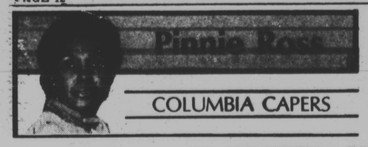

COLUMBIA CAPERS

NANBPW TAKES HISTORICAL EXCURSION

The National Association of Negro Business & Professional Women's Clubs, Inc., Columbia Club, toured the Maryland State House and the Banneker-Douglass Museum recently. This historical excursion was a celebration of the Freeing of the Slaves in Maryland.

The club celebrates the progress of the Black American in Maryland. The excursion was followed by a delicious luncheon.

Clemma Carrington, first vice president and chairperson and Sylvia Cooke Martin, national historian were the trip organizers.

Many organizations were respresented, but the bulk of the young people were represented from the Columbia Chapter of Jack and Jill under the able direction of Fay Acker and Yvonne Howell. They brought a total of 22 children.

Mrs. Acker sent a complimentary letter to Mrs. Sylvia Cooke Martin for a trip well planned and for the individual kits she presented to each one in attendance which contained valuable information on Blacks.

Congratulations to our NANBPW club editor, Mrs. Jacquelin Banks, a teacher at the Calvin Rodwell Elementary School No.256, Baltimore, MD for participation in Howard County Community project.

She is a member of the Coalition of Black History, Howard County and has been a faithful worker since its inception four years ago.

The citation was presented from the office of Public Relations from Baltimore City Schools.

TRAVIS WINKEY 'BLACK DESIGNERS' SHOWCASE

The fifth Annual Travis Magazine International Designer's Show featuring New York Designers will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Inner Harbor, Sunday, February 3 with a reception at 7 p.m. with the Designer Show getting on its way at 8 p.m.

Featured in the show will be New York Designers, world renowned Ron Chew LTD, Michael Weeks, Hair Designer, Larenza Myers, Designer of Leather and Suede, and Keith Martin, wedding gowns.

Also participating in the show will be designers from New Jersey, Washington, D.C. and Baltimore.

So will international models Rashid Silvera, Allen Cephus, and Ralph Wright along with models from Texas, Philadelphia and New Jersey.

This year Travis will make a presentation to the Community College of Baltimore's Fashion Design Department.

Canadian Club, the sponsor of the Fashion Show, kicked off an exclusive press party last Tuesday at the Central Data Business and Technology Center.

More than 200 guests were in attendance and enjoyed a beautiful display of refreshments, interspersed with fashions by award winning designers who have paved the way and set an example for up and coming Black Designers.

The show is being coordinated and produced by the one and only Travis Winky of Travis' Magazine.

For further information please call Crystal Clear Fulwood, 361—225-7755.

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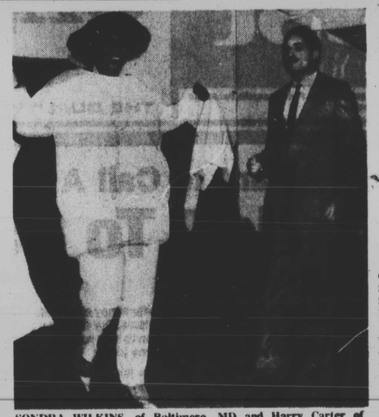

SONDRA WILKINS, of Baltimore, MD and Harry Carter of Washington, DC are two of the models who will participate in the Black Designer Showcase to be done by Travis Winkey.

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Trustees and Joseph Alexander, account executive for E.F. Hutton.

Three of the Boone's children attended the affair—Dana Boone, 15, Roger 16, and Kenneth Boone attorney at law and his fiancee Francine Thorton, third year law student at Temple University. Unable to attend was their son Gregory, professional football player with the Tampa Bay Bandits, USFL.

Howard Boone is a graduate of Dunbar High School. He holds a BA from Hampton Institute and a MBA from Babson College. He is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

Margaret Boone is a graduate of Dunbar High School and Towson State University. She is Vice-President and President elect of Burke-Fairfax Chapter of Jack and Jill of America and a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

Other Kappas and Deltas present were Phillis Honor, Cookie Greene, Vernon Stansbury, Bob Warren, Kenneth Boone, Francine Thorton, Jack Rozier, Fred Greene, Judy George, Rick Montgomery, David Asbury and Melvin Byrd and Jan Willis.

AMANDA BROOKS' B'DAY PARTY

Recently Amanda L. Brooks celebrated her seventieth birthday at the Ramada Downingtown Inn Resort in Downingtown, PA. A special program was planned and presented to her by her sons and daughters — Claudette E. Stewart, Lowry M. Brooks, Joyce B. Brown, Bernetia R. Brooks, Timothy A. Brooks, Cranston L. Brooks, Bessira O. Brooks, Ethel I. Simmons, Starlette A. Gwaltney, Haywood C. Brooks, Carroll A. Brooks, Cheryle B. Johnson and Christopher A. Brooks.

Some of her favorite songs included "Johnny, Get Ready, It's Marching Time" (a song she sang to each baby) and "Trees."

Other guests included Ann Bland, Charlotte E. Brooks, Tia Brooks, Daryl Brown, Glynis Brown, Thomas Brown, Hattie Edmonds, Kelli Gwaltney, LaKesha Gwaltney, Robert Gwaltney, Nathan Johnson, Nicole Perdue, Jerome Rawles, Catherine Royston, Kimberly Simmons, Roger Simmons, Derrick Woods, Michael Woods, and Roslyn Woods.

Everyone participated in the program which ended with everyone giving her a rose while singing, "Only a Rose."

JACK AND JILL FOUNDERS DAY SET

The Jack and Jill of America, Inc., Baltimore chapter, is preparing to celebrate its 39th anniversary of Founder's Day.

Although the first group was organized in Philadelphia in 1939, the national organization of Jack and Jill was founded in 1946 and Baltimore was one of the eight groups represented. The Baltimore chapter was organized by a mother's group, the Cornelias. There are presently 164 groups nationwide.

The purpose of the organization then and now, according to the Baltimore chapter president, Rita Selby, "has been to create opportunities for children to come together in various activities that are constructive, educational, recreational and social with the parents always being involved."

The 1984-85 calendar of activities is quite typical. In September, the opening meeting consisted of a catered family picnic on the grounds of St. Paul's School in Brooklandville. The guest speaker was Dr. Margaret Musgrove, a noted author of children's books.

Another family activity will be family worship and the celebration of Black History Month with members worshipping together at the Calvary Baptist Church on the 10th of February.

Groups are organized by age and activities are planned accordingly. Some of the activities on the agenda for the 3 to 6 age group include visiting museums, show and tell and bowling.

The 7 to 10 group has plans for a winter festival, toys for daycare center and ice skating.

Visiting and sharing with hospitalized youth along with skiing and theater parties are on the calendar for the 11 and 12 year olders.

The group of 13-14's look forward to horseback riding, Black History Month celebration and group parties.

The teen group (15-17) plans include disco party, theater and volunteer service. These are just a few of the activities enjoyed by members of Jack and Jill.

The organization strongly supports several charities and civic agencies. Recently, contributions of $1000 were presented to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People as well as the United Negro College Fund during its national telethon.

Volunteer service is given to the American Heart Association. Calvary Baptist Day Care Center is a regular recipient of Jack and Jill's involvement in its community.

This year's Founder's Day celebration will take place Sunday, February 3 at Provident Hospital Auditorium. Each age group will participate. Several charter members are also expected to attend.

B&P HAPPENINGS

The Business and Professional Womens Clubs are sponsoring a Card Party and Luncheon to benefit the Students' Scholarship Fund on Feb. 2, 12 Noon to 4 p.m. at the Forum. Prizes will be given. For ticket information call Mrs. Edna Russell, 664-3942.

The Cultural Committee of the Business and Professional Womens Clubs is sponsoring a Panel Discussion "Apartheid: Black South Africans Speak Out" at Heritage United Church of Christ, 3106 Liberty Heights Avenue, February 17, 5-7 p.m.

Congressman Parren J. Mitchell, Dr. Samuel Banks and Dr. Michael Kamara will react to discussion.

The public is invited. Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

ELI PLATT, of Dukeland St., Baltimore, recently received a service Anniversary Award from the Davison Chemical Division, W. R. Grace and Co., where he is employed.

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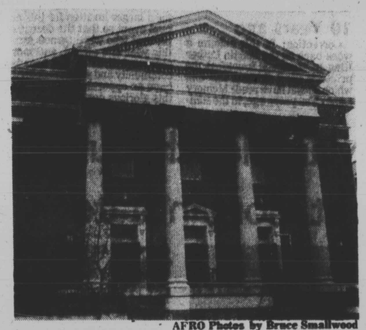

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DOUGLAS MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CHURCH at Lafayette and Madison Avenues, has for more than 60 years provided services to area residents earning the title "THE REAL COMMUNITY CHURCH."

Douglass Memorial Community Church is a church of the people, by the people and for the people.

And it's really no accident that the line conjures memories of President Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.

Lincoln, in that address, spoke of a government committed to the advancement of its own people by their own efforts with the help of proper assistance and guidance.

And no one anywhere can really deny the interest Douglass Memorial has for the progress of its own members.

Perhaps described as a government within itself is too strong, but definitely an organized body of progressive pioneers is more adequate for a membership so willing to stand on their own principals as a united congregation.

Members of Douglass Memorial are certainly among the most well cultured and politically sophisticated church goers in the city.

Much of that might be because of the activeness of their 36-year pastor, Rev. Marion Bascom, who has done everything from heading the prestigous Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance to running for City Council President.

But another reason just might be because of the activeness of members themselves.

There are some 12 circles or auxiliary organizations at the church that placed major focus on providing services to church and community citizens.

Often the depth of involvement leads to educational experiences that enlighten the members about various programs and agencies that help recipients of their services.

The circles provide a variety of services from Christian book reviews to seminars and lectures ranging from biogenetics to how to vote properly for a candidate.

Among the most popular of the service organizations are the Deborah and Estel Tilghman Circles, two of the oldest in the church who have been instrumental in providing aid to some local nursing homes, hospitals and agencies.

Most of the circles in the church are aimed at reinforcing the health and welfare of the members.

In 1950, a credit union was established and now has assets above a quarter of a million dollars. It was the first credit union in the state of Maryland established at a black church.

Founded in 1925 by Rev. Frederick Douglass as Cosmopolitan A.M.E. Church, Douglass Memorial has gone out of its way to live up to the "community" in its new name that was adopted in 1939 in honor of the first pastor.

All of its service programs implemented through curch circles were to make sure the idea of a community-oriented institution became and continued to be a reality.

Annually spending more than $6000 each on Christmas food programs and scholarship aid to youths, members are sure that the idea has very much stayed a reality.

The church has recently educated completely two African students in the last five years.

Douglas Memorial is the founder of Camp Furthest Out, a program where several hundred underprivileged children for four two-week periods throughout the summer are taken to camp and exposed to various arts and crafts and recreational activity.

Most referrals to the program come from the city's Department of Social Service.

Also the owner and sponsor of Douglas Village, a housing project in the 1300 block of Madison Ave., Douglas Memorial Community Church is continuing to invest in the future of its congregation.

"The real community church" is growing and even more so benefiting its members in the process.

Douglas Memorial is definitely elevating itself to a most unusual sort of self-run government with every intent of providing full liberation to its people — a government that's of the people, by the people and for the people.

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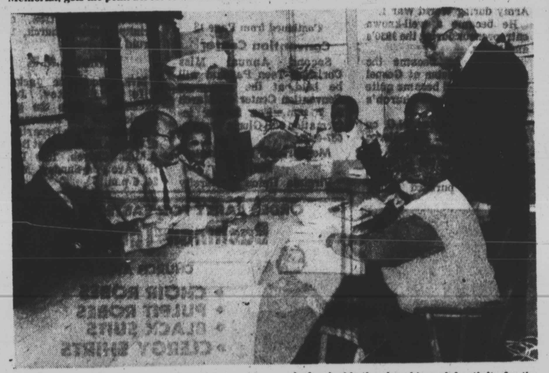
REV. MARION BASCOM, pastor of Douglas Memorial, gets the point across to his 800-member congregation. The church is among the most influential in the city.



FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS in this photo at work represent the seriousness with which circle members take their task. Some 12 circles decide the church's social activity for the area neighborhood via food programs, seminars, etc.

TRAIN A CHILD THE WAY HE SHOULD GO — A great deal of time is spent with children at Douglas Memorial. Shown is a long-time member Henri Daniels (left) preparing Kimberly Robertson (center) and Angela Watkins for cold weather outside.

Baptists sponsor banquet

Some one thousand people from all over the state are expected to attend the 25th Annual Awards Banquet sponsored by the Baptist Congress of Christian Education to be held tonight, Friday, February 1 at Martins West, 6817 Dogwood Road, 6:30 p.m.

Organizers of the event announced some 40 activists in the local Maryland chapter of the United Baptist Missionary Convention, Inc. will receive awards for their services to the convention and their own individual churches.

Most of the awards will be presented for Baptist school and church work, but a national distinguished service award will be presented to one of these workers.

The one chosen for this year's Mike Washington Conner Award for Distinguished Service is Miss Mary Davis, a long-time member of Perkins Square Baptist Church.

The national award is being given to Miss Davis for her contributions to Baptist cause as a Christian education worker, teacher and lecturer in the laboratory school in the National Congress of Christian Education, auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A.

An organization of forty or more churches in the local area, the Baptist Congress of Christian Education strives to promote Christian education throughout Maryland and vicinity.

It is within this structure that Sunday School teachers are properly taught for participating churches.

Heading the local chapter is Rev. Lester P. Hamrick. The group operates out of Baptist headquarters at 1434 McCulloh Street.

Theme for the banquet affair will be "Go evangelize! Reach! Teach! And nurture!"

Brief talks on the theme will be given by President Hamrick, United Missionary Convention Baptist president Lorenzo Graves and Women's president of the Baptist Convention Bessie Mason.

Other awardees include Mrs. Annie Gibbs, member of New Antioch Baptist Church, for her specialization in kindergarten class work for the church school.

Silas Craft of First Baptist Church of Guilford, chairman of the convention's Trustee Board will also be honored.

"We kind of expect this to be a very special affair," remarked President Hamrick. "Most of these winners have worked hard and have really earned these recognitions."

Metro Church Briefs

New Bethel

The church family of New Bethel, 2900 Dorchester Rd., will be celebrating the 3rd annual anniversary of their co-pastor, Rev. Marie Antoinette Phillips, on February 3, 3:30 p.m. Speaker for the occasion will be Rev. Michael Thomas (Adams Chapel). Solo guest will be singer Julia Mae Price-Williams.

Simmons Memorial Baptist

King Specials of Simmons Memorial Baptist Church, Pennsylvania Ave. and Cumberland St., will celebrate their sixth anniversary on Sun., Feb. 3, 7:30 p.m.

St. Pius V

A black awareness program will be sponsored at the St. Pius V Church, 521 N. Schroeder Street, on Sunday, February 3, beginning at the 9 a.m. Mass. Bishop John Ricard will be the celebrant. Former vice president of student affairs at Morgan State University, Dr. Warren Hayman, will be the guest speaker. Every Sunday during the month of February will be talks on outstanding black Americans. There will also be an 11 a.m. Mass with black history talks, too.

Ray of Hope Baptist

Nurses of Ray of Hope Baptist Church, 3000 Parkside Drive, will celebrate their annual day on Sun., February 3, 5 p.m. Rev. Joseph Lewis, pastor of Greater St. John Baptist Church of Turner Station, will be the guest speaker.

Ezra Baptist

Elder J.D. Fowler will be the 11 a.m. speaker for Youth Day at Ezra Baptist Church, 3800 Glenmore Ave., on Sunday, February 3.

Miracle Center

A pre-Valentine Day Gospel Extravaganza to honor Deacon Abraham Cash will be held Sunday, February 3, 3:30 p.m. at Miracle Deliverance Center, 3108 Walbrook Ave., given by the Southern Silvertones. Guests for the $5 occasion will include The True Tones of D.C., Gospel Harmonizers of S.C., Mighty Wonders, Phiffer Family and Young Gospelairs.

Waters A.M.E.

Olton Singing Society will present its first sacred musical concert at Waters A.M.E. Church, 427 Aisquith St. on Sunday, February 3, 4 p.m.

Cahill Recreation Center

A dinner and play entitled "Don't Block My Path" written by minister J.D. Fowler will be held Friday, February 8, 8 p.m. at the Cahill Recreation Center, 4001 Clifton Ave. Featured actors include Linda McNeil, Craig Fowler and Deacon Ronald Huff.

City Temple Baptist

Senior Usher Day at City Temple Baptist Church, Eutaw Place and Dolphin St., will be held 5 p.m. on February 10. A play, "The Old Ship of Zion," will be presented also by the Christian Players.

Simmons Memorial Baptist

Organ and Piano Committee of Simmons Memorial Baptist Church, Pennsylvania Ave. and Cumberland St., will be celebrating its anniversary on Sunday, February 10, 8 p.m. Rev. Clarence Poole, pastor of Ebenezer Baptist, will be guest speaker.

Morgan State

Damon Productions present Revs. Al Green and Shirley Caesar in concert at the Morgan State University Hill Field House on Sunday, February 10, 6 p.m. Other guests include Little Cedric and the Hailey Singers and Edna Isaac and the Greene Sisters.

Gwynndale Ave.

A Bible lecture on the subject, "Christianity and Eastern Religions," will be held Sunday, Feb. 17, 2:30 p.m. at 2606 Gwynndale Ave. Dr. Ray Earnshaw will be the lecturer. For further info. call 747-2915.

Grace A.M.E.

Family and friends of Grace A.M.E. Church will be at the church on Sunday, February 17 for their special day. Families are invited to participate on the program.

St. John A.M.E.

Annette Houston, noted soprano, will be in recital at St. John A.M.E. Church, 810 N. Carrollton Ave., on Sun., February 17, 5 p.m. $5.

St. Mary's Seminary

A seminar - panel discussion on Liberation Theology will be held at St. Mary's Seminary, 5400 Roland Ave., on Saturday, February 23 from 7 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. For further info. call Rev. Susan Dunlap, 448-2666.

Revival Mission

A mid-winter gospel musical extravaganza will be held at the Revival Mission Church, 22 S. Fulton Ave., on Sunday, February 24, 3:30 p.m.

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