R.S.V.P. With Marie

By Michele L. McRae
Substituting for
Marie P. Cooke who is ill)

A few rays of sunshine managed to peer through the blinds which had not been tightly drawn the night before, Thursday. It was early, just a couple of minutes past seven.

"Good morning, Mrs. Cooke. How are you feeling?" she asked as she approached my hospital bed at Sinai. I wanted to say, "It's too early in the morning for me to tell you how I'm feeling. Come back around 10. But those words didn't surface because my eyes were trying to focus in the face. It was familiar.

She spoke again. "I'm Dr. Jackson, the resident on this floor." The name didn't correspond with the face. "Dr. Jackson," I asked, "what's your first name?" "Carol," she replied. "Carol Mussenden?" I asked. "Yes, one of the twins. Do you know my sister Christine?", she questioned.

"Do you know me? I'm Marie Phillips Cooke." She remembered.

Young Dr. Jackson (all of 25 now), mother of two, has been on the staff at Sinai for a year now, having done her internship at Howard University's Freedmen's Hospital. Her sister, Christine is in Microbiology at the University of Maryland. They're the daughters of Mrs. Lydia W. Mussenden and the late Dr. Mussenden of Baltimore.

Being sick, or even worse, undergoing surgery, is not any one's favorite pastime. But as the poet, Helen Steiner Rice says,

It takes the bitter and the sweet
To make a life full and complete . . .
So when God send some unwanted affliction
Be assured that it comes with His Kind Benediction

And if we accept it as a gift of His love
We'll be showered with blessings from our Father above,
For "His Grace is Sufficient" Whatever betide us
And it only takes Faith to keep Him beside us!

Your prayers and acts of kindness and love during my illness brought forth sunshine from behind the dark clouds. Many thanks and God's speed.

Married on S.S. Santana

Speaking of doctors, the former Beverly Jackson Morgan, the eye specialist, and Michael Joseph O'Donoghue tied the love knot on Oct. 17, aboard the famed yacht Santana in San Francisco, Calif. The O'Donoghues are now at home in Oakland awaiting the completion of their new home. . .his wedding gift to her.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Jesse Lee Dickson of Baltimore.

A Mini Vacation

Believe it or not, the Welcomes (Henry and Verda) have taken time out to have a little fun.

A note this desk received this week read:

"We visited Disney World and had a wonderful time there. This visit should be a must on every person's vacation list. Walt Disney was a genius in any man's language.

"From Disney World to Atlanta — to visit our daughter and grandson. This visit made the Thanksgiving holidays most meaningful. To hear Mary Sue (Welcome-Mercer) speak before a white group — one black member — of public accountants, and to see how well she was received was a joy indescribable. Thank God we have lived to see the day when people are being recognized for what they are and for performance. Atlanta is a city to watch!

"Next to New York to see some of the most interesting Broadway shows! "Godspell," "I Have A Dream," "Bubbling Brown Sugar," "Guys and Dolls" — with a black cast are a few. One needs to take time out from the rigors of life for relaxation. This is not an easy thing to do, but we have done it. "Last Saturday, I did run up from Atlanta to attend the Steering Committee's meeting of the National Black Democrats. They mean business, Thank God.

"My first church visit when I return will be the Rev. Dr. Bryant's congregation. I admire that man!"

"The best of luck to you." Verda Welcome

For the next two weeks I'll be playing the game "Catch Up", meaning writing the stories of past events that have taken place in and about town as well as feature stories that I think will be of interest to you.

Here's what's comin': Willia Bland's Ninth Annual Fall Fashion Show and Luncheon, a presentation of Flair Studio Students, held a couple of weeks back. And the 3 'n 1 Salute to our good friend, Larry Young, held the same day.

Also, the annual benefit sponsored by that dynamic group of women who call themselves the VAG's.

In addition, two features: the Helene Fuld School of Nursing, now on the Coppin State College campus, and a special article on the nutritionist-vegetarian David Jones. Watch for them!

(AFRO staff photo by Benjamin Phillips IV)

WOMEN CITED — Kings' Landing Women, a service club, was cited for its distinguished service to the community and for underwriting the Martin Luther King Memorial Breakfast by the Baltimore Area YMCA at its annual meeting held last week. Pictured from L. to R: Gwen Clark, president RLW, and Maude Harvey, member, Board of directors, YMCA.

'Have a good life!'

(AFRO staff photo by Benjamin Phillips IV)

GUESTS IN TOWN — A group of art enthusiasts called "The Family" presented the works of Carl H. Greene who is shown here with his wife, Nov. 21 at the Afro-American Study Center. "Family" members are: Roland Baltimore, Harvey Carter, Wendy Bailey Davis, Gregory C. Davis, C. Yvonne Hall, DeViera Redmond and Raymond Skinner.

—The Gift Shoppe

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masculinity. Freed of certain restraints, a man can now enjoy a variety of good looking jewelry and masculine smelling scents that will make him look good, smell good, and generally just feel better about himself.

Loungewear — For those times when he just wants to relax around the house, there are robes, caftans, indoor-outdoor warm-up suits or velour jumpsuits that will help him feel loose and look good. And don't forget a new pair of pajamas is a gift that never retires.

Shirts — Classic-styled shirts, European-styled shirts and patterned, checked and solid colored shirts are all available. It's your choice.

So start the debate on whether it will be with a spread or button-down collar. In fabrics such as gingham, cotton or polyester blends. With or without a tie, this is obviously a gift worth thinking about.

Slacks— If you decide to buy him slacks, check his waist and length size, and what type of outfit he will be wearing them with.

For the new "separate" outfits — ensembles that coordinate different patterns and-or fabrics ! create a total look— you can select matching or contrasting slacks to go with his sportcoat. If he needs or wants slacks for leisure wear, a new pair or first pair of jeans is a decisively smart gift.

Suits — And especially the three-piece suit which is the strong fashion news for today. You can select a three-piece look that is sophisticated and dressy, or one in corduroy or denim for a smart, casual, easy look. Unsure of his size? Give him a gift certificate for the suit you think he might like.

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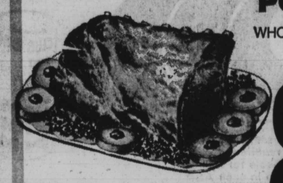

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