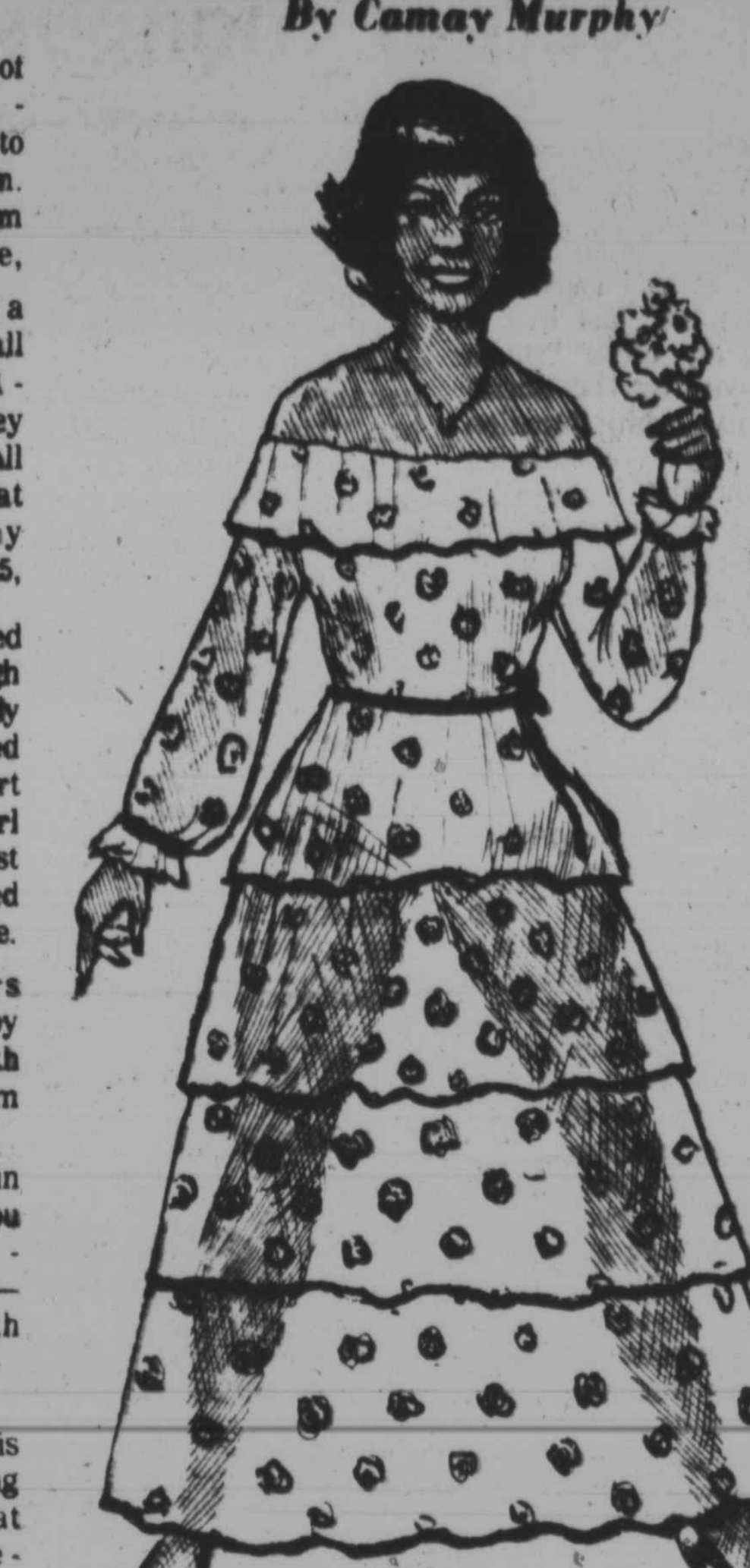
Fashion Commentary

By Camay Murphy



Fashions for fall.

It was only a matter of time that the see-through top would shift to the see-through bottom. The see-through bottom of silk georgette, organdy, and chiffon is a surprise feature in fall evening wear for the 81-82 season. Travis Winkey in his International Fall Review to be held at Morgan's Murphy Auditorium October 25, will be showing a red organdy see-through skirt over a red body stocking and red sequined top. The skirt featuring a little girl gathered at the waist look might be called provocative innocence.

Several designers provide a bit of cover by layering the chiffon with petal skirts or peplum tops. Fashion shows in Paris are showing, you guessed it, the see-through wedding dress — white georgette with train and all.

Since this fashion is being featured in evening wear, it indicates that the dress must be danceable hence the soft breezy fabric. You can be sure that every knee lift, toe-point and crouched body-bend will be seen so make sure that you can "boogie" well before venturing forth. It is not exactly your "Anniversary Waltz Tea for Two gown.

The see-through without the benefit of body stockings appears more bewitching for those under 40 unless you have recently had your bottom tightened and lifted and there is not an ounce of loose flesh on your inner thigh and you boast a smooth calf tapering down to a dainty ankle. A good looking face doesn't hurt as you will be getting the stares.

The guys, especially the older ones, are hovering around in flight pattern waiting for the slightest nod from the control (still on strike) tower.

What they don't know is that after jogging twice a day, stretching in aerobic dancing, working out with the barbells, and sweating in the sauna, these gals just want to show what they have produced and the subject is to keep it from being covered or from under covers whichever the case may be.

HU pediatrician gets grant award

Pearl Lockhart Rosser, M.D., was awarded a grant of $153,000 each year for four years, starting last Aug. 1, from the Office of Maternal and Child Health Services, Bureau of Community Health Services, Department of Health and Human Services.

The aim of the research project is to study how black infants who were normal in weight or small at birth develop their intellectual abilities and how their mothers perceive their development.

The title of the grant is "Maternal Perception, Central Nervour System Organization, and Cognitive Motivational Development of Normal and Low Birth Weight Black Infants."

Dr. Rosser attended Howard University for her undergraduate and medical education. After completing an internship and pediatric residency at Freedmen's Hospital, she served as chief resident at Sloan Kettering Memorial Hospital in New York.

She returned to Howard University as a member of the faculty in 1964 in order to supervise the child development program. Dr. Rosser is professor of pediatrics and Child Health, Chief of the Division of Child Development, director of the Child Development Center, and formerly director of the Institute for Child Development and Family Life.

She lives with her family in Silver Spring, Maryland.

NBN introduces 'Night Talk' show

In a major expansion of its programming activities, the National Black Network (NBN) this fall will introduce "NBN Night Talk"—a lively and provocative call-in program that will spotlight a wide range of issues affecting Black Americans.

Announcement of the new program, to make its debut Oct. 19, was made by George Edwards, NBN vice-president and general manager who said that "Night Talk" will be the first nationwide forum with the potential of linking 30 million black citizens for a free exchange of ideas on topical concerns.

Edwards said that "audience participation" will be the watchword for the program, which will be beamed to NBN affiliates across the nation from 12:05 a.m. to 5 a.m., Tuesday to Saturday.

Edwards noted that about 75 million people listen to radio one or more nights each week between the hours of midnight and 6 a.m. These listeners include physicians, students, travelers, truckers and people who work the overnight shifts at hospitals, airports, data processing departments, factories, etc.

"Night Talk," Edwards said, "will enable listeners to discuss their problems, and also describe their achievements in their respective communities as they relate to the national scene.

Famous baritone to sing in Columbia

Ben Holt, winner of the 1980 Washington International Competition, will perform at the Wilde Lake Interfaith Center, Columbia, Md., on Saturday, Oct. 24 at 8:30 p.m.

A native of Washington D.C. now based in New York, Holt is a graduate of Oberlin, Juilliard, and the Pavarotti master-classes. He has appeared in recitals, operas and with orchestras in the U.S. and abroad.

The October 24 recital will include folk songs from around the world. The program will begin with a selection of American Negro spirituals, followed by folk songs from Germany, Greece, the British Isles, and Spain.

Tikets at $6 will be available at the door and may be reserved at (301) 730-3125.

Ben Holt's recital will open the Candlelight Concert Society's 1981-82 Distinguished Young Artists Series, featuring prize-winning young artists who have appeared in many of the best known concert halls throughout the U.S.

Local Net Classic features Anne White

Twenty-year-old Anne White will play in the First National Bank Tennis Classic at the Towson Center October 30-November 1.

A newcomer to the top ranks women's tennis, Anne achieved her highest ranking, No. 30, in May of this year since she first entered at No. 89 in August, 1980.

She had finished her junior career with a number seven ranking on the U.S. Girls 18s list in 1979.

A student on tennis scholarship at the University of Southern California, Anne White managed a 12-4 match record on the Avon Futures circuit despite the limitations school places on her career.

She helped USC to win the 1980 AIAW college title, winning the doubles and reaching the quarterfinals in singles.

Career highlights for Anne, however, are marked by her sweeping singles, doubles, and mixed doubles titles at the U.S. Amateur Clay Courts Championships in 1980, and when she qualified into the Classic at Las Vegas in the Colgate Series tour.

Also featured in the First National Classic this fall are Billy Jean King, Leslie Allen, Evonne Goolagong Cawley, and Martina Navratilova — a recent finalist at the U.S. Open. A total of eight internationally ranked women players will participate.

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On Saturday, October 24, 1981, the Maryland Chapter of the National Organization for Women will hold a Walkathon in support of the Equal Rights Amendment.

Walkers will cover a 10-mile course beginning at Rash Field and leading through Federal Hill to Fort McHenry and back to Rash Field.

This Statewide event will begin at 10:00 a.m. with ceremonies which will include a talk by Governor Harry Hughes, Honorary Chair of the event.

Barbara Mikulksi and other dignitaries will also speak.

Western High School's Marching Band will provide the musical accompaniment.

The first group to lead the walk will be The Children for the ERA. After the walk, there will be a bar party celebration at Regi's Bar, 1002 Light Street, starting at 2 p.m.

Hundreds of walkers have already pledged to walk. Each person will be sponsored in the walk by individuals or companies who have pledged a contribution to NOW's ERA Ratification Fund for each mile completed by the walker.

NOW expects to raise thousands of dollars from this event. The funds will be used to support efforts to gain passage of the ERA in unratified states.

The passage of the 27th amendment to the United States Constitution will guarantee equal rights to women and will thus complete the efforts begun by the suffragists.

Sponsor sheets are available at the NOW office, 2318 North Charles Street between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. or at the 31st Street Bookstore.

A.M.Y. Randall is president of the Baltimore Chapter of NOW. For more information call 889-0693.

Special Olympics

Dance-a-thon '81

Ten years ago it started as an exercise program for Air Force wives. Since then it has changed the exercise habits of a nation.

The program is Aerobic Dancing by Jacki Sorenson. Aerobic Dancing has made America realize that fitness can be fun.

Birthday parties for Aerobic Dancing have been going on all Fall throughout the country to commemorate our 10th anniversary, but the big celebration will take place on the weekend of November 21 and 22 all over Maryland when DANCEATHON '81 gets under way.

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Signature Salon owner envisions five more shops

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MANAGER AND OWNER respectively of the new SIGNATURE Beauty Salon located in the lower concourse of Mondawmin Mall are Michelle Murray and Marie Dias Bembery.

GETTING A BLOW-DRY from operator Miss Nicole Strouder is Mrs. Valerie Edwards, customer.

MS. CRYSTAL SIMMONS, operator, works on the hair of customer, Mrs. Sarah Gross.

COMB-OUT TIME — Getting a comb-out from operator Ms. Anita Hofmeister is Mrs. Ann Burton.

By Pattie Hodges, AFRO Women's Editor

Marie Dias Bembery is an optimistic and confident woman. She is the new owner of the Signature Beauty Salon, tucked cozily into the old Silber's Bakery building, in Mondawmin's lower concourse.

It is a place of beauty and class — decorated in shades of maroon and gray with plants at just the right places — open space, but warm.

So is the owner — soft-spoken and warm, but one gets the impression that underneath all that charm and softness beats the heart of a true businesswoman.

Ms. Bembery of Washington, D.C. is the first black owner of a Signature Salon in America. (The first one to open was in Atlanta in November '80.)

Not only does Ms. Bembery own the Baltimore Signature Salon franchise, but also has the franchise rights to the Washington area and plans to open five more salons within the next two years.

The Baltimore salon operates with all licensed cosmetologists, specializing in the care of black hair with top of the line products.

"Aren't you optimistic?" I asked the lady in a recent interview, (thinking Reaganomics), when she talked of five more salons in so short a time.

"Oh, no," she replied. "The market is there." I am confident that it can be done."

I have a tendency to believe her. This lady is no slouch. She has served as special assistant to the Mayor of Washington, D.C., where she was a troubleshooter for the mayor and had oversight responsibilities for most of the agencies within the Executive Office of the Mayor. She also served as the acting director of the Office of Consumer Protection.

Ms. Bembery was so brilliant that she completed a Masters degree in Education at Harvard University in 1972, without ever getting a B.S. degree.

When I asked her how she accomplished this, she said, she was accepted into the Masters Program based on a special test they gave her and on her previous community and business experience.

She is a Doctoral candidate (also in Education), and has completed all but her dissertation at Boston University.

She has served as a Senior Education Specialist, Unified Industries, a Fundraiser for Minority Legislative Education, a White House Fellow (assigned as a special assistant to the Secretary of HEW; worked on a project with Secretary David Mathews (comprehensive planning, a project for Secretary Joe Califano was the White House Conference on Families, where she was interim coordinator; executive director, Children's World Educational Centers and executive director, The Little Scholars' Workshop.

When I asked her how such a background in education could help her be a success in the business world she informed me that while in education, she served on 27 boards i Masachusetts, wrote th rules for and ran six pre schools i Massachusetts.

"Running a Pre School is a business" she said. "This experience taught me the business angle."

What a lady. On top of all of this, she is considering running for Congress next year. One can only wish her the best.

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Coppin's Golden Anniversary — a glowing affair

On Saturday, Oct. 10, the February-June Classes of 1931 celebrated their 50th anniversary with a reunion luncheon, held at the Tawes College Center at Coppin State College, 2500 W. North Ave.

Louise G. Turks and Henry Horsey were co-chairpersons for the affair, with Mrs. Turks presiding and greetings extended by Horsey.

Introduction of calss members and guests was by Mary Dorsey McPherson. The 'Lest We Forget' segment was done by David B. Hill and the invocation offered by the Rev. E. Lawrence Lacher, the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

A delectable luncheon, catered with class by Shirley Edwards was a treat for all.

Proclamation was by Ellen Finch Fisher. Retrospecting was done by Thelma Drricks Addison.

Look At Us Now was done by Alma Alexander Adams, Emily Brent Colburn and Elizabeth Money Collins.

Presentation of an award and gift by Arnita Ellis Woodlon was made to David B. Hill, who is unique, in that he was a member of the class when it was a two-year school 50 years ago and went back and finished Coppin in 1981. He got a plaque.

Special guests remembered through mention were former teachers Mrs. Gladys Derry, Mrs. Gladys Sheppherd, Herbert Frisby (who was there), Florence Purviance, Jeanette Boyer Shamwell (who was also there);

Others included Dr. Calvin Burnett, Dr. Guilbert Daley, Mrs. Yvonne Griffin, president, Alumni; and Mrs. Ethel J. Day, who served as executive secretary at Coppin for many years. It was a thoroughly enjoyable and memorable afternoon.

Others on the Reunion Committee were Alma A. Adams, recording secretary; Thelma D. Addison, corresponding secretary; Elaine C. Hassell, treasurer; Arnita E. Woodlon, program; Vernon Robinson, pictoral exhibit; and David B. Hill and Mary McPherson, publicity.

Guests and alumni in attendance were: Rebecca Sterrett, Mildred Hooper, M. Eloise Hassell, Edna R. Henderson, Oliver W. Henderson, Catherine B Robinson, Vernon L. Robinson, Dorothy J. Payne, Catherine B. Robinson;

Also Dorothy S. Evans, Thomas McPherson, E. Lawrence Lercher, Edna Mae Douglass, Aileen K. Lang, Pauline Gardner, Veta L. Craig;

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Also Muriel Hill, Agnes Pryor Underwood, Beverly Hill Lomax, Myrtle M. Johnson, Rosalind Allen, Dr. Elric G. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. William C. Brooks, Jr., Nellie M. Edmonds, Hazel P. Henry, Virgie M. Lewis;

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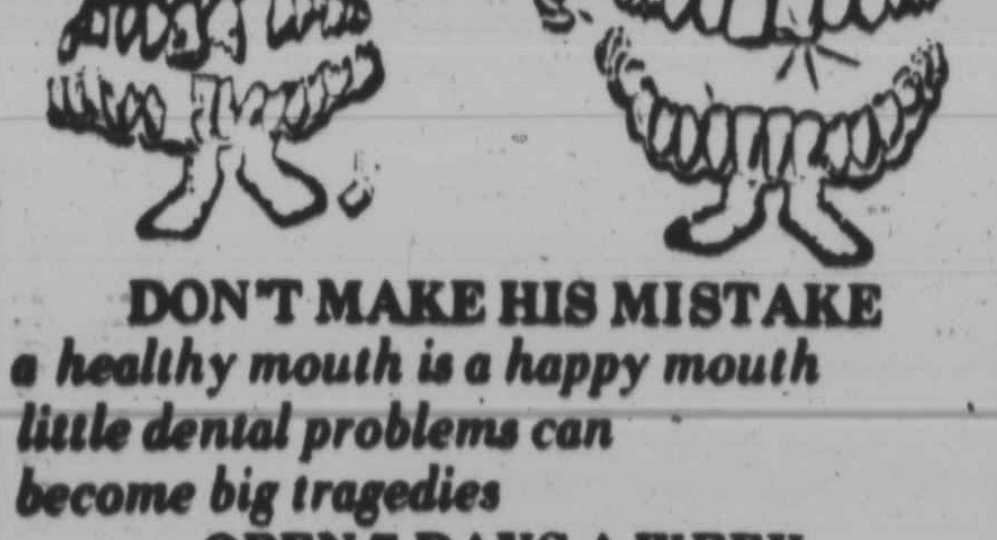

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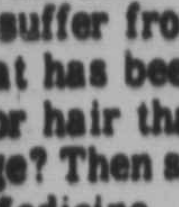

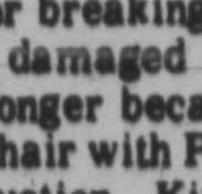

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Leand to compete

Fresh from her recent success at the U.S. Open, Andrea Leand will compete with top women players in the tournament to be held at the Towson Center later this month.

At Forest Hills this fall, Andrea advanced on a string of upsets to the fourth round, defeating Renee Richards, Andrea Jaeger, and Julie Harrington in the first three rounds.

A graduate of Bryn Mawr, seventeen-year-Andrea will be playing against such top-ranked women players as Billy Jean King, Martina Navratilova, Leslie Allen, and Evonne Goolagong in the First National Bank Tennis Classic, October 30-November 1.

For more information contact: Judy Naughton 337-9066. Tournament Director, Peggy Bessent 296-7124; Nancy Sherman, 821-8415 (home), 244-5233 (work).

Baltimore Boy Scouts attend National Jamboree

Boy Scouts and their leaders from Northwest Baltimore attended the National Jamboree at Fort A. P. Hill near Fredericksburg, Va. recently.

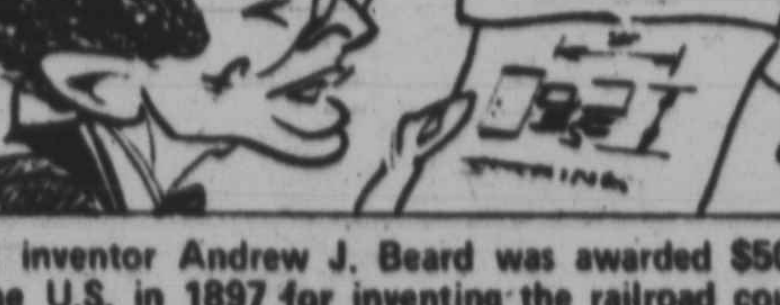
More than 30,000 scouts from the United States and Foreign Countries were there to demonstrate scouting skills and the spirit of brotherhood.

The National Jamboree, which is held once every four years, is a once-in-lifetime event for each scout who has the opportunity to go.

The participation of scouts from Baltimore was made possible by a contribution from the Provident Druid Youth Center and its administrator, Allen Bennett to pay for transportation expenses.

Robert Jackson, scoutmaster of Troop 916 sponsored by First United Apostolic Church coordinated the trip.

He was one of the ten active scouters to attend the First National Jamboree which was held in Washington, D.C. in 1938.



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