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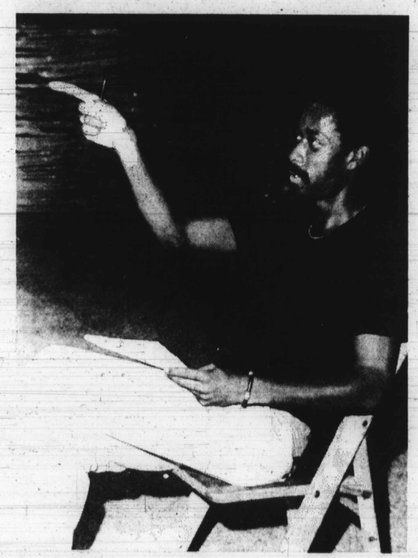
Theatre in motion: the New Baltimore Minstrels

REHEARSING A SCENE from "A Matter of Timing," a play written by Michael Jones, Angela Brooks and Pam Brogden go over their lines.

THAT'S RIGHT — "You do what you want to and I'll do what I want," says Lil (played by Angela Brooks) to her husband Junior (played by writer Michael Jones).

"WRITING A PLAY is being dissatisfied with what you don't get on paper and going back and doing it all over again — a very isolated trip" says Michael Jones, seen here talking with actor Ezra Hill.

TAKING A MUCH NEEDED BREAK — Michael enjoys a minute with his daughter Kia, who also appears in "A Matter of Timing."



SONNY CLASH, DIRECTOR — "It's all about trying to get a good show together, keeping peace, taking the credit when things go well and the headaches when things go bad!"

AFRO Photos by Robin McGinty

"A Matter of Timing," a new play written by Michael Jones of The New Baltimore Ministerals, is a contemporary drama set in Baltimore.

Focusing on the life of a young black couple, Lil and Junior Saunders, "A Matter of Timing" is a realistic look at what could happen to anyone.

"A very relevant piece of work, everyone can basically relate either indirectly or directly to the situation," explains Michael Jones.

Continuing, Michael says "It's not so much a play with a social comment as it deals with a chapter in the life of a black couple."

Under pressure of sorts, Lil and Junior Saunders, like any other couple, argue occasionally.

Until they realize that they are slowly losing one another and isolating their child, they are both headed on a course of descruction.

Destruction of their marriage, destruction of their confidence in one another and ultimately the destruction of their individual lives.

Not wanting to give away the entire plot, for more information contact Michael Jones and the New Baltimore Minstrels at the All Saints Church, 542-0445.

"A Matter of Timing," currently running at the church on Liberty Heights Avenue, is due to run at the Arena Playhouse Aug. 10 through 13.

Don't miss it, as it is all just "A Matter of Timing."

LIGHTMAN, ACTOR and overall comedian of the group, Darryl Harcum, 17, is one of the youngest members of the New Baltimore Minstrels.

2 fired females file discrimination suit

Two women who were fired from their jobs as guards at the state penitentiary last month have charged prison officials with racial discrimination in a federal lawsuit.

Brenda Eller and Loretta Doyle, white women fired for allegedly fraternizing with inmates, charged in their U.S. District Court suit they were dismissed because both were seen with a black inmate's brother who Ms. Eller was dating. (UPI)

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By Michele L. McRae and Marion Baker

Twenty - five years of happiness: Mr. and Mrs. Paul (Lois) Rosedom marked their 25th wedding anniversary in their Fairview Avenue home recently at an open house affair.

Mrs. Ruth Rosedom introduced the guests to the receiving line which included the honorees, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Rosedom, Mrs. Essie B. Hardwick, mother of Mrs. Rosedom, Kimberly, the Rosedoms daughter and nephews, Donald Haskins and Cyril Hardwick and Mr. and Mrs. Winston Berkel Sr., cousins.

Paul and Lois were an elegant pair, he wearing a tuxedo and she dressed in a full length lace gown with scalloped neckline, sleeves and hem. She wore beige shoes trimmed in gold.

About a hundred guests including visitors from Miami, East Elmhurst, N.Y. and Washington, D.C. shared in the glorious occasion with the Rosedoms. They were toasted by guests on their lawn decorated with bright colored umbrellas and a 25 foot scroll wishing them a happy 25th wedding anniversary.

During the celebration the couple received congratulations telephone calls from Hawaii, Miami and Florida. They also received exquisite gifts of silver.

The Rosedoms will honeymoon for a second time in the Hawaiian Islands.

Eleven years of happiness: To prove it Leroy Owens surprised his spouse, Emily (Dusty, as he affectionately calls her) with an anniversary party, in their Cherry Hill home, on last Saturday.

MR. AND MRS. PAUL (LOIS) ROSEDOM

Hearing Emily exclaim, "Oh, I haven't cleaned up the bedroom" were the following persons hiding there:

Charles and Diane Harrell, Anderson and Debra Harrell, Thomas and Barbara Parker, Earl and Barbara Jones, Paul and Sandy Molten, Earl and Stephanie Blackwell and Henry and Genese Dunmore.

Also Miss Sharon Purdy, Mrs. Patricia Horsey, Miss Annie Owens, Clarence Johnson, Mrs. Karen Jackie, Ms. Anne Pitts and the Reggie (Mary) Stukeses.

Bon Voyage! A Bon Voyage party for 16 - year - old Odell (Missy) Rea, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert (Mazie) Rea, was given recently by Kevin Backmon, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. (Virginia) Backmon, at the Backmon's Cheswalde home, on Saturday evening, July 15.

The party room's decor was in tones of green and yellow. The topic of conversation was the table's centerpiece, which was a two layered cake, in green and yellow, with a replica of a Boeing 707 on the top.

The sign which read "Bon Voyage", made by Renee Peacock was to add to the send - off activities for Missy's twenty - one day trip to the Orient and Hawaii. She will be accompanied by her mother.

The young guests — classmates and friends of Missy's dining were Robin Robinson, Angie Patterson, Elsie and Vanessa Bridges, Susan Hunt and Allen Grant.

Adults on the scene were Mrs. Ethel Hill, June Ross, Twilah Grant, "Ducky" Ross and Mrs. Edna Johnson and Vivian Griffin of Richmond, Va.

No Daiquris for the Daiquri Dolls at a cookout and splash party, given in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Dennis H. (Janice) Tribble, but there was plenty of other drink and food for Jennie Campbell, Myra Lars, Arsinate Walker, Barbara Hilliard, "Jackie" Jilson, Dorothy Pugh, Bea Brunson, Evelon Jordan, "Jan" Tribble and their guys.

Other guests included mothers of two members, Arsenia and Myra. Mrs. Nellie Walker from Chicago and Mrs. Annie Lee, Mrs. Janet Sledge also enjoyed the afternoon festivities.

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Meritocrats and 800 guests 'did it up' in 100 degree heat

For the fifth consecutive year, the Meritocrats, a group of business and professional men dedicated to the uplift of black youths hosted their annual Scholaship Picnic at Nixon's Farm in West Friendship, Md.

Some 800 guests, both young and old, enjoyed a day filled with activity. Disco dancing, swimming, volleyball, tennis, cards, hay rides and basketball are just a few of the things that complimented the good food and plenty of good drink.

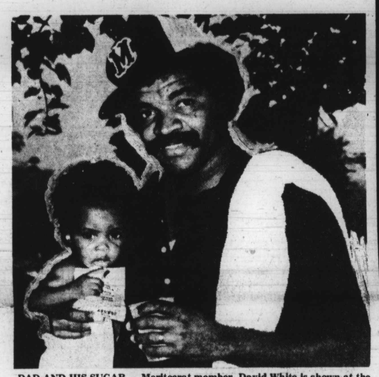
Members of the Meritocrats were all dressed in white trousers with navy blue tops and their clubs hats also of blue and white that could be spotted from miles away.

The group which is being led for the third year by Joe Obey as president raised some $4000 alone in this one annual gathering. Now, 12 years old, the Meritocrats have raised over $48,000 in their total efforts to educate black youths and to contribute to many Baltimore City charities.

"The Meritocrats have and have had lots of good members. The late Del. Arthur G. Murphy Sr. and the late Robert C. Marshall were two of our very dear members," said Mr. Obey.

"Because of that fact, the scholarship picnics hence forth and forever more will be known as the Arthur G. Murphy Sr. and the Robert C. Marshall Annual Scholarship Picnic."

Members of the club include: Charles Robinson, Earl Banks, Harry Peaker, Lloyd Mitchner, Armstead Jenkins, Clarence 'Eggy' Hawkins, Clarence Harris, Alonzo 'Tweedy' Rogers, James Edwards, Claude 'Pat' Patterson, Joseph Obey, president; David White, Richard 'Ric' Palmer, Vernon White, Henry Caraway, Neal Henderson, Ernest Murphy, Jack Alston, Meredith 'Mickey' Addison and Claude Parker.

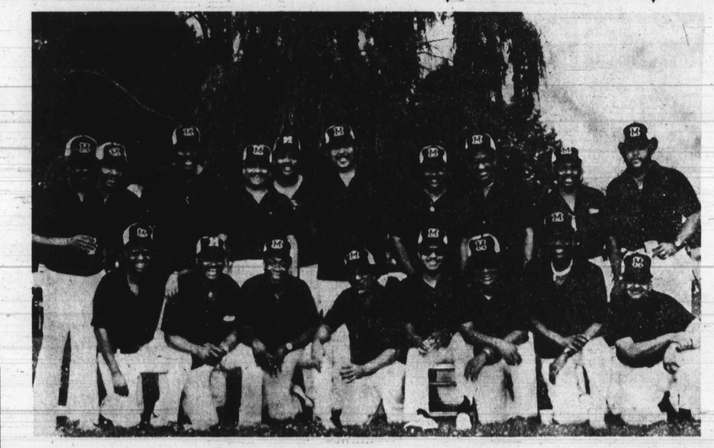


DAD AND HIS SUGAR — Meritocrat member, David White is shown at the club's annual Scholarship Picnic with his precious daughter, Tasya White.

Photos by I. Henry Phillips Sr.

COOLIN' IT—Among the 1000 guests at the Meritocrats annual picnic on Saturday at Nixon's Farm in West Friendship, Md. were from left; Fannie Thomas, Roberta Chase and Orpha Lampkin.

↓ THE MERITOCRATS ↓



tattle-tales

We're on vacation, y'all.
Our stuff is just too hot
for this hot weather
See you soon.

The Pacesetters

Ms. Evelyn C. McLeod

Another accomplishment for a product of East Baltimore came recently, when Miss Evelyn Cocella McLeod received the Master of Public Administration degree from the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.

In September, Miss McLeod will leave for Liberia where she will become deputy program officer of the U.S. Agency for International Development, an organization she has served for nine years in Kenya, Korea and Nepal.

A graduate of Morgan State University (1964), she is the daughter of Charles and Celia McLeod, of the 1400 N. Broadway.

Ms. Geraldine V. Barbour

Geraldine V. Barbour is the newly elected president of the Provident Hospital Auxiliary. The new slate of officers includes: Naomi Lawson, vice president; Ethel Coleman, first vice president; Beatrice Avery, second vice president; Charletta Marable, recording secretary, and Barbara Lee, assistant recording secretary.

Also, Jessie Rose, corresponding secretary; Ruth Tibbs, treasurer; Irma Downing, assistant treasurer; Virginia Brown, financial secretary; Nathaniel Devoe, chaplain, and Floree Montgomery, parliamentarian.

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