If you ask me

By Bettye Moss

Hats off!

Our salute to young black people observed working in a professional manner goes this week to the youngsters employed at McDonald's in the 6000 block Liberty Rd., near Northern Parkway.

It was shortly before 10 a.m. on Saturday that we watched them process orders of customers. They looked good and moved with dispatch.

We called later to ask their names. We learned that they are all students at local high schools. They are, Darlene Lewis, Shirley Odwin, Simon Odwin, Sally Minns, Glenda Ervin, Brenda Brown and Linda Roscoe.

Manager on duty at the time was Lewis Hicks.

The owner of this McDonald's is a black businessman, Rufus Stevens. Orchids to Mr. Stevens and Mr. Hicks for locating and employing our young people who have not let them down.

This column urges readers to nominate other young people deserving of a pat on the back.

So many who do a good job go unnoticed, and too often adults criticize youth, but more often fail to encourage them when they do well.

Last week's convention of NOBLE, (National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives), brought to our city many black police officials.

Here from St. Paul, Minn., Deputy Commissioner James Griffin.

Here from Pa., Philadelphia's Deputy Police Commissioner Ronald Gravatt, and his fiancee, Cerve Dudley.

While in Baltimore, they visited his sister and brother-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Ernest Brown, (Lorraine).

The Browns were unable to join them at the convention's closing dinner dance Saturday because they attended the Stag Bridge Club's "Cardaree."

Members of this group entertained wives and friends at the home of Dr. and Mrs. James Priest.

Other members of the club are: Liston George, Dr. Joel Carrington, Lem Boone, Val Emery, Judge John Hargrove, Enos Roberts;

Also, J. Ellis Robinson, Dr. Roland Smoot, David Scott, Orville Swafford, and Judson Wood.

More visitors

Also here for the NOBLE's convention from West Chester, Pa., were Dr. and Mrs. Walter Ridley.

Mrs. Ridley is the former Henrietta Bonaparte of St. Paul, with whom we have not chatted for over 30 years.

Dr. Ridley, long on the Virginia State College faculty, is retired now, but engaged in a special project at Lincoln University, Pa.

They guested with the Osborne Paynes in Columbia.

Jones girls

In our hats off salute last week we made a mistake in the name of the young woman we saw doing an efficient job as receptionist at March Funeral Home.

We identified her as Denise Jones Thornton. Actually her name is Denise Dugger Thornton. Sorry.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Dugger.

We gave her to Mr. and Mrs. Marshall W. Jones. The mix-up was because both the Jones' daughter, Iris, and Denise attended the YMCA Camp King's Landing where we first met them.

The Marshall Joneses' daughter, Iris, is now at Boston U., working on her master's in pharmacology.

Other Jones daughters are Sharon, a senior at Western High, and Marshelle, a sixth grader.

In K.C.

Cuff note: The Joneses and other Baltimore morticians are in Kansas City, Mo., for the annual funeral directors' convention.

Among them, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Locks, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Bailey, Mrs. Juanita Morton, Mrs. Elizabeth Phillips.

The sessions were scheduled for the Hyatt Regency (the same hotel where 111 guests died when suspended walkways collapsed last week.

We'll have to wait until they return to find out whether they held business there as usual.

Prince Hall Grand Master Samuel T. Daniels and Deputy James T. Dorsey are back from the annual tour of lodges in Germany.

Others on the trip were, Grand Worthy Matron Anne Evans, and Grand Worthy Patron Michael Marshall and Mrs. Marshall.

Miss Snowden

Miss Martha Snowden, public school nurse, was buried in Arbutus Memorial Park on July 2. She died July 1 at Provident Hospital. She was 71.

It was her wish that there be no wake or funeral services. Instead memorial services will be held Sunday, July 26 at 3 p.m. at St. Mark's United Methodist Church.

Miss Snowden was nurse in the Baltimore Public Schools for 10 years retiring in 1970.

She served students at Douglass High, at Houston Junior High School No. 181.

She also worked as public health nurse in New York public schools.

She was a member of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority.

Following her retirement, Miss Snowden did volunteer work with the Blood Bank and Meals-On-Wheels here in Baltimore.

Survivors: Sisters, Sarah Rayne, Rebecca Brown, of Baltimore, and Elsie Myers of Clarksville, Md.; brother Isaac Snowden of Sykesville, Md.; John Snowden, Harper's Ferry, W. Va.; and James Snowden of Tuskegee.

Spock-Ettes

Members of the Spock-Ettes the child study club, held a brunch recently at the Hilton.

There, they honored fathers and June grads.

Among the 1981 grads cited: Clyde Bessicks, son of member, Marie Bessicks; Monya Bernard, daughter of Regina and Joseph Bernard; Carla Brown, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Ernest Brown (Loraine); and Alisa Swafford, daughter of member Shirley and Orville Swafford; Jamie Priest, son of Dr. and Mrs. James Priest; and Jill Carter, daughter of Mrs. Walter P. Carter, Joy.

Now in its 20th year, this child study group will mark its anniversary this fall.

Mrs. Bessicks is president. Incoming president is Mrs. Shirley Ammons.

103 years old

Mrs. Mary Louise Derrick Nottingham was 103 years old when she died here in Baltimore on July 12.

Funeral services on July 16 at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church provided an opportunity to recall her many talents and her lifetime of service.

She was born in Piney Grove, Baltimore County, Md., on Jan. 1, 1878.

The funeral tribute recalled that at Piney Grove Methodist Church was her first love, so much so that she tithed, assisted in fixing the fence around the church yard, cleaned the cemetery, preparing and cooking food.

'Miss Lula'

She moved to Baltimore in 1953, transferred her membership to Mt. Zion Methodist Church where she served on the trustee board Rev. Z. J. Cardoso is pastor.

In 1963, after retiring as a housekeeper for private families, "Miss Lula" became a part of the family of Charles and Margaret Wells, (she was an only child. Her husband, James B. Nottingham pre-deceased her.)

Jemmie Odom

Mrs. Erma Cofield

In her early years, Mrs. Nottingham was known to befriend and rear young people. Many times she fed and clothed the needy.

In her last days, thanks to the Wells family, she received the same kind of loving care she gave others.

And the Wells family and friends benefited greatly because of 'Miss Lula's stories of early Baltimore and her experiences while travelling with her employers.

The funeral program prepared by her family, noted, "Mary Louise Nottingham outlived her immediate family, but her memory will be cherished in the hearts of Charles and Margaret Wells, the family that adopted her. Also, the relatives and friends of the Wellses will never forget the petite and interesting lady who was an integral part of their home."

3 in family

The July 10 death of Dr. Clarence Kenneth Gregory made three deaths in his immediate family in six months.

A brother, William Gregory of Dayton, died last month. A sister, Mrs. Dorothy Morgan, also of Dayton, was buried in December.

Dr. Gregory, 59, the scholar, historian, and humanitarian, was memorialized at Grace Presbyterian Church last Tuesday evening.

He was professor of history and director of learning resources and social sciences at Community College of Baltimore when he retired earlier this year.

Historian

More importantly, Dr. Gregory was responsible for developing the collection of African and Afro-American resource media materials now available in CCB's Bard Library.

Before joining the college faculty, he taught in Baltimore City high schools until 1969, (Douglass, Patterson and Dunbar).

He is credited with being the father of the Black History Curriculum program in city public schools. In 1960, he developed the program of study now in use.

The hour-long memorial services featured tributes from Dr. Leo Hill, a college classmate who came from D.C., where he is active in the Knoxville College Alumni Association.

Dr. Hill and the deceased's brother, Emmit Gregory Sr., Dayton, Ohio, and Grace minister, Rev. William T. Peters, described Greg's outstanding talents as scholar, musician and athlete, plus his devotion to the college after graduation. Alpha Phi Alpha Baltimore president, Alonzo P. Hairston, told of his work with the fraternity.

Body to science

The simple, but elegant services, featured a tenor solo by Christopher Brooks. He sang "If With All Your Hearts; from Mendelsohns, "Elijah."

Rev. Peters explained the selection of this number and the singer typified Greg's vibrant, lyric tenor and the songs he performed during his college days when he toured with Knoxville singers.

Dr. Gregory's body was willed to science. Relatives said they hoped that this might help doctors find a cure for the lung ailment which claimed his life.

The deceased received numerous honors for his contributions to the advancement of higher education.

Just this year, Knoxville College Alumni Association cited him.

Survivors: His wife, Nahkeenh Baskerville Gregory; daughter, Cheryl Faye, of Ottawa, where her husband, Saliou Faye is Senegalese Ambassador to Canada; and granddaughter, two-year-old Sira Faye.

Mrs. Cofield

Mrs. Erma Vaughn Outterbridge Cofield was eulogized July 21 at Concord Baptist Church, with the pastor, Rev. Matthew Silver, officiating.

Mrs. Cofield was remembered as the faithful pianist for Senior Choir No. 2 and for the Young People's Choir.

She retired recently as Regional Manager for Avon Products. During World War II, she was a teletype operator with the U.S. Signal Corps.

She was active in the NAACP, YWCA, the Ashburton Neighborhood Club and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority.

She was a graduate of Livingstone College and the Cortez Peters Business School.

Her husband, Linwood C. Cofield, died in December 1960. Survivors: sisters, Mrs. Mary Moore and Mrs. Viola Miller; brothers, Lester and Samuel Outterbridge.

Deacons of Concord served as honorary pallbearers. Active pallbearers were members of the Lords and Ladies Club, Inc.: — William Bevans Jr., Milford Elsey, Joseph Felton, Richard Malone, Robert A. Smith, John Tucker and Walter Wright Jr.

The Nutter Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Mr. Odom

Jemmie Odom, 32, the Baltimore City Housing Authority inspector, was given last rites July 18 at St. Timothy Christian Baptist Church.

A graduate of Edmondson High, he attended the University of Maryland, where he was president of Alpha Phi Omega, served as a member of the Industrial Arts Club, was a four letter star on the baseball team, and served on the Men's Senate and the "M" Club.

He was a member of the National Guard in Pikesville.

Survivors: — his mother, Mrs. Mattie Odom; daughter, Shaynisha; sisters, Glenda and Angelita Odom; brothers Jackie and Jerome Odom, and grandmothers, Mrs. Sally Mae James and Mrs. Cora Lewis.

The Rev. Carl L. Washington officiated at the services. Burial was at the Garden of Eternal Hope Cemetery in Finksburg, Md.

Pallbearers were Roosevelt Thomas Jr., Kevin Curry, Richard James, Shaun Mohammed, Nathaniel Jones, and Anthony Jones.

Also, Jonathon Mohammed, La Mar Clark, Steve Hayes, Clayton Jones and Darnell Brown.

Masons to meet

The 106th Annual Grand odge Session of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia will be held this year in Norfolk. Robert E. Harris of Richmond, most Worshipful Grand Master of Virginia Prince Hall Masons, said the meetings will be Sept. 15-17.

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Minister's Wives convene in Barbados

Sunny Barbadoes, in the West Indies, was the site of the 41st annual conference of the National Association of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows, Inc., from June 29 through July 3.

The theme of the conference was "Journeying With a Proper Vision of Outreach," and the theme song was "Let All People Praise Thee."

Some of the activities enjoyed by organization members included tours of the lovely island nation, church worship, daily receptions, communion and a cruise on "The Jolly Roger", a tour ship.

The week was also crammed with lectures, classes, seminars and various state breakfasts.

Maryland's state breakfast featured a symposium organized to commemorate The Year of the Handicapped. At the breakfast, speakers pointed out that the handicapped included those with spiritual, mental and emotional disabilities as well as physical handicaps.

Maryland's delegation shined at the conference, as the crew received two awards at the Thursday night Annual Banquet.

One was for a superlative financial operation, and the other was awarded for the group's alacrity in sending in their reports.

Several Maryland delegation members graduated from the organization's educational component. They included, Roberta Williams, Leola O'Neal, Elizabeth Waters, Audrey Bell and Fairella Mooring.

Members of the Maryland delegation included, Mary Harrington, Mary Revels, Estelle Dobson, Pauline Logan, Fairella Mooring, Leola O'Neal, Roberta Williams and Audrey Bell.

Other participants were, Ernestine Hill, Jerolyn Stewart, Mrs. Odell Payne, Dixie Lightfoot, Thelma Culp, Lantha Clark, Elaine Waters and Mary Gray.

Also Elizabeth Waters, Mary Gray, Elaine Waters, Harvene Bell, Dorothea Jordan, Ida Wright, Marie Moyd, Cora Crawley, Kathryn Brown, Mary Johnson, Geraldine Chambers, Alease Bailey, Althea Fancher and Ida Murray.

Several area ministers also made the excursion. They include, Revs. James Gray, O. H. Waters, A. B. Waters, Olin Moyd, E. P. Clark, J. F. Mooring, Frank Bell and Robert Johnson.

Several guests also attended the conference. They include, Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Parker, Cattie Brown, Naomi Lambert, Lydia Brown, Pearl Burnett, Maggie Gaither, Gladys Mitchell, Yvette Donaldson, Latonya Donaldson, Marvella Gray, Sheila Wright, Cora Hawkins, Anita Moyd, Eunice Aikens Afful, and Micheal Lambert.

Maryland to observe Family Day

Shaping the rebirth of a wholesome community

A three-day program of spiritual, musical and informational activities to acknowledge and celebrate the supreme importance of the family unit in shaping a vigorous and productive society will be held from July 31 through August 2 in Baltimore. The theme is "The Rebirth of a Wholesome Community: The Reconstruction of the Family."

Del. Troy Brailey, D-40, and evangelist Elinor Powell, chairpersons of the Family Day Committee, say the activites have been development so that the citizens of Maryland can take time to reflect upon the need for a strong family for the future of our society and nation. The purpose of the Family Day and all activities is to contribute to the stability of the family by alleviating disintegration.

In 1976, the Maryland General Assembly recognized that the mobility and fragmentation of our society contributed to undermining the solidarity of the family and that many of our most pressing social problems could be traced directly to this erosion.

To help counteract these efforts in our state, the Assembly, through the efforts of Del. Brailey, passed a joint resolution which designated the first Sunday in August as the official state-wide observance of "Family Day." This observance gives Maryland the distinction of being the only state to celebrate this occasion.

This year's celebration of Family Day will include a Family Revival service, to be held at 7 p.m. Friday, July 31 at the Mount Olive Holy Evangelistic church, 3616 Edmondson Ave.

The speaker will be the Bishop Lincoln Berry, pastor of the Mount Calvary United church, Calvert Co., Md. Musical selctions selections will be rendered by outstanding gospel singer John Highsmith of the Whitestone Baptist church. All families are encouraged to come an share the fellowship, singing and teaching.

On Saturday, August 1 a series of workshop-seminars designed to provide a forum for discussion of common problems and issues within families will be the focus of the Youth Day Program beginning at 1 p.m. and ending at 4:30 p.m. at the Mount Olive Evangelistic church. The program will offer informational sessions dealing with such topics as the value of money, teenage depression, single living, single parent families, constructive family relations, permissive dating and young married couples.

Foundation sets workshop

More than thirty years ago, a convict named Bill Sands decided to form an organization of prisoners to find ways to better themselves and their conditions.

That organization has evoled into the 7th Step Foundation, one of the most successful prisoners' self-help organizations in the nation.

On Saturday, July 25, the Rob Roberts chapter of the foundation, located here in Baltimore, will hold a structure and Content Seminar, which will provide interested parties with information on the program.

The seeminar begins at 9 a.m., and will last all day, until 5 p.m. It will be held at St. Martin's church, located at 31 N. Fulton St., on the corner of Fayette St.

For further information contact April Cropper at 367-1662 or 528-5625.

Area obituaries

Funeral services held for Bishop Presley Wortham

Funeral services were held recently for Bishop Presley Jones Wortham at Rehoboth Church of God in Christ Jesus.

Bishop Wortham, son of the late Charles and Allien Wortham was born May 1, 1917 in Oxford, N.C., where he received his early religious and educational training before moving to Baltimore.

In April 1946 he married Lovella Jeter.

In 1951 Bishop Wortham was baptized at Rehoboth Church of God in Christ Jesus and in 1954 established his first mission in the basement of 1532 N. Baker St.

This was the inception of the Back to the Bible Apostolic Faith Church where he pastored for 27 years.

For more than 32 years, Bishop Wortham was employed with the Baltimore Gas & Electric Company until he retired in 1979.

In 1963 Bishop Wortham affiliated himself with the Greater Emmanuel Apostolic Faith Tabernacle Inc., headquartered in Portsmouth, Va.

In recognition of his faithful service, he was elevated to Bishopric in 1972. Six years later in 1978 he was appointed Diocesan Bishop over the Southern Diocese. He served in this capacity until his death.

For eight years he served as president of the Unity Fellowship For All People, a fellowship of local Apostolic churches. Since 1979 he also served as pastor of the Heavenly Mansions Apostolic Church in Washington, D.C.

He died June 27 at Sinai Hospital after a brief illness.

Shirley Hill

Funeral services for Mrs. Shirley Paige Hill were held at William C. March Funeral Home July 18.

Mrs. Hill, who married James Hill in 1972, was born on June 23, 1938. She is the daughter of the late Christine Paige.

She was educated in the Baltimre City Public Schools and was a graduate of Dunbar High School and the Cortez Peters Business School.

She was formerly employed at the Parks Sausage Company and Westinghouse Electric Corporation. At the time of her death she was employed by the Hittman Corporation.

From early childhood, Shirley attended Sunday School and church in the East Baltimore area where she grew up. In recent years she became a member of the Eastern United Methodist Church.

She served as a member of the "12 Dimensions" social club.

Mrs. Hill is survived by her husband; five brothers, James, Leroy, Ruhl, Benjamin and Randolph Paige; six sisters, Aubrey Davis, Gloria Hubbard, Carolyn McDowell, Joyce Drake, Maxine Gross and Toni Paige; two uncles and three aunts.

Robert McLeod

Funeral services for Robert Lee McLeod, a University of Maryland Hospital employee for 38 years, were held July 13 at New Shiloh Baptist Church.

Mr. McLeod is buried in Arbutus Memorial Park.

He was born in Bennetteville, S.C. on April 27, 1912 to the late John R. and Rosa K. McLeod. He was educated in the public schools there.

Mr. McLeod was a member of Macedonia Baptist Church in South Carolina and after moving to Baltimore in 1931, he joined New Shiloh Baptist Church.

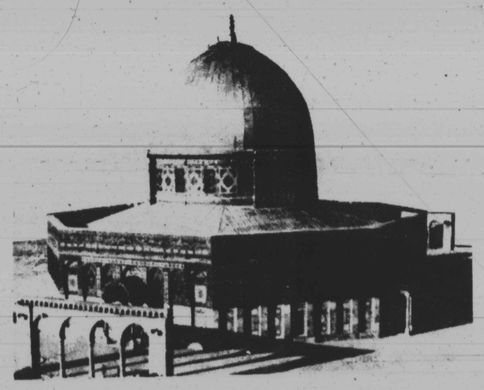
He is survived by seven sisters, Miss Ellease McLeod of Baltimore, Mrs. Katie B. Marson and Mrs. Clara Mae McCoy of New York, Mrs. Willie Mae McHenry of New Jersey, Mrs. Rosa Mae Reed of High Point, N.C. and Mrs. Mildred Ellison and Mrs. Mary Lee Stubbs of Bennettesville S.C. and four brothers Alonzo Sr. of Baltimore, David, Alexander and Eddie D. McLeod of New York.

RAMADAN MUBARAK
TO MUSLIMS EVERYWHERE

FASTING FOR THE MONTH OF RAMADAN IN ISLAM

The fasting of Ramadan is one of the five pillars of Islam. This is because the Prophet (peace be upon him) said Islam is upheld by five Pillars; first to bear witness that there is no God but Allah alone and that Muhammad is His Messenger. Second, to pray regularly. Third, to pay Zakat i.e., divine tax for poor due. Fourth, to fast during the month of Ramadan. Fifth, to visit the House of God in Mecca once in a lifetime, for those who are able to do the journey.

Fasting for the month of Ramadan was prescribed during the second year of the Hijara. Fasting was an ancient form of worship prescribed by God from the beginning of time. The aim of ordering people to fast is that they should learn how to be patient, to have good morals, to purify their hearts, noble their character and to practice the gentle way of dealing with people. One should feel the sufferings of hunger and thirst in order to be quick to help those who are suffering when seeing them. One must always learn to feel the fear of God and His Mercy.



Fasting in Islam has been prescribed by the Qur'an and the saying of the Prophet. The Qur'an says "O you who believe, fasting is prescribed to you as it was prescribed to those before you, that you may learn self-restraint." This is for fasting in general, but the following verse gives the reason for fasting during the month of Ramadan. It says: "Ramadan is the month in which was sent down the Qur'an as a guide to mankind, also clear (signs) for guidance and judgment between right and wrong. So every one of you who is present at his home during the month of Ramadan should spend it in fasting." Besides this, there are many sayings of the Prophet (peace be upon him) which emphasise the time of fasting for the month of Ramadan.

We will take only one of the Prophet's sayings, because it will be enough for us that this saying has been related by al-Bukhari, on the authority of Anas Ibn-Malik, one of the Companions of the Prophet and his servant. He said "While we were sitting with the Prophet (peace be upon him) in the Mosque, a man came along riding his camel. After he had ordered the camel to kneel and had tied it up outside the Mosque, he asked "Which one of you is Muhammad?" 'It is that fair man who is reclining there," someone answered. The man came up to the Prophet and said "Oh son of Abdul Al Muttalib." So the Prophet said "I am ready to answer you," and the man replied: 'I am going to ask you some harsh questions so please do not be offended regarding them."

The Prophet said 'Ask whatsoever you like." The man asked 'In the name of your Lord and the Lord of those who came before you is it really God who has sent you to all mankind?" The Prophet answered: "Yes, by Allah He has." The man again spoke: 'I ask you in the name of God, did God order you to pray five times every twenty four hours?" The Prophet answered: 'Yes, by Allah." Then the man said "I ask you in the name of God, did God really order you to fast this month every year?" The Prophet answered: "Yes, by Allah." Again the man asked a question: "By the Name of Allah is it really God who orders you to take "Zakat" Divine Tax from the rich people and distribute it among poor people?" The Prophet answered: "Yes, by Allah."

Then the man said "I believe in what you have brought us from God and I am the messenger of my people." He then mentioned the name of his tribe. From these teachings, and from the Qur'an also, it is clear that the fast of Ramadan is a duty for male and female, once they have reached the age of responsibility and have the ability to fast.

The Baltimore Muslim Business Community