OUR WORLD

Chipperettes host Snowball Dance

IN LIVELY CAMARADERIE at the Snowball Dance hosted by the Chipperettes at Hunt Valley Inn, Saturday, Jan. 7 (L to R) are: Reginald Young, Dr. William Garner and Mrs. Maxine Higgenbotham.

CAUGHT BY THE CAMERA are (from left): Margaret Lamb, Mildred Taylor, May Meadows and Falson.

CHIPPERETTES PRESIDENT Anita Watson (R) is surprised with flowers presented by Agnes Reaves, vice president.

DOING A "MEAN" CHA CHA to the tunes of Dennis Fisher are Norma Bracey and Robert Parker.

That long - time Baltimore social club, The Chipperettes, hosted their Snowball Dance at Hunt Valley Inn, Saturday, January 7.

From 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. guests poured into the ballroom where these effervescent Chipperettes had a room which would do justice to the song "Walking in a Winter Wonderland."

Decorative snowmen and snowballs served as centerpieces for the tables, which were already decked in white. To add to the snow - white motif, white balloons hung from the ceiling, bobbing up and down, as sprightly as the dancers on the floor.

The music by Bobby Felder was lively and very danceable. Felder did a variety of dances, both old and new. Some even revived the cha - cha for a nice Latin touch.

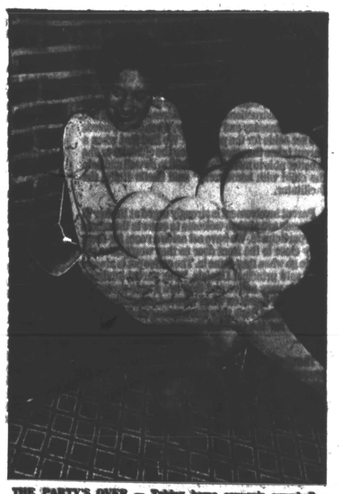
Cocktails flowed all evening, and at midnight, a delicious buffet breakfast was served.

In addition to the dance, the weekend itself must have been loads of fun for the ladies, many of whom checked in at the Inn and stayed there over the weekend.

Guests were convinced, after reveling in the hospitality of the Chipperettes that the dance was a winner of a winter affair.

Chipperettes members include Pauline Blackwell, Berine Bankhead, Bernadine Harrison, Gwen Hilton, who was chairperson for the dance; Dorothy Johnson, Louise Murphy, Vonnie Murray, Alice Pinderhughes, Agnes Reaves, vice president; Elizabeth Sheets, Anita Watson, president and Hermione Weaver.

SNOWBALL GUESTS (from left) are: Etta Phifer, Beu Butler (standing); Ivy Grimage and Annie Johnson.



THE PARTY'S OVER — Taking home custom snowballs (balloons) from the dance is Atty. Alice Pinderhughes Weaver, daughter of city School Superintendent Alice Pinderhughes.

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By Pattie Hodges AFRO Women's Editor

POST HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Helping to liven up January (often a dead month) with a continuation of some of the joviality enjoyed during the holiday season were Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jones Jr., (Dorothy) of the 1300 block Windsmere Ave.

Saturday, Jan. 7 they hosted a post holiday open house which had many guests dropping by for feasting and fun.

Macaroni and tuna salad, barbequed and plain pigs feet, fried and barbequed chicken, pickles, munchies, beer, cocktails and punch comprised the yummy soul-food menu.

The music was great — lots of oldies but goodies — and the party patter was as animated as the holiday decorations which still festooned the dining and living room area.

There were lively squeals of delight as guests savored winning at pinochle and pokeno.

Everyone sang a hearty "Happy Birthday" to host Earl, whose natal day was January 1.

Out for the joy of the evening were Mrs. Mary Smith, Mrs. Irene Canady, Eric Jones, Mr. and Mrs. David Pipkin (Mildred) and son David Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Smith (Lylle-, M's Monteece Jones, M's Phyllis Smith, Mrs. Viola Hill and daughters Shari and Deitdre Hill; M's Denita Jones, Mrs. Sharon Jennings;

Also Germaine Jennings, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jones Jr., Masters Gary Davis, Earl Jones III and Ronald Douglas, M's Yolanda Smith, Mrs. Jean Boone and son Kevin Boone; and Wanda Pipkin and daughter, Sabrina Davis.

ROSEMONT ANNIVERSARY FETE

The Alliance of Rosemont Community Organizations, Inc. (AORCO) held its First Anniversary Celebration recently at the Central Rosemont Recreation Center, 2621 Winchester St., with the theme "You are Our Rose in Rosemont."

The program was opened by Shelton Stewart, chairperson for the affair. Invocation prior to the delicious dinner was by the Rev. Leonard Felton.

Solos delightfully received were done by songstress Mrs. Linda Brown, with Lawrence Overby on pianist.

Keynote speaker Judge Robert Bell was introduced by M's. Shirley M. Fisher.

AORCO "Thank You's" were expressed by Shelton Stewart and Mrs. Virginia Lynch, with the closing prayer by the Rev. Calvin Crosson.

The Alliance of Rosemont Community Organizations, Inc. was founded December 1980 by a group of residents to meet the needs of all citizens in the Rosemont area.

Organizations present included the Northwest Action Organization, Westwood Ave. Neighborhood Association, Rosemont Homeowners and Tenants' Assoc., West Lafayette Community Assoc., Bentalou Improvement- Assoc., Ashbury Presbury Street Assoc., Concerned Citizens of Grayson Street Assoc., Franklintown Rd. Neighborhood Assoc., Western Community Improvement Assoc., Greentewa Community Association and the Bridgeview Neighborhood Improvement Assoc.

The purpose of AORCO, Inc. is to develop and implement a long-range comprehensive plan to revitalize the Rosemont Community through the city administration, private development and active citizen participation.

Officers are Virginia Lynch, president; Shelton Stewart, vice president; Karen Sly, recording secretary; Ellis Strothers, treasurer; Shirley Fisher, financial secretary; Clomiti Glenn, chaplain; and Asbury Butler, parliamentarian.

MONUMENTAL CITY FRIENDS HOST MATES

Members of Monumental City Friends took a breather from their busy civic activities on Friday evening and hosted a dinner party for their husbands and escorts.

Frankie Martin, (Mrs. S. Lee Martin), president of the group, Blanche Buckham, (Mrs. Paul), chaired the affair held at the home of Barbara and Dr. Sam Owings. Members of this group organized four years ago, have concerned themselves with living up to their theme, "Women who care about others."

Their activities have included adoption of a family for an entire year, year long cultural activities for gifted and talented Harlem Park Junior High students, and regular visits to nursing homes.

In addition, the group is conducting monthly projects at the House of Ruth, including purchase of air condition unit. It also gives volunteer service and financial contributions to the New Era Education Center, the AFRO's Mrs. Santa and Clean Block, Provident Hospital, the

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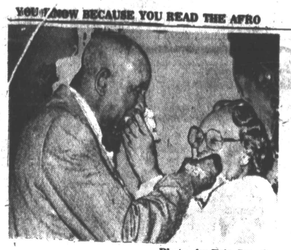

Photos by Eric Grandy

MARRIED 70 YEARS — Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Spencer (Ada), feed each other a slice of their five-tiered cake during the anniversary celebration marking their 70th year of matrimony hosted for them by their children at La Fontaine Bleu, Erdman Ave., Sunday, Jan. 8.

GRANDCHILDREN of the honorees are (left panel, L to R): Stan Spencer, Bonita Thrower, Canelle and Diamecia Spencer; (Right panel, L to R): Steven Spencer, Crystal Williams and Jerry Spencer.

Couple marks 70th anniversary

In these days of half and half divorce, separations and general domestic disharmony, it is refreshing to find a couple with 70 years of marriage behind them who are still going strong.

Such is the case with Samuel and Ada Spencer, who celebrated their 70th year together Sunday, Jan. 8 at a buffet hosted by their children at La Fontaine Bleu, Glen Burnie, MD.

Members of the family and a myriad of friends saluted the couple in song and words of praise and love at an evening of glory which began at 6 p.m.

The grace was offered by grandson Tony Spencer.

There were solos by Mrs. Ruth Denby, daughter-in-law, Michael Allen, and Sherie Denby, (grandchildren) and there was lovely guitar music played throughout by grandchildren Keith and Wayne Denby.

There was also a duet by cousins William and Chester Brooke, of Baltimore, and the male chorus of Hall's Methodist Church, Glen Burnie, (where the honorees have always been members) rendered a selection

The decor of the ballroom was pink, green and white, with table cloths of white, fringed in green and pale pink. Mrs. Spencer wore a dress of pale pink, while her daughters were in dresses of pink and green, and her husband and their sons donned light gray suits.

A representative from Local 333, Union where Samuel Spencer worked as a longshoreman for more than 30 years presented money from the union. Other presentations included the governor's citation and one from Congresswoman Marjorie Holt, diamond rings which were gifts from the family and many, many other gifts and cards.

Serving as hostesses for the occasion were the couple's grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer are the parents of eleven children, six living and five deceased, 52 grandchildren, 65 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

The Spencers were married Dec. 28, 1913 at King's Hall Methodist Church, in Baltimore.

Their living children include Arnetta Williams, Garrison Spencer, Carrie Turner, Audrey and Henson Spencer and Lavern Gardard.

The Spencers cut a five-tiered white cake trimmed with pink and green during the evening.

Daughter Lavern Gardard gave the thanks for the honorees, who said through her, how grateful they were to all for sharing their moment

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Single PARENTING

By Kelly Hill

HOW TO OVERCOME PREJUDICE AND NEGATIVITY

The case usually begins like this. You have just recently separated from your spouse and the papers for your divorce will become final in a month or two.

Recently when you tried to call your girlfriend who is still married you noticed a slight hesitation while she was talking to you., Eventually she stops calling altogether, and the few times that you have seen her and her husband together you don't seem to have much to say to each other anymore.

For men however, the friendship seems to remain intact with fellow buddies. So often, women must be constantly aware of their relationships with their still married friends.

If you try to call and your friend's husband answers you cut the conversation short, and barely ask for your friend to return you call.

You will also notice that if you laugh too hard with your friend's husband the same as before, you just about feel as though you have done something wrong.

There are more and more single parents today than ever before, and because of the myth "there is a shortage" women seem to be displaying a thick line of paranoia involving every woman that comes their way.

Have you noticed how if you are at a party, those who have boyfriends seem to be hanging onto their man's arm for dear life. You feel as though if the man moved too quickly she may fall flat on her face.

Because of the myth and a sense of insecurity that may exist in a relationship, it has become increasingly hard for single parents to be able to initiate a relationship without feeling some sort of hostility from businesses, employers and the community.

Some of the concerns could be for valid reasons. But for the most part the single parent family is a loving, caring, and close knit family. The custodial parent may be more anxious to find a relationship in the beginning, but eventually that parent adjusts to this lifestyle within the first year.

A dating service for single parents does not appeal to everyone and therefore, too often the single parent will run into someone who may say he or she isn't married, but once the relationship has been going on for a month or two the single parent finds out that the person is married.

In order to overcome the rsentment and prejudice that you will receive from the community, you must come to a realization that you are an individual and regardless of your situation, you will not allow the community or business or whoever it may be label you with "negative Single Parent" label.

it is also necessary to realize how they must feel, sometimes they are threatened because you are a single, if it is dealing with a job. Perhaps your employer may feel that you may not do a good job because of your personal situation.

It is up to you to reinforce within your self first, that you, as a single parent, are no different now than you were when you were married.

If hostility is felt continously from either your community or whatever the case may be, especially after you know that you have displayed your capabilities as much as possible, then you need to move on.

There are some who will never accept the single parent and there is nothing that you can do about it.

With all the studies that have been done on single parent families, you cannot judge a family by its cover.

So for all the single parents who have experienced prejudice and negativity within their own small world, remember that it is you that must keep the faith.

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