

BILLY ROWE'S Note Book

WASHINGTON D.C.---The essence of change has come over this city since the mid-July unveiling of the Mary McLeod Bethune Memorial. In the first week after its dedication it was the most popular tourist attraction in town. Those living in, the now famous Lincoln Park, area have never seen so many folks in their neighborhood. The new interest has created a seller's market and homes and land are being offered to satisfy the middleman's appetite for fad and profit. Like always the parasite which follows change clings tightly to progress.

The pride of the ladies, here to fulfill a thirteen year old promise of the National Council of Negro Women, struck like a hard rubber ball and left its mark. There were so many of them, from so many places, and of so many races, one lost track and found it easier to lump them into one category. "The Devine Sex." They were the sisters, the daughters, the lovers, the sweethearts and mothers of mankind. Perhaps some day somebody will properly chronicle the role of all women among the huddle of habitation here on earth. Personally, I was never more proud of, or more in love with, that sex as when I watched the unfolding of their memorial to the immortality of a member of their gender who had given it purpose, meaning and substance. To me, they were all a lot of Josephines and Isadoras on the streets of the Nation's Capitol, treading places where angels had walked, as they paced women's stride into history.

They came from most of the states, Alabama, California, Conn., Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, New Jersey, Kentucky, Louisiana, New York, Mass., Miss., Ohio, South and North Carolina, Missouri and Montana too. Among those seen at one event or another were Gladiola Afner, Costella E. Allen, Leola F. Anderson, Theresa Arnold, Mary Louise Aubery, Minnie Jackson Avent, Cloteal Baskin, Coretta C. Bather, Jessie Mae Beavers, Sara Benjamin, Doris Booker, Elsie L. Lockhart, Carrie Grantley and Sarah K. Booker. Also Joan Briscoe, Laura Brooks, Karen Brown, Emily W. Bryant, Gwen Cherry, Cathetine H. Bruce, Meda Chamberlain, Francis L. Chappell, Vinian Copeland, Elayne Corley, Polly Cowan, Christina Cox, Corintha H. Coy, Anne Mitchem Davis, Majorie Davis, Celia M. Coy, Sharon Eddy, Ruby A. Edwards, Lucille Etheridge, Dorothy Ferebee, Ruth R. Frazier, Frankie Freeman, Victoria Fulford, Velma Garner, Elsie Gibbs, Emma B and Mrs. William Gilmore.

They were among the 150-ladies invited by Mrs. Richard Nixon for a musical tea at the White House. So were Maude Gadsen, Pauline Grant, Gertrude E. Gray, Vivian L. Grove, Lillian C. Kimura, Lydia Gibbs Gumles, Eartha Harris, Alzeda Crockett Hacker, Viola M. Halloway, Odelma Hammon, Jaunita C. Hawkins, Marlvious Harrison, Isabelle Herson, Mrs. Arthur Fletcher, Dr. Grace Hewell, Marjorie Hill, Theresa Hoover, Charlye Higgins, Vivian C. Jackson, Brenda Joyce, Eunice W. Liberty, Lily Lynch, Mrs. Fred Parrot, Maurine Perkinson, Viola Phoenix, Dorothy Shaed Procter, and Julia T. Procter. Also Dolores E. Street, Inez Christenterry, Hannah Enslly, Nettie Alice Green, Jerona L. Miller, Mrs. Theodore R. Wilson, Sandra Wilson, Katherine Martin Bailey, Frances Henderson, Marie Price, Helen B. Kirk, Beatrice White, Glennie Crawford, Mary Rollings and Rosanna Johns, who reminded this scribe they knew him since he was fourteen. Then there were lovely Coretta King, Gloria E.A. Toote, Ersa Poston and Mrs. Maybelle Braynon of Miami who is the mother of a judge, dentist and pharmacist and only one is a fella.

NOTE PICKIN'--The White House called in some photos taken at Mrs. Nixon's reception for the National Council of Negro Women. One fella was in too many of them and in the wrong protocol position. After all, it was an affair for the girls...The NCNW is about to call together the top women in the nation to launch a three pronged program to deal with hunger, housing and unity. Two major Foundations have given the giant femme org. substantial grants to start the ball rolling...Sara Slack, the Am' News mgr. ed.,

Diana Ross Named "Female Artist Of Decade"

Los Angeles-Diana Ross has been named the 'Female Artist of the Decade' by Record World Magazine, it was revealed today in the publications 10th Anniversary Directory Issue.

Miss Ross was selected for the prestigious honor following a study of the publications 'Pop Charts' over the past ten years; also taken into consideration is 'top ten chart activity' and record sales.

Record World Magazine, music industry trade publications, also named Barbra Striesand to Jobete Music, who has had more 'yop ten' and chart records over the past decade than any other publisher, was named 'Music Publishers of the Decade.'

The Temptations, who recently finished celebrating a decade on the Motown label, were named 'Group of the Decade' in the Rhythm and Blues category; Marvin Gaye and Stevie Wonder were selected to share the 'Male Artist of the Decade' award with James Brown. Although, Wonder today is considered a 'Pop Star' he didn't make the transition until two years ago.

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has taken up her blue pencil activities after a hospital seige...Both Joe Dargan, of the jet set, and "Big Steve" Stevenson are also out of the pill factory health wiser as a result of their confinement...Joe Grant, the Sammy Davis Jr. Ent. veepee, is facing a tonsillectomy...Bill Cohen will lose his lovely daughter, Cheryl, comes mid-Aug., but gain a son in Jimmy Griffin of Hampton, Va...Pals of Sam "The man" Taylor and his Eleanor had their usual good time at their annual "cocktail and etc." party on the lawn of their Mt. Vernon manse...The National Black Police Ass'n is offering a nine day, eight nite package for its upcoming Los Angeles convention. A pre convention Los Angeles-Las Vegas deal is thrown in for the dance takers...Abe Venable may soon become a General Motors veepee... Dick Gidron, the one bro. cadillac dealer in this section of the forest, had to contact GM outlets throughout the nation to find two white convertible cadillacs as a gift for the Easley Bro. who ended their pursuit of higher education with college degrees...The Joint Center for Political Studies is offering vol-4 of its national roster of back elected officials. Evelyn Cunningham, she heads-up the femme dept for N'York's Gov. is back from her jet-away to Nice...Congressman Charles B. Rangel has read into the congressional record a column on "The future for Equal Opportunity in Housing" by Dr. Gloria E.A. Toote. The Assistant Secy of HUD for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity does a public service column, titled "The U in Housing" for several, mostly black, weekly newspapers...James B. Peters will be honored by his friend in DeeCee as soon as August turns the calendar...STAY LOOSE

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