RE. CHARLAYNE HUNTER

Women of Nation's Capital view her marriage with mixed emotions

By ROSEMARIE TYLER

WASHINGTON

The Charlayne Hunter-Walter Stovall marriage has caused national and local comment.

While most of the people interviewed felt that marriage "is an individual thing" Mrs. Claude Cowan, wife of the prominent opthamologist typified local comments:

"I thought the timing was bad, but marriage is an individual thing... falling in love is something you can't control. Many white people will resent this, but in the North where the schools are integrated, there are so few inter-marriages.

"I saw her on television. She was quite composed . . . so pretty. I can't blame him for falling in love with her."

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MRS. WILLIAM FOWLER, wife of the Justice Department lawyer felt the marriage was a personal matter, but it does "give the bigots an argument."

"I am more sorry that this country is so torn racially that there has to be a discussion about any two people in love who marry."

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Mrs. Marian Seymour, retired nurse said "it's their business and if that's what she wants, well . . . I don't think she's going to get very far, however."

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MRS. ARABELLA DENNISTON, staffer for Congressman Long of Maryland, "It's perfectly all-right. It's a personal choice. I hope they will have a long and happy life. It is unfortunate about the father's attitude. He said that 'it was the end of the world for him.'"

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Mrs. Genard H. Jones, housewife, active Delta Sigma Theta member: Well, for one thing I was surprised! I feel people should marry whom they please. We marry according to social attitudes. Apparently, they have bridged the gap of color, and just became two young people.

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MRS. ARETHA MCKINLEY, Social Secretary, Viet Nam Embassy, said, "to each his own. Both parties will have to work very diligently to avoid disintegration. Too many factors will seek to separate them."

MRS. OLA MAE BROADIE, secretary at the Meyer Elementary School looked at the marriage from the husband's point of view. "he doesn't have to say anything about his feelings on segregation, or integration. . . he's proved how he feels. I think the marriage has something good. He's trying to prove that all people from Georgia are not segregationists."

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Mrs. HOWARD JENKINS, teacher at the Parkview Elementary School said, "Hopefully in the future, this marriage will not receive the attention it has received. Some teachers at my school expressed regret that the marriage has taken place, but this is unfair to our own American dream."

Meanwhile, State Atty-Gen. Eugene Cook of Georgia said that his state did not recognize the marriage. He said that the couple could not legally live together in Georgia as man and wife.

"They are not married under Georgia law," Cook said. "It's unlawful for a white person to marry anyone except a white person, and any marriage in violation of this law shall be void."

Georgia law does not recognize interracial marriage in another state. If they returned, the couple would be subject to arrest.

If convicted they could be fined up to $1,000 and sentenced to up to 18 months imprisonment.

Cook declared that he is investigating the circumstances surrounding the marriage and that his finding will be turned over to the solicitor general and a grand jury to determine if any of Georgia's laws were violated.

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AT THE university: O. C. Aderhold, president, said he was "greatly surprised and shocked" by the report of the marriage.

"Interracial marrige is prohibited by Georgia law and secret marriages are contrary to University of Georgia regulations," he said.

He said neither Stovall nor his wife would be permitted to enter the university again.

The former Miss Hunter enter the University of Georgia in 1961 as one of the first two colored persons to attend the previously segregated school. She had transferred from Wayne State University in Detroit.

NATIONAL AWARD — Philadelphia industrialist, Milton J. Shapp, center, receives the distinguished service award from the Frontiers International, during the organization's convention in Chicago, for his "loyalty and devotion to the education of the Negro by creation of the Shapp Scholarship fund. Left is Nimrod B. Allen, of Columbus, O., founder and right, James F. King, of Newark, N.J., national president. Frontiers International has chapters in 27 states.

Philadelphia industrialist cited at Frontier's Confab

CHICAGO — Milton J. Shapp, Philadelphia industrialist and civic leader, has been awarded the annual Distinguished Service Award of Frontiers International.

James F. King, president of Frontiers International, presented a plaque to Shapp at a banquet at the Sheraton-Blackstone Hotel.

The award is presented each year to a person who has distinguished himself in the field of human relations. Martin Luther King, minister and integration leader, received the award last year. In 1961, Ralph McGill, editor of the Atlanta Constitution, was the recipient.

Shapp, founder and board chairman of The Jerrold Corp., of Philadelphia, was cited for his "distinguished service in the improvement of inter - racial and intergroup relations."

Frontiers International, which has chapters in 27 states, specifically cited Shapp's "loyalty and devotion to the education of the Negro by creation of the Shapp Scholarship Fund" which provides financial aid to help young people from minority groups.

Shapp, who serves as an advisor to a number of national and Pennsylvania state agencies and departments, is credited with being instrumental in the establishment of the Peace Corps, of which he is now a special consultant.

In addition, Shapp is a consultant to the U.S. Department of Commerce; chairman of the Pennsylvania Committee for State Constitutional Revision; President of the Greater Philadelphia Chapter, American Jewish Congress; chairman of the Manpower Utilization Commission of the City of Philadelphia and director of Philadelphia's Fellowship House.

He has received many awards, including the Annual Pennsylvania AFL-CIO Award for Good Citizenship (1963); Philadelphia Fellowship Commissions Award (1962) and the "People to People" Award of the Philadelphia Zionist Organization (1963).

Shapp, a visiting lecturer at St. Joseph's College, Phila., lives with his wife and three children in Merion Station, Montgomery County, Pa.

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ELKS CONQUER BOSTON

Evers' widow convention star

BOSTON (ANP) — A heroic young widow and mother from Mississippi led 5,000 Elks, here for their annual national convention, in a march here last week in memory of two great fighters for freedom — one killed 193 years ago, the other shot to death earlier this summer.

The ranks of the Elks were substantially reduced by the fact that 2,000 members had left the annual convention here to march in Washington.

They traveled to the Capital in the same buses that brought them to Boston from all parts of the nation.

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IN A brief, solemn ceremony, Mrs. Medgar Evers, whose husband was slain by a segregationist, placed a wreath on the Common monument that commemorates the Boston Massacre.

The first person to fall in that tragedy was Crispus Attucks, a colored man shot down by British soldiers on on March 5, 1770.

Later at nearby Parkman Bandstand, the Elks presented Mrs. Evers with a $5,000 memorial scholarship fund for her three fatherless children.

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"THE SAME gun that was pointed at my husband's head is pointed at each head who asks, "How long must we wait to be first class citizens?" Mrs. Evers said in accepting the fund.

In noting that the gathering also marked the 100th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation, Mrs. Evers remarked that the "American colored man, emancipated one century ago, remains in bondage to the color of his skin."

"But we have come too far to turn around and the end is in sight," she added in reference to the nationwide civil rights drive.

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REV. DR. C. M. SMITH, Elks chaplain, urged: "Let us march with a steady beat until our feet come to the places for which our fathers died."

Boston was highly praised by the Elks grand exalted ruler, Hobson R. Reynolds, who said, "Boston has given us the finest welcome we ever had."

A Boston woman, Mrs. Gertrude Woodhouse, was named "Daughter of the Year" during the observance.

The peaceful demonstration, which police said was viewed by some 2,000, lasted about one hour. A number of the demonstrators had planned to march by Boston School Committee offices in protest against the de-facto segregation dispute in the city's public schools.

Chicago judge lauds New York attorney for settling dispute

CHICAGO — Paul Zuber, New York attorney and counsel for a group of Chicagoans who had lodged a suit against the Board of Education, last week was heaped with praise for amicably settling the suit.

The plaintiffs decided to drop the suit after the school board's acceptance of a proposal to have a panel of five outside experts to study racial segregation problems.

In granting Zuber's motion to drop the suit, Judge Julius J. Hoffman lauded the attorney for reaching "an agreement that does credit to all parties concerned . . . . There are no

Sen. Fong blasts immigration laws

WASHINGTON

Sen. Hiram L. Fong (Rep., Hawaii) last week called on Congress to end discrimination in the nation's immigration laws. He called them obsolete and unfair to Oriental, Polynesian and emerging African countries.

Mr. Fong, first Senator of Chinese extraction, charged that under the present quota system over half of the residents of the State of Hawaii could be excluded from the United States.

Prof. takes leave from A&T College

GREENSBORO, N.C. — A professor at A. and T. College has been granted a leave of absence for work on a foreign assignment.

Dr. Randa D. Russell, professor and chairman Women's Physical Edcatio" Department since 1952, has been granted a leave to accept an appointment as health education advisor to the World Health Organization with headquarters at Geneva, Switzerland.

Announcement of the appointment and approval for leave was made this week by Dr. L. C. Dowdy, acting president at the college. He said that Dr. Russell will leave the United States in mid-September.

Dr. Russell will serve as health education advisor in the Phillipines and will be stationed at Manila.

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BOWIE COLLEGE FINDS FUTURE BRIGHTER NOW

By WALTER DEAN

Bowie State College, whose "dignified burial" was urged a few years ago, is now a growing and bustling college.

Two factors have contributed to the college's "resurrection" from near oblivion.

(1) A large influx of white students.

(2) Its change from a teachers college to a liberal arts institution.

Dr. William E. Henry, president of Bowie, is proud of his institution.

What was formerly a third - rate, nearly obscure mill which manufactured teachers is now rapidly becoming an important and inspirational beacon in the community of education.

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LAST YEAR, for various reasons, white persons enrolled in the school in large numbers. Prior to that, Bowie normally had only one or two white students.

The number will be larger this fall.

Dr. Henry predicts that his white enrollment will climb to 25 percent of the predicted registration of some 450 day and boarding students.

The area surrounding Bowie has been experiencing a housing boom for several years.

Housing developments for middle and upper - middle class income families are growing at a record pace.

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ACCORDING TO Dr. Henry, one nearby development which already has some 12,000 inhabitants is scheduled to expand and house some 85,000 persons.

Continuing his analysis of Bowie's community, Dr. Henry said that many of the residents work in Washington and migrated to the area from all parts of the country.

He feels they brought with them new concepts and attitudes.

One of the new attitudes is to go to the college in the community rather than to go to a more distant one merely because of its racial composition.

Last year, said Dr. Henry, some 123 local students went to Frostburg, which is a predominantly white college, rather than go to nearby Bowie.

In addition, said Dr. Henry, the nearby community has noticed that Bowie is not only cheaper (tuition for teacher training is only $45 a semester) but it is only 10 - 15 minutes travel time to and from the school.

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THE INFLUX of white residents to the college had a positive effect on the State Legislature as well as on Bowie's faculty and student body.

"The attitude of state officials has changed," said Dr. Henry. "Now they are aware that Bowie has a place in the state's educational program."

Dr. Henry buttressed his statement by declaring that it is easier now to get capital improvements for the college.

DR. WILLIAM E. HENRY

"When I went to Annapolis the last time for the budget hearings," he said, "I got nearly everything I wanted."

Dr. Henry cited plans for a student union building, a larger dining room, a staff house, $30,000 to buy more books for the library, a science building, a new $30,000 infirmary and several other requests.

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AN AMUSING by - product of Bowie's changing racial composition is that for years, Dr. Henry has been requesting that the campus be better lighted and that a road around it be completed.

The latest and brightest in street lights, mercury vapor lamps, are being installed on the campus now and Dr. Henry is confident that the road soon will be completed.

What has been the impact on Bowie's faculty and student body?

"The academic air around the college has improved," said Dr. Henry. "The students here noticed that by being in a mixed group, they have got to work."

Last semester, a white female student had the highest average in the freshman class.

Dr. Henry believes that the spirited competition is welcomed.

"We are asking for job opportunities," he said, "but jobs will be for the best prepared person."

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HE BELITTLED the idea that colored students would be at a disadvantage at Bowie.

Integrated high schools are making our children prepared to compete in an integrated college," he said.

'Of course," he added, "the added competition is not without its effects on the faculty."

The changing situation at Bowie has had another kind of effect on the campus.

"I find that parents are more interested in the school and in the content of the student's courses," said Dr. Henry.

He has attributed parental interest in the college for his recent successes with the State Legislature.

"When I went to see the Ways and Means Committee of the State Legislature," he said, "I had people from the community there with me. I didn't have to go alone. I had support."

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THE FUTURE of Bowie now seems bright and secure.

The college has 187 acres on which to expand. The surrounding community is growing and articulate in its demands for educational facilities.

What was founded around 1867 as a school for colored people may, in a few years, be the first Maryland college in recent times to radically alter its racial complexion.

"We are the most 'democratic' school in the state," said Dr. Henry humorously.

The accredited college will continue to train elementary and secondary school teachers.

Its new and major duty, the liberal arts majors, will give Bowie a new face and community personality.

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ALTHOUGH ITS library is small, only some 22,000 volumes, Dr. Henry has been given more money by the state to enlarge the library's facilities.

In addition, the community itself is taking an active interest in Bowie and helping to establish its new image.

Recently, a group of Bel Air housewives sponsored a widely - publicized art show on the campus.

The hiring of professors to head recently established academic departments is another anchor which secures Bowie's place in the sun.

The new heads are Drs. Salvatore Nerboso, social studies; Allen Brown, English; and Hilda Ascunce, languages.

Bowie, which is located, as Dr. Henry said, "10 rugged miles from the University of Maryland's campus," also has an increasingly integrated faculty.

Last year there were seven white teachers on the faculty. This year the number has risen to 12 of the 36 total.

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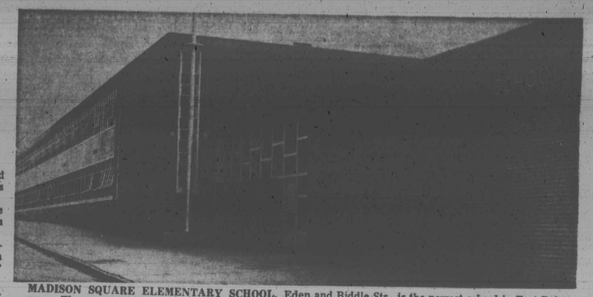
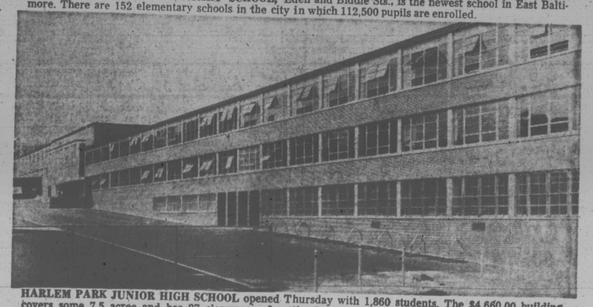
"I AM proud of the progress we have made," said Dr. Henry.

"And I have no doubt," he said, "that Bowie will become one of the best schools in the state."



MADISON SQUARE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, Eden and Biddle Sts., is the newest school in East Baltimore. There are 152 elementary schools in the city in which 112,500 pupils are enrolled.



HARLEM PARK JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL opened Thursday with 1,860 students. The $4,660,00 building covers some 7.5 acrec and has 87 classrooms. Location is at Harlem Ave. and Gilmor St.

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT UP

Baltimore City Public Schools opened their doors Thursday to an estimated record enrollment of 184,100 pupils, an increase of 4,068 over the fall of 1962.

Of the predicted enrollment, 112,500 pupils will attend the 152 elementary schools representing an increase of 1,777 over last year. Included in these figures are an estimated 15,780 children who will enroll in kindergarten class.

For the secondary - vocation school which were to enroll 71,660 pupils, the estimated increase amounts to 2,291 pupils.

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ONE OF the largest of the new schools was opened Thursday is Harlem Park Junior High.

The four million, six - hundred thousand dollar junior high covers a two - block area, from Gilmor to Calhoun and is bounded by Harlem Ave. on the north and Lanvale St. on the south. It has an estimated enrollment of 1,860.

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HUNDREDS OF thousands of dollars have been spent to equip Harlem Park School with the newest equipment and the latest innovations in teaching aids.

Among the school's unique features are mathematical labs where children learn the practical applicatidn of the rules they are studying.

Harlem Park is the first junior high in the city to provide individual science lab facilities for its students.

The 79,088 pupil increase in Baltimore schools since 1945 represents a 75.3 percent climb in enrollment. It is expected that the 1963 enrollment will represent a 2.2 percent increase over the 1962 figure.

The size of the 79,088 increase in Baltimore City since 1945 can be appreciated when it is realized that this figure is twice the total population of Hagerstown, the second largest city in Maryland.

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BY 1967 the predicted enrollment of 191,130, 82 percent more pupils than attended in 1945, would mean the addition of 86,300 pupils.

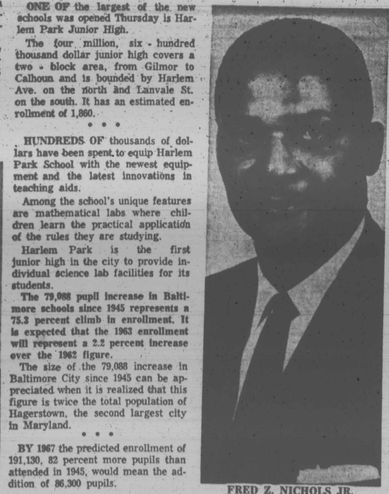
Estimates are made from child population studies maintained in the Bureau of Research of the Department of Education and are based on the fact that children born in 1962 will be ready for school in 1967 and 1968.

Every effort is being made by the Board of Education to eliminate all part - time programs in the elementary schools by November of this year. This is being done by transporting pupils who have been on part-time schedules to under - utilized schools and by providing additional classroom space through the construction of portable units.

More than 800 teachers have been assigned to positions created by increased pupils enrollment and normal staff turnover.

During the course of the coming year, an estimated 400 additional teachers will have to be secured to fill vacancies caused by retirements, deaths, and other factors, according to Dr. Kenneth Horvath, director of personnel for the City Public Schools.

The educational staff of Baltimore City Public Schools, including junior college, will total around 7,365 in September. With the inclusion of secretarial, cafeteria staff, and administrative positions in the figure, it jumps to 10,300.



FRED Z. NICHOLS JR.
Named special assistant to
Social Security commissioner

PROMOTION AT SS

Fred Z. Nichols Jr. has been appointed special assistant to the Commissioner of Social Security to work in the area of employee relations.

A former Director of Industrial Relations with the Baltimore Urban League, Mr. Nichols has been an employee of the Social Security Administration since November, 1958, serving first as a claims authorizer in the Baltimore Social Security Payment Center and for the following two years as a disability examiner in the headquarters Division of Disability Operations.

Most recently, he has been on special assignment as Executive Secretary to the Social Security Administration's Employment Policy Committee.

In his new assignment, Mr. Nichols will continue to have a major responsibility in the area of fair employment.

A native of West Virginia, Mr. Nichols received his Bachelor of Science degree from Howard University. He has done graduate work in the legal aspects of industrial relations at Howard University and in social welfare and industrial relations at Loyola College.

He served for 10 years in the U.S. Army, was wounded in action, and retired as a Captain.

Following this, he worked for six years in the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation of the Veterans' Administration and was Assistant Chief of the Education and Training Section when he accepted the position of Director of Industrial Relations with the Baltimore Urban League.

A HELPING HAND — Mrs. Willie Mae Patterson, one of the Homemakers for the Family and Children's Society, reads a "wish book" to the children of a Northeast Baltimore family. The mother is critically ill, but Mrs. Patterson is on hand to see that the family is kept together during the emergency.

NEW TWIST: WORKERS WANTED

The Family and Children's Society, one of the Baltimore area's larger social service groups, has employment problems. Not unemployment.

Because of the diversity and size of its activities, Director Clark L. Mock said, there is a shortage of trained case workers.

But there is hope the gap will narrow with expansion of a scholarship program, principally allied with the University of Maryland.

The university this year graduated its first class of professional social workers, with master of science degrees in social work. There were 12 of these and one joined the Society corps. Others will do so next year as the program is enlarged.

The Society, which is a Community Chest agency, has in its United Appeal campaign budget this year a request for funds to provide a total of five scholarships.

These scholarships will go to college trained persons with bachelor of arts degrees, who want to go into social service work.

Most of the graduates under the scholarship plan agree to remain with the Family and Children's Society for at least a year after receiving their degrees.

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"WE HAVE so much demand for so many services," said Mock, "that we need all the trained assistance we can get. Our Family Division helps anyone in Baltimore City and Anne Arundel County with all types of family and personal problems.

"Then there is Homemaker Service, to help a father maintain his home and care for children during illness or absence of the mother. There also is Homemaker Service for aged couples and single persons.

"A case in point is the family in Northeast Baltimore. The mother of five children, ranging in age from 3 to 13 years, has been seriously ill for a long time. The husband and children want to stay together, so Mrs. Willie Mae Patterson, one of our homemakers, is right on the job to insure that the family is not broken up.

"The Children's division devotes itself to temporary care, specialized care for the emotionally disturbed, adoption and other services. We consider this to be one of our most important fields.

"Then, our Protective Division handles complaints about child neglect or mistreatment and helping parents give their children proper care.

"So, it can be seen why we need and must have thoroughly trained personnel to carry on our work."

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IN 1963 the Society received $390,000 of its $565,000 expenditure from United Appeal. The allocation this year, if the United Appeal's goal is reached, will be $405,000 of a budget of $604,000.

The remainder of the budget comes from endowment income, payment from clients according to their ability, and from the City of Baltimore for purchase of care for emotionally disturbed children.

JOHN EAGER HOWARD SCHOOL, Linden Ave. and Konig St., is one of the new elementary schools opening up in Baltimore.

POET'S CORNER

REFLECTIONS ON THE GREAT MARCH

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From north, south, east and west,
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us onward toward the day
When the high ideals of Freedom are
the true American way.

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