NAACP holds annual baby contest

Tara Makeda Maraj won first prize in the Annual Baltimore NAACP Parade of Human Dolls (Baby Contest) this year. She was sponsored by her grandmother, Mrs. Rubye Gill and Sharp Street United Memorial Methodist Church.

She reported $1,410.00 and her prizes included a $200 government bond and a gold loving cup.

In second place was Crystal Nichole Richburg, sponsored by Wayland Baptist Church and Mrs. Darlene Wells with $903.00. Her prizes were $100 government bond and a silver loving cup.

Angela Lois McMillan who was sponsored by her grandmother, Mrs. Enolia McMillan won third place with $901. Her prizes were a $50 government bond and a gold loving cup.

Other babies reported as follows: Jacqueline Chestnut, Israel Baptist Church, $800.86; Kia Nicole R. Jackson, Fulton Baptist Church, $661.75; Keisha Maria Greene, sponsored by Mrs. Nettie Wainwright, $500; Donald E. Sellers, Calvary Baptist Church, $360.50.

Also John Lunn Jr., Berean Baptist Church, $335; Anisha A. Hooper, Gospel Tabernacle Baptist Church, $525; Mia McArthur, Ames Memorial United Methodist Church $213.25; Aaron Phillip Watkins, $155; Gary Everette Howard, Southern Baptist Church $100 and Lakiesha Burns $90.

All babies were awarded certificates and those coming in fourth through eighth place were awarded loving cups. The contest was held at Douglas Memorial Community Church where Rev. Marion C. Bascom is pastor. Mrs. Mable S. Gee was general chairperson. A program was presented by the modern dance group of Walbrook Senior High School.

BABY FACES — Mrs. Enolia P. McMillan, president of the Baltimore NAACP stands with the winners of the 1980 Baby Contest who include (L to R), Donald Sellers III, seventh place; Tara Maraj, first place; Crystal Richburg, second place and Keisha Greene, sixth place. (AFRO Photo by Roman Hankewycz)

Students read 284 books in read-a-thon

Baltimore City Public School students at Garrett Heights, Hilton and Madison Square read over 824 books in the MS READ - A - THON program of the Maryland Chapter, National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

The results were announced recently by Brooks Robinson, chairman of the MS READ - a - thon. "We are deeply grateful to the area's school children who have read for the need of others."

The young readers are known as "Mystery Sleuths" who help discover the cause and cure of the neurological disease, which is a major health problem. The money they raised will be used for MS research as well as patient service programs. MS and related diseases affect an estimated 500,000 Americans.

The Mystery Sleuths gained sponsors among friends, teachers, relatives and neighbors who pledged ten cents or more for each book read. Parents certified that each book was actually read over the four to six week reading period.

At Garrett Heights, Alisa Tomes, a 3rd grader, was selected top student for raising $146.80 while reading 63 books from 24 supporting sponsors.

Hilton School's top student was Rana Spencer, a 3rd grader, who raised $105.70 while reading 24 books from 23 sponsors.

Collectively Garrett Heights, Hilton and Madison Square raised over $962.92 for the Multiple Sclerosis cause, bringing the Maryland total to $45,516.96.

The MS READ - a - thon was originated and developed by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society in 1974 and has proven effective in motivating children to read books in school systems across the country.

For further information, contact the Maryland Chapter at 5401 Belair Rd. Baltimore, Maryland or call 301 - 485 - 8150.

Prices still rising but not as fast

Retail prices continue to rise in the Baltimore area, but the 1.7 percent jump in April and May was the smallest two-month rise in six months and a sign the rate of inflation is declining, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics says.

The bi-monthly increase was fueled by the rising cost of electricity, homes, and finance charges, Alvin I. Margulis, the bureau's regional commissioner said last week.

Clothing prices increased 1.9 percent in April and May — capping a 12 percent increase in the last 12 months.

The bureau said lower beef, veal and egg prices in may offset an increase in the cost of produce and dairy products that month. Food prices increased 1.2 percent during the two month period. But gorcery prices in May increased just 0.1 percent.

Transportation prices, which increased 13 percent in the last two months, were 22 percent higher than they were a year ago.

Council want highway $ for mass transit

Baltimore should spend money that would have been used to complete the expensive interstate system for improving mass transit, a City Council committee has recommended.

In an interim report issued to council members, the policy and planning committee said only I - 95 and its links to downtown, I - 395 and Harbor City Boulevard should be built.

The other proposed interstates, including the last segment of I - 83 across Southeast Baltimore to its hook - ups with I - 95 at Canton and I - 70 through West Baltimore, cannot be afforded, the panel said.

Committee chairman Thomas J. Waxter said he will urge the council to take action on the report Monday.

Corporation established for building preservation

City officials have set up a non - profit corporation to collect tax - deductible contributions for architectural preservation ventures.

The corporation, Historic Uses Inc., received its first donation from Horton Sarubin, the former owner of an historic Bolton Hill apartment building that is being converted to luxury condominiums.

The corporation consists of James E. Lewis, chairman of the city's Commission on Historical and Architectural Preservation; Barbara Hoff, the commission's executive director, and Barry Dressell, assistant director of the Peale Museum.

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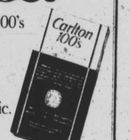

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Baltimorean to study in Europe

Athena Harris, 3700 Garrison Blvd., a junior at Earlham College in Richmond, Va. was among 16 Earlham College students who went to Marburg, Germany, June 30.

Under the supervision of assistant professors of German Barbara and Richard Jurasek, the group will study together for the next six months, concentrating on German language and some cultural courses.

After a month in Marburg they will travel to Berlin July 30 where they will begin the second phase of the residence program.

A vacation break is provided in September, at the end of which the group reforms in Vienna. Here they will live in Viennese homes and study such subjects as German literature, Viennese politicss and German language.

Return to the United States is set for December 11 or 12. Earlham College has provided a program in Germany - Austria since 1960.

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Baltimore AKA s host Annual Dinner Dance

PARTYING BACK — A.K.A. Soror Kathleen Jacobs and hubbie Robert dance heartily to the music of Bobby Felder at the Epsilon Omega Chapter's dinner dance held at Martin's West, Friday, June 27. (AFRO Photos by Mark Gall)

The Epsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alha Sorority, Inc. hosted its annual dinner dance on Friday, June 27 at Martin's West.

This black tie affair, which lasted from 10 p.m. until 2 a.m. was a lively fun fest for more than 600 sorors and guests.

The decor was beautiful with the traditional pink and green AKA colors. Tables were draped with pink tablescloths, with green napkins on top. Centerpieces were ivy-banked bases (another AKA symbol) with lighted pink candles in the middle, giving the room a cheerful glow.

There was a sumptuous buffet dinner and open bar available for dining and wining throughout the evening.

The Bobby Felder Band literally "blew its head off" and everyone felt the beat on the first hot night of summer, bringing filmy lower prints and vibrant summer colors to the dance floor just to beat the heat and keep the beat.

The AKA Sorority is always gentue and sisterly and was led by Basileus Idell Pugh looking stunning in an off - the - shoulder dropped bedded gown.

The sorority was especially honoring the Silver Girls who have been affiliated and active for 25 years and have continued to sponsor the many projects throughout the coummunity.

Ruby Taylor, radiant in a pink ostrick feather neck wrap, was in the Silver Girls Group of sorors.

The AKA's dinner - dance proceeds will go to benefit its scholarship fund.

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CHECKING OUT THE ACTION at the A.K.A. dinner dance at Martin's West on Friday, June 27 are (L to R): Jarene Cooper, LoLo Pinckney, Benita Lynn Cottier, Loretta Brantley, Cubby Brown and Silvia Maynard.

ENJOYING THE SCENE at the A.K.A. dinner dance held at Martin's West on Friday, June 27 are (L to R): Mr. and Mrs. Leon M. Garrett (Gilda) and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Jolivet (Tina).

Epicureans Inc. hold National Conclave weekend

By Pattie Hodges
AFRO Staffwriter

During the weekend of June 20 - 22 The Epicureans, Inc. held their 29th Annual National Conclave at Hunt Valley Inn, Marriottsville Md.

Conclave members representing 20 Epicurean Chapters came from Atlanta, Ga., Virginia, North Carolina, Ohio, New York, Wilmington, Del., Washington, D.C., Columbia and Baltimore, Md. for a weekend full of interesting and fun activities.

Theme for the conclave, 'Togetherness Is' was carried out during the entire weekend.

Over 300 Eppies, Eppos (their husbands) and guests were on hand for the festivities, which began on Friday evening with registration and hospitality time, during which everyone engaged in lively camaraderie in the hospitality suite of the Inn. and a dinner - dance, from 10 p.m. until 2 a.m.

For the Friday dinner - dance, Doris Wallace, Baltimore Eppie, and hospitality chairperson, had designed elegant table centerpieces consisting of black, velour cylinders with

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EPICUREAN PARTY PATTER — Wellington Ross, Baltimore, drives home a point to Mr. and Mrs. James Palmer, (Dot) of Atlanta, Ga. at the Epicurean dinner - dance held at Hunt Valley Inn on Friday, June 20. The dinner dance was a segment of the AFRO Photos by Roman Hankewycz festivities of the group's conclave, held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 20, 21 and 22.

PARTY JOKE? — Dr. Robert Phillips, (L) and State Senator Clarence Blount (R) laugh it up during the dinner dance which was part of the Epicurean Conclave held at Hunt Valley Inn on Friday, June 20.

EPICUREAN OFFICERS pictured at one of their National Conclave dinner - dances held at Hunt Valley Inn on Friday June 20 are (Left panel L to R): Mrs. Delores Sykes, chairperson; Mrs. Gordine Blount, vice president; Mrs. Barbara Bennett, treasurer and Mrs. Audrey Pinderhughes, president; (Right panel, L to R): Mrs. Elva Edwards, secretary; Mrs. Doris Wallace, chairperson, hospitality; Mrs. Bertha Forte, financial secretary and Mrs. Merita Stokes, conclave co - chairperson. Not pictured is Mrs. Betty Morton, chaplain.

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Cofield family reunion reveals seven generations

By Pattie Hodges
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The Cofields and Wilsons held their first family reunion recently at Eastwind,s9000 Block Pulaski Highway.

Family members representing seven generations came from Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and other parts of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York City and other parts of New York State, Washington, D.C., Virginia and many from North Carolina, where the roots of the family began.

The reunion was hosted by Rosie M. Sample, chairperson; Estelle M. Kesler, co - chairperson; Ethel Frazier Jenkins, recording secretary; Shirley Filmore, corresponding secretary; Robert Cofield III, business manager; Linwood C. Cofield, treasurer and Rosa L. Farmer, advisor.

The Cofield family history began around the year of 1835 during the era of slavery, when Ned and Frances Cofield, the original patriach and matriach produced two children Alphin and Silas.

Alphin and his wife, Harriet were the parents of six children, Robert, Cora, Lela, Frances, Claud and Willie. With the families from these children the roots spread to seven generations.

Toastmaster of thereunion was Linwood C. Cofield fo the fourth generation.

Invocation was given by the Rev. Leon H. White, minister of the Metropolitan United Methodist Church of Glen Burnie, Md.

The occasion was read by Ethel F. Jenkins, followed by the introduction of families by Rosa L. Farmer.

Letters of congratulations were received from William D. Schaefer, mayor; Walter S. Orlinsky, president of Baltimore City Council and Victorine Q. Adams, councilwoman, Fouth Dist.

The program was versatile and interesting. The song 'We Are Family' was played in dedication to all families descended from the late patriach and matriach.

A disco dance contest, held for the young and old, consited of dancers in three groups — children up to ten years of age, young peple eleven years old to age twenty - five and those twenty - six and above.

Prizes were given to a couple in each category. Everyone enjoyed this event, either by participating or watching.

Music was provided by Floyd Best's Transport Disco Show of Baltimore, who is also a family descendant.

Mrs. Emily Clemons of Baltimore, age 86, was pinned with a cosage by Rosa L. Farmer for being the oldest family member present. A gift was presented to Jeneene King of Philadelphia, Pa., seven months old, as the youngest present.

Many door prizes were also given.

The Wilson family history was given by Brenda Cofield, of this city, a descendant of Henry and Lucy Wilson. The Wilsons were represented by descendants from Virginia and Maryland.

Everyone enjoyed the open buffet of delicious foods served from 8 p.m. until 12 a.m., which included open bar.

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