R.S.V.P. With Marie

By Marie P. COOKE
Reflections Editor

"Three too short weeks of easy livin' — that's how this writer spent her summer vacation — a few days in an adorable dollhouse apartment up Jersey way and the reaminder spent at HOME. But it's good to be back at the office . ... I kinda missed the old routine.

Reports of the town's happenings flooded this desk this week — each equally exciting — telling of affairs held this past weekend.

It was like old home week at the Powhatan Ave. home of Dr. and Mrs. I. B. Higgins on Friday evening.

Occasion was a sort of homecoming for their son and new daughter-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. I. B. Higgins Jr. (the former Christine Benson), of San Anselmo, Calif. They were on vacation and this was her first visit to Baltimore. Guests included parents of children he had grown up with and his friends.

Prior to coming here, they were at their summer home in Sag Harbor, L.I., and also visited her parents in Rochester.

Young Dr. Higgins is in his last year of residency in California. Mrs. Higgins is a registered nurse. In addition to the couple's Baltimore friends, here from out of town were the senior Higginses' daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E. Thomas Williams, of N.Y., and their daughters, Brooke and Eden Williams; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gilmore, Philadelphia; Mrs. Marilyn Womack and son, Leon, Oxen Hill, Md.; Mr. and Mrs. James McQuay, Mt. Vernon, N.Y.; Joseph Williams, D.C.; and Mrs. Ardrena Gimbel, Mt. Vernon.

Mr. Willie (Mary) Ledbetter was given a BIG surprise party by her husband, Bill, and children, Michael, Susan, Melvina, Chrystal and Derrick, on Saturday evening at their Paris Rd. home.

This was her first party in eight years. The affair was catered by Midge Gourment and was catered around the pool with all the trimmings, leis and flowers for the women.

Out of town guests from D.C. were the Phillip Duggers, Joe Sedgewicks and Miss Lena Sheard;

From Virginia, the Oscar Sampsons, Mathew Russells and Lawrence Ruff;

The William Reeds, Miss Rosalie Scovel, Miss Amy Shorter and James Owens from New Jersey.

An elegant champagne wedding reception was held Saturday afternoon for Dr. and Mrs. Robert Lloyd (Mrs. Iris Mapp) at the Copely Rd. home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert (Deana) Brown.

Hosts and hostesses were friends and club sisters of the bride and their husbands — Mr. and Mrs. Walter (Hellena) Edmonds, Mr. and Mrs. Sherlock (Ivy) Grinage, Mrs. Ada Weaver, Ernest Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. John Peterson (IDA).

Out-of-town guests included Dr. Lloyd's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Lloyd of Reisterstown; sons, John and Ralph Lloyd, Durham, N.C.; Miss Joan Partwood, Durham; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lamar, Mrs. Placide Roberts, all of D.C.; Mr. and Mrs. B. Conway Taylor, Severna Park; Dr. and Mrs. Charles Hobelman, Towson.

Baltimoreans who are members of Jerusalem Temple No. 4 and Jerusalem Ct. No. 1 Daughters of Isis are still singing praises of fellow delegates to the national Shrine Convention in New Orleans last month.

They write that Ill. Comm. Annie W. Johnson and First Lt. Dt. Irene Boyer kept busy attending meetings so as to hear how others are conducting their charity and scholarship drives and to report on the activities of the work done by the daughters in Baltimore.

Baltimore delegates brought back first place certificates for leading in contributions to the March of Dimes and recognition for our contributions to the Anna M. Hunter Home for the Blind.

The Daughters were in attendance at the beautiful luncheon and fashion show. The proceeds are used for scholarships to help the "C" student in school.

Baltimore area delegates were well represented. Daughter Bernice Brunson represented Baltimore in the fashion show. Our writer reports she captured the audience as she so elegantly modeled several of her own beautiful outfits. "The applause is still ringing in our ears."

Baltimore delegates also contributed to another worthwhile activity, a Student Fund Banquet. This is to make available funds to help needy youngsters to remain in school.

A Baltimore delegate who is doing an outstanding job with a remarkable group of young people, the Isisettes was cited. She is Daughter Constance Ridgely, Directress of Isisorettes of Jerusalem Court No. 1.

The group won second place in the Youth drills. Dt. Ridgely was so proud of them that she held an awards presentation program at their convention site. There wasn't a dry eye in the room.

In attendance was Ill. Comm. Annie W. Johnson and many Daughters; Ill. Pot. Melvin Jones Sr. and many nobles and parents and friends.

Dt. Ridgely had the girls to present their mothers with flowers and also flowers to Ill, Comm. Annie Johnson and Dt. Janie Wright.

Each girl received a trophy. Some of them received plaques for various things. Dt. Ridgely gave tokens to the Daughters and parents who worked so hard along with her.

Ill. Pot. Melvin Jones Sr. spoke to the groups and praised them for their accomplishments and urged them to continue to work even harder and show everyone that they can reach top place.

All of those who spoke to these young people encouraged them along these lines. We have to keep working. We have to want to do things to keep the image of youth in its right place, "at the top."

Dts. Constance Ridgely and Sadie Johnson, Willie Eure, Berniece Burrows and the many others who worked with the committee and the Isisettes made all of us glad. We could show what can be done with our youth of today and Dt. Ridgely is the one who cares enough to want the best for them and demonstrated it at this beautiful tribute.

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COLUMBIA CAPERS

Kappas open fall season

By Pimmie L. Ross
AFRO Correspondent

Over 300 well-dressed guests responded to the beautiful invitations sent out by the Columbia Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity when they opened the fall social season with a champagne dinner theatre party.

The party was held at Columbia's Garland Dinner Theatre Sunday night.

The weather was just perfect for the beautiful fall colors that were ushered in by the lovely ladies. "How Green Was My Brownie" was the comedy play which kept the guests chuckling through the evening.

Among the guests were three past Grand Polemarchs: Dr. and Mrs. W. Thomas Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Davenport, and Dr. W. Henry "Stud" Greene and guest, all of Washington, D.C.

Each of the Metropolitan Baltimore and Washington area Alumni Chapters was represented by their Polemarch or representatives, namely Mr. and Mrs. William Johnson, Aberdeen; Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Massie, Annapolis; Dr. and Mrs. James F. Cooper, Baltimore; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Jefferson, Silver Spring; and Dr. and Mrs. Oscar Mims, Washington, D.C.

Special accolades to the Chapter Program Committee, responsible for the success of the affair. Dr. Ernest Colvin chaired the committee ably assisted by Charles Price, Dr. Roy Bronner, Walter Lewis, Donald Hogan, and Col. Claude Ligon.

William A. Ross is the retiring Polemarch of the Chapter and is being replaced by Col. Ligon on Sept 20.

God is Alive Through Faith of Christian Women" will be the theme for the third annual Women's Day at St. John's Baptist Church, Sunday, Sept. 21.

Guest speaker for the 11 a.m. service will be dynamic Dr. Agnes Alston, associate minister, Gillis Memorial Christian Community Church, Baltimore.

A special women's choir directed by Fredericka Matthews will furnish the music. Guest soloist will be charming Mrs. Kay High, a Baltimore County school teacher and member of Morning Star Baptist Church, Catonsville.

Speaking of the annual Women's Day, A note came in the mail yesterday from one of the nicest ladies I've known throughout the years, Mrs. Amy Warden, our adopted mother. She is chairlady of her Women's Day at Mt. Olivet Methodist Church, Catonsville, Sept. 28, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. It will be indeed a pleasure, or should I say an extreme privilege, to be present and appear on her afternoon program.

Thought for Today

"God is love, and he who abides in love, abides in God, and God abides in him."

Fashion show benefits scholarship fund

The 18th annual EBONY Fashion Fair will appear in Baltimore at the Carl Murphy Fine Arts Building on Oct. 11. The traveling fashion show is being sponsored here by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and will benefit its scholarship fund.

The theme of this year's show is "The Natural Feeling."

Some of the famous designers whose garments will be featured in the show are Marc Bohan for Christian Dior, Balestra, St. Laurent, Ungaro, Guy Laroche, Karl Lagerfeld for Chloe and Calvin Klein.

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Black designers include Stephen Burrows, Jack Fuller for Nuance, James Daugherty, Scott Barrie for Barrie Sports and Willi Smith.

The show consists of some 200 fashions complete with accessories, 10 female models, two male models, a commentator, music director, stage and business managers and wardrobe staff.

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Charlene Cooper, chairman of the benefit performance, indicates ticket sales are going exceptionally well and expects an even larger attendance than last year. For ticket information, call Mrs. Alphonso Parks, ticket chairman, 945-3330 or Ms. Cooper, 566-8271 or 396-6707.

Delta Sigma Theata, with more than 85,000 members and 515 chapters was founded 62 years ago and grew from twenty-one young women at Howard University. Baltimore alumnae has now grown to more than 500 graduate college women living in the Baltimore area. They have six significant public service programs, five of which are the National Five Point Program Thrusts. Programs include: Educational Development, Economic Development, Youth Development, Social Action, Mental Health and Housing and Community Development.

The Sponsorship and Scholarship Programs are the reasons for Baltimore Delta's involvement in the Ebony Fashion Fair. The proceeds from the show make these programs possible. For more than 30 years the Baltimore Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta, Inc., has provided educational sponsorship and scholarships for young women and men in the Baltimore area.

Over the years, the sponsorship-scholarship programs have awarded over $15,000. From the small scholarships of $75 to $200 for tuition in the 1940's, today a sponsoree may receive assistance up to $2,000 a year or a scholarship as much as $500. The amounts and kinds of support given by the sorority depend upon the circumstance and need of the recipient.

Holy Land trip is Oct. 3-5

Bethlehem and Jerusalem, recreated at Waterbury, Connecticut, will be visited on a bus trip sponsored by the YWCA, 1912 Madison Ave., Friday to Sunday, Oct. 3 to 5.

The fee of $49.50 includes transportation and hotel room. Deposit is due by September 19.

Information may be obtained by calling 669-1881.

College Park children's dance classes

The University of Maryland Dance Department, College Park, is offering children's dance classes, grades 1 to 6.

Grades 1 and 2 will meet 4:45 p.m., Mondays; grades 3 and 4, 4:45 p.m., Wednesdays; grades 5 and 6, 5:5:45 p.m., Wednesdays.

The 12 class series will begin Sept. 22. For tuition and other details call 454-4056 or 454-4656.

Counseling, discussion groups begin

Family and Children's Society will be offering a series of counseling and discussion groups for adults in a program planned to meet community needs.

On Sept. 16 at 7 p.m. women who are over 25 years of age are invited to join a 10-week discussion group on "Understanding and Coping." The group will meet in the board room of Family and Children's Society at 204 W. Lanvale St. Leader will be Mrs. Marion Banfield.

Mr. Fredia Coleman and Miss Joan Ephross will be cotherapists for a multi-family group beginning on Sept. 23. Mrs. Ephross will be the group leader for fathers and mothers who will come together to discuss effective ways of communicating with their children and each other. This parents' group will start on Oct. 6.

"Coping Effectively as a Human" will be the focus for 10 sessions for women between the ages of 18 and 25 years of age. Mrs. Coleman, group leader, will start sessions on Oct. 6.

For registration and further information call Mrs. Ephross, ACSW, 669-9000.

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AFRO bridal register

Bridges-Johnson

In a double ring ceremony, Miss Denise Johnson and Willie Ray Bridges exchanged marriage vows on Aug. 30 at City Temple of Baltimore. The Rev. W. W. Payne officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Hortense Brittingham of Vincent Lane. Mr. Bridges is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Bridges of Sharon, Pa.

Given in marriage by her cousin, Calvin Howard, the bride wore an ivory knit gown and carried a bouquet of yellow roses and baby's breath. Her veil was trimmed with ivory chiffon.

The couple's attendants were Sydney Burnett, maid of honor; Thelbert Wallace, best man;

Bridesmaids, Winnie Bridges, Shelly Evans, Michele Elsey and Candy Siller, all of Baltimore; ushers, Eddie West, Jim Gillan, Arthur Pitts of Baltimore and William Lee of Hyattsville, Md.; flower girl, Pamela Greer, ringbearer, Zachary Bridges.

A reception followed at the Milbrook Park Center.

The bride is a graduate of Northwestern High School and formerly employed by the Penn Nary-land Steamship Co.

Mr. Bridges attended the public schools in Sharon and was graduated from Towson State College. He is currently employed as a quality control engineer at Magnavox in Ft. Wayne, Ind.

The couple is at home in Ft. Wayne.

Cunningham-Nichols

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Nichols have announced the marriage of their daughter, Carla Patricia to Michael Cleveland Cunningham.

The double ring ceremony took place July 19 at Faith Baptist Church. The Rev. Walter E. Paige officiated.

Serving as the bride's maid of honor was Beverly Fontain of Chester, Pa.

Best man was Edward T. Cunningham of Baltimore.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of white organza. She carried a bouquet of white roses and baby's breath.

Bridesmaids were Karen Nicholson, Cherylann and Teresa Cunningham, Angela Green and Patricia Williams, all of Baltimore; Angela Tilley, Columbia; Allora Goode of Baltimore was the junior bridesmaid.

Flower girl was Denise Smith.

Ushers included: Kevin Cunningham, Phillip Cunningham, Howard Nicholson, Marshall Ferebee, Michael DuDusl, all of Baltimore; Andre Moore and Juan Clavon, Carlton Young, Detroit, Mich.

Ringbearer was Michael Cockrell of La Puenta, Calif.

A reception followed in the church hall where some 400 guests were present.

The bride is a graduate of Douglass High School and is currently attending Morgan State University.

Mr. Cunningham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Cunningham Jr., is also a Douglass High School graduate and is attending Coppin State College.

The couple is now at home on Wheeler Ave. following a wedding trip to Atlantic City, N.J.

Morgan-Miller

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Miller have announced the marriage of their daughter, Deborah Renee, to Jacques Lamont Morgan.

The marriage was performed on June 14 at the Mt. Holley home of the bride's parents.

The Rev. James Fowler officiated at the single ring ceremony. The bride was given in marriage by her father.

The couple's attendants were Donna Miller, the bride's sister, maid of honor and Jamal Harthorn, best man.

The couple is now at their St. George's residence following a wedding trip to New York City and Virginia.

The new Mrs. Morgan is a graduate of Edmondson High School. Mr. Morgan, son of Mr. and Mrs James Morgan, is a graduate of Mervo Technical High School.

Ferrell-Davis

Miss Margaret J. Davis repeated marriage vows with John Robert Ferrell on July 26 at Wayland Baptist Church.

The Rev. Darnell Johnson officiated the double ring ceremony.

Given in marriage by her brother, Nathaniel Johnson, the bride wore a traditional wedding gown. Serving as her maid of honor was Annie Lewis.

Best man was James Ferrell of Princeton, N.C. Other attendants included Janet Johnson, bridesmaid; Hope Griffin, flower girl and Curtis Johnson, ring bearer.

A reception followed at the Rogers Ave. home of the bride.

The bride is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. David Johnson. The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Essie Ferrell of Woodland Ave.

Smith-Hawkins

Mr. and Mrs. George S. Hawkins have announced the marriage of their daughter, Brenda Gayle to Michael O. Smith.

The marriage ceremony was performed on Aug. 23 at the St. Matthews United Methodist Church.

Serving as the bride's maid of honor was her sister, Miss Cynthia Hawkins. Bridesmaids were Julie Smith, Patricia Smith, Debbie Hawkins, Teresa Hawkins and Robyn Riggs. Danielle Collier and Linda Holloway were the flower girls.

Ronald Smith was the best man. Ushers were Nathaniel Smith Jr., Eric Bradley, George Hawkins Jr., Boyd Hawkins and Alvin Watkins Sr. Ringbearers were Clarence Complere Jr. and Alvin Watkins Jr.

A reception followed at the Winchester Armory.

Mitchell engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Mitchell of Baltimore have announced the engagement of their daughter, Janet Lauretta Alston to Joseph Hall Jr., son of Mrs. Otelia Wiley of Glen Burnie and the late Joseph E. Hall Sr.

Tucker-Chandler

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Chandler have announced the marriage of their daughter, Patricia Ann, to Steven Willie Tucker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Adolphus Harding.

The double ring ceremony was held Aug. 16 at the Patterson Avenue AME Zion Church. The Rev. William Contee Truss officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Serving the bride as her maid of honor was Miss Pamela Davis. Bridesmaids were Vicki Harding, Alberta Briggs, Stephanie Owens, Elizabeth Briggs, Shirley Goodman, Floretta Wilson, Tonya Topp was the flower girl.

Best man was Earlee Wright. Ushers included Tyrome Harding, Robert June, Gregory Harding, Jefferson Turner Jr., Tony Williams. Adam Harding was ring bearer.

A lawn reception followed at the Loch Raven Blvd. home of the bride's godmother, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Tripp.

The bride is a 1974 graduate of Western High School and is currently studying at Morgan State University.

Mr. Tucker is a graduate of McDonough School, Harvard University and is now enrolled at the University of Md. Medical School.

MR. AND MRS. MICHAEL SMITH
former Miss Brenda G. Hawkins
(AFRO photo by Roman Hankewycz)

MR. AND MRS. REMUS GIBSON
marked 50th wedding anniversary
(AFRO photo by Roman Hankewycz)

MISS JANET L. ALSTON
engagement announced
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MRS. STEVEN W. TUCKER
former Miss Patricia Ann Chandler

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Union meets, discusses $8.66 pay raise

By Marjorie R. Green
AFRO Correspondent

Representatives of Maryland's Congressional delegation met early this past Monday morning with officers and members of AFGE (AFL-CIO) Union Locals at the Baltimore-Hilton Hotel.

The meeting began with a breakfast hosted by AFGE Local 123 and was followed by a press conference covering some of the major issues currently confronting government employees.

High on the agenda was the "Federal Pay Raise" and President Ford's "Alternative Pay Plan," calling for five per cent rather than the 8.66 per cent recommended by his agent.

Under this plan the federal employee who is already receiving less than his private enterprise counterpart seemingly will be sacrificed in an effort to stabilize the nation's economic situation.

Louis Zawatzky, recently retired SSA executive, presided over the breakfast and press conference. He warned the group about contracting jobs out to private industry. He stated that, "Government jobs should be kept with government employees and contracting should be kept at a minimum."

Speaking at the breakfast table, Congressman Parren J. Mitchell suggested that, "A lot of pressure has to be put on the Congress to make it responsive to the wants and needs of the federal employee." He assured those present that the government will respond "if the people decide to act."

National executive vice-president, Dennis Garrison, referred to federal employees as "scapegoats" in President Ford's bid for reelection. He stated he believes the Congress will override the President's "Alternative Pay Plan" and emphasized the importance of letters and telephone calls to the members of Congress.

Sympathetic support was also extended by the other invited congressional representatives.

AFL-CIO union representatives who attended the meeting pledged to help federal employees preserve their dignity even if it meant resorting to picket lines.

Major H. Travis, Washington, D.C. union official, reiterated the sentiments and statements of Congressman Mitchell, adding that he grew up fighting and advised the federal employees to. "Hang right in there — Don't give up the fight until the last man falls."

Listening to the affirmative action plans of the committed union leaders convinced us that the federal employees will receive the 8.66 per cent pay raise in early October.

Eleaner L. Anderson, SSA, was breakfast chairperson.

AFGE Local 1923 officers are: Joseph Rosenberg, president; Helen G. Tucker, first vice president, Barbara A. Huff, second vice-president; Richard A. Jett, third vice-president; Harold D. Roof, fourth vice-president.

Vice-Presidents - at - Large: Avis Fagan, Ronald L. Frampton, Elaine Minnick, Evelyn Simmons; chief steward, Mary T. Thompson.

Treasurer, Stanley J. Starr; secretary, Eleaner L. Anderson; sergeant-at-arms, Sandra Jones.

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Citizen's medal for Hanley

On Sept. 13, the Mary land chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution will present its "Distinguished Citizen Medal" to Thomas O'Brien Hanley, S.J., for his historical writing on Charles Carroll of Carrollton. Presiding at the ceremonies is Warren A. Burdette, president of the Maryland Chapter.

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