City grass roots leader goes on a month-long trip to China

Mrs. Zerita Thrower Skates, a teacher of 26 years, leaves the first week in February for a month-long visit in the People's Republic of China.

The United States-China People's Friendship Association selected her as their delegate for the extensive trip. There will be 23 other persons going from the Eastern Seaboard with a stopover in Alaska and Japan before flying to China.

A longtime leader on the "grass roots" level, Mrs. Skates will look at the Eastern nations from that point of view.

Briefly, she states her philosophy thus:

"Persons on the grass roots level should have self determination and control over their destiny.

"It is entirely up to relevant and courageous adults to steer youth in the proper direction.

"All community and human resources should be pooled to see that the youth are utilizing their talents and abilities to the fullest potential."

She also believes that spokesmen for the people should be selected by the people and should act at all times in the best interest of the people.

"Black citizens should continuously work for total liberation. "Aluta Continua" — the struggle continues," she says.

Mrs. Skates has traveled in Mexico, Canada, the Bahamas and to the mid-west as far as Omaha, Nebraska.

While in Nebraska, she worked with the American Friends Service Committee in an organization that was the forerunner of the Peace Corps.

This group was called the "Peace Caravan." The members of the Peace Caravan stayed in Omaha, Nebraska from June to September mingling with and communicating with all facets of the community.

They were involved in giving about 75 lectures and speeches on radio programs, Kiwanis clubs, Boys Town and many other social, religious and community groups. They wrote weekly editorials in the "World Herald" newspaper.

Mrs. Skates has learned to speak and read Swahili and yearns to learn other languages. She feels this is a necessity since the world has grown smaller and whatever happens in one part of the world affects all of us no matter where we are.

Mrs. Skates was born in Baltimore and attended the public schools here. She received a B.S. degree from Coppin Teachers College and M.Ed. from Johns Hopkins University. She is married to Robert W. Skates and has a daughter and granddaughter.

Mrs. Skates, teaching 26 years, is presently the reading resource teacher at Grove Park Elementary School No. 224.

She has helped to train teachers in the Right-to-Read program at Morgan and Johns Hopkins University.

Being an ardent community worker and activist, she has worked with many community organizations. Her philosophy in life is to be of service to the people.

She is a member of The Ettitons (a social club), NAACP, Provident Community Mental Health Advisory Board, City Advisory Council of the American Lung Association, The Arena Players Inc.

In addition she is a biweekly volunteer at the Women's Detention Center and on the staff of The Black Dispatch newspaper.

She was a member of Lambda Kappa Mu, Iota Chapter and an officer in a Johns Hopkins Fraternity-Phi Delta Gamma, Gamma Chapter.

In 1974 she ran for an office for House of Delegates in the 41st District. Out of 15 people running, she came in 7th place. It was her first time to run for a political office.

OFF TO CHINA — Mrs. Zerita Thrower Skates, a popular city leader on the "grass roots" level, is among a team of 23 persons sponsored by the United States-China People's Friendship Association, to visit China.

Board revokes license

The city liquor board has revoked the license of Carolyn's Lounge in the 600 block of East 36th St. for violation of board ruling and an alleged sale of drugs in the bar in 1974.

Revoking the license at the board's hearing last Tuesday, the board also cited the refusal of the owner to provide testimony, and a board ruling that an alleged drug dealer be barred from the tavern.

According to State Trooper Charles English who testified before the board on Jan. 15, while working as an undercover, he observed two men pick up drugs from the bar. The men were followed and later arrested by police.

Police testimony showed Charles R. Burman who gave the heroin to the two men was busted and charged with operating a major traffic ring. The testimony revealed the licensee, Mrs. Carolyn Gray, was also arrested but charges against her were dropped. Police said the Burman case also ended in a mistrial and that an appeal to retry it has been filed.

As a result of the drug case against Mr. Burman, the liquor board barred him from going to the bar, but a Baltimore police sergeant testified before the board he saw Mr. Burman enter the bar last January and stayed there for about 45 minutes.

The revocation of the license takes effect on midnight today, Friday, Jan. 30 when a representative of the board will visit the bar to pick up the license.

Attorney for Mrs. Carolyn Gray was Michael Mitchell, Board members are Elmer O. Harris and Joseph J. Slastak, both commissioners and J. Michael Wyatt Jr., chairman.

The deaf thrill hundreds with songs and acrobatics

By Gertrude M. Steele

The quiet, serene world of the deaf came alive with laughter and applause when the National Theater for the Deaf (NTD) performed magnificently in "Parade" at Western High School Monday evening.

The play was a humorous and picturesque march through America designed to show the audience the fears and struggles the deaf encounter, and to make those of us who are able to hear aware of the simple things we take for granted.

Dressed in colorful costumes depicting various periods of history, the actors and actresses who could not speak, used their hands and bodies to tell their story.

The audience watched in rapt attention as they pantomined. Other actors and actresses who could speak interpreted their words and sang their songs.

Except that one knew they were deaf, the performers acted as other professionals.

The program opened with acrobatics, songs and narrations demonstrating that the deaf can "dream the impossible dream" and even if they "climb over the rainbow", they will "never walk alone."

At the end of the two hour performance when the entire troupe in chorus-like formation used their hands and bodies swayed to the music. There was standing ovation and thunderous applause for the tremendous acting ability and choreography.

All members of the cast wore white tennis shoes which helped them feel the vibrations and aided them in their dancing.

They performed to such tunes as "Lady of Spain", "Pomp and Circumstance" and "Just A Little While To Stay Here."

Most impressive was the pantomine of "The Hallelujah Chorus" which drew laughter when the female mimicked the bass singers.

Speaking actors were Robert Blumenfeld, Betty Bonni and Jessica Hull.

Other members of the cast are Linda Bove and Edward Waterstreet Jr., who are married; Bernard Bragg, Joe Castronovo, Julianna Field, Patrick Graybill, Paul Johnston and Joe Sarpy.

NTD is located in Waterford, Conn. The Monday night performance was the second of two performances at the northeast Baltimore High School.

It was sponsored by Western High and the Area for Exceptional Children, in cooperation with Center Stage, Inc. and Region 5. William J. Murray is regional superintendent.

The Monday evening performance attracted approximately 1000, including students and faculty from Galludet College in D.C. Some 1500 attended Sunday.

Dr. Leonard P. Siger, coordinator for the Area for Exceptional Children, (AEC) acted as interpretor for this reporter in an interview with Mrs. Lydia Waters, treasurer for the Council on Serving the Deaf (CSD) and Sheldon Blumenthal of the Jewish Deaf Society.

Mrs. Waters and Mr. Blumenthal were both very pleased with the performance.

Mr. Blumenthal said, "We never get an opportunity to see something like this, It was fantastic."

"We suppose you feel a little left out when we laugh or applaud before you, as we feel when we can not hear," was Mrs. Water's reply to the observation that the deaf in the audience were much quicker to hear the rest of the audience.

When asked how he felt about the performance, Dr. Siger replied, "A great deal of work was involved but it was well worth it. I couldn't be happier."

He and his staff already have plans for another performance in 1977. A Sign-a-Thon is scheduled at Western for April 30, which will last 24 hours, to raise money for deaf referral services.

Mrs. Mamie Foster, a member of CSD told the AFRO, "It is a wonderful thing to have others exposed to this type of entertainment and see the deaf as we do. Many people who are deaf are deprived of any religious training. There is a great need for churches to become involved."

Miss Sharon Donnelly, who teaches sign language to 90 students at Western told the AFRO, "I couldn't be more happy than teaching those with impaired hearing. This is my first year and I hope they will keep me."

Jointly responsible for bringing the production to Western were Richard J. Wasserman, the assistant principal; Dr. Siger, executive director of AEC, Robert Rinaldi; and Joe Patterson and Hillary Aidus of Center Stage, Inc.

Also faculty members, Miss Donnelly; Ms. Niki Cooper, drama teacher; and head of art department, Ms. Elizabeth Leglers.

Students assisting were Joan Wise, Susan Zerriaut, Debbie Hare, Kathy Krimmel, Michele Pollack, Julie Pollack, Sarah Moulder, Angelo Fortunato is principal.

Parade was written by Jeff Wanshel; directed by Larry Arrick; costumes and scenery, Fred Voepel and lighting, Guy Bergquist.

Barbara Damashek coordinated the music; Bernard Bragg, sign master and Nikki Kilpatrick, interpreter.

JOSEPH SARPY

BETTY BONNI

TAKING THE OATH — Miss Marie A. Murray of the 2400 block Greenmount Ave. taking the oath administered by Major Gunn, The 1972 Mergenthaler Vocational Technical High School graduate joins the ranks of New Recruiters of the Air National Guard. Persons interested in learning about the best part-time job may call 391-5122.

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Johns Hopkins to sponsor conference on development of ethnic leadership

A pioneering conference concerning the development of leadership in America's ethnic groups will be held Feb. 4-6 at The Johns Hopkins University.

In addition to discussion sessions by some of the country's leading scholars in ethnic studies, there will be two public lectures on topics of special local interest.

On Wednesday, Feb. 4, Nathan Huggins, professor of history at Columbia University and one of the nation's foremost black historians, will speak on "Afro-American Leadership and Identity."

Best known for his book, "Harlem Renaissance," Dr. Huggins' talk will be given at 8 p.m. in the Listening-Viewing Room of the Hopkins Union on the University's Homewood campus.

On Thursday, Feb. 5, the subject "Dilemmas in American Jewish Leadership Since World War II" will be discussed by Nathan Glazer, professor of education and social structure at Harvard University.

His influential book, "Beyond the Melting Pot," signalled a new recognition among social scientists of the persistence of ethnic groups in American society. Since its publication a dozen years ago, Dr. Glazer has been one of the most widely respected commentators on contemporary racial and ethnic problems.

His book, "American Judaism," published in 1957, is accepted as the standard historical survey of the subject. Dr. Glazer's talk will be given at 4 p.m. in Shriver Hall auditorium.

The symposium is part of an annual series sponsored since 1909 by the Department of History at Johns Hopkins in honor of James Schouler, a nationally-known scholar in law and political science. The organizer of the symposium is John Higham, John Martin Vincent professor of history at Johns Hopkins and an expert on the history of American immigration.

Citing many difficulties that have been encountered in recent years by historians attempting to study various ethnic groups in relative isolation from one another, Dr. Higham says this subject has received no systematic comparative analysis to date. He expresses the hope that the symposium will lead to more productive ways of understanding the group differences in American culture.

"We are proposing to begin the quest for a new understanding of what is both common to and distinctive within the history of our various peoples," Dr. Higham says. "Historians need to ask how and why the aspirations of different ethnic groups change with time. We will be particularly concerned with the leadership of these groups and the effect that has had on their attempts to reconstitute themselves in order to gain strength and identity."

Dr. Higham continues, "This conference is, therefore, what I regard as a pioneering effort to understand the way in which and the degree to which ethnic groups in America have constructed themselves.

"We are fortunate that both of the public lectures will be based on important new books that the speakers have in preparation. Professor Huggins will be drawing on his soon-to-be-published 'America: Black and White — Systems and Strategies.'

In addition to the two public sessions, there will be discussion groups dealing with the principal papers as well as with the evolution of leadership among American Indians, Chicanos, Japanese Americans, German Americans, and South Eastern European groups.

The two lectures scheduled for the Hopkins Union and Shriver Hall are open to the public without charge.

DR. NATHAN HUGGINS

DR. NATHAN GLAZER

Del. Lee to join riders on first bus to legislature

Baltimoreans taking the first free bus to Monday night sessions of the General Assembly in Annapolis will be accompanied by Del. Lena Lee, a member of the Legislative Black Caucus.

The Monday night buses to Annapolis are sponsored by local businessmen who have responded to interest shown by numerous citizens to have the opportunity to visit the State Capital and observe their legislators in action.

The AFRO is reservation center for the project and persons interested in visiting the General Assembly may reserve a seat on the 45-passenger buses by calling Mrs. Gainor Hackney at the AFRO between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The number is 728-8200.

Reservations are being accepted on a first-call basis.

The buses, from Hall's Bus Service, will load in the Mondawmin Shopping Center at the lower level Metro Plaza Building; on the Reisterstown Road side (below the Motor Vehicles Department offices).

Departure time has been set at 6:15 p.m. Buses will return to the same location after the session.

Seat reservations are being accepted now for Feb. 2, Feb. 9 and Feb. 16.

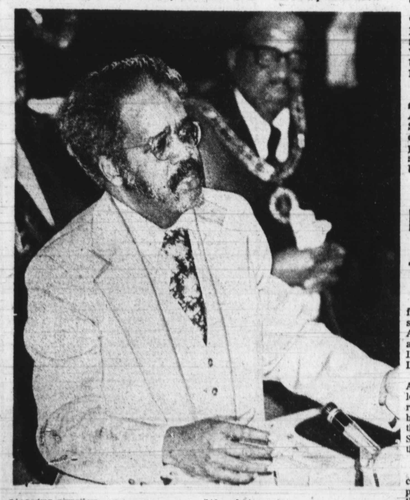
Persons 18 and over are eligible to take the buses but only those who have reserved seats in advance will be able to board.

Bus drivers will have the list of persons who make reservations through Mrs. Hackney. Mortician Marshall Jones, coordinator of the project, said this system would prevent more people showing up than can be accommodated.

Black legislators have expressed elation over the program and Del. Lee said they plan to greet bus riders prior to 8 p.m. when the sessions are called to order.

Businessmen included among sponsors of the free trips are:

Carl M. Adair, Amoco, Otis Warren and Company, Dr. Eugene H. Owens Jr., Marshall W. Jones Funeral Home, P.A., Supreme Life Insurance Company, Garwyn Medical Center, Inc., Vernon M. Bailey Funeral Home and the Joseph G. Locks Funeral Home.



MASONIC SERVICE — When Prince Hall Masons held their annual Emancipation Proclamation services recently at the Willard W. Allen Temple in Baltimore, the speaker was Dr. Homer Favor, shown here. He was dean of the School of Urban Studies at the Morgan State University. Seated on platform behind him are Masonic officials, including Grand Master Samuel T. Daniels; Grand Secretary Kenneth Faunteroy, and Grand Worthy Matron Lillie Askew. Seated extreme left is Rev. Vernon Dobson, of the Union Baptist Church who offered prayers.

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Tom Fraser called 'giant' left no void at Morgan U.

By Marie P. Cooke
Reflections Editor

"Give my my flowerws while I can smell them."

On how many occasions have you heard or even said this? Perhaps you have lost count. However, if the words of kindness spoken about Dr. Thomas P. Fraser were real flowers, he would be surrounded in a garden of every earthly species.

The tributes paid him on Sunday were like flowers from heaven; friends from past and present; relatives, neighbors, co-workers, students, government and education officials — black people and white people — people from all walks of life who have touched or been touched by Dr. Fraser, filled the Blue Crest North to say thank-you and to bid him a happy retirement.

Although Dr. Fraser's biography is extensive, a vast majority of the community remembers him as the interim president of Morgan State College, now Morgan State University, in the two occasions when the Hillen Rd. Institution was without a president.

He first served in 1968, when Dr. Martin Jenkins retired and again in 1974, after Dr. King V. Cheek resigned. Additionally, Dr. Fraser served as chairman of the MSU science department, having made nationally acclaimed achievements in science education, and having co-authored a science textbook.

Dr. Fraser is currently serving on the Morgan board of trustees.

Some 500 well-wishers gathered for the dinner testimonial and heard some 16 speakers praise the honoree. The program was presided over by Dr. Haywood Harrison, MSU vice-president. It was a family affair; music was by the MSU Choir, under the direction of Nathan Carter; Ms. Margaret Lindsay, soloist, and the Haithcock Ensemble, all part of the Morgan music family.

Dr. Harrison's humor and satire gave the evening an easy-going effect and balanced the quite lengthy program.

Greetings came from representatives from various sectors of Dr. Fraser's professional and religious life. Dr. James A. Sensenbaugh, State Superintendent of Schools, brought a message from Edmund C. Mester, executive director, Board of Trustees of the State Colleges, and Dr. J. Carson Dow, president of the State board sent a written message.

Mrs. Enolia V. McMillan, president, board of trustees of Morgan and president, Baltimore NAACP, referred to Morgan as a "foster child, not pampered, which had to strive for everything it has gotten." She challenged the audience to look at Governor Mandel's budget and note that Morgan is not mentioned.

Congressman Parren J. Mitchell told how Dr. Fraser guided the ship when Morgan was without a president, and made further advances during his terms as intermin president.

"Morgan is a baby and usually the baby gets the bottle," she quipped, "If we expect Morgan to develop into a first-class university then we have got to roll up our sleeves and get the money we need . . . we have to develop a political clout in Annapolis to get some of these things (money). Then when you meet this foster child up the road you'll be proud to take your hat off to him."

State Senator Verda F. Welcome, who introduced legislation to make Morgan a university while Dr. Fraser was serving as interim president, recalled his early days at Morgan when he first came here from Delaware State College in 1947.

Representing Mayor William Donald Schaefer was Ms. Sarah White of the Legislative Reference Department where she is a senior Librarian. She presented Dr. Fraser with a pewler plate from the mayor.

Dr. Andrew Billingsley, current president of Morgan, called Dr. Fraser "a scholar of the first rank" and "an administrator of significant accomplishments.

". . . he is my most favorite predecessor. In the transition from his administration to mine, no one could have asked for a more helpful, kind and courteous predecessor.

"Tom has served this institution and his ever willingness to serve at the helm of it, I feel secure in the knowledge that if I should falter in responsibilities as president, you need have no fear for Tom Fraser is alway near."

Overall, each of the speakers sang praises of Dr. Fraser's achievements and referred to him as being a superior person, rendering service without thought of personal gain.

Dr. Martin D. Jenkins, president emeritus, Morgan State U., reminisced the 22 years they were colleagues and credited the honoree with helping to make Morgan "generally recognized as an outstanding institution of all the state institutions.

"The Capstone of his many achievements was the leadership he provided in the official state action designating Morgan State as a university. This was no easy task! —

"Many other people played indespensible roles, but Tom Fraser with his vision determination, planning, and politicing, provided the leadership.

"I cannot close without recognizing the important role of Marie Fraser. I once said to her that although she started not to attempt to become a behind-the-scenes administrative officer, she would, in the privacy of their home, provide the love and confidence that successful man. So Marie, I thank you for your contribution to Tom's success."

Dr. Fraser's longtime friend, Dr. Luna I. Mishoe, president, Delware State College, brought laughter from the audience when he told of their days at Delaware and Mishoe's experiences at Morgan.

Dr. Samuel L. Myers, president, Bowie State College spoke of operative forces and the principle of the diminishing return, and added Dr. Fraser was "able to accomplish miracles."

Another written message came from Joe Black, Greyhound Corp. vice president who was unable to attend. In addition, Bishop James Turner of Des Moines, Iowa, who is the United Methodist Church Bishop of Iowa, sent a message which called Dr. Fraser a "giant. . . one of the finest scholars ever known."

Dr. Esther Ridley, chairperson, wdepartment of Science Education, Morgan U, spoke on behalf of her colleagues: "You (Fraser) proved to be an influential man. Our motivation is our love for you."

The National Alumni Association of Morgan was represented by Warren Webb.

Dr. Roger K. Williams, vice president, Planning and Operations Analysis, Morgan: "For me to have had the opportunities of working with you over the period of my 27 years at Morgan has brought me to a realization of your greatness.

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WHEN NATURE WANTS A MAN

When Nature wants to drill a man
And thrill a man,
And skill a man,
When Nature wants to mould a man
To play the noblest part;
When she wants with all her heart
To create so great and bold a man
That all the world shall praise —
Watch her methods, watch her ways!
How she ruthlessly perfects
Whom she royally elects;
How she hammers him and hurts him
And with mighty blows converts him
Into trial shapes of clay which only Nature understands —
While his tortured heart is crying and he lifts beseeching hands! —
How she bends, but never breaks,
When his good she undertakes . . . .
How she uses whom she chooses
And with every purpose fuses him,
By every art induces him
To try to his splendour out — Nature knows what she's about.

Read by the Rev. Howard L. Cornish
Director, Morgan Christian Center

OLD FRIENDS meet at testimonial for Dr. Thomas P. Fraser; AFRO camera caught him greeting Dr. Gertrude Rivers, professor emeritus at Howard University. She and Dr. Fraser were classmates at Claflin College in Orangeburg, S.C. Also pictured is Talmadge (Marse) Hill retired Morgan professor of health and physical education. In rear, Dr. Calvin Burnett, president of Coppin.

GRANDMOTHER FRASER — Mrs. Marie Fraser, wife of Dr. Thomas P. Fraser, is caught by AFRO camera with her grandson, Steve C. Fraser, 12, of Los Angeles, Calif. Young Fraser is the son of the late Rev. Thomas P. Frasher, III. (AFRO photos by Benjamin M. Phillips

COLLEGE PRESIDENTS — The Fraser testimonial was a history-making event in that it brought together some seven college presidents, all of whom have been friends throughout the years. From L to R: Dr. Calvin Burnett, Coppin State; Dr. Hermanf Branson, Lincoln University (Pa.); Dr. Andrew Billingsly, Morgan; Dr. Fraser, Dr. Martin Jenkins, presidenl emerlius, Morgan; Dr. Luna Mishoe, Delaware

COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES — Dr. Vergial Webb, left, professor of education, Morgan, and Mrs. Maryann Franklin, wife of Dr. Carl Franklin of Morgan, served on the Fraser testimonial committee.

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Speaking of women. . .

(A look at what black women are doing locally.)

Do you know a dynamic woman — an outstanding community leader, church worker, businesswoman, mother, club woman — who is great in her own right? The AFRO wants to know about her. Send a brief biographical sketch and black and white glossy picture (or we can arrange to take a photo of her) to: Speaking of Women, c-o AFRO-AMERICAN NEWSPAPER, P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md., 21203. Sorry, pictures can not be returned.

Dr. H. Mebane Turner, president of the University of Baltimore, has announced the appointment of Shirley D. Stewart to the part-time faculty of the College of Liberal Arts, Recreation and Leisure Studies Department, of the University.

Mrs. Stewart holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Morgan State University and a Master of Arts from New York University. Prior to joining the faculty of the University of Baltimore, she taught Physical Education and Recreation for seven years at Coppin State College, where she also served as Chairman of the Department.

Among her professional awards and recognitions are: Members of Outstanding Women in Health and Physical Education at Morgan State University, Holder of Certificate of Achievement — National District Attorneys Association Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs, Merit Award from the National Federation of Music Clubs for Outstanding Participation in National Music Week, and Student Government Association Adviser's Award at Coppin State College.

Mrs. Stewart's professional affiliations include membership in the American Association of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, Maryland Association of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, Spockett's Child Study Group and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

Community calendar

Jan. 31

Black Women's Consciousness Raising Assoc., Inc. "Open House Seminar," Dunbar Community School, 1400 Orleans St., 1:30 p.m. Guest speaker, Mary Carter Smith.

Peter and Eileen Caddy, founders, Findhorn to present two free lectures on their community and lifestyle. Northwood Public Library, 1 p.m.; evening at Kionia Foundation, Greenspring Valley Rd., 8 p.m.

Feb. 1

Deliverance Specials Pre-anniversary Celebration, East Baltimore Deliverance Center, 1001-05 N. Caroline St., 4 p.m. The Rev. Christina V. Phillips, pastor; special guests, Brown Singers, Springfield, Mass.; Bank Specials, E. Baltimore Deliverance Choir.

"Twelve Gates to the City," by the Fowler Club of Eastern United Methodist Church, N. Wolfe and E. 20th St., 3 p.m.

Feb. 3

Meeting of Education Committee of Baltimore City NAACP. Enoch Pratt Library, 3203 W. North Ave., 4 p.m. Speaker, Mrs. Beverly Ellinwood, director, Office of Student Placement. Topic: "Should We Have a Moratorium on Students' Transfers?"

Feb. 6

All-Star Amateur Boxing Show sponsored by Sports Activities Amateur Boxing Club, Polish National Alliance Club, 1627 Eastern Ave., 8 p.m.

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity's Annual Mardi Gras, Martin's West, 10 p.m.-2 a.m.

Feb. 8

National Council of Negro Women, Greater Baltimore Section, meeting and Negro History program by the junior and adult groups, Madison Ave. YWCA, 2:30 p.m. Marion J. Jackson, president.

Feb. 9

Baltimore Beautlcians to attend Hair Style Show, Shoreham-Americana Hotel, Washington, D.C. Contact: Doreatha Robinson, 462-9627 or Esther Woods, 466-9736.

Feb. 11

Third Women's Fair, Baltimore Civic Center, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Testimonial Dinner for Mrs. Daisy Brandford, Ames Community Center, Calhoun and Gold Sts., 7-11 p.m.

Feb. 12

Young Adult Choir of Eastern United Methodist Church sponsors Roller Skating Party, N. Wolfe and E. 20th St., 7 p.m. Call 327-2669.

Feb. 14

Quota Club of Baltimore to hold Texas Bar-B-Q to benefit Baltimore-Central Md. League for Crippled Children, Dundalk National Guard Armory, 2107 North Point Blvd., 8 p.m. Call Martha Sewell, 465-2473.

Saint Mary's Parents' Club presents "Hearts and Flowers," a Valentine fashion show, Church Hall, 5502 York Rd., 2 p.m. Fashions by Wise Penny, Junior League thrift shop.

Women's Day Committee of The Church of Saint Gregory The Great, Valentine cabaret, Church Hall, 1542 N. Gilmor St., 10 p.m.-2 a.m.

Feb. 17

Center Stage presents Baltimore premiere of "Dream on Monkey Mountain," a drama with music by Derek Walcott, West Indian playwright and poet, 8:30 p.m.

Feb. 20

Baltimore Dance Theatre, an Urban Services Cultural Arts Project, features Orville Johnson and Maria Broom, Dunbar Performing Arts Center, 1400 Orleans St., 8 p.m.

Feb. 20

Perkins Square Senior Citizens' Valentine Party, featuring Mel Claus and the Charm City Dance Orchestra, 1-3 p.m.

Feb. 21

1976 Eye Ball, sponsored by Women's Committee of the Medical Eye Bank, Md., Academy of Science Building located in the inner harbor, 9 p.m.-2 a.m. Call 752-2020.

Northwestern High School Class of '71 to hold "Let's Do It Again" disco, Brice's Hilltop Inn, Reisterstown Rd., 9 p.m.-2 a.m.

Feb. 22

Chi Delta Mu annual Founders' Day, Blue Crest North, 5 p.m. Dr. Kenneth Brown, national president, keynote speaker.

Feb. 27

Urban Services Cultural Arts Project to feature "Return of the Heritage Hall Jazz Band From New Orleans," Dunbar Performing Arts Center, 1400 Orleans St., 8 p.m.

Concert by Mrs. Jennette Walters, sponsored by Involvement Committee of the Church Place, Eastern United Methodist Church, Wolfe and E. 20th St., 8 p.m. Call 732-1967.

Feb. 29

An Afternoon With Woman Power, annual membership tea, First Baptist Church, 525 N. Caroline St., 3-6 p.m.

Zeta Chapter of Theta Nu Sigma National Sorority to hold annual Hairstyle Extravaganza and Fashion show, La Fontaine Bleu, 7-11 p.m.

Black fashion designers show, Martin's West, 7-11 p.m. Call Twilah Scarborough, 396-1064.

March 7

Women's City-Wide Committee for Juvenile Delinquency Prevention, to sponsor annual Blue Ribbon Tea, Dunbar Community High School, 1400 Orleans St., 4 p.m.

"Concert of Historical Music," by Victoria Villamil, CCB Theatre, 8 p.m.; Sun.-2:30 p.m.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Alpha Zeta Chapter, annual Finer Womanhood Week Tea, Sharon Baptist Church, 1373 N. Stricker St., 4 p.m. Dr. Elizabeth Frances Johnson, keynote speaker.

March 15

Woodmoor PTA presents Virginia Union University Choir in a "Bicentennial Salute", Woodmoor Elementary School, 3200 Elba Drive, 8 p.m.

March 21

Parents' Club of GBMC Community and Health Clinic presents St. Bernardine's Gospel Choir, St. Vincent de Paul Church, 120 N. Front St., 6 p.m. Gloria Watson, president.

March 26

Miles W. Connor Alumni Chapter, Virginia Union University, presents Annual Scholarship Dinner-Dance, North Point Gardens, 2317 North Point Blvd. 10 p.m.-2 a.m. Music by the Infinite Experience.

April 2-4

"Gabriel," premiere performance of a specially commissioned opera of the American Revolutionary Period, CCB Theatre, 8 p.m.; Sun. — 2:30 p.m.

May 2

"Mass Choir Concert," CCB Concert Choir and other choirs, War Memorial Plaza, 3 p.m.

June 13

"Early American Music and Dance," by the Society for Early Music, combined with the CCB Dance Company, War Memorial Plaza, 3 p.m.

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