Catonsville Notes

... by Lib Williams

Many interesting events will be happening in Catonsville and the surrounding areas for the next several weeks, so get your calendar out that you may jot these dates down.

Beginning with Morning Star Baptist Church where the Rev. Gentry McDonald is pastor, a luncheon and fashion show that will be held at the church on Saturday, May 21.

"Stories Behind The Hymns," featuring Barbara Haskins, Marsha Marcano and chorus, will be at 5 p.m.

A Chicken and Pig Foot Dinner, including a Bazaar, will be sponsored by the Missionary Society of the Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church, located on the corner of Winters Avenue and Edmondson Avenue. Its annual Men's Day will be held on Sunday, May 22. Services are at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Brother Peel Foreman, chairman. Brother E. Carter, co-chairman.

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In the afternoon of May 22 at 4 p.m., the Willing Workers of the church will celebrate its 27th anniversary. The Rev. James L. Harris is pastor, the Rev. Isabelle Dorsey is associate pastor.

We will now go on to Grace AME Church to see what is happening there: the Senior Choir will have a variety supper on May 28 at the church and The Willing Workers will present the Lee Family Singers in concert.

On June 11 there will be a Spring Bazaar that will be given by the Clara E. Harris Area of the Senior Missionary Society of the Baltimore Conference Branch.

It will be for the benefit of the Queen, Mrs. Hazel Boston, wife of the pastor, the Rev. Reginald Boston. The bazaar will be held at the church beginning at 10:30 a.m.

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Within walking distance of all of the other churches which I have named, there is St. Mark Roman Catholic Church where we attend. St. Mark's along with the other churches in the community, work together very closely. The other predominately white churches also work very closely with the black churches in this community.

St. Mark's scouts are always having a paper drive. If you are looking for some place to put your old papers and magazines, bundle them up and put them on the truck that is on the church parking lot. Father Duke is the rector and Father Hawkins is the assistant rector.

Scoop of the Week: The men's softball team of the Monday and Tuesday nights league, of the Banneker Recreation Center was decisively beaten last Saturday at the Bloomingdale Athletic Field. This happened after a 10-game winning streak, since the season opened. Richard (Big "E") Ebb is the manager.

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Many of us received invitations in the mail recently, inviting us to attend the dedication of the Benjamin Banneker Memorial on Saturday, May 21 at 10:15 a.m. at the Mt. Gilboa Chapel in Oella, Md.

The guiding force behind it all is Zola Cyrenian Saunders, fondly known to all of us as "Susie." She is the daughter of Leopold and Zola Saunders of Oella. Susie is a lifetime member of the Oella community, a 1964 graduate of Catonsville High School and she also attended Morgan State University and Catonsville Community College.

Susie represented her community on the Maryland Commission on Afro-American History and Culture, along with Ivan Dotson, a counselor at Westchester Elementary School and a part-time counselor for community affairs and a member of the original Task Force to acquire water and sewage for Oella.

This personable young woman said that her interest in Oella started at the age of four when her former neighbor, Mrs. Fannie Briscoe told and retold her little stories about the community.

Susie and her father, Leopold, are members of the all-white Oella Improvement Association.

She is also the mother of Tracy Lee who is a fourth grader at Westchester Elementary.

We, in the Catonsville-Oella and surrounding areas want to salute you, Susie Saunders for what you have done for your community. You should be a living example for the young people. This young lady deserves some kind of recognition, because she has fought for a community which is predominately white.

Don't forget to go to Oella on May 21 where the monument of Benjamin Banneker will be unveiled, due to a little black girl who was born and reared in Oella.

Continue to send your get well and thinking of you cards to the sick and the shut-in, especially to Mrs. Hattie Smith (Hawthorne St.) who was due to go into the hospital this week; Rob Ridout (Mildred), who is in the hospital and to Mrs. Ophelia Moore, mother of Barbara Owings (Samuel) who underwent surgery during the week. Mrs. Moore (Zemmore) is from Lynnville, Tenn.

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If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he is a different drummer. Let him step to the music he hears, however measured or far away." Thoreau.

This verse was on a card that our daughter sent from Colorado Springs back in the fall to us and I am just fully realizing what it means.

Have a good week!

CLASSICAL BALLET graduates who participated in the Mother's Day Luncheon-Fashion Show of the Flair Studio, Inc. from L to R kneeling: Mia Greene, Tiffaney Bridgeforth, Kristi Allen, Deidre Edwards, Mona Hanson. From left standing are: Toria Simmons, Sherri Wilson, Ronnae Moore, Trina Weems, Dawn Nelson. Willia Bland is director of Fair Studio along with Shawan Patterson, dance instructor.

Mothers charmed by daughters at special luncheon show

Forty-five young women of Baltimore were able to give their mothers an extra special gift as they participated in a fashion show presentation.

The luncheon, and program was held May 8 and was sponsored by Willa Blands Flair Studio.

The program's general theme was geared to mother's, The Adult Class took the audience to church as the Holy Lights confessed "I'm satisfied."

The youngsters of the ballet class buzzed around to every heart to let the mothers know they had been stung by much love.

Other features were the Mannequin scene done to "Free" the "Waltz of the Flowers", and "Feelings".

Educator, Ruth Pratt, Educational Officer to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, awarded each of the students with a certificate. Ms. Pratt is too, a civic and community worker and a member of numerous organizations such as, NAACP, Provident Hospital Auxiliary, past president, Baltimore Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and of Sharon Baptist Church.

Graduates of the class edvanced include: Gloria Jean Mitchell, Brenda Dee Miller, Margaret Bradley, Yolanda Gladney, Shawn Braxton, Susan Langford, Rachelle Page Garrett, Yvette Kimberly Brister, Caroline Session, Sharon Rosetta Lee, Leatrice Juggetta Mellerson.

Lorre Ann Mellerson, Quaderene Renee Spence, Denene Edwynne Beard, Sharon Eudora Page, Theresa Anne Gaither, Trina Suzette Young.

Junior class graduates were: Sheryl Elsie Ford, Dina Charisse Tomlinson, Kelly Lynn Loman, Kimberly Vanessa Staton, Vanesse Kathy Stewart.

Leslie Elsie Rice, Adreinne Denise Ward, Patricia Bradford, Andrea Nancy Bivens, Sharon Bradford,

Renne Altonia Wyatt, Delor Annette Shorts, Rosa Maria Bivens, La'Tanya Monee Bryant, Pamela Michele Colbert, Robin Yvette Baugh,

Ianta Renee McCallum, Dietra Valencia Williamson.

Ballet class graduates are: Denean Mia Greene, Dawn Antoinette Nelson, Kristi A. Allen, Mona Caprice Hanson, Ronnae Moore, Trina Weems, Toria Simmons, Tiffancy Lynette Bridgeforth, Diedre Annette Edwards, Sherry L. Wilson.

FOUR PALS PLUS TWO recently entertained some 400 friends at a disco hosted at the Retail Union Hall. Members of the group are from (L to R) Mary Hill, Athea Funn, Juanita Springfield, Tony Garrison and Armstead Funn.

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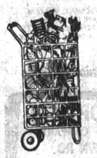

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