Woodlawn Highlights

Perkins Square Ushers sponsor annual banquet

By Marjorie B. Green

The annual pre - Christmas dinner sponsored by the United Usher Board of Perkins Square Baptist Church was an experience in love and fellowship.

Mrs. Elsie Moore, the incoming president, and Ms. Lollie Craven co - chaired the program that was prefaced with the statement that "Tonight we have gathered to celebrate the birth of Christ and to fellowship with our members and friends. Let us rejoice and be glad for this is the day the Lord has given us."

Mrs. Rose Mae Wilkins presided over the after - dinner activities that featured a solo by the male president, John R. Brown and Christmas carol singing led by Ms. Mary Davis.

Pastor Emeritus, the Rev. Ward D. Yerby, and his gracious wife, Portia were among guests who shared the beautiful evening with the Ushers who, according to Mrs. Yerby "spread a great deal of joy to those who cross the threshhold at Perkins Square."

Mrs. Jessie L. Brown, out - going president, in acceptance of a "gift of love" advised the new president to "keep on working for the master and remember God is always there."

Other ushers who worked on the committee were Mrs. Bessie Keel, Ms. Essie Brown, Coszell McCain, Madeline Taylor, Early Jackson, Helen Brown, Margarie Pickling, Margaret Spence, Earl Hicks;

Also, Agnes Butler, Sylvia Graves, Jerrie Wilkins, Ida Mae Frank, William Jones, Leroy Rose and Mrs. Clarice Rucker, a past president who was also presented a love gift in recognition of her past leadership service with the Usher Board.

Plans for '80

Different strokes for different folks in the new year of 1980.

"I plan to keep right on with my volunteer activities in 1980," says Mrs. Estelle Flowers, SSA retiree.

"I hope to grow stronger in the Lord and work for the glory of God," Mary Gibson Wall, SSA retiree.

"My husband will be retiring in January and we plan to enjoy each other's company as we motor across the United States doing some of the things we have always talked about doing."

"My 82 - year - old father has recently married and I want to spend some time in West Virginia getting to know his 76 - year - old bride a little better." These statements came from Mrs. Louise Jackson, retired ssa supervisor.

"I'm just hoping for a better year" replied Mrs. Rosie Keene, an SSA employee in the 707 downtown building. Mrs. Keene also recalled a sermon by the Rev. Dexter Wise "God Didn't Promise You A Rose Garden." This made her remember her mission to always strive to help someone else, and she quickly added her hopes to "plant better seeds and make a better garden for someone else to walk in."

Another retiree, Mrs. Nellie Jewett, hopes that "people will become more loving towards one another." She pledges to give up smoking in 1980.

Mrs. Mary B. Jones, a Dickinson building employee, is looking for more happiness and new happenings in the new year. A 30 - year employee, she intends running for a seat on the SSA Federal Credit Union committee. Mrs. Jones is an active member on the Administrative Board of Union Memorial Methodist Church. The Rev. Leslie Dyson is pastor of the church.

Mr. Donald Mason, who recently married the former Ms. Linda Shields, hasn't begun to think too much about 1980 because of all the good things that happened to him in 1979. He and his new bride shared their first Christmas in their new home. Both are federal employees.

Benefit recital

On Saturday, Jan. 19, 1980, the Most Worshipful Hiram Grand Lodge, A.F. and A.M., and the Naomi Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, will present a benefit recital to aid their building expansion drive.

Featured in recital will be the Voices of Saint Abraham and the Velvet Tones of Naomi will be the special guests. This community program will be held p.m. at Bethel A.M.E. Church where a public donation of $3 will be collected at the door. John V. Thornton is the Grand Master. Ms. Helen M. Carter is Grand Worthy Matron.

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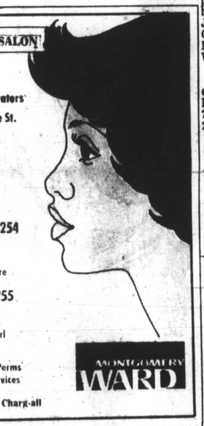

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TO THE FUTURE — Mr. and Mrs. William W. Mumby (the former Carla J. Jones) share their first champagne toast as husband and wife.

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YWCA receives $30,000 'Women in Training' grant

A $30,000 grant designed to train CETA-eligible women for non-traditional and secretarial jobs has been awarded to the YWCA of Northern Anne Arundel County.

The "Women in Training" grant from the Northern Anne Arundel County Manpower Office is an extension of the jobs program which previously received a $25,000 grant from CETA, and was initiated by Barbara Gleason, director of the Glen Burnie YWCA Center, 35 Baltimore-Annapolis Blvd.

The non-traditional jobs phase of the program, which begins Jan. 14, will train women in areas such as reading blue prints, electrical wiring, handling tools, installing drop ceilings, building walls, and auto mechanics.

Under the last CETA grant, students in the program built a wall to separate their workroom from the secretarial students.

The five-week course will also include job hunting techniques, physical fitness, assertiveness training, resume' writing and goal setting.

Speakers from local businesses will discuss non-traditional job opportunities for women in their companies. Past business participants included representatives from C&P Telephone, Westinghouse, International Paper, Sears, ABC Construction, and the Northern Anne Arundel County Police Department.

The secretarial skills program, beginning Jan. 7, will train and help women brush up on typing and shorthand skills. This program is designed for women who enjoy office work, and will focus on developing the conference and assertiveness needed to work a job.

Time will also be spent discussing problems faced by working women, from harassment and sexual advances to finding a baby sitter.

Both programs are available to CETA eligible women in Northern Anne Arundel County.

Women interested in receiving training in either program should call the Glen Burnie YWCA Center, 768-2500.

How to resist tempting food

Holidays tend to cause weight watchers to forget about counting calories, at least until New Year's Eve when they resolve once again to shed some excess weight.

If all the holiday goodies are crumbling your willpower, try these suggestions to avoid fattening food.

1. Take abrickwalk in the fresh air.
2. Exercise your green thumb -prune, water and feed your plants.
3. Prepare a large goblet of water, ice a twist of lemon and sip slowly with a straw.
4. Play with the children and/or the pets —if not yours, somebody else's.
5. Soak in a long, hot bath. Add bath oil or bubbles for an extra treat.
6. Write a letter to a friend.
7. Run up and down some stairs until you need a rest.
8. Gargle with mouthwash.
9. Put on a record and dance.
10. Read a book.
11. Polish your nails.
12. Reach for your mate instead of your plate.
13. Think thin.

For more information and dieting tips, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to The Diet Workshop, Box 279, Reisterstown, Md. 21136.

Sororities co-sponsor children's book drive

In recognition of the International Year of the Child - 1979, Beta Zeta Chapter, Zeta Phil Beta Sorority Inc., and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., Xi Omega Chapter, recently co - sponsored a book drive for children.

Books were collected from sorority chapter members, other greek lettered organizations and private individual donors and then taken to learning centers, day care centers, and mini media program centers for distribution to children throughout the metropolitan D.C. area.

A culmination of the project is the distribution of collected text selections to Zeta's Delta Iota Zeta Chapter in Monrovia, Liberia, West Africa.

Xi Omega chapter, AKA Inc., participated in the effort by appointing a special chapter chairman to cooperate with Beta Zeta's special project chairman, Dr. Marjay D. Anderson.

Glitter, glamour jazz up holiday fashions

Seasoned holiday partygoers know that there's notime like the present for daring, dashing, dramatic dressing. For though fashion styles come and go, the traditional holiday fashion golden rule still holds; maximize glitter, glamour and sparkle .. or be outshone by Christmas trees with tinsel.

Sure enough, this year holiday fashions are dazzling, if somewhat more demure than in recent years. But with clothing now so expensive, many women are looking to inexpensive fashion accessories to achieve a new and exciting "dress-up dimension."

"The fashion look this season is sophisticated, serene, uncomplicated and fun .. and easy to accessorize," says Linda Jackson, fashion coordinator for Trifari, a leading fashion jewelry company.

"The return of fitted suits and dresses, in particular little black dresses, make day-to-evening wardrobe transitions easy. Just replace tailored daytime accessories with those accenting evening razzie-dazzle."

Glamorous accessories topping anybody's Christmas list this season include iridescent scarves and cummerbunds, glittering golden jewelry with rhinestones, bright metallic-colored evening sandals, dramatic little hats, sleek feathered hair ornaments, gold-dust makeups and strands upon strands of pearls.

Remember, less is more in dressy trimmings.

The accessories you wear should heighten, not overpower, the sparkle in your eyes.

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Beautiful Baltimore Brides

Miss Jones, Mr. Mumby united in marriage

Carla J. Jones and William W. Mumby were united in marriage on Dec. 23 at the groom's parents home on Durley Lane.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Phillips of Pine Bluff, Ark. and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Mumby Sr.

The Rev. Wendell Phillips of Heritage United Church performed the double ring ceremony.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore an ecru, ankle-length gown with a lace bolero and an accordion pleated skirt.

The bridegroom's father served as best man and Geri Mumby, sister of the groom was maid of honor.

Music was provided by Jackie Hardy and Linda Hutchins.

Guests attended from Arkansas, New Jersey, Missouri, New York and Washington, D.C.

The bride is a June doctoral degree candidate in speech pathology at Howard University.

The groom is a third year medical student at University of Maryland.

The couple will reside in Baltimore.

Let's talk about beauticians

By Inez Shorter

You certainly missed a treat if you did not attend the National Beauty Culturist League Middle Atlantic Region, No. 2 educational seminar held at the Hilton Gateway Hotel in Newark, New Jersey.

It was hosted by the Modern Beauticians of New Jersey. Dula F. Pittman is president.

The committee was as follows: Johnnie M. Williams, Luna Rucker, Madeline Davis, Christine Johnson, Evelyn Neal, Smithy Johnson, Catherine Taylor, Jasena Brown and Mattie Wiggins.

These persons worked together to bring the most informative seminar ever.

One interesting feature was that we had only to walk across the street from Amtrack Station to the hotel and was graciously received by its efficient personnel. They seemed not to be able to do enough for us.

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We were met and greeted at the foot of the escalator by the general chairperson Johnnie Mae Williams and staff to make us feel welcome.

One Saturday evening we attended the get-acquainted party where we met old friends we had not seen since the convention and also made new ones.

I went over for a chat with Supreme Basileus Ruth J. Ferguson of Pennsylvania, Gladys Davis and Elizabeth Lee of Washington, D.C.

A significant feature of the evening was that the chairpersons visited each table to chat for a while. It made us feel so much at home.

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After coming down for breakfast on Sunday morning, we were surprised to know that we had missed Religious Retreat. We were told that it was especially presented to keep us from missing our regular Sunday morning church service. We were told that a special prayer was said for the health of our national president.

Classes started immediately after breakfast. They were planned to fit the needs of all who attended the seminar.

Those who wanted to extend their knowledge in the art of make - up attended classes offered by Mary Stevens representing Ultra Sheen products and Bell Thompson of Mary Kay products.

Among other special features was a class instructed by Waymon Johnson from Trenton. It was designed to teach the much desired curly California curl.

The Sunday evening banquet and fashion show was an event to remember.

The fashions were Frenchand American and the models were from Virginia. Hats were modeled by members of our own group.

Greetings were extended by the New Jersey State president, Dula Pittman. Johnnie Mae Williams gave the welcome address and Mary Cherry of Baltimore, Maryland responded.

Virginia Cooke of Staunton, Virginia, offered the invocation and Cleolis Richardson introduced the dias guest.

Remarks were by NBCL first vice president Maude Gadsen, NBCL secretary treasurer Gladys Davis, Theta Nu Sigma Supreme basileus Ruth J. Ferguson and regional supervisor Lillie Mae Foskey. A telegram was read from regional director Ruth Matthews of Washington.

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Delta Chapter, Theta Nu Sigma Sorority was entertained by Soror Eurqueline Ashton at the home of Soror Fannie Urnal, 920 Hilltop Terrace, N.E.

The sorors made plans to honor the memory of the sorority's founder Cordelia Green Johnson with a Religious Retreat.

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