Cong. Mitchell portrait unveiled in Washington

WASHINGTON — A throng of friends, colleagues and well - wishers were in the Congressional Small Business Committee Hearing Room on Monday, Sept. 21, for an informal reception marking the unveiling of the portrait of the chairman, Congressman Parren J. Mitchell.

The portrait, commissioned and financed by a group of private supporters of the congressman, was done by the Washington, D.C. based portrait artist, Joseph Daniel Clipper.

The large Mitchell portrait will hang as a focal point in the Small Business Committee room during his service as chairman.

At the end of Mitchell's tenure as leader of the committee, the original portrait becomes his personal property and a smaller copy will be hung permanently in the committee room along with those of other past chairmen.

Clarence Mitchell Jr. and his wife, Juanita Jackson Mitchell, pulled the cords to reveal the portrait.

House Majority Leader Jim Wright (D - Texas) spoke for the Members of congress referring to Mitchell as "a law - maker's law - maker."

Mrs. G. Jean Davis, executive vice president of Unified Industries, served as chairperson of the Portrait Sponsors Committee.

Cong. Mitchell, currently serving his sixth term in the U.S. Congress, has been an active member of the Small Business Committee for the entire 11 year period, with the exception of a four year leave of absence, during which time he served on the House Budget Committee.

Mitchell has become a nationally recognized advocate and expert on minority business economic development, and recently founded the Minority Business Legal Defense and Education Fund.

Cong. Mitchell expressed his gratitude to all those responsible for the portrait and support of his efforts in the small business arena.

The following black owned firms paid for the portrait: Lawyer Martin, Evaluation Technology, Inc.; Marion O. Green, International Business Systems; Roger R. Blunt, Tyroc Management Services Inc.; Ms. Marcelette Dingle, Dingle Associates, Inc.;

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THE PORTRAIT done in oils of Maryland's first black congressman, Rep. Parren J. Mitchell was unveiled by his brother Clarence M. Mitchell Jr. and wife, Attorney Juanita J. Mitchell.

Tickets are going fast for the Nov. 21 Museum banquet with Haley as guest

Some 1,200 tax - free $25 ticket are available for the Nov. 21 Lillie Carroll Jackson Freedom Heritage Banquet at the Downtown Hilton. Alex Haley is the guest speaker for the 6:30 p.m. event but.

The tickets are going fast. The author of ROOTS, Haley is considered the world's most successful author. The TV series which has brought to all persons a never - before pride in their roots and heritage, has been shown in every nation on earth and Haley's book is now printed in every known language.

The TV series, still being shown, broke all records and exceeded "Gone With The Wind."

However, the theft of the plaque from the Annapolis Docks where his ancestor, Kunta Kinte Landed as a slave has brought more attention. When Haley's new book and TV series come out in late winter, demand for him will reach greater heights.

Latest word on the plaque stolen within hours after Haley appeared in Annapolis for the dedication ceremonies is that it will be replaced by citizens donations, not state funds.

Gover Hughes gave a personal donation and vows the new bronze plaque will be placed "so it can not be stolen."

Carroll Greene, executive director of the Maryland Commission on Afro History and Culture, two citizens groups the Anne Arundel Coalition of Tenante and V.O.T.E. and Carl Snowden, chief of the Anne Arundel County Community Action Council led the plaque dedication with Haley present Sept. 21.

The Freedom Heritage Banquet in Baltimore Nov. 21 will present Haley and others with the coveted Freedom Heritage Award and honor the late, great freedom fighter, Dr Lillie Carroll Jackson.

Tickets are available at the front desk at the Downtown Hilton, the Museum at 1320 Eutaw St., and from members of the Museum.

Museum officers and board members:

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A PRICELESS POSSESSION is an autograph from Alex Haley, the world's most famous author and you'll have a chance to get one Nov. 21 when he appears in person at the Lillie Carroll Jackson Museum Freedom Heritage Banquet.

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HER FRIED CORN won a prize and Mrs. Johnnie Mae Thompson was rewarded with a citation in the Mayor's Ceremonial Room at City Hall by his top aide Quentin Lawson and Samuel B. Little, director of the Youth Entitlement Program. Mrs. Thompson used ears of corn from the young people's garden at Freedom House where she is director.

RYALES Photo

Young people's gardens yield vegetables and flowers that are prize winners

The success of the 1981 efforts of the mayor's Urban Garden Project is deeply embedded in the completion of a variety of program activities during the past summer months.

As a result of support extended to Youthworks from Mrs. Contante Tate, coordinator of Science for Baltimore City Public Schools, and her staff, a total of 1,160 transplants were prepared for the Mayor's Urban - Gardening staff, a total of 1,160 transplants were prepared for the Mayor's Urban Gardening Program.

Twelve Secondary Public Schools and Bragg Horticultural Schools were able to grow enough transplants for distribution to approximately 31 community - based urban gardening sponsors.

Approximately 10 different types of vegetables and five different types of flowers were allocated and dispersed to the garden sites.

Cooperative Extension Services again played a very large role. Ms. Arnita Duff, program assistant for Cooperative Extension Services, conducted a number of workshops for Youth works and Baltimore Summer Corps supervisors and enrollees.

Workshops conducted by Ms. Duff ranged from perparation and planting techniques to food preparation and preservation.

With the continuous support and cooperation of Mr. Moudry, chief horticulturist, and Vince Magliano, Vacant Lot Coordinator, all Urban Garden Sites received an abundance amount of leaf mold and wood chips.

To maintain involvement by neighborhood sponsors enrollees, and volunteers, a competive gardening contest was initiated during the month of July.

Each of the 31 gardening projects entered as contestants. A panel, appointed by the Task Force Chairman, conducted scheduled site visits. Each garden site was categorized by type (flower garden, vegetable garden, or flower and vegetable garden (and each was rated on aesthetic impact on the community quality of crops of flowers: practical knowledge gained by participants and involvement of neighborhood residents.

The winners:

WINNERS

1. Greester Model Community, Michael Robinson — Worksite Supervisor, Ruth Kirk — Worksite Coordinator.
2. Remington Banner; Lorraine King — Worksite Supervisor, Lucille Steider — Worksite Coordinator.
3. Westport Beautification. Dora Burrell — Worksite Supervisor, Elizabeth Wright — Worksite Coordinator.

GARDENS

1. C.P.V.S.U. Association, Helen Samuel — Worksite Supervisor, Clifford Robinson — Worksite Coordinator.
2. Neighborhood Development Corporation, Bertha Blackman — Worksite Supervisor, Mary Sue Johnson — Worksite Coordinator.
3. Harwood Housing Program Hattie Watties — Worksite Supervisor, Andy Keniston — Worksite Coordinator.

FLOWER GARDENS

1. Oliver Community Association, Wayne Street — Worksite Supervisor, Mark Ty Purvis — Worksite Coordinator.
2. Echo House Worksite, Anthny Fields — Worksite Supervisor, Myrtle Carter — worksite Coordinator.
First Annual Harvest Festival

The first Annual Harvest Festival was at Union Square on Stricker and Gilmor Streets.

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Corn — Westport Beautification, No. 32B
Tomatoes — C.P.V.S.U. Association, No.917
Beets — Greater Model Community, No. 225
String Beans — C.P.V.S.U. Association, No. 917
Okra — Greater Model Community, No. 225
Watermelon — New Antioch Church Center, No. 36T
Turnips — Greater Model Community, No. 225
Peppers — Greater Model Community, No. 225
Carrots — Neighborhood Development Cooperation, No. 225
Squash — Greater Model Community, No. 225
Cucumber — Westport Beautification, No. 32B
Cabbage — Lakeview Avenue Garden, No. 34B

CANNING

1. Tomatoes — Greater Model Community, No. 225
2 Canned Apples — Greater Model Community, No. 225
Pickles — Greater Model Community, No. 225

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT

1. Echo House Worksite, No. 41B
2 Westport Beautification, No. 32B.
3. Greater Model Community, No. 225

VEGETABLE RECIPES

1. Zucchini Cake — Westport Beautification, No. 32B
2. Stewed Tomatoes — Harwood Housing Program, No. Y92
3 Corn — Freedom House, No. 757 — Johnnie Mae Thompson

GARDEN SITES

1. Greater Model Community, No. 225
2. Lower Park Heights Multi - Purpose Center, No. 864
3. Upton Multi - Purpose Center, No. 05U

OUR WORLD

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M.J. Naylor Morgan alumni host annual fundraiser

DISCO TIME — Doing their latest disco steps during the M. J. Naylor (Baltimore Chapter) of the Morgan U. Alumni Association's fundraiser held Sunday, Sept. 20 at the McKeldin Center on the Morgan U. campus are Frank Johnson and Ms. Claretta Smith.

AFRO Photos by Roman Hankewycz

The M. J. Naylor (Baltimore Chapter) of the Morgan State University Alumni Association hosted its annual scholarship fundraiser Sunday, Sept. 27.

This affair, held this year in the Morgan U. McKeldin Center's Reflections Room, was a real winner.

Two hundred guests came out to enjoy themselves from 5 until 9 p.m.

They were treated to delicious hors d'oeuvres catered by Bond's Caterers, one free drink and then helped themselves to the cash bar.

The lively group danced their latest disco steps to the tunes of disco d.j. Bernard Cox of the G & S Connection.

The setting was indeed a relaxed one as many guests were able to avail themselves of the recreation room — shooting pool, or playing chess or backgammon if they desired.

Much excitement was generated among the guests as they were also treated to a raffle, during which the chapter awarded $1,000 in prizes to lucky ticket stub holders — with first prize, $500; second prize, $250; third prize, $100 and three additional prizes of $50 each.

Another special highlight of the evening was the presentation of two $1500 scholarships to two Morgan U. students.

Churchhill Wortherly, M. J. Naylor chapter president presented the scholarships to honor students Glenda Jeffers and Isazetta Spikes.

Much fun was had by all, as they sipped, munched, danced and chatted the evening away.

Chairing the affair was Jacqueline Lanier. Other committee members were Samuel E. Smith, Gwen Wheatley, Pearl Kirby, Leonard Jackson and Joyce Pollard.

Chapter officers, other than prexy Churchhill Wortherly, include Jacqueline Lanier, first vice president; Mary McKenzie, second vice president; Chisa Shango, recording secretary; James Stovall, treasurer and Martin Brown, sergeant-at-arms.

WATCHING THE ACTION during the festivities are (L to R): Mrs. Elinore Brown, Mrs. Sidney Ellis and Ms. Towanda Jones.

ENJOYING THE PARTY SCENE are (L to R): Ms. Phyllis Lawrence, Mrs. Cecilia Carroll, Ms. Merry J. Miles and Lester Bland.

LAUGHING IT UP are Mrs. Rebecca Johnson, first vice president (National) and Leonard Jackson, immediate past national president.

CHIT-CHAT — Enjoying rap session while munching away on party delicacies are Ms. Ann B. White and John Evans.

Alpha Wives host 'Old Fashioned' Bull Roast

WHOOPING IT UP during the festivities during the Alpha Wives' Old Fashioned Bull Roast hosted at Martin's Eudowood Sunday, Sept. 20 are (L to R): Allan Martyn, Mrs. Doris Martyn, John Rich and Mrs. Audrey Davis, an Alpha wife.

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ALPHA WIVES' FUN — Partaking of Alpha Wives' hospitality are (L to R): Mrs. Joan Johnson, Mrs. Louise Fullwood, Mrs. Leona Abrams, Clarence Abrams, Mrs. Emma Joynes and Fredrick Joynes.

CHECKING IT ALL OUT are (L to R): Alpha Joe Bracey, Miss Marilyn White, Fred Avanha and Mrs. Norma Bracey, Alpha wife.

ALPHA WIVES COMMITTEE MEMBERS are (L to R): Mrs. Elizabeth Brooks, Mrs. Ada Veney, Mrs. Ernestine Press, chairperson, Mrs. Edmonia Yates and Mrs. Norma Bracey.

Partyline

Douglass class of June '56 holds Disco

By Pattie Hodges
AFRO Women's Editor

The members of the Frederick Douglass June Class of '56 held a Raindate Disco on Saturday, Sept. 19.

Nearly 100 class members and their guests gathered at the Brittany Apartment's Social Hall for the event which proved to be a fun evening for all.

Music for disco dancing was provided by Charles Woodford, local disco d.j.

Guests were treated to beer, wine and munchies, and snacked, chatted and danced the evening away from 8 p.m. until 1:30 a.m.

Everyone had a ball.

Chairpersons for the affair were Bunny Jackson, Sylvia Carter Michie and Warren Polston.

The party was hosted at the Officers Club in Fort Meade, Md. by the honoree's children.

During the joyful occasion Mrs. Mackey and her 40 guests and family members enjoyed filet of flounder stuffed with crabmeat, fried chicken, sheet cake and wine.

Benediction and closing prayer was offered by Father Carl J. Fisher, SSJ of St. Veronica's Roman Catholic Church, a family friend.

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Octogenarian parties

Hazel E. Mackey's 80th

Recently an 80th birthday dinner was held in honor of Mrs. Hazel Esters Mackey (of the Memorial Apts. in Bolton Hill).

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On Sunday, Sept. 20 the Alpha Wives entertained their Alpha husbands and guests at an 'Old Fashioned Bull Roast' from 1 until 5 p.m. Held at Martin's Eudowood, this fun-filled affair was attended by nearly 400 people.

For their enjoyment there was the Martin's caterers Gourmet Box buffet of scrumptuous Maryland fried chicken, barbecued ribs, choice beef barbecue, choice sliced roast beef, (served outsrde), Martin's famous frankfurters, beef stew (Texas style), Oriental chow mein, with fried rice, assorted salads, cheeses and breads, a raw bar and munchies.

There was also an assortment of dessert — pastries, jello and fruit cocktail, ice cold beer on tap, sodas and set-ups.

Bill Cummins's five piece band, with Cummings doing solos, kept guests on the floor with oldies-but-goodies as well as the modern music of today, including disco tunes.

Guests had a ball dancing and dining. There were roulette wheels for those who wished to try their luck for money and roulette wheels for flowers and whiskey, where, if you spun and won, you got your choice of a lovely plant or a bottle of good liquor.

Highlight of the occasion was a 50-50 raffle for lucky ticket holders. The lucky winner was Cyron Byron, who won $70.

Alpha wives with September birthdays were honored with a cake, replete with candles and a musical "Happy Birthday" salute, done by Bill Cummings.

Alpha wives honored were Barbara Robinson, Elizabeth Brooks, Mildred Campbell, Catherine Stansbury, Grace Walker, Vivian Sydnor, Ruby Smith and Vivian Salters.

Alpha Joe Press, whose birthday was Sept. 28, was surprised with a big cake (made by Alpha wife Ernestine, who also made the other cakes), inscribed "Happy Birthday".

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OUR PRIDE IS SHOWING

Galilean Fishermen, oldest organization will be featured in AFRO's 90th Edition

The AFRO's 90th Year Edition, coming soon, will have such historic features as the Galilean Fishermen, the oldest organization in Baltimore.

Among the membership which is still active after nearly 200 years, are descendants of the Columbus Gordon family.

The Rev. W.W. Brown, shown here in a rare old picture, was founder of the Order of True Reformers an organization which belonged to the era when the Baltimore Galilean Fishermen was founded.

Also among the many valuable articles in the AFRO's Special 90th Year Edition will be an essay by Dr. Roland McConnell on the overall history of Maryland's black citizens.

The article appears in the book THE OLD LINE STATE.

Carroll Greene, the executive director of the Maryland Commission on Afro American History and Culture will trace the life and times of Maryland's famed scientist, Benjamin Banneker, a resident of Oella near Ellicott City.

Greene reveals that the 250th anniversary of Banneker's birth is to be celebrated Oct. 31.

Banneker was born Nov. 9, 1731. Nov. 9 - will be proclaimed Benjamin Banneker Day in Maryland by Gov. Harry Hughes.

It is with great pride the AFRO announces the coming of the 90th Year Edition since it will hold a never before collection of history that should be preserved.

Are you in on it? Well, we've news for you.

We are still open for your stories, features and bits of history to add to a collection you will be proud of.

Write: Elizabeth M. Oliver, editor, AFRO 90th Year Edition, AFRO, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore, Md. 21202.

The time is growing short. Come on, give us a glimpse of the past and then go into the future with the AFRO and Baltimore.

REV. W. W. BROWN, founder of the Order of True Reformers.