R.S.V.P. With Marie

By Marie P. COOKE
Reflections Editor

An invitation asking that this writer come to a birthday party arrived a week or so ago. Like nothing I'd ever seen, it certainly must have been designed and constructed by a craftsman. A map of the African continent in red on a chocolate brown background was securely attached to fringed burlap of natural fibers. The gold lettering read: "Salamu" Ann Dyett takes you to deep, dark, mysterious Africa for Leroy's birthday party, Saturday, July 19, 1975.

Also included was the Groveland Ave. address of their Northwest Baltimore home and the time, 8 p.m.

Leroy Dyett's birthday party is considered the highlight of the summer season and is always the talk of the town. Why?

Each year Mrs. Dyett selects a theme for the party (it could easily be termed an extravaganza). Like one year it was a Hawaiian affair, another, Egyptian and so on. All of the decoration are centered around her theme. Many are imported for the occasion.

One year, I recall, all the flowers were flown in from Hawaii and each of the 300 or so guests was given a lei of real miniature orchids. I could go on about the whole suckling pig, mountains of food, band, singers, and the red-carpet treatment guests are given while they are entertained poolside. Get the picture? This year's party should be no exception.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe N. Holland recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary at a party given by their children and grandchildren at their Oakley Ave. home. (Reflections Photo by Benjamin M. Phillips)

The Alfred Wooldridges and the Clift Gattises were off to Florida last week by motorhome to join other friends at the world famous Boca Baton Resort in Boca Raton, Fla., which is known as the resort for presidents and made famous by the Kennedy regime.

The Woolridges' new form of recreation and travel is a motorhome which is a complete home on wheels and can accommodate six. The two couples journeyed to Florida to meet other friends from across the country for a fun-filled weekend. Their trip included four overnight stops at camp sites which included Florence, S.C.; Daytona Beach, St. Augustine; and Fayetteville, N.C.

High point of the camp site experiences was the stay in St. Augustine where they camped on the Atlantic coastline beach and took sunrise dips in the ocean, along with a tour to the oldest city in America which is going through a restoration period in preparation for the bicentennial.

The Woolridges will join the David Drivers and other members of the Black Hawks, a club of recreational home owners, for a safari in Pa. Then they will be off to Detroit for the third annual reunion of the World War II Tuskegee airmen and to visit their two daughters, Stephanie and Amy Woolridge who live there.

BALTIMORE CARATS and their "Gem-Dandies" shown following the installation weekend activities and merger of women's social groups from eight U.S. cities at the Boca Raton Hotel and Club in Florida, June 27-19. Representatives from (L to R) Clifton and Helen Gattis, Dr. Robert and Joan Phillips, Alfred and Janet Woolridge. More about new organization in next Tuesday's edition. (Photo by C. L. Stevenson)

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RECEPTION

Med school graduates are feted

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Holland of Pimlico recently honored their son and niece at a graduation reception recently.

Dr. Elwood Holland received his medical degree from Georgetown University Medical School in Wash., D.C. Dr. Marsha Brown, cousin to Elwood, received her medical degree from University of Maryland Medical School.

The reception for the two graduates was held at the United Brotherhood Hall, Forest Park Ave. Guests were greeted by the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Holland, Gilbert Holland, Mrs. Bernice Brown, Dr. Marsha Brown and Dr. Elwood Holland.

After congratulating the graduates, guests enjoyed a buffet dinner and before the evening was over the two new doctors began their first "surgery" on their lovely decorated cake.

Dr. Brown will begin her internship at Mercy Hospital here in Baltimore.

Dr. Holland will be at Prince George's Hospital, Silver Spring, Md. He is married to Mrs. Denise Edgecomb Holland who is a senior at Howard University Medical School, Wash., D.C.

Food clips

What is a "lamb cushion shoulder?" It is a square, flat piece of meat formed by removing bones from a shoulder and leaving a pocket which can be stuffed.

Gravy and broth are both highly perishable and should be cooled quickly — refrigerate and use within 1 or 2 days, warns U.S. Department of Agriculture home economists.

The term "braising" means to cook by steam trapped and held in a covered container or foil wrap. The source of steam may be water or other liquid added to the meat, or it may be meat juices alone.

If you like to marinate . . . . try marinating lamb or other kinds of lean meat in a seasoned mixture of half oil and half vinegar or other acid ingredient for several hours in the refrigerator before broiling.

An easy way to cut down on calories — if you're calorie watching is to simply trim visible fat from meat — before preparing it.

REBECCA D. KEARNEY will continue studies in fall

IWY '75

Education, priority for Mrs. Kearney

Rebecca Davis Kearney, was conferred an Associate of Arts Degree in Sociology from the Community College of Baltimore last month.

Graduating with a 3.36 average, Mrs. Kearney is a member of Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society and was the recipient of the Scholarship Key — for maintaining a satisfactory scholarship through four semesters at the college. She was elected to "Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges" in 1973.

Mrs. Kearney is a member of the Arena Players, Inc., and the YWCA, where she was awarded a certificate for outstanding work with the Family Life Program.

She and her husband, William B. Kearney attend Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church, where Rev. Dr. Olin P. Moyd is pastor.

In the fall Mrs. Kearney will begin working on a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology at the University of Baltimore. She was awarded an academic scholarship for four semesters.

She is the goddaughter of Mrs. Charles Pollard.

COLUMBIA CAPERS

First anniversary for Suburban Choir

By Pinnie L. Ross
AFRO Columnist

The Mass Maryland Suburban Choir under the direction of Mrs. Elvora Robinson will presentits first anniversary concert Sunday, July 27, at 6 p.m., at Wilde Lake Interfaith Center.

Invited guests include the Baltimore Mass Choir, Baltimore Fellowship Choir, Magestic Ensemble, Herman Hill Choir, the Gospel Leaders, Inspiration singers and many others.

For further information you may contact Frances Turner, 997-0290.

Mid-summer blahs getting you down? Feeling doubtful as to whether or not you'll survive until the early fall breezes hit you?

Well, why not pick yourself up with an all-day trip to New York with the Women's Day Committee of St. John Baptist Church. They will be leaving Saturday, August 2, at 8 a.m. from the Interfaith parking lot.

The itinerary include leisure shopping 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; matinee 2 p.m., Musical Raising at Lunt Fontaine theatre, and dinner at 7:30 at Momma Leone. The bus will depart at 7 p.m. For further information call 730-0626 or chairperson, Mamie Groves, 977-4016.

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Still have that mid-summer blah? Well, let's go even farther than New York. What about considering a trip to the Bahamas? The Bahamas — not out of the way, just out of this world!

Those vacationers visiting the Bahamas are in for a special treat. Had you visited the Bahamas last week, July 10, you would have really enjoyed the festivals. Did you know it was designated as the official date of independence? This time of the year is usually festive with the Bombay summer.

Hey, the Bahamas are in a tropical zone, and the living is easy, the pace is leisurely, the people are very warm hearted, but at times very shy. If you find their service a wee bit unhurried, just relax, take it easy for a minute, go out of your way to be friendly and get to know them a bit better, you'll see a turn about how quickly they will begin to like you.

The Bahamian heritage is as old as the discovery of the New World of Columbus. (You are right, Christophe landed in the Bahamas in 1492. Their ancestors are the English adventurers arriving in 1649.

Nassau — the historic heart of the Bahamas (known as New Providence) is a charming old town built on a sun-splashed hill top overlooking the sea. It is the capital of the Bahama Islands.

Everything is near on this island, a hop and a skip in a rented car, a hop in a cab, one way or the other you'll get where you are going in a jiffy. By all means you must visit the world famous straw market at Rawson's Square, which is a must for all tourists.

Choosing one of your favorites is a hard thing to do. It is a living for the hat makers, and they are out to get you — settle for the lowest bidder, that's your answer! No trip is complete without a visit to the beautiful beaches on Paradise Island,and the stay in Paradise Hotel is really nice. If gambling is your

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COOKING AND SAVING WITH Campbell's

Save this week with fish

There are at least two reasons to buy fish these days. There are some very good fish buys in the market, among them catfish, codfish, groupie or frozen fish fillets. And fish is an excellent source of protein, while being lower in calories, fat and cholesterol than meat.

A good way to stretch a fish meal is to cook fish dishes with Campbell's Soup. Try this delicious spicy fish stew made with Campbell's Tomato Soup. It will feed a family of six and leave 'em happy, too!

So many Campbell's Soups are ideal for cooking. And many soups have recipes right on the labels. Try this fish stew and see what Campbell's Tomato Soup can do for you.

FISH STEW
2 pounds fish (groupie or catfish), skinned and cleaned
Salt and pepper
½ teaspoon cayenne pepper
6 medium potatoes, peeled and cubed (about 1½ pounds)
1 medium onion, chopped
1 cup chopped celery
4 tablespoons bacon drippings
2 cans (10½ ounces each) Campbell's Tomato Soup
2 soup cans water
1 large bay leaf
1 teaspoon Worcestershire
1 can (16 ounces) cut green beans, drained

Cut fish into large pieces; remove bones. Sprinkle fish with salt, pepper, and cayenne. In large heavy pan, brown potatoes and cook onion and celery in drippings until tender. Stir in soup, water, bay, and Worcestershire. Cook over low heat 25 minutes or until potatoes are done. Stir in beans; arrange fish on top. Cover; cook 30 minutes more or until fish is done. Stir gently now and then. Makes 6 servings.

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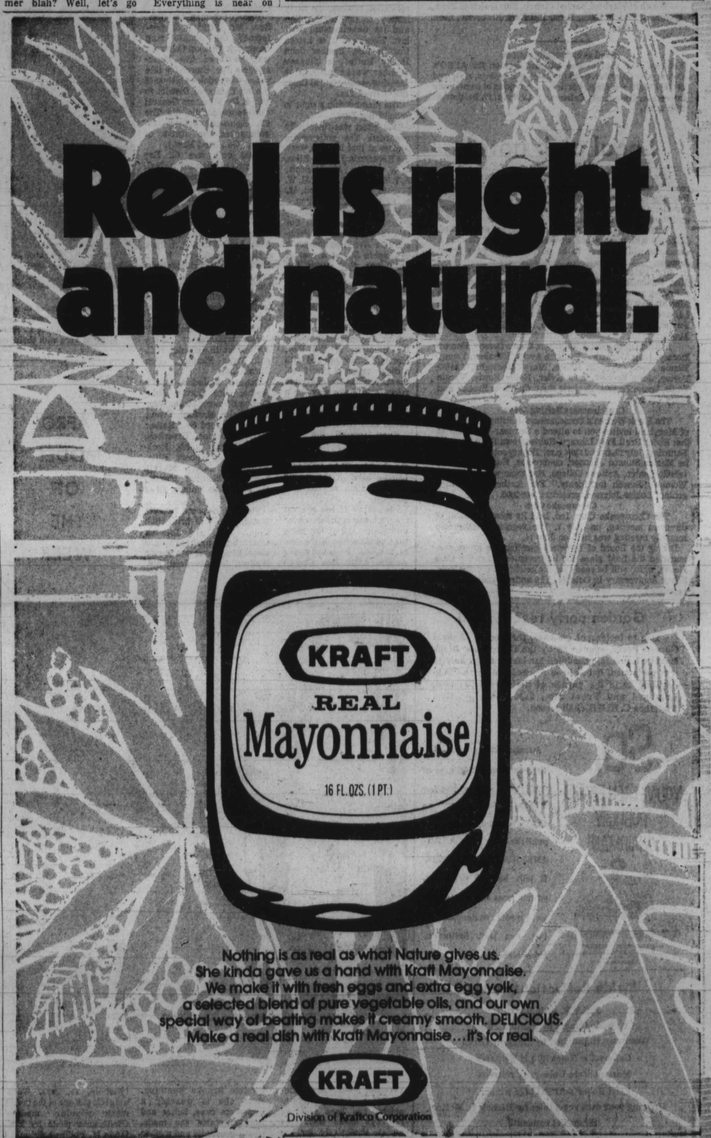

AFRO bridal register

Dates-Whitaker

Mrs. Mary Brogden has announced the marriage of her granddaughter, Miss Ruth Whitaker to Myron Dates, son of Mrs. Juanita Dates.

The couple was wed recently on the lawn of the bride's grandmother in afternoon services.

Attendants were Regina Mallory, Patricia Dates, Rose Mary Barton, Suzette Lewis, Howard Dates III, Allyn Dates, John Sheppard Jr., James Barnett, Percia Hebron and Dante Green.

Baylor-Pullen

Miss Wanda Vanessa Pullen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David J. Pullen of Fenwick Ave. recently repeated wedding vows with William Baylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Jones of Washington St.

The Rev. Clifford M. Johnson performed the ceremony at the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church which was followed with reception at Idlewyde Community Hall.

Maid of honor was Valerie Pulley and bridesmaids were Stella Williams, Vickie Wray, Nita Brown, Paulette Daniels, Cynthia Pullen and Nilda Jackson.

Best man was Keith Pullen along with Ernest Baylor, Michael Brown, Earl Barrett, Larry Daniels and Marcus Lynch as ushers.

Flower girls were Lisa Williamson and Nicole Pullen along with ringbearers, Desamond Allen and Will Brown.

The couple honeymooned in the Pocono Mountains.

MRS. WILLIAM BAYLOR
(former Miss Wanda V. Pullen)
(Photo by Broadway Studios)

MRS. MYRON DATES
(former Miss Ruth Whitaker)
(Photo by Leon Perskie)

Send for form

Attention brides-to-be: You can have your wedding story printed in this section at no charge. Send for special AFRO wedding form: P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md. 21203 or call 728-8200, ext. 31.

Marriage Licenses

CHAPEL-POWELL — Samuel, 48, 314 Jones; Doris, 45, Burlington, N.J.
TANNY-MARBY — Jessie J. 83, Pittsburgh, Pa; Annie M. 75, Pittsburgh.
DUNLAP-WASHINGTON — James L. 28, Rochester, N.Y.; Jeanetta, 29.
MCINTYE-NORWOOD — Donald, 26, E. Orange, N.J.; Gloria J. 28.
BALL-MADDOX — Meredith, 36, 2117 N. Fulton
Frances E. 40.
WRIGHT-HOWARD — Lawrence, 64, 1006 S. Paca; Regina, 38.
THOMAS-LLOYD — Norman, 19, 500 Roundview; Roxanne M. 20, 631 Hillview.
HASTINGS-RANDOLPH — William H. 21, 710 N. Gilmor; Mildren G. 26.
COLLINS-BRITTON — Leon, 20, 3707 Forest Park; Sherry A. 20.
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PATTERSON-GILMORE — Walter M. 18, 2412 W. Coldspring; Judy C. 18, 2100 Koko.
SMITH-JACKSON — Robert E., 18, 646 N. Augusta; Gwnedolyn B. 18, 3008 Edmondson.
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BENNETT-HOOD — Earl, 52, 1209 Linwood; Lucille, 52, 1324 N. Caroline.
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CAMPHOR-LANGSTON — Arnold L. 29, 1612 Davison Ruth, 24.
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STEIN-TWIGG — Robert L. 19, 1035 Riverside; Kathleen M. 20, 2815 Gibbson.
JOHNES-FAY — Larry O. 25, 826 N. Eutaw; Susan, 23, 630 N. Eutaw.
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ROCHESTER-BARKE — Stephen S. 29, Nassau Co.; Ilene T. 26, Baltimore County.
ANDERSON-WOODWARD — John E. 36, 12 E. Hamburg; Wanda M. 16, 704 William.
HASKINS-STOAKLEY — Dana A. 24, 2208 Koko; Deborah T. 24, 4505 Kathland.
EATON-MCLENDON — Curtis, 20, 2322 Garrett; Patricia, 19, 1650 Darley.
CHEESEBORO-ISHWAY — John W. 34, 4932 Denmore; Rose E. 38.
CAIN-WILLIAMS — Joseph D., 52, 212 E. Lafayette; Laura A. 43, 5407 Wabash.
COMER-JACKSON — Henry N. 62, 730 E. Biddle; Elizabeth, 45.
JOHNSON-EVANS — Raymond, 29, 755 W. Lexington; Delores, 33.
EVANS-JOHNSON — James A. 28, 307 Pulaski; Elizabeth, 35, 2343 Lauretta.

WOODLAWN HIGHLIGHTS

SS Payments rise; Mrs. Day to Canada

By Marjorie R. Green
AFRO Correspondent

According to the Social Security Information release, over 34 million people received an eight per cent increase in their Federal social security and supplemental security income payments in July.

The increase is the first automatic raise under the cost-of-living provision added to the social security law in 1972. The amount of the increase is based on the rise in the cost of living from the second quarter of 1974 through the first quarter of 1975.

The average benefit for a retired worker will go from $184 to $200 a month; for an aged couple, from $314 to $341 a month. Average payment to a mother with two children in her care will be increased from $439 to $474. Payments to a disabled worker with a wife and children will average $440 a month instead of $407.

Maximum Federal payment under the supplemental security income program will rise to $157.70 a month for an individual and $236.60 for a couple. Current maximum rates are $146 and $219. Increases due will be automatically added to a claimant's check.

Mrs. Verna Day, employee development specialist at SSA will be leaving for Toronto, Canada on Saturday, to compete in the Toastmistress International Speech Contest.

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Mrs. Mary Diella Marrow, retired certification clerk can be seen on any Tuesday morning doing Red Cross volunteer work in the Annex building at Woodlanw.

This is just one of the activities that has kept her busy and on the go since her retirement on December 29, 1967. She is deeply involved with the Arena Players Acting group, helping them to realize the Possible Dream of raising $100,000 for renovations at the Arean Theatre. She is also a member of the Arena Players Inc. Board of Directors.

Mrs. marrow admits that her weekly visits with three elderly women has added something very meaningful to her own life. Also included in her busy schedule is her work with the Kennedy Foundation and the Social Security Alumni Assoc.

The association is trying to organize a chapter in Baltimore City.

Mrs. Marrow stated that organizational plans will be discussed at their July 23 luncheon to be held at the Eagles Nest Country Club in Towson.

The association has extended an invitation to all retired and semi-retired Social Security employees who have worked in any field or local SSA office to join them at this gathering or become a member. Membership applications are available at the Alumni office, Room 2204, Annex, Woodlawn.

Wouldn't you know her doorbell would ring just when we were finding out about all the wonderful habits of our gracious retiree. Her visitors turned out to be her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William Gloster (Janice) and their 17-month-old son, Darnon. William Gloster is an accountant in the Bureau of Health Insurance, SSA.

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Hugh F. McKenna, Acting associate Commissioner of Program Operations in the Social Security Administration has been selected to receive one of the 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards.

President Ford wrote in a letter to Mr. McKenna; "Your outstanding contributions to managerial improvement have not only produced significant cost savings but have vastly improved employee morale and the caliber of managerial talent within your organization."

McKenna began working at SSA in 1936. In 1937, he became Regional Representative in New York City. He has performed as assistant director for Field Operations, director of the Bureau of District Office Operations and director of the Bureau of Retirement and Survivors Insurance.

In 1975, he was appointed acting associate commissioner of the Office of Program Operations. McKenna was recently elected to one of the three at-large seats on the National Council of the American Society of Public Administration.

In early June, he announced that he would retire effective July 31. He will however, return to work at the Social Security Administration as a consultant to assist the agency in the future review and study of selected and important problems and issues.

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CATONSVILLE NOTES

Sewing Circle closes; a temple marks 50th year

By Liz Williams
AFRO Correspondent

The Amy Scott Sewing Circle held its closing summer meeting at the home of Mrs. Grace Lewis and Mrs. Amy Warden, on Saturday, Mrs. Louise Brooks is the president.

Emma Williams Temple No. 358, of Elks is happy to be celebrating its 50th anniversary. This is a charitable organization of our community and is still working to serve it.

Many activities are being planned, including a banquet on Saturday, July 26, and an afternoon service at 3 p.m. at Morning Star Baptist Church on July 27.

I shall let you know more about this grand group of ladies, next week.

Mrs. Amy Warden is the general hatriady. Mrs. Jessie Steard is Daughter Ruler; and Mrs. Mary Robinson is the district deputy.

By the way, these ladies had one of their famous dinners last Saturday and it was a complete sell-out.

Send "Get Well" cards to Shirley Watkins, assistant principal in Baltimore city and to Lorrane (Handy) Coulbourne, longtime employee at the C and P Telephone Co. They are among my favorite people.

Shirley and her sister, Eula are just like sisters to me and their mother, "Aunt Vennie" has been like a second mother to my family. Lorraine has always been one of my favorite cousins, and believe me, I have many a one.

Last week, Rebecca Quille brought her cousin, Jessie Abrams and her aunt, Mrs. Mattie Rice out to the Catonsville community. They were very excited about what they saw, especially the many kinds of gardens and how they are grown.

Mrs. Rice whom we fondly know as "Aunt Matt," and Jessie, are from Philadelphia. Rebecca and Jessie, recently returned to our town from a trip to Lexington, Ky., where they visited Rebecca's daughter Tanya (David) Doucoumes.

These young people have recently acquired a farm near Natural Bridge which is on top of a mountain.

What a beautiful way to live — away from all the pressures and frustrations that go with city life. Leave it to our young people. They know what life is all about!

The Mt. Olivet Beneficial Club will have a country-style dinner coming up soon at the home of Mrs Amy Warden. Here you will be able to eat as much as you want from the many, many dishes that will be served.

Just imagine all fresh vegetables picked right from the garden. Will give you more information next week so that you can put it on your calendar.

Friend's Day Celebration was held on Sunday at Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church for the benefit of Women's Day. The Rev. James L. Harris is pastor.

I would like to share this bit of wisdom on education with the 1975 graduates in the Catonsville Community and with other graduates:

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Whom then do I call educated? First, those who control circumstances instead of being mastered by them, those who meet all occasions manfully and act in accordance with intelligent thinking;

Those who are honorable in all dealings who treat good-natured people and things that are disagreeable.

And furthermore, those who hold their pleasures

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