IF YOU ASK ME

By Bettye Moss

Smile Orchids

Smile of the week orchids to **Dennis Fisher** and his band. They made fellow Baltimoreans proud on Saturday evening at the Marriott Hotel in D.C. They played for the elegant supper dance hosted by one of Washington's most popular couples—former **Judge and Mrs. William S. Thompson** (Audrey).

Their tuneful numbers were just right for the crowd of 400 who came from all sections of the country. Lovely toosongstress **Jennifer Jones**, in red beaded gown. Her "Can't Take That Away From Me," and other tunes thrilled.

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Smile orchids to interesting young couple with whom we shared a table—**Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Wallace.** He's Director of Human Resources for the Marriott Hotel chain.

Mrs. Wallace's professional name is **Dr. Carol Smith.** She is visiting professor of mathematics at the University of Maryland, College Park.

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More smile orchids to another great with Baltimore ties—**Attorney Singleton McAllister** whom we knew some years back as camper and counselor at the YMCA Camp King's Landing. She's affiliated with a large D.C. firm.

Cuff note: Ms. McAllister was among Baltimoreans attending Hilton Hotel reception Friday evening honoring **Ron Brown,** the D.C. attorney who was elected chair of the National Democratic Party. Also in the crowd—**William Hall, Jr.** and his brother, **Norman,** of Baltimore.

More Orchids

Washington was focus of a number of events over the weekend. Posh affair was 50th anniversary of Hellians—that men's club of bigwigs who hosted fabulous dinner dance at the Sheraton Washington on Friday evening.

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Smile orchids to **Goldie Wood.** She's the Malcolm X primary teacher who has an engaging manner. She's wife of **Judson Wood,** the Northwood Elementary School principal, whom many admire for his professional skills. We observed them on Sunday—they were present when the Guest Club held its annual Valentine party at S and R Banquet Hall.

Smiling hostesses at this annual event: **Delores Baden, Myrtice Bennett, Jeanne Cummings, Otyce Froe, Bernice McDaniels, Christine Moore, Anethia Williams, Carolyn Willis** and **Gwen B. Stewart, president.**

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More smile orchids to **Mrs. Silver Greene,** the Liberty Medical blood bank employee, who has an engaging smile and manner, too. She's member of Shiloh Baptist Church, sings with the Youth Choir.

Lots of orchids to staffers who prepared the Liberty Medical Scope, the hospital's new magazine. Its winter 1989 edition is full of interesting, well-edited features, with appropriate photos.

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Mailbag: **Jerome Siever** postcards: "I like the smile section in your column. Please send my orchids to **Mrs. Elinoe Westerne.** She is the lady who volunteers at the nursing home where my father lives. She is very kind and cheerful all the time."

Editor's Note: We print the above orchid just as it came. The writer failed to give name of nursing home.

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.

About People

Treat in store: Sunday, Feb. 19, at 4 p.m., **Pianist Richard Fields** in concert-sponsored by the Lois J. Wright Memorial Concert Committee.

Place: Community College of Baltimore's Liberty Heights Fine Arts Center. Note: Admission is FREE.

Pianist Fields is an artist who has received international acclaim when he became a finalist in the Italian piano competition—the only American out of 100 contestants from 14 countries to win a prize.

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In the mail this week, a copy of the book, "A Lonely Place Against The Sky." It is the biography of **Lutrelle F. Palmer, Sr.,** the Newport News, VA. pioneer who led the fight for school integration and equal rights.

Author is his daughter, Dorothy Palmer Smith, the retired Baltimore educator who was desperately ill when she completed the book just before her death in September 1968.

The 69-page tribute is alive with interesting stories of the Lutz Palmer family, told in an intimate and moving manner. There is an introduction by the author's brother, famed journalism **Lutrelle F. Palmer, Jr.**

Proceeds of the sale of the book ($7.95), will go to establish a scholarship at Hampton Institute in the senior Mr. Palmer's name.

For copies, write Lu Palmer, 330 E. 37th St. Chicago, Ill., 60653. A check or money order for $10 will cover cost of the book, plus postage.

Remember

Remember the family of **Michael S. Abrams.** He was the Firestone employee who died Feb. 4, after a long illness. He was 31.

Funeral services were Thursday morning (Feb. 9), at St. James Episcopal Church, where he served as altar boy for many years. In recent years, he was the acolyte who carried the crucifix.

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