R.S.V.P. With Marie

By Marie P. COOKE
Reflections Editor

Seventeen was the lucky number for the Oxford Street Improvement Assocl., Inc. as the group celebrated its 17th anniversary at a gala dinner affair recently. The 100 strong guests who came out to commemorate the occasion are still spreading kind words about Mrs. Enolis Mc Millian, NAACP president, who presided and William Perkins, president of the organization.

President Perkins reports that the anniversary celebration was a smashing success. Some five certificates of merit were presented to local leaders, namely Congressman Parren J. Mitchell, Hon. Joseph C. Howard, Clarence Mitchell, Jr., U.S. director, NAACP Bureau, Washington, D.C.; the Rev. Vernon N. Dobson, and Geraldine Goldstein, community organizer, department of Housing and Community Development.

Guests represented persons from every walk of life. Some 11 organizations sent representatives as well as many city agencies.

Mr. Perkins says he feels there should be more organizations presenting merits and appreciations to our leaders. "This is the only way little people can show their appreciation to those who are doing a job for all citizens and not for a hand-picked few."

Those who helped make up the program were Father John R. Sullivan of St. Mary's Seminary; Lorraine P. King and Dladys W. Davis, who provided the music; Edward Moore, chief of sanitation.

Here's another report on a recent happening in town:

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert M. Madden recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at the Auility Inn in Towson. Some 130 guests gathered there to congratulate them.

Mrs. Catherine S. Madden mother of Mr. Madden was the toastmistress. The Maddens have nine children, 19 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Their children are James, Robert, Gerald Ernest, Margaret, Joan Madden; Catherine Watkins, Jean Henderson and Sandra Demby.

Mrs. Madden was lovely in a pale yellow chiffon gown trimmed in sequins and pearls. Her corsage of orchids was specially made for her.

Members of the family seated at the head table were James Madden, and Mrs. Franklin Watkins, the two oldest children; Mrs. Eleanore Howard, Mrs. Clarence Ghee, Mrs. Edith Williams, sisters of Mr. Madden; Mrs. Leon Copleton, sister of Mrs. Madden; Mrs. Catherine S. Madden, mother of Mr. Madden, and the Rev. Mrs. Creola Rice, pastor of their church, Gough Methodist Church.

Following dinner, a special prayer was given by the pastor to the honorees.

Mr. and Mrs. Purcell Kelly rendered two musical selection. Mr. Parker and Mrs. Walter Brewster dedicated a melody of original songs. Carey Jackson highlighted some of the important events that had occurred inthe honorees lives.

The-of-town guests present were Mr. and Mrs. Ruffin Watkins, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Glover, Franklin Watkins and his guest of New York City; Mr. and Mrs. Purcell Kelly of Wilmington, Del.

COLUMBIA CAPERS

Area Links open year; baby Walden christened

By Pinale L. Ross
AFRO Columnist

The Columbia Chapter of Links Inc. had their first fall meeting last Friday evening at the home of Suzanne D. Price on Open Sky in the Village of Wilde Lake.

Each member received a special invitation sent by the hostess in the green and white colors of the organization.

As members passed through the foyer they saw a live bouquet of white and green flowers. The meeting was conducted downstairs in the clubroom where Mrs. Price served green cocktails.

The meeting was opened by President Celonia Walden with a poem titled "What Is a President?" After discussing various aspects of the organizational structure, each member volunteered to work on more than one segment of the organization; then the meeting was adjourned.

Hostess Suzanne served a delicious buffet repast — still using the Links' colors, another live centerpiece was placed on a white lace tablecloth with green backing. Members were served on green plates. What a colorful menu — miniature pieces of chicken, green mold, Smithfield ham, and backfin crab salad placed on large green leaves, after which she served green and white ice cream cake with coffee. (How about that for a colorful menu?)

The Columbia Links members will help celebrate the Black Caucus Week activity. Some will attend the mid-week affair — dinner, reception; but the majority will attend the luncheon fashion show sponsored by the spouses of the Caucus members, Saturday, Sept. 27, at the Sheraton Park Hotel, in D.C. Fashions will be provided by Saks Fifth Avenue. Mrs. Alma E. Rangel is chairperson.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Columbia section, will sponsor its Fall Round-up, Saturday over a luncheon held at the Carriage House on Route 40. Mrs. Ruth Feldon is the president.

Don't forget Dr. Agnes Alston, associate pastor of Gillis Memorial Church, Baltimore, will be the guest speaker at the third annual Women's Day, held at St. John Baptist Church at 11 a.m., September 21. Mrs. Kay High will be the guest soloist. The public is invited.

Bapusm was held Sunday at Bethel AME Church for Thomas Walden Jr., son of Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Walden. The ceremony was conducted by Dr. John R. Bryant.

Godparents for little Thomas Jr., are Celonia C. Walden and Brenda Cunningham; Dr. Emerson C. Walden Jr., is the godfather.

Witnessing the baptism was great grandfather Henry T. Banks of Washington, D.C. Little Thomas Jr., is in the fourth generation.

Proud grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Emerson C. Walden Sr., Columbia; and Mr. and Mrs. Cleophus King of Washington, D.C.

After the baptism, a reception was held at the grandparents home, Dr. and Mrs. Emerson C. Walden. Blue was the color scheme for the reception. "God Bless Thomas" was inscribed on a white cake with a blue cross.

The grandparents were presented with a Grandparent Brag Book.

A Prayer For Today

Lord Jesus Christ, you always have time for us. Help us this day to practice what you have taught us, and to do it gladly, in Your name.

Thought for Today

"When we follow the Master, we will be influenced by His concern for all people." — Leif Reigstad

PRINCE HALL HONOREES— When Prince Hall Masons opened their 200th anniversary celebration on Sunday with an awards banquet, persons pictured here were among honorees. left panel, N.Y. Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm, right, who got the Prince Hall Legislative Award. chats with AFRO Publisher Elizabeth Murphy Moss, who received the Public Affairs Award. All told some 200 individuals and organization were cited. At right, Rear Admiral Samuel Gravely, Richmond; Gen. Edwin R. Warfield, commander Md. National Guard and Mrs. Warfield. (Both men received Armed Services Award); and Col. William (Box) Harris, who got the Gen. George Gelston Law Enforcement Award. as did Milton B. Allen, not pictured.

(AFRO staff photo by Benjamin M. Phillips IV)

WOODLAWN HIGHLIGHTS

Full figures look good, model shows styles off

By Marjorie R. Green
AFRO Correspondent

A woman named Lou wearing the latest fashions in size 22 emerged as the star of the recent fashion show, presented by the Senior Usher Board of Concord Baptist Church.

Mrs. Louise Blanding, member of the sponsoring group proved that the woman with full figure can be just as fashionable as the tall, slim model.

She promenaded with as much grace and control as the talented Linda Stewart, professional teenage model who was making her second appearance with the popular KLW models.

"Artartus" Baltimore's fantastic commentator and model made all aware that Louise Blanding was a natural born star.

"She doesn't need anyone to say anything when she appears on the scene. Louise does it all!" he commented as the audience responded with thunderous applause.

Appearing in the same show were models, Harold Brightful, Elsie Mackey, Doris Street, Elnora White, Mamie Jones, Corliss Corprew, Carlos Lindsay and little Roble Scott.

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Last week we met and talked with two graduates of the (WTO) Workers Trainee Opportunity Program. The WTO is a 15-week Adult Basic Education program conducted by the Community College of Baltimore.

Social Security Administration employee participating in the program were hired on the basis of their application. The program offers the same benefits and opportunities that all Federal employees enjoy.

Graduate, Sandra West, mother of two children, Cheryl, 10 and Karen, 8, works in the Paca Pratt building. She has been working nine months in the downtown building.

Mrs. Ruby Barron another graduate also works in the Paca Pratt building. Her six-year-old son, Brettdeon attends James McHenry Elementary School in W. Baltimore.

She is a member of Morning Star Baptist Church. The Rev. Samuel Rev is the the pastor.

Happy birthday greetings to all the Virgo's in town: Special greetings to Ruby Shaw, Algenora Prince, Edward Gray, and Frank Roseborough who celebrates his birthday on the same day as the writer, Sept. 22.

We invite all our readers who are looking for something to do on Sept. 22 to stop by Concord Baptist Church, 5204 Liberty Heights Ave., and join in a special fellowship service with the ushers of Concord and the Ushers of Southern Baptist Church. The service begins at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Nathaniel Higgs will deliver the sermon.

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Send news items c/o Woodlawn Highlights P.O. Box 785, Baltimore, Maryland 21203

Catonsville Notes

By Liz Williams
AFRO Correspondent

Send sympathy cards to the families of Mrs. Hattie Bates. Robert Williams and Raymond Smith, Catonsville residents, who died recently.

Send get well cards to Mrs. Marie (Ernest) Johnson, who has been a patient at Provident Hospital and to Mr. William Talbott, longtime resident of Druid Hill Ave., and the father of Lucille Talbott Williams.

You may also remember a shut in by paying a visit or making a phone call.

An appreciation dinner honoring Mrs. Rhoda M. Jones was given by members of the Trustees Board of Grace A.M.E. Church.

We all know Mrs. Jones as the owner of "Jones Store" on Old Frederick

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Druid Hill YMCA talent show

The Druid Hill YMCA is sponsoring a city wide talent show on Oct. 4 at 3 p.m.

Interested persons may audition on Sept. 16, 17 and 18 in the all-purpose room of the Druid Hill "Y," 1619 Druid Hill Ave. at 8 p.m each night.

Judges will be nine of Baltimore's most prominent citizens in the field of entertainment.

Between 1972 and 1980, the civilian labor force 16 years old and over is projected to increase by nearly 13.3 million, reaching 99.3 million in 1980, reports the U.S. Department of Labor.

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AFRO bridal register

She's engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Desper Dee Brooks of Windsor Hills, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Paula Montrose Brooks to Jerome Wartha Guest, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Guest of Baltimore.

Miss Brooks is a graduate of Western High School and Morgan State University and is employed by the Baltimore Sunpapers as a retail display advertising representative. Miss Brooks is a former AFRO employee, having worked on the City Desk and in the Clean Block and Women's departments.

Mr. Guest is a graduate of Merganthaler High School and the University of Maryland. He is corrently completing his requirements for a master's degree in Education at Maryland.

He teaches in the Baltimore City Public Schools and works at the AFRO in the mechanical department.

An early November wedding is planned.

55th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson Foster marked their 55th wedding anniversary on Aug. 23. The couple has 12 children, 20 grandchildren and four great-grands.

Austin-Boyd

The Muslim wedding of Miss Sonia Maria Boyd and Edward Louis Austin Jr., was performe at the Eutaw Community Garden Center on Aug. 2. The officiating clergyman was Minister Omar.

Given in marriage by her father, Nathaniel Boyd, the bride was attended by La-Shirlie Harper, maid of honor, and Roslyn Lyles, matron of honor.

Bridesmaids were Juanvia, Glenda, Aquilla, Yolanda, Phadelma, Vicky and Jewell. Jarwnya and Sheriwka were flower girls.

Attending the bridegroom was David Johnson, best man; ushers were Alonza, Millard, Ira, Randell and Michael. Quanita and Keith were ring bearers.

A buffet dinner reception followed the double ring ceremony. Some 400 guests attended.

Double wedding

In an Islamic ceremony performed by Lewis Omar, Misses Wyteasa and Mylesa Stinnette, 17, exchanged vows with Elijah Hammett and Delmar L. Grafton, respectively.

The marriages were held Aug. 16 at the Eutaw Gardens Community Building. The brides were given in marriage by their father, Howard E. Stinnette.

Mr. Hammett's best man was Otis Cosby. Michael Lewis attended Mr. Grafton.

Maids of honor were Marrimau Clutton and Sirleta Stinette. Matrons of honor were Sharon White and Lachila Terry.

Bridesmaids were New Tonya Goter, Regina Deanes, Mytokia Frank, Phadelma McCoy, Veronica Lindsey, Verlinda Boyd, Pamela Spencer and Sylvia Boyd.

Junior bridesmaids included Claudette Kostuck, Deana Darlene, Collic Williams, Linda Felder, Kadjak Omar, Tarkah Omar and Rabiah Omar.

Flower girls were Tina Jackson, Tarina Jackson, Frank Sultana and Wenila Stinnett. Ring bearers were Blake Kelly, Jennifer Williams; Dwayne Jackson and Decador Stinnette.

Other male attendants were Michael Brown, Randall Gilliam, Alonzo Randall and James Williams.

MISS PAULA M. BROOKS
engagement announced

Thomas-Lloyd

Mrs. Arlene Lloyd has announced the marriage of her daughter, Roxanne Marie to Sgt. Norman R. Thomas Jr. The wedding was performed by the Rev. Ernest Humphrey, pastor of First Christian Community Baptist Church on Aug. 2 at the Hillview Rd. home of the bride's parents.

The bride was given in marriage by her cousin, Victor Jones.

Miss Eula Jennings was the maid of honor. Edilfe M. Hemriequese served as best man.

Bridesmaids were Patricia Barlon, Vaness Gicep and Priscilla Thomas. Celestine Lloyd was the flower girl.

Victor Gillespie, a cousin of the bridegroom, was the ring bearer.

A reception followed after which the couple left for a honeymoon in the Bahamas.

The new Mrs. Thomas is a graduate of Northwestern High School. Sgt. Thomas, son of Mrs. Evelyn Thomas. is a product of Walbrook High. He is stationed in Fort Knox, Ky.

MR. AND MRS. JEFFERSON FOSTER
marked 55th wedding anniversary
(AFRO photo by Roman Hankewycz)

TWINS SISTERS WED—Twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Howard E. Stinnette exchanged marriage vows on Aug. 16 at the Eutaw Gardens Community Building. Wyteasa married Elijah Hammett and Mylesa married Delmar L. Grafton.
(AFRO Photo by Roman Hankewycz)

Marriage Licenses

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BONELLA-PERRY — Joseph L., 23, 716 E. 33rd; Catherine L., 17, 1211 Wohler.

BOYD-JACKSONS — Johnnie E., 24, 4807 Kimberleigh; Denise L., 22, 4910 St. Georges.

BAINBRIDGE - MOUNTCASTLE — John S. Bainbridge; 29, Baltimore County; Anne C., 27, 3333 N. Charles.

BENNETT-SENGER — Dennis R., 19, 2816 Clifton; Patricia D., 16, 3013 Belair.

BOND-UTSEY — Melvin T., 21, 3109 Glenn; Ruby M., 21, 409 Poplar Grove

WILLIAMS-HUBBARD — Anthony G., 21, 518 N. Chapel; Donna M., 19.

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WHEELER-MASON — David L., 23, Baltimore County; Annette M., 21.

WILSON-SINGLETON — Roderick D., 19, 1222 Oakhurst; Leah I., 19, 1516 N. Fulton.

DAVIS-CHAMPION — Leon B., 20, Palmetto, Fla.; Felicia L., 16, 308 N. Stricker.

THRASH-JROWN — William L., 20, 1302 N. Aisquith; Patricia A., 24.

STYLES-LOWE — Kelly R., 20, Fort Meade, Md.; Rosa M., 17, 2018 E. Biddle.

ROBERTS-STOKES — Rayner, 23, 3300 N. Dennison; Ruth R., 24.

PARKER-REEDER — Raymond W., 28, 1347 N. Carey; Mamie E., 26, 3811 Lewin.

MULLINS-QUINN — Jesse, 30, 3923 Inner Circle; Maureen A., 23, 5879 Belair.

MORGAN-TALLEY — Robert, 37, 906 N. Kennwood; Irene A., 37.

MITCHELL-MATTHEWS — Robert E., 34, 5303 Eastbury; Philomena R., 33, 4104 Wentworth.

JUBB-CASTER — Gerald T., 26, 243 S. Ellwood; Sarah E., 32, 439 N. Kennwood.

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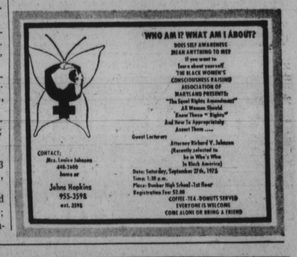

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SOUTH BALTIMORE NOTES

ANSWERS to your inquiries

By Walter W. E. Hill
Afro Correspondent

In answer to the inquiries received in reference to the new homes to be built in Mt. Winans:

First, as previously stated, there are 250 for sale. The prices range from $25,000 or less, depending on the model and extras. Former residents are most welcome, especially those who were relocated.

The styles run from single, duplex, row and cluster. Some with cellars if desired. Requests are to be made as soon as possible by calling the secretary, Mary German at 727-6447 or Mr. Hill at 837-8177.

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Happy birthday greetings are extended to Miss Brenda Price, Mrs. Isabelle Miller, Mrs. Izetta Bryan, Miss Cecilia O. Fenwick, the Rev. Sis, Sarah Johnson and daughter Denise. Mrs. Myrna Brooks. Miss Sharon Oglesby and Eric Houston.

Belated greetings to Mrs. Venie West, Mrs. Maggie Carter, Mrs. Barbara E. Mott, Mrs. Charlotte Marshall, Mrs. Catherine Johnson, Mrs. Mattie Carter, Mrs. Barbara Hill, Mrs. Jacqueline Gamble and James Barnes.

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Sorry to learn that Mr. and Mrs. Coleman Moore, 2517 Ridgely St., lost their belongings in a bedroom fire.

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Send get-well cards to Mrs. Mertina Blocker, Mrs. Dorothy Thompson and Mrs. Edith Allen.

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A dinner and show will be held by the Mt. Winans CIG on Nov. 9 at the Garland Theatre. Buses will leave from the Mt. Winans Elementary School Mrs. Margaret Spencer is chairperson.

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The Southern District Police Community Relations Council invites you to attend its meeting which will be held on the third Wednesday of each month. Time 7:30 p.m.

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