Partyline

Diggs mark 50th year

By Pattie Hodges
AFRO Staff Writer

On July 17, 1979 Mr. and Mrs. William F. Diggs celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a gala affair at the home. The happy couple were joined in marriage on July 17, 1929 in the parsonage of Shiloh Baptist Church by the Rev. W. C. Allen.

Fromthis union five children, Ms. Elva Pullen, Toussant Diggs, Ms. Ann Young, Robert Diggs, and Charles Diggs, 10 grandchildrenand three great-grandchildren resulted.

The couple is very active in church, missionary and social affairs. They are both active Elk members.

The couple was asked, "What is the secret for being together for 50 years?" They replied "Love is the keynote. With God all things are possible."

Mrs. Diggs has used a special ing from her mother to help build and maintain this marriage.

"Of all they getting get understanding."

Both feel the secret is to learn to give and take.

Well wishers and guests at the gala affair included members of the Pointsettin NoveltyClub, Mrs. Evelyn Allen, Bessie Walker, Arnita Shorter, Dorothy Lyles, Doris Alexander, Pena Turner, Elizabeth Hall, Newla Moulton, Ethel Harris, Alverta Hill, Dorsey, Mary Wright, Dottie Dunston, Marvie Whythe, Isabel Hayes, Marian Jackson, Odessa Gross, Ethel Burrell, Lizzie Rogers, Flossie Stevens, Ethel Blue, Julia Miles, Jeanne Rogers, Levi Anna Eveline, Ethel Kelly; also Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Hythe, William Wright, Daniel Sivain, Harry Smith, Clarence Wilson, Henry Horsey, Joseph Robinson, Joseph Haynes, Jimmy Meyers, Charles Stevens, Vernon Fowlkes, Elsworth Hall, Pat Matthews, Welton Whittington, Leon Jackson, Samuel Gaines, Elmer Brown, Leon Gross, The Johnson Sisters, and Cynthia House.

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RECUPERATING

Mrs. Dolores Morton Spriggs is in good health and is now at home from Johns Hopkins Hospital as of Monday, July 23, after spending 15 days hospitalized.

She is recuperating at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Gretchen Styles of the Mt. Washington area of Baltimore.

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30th ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Handy celebrated 30 years of marriage recently, at a receptiongiven by their children and Mrs. Handy's sister, Mrs. Margaret Dyce. The affair was held at 1415 Mosher Street, the locationof their wedding reception, 30 years ago.

Approximately fifty relatives and long-time friends congratulated the Handys and then enjoyed a lavish buffet.

A major attractionof the afternoon was the fresh fruit tree of fellowship, which was contributed by the honorees' newphew, Cedric Dyce. Mrs. Handy is the former Thelma Roane.

The couple are parents of four; Mrs. Rolanda Rawlings, Mrs. Rosina Cox, and Ronald and Roland Handy, Jr.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Handy have been members of Perkins Square Baptist Church since childhood.

Among the guests at the reception and those who showered them with gifts and cards were: Messeurs and Mesdames: Bernard Brooks, Charles Turner, William J. Wiggins, James Rankins, Maxie Jones, Abdella Campbell, Willis Fisher, Limmie Goodman, Elwyn Rawlings, Garland Gay, Sr., Ronald A. Handy and Thomas Hawkins; also, Mrs. Ethel Bass, Mrs. Naomi Massey, Phila., Pa., Rose E. Gles; Wash., D.C., Alverta Henson, Lucretia Haskett, Pauline Carter, Rosalie McGuire, Ladybird Harris, Shelley Stokes, Julia B. Dorsey, Delores Walthall, Constance Brent and Rosina Cox; Misses: Mary Roane, Parona Dorsey, Beatrice Payne, Dan Shields, Carrie A. Johnson; Mr: Roland Handy, Jr., Barry Cox, Jeffrey Gay, Edward Cobbs, Joseph Parker, William Lomax, Egbert Dyce, Craig Shields.

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AWARDS DINNER

Chi Psi Sigma Fraternity Awards Dinner honored high school graduates who excelled in business subjects from various high schools of the city, small business man of the year and the Chi Psi Sigma man 3of the year.

Following the dinner the program chairman Booker T. Gunn presented the president Moses Peterson, Jr. whose remarks included the aims and purposes of the fraternity introductionof the head table and a brief memorial to the recent death of a member.

Vincent Dodson, and presented the chairmen of the Awards committee Aaron Ellis, vice president and John P. Lyles, treasurer who presented the certificates and gold key awards as follows: Accounting — Miss Priscilla Bryant, Carver Vocational Tech. High School; Typing — Miss Sandra Wright, Douglass High School; Typing — Mr. Lawrence Manning, Walbrook High School; Accounting — Miss Joyce White, Dunbar High School; Typing — Miss Kim Augustus, Forest Park High School.

Monetary Award was made to Miss Joe Ann Williams, Walbrook High School for her all around excellence in business subjects.

Fraternity Man of the Year was past president Robert Porter, Jr.

Small Business Man of the Year was Mr. Herb Garnes, owner and operator of a auto body-finder and towing shop.

Fraternity brothers present for dinner and program were Messers and Mesdames Moses Peterson, Jr., Booker T. Gunn, John P. Lyles, Robert Porter, Jr., Aaron Ellis, William S. Lyles, Wallace E. Blackwell, and Vernon A. Kelly. Messers Clarence B. Briscoe, Thomas G. Williams, William C. Dare and William W. Freeman.

Guests included Messeurs and Mesdames Frank Jones, Herbert Garnes, and John H. James. Mesdames Celeste R. Nelson, Jjlia M. Logan, Alice L. King, Lavenia Wells and Gloria Bryant.

Also: Misses Joyce White, Sandra Wright, Verneither Manning, Priscilla Bryant, Nancy Cureton, Wanda K. Briscoe, Esther Warren, Glenda Manning, and Helenspeed.

Messeurs Steven Johnson, David A. Colbert, Robert Farmer, Lawrence Manning, Ale Cureton, and Michael Bell.

All students were listed for key awards and monetary award were notedon the graduation programs of their schools.

NATIONAL FINALIST — Miss Denise Powell, Miss Talented Teen of Maryland, 1979, was one of the 15 semi - finalists in the Miss Talented Teen International Contest. Here, she performs at the national pageant. Miss Powell is a 15 year old student at Walbrook Senior High School.

Columbia Capers

Miss Talented Teen crowned in Los Angeles

By Pinnie L. Ross

The famous Coconut Grove Room in the Ambassador Hote in Los Angeles, Calif. was the scene of the Hal Jackson's ninth annual Miss Talented Teen International Pageant.

In addition to the U.S. contestants, the pageant has had an international flavor during the past three years, including Jamacia, Bermuda, Bahamas, Curcaco, Neth, Antelles and Hawaii.

Possessing all the grace and poise that anyone could posess were the beautiful 32 contestants as they paraded across the stage against a background of tiny lights and reflecting mirrors.

The winner of the national pagenat was Angella Pollock, a 15-year-old contestant from New Jersey. The talented teen sang a song from the Tony Award production "The Wiz" called "Be a Lion" and walked away with the crown.

Miss Pollock succeeds Sheryl Pilard of Connecticut. She will reign as queen for a year, traveling throughout the country including Jamacia, West Indies, Barbados West Indies and a trip to Bermuda the latter courtesy of Walter and Jane Green, Bermuda contest sponsor.

Among the numerous gifts she received were: a crystal trophy designed by Tiffany & Company, a self-achievement award, scholarship (1st runner-up also received a scholarship) a diamond ring, a fur jacket, kodak X-L movie camera, and a fashion wardrobe.

Each contestant and chaperon received record albums donated by various record companies.

Hal Jackson is president of Hal Jackson productions and Executive Producer and Host of the contest. He is a senior Vice President of Inner City Broadcasting Corporation, owner of popular radio station WBLS-FM and WLIB-AM in New York City. He owns three other stations — in Detroit, Berkley, California, and Los Angeles.

Alice Lebrie is television producer writer. The pageant will be syndicated T.V. in various cities. Guest performers for the most noted teen pageant across the country were the popular Sylvers Casablanca recordings, and the Apollo by Motown.

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FIFTEEN SEMI FINALISTS

"And now the judges decision of the fifteen semi finalists" says Hal Jackson Benentia de-paulette Roberts, Miss Bahamas; Elaine Cheek, Miss California; Adrienne Epps, Miss Connecticut; Ju Coby Pittman, Miss Florida; Zelida Square, Miss Louisiana; Denise Powell, Miss Maryland; Alivia Hollins, Miss Massachusettes; Tawnya Waldon, Miss Missouri; Michelle Burtley, Miss Michigan; Angela Pollock, Miss New Jersey; Nadia Mohan, Miss New York; Patsy Webb, Miss Oklahoma; Dona Walcott, Miss Virgin Island; Jennifer Wilson, Miss Virginia; Cheri Brooks, Miss Washington; Paula Black, Miss Wisconsin.

The five finalists were: Miss Bahamas, Miss California, Miss Indiana, 1st — Miss Oklahoma.

Other contestants were:

Lisa Lowey, Miss Arizona; Gina Allchin, Miss Bermuda; Letitia Ellis, Miss District of Columbia; Alycia Wilcoxson, Miss Georgia, Christie Moniz, Miss Hawaii; Phonda Washington, Miss Illinois; Carmelita Wilson, Miss Jamacia; Yolanda Royster, - Miss Kansas; Michelle Burtley, Miss Micigan; Rosita Madlin McCargo, Miss Ohio; - Gina Satchell, Miss Pennsylvania; Michele Hines, Miss South Carolina; Lawanda Perkins, Miss Tennessee; Tamara Taylor, Miss Texas; Jennifer Wilson, Miss Virginia; and Erika Van-di Rijdt, Miss Curacado Neth-Antilles.

Teens must be 13-16 with a performing talent, the talent to move with poise and grace. The pageant has given the world an opportunity to see how beautiful, intelligent and talented our girls can be.

The contestants and chapetones enjoyed an exciting week in Hollywood, California. Saturday after arriving and having their file clearance with Mrs. Wilda Labria, contestants and sponsors relations director enjoyed; a welcoming dinner, sponsored by RCA Records, Ray Harris vice president, a Get Acquainted Gathering for sponsors and chaperones, hosted by Hal Jackson, a delicious dinner, a tour of universal Studios and lunch, sponsored by John Smith, Black Music Marketing;

Hal Jackson also sponsored an evening out with Soul food dinner at Jimmy Smith's new supper club — sponsors and chaperones only.

Only lovely activities were: luncheon sponsored by Gerald L. Greenberg, Black Music Marketing, an outing at Santa Monica Pier Beach, with contestants sponsored by Polydor Records, Sonny Taylor, Black Music Marketing, a fabulous evening out to The Harry Belafonte concert at the Greek theater.....

Judges this year were: Bob Matthews, Executive Editor Afro — American's Dawn Magazine, Mike Thomas, Director, American Academy, Dramatic Arts West actor, ABC TV series "Eight is Enough," Veree Walson actress TV series "Carter Country," Regina Jones, Publisher, Soul Magazine, Debbi Morgon, actress, co-star "Roots, The Next Generation," Toni Kelmon, leading talent agent California, Cynthia Horney, Editor, Right on Teen Magazine, Regina Brown, Kelvin Hooks, Tom von Patten, CBS TV series "White Shadows." Don Cornelius Host, producer, Soul Train, Glenda Gracia, Executive Director, Black Music Association, Cyndy Williams, agent talent management, Inc., California and Brenna - Benjamin, president FCO Management, Inc., New York and Los Angeles.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Reach out and Touch somebody's hand; make this world a better place if you can."

COMPLETES TRAINING

Pvt. Keith A. Racer, son of Mrs. Shirle J. Ross, 9117 Fort Foote Rd., Oxon Hill, Md., recently completed the Pershing missile electrical - mechanical repair course at the U.S. Army Missile and Munitions Center and School, Redstone Arsenal, Ala.

Amtrak travel up

AMTRAK, the much - subsidized and more often criticized national passenger railroad system, appears headed for a banner year because of the energy situation and the strike at United Airlines, officials say.

Even before the tremendous increase in Amtrak reservations brought on by escalating gasoline prices and spot shortages of motor fuel, the railroad system was experiencing a 6.2 percent increase over the 18.9 million passengers it carried last year, said Joe Vranich, Amtrak spokesman in Washington.

"There appears to be so much happening so fast that it's hard to get a handle on what accounts for what," he said.

A spot survey found prospective passengers across the nation running into busy telephone signals and recorded messages at nearly every ticket office.

After two hours of trying, one prospective customer seeking to buy a ticket on the "Southern Crescent" route from Washinton to New Orleans finally got though to a ticket agent in New York.

"We've been swamped with calls, but most of them are for information, not reservations," the harried agent explained when asked why it took so long to get through.

"People are panicky. They're afraid if they don't get their reservations, there won't be room."

$$$$ FOR NAACP — Members of the Pi Omega Auxiliary Quettes gave the Baltimore Branch NAACP a check for $200. Shown at the presentation are (L to R): Mary Ervin,

SCHOLARSHIP — Vera Hayes, president of the Baltimore chapter of Links Inc. presents a scholarship to Kevin Gallop, a 1979 graduate of Patterson High School. The award was a salute to the International Year of the Child.

Links honor Gallop

The Baltimore Chapter of Links Inc., in salute to the International Year of the Child, presented its first annyal Scholarshop Award to Kevin Gallop, a 1979 graduate of Patterson High School.

Kevin entered Patterson High School as a 10th grader in 1976. He maintained an average of 90.

His school activities included: Student Government Association; National Honor Society; Youth Model Legislature in Annapolis; Governor's Youth Adusory Council, and stage crew.

In his community he has served a s a volunteer in voter registration and has tutored young children in reading and math.

Kevin has been accepted by Georgetown University, Washington, D.C. where he plans to pursue a major in French. His ambition is to become an interpreter in foreign countries. He lives with his parents and six brothers and sisters.

In addition to the Links award of $350, $7,050 annually was awarded by Georgetown University, $400 by Baltimore City Foreign Language Award, and The Norman L. Clark Medal Honors Award.

Members of Baltimore Chapter of Links Inc. are: Catherine Adams, Mary Adams, Pearl Brackett, helen Burwell, Beatrice Butler, Kathleen Carter, Robbie Chissell, Geraldine Desbordes, Marie Francis, Ruth Glan.

Also, Cardrienne Griffin, Betty Harris, Mary S. Harris, Very Hayes, Marie Hicks, Francis Hill, Audrey Howard, Lillian Jones, James LaForest, Emma Michael, Yvette Murphy, Lydia Mussenden, Audrey Norris, Barabar Patterson, Etta Phifer, Mary Pitts, Bennie R. Simpkins, Alice Russell, Marion Russell, Pauline Watts, Ada Weaver and Theresa Weaver.

Woodlawn Highlights

MSU professor working at SSA under Urban League fellowship

By Marjorie R. Green

Wallace L. Gatewood, associate professor, Morgan State University, school of business and management has been working at Social Security in the Office of Labor Relations since June of this year under the national Urban League Fellowship program for Faculty and Administrators.

The summer appointment has given him an opportunity to get out of the classroom and into an agency that offers him experiences that add to his professional development. The appointment will end in early September when he returns to his teaching duties at Morgan State University.

Born in West Bend, Ky, Wallace is one of eight children (seven boys and one girls) born to Cecil and Minnie Gatewood.

At the age of 18, Wallace received a scholarship to Berea College, 75 miles from West Bend.

In 1968, he attended Oberlin College in Ohio where he did post baccalaureate study.

In June 1971, he concentrated on human resource management, organizational behavior, and industrial relations at the Washington University in St. Louis, Mi.

He received his Ph.D from the University of Illinnois where he labored as a graduate research assistant under Dr. Hugh Folk in May 1975. His first teaching assignment was for Florida State University.

In 1977, shortly after arriving in Baltimore, he started teaching at Morgan State University.

Receipt of this year's fellowship was nothing new to Wallace. In 1968, he received the post baccalaureate fellowship and in 1969, the consortium for graduate study in management fellowship.

Gatewood has several publications to his credit and is currently involved in research focusing on the behavioral impact of affirmative action in work organizations.

Last summer he served an interm assignment with the Congressional Budget Office in Washington. While on that assignment, he authored a background paper on "Employment Problems of Older Workers."

His work in the Office of Labor Relations at Social Security has enabled him to witness arbitration hearings and visit the Social Security Southeastern Program Service Center to examine case information and conduct interviews with persons involvin in a labor relations case.

He is a member of the Industrial Relations Research Association, Eastern Economics Association, American Society of Training and Development and numerous other professional and national organizations.

Wallace admits that his assignment in "SSA has been a worthwhile experience and a learning process." He is impressed with the efficiency of the system that services so many recipients of Social Security programs, and further states that the national Urban League Fellowship Program has "greatly contributed to my professional and academic growth." His current goal is to attain a full professorship.

Wallace resides in Columbia, Md. and is married to the former Stephanie Taylor, who is a member of the National Association of Fashion Designers. They are the parents of a 4-year-old daughter named Eboni.

Wallace L. Gatewood

People

MABS KEMP, AFRO columnist, has retired from her position with the Department of Housing and Urban Development. She is being feted with a retirement luncheon Friday, July 27, at the Fort McNair Officer's Club.

CALVIN ROLARK, president, United Black Fund, was feted last Friday night at a reception in St. Louis, Mo., sponsored by the United Community Black Fund of St. Louis. Congressman William Clay was a participant.

JAMES DENSON, president of the D.C. Chamber of Commerce, has decided against bringing boxer Leon Spinks to Washington. Denson flew to Monte Carlo to negotiate with Spinks on performing in the nation's capital but following Spink's defeat Denson decided, along with his associates, that he may not draw the crowd.

OUR WORLD

Partyline, pacesetters, people

Former AFRO reporter recently wed

NEWLYWEDS AND ATTENDANTS — Shown immediately following the wedding of Toni Robinson and Fred Hines are (L to R): Miss Kyle Robinson, maid of honor and the bride's cousin, the new Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hines and Jeffrey Hines, best man and the groom's brother; Front, (L to R): Flower girls Keisha Hogan, the groom's niece, Kedra Jacobs, the bride's cousin and ring-bearer Alexis Gough, the bride's cousin.

The beautiful double-ring wedding ceremony of Miss Toni Katrina Robinson of the 6300 block of Digby Road and Frederick Charles Hines of Detroit, Michigan took place recently at Friendship Baptist Church on Denison Street in Baltimore.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William A Robinson, (Ann C.). She is a graduate of Milford Mill High School, has attended the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, and is now a pharmacy student at the University of Baltimore. She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. the Lambda Kappa Chapter.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Hines Sr. of Detroit, Mich., where he attended Cass Technical High School and is a graduate of Howard University, with a B.A. degree in Journalism. He was formerly a staff reporter with the Baltimore AFRO aAmerican newspaper and is now employed by the Park Heights Community Corporation as a Publiv Relations Officer.

Prior to the ceremony and just before its end, soloist Wilbert Johnson of Brooklyn, N.Y. and the bride's uncle, sang "Climb Every Mountain" and "The Lord's Prayer", accompanied by organist Tran Barcliff Jr., of Brooklyn, N.Y. and cousin of the bride.

Reverend William McCoy Jr., pastor of Friendship Baptist Church, officiated at the ceremony.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. For her wedding she wore a full length gown of ivory satapeau and Venise lace. The fitted lace empire bodice had a Queen Anne neckline and bishop sleeves, and was adorned with seed pearls. The wateau train flowed from the shoulder into a chapel-length sweep and was completely encircled with Venise lace.

The bride's veil was of fingertip length illusion adorned with Venice lace floweing from an all-lace juliet Cap. She carried a sweetheart bouquet consisting of samantha roses combined with white carnations, fuji mums and baby's breath, with two dozen cascading roses.

Best man was Jeffrey Hines, brother of the groom, of Detroit, Mich. Maid of honor was Miss Kyle Robinson, cousin of the bride, of Martinsville, Va.

Bridesmaids were: Miss Judith Barber of Catonsville, Md.; Andrea Hines, sister of the groom, of Detroit, Mich., Banessa Morgan of Oxon Hill, Md., Vera Tatum and Vanessa Taylor of Baltimore, Md.

Ushers were: Daniel, David and Douglas Hines, brothers of the groom, of Detroit, Mich., and Calvin and Ronald Robinson, brothers of the bride, of Baltimore, Md.

Flower girls were Keish Hogan, niece of the groom, of Detroit, Mich., and Kedra Jacox, cousin of the bride, of Baltimore, Md. Ringbearer was Alexis Gough, cousin of the bride, of Columbia, Md.

The maid of honor and the bridesmaids wore full length burgundy gowns of quiana. The blouson bodies had scooped necklines and split bell sleeves. The softly-flowing skirts were crystal-pleated.

They carried chantilly bouquets consisting of samantha roses, baby's breath, white carnations! with Frnch doilies with burgundy and ivory trimmings. Headdresses were made of baby's breath.

The flower girls wore ivory dotted swiss full length gowns with peter pan collars, short puffed sleeves, gathered skirts with wide shashes in the back.

For her dauther's wedding Mrs. Robinson wore a pink floor length gown with a ruffled bodice and a white orchid corsage. The groom's mother wore a pink floor length gown with a Romanstyled top and a white corsage.

The receiving line was formed in the church sanctuary immediately following the ceremony and guests were given individual rice packets with which to shower the bride and groom.

In the receiving line were: Ms. Barbara Sesson, goddaughter of the bride's mother, Mrs. Ann Robinson, mother of the bride, Waalter Hines, father of the groom, Mrs. Faye Hines, mother of the groom, William A. Robinson, father of the bride, the bride and groom, Miss Kyle Robinson, maid of honor, bridesmaids Vera Tatum, Judy Barber, Vanessa Morgan, Andrea Hines and Vanessa Taylor; also ushers Daniel Hines, Ronald Robinsor, Calvin Robinson, Jeffrey Hines, best man and Douglas and David Hines, ushers.

A lovely garden reception was held following the wedding and receiving line ceremonies, at the home of the bride's parents in the 6900 block of Digby Road.

The reception decor was red and white, (Delta Colors). Colorful red and white cloths covered the umbrella tables which becked the lawn. Guests feasted on a full course buffet dinner of mammoth proportions, and enjoyed delicious fruit from a highly colorful furit bar.

The bride and groom cut a four-tiered red and white fountain wedding cake, trimmed with red roses. The cake rested on a table draped with white lace with a red underlay.

During the reception, attended by two hundred fifty guests, the newlyweds were toasted in champagne and the bride's Delta sisters sang for them the "Delta Song"

After a honeymoon trip to Disneyworld, in Florida, the bride and groom are now at home in the Northwood Section of Baltimore.

Out of town guests attending the wedding and reception were from Detroit, New York City, Philadelphia, Pa., Little Rock, York, Pa., Portland, Oreg., Washington, D.C., Elizabeth City, N.C., Richmond, Va., Columbia, Md., Frederick, Md., Pittsburgh, Pa., Columbis, Ohio and New Jersey.

Oriole wives model at benefit fashion show

'LOVELY, ISN'T IT?' — Checking out the belted fleece great-coat with matching scarf worn by downtown store model are (L to R); Ms. Gloria Lee and Ms. Elaine Fowlkes. The coat was one of many modeled at the Oriole Wives Fashion Show given on Friday, July 20 at the Downtown Holiday Inn. The fashion show, promoted by Image Dynamics, Inc., was for the benefit of the Johns Hopkins Children's Center.

The Oriole Wieve's Fashion Show and luncheon presented under the auspices of Phyllis Brohman's Image Dynamics, Inc., for the benefit of the Johns Hopkins Children's Center was a smashing success.

Attended by 400 people, this affair was held in the Circle One Restaurant of the Holiday Inn Downtown on Friday, July 20 from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Image Dynamics is a promoter of affairs for the Holiday Motor Inns of America.

Guests enjoyed a scrumptuous smorgasbord luncheon, including beverages and cocktails. Particularly popular was the "Bloody Caesar", a cocktail consisting of vodka and calamato juice. Cans of the clamato cocktail mix were complimentary gifts to the guests.

Special highlight of the luncheon was the fashion show, during which Oriole wives modeled gorgeous furs and the latest in sports attire.

Wives modeling were: Dee Belanger, Cara McGregory, Carol Martinez, Joani Dempsey and Debby Roenicke. Also modeling was Kim Weaver, daugher of Oriole Manager, Earl Weaver.

Guests were welcomed by hostess Ms. Melaine Panos of Image Dynamics, Inc. Ron Ferguson, of theHoliday Inn Downtown, presented a check for $1,000 to Ms.Cush Jarrett of the JHU Children's Cejter.

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SOFT AND CUDDLY: Mrs. Bonnie Gillette, (L), and Mrs. Alva Elliott admire the luxurious fur jacket modelled by Oriole wife, Joni Dempsey at the Oriole Wives Fashion Show at the Holiday Inn Downtown.

Lisa Williams is Miss Inner City Teen- 1979

By Pattie Hodges
AFRO Staff Writer

The Miss Inner City Teen Pageant, held on Sunday, July 22 from2 p.m. until 6:45 p.m. was magnificanetly beautiful to watch and equally superb in its artistic quality.

This illustrous affair which was presented by the Urban Service's Agency's Youth Development Program took place in the Grand Ballroom of the Lord Baltimore Hotel.

Over 500 people, including relatives and friends of the contestants, members of the press, distinguished members of the Baltimore community and interested spectators were on hand to see who would win the 1979 Miss Inner City crown.

The program prior to the main part of the pageant was full of inspriation and royal entertainment by local talent.

A dramatically stimulating welcome was given by Miss Cheryl Pasteur, a Walbrook High senior. She spoke of what value children are to the world and brought out the theme of the pageant which lent itself to "The International Year of the Child."

The backdrop of the stage and runway was a huge sign of red, white and blue, which had at its center children of the various countries with hands joined. The sign was done by youthful local artist, Gary Phillips.

Father Donald O. Wilsonof St. James Episcopal Church gave the invocation, after which guests feasted on delicious fruit cup, greens, candied sweet potatoes, stuffed chicken breast, bread, pie, coffee and tea, at tables beautifully decorated with centerpieces of rosebuds and baby's breath.

Ms. Deborah Dorsey of the Urban Services Job Programming Department, soprano soloist, did a lovely renditionof "You'll Never Walk Alone".

Cleveland Brister, executive director of Urban Service's Youth Development Program acknowledged special guests City Councilwoman Victorine Adams, Delegate Hattie Harrison, Senator Clarence Blount and many others.

Mrs. victorine Adams gave congratulations to the planners and coordinators of the affair for a job well done.

Delegate Hattie Harrison spoke words of encouragement to the contestants, stressing the importance of using ones talents to the fullest.

Cleveland Brister introduced Ms. Oprah Winfree, who did a fantastic job as mistress of ceremonies. After an inspiring take-off on her own roots, Ms. Winfree gave expressions of hope that all black youth can reach their fullest potential.

Mrs. G. Louise Boyd gave the purpose of the pageant, which is to accentuate the attributes of and give recognition to inner city youngsters, to attract their talent, give them a chance to expose it by performing, to give scholarship aid withwhich they can continue to develop their talent and to motivate other youngsters to strive for excellence.

Crystal Glass,a young black vocal quartet, sang a beautiful original song, "You and Me", especially dedicated to the contestants.

Michael Taylor introduced judges for the affair who were: Attorney John Wood, Mrs. Ida Peters of the AFRO and Mrs. Mary B. Adams.

The contestants introduced themselves in a glorious salute to the "International Year of the Child." Each came onstage in the dazzling costume of a country of the world, dramatically giving information both about themselves and about the country they represented — stunningly innovative.

Special poetic message of inspiration to the contestants was done by Evelyn Parrott, herself a contestant.

Ava Fields Inner City Dancers performed a high-spirited and versatile modern dance, choreographed by Ms. Fields.

The talent display of the contestants was dramatically moving, beautiful and creative.

A zingy "On Broadway" jazz dance was done by Marlene Baker, 1979 graduate of Eastern High School.

Anna Maria Waters, Western High senior, did a soulfully dramatic monologue of "The Caged Bird", by Symon.

"Home" from "The Wiz" was done by the bell-toned voice of Lisa E. Williams, also a 1979 graduate of Eastern High, and the final winner.

Beatrice Thomas, a senior from Dunbar High, did a hilarious skit to the Marvin Gay/Tammi Terrell song, "If This World Was Mine".

A piano selection, Sanotina in C, Three Movements, by Clementi was captivatingly done by Robin Paul, a junior at Southwestern High School.

Evelyn Parrott,a senior at Walbrook High, gracefully danced to "Everything Must Change".

The plaintively beautiful voice of Veronica Diggs, a junior at Edmondson High intoned "Do You Know Where You're Going?"

Ernestine Parrott, 1979 graduate of Carver Vocational School did a delightfully amusing comedy skit, "I Am I".

Powerfully moving were the dramatic monologues done by Lisa Croxton, 1979 graduate of Northwestern High School, who did "I am a Black Woman" and Jacqueline McClain, 1979 graduate of Carver Vocational School, who did excerpts from "Don't Bother Me, I Can't Cope" with great veristility in her changes of voice and mood for the characters she dramatized.

Also moving were the poetic readings done by Deborah McCoy, a 1979 graduate of Walbrook High, who exuded tremendous stage presence and Celeste Williams, 1979 graduate of Patterson High who was equally dramatic withher poetic reading, "Who Am I?"

After the contestants' glorious talent segment, Crystal Glass did a lovely renditionof another original song, "Mother", which was dedicated to all mothers.

Congressman Parren Mitchell spoke of the beauty and talent of the occasion and quoted words of inspiration from "The Greatest".

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MISS INNER CITY TEEN, 1979 — Lisa Elaine Williams, the new Miss Inner City Teen for 1979, smiles radiantly from her throne as an admiring spectator offers congratulations.

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