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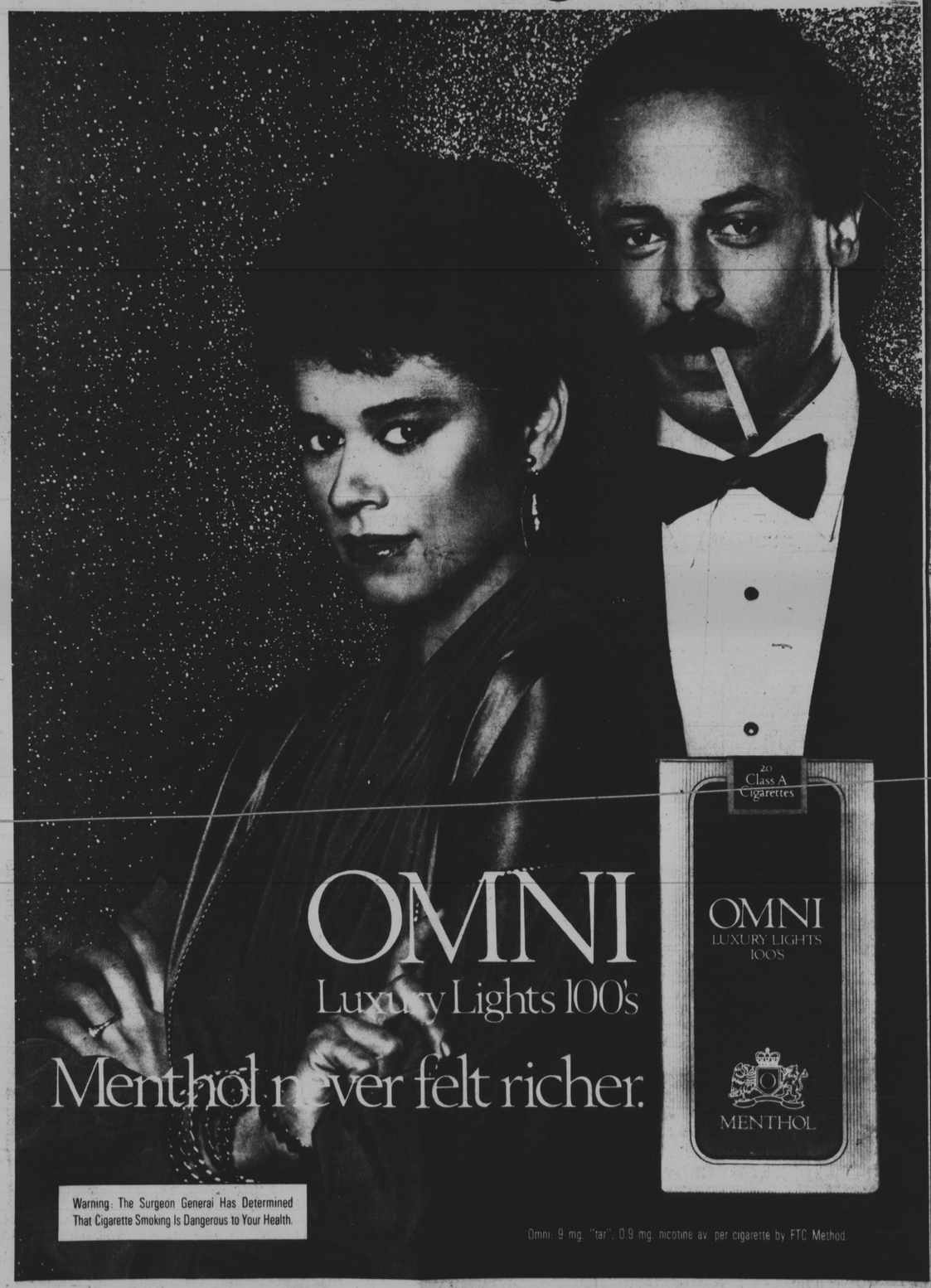

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Birthday party held for 'the Rod'

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More than fifty guests filled the special dining section of the elegant Soul Shack Restauraunt Sunday to fete Baltimore's most reknown radio personality, Maurice "Hot Rod" Hulbert.

"The Rod", as he is popularly known around town, was dapper for the occassion, as he sported a creme-colored blazer and vest with coordinated dark slacks.

The atmosphere was festive as the champagne flowed and the guests feasted on those delicious Soul Shack hor d'oeurves.

Obviously the guest of honor, a Leo, was in a rampant mood, and who could blame him, surrounded as he was by the bevy of beauties present at the gala soiree?

How did the "Rod" take another milestone in his road of life?

"I'm eternally young," claimed Hot Rod, "I never keep track of age. If anybody talks about old age, I do everything I can do to sidetrack them. I'm not old, I'm not young, I'm not even in between, I'm just eternally young."

But when pressed, he did admit that he sometimes contemplates the years.

"If I must deal with age, I deal with the person I was yesterday," he said slowly. "I try to look at the errors that I might have made in the past, and realize that many of the mistakes I made weren't even necessary."

Hot Rod has been an institution in Baltimore since he arrived here from memphis in the early Fifties.

During that period, he and Chuck Richards were the formost black disc jockeys in the area. Hot Rod had a sure-fire gimmick, an imaginary rocket ship complete with sound effects, in which he soared to top ratings.

"Tell them the Rod sent you," was his trademark phrase, delivered time and again to scores of listeners.

During those days, he drove a bright red convertible and initiated his flair for style which is still evdient today.

Long before Kojack, Issac Hayes and others made their mark, he had popularized the shaven-headed look, which made him instantly recognizable among his many fans.

Speaking of fans, so many showed up for a party he had back in the late FuppFifties that neighbors in the area called the police and fire depart ment.

Listeners from as far away as Virginia and Pennsylvania motored down to the Monumental City to pay tribute to the silken-voiced silken-voiced disc jockey.

Today Hot Rod is still in radio, as a part of the new team Put together by Dorothy Brunson, owner of radio station WEBB.

His smooth delivery can be heard on countless commercials througout town, and he still runs his public relations firm.

How old is the Rod? Well, even though he won't tell, this columnist would venture to say that the man is definitely as old as he feels.

Dr. John D. Toll and Mr. and Mrs. William J. Sykes

Reception held for UMBC chancellor

Dr. T. Albert Farmer, the new chancellor at the University of Maryland, Baltimore City campus, and his wife, Nancy, were honored at a reception Sunday afternoon hosted by A. Paul Moss, secretary of the Board of Regents, and his wife Bettye, at their Forest Park home.

Dr. Farmer, 49, assumed the new post in January. He oversees Schools of Law, Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Social Work and Community Planning and the University Hospital.

A physicain and an administrator with wide experience, Dr. Farmer cames to Maryland from the University of Tennessee, where he was chancellor of the Center for Health Sciences.

He told the gathering that he expected much progress in the area of human services and improved race relations at the downtown Baltimore city campus and solicited support of the guests in achieving thest goals.

Present at the gathering were Dr. John S. Toll, president of the University of Maryland; Wilbur

Vlaentine and his wife, Courtney. (Mr. Valentine serves on the univeristy's board of regents.)

Also, Univeristy of Maryland staff members Dr. Roy Borom and Mrs. Borom(Borom is administrative assistant to Dr. Farmer); Dr. Rosetta Sands, Mrs. Jewell Marsan; of the Nursing School faculty; Larry Gibson, law school professor.

Messrs and Mesdames David Wright, Leon Bridges, Howard Marshall, Osborne Payne; William Sykes, William Munvy; John H. Murphy 3rd and Clarence Dyson.

Also, Drs. and Mesdames Lionel Desbordes; Theodore Patterson; Gilbert Daley; James Priest; Edward McDaniels; Ernest Brown; Shirley Clinton.

Also: U.S. District Judge Joseph Howard; Delegate Howard Rawlings; Dr. G. James Fleming; Charles Tildon; Mrs. J. Roberta March; Mrs. Helen Patterson; Quentin Lawson; Mrs. Saretha Greene; police agent Harlow Fulwood; Mrs. C. Cecil Dennis Jr., and Mrs. Francis Murphy Campbell, of Buffalo, N.Y.

UMAB HEAD HONORED — Dr. and Mrs. T. Albert Fermer, Jr., (Nancy) right, pictured with Mr. and Mrs. A. Paul Moss at Sunday reception in their honor. Dr. Farmer is the new chancellor of the University of Maryland, Baltimore City. Mr. Moss is secretary of the University's Board of Regents.

Community news and notes

Mullens receives grant

Ms. Tammie A. Mullins has received a college grant from Dresser Harbison Foundation Inc., She is the daughter of Robert Mullins, an employee of Harbison Walker Refractories.

Ms. Mullins is one of 55 new recipients to receive scholarships for the 1981-82 academic year under the foundation's annual program for Harbison - Walker employee's children.

A resident of the 3200 block of Brighton St., she will major in mass communications at the College of Notre Dame.

Under the Foundation's program, scholarship winners receive a one year grant, renewable for a second year with satisfactory grade performance. Engineering majors are eligible for third and fourth year renewals.

Since the scholarship orgram was established in 1953 with the awarding of a single scholarship, the foundation has given a total of 1093 grants to sons and daughters of Harbison-Walker employees.

Currently the foundation offers the equivalent of 55 scholarships or as much as $700 per year. Winners are selected on the basis of schoarship, leadership, character and financial need by a three member central scholarship committee, aided by recommendations from local committees representing the company's various locations.

FDDO to hold boatride

The Fourth District Democratic Organization will hold a boat ride on Friday, Aug. 28 at 8:30 p.m. Participants will cruise down the Chesapeake Bay aboard the venerable Port Welcome. The affair is scheduled to coincide with the anniversary of the 1963 March on Washington, organized by Dr. Martin Luther King and others. For additonal information, contact the club at 669-7110.

Forest Parkers plan reunion

The 1961 class of Forest Park High School will hold its 20th The 1961 class of Forest Park High School would like to hold its 20th year reunion.

Graduates of the class who can or would like to help in planning are asked to call Lynn Friedman at 356-5222 or Judy Schriber at 922-0184.

Mondawmin hosts beauty pageant

Mondawmin Mall will be holding a "Miss University Pageant on the 3rd, 4th and 5th of September. Eighteen girls will compete for $2,000 worth of prizes and scholarships.

The girls have been chosen from the Baltimore area. The two major prerequisites for candidacy are an age of 25 years or less and proof of acceptance into a college or university.

The event will not only provide scholarship, but each contestant will be asked to promote and host a benefit dance for muscular dystrophy.

The dance will be on the final evening of the pageant, Sept. 5, from 10 p.m. until 3 a.m.

Tickets can be purchased on the mall for an evening of dancing Tickets can be purchased at Mondawmin Mall at $4 per person. A free super dance tee-shirt comes with every ticket and proceeds will go to the Muscular Dystrophy Foundation.

WFW holds boat ride

A moonlight cruise on the Port Welcome sponsored by the Department of Maryland VFW and Ladies Auxiliary, will take place Saturday, Aug. 29 beginning at 9:30 p.m.

The event is being held for the benefit of cerebral palsy and the state president's special project on cancer and research.

Entertainment will be provided by Vince Corolla and the Kracker Jax Band.

Boarding will begin at 9 p.m. at Harborplace, Pratt and Light Sts. Donation is $11 per person.

For more information, call N. Vicarini at 833-3032; Betty Gardner at 488-3879; or J. Jenkins, at 947-1533.

RETIRES— Mrs. Eva F. Barnes, proofreader with the AFRO - AMERICAN Newspaper for 30 years, cuts special retirement cake during the reception held in her honor last Thursday at the company. Photo by Roman Hankewyez

Two area beauties placed

The Miss Maryland World Pageant recently held in Prince George's County, and sponsored by Barone & Co., in hopes of bringing National recognition to ladies in the Metro area in the fashion and beauty industry, was well represented.

Miss Sharon Harris, second runner - up; and Miss Pamela Fernandez, third runner - up; expressed poise, confidence, and beauty as they were seen in the three competitive outfits; dressy sportswear, swimwear and evening gowns.

Both young ladies projected an even higher note as they whizzed through the interview session where those in the audience had an opportunity to listen to them. Both displayed a very in-depth profile of intelligence which scored well with the judges.

Miss Sharon Harris will advance to the Miss National Model Pageant to be held in Crystal City on December 13. Miss Fernandez is eligible to receive special promotional services in professional modeling free of charge.

The winner and the first runner - up will also advance to the Miss National Model Pageant along with publicity, training and promotions by a professional modeling agency in the area.

AMONG THE TOP FIVE finalists in Miss Maryland World Pageant recently held in Prince George's County were (L-R) Sharon Harris of Oxon Hill, Pamela Fernandez, D.C. and Linda Hall, Hyattsville, Md., fourth runner-up.

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