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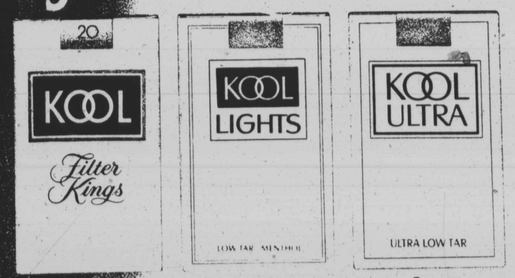

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Verda Welcome birthday fete at Martin's West

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BIRTHDAY HONOREE Senator Verda Welcome (far right) is pictured during her birthday fete with Governor and Mrs. Harry Hughes. The affair was hosted by the senator's friends at Martin's West Friday, March 19.

HONOREE'S DAUGHTER Attorney Mary Sue Welcome and Curt Anderson (left panel) were on hand for the festivities, as was new state senator, 44D, Louise G. Murphy (right panel).

AT THE GALA were (L to R): Mrs. Gwendolyn Felton, Clarence H. Felton, Mrs. Maude Blacken, Onstow Minnis and Mrs. Ruth Diggs Jones.

OTHER GUESTS in attendance are (L to R): G. I. Johnson, Local 2610 steelworker; Mrs. Ernestine Johnson, Norman Thomas, Mrs. Fran Thomas and Frank Bowens, vice president, Steelworkers Local 2610.

By Paul Evans

State Sen. Verda F. Welcome probably summed it up best last Friday night when a reporter asked her for an assessment of the occasion that summoned a near capacity crowd to Martin's West in her honor. "It's my birthday," she said.

A veritable "Who's Who of the local political establishment—black and white—turned out to laud Mrs. Welcome for the 24 years she has served as the first black woman in the state assembly and the mentor of numbers of aspiring officeholders, past, present, and future.

The event—sponsored by the Fourth District Democratic Organization of Baltimore City and the Verda F. Welcome Gala Committee was a mixture of the political, the social, the musical, and the nostalgic.

Politically, near the end of the nearly four-hour gala, Mrs. Welcome announced that she would make a decision whether to stand for election—for the first time without the presence of her late husband—Dr. Henry C. Welcome—sometime after the April close of the General Assembly.

Cited as prime considerations that will weigh heavily in her thinking will be, she said, a desire to spend more time with her 10-year old grandson; a desire to organize her husband's papers; and her health status.

Then too, her daughter, Mary Sue Welcome, did nothing to add to or detract from the constant rumors that she is at long last returning to Baltimore to run for her mother's seat when she said that she does

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Tri-State Elks present 30 debs at 18th Cotillion

ELKS' TRI-STATE COTILLION DEBS who made their formal bow at the downtown Hilton Hotel, Friday, March 19 are (L to R): Carrie Bines, Crystal Randall, Patrice Hudson, Sheila Williams and Jacquelyn Tate.

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ALSO PRESENTED TO SOCIETY were debutantes (L to R): Lisa Ann Knotts, Shelley Jones, Angela Spence, Devera Hall and Marsha Parham.

OTHER DEBS include (L to R): Myra E. Parham, Myra A. Warren, Karen Michelle Walker, Jermel Eunice Galloway and Kimberly Ann Bowins.

By Pattie Hodges
AFRO Womens's Editor

The Tri - State Association of Maryland, Delaware and the District of Columbia, Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World (I.B.P.O.E.W.) held its eighteenth annual Cotillion Friday, March 20 at the Downtown Hilton Hotel.

During the Cotillion thirty young women from Maryland, Delaware and the District of Columbia made their formal bow into society.

Chairing the event was William Braxton. Co - chair was Mrs. Effie Coleman. Emcee for the occasion was Dr. Charles E. Johnson. The introduction was done by William S. Fountain, State president.

Choreographer was Mrs. Nikki Randolph, with Mrs. Bernadine Harrison, assistant choreographer.

The young debutantes presented were:

Tesa Yvette Holt - Ridgley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ridgley, Northern Sr. High School,

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PARTYLINE

Designer-artist feted on 73rd birthday

By Pattie Hodges
AFRO Women's Editor

Horace Lancaster, long-time designer of fashions for the famous (and portrait painter) celebrated his 73rd birthday Saturday, March 20 at his Broadway St. home.

Party fare was a delicious buffet which was catered by the honoree's grandson the Rev. Jesse Fliggins.

Roscoe Herring of the mayor's office presented Lancaster with a beautiful pair of silver cuff links.

There was also entertainment for the birthday guy. The Rev. Mrs. Virginia Wise (of March's Funeral Home) had her singing group "the Revelations" render many selections in her honor.

Also on hand was "Silva", soloist from St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, who also sang several selections.

Senator Verda Welcome sent regrets on her absence due to her previous night's celebration, but promises a lovely plaque to Lancaster from her office.

Lancaster has a 'Josephine Baker' gallery in his studio home which includes all types of clothing which he designed and made for her during her career. (He claims that Jo Baker never wore the same outfit onstage twice)

The honoree is also a portrait painter, having done 8,000 portraits of men in the service during World War II, at the Walter Reed Hospital and during his 35 years of service with the Red Cross.

Lancaster, who has designed and made clothes for such greats as Ethel Waters, Lena Horne, Billie Holiday, Leontyne Price, Mahalia Jackson, Pearl Bailey and Diana Ross, has also designed for presidents' wives from Eisenhower to Nixon.

He says his first design was for famed hostess Pearl Mesta, who contacted him through her friend Rosa Ponsell more than 35 years ago.

Among those in attendance for

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BLIND DESIGNER - ARTIST Horace Lancaster is pictured during the birthday fete held in honor of his seventy-third natal day Saturday, March 20 at his Broadway home. He is standing next to a portrait which he did of the late Josephine Baker, for whom he also designed and made clothes throughout her career.

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