AFRO press foreman retires

Joseph Goldman employed 47 years

He is a personable gentleman, that Joseph Goldman.

Ever-smiling and with a countenance that would melt the ice off a popsicle, he roamed the corridors of the AFRO-AMERICAN Building for 47 years spreading pleasantries among fellow employees.

That joy was lost to his colleagues on Nov. 1 with Mr. Goldman's retirement as the AFRO's chief pressman, a job he has held since 1953, and part of a career at the paper that first began in 1937.

Known to friends and co-workers as "Goldman," he came to the AFRO following his graduation from Douglass High School.

A native Baltimorean, he was born under the sign of Aries on March 9, 1917.

Those early years on the paper were spent learning the ropes of the print trade.

The young Goldman was hired as a "flyboy," and it was his responsibility to make sure that the newspapers were properly positioned on the press conveyor belt.

Two years later, in 1939, he was promoted to full-fledge printer. He remained in that post for five years.

He became a journeyman in his trade. It was his responsibility to operate the huge metal machinery that would ultimately produce the community's familiar Tuesday and Friday copies of the AFRO, as well as the other eight editions.

Joseph Goldman (left) and his supervisor, Frederick A. Howard, AFRO vice president for production.

His greatest thrill in all his years, Mr. Goldman said, was the opportunity the paper gave him to hobnob with the "great black entertainers, sports figures, and politicians who paraded through the AFRO's doors over the years."

Always humorous, when asked how he planned to spend all that free time he has now, Mr. Goldman quipped, "First, I have to paint my house."

"Goldman. We'll sorely miss you."

Friday reception to support Black United Fund

By Lamont Curry
AFRO Staff Writer

The Black United Fund of Greater Baltimore, Inc. (BUF), is throwing a bash today (Friday). It is a free reception, repiete with refreshments, etc., to drive home the importance of supporting the only independent black charity organization in the city.

BUF, one of 16 affiliate chapters of the National organization that was established in the early '70s, is designed to secure funds from different sectors and to distribute those monies to community-based organizations rendering service in a given black community. The organization is in the middle of a fund-raising campaign.

Bob Cheeks, local BUF director, said that the critical aspect of the effort is communicating that blacks pool their own resources so they might go back to the areas of need.

"That's one way black people won't have to beg other people to do for us what we can do for ourselves.

"If we were strong we could give Provident the money it needs," he said.

BUF's official appeal runs until Dec. 14. Friday's affair (Nov. 8) will be held in the offices of Attorney William H. "Billy" Murphy, 1007 N. Calvert St., from 5:30 p.m. until 10 p.m.

For more information call 467-7460.

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RETIREMENT FOR VERNA

Over 400 guests attended the gala retirement for Verna Lee Day held recently at the Forum. Verna retired after 40 years employment with the Social Security Administration.

In addition to her employment she was also involved in many community activities and in acting.

The guests were from the many areas of her work and community involvement. Family members included her mother, Mrs. Marie Lee; her Aunt from Detroit, MI. Mrs. Helen Larkins. A bus load from Centreville Maryland where her late husband the Rev. John Day was former Pastor, was there, and members of the Atholton Charge.

Over 50 members from her church, (Douglas Memorial Community) were in attendance.

Speakers on her behalf were: the Rev. Marion Bascom; pastor of Douglas Memorial Community Church, who also gave the invocation and grace; Catherine Luckett, Representing the Church School at Douglas. Sally Gallagher, of Federally Employed Women; Vivian Stanfield, Representing the Mayor's Office, who presented Verna with a proclamation and a pewster tray; Mamie Jones, Representing the National Council of Negro Women; Eva Miller, of The Woodlawn Toastmistress Club; Charlotte Weston, of The Social Security Credit Union; Herbert Doggett, Deputy of Operations Social Security Adm, who also presented Verna with a plaque; Lynette Kobashi, Division Director the Office of Training; Fred Robinson, Former Supervisor; Leonard Frankford, of The Baltimore Radio Reading Service; Samuel H. Wilson, president of The Arena Players, and Vivian Gardner, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority basilens.

Plaques also were received from Enon Baptist church and from Congressman Parren Mitchell.

Congratulation Letters were received from; Nelson Sabatini, Associate Commissioner for Management, Budget and Personnel; House Speaker, Benjamin Cardin; Senator Paul S. Sarbanes and Senator Charles McMathias.

Governor Harry Hughes sent a Proclamation delcaring the day Verna Day Day in Maryland. The honoree also received one from Mayor Schaefer declaring it 'Verna Day Day in Baltimore.'

Verna also received a beautiful Plaque from the Commissioner of Social Security, Martha McSteen, and many other gifts, flowers, and a VCR, Camera and cash. According to Verna, "It was the greatest day of my life."

The committee for the affair included members of the Analyst Common Needs Training Branch, Betsy Bulter, Earl Burton, Eunice Robins, George Schuette and Jane White.

Vera Martin coordinated Douglas Memorial Church, Virginia Maddox, The people from Centreville, MD.

Verna's Supervisor, Nathaniel Trader, and office staff Gwen Richberg and Sandra McGill and Fernado Stewart-Bey.

Hostesses were Delores Cofield, Carleza Johnson, and Ruby Lee. The emcee was Earl Burton.

Soloist was Eric Dennis.

The music was provided by Dennis Fisher and his band.

Video Taping was done by Darrell Taylor and Photographers were Dennis Day and Lemont Johnson.

Verna's other family members were her two daughters - Stephanie Marie Day, Lina E. Day, her two sons, John Minor Day and Dennis N. Day, and her sister-in-law, Irma Roy.

For the occasion Verna wore a Sequinned gown of beige with blue, gold and rose sequined flowers, with shoes to match and a matching stoles.

Verna, though retired, plans to keep busy. She has returned to the Braille Services Branch at SSA to fill in for two months for a lady on maternity leave as a reader. She also plans to continue her acting career with the Arena Players and says she would love to get into television.

Verna, who hails from Pittsburgh, PA, has been in Baltimore for 42 years. She was educated in Pittsburgh and migrated here with her husband, the late John Day, former assistant pastor of Douglas Memorial A.M.E. Church.

She is a member of the National Council of Negro Women, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., Sigma Wives, Woodlawn Toastmistress Club, Maryland League of Women's Clubs, The Mass Transit Advisory Board, AFTRA and Actor's Equity and Las Doces and is on the Board of Directors of the Arena Players, and member of the Pittsburghers.

CITY EMPLOYEES HALLOWEEN DANCE

Baltimore City Employees Morale and Civic Benefit Fund enjoyed a festive time at their "Halloween Dance" in Lexington Market, Friday, November 1.

A sumptuous selection of food included: seafood salad, chicken salad, tuna salad, steak subs, turkey, ham, roast beef, corned beef sandwiches, chicken wings, western fries, yellow and swiss cheeses, fruit salad, ice cream and sodas.

One of the highlights of the evening featured a costume contest for the scariest, most original, funniest, prettiest and the best couple.

Celebrity judges included: Mayor MacEachron, Hasting on the Hudson, NY; Judge Robert Bell, Court of Appeals; Debbie Wright, WJZ-TV; Tom Latanzi, WMAR-TV and Don O'Bryant, WJZ-TV, emcee.

Committee members were Kewanee Smith, Chairperson; Daryell Mack, Laura MacEachron, Ed Taylor, Susan Kaskie, Robert Guy and Doug Brady.

On the Decorating Committee were Laura MacEachron, Hastings Roberts, Dave Zeunges, Donna Dormstead and Susan Otradovec.

POST-HALLOWEEN -B'DAY PARTY

Friday night, Nov. 1 Sandra "Sandy" East hosted a post-Halloween Birthday party at her Bowers Ave. home which turned out to be a winner.

Guests enjoyed honey fried chicken, corn-on-the-cob, bean salad, and other edibles and sippables which made for much palate pleasure, and much lively party patter.

Sandy, who received many lovely cards, had unselfishly asked her guests to bring, instead of gifts for her, contributions for the AFRO's Mrs. Santa and for Providence Baptist Church, of which she is a member. She was very successful in gathering funds for both.

Party guests included Angie McClain, Howard Lynch, Marjorie Jennings, Leonard Boone, Billy and Darcell Morris, Nathalia Roberts, Estelle Pinkett, Sheryl Woodland, Valerie Dean, Alem and Sanday Stefanos, Fred and Vivian Bailey, Sherman and Adrea Abraham, Gloria Johnson, William Contee, Eleanor Bellamy, Marguerite East, Ricky Maker, Calvin Woodland, Lahce Brown and John Holt.

Ms. Verna Lee Day

OOPS!

Forgot to mention that during the Ebony Fashion Fair sponsored by the Baltimore Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority recently, Delta Doris Nash won a big mink hat and matching boa from Moore Cigarettes, for being the highest ticket seller for the affair.

Soror Nash has been the highest ticket seller for five years. Last year Ms. Nash won the flight to Acapulco, MX, from American Airlines.

MARJORIE GREEN RETIRES

A highly festive retirement celebration is being held Sunday, November 10 from 3 until 7 p.m. at the Grey Rock Mansion, 8901 Reisterstown Rd., Pikesville, MD.

"Margie," as she is fondly called, is retiring from Social Security, and her retirement fete you won't want to miss.

Interested parties may contact Caradella Robinson, 597-2116; Deanie Green, 594-3853; Doris Street, 594-1174 or LeVenia Ryce, 962-6152.

FAMILY REUNION

The Carter-Williams family reunion was held recently in

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Ten Karats celebrate fifth anniversary

TEN KARAT CLUB MEMBERS join guests in a midnight toast during their festive dinner dance hosted Friday, Oct. 25 at La Fontaine Bleu, Glen Burnie. (L to R) are: Patricia Everett, Dolores Beaman, Audrey Cain, Ruth Allen, Pamela Bullock, Rosi Jangdharrie, LaVerne Naesea Mairea, Casandra Ross, Lynn Cummings and Brenda Baker.

Photos by Paris

CAN CAN GIRLS who were a special highlight in action during the festivities are (from left): Barbara Gonzalez, Barbara Sampson and Velma Martin.

'Evening in Paris' was the theme of the elegant fifth anniversary affair hosted by Ten Karats, Inc. Saturday, Oct. 25 at LaFontaine Bleu, Glen Burnie. The group's ten gracious hostesses transported its guests to the French scene with an evening of unique entertainment.

Can-Can dancers, the traditional French Gigolo vignette, led by Rodney Jackson, and a dinner serenade by prominent violinist Robert Smith of the Bob Smith Trio, captured the evening's mood.

Enchanted guests, numbering nearly 200, were returned to our own native scene by the upbeat rhythm and blues sounds of Benny Johnson and Inflight Band.

Ten Karats consists of 10 women of varied social and professional orientations, who have been very active in social and charitable activities during the last five years.

Officers are Brenda Baker, president; Rosie Jangdharrie-Palmer, vice president; Audrey Cain, recording secretary; Pamela Bullock, financial secretary and Casandra Ross, treasurer.

Other members are Patricia Everette, Linda Cummings, Ruth Allen, Dolores Beamon and LaVerne Naesea.

The affair, which began at 10 p.m. and lasted until 2 a.m., left everyone in an effervescent mood -- just as if they were still in Pairs.

COEVORDEN, The Netherlands — It was promotion time for Rodger M. Matthews as impressive ceremonies in a 1,000-year-old castle attended his elevation to the rank of major in the U.S. Army. On hand to pin on his major's leaves was his wife, Victoria; and his father, Bob Matthews, who flew over to Europe especially for the occasion. Looking on is Col. Pocock, who flew in from W. Germany to administer the oath of office to Major Matthews.

CUTTING THE CAKE is the signal that the festivities are about to begin, as Maj. and Mrs. Rodger (Victoria) Matthews cut the first slice. Besides military NATO personnel, city officials, including the Burgomeister (mayor) were in attendance. It was a happy occasion for all, who ate, drank, and made merry--with the bill going to the newly-anointed army major. He paid it without a murmur.