug. 12

Primary Elections, Sept. 10

General Elections, registration deadline, Oct. 7

Mayor supports Dr. Patterson

Rumors of City Hall dissatisfaction with School Superintendent Dr. Roland N. Patterson were quieted somewhat by Mayor William Donald Schaefer during a recent press conference.

The mayor stated that the Patterson administration has many areas of strength" and the superintendent has done "an outstanding job."

He did express concern, however, over the apparent inability of the City Council to secure requested information from 25th Street although he added that Dr. Patterson could not be expected to know every detail, "but his staff should be able to provide the information."

The mayor pointed out he has been a supporter of Dr. Patterson before he came to Baltimore as school superintendent.

He praised 45-year-old Dr. Patterson for "tightening up on fiscal matters" of the department, initiating better building maintenance programs and instituting decentralization of public schools.

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A talented and attractive new resident in Baltimore is Dr. Gloria C. Oden, assistant professor of English at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County.

Educated at Howard University where she received her J.D. and B.A. degrees, Dr. Oden has made her new home on Park Ave. in Baltimore.

She has written for American, French and German poetry anthologies including, American Negro Poetry, New Negro Poets; USA, La Poesie Negro-Americaine and many others.

Also a critic of poetry, Dr. Oden's reviews have appeared in Saturday Review, Down Beat, The New School Bulletin, Sin Nihon Bugaku, and the Massachusettes Review.

As a visiting lecturer, Dr. Oden has appeared at The State University of New York at Stony Brook and has served as project director, secondary language arts for Holt, Rinehart and Winston in New York City.

Prior to that position she was senior project director in mathematics and science.

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The bright-eyed instructor has also acted as senior editor for the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers and the American Institute of Physics.

Among papers written by Dr. Oden are, "The Black Colonial Experience: Search and Research," "Black Salem Observed," "The Black Image in American Painting" and "Chestnutt's Conjure as African Survival."

She has appeared in poetry readings at many colleges around the country. Among them are: Sweet Briar, Syracuse University, City University of New York, The Maryland Institute, College of Art.

Dr. Oden has also been awarded many fellowships including, two awards from the John Hay Whitney Foundation for creative writing; to Yaddo, Saratoga Springs, New York; and to Breadloaf Writers Conference, Middlebury College, Vermont.

Deltas Celebrate Founders' Day

The true meaning of sisterhood, love and devotion was exhibited last weekend when members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. gathered in Baltimore to observe their sixty-first Founders' Day. Here too in commemoration of the occasion were Soror Lillian Pierce Benbow, Detroit national president, and Soror Lynnette Taylor, executive director, National Delta Headquarters, Washington.

The pattern for the lively weekend was set by Mayor William D. Schaefer who on Wednesday presented members of the Baltimore Alumnae Chapter with a proclamation designating January 21 as Delta Sigma Theta Day in Maryland.

Soror Benbow arrived in Baltimore on Saturday morning when she and Soror Ellen D. Howard hosted an Open House at Direct Search for Talent, an educational program sponsored by the sorority and HEW, (Health, Education, Welfare).

Community leaders and supporters of the program received plaques or certificates because they aided the program the past six years. Mrs. Howard is the director of the project at 2227 St. Paul St.

Cited

Those cited were Mayor Schaefer, Dr. Roland N. Patterson, superintendent of Baltimore City public schools; Quentin Lawson, his executive assistant; William Sykes, director human resources, mayor's office; Mrs. Elva Edwards, associate director of Model Cities and Community Action Agency.

Also Linwood Ivey, director of Model Cities and CAA; Dr. S. Kirkwood Yarman, Director Region III Higher Education and Mrs. Velma Monteiro, senior program officer, student special services Region III.

The new Holiday Inn on Dogwood Rd. was the Saturday evening meeting place of Baltimore Deltas where they informally met with their national leaders.

President

Mrs. Benbow was a picture in a long navy blue knit dress with long sleeves and high collar. A sleeveless vest of rainbow colors complemented it.

A native of Vicksburg, Miss., Mrs. Benbow resides in Detroit with her husband, Edward, who is the drug coordinator for the Detroit Board of Education.

A graduate of LeMoyne College, she has also done additional graduate work in philosophy at the University of Michigan and has studied law at the Detroit College of Law.

In addition to her duties as Delta president, Mrs. Benbow serves as director of the Housing Program for the Michigan State Civil Rights Commission; on the Advisory Housing Committee of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, and many other civic groups.

Founders' Day

Sunday afternoon brought about another milestone in history when over 500 members and guests gathered at a Dogwood Rd. hall for the 61st Annual Founders' Day Dinner. Mrs. Benbow was guest speaker.

She told the attentive audience, "It is not well always to talk about something that we know, but it is sometimes well to talk about that which we should know. Therefore, I, have entitled this "Our Children and Education."

Mrs. Benbow advised that it is up to those people able to help the others who aren't. She stressed the importance of a good education for blacks

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Social Calendar

JANUARY 25

The Provident Hospital Auxiliary Annual Dinner Dance, Dogwood Rd. 10 p.m.-2 a.m.

JANUARY 26

The Las Camterof Dinner Dance, Le Fontaine Bleu, 3120 Erdman Ave., 10 p.m.-2 a.m.

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Lambda Kappa Mu Sorority, Iota Chapter, Founders Day celebration, Sheraton-Baltimore Inn. Guest speaker, Isaiah Fletcher, 12:30 p.m.

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Wedding of Miss Arie Epkins to John Vaughters, John Wesley United Methodist Church, 2 p.m.

JANUARY 27

Zeta Sigma and Nu Sigma Chapters of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. 60th Founders Day, Baltimore Sheraton Inn, 4 p.m.

JAN. 27: International Masons and Order of Eastern Star District No. 2, Fashion Show, Wakefield Apartments Clubhouse, 4 p.m.

JAN. 30: Robinson's He and She Bridal Show, Bridal Showings, Friendship International Airport Hotel, 7:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 1

National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Sweetheart Ball, Blue Crest North, 401 Reisterstown Rd., 10 p.m.-2 a.m.

FEB. 4: Banquet honoring the Rev. Leo Greene, LeFontaine Bleu, 3120 Erdman Ave., 8-12 p.m.

FEB. 8: Pi Omega Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Mardi Gras, Dogwood Rd. Hall 10 p.m.

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The Sensational Separators present a "Tremendous Cabaret," Ambassador, Ballroom, 10 p.m.-2 a.m.

FEBRUARY 10

Women Power, Inc., Membership Tea, Enon Baptist Church, Schroeder and Edmondson Ave., 3 p.m.-6 p.m.

R.S.V.P. with Marie

Postal Auxiliary Carnation Ball

By Michele Lynn McRae

(Substituting for Marie Murphy Phillips Cooke who is vacationing)

Carnations . . . Carnations — red and white in a beautiful floral display, greeted guests when they arrived at the very first Carnation Ball sponsored by the Auxiliary of the National Alliance of Postal and Federal Employees on Saturday evening. 'Twas truly a lovely sight. Idea behind the gala ball was to honor guests who have January birthdays and since the carnation is the January flower, each honoree received a long-stem one on entering the Dogwood Rd. ballroom.

Members of the Auxiliary were oh so charming as they received their guests and showered them with birthday wishes and greetings.

For dinner and dancing which followed, Lionel Jiggetts and the Infinite Experience provided music.

Special Guests

Clifton Harris, president of the Baltimore Chapter, Local No. 202, was among special guests. Others included members of the Shriners, Daughters of Isis, Masons, and Eastern Star.

Out-of-towners were, Lacy Booker, Chicago; Mrs. Annie Mae Becton, Morganville, N.J., Messrs. and Mesdames Edward Green, McDaniels, Md.; Howard Green, Royal Oaks, Md.; Leslie Stokes, Beltsville, Md.

Also, John James, Ronnie Robinson, Mrs. Carol Settles, Mrs. Dorothy Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wright, all of Washington.

Officers

Officers of the Auxiliary are Mesdames Bertha Pinder, president; Edna Simons, 1st vice president; Lillian McKethan, 2nd vice president; Isabella Elkins, secretary; Ella Boykin, recording secretary; Rosalind Chisholm, sinking fund; Eva Spedden, chaplain; Eddye Strikland, life fund; Virgie Waters, parliamentarian; Florine Brady, treasurer; Edythe Meyers, financial secretary.

Other members are, Mesdames Hazel Luck, Janet Spence, Henrietta Jones, Betty Johnson, Margaret Robinson, Helen Young, Louise Dolvery, Emma Hall, Jeraldine Powell, Coronia Frederick, Delease Webb, Garnatta Canada, Doris Tuggle and Doris H. Jones.

Haysbert Party

The elegant Hillen Rd. home of the Raymond Haysberts was filled with beautiful people on Saturday evening. It was the annual party Mrs. Haysbert, (Evelyn), gives on or about her husband's birthday time. Although most of the guests were not aware that it was his birthday, a number did bring gifts and before the evening was over, somebody let the secret out and there was Dr. G. James Fleming leading them in singing, "Happy Birthday."

By the way, Dr. Fleming and his wife, Hazel, left on Monday for a holiday in his native Virgin Islands.

But back to the Haysbert gala party. For the events Mrs. was lovely in a long beaded pale aqua gown, which complement her becoming grey hair. Helping to entertain their guests was their attractive teenage daughter Nikita, 17, a Western High student.

Guests filled all the spacious first floor area, moving from a table laden with goodies to one of two bars as they exchanged lively conversation.

Waitresses served those too busy chatting to help themselves.

Many know Mr. Haysbert as the affable executive vice-president of the Parks Sausage Co. and his wife as the energetic civic worker.

Also about was one of their sons, Reginald. Other Haysbert children are Raymond, Jr., 26, and Brian, 11.

Guests included: Messrs and Mesdames William L. Adams, James C. Askew, Charles Brown, Herbert Crown, Fred Bailey, Paul Beckham, Leon Bridges, George Bennett.

Also, Messrs and Mesdames Clifton Gattis, Walter Dixon, Leroy Dyett, Samuel T. Daniels, Charles G. Hillen, Elson Higgenbotham, James Lewis.

Messrs and Mesdames William Terry, Lester B. Wallace, Royal Weaver, Reginald Haysbert, William Morton, A. Paul Moss, Ray Pinderhughes, Charles Robinson, John L. Stokes, Thomas B. Mickle, Howard Murphy.

Drs. and Mesdames Joel Carrington, Lionel Desbordes, G. James Fleming, Otis D. Froe, William Garner, Thomas C. Jones, Benjamin Kimbers, Edward McDaniels, Roland N. Patterson, James Priest, Donald Stewart, Judge and Mrs. Harry A. Cole.

Mesdames Bernita E. Fuller, Ruth L. Gross, Frankie Hinchen, Frances Murphy, William Pinderhughes, John L. Rich.

Messrs Wavelon Talley, Larry Bolden, Henry G. Parks, Jr., Reginald Haysbert and Jacques Hall.

Pinochle Party

A lovely luncheon and pinochle party was hosted by Mrs. Leon Johnson (Ernestine) at her Moreland Ave. home on Saturday. Guests played vigorously for prizes and at the end, Mrs. Johnson surprised them all and presented lovely gifts to all. Everybody was a winner.

Guests included. Mesdames Emma Arnelle, Bernice Brown, Essie Sutton, Ruth Glover, Marie Wiggins, Corrine Green, Rosa Carter.

Confirmed

Dr. and Mrs. William Bruce Russell's sons, Bruce, 12 and Stephen, 10, were among those confirmed at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church on Sunday.

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Have a nice day!

The Auxiliary of the National Alliance of Postal and Federal Employees held its first Carnation Ball on Saturday. Pictured at the affair rear from left, Mesdames Bertha Pinder, president; Florine Brady, co-chairman; Henrietta Jones, chairman; and Doris H. Jones, reporter. Front, Mesdames Sarah E. Boykin, Isabelle Elkins, Lillian McKethan and Edythe Myers. Flowers symbolize the event.

Two outstanding women at the Founders' Day celebration of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. at a Woodlawn hall on Sunday were left, Soror Christine J. Moore, recipient of the Annual Founders' Day Award for 1974 and Soror Lillian Pierce Benbow, national president of the sorority.

Columbia Capers

By Pinie L. Ross

An invitation came to this writer and husband last week. In the center of the front cover were two pictures of a beautiful, talented young actress, Cicely Tyson, and Miss Tyson made up as an old slave woman 110 years old, Miss Jane Pittman.

On the inside read, "John A. Scheider, president, CBS-Broadcast Group, Richard W. Jencks, vice president, CBS, Washington, and Mrs. Jencks invite . . . to a cocktail buffet and premiere screening of "The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman," starring Cicely Tyson.

Cocktail buffet, 6 to 7:45 on the Terrace Level of the John F. Kennedy Center; screening from 8 to 9:45 in the American Film Institute Theater; champagne reception honoring Miss Tyson immediately following the screening . . . Black Tie, RSVP . . .

So it was that vacationing Marie Cooke, AFRO women's editor and I were among guests Tuesday evening.

We were warmly welcomed by Mr. and Mrs. Jencks.

As we walked a few steps away from the host and hostess, a young man walked up to us, put his arms around Mrs. Cooke and said, "Hi, Miss Tyson, I would like to have my picture taken with you. Let me get the photographer."

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Of course, Mrs. Cooke quickly stared at me and replied to the blond gentleman, "I am not Miss Tyson."

She identified herself, he kept repeating, "But the two of you look alike."

After he was convinced, he began to chat about the premiere he had seen in New York.

Cuff note — It tells you one thing — we all look alike to them, regardless. Now, those of you who have ever seen Mrs. Cooke will agree there is no resemblance whatsoever.

Some guests wore theater suits, long slinky gowns, paisley prints, metallics, but black seems to have been the outstanding color chosen.

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AFRO's Mrs. Cooke, was absolutely breathtaking in a long velveteen gown of brilliant orange, yellow, red and beige. The snug skirt had an exciting slit up the front. Notable was the high, stand-up color which fitted closely around the neck of the long-sleeve gown.

Another AFRO staffer, Mrs. Lillian Wiggins, Washington AFRO social writer was there.

She was resplendent in a long, sensuous, black crepe gown.

Mrs. Fannie Graham, Jet representative, was also about. I could see her chatting here and there and we were included. She did her chatting in a yellow theater suit which suited her warm personality.

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After the buffet, we went to the Film Institute Theater to view the remarkable screening.

The story tells the life of a remarkable woman from early youth as a slave to civil rights confrontations to the early 1900's.

Perhaps most important, it is a tribute to the human spirit, to the nobility that endures, to the courage that are cannot wither.

Miss Tyson portrays Miss Jane Pittman from the age of twenty on.

Many may remember she played the role of the mother in the movie "Sounder," and was nominated for the Academy Award as Best Actress last year.

After the screening, Miss Tyson was introduced on stage. Naturally she received a standing ovation, after which she introduced the people who made it possible for her.

At a champagne reception which followed, guests had a chance to chat with her.

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This writer found her to be a very warm person. I was very curious to know how she felt about playing the role.

Miss Tyson is an actress from the word "go."

When I greeted her with an embrace and a kiss on cheek, she replied, "I love Miss Pittman. Sometimes I can't explain how I feel for her, so I tried to act the part as though I was Miss Pittman. Now I don't have to prove to myself that I could do it."

She kept saying, "I am an actress and I can play any role." A beautiful black woman with confidence. She was a beautiful woman, referring to Miss Pittman. She introduced us to Arthur Mitchell, famous Harlem Dancer director.

Cuff note — Mrs. Cooke questioned her about her makeup and even touched her skin to see whether it was real. She said, "The makeup artist spent at least six hours per day on my face. He first of all had to make a mold of my face and then put the makeup on in sections."

She said it came in eleven sections, a section for each part of her face. She gave praise to Stan Winton and Rick Baker.

Miss Tyson was a picture in an exquisitely designed red and black floral designed, off-shoulder gown. She wore a thin net veil over her forehead.

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Thought for Today: All the beautiful sentiments in the world weigh less than a single lovely action. James Russell Lowell

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