R.S.V.P. With Marie

By Marie Phillips-Cooke
Reflections Editor

Do you believe in spirits? During this past week, there were certain events that touched bases with my spirit that brought much joy and jubilation! Read on.

Last Friday morn — 7:30 to be precise — at the second annual Martin Luther King Breakfast, spirits filled the ballroom of the downtown Hilton Hotel. Like old folk say, "Honey child, you shoulda been there." (And if you were, then you know what I'm talkin' about).

The breakfast, now termed as one of the historic events of this town, found 1,000 plus supporters listening to the messages of program participants that came in the form of prayer, song, prose and talk.

You should have been there to hear that nine-year-old Lafayette Elementary School youngster deliver the late Dr. King's "I Have A Dream." Talkin' about spirit, young Rodney Green had it!

He says he wants to be an actor when he's all grown up — I'm hoping he'll be called to preach.

And there was spirit in the voices of the Social Security Chorus, under the direction of Norman L. McNeil and accompanied by Patricia Cornelius. The group included spirituals in its performance.

Spirits were alive in that room!

Charles W. Bowser, who's the chairman of the National Association of Urban Coalition Directors, discussed "The Black Blueprint," a brilliant, and understandable summation of what he envisions for a beautiful America. His "blueprint" contains four elements: identification, unification, liberation and integration.

"Perhaps all of this is just a vision devoutly to be wished, but if that is true it is no reason to scoff. We have developed as a nation which has pursued and captured many of its visions. Given the right vision, given the vision worthy of what we stand for, it may not remain just a vision very long.

"This is one of the reasons I amended the lyrics of that song America the Beautiful and used the new lyrics as a part of my campaign for mayor of Philadelphia in 1975.

"As a boy in North Philadelphia (inner city), I enjoyed singing America the Beautiful in school, but the words had no relevancy for me. They left me with a vision of a beautiful America someplace other than the place where I live, for in North Philadelphia, I never saw a purple mountain, and I never saw a field of grain or a fruited plain.

"I wrote these words to provide another vision of a beautiful America where we live:"

Oh beautiful for spacious skies
For asphalt streets of joy
For decent homes and decent schools
For every girl and boy.

Oh beautiful for spacious skies
For jobs and health and hope
For an end to crime and an end to lies
And an end to devil dope.

Oh beautiful for spacious skies
For justice fair and true
For an equal chance for all who try
To make their dreams come true.

America, America, God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.

The affair was a success due to the spirits of and within A. Paul Moss, coordinator; the Hon. Robert B. Watts, general chairman; members of the King's Landing Women's Club and the Jeffrey Fund, headed by Gwendolyn J. Clarke, and other program participants, not already mentioned: the Most Rev. William D. Borders, Archbishop of Baltimore; John H. Somerville, Esq., president, YMCA of the Greater Baltimore Area, the sponsoring organization; J. Sydney King, director, Community Services, WBAL-TV, and Dr. Jacob B. Agus, rabbi, Beth El Congregation.

Honorary chairmen included the heads of local governments throughout the state as well as community leaders and supporters of the sponsoring organizations.

Liturgical Dancer

In the Book of Psalms you'll find these words: "Praise Him with the timbrel and the dance." And that's exactly what Sister Barbara Demps of Boston, Mass. did on Sunday at Bethel AME Church.

The sister danced according to the spirit — called liturgical dancing. Her body (professionally trained) moved in rhythmic fashion as we sang the Doxology — she danced to the glory of the Lord!

Sister Demps was in town for the special Missionary Day at Bethel — a spiritual and cultural experience. It was coordinated by the Missionary Department supervisor, Cecelia Williams-Bryant, wife of Bethel's pastor, the Rev. John R. Bryant.

Speaking of Bethel, remember a month or so ago when State Senator Verda F. Welcome wrote a letter (published in this column) saying that she and hubby, Dr. Henry Welcome were taking a long overdue vacation, but that as soon as they returned she'd be joining us at Bethel? Well, Sister Welcome kept her word. She was "in the number" last Sunday morn.

(AFRO staff photo by Benjamin Phillips IV)

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS — Attorney Clarence M. Mitchell Jr., was presented a distinguished service award last Saturday afternoon at the Founders' Day Luncheon of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority by Mary B. Fields, immediate past basileus, Alpha Zeta Chapter, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. In right panel, Sigma member, Dr. Parlett L. Moore presents Dr. Winfred O. Bryson with a distinguished service award.

Eubie Blake Brings Tears

It was a rare occasion that I was at home on late Tuesday afternoon and happened to turn on the TV — one form of entertainment! I find un-entertaining to one of those variety talk shows. Oh well, I could—fix dinner and listen to the "tube" at the same time.

"Ladies and gentlemen, our next guest is a young man of 93," said the host.

My, my, I thought. The only person I know who's 93 and still getting around is Eubie Blake.

"Mr. Eubie Blake."

That man — that genius of a man — is, indeed, a great spirit! Tears of joy, jubilation streamed down my cheeks as I watched him play that piano as only he can. But that wasn't all.

When the host asked, how he was, "young" Mr. Blake replied, "I'm glad to be here, but moreover I'm glad to be breathing." The audience and viewers heard excerpts from his life's story (how much can you tell in a few minutes) . . . it was just tremendous!

(Editor's Note: Many remember when the Arena Players honored Eubie Blake at its annual awards banquet last June).

Speaking of the Arena Players, the organization is hosting a special performance of "None To Call Him Father" by Melvin DeGree on Sunday, Jan. 23, 3 p.m. at the new playhouse, 801 McCulloh St. Mayor Schaefer and others are expected to attend the performance and subsequent activities.

Immediately following the performance a reception will be held in the lobby where guests may meet and talk with the playwright, director and cast of the play.

Mom 'n the Greens

Well, I finally got a chance to show my dear mother something! This week, during a regular visit to her home (with my dog who is spending the week with her "grandmother"), my mom (Dr. Elizabeth Murphy Moss) got a free lesson in cleaning and cooking fresh greens. It was a cultural experience — right down to the ham hocks!

Inaugural Activities

On next Friday, Reflections will devote most of its space to the Inaugural activities, especially those involving local black folk. We attended the Special Maryland Presidential Inaugural Reception last night, Thursday, in the famed Black Caucus Room, located in the Cannon Building. Details next week.

A Little Helper

Here's a note from the Gardener's Almanac: While you're outside shoveling or sweeping the snow away, gather some in a couple of jars or buckets to melt indoors. With no fluorides or other added chemicals, melted snow is great to use when watering your house plants.

At age 93, musician Eubie Blake is spry and young at heart. This photo was taken by AFRO senior photographer Benjamin M. Phillips at last year's (June, 1976) Arena Players Awards Banquet.

Local club notes

By Michele L. McRae

The Baltimore Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., will observe its 54th annual Founders' Day and will also celebrate the 55th anniversary of the Baltimore Alumnae Chapter with a commemorative dinner on Sunday, Jan. 30.

The banquet will be held at the Blue Crest North, 401 Reisterstown Rd., Pikesville, Md., 4 p.m.

Guest speaker for this occasion will be Dr. Karen Bethea Galloway, the young defense attorney for Miss Joann Little. Miss Little is the 19-year-old black woman accused of murdering her white jailer in self defense.

Dr. Galloway received her notice of passing the North Carolina Bar examination on the day she was assigned this, her first case which became an international news item when it became evident that racist and sexist tactics were being used to prevent a fair trial.

Dr. Galloway's accounts of her experiences in this case with the criminal justice system will have implications for all of us.

Dr. Galloway is a 1974 graduate of Duke university Law School is the recipient of the 1976 'Lawyer of the Year Award' from the National Conference of Black Lawyers.

The public is invited to participate. For tickets Call: 265-7537.

Aloha McCullough is president of the Baltimore chapter and June Ross is chairperson.

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Columbia Capers

By Pinnie L. Ross

Beauty, actress and singer Saundra Jean Williams appeared on stage last Wednesday night, at the Garland Dinner Theater. She played the role of Janet in "Boeing, Boeing." It was a comedy.

The audience laughed all through the play, and Saundra played her role like a "real" superstar.

She starred as an airline stewardess who was involved with a Parisian who had a triangle love affair with three airline stewardesses. The three stewardesses eventually found love and happiness with other men in different parts of the world.

I had a nice chat with my old friend Ida Swanson. Ida is a long time member of the Vags organization.

Like most parents, the conversation was centered around our children which we try very hard to support, and we should. She tells me that her son, Johnnie is a sophomore at Morris Brown College in Atlanta, Ga. and singing on the college traveling choir.

The choir will start their tour the last of February. Their first stop will be in Savannah, Ga. at the Civic Center. Hopefully, their tour will include the Maryland area, if so, many of the Swansons' friends will try for the front row seats — I will be one of them.

If you can recall last Friday night we had a blanket of snow about two inches thick: snow, sleet, and freezing rain, but it didn't deter some of the members from attending the Link's meeting held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. (Ada) George Woodland.

It was really fun plowing through the snow, plunk! plunk! Each one depending on each other for support. We finally made a pathway to the Woodland's home where we were greeted by the hostess who was wearing a bright orange jumpsuit with gold lounge slippers.

Due to the inclement weather, we weren't sure whether or not our newly elected president, Charlene Jarvis would be able to make the meeting. But she drove from Silver Spring to conduct her meeting and did a beautiful job.

(Cuff note(Mrs. Jarvis is a former Columbia resident.

Fund-raising chairlady, Zoola Boone and International Trends and Service chairlady, Bebe Price made marvelous reports.

After the meeting we enjoyed a tasty repast. We forgot about our diets.

Mrs. Woodland (Ada) had a variety of wines that many members sampled; nevertheless, about 1:30 we found our path, and plunk! plunk! through the snow.

It was a lovely meeting on a terribly inclement night.

Thought for Today

"Give to the world the best you have, and the best will come back to you."

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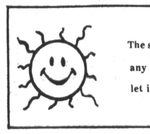

The spirit is stronger than any material force — let it live within you!

—Mrs. Carter

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have the covered-up of high neckline and long sleeves, a look which also seems to be preferred by Rosalynn Carter.

One is a peanut-color cotton velveteen flared dress with turtleneck and high yoke. This may be worn with or without the hip-length sleeveless cardigan vest in printed velveteen, a smallscale stylized floral in tones of gold and rust on an earth brown background, bound in the solid color of the dress.

Another of the day dresses is a printed velveteen style with flowers so small the print looks like calico. The colors are again a mixture of earthy neutrals. With this dress, Lester suggested a caramel-color pure silk long-sleeved blouse with bow-tie neckline. However, the dress looks quite complete on its own.

The third day dress is a vertically striped tent in sand, gold, rust and gray; it is designed with a biscut front yoke with the stripes running diagonally. There is a separate cowl turtleneck sweater in a ribbed rabbit hair blend jersey in wheat color to wear under the dress, but this is optional depending on the weather and weather Caron wants the sportier look of the sweater.

The turtleneck sweater and the bow-tied silk blouse are interchangeable with the striped wool and printed velveteen dresses, thus giving Caron variety in her maternity wardrobe.

Hayatt, a native of Panama, is a graduate of the Parsons School of Designwho has been Lady Madonna's designer for three years, attended the Inauguration ceremony and the Inaugural balls.

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culture. It's very apparent that Americans just don't have as much interest in their heritage as do people of other countries," she added.

The Study Abroad Program offered at Wilmington College is open to all interested students. Study programs are offered in Austria, France, England.

Miss Anderson is now applying to graduate schools where she hopes to major in sociology.

She offers this bit advice to young people:

"Look beyond your own city, where you were born and reared to set your career goals for life. Sometimes you have to get away from the things you're used to in order to become aware of your interests and capabilities."

An active college student, Miss Anderson is listed in the 1976 edition of "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities," is a student representative of the Wilmington College Board of Trustees, a member of the Concerned Black Students Organization Advisory Board, participated in the Intercollegiate Women's Basketball and Volleyball Teams and is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Miss Anderson is the daughter of Mrs. Eva Anderson and Westley Anderson, both of Baltimore. She has five sisters, Carol, 20; Eva, 19; Diana, 18; Delores, 16, and Charlene, 15.

The family are members of the St. Katherine's Episcopal Church in Baltimore.

CARNATION BALL—Members of the National Auxiliary of Postal and Federal Employees and their guests gathered for the group's annual Carnation Ball last Friday night at Martin's West. Shown from L to R are: R. L. White, national president; Lillian McKethan, local president; Rosebud Chisholm, chairman of dance; Jacquelyn C. Moore, national news editor; and Clifton Harris, president Local 202 chapter.

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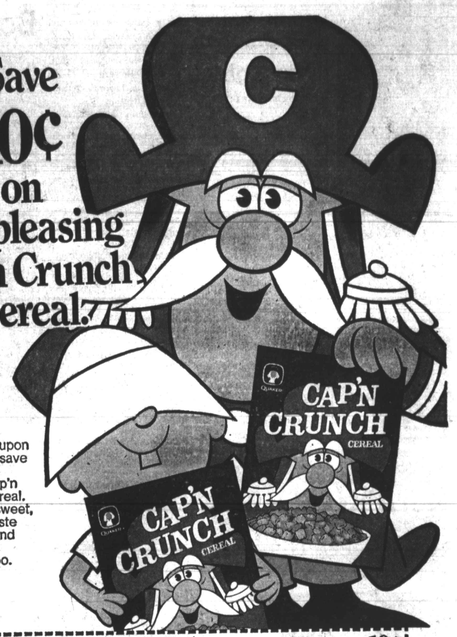

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Miss JoAnn Bradley Jones
Engagement told

Miss Jones, Mr. Pinkney to wed

Dr. Clifton R. Jones of Baltimore announces the engagement of his daughter, Miss Jo Ann Bradley Jones to Louis Hudson Pinkney of Catonsville, Md., the son of Louis Hammond, Pinkney, Jr. of Baltimore, and Mrs. Ann McIver of Catonsville.

Miss Jones was graduated from Friends School, Swarthmore College, and the University of Maryland School of Law. She is on the legal staff of the Philadelphia Area Counsel of the U.S. Department of a housing and Urban Development.

Mr. Pinkney was graduated from Catonsville High School, attended Morgan State University, and was graduated from the School of Fine Arts of the University of Pennsylvania with a masters degree in architecture and planning. He is with the firm of Wallace, McHarg, Roberts and Todd of Philadelphia.

Miss Jones is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Will Clarence Jones of Jesterville, Md. and the late Mr. and Mrs. Carter Bradley of Hill Top, W. Va. Mr. Pinkney is the grandson of the late Louis Hammond Pinkney Sr. of Baltimore and Mrs. Flossie Cromwell of Baltimore, and the late Yancey G. Hudson, and Mrs. Dorma Hudson of East Orange, N. J.

A May wedding is planned.

AFRO Bridal Register

Miss Dunson, Mr. Slay III exchange vows

In a double ring ceremony recently held at the Hunt Valey Inn, Miss Fay Cordelia Dunson exchanged wedding vows with Samuel Bernard Slay III. The Rev. Samuel T. Redd performed the service.

Maid of honor was Brenda O. Brown and bridesmaids included: Jean Dunson, Connie Tunstall, Pattie Clyburn.

Best man was Dwight Williams and ushers were Frank Clyburn, Tommy Munson, William Dunson.

Flower girl was Danielle Robinson and ringbearer, Christopher J. Dunson.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dunson and is a graduate of Morgan State University. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Parham and is a native of Fullerton, Calif. He graduated from the Villanova University in Philadelphia.

The couple will make their home in Los Angeles, Calif. after a honeymoon in the Bahamas.

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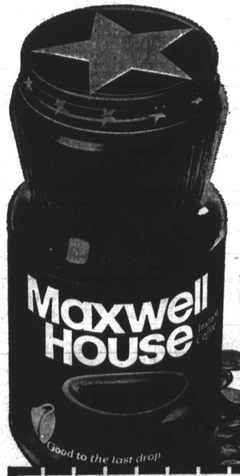

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