## Smiles orchids

Smile-of-the-week orchids to 24-year-old Charlene D. Edwards of Edgewood Road. She is a medical student at the University of Maryland.

We shared a table at the recent student medical association dinner, and that's how we learned she is a young woman to watch.

She is a 1981 Western High grad, earned her bachelor's at the U. of N.C. in 1985. She is the youngest of six children of Mr. and Mrs. John Edward, (Pauline). Family attends Friendship Baptist Church.

Another pleasant young woman at the table with smiles in her voice, was Miss Patricia Waters, a registered nurse at the Wilmer Eye clinic at Hopkins Hospital.

Speaker at the dinner was famed neurosurgeon, Dr. Walker Robinson. He remined studnets that if they seek and achieve excellence they can not be turned down.

And he urged that when they finish their medical training and become doctors they should be involved in their communities.

CUFF NOTE: He told the gathering he was inspired by the late Dr. Ralph Young, who was a community leader in East Baltimore, where he grew up.

## More smiles

Plenty of sunshine in the voice of Mrs. Mildred Hatcher, the retired public school cafeteria works, who was on the job 36 years.

She is a delight to know. When we spotted her at a west Baltimore cafeteria, she was noting she had reached her 76th birthday, and we observed she didn't look it. With her, her daughter, Mrs. Connie Ridgely, a pleasant young woman like her mother, and her son, Vernon Ridgely. Many may remember Mrs. Hatcher's late husband, Arthur Hatcher, the postal employee and Masonic leader.

Busy school principal who keeps a pleasant manner is Joseph L. Press. He heads West Baltimore Middle School on North Bend Road. Pupils in grades 6 to 8, (ages 10 to 14), Number 1600. There are 113 faculty members.

# Bettye Moss
## IF YOU ASK ME

Always with a smile on her face and in her voice—that's Mrs. Maree Fraser (Mrs. Thomas Fraser), long choir member at Trinity Presbyterian Church. Equally pleasant is her hubby who is former Morgan U. distinguished prof, and once interim president.

Jerome Lovelace writes "Thanks for your smile section. I truly believe that people who greet you in a kindly manner at public places help make the day for many. James Silverstone is such a person. He picks up the trash in our neighborhood (East North Avenue), and he never fails to say "have a good day" and he smiles, too."

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READERS: Please share your smile orchids with this column. Write Smiles, If You Ask Me, Baltimore AFRO-American, P.O. Box 1857, 21203, and please, smile...smile...smile...

## For New Year

New Year's resolution verse

The following/is reprinted from Leroy Brownlow's *"Today Is Mine"*.

I am RESOLVED...

...To forget past mistakes and press on to greater achievement.
...To put first things first.
...To make my work a joy.
...To allow nothing to disturb my peace of mind.
...To never lose self-control
...To spend so much time improving myself that I have no time for criticism of others.
...To think the best, work for it and expect it.
...To be a friend to man.
...To stand for the right.
...To be true.
...To be kind.
...To take every disappointment as a stimulant.
...To live on the sunny side of every cloud.
...To smile.
...To look ahead.
...To keep moving.

## About people

People doing meaningful things for young people: Members of Baltimore chapter the Inter-Alumni Council Black Colleges and Universities. They took 30 students from Baltimore area high schools on a three-day tour of colleges last month.

Youngsters had an opportunity to learn first hand about courses available at Johnson C. Smith in Charlotee, A and T and Bennett in Greensboro and North Carolina Central in Durham.

It was the third annual tour sponsored by the Council, which is headed by James M. Griffin. His wife, Cardrienne, coordinated the trip. Julia Davison was tour guide, and Velma Green and Ronald Williams counselors for the Maryland Educational Opportunity Center, were present to provide guidance.

## On the trip

Students who made the trip were: Jacquenette Barbor, Sonia Baldwin, Tindale Yale and Kenda Bell of Walbrook High; Ken C. Johnson and Aaron Parker, Douglass; Vedrin Colvin and L'Tasha Wilson, Booker T. Washington Junior High;

Also, Marni Fenwick, and Lynette Hammond, Western HIgh; Michael Benitz, Charlise Jones and Felicia Lomax, Frank Scroggings and Sherrita Yates, Dundalk High; Amonica Blizzard and Michele Jones, Woodlawn High; Edward Jackson, Forest Park; Judsin B. Kerr and Desiree Merrick, City College;

And Chalyn Watts and Roderick Williams, Northwestern High; Aaron Burley, Oakland Milles; Michael Menefee, Wilde Lake; Russell More, Centennial; Tyrone Patterson, Southwestern; Samuel Stackhouse, Southern; Monique Smallwood, Edmondson; Clinton Jordan, Greenspring; and Sharon Wilson, Community College.

Parents on the trip were Mrs. Martha Blizzard, Mrs. Edith Colvin and Mrs. Frances Burley.

## TV star at 11

If you've seen the Maryland Educational Television (Channel 45) commercial on educational programs, you've probably wondered about some of the youngsters featured.

Eleven-year-old Tara Maraj is featured in the three-minute commercial which details the educational programs the station offers (from Sesame Street to college credits).

The spot was produced by Cherryale Burge, the station's coordinator of outreach programs.

Young Tara is a seventh grader at Northeast Middle School on Moravia Road in East Baltimore. Mrs. Beverly Crisp is principal.

## Studio

CUFF NOTE: This school has its own television studio. Each morning students produce a television show with announcements beamed to each homeroom. Tara and other students serve in various roles-weather announces, camera, anchor, etc.

Tara is daughter of attorney Roberta Gill. She is a member of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church, but sometimes attends Sharp Street Methodist Church and sings on the choir.

Many knew her material grandma, the late Mrs. Rubye C. Gill, an active Sharp Street member until her death in Oct. 1986, and her late grandpop, Dr. Robert L. Gill, the Morgan U. professor.

CUFF: Uncle, Dr. Walter Gill, teaches communications at U. of Nebraska in Omaha.

# Infamous 'Ax Rosie' dies in prison at 89

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of Maryland.

The then 38 year-old woman of Burkittsville, MD. was sentenced to hang in the Maryland Penitentiary at Baltimore for the ax murder of her husband, Daniel Webster Rose in August, 1939.

According to documented information, if the death sentence imposed upon her on October 9, 1939 by the Frederick County Circuit Court was allowed to stand, Rose would have been the first woman to go to the gallows in this state since 1923.

While she was sentenced to death by hanging for the crime, the case was appealed several times and eventually, Herbert R. O'Conor, who was then governor of Maryland, commuted her sentence, due to her proven state of mental incompetency, declaring that she should spent the remaining years of her life imprisoned.

Merle Smith, of Baltimore, who is a social worker for the Baltimore City Department of Social Services, is presently writing a book on the life of Rose.

Smith said she was introduced to the infamous "Ax Rosie" by her mother, Emma L. Smith, who was employed as the Food Service Administrator at Jessup from 1968 until her recent death.

"Mama, I don't particularly want to meet Ax Rosie," was her first reaction.

Smith said her mother had told her stories about Ax Rosie since she (Smith) was thirteen.

Smith confessed that despite her inhibitions, she felt compelled to talk to her because Rose said she was the only person she would give her story to.

"If I can't tell you," she said to Smith, "I'll take my story to my grave with me."

Smith described Rose as having the appearance of a sweet little grandmother. "She looked so innocent," she said.

"She grabbed me and hugged me like she had known me all her life."

While Rose appeared sweet and innocent, Smith also described her as having two sides.

"I've seen the nice side of her, but I've also seen her show a mean side to others," said Smith.

Smith said Rose seemed unwilling to have her story known to the public while she was yet alive but that after her death, she desired that the truth be made known.

While many mysteries have surrounded the crime committed almost a half century ago, Rose was willing to share the "truth."

In her interview of Rose, Smith said she (Smith) found herself shivering through the entire time as the seemingly harmless woman relayed the details of the crime in, laughing at various times about the murder.

Smith said she would laugh as she told how the body which she had buried in a shallow grave was found because the big toe was sticking out.

As validated by police reports, Rose planned the murder of her husband by tricking him to go out to the woods to pick some berries and to look for a tree that would be prime stock for wood for the stove.

When Daniel Rose was not looking, she hit him with the ax.

"She said she continued hitting him for fear of what he would do to her if he did not die," said Smith.

E. Austin James, defending attorney, according to articles written at the time of the trial of Rose, portrayed her husband as a tryant who would not even allow his wife to chew gum, smoke, or go anywhere.

Smith said Rose described her husband as cruel, saying he often called her names.

Smith said Rose told of her change of attitude and heart since the killing.

"She said she didn't feel any remorse at the time but she now has God as her Savior, and knows what she did was wrong," said Smith.

"Though she said this, I never felt she was really sorry . . . I didn't see the remorse," Smith said.

According to previous articles of Frederick County news and also of back articles printed by the AFRO, Martha Rose was also convicted of the ax murder of Charles Lucas in 1933.

Smith relayed that wile previous articles stated Lucas was Rose's husband, he was a boyfriend whom Rose had been relating to in the absence of her husband, Daniel, who was a merchant seaman.

Rose was charged with manslaughter in this case and served five years of a seven year sentence, being released for good behavior.

She was born on May 30, 1898 in Burkittsville, MD. and married Daniel Rose at the age of 14.

They had one son, Russell, who lives in Philadelphia.

Beverly Marable, of the public relations department at the Correctional Institution described Rose as unique.

"Talking to her was always an experience . . . She was always pleasant," she said.

Smith said the book should be completed within the next couple of years.

The book will not only uncover new information about Rose, but it will also correct some of the false information previously printed.

According to Smith, Rose said her brother was executed for the shot gun death of a white girl. Popular reports indicate the man axed the woman. Also, her father died of natural causes and did not die in an insane asylum as rumored.

Rose also stated animosity and resentment toward the AFRO for nick-naming her "Ax Rosie," yet ironically, said she wanted her biography to bear the title, **The True Story of Axe Rosie.**

# Giving something aim of 'Care'

By Roxanne Stenson
AFRO Staff Writer

The holiday season is a time for giving thanks, giving gifts, visiting family and friends and spreading cheer.

Through a We Care Program, adult volunteers are being sought to give of their time, share positive experiences with some youngsters who live in area housing development neighborhoods.

Volunteers are being recruited to spend time with these youngsters year-round.

The program is the brainchild of James Christian. He told the AFRO that the idea for the program grew from his desire to do something to get black people more involved in the community and more involved in helping young people.

Christian said, "Involvement in the program is a way of giving something back to the community."

He explained that adult volunteers involved in the program expose the youngsters to various cultural, educational and athletic activities. Christian added that the program is targeted for young people ages 5-12 who reside in SNAP (Selected Neighborhood Program Action Patrol) communities.

Christian said that the We Care Program, which is in its second year has been implemented in Creighton Court, Gilpin Court and Fairfield Court.

Christian noted that the program is seeking adult volunteers who reside in, as well as outside of the SNAP communities.

He added, "The volunteers work with the youngsters at their own leisure."

In addition to the adult volunteers and youngsters spending time together on outings, Christian said, the volunteers and the parents' of the youngsters work to enhance the children's self-esteem and instill positive values.

Persons interested in becoming a We Care Program adult volunteer can call 780-4055 or 643-5823 for more information about the program.

# Mrs. Pauline Hines dies short of 102nd birthday

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Two sons from this marriage, Avon and Rodell, are also deceased.

In 1907, she married Herbert Hines Sr. He was superintendent of Arbutus Memorial Park when he died in 1971.

They had seven children, five of whom survive. In addition to the daughter, Mrs. Young, who is the wife of Dr. Elroy Young other survivors are: Son, Lawrence Hines, daughters, Mrs. Pauline Gardner, Mrs. Lydia Grinage, and Mrs. Muriel Phinney, all of Baltimore.

She is also survived by 30 grandchildren, 69 great grandchildren and 31 great great grandchildren, most of whom reside in the Baltimore metropolitan area.

Mrs. Hines was the oldest member of John Wesley Church, where she joined at age 22. She was called "the guiding light" of the Women's Society, Willing Workers, and Missionary Society, and annually served as Women's Day captain.

She was highly respected for the sewing skills which she developed as a youngster. It was not unusual for her to sew baby clothes for her neighbors' children as well as her own kin. Her needlework is cherished by relatives and friends now settled in all sections of the country.

The funeral tribute also noted that Mrs. Hines once served as a midwife and "her charges survived their first days because of her loving care."

Mrs. Hines also was active in the NAACP, and annually worked in membeship drives. On her 100th birthday, she received citations for her civic and church work and for being an inspiration to others from President Reagan and then Gov. Harry Hughes.

At the family reception on her 50th wedding anniversary, Mr. Hines and other kin, praised Mrs. Hines for living "a life full of love, giving and spirituality," and she has "enriched the lives of other because she gave willingly and worshipped God."—E.M. MOSS

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# Southern judge visiting prof at South African university

By Bill Lohmann
UPI Feature Writer

ATLANTA—Southern by birth and a lawyer by trade, Georgia Judge Jack Etheridge is wise in the ways of segregation and figures to shed a few rays of light—and hope—when he travels to South Africa for a rare stint as a visiting law professor at a Johannesburg university.

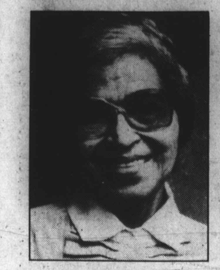
Etheridge, 60, will begin teaching this month on constitutional law at University of Witwatersrand law, and, he says, "inevitably, it will be somewhat related to the American experience during the days of the civil rights movement."

He looks forward to sharing accounts of racial struggle in America—particularly in the South—with his hosts, who now grapple with the discriminatory system of apartheid.

"I'm a product of a segregated society," said Etheridge, a native Atlantan, who is associated dean of the Emory University School of Law and founder of the Neighborhood Justice Center in Atlanta.

"When I was growing up, I didn't know anything was wrong with it. I rode in the front of the buses and never thought twice about it. So I have an understanding of how the South African whites feel. The status quo is what most of us always accept. But now we know (the status quo) is wrong.

Etheridge, who will live in Johannesburg for about eight months while teaching at the university that he classifies as private and progressive with a student population that is almost 20 percent black, has gained renown at home for his work with the Neighborhood Justice Center, an alternative arena for conflict resolution.



Rosa Parks

Ralph Abernathy

# Parks and Abernathy speak at King tribute

Two individuals who played prominent roles in the civil rights movement will speak at The Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions' seventh annual Martin Luther King birthday tribute on Jan. 14. The program, starting at noon, in Turner Auditorium on Rutland Avenue.

Rosa Parks, 74, the "mother of the civil rights movement," and Dr. Ralph Abernathy, 61, King's best friend and successor as president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, will share the podium.

Parks launched the nonviolent civil rights movement when she refused to surrender her seat on a Montgomery, Ala., bus to a white male passenger Dec. 1, 1955.

Her subsequent arrest spurred a boycott of the city's bus line. The protest lasted 381 days, while other demonstrations took shape throughout the United States and advanced the demand for equal civil rights for all.

Abernathy marched with King from Montgomery to Memphis and, with King, was jailed many times during their quest to end segregation and discrimination. Abernathy was at King's side when he was assassinated in Memphis on April 4, 1968.

"Too few people today know how far we've had to come in this struggle," said Levi Watkins, cardiac surgeon and organizer of the annual Hopkins tribute to King. "Two of the most significant people in the entire civil rights movement in America are still alive and are represented by Rosa Parks and Ralph Abernathy."

Watkins calls Parks one of history's most courageous women. "Can you imagine the courage it took to defy white policemen in Montgomery in 1955? You could lose your life for much less. If it hadn't been for that kind of courage we might not have had the Martin Luther King we got to know," Watkins observes.

Watkins, who lived in Montgomery as a child, was the first person Abernathy baptized at the First Baptist Church. Later, the Watkins family joined the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church where King was the minister.

The King tribute is held each year for Hopkins employees and the community.

Past speakers include South African Episcopal Bishop Desmond Tutu; Coretta Scott King, King's widow; Mayor Andrew Young of Atlanta and Harry Belafonte, entertainer and civil rights activist.

Last year's speakers were Benjamin Hooks, NAACP executive director and Zenani Dlamini, daughter of Winnie Mandela and imprisoned South African activist Nelson Mandela.

# Landry to give MLK lecture

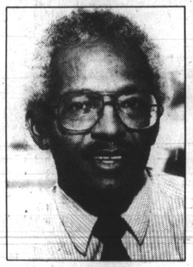
Bart Landry, author of "The New Black Middle Class," will deliver the Enoch Pratt Free Library's 1988 Martin Luther King, Jr., Commemorative Lecture at the Central Library, 400 Cathedral St., on Sunday, Jan. 17, at 3 P.M.

A sociologist on the faculty of the University of Maryland, Dr. Landry has spent the past 14 years studying the 45 percent of black Americans who now constitute the middle class. He began his research when he noticed, in a census table, that nearly all black families with incomes exceeding $10,000 has two earners.

Having decided to define the 'middle class' as those with white-collar occupations, Dr. Landry secured financial support from the Twentieth Century Fund to survey 21 metropolitan areas around the nation.

"The big question I sought to answer was: Were the living standards of middle-class blacks and whites comparable? In general, the anser was no. It took greater effort for blacks to achieve the same living standards as whites.

"In the mid-70's, two-thirds of all black middle class wifes worked full time, but only one-quarter of middle-class white wives did so. We know that far more of the white wives work today, but that simply helps them keep up with the rising cost of living. The black wives were already working, so many families experienced an absolute erosion of living standards."



BART LANDRY

# Judy Springfield

Judy Springfield, who holds a bachelor of science degree in industrial engineering from North Carolina A & T State University, has been appointed word processing manager at Villa Julia College. The native of Burgaw, N.C. heads her own company in Baltimore, Judy Stringfield and Co., a service firm in technical documentation.

With her husband Gary and 16 - month - old daughter Ryanne, she resides on Bosworth Avenue in Baltimore.

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