E.Q. Productions presents Talent Finals

PRIZE WINNERS in the grand finale of the "1980 Talent Competition" sponsored by E. Q. Productions at the Northwestern High School, Park Hgt. Ave. are (L to R): Natalie Carter, poetess and singer, first place; Phillip Church, gospel singer and second place and Leon Coleman, mime improvisationist, who won third place.

AFRO Photo by Roman Hankewycz

On Saturday, Feb. 14, E. Q. Productions, Inc. presented 'The Grand Finale' of the "1980 Talent Competition" held to benefit The Assert Foundation for Sickle Cell Anemia.

The Competition was held at Northwestern High School, 6900 Park Hgts. Ave. at Fallstaff Rd.

Natalie Carter, poet and singer, won first place prize for her original, dramatic poetry. Phillip Church, vocalist, won second prize for his stirring gospel singing. Leon Coleman, won third prize for his mime improvisations and dancing. Appearing with him were Cathy Watts and Kim Taylor.

All won trophies and certificates of appreciation for their participation in the show.

Other performers were Melvin Cooper, dancer; Leroy Laws and Shelly Tuggle, vocalists; Richard Morris, drum soloist; Denise Bailey, Alma Macer, and Frederick J. Lawrence, vocalists; Vincent D. Smith, stand - up comedian; Stephen M. Blackmore and his Sound Dimension, vocalist and group, David Lewis and Lawrence Dennis, dancers and the musical group Embryo Band and Singers.

The primary purpose of the "1980 Talent Competition" is to display some of the talent in the Baltimore area, and is just the beginning for other events by E. Q. Productions to highlight Baltimore talent in different ways.

Already, some of the contestants, who were in the two previous shows leading up to the finale are moving onward and upward.

Vincent Smith is doing a play in Washington, D.C., "Nobody", based on the life of Bert Williams. Phillip Church will be performing for the Associated Black Media Conference and

Natalie Carter continues to exhibit her talents with the Free Spirit Theatre

Because E. Q. Productions gave the proceeds of its presentation to the cause of sickle cell anemia, Mayor Schaefer issued them a proclamation designating February 14, 1981 as "Talent Day For Sickle Cell Anemia" in Baltimore.

Vocalist Brenda Alford was on hand to receive an award for her accomplishments in the musical industry.

E. Q. Productions is headed by Ernest Q. Womble.

Columbia Capers

Gallery Ligon celebrates Black History Month

By Phenie L. Ross

Black Awareness Month was celebrated at Howard Community College Gallery this month. The exhibition was organized by our talented young lady Mrs. Claud (Doris) Ligon, president of the non - profit corporation, Gallery Ligon, Ltd.

Mrs. Ligon, a great admirer of art said, "There were approximately thirty works on display including some of her own showings and the showings of works on loan from private and public sources."

The very articulate Mrs. Ligon's thirty showings reached out to the adjoining hallway which was the beginning of the exhibit.

There were hostesses awaiting your signature at the guest book and to take your wraps. They were the Royal Court Sweethearts, Alpha Iota Chapter, Carole Ligon, Tawanna Palmer and Pamela Gibbs; also hosts Michael James and Randolo Cuttins of Kappa Alpha Iota Chapter - Kay, Morgan State University.

As guests moved slowly, sipping champagne, finally they reached Mr. & Mrs. Ligon, who stood in the center of all the displays and chatted.

With each guest, they were never in a hurry to leave one guest for the other, each guest had to wait his or her turn, because they didn't cut their words short to greet another person. (That's the Ligon's personality and what a great one to have!)

The exhibition included large face masks from Dagon Mali, the Do - Bobo Mask and the Face Mask, both from the Upper Volta Region, according to Mrs. Ligon.

The Antelope Headgear of the Bambare people of Mali was worn by a male dancer in honor of the antelope's mythological role in teaching the working of the soil.

Also in the showing were several carved figures, dolls, and functional objects all combining human, animal and imaginative characteristics.

The Smithsonian's photographic enlargements and historical explanations will continue to remain on display through March 2, 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m., Tuesday's and Thursday's and weekdays until 9:45 p.m.

Our Mrs. Ligon is a graduate of Morgan State University, with honors. She received her Master's Degree also from Morgan State University, and has done extensive graduate work towards her Ph.D.

She is the wife of Lt. Col. Claud Ligon, professor at Morgan State University. He heads the ROTC Dept. at the university.

Gallery Ligon, Ltd's opening out of town guest list included: Ltc. & Mrs. Robert Frazier, Vienna, Va.; 2nd Lt. Claude M. Ligon Jr., Ft. Bragg, N.C.; Col. & Mrs. Grantland Shipp, Ft. Meade, Md.; Mr. & Mrs. Stacey White, Washington, D.C.; Ltc. & Mrs. Marshall Atkins, Alexandria, Va.; Mr. & Mrs. Henry L. Smith, Silver Spring, Md.; Mr. & Mrs. James Finucane, Bethesda, Md.; Dr. & Mrs. John F. Richardson, Baltimore, Md.; Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Norman, Washington, D.C.;

Also, Dr. & Mrs. Andrew Billingsley, Baltimore, Md.; Professor James Lewis, Baltimore, Md.; Mr. & Mrs. G. Sunday, Tenable, Nigeria; Theodore Toatley, Alexandria, Va.; Ms. Joy Austin, African - American Museums Asso., Washington, D.C.; Dr. & Mrs. Moges Ayele, Ethiopia; Ms. Tsige Ayele, Ethiopia; Ms. Tsige Ayele, Ethiopia and Mrs. Ann Dyett, Cockeysville, Md.

The second annual Dinner to benefit Maryland Black Colleges will be held March 1 at 3:00 p.m. at Blue Crest North in Pikesville, Md.

The dinner is being sponsored by the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Columbia Chapter.

Keynote speaker will be Tony Brown, Journalist, T.V. Talk show host, and coordinator for the March on Washington to Save Black Colleges.

Tickets are $25.00 for adults and $13.00 for students. Donations are fully tax deductible.

For ticket information, call 730 - 3801 or 730 - 0827.

Everybody's Birthday Party

It was everybodys Birthday Party at the National Council of Negro Womens meeting. The meeting was held at Locust Park Neighborhood Center. What a birthday party! All members brought a tasty dish. Prior to the celebration each member gave yer name, date of birth, month & year and where they were born. It was fun and what surprises many received.

The fine president is Roberta Briscoe, vice president is Vera Hayes

The club ladies are in process of their update organizational fashion show, March 28. All club members in Howard County are asked to provide two to four models...wearing their own clothes. It should be lots of fun. For further information, call Roberta Briscoe, 730-3211.

Automated Foster Care?

The Maryland official in charge of foster care says the state could get an extra $5 million in federal subsidies if it switched to an automated system that could account for Maryland's 11,000 foster children.

Fern Blake, adoptions program manager for the state Social Services Administration, said Maryland is one of two states without an automated system. She said the automated inventory system is required for federal subsidies.

Ms. Blake said an automated system would help keep accurate information onthe status and whereabouts of foster children.

Woodlawn Highlights

Two blacks vie for SSA Board positions

By Marjorie R. Green

The 1981 Annual election for the Board of Directors and the Credit Committee of the Social Security Administrations Baltimore Federal Credit Union will be held February 25 through March 4.

Two of the nine employees hoping to win one of the seven available positions are black employees. Ms. Carolyn A. Brooks, Computer Systems Analyst, holds BA and MA degrees in mathematics. She is presently serving as a member of the evening faculty at the Community College of Baltimore.

Ms. Brooks has been a member of the credit union Board of Directors for the past 10 years and is currently First Vice President. She has also served on other committees and is presently Chairman of the Open End Committee.

Ms. Deborah Whitehead, an Examining Clerk, has been an SSA employee for 12 years. She worked six years as a keypunch operator; investigating, searching clerk and a union steward.

She attended Community College of Baltimore and Morgan State University.

Other candidates for the Board of Directors are Maynard A. Brein, Administrative Specialist; Thomas Jones, Technical Staff Manager; Mattie King, Section Chief; Stanley Kluckowski, Branch Chief; Walter Larkin, Management Analyst; Marvin Stoegenke, Program Analyst and Karen Wilson, Computor Specialist.

Disability Claims Examiner, Mary B. Jones with 30 years of service is in the running for the one vacancy on the Credit Committee.

Mrs. Jones who is presently seeking an AA degree in the paralegal field at CCB, previously studied at Morgan State University. She is also an alternate on the current Credit Committee.

Robert Hyman, Reconsideration Staff Manager and Carole Simmons, Management Intern Analyst are also hoping to win the Credit Committee seat.

In observance of Black History Month the Office of Hearing and Appeals (OHA) in early February heard Dr. J. Nichols, National Institute of Mental Health, lecture on the "Cultural and Psychological Differences Among the Races."

On Febraury 11, Shirley Rougeau representing the National Hook-Up of Black Women, Inc. and Veretta Woodard, Personnel Recruiter from the Legal Aid Service discussed "Black Women — How We Survive." In the next presentation, the OHA Arlington employees will recreate "Black Art Achievements from the early 1890's to the Present."

Send news items for this column c-o WOODLWAN HIGHLIGHTS, P.O. BOX 785, Baltimore, Maryland, 21203.

(AFRO photo by Mark Gail)

NEWLYWEDS Mr. and Mrs. Brett Thomas Savage beam radiantly following their marriage on Saturday, Dec. 6 at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 2000 East Belvedere Ave. The bride is the former Miss Gale Germaine Parrish, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Parrish of this city.

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