IF YOU ASK ME

By Bettye Moss

Smile orchids

Smile-of-the-week orchids to **Mrs. Gladys Leigh Augusta.** She is the good neighbor who was honored recently, (Jan. 6), at a retirement banquet.

Mayor Kurt Schmoke and other city, school and health officials were in the crowd which gathered at the Forum to salute Mrs. Augustus as "a remarkable person who has completed an equally remarkable fifty-year career as educator, counselor, leader and public servant."

They praised her as "loyal, dependable, professional, caring, thoughtful, compassionate" during her 25 years as teacher and principal and 20 years as coordinator of the city Health Department's program to train counselors. She was praised also for her work as director of the Alcoholism Center and for her leadership when the center's programs were accredited.

And, she was cited for her work in Macedonia Baptist Church, where she has been a member for 60 years, and was the first female trustee.

Orchids also to **Ronald Flamer** and members of his committee who arranged this heartwarming testimonial for a deserving public servant.

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Smile orchids to these Baltimore area residents we observed at work this week: **Henry Warren,** the attendant at the Owings Mills metro subway station who has plenty to sunshine in his voice when he answers a passenger's query.
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Orchids to **Ronald Davis,** the 21-year-old Southwestern High grad whose professional manner pleases diners at the Owings Mills restaurant where he is employed as a waiter, and hopes soon to enroll in an electronics school.

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Did someone's smile make your day? Let us salute them. Write Smiles, If You Ask Me, Baltimore Afro-American, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore, MD, 21201, and smile, please.

Youth shine

Joseph Clark, an eleventh grade student at Loyola High School, is a shining example of young people who are concerned and involved in community activities, including the plight of the less fortunate.

Recently elected president of the State Youth Council on the NAACP, **Joseph** attended workshops along with other students for the training of elected officers.

Under the leadership of the Youth Council Advisors and **Mrs. Betty S. Boone,** chairperson of the Baltimore City Youth Work Committee, students from secondary grades through college participate in a number of positive Youth Council activities which foster leadership training and development.

Recent activities of the organization have included the annual celebration of Brown vs. Board of Education, UNCF Bowlathon, School Salute, The Tag Day Project which raised $400 for the NAACP Youth Scholarship Fund, participation in the National Membership Radiothon, a rally at the Lexington Market on the Gun Control Bill, and volunteering to work at the polls on election day.

The Harlem Park Youth received a plaque for recognition as the "Best New Youth Unit for Civil Rights Achievements" in the nation.

Other Baltimore City students elected to positions of leadership along with **Joseph Clark** are, 2nd Vice President, **Gambrell Thurston;** Secretary, **Kristina Jackson;** and Treasurer; **Jerrold Winfield.**

The State Advisors are **Ms. Jean Radcliffe** and **Mrs. Bernetta Archer,** advisors of the Eastside Youth Council, Baltimore City.

For additional information about the NAACP Youth Councils and how to become a member, call **Bettye Boone,** 366-3300.

Remember

Anyone who attended Douglass High School from 1923-1962, and studied French and English, came to know a concerned and loving teacher — **Mrs. Lilla Martin Barnum.** Her death on Jan. 11 at the age of 87 is cause for many to recall the happy days of growing up in Douglass High where teachers like Mrs. Barnum — Howard University trained and full of vim and vigor — made sure her pupils understand and did their assignments.

Cut note: Mrs. Barnum was a 60-year member of Payne Memorial AME Church, where she was church secretary for decades.

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Another Baltimore native eulogized last week was **Mrs. Fannie Minor Banks,** 61, a Newark, NJ retired social worker and member of an old Baltimore family.

She was a Morgan grad who had resided in the NJ town for 39 years.

Survivors: Her husband, **M. Leon Banks;** and three sons, **James, Jeffrey** and **Gary.** And, five sisters, **Mrs. Vashti Jude, Mrs. Gloria Phillips, Mrs. Sylvia Shipley, Mrs. Portia Sealo,** and **Mrs. Cleota Bennett,** a brother, **John Minor,** and three grandchildren.

Memory Lane

Holiday-time funeral-rites were Dec. 27 for **Miss Rosalind Allen,** 73. She was the city teacher and principal of **John Murphy School No. 119** when she retired after 45 years of service.

Rites were at John Wesley Methodist Church, where she was a lifetime member. The Marshall Hayes Funeral Home was in charge.

Fellow members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority conducted special rites.

Miss Allen is survived by her stepmother, **Mrs. Gladys Allen** of W. Lafayette Ave. Her father was the late **Dr. Willard W. Allen,** insurance executive for many years grand master of Md.'s Prince Hall Masons. He died in 1960. Another daughter, **Elizabeth,** also a city school teacher, died in 1973.

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Thinking-of-you cards to the family of Rev. George Burton Russell, 74. He was eulogized recently at New Union Baptist Church. He was the retired minister of Mt. Olive Baptist Church.

Survivors, son, **George, Jr.,** brother, **Dr. Bruce Russell,** both of Baltimore; brothers, **Dr. Wendell Russell,** retired Va. State U. president of Upper Marlboro; and **Dr. Roger Russell,** Hempstead, N.Y., and sister, **Miss Roberta Russell,** N.J.

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And on December 31, 12-year-old **Mabel Lorraine Epps** lost her battle with cancer. She was the Harlem Park Middle School seventh grader who had been confined to a wheelchair for some time. However, she was a courageous youngster who received her training by the home and hospital program.

She was a member of St. James Episcopal Church, where she attended Sunday School, served on the altar, and even though confined to the wheelchair was regular in attendance. She often commented she enjoyed coming to church and watching the service.

Survivors: her father, **Robert Epps;** three sisters, **Robin, Janice, Hattie** and brothers, **James, Robert** and **Richard Epps;** aunt and uncle, **Marie** and **David Glover;** grandparents, **Mabel Epps** and **Hattie** and **John Smith.**

Poster Contest

Nearly $5,000 in prize money and trips will be awarded to the winners of the second Official Maryland State Poster Contest. Sponsored by the Printing Corporation of America, Image Dynamics, CareFirst, Maryland National Bank and the Maryland Department of Economic and Employment Development, the contest is open to all Maryland residents or companies. The deadline has been extended to March 30.

"Faces of Maryland" is the theme selected by Gov. William Schaefer for the contest. The theme is to be depicted in camera-ready poster art or photography. First prize is $2,500 (half in cash and half in travel); second prize is $1,500 (half in cash and half in travel); third prize is $500 cash; and seven runners-up will receive $50 each.

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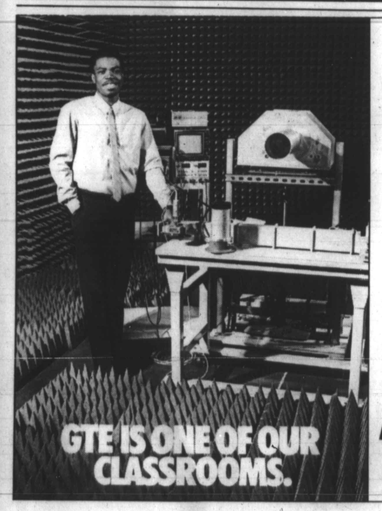

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Black History Month

The Great Blacks In Wax museum will unveil a tribute to Carter G. Woodson, January 29 from to 3 p.m. Great Blacks In Wax museum is located at 1601 E. North Avenue. For further information concerning this event as well as other events during Black History Month, call 563-3404 or 563-6416.

Martin Luther King Commemorative

"The Crisis In Afro-American Leadership," will be the subject of a public forum, the Enoch Pratt Free Library's Martin Luther King Commemorative Program, January 29, at 2:30 p.m. at the Central Library, 400 Cathedral Street.

Professor Ethelbert W. Haskins, author of a recent book on the topic will speak, then a panel discussion will be held, featuring Councilwoman Jacqueline McLean and Congressman Kweisi Mfume. For details call, 396-5494.

Founders' Day

The Baltimore Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. will hold its Founders' Day on Saturday, January 28 at the Forum, Primrose Ave. The Rev. Vashti McKenzie will be the keynote speaker. The event will begin at 11:30 a.m. For further information please contact Mrs. Ella White at 655-0653.

Mardi Gras '89

The Pi Omega Chapter's Scholarship Fund, Inc. of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. will proudly present Mardi Gras '89 at Martin's West, Beltway Exit 17 at Security Blvd. on Saturday, February 18.

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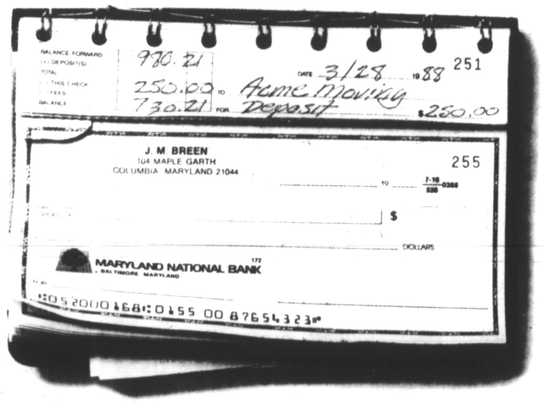

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