BP Productions cultural growth

By Marjorie R. Green

Betty Purnell and Ben Prenbury, co - founders of BP and BP Productions, the multi - facet company dedicated to providing cultural enrichment through technical training for all age groups, have expanded their business venture to include not only acting, but modeling, fashion design and a self development program.

The two Social Security employees entered into their first joint business effort in 1977 with a fashion show featuring all "Betti design original fashions.

Betty is a native Baltimorean who has been sewing since early childhood. She developed her skills and gained experience by designing and creating clothes for baby dolls. Today, Betty, is an accomplished fashion designer, specializing in career wear and clothes for the entire wedding party. She is looking ahead to the growth of Baltimore and to gaining recognition as a successful designer in her home town.

As an actor, director and producer, Ben has been active in Baltimore theater groups for the past 20 years. He suggests that blacks must control more of the avenues to full employment if they want to reap anything meaningful from the arts.

He believes that more training and stimulation should be provided for aspiring young hopefuls.

Their creations could be utilized to affect a needed change in the image of blacks through the controlled avenues of employment.

He has personally contributed to the training and development of adults and models as young as three years of age. According to Ben the city arts program could be a viable asset to the emergence of one professional black theater in this city.

He states that a merger of black talent could produce such an impact on the arts that it could command the attention of actors and theater - goers in cities all over the country.

"The time is right for theater of any kind in Baltimore as long as neighborhoods keep pace and grow along with the downtown - Inner Harbor area," says the talented Ben Prenbury.

An avid church goer, Ben is a member of the Sharp St. United Methodist Church. Many of his training programs have been conducted in the church.

Betty and Ben have recently moved to a new business site in the downtown area. Plans are now being made for the presentation of a grand opening extravaganza.

DEGREE RECIPIENT — Mrs. Mary Ella Graves (R) receives her master's degree in education at University of Maryland, Baltimore County commencement exercises from Dr. John W. Dorsey, chancellor.

Retired teacher receives master's degree at UMBC

"I want others to know about the golden opportunity available at UMBC. I got a free education — no cost except for books — just because I returned to school," said Mary Ella Graves, a Cherry Hill resident.

Mrs. Graves became the second recipient of a master's degree in the University of Maryland Baltimore County Graduate ID Program during the school's commencement exercises. She completed her studies in instructional systems development to receive a master of arts in education after just two years of study as a part-time student.

The UMBC Graduate ID Program, implemented in 1977, provides free education to Maryland residents 60 years of age or older who are retired or work less than 30 hours weekly.

A life-long student who enjoys the challenge of learning, Mrs. Graves received a bachelor of science degree from Morgan State University, earned 31 credits toward a master's degree at New York University during the 1950s, and earned another 30 credits toward a master of science in biology at Morgan State University during the 1960s.

A teacher of biology in Baltimore City for 30 years, Mrs. Graves retired on disability in 1972 to begin a career with her husband William, caring for foster children. Mr. Graves is retired from the Social Security Administration in Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. Graves met in Baltimore City and they are adopted and plan to continue this service as "long as we are able."

Mrs. Graves is a member of the Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, and the Alpha Beta Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.

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Business women's group elects new officers

By Pinnie Ross

The National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women had its installation of officers recently. The installation and meeting was held in the lovely home of Mrs. Ernestine E. DeBerry.

Special guests attending the installation were Mrs. E. Josephine Lowery, vice governor, Mid - Atlantic District; Martha F. Ross, chairman, national headquarters; Cleopatric S. McLeone, chairman, nomination committee, Mid Atlantic Conference and Mrs. Daisy C. Lewis, national organizer. All of the charming ladies are members of the B and P League, Washington, D.C.

The officers were installed by Mrs. Josephine Lowery for the year 1980-81. They are: Ernestine DeBerry, president; Mrs. DeBerry is an English instructor at Lakeland Middle School with a master's degree in supervision and administration. She is a very able president. Vice president, Celonia Walden; second vice president, Ethel Hill; recording secretary, Sylvia Cooke Martin; financial secretary, Celeste Uzzell; corresponding secretary, Evelyn McChurkin; treasurer, Jean Taylor; editor, Pinnie L. Ross.

Mrs. Celonia Walden, the outgoing president gave an inspiring message to the group. This dynamic lady served as charter president from Sept. 25, 1978 to June 1980. She thanked the members for their cooperation and support extended as they organized and moved forward to carry out B and P mandate.

There were 20 charter members. They adopted a constitution and by laws, and worked diligently planning a program focusing on the national theme: "Realizing and Achieving Our Power in Human Rights, Human Energy, Human Resources.

During Mrs. Walden's stay in office, the club supporter Kuychagalia, the Bethel AME Church Director for Black Women's organizations, the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Debutante Cotillion, the NCNW Africa Past and Present Exhibit and Program, and the Cleveland Chapter of the Links Inc., the Cleveland Museum Exhibition "Afro - American Tradition in The Decorative Arts" at the Museum of History and Technology in Washington, D.C.

The First Founders Day Fashion Show and Luncheon was held. A "Wine and Cheese Sip" was shared as a social activity. The club learned all about the Howard County Human Rights Commission and the Office of Human Rights, the NAACP. The club had a very informative Retreat at the Marriottsville Spiritual Center utilizing the theme: The Realities for Women in the New Decade — Development of our Full Potential in Health Education and Employment.

A Founders Day Fashion Show and Breakfast was also held. Mrs. Walden received the highest award at the Founders Day Fashion Show breakfast. It was the Sojourner Truth Award which somewhat paralleled the life of Sojourner Truth,

"I extend the very best to Ernestine DeBerry and the officers who will lead us in the coming year, as we plan and execute our program for 80-81," she said. "I exhort each of you to remember the purpose for which the club was organized — to promote and protect the interest of B and P women and to create fellowship among them, to direct the interest of B and P women toward united action for improved social and civic conditions, to encourage the training and development of negro women for business and the professions."

Dr. Vera Wilson, one of the charter members introduced her daughter, Bronwyn who is an art teacher in the D.C. schools.

She demonstrated perfumery and actually showed the group how to make it. After the demonstration the club members along with the special guests, who were the national officers from the B and P League engaged a delicious repast.

The officers and members of the Columbia chapter of B and P Women's Club congratulated Mrs. Ernestine DeBerry for accepting the position as president and will do whatever it takes to make her year a successful one.

Blount, Hardee, King families hold reunion

The first family reunion of The Blount, Hardee and King families was held recently at the Quality Inn in Towson, Maryland. The reunion was a tribute to the families in memory of their parents.

The family roots have been traced back to Ayden and Greenville, N.C. Family members attending the affairs came from New York, Baltimore, Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, Illinois, Texas and Washington, D.C.

The Saturday program began with registration followed by a brunch. The principal program participants were the younger members of the family, whose ages ranged from 7 to 14 years. The Rev. James R. Smith prayed the opening prayer and The Rev. Douglass Bowman gave the table blessing. Mrs. Delores Moye of Washington, D.C. was the toast mistress.

Following the brunch, the family spent a gala afternoon that included swim parties, group games and renewing acquaintances.

James H. Blount of New York presided at the evening banquet. Prayer and blessings were offered by The Rev. Tony Evans of Houston, Texas and The Rev. Arthur Evans of Baltimore.

Beautiful musical renditions were shared by Ms. Delores Moye and Beverly Lyles. Herman Hardee, the senior member of the family, spoke on the occasion. The response followed by Mrs. Lottie White of New York.

Mesdames Hattie Tracey and Jessie Vines of Baltimore gave the family history. A hilarious highlight of the banquet was the showing of old slides of family members.

Following the banquet, family members and friends enjoyed an evening of dancing.

Committee members for the affair were Herman and Dora Hardee, Verenis and Audrey Carnish, Charles and Mildred Brooks, Delores Moye, Hattie Tracey, James Blount and Jessie M. Vines.

Miss Wood to marry Dr. Cragway

Mr. and Mrs. George T. Wood (Lorraine) of Baltimore, Md. announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Rene Wood to Dr. Roy W. Cragway Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy W. Cragway Sr., (Wilhelmina), also of Baltimore.

Miss Wood is a senior at Morgan State University. She is employed as a Research Interviewer for the Mayor's Office of Manpower Resources.

Dr. Cragway was graduated from Morgan State University and University of Maryland School of Medicine and is presently interning at South Baltimore General Hospital.

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