BRIGHT STUDENTS FROM Lemmel Junior High School who were recently honored at a candlelight ceremony given by the Lions of Distinction, an honor society club. The 20 students all had a grade average of 90 and above. (L to R) Mrs. Ovella Queen, advisor; Angel Moore, Alison Lane, president; Terrachelle Hubbard, secretary; Pati Street, vice president; Donna Briscoe; Marie Summerville, Regina Thorton; Paula Smith; Daisy Harm n; Donna Williams; Kim Floyd; Gaye Maultsby; Lori Wilder; Daphne Woodard; Marsha Washington; Benita Hill; Roxanne Smith; Charlene Clark; Angela Holland; Tonya Young; Vanessa Green; Jamie Johnson and Doreen Richardson. Not shown is Anglla Heughan.

People make the news

Bicentennial Youth Contest sees many talented pupils

Talented Miss Kimberly A. Kelly, 15, was recently named Maryland State First Prize Winner in the Bicentennial Youth Contest. A 10th grader at Howard High School, she won a $100 Savings Bond, a certificate and a medal from the National Education Association.

Miss Kelly received the honors from the Maryland State Teachers' Association for her oil painting "Definitive and Spectral Reflections on Martin Luther King," winning over 24 other contestants.

The work has been on display in Maryland, Washington, and in Harrisburg, Penn. It will also be seen in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, and at other locations throughout the United States during the 1976-77 school year.

About the painting, Miss Kelly says, "The faces represent the ignorant, the impoverished, and the hopeful." This statement gives a historical background, an evaluation of the present as it reflects the struggles throughout the years of all people in their quest for freedom.

Furthermore, it points to the future of a nation founded under God with great expectation of fulfillment, trust and desire. The painting captures the dreams and visions of the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King.

Miss Kelly is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Kelly Jr. Her father is a member of the 1975 AFRO Honor Roll.

Her teacher-sponsor, Morris B. Green, art instructor at Howard High, stated when the award was presented Miss Kelly, "Kimberly was truly inspired by God."

Students at Catonsville Junior High School who participated in the contest and won school prizes were Miss Margaret Patzer, 14, ninth grade, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neil H. Patzer, and Miss Virginia Sullivan, 13, seventh grade, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Sullivan.

Miss Patzer, a winner for her poetry was sponsored by Mrs. Nona Thompson. Miss Sullivan, a young craftsperson, made a duster to emphasize the need for national clean-up.

Other winners were Miss Kathryn Thayer, 13, seventh grade, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Thayer, and Miss Evelyn Boston, 13, seventh grade, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald Boston.

First prize winner was Miss Sarah Beth Barnhardt, 12, a seventh grader, who created a poster recipe successful relationships. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Barnhardt and was sponsored by Miss. Josephine Ora Young, an AFRO Honor Roll member and Freedom House executive.

Winners for their essays in the "My America; Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow" contest were Frank Walder, 13, seventh grade student at Garrison Jr. High School and son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Walden, and his younger brother, John, 11, a sixth grader at the Hilton Elementary School.

Also a winner was Rufus Kelly III, brother of Miss Kimberly Kelly, winning painter. He was sponsored by Miss Linda Jonassen at the Arlington Baptist School.

MARYLAND STATE FIRST PRIZE WINNER, 15-year old Kimberly A. Kelly (center front row) is shown with her parents, brother, art teacher and MSTA officials (L to R) back row — Mrs. Rufus G. Kelly Jr., Rufus G. Kelly Jr., Morris B. Green, art teacher and John F. Burke, MSTA president. (L to R) front row, Rufus G. Kelly III and Kimberly, the prize winner and Charles H. Wheatley.

ANOTHER WINNER is Sarah Beth Barnhardt who took second place. (L to R) her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Bernhardt, Sarah, John F. Burke, Charles Wheatley and Miss Josephine Ora Young, FHA advisor.

PLANNING COMMITTEE members for installation services of Rev. Porter W. Phillips Jr. seated (L to R) Mesdames Betty Shelton, Misses Connie Bennett, Vickie Hicks and Judge Solomon Baylor. Standing (L to R) are Carl Wright, Mrs. Marian Jackson, Miss Latanya Leavy, Arnold Moore, Mesdames Ellen Howard, Thelma Leeds, Charlotte Marshall and Anne Warner.

BICENTENNIAL ESSAY WINNERS in the "My America, Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow" contest are (L to R) Frank Walden, 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Walden and student at Garrison Junior High; John Walden, 11, also son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Walden and a student at Hilton Elementary, and Rufus Kelly III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Kelly II, and student at the Arlington Baptist School.

Shiloh AME marks 100th birthday

(Photo by Norma Spencer)

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION of Shiloh AME Church witnessed two of the oldest members present with relatives and the pastor. (L to R) Mrs. Doris Briscoe, daughter, and her mother, Mrs. Eliza Coles, age 91; Rev. Edward C. Wilson, pastor; Mrs. Lavania Cann, 92, and her daughter, Mrs. Rebecca Taylor and Mrs. Carrie Wilson, wife of the pastor.

Shiloh AME Church was organized in 1876 at Barclay and Merryman Lane, one block West of Greenmount Avenue.

The 100th birthday celebration came this spring at a beauteous banquet at the downtown Holiday Inn penthouse.

The Rev. Dr. John R. Bryant, pastor of Bethel AME Church, termed the event a crowning occasion as he recalled the day when members, just 10 years out of slavery said, "Let's start a church."

He said, "We have come from sack cloth to silk. We marched on a mud street to a little shack when we could neither read nor write. Now we are here because of our faith in God."

A standing ovation followed his dramatic order: "Celebrate and do a good job of it."

His talk also made a note of how songs brought the members through many a tear-stained night and prayers assured, the Lord will make a way somehow.

Stating, "The next 100 years are waiting on Shiloh," the Rev. Dr. Bryant said he hoped by then "we will celebrate in a hall owned by us."

Program participants included the pastor, the Rev. Edward C. Wilson; Rev. Wesley B. Nash, presiding elder, Hagerstown District; Mrs. Constance Holloway, the Rev. Arthur Camper, Mrs. Peggy Rice, Ms. Eliza Coles, Ms. Luvania Cann, the historians and the oldest members.

Also, the Rev. Norman Blackston, Miss Robin Wimbish, the Rev. J. W. Duckett. Among guests were members of the Coles and Cann families, Mrs. Melvin Swann, wife of the late pastor; Roscoe Herring who represented Mayor Schaefer; Mrs. Ethel Hill, Mrs. Dorothy Reed, Mrs. Cathering Hurley, Mrs. Hattie M. Seward, Mrs. Frances Weedon and Mrs. Listina Schribner.

The congregation stayed at Barclay and Merryman until March 25, 1913. The late Rev. Joseph Gwynn tried to purchase the property on East 28th St. On April 9, 1913 after the segregation law was made void, the property at 631-633 East 28th St. became the Shiloh A.M.E. Church.

From 1913 to 1931 a period of 18 years, the church grew and met all of its financial responsibilities and the needs of the community.

In 1932 Rev. Purnell Wilson became the pastor of the church, he and the members were able to have the mortgage burning on the property Tuesday, Nov. 26, 1940.

Rev. Mr. Wilson was then transfered to another district and the late Rev. William Vernon Sewell was sent to the church.

Graduation: A time to rejoice, reflect, plan ahead

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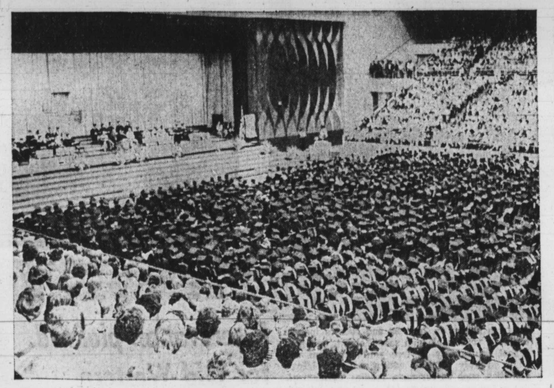
NEWSMAN DAVID BRINKLEY, recipient of an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from the University of Maryland at Baltimore.



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APPROXIMATELY 1,700 STUDENTS participated in the 174th commencement of the University of Maryland at Baltimore.

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ELIJAH CUMMINGS, recipient of a law degree from the University of Maryland at Baltimore.

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BROTHER AND SISTER — Ms. Mitzie Hicks who received a BS degree in Special Education from Coppin State helps her brother, Larry Hicks, with his cap. Hicks received his degree in Social Science.

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ENJOYING A GOOD laugh before the start of the 76th commencement ceremony of Coppin State College are Master degree recipients Ms. Elizabeth Newman, in special education; Ms. Florine Whirley, Ms. Pamela Heard and Ms. Frances Gibson in vocational rehabilitation counseling.

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MS. MARY JANE FRANKE is one of the 35 black students who was graduated from the University of Maryland at Baltimore's School of Nursing.

Brinkley speaks to students

(excerpts from commencement address)

"First, let me offer my congratulations, both to you who have earned your degrees today, in recognition of the work you have done ... and my congratulations to your parents who have paid for it. I know rather well how they feel, since I have been paying college tuitions for ten years now — for a couple of years paying three at once ...

"When we see that Congress now spends on itself for pay and perquisites and privileges, and staff (about one million dollars a year per member — and rising) — we can see they're in no danger of suffering ...

"The truth is that they find such sheer, sensual pleasure in commanding the public's money — other people's money — and the power that goes with it, they're reluctant to give up a dime.

"Again, any candidate for Congress — in Maryland and all the states — ought to be asked why this has not been done. It would give a little help to students whose families are short of money, at a time in their lives when their responsibilities are the heaviest.

"It is, after all, their money, since they did the work to earn it. Maybe what America's higher eudcation needs is a financial wizard like a famous senator we all know, or knew, who served in the U.S. Senate for 20 years at an average salary of 30 thousand a year ...

"I don't mean to dwell on political matters so much, though of course it is a political year ... and we might all hope this year's campaign is somewhat cleaner than it was four years ago ...

"Commencement speakers usually talk to graduates as if they were a hail full of Christopher Columbuses about to sail forth on unknown, uncharted seas ... wondering what pleasures or horrors await them. Whereas the truth is that seas, the life experience, you are about to sail on are extremely well known, every foot of it.

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THREE OF THE 12 black Master of Science recipients in Nursing. (L to R) Ms. Rose M. Vaughn, Ms. Isabelle Williams and Ms. Gwendolyn Bradford.

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MORE OF THE 12 black Master of Science recipients in Nursing. (L to R) Ms. Rhonda L. Harris, Ms. Clanther M. Ingram and Ms. Sura P. Jones.

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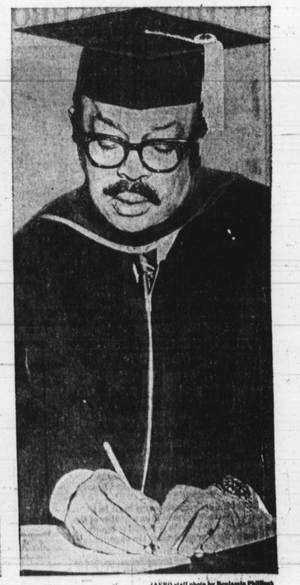
"OH COME ON," said Riley Franklin, Ms. Lisa Cole and Ms. Arnetta Gambrill in total disbelief to the story Robert Newsome (right) told them just before the start of Coppin State's commencement. Each student was a recipient of a BS degree.



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JUDGE MILTON B. ALLEN goes over his commencement speech just before the start of Coppin State's graduation.