Woodlawn Highlights

Branch Supervisor moves at SSA

By Marjorie R. Green

"I never want to be thought of as one of the boys. I believe in being a woman first because it is possible for a woman to be successful in the federal government and receive equal pay for equal work if she is well prepared for the job."

This statement came from Mrs. Vivian Holmes, GS-14 Branch Supervisor, SSA Special Careers and Recruitment Branch, Division of Personnel Operations. Vivian has reached a reasonable level of success in the gigantic work force at Social Security.

According to her it hasn't been easy because in addition to her job, she has been a student, a mother and sole homemaker for her son Marc for the past 15 years. She has proven that it is possible for a woman alone to work, manage a home and raise a child. Marc will become a freshman at Morehouse college in Atlanta this coming fall.

A math major and graduate of Dunbar High School, Vivian received a B.S. degree from Morgan State University and a Master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Baltimore.

She began her SSA career in Personnel Management in 1967 in the Bureau of Health Insurance. Prior to 1967, she was an associate engineer with the Western Electric engineering section in Cockeysville.

She spent 6½ years teaching in the Baltimore public school system before deciding to try her luck in the federal government.

Her determination to pursue a people oriented profession led her to SSA where after a series of personnel management positions and coordinator of the Upward Mobility Program. Vivian accepted her current position. She supervises approximately thirty employees who are responsible for the special recruitment and placement programs in SSA.

In recognition of her outstanding work with the Upward Mobility Program, she was awarded a high quality pay increase.

Although she hasn't defined any special goals, Vivian is positive that she will always be in the field of management and will always strive to reach the highest possible level in federal government.

She also stated, "I hope that I can in some small way help to make the way a little easier for those who come behind me."

Vivian is an active member of Fountain Baptist Church. She is assistant supervisor of the adult department of the Sunday School and serves on the Board of Christian Education. She is a member of the Fountain Willing Workers and the Courtesy Guild.

Vivian says she doesn't have any other outside affiliations because, according to her, "the church is my life."

Vacation Greetings

We received vacation greetings this month from retiree Ernestine Smith. Her greeting arrived from Atlanta, Ga. Diellear Wing Royster sent hello's from Walt Disney World. Hilton and Trudy Friend along with daughter Tiffany choose Nassau for this year's vacation spot.

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Training Specialist retires

Charles M. Queen
Recent retiree

On completion of 37 years of federal service, Charles M. Queen was honored at a retirement luncheon at the Officer's Club at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, on July 11.

Queen came to APG in 1967 after civilian service at Ft. George G. Meade and, prior to that, military service with the U.S. Army.

Initially, as an instructor with the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School, Tank Automotive Division, he taught all phases of maintenance and repair of tracked and wheeled vehicles.

Later, upon advancement to training specialist, he was responsible for developing and revising instructional material for courses taught at APG and other installations. This entailed extensive travel.

Queen also served as script writer and technical advisor of various training films and television tapes. Reviewing all types of instructional material, he determined feasibility for use in courses for which he was responsible.

He also worked with civilian contractors in developing instructional material. He attended new equipment training courses and seminars and applied the new techniques to instructional material.

Among several commendations received during his tenure at APG, the Sustained Superior Work Performance Award was one of his most valued. He was a member of the Twenty-Five Year Club.

Queen's retirement ceremony was well attended by his co-workers and friends.

Also in attendance were his wife, Adele, daughter, Carmen and many relatives.

His pastor, the Rev. Porter W. Phillips, minister of Enon Baptist Church, Baltimore, Md., was also on hand for the ceremony.

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Howard County NAACP Youth Council sponsors prayer breakfast

By Plinie L. Ross

"Black people have gotten a taste of freedom, we didn't ask to come over here as slaves! They brought us here against our will." These words came from civil rights leader Dr. Ralph Abernathy as he spoke to hundreds of community leaders and friends recently at the Interfaith Center, Wilde Lake Village Greene.

"Prayer in Action" was the theme of Dr. Abernathy's 50 minute speech. "You had better pray," he said, "and then you had better get up off your knees and help God answer your prayer. Too many of us want God to do everything for us. We have got to make things happen."

The civil rights leader gave praise to the young people by saying, "We owe so much to our young people. They are the hope of the world."

He further stated that our young people could be lost in the slums of Howard County or Baltimore, smoking pot . . . but they were not. They were there trying to make their lives better.

Dr. Abernathy was referring to the dynamic NAACP Youth Council which sponsored the prayer breakfast and which was born seventeen months ago according to Andre Rodwell, a leader in the council and one of the fine young workers in First Baptist Church of Guilford and community as well.

The purpose of the council is to "motivate and inspire young people to get involved with the political scene." Rodwell stated that the Youth Council took a trip to the U.S. Capitol and packed the galleries during a floor debate on an anti-busing amendment last fall.

Young Rodwell has received many awards for his work in community and political affairs. He works part time in Congressman Parren Mitchell's office in the District of Columbia. He will be attending Morehouse College next year.

There were remarks and recitations by members of the council as well as musical numbers by the popular gospel choir.

Beautiful and talented Chorlene White, who also will be leaving the council for college in the fall did a solo titled "The Greatest Love of All."

Abernathy, the former president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference concluded his speech by saying, "Black people are trapped between a racist Ronald Reagan and a do-nothing Jimmy Carter."

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REcently, in Old Dominion, also known as the Mother of Presidents, nearly 450 Lees and Paynes and their friends gathered in Buckingham County, Dilwyn, Va. coming from far and near to celebrate Lees and Paynes first Family Reunion at the Buckingham County Junior High School and the 115-year-old Mt. Olive Baptist Church, located on Routes No. 15 and 20.

Their grandparents, Samuel Lee, Sr. and Joseph Payne, were the founders of this great church in the year 1865, and partiarch of the Payne family.

Joy, with songs and prayers capped this great affair. His, hellos, laughing, smiling and even sobbing before registering had its moments when Moses G. Payne, the eldest son of the late Ed and Virginia (Lee) Payne, arrived accompanied by his daughter Celenia P. Freeman of Hanover, Va. and grandson, Carnett Payne of Hampton, Va. As he was so warmly greeted by a host of relatives and lifelong friends.

After registering, and at the sound of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic," with Mrs. America Harris at the piano, everyone moved into the huge auditorium where an impressive and very informative program was presented by the family.

Chris Donald Dyer, great-grandson of Samuel and Mildred (Milly) Lee Patriarch and matriarch of the Lee family, with much well-received wit which added much to the program.

Greetings were by Carolyn Harris Robinson, granddaughter of the Lees of Baltimore Md. Rev. Samuel Lee, III, grandson of the Lees and pastor of the Mt. Olive Baptist Church, gave the invocation.

The Occasion was given with profound depth by Moses G. Payne, grandson of Lees & Paynes and eldest son of the late Edward & Virginia Lee Payne.

Beatrice Payne, youngest of the Ed Paynes sons and daughters, gave an impressive and most informative history of Lees & Paynes families with a view of information, some of which she remembered and some she had gathered from her very loyal dedicated and beautiful mother, the late Virginia Lee Payne.

When Beatrice stood and spoke of her very, very loyal and dedicated brother, Moses G. Payne, and the devotion and love he had shown his family, many eyes were dampened with tears.

Just a week before the reunion Robert Lee Sr.'s youngest son son, Alexander, met with untimely death and was interred in Mt. Olive. In spite of this his wife, children, brothers, sisters, nephews & nieces stood tall and participated on the program although grief-stricken.

Mendale Wright, daughter of Sylvia Lee Wright, gave a stirring rendition of the song "Born Free." Mendale & Sylvia are from Baltimore, Md.

Ancrostic, describing Lees & Paynes, was done by Jean Dyer Ayers. Louise Lee Dyer told her story of the famous animals on the Payne's farm, followed by a Fund Song, "Old Lees and Paynes Had a Farm" to the tune of "Old McDonald" ably directed by Mendale Wright.

A Special Delivery — rushed in by Elton Lee — read by Chris D. Dyer: "We, the Lees and Paynes, express our regrets that Mrs. Laura Lee Butler of Baltimore, who had made all plans to be here today to celebrate this great occasion, is unable to attend due to a very serioud injury."

Laura is the last survivor of the late Sam & Milly Lee's sons and daughters. Her only daughters, Elaine, and son-in-law, Prentis Nolan, were also saddened on account of their absence due to their mother's illness.

Special tributes were made to: Robert (Bob) Lee, Sr. as a farmer by Pauline Lee. EdyPayne's famous Journey in 1916 from Baltimore to Va. was described by Carolyn Robinson.

Irene Logan gave tributes to Waverly Lee and Virginia Lee Payne, two beautiful loyal and dedicated church women and Bernice Peaks gave special tribute to Josephine Logan, Mother of the Church. The banquet tables were beatifully decorated with white cloths, heirloom vases with red roses on each table.

Food was delicious, as many strayed from their diets.

The Gourmet Committee which served with dignity and grace were: Cora Lee Eldridge, Laara Lee Fowlkes, Arlene C. Lee, Dorothy M. Lee, Elizabeth Lee, Virginia C. Lee, Mary Lou Lee, Mattie S. Lee, Pauline Lee, Raymond Lee, Garnett Logan, Charlotte Patterson, Arlene B. Peaks and Bernice E. Peaks.

To add to the fun there was a disco — 6:00 to 10:00 p.m., with Raymond Lee, presiding and music furnished by Larry Donnell of Baltimore and Ernest Lee Newport News. Prizes were awarded by Sylvia Lee Wright, who initiated the disco, along with Raymond Lee. Prizes went to the youngest dancers, Ron Feaner and Chrystal Dyer; to eldest dancers, Carolyn Robinson & Louise Lee Dyer; and to the best all-around dancers.

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Travis Winkey Salute at Center Stage

The First Annual Salute to Travis Winkey-Magazine and Scholarship fund will be held Sunday, Aug. 31 at Center Stage, 700 N. Calvert St. Doors open at 6 p.m. Show time is 7 p.m.

Travis Winkey

A reception will follow at the Camelia Cafe, on the second floor of Center State.

The show itself, called a Fashion Extraordinaire, has the theme 'From Le Champs Elyses to New York's 7th Ave., is being sponsored by Tower Ford.

Featured will be designs by the Renowned Willie Smith from Willie's Wear, of Madison Ave., New York City, and the widely acclaimed Kevin and Robert, also of New York.

From Washington, D.C., Crystal Cooper and Gee More will be highlighted and from Baltimore Vickie Jones and Stephanie Taylor. Donation for the affair is $15.00.

Travis Winkey and co. will also be modeling for the Harlem Festival to be held at the Harlem State Office Building, 125th Street and Adam Clayton Powell Blvd. (on 7th Ave.) on Sunday, Aug. 24 at 7 p.m.

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He said that politicians are cutting back on social programs and increasing spending for defense, and that it's killing the black man.

"God has the power, when we get black people to vote, when we get black people in power, we will overcome . . . We've got the fire in us!"

Dr. Abernathy is the pastor of the West Hunter Street Baptist Church in Atlanta, Ga. He was responsible for the poor people's campaign in Washington, D.C. in 1968.

Silas Craft is the very fine president of the Howard County Branch NAACP.

YOUTHFUL DANCERS from the dance troupes of Baby's Breath, Sparkle and Charisma, are pictured during their recent performance at Westview Mall. They

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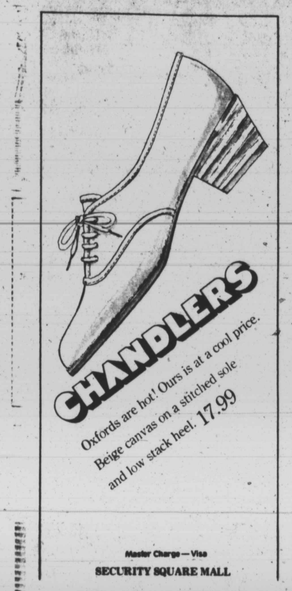
enthralled many who were onlookers. The youthful dancers are under the direction and choreography of Charlotte Goode.



Two Coppin professors become Danforth Associates

The Danforth Foundation, a national educational, philanthropic organization, has announced the appointment of two Coppin State College faculty members to the Danforth Associate Program.

Dr. Bettye Gardner of the department of history, geography and international studies and John Furlong of the department of languages, literature and philosophy were among 405 persons selected from colleges and universities throughout the United States.

The lrogram allows associates to work directly with students on a personal basis in an effort to improve student faculty relations and to strengthen the teaching-learning process.

Associates are eligible to apply for grant funds up to $2,000 for special projects to enhance faculty-student relationships. Projects may involve efforts to enhance faculty-student relationships. Projects may involve efforts among faculty to develop pedagogical styles and skills and to renuew themselves as xore effective teachers and members of the teaching and learning community.

Dr. Gardner, noted authority on black history with special emphasis on the history of black Marylanders, has published extensively on the subject. She has published in the Journal of Negro History, The Negro History Bulletin, Balcks in New York State History and Maryland Historical Magazine. In addition, she has lectured throughout the state and the country.

A Coppin State faculty member since 1971, Dr. Gardner was one of ten recipients tf Moton Fellowships from the Moton Institute for Independent Study in 1978.

For her search project she studied "The Free Black Community of Baltimore, 1800-1860." In May of this years, Dr. Gardner served as a consultant for the Consortium on Research Training in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

The second Danforth Associate, John Joseph Furlong Jr. joined Coppin's department of languages, literature and philosophy in 1976. His previous employment included work with the International Committee of English and the Liturgy, Inc.

Furlong obtained the master's degree in 1973 from Catholic University in Wshington, D.C. where he is presently a doctoral candidate.

The Danforth Foundation, established by the late Mr. and Mrs. William H. Danforth in 1927, is dedicated to enhancing the humane dimensions of life.

Activities of the foundation traditionally have emphasited the theme of improving the quality of teaching and learning.

AKA's Alpha Delta Chapter holds reunion in Virginia

A 20th - anniversary reunion of nine sorors who had been initiated into Alpha Delta Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority in 1960 was recently held in the 22nd - floor tower apartment of Beatrice Hendricks, in Falls Church, Virginia.

we remembered most about ourselves was our special talent for performing together, which pledgees frequently did in the glory days of Greek letter organizations.

"The Greeks of Morgan State (College) where we 'were over' usually performed in the Refectory. We sang, danced, did steps and skits to the tune of our own harmony and to the absolute delight of other students."

Soror Vicki Lipscomb Garner wrote several original songs for the Line of 1960, one of which, The Alphabet Song, is now sing by AKAs across the country.

Chirping in perfect harmony was Melva Lee Scruggs and Juanita Dougherty Merritt, who was Miss Morgan in 1962. One of our most graceful dancers was Jean Brown Washington.

Of the original 12 members, who "went over" together, only three were not present at the reunion. Ellen Dixon Gonzales and Barbara Battle Patton were reached via telephone, serenaded with the Chapter Hymn, O Alpha Delta, and given a symbolic toast. Omega Robbins Black could not be reached during the affair.

Though pledging was glorious, the glory was reserved for those already in the sorority. So the Line of 1960 recalled the hard times of hazing that were required to become a member, such as washing a Big Sister's hair or her car or typing her term paper.

Personal AKA scrapbooks brought to the reunion gave us many laughs over the old, hot - comb hairstyles and black - framed, jeweled eyeglasses that pointed up on the sides, like cats' eyes.

Remarkably, hemlines 20 years ago were about the same as they are now, unless a girl was wearing her crenolines, in which case her knee caps might show.

The event was organized by Gilda Jones Garrett, who helped the hostess prepare the fresh fruit medley, roast beef, raw vegetables with dip, cakes, wines and other delicious delicacies.

Norma Duncan Hendrickson lives the farthest away — in Bermuda; Joan Simms Moore had the most children — four.

Some of us had dropped out of Morgan, but all had eventually finished college, either in Pennsylvania or New York. Our hobbies were skiing, cooking, camping, gardening and walking.

Among the occupations represented were marketing manager, personnel manager, housewife, school principal and a writer, Margaret Dorsey Pagan.

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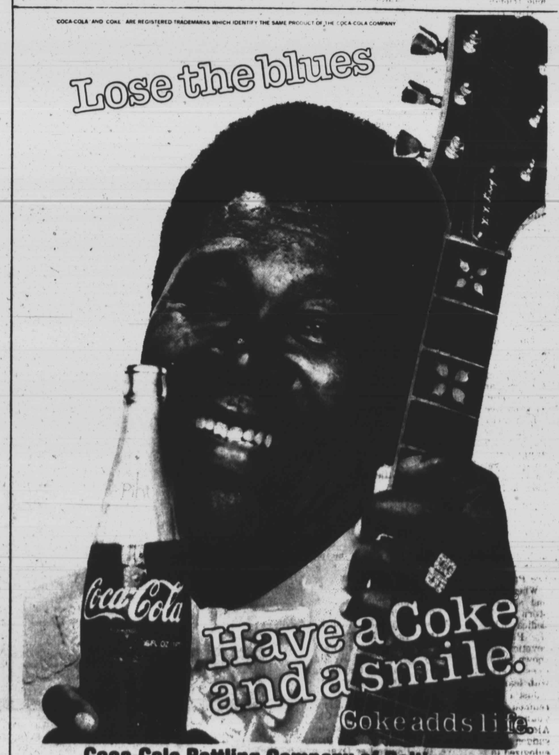

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