The majesty of black Americans' history is being told everywhere

10,000 FAMOUS BLACK AMERICANS POSTERS donated by Baltimore Gas and Electric Co. and Black and Decker are displayed on the walls of every classroom and office in Baltimore schools. Here Dr. John L. Crew, superintendent, chats with the children of Margaret Brent Elementary No. 53 at 26th and St. Paul where Mrs. Lauretta Walden is principal. The children are Rod Taylor, Lisa Pollard, Carrie Dreisch, Damon Reed, Monica Tovand, Troy Givens, Frederick Gunter, Wov Chol Song, Anmol Shrestha and Desaree Autry.

Schools, churches, organizations, are unfolding the dramatic story

Some of the greatest of contributions of all American history are those of the black citizens who have been in the country since colonial days.

Majestic portraits and astounding fetes of the men and women are showcased during Black History Month, the month of February each year. This time Baltimore, the entire state of Maryland and neighboring states are in all - out effort to honor the black history - makers.

Black History Month was initiated in 1926 as Afro-American History Week by the late historian Dr. Carter G. Woodson. The week - long observation was extended to Black History Month in 1976.

In 1982, February witnesses more and more schools, businesses, churches and organizations taking part as individuals reaffirm commitment to making American history more accurate and more meaningful.

Reaffirming commitment to continuing the quality of education in Maryland and Baltimore are two firms which have donated 10,000 posters which picture 64 famous black Americans. Suitable for schools, the posters allow 64 separate classroom lessons.

The firms are Baltimore Gas and Electric Co. and Black and Decker, the worldwide power tool corporation.

Dr. John L. Crew, Baltimore public school superintendent, who heads this sixth largest system in the USA, is directing distribution of the posters to be placed in every school classroom, office and building.

He states, "We are happy to receive such a gift from BG and E and Black and Decker whose officials realize that education is not complete without knowledge of the history of the black person as well as the history of ethnic groups that make up our nation."

PROCLAMATION

Gov. Harry Hughes has proclaimed February as Afro - American History Month in Maryland.

The State Commission on Afro - American History and Culture with Carroll Greene Jr. as executive director under Gov. Hughes, reveals this year's theme as "Afro - American History: Blueprint for Survival."

The State Commission is among the many city and state groups conducting activities. There are four Commission events, two taking place in Annapolis and two in Baltimore.

BALTIMORE

Dr. Leslie King Hammond, Dean of Graduate Studies at Maryland Institute College of Art, and an art historian, will offer an illustrated slide presentation on Sunday, February 7, at 4:30 p.m., at Gallery 409, 409 N. Charles St., in Baltimore.

On Feb. 21, at 2 p.m., at Gallery 409, writer - researcher Leroy Graham, former Fulbright Scholar and a doctoral candidate at Howard University, will offer a lecture presentation, "Baltimore: the 19th Century Black Capital."

IN ANNAPOLIS

Area choirs will present a musical program, "The Negro Spiritual: Its Origins and Significance," on Feb. 21, 4 - 6 p.m., at the Asbury United Methodist Church, 67 West St., in Annapolis.

Participating will be the choirs of United Methodist Church, Broadneck, and United Methodist Church, Shady Side, as well as Annapolis Senior High School student, Karen Pinkney, performing two solos.

This event is sponsored by the Banneker - Douglass Museum Foundation, Inc., an affiliate of the Maryland Commission on Afro - American History and Culture.

"Some Prominent Annapolis Black Families of the 19th Century" will be the topic of Dr. William Calderhead, professor of History at the U.S. Naval Academy, on Feb. 25, 7:30 p.m., in the Lounge of the Asbury United Methodist Church.

CALENDAR

Feb. 7, 4:30 p.m. — Leslie King Hammond, Ph.D., Dean of Graduate Studies, Maryland Institute College of Art, "New Directions in Afro - American Art" — Illustrated slide lecture, Gallery 409, 409 N. Charles, Baltimore.

Feb. 21, 3 p.m. — Leroy Graham, M.A., Former Fulbright Scholar and Doctoral Candidate, Howard University, "Baltimore: The 19th Century Black Capital," Gallery 409.

Feb. 21, 6 p.m. — "The Negro Spiritual: Its Origins and Significance" — Local Choirs. Asbury United Methodist Church, 67 West St., Annapolis. Sponsors: The Banneker - Douglass Museum Foundation, Inc.

Feb. 25, 7:30 p.m. — William Calderhead, Ph.D, professor of History, U.S. Naval Academy, "Some Prominent Annapolis Black Families of the 19th Century," The Lounge, Asbury United Methodist Church.

Feb. 28, 5 p.m. — Alburtt Rhodes, soloist, in performance, at Gallery 409, 409 N. Charles Street, Baltimore. Mr. Rhodes has appeared with groups such as the Gregg Smith Singers.

Through February 22 — "A Life in Art: Alma Thomas, 1891 - 1978," 47 paintings, sculptures and works on paper; the Museum of American Art, Eighth & G Streets, N.W., Washington; hours are 10 - 5:30 daily.

Through February 28 — Works of artists such as photographer Gordon Parks, painters William H. Johnson and Norma Morgan, Gallery 409, 409 N. Charles, Baltimore; hours are 12 - 6:00.

SORORITY

To promote greater awareness of contributions of an outstanding black scientists, the Baltimore Chapter Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority will sponsor a "Celebration in Recognition of George Washington Carver" on Sunday, Feb. 7

The activity will take place at Carver Vocational Technical High School, 2201 Presstman St. at 3 p.m.

The featured speaker, E. Lee Lassiter, editorial writer and columnist, News American, will address the subject "A Legacy From George Washington Carver: Determination, Dedication, Discovery." The public is cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. Landa McLaurin is chairperson and Mrs. Alice S. Lee is basileus of the Alumnae Chapter of the sorority.

AT UMBC

The celebration of Black History Month at the University of Maryland Baltimore County is becoming a tradition.

The African American Studies Department has in the past a month long series of events centered around a specific theme and presented to the public at UMBC and at locations in the community.

The theme of 1982 is "Black Labor: Building a New World, From Reconstruction to the Present."

With support from the Maryland Committee for the Humanities, the program includes lectures, a film series with panel discussions, an exhibit, and a performance by the DiniZulu African Dancers and Drummers from New York City.

UMBC SCHEDULE

FEB. 10 — Lecture. "Sources in Afro - American Social History." Dr. James Horton, historian, George Washington University and director, Museum of American History, the Smithsonian Institution. UMBC Library Special Collections. Noon. Reception follows.

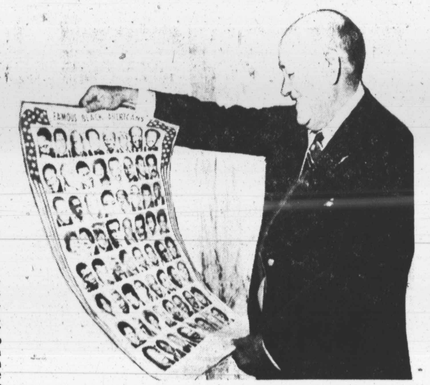
FEB. 14 — Exhibit. "Building A New World: Black Labor Photographs." Images trace the history of Black Labor from reconstruction to the present. Participating photographers include Roland Freeman, Lewis Hine, Doris Ulmann, and Gordon Parks. UMBC University Library Gallery. Opening reception, Sunday, February 14, 2 p.m. Free. Exhibit continues through March 30. Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, 1 to 9 p.m. Call 455 - 2232 for more information or special holiday hours.

FEB. 15 — Film. "Are You Listening," Household Technicians, life and views of maids and cleaning women organizing a union. UMBC. Fine Arts Room 306. Noon. Also will be shown at 7:30 p.m. at Gallery 409, 409 N. Charles Street. Panel discussion follows.

THE PASTOR'S PLACE, 3020 Liberty Hghts. Ave., with Rev. Wendell H. Phillips proprietor, has Famous Black American Posters as shown by manager Barbara Watson (R) and Colethia Williams. Rev. Phillips, member of the House of Delegates, is pastor of Heritage United Church of Christ Church.

NEW SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH has posters for the church's classrooms. Mrs. Sandra Jones is administrative secretary and Dr. Harold A. Carter, pastor.

PORTRAIT of a young black man by Elton Fax is among the works from the Morgan State University Collection opening at 409 N. Charles St., Sunday, Feb. 7, 3 to 5 p.m.



MAYOR HARRY KELLEY who is up for governor of Maryland is distributing posters in his Ocean City and to Baltimore City school children.

ST. PAUL'S COLLEGE with Dr. Dallas Simmons as president has posters in every classroom.

Two Famous Marylanders

DR. HERBERT M. FRISBY Arctic explorer, researcher, lecturer, retired teacher who resides in Baltimore

MATTHEW ALEXANDER HENSON 1866-1955 co-discoverer of the North Pole with Admiral Robert Peary.

DR. HERBERT A. FRISBY

Born and reared in slum section of Baltimore.

Worked way through high school by selling peanuts in alleys and on streets, after school hours.

Worked way through Howard, Columbia, New York Universities and other graduate schools, playing in jazz orchestras on weekends and during summer vacations.

"I'm going to be the second Negro to go to the North Pole," Frisby cried out loudly one day in classroom when a white teacher told his disorderly class of the discovery of the North Pole, and that Matthew Henson, a Negro, was a member of the Peary party.

For this intrusion, he was detained after school and made to write 500 times as punishment — "I must not say foolish things in class."

Some 40 years later, after many attempts, he was flown on a special mission in a USA Air Force plane to drop a memorial on the North Pole in honor of Matthew Henson (August 12, 1956), thereby realizing his boyhood dream became the second Negro to go to the North Pole.

Frisby has completed 25 missions throughout the world's Arctic and Polar regions, including Alaska, Canada, Labrador, Greenland, Spitsbergen and Siberia. His life reads like a novel.

Dr. Frisby, who traveled under an AFRO Newspapers grant and wrote for the AFRO on Arctic trips, was recently the recipient of the Zeta Sigma Chapter, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity's 68th Founders Day Award.

Naming of Matthew A. Henson Elementary School, Baltimore, Maryland — April 6, 1962

He is now a retired teacher of high school biology.

Dr. Frisby maintains in his home (The Igloo) and unusual display of Eskimo artifacts — pelts, slides, sculptures, carvings, recordings, pictures, etc.

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Deltas celebrate 69th year with a co-founder

DELTA FOUNDERS' DAY CO-CHAIR Soror Juliet J. Bragg gives the welcome during the Founders' Day Luncheon held at Blue Crest North, Saturday, Jan. 30.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. celebrated the 69th anniversary of their founding with Co-Founder Bertha Pitts Campbell in a weekend of commemorative activities.

Soror Campbell, now 92 years old, travelled solo to Baltimore's BWI airport from Seattle, Wash. on Friday, Jan. 29, where she was met by Delta president Dr. Charlene Cooper Boston and Soror Sara B. Gray, co-chairperson of the 1982 Founders' Day Committee.

Mrs. Campbell received VIP treatment at the Hyatt-Regency where she and Founders' Day speaker Allie Miller Holley, Wilmington, Del., were registered guests until Monday noon.

Blue Crest North was the scene of Delta's Saturday luncheon, where more that 330 sorors convened for their afternoon of commemoration.

The sorors, all in black, many wearing the Delta flower, the violet, were brimming with delight over the presence of one of their founders.

The cocktail hour from 11:30 until 12:30 set the tone for an afternoon of sisterly camraderie, with many greetings and much chatter among the sorors.

Music was provided by four students from the School For The Arts— Jeffrey Byrd, Wendell Farmer, Jerome Stokes and Reginald Love. (Cuff note: the Deltas also presented them at their 68th Founders' Day Luncheon.)

During the cocktail hour, sorors were treated to a preview of slides of founders taken through the many years of Delta's existence.

At 12:30 p.m., a hush fell over the main ballroom when Founder Campbell appeared, escorted by Soror Boston, president of the Baltimore Alumnae Chapter. Their entrance was met with a standing ovation for Soror Campbell, one of the 22 ladies who had the vision to found the sorority in 1913 which now has a membership of more than 100,000 sorors in more than 677 chapters.

Soror Juliet J. Bragg, co-chairperson of the 1982 Founders' Day Committee, warmly welcomed the assembly and established a tone for the continuing program.

The occasion was beautifully addressed by Delta prexy, Soror Boston, who presented Founder Campbell to the group and showered her with a dozen long-stemmed red roses.

Founder Campbell's remarks to the sorors were warm, sensitive, thankful and challenging.

She congratulated the Baltimore Alumnae Chapter on their 69th anniversary.

During the lunch, as a warm-up sorors were asked to introduce themselves to one another by sharing the funniest thing that had happened to them while pledging.

The stories were unbelievable and generated much laughter.

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UNDERGRADUATE DELTA SOROR presents Delta founder Bertha Pitts Campbell (seated) with a long-stemmed red rose during the Sunday brunch held at the Hyatt - Regency Hotel from 9 until 11 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 31.

FOUNDER AND SORORS in church (L to R) are Roslyn Smith, Founder Campbell and Delegate Peggy Murphy.

CHATTING WITH FOUNDER CAMPBELL (second from L) are (L to R): Sorors Chappelle Armstead, past Eastern Regional Delta director; Juliet J. Bragg, and Sara B. Gray, co-chairpersons for the Founders' Day weekend.

OFFICERS AND FOUNDER — In a happy mood during the weekend of festivities are (L to R): Delta Co - Founder Soror Campbell, Dr. Charlene Cooper Boston, current Delta president of the Baltimore Alumnae Chapter and Soror Laura Knight, immediate past local Delta president.

Heads N' Threads sponsor unique fashion show

HEADS N' THREADS MODELS - pictured during the recent fashion show are (seated, L to R): Valarie Hawkins, Bryan and Avis Johnson; (standing, L to R): Tiria Adams and Joan Marie Bannister.

By Pattie Hodges
AFRO Women's Editor

Heads N' Threads, that combination beauty salon - boutique at 5612 Reisterstown Rd., was the scene for a recent fashion show which was unique in its concept and presentation.

Headed by Mae Tuggle, fashion designer and owner of the boutique, and Tiombe Saleem, hair stylist and owner of the beauty salon, the affair highlighted the concept of a total makeover — from grooming to fashions.

It was also a premiere appearance of the salon and boutique owners, Mae and Tiombe, both of whom harbor the dream of unity among African - Americans and the will to excel.

DURING THE SHOW FASHIONS IN CASUAL AND BUSINESSWEAR, AFTERNOON AND AFTER - 5 were aired. All models were groomed on the premises, from makeup to hair styles to manicures to pedicures.

Warren Thompson, of the Maryland Educational Opportunities Center (headed by Ellen Howard) was a promoter of the event, in conjunction with the Community College of Baltimore's department of Fashion and Design.

AIRING FASHIONS during the Heads N' Threads show are (L to R): Amini Jo Johnson in a boldly-striped afternoon outfit; Avis Johnson in super feminine after-5 and Bryan and Amini in elegant, formal wear.

Thompson, who now promotes fashion shows, has several of his part - time models involved with the "Heads N' Threads" group.

According to Thompson, "One of the goals of the Maryland Educational Opportunities Center is to create and promote an interest within minority students to go into fashion design and modeling."

Neal Johnson served as commentator for the show, with music by Bryan. Erma Perry was in charge of public relations.

Models airing fashions included Lytangia Tuggle, Jacqueline Mathis, Tiria Adams, Avis Johnson, Valeria Hawkins, Joan Marie Bannister, Amini Johnson, Tiombe Saleem and W. Dorsey, head of the tailoring department at Carver Vocational Technical High School.

Partyline

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Evans hosted by sons on 50th anniversary

By Pattie Hodges
AFRO Women's Editor

Recently Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Evans (Edna) were feted in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Their golden year celebration was hosted for them by their three sons and daughters - in - law — Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Evans Jr. (Brailey); Mr. and Mrs. James Evans (Delores) and Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Delano Roosevelt Evans (Romaine).

The affair, held at La Fontaine Bleu, Erdman Ave., was a lovely one.

To melodious background music, the couple, their family and friends enjoyed a delicious sit - down dinner, open buffet and open bar.

The traditional anniversary cake (white, decorated with gold) was a beautiful and impressive reminder of a couple "sticking together through good times and bad."

Citations were presented to the honorees — one from City Councilman Kweisi Mfume and one from the mayor.

The couple also received a congratulatory plaque from their three sons.

In addition to these presentations, they were gifted by their family and friends with many presents of gold, crystal and money, and, of course, numerous cards of congratulations.

Mr. and Mrs. Evans, originally from Scottsville, Miss., were married in 1931 and migrated to Baltimore in 1938.

Mr. Evans, a retiree of Glen L. Martin, Inc., is 70 years young. Mrs. Evans will be 70 in October of this year.

In addition to the couple's three children, they have eight grandchildren and three great - grandchildren.

They were elated to be honored and stated of their celebration (which was the first they had ever had): "This is one of the most joyous occasions of our lives. It's our first celebration."

Mr. Evans added what has to be the greatest compliment any married lady can hear: "She's the best wife anyone ever had."

Christening

Jamel Nicole Butler, daughter of Jaki B. Bee (an AFRO - AMERICAN Newspaper's Advertising salesperson) and Leroy F. Butler, was Christened Sunday, Jan. 17 by the Rev. Leonard Fulton at Union Memorial United Methodist Church.

She was born Nov. 26, 1981 (Thanksgiving Day).

Her proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Julius N. Bee (Viola) and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard James Sr. (Oceaneous).

Her godparents Mr. Velma J. Bailey (a great aunt) and Bernard James Jr. (a great uncle).

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Mr. & Mrs. Emmett Evans