COMMUNITY LIVING

BEAUTY AND THE BUSINESS

By Bernette Jones
Rogers Beauty Supply Company

A bright promise for innovation, inspiratin, and new energy for the local beauty industry is the election of Hattie Smith-Shannon of Hatties Head Hunters as the new Basileus for Zeta Chapter of Theta Nu Sigma, a national cosmetology sorority affiliated with the National Beauty Culturist League.

A cosmetologist in Baltimore for 24 years, Hattie is best known for her reputation as a national and international award winner in hair competitions that have earned for her a salon full of impressive trophies.

A gigantic 4 foot tall trophy won at the Bronner Brothers International Show many years ago adorns her dresserett.

But locally, Hattie is revered for her renown as a hair color specilaist with blond as a definite forte.

A bundle of energy and multi-talented, this vivacious blond is also an accomplished soloist for the National Beauty Culturist League and a voice at New Shiloh Church here in Baltimore.

Hattie has been the force behind a whole family of cosmetologist whom she inspired and encouraged and sponsored to take up the profession.

These include her mother, Alice Wise; 3 sisters, Shirley Sheppard, Zonetta Wise, and Von Triplin; daughter apprentice, Cathy Smith; and son apprentice Robert L. Smith, Jr.

Sisters Zonetta and Von have distinguished themselves in their own careers.

Zoneta has won numerous trophies in competitions and will receive her BA in cosmetology this summer, Von is the owner of the well known Von's International Salon.

Hattie says "our aim for the 1988-89 activity year of Zeta Chapter which begins in September, is to raise funds, increase membership, and help members of the cosmetology profession become more involved in community service.

Zeta Chapter also gives annual scholarships to local cosmetology students who demonstrate an interest in continuing to study and further develop their careers."

In July, local members will be traveling to the organization's National Institute of Cosmetology in Atlanta where they will participate in refresher courses and advanced study in hair chemistry, weaving, hat making, styling, and nail care.

The cosmetology degree program is also a part of the national program from which Hattie has received a Doctorate of Cosmetology.

SINGLE PARENTING

By Kelly Hill

Eagerly every September, school opens and kids are anxious to return. Teachers set about their daily tasks as eager as the students.

The beginning of the year is without frustration, only the pleasant smiles of office personnel and children willing to learn.

As the year continues, students become somewhat complacent. Teachers have fallen into their yearly routine. The school's office is the busiest place besides the cafeteria.

At some local Baltimore City Schools, special programs have been planned in the areas of dramatics, music and cultural events.

And then it happens, the first event of the year, a child rebells. He is sent to the office for misconduct. He has his first conference with maybe the assistant principal.

As the year continues, more and more young men find themselves in the office because of the number one enemy "ATTITUDE."

One parent has been called up to the school because the enemy (Attitude) has invaded the bodies of so many young black males.

While the rest of the staff stands around without knowing what to do, the staff does recognize this is an issue that must be addressed.

Can young black male's attitude be classified as an enemy that plaques the school system? According to one principal "yes you can look at it two ways.

They are going into adolescent years, and statitics show that young men have chemical changes within their body during these years. It affects others at different times."

One parent in tears, felt some comfort in knowing that her son wasn't abnormal . . . just going through a body hormone change.

Middle schools are having a rough time trying to manage children during their adolescent years. These children often become unbearable. Their personalities can be attributed to the resemblence of a personality disorder.

These are young boys who are being transformed into young men.

They display a macho image. They feel as if they know all the tricks of the trade. No one can tell them anything. Adults to them are square, not part of the crowd, and shouldn't be conferred with.

Peer pressure is so intense, that they forget that they have a family. They confer only with their peers. Parents have been left out in the cold along with the school system when it comes to handling the young male adolescent.

Well all isn't lost. Mrs. Gloria Peghram, principal of Fallstaff Middle School, recognizes the need for information on parenting the adolescent male.

It is hoped that in the upcoming school year, her school may sponsor some workshops to help parents arm themselves with information and resources to help the young male get through the adolescent years.

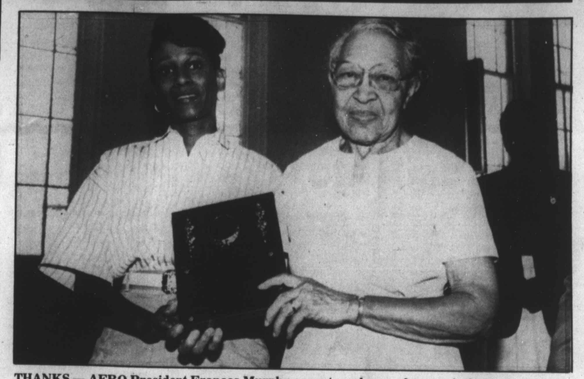
All middle schools should have comprised a monthly meetings disseminating literature on the "How To Cope" principles for parents.

Statistics have proven that their are chemical changes occurring during the adolescent year which affect their ability to handle their own feelings.

If you are a parent, I am sure that you can remember the days of adolescency. Remember how weird you thought your parents were. How they (your parents) didn't understand your friends. And now that you have your own to raise, just how well are you doing? If not so well, suggest to your school about sponsoring adolescent workshops for parents and their kids.

If you would like some suggestions, write to me in C/O of the Baltimore Afro American Newspaper, 628 N. Eutaw Street, Balto. MD 21201.

WEEKEND REVIEW



THANKS — AFRO President Frances Murphy accepts a plaque of appreciation from NAACP President Enolia V. MacMillan for the AFRO's role in promoting the NAACP baby contest.

PASSING THE TORCH — Last year's NAACP baby contest winner, William Nathaniel Brown, III, on left, presents the spoils of victory to this year's honoree, Derod Gregory Brody. Brody's supporters raised more than $2,100.

DISTINCT BEAUTIES — Members of the Top Ladies of Distinction held a commemorative dinner recently at the Forum. Among those present were Agnes Brocere, Mildred Johnson, Estelle Jackson, Edna Ennels-Thornton and VaLerea B. Norris.

Gospel music showcase here

By Maxine L. Wallace
AFRO Staff Writer

The sixth annual series of the Kentucky Fried Chicken Gospel Music Series will continue today at the St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, 1501 E. Oliver St., at 7:30 p.m.

The gospel artists will sing a variety of songs ranging from traditional gospel to contemporary gospel.

Helen Peterson, public relations correspondent said the competition allows an opportunity to highlight the wealth of gospel talent that exists in the community. "It gives Kentucky Fried Chicken an opportunity to support a great American art form and to give something back to the community.

Kentucky Fried Chicken will award a total of $12,000 to finalists' church at the competition grand finale at the Kennedy Center.

Two thousand dollars each will go to grand prize winners' churches, and $1,000 dollars each to churches of runners-up.

Each finalist will receive a trophy.

This evening, the emcee will be Reginald Hales, from WBZE-AM Radio in Waldorf, MD.

Participants in the competition will be: The Young Adult Choir, Pentecost Baptist; Wynona Harley, The Greater Lighthouse Church; Fidelity, Waters AME; Anthony Russell, First Philadelphia Baptist; Brenda Ford, Evangel Assembly of God; Voices from Zion, Zion Hill Baptist; Anthony Brown, Morning Star Baptist; Tanya Davis, Grace United Methodist; The Gospel Creations, Holy Faith Church of God in Christ; Freda Reynolds, Christian Tabernacle; The Sons of Shiloh, Shiloh Baptist; Joann Dana Atkinson, Adams Chapel AME; Larry Elliott, Emanuel Seventh Day Adventists; Free Spirit of Baltimore, St. Paul United Methodist; Rhondalla Ellina Nicholson, Pentecostal Holiness Church; and The George A. Manning Choir, Hunter Memorial AME.

The competition is divided into four categories: Choir/Ensemble/Male Soloist/Female Soloist.

Two showings were scheduled in Baltimore. The first was yesterday at the New Shiloh Baptist Church, 823 W. Lanvale St.

Minority science forum held

The Maryland Science Center sponsored a Minority Career Workshop Day at the center on Saturday, in the hopes of encouraging minority youth to consider the field of science as possible career goals.

Students in grades six through nine were invited to attend along with their parents to hear professionals in the field, such as Marty Westray, Biologist and Educational Specialist with the National Aquarium, discuss why they chose the sciences as their life's work and the requirements for the positions they now hold.

Westray said that as a youngsters while his friends were singing and dancing he would sing and dance along but he would always carry pages of schoolwork with him.

"I had science up my sleeve and in my back pocket," Westray said.

The workshop, which was co-sponsored by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Office of Opportunities in Science, was developed to address the problem of underrepresentation of minorities in science.

Lack of exposure, to alternate career paths, parental and peer support and the absence of planning on the part of youths and their parents, teachers and counselors for the requirements of a science oriented college education are seen as some of the culprits in the problem.

"I wasn't born a doctor, said Anthony Greer, an Annapolis opthamologist. "I wasn't born a doctor or in a family of doctors."

Greer explained that his desire to become a doctor sprang from his love of science fiction. There was one book called 'Star Surgeon' about this doctor who traveled the solar system and the galaxies to practice medicine," Greer told the youngsters.

"That became my dream. You need to start dreaming," Greer said. "You must have a dream and a plan."

Clifford Sands had realized his dreams. A retired Director of Engineering for Bendix Aerospace, he decided that after seeing so few minorities in the field he wanted to help prepare the next generation for science careers.

Sands, who defined engineering as "the process of creating things and solving problems through the application of science and practical knowledge," said, "I had teachers who told us that we could be whatever we wanted to be if we learned well what they were teaching."

Minorities are fast approaching a critical point in American Society. They now comprise 20.6 percent of the U.S. population and the majority of school enrollments in 23 of the 25 largest cities in the nation, according to a 1987 report by the American Association for the Advancement of the Sciences.

In addition the report states that minorities represent an increasing portion of high school and college-age Americans, but lack the representation in higher education of non-minorities.

"In 1992 blacks are going to make up the largest number of the college-age population," said Clifford Sands. "The whole game is numbers. We have to increase the number of minorities in college."

LIFESTYLE

AFRO Weddings and Engagements

WALKER-PITTMAN

The ceremony uniting in matrimony Adrienne Linette Walker, Baltimore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sterling J. Walker, to Jerry O. Pittman, Baltimore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Pittman, Sr., Hampton, VA, took place at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Baltimore on Saturday, April 30 at 1 p.m.

The double-ring nuptials were officiated by the Rev. Mark A. Riddix, pastor, Mt. Zion.

The bride, a graduate of Western High School, holds a B.A. Degree from the University of Maryland, College Park, and is a Public Affairs Coordinator for the Governor's Council on Adolescent Pregnancy.

The groom holds an undergraduate Degree from Morgan State University, a Masters Degree in Special Education from Coppin State College and is Executive Director, Progressive Horizons, Inc. He is a member of the graduate chapter of Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc.

Mrs. Jerry O. Pittman

Given in marriage by her father, the lovely bride wore a traditional, long, white wedding gown with a cathedral train. The gown, covered with sequins and pearls also boasted a white floor-length veil covered with pearls. She carried a bouquet of white silk flowers interspersed with pearls and ribbons.

Maid of Honor, Shari L. Walker, Baltimore, sister of the bride, wore a rose lace over rose satin tea-length dress, matching lace pumps and gloves, a rose and white silk flowers on the right side of her hair, and carried a rose and white flower bouquet.

McClan, Richmond, VA., Joanette Pittman, Hampton, Va.; Michelle Wright, Washington, DC; Mischele R. Quarles and Patricia Ann Jones, both of Baltimore, wore pink lace over pink satin tea-length dresses, pink and white silk flowers on the right side of the hair, pink lace pumps and gloves and carried a white silk long-stemmed rose tied with a pink ribbon.

Flower Girls were Carenda D. Pittman, daughter of the groom, and Latrice Armstead, both of Baltimore.

Best Man was Kendrick D. Pittman, Baltimore, son of the groom. Groomsmen were Barry Powell and Robert Tilghman, Baltimore; Richardo Witherspoon, Washington, DC; Charles Pittman, Jr., Hampton, VA, brother of the grom and Dennis Burrell, Phoenix, AZ.

Ushers were Gerome Dixon and Gregory Warren Hamilton, Baltimore, MD. Ring Bearer was Jerry Walker, Jr., Baltimore.

Decorations at the church included floor candles laced with pink, pink and white ribbons, live flowers at the altar and down the aisle.

Musical Programs Organist was Edmond Meade. Soloist was Ms. Audrey Adams.

A four-hour reception was hosted for the couple at the Oregon Ridge Lodge in Cockeysville, MD with more than 350 people in attendance. Both the bridal party and the guests were served a buffet meal, while music was played by the Morgan State University Jazz Ensemble.

The couple had an eight-day honeymoon in St. Thomas, in the Virgin Islands. The new Mr. and Mrs. Pittman are at home at 5403 Todd Ave. in the Gardenville Section of Baltimore.

Out-of-town guests included the Witherspoons of St. Louis, MO.; the Hudsons of Atlanta, GA.; the Gores, Wrights and Witherspoons of Hampton, Va.; the Persons of North Carolina, the Hills of Pennsylvania and Dennis Burrell of Phoenix, AZ.

YOUNG-FRANZE

Mildred Bailey Young, Baltimore, daughter of the late Henry Sailye and Myrtle Elizabeth Bailey was married to Stanley Charles Franze, III, Baltimore, son of the late Stanley Charles, Jr., and Angela Alfreda Franze of Baltimore.

The double-ring ceremony took place at the Morning Star Baptist Church of Christ Saturday, May 28 at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Dr. Samuel Ray officiating.

The bride is a graduate of the University of Maryland School of Social Work and Community Planning and is employed at the Dept. of Social Services as a Social Work Supervisor in Child Protective Services. The groom, who served in the U.S. Armed Forces for three years and discharged honorably and distinguished, as a Specialist V, is employed by Raytheon Service Company as a Traffic Control Assistant, with a contract under NASA for 15 years.

Mr. and Mrs.
Stanley C. Franze, III

The radiant bribe, given in marriage by her brother, Matthew Henry Bailey, wore a gown of white silk organza with a four-foot train. It had a high neckline with sheer netting which repeated itself on the long, puffed, jewel-encrusted sleeves. The bodice was jewel-encrusted, as were the sleeves with sequins and pearls. The bottom of the gown was flared and the train had a scalloped edge.

Matron-of-honor Mrs. Melvine Jacqueline Turlington, Baltimore, wore a Jacquard design, ice-blue gown with a V back and high bodice and a skirt which was slightly flared with a streamer belt. She carried a nosegay of white roses and blue carnations.

Bridemaids Juanita Pogue Chase, Baltimore, and Beverly Nalls Demar, Carson, CA, wore Jacquard designed peach gowns with V backs and high bodice fronts, slightly flared hemlines with streamer belts. they carried nosegays of pink carnations and wore baby's breath in their hair.

Flower Girl Yolanda Melissa Young, daughter of the bride, Baltimore, wore an ice blue gown with lace peplum and carried a basket of carnations, baby's breath and mums. She also wore baby's breath in her hair.

Best man was Lloyd Warren Franze, Baltimore. Groomsmen were Edwin K. Franze and Maynard B. Franze, Baltimore. Ushers were Delano S. Bailey, Jr., and Mark Kelly, Baltimore. Ring bearer was Gerard W. Franze, son of the groom, Baltimore.

Decorations at the church included two large baskets of Calla lillies, carnations, mums and gladiola.

Musical Programs Organist was James Peterson. Soloists were Michael Harris and Carlos.

Following the wedding, there was a first reception in the social hall of the church attended by 300 guests, and later a sit-down dinner at the Vulcan Blazer's Reception Hall for nearly 200 invited guests. The hall was festively decorated in pink, blue and white.

There was a cheese and fruit display, a dinner sliced ham, garnished with pineapples and cherries, sliced turkey, potato salad, macaroni salad, fried chicken, string beans, lettuce and tomatoes, hot rolls and assorted relish trays, cakes, punch and open bar.

The bridal party table was decorated with a large centerpiece of roses and white carnations, mums and baby's breath. Music was provided by Hall's Deejay.

The bride and bridegroom honeymooned at Paradise Stream, Mt. Poconos, PA. For her traveling outfit the bride wore a two-piece silk linen beige suit with matching accessories.

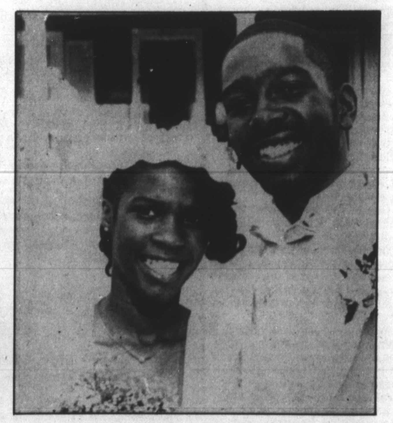
The new Mr. and Mrs. Franze are at home on Victoria Ave., Baltimore.

Out-of-town guests included Horace Derrick, Washington, DC; Ms. Bessie Felder, Brooklyn, NY; Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Smith, Williamstown, N.J.; the Rev. and Mrs. Edwin E. Smith and family, Bronx,NY; and Mrs. Edwin E. Smith, Jr., Newark, DE; Mr. and Mrs. George Baldwin, Jenkins-Bridge, VA; Mr. and Mrs. Jay Walker, Brooklyn, NY and Mr. and Mrs. Thadius Savage, Burtonville, MD.

QUALLS-BENTON

The double ring ceremony which united in marriage Lori Anne Qualls, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Qualls (Anne) Baltimore, and Christopher Allen Benton, son of George Benton and the late Mrs. Benton, Cincinnati, OH, was officiated at the Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, Saturday, May 28 at 4 p.m. by the Rev. Tundee Davis.

Both the bride and groom hold B.S. Degrees from Wilberforce University, hers in Computer Science, his in Political Science, and the groom works as a contract negotiator at Warner Robbins Air Force Base in Georgia.



Mr. and Mrs.
Christopher A. Benton

Given in marriage by her father, the charming bride wore a long, satin gown with a princess-line top cut low at the bodice, interspersed with pearls and sequins, that also formed little medallions around the hemline of the dress, which was straight in the front and flared in the back.

Her headpice was a crown of white statin encrusted with pearls and sequins, and ended in a mantilla-length train. She carried a bouquet of white orchids with a touch of lavender in the center, baby's breath and Baker's fern.

Maid of Honor Lisa Qualls, the brides sister, Baltimore, wore a long, lame print gown of aqua, lavender and royal blue, a baby's breath in her hair and carried a bouquet of white, spring lillies and Baker's fern, with triple ribbons picking up the aqua, lavender and royal blue.

Bridesmaids Clairessa Daniel, Michelle Garrett, Sandra Napper and Yoland Feaster, Baltimore; Sheila Carswell, New York and Tammy Blanding, Washington, D.C. wore long, satin gowns, two in aqua, two in lavender. and two in royal blue, carried bouquets of baby's breath tied with triple ribbons of the same three colors, and wove baby's breath in their hair as they entered, the colors of aqua, lavender and royal blue alternated throughout the processional and ceremony.

Flower Girl Shannon Gunter, the bride's niece, Baltimore, wore a lame print satin gown like the Maid of Honor's.

Flower Girl Blair McLaurin, the bride's cousin, wore a gown with a lame print bodice which had a long, aqua skirt. The dropped rose petals of lavender and white.

The groom was attired in grey tails. Best man was George Benton, the groom's father, Cincinnati, OH. Groomsmen Duane Garrett, Vincent Garrett, Kevin Napper, Samuel Napper, Gary Crowner and Lawrence Crowner all cousins of the bride and all of Baltimore, wore grey tuxedos, as did the Best Man. Ring Bearers were David Keeling and Alphonso Watson, Jr., Baltimore.

All of the males of the wedding party, wore cumberbunds and bowties which alternately picked up the wedding colors of aqua, lavender and royal blue. They also wore white carnation boutonnieres.

At the reception for 300 guests, hosted for the couple at 3102 Milford Ave., the bride and groom cut a column cake of five tiers which had stairs from each tier with a miniature wedding party leding to a fountain, and of course the cake was topped with the bride and groom.

East festive table had as a centerpiece a white vase, with triple ribbons around each vase and flowers picking up the aqua, lavender and royal blue wedding colors. Other decorations included flower arrangements of orchids.

Music was videotaped. The new Mr. and Mrs. Benton are honeymooning in Warner Robbins, GA, where they will also be at home following the honeymoon.

Natalie R. Turner and Rev. Stephen L. Thomas
(engaged)

Natalie R. Turner to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Moses P. Turner wish to acknowledge the engagement of their daughter, Natalie Renita, to the Rev. Stephen L. Thomas.

The bride to be is a municipal employee and a Coppin State University Senior majoring in Social Work.

Rev. Thomas, the son of Leroy and Vivian Thomas, is a minister of the New Shiloh Baptist Church, Baltimore, where Dr. Harold A. Carter is pastor.

The prospective groom holds a B.A. degree in Religious Studies and Philosophy from Morgan State University and is presently pursuing the Master of Divinity degree at the Howard School of Divinity, Washington, D.C. He is also employed by the State Government.

The wedding ceremony is scheduled to take place on Saturday June 18, at New Shiloh Baptist Church at 2 p.m.