If you ask me

By Bettye Moss

Hats off

More young black people observed at work: — At the Montgomery Ward repair shop on Monroe St. on Saturday morning, the department was manned by three young black employees — two men and a lady.

We were there when they opened shop to pick up a lawn mower. They were pleasant to customers and handled the requests for service in a professional manner.

Sorry, we don't have the names of the outstanding Montgomery Ward employees mentioned above.

A company spokesman said that because of prior unpleasant experiences with the press, only the public information officer could release the names and he is attending a December in July conference at the airport.

We also asked for the employees' supervisor so we could write a letter. The spokesman was eager to give us that name, saying there was no problem there because he or she was management. Ho hum!

Our Hats off section each week is occasioned because so often grownups complain when young people "mess up," but rarely do they take time to compliment them when they do well.

This column welcomes your suggestions for persons to mention in this Hats Off section.

Travellers

Helen and Yancey Whittaker, former Baltimoreans, now residing in Pasadena, Calif. are in the city this week visiting relatives and friends. She confides she was initiated into Pasadena chapter of Links week before.

Alice Pinderhughes, the school exec, and businessman Henry G. Parks Jr., are back from Paris, where they attended the air show. He's on the Signal Board which sponsored the trip.

Dr. Flossie Dedmond was in Mt. Vernon, N.Y., for high school graduation of her niece, Lauren Newkirk. They went on to Norfolk State College for a three-day orientation.

Dr. Vernon Pennington was in Chester, Pa. on Saturday for funeral of an in-law, Waverly Coleman.

In Ohio

Mrs. Louise G. Murphy has been in Cincinnati to comfort friend, Marjorie Parham, the newspaper publisher whose husband died suddenly last week.

Dr. and Mrs. W. O. Bryson Jr. (Prima-Lee) were in Dayton, Ohio last week for the funeral for his brother-in-law, Dr. Frederick E. Jackson.

Other survivors, his wife, Mrs. Eleanor Bryson Jackson and another brother, Charles L. Bryson, Oakland, Calif.

Children surviving are, son, Kenneth Jackson, Houston, Texas; Eric Jackson, student at Dillard University and Monique Washington, Ann Arbor, Mich.

Cuff Note: Dr. Jackson and the late Dr. Lonnie Greene, the Baltimore dentist who was buried last week, were classmates at Howard University Dental School.

Visiting in the Baltimore area this week was Mrs. Mary Valentine, widow of George Valentine, the vice-president of Wilberforce. She guested with the Otis Froes here in Baltimore, and with her niece, Joyce Phillips, wife of the Crofton, Md. psychiatrist, and with another niece, Jean Chappelle in D.C.

From London

Here from England visiting his grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. Clarence L. Monroe, (Bernice), is 16-year-old Johnathan Monroe.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Monroe, (Patricia), who have resided in London for the past seven years.

Dad is attending the London School of Economics, working on his doctorate. They have a daughter, Patrice, 18.

In Hospital: — George White, the city finance department employee, is in Sinai Hospital.

His wife Berniece (S.S. exec), reports his foot surgery was successful and he is doing well.

In Barbados

Some 20 Baltimore members of the Interdenominational Ministers' Wives are attending the National Convention in Barbados this week.

There are delegates from all over the U.S. and abroad.

Among Baltimoreans there are, Mesdames A. J. Payne, Sydney Daniels, Spencer Dobson, Joseph Culp and George Crawley, and her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Parker of New York and Rev. and Mrs. James Clark.

Rev. and Mrs. Morris Queen, (Pleasant Hope Baptist), will host a post-convention chit-chat July 11 at their Nortonia Rd. home for the Barbados visitors.

Baptist

Baltimoreans are also in attendance at the Progressive Sunday School convention meeting in Princeton, N.J.

Among them, the Rev. A. C. D. Vaughn, pastor of Grace Memorial Baptist, and his son, Corrogan.

Also there from Grace Church are Mrs. Carolyn Moorehead, Sunday School superintendent, and Mrs. Omega Eggelston, Sunday School teacher.

Also there are representatives of other Baltimore area churches.

Trinity Baptist minister, Rev. William C. Calhoun and members among them.

Rev. Calhoun and other area ministers were also in attendance at the American Baptists' biennial in Puerto Rico last week.

Moles travel

The Baltimore chapter of Moles and their mates or escorts who are called Mules, were in Winston-Salem, N.C., a week back for the national organization's annual conclave.

They were, Messers and Mesdames Alonzo Hairston, David Wright, Edward McDaniels, Herbert Trader, Wesley Stubbs, Glenford Dudley, Paul Beckham, Tom McPherson, Marsden Rawlings.

And, Florence Bailey, Margaret Land, William Faison, Bertha Forte and Louise Lockerman.

Dr. Beryl

People doing nice things for others: — Members of the Evening Student Council and Mu Chapter of the National Cross Keys Fraternity of Morgan State University sponsored that lovely testimonial Saturday evening.

It honored Dr. Beryl Warner Williams, one of our town's outstanding women, who has spent a lifetime helping others.

It was just grand to hear former students who came from all sections of the country to say thank-you to Dr. Beryl.

She was for 33 years a stalwart at Morgan State University, holding the post of dean of Continuing Education when she retired this month.

Highlights

Speakers included: former students and associations who testified eloquently as to how Dr. Williams encouraged them to stay in school, joined with her husband, Dr. Roger K. Williams (he's the retired Morgan prof), in locating funds for their scholarships and even providing space in their home for them to stay.

More highlights — The audience loved her husband's adoring Dr. Roger K. Williams tribute which was brief and to the point. Stating that he had known her longer than anyone else he said, "A thing of beauty is a joy forever, never to be forgotten. Thank you."

The audience gave him sustained applause.

Laughter: — Heartied laughter was occasioned when Herbert Duberry suggested Dr. Williams had given 80 years of devoted service — including in jail — (audience roared).

He explained he meant she had counseled people who were in trouble there as well as her students.

He got another laugh when he wished her 80 more years of service.

The audience was also most attentive when the Morgan Singers, directed by Dr. Nathan Carter, performed.

Orchids

Cuff note: The audience was not the only one which appreciated the singing. The help, both black and white, came from the kitchen and stood at the door.

Orchids to the black youth in chef's cap who ordered some co-workers in the kitchen to keep quiet.

No orchids are due the hotel management which left the door open to the disco room when only a handful of guests was seated. After complaints they did close the door.

More cuff: Dr. Harriet Trader, administrative assistant to Morgan U. Billingsley, was referred to as "the acting president of Morgan."

Just in case you were there and wondered, this is to report that she was indeed acting president and still is.

Dr. Billingsley is in Boston, Mass. attending the Institute for Educational Management for Chancellors and Presidents.

In her usual gracious way, Dr. Williams turned the table and credited others for any success she had.

She acknowledged the presence of former students, members of civic and service clubs and urged them to continue their service to others.

It was a grand and glorious evening!

Gifts

Testimonial banquet gifts to Dr. Williams included a diamond wristwatch and cash to the Continuing Education Scholarship Fund in her name.

Example

We were seated at the table with a living example of Dr. Williams' benevolence.

Milton Spencer confided that he was about to drop out of school but Dr. Beryl Williams encouraged and persuaded him. He went on to finish Morgan and recently earned a master's at Coppin State.

Mr. Spencer is now a juvenile service counselor in Baltimore City. He was present with his wife, Marion, who is a home visitor.

Small world: — Two years ago we were at the same table with the Spencers at the Lawyers Wives. Then their daughter, Sondra, was a student at the University of Maryland Law School. Today, she is an attorney with the U.S. Labor

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CITED — Dr. Beryl W. Williams, second from (R), pictured at testimonial in her honor Saturday, marking her retirement from Morgan State University. Others, from (L), are Dr. and Mrs. W. O. Bryson Jr., at (R), the honoree's husband, Dr. Roger K. Williams, retired Morgan U. Professor. Dr. Bryson is President of Advance Federal Savings and Loan Association. The honoree is a member of Advance's Board of Directors. For details see If You Ask Me.

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Baptists look at black heritage

By David E. Anderson
UPI Religion Writer

Black and white Southern Baptists recently took a look at their joint past to see if they could learn any lessons for the future, especially in a time some black Baptists see as a time for the erosion of civil rights.

"Summarily, the black community is largely convinced that the United States is repeating an era of erosion of civil rights of blacks coincidental to the period of the ending of Reconstruction in the last century," according to Sidney Smith, a black consultant in the ethnic liaison unity of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Smith made his remarks during a meeting of the historical commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

He said that at the end of Reconstruction and the beginning of the Jim Crow period in U.S. race relations, white Southern Baptists did not adjust adequately to meet the needs of black Southern Baptists.

"The dynamics exist today for a repeat of that tragedy," Smith said.

There are approximately 275,000 black Southern Baptists in the 13.6 million - member denomination, making it the largest ethnic minority in the church body but a far cry from the convention's founding in 1845 when approximately one - third of its members were black — most of them slaves and members by condition rather than conviction.

The Southern Baptist Convention's founding stemmed in large part from the slavery issue and the refusal of the national Baptist body at the time to appoint slaveholders as missionaries.

The abolition of slavery brought a black exodus from slave - relationship churches and the formation of separate black Southern Baptist churches and by 1900, most black Southern Baptists found alternative membership in the National Baptist Convention of America.

David D. Moore, a church history professor from William Jewell College in Liberty, Mo., told the group there were six major reasons for the withdrawal of blacks from white churches following the Civil War.

They included: segregation in the churches; a desire by blacks to manage their own affairs; a separate church provided the means for a structured social life; a desire for status as human beings in the South; the development of a liberation theology calling blacks to a crusade for their own freedom and a backlash at northern carpetbagger politics.

But a leader of the movement to reaffiliate black churches with the Southern Baptist Convention suggested black congregations could be a model for the future as "Christian bridge builders" by becoming dually aligned with the SBC and the black National Baptist Convention.

"By being anchored on both sides of the infamous racial divide, we (blacks) in multiple affiliated churches can facilitate movement back and forth by constituents of both the National Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention," said Harold T. Branch, pastor of St. John Baptist Church in Corpus Christi, Texas.

"By participating in the life of both, we can speak to both of the oneness and unity in Christ," he said.

Neither the Southern Baptist Convention nor the National Baptist Convention encouraged dual affiliation when it began in the mid - 1950s, but Branch said now "There are enough black multiple affiliated churches to allay the fears, so often expressed (by the black group) of being swallowed up."

Revival in Germany

The Rev. John E. Nickens, pastor of Guildfield Baptist Church in Powhatan County will be the evangelist for a revival for the "Gospel Hour Service" in Wertheim, Germany from July 5-10.

Rev. Nickens will deliver his message to an audience comprised primarily of military and civilian personnel.

In addition, Rev. Nickens will speak to an entire German congregation on July 12. He will deliver the sermon in German.

This revival marks the first time that either of these groups have entertained a guest minister from the United States. Travel expenses, housing accommodations and a week of sightseeing and touring to other European cities all have been made possible by the Revival Committee.

The trip was arranged by the pastor of the Gospel Hour Service, Sergeant First Class Vaughan M. Cunningham, a native of Richmond. The Rev. Cunningham was ordained at Guildfield Baptist Church and is presently making a career in the United States Army.

Rev. Nickens has been pastor of Guildfield Baptist Church for six years. He graduated from Virginia Union University School of Theology and Virginia Commonwealth University. He also taught in the Richmond Public School System.

Accompanying Rev. Nickens to Germany will be his wife, Beverly and their three-month-old son, John Edward II.

Benjamin Hooks addresses NVCC

By Yvonne J. Carter

"The world is looking for you to make a contribution," Benjamin Hooks, executive director of the NAACP, told the 1981 graduating class of Northern Virginia Community College at its commencement exercises recently.

Hooks pointed out that the U.S. will move forward because of men and women who answer the challenge of the times. However, he said, the nation seems to be moving backward with the Reagan administration's budget cuts.

"For some people he is not only turning back the clock, but rolling back the calendar. We with the NAACP agree with the objective but disagree with the methodology to achieve that end," Hooks, who has served as the NAACP executive director since 1977, said.

He warned the approximately 1,900 graduates that "we in America must live together as brothers and sisters or perish as fools." This nation, he said, is strong and great enough to deal with the problems of the dispossessed, the poor and balance the budget.

Hooks reminded the predominantly white audience that the black community has gone through slavery. "When we read the words 'all men are created equal,' we knew you didn't mean to include us," he quipped.

But, he said, "it is time to move over and make room for us. We know black folk can compete on any level. You young people have the obligation. None of us can really be free until all of us are free."

"I know this country can make progress," he said. "We have come a long way but we still have a long way to go."

A native of Memphis, he attended LeMoyne College and Howard University. He received his J.D. degree from DePaul University's College of Law and served in Italy in the 92nd Infantry Division during World War II.

Of the 1,900 graduates 693 completed the first two-years in liberal arts, business administration, engineering, teacher education, science, general studies and applied and fine arts.

More than 1,300 occupational - technical graduates completed requirements in government, business and skilled crafts. The two-year associate in applied science degree was awarded to 1,150 graduates. One year certificates were awarded to 150 graduates in the areas of art, business, engineering, technology, education services, health technology, public service technology and science.

AME churchmen converge on D.C.

Over 10,000 members of the African Methodist Episcopal Church Connectional Lay Organization will assemble in Washington, D.C. for the 17th Biennial Lay Convention from July 6 through July 11.

The attendees include 1,230 delegates representing AME Churches in the United States, Africa, Europe and South America and are the non-ordained personnel active in Church affairs.

The convention theme is "New Directions for the Laity in Service and Action." In addition to addressing church related issues such as new technologies in church ministries and the black Christian family, the Lay Convention offers workshops on public policy issues such as the survival of black colleges, prison reform, housing and community development. Social issues for the discussion include the needs of the single person, the aged and the handicapped.

Dr. Joseph C. McKinney, convention coordinator and treasurer for the Church, said, "we are in an era of great social change and the Church must be repsonsive to the forces effecting this change.

Through this convention we hope to alert our members to how they can participate in and influence the activities in their own communities."

"We're people gathered in the name of Christ and we are happy to represent our people," said Bishop John Hurst, Second Episcopal District. He will be among the many clergymen attending the convention.

Founded in 1787 by Richard Allen, the AME Church is the first large Christian denomination in the western hemisphere which had its roots in sociological rather than theological differences. As a modern church, it provides funds for socioeconomic developments, education and health services in its overseas districts in Africa, the Caribbean and South America.

Area artists' paintings at Noa Gallery

The Noa Gallery and Design Studio, 132 Rhode Island Ave., N.W. is displaying paintings, watercolors, oils, acrylics and ink drawings by 10 featured artists and members of the D.C. Artist Association:

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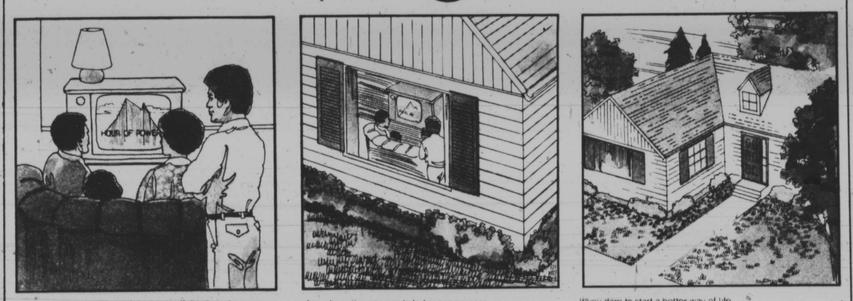

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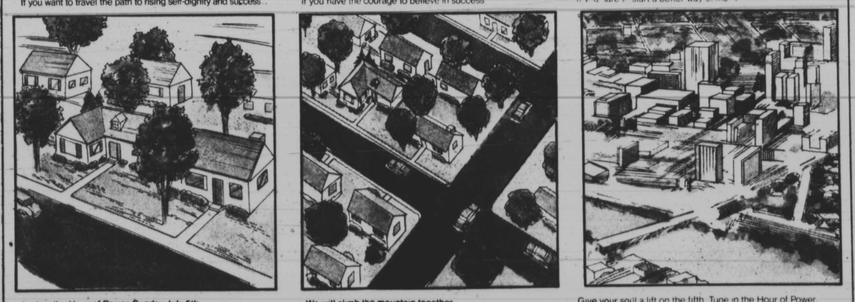

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