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Joy! A prelude to the holiday season was the weekend before Thanksgiving. It was love and joy-filled — you know, that kind that transcends from heart to heart.

Happy was the Right Rev. Harrison James Bryant on Saturday, Nov. 19, when family members gathered at dinner to honor him on his 78th birthday at his Bedford Road residence. Mother Edith Holland Bryant (she was given the title of "Mother" by the missionary women in South Africa where her husband, the Bishop presided over the Episcopal District of the AME church) prepared a buffet fish dinner. Most delicious was her pumpkin pudding and corn bread.

All of the Bryant children were there: MRs. Cynthia Bryant Pittman and husband, Assistant State's Attorney Orville Pittman of Milwaukee, Wisc.; Miss Hazel Joan Bryant, New York City; Rev. John R. Bryant and wife, Cecelia, Mrs. Eleanor Bryant Graham.

(Note: The following day, Sunday, Mrs. Graham was rushed to Baltimore County General Hospital by husband, Billy, where she underwent emergency surgery after suffering a collapsed lung. Cards of cheer to Room 120-B).

Also there were the four grandchildren: Jamal and Thema Bryant and Kia and Chere' Graham. And his niece, Miss Louise White of Georgetown, S.C., who is studying at Morgan U. and making her home with the elder Bryants; Mr and Mrs. Joe Padgett, Mrs. Bryant's nephew; Miss Cartrina Williams of Yonkers, N.Y., sister of Cecelia Bryant, now studying at Morgan, and the Rev. Ronald E. Braxton, pastor, Allen AME Church.

Book Party

Love was what we picked up on the following evening, Sunday, at the Green Mountain Circle home in Columbia of Bill (Ambrose) and Pinnie Ross.

The Rosses had invited their intimate friends in to meet and greet Joe Crawford, the noted (and handsome) black photographer from New York City, who has recently published a volume of photos by some 165 of the nation's most gifted photographers.

The Black Photographers' Annual is a non-profit project Crawford assumed when he realized that his colleagues weren't receiving their due recognition — their piece of the pie. So he decided to let the world know and see what black folk can do.

Currently, he is scheduling photo exhibits throughout the country while promoting the book and offering to the public at a minimal cost reproductions of some of the photos in the collection.

Among those artisans included in the annual are Gordon Parks and our own sweetheart, Mary Beth Cryor.

If all goes right, Crawford and his colleagues will exhibit in town in the spring of '78.

Jubilant these days is David Lightfoot Weems, son of Mrs. Alease V. Weems and the late Warren B. Weems. The young man was feted on his 16th birthday Nov. 19 by members of his Towson State University Summer Theatre Workshop and family at his Springdale Avenue home.

Well-wishers included his sisters, Mrs. Vonetta Cooper and Ms. Wenda Welch, and brother, Warren B. Weems, Jr. Others were: Linda Higgins, Pat Johnson, Felicia Albright, Courtney Barrol, Brig Berney, Kim Burroughs, Teresa Copeland, Rosalind Cromwell, Victoria Curtiss and Steve Eicher.

Also, Jan Eisenberg, Kandy Grodinsky, Diane Hargrove, William Harvey, Sandra Hawkins, Larry Gipe, Stevie Gibson, Tom Hiltabidle, Matt Kone, Victoria John, Rae Kellam, Bill Lang, Benedict Dorsey, Glen Gray, Deidra McNeill, Jenny Munlove, Sharon Newman, Becky Nutter, Tyrone Offer and Milton Pierce.

And, Lynda Parr, Benny Dorsey, Penny Prout, Bernadette Pucci, Sharon Shelton, Tim Smith, Ida Wagman, Carlton Wilson, Mike Martinez, Charles Dutton, Christ Truesdale, Karen Gray, Stephanie Strong, Bernadine Mosley, Duane Segal, Gary Gray, Peggy Payne, Cheryl Copeland and Nadine Odam.

The most solid comfort one can fall back upon is the thought that the business of one's life is to help in some small way to reduce the sum of ignorance, degradation, and misery on the face of this face beautiful earth," by George Eliot is the introduction of the invitation extended by our lifetime friend Dr. Roland Barksdale Williams, announcing the special Dec. 7 meeting of the Me-De-So Club and Wives. It will be a memorial to Dr. John E. T. Camper, longtime club member who died two weeks ago.

As usual, Roland has planned an exceptional program. Mrs. Amelia B. Tyler, of Monrovia, Liberia the sister who set up the model mid-wife program in Baltimore, will give an address (she's an expert in family planning), along with the nationally-acclaimed soloist, Mrs. Mildred Hunte of New York City, the Hon. Harry Cole, and this writer.

Special guests will be Dr. Camper's widow, and family, and Dr. and Mrs. M. L. Barksdale.

Local club notes

OMEGA PSI PHI Fraternity, Inc., the Pi Omega Chapter will hold its annual Achievement Week Program, Sunday, Nov. 20, 10:45 a.m. at Morgan Christian Center. Theme for the program will be "Perseverance: Overcoming Adversity to Achieve Success."

One of the objectives of the Achievement Week Observance is to focus attention on outstanding achievements, not only by giving appropriate recognition to those who have achieved, but by stimulating others to gain even higher eminence.

This year Pi Omega Chapter will honor distinguished individuals and organizations that have contributed significantly to the uplift of this community.

Those being honored and receiving awards are: Dr. Benjamin C. Whitten, Outstanding Citizen of the Year; Lloyd Alston and the late Dr. J. Haywood Harrison, Outstanding Omega Man of the Year.

Special awards to outstanding citizens and organizations in the Baltimore area will be awarded to Earl Koger, author and publisher; Jesse Webster, media; Waxter Center for senior citizens; and Garwyn Medical Center.

Winners of the Bishop Edgar A. Love Scholarship will be awarded to Corolese R. McCall, Russell Q. Judd, Lawrence Henderson and Leonard Green.

Essay contest winners are Cheryl Burke and Mary M. St. Jean, both of Catonsville High School and Mark Alark, Woodlawn High school.

The public is invited to attend. The Rev. Quincy Cooper will deliver the sermon and the Morgah Choir will furnish music.

Gammi Pi, the Prince George's County Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, recently honored Maryland State Sen. Tommie Broadwater Jr. as the County Citizen of the Year.

In 1974 Senator Broadwater was elected from the 25th district of Maryland as the first and only black state senator beyond the confines of Baltimore City. He is presently suburban Washington's only black voice in the upper chambers of the legislator.

The senator was cited for his consistent and effective support of legislation affecting black people in the area of housing, education, and job opportunities. During the past year he has been unrelenting in his desire to create a society that is more just and equitable.

The award was given at the Tiffany Banquet Suite in Rockville, Md. during Gammi Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity's annual achievement program.

The plaque was presented to Sen. Broadwater by Billy F. Gay who lauded the recipient for practicing the four cardinal principles of the fraternity: "Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift."

He was also extolled for surmounting the obstacles that confronted him in his quest for the Senate, thereby becoming a role-model for others.

Additionally, Mr. Gay said the Gammi Pi would, in the coming year, be very active in the voter registration efforts in the county. Historically the chapter has been deeply envolved in attempts to alleviate county-wide civic and social problems.

In his acceptance speech, the senator beseeched the attendees to become more involved. He challenged them to make the concept "Participative Democracy" a reality

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BELTA SIGMA THETA Sorority, Inc. — The Maryland Council of Deltas, under the presidency of Mrs. Hazel Parks, hosted its first Political Awareness Workshop Luncheon, recently with the theme "Survival Through Unity." Hosted at Morgan State University's McKeldin Center, the event was indeed another innovative and successful one for Delta.

Coordinated by Evelyn Douglass and Ruth Crowder, the activity featured pictorial displays of prominent Deltas in the state of Maryland and four workshops that operated simultaneously during the morning hours.

Workshops included the 'Legislative Budget' convened by Delegate John W. Douglass; the 'Legislative Process' chaired by Sen. Robert Douglass; 'Voter Education' led by Dr. Gwendolyn Cooks and Senator Clarence Blount and 'Changing Career Roles of Women' headed by Thelma Daley, national president of Delta Sigma Theta.

Miss Taylor to wed

John Edward Taylor and Mrs. Eloise E. Taylor Johnson of Fairview Avenue and Lynchester Road of Baltimore have announced the engagement of their daughter, Roslyn Rosa Taylor to Alvin L. Goode of Charleston, S.C.

Miss Roslyn Taylor

The bridegroom - to - be is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Weston of Bridgeport, Conn.

The bride - elect graduated from Western High School and Bowie State College. Her fiance is a graduate of Burke High School, Charleston, S.C. and attended Bowie State College.

Miss Taylor is the granddaughter of the late Lucille Allen and Melvin Allen Sr. of Pressman Street. Alvin L. Goode is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Edward Jones of Charleston, S.C.

The wedding is scheduled for January 28, 1978.

ABOUT FACES, a newly formed social and political women's organization, is gaining support in its efforts to achieve feminine awareness.

Club objectives range from benefits and charities to political campaigns and expeditions to plant parties, home and family improvement sessions and educational encouragements. An introduction of the eight individuals involved is planned at their first benefit on Sunday, December 11 at the Hunt Valley Inn from 6 to 10 p.m.

Bazzar at YWCA

Churches, women's groups, parents' clubs, and other non-profit organizations are invited to bring items left over from holiday bazaars to a cooperative bazaar sponsored by the North Area Center YWCA.

The "Bazaar-Bazaar" will be held this year on Monday, December 12, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., at Timonium United Methodist Church, Pot Spring and Chantry Roads in Timonium.

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Miss Somerset contest, Dec. 9

Somerset Junior High School is presenting a Faculty Fashion Show and "Miss Somerset" Contest on December 9. The program will be held at the Ella Fitzgerald Performing Arts Building, U.M.E.S. Campus, Princess Anne, Md., 7:30 p.m. Proceeds will go toward the purchasing of audio-visual equipment at Somerset Junior High School.

Twenty-seven girls are participating in this event. The girls are in grades 7 through 9 at Somerset Junior High School. The title will be given to the girl who raises the most money. Mrs. Hazel Milbourne, principal, will crown the queen.

The program will feature Miss Marion Washington, a creative dancer from New York City and Ms. Beatrice Davis, a creative modern dancer from Howard University. The Rev. Kenneth A. Martin, band director from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore will perform with a trio and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Fink will feature a duet. The Crisfield Band will also play.

A reception will follow the fashion show.

Admission price to the event will be adults $2.50 and students $1.50. Tickets may be purchased from constants, faculty members and the committee members.

MSU protessor to paint Carter portrait

The head of the Morgan State University art department plans to paint a portrait of the late civil rights activist Walter P. Carter.

Professor Oliver Scott, head of the Morgan Art Department, has been commissioned by Del. Lena K. Lee to paint a portrait of Carter to be hung in the Walter P. Carter Mental Health Center, at 630 Fayette St.

A pose for the portrait will be from photos by a chosen selection committee.

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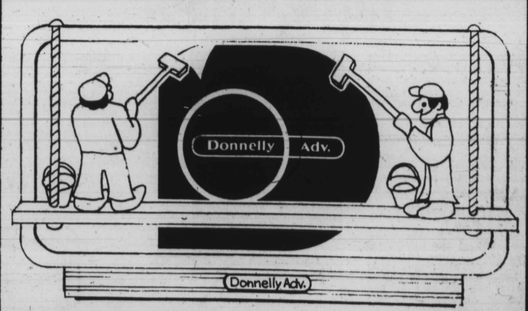

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