Columbia Capers

Links hold all day workshop

By Pinnie L. Ross

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"I want to have an all day get - together with the Links members" says Shirley Calvin, Columbia Chapter's president, and it really happened, Saturday morning at the Interfaith Center.

It was an all day workshop, well planned by her busy workshop committee members, chairperson Iola Smith, Rikki Hill, Janice Skinner, Sandra Smith, Lula Wade and Ozella Webb.

The Committee members started the wheels turning early as 9 p.m. preparing the coffee and pasteries for the 9:30 to 10:00 social hour.

It was more than a pleasure for members to meet and greet two charming and knowledgeable ladies to conduct the workshop. They were: Mrs. Mignon B. Johnson, Links Eastern Area Director, and Jeonne W. Heninburg, Vice President Area Director.

The workshop opened with greetings by president, Shirley Calvin, followed by Lula Wade who gave the workshop objectives.

Mrs. Johnson had this to say before her discussion began: "A meditation on friends." In the name of the Father, who created people to be our friends, in the name of Jesus, who lived on this earth as a friend; in the name of the Holy Spirit, who lived in and loves us through our friends . . . After which she discussed three areas, National and Area Constitutions, General procedures as contained in the orientation manual, and rituals.

The Links, Incorporated is an organization of women with 173 chapters located in 39 states and the nation's capital, Washington, D.C. It has over 4,500 members.

It's purposes are: To promote civic, cultural, and educational activities for the benefit of its members and larger community.

To enrich the lives of its members are working to promote fellowship and to develop interest in common goals of achievement.

For more than thirty years the organization has gathered momentum, continuously redefined its purpose sharpened its focus, and expanded program dimensions in order to make the name "Links" not only a chain of friendship, but also a chain of purpose.

After Mrs. Johnson's discussion she passed out a quiz for all members to refresh their knowledge on the background of the Links organization.

Mrs. Jeanne Heningburg discussed the National Program. Before getting heavily into her discussion, she mentioned that she was deeply immersed in a daily life with kids, an "ol" saying.

She added, "The most important part of living is to make sure that you are well prepared to meet whatever challenge that comes your way. After being prepared you often didn't have those tools that are necessary before."

She stressed the youth in terms of skills that are necessary for survival in a world that is ever moving and ever challenging.

"We have got to be ever mindful that chapter programs is the heart of Links. It is very important that the needs of the community should be reflected or implimented through chapter programs."

The four focus points in terms of service and programs for Links, are: services to youth, National trends and services, the arts, International trends and services.

Speaking in terms of national trends and services, contribution to the Black Family Life, Meals on Wheels, NAACP, and the Kidney Foundation former president, Celonia Walden is doing volunteer work and members have sold candy for the Foundation on Service to Youth. The Chapter sponsors one boy and girl for continued campership and contributes to Miss Talented Teen annually.

Two beautiful silver cups were presented to the workshop leaders by Rikki Hill on behalf of the chapter members.

After the workshop, Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Heningburg were taken to dinner at Clydes Restaurant on the Lakefront by two chapter founders, Mrs. Celonia Walden and Mrs. Roberta Briscoe.

Mrs. Calvin had invited the members and their spouses and other presidents of local chapters and the Workshop leaders to a cocktail party at her spacious home from 7 until 10 a.m.

It was a fabulous affair as always. Unwinding they did. The last couple left at 2 a.m. — Oh! what a night!

Chapter officers are; Shirley B. Calvin, president; Lula B. Wade, vice president; Zola E. Boone, recording secretary; Suzanne D. Price, corresponding secretary and parliamentarian; Iola Smith, financial secretary; Janice P. Skinner, treasurer; Fredrika S. Hill, archivist - historian, journalist.

Thought for Today

We need friends with sensitive hearts.

Woodlawn Highlights

Evette Belle garners Justice Department job

By Marjorie R. Green

"Opportunities for advancement are greater in the U.S. Justice Department", according to clerk stenographer, Evette M. Belle who has accepted a job promotion and has received promises of another promotion in a year's time.

The new job in the Washington Office of the Justice Department, offers some unique challenges and interesting experiences. She will be working as a member of the clerical support staff for eight attorneys in the Land and Natural Resources Division, Pollution Control Section. Evette is currently waiting for a release date from Social Security.

One of four children born in Lancaster, Va. to Crosky and Alfreda Belle, Evette and her family moved to Baltimore when she was six years old. She was educated in the Baltimore Public school system and entered on duty at Social Security as a student aide while still attending the Frederick Douglass school No. 450.

Evette worked four months for the Department of License and Regulations prior to beginning her SSA career 6½ years ago.

Dancing, bowling and typing are her favorite activities. She is currently studying at the Community College of Baltimore preparing herself for a future career as a court reporter.

That special man in her life is Bryce Scott. She refers to him as her fiance and has hopes of becoming Mrs. Bryce Scott early next summer.

One great advantage retired men and women have is that they don't have to wait until the traditional summer vacation period to travel.

Ms. Olivia Weems, one of last year's early - out retirees spent the past weekend relaxing at Post Farm.

SSA retirees, Ernestine Smith and Pauline Beasley were seen strolling in the congregation at Concord Baptist Church

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Female-head households less than adequate

The question has been raised on how well are we housed? On average, the data for female - headed households confirms what most have suspected — that residents of female - headed households live in somewhat less adequate housing than the nation as a whole.

Household units headed by women have a few more flaws, they are somewhat older, and they are more likely to be rented than owned.

But averaging very much distorts the picture. A recent summary, prepared by the Policy Development and Research Division of HUD, made it clear that race, ethnic background, household size, and income are powerful forces in determining how well female-headed households live.

If a woman is black, if she is Hispanic, or if she heads a large family, then there are great disparities between her housing fate and that of the population as a whole. And in every case, adequate housing costs a woman head of household a very much larger proportion of her income than it costs the average American. What is a female - headed household? The question is more complicated than it seems. If a woman identifies herself as head of the household, then the Annual Housing Survey normally considers her household to be female - headed.

If a married woman's husband is living away from home for any reason, again the household is considered female - headed.

But if her husband is living under the same roof, then the Annual Housing Survey defines her household as male - headed, even if the wife is identified as the head and even if she is the continuing sole support of the household.

This summary, which is based on data from the annual housing survey, necessarily reflects its operating definition.

A household is defined less controversially: it consists of one or more people occupying a housing unit. They may or may not be related. Group quarters, from convents to boarding houses, are not included.

In 1976, 17.8 million women, almost a quarter of all households, were recorded as head of household. Of them, 17 percent were black, 78 percent were white, 4 percent were Hispanic and 1 percent were "other."

Of the female heads living alone in 1976, the majority (58 percent) were widows, 13 percent were divorced, 23 percent were single, and six percent were married with husbands absent. Of those who headed multiperson households, widows and divorcees were about equal - 32 percent and 31 percent respectively - followed by those who were married but whose husbands were absent, and those who never married.

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AFRO editor gets Shriner PR award

Ms. Ruth Jenkins, city editor of the Washington AFRO AMERICAN newspaper, was honored with a public relations award last weekend at Mecca Temple No. 10's annual awards banquet.

Ms. Jenkins, who has been with the AFRO for over 40 years, was unable to receive the award personally because of illness.

Other news writers receiving awards at the event, held at the Shoreham Americana Hotel, were Michael Graham of the New Observer, Ike Kendrick of the Capitol Spotlight and Calvin W. Rolark of the Washington Informer.

Jim McConnon, sports information director at the University of the District of Columbia and for UDC queen Gail Brent were also saluted.

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Cancer Info

By Dr. Jack E. White

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Q. What are the symptoms of cancer of the throat; the voice box? I've been hoarse for the past two weeks. Is this something to worry about, isn't prolonged hoarseness one of the seven warning signs?

A. By cancer of the throat or voice box, you mean cancer of the larynx. It is true that a prolonged hoarseness is one of the most frequent signs of laryngeal cancer. If it persists for more than three weeks, then it could be due to the growth of a tumor on the vocal chords.

A tumor growing elsewhere in the larynx would cause such early symptoms as a change in pitch of your voice, lump in the throat, coughing, difficulty and pain in breathing or swallowing, and earache. If your hoarseness lasts more than three weeks, you should see a doctor for a definite diagnosis.

The doctor will use a laryngeal mirror to look directly into your larynx to see if any tumors are present. He will biopsy any tumor that he sees and have the tissue sample examined for the presence of cancer cells. Only then will he be able to say whether or not your hoarseness is due to laryngeal cancer.

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last Sunday afternoon. Both ladies looked well and very rested.

The Maryland Ushers Fellowship Banquet committee will meet at the home of Mrs. Pauline Brunson, Saturday, Oct. 27.

This will be the first meeting held in preparation for the June banquet. All Usherboards wishing to participate are asked to send at least one representative to this meeting.

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