Flair models show mid-season sleepy time apparel

FASHIONS FOR THE NEW YEAR — Flair Studio Models were asked by Fashion Bug management at Security Mall to do informal and mannequin modeling in the store. Certain evening hours were set aside especially for those men interested in purchasing gifts for wives, girlfriends and mothers. The garments ran the gamut from disco and evening wear to lingerie and casual. Model participating were Quianna Cooke, Janis Moses, Andrea Bland, Gwen Kellam, June Offer and Odelia Pearson.

GOLDEN HERITAGE Plaque for NAACP support were awarded during the 86th session of the Georgiana Thomas Grand Chapte, Order of the Eastern Star, PHA. Recipients included (L to R) P.M. Ruby Funches, P.M. Anna J. Stubbs and Junior P.M. Ruby L.W. Brown, accepting for Ruth Chapter No. 8; P.M. Cleo Davis and P.M. Odessa Jackson, accepting for Thrift Chapter No. 12; W.M. Elsie Holloman of Queen Esther Chapter No. 1, receiving NAACP certificate; and Junior P.M. Robnette B. Butler of Redemption Chapter No. 17, receiving NAACP certificate.

NAACP MEMBERSHIP awards were presented to Georgiana Thomas Grand Chapter, OES, PHA members by Jesse W. Brown, a vice president of the D.C. branch, national NAACP life membership committeeman and a past grand patron of the chapter. Receiving the presentations are (L to R) Junior P.M. Cassie W. Holland, accepting life membership plaque for Gethsemane Chapter, No. 3; Junior P.M. Kattie M. Tillman, accepting for Electa Chapter No. 6; Junior P.G.M. Aneida J. Wilson and G.W.M. Cleopatra S. McCann, accepting a golden heritage plaque for the grand chapter.

NAACP plaques presented at OES grand sessions

By Louise L. Hopkins

Mid-December each year is the beginning of Georgiana Thomas Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star (PHA) annual sessions.

This year its 86th session was held at the Sheraton Park Hotel in Washington with grand worthy matron Cleopatra S. McCann presiding, assisted by grand worthy patron William R. Smith.

A total of $5,000 NAACP life membership plaques were presented by the national life membership committeeman, Jesse W. Brown, 2nd vice president of the D.C. branch. He is also a past grand patron of the Georgiana Thomas Grand Chapter.

Under the leadership of junior P.G.M. Anelda J. Wilson funds were contributed for the grand chapter's gold heritage plaque and completed in October during the administration of G.W.M. McCann.

Golden heritage plaques were also presented to other chapters including Ruth No. 6, received by past matrons Ruby Funches, Anna J. Stubbs, and junior P.M. Ruby L.W. Brown; and Thrift No. 12, past matron Celo Davis, Odessa Jackson and junior P.M. Carroll Brooks.

The following received NAACP life membership plaques for their chapter completing the contribution of $500; junior P.M. Cassie W. Holland, Gethsemane Chapter No. 3; junior P.M. Katie M. Tilman, Electa Chapter No. 6. Certificates were presented to W.M. Elsie Holloman of Queen Esther No. 1; junior P.M. Elsie J. Hardy of Martha Chapter No. 11 (who died at home early Christmas morn); and junior P.M. Robnette B. Butler of Redemption Chapter No. 14. These Prince Hall Affiliated chapters set a record for the coming year.

At this seasaion, a total of 75 officers and members of Myra Grand Chapter, OES-PHA, Maryland were present, 10 from Massachusetts-Connecticut (New England jurisdiction); 25 from New Jersey; 40 from Pennsylvania; several from Virginia, New York and Ohio.

The record crowd of visitors totaled over 155 Eastern Stars to share with Georgiana Thomas Grand Chapter during this advent period in 1978.

Cancer info

By Dr. Jack E. White

Jack E. White, M.D., is director of the Howard University Cancer Center, chairman of the department of oncology at Howard University College of Medicine, and professor of surgery.

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Jack E. White

Q: "I had a Pap smear which a typical cells two months ago. I just had another one, and it was the same. My doctor wants to do a biopsy. What is a biopsy? Do they do it in the office, or do you have to go to the hospital?"

A: A biopsy is the surgical removal of issue from suspicious areas for examination under a microscope. A small piece of the suspicious tissue is removed, and then sent to a pathologist to be examined under a microscope to determine if the tissue is cancerous or not.

A biopsy for cervical cancer may or may not be performed in the doctor's office. This depends on the type of biopsy that is required. A punch biopsy (removal of a very small sample of issue) can usually be done in the doctor's office. A cone biopsy, or conization, which is the removal of a larger, cone-shaped sample of tissue, requires hospitalization. Cone Biopsy is also a treatment method, in that the entire tumor is often removed in the process of taking the cone-shaped piece of issue.

Q: "Are asbestos pads under a stove dangerous?"

A: No, used in this manner, asbestos is not dangerous. The danger of asbestos is from inhaling airborn, particles, which then become lodged in the lining of the chest cavity.

In building materials, such as asbestos sheets, or the asbestos pads under your stove, the asbestos is "bound" by another substance, so that, unless you are cutting the asbestos, particles are not able to escape into the air.

Area youth working in Niger

Mustafa Salaam of Washington, D.C. is currently working as a Peace Corps volunteer in Niger, West Africa.

Mustafa, who earned his B.A. in French from Howard University in 1973, is teaching English as a foreign language (TEFL) at a "Lycee" the equivalent of a US junior college, in Niamey, the capital of Niger.

Salaam began his Peace Corps training in Niamey on July 1, 1978, with 51 other trainees who are currently working as volunteers in TEFL, youth development, nutrition, agriculture, forestry, and fisheries.

They underwent five weeks intense training in French, the official language of Niger, then the TEFL trainees started "model school" in which they practiced English - teaching techniques in the Nigerian school system.

Finally, they rejoined the other trainees for three weeks local language instruction and an orientation to secondary activities such as school gardening and poultry raising.

When asked why he joined the Peace Corps, Salaam replied that, "I had wanted to teach English in a French - speaking country in Africa to further my career goals for teaching.

Peace Corps is a two way street.

"I am able to help the Nigerians through teaching, and I'm learning a lot from them at the same time. I like Niger as a country. The people are great; their customs and culture are quite interesting. Peace Corps is a demanding experience, particularly because of the language differences.

Let's talk about beauticians

By Inez Shorter

Members of the District Cosmetologists Association are making preparations to attend the NBCL national board meeting in St. Louis, Mo., at the Sheraton St., Louis Hotel in the Convention Plaza on Feb. 11, 12, and 13. NBCL Missouri State president, Sallie Titus, will serve as official hostess.

The agenda will include plans for the 1979 NBCL national convention in Chicago, Ill., July 29 through Aug. 4.

The highlight of the board meeting will be an award banquet to pay tribute to the late Madam Annie T. Malone, one of the pioneers of beauty culture. For a number of years, Madam Malone owned and directed a beauty school in Chicago.

Mrs. Joyce Burgos, a hairstylist at McCain's Coiffeurs in Washington, D.C., will read the history of Madam Malone. Mrs. Burgos is a product of one of her schools.

Delta Chapter, Theta Nu Sigma Sorority is sponsoring its annual picnic dance in the Imperial Room of St. Benedict DeMoor, 320 21st St., N.E. Jan. 13, 10 p.m. Committee members for the dance are Sorors Lee Ella Hoaney, Mozelle Milton, Mabel Pittman, Lottie Flood, and Julia Butler. Basileus Louise Wilson will be the official hostess.

The beauticians of Chapter No. 265 will sponsor a bus trip to New York City to attend the International Beauty Show at the New York Coliseum, Mar. 18, 19, and 20. Mrs. Elizabeth Lee is Chapter president. Chairpersons of the trip are Ms. Alberta Christian, Mrs. Mazora Wills, and Ms. Katie Byrd.

Condolence is sent to Chapter No. 53 president, Grace E. Hill, who lost her mother, Mrs. Mamie Smith of Washington, D.C.

BEAUTY HINT OF THE MONTH

It might be wise for the professional hairstylist to inform her - his customers that 50 percent of the responsibility for keeping the hair beautiful rests with the customers.

The hair stylist is responsible for the first stages of the work. She - he shampoos, conditions, relaxes, treats, cuts, and styles the hair. Madam or sir goes home with a beautiful crown but this is only the first half of the work.

The other 50 percent rests with the customers. Since their hairstylist is better qualified to care for the customers' hair, they will point out certain phases of how to care for the hair between visits to the beauty salon for the asking, especially for customers who have permanents.

The customer should always roll the hair before doing any work that will cause the head to perspire or will dampen the hair. Never take the rollers out before the hair is completely dry.

If the hair should get wet, refrain from hard rubbing. Pat the hair dry with a towel. Do not roll the hair too tight when it is damp and flexible because it will tighten as it dries, and cause breakage.

It is unwise for the customers to shampoo and care for a permanent at home. Leave it to the hairstylist. She - he has been trained to study the hair and detect hair problems at an early stage.

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TIMELY GIFT — Washington League President John Jacob (R) accepts a $50,000 check from Time Inc. Looking on are John Coursey (L) director of the Urban League's Word Processing Training Center; William W. Barr, chairman of the League's board of directors, and Barry Zorthian, vice president of Time's Government Affairs. The donation will be used to improve the league's Word Processing Training Center.

Mandel— 'guv' again until Jan. 16?

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—Young secretary slain on her doorstep—

'Daddy, daddy'—her last words

Mandel's conviction reversed

Only in Maryland can there be such wild political drama. Del. Larry Young, D. 38th, called the AFRO city desk with some startling news.

"Marvin Mandel is governor again," he said in calm voice. "He'll be moving back into the governor's office at 9 a.m. tomorrow (Friday)."

Although Del. Young did not have all the details he said that earlier the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals had reversed Mandel's conviction for mail fraud and racketeering and ordered a new trail.

The court issued a 200-page opinion at the close of its work day but it was not immediately available. Court clerk Frank Slaytor announced the opinion by reading theconcluding paragraph to news organizations.

Mandel's official status was not immediately clear at AFRO presstime. He will apparently resume the office of governor, from which he was suspended in October 1977 when he was sentenced to four years in prison. Lt. Gov. Blair Lee III has been acting governor in place for Mandel, whose term does not expire until Jan. 17.

The AFRO learned though that Lee

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— Photo By Glasco Ryales.

MAKING HISTORY as the largest number of state senators in the nation are Maryland's six black senators (L to R), Senators Clarence M. Mitchell III, Dr. Aris T. Allen, Robert L. Douglass, Verda F. Welcome, Tommie Broadwater Sr., and Clarence W. Blount.

Scorned suitor held in shooting

"Daddy, daddy," were the last words George A. Smith heard from his 22-year-old daughter, Miss Beverly E. Smith.

The next thing he heard was a gunshot. Afterward he saw his daughter lying in the hall of their Payson Street home.

As Mr. Smith came to the aid of his daughter, he was attacked by a man who began beating and kicking him.

During the struggle, he managed to take the gun from the suspect, who ran from the scene. When police arrived around 7:30 a.m. Mr. Smith was sitting on the curb, corner of Payson and Lexington Street bleeding from his right eye and holding a .22 caliber revolver in his right hand.

An ambulance was called and Miss Smith was pronounced dead on arrival at Bon Secours Hospital. Her 61-year-old father was treated and released from the hospital.

The man who has been charged with murder and assault is Lamont Matthews, 35-year-old former boyfriend of the victim.

Relatives state Miss Smith stopped dating the accused man in June 1978 but he continued to harass and threaten her.

"She was afraid to go to work or go out with friends. Every morning before she went to work my father would stand on the porch and check the neighborhood to make sure he was not around," said a brother of the victim.

Beverly E. Smith

When Miss Smith left for work at 7:20 a.m. Tuesday morning, her father did not walk her to the door because he was not feeling well. His son said, "My father has arthritis and he was having trouble with his legs."

Miss Smith, who was employed as a secretary with the Municipal Employees Credit Union, was walking down the front steps of her home to meet her ride.

Her brother told the AFRO that her assailant was hiding behind the steps waiting.

Matthews, of the 4600 block Northwood Drive is being held at City Jail without bail. He was scheduled

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Watkins decision Jan. 26

Criminal Court Judge J. Harold Grady will announce on Jan. 26 if Police Col. James H. Watkins will be granted a new trial.

Col. Watkins, one of the highest-ranking city policemen, was convicted Nov. 21 of malfeasance in office by failing to arrest Charles E. Burman Sr., a convicted narcotics kingpin and guilty of malfeasance by filing a corrupt report with superiors.

His attorneys, George L. Russell

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Good news for 'Point' workers

The prospect of a massive layoff at the Bethlehem Steel shipyard in Sparrows Point faded this week after a federal maritime agency agreed to help finance the construction of two tank barges.

The U.S. Maritime Administration said it will guarantee mortgage loans to two shipping companies — Amerada Hess and the Berger Group to build the barges at a cost of $109 million.

According to company spokesman Ted Baldwin, it is now up to the two companies to accept the guarantees. Contract talks between Hess, Berger and Bethlehem are expected to follow acceptance.

The guarantee was announced by Sens. Charles McC.Mathias, R-Md. and Paul Sarbanes, who stated the approval means the federal government would guarantee 87.5 percent of the ship's costs.

The speedy decision was aided by Mathias who had sent a letter to the Secretary of Commerce asking that quick action be taken on the loan guarantee to avoid any serious layoffs of the 3,000 man crew at the Sparrows Point yard.

Under the terms of the guarantee, Amerada Hess and the Berger Group would have to post $75,000 each for investigation fees into the credit of both companies, federal officials stated.

Late last year Amerada Hess rejected a similar loan guarantee for six ships in the amount of $285 million after the company disagreed over the Maritime Administration regulations.

This resulted in speculation that Bethlehem would lay off almost all of its 3,000 work force at the shipyard.

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Will incoming Attorney General Sachs increase black lawyers on his staff?

By Clarence W. Hunter
AFRO Staff Writer

The five black assistant attorneys general in the Maryland Attorney General's office are holding their collective breaths to see how Steven H. Sachs, their new boss will handle the issue of affirmative action in his office.

The AFRO has learned that the five black attorneys on the 170 member staff are doubtful that the new Attorney General will make any serious move toward an affirmative action plan and at present they are "slightly perplexed" at what his strategy is.

Yet despite their apprehension, Sachs contends he has a solid affirmative action plan, reaffirming his campaign pledge to hire and promote more blacks within the office.

"I intend to have a significant increase of blacks and women professionals in the Attorney Generals' office," he said. "I've tried to shy away from specific numbers but black professionals will be employed and placed in supervisory positions."

Sachs said he is not in a position to make an announcement on any personnel changes, adding that he "can't do it one single shot."

The attorney general's office never had more than one black attorney until former attorney general Frances Burch increased minority staff.

They have included Jacques Leeds, Frank DeCosta, Jim Bundy, David Allen and David T. Mason.

Mason has been the only back to hold a supervisory position within the office, serving as chief of the criminal division in 1968.

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Springfield Ave. man shot

Executed in his new Camaro

It was reported by neighbors as a car accident.

Residents of the 3500 block Springdale Ave. called Northwestern district police station at 12:45 p.m. Jan. 9 to report that a car had "jumped the curb and was on the front lawn of 3512 Springdale Ave."

Within 15 minutes, police arrived on the scene and found a white 1978 Chevy Camaro. They approached the car and observed a male sitting in the driver's seat slumped over the center console and bleeding from a gunshot wound in the back of the head.

He was pronounced dead at 1:05 p.m. and identified by police as Dwight G. Ingram, 27, of the 700 block Nottingham Road.

Police have not determined a motive for the shooting and are still investigating the case.

Neighbors told police they heard a "loud noise" and when they looked outside, they saw a car on a front lawn.

Police questioned each resident of the 3500 block Springdale Ave., about the shooting. However, neighbors state they only heard a noise and did not see anything.

Police found $51.29 in the victim's pocket and one glassine bag containing white powder.

When the investigating detectives were asked if they thought the case was drug related, Detective Leonard Willis stated, "I can't say because I don't know."

—Down but not out in Dundalk—

He's lived in a truck 25 years

By Fred Hines
AFRO Staff Writer

EDGEMERE, Md. — It makes your stomach turn to see 66-year-old Willie Trent live the way he does in this small town near Dundalk in Baltimore County. Unable to get government assistance, he now lives in what was once a truck trailer.

His home is no less than a personal study in horror housing, so bad that it would make tenants living in the worse public housing projects proud of where they reside.

Trent says he has been living there for 25 years — neighbors verify that — and his runny nose accompanies his contention that he is hungry most of the time, only eating when neighbors bring him food and almost never taking a bath.

"If I die back here, it wouldn't bother nobody but me," Trent said, adding that his wife left him 30 years ago. "I don't bother nobody back here and I don't want to move to the city."

Somehow he has managed to maintain his pride in a tenement where debris — filthy pots, pans and cans — decorate the inside. There are no indoor toilet facilities, no windows, only a pot-bellied stove where he burns wood to keep it warm.

"Where do you get your food?" I asked, seeing no refrigerator, only an old coffee pot on the stove.

"Well, I get it when I get it," Trent answered.

"Don't your neighbors help you out some?"

"Well, you don't have to tell everything, they bring me some, I didn't want to say that, but I make out best I can," Trent started laughing and he couldn't stop.

Later he admitted that he is hungry "mostly all the time" and the only thing he feared in life was freezing to death and starving to death. He also told me that the only way he gets water is when it rains where he catches the rain water in a second yellow can.

Trent laughed again — but it was a sad laugh — when he said he was making wine, uncovered a rusted can with old fruit peelings in it. The can looked like someone had vomited in it, and it smelled likewise.

Most frightening of all is that Trent has been unable to get help from the Social Services Department in Baltimore County because he is over the age of 65, which is the cutoff limit, according to assistant director Marie Hermann.

The Human Resources Development Agency of Baltimore County Inc. (HRDC) has been helping Trent and said that they had asked people at the Social Services Department to pay Trent a visit and or provide him with emergency funds.

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WILLIE TRENT somehow manages to smile despite his living conditions.

Dr. King holiday schedule

The AFRO-AMERICAN will be closed Monday, Jan. 15 in honor of the late Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday.

Advertising, circulation and editorial offices will open at 8:15 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 16.

Baltimore City public schools will also be closed Monday, Jan. 15.