—R.S.V.P. with Marie

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Walter P. Carter Foundation and the National Alliance of Businessmen.

Friday night's program was a testimony to the concern black people hold for each other . . . past, present and future and also displayed the talent and skill we hold. It was a tribute to BMA!

President Harold Young summed it up when he put it quite plainly, "BMA is working for a better community." The group's theme for the coming year is "Expanding Economic Opportunity" which aims to prepare black people for "mainstream agenda."

George Brokemond, president and chief executive officer of the Highland Community Bank in Chicago, gave an address that touched the conscience of all who heard him. It was relevant.

"Part of my insight and makeup is to do what I can for black youth. We hear about youth without hope, future and nothing to do, but we don't hear about the achievers," he said while citing an example of the concern needed for black youth.

Brokemond told of a graduating senior at a Chicago High School whose athletic talents were superior. The "young turf" had been awarded some 19 scholarships to colleges throughout the country for the records he had set in basketball. But his academic standing was poor and that was the speaker's area of concern, in addition to the future of the 599 remaining graduates. What would happen to them?

Waiting for our youth to enter college "is a little late, we must start (while they are) in the eighth and ninth grades. We need to help them get through junior and senior high school.

He quoted Abraham Lincoln: "I will prepare myself for the change, and when the change comes I will be ready."

And Christmas is sharing. BMA presented its annual scholarship awards and made a contribution to the AFRO's Mrs. Santa campaign to its director, Ida M. Peters.

Also the group presented each of its guests with a copy of "Salute to Maryland Blacks," a special bicentennial publication of the organization.

Special recognition was given to the past awardees: Kenneth O. Wilson, Raymond Hayshert, George Boone, Pauline Brooks Amis, Robert "Bob" Douglass, E. Gaines Lansey and Pam Fields.

Officers of BMA are: President, Harold Young; first vice-president, John E. Edmondson; executive secretary, Ruth Crowder; treasurer, Ben Mason; general counsel, Richard V. Johnson.

The board of directors consists of: Helen C. Stafford, chairwoman; Frederick A. Bailey, Ruth Crowder, John E. Edmondson, Richard V. Johnson, Delores Lashley, Ben Mason, James L. Roberts, Eugene Smith, Harold Young.

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Vernon Sims, Dwight Smith, Leroy Tayler, James H. Waller, John E. Ward, Howard Wilkes, Donald Williams, James P. Wilson.

May the true meaning of Christmas ring your joy bells this season!

Columbia Capers

By Pinnie L. Ross

This writer received several calls and letters regarding Columbia Capers not appearing in last Friday's edition. The reason: this Columnist and "hubby" went abroad to Amsterdam, Holland accompanied by 180 Ryland Homes executives, salesmen and production supervisors and their wives from across the country. Ryland, a national home builder has its headquarters based in Columbia.

We went first-class all the way, commencing with cocktail party at Baltimore - Washington International Airport, before boarding Pan Am charter flight. Flying time was seven and one half hours; time difference is six hours. The weather 35 degrees, as the Dutch say, "If you don't like the weather, just wait a few minutes and it will change."

After arriving at the beautiful Shopil International Airport, it was so spacious and modern I could hardly believe that we had arrived in a city that just recently celebrated its 700th birthday in 1975. There had been recent expansions and improvements on the building.

The airport had 22 check-in counters which were handled by a computer system.

If one had questions, there were 100 hostesses on duty to answer them.

After leaving the airport we were taken on a short bus ride. Then the group boarded a glass top boat for a picturesque journey to the Delux Amsterdam Son esta Hotel.

After checking in we were eager to see the Central City, so we stole away for a leisurely walk around Central Amsterdam. Later there was a welcoming party in the Dam Hall followed by a banquet-style dinner.

The night was still young for some of the group, so they took their party to a popular discotheque club called the Voom Voom Room. Hey, that club was really jumping. (One hundred dollars was the membership fee, however compliments went to the Ryland group.)

Satruday morning, the group enjoyed a general panoramic city sight-seeing tour. We saw the Royal Palace on the Dam, the 560-year-old new church and paintings by the famous Rembrandt.

We toured the National Gallery. There were several tours while we were there but the most fantastic one was the Diamond Factory, the largest in the world.

We watched skilled craftsmen cut and polish precious stones, all shapes, colors and all sizes carts, We were allowed to go upstairs, take a seat and try on the precious gems. Believe me, it was something else. (There were several hosts to see that they were placed back into the case as we finished.)

Some of the women really got "carried away" and returned the next morning with their husband's of course. (As the old saying goes: "Diamonds are a girl's best friend" — well!)

At 6 p.m. each day we gathered in the hospitality room for cocktails just before going to dinner. Each morning a complete American breakfast was served.

Speaking of dinner, if you ever visit Amsterdam, by all means, have dinner in the Five Flies Restaurant and The Wind Mill; the food is superb, My Hubby, Bill entertained his staff members at the Swanky Ground Krasnopolsy Hotel.

We rented a car, as most couples did and spent a day in Utreck that had a mall consisting of 120 stores with three levels, it was an ideal tour for shopping; prices there were very good, no contest with U.S.A.

Each year when the group goes abroad there is a farewell dinner. VIP's are recognised, salespersons and supervisors. One salesperson from Baltimore division was named the Six Million Dollar Man for selling the most homes within a 10-month period. A Columbia Division saleswoman, Jean Hester was named the Bionic woman for her accomplishments of sales in access of $4 million within a nine-month period, a record for a woman to accomplish in the building industry.

The Dutch are very friendly and polite people with the added, advantage that they can be more hospitable than most, because they can speak our language.

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If you want to join the Dutch in their favorite method of transportation you could rent a bike, for Amsterdam is a city of bicycles with many special paths and traffic signals just for cyclists.

The country was very beautiful, but the landing at Washington International Airport was the "greatest," for there's "no place like home."

Woodlawn Highlights

. . . by Marjorie Green

Sunday evening has always been a bad time for me to promise anyone that I would stay home and listen to a special radio program but this past week, I promised myself that in the future I would make a special effort to turn on WKTK radio station on Sunday evening at 5:30 p.m. and listen to the inspirational program of word and song coming from the Jones Tabernacle Church.

I was sitting in the back of the Baltimore Street Church, with two friends waiting for the musical program to begin across the street at Central Baptist Church, when the Rev. Arthur E. Jones, (SSA, Annex building) and his combined choir started their regular Sunday evening radio broadcast.

We were touched by the quiet serenity of the service and especially proud of the musicians, Rev. Arthur Jones and Charles Hassell, both of whom work at the Social Security Woodlawn Headquarters building. Charles started his federal government career in 1949 and has advanced to the position of disability examiner.

He began playing the piano and organ when he was sixteen years old. His wife Jane attends the First United Apostolic Church. They have two children, Charles Jr., age 20 and 12 - year - old Carolyn who attends Calverton Junior High School.

Mrs. Barbara Mitchell, entertained the Les Tams Club at her beautiful new Washington Avenue home last Saturday evening. Barbara is an equal opportunity specialist with SSA's Bureau of Hearing and Appeals in Arlington, Virginia.

Expressions of sympathy are extended to Ms. Beverly Cooper, (SSA, Bureau of Retiremnt and Survivors Insurance) in the loss of her mother last Thursday afternoon.

Don't forget to include the Maryland Baptist Aged Home on your Christmas gift list. The home, located at 2901 Raynor Ave., is in need of your support.

A recent Supreme Court decision upheld a provision in the social security law that requires certain illegitimate children to prove that their father lived with them or supported them at the time of his death before they can get survivors benefits on his wage record.

Dependent children of a deceased worker who worked long enough under social security can get monthly benefit checks until they are age 18, or 22 if they are full-time students in school and remain unmarried.

Under the social security law, a legitimate child and some illegitimate children of a worker are considered dependent when the parents dies. Other illegitimate children are considered dependent if the worker has been decreed by a court to be the child's father or ordered by a court to contribute to the child's support, or the father has acknowledged the child in writing or has been proven to be the father and living with and contributing to the support of the child.

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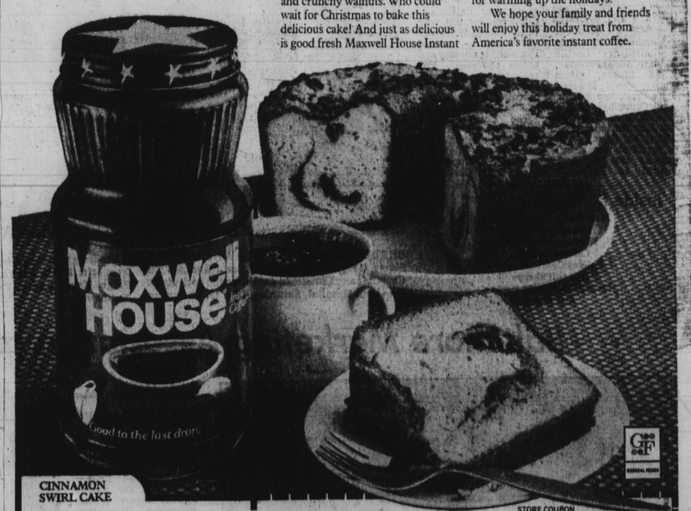

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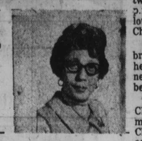
Catonsville Notes

. . . by Liz Williams



Get well cards to: Leroy Carroll (Marion), Alfred Woolridge (Janet) Bettye Moss (Paul), Bernice McDaniels (Edward) and Mabel Denkens.

Sympathy cards to the family of Ann Lee Johnson, mother of Mary L. Brooks, Paul, Vernon and Edgar Johnson. Funeral services were held at St. Cecila Catholic Church with burial in the Baltimore National Cemetery.

Thomas Jones (T. J.) son of Tom and Brenda Jones played with Towson State University in the NAAA championship game in Phoenix City, Ariz., on Dec. 4. Although T. J. was injured after a 17-yard rush in the first quarter, he returned in the second half to help Towson come from behind to tie the game 28-28 in the last 30 seconds. That's traditional with the Joneses, T. J.'s brother Jeffrey and his cousin Steve Jones were members of the Poly football team which shares the MSA title along with Gilman and Calvert Hall.

Carmelita Hayes, daughter of Carol Hayes and a student at Clark College in Atlanta, left that city on Monday to spend Christmas with her cousin, Peggy Johnson who is a student at the University of Hawaii.

Carmelita is in the Dual Degree Engineering Program and plans to attend Georgia Tech. next fall. She will return to Catonsville on the 30th and back to Atlanta on Jan. 2.

Debbie Williams came home Tuesday and will be here until the first. She is a mass communications major at Clark. Kindly let me know about the young people who will be home for the holidays.

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Geoffrey A. Gaither, son of Catherine Steward of Suter is home on leave from Fort Bliss, Texas. When he returns to the service he will be stationed in Florida.

The Grace Improvement Organization (GIO) of GRACE AME Church is holding a candlelight service on Christmas Eve. The Male chorus of Grace will render the Christmas music.

Come as you are between the hours of 8 and 9 p.m. and share in the fellowship; help them to keep Christ in Christmas.

GIO is asking that you bring canned goods to help fill a basket for the needy. Refreshments will be served.

The Banneker Optimist Club will sponsor a Christmas raffle (Basket of Cheer) on Thursday, December 23 at 10 p.m. at the American Legion Post No. 263. The raffle is for the benefit of the youth activities.

The Winter Gun and Rod Club will hold a raffle on Dec 18 at the Elks Home. David Blackwell is president; James Ebb, vice president; and Harry Coates, secretary.

A Variety Dinner will be given by the Crescent Lodge No. 355 on December 18th from noon until. Nelson Jones is chairman and James Hall is co-chairman.

You are invited to attend the international Christmas Celebration at 4:30 p.m. on Dec. 19 at Grace Church. It is being presented by the Young Adult Choir under the direction of Carol Hayes. Please come and share the moment with a friend.

Ancient City Lodge No. 175, Annapolis is celebrating its 60th anniversary. Among those who joined in the open house from Catonsville were: Joseph Wise, Walter Harris, Alan Brown, Connie Langley and Marilyn Steward. They represented Crescent Lodge No. 355 and Emma Williams No. 358.

The participants at the receiving and collaring ceremony for the Past Grand Daughter Rulers (1975-1976) of the Emma Williams Temple were: PDGR Mary Holley, PDGR PGDR MaryHolley, PDGR Loville Sharpe, Arnold Ebb, PDP Gladys Foreman, Rev. Reginald Boston, Rev. Gentry McDonald, PGDR Mattie Hawkins, PGDR Julia Miles, PSP Anna Foreman, DGT Ruler Doris Coates, Exalted Ruler Ernest McCormick and the honorees PDGR Rosa Lee Hall, PG DR Mattie Roberts, PGDR Mary McCormick

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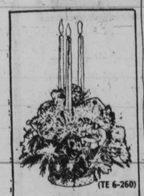

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AFRO Bridal Register

Miss Dukes, Mr. Davis repeat vows

Miss Minnie F. Dukes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Bynum of Baltimore recently repeated wedding vows with Joseph Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Parlie Lee Davis.

The service was performed by the Rev. C. Richardson.

Matron of honor was Shirley Richardson and best man, Blease White.

The newlyweds were honored following services at a reception in their new Oakley Avenue home.

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Couples mark anniversaries

By Gertrude M. Parker
AFRO Correspondent

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Johnson celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary last Saturday at their home on Westport Street.

An Anniversary Banquet honoring the Rev. George W. Smith for his nine years as pastor of Mount Winans First Baptist Church was held Dec. 11 at the Holiday Inn, downtown. Among the ministers on the program was toastmaster, the Rev. Carl Washington of St. Timothy Christian Baptist Church.

Keynote speaker was the Rev. Walter Brunson of New Christian Memorial Church.

The committee included Mrs. Inez Fallin, Mrs. Geneva Weems, Mrs. Belle Wise.

After serving successfully many years as president of the Mt. Winans Civic Interest Group Inc., Walter W. H. Will has stepped down.

The new president is Harold Patterson of 2629 Waterview Ave. He is the son of the late Howard Patterson Ward leader South Baltimore District at that time. His mother Mrs. Mabel Patterson is a member of Mt. Winans United Methodist Church.

The Modernettes Social Club held its annual Christmas Party at the Union Hall, Cherry Hill last Saturday evening.

Mrs. Elizabeth Wallace is president of the club.

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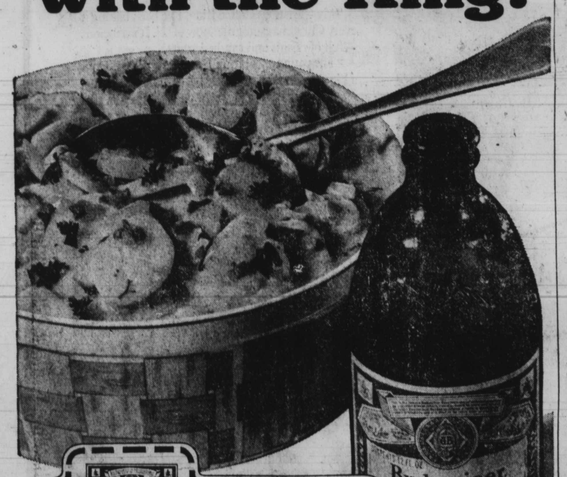

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8 cups sliced, cooked potatoes
1 medium onion, minced
½ cup pickle relish
1½ teaspoons celery seed
2 teaspoons salt
¼ teaspoon pepper
1 cup Budweiser® beer
½ cup cider vinegar
½ cup sugar
2 eggs, slightly beaten
1 tablespoon prepared mustard
½ cup salad oil
Chopped parsley

Combine potatoes, onion, relish, celery seed, 1 teaspoon of the salt, and pepper. Heat Budweiser and vinegar to boiling. Turn off flame; stir in sugar and the remaining teaspoon of salt. Pour slowly into eggs, stirring constantly. Mix in mustard. Slowly beat in oil. Pour over potato mixture and gently combine. Place in frying pan and heat piping hot. Taste for seasoning. Garnish with parsley. Makes 8 to 10 generous servings each with a cold glass of Bud on the side. It's even better the next day served cold with another Bud.

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