## Columbia Capers

By Pinnie L. Ross

Slayton House was the scene of an informal dance hosted by some beautiful people Thursday night. They were Mr. and Mrs. Francis Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Humphry, Mr. and Mrs. John Waters all from Havre de Grace, Md., and Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt (Maurine) McKinley, Columbia. Mrs. McKinley is the Associate Director of the Black Child Institute in Washington, D.C.

It was a very special party given in honor of their holiday guests, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Clavert from El Paso, Texas; Mrs. Beatrice McKinley, Oklahoma, mother of Roosevelt McKinley and William Reeves, father of Mrs. McKinley, Oklahoma.

Meeting guests with sophistication was Mrs. Zella Harris in a two-piece silver ensemble. Mrs. Maurine McKinley ushered guests to their tables in a stunning two-piece raw-silk outfit. The scoop neck, long-sleeve, over-the-hip blouse fitted snugly over a knife-pleated long skirt.

Guests listened and danced to the music of Sherman Lewis and his Pyramids. Leading off the dancing was Mr. and Mrs. Clarence (Elaine) Harris.

Buffet dinner was catered by Mrs. Lillian Hawkins, Havre de Grace.

At intermission, the guests got a chance to see the special honorees, who were introduced by Francis Harris. They were Mr. and Mrs. Chisson, parents of Mrs. John Waters from Bridgeport, Connecticut. Chisson is in the real estate business there.

It was like a family reunion according to Mrs. Marian Graves, Columbia resident, like old acquaintances getting together at the party. "I met Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Calvert years ago in El Paso while my husband was stationed there."

The same for Mr. and Mrs. Paul Slade of New Jersey; Eugene Sample, Baltimore; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Williams, Reston, Virginia; Mr. and Mrs. Dail Pherson, Oxon Hill, Md. All of these military people remembered the Calverts because their hospitality extended to them years ago.

(Cuff Note): It pays to be nice to people regardless of race, color, or creed, for in the final analysis it will be returned to you. Mrs. Calvert is a retired school teacher from the State of Texas, and Mrs. Calvert is retired from the U.S. Immigration Service.

Mrs. Calvert was absolutely beautiful and charming in a white pajama set. Mrs. Graves looked very chic in a three-piece black velvet ensemble with a sporty silver blouse. Miss Skip Tucker from New Jersey, sister of Mrs. Graves, was also among the out-of-towners.

Dr. and Mrs. George Taylor were seen at the party having a good time and making sure that their out-of-town guests were comfortable. They were Miss Vialette O. Henry, Ft. Wayne, Indiana, and Mrs. Mildred V. Storey, Washington, D.C.

Havre de Grace, Md., brought many distinguished persons out to this affair including pretty Mrs. Otelia J. Bullock, a very prosperous businesswoman (funeral home) in Havre de Grace. She was elegant in a long, black velvet, snugfitted gown accented with rhinestones on the cuff and around the neck of the gown. The gown was cut in a circle at the center of the back with sparkling rhinestones.

She was a former model for Councilwoman Victorine Q. Adams, former owner of the Charm Center in Baltimore.

Havre de Grace's first black Councilman and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Wardell (Cassie) Stansbury, were among the guests attending the affair. Mrs. Stansbury chose a two-piece, beige, crepe pajama set with gold accessories.

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For the evening, Mrs. Austin was a picture in a long glittering gown with many sequins.

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On Monday evening, the 30th, the Albert Hawkins's (Barbara) had open house at their Copely Rd. home. Here again there were the beautiful holiday decorations and the special dishes which Mrs. Hawkins provided for her guests.

On Sunday afternoon members of the Upper Ten gathered at the home of the David Wrights (Bea) for their annual Christmas meeting.

The uniquely decorated Hillsdale Rd. home provided the right setting for the holiday gathering.

Members paused during the business meeting to offer special prayers for Ed and Elizabeth Williams because of the death of her mother, Mrs. Emma Mason.

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The Bluefield State College Alumni Association gathered Saturday at the Rowers Ave. home of Mrs. Ruth Brown for their annual Christmas party.

And the Baltimore area YMCA new director, Richard Kelly and his wife had a large number of Baltimoreans at their Bowie Md. home on Friday evening. About were a number of Washingtonians as well as members of the Baltimore area staff.

And of course as the old year went out there were a number of gatherings all over B-more town. Such as the gala affairs hosted by the James Murphys, Dr. and Mrs. Albert Lafontest (Jimmie) and Judge Harry Coles, party for his wife, Doris.

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The Templars annual dinner dance on Friday evening at the Bluecrest North attracted a large festive crowd. Among out-of-towners seen here was Mel Bolden of New Hampshire who squired Alice Pinderhughes.

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The Roland Pattersons (Marion) hosted their family reunion at their home. Here some 58 members of the Baltimore-Washington area gathered.

Oldest member present was Mrs. Martha James Lewis of Virginia. Youngest present was the Patterson's daughter Doris, 7.

More glittering holiday parties — the one hosted by Baltimore chapter of Continentals — a superb benefit which attracted oodles of beautiful people out Dorwood Rd. way on Saturday evening.

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