

# Entertainment



## Billy Rowe's Notebook

### SITE SELECTION TARNISHES SILVER BELLES' REUNION

**N'YORK CITY:**— "The Silver Belles" were remiss in their site selection for their good cause reunion, Hale House, in the Big Apple. In the days of their spotlighted glory and glamour, Harlem was their stomping ground. Their world class embraced charm reached out from the then "City within a City" to the far corners of the world and they affixed their stamp on the mar-

quees of all the Capitols of the universe. This high spirited event on the board of good intentions, was no doubt drawn with zest, vigor, vim, verve, exhilaration and good cheer. However, the "Silver Belles" good cause invasion of the Big Apple was tarnished by its site selection. It should have been the Apollo Theatre, where their pride and resuscitated glory would have

left a needed mark of joy and happiness, targets to aim at. Their attracted hordes could well have been wined and dined at both Copeland's and Sylvia's. The money left in the community would have added to its current regrowth campaign. Nonetheless the event was the magnet which attracted Alice Keyes from Las Vegas, Tony Award Winner Honi Coles and his devoted spouse, Marion, Cleo Hayes, Elvera Sanchez Davis, Leonard Reid and his latest protegee, Angela Teek, who is featured in one of B'way's new season hits "Oh Kay!" and Mother Hale, the beneficiary. It resuscitated the glamour and glitter that was Harlem in the decade which spawned the immortal Adam Clayton Powell, Duke Ellington, Bill Robinson, Teddy Hill, Ed Smalls, Ethel Waters, Canada Lee, Marian Anderson, Paul Robeson, Billie Holliday, Sammy Davis, Jr., Cab Calloway, Hazel Scott, Count Basie. Ollie Har-

rington, Dan Burley, George S. Schukler, Julia Bumberg Jones, Gerri Major, Langston Hughes, Lena Horne, Florence Mills, Clarence Muse, Pigmeat Markham, Dusty Fletcher, Harry Belafonte, Louis Armstrong, Ella Fitzgerald, Fredi Washington and Bertie Lou Woods to name a few.

**NEWS NOTES**— The tipped chapeau is to the American Society of Newspaper Editors. It informed this scribe that "Despite the difficult economic times ASNE urges member publications to reinvigorate their commitment to hire and advance Minorities."...Judy Baker has settled into her position as vice president of Social Responsibility. Upped from President of the Borden Foundation in '83, she remains on a fast track...WVOX, the W'Chester kilocycles which 'ears' "Conversation Rowe," has an ear cocked for a trained voice and engineer to fit into an on-air position. Judy Fremont, 914-636-1460, is the contact... "Kin and Marion," a made in Japan CD will be released in Japan this month with a million dollar packaging. It could be just what the interracial couple, Kim Kalesti and Marion Cowings, need to capitate them to stardom...South Africa has ears for Shadow Twala, its first native African to do her thing on a white oriented market radio station...The well balanced command police team tapped by Newark's Mayor Sharpe James is a picture worth 1000-words. It's a balanced view

of what equal opportunity should be. Hope he will send a copy to prez. Bush, the no quota Chief in DeeCee...Gordon Anderson has put the "For Sale" tag on all his Apollo Pictures. His asking price is enough to aid him to live comfortably out of the Apple...Eye arresting Robin Givens is back on "Head of The Class" set. She is also set for a movie comes Feb. titled "White Boy Blues." Brazilian Director, Beretta, will fill that chair...Memorial services were held for Rae Harrison who passed a couple of weeks ago. She was the spouse of jazz musician Sam Wooding. If memory serves, he was the first African-American to tour Europe back in 1931. He made his sounds applaudable in Buenos Aires in 1923 and Russia in '26...Don't just read about it, do something. It's time to raise your voice in protest. The killing and maiming of the Mohawk Indians in Canada has the same stench about it as Saddam Hussein's rampage in the Persian Gulf...His pals dubbed him Brooklyn's most famous "Turkey" so they have fashioned a post-Thanksgiving roasting for James "Buddy" Keaton...Cab Calloway is set for a spot on Napoleon Holms' "Palace" Wall of Fame...A Nov. 8th., memorial service has been set for "Hoss" Steele at Abyssinia Baptist Church by the gals and lads who knew him best. In the good days he was a legend in his own time.

**HAPPY 20th:**— To Essence

mag., which has reached that milestone. Its publisher selected Radio City Music Hall to spotlight the happening. However, we were disappointed that they didn't arrange for some activity uptown, where a majority of their readers live. The "uptowns, southsides and across the railroad tracks" of the country need the attention of such successes to add to its pride and promise. Haven't they heard of equal opportunity? This corner will start running a list of those that do and don't support their community.

**END NOTES:**— It's, of course, wait and see at this writing; however, at this juncture incumbent Republican Senator Helms is only given a hair line winning chance for reelection against Harvey Gantt, the former African-American Mayor of Charlotte, N.C., who could make history winning an upset race for a Senate seat...Don't you go gloating over Mayor David Dinkin's Bill Apple Problems. The count is that some thirty states could be swimming in red ink by this time in '91. Predictions are that about a dozen will hike taxes...By the way, Mayor Sharpe James, Newark, NJ., has earned another line or two. He issued a proclamation declaring month end just past "National Business Women's Week"...Folks here had to do a double take. A local journal bold typed the notice that Samuel Davis, Jr., 61, died. The small type explained he was a Westchester Country Club caddie...It's the national Capitol's loss and the Big Apple's regain. Talented and continued glamorous Lena Horne has given up DeeCee and is moving back to the Big Apple...STAY LOOSE..Billy Rowe is a syndicated columnist.

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