If you ask me

By Bettye Moss

Hats off!

It seems only yesterday when Pam Fredericks was growing up in Morgan Park, where she lived with her parents, (Paul and Mary).

Today, she is a young businesswoman — a salesperson with the Otis Warren Co. She is confident she will meet her goal soon — $1 million in sales.

We observed Miss Fredericks, now Mrs. Jonathan Weaver, at the recent reception hosted by the Raymond Heysberts. Even though most of the guests were strangers, she was perfectly at ease greeting us older people.

When we called later to inquire about her job, she was the same kind of friendly individual we had met in person — very professional telephone voice too.

Pam Fredericks Weaver is a graduate of Morgan State University.

She and Mr. Weaver were married a year ago. He is a graduate of Washington University and Harvard, where he earned his master's in business administration. In addition, he is an aspiring AME minister, presently attending the Adams Chapel at Garrison and Edgewood.

Hats off to Pam and to her hubby too.

Please keep sending this column notes about young people you observe doing well. You see, too many of us only talk about our young people when they mess up.

About people

Happy birthday cards, please, to a good neighbor, Mrs. Frances Jackson. She is 72 years old on May 1.

Mrs. Jackson lives at 808 W. Lexington St. in the Lexington-Poe Homes. Her neighbors know her well. They say she is an inspiration to them and others she meets, mainly because she keeps a happy disposition and comforts others.

Cuff note: Mrs. Jackson is a regular AFRO reader, gets her editions by mail.

Friends and members of Enon Baptist Church Gospel Choir were at the Charles Alston home on Saturday to say hello to his mother, Mrs. Thelma Alston of Durham, N.C. She's a retired teacher.

The host is music professor at Coppin State College.

Among guests, the Rev. Dr. Pauli Murray, the first female Episcopal priest. She and the honoree are longtime friends.1

Sunday, (April 25), was a big day in the lives of Dr. and Mrs. Kenny A. Hooper, Jr. of Randallstown, when their first son and second child was christined at the Mt. Hebron Baptist Church, in Baltimore, by the Rev. Paris S. Thompson, pastor.

Kenny Arnell Hooper, III was born Jan. 26, 1982. His school teacher mother is the former Valerie Rochelle Green. Oldest child is Kelly Anell Hooper, age 5.

Both Dr. and Mrs. Hooper are Morgan State U. grads. He is the Gay St. dentist and former army officer.

Godparents are Mr. and Mrs. Edward Pearson of Philadelphia, and Mrs. Sarah Ross of Baltimore.

A number of out-of-town relatives were among guests at the reception the Hoopers hosted following the church service.

More people

Los Angeles visitors in our area are William and Rhetta Floyd, houseguests of her sister and brother - in - law, Marie and Charles Hicks in Frederick.

Mrs. Samuel Owings (Barbara), is in Nashville for the funeral of her 92 - year - old aunt, Mrs. Ada Mae Jordan.

A delightful Sunday afternoon (April 25) gathering helped the Reviewers Book and Author Club celebrate its 19th anniversary. Event was in the Glass Pavillion on the Homewood campus of Johns Hopkins University.

It was more than just a champagne plus reception, however, as the club presented Leroy Graham, young author and historian. His "Baltimore: The Nineteenth Century Black Capital," will be published soon.

Graham, a graduate of Morgan State University, was recently a Fulbright Fellow in Germany and travelled to other European centers running down information for other books he has in mind.

Organized in 1963 by a group of young college women, the club's stated purpose is "To review and discuss books in order to expand our horizons and to encourage young people to read, write and communicate." The club makes an annual scholarship to a high school graduate.

Chair of the anniversary was Mrs. Mable Hubbard. The officers are: Miss Carolyn White, president; Mrs. Iris Reeves, vice - president; Mrs. Cynthia Askew, treasurer. Mrs. Helena Hicks introduced the speaker.

Nice gesture

People doing nice things for others: It was so on Thursday, (April 22), at the McKeldin Student Union at Morgan State University.

Friends and associates gathered to salute Alice Mae Cook Woodson, who has been on Morgan staff for 34 years.

It was National Secretaries' Week, and an appropriate time to honor Mrs. Woodson.

A magnificent plaque praised her "outstanding and dedicated service." She began working at Morgan when she was 19, fresh out of Dunbar High School, and enrolled in the Cortez Peters Business School.

Her first job at what was then Morgan College, was in the library under Miss Beulah Davis, now librarian emeritus.

Today, Mrs. Woodson holds the rank of office supervisor.

'Superior'

For each step upward, she has taken and passed an examination more than satisfactorily, according to all who know her.

More important, all the supervisers, ("bosses") under whom she has worked have always evaluated her as "superior."

These supervisors have included the late versatile James S. Carter, when he was special assistant to the president;

Also J. Percy Bond, director of admissions and placement; George Grant, dean; Walter Fisher, librarian. Mrs. Woodson has been back in the library for some time and is now serving under Ms. Karen Robertson, the present librarian.

In addition to Morgan State and its union, MCEA, Mrs. Woodson is active in St. Paul Baptist Church where she is financial secretary of the Sunday school.

Her hobbies are bowling and reading. She has one son, Brian Eugene Woodson, 17.

A Baltimorean, she is the daughter of the late Jessie Atkins Cook and Joseph Cook. She is a graduate of Dunbar High School.

AME joy

Mt. Moriah AME Church in Annapolis was filled with beautiful people on Thursday afternoon (April 22).

They were gathered for ordination of new ministers. We were impressed by the respect the congregation gave speakers and how their voices were raised in glorious song.

Maybe it's because the top man inspires that kind of reaction.

The Rt. Rev. John Hurst Adams, the presiding bishop, is a man of great stature. His voice and his manner makes everybody feel they are somebody special.

The ordination service was held during the 32nd annual session of the AME Church's Washington Conference.

Rev. Roger Hall Reed is pastor of the host church. It is a comfortable facility — air conditioned, with huge stained glass windows on both sides of the sanctuary. Beautiful also, the huge window, with cross, over the pulpit.

In addition to Bishop Adams, other top prelates in attendance were retired bishops, Harrison J. Bryant, Baltimore; William F. Ball and D. Ward Nichols.

S. Africa

Also, Bishop John Hunter who presides over the South Africa district. He gave the ordination sermon and told of his early struggles in a foreign field, and how he made it with God's help.

Two years ago, he assumed his first bishopric assignment in Johannesburg, South Africa. At the time, he was suffering a serious heart condition.

We saw tears in many eyes as he recalled he was on the brink of death when he found a doctor who had a wonder drug not then available here in the States. Very moving.

Bishop Hunter also talked about the importance of good church administration . . . honesty and integrity. ("You don't have to steal . . . people will give you more than you can steal . . .")

And, he observed there is a difference between noise and power . . . ("You do not have to make a lot of noise . . . it, (noise), doesn't mean you have power.").

As usual, AME singing was good . . . took us back to our Sunday School days in old Trinity Church and later Bethel.

'Closer, Lord'

The congregation, ministers and bishops joined the magnificent choir in a heartwarming rendition of "Every day . . . every hour . . . let me put my hand in Thee . . . I'll be closer, closer, Lord to Thee . . ."

If the sermon and the singing were not enough to make us get out a hanky, readers will know we could not restrain ourselves when Bishop Adams put his hand on the head of our oldest daughter.

Now, she is the Rev. Marie Phillips Braxton, a full fledged itinerant elder, (and the first woman so ordained in the church's Washington Conference).

It was more than we could take when her husband, Rev. Ronald E. Braxton, (Allen AME here in Baltimore), and their two - year - old Shannon, joined the well - wishers to congratulate her and the other newly ordained.

A sister behind me leaned over and whispered, "go ahead and cry, Sister . . . the Lord understands you're happy . . ." Amen.

Travis Vauls

Too often in large cities like Baltimore, people sit back and let the hard-working, dedicated among us carry the load

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(MOSS PHOTO)

SINGER AND FAMILY — Clinton A. Turner, right, who was featured in benefit concert for Lutheran Hospital last week, is pictured at right. Standing with him, his wife, Dorothy, and their children, Clinton Jr., a Morgan U. freshman, and 10 - year - old Germaine. In insert, the singer's father and stepmother, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Turner, (Elinor). Mrs. Turner, a volunteer at Lutheran, co - chaired the concert held at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church on April 18.

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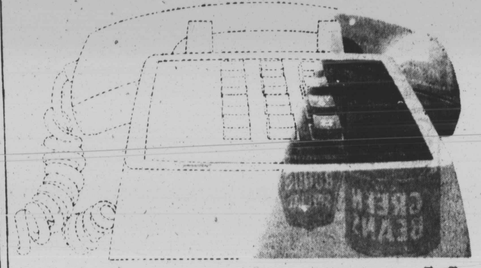

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O's picture brightens but still fears abound

The immediate future of the Orioles, so dismal over the past three weeks, appears to have taken a turn for the better since they returned home.

But tricky weather has kept manager Earl Weaver a harried man.

Twice within the past 10 days the Birds were forced to surrender a playing date because of rain and cold. And the result in each case was a required double - header.

Double - headers when a club is in the throes of an horrendous slump such as that affecting the Birds at the moment, are anything but welcome.

Earl Weaver
harried Bird manager

It did help Wednesday night when Scott McGregor regained his pitching form and negotiated a split with Oakland.

The old hex of inability to hit with men on base, however, continues to plague, and many fans are worried that this condition is persisting for such a long period.

Over the years, the O's have suffered such bothersome slumps. And more often than not, they've managed to snap out of them when facing a hot team.

If that performance sheet is to be believed, the opportunity for resurgence presents itself this weekend.

The red - hot California Angels — Reggie Jackson, Don Baylor, Rod Carew, Bobby Grich, all Bird throttlers in the past — arrive at Memorial Stadium tonight (Friday).

After three with the Western Division leaders, Baltimore welcomes (?) Seattle.

The Mariners, though, are at .500, and may not cooperate . . . LACY.

3-point shot in last three second wins

Washington rookie Frank Johnson had no trouble putting his game - winning shot in perspective.

"I've made some big ones before, but this one was the biggest," said Johnson, who threw in a three - point field goal with three seconds remaining Wednesday night to cap a late Washington rally and give the Bullets a 103 - 102 victory over the Boston Celtics, squaring their NBA Eastern Conference playoff series at one game each.

"The guys told me in the huddle to take it and as soon as I let it go, I knew it was in," said Johnson, who finished with 26 points after scoring just two in the first half.

The best - of - seven series shifts to Washington for games 3 and 4 on Saturday and Sunday.

Johnson's shot enabled Washington to defeat the Celtics for the first time this season after seven defeats.

Boston coach Bill Fitch, whose team dropped its first one - point loss of the year, praised Johnson for the effort but also thought the rookie had a little bit of luck.

"You've got to admit it was a great shot," Fitch said. "He got off a lofted prayer and it was answered."

CELEBRATION JUBILATION — Washington center Rick Mahorn (44) leads the alien cheers after the Bullets defeated the Boston Celtics, 103 - 102, to even their Eastern Conference NBA series Wednesday night in Boston Garden. Three - point play by rookie Frank Johnson with three seconds on clock decided the contest.

Colts' draft may prove as good as last year's

By Sam Lacy

At first light, as they say in the navy, the caption on this piece may cause Baltimore football fans to question the sanity at the AFRO sports desk.

How could anyone in his right mind find something to say good about the acquisitions of a 2-14 team which had been 7-9 the previous year?

Actually, the 1981 Colts were bad. But not that bad. With better luck and better leadership, the draftees they picked up last April should have been more helpful.

Among them were:

Randy McMillan, the ramrod fullback from Pittsburgh; Donnell Thompson, defensive end from North Carolina; Bubba Green, North Carolina State defensive tackle; Ohio State guard Jimmy Moore, and linebackers Tim Foley and Steve Heimkreiter, both from Notre Dame.

After sparkling efforts in the first two games, McMillan became victimized by enemy defenses which were able to key on him as the rift developed between quarterback Bert Jones and McMillan's backfield running mate Curtis Dickey.

Thompson missed three midseason games entirely with injury then played four others in subpar physical condition.

Green, also hurt in early season, played valiantly the rest of the way but never reported sound.

The 6 - 5, 268 - pound Moore, desperately needed in a mediocre offensive line, managed to get in just four games.

Frank Kush
got what he wanted

Tim Foley, who had been counted upon to shore up the porous defense, escaped the injury table for but six games. And the other linebacking prospect, Heimkreiter, was lost for the entire season.

Colts' head coach Frank Kush didn't wait until the end of the drafting Wednesday to discuss his satisfaction with the way things went for Baltimore.

After Tuesday's six rounds, Kush declared that he got what he wanted — a proven college defensive star and a can't - miss quarterback.

Both Johnie Cooks of Mississippi State, and Art Schlichter of Ohio State are looked upon as the plugs needed to fill glaring holes in the Colt operation.

AFRO reservations continue where Schlichter is concerned, since it is quite difficult to assess the value of a quarterback from Ohio State.

No Buckeye signal caller has been successful in the NFL in the past. This probably is due to the system at Ohio State, one which depends to a large degree on the running offense.

The writer willingly concedes, however, that the coaches and professionals doing the selecting know a lot more about the situation than any newspaperman.

Especially pleased is this observer over the acquisition of Wisniewski and Fletcher Jenkins, the defensive tackles from Penn State and Washington, respectively.

The team was in dire need of defensive help and with this week's mix that department should be much stronger — particularly if last year's infirmary list is obliterated.

Here's the full complement of draftees:

(1) Johnie Cooks, LB, Miss. State
(2) Art Schlichter, QB, Ohio State
(3) Leo Wisniewski, DT, Penn St.
(4) Rohn Stark, P, Florida St.
(5) James Burroughs, CB, Mich. State
(6) Mike Pagel, QB, Arizona St.
(7) Terry Crouch, G, Oklahoma
(8) Pat Beach, TE, Wash. State
(9) Fletcher Jenkins, DT, Washington
(10) Tony Lola, G, Arizona St.
(11) Tony Berryhill, C, Clemson
(12) Tom Deery, S, Widener
(13) Lamont Meacham, CB, W. KY.
(14) Johnnie Wright, RB, S. Carolina

Grid star's kin sue in cell death

LOS ANGELES — A $12 million wrongful death suit in the controversial jail cell death of football player Ron Settles must wait until a similar $62 million federal court case is settled, the lower court ruled Tuesday.

Superior Court Judge Eli Chernow stayed the civil suit in his court at the request of Signal Hill police officer Jerry Lee Brown and other defendants named as responsible for Settles' death by his parents.

Settles died shortly after being arrested last June 2 in Signal Hill. His body was found hanging from a mattress cover in his cell and police said he was a suicide.

A coroner's inquest jury found on a 5-4 vote that Settles' death came "at the hands of another, other than by accident." The Long Beach State running back was arrested for allegedly attacking officers, who later admitted getting into a fight with him at the jail.

In addition to Officer Brown, the suits name the city of Signal Hill and several city officials and three other police officers.

Rosemont awards scheduled Monday

Clement Nixon, former assistant superintendent of the Bureau of Recreation, will speak at the Awards and Community Recognition Nite, to be held at the Central Rosemont Recreation Center, 2621 Winchester Street, Monday, at 7 p.m.

Awards will be presented to athletic participants who have excelled in center activities, and recognition will be given to volunteers who have helped in center programs.

Admission is free. Entertainment will be provided by the Central Rosemont Activities Club.

For information, call 396 - 0414 after 2 p.m.

Softy marathon to benefit MS

The second annual Multiple Sclerosis Softball Marathon has been scheduled for May 21 - 23 at Utz Field in Patterson Park.

Teams wishing to enter this benefit event for multiple sclerosis research are urged to contact Norman Whiteley at 889 - 6645.

Horace a Hoya

Horace Broadnax, a guard from Plant City (FL.) High School, announced his intention to attend Georgetown University this fall, the Hoyas announced Tuesday.

Broadnax, a 6 - foot - 1, 178 - pound resident of Turkey Creek, FL., averaged 23.4 points per game this year, and holds eight school records at Plant City.

Lutheran Hospital hosts health fair

The Lutheran Hospital Community Health Fair will be May 8 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The following health screening tests will be offered free to the public: height and weight checks, vision and hearing testing, oral screening, diabetes and urinary screening, anemia and sickle cell testing, pidiatry screening, blood pressure checks and counseling and referral. An optional blood chemistry test will be available for a normal $8 fee.

In order to accommodate the special needs of the hearing impaired, a volunteer will be available in the testing area throughout the day to interpret for the deaf.

Community and civic association participating is being coordinated by the Lutheran Hospital Community Advisory board, which is sponsoring approximately 25 festive and educational exhibits.

Health screening tests will be held inside the Rosemont Community Doctors, center building, adjacent to Lutheran Hospital, two blocks north of the 2600 block of Edmondson Ave.

The youngest prelate in the U.S. Catholic hierarchy is Bishop James P. Lyke of Cleveland. A Franciscan and the fifth Black member in ordination rites, Bishop Lyke was elevated on his 40th birthday.

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