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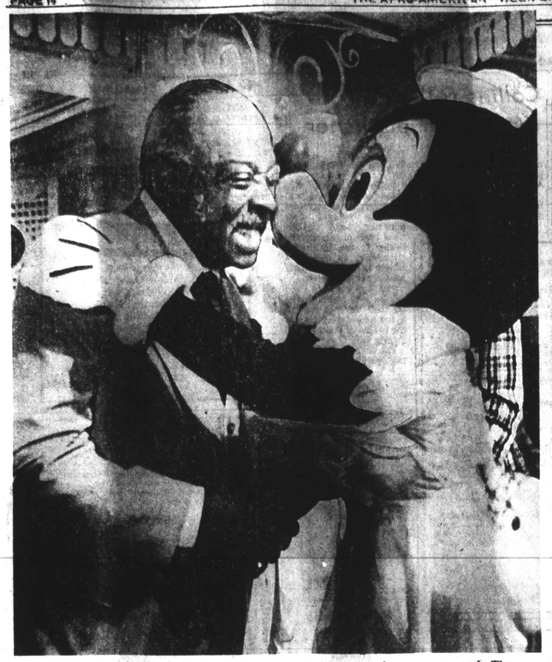
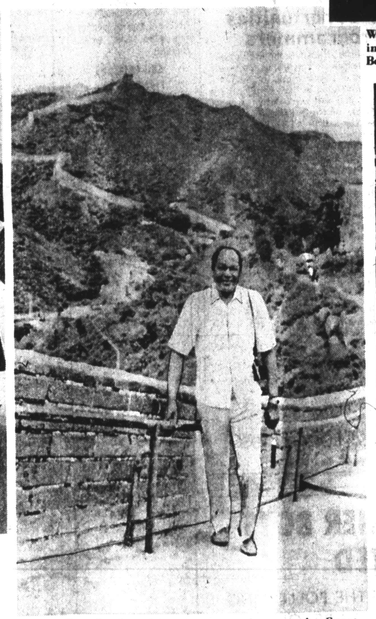


Band leader Count Basie gets a smooch from Minnie Mouse at a 75th birthday celebration at Disneyland. The Basie Band was playing an engagement at the amusment park. There were 12 big bands on hand for the birthday celebration for the Count.

What better place to hold a disco party than in a bank, and that's what happened in Beverly Hills as the Jacksons celebrated the "going platinum" of their latest album. It sold a million copies. Michael Jackson takes the floor with actress Tatum O'Neill.

This is dancer, actor Ken Prymus. He is in costume again, this time as a member of the hit musical "Ain't Misbehavin." Oddly enough, he doesn't get as many recognition stares as he does in a costume which is a bit more familiar — (below) that of the tinman in the national company of the musical "The Wiz."



Mayor Tom Bradley of Los Angeles strolls along the Great Wall of China during a visit. He is in China with 12 other U.S. mayors. He presented 77 reptiles from the L.A. zoo to the Peking zoo.

Richard Pryor provided $100,000 in cash to the Charles Drew Post graduate Medical School in Los Angeles for basic clinical research, the largest individual gift ever to a minority-oriented school. David Satcher, right, explains current research to Larry Alfred, standing, and technician Ollie Chandler, seated.

The tinman and the cowardly lion as they appeared in the national company of the musical "The Wiz" Ben Harney is the tinman, and Ken Prymus, the lion.

Butterfly McQueen has decided to resume her career in films. She has been appearing in one-woman shows, teaching Mt. Morris Marcus Garvey Recreation Center in New York, and taking course at CCNY.

Sammy Davis Jr., who was appearing at the Valley Forge Music Fair in Penna., took time out to co-host a press luncheon with Mary Mason, WHAT radio personality. It was to promote Mira Waters' record, "You Have Inspired Me." The luncheon was held at Mrs. Waters' mother's house in Chestnut Hill in Philadelphia.

THE LIVING CHURCH

600 ushers attend annual fellowship banquet

AFRO photo by Roman Hankewyc

HONOREE — Mrs. Pauline Branson, a member of Northeast Baptist Church, was honored on June 25 as usher of the year at the annual banquet. Shown with the honoree is Walter Stokes, a member of Timothy Baptist Church.

"Love," was the theme for the second annual ushers banquet sponsored by 35 churches in Maryland.

There were 600 male and female senior ushers at LaFontaine Bleu on June 25 for an evening of fellowship. Mrs. Marjorie Green co - ordinator of the affair stated, "Love will continue to be our theme and there is a feeling of togetherness among ushers you don't see in other groups in the church that you will always see in ushers.

Mrs. Greene, who is an usher and an active member of Concord Baptist Church received a money corsage mixed with red roses in recognition of her coordinating the banquet.

The usher of the year plaque was presented to Mrs. Pauline Brunson, 75 - year - old member of North East Baptist Church, who is president of North East Usher Board and has served as an usher for 47 years.

She also received a gold bracelet form Mayor William Schaefer. The minister of the year certificate was given to the Rev. Robert T. Hurte, pastor of Community Baptist Church. Roscoe Herring who represented Mayor Schaefer presented rev. Hurte with gold cuff links from the mayor.

Participating Usher Boards were from the following churches; Concord, City Temple; Central, Community, Emmanuel, Faith,

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MALE and FEMALE ushers who were active at the banquet were Mrs. Celestine Burley, Harry Trusty, Mrs. Marjorie Greene and Cleo Johnson.

OUTSTANDING SERVICE — The Rev. Dr. Avery D. Post, president of the United Church of Christ, presents the Antoinette Brown award for service by women in Christian Ministry to the Rev. Yvonne Delk, associate for constituency development in the United Church of Christ Office for Church in Society.

MINISTERS were among the guests June 20 at the ushers banquet. Shown, seated from left, are Mrs. Mable Waters, director of the Anna Mae Hunter Foundation; the Revs. Chilean Smith, Arthur E. Jones, Harlie Wilson, Robert T. Hurt, who was honored as minister of the year; Mrs. Mary Lee Wilson and the Rev. Dr. Douglas Wilson.

Gregory Thompson in recital July 1

Gregory T. Thompson, the organist for First Baptist Church and the J. C. Poney Chorale, will be appearing at Carnegie Recital Hall in New York on July 1.

Thompson, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow (Annie Bell) Thompson and won a four year scholarship to Mimestone College in Sumter, S.C.,

His college record included receiving the outstanding performance award for three years. After receiving his bachelor's degree, he attended Peabody Conservatory and received his master's degree.

Close to 300 relatives and friends willstravel to New York with Thompson. Among friends going are Thelma Ray, Harriett Claude, Marian Keene, Agenes Wheeler, Josephine Johnson, Arnold Anthony, James Poney, Elorine Brady, Mary Perry, alvin Steele, Certrude Steele.

Also, Myrtle Seldon, Ruth Frazier, Robin Frazier, Harriett Madison, Helen Hitchens, Cecelia Plater, Patsy Washington, Valdena Brown, Pearl McGill, Marie Shaw, Beverly Smpson, Hyward Madison, Eleanor Vessells, Randy Ridrig, Thomas Dorsey, Larry Moore, Paula Crawley, Rose Beown, Myra Claude, Delores Inman, Delma Gordon, Helen Moore and Cornell George.

GUESTS attending the banquet at LaFontaine Bleu shown seated waiting for dinner to be served from left are Mesdames Margaret B. Swanson, Phyllis Reaves, Edith Lucas, Juanita Gray, Ella E. Mills and Irene Johnson.

Metro Church Briefs

The 49th annual Youth Day will be observed July 1 at Central Baptist Church, where the Rev. Dr. Montague J. Brackett is pastor.

The Rev. Willie Ray will be the 8 a.m. speaker and the Rev. C. Dexter Wise III, pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church, Providence Rhode Island is the 11 a.m. speaker. At 4 p.m. the youth will sponsor a family and talent hour.

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There will be a carnival at All Saints Catholic Church, 4408 Liberty Heights Ave., June 28 - 30 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. on June 28 and 29 and 12:00 to 11 p.m. on June 30. Free Sickle Cell testing will be given at the carnival.

Registration for summer Bible School at All Saints will be held after each mass. School will begin July 16 - 20 and July 23 - 27 at 9 a.m. to 12:00. A crab feast will be held on Aug. 26 at the church. The Rev. Ronald W. Belschner is pastor.

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The Sanctuary Choir of Waylland Baptist Church will present Ms. Joyce McNair Hanner in recital on June 29, 7:30 p.m. at the church, 2200 Garrison Blvd., Ms. Hanner is a music teacher at Lemmel Junior High School and the wife of the Rev. Tommy J. Hanner.

Ms. Joyce Hanner

The ushers of Jones Tabernacle Baptist Church, 2100 Baltimore St., will celeberate their 27th anconcert on July 15, 3:30 p.m. The Rev. Dr. Arthur Jones is pastor.

Dedication services for the new Knox United Presbyterian Church, will be held July 15, 5 p.m. at Preston and Eden St. The Rev. Robert Newbold will be the speaker. The Rev. Lonnie J. Oliver is pastor of Knox.

Joy services will be held July 21, 7:30 p.m. at Refuge Way of the Cross Church of Christ, East rerd Street and Old York Road. Bishop Leory H. Canndy Sr., is pastor.

Guest speaker will be Elder William Gatling, pastor of Grace Temple Bibleway Church, Milwaukee Wisconsin. Guest choirs include the LHC Choral Ensemble, Holy Temple Young Adult Choir, Youth For Christ Choir, Young Adult Choir and Bibleway Young Adlt Choir.

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The Social Security Chorus composed of 60 employees will sing for the Longreach Community Association on July 18, 8 p.m. and July 22, 4 p.m. at Mount Zion Baptist Church, 2000 East Belvedere Ave.

niversary on July 8, 3:30 p.m. at the church. Mrs. Virginia Wise and the Revelations will be special guests. Mrs. Charlotte Stansbury Green is president. The women of the church will present St. Barnardine Choir in

ANNUAL AFFAIR — The second annual ushers fellowship banquet was sponsored by 35 participating usher boards. Shown from left are Mesdames Elnora White, Meredith Lucas, Louise Smith and Montee Bryant.

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