R.S.V.P.

By Marie Phillips-Cooke
AFRO Women's Editor

Les Gemmes, Inc. a national organization of educators announced this week that the 1980 conclave will be held in none other than Charm City, Baltimore!

The national body made the decision recently at the Fourth Conclave hosted by the Virginia Beach Chapter at the ocean front Mariner Resort Inn and Convention Center, Virginia Beach. Theme of the conclave was "Introspect - Upward, Onward, United We Stand."

Highlights of the meeting were the induction of the Washington, D.C. Chapter, election of national officers and monetary presentations to the NAACP and Norfolk State College, and the rededication of all Les Gemmes.

National officers elected were: Evelyn Harris, Suffolk, Va., president; Bessie Vinson, Portsmouth, Va., vice president; Elizabeth Alston, Chesapeake, Va., treasurer; Brookie Thomas, secretary.

In addition to the business sessions, there was a disco party, fashion show luncheon and formal dance.

Baltimore Gemmes who went and came back with the news were: Brenda Thornington, president; Doris Nelson, vice president; Genet Fulwood, secretary; Mary Anderson, assistant secretary; Elizabeth Elliott, treasurer; Loretta Hill, parliamentarian; Celeste Fennell, Mary Tate, Betty Randolph, Connie Whittington, Geraldine Smith, Peggy Neale, founder and historian; Fran Brown, Deborah Johns and Rita Chainey.

May Week Observance

In conjunction with the national observance of May Week, the annual Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. activity to promote scholarship, black unity and cultural awareness, the undergraduate chapter, located on the University of Maryland Baltimore County campus (UMBC), had several outstanding black women to come and tell their "success" stories.

They were TV personality and dancer, **Maria Broom**; civil rights activist and lawyer, **Juanita Jackson Mitchell**; attorney, **Roberta Gill**; public affairs director, WWIN Radio, **Mary Clayburn**; co-founder, School No. 1, **Vivian Washington**; educator and author, **Fran Beckles**, and **Marie Phillips-Cooke**.

On tomorrow, Saturday, there will be a picnic on campus from noon to 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Officers of the chapter are: **Joyce Brown**, president; **Brenda Tiller**, vice president; **Susan Ledbetter**, secretary; **Casandra Beverly**, treasurer. **Joyce Miller** is president - elect; **Roslyn Turner** is vice president-elect.

Golden Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Gaskins Sr., parents of Mrs. Lonnie W. Greene (Saretha), John T. Gaskins Jr. of Baltimore, and Mrs. James Garlyle (Marsha) of Oakland, Calif., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday. Some four generations were present. Lifelong friends joined the Gaskins' family at the 11 a.m. service at Douglas Memorial Church and later for brunch at the Garlyles on West University Parkway.

Among the friends who attended were: the Rev. and Mrs. Spencer Dobson, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Banks, Mrs. Charles Clayton (Kate), the only original wedding guest; Mrs. Edity Fowlkes, Mrs. Mabel Drewer, Miss Gwendolyn Carter, Robert Owens and Dr. and Mrs. Daniel Kim.

ATTENDED CONCLAVE — Some of those members of the Baltimore Chapter of Les Gemmes, Inc. who attended the national conclave in Virginia Beach from (L to R): **Genet Fulwood, secretary; Mary Anderson, assistant secretary; Brenda Thornington, president; Doris Nelson, vice president, and Elizabeth Elliott, treasurer; Standing: Loretta Hill, parliamentarian; Celeste Fennell, Mary Tate, Betty Randolph, Connie Whittington, and Geraldine Smith. Not shown are Peggy Neale, founder and historian; Fran Brown, Deborah Johns and Rita Chainey.**

Hey You Little Boy With The Hole In Your Shoe

Hey, you little boy with the hole in your shoe!
Yeah, you who thinks the whole world is looking down on you!
Straighten up those shoulders, stick out that chin,
That's right, keep on trying, again and again!
Push out that chest, hold that head up high,
Things will go your way, by and by!

So they're pushing you aside — no! don't you cry,
Keep on trucking, forget that sigh . . . strut your stuff,
Prove you're a man, you can do it, I know you can!
Now it don't matter that your clothes are tattered and torn
With a little faith you can still go on . . . to the top of the heap,
Come on boy stride, but I can't promise that it won't tax your
Pride, and no, I can't promise it will be an easy ride.

Come on little boy, you with the bow in your knee.
Push on push on and some day you'll be free . . . of care, of want,
Of those shoes with the hole . . . but promise me you won't sell Your soul.

Reach out your hand, hold on to faith and trust, come on little
Fellow, do it, do it, do it or bust!
Climb out of that ghetto — aim for the top, and in the face
Of adversity, don't you dare stop!
Just remember God loves you and so do I
And things will get better if you just try!

90th Birthday Party

We received an invitation this week from Kerr Family asking us to attend the 90th birthday reception of Mr. Thomas Henderson Kerr Sr., Sunday, May 7, 4 to 6 p.m. at Heritage United Church of Christ, 3106 Liberty Heights Ave.

Wedding Bells

Wedding bells will ring at 1 p.m. on May 27 for **Miss Angela Lorraine Lewis** and **Mark Coleman** at City Temple Baptist Church, "Angie," as she is affectionately called, is the daughter of **Mrs. Helen Lewis Bacon**, AFRO subscription manager.

Weekend Calendar

A couple of items on the weekend calendar are the closing dinner of the **Philomathians**, at 5 p.m. tomorrow, Saturday at Hidden Valley Country Club. Guest speaker for the affair will be Dr. Carolyn Reid Wallace, dean, Bowie State College and former acting interim president.

Also, on Sunday at 8 p.m. a group of civic-minded townsfolk who call themselves **Friends of the Morgan State University Choir**, will present the choir in concert at the Lyric Theatre. Proceeds will benefit the choir's cultural activities.

All of our best wishes to **Chapelle Armstead**, a city Department of Social Services field supervisor, who was recently appointed assistant director of personnel services for the department. Mrs. Armstead will assume primary responsibility for directing the operation of personnel services within the department, including training and staff development, volunteer services, and manpower projects.

Mrs. Armstead is a graduate of Morgan State University and Howard University where she received a Master of Social Work degree. She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Just this week while we were browsing through the Central Pratt Library, looking at all the interesting displays, when our eyes fell upon some familiar words: "Hey You Little Boy With The Hole In Your Shoe," a poem that we'd heard before, recited by its author, Dorothy Alves.

Dorothy is one of our good friends who's gifted with a creative mind, can write a poem as fast as I can write my name!

"Hey You Little Boy" was selected by the Pratt Humanities Department as the Poem of the Week.

Local club notes

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity's 30th Second District confab

Baltimore's Pi Omega Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. will host the 30th Second District Conference, May 5 through 7th at the downtown Hilton Hotel. An estimated 700 people are expected from New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland.

In developing the theme "Where to Omega? Options for the Eighties," business at the conference will include exploring and redefining the fraternity's four cardinal principles, Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift; workshops on leadership as it relates to the fraternity and the community; social action programs and a talent hunt demonstration. There will also be a career opportunity fair.

Sunday morning an ecumenical service is planned. Sermon by professor emeritus at Morgan State University, Dr. Howard Cornish and music by the Morgan University Chapel Choir.

Three major awards will be presented during the conference. Michael B. Funnye, an undergraduate at Ionia College, New Rochelle, N.Y. will be honored as Scholar of The Year. The Citizen of the Year Award goes to Mrs. Minnie Mears of New York City, wife of the late former grand basileus, George Mears. J.C. Penney executive, Milton Johnson, will be honored as Omega Man of the Year.

Dr. James Priest

Social activities will be highlighted by a Saturday-night cabaret featuring Ethel Ennis, world renowned song stylist and Frankey and the Spindles. There will be dancing and door prizes. Those interested in attending may contact members of Pi Omega Chapter.

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity is a national college fraternity, representing 55,000 men. Fred Scott III, is Second District representative, Walter Amprey is Basileus of the host chapter and Dr. James Priest is the District Marshall.

Kappa Alpha Psi

The Scroller Club of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Baltimore Alumni Chapter recently took members of the Senior Citizens Club of Saint Edwards Church on a shopping trip. This was the beginning of a program whereby the Scrollers plan to take area senior citizens to various local shopping centers so that they can spend an afternoon shopping.

According to Scroller Club president, Russell Frisby, "In this day of the car, many of us tend to forget the plight of those of our senior citizens who are without access to transportation. We hope to bring some sunshine into the lives of these senior citizens by taking them on Saturday afternoon shopping trips to browse and shop."

Human growth seminars

Three separate non-credit courses have been scheduled during the month of May by the Loyola College Center for Human Growth and Development. All the courses will be given at the Loyola College Columbia Center in the American City Building.

A three-day workshop, "Conflict Management", will begin on Friday, May 12 and continue through Sunday, May 14. It will examine different styles of effectively dealing with and managing conflict.

A daylong introduction to "Biorhythms" will be held on Saturday, May 6. The coordinator is Vince Mallardi, author of **Biorhythms and Your Behavior.**

"Assertiveness Training for Housewives," a half-day workshop, will deal with feelings of helplessness and anger, decision-making, and the concept of interpersonal rights. It will take place on Wednesday, May 3.

For further information or to register, interested persons should call Loyola's Human Growth and Development coordinator.

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AFRO Bridal Register

McQueen, Scott

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert McQueen of Baltimore announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Lenora Louise McQueen to Frank Scott of New York City.

Miss McQueen was graduated from Forest Park High School and attended Bay College and is employed by the Baltimore City Health Dept. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Millie D. Thompson of this city.

Her fiance was graduated from Morris High School, New York City. A May wedding is planned.

MISS LENORA McQUEEN
Engagement told

Valentine Hackett

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence H. Valentine of Baltimore have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Karen Denise Valentine to Richard G. Hackett III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard G. Hackett Jr., of Poolesville, Md.

The future bride will graduate from the University of Maryland, College Park in May.

Mr. Hackett attended the University of Maryland College Park and is now employed by the First National Bank, Kinsington Branch, Poolesville.

The couple will be married April 1979.

MISS KAREN VALENTINE
Engaged

Miss Mathis, Mr. Lewis

Mrs. Louise Middleton Mathis of Baltimore City and John W. Mathis of Woodmoor wish to announce the marriage of their daughter, Lynda Victoria, a local attorney, to Calvin Vernon Lewis, son of Lorenzo Keys and the late Mrs. Connie M. Keys. Mr. Lewis, whose graduate work was done in corporate business management, is employed by the Giant Food Corporation.

The wedding ceremony took place Sunday, April 16 at Pentecost Baptist Church in Baltimore City. The Rev. Charles E. Fletcher officiated at the ceremony.

The bride was attended by Ms. Yvonne Brooks, maid of honor. The bridegroom's best man was Alvin Gross.

Bridesmaids in attendance were Ms. Terri Williams, Ms. Dorothy Middleton, Ms. Sharon Snow, Ms. Emily Rowlands and Ms. Delores Cartwright.

The attending ushers were Johnny Mathis, brother of the bride; Harvey Keys, brother of the bridegroom; Keith Williams, Horatio Rice and and Kenneth Winston.

Miss Kelli Jeannine Mathis, the bride's niece, was the flower girl-ringbearer.

Immediately following the wedding ceremony a gala dinner-reception, given by the bride's father, was held at the La Fontaine Bleu.

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Partyline

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Off and running

We can't ignore the happenings of the politicians — after all, this is a campaign year. Among those persons at a $100 plate affair for Gov. Blair Lee recently held at the Civic Center were Oblate Sisters from St. Francis Academy, Allen Quille, Bill Sykes, Larry Brown.

Also nibbling morsels of delicacies were Mr. and Mrs. John Douglass (the Baltimore Magazine polled him as one of the brightest legislators in Maryland), Norma Reeves, Walter Dean, Hattie Harrison and her husband, Dr. Louis Randall and Anthony Thompson. Hey, where were the ladies?

Oh, yeah, Pattie Hodges, Roberta Scott of Urban Services, Victorine Adams, and Betty Glascoe. Were there some more? Let us know!!

They tell us that John Hargrove was responsible for the chariot the governor rode in. You get it? (Chariot and join the band wagon theme.)

The exclusive Capitol Hill section of D.C. was highlighted with two affairs over the past weekend for Patricia (Pat) Press. A real old fashioned Block Party gave Pat the opportunity to announce her candidacy for City Council in that area on Saturday afternoon. Asking questions of the candidate, tapping their feet to the disco band were Mirian Hughes, and her new hubby of six months, Bill, Pat Press Pinkett, a niece-in-law, and Carleen Plato.

Sunday afternoon, members of the D.C. Chapters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. hosted a gala at the Black Art Museum for mliady. Mingling and sipping were Baltimoreans, Joan Lightfoot Powell, Mr. and Mrs. David Scott (Norma), Dr. and Mrs. John Chissell (Carolyn), daughter, Carla, and John Latimore.

Guess who introduced Pat at the Saturday event to the crowd? Dr. Rev. Sinclair Franklin. He pastored Mt. Zion Methodist Church on Liberty Heights and Wabash Avenue for 15 years.

Trips Galore

Mrs. Essie Gould, worthy matron and Mrs. Elizabeth Stevenson, chairperson, organized a weekend shopping tour to Burlington, N.C. for the lovely ladies in the Calvary Chapter, OES No. 32, PHA. Shopping from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon were members and guests: Eleanor Matthews, Carrie Anderson, Bessie Gray, Dorothy Reynolds and Rebecca Blackwell. Spending their money, too, were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph (Alice) Roberts, Izetta Bryan, Henrietta Bailey, Vera Jefferies, Carrie Tyler, Christine Fowler, Helen Swinson, Alberta Smith and others.

The New York Sheraton Hotel will remember the Spockettes Child Study Group and their guests a long time. Well - dressed money spending invaders included Juanita Morton, Ruth Hunt, Marie Bessicks, Cadrienne Griffin and Joy Carter. Other members spending lots of hubby - at - home and-or their own money were Shirley Robinson, Eleanor Tildon, Cherry Blackwell, Lorraine Brown, Bettye Fitzgerald and Eugenia Britt.

Aforementioned members also included friends and-or hubbies as guests. The ladies took time out from the 5th Avenue and Madison Avenue boutiques, jewelers and furriers to see the plays "Timbuktu" and "The Wiz."

Columbia Capers

By Pinnie L. Ross

The Name Of William C. Wade.

W — stands for willing and wise
I — means intelligence you see in his eyes.
L — loyal and kind and full of fun
L — leaves the office, not until his work is done
I — illness and pain he comes to cure.
A — a pill or needle he gives which is pure
M — money he never asks for, some pay but a few
C — comes willingly even when his day is through
W — wanting to always "But a Cap"
A — aiming to keep you smiling with a gentle tap
D — Dr. of Medicine to us he is great
E — eases your pain, even if you need to call him late

By Anna R. Cheatham

Without a doubt, the testimonial given in honor of Dr. William C. Wade will long be remembered by the Turner Station Community.

It was a beautiful affair held at North Point Gardens last Thursday night. It was sponsored by The Untouchables.

The program opened with the audience standing and singing, "Lift Every Voice and Sing."

Over 600 beautifully dressed people marched around the table to shake Dr. Wade's hand. Mrs. Gwendolyn Sutton gave the welcome, after which Mrs. Anna Trent gave a soul searching solo, "You Never Walk Alone," followed by the occasion given in a unique way.

It was given by way of a comedy with Charlene Seward and Darlene Quarles. The audience enjoyed a performance by The Olvfumnilago - African Dance Company.

Why do we honor him: "We honor him because, He is a Great asset to our community said Timothy Douglas and Calvin Hill, the former Dallas Cowboys football player, now with Washington. He told the audience why he thought he was a great philanthropist, then came the poem. The name of William C. Wade. It was read by Phyllis Seawell.

Presentations came from all directions in the spacious ballroom. First, Congressman Clarence D. Long surprised the audience and the applauses began when he announced that there would be streets named in Dr. Wade's honor in Turner Station. He also read a beautful citation to Dr. Wade. William Tate read a proclamation in the absence of County Executive, Ted Venitolous. There were other gifts from the community such as a set of fine luggage, a doctor's bag, a large plant, plaques, and unannounced gifts such as the huge gift from Timothy Douglas family.

Mrs. Lucille Wade was presented with a dozen of long stemmed Roses by Yolanda Steward.

As the Untouchables, a group of eight, were introduced each member presented Dr. Wade with a token.

Calvin Hill introduced the honoree. Dr. Wade's response was very short as he thanked the many people for their concern. His voice very soft at all times, held very well, but at times he appeared a bit emotional before he sat down.

Dr. Wade according to Mrs. Deanna B. Wood, chairperson, said, "He has been a father to the poor people here in Turner Station giving them medicine and not asking for a penny, those that can pay*and those that don't . . . . and he never asked them. He has helped a lot of people in Turner Station. He is a great man."

Words of thanks came from this special chairlady, thanking the many people who helped to make it a total success.

"Give them flowers while they are living because when you are dead you can't see or smell them." a motto by The Untouchables. Members of the group are Gwendolynn Sutton, president; Deanna B. Wood, vice - president; Darlene Quarles, secretary; Charles Seward, co - chairperson, Banquet; William Tate, business manager, Herbert Seawill, Yolanda Steward and Blinda Ross.

Remarks came from congressman O. Ruick, and Rev. Johnson, and Rev. Gains of St. Matthew United Methodist Church, Turner Station.

"The most consumated, beautiful thing in the universe is the rightly-fashioned like of a good person."

Dr. William C. Wade is a native of Danville, Va. and received his B.S. degree from Howard University, M.D. from McHeHarry Medical wschool, Nashville, Tenn. He began his medical practice in Turner Station.

He is married to Lucille Patterson of Washington, D.C. They are the parents of two children, William C. Wade Jr. (Skip), a practicing physician in Hampton, Va. and a daughter, Linda Wade Hurd, a lawyer in general practice from the firm of Gate and Trimble, Denver, Colo.

Music was provided by Purnell Williams

Thought for Today

No man is more than another unless he does more than another.

Catonsville Notes

By Liz Williams

Sympathy cards to the family of the late John Taylor of Fredericksburg, Va., whose funeral services were held during the past week. Mr. Taylor was the brother of our dear friend and neighbor, Alice Turner (Harry). Alice and Harry are among the active members of the Catonsville Golden Age Club. Mrs. Turner recently lost her sister, Gladys Combash, also a resident of Catonsville. Continue to remember this family in your prayers.

Sympathy cards also to the family of the late Samuel Frierson (Rosetta) whose funeral services were held from Metropolitan United Methodist Church last Saturday, where he was a member of the trustee board. We all remember his wife, the former Rosetta Tate, the youngest sister of "Bea" Tate Rawlings (Avon). 'Bea' as we fondly know her is the retired area director. We met Rosetta and her late husband many years ago when we came to Catonsville.

The annual Women's Day at Morning Star Baptist Church will be celebrated on Sunday, June 25. The speaker for the morning service will be Mrs. Myrna Powell, a member of Ebenezer Baptist Church. An evening program is also planned. Among the events that will lead up to the great day are: Chicken Dinner, May 13, 12 noon - 6 p.m., Eva Brooks, sponsor; Gospel Spring Festival, May 5, 8 p.m. - Eva Brooks - Daisy Caldwell, sponsors; Tea, May 20, Annette Brown, sponsor and Family and Friends Day May 28, 7:30 p.m., sponsored by Lillian Hawkins. Lil Hawkins' group will have a Pre - Building Rally, which will culminate in the Family and Friends Day on May 28 at 6 p.m. The Rev. Monroe Simms will be the guest speaker.

Mrs. Carrie Harris of Dunbar Avenue will sponsor a dinner at her home on Saturday, May 13. The Willing Jewelettes will sponsor a Mother's Day Breakfast on May 14. The folks at Morning Star are working so hard for their Building Fund. Congratulations to all of you. Hopefully, you will be in your new church before long. The Rev. Gentry McDonald is the pastor.

Congratulations to the Young Adult Choir who will celebrate its 20th Anniversary on Sunday, May 14 at the 11 a.m. service and again at the 4:30 p.m. services at its church, Grace AME. June 12 has been designated as Youth Day when the members of Grace will honor all of the graduates. The Rev. Reginald Boston is the pastor.

When Lena K. Lee decided to have a political rally, she decided to make it a two - fold affair. She thought that it was about time that something more could be done for the late Walter P. Carter, the civil rights leader, who did so much for the black Baltimore community.

At the rally which was held recently, a portrait of the late Walter P. Carter was unveiled by his children and was then presented to the center which has been named for him.

Along with his wife and children were other members of Walter's family: Philathia C. Hall, Robert Carter and granddaughter, Tracy Hill, Perrine C. Dorsey. Perrine is the director of the Walter P. Carter Day Care Center at St. Katherines' Catholic Church in East Baltimore. Philathia is the administrator of the center. Carolyn Henderson, a niece from Moorestown, N.J. was unable to attend, due to a chipped bone in her ankle.

Philathia told me that she had been sick off and on throughout the planning of the affair. Due to her illness, she was not able to carry out her work. She wants to thank those committee members who took on her responsibilities when she was ill. Among them were Jewel Rawlings, Lena Lee, Jean Gregory, Carrie Bowie and others who really helped to make the unveiling a great success. The black artist should be given credit but at this moment, I do not remember his name.

Continue to send Get Well or Thinking Of You cards to our known aged, shut - ins, and sick. Nicki Randolph is now out of the hospital. Mercedes Douglass Wilson has had surgery and should be home by now. Albert "Buck" Hawkins is at home. Remember our beloved friend, Rosalie McGuire (John) who is in Provident. Rosalie is the retired principal.

Congratulations to all of our graduates. The William "Bob" Barber (Willie Mae) family attended the graduation exercises on Sunday, April 30 for Judy Barber, who received her B.S. degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Dayton, Dayton, Ohio. Judy is a graduate of Catonsville Sr. High and Villa Julie.

Woodlawn Highlights

by Marjorie Green

For several years many employees in the federal sector have been saying that they would retire at the earliest opportunity, and we were in the group. Now that the Civil Service Commission has approved HEW Secretary Califano's request to permit employees in the GS - 12 and above grades who are 50 years of age or over with 20 years of service, or who have 25 years of service regardless of their age to retire by August 23, 1978, we hesitate.

We can't even come up with a good reason for hesitating because we really do hate the early morning sound of an alarm clock that tells us that another work day is about to begin.

The "Early Out Retirement" of qualifying employees will alleviate some of the problems created by classification review and reorganization activities within HEW. Employees do not have to be affected by the classification review or reorganization to be eligible for the "Early Out Plan."

An annuity reduction of one six of one percent for each month the person is under age 55 will be imposed on the retiree.

The Social Security Administration is also preparing a proposal for early out consideration of headquarters employees at grades GS - 11 and below.

Mrs. Hallie Tucker will be feted at a retirement luncheon given by her co - workers on Friday, June 2. The luncheon and program will take place in the Altmeyer multi - purpose room. Contact committee members are: Ruth Milligan, Edwina Luczak, Helen Wells and Louise Simmons.

Mrs. Charlotte Williams wishes to express thanks and appreciation to her many friends and co - workers for all of their kind thoughtful expressions during the recent death of her mother.

The SSA Employees Day Care Association is sponsoring its Second Annual Family Barbecue at the Woodlawn Memorial Park on Sunday, May 21. In addition to the barbecue, the association has also scheduled a sports tournament that will start at noon. Basketball, softball, and croquet team representatives can call 594 - 3354 to register their team.

Don Wortman, acting commissioner of Social Security will be the featured speaker for the Federally Employed Women and the Federal Women's Program on Monday, May 8. The informal lunchtime gathering will take place in the Altmeyer multi-purpose room.

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