PLANNING FOR CHILDREN? — Chatting at the Nov. 10 Sigma Gamma Rho luncheon at the S & R Banquet on the Alameda, where the theme was "Sigma Women Focus on Today's Child" are (L to R): Mrs. Patricia A. Mosley, chairperson, Mrs. Reba Matthews, basileus, Ms. Barbara Cooper, NAACP program director and guest speaker for the occasion and Ms. Wanda McAfee, co - chairperson. AFRO Photo by Roman Hankewycz

Sigma Gamma Rho focuses on the child

The Baltimore chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. gathered, with their guests on Sat. Nov. 10 at the S & R Banquet Room on the Alameda to commemorate the 57th year of the founding of their sorority.

The theme for the occasion was "Sigma Women Focus on Today's Child." Greetings from the mayor's office were given by Ms. Patricia Pharnes, director of "Eating Together."

She presented a gift from the mayor's office to Ms. Reba Matthews, basileus of the graduate chapter.

Guest speaker, Ms. Barbara Cooper, Program Director of the Baltimore city NAACP, was introduced by Ms. Bernette Jones. Mrs. Enolia P. McMillan, head of the local NAACP, was in the audience.

Ms. Cooper paraphrased her address to "Sigma Women—Save the Child." Highlights of Ms. Cooper's dynamic and most challenging message were: Make children the recipient of tender-loving-care; don't abuse children; act as a protector and provider of good and loving things; be understanding; give special care to the handicapped child; support the right of children regardless of race, creed or color; save the children from pain, ignorance and neglect in a world that is polluted morally, physically and spiritually.

Mrs. Cooper's unique closing included statements from officers and dedicated Sigmas who told how the sorority is involved in community activities with young adults and children.

Other highlights of the program were a musical selection by Cheryl Wilson, a 4th grader at Roland Park Community School, a recitation by Sherron Joseph Lee, 4th grader at Hilton Elementary School, who recited, 'You Can Be Like Martin' and a dance performed by Zelda Kane, a student at Carver Vocational Technical Senior High School.

Presentations were made to two sorors—Ms. Victoria Jones and Ms. Elaine Page, who recently retired from the Baltimore City School System.

A scholarship was presented to the senior class president of Walbrook High School, who had been deemed a deserving graduate.

The program was chaired by Ms. Patricia Mosley and Ms. Wanda McAfee, along with undergraduates.

Committee members were sorors Martha Allen, Gina Anthony, Audrey Bates, Marjorie Carter, Betty-Jo Cashier, Rhonda Cooper, Bernette Jones, Alice Lee, Reba Matthews, Angela Parrott, Brigette Pennington, Delores Routh and Hortense Franklin.

Basileus of the chapters are soror Reba Matthews, Alpha Alpha Sigma chapter, (graduate chapter), Soror Bridgette Pennington, Beta Tau, soror Natalie Bailey, Gamma Mu; soror Lottie Dorsey, Gamma Phi and soror April Kim McLeod, Eta Xi, (all undergraduate chapters.)

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Columbia Capers

Jack and Jill maps program of action

by Pinnie L. Ross

Columbia Chapter of Jack and Jill of America has been extremely busy during the last six months, outlining and implementing their program for the ensuing year.

The Chapter is carrying out a worth while program, and is placing great emphasis on the overall chapter's aims and objectives, informing the public of its purpose and its accomplishments.

The Chapter has three objectives, outlined by Mrs. Melvina Brown, Chapter's President.

They are: We being learning about our children by becoming more involved in our schools by more extra curriculum activities; we seek to all Black children in Howard County the same advantage as we desire for our own children; we become more and more involved with the political process of Howard County for many decisions that will effect us will be decided at the poles.

There are fifty diligent ladies in the Columbia Chapter, and they are making valuable contributions in this community.

Just recently the Chapter received an award from the Howard County Community Action Agency for their contribution that enabled 450 Howard County youths to have bus transportation to the circus and another contribution to Waterloo Elementary school that enabled 3 Black students to participate in the Out Door program.

The Columbia Chapter Teen Group sponsored a Disco and raised over eight hundred dollars and made a contribution to help two needy students.

Columbia Jacks and Jills received certification of their lifetime membership in the NAACP. The certificate and plaque was presented by Celonia Walden, one of the early founders of the Jack and Jills.

The Chapter has many activities planned that will involve the community. One tentatively planned is a program in January to help Black youth to realize the importance of education and making the best of all the resources available to them.

Speaking of youth, Miss Regina Clay, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Jasper Clay was elected Teen Treasurer at the Eastern Regional Conference in Reston, Virginia for 1979-1980.

Last month, ten members from the Columbia Chapter traveled to Rochester, New York for the Mother's Eastern Regional Conference. Members in attendance were: President, Melvina Brown, Weldena Kelly, Elaine Harris, past president, Alfreda Bowles, Marion Christian, Ossie Clay, Helen Fitzpatrick, Eleanor Jennings, Evelyn McClurkin, and Mattie Simmons.

The highlight of the Conference was the election of Mrs. Marion Christian to the Office of Secretary-Treasurer of the Eastern Region.

Mrs. Christian is the daughter of Mr. ? Mrs. Harvey Seay of Baltimore, wife of Mr. Cecil Christian and mother of two children.

Cecily, the daughter, serves as recording secretary for the Columbia Teen Group.

Mrs. Christian has served in many capacities in the Columbia Chapter. She has served as Chapter's president, Historian, Journalist, and 1st vice president.

She is employed by the Howard County Board of Education as a teacher of mathematics at Owen Brown Middle School in Columbia.

The Columbia Jills left a big impression at the Regional Conference. They wrote and performed a song inviting chapters in the Eastern Region to join them in Columbia for the 1981 Eastern Region Conference.

Buttons were worn advertising the Regional in "81" in Columbia. These were designed by the artistically talented Mrs. Weldena Kelly. Mrs. Elaine Harris is chairperson for the "81" conference in Coumbia.

It is quite evident that these Jacks and Jills of Columbia, Maryland Chapter are moving up the Hill!

Officers of the Chapter in addition to Mrs. Brown are: Mrs. Shirley Hobbs, 1st vice president, Mrs. Donna Rice, 2nd vice president, Mrs. Weldena Kelly, corresponding secretary and historian, Mrs. Yvonne Howell, recording secretary, Mrs. Elaine Harris, financial secretary, Mrs. Marilyn Beale, Treasurer, Mrs. Alfreda Bowles, parliamentarian, and Mrs. Emily Hayes, journalist.

Thought for Today

Be not discouraged by man for he is only human, and makes mistakes.

by Patricia Ann Thomas

Former mayor co-chairs salute

WASHINGTON

Former Mayor Walter E. Washington, now an attorney in private practice, is vice chairman of the salute to Phil Rutledge.

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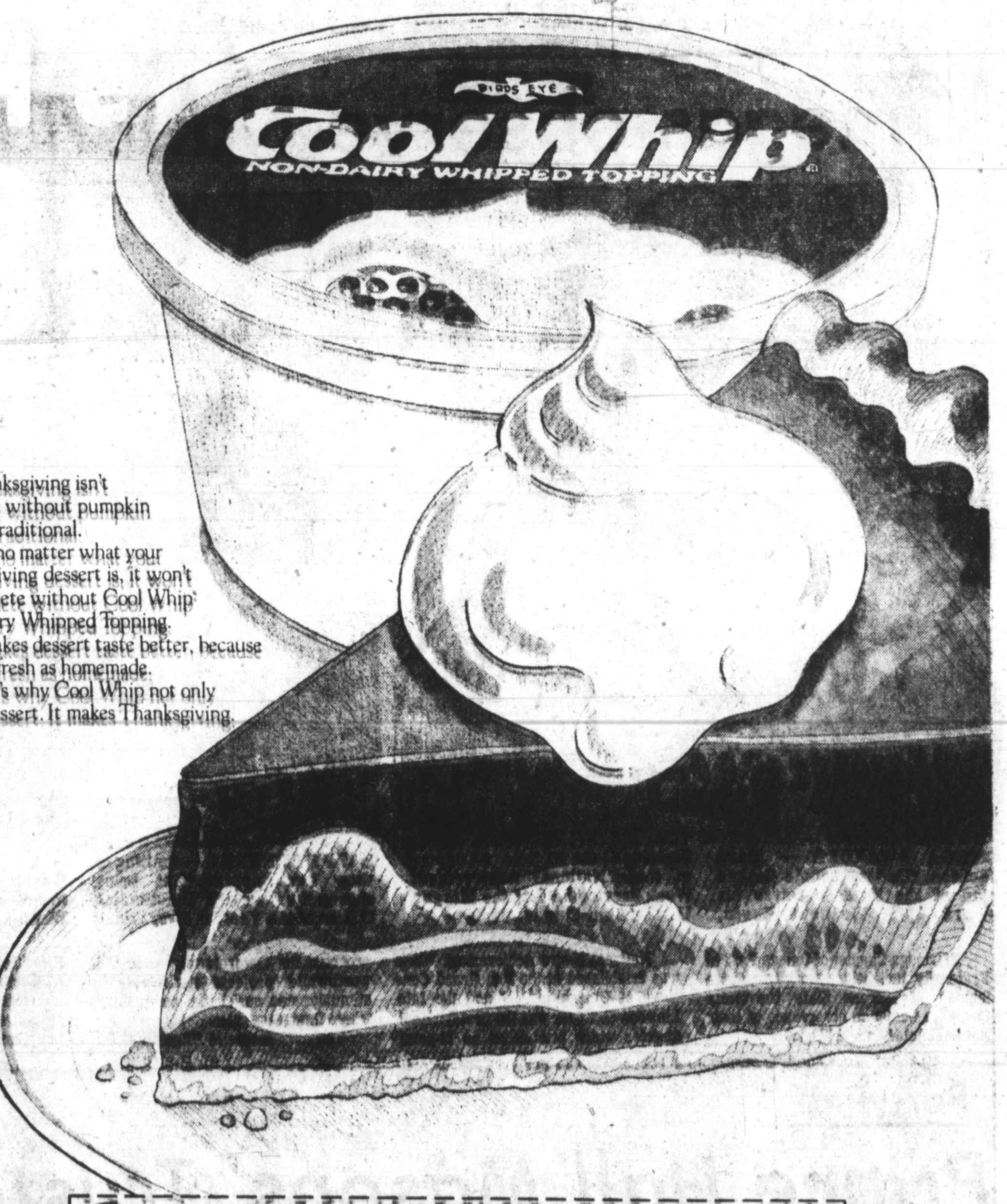

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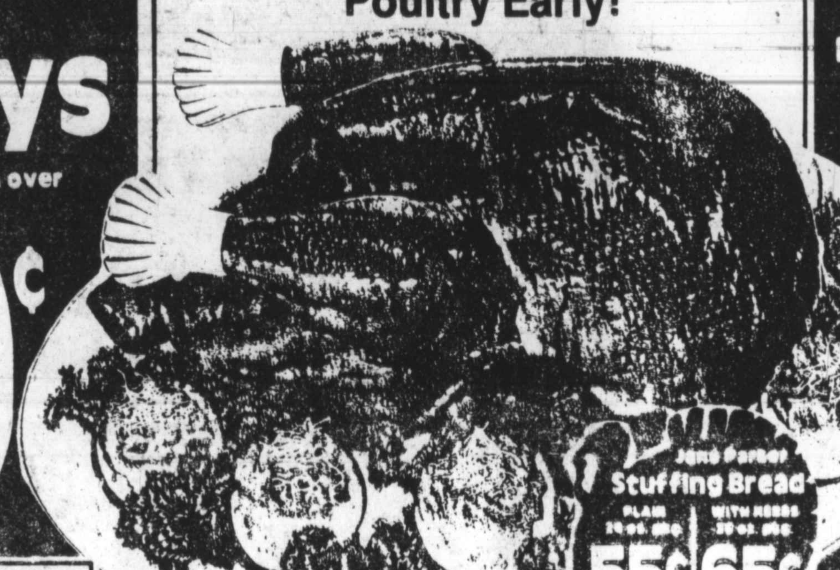

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