Benefit Luncheon-Card Party hosted

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THEY PUT IT ALL TOGETHER — Mrs. Catherine Adams and Dr. Nathan Pitts are in jovial spirits over the success of the luncheon-card party fundraiser they co-chaired for the Maryland Committee for Children Saturday, Dec. 1 at the Forum, Primrose Ave.

ROSALIND SETH (R) receives a grand prize, "A Holiday Weekend at the Brookshire" (the newly-built Brookshire Hotel) from presenter Mary Robinson.

WAITING FOR THE DEAL TO GO DOWN during their game of cards are (L to R) Shirley Thornton, Rosada Simmons, Jackie Taliaferro and Gwen Reid.

PAUSING FOR A MOMENT during their game are (from left) Dorothy Marshall, Ivy Harris, Kay Carter and Jimmy LaForest.

It's not unusual when a club or fraternal organization puts together a fundraiser that attracts more than 300 people. However it is quite unique when the same is done by just two people.

That's exactly what happened Saturday, Dec. 1 when co-chairs Mrs. Catherine Adams and Dr. Nathan Pitts, along with volunteers, hosted a benefit luncheon and card party for the Maryland Committee for Children. It was a resounding success.

Held at the Forum, the event, which began at high noon and lasted until late afternoon, drew nearly 400 folks out for good food, chit-chat and games of pinochle, bridge, bid whist and pokeno.

The welcome, by Mrs. Adams was followed by the grace done by Mary Robinson.

The introduction to the Maryland Committee for Children was done by Therese W. Lansburgh, MCC Chair and Sandra J. Skolnik, Executive Director. Janet Singerman is Director of Development and Marketing for the Committee.

During the afternoon's festivities, numerous useful and lovely door prizes were won by elated guests (donated by local businesses as well as individuals) and there were bottles of spirits for high scorers at card games and prizes for pokeno winners.

Additionally, there were several grand prizes. Rosalind Seth won a weekend at the newly-built Brookshire Hotel dubbed the "Brookshire Holiday Weekend." A lovely necklace was won by Kay Carter and a watch by Cheryln Mitchell. Juanita Morton won a bridge trophy for her astonomical 3350 bridge score. A lucky lady also walked away with a gorgeous gray cape.

The Maryland Committee for Children gives service to both the city of Baltimore and the state of Maryland, by promoting early childhood development, developing programs for child day care centers that want it and training child care providers to name a few.

Since its inception in 1945, this private, non-profit organization now based on Water St., has developed 100 different programs to address the needs of children, their latest one being the very timely problem of child abuse and how to deal with it.

Prior to the close of the fundraiser, Dr. Pitts made a presentation to them.

Volunteers for the Maryland Committee for Children include Catherine Adams, Mertyce Bennett, Beatrice Butler, Leona Carpenter, Erma DeBeal, Dorothy Edwards, Sallie Fletcher, Harrison Fuller, Mattie Gardner, Sadie Howell, Dora Hutchinson, Doris Johnson, James Laforest, Ruth M. Land, Lou Lockerman, Audrey Norris, Mary Pitts, Nathan Pitts, Mary Robinson, Marian Russell, Vera Shell, Camilla Sherrard, Minnie Smoot, Mildred Taylor and Pauline Watts.

Beauty Talk

by Jean Ford

HOLIDAY BEAUTY THAT DAZZLES

Holiday nights are the most glittery, glamorous nights of the year. As the season rapidly approaches, it's time to start planning a look that lets us sparkle the night away... beautifully.

To offset that "little black dress," or to stand up to the glitter of sequins and the sheen of luscious silks and satin, our makeup will need its own gem-like brilliance to be in balance. Sophisticated colors, like the alluring ones found in Avon's "Firebird Silks" shade palette, will work well with colorful evening finery for a dramatic, sensuous look.

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Ms. Ford is Manager of Black and Hispanic Markets for Avon Products, Inc.

NABSE Conf. held

The twelth Annual Conference of the National Alliance Black School Educators, (NABSE) was held in Cleveland, OH from November 14-17. The focus of the Conference was "Black Academic and Cultural Excellence."

American education is in the midst of a major reform movement. Subsequent to the National Commission on Excellence report. A Nation At Risk, completed in 1983, 20 or more studies of education have been conducted and reported which generally ignored the educational needs of black, poor or minority learners.

While NABSE issued a position paper in response to A Nation At Risk, in this past year the organization has moved beyond reacting to the works of others to setting the black agenda for educational reform. Consequently, the focus and centerpiece of the 12th Annual Conference was the release of the findings from NABSE's own task force report, Saving the African American Child.

The ten-member task force was chaired by Dr. Asa Hilliard, Georgia State University, and Dr. Barbara Sizemore of the University of Pittsburgh, two nationally renowned black educators. Saving The African American Child has been called the most significant statement concerning black education since Carter G. Woodson's Miseducation of the Negro was published in 1933. Therefore, the 1984 conference facilitated the emergence of NABSE as the voice of black education in America.

The conference sessions highlighted black excellence in education from the K-12 level to academia, from the classroom to the boardroom and showcased traditions of black culture.

Demonstrating black excellence from Baltimore were: Ms. Joanne McNair, of the Herring Run Junior High School, chairperson of the

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United Presbyterian Women host fundraiser

WELCOMING GUESTS to the luncheon - fashion show hosted recently by the United Presbyterian Women of Grace United Presbyterian Church at the Forum.

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RELISHING THE OCCASION are (from left): Ruth C. Smith, Louise Greer, Maybelle Helsey and Joyce Weaver.

SEEN COUNTER - CLOCKWISE are Kathryn Frisby, chairperson for the affair; Gloria Stokes, Primrose Ave. are (L to R): Sara Taylor, Janet Woolridge, Anne Pinckney, Beatrice Payne and Bernetta Floyd.

Lorraine Woods and Mary Sprow, president of United Presbyterian Women.

The United Presbyterian Women of Grace United Presbyterian Church, Greenspring Ave. recently hosted a Post-Thanksgiving luncheon-fashion show at the Forum, Primrose Ave.

Following a delectable luncheon, the latest in fashions were aired by models of the Flair Modeling Agency, with Willie Bland, proprietress, commentating. 350 guests came out to enjoy the luncheon fare and to watch the fashions, which were gorgeous.

The affair, held as a fund-raiser to benefit the United Presbyterian Women's missionary work around the world, was chaired by Mrs. Kathryn Frisby. Other committee members included Charlotte Watkins, Beatrice Payne, Anne Pinkney, Grace Burke, Gladys Gross, Etta Davis, Willia Bland, and Janet Woolridge.

Mrs. Mary Sprow is president of the U.P.W. Mrs. Grace Burke is secretary. Mrs. Beatrice Mayo is treasurer. The Rev. William T. Peters Jr. is church pastor.

PERKY SPECTATORS are (from left): Carol Sinclair, Thelma Bando and Mamie Woodford.

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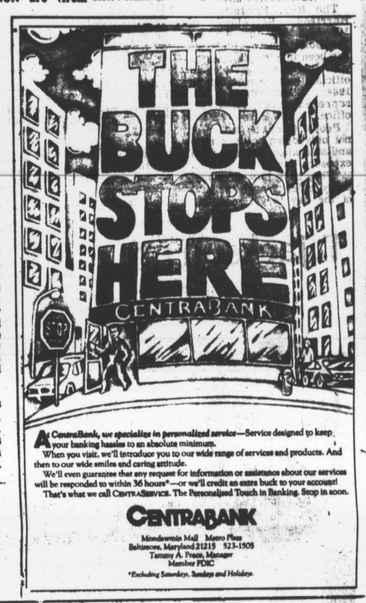

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By the way...

By Joe Black

Quite often Black people have asked me why I spend so much time talking about Black people to Black people. Well, bear with me as I respond with a poem from Ms. Betty Smiley:

"What kind of world do we live in?
Sometimes you can't trust your so-called best friend.
People lie and call you names.
It seems that nothing ever remains the same.
Some people have no respect for human life.
They will kill you, your mother, or your wife.
You try and help a person and pull them up,
but they turn around and kick you in the butt.
There was a time when you could keep your doors
unlocked and have no fear.
but now you cringe when a stranger comes too near.
We have to arm our homes like a prison camp,
bars on the doors and windows, afraid to open the door.
We just don't trust people anymore.
When you want to go out in your neighborhood
to have some fun, you have to watch over
your shoulder and be ready to run.
Teens have no regard for their fellow man,
they play loud music on the bus: if you ask them
to turn the music down, they turn around and
start to cuss.
Whites hating Blacks, Blacks hating whites.
Why can't we realize that under the skin we're all
just alike.
So if you want to make this world a better place,
we must all learn to love and respect the whole human race."

My friends, when more of us begin to substitute love for hate, then I will come writing "By The Way."

Joe Black
Vice President
The Greyhound Corporation

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Baltimore exhibit, which focused on the history of the organization in Baltimore; Ms. Barbara A. Bennett, The Johns Hopkins University, Marvin Teliaferro Sampson and Dr. Cathy Pope Smith - both of the Federal Hill Elementary School, who were conference presenters on the topic: Professional Development: A Unique Approach.

Other Baltimoreans in attendance were: Dr. Rebecca Carroll, Dr. Hilbert Stanley, Dr. James Buford, Dr. Barbara Jackson, Dr. Constance Carter Cooper, Dr. John Crew;

Mendames Betty West, Bennie Keene, Alice Press, Juanita Lewis, Judy Moore, Dr. Warren Hayman, and Messrs. Preston Roney, Charles "Chuck" Thomas and Ms. Maggie Lane.

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Parent Advisory Council for Exceptional Children of Baltimore City is having its first meeting of the 1984-85 school year.

Date: Thursday, December 13, 1984, Time: 7:00 - 9:00 P.M., Place: Harford Heights Elementary School No. 36, Broadway and North Avenue, Topic: Disciplinary Removal, Suspension and Reinstatement of Handicapped Students.

The meeting is for parents of handicapped children in Baltimore CCity. The general public is invited. For more information call 396-7010.

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