Smile Orchids

Smile-of-the-week orchids to **Christina (Tina) Royster.** At recent Mercy High School graduation exercises she was elected to the National Honor Society for all - around academic excellence.

And, she won awards for "outstanding writing," and the American Legion prize for courage. To top it all off, she walked away with an honors 4-year scholarship from Morgan State University!

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Cuff note: Mercy High graduates numbered 122. School enrollment is 500.

Miss Royster is daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Royster** of Kitmore Rd.

Orchids, too, to these Mercy High students who had perfect attendance during the 1988-89 school year — a refreshing note in these times when high schools are troubled with dropouts and too many absences.:

Nikolle Randall, Keenia Davis, Ericka Dillard, Yo'Landa Green, Cassandra Somerville, Makeda Scott, Telisa Claiborne, Ingrid Frazier, Lawanda Parker and Dawn Pretlow.

IF YOU ASK ME

By Bettye Moss

More Orchids

More orchids, please, to **Michelle Penn.** She was salutatorian in graduating class at Milford Mill High which held its exercises on this past Monday's stormy evening at Towson Centre.

Despite the heavy rain and an alarm which caused the crowd to vacate the premises for a spell, the exercises were beautiful. Grads looked good-girls in white robes and caps, boys in green caps and gowns.

Cuff note: Orchids too, too **Carla Forman,** who was valedictorian. Times do change: Grads numbered 180 plus, some two-thirds black. Businessman **Harlow Fullwood** was speaker.

In the crowd the **Wendell Suttons** (Essie). Grandson **David Dwayne,** was among grads.

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Orchids to retired D.C. teacher, **Jean Williams,** who has plenty of sunshine in her voice. She was among guests at Friday's picnic dance sponsored by famed Pigskin Club, and asked to be remembered to these two smiling Baltimore matrons, **Helen Birt** and **Jeanne Davis.**

Cuff note: The Pigskin Club event, which attracted some 1,000 guests was in Blackburn Center at Howard University — a modern facility with all the trimmings — never had anything like it in our Howard U. days.

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Lots of sunshine in the voice of **Jacqueline Harriette Ross.** She earned master's degree from the College of Notre Dame, stood No. 4 in her class, was the second black grad in the program.

Happy kin; her mom, **Mrs. Jacqueline Ross;** grandmother, **Mrs. Lillian Williams;** and uncle, **James D. Williams,** the national NAACP PR man.

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Mailbag: **Isiah Simms,** E. North Ave., writes: "I usually don't have time to write, but I wanted you to say something nice about Mrs. Louise Locklear. She is a lady in the nursing home where I visit, who always keeps a smile — even though she has lost a limb. I think she deserves orchids."

Editor's note: We do, too. Sorry this reader failed to say what nursing home his friend is in.

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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.

About People

The **Charles S. Harpers, Jr. (Charlotte Holsey),** whom many know as good, good neighbors, have a special day on Sunday, June 11.

They mark their 46th wedding anniversary during 11 a.m. services at Sharp St. United Methodist Church. Reception follows at 3 at their Randallstown home.

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Word from Atlanta — tells of the marriage recently of **T. Shelton Coles,** 80, the retired businessman and former Baltimorean who is known as an Omega fraternity stalwart, and 51-year-old **Regina Wiggs,** the retired nurse.

Ceremony was in the Atlanta Omega House. Bridegroom's cousin, **Allen Rousseau** of Charlotte, N.C., and bride's daughter, Joy Houston of Atlanta, were attendants.

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People doing thoughtful things for others: Members of Baltimore chapter of Carats hosted lovely reception on Saturday honoring member **Janet C. Woolridge.** She's the Baltimore educator whose book, "This Side of Tomorrow," is a must reading.

Event was on spacious lawn of **Dr. and Mrs. Robert Phillips** in Randallstown. Carat prexy is **Merlene Adair.**

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Remember cards to **Mrs. W. O. Bryson, Jr. (Primalee).** She buried her mother, **Mrs. Claudia Woodall,** in N.Y. on May 26. Mom was 96 and longtime Advertising Club employee. Rites were at St. Cecelia Catholic Church.

Other kin: grandson, **Arthur Maurice Lawson,** Atlanta; granddaughter, **Melissa Medina,** Brooklyn, N.Y.

Remember

Thinking-of-you cards to the family of **Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Gibson.** She was the retired Social Security worker who died on Sunday. She was 78.

Funeral services were Thursday evening (June 8), at Dyett Funeral Home. **Mrs. Gibson** was a lifetime member of Emmanuel Christian Community Church. Its pastor **Rev. Sidney Daniels,** officiated at last rites.

She also was known as a cheerful volunteer worker. Her service won her many awards from the city for her work at Waxter Center and with Concerned Volunteers of which she was an honorary life member. For many years, she was president of the Just Us, a social club.

Survivors: daughters, **Mrs. Gloria Carlyle** and **Mrs. Rita Cooper;** grandsons, **E. Kenneth Cooper** and **Clifton Dorsey, Jr.,** and great grandson **Clifton Dorsey, 3rd,** and son-in-law, **Elvard Cooper.**

Community Calendar

Sheppard Pratt

"Partners in Intimacy - Unlock Your Relationship Potential," a workshop being offered by The Sheppard Pratt National Center for Human Development. Program beings Friday, June 16, from 7 to 10 p.m. and continues on Saturday, June 17 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with lunch provided. Registration deadline for this program is June 9. The Sheppard Pratt National Center is located at 6501 North Charles St. in Towson.

Healthy Fun Festival

On Saturday, June 24, the Berea Health Center will host its third annual "Healthy Fun Festival" from 12 noon to 4 p.m. The center is located at 2900 E. Oliver St. The festival will feature carnival rides, games, food, crafts and entertainment for all ages. Free health screening will also be available throughout the day. Call 444-5566.

Pride Day

Lesbian Gay Pride Day is the chance to say who they are and what they want. Join in a strong united contingent and march on Sunday, June 11. Meet at Gallery Bar, Lafayette and Maryland Ave., Call 523-7378.

T-TAB Awards Banquet

The Trinidad and Tobago Association of Baltimore (T-TAB) will hold its third annual Awards Banquet on Sunday, June 11 from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. at St. Bernardine's Church Hall, corner of 3800 Edmondson Ave. and Mt. Holly St. Call 335-1276.

Community Health Fair

Liberty Medical Center will hold a community health fair Saturday, June 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Towanda Avenue Recreation Center, 4100 Towanda Ave. The fair will feature free blood pressure screening, nutrition counseling, vision screening and foot examinations. Call 383-4461.

Support the Homeless

"Support the Homeless," a day of free chiropractic examination and treatments, will be held Saturday, June 17, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to benefit the homeless. There will be no charge for individuals who bring food or clothes for the homeless to the Fidel Chiropractic Center, 1866 F. Reisterstown Rd.

Sponsored by the University of Baltimore's Epsilon Alpha Pi fraternity and the Fidel Chiropractic Center, the event will include refreshments, balloons and gifts for children. Call 625-3099.

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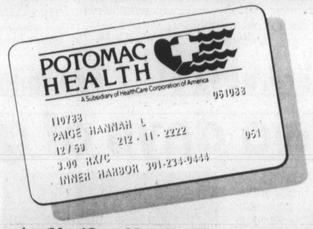

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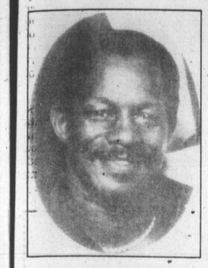

John Walter Shell, Sr., son of the late Annie Lee Flemmings Shell Johnston and Harry Lee Shell, was born on June 3, 1941, in Laurens, South Carolina. Mr. Shell died on May 14, after a tragic accident.

"John," as he was affectionately known to his family and friends, attended Lauren County public schools and later moved to Baltimore where he united in marriage to Julia Mae Peay Shell.

This marriage was blessed with six children, four girls and two boys.

He leaves to mourn: Angela Shell, John Shell, Jr., Belinda Shell, Karen Shell, Darius Shell and Yolanda Shell; one daughter-in-law, Towanda Shell;

Two grandchildren, Ashley Shell and Ceaira Shell; one sister, Mildred Pearderson of Charlotte, N.C.;

Two brothers, Marion Flemmings of New York and Henry Lee Shell of Baltimore; a stepfather, Rochester Johnston;

Four aunts and three uncles; a devoted friend, Casandra Ferguson; a host of nieces and nephews and other family and friends.

Vivan F. Wills, Sr.

Vivan F. Wills, Sr., son of the late Florence G. Wills and James Patrick Wills, was born March 19, 1900 in Nargetown, Pennsylvania. Mr. Wills died May 19.

Vivan married Constance M. Wills on July 4, 1938. Working as a gardener he completed his studies at the Pennsylvania State College School of Agriculture in April, 1943.

He later became a farmer in Merritsville, Maryland. He relocated his family to Baltimore in 1963, where he spent the remaining 26 years of his life.

He was a self-taught photographer and in 1964 was recognized as a professional by the New York Institute of Photography. In 1970 he became an active member of the Photographic Society of America. A large portion of his works were published in local magazines and newspapers.

He leaves to mourn: wife, Constance M. Wills; five children, Constance Wills, Norma Jeter, Theresa Brown, Joseph Wills and Vivan Wills, Jr.

One sister, Margaret Fox; twelve grandchildren; one son-in-law, George Jeter; twenty-one great grandchildren; and a host of cousins, other relatives and friends.

Sallie J. Hamlett

Sallie J. Hamlett, daughter of the late John and Selina Crowder, was born on March 14, 1911, in Person County, North Carolina. Mrs. Hamlett died on May 27.

She was united in holy matrimony to the late John C. Hamlett, Jr., in the year 1934. From this union two daughters and three sons were born. Bernard Hamlett preceded her in death. She was a kind and loving mother, grandmother, and great grandmother.

After moving to Baltimore in 1984, to live with her daughter, Veleria and son-in-law, she continued to send her church dues and contributions for various church projects to the New Esphesus Baptist Church in Semora, North Carolina.

On June 26, 1988, Sallie joined Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church.

She leaves to mourn: two devoted daughters, Veleria Taylor and Dorothrea Hamlett; two sons, Lawrence Hamlett and Edward Hamlett;

A devoted son-in-law Adolphus Taylor; two daughters-in-law, Maxine Hamlett and Eleanor Hamlett;

Eleven grandchildren; five great grandchildren; five sisters-in-law, Gracie and Sallie Betts, Fannie Glass and Ada Crowder, Amanda Crowder;

A host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

Avon W. Bannister

Avon W. Bannister, son of Henry and Marie Bannister, was born October 25, 1914 in Baltimore, Maryland. Mr. Bannister did on May 2, after a lengthy illness.

He was educated a St. Peter Claver Parochial Elementary School and Douglass High School in Baltimore City.

Mr. Bannister was a member of the United States Army and paricipated in World War II as a member of the 4010th Quartermaster Corps. He was a member of St. Pius V Roman Catholic Church and the Holy Name Society.

He leaves to mourn: his wife, Frances Bannister; one son, Joseph Bannister; seven cousins, Charlotte Gough, George A. Gough, Katherine Singleton;

Nathaniel Wilson, William Wilson, Thomas Wilson, Melissa Singleton and George C. Gough; two goddaughters, Gwyndolyn Hicks and Elizabeth Briggs; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Kelly James Nance

Kelly James Nance, son of Alevia B. Nance and James Eddie Nance, was born February 22, 1966 in Baltimore, MD. Mr. Nance died on May 24.

At an early age, Kelly displayed leadership capabilities and demonstrated those qualities whenever needed. He set a high standard of life for his younger brothers. He also look up to his older brother for inspiration.

He had a special love for the elderly and children, especially Ms. Vashti (Tot) and Hilda. During his lifetime, he would never forsake his family and friends.

He leaves to mourn: his mother, Alevia Nance, "Libby"; his father, James Nance; five brothers, Kevin Blackwell, Kory Nance, Kyle Lewis, Kasey Lewis, Kristopher Lewis;

One aunt, Saundra Washington; four uncles, Samuel Brogden, Harry, Martin and Jeffery Welch; grandparents, a host of cousins, great aunts and other relatives.

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