

Leisurettes In Area Report On Monthly Meeting

The Leisurettes Club held its monthly meeting on Thursday, March 24, at the home of Ms. Joan Spencer. Hostess was Ms. Beatrice Williams. A warm welcome was given to all as they assembled.

The meeting was opened by the president, Ms. Virginia Swayze. Greetings and thanks were extended to the members for attending. Ms. Eunice White, devotional leader for the day, lead the devotions. She began with the prayer Christ prayed in Matthew 26:39, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will but as Thou wilt." Ending with the comment that we all have to struggle with our future.

The business session was begun by the president calling for the reading of the minutes by Ms. Maude Evans. The minutes were read and received. Treasurer's report was given by Ms. Justine Davis. Corresponding secretary Ms. Bernestine Sanders read thank-you cards and other business correspondence.

Committee reports were given by Ms. Alma Reid and Ms. Dorothy Lane. Ms. Reid stressed the importance of checking nursing homes for senior citizens.

Program chairman, Ms. Barbara Ligon, presented the speaker and demonstrator for the day, Ms. Naomi Horton, who is an outstanding maker of accessories such as scarves, belts, etc., for women and ties, pocket squares, etc., for men. All are hand-made. Her demonstrations for ways of wearing these various articles were handy. At the close, she received a standing ovation. Ms. Horton's home shows and demonstrations are given at her office, 1105 Belfast Drive, 829-9579.

After the Easter season's dinner of seafood was served, all were given Easter favors.

The hostess, Ms. B. Williams, was assisted by co-hostess, her daughter, Ms. Joan Spencer; great-granddaughter, Toneke; a friend, Ms. Sarah Davis, and others.

Ms. Eunice White thanked all for an enjoyable welcome and a job well done.

Those attending included Ms. Lillie Ballentine, Ms. Bessie Blue, Ms. Martha Davidson, Ms. Justine Davis, Ms. Maude Evans, Ms. Mary Flagg, Ms. Lochiner Goins, Ms. Augusta Gray, Ms. Gertrude Harris, Ms. Gila Harris, Ms. Anne Hawkins, Ms. Julia Holloway, Ms. Ann Hurdie, Ms. Katie Jones, Ms. Dorothy Lane, Ms. Barbara Ligon, Ms. Maye Ligon, Ms. George Manly, Ms. Alma Reid, Ms. Bernestine Sanders, Ms. Virginia Swayze, Ms. Eunice White and Ms. B.F. Williams.

Club reporter is Ms. Augusta Gray.

Bill Provides Family Leave For Employees

The House of Representatives is considering a bill to provide job-protected employee leave for childbirth, illness and time care for children, the ill and the elderly. Sponsored by Reps. William L. Clay (D-Mo.) and Patricia Schroeder (D-Colo.), the Family and Medical Leave Act sometimes referred to as "Parental Leave" has, according to Sarah Harder, president of the American Association of University Women, which is avidly pushing for passage of the measure, "already 150 House sponsors." The House bill is HR 925. A similar measure, S-249, is being considered in the Senate.

Ms. Harder made the statement in a press conference announcing the findings of an ASUW and the Institute for Women Policy Research joint study titled "Unnecessary Losses: Costs to Americans of the Lack of Family and Medical Leave."

She said lack of family leave for employees costs workers and taxpayers in the United States an estimated \$715 million a year. Women workers, particularly black women, bear a disproportionately large share of the burden of these costs.

In presenting the findings, doctors Heidi Hartmann and Roberta Spalter-Roth, who conducted the study, said, "The Government Accounting Office estimates that providing parental leave could cost employers approximately \$102 million. Contrasting that figure with the cost of not providing such leave—\$715 million—is nothing short of pure fiscal folly, especially when the issues of lost productivity in the workplace is factored into the equation."

Saying that there are 100 countries that provide some period of job-protected maternity leave and wage replacement, Dr. Harder said, "This report demonstrates how crucial this legislation is for a society such as ours—one that claims to be 'family centered.' It is shameful not to have legislation providing these protections." If Congress fails to pass this legislation, it will become an election issue in the fall, she promised.

In 1776, Mary Ludwig Hays gained the name "Molly Pitcher" and a place in U. S. history for aiding American Revolutionary forces at the Battle of Monmouth in New Jersey.



CAREER ACHIEVEMENT—(left to right) Thomas B. Sense and "U. S. Sports" magazines, are pictured here as Shropshire, retired executive and consultant, Miller Brewing Company; Walter Payton, Chicago Bears' football great; Ken Hudson, director of community affairs/sports promotions, Coca-Cola USA; and Donald C. Walker, publisher of the "Blackbook International Reference Guide. Dollars and

LOOK AND LIVE!

BY REV. JAS A. HEMBY
FAULT FINDERS

Some people seem to be happy only when they are making others miserable! Because they thrive on fault-finding, they stir up strife wherever they go. What's wrong with them anyway? The answer is clear: They are secretly disgusted with their unproductive lives and dissatisfied with their own achievements, so they try to boost themselves by stepping on others. Having a poor self-image, they criticize everyone to relieve their inner anger and disappointment.

Christian, if you are constantly finding fault, ask yourself, "What's wrong with me?" Perhaps a selfish attitude has separated you from the fellowship and life-changing power of God. Maybe you desire what others have instead of concentrating on the Lord and learning to be content with what you have. You may have too low an estimate of your true worth, and feelings of inferiority are triggering your negative response to others. Spend a little time in introspection, and ask the Holy Spirit to show you the real problem.

Maybe your real problem could be found in St. Matthew 7:3—"And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?"

A magazine carried this humorous but pointed story: "The wife of a hard-to-please husband was determined to try her best to satisfy him for just one day. 'Darling,' she said, 'What would you like for breakfast this morning?' He growled, 'Coffee and toast, grits and sausage and two eggs—one scrambled and one fried.' Soon, she had the food on the table and waited for a word of praise. After a quick glance, he said, 'Well, if you didn't scramble the WRONG egg!'"

The fault with fault-finders is the fault they will not face themselves. Look to Him who is able to keep you from falling. Look to Jesus now and live.



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