600 honor Del. Troy Brailey at banquet

Del. Troy Brailey has been a leader over 50 years in the labor field, ever since he joined A. Philip Randolph in the ranks of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, Mr. Randolph, the founder and president of the group was also the founder and president emeritus of the Negro American Labor Council and chairman of the 1963 March on Washington. Brailey joined him in all those activities.

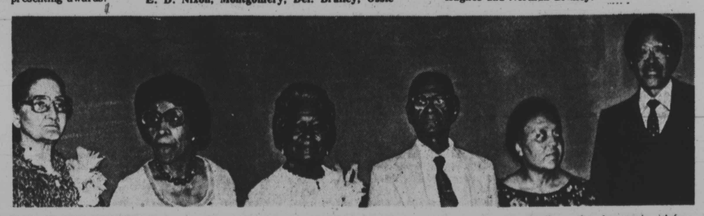
Last week, the Citywide Citizens saluted Del. Brailey as a labor leader and praised him for his role, fighting side by side with Randolph and other leaders.

The elaborate event at the Blue Crest North had as main speaker the noted actor, Ossie Davis, a longtime Brailey friend. On the program were Raymond H. Clarke, president of Local No. 44, AFSCME; William D. Parrish, Afro - American Labor Council and Dr. E. D. Nixon, the freedom fighter from Montgomery, Ala.

Making one of his few public appearances was Gov. Harry Hughes who joined in greetings and praises for Del. Brailey along with U.S. Sen. Paul S. Sarbanes; Congressman Parren J. Mitchell, State Sen. Verda F. Welcome, Dr. Matthew R. Silver, president of Maryland Baptists and Henry Koellein, president, Metro Baltimore Council, AFL - CIO Unions.

Others on the program were Bishop Harrison J. Bryant, Dr. Eddie R. Wilson, Brailey's pastor of Leadenhall Baptist; Joan E. Cooper, Afro - American Labor Council; Mary Clayburn, Mary F. Brown, soloist; Rev. James L. Carter and Brailey's children Alice B. Torriente and Norman Brailey. Mrs. Juanita J. Mitchell represented her family and the AFRO in presenting awards.

HONOREE TROY BRAILEY and guests (L TO R) E. D. Nixon, Montgomery, Del. Brailey, Ossie Davis, guest speaker; Maryland Gov. Harry Hughes and Norman Brailey.



ALSO AT THE BRAILEY Banquet were Mrs. E. D. Nixon, Sen. Verda F. Welcome, Mrs. Troy Brailey, Rev. R. M. Davis, age 89, who is a former Pullman porter; Miss Fannie Brailey, the honoree's sister; Russell Gregory of Atlanta, Ga.

Vulcan Blazers hold 4th Leadership, Awards fete

By Elizabeth M. Oliver
City Editor

Arnold C. Reynolds, president, and officers of the Vulcan Blazers Inc., the city's firefighters group, cited many of the town's leaders last week in an event which fulfills its commitment to the community.

The group recently won a landmark legal battle to obtain equal rights for black firefighters yet, as the theme for the 1981 Awards and Leadership Banquet, the statement was, "Our battle is a continuous one, that of seeking fair representation and true equality within the Baltimore City Fire Department."

Other officers are Andrew L. White, James Sifford, vice presidents: Harold Mason and C. Johnson, secretaries and Charles Brewer, treasurer. The board of directors is composed of R. Jackson, C. Paylor, L. Jackson, L. Bynum, L. Pully, E. Coleman, E. Eaton, C. Johnson and T. Freeman.

Among those cited on the occasion were:

Mayor William D. Schaefer, Del. Troy Brailey, Mrs. Cecilia Bryant, Ms. Dorothy E. Brunson, Del. Frank Conaway, James Crockett, Samuel Daniels, Mrs. Olive A Evans, David Floyd, Rev. Benjamin Foust, Elder William Gaines, Charles Hendricks, Isaac Johnson, Ken Johnson, Mrs. Juanita Mitchell and Family, Ms. Cathy Pugh. Councilman Norman Reeves, S.H.C. Club, Romeo Spaulding, Ms. Verna Squirrel, John H. Thornton, Rev. Roscoe C. Williams and James Dorsey.

Firemen honored for 25 years service are: Thomas L. Freeman, Charles Grant, Charney L. Harris, William R. Turnage, James Thomas, Freddie B. Bond;

Also Samuel S. Jenkins, John R. Wilson, Ronald L. Keene, Nathaniel W. Dixon, James E. Britten, John W. McCutchen;

And, Lloyd E. Marcus, Carl W. Miles, Edward Nesbit, Lawrence W. Barrett, Emanuel W. Coleman;

And, Irvin W. Johnson, Joe B. Jenkins, Cleveland Gillis, Louis R. Harper and Charles A. Finney.

VULCAN BLAZERS with 25 years service are (L TO R) Front: Thomas L. Freeman, William Turnage, Cleveland Gillis, Nathaniel W. Dixon, John W. McCutchen, Lloyd E. Marcus, James E. Britten. BACK: Edward Nesbit, John R. Wilson, Joe B. Jenkins, Charles A. Finney, Samuel S. Jenkins, Freddie B. Bond, Carl W. Miles, Ronald L. Keene, Emanuel W. Coleman and James Thomas

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Community leaders to fight crime

Shelton Stewart, a West Baltimore community leader, has plans to sponsor a campaign designed to make parents more aware of the role they can play in keeping their youth out of trouble.

"Several of the parents of the kids that were involved in the (Dr. George) Phillips murder," he said, "came to me and asked me, 'where did we go wrong'?"

He said that, although it was too late to avoid that tragic murder of the physician by neighborhood teenagers, "we can help by reaching other young people and their parents in the area. If we can get the parents to realize that they have to take the time to be with their kids...."

Stewart represents almost 60 community groups in the Easterwood section of the city. He and local leaders will be hHoly Trinity Lutheran Church, located at Wheeler and Lafayette Ave., on Saturday, Oct. 31, at 2:00 p.m.

HONOREES cited by the Vulcan Blazers included Rev. M. J. Brackett, a member of the Fire Board; Rev. Lloyd Marcus, Mrs. Rodell Marcus and Mrs. Frank M. Conaway, Del. Frank M. Conaway, Councilman Norman Reeves, Henry G. Parks.

MORE HONOREES cited by the Vulcan Blazers are (STANDING) Rev. John and Mrs. Cecelia Bryant; (SITTING) Dr. Emmit C. Burns and Mrs. Earlean Burns, Mrs. Olive Ann Evans and George W. Evans (RIGHT PANEL) Standing, Mrs. Marion Freeman and Thomas Freeman (SITTING) Mrs. Elmira Thornton, John H. Thornton, Del. and Mrs. Chessie Brailey.

Community Calendar

The Provident Hospital Pharmacy Department will host its 14th Bi-Annual Pharmaceutical Drug Display on Wednesday, Oct. 28 in the hospital auditorium.

The display is open to physicians, dentists, nurses and physician assistants from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. and to the general public from 1 until 2 p.m.

For more information, call 225-2246.

The National Federation of the Blind of Maryland Student Chapter will have their meeting in Grantsville, Md., Saturday, Oct. 31.

The meeting begins at 12 noon and all blind and visually impaired students are needed to help make great plans.

For more information, call Brenda Williams at 523-8069 or Rosalee Gossard at 789-2067.

A National Veterans Service Organization Office, The Military Order of the Purple Heart, is open to assist veterans and their de dependents.

The office is located at the Hopkins Plaza in the Federal building. Keith E. Harmon is the national service officer and can be reached at (301) 962-4700 from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30. p.m., Monday through Friday.

The planned march on City Hall and week long boycott of businesses in the Metro West vicinity has been cancelled.

The mayor's office has pledged 22 additional police officers in the area.

The community has risen with a program to supplement the police promises. Baltimore's chapter of the Guardian Angels has volunteered to patrol the high crime areas surrounding Metro West during peak times of employee travel.

The Escorts, another anti-crime patrol, will work out of Redeemers Palace, Youth Outreach Center, 212 N. Pine Street.

CRIME WORKSHOP

The Baltimore branch of the NAACP, in response to the current crime wave sweeping the community, will host a one-day special working session to develop a comprehensive plan of action to ensure safety in the community.

The meeting will be held at Dunbar Senior High School, located at 1400 Orleans St., in the Community Dining Room. Participants are asked to be present at 9 a.m. for the workshop, which will last until 12 noon.

For more information call 837-6778.

Church to hold crime workshop

Community protection and crime prevention will be the main topics of a workshop sponsored by the Redeemer's Palace Youth Outreach Program and other concerned citizens' groups.

The workshop, which will be held Saturday, Oct. 17 at Lexington Terrace Elementary School, located at 723 Lexington St., will feature panelists from the police department, local politicians, and members of the legal community.

The AFL-CIO, employees of the Metro West Social Security complex and Lexington Terrace and Murphy Homes community group members are also hosting the workshop.

There will be two sessions one lasting from 10:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. and the other beginning at 2:30 and closing at 5:30 p.m.

Participants will include Supreme Bench judges William Murphy, Robert Watts and Robert Bell; Dels. Larry Young and Frank Conaway; City Councilmen Kweisi Mfume and Micheal Mitchell; and police officials Bishop Robinson, deputy commissioner Col. William "Box" Harris.

For further information contact Rev. Willie Ray or Margerite Hunt at 685-2342.

Family seeks missing child

By James M. Abraham
AFRO Staff Writer

Two months ago, a West Baltimore family marked a sad anniversary. And somewhere in the nation, a little girl marked a year's absence from that family.

What happened to the Powell family and their adopted daughter and sister, Ayanna, has all the elements of a soap opera or a tear-jerker, but what happened—the abduction of the child, Ayanna, by her natural mother, is as real as the pain the family feels.

"Ayanna's mother," said Mrs. Powell, "told us she was taking Ayanna to Pikesville, but she never brought her back." She said that the incident ocurred back in August of 1980, and that she has not heard from the child since then.

The tragedy is doubly unsettling, because, three doors up the street from the Powell's Gwynn's Fall Parkway home lives Sally Johnson, the paternal grandmother of Ayanna, and the child's father.

According to Mrs. Powell, the two families seldom speak to one another, and the Johnson family has volounteered no information as to Ayanna's whereabouts. But Mrs. Johnson believes the child is in Chicago with her mother.

The mother, 26-year-old Patricia Cooke, said Mrs. Powell, grew disenchanted with Baltimore early in 1980, leaving the child with the Powells.

"The grandmother said 'she isn't here' and slammed the door in my face," said Mrs. Powell.

Since that date, the two families seldom speak to one another, although Mrs. Johnson told the AFRO that "I speak to everyone. I don't know what they are talking about."

But when asked about the location of Ayanna or her mother, Patricia Cooke, Mrs. Johnson was reticent to talk. She ordered a reporter not to print anything she said. She was curt when questioned by a reporter, but added that "I do miss her, (Ayanna)."

But she claimed that she didn't know if the child was actually adopted or not, and said that "I would like to see her with her mother—that's where she belongs."

Mrs. Powell, a licensed babysitter, seemed to be an ideal person to watch Ayanna back in 1977, when she first assumed guardianship of the child. Her walls are lined with awards and certificates attesting to her abilities as a foster mother and babysitter, and her proudest possession is an award from Governor Harry Hughes praising her participation in a state foster care program.

When the Powells first assumed custody of Ayanna, she was suffering from cerebral palsy.

But after three years, the child's condition had improved significantly. And that's when, according to Mrs. Powell, Ayanna's mother entered the picture.

Today, Mrs. Powell and her family make regular calls to the police department, hoping for some sort of information on their loved one. And somewhere, probably in the midwest, a small child may wonder now and then, whatever became of her foster family.

Maupin gains new post

John E. Maupin Jr., D.D.S, M.B.A., has been appointed to the position of Assistant Commissioner of Clinical Services, Baltimore City Health Department.

As an administrator, Dr. Maupin will be responsible for the Health Department's cancer prevention, dental care, disease control, and high blood pressure programs.

Before he joined the Health Department, Dr. Maupin had a private dental practice at the Lutheran - Rosemont Dental Center.

He also was employed as a professional consultant for software system design and data processing implementation in the health care industry.

Dr. Maupin formerly was a consultant for Lutheran Hospital and dental director and president of the medical staff at the West Baltimore Community Health Corporation.

He has practiced dentistry in Baltimore and California and has served as a professional advisor to the United States Food and Drug Administration.

Dr. Maupin attended San Jose State University in California and received his doctor of dental surgery degree from the Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry in Tennessee.

He also received a master of business administration degree from Loyola College of Baltimore.

Dr. Maupin is a member of several professional associations and organizations. He serves on the Health Braintrust of the U.S. Congressional Black Caucus, U.S. House of Representatives.

Dr. Maupin was recently elected Vice President of the National Dental Association.

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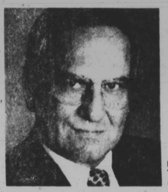

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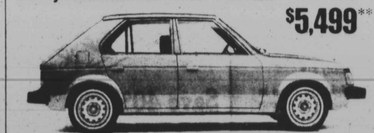

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