COLUMBIA CAPERS

Dedicated community worker was longtime educator

By Pinnie L. Ross
AFRO correspondent

Funeral services were held recently at the Christ Episcopal Church here in Columbia, for Mrs. Esther Snowden Warrick who died suddenly of a heart attack at Howard General Hospital.

Mrs. Warrick, known to many of the Columbia residents as "Mother Warrick," did outstanding work in the National Council for Negro Women, Howard County section, and her dedication to volunteer services in the community was well known.

The lovely Mrs. Warrick was born to Paul and Eliza Snowden in Savannah, Ga., in 1898. She was educated in the local public schools and earned a B.S. degree at Savannah State College. She received her M.A. degree in elementary education and administration. In addition, she did advanced studies at the University of Maine, New York University, Columbia University, and the University of Chicago.

Mrs. Warrick was a teacher in the Chatham County Public Schools for 25 years and supervising principal for 11 years.

She was a member of St. Matthews Episcopal Church in Columbia. She was a soror of Zeta Phi Beta sorority. Upon sojourning to Columbia, her interest in people caused her to continue her community activities in the same vien.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, John and Eloise Warrick of Indianapolis, Indiana; daughter and son-in-law, Jean and Clarence Toomer of Columbia;, seven grandchildren, Alan E. Warrick, Ingrid Warrick Williams, Debra, Douglas, David, Diana, and Donna Toomer, one niece, Mrs. Wilhelmina Simpson, a grandniece, Mrs. Alma Sharpe, and a great-grandniece, Ivy Sharpe.

The life of service which Mother Warrick lived leaves her family, friends, and the community in which she lived more blessed for having been touched by her.

The Oakland Mills Youth Center is sponsoring a weekend trip to New York for teens Saturday and Sunday, August 23 and 24.

The trip will include tours of the United Nations, Greenwich Village, art museums, Broadway matinees, and time for shopping sprees: an evening at a discotheque will be planned. For information call 730-3554.

Thought for Today

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R.S.V.P. With Marie

By Marie P. COOKE
Reflections Editor

Sunday found the Ralph L. Johnsons (Della) and members of his real estate office staff at the Arundel On the Bay summer home of Dr. Delores C. Hunt.

It was a family affair. The hosts had invited not only the staffers, but also their friends and families to come down Annapolis-way for a day of pure relaxation. There was more than enough steamed crabs and shrimp for folks to enjoy, and, as a special treat piping hot lobster tails.

Some of the guests sat around the umbrella tables and conversed while they played their favorite card games while others, including the children, swam in the Chesapeake Bay, a stone's throw away from the backyard. Sitting on the edge of the pier watching the sailboats at sea fascinated this writer.

Kimberli Minette Valentine is here! She arrived 6:44 a.m., Sunday (August 10) at Sinai Hospital weighing all of seven lbs., 13½ ozs. Proud parents are Mr. and Mrs. Harry Michael (Allenette) Valentine. Baby is their first born. Grands are Mrs. Berine Bundara, Baltimore, and Harry A. Gail of Calif., and Mrs. Lorette Valentine and the late Harry Valentine.

Mrs. Annie Ball marked her 80th year on Aug. 2 and what a celebration it was. There were five generations present for the gala celebration held at her Umatilla Ave. home.

About were her two daughters, Mrs. Ida Young and Mrs. Arlean Watkins; grands, Mrs. Carl Gay, William Watkins, Mrs. Linwood Brooks, Robert Watkins, Mrs. Ann McDowell, Louis Brown, Mrs. Alfred Barnes, William Young Jr. and Kevin Young; 29 great-grands, and nine great-great-grandchildren. Also there were her aunt, Mrs. Reba Spann, and a cousin, Miss Pearl Dixon.

It's a girl for Mr. and Mrs. Andre (Darnelle) Street of Owings Mills. Baby Lauren Maria tipped the scales weighing seven lbs, seven ozs. when she arrived on May 27 at the Greater Baltimore Medical Center. Baby's relatives were happy, too, including her big brother, Devin. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Elzie Street and Mrs. Doris Street; great-grands, Mrs. Lillie Street, Mrs. Betty Johnson and Mr. Roland Haywood, Sr., all of Baltimore.

Ms. Joyce B. Willis, a senior at Morgan State University, is spending her summer vacation attending an eight-week seminar on psychology at Princeton University. A member of Alpha Kappa Mu National Honor Society, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Willis of Baltimore.

The Williams Family Circle met for their national meetings held recently in Hartford, Conn. This year the group gathered at the home of Mrs. Josephine Mitchell Washington of Wilson, Conn.

Friday found the Williams Family Bus picking up different family members along the way, stopping in Richmond, Va., Baltimore, New York City and Greenwich, Conn. A cousin also flew in from Chicago to join them.

Members settled down at a motel where their rooms, all on the first floor, had individual patios facing the swimming pool.

On Saturday, "Cousin Josie" (Washington) had a Brunch-Tour of Hartford and dinner was served on her beautiful lawn, honoring three cousins who had birthdays. They were Mrs. Plassie Harris, Mrs. Jessie Harton and Willie Lassister.

The group was up early Sunday morning for a spiritual and uplifting service at Cousin Josie's church, Union Baptist, where the Rev. A. Roger Williams is pastor.

Following the service family members had their meeting and then dinner was served in the spacious dining room of the church.

A family spokesperson says the Williams Family Circle is about love and togetherness. Their great, great, great grandparents organized the first church in Chatham County, N.C.

This gathering was the 25th Anniversary as being organized as a club with elected officers and by-laws. The national meeting aims to keep our younger members informed of their heritage.

The group left Hartford, stopping in Newark, N.J. to visit with the oldest living member, aunt Ara Goodman.

In addition to the family from the Durham area, there were family members from Baltimore, Md.; Englewood, N.J.; Jersey City, East Orange, and Newark, N.J., Brooklyn, Long Island, Manhattan, the Bronx and Staten Island, N.Y. and Greenwich, Conn.

NATIONAL CLUB NOTES

Stork's Nest, project of Zeta

Zeta Phi Beta

Dr. Marjorie A. Costa, a recent initiate into Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, will lend her expertise to the national project, Stork's Nest.

Stork's Nest is an incentive program for expectant mothers to seek early and continuing pre-natal care, as well as an educational and training mechanism for the entire concept of parenting. Young mothers and prospective fathers will be involved in this clinical-social project. The long range goal of the sorority is to enhance the quality of life.

Working directly with the Special Projects director of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Dr. Costa will assist in forging this national program ahead.

Dr. Costa, M.P.H., D.M.A., is currently the assistant to the administrator for Community Affairs in HEW's Health Services Administration.

The first woman to head a major federal health program, when she served as director of HEW's National Center for Family Planning Services, her prior position.

In April, 1974, Southeastern University in Washington, D.C. conferred upon her the degree of Doctor of Management and Administration, honoris causa, in recognition of the "dedication and outstanding service that have made her one of this nation's pre-eminent health educators and for her many major contributions as a manager and administrator of wide-ranging national health programs in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare and other health agencies."

She serves on the faculty of Columbia University School of Public Health as instructor in Public Health Practice.

In 1973, Dr. Costa served as lead U.S. delegate to UN Seminar on the Status of Women and Family Planning, Jogjakarta, Indonesia; and, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

She is a member of American Public Health Association, Advisory Board of New York City Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services, Board secretary for the Brooklyn Psychiatric Centers, the latter two terms have ended.

She has been identified in WHO'S WHO IN AMERICA, 1972-74; WHO'S WHO IN THE EAST, 1972-74. Received Lyndon B. Johnson Health Complex Appreciation Award (1973), NCCJ Brotherhood Award, 1972. Publications include "Information and Education in U.S. Family Planning Programs;" and, "The Voice of the Community" with Francis C. Lindaman as co-author, latter publication for American Journal of Public Health, 1972.

Dr. Costa has been involved in Public Health work since 1962; and, she is especially sensitive to the problems that need special attention in Stork's Nest.

WISH helps area women under stress

A free, anonymous telephone counseling service for women called WISH is available in Baltimore.

WISH is for the woman who is under stress about herself, a personal or family relationship, a disappointment or loss. WISH provides trained volunteers, Monday thru Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (433-9400) by women and for all women who are feeling the pressures of the woman's role today.

WISH is now the co-producer of a women's public service program on WCAO to begin August 17, 11 p.m.

Workshops to focus on women

Who am I? Where am I going? How do I get there? These are the three basic questions Baltimore New Directions for Women, a career counseling and information center, will help women to answer in Focus Workshops to be held this fall.

These career guidance workshops, ranging in length from four to ten weeks, have proven to be a valuable first step for many women who are thinking about entering the world of work or who are seeking to change careers but lack the knowledge of the basic tools to make a successful transfer of skills.

Included in the courses are self and skills assessment, interest testing, career speakers from within the community, job-finding techniques and resume writing.

The courses will be put on by Goucher College and the YWCA in both day and evening sessions, Catonsville Community College and the Jewish Community Center. For further information call BNDW at 383-5579.

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