Mrs. Gambrill honored at suprise testimonial here

MRS. MILDRED L. GAMBRILL
lauded at banquet at Berean Baptist Church

Mrs. Mildred Lane Gambrill was honored at a testimonial banquet recently sponsored by the deaconess of Berean Baptist Church where she has been a member since her early childhood.

The honoree served as financial secretary for 25 years.

Mrs. Gambrill is the daughter of the late Earlie G. Lane, Sr., a founder of the church who served as a deacon until his death.

Her late husband, Edward Gambrill, was also an active church member serving as an usher, trustee and treasurer until his death in August, 1969.

Mrs. Gambrill is a Public Health Nurse in the Baltimore City Health Department where she has been employed for 33 years.

Not only has Mrs. Gambrill worked in her church, but she has also been an inspiration in her Pimlico community where she has lived since birth.

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Mrs. Ealine Austin presided at the program. Hilton McDaniel dedicated and sang to the honoree "You'll Never Walk Alone."

Donald W. T. Cary played and sang "On A Clear Day," a song he felt was a synopsis of the occasion.

Mrs. Constance Smith meda the presentations which include a white orchid given by Mrs. Mary Burns the floristi, and a money corsage given by all the organizations of the church. Mrs. Gambrill also received many other gifts.

In acknowledgement, Mrs. Gambrill said that she was surprised and touched to find out that the affair was for her. She had been under the impression that it was for another member of the church.

She thanked guests for "giving me flowers while I can still smell them"

Among relatives present for the occasion were Earlie G. Lane Jr., brother of the honoree; Mrs. Estella Edelen, sister; Mrs. Beatrice Lewis and Mrs. Julia Gambrill, sisters-in-law; Misses Charlotte and Patricia Edelen, nieces and Charles Edelen, nephew.

Also present were the Rev. Edward A. Brown, Berean pastor; Thomas Austin, Deacon Board chairman and deacons Emmanuel Conrad, Ralph Paige and Clyde Garnes; Trustee Board chairman Herbert Peters; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Johnson, Mrs. Edith Woodson, Mrs. Mildred Chapman, Mrs. Annie Hairston, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Slater and Mrs. Freda Fletcher.

Also Messers and Mesdames Donald W. T. Cary, Edward Martin, Rolland Green; Mesdames Rose Lewis, Pearl Winston, Laura Davis, Cardell Jones, Margaret Selby, Olive Bolling, Rowena McCrae, Carletha Gibson, Beatrice Baker, Kathleen Wilton, Evelyn Peters; Miss Mary Baker and Hilton McDaniel.

Jolly Femmes to Bahamas

Les Jolly Femmes Club is completing plans for their annual vacation trip, which, this year will be to West End, Grand Bahamas.

The group will spend the period, August 12-22, in the islands.

Mrs. Odessa Boswell is president of the club.

Other officers are Mesdames Mildred Butler, vice president; Etta Chappell, business manager; Catherine Turnipseed, assistant business manager; Willa Mae Cain, chairman of the sick committee; Dorothy Butler, assistant chairman of the sick committee;

Mesdames Minnie Drummond, treasurer; Elizabeth Malone, assistant treasurer; and Edna Dobson, legal adviser;

Members of the club also include Mesdames Mildred Robinson, Dorothy Taylor and Sarah Jackson.

Honorary members are: Mesdames Estelle Taylor, Gladys Forrester, Virginia Gray and Ivory Brown of Hartford, Conn.

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The Handicapped Division of the Bureau of Recreation will hold a carnival at the Towanda Playfield, 4100 Towanda Avenue. Mrs. Doris Samuels is supervisor of Handicapped Services for the Recreation Department.

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Gadabouting in Baltimore

Me De-So Club in new role; to build housing complex

with Lula Mackay

MRS. LEROY MERCER

Twenty-three doctors and dentists of the Me-De-So Club will break ground, Sunday for their new venture — Medeso Manor Apartments, at the corner of Eutaw Place and Pressman St.

Commissioner Robert C. Embry, Jr. of the Department of Housing and Community Development, will keynote the ceremony at 2 p.m.

This brings a new dimension to the Me-De-So Club, which has heretofore been spotlighted by its social program which included its famed debutante presentations.

The apartments will be built on two lots on the west side of Eutaw Place, on both sides of Pressman Street, and a third lot at the northwest corner of Laurens and McCulloh Streets which they purchased for $44,250.

The apartments will be garden-type, 2½ story walkups. Thirty-two will have two bedrooms, and 24, three bedrooms. Dr. I. Bradshaw Higgins, housing chairman of the group, says that the club sponsored the annual cotillions to honor outstanding young students, added:

"The Medeso Manor development is a reflection of the same kind of interest we have in the community.

"This effort balances off the essentially social nature of the cotillion. The apartments, where people will live, will be a living example of something good in our community.

"We really felt it was our duty as physicians and community leaders to do something, totally on a non-profit basis, which would help the community."

The Medeso Club formed the partnership now known as the MDS Development Company. They placed the responsibility for arranging the transaction into the hands of general partners Dr. Higgins, Dr. J. Baisel Weaver, Dr. John S. Braxa and r. ernard H. Christmas.

They agreed that the property would be developed in accordance with the Madison Park North urban renewal area, and that rents would be suitable for moderate-income families.

As a limited-dividend housing sponsor, the doctors were able to receive through the Maryland National Bank a $622,000 construction loan which, when the building is complete, will be turned over as a mortgage to the Government National Mortgage Association. The mortgage rate will be 3 per cent, and the term 40 years. The mortgage will be FHA-insured.

Dr. George Woodland is president of the Me-De-So Club.

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Dr. and Mrs. Herbert (Jewel) Mosley, both of whom were confirmed at St. James Episcapal Church, Sunday afternoon, were later joined by friends when four couples entertained for them.

The hosts were Gwendolyn and Glenn Tarter, Mamie and Jerome Todd, Verniece and Medford Reynolds, and Lula and Cliff Mackay (the hostesses all members of the Flerians, as is Jewel, and also of Saint James Church). The reception was in the home of the Mackays.

To congratulate the Mosleys were:

Messrs. and Mesdames Ernest Johnson, James Mebane and Walter Gray; Drs. and Mesdames G. James Fleming, Frederick Dedmond, Martin D. Jenkins, and Saul Perdue; Fr. and Mrs. John F. Bird and Fr. and Mrs. Clayton Dudley;

Mesdames Lydia Mussenden, Pearl Cole Brackett, Ruth Welling, Bernice Hun-

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Mercer-Wedding took surprise turn from Bon Voyage

By LULA MACKAY

WASHINGTON — Except for a few in the know, the 200-plus guests at the party given by Dr. and Mrs. Henry C. Welcome of Baltimore today (Friday) came with the thought they were attending a bon voyage party for their daughter, the lovely and talented young lawyer, Mary Sue Welcome.

Indeed, the invitations had said "Come and say goodbye to Mary Sue."

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There was no hint as the hosts and Miss Welcome, wearing a party pants ensemble in black and white, greeted the comers as they arrived at a sylvan spot in Rock Creek Park, where a brook tinkled gently, and birds added music from the stately trees.

It was a nonchalantly gay group that nibbled on steamship round, salad, cole slaw and a medley of condiments from the buffet, sipped punch and chatted . . . not even noticing that Miss Welcome had slipped away from the guests.

So there were more than a few gasps as she reappeared on the arm of her father, a noted Baltimore surgeon, and in the role of bride-to-be.

The party had begun at noon. The hour was now two, and the Rev. Channing Phillips stepped forward to perform the ceremony that

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ANNOUNCEMENT of the engagement of Miss Verneta C. James and Joseph G. Montgomery has been made by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elijah James. The bridegroom-elect is the son of Mrs. Audrey Montgomery. Miss James is also the granddaughter of Mr. and Mr. James Jenkins. All are of Baltimore.

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