RETIREE CITED — Wilbert Walker, right, 1821 E. Lafayette Ave., is shown receiving a Department of Army certificate of retirement at Fort Meade recently from Col. Charles B. Boswell, post commander. Mr. Walker, who was employed as a warehouseman, had worked for the government more than 25 years.

Bomb scare delays exams

A telephone call reporting a bomb was planted at the Alicia Crossland Junior High School brought Fire Department apparatus and police to the scene at the corner of Howard and Centre Sts. Monday morning.

The only damage done was the disruption of examinations scheduled that morning. A thorough search revealed no explosives in the building, police said.

According to investigators the telephone call was received at the 25th St. headquarters of the Department of Education at approximately 9 a.m., the time when school normally opens.

The call was then transferred by the switchboard operator to school principal Michael Kitt, who immediately notified police.

According to police the Fire Department was immediately notified.

A fire official, also at the scene, told the AFRO that his department did not receive the call until approximately 10:a.m. When it was received, four engines and two truck companies with a contingent of 40 men responded immediately.

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BETWEEN 325 and 350 students in the building at the time, as well as approximately 500 adult students at the Howard Educational Center, which occupies another wing of the building, were housed temporarily in the cafeteria and auditorium after these rooms had been searched.

Firemen under the command of Battalion Chief Joseph Berman and Deputy Battalion Chief John Ege, conducted the search.

The caller warned that the bomb was set to explode at 1:45 p.m. in a boy's locker. There are over 1,000 lockers in the school.

Deputy Chief Ege, asked if the students would be evacuated at that time if no bomb were discovered, replied:

"Not by us. If we were to do that in every bomb-scare case, we would only encourage the pranksters who do these things."

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THE OFFICIAL told of the frequency of bomb-scares in schools during examination time, and mentioned a case which he had helped to investigate at the University of Baltimore.

However, George Uchuck, principal of the Howard Educational Center, said that a fire drill might be called at 1:30 p.m. to evacuate the building in case a bomb had actually been planted but had not been found.

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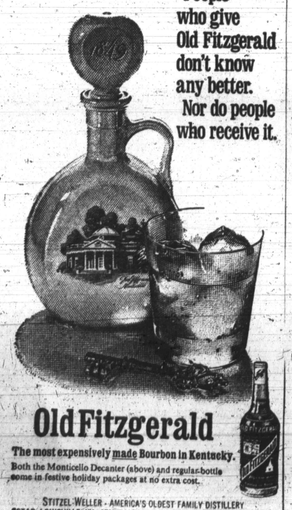

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Debutantes to be presented in Annapolis

By ELOISE RICHARDSON

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — The Annapolis chapter of Links will present 24 high school seniors from Anne Arundel County and Baltimore high schools at their annual cotillion here, November 30.

The Debutante Ball will be held in Statler-Hilton Inn, here.

The prospective debutantes are:

Misses Deborah Marie Henson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Henson of Severna Park; Reesa Motley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Motely of Arundel-on-the-Bay; Paulette Margo Burse, daughter of Mrs. Katherine Burse of Severna Park;

Misses Saundra Kemp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Kemp of Lansing, Mich., who lives in this city with relatives; Brenda Carter, daughter of Mrs. Hazel Waters; Talicia Tubaya, daughter of Mrs. Gertrude Tubaya and Herberte Tubaya; Deanna L. Anderson, daughter of Mrs. and Mr. Rudel Anderson;

Misses Shelley Soylana Brooks, daughter of Mrs. Loretta Turner; Neva Crockett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Smith of Baltimore; Arthenia Deborah Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie M. Larkins; Gloria Patricia Calhoun, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Calhoun; Yandra Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grafton Johnson, Sr.;

Misses Deborah Ann Jones, daughter of Mrs. Margaret Clark; Linda White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip S. White, Sr.; Fay Hunt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Hunt of Severna Park; Shelia Brasbeers, daughter of Mrs. Louise Williamson; Miss Wanda Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Johnson, Sr.; Yvonne Young, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Young; Linda White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip White, Sr., and Misses Denise Adams, Enid Collison, Sonia Hurdle and Darlita Garcia.

Links' new goal is 'Upward Thrust'

CINCINNATI, Ohio — The Executive Council of National Links, meeting in executive session in the Sheraton-Gibson Hotel here, projected its program to for three days last week, meet the demands of the present "Era of Dynamic Dimensions," as it extends its "Outward Reach and Upward Thrust."

The three goals, termed Program Areas, are: (1) Services to Youth, (2) Freedom and the Fine Arts, and (3) National Trends and Services. National President Vivian Beamon structured the innovations which will be Links' responsibility throughout the nation for the ensuing two years.

THE LINKS "Services to Youth" is geared to provide meaningful experiences for the children in the black ghettos and other disadvantaged areas.

In its program emphasis of "Freedom and the Fine Arts," Links seeks to release the latent talents and the undiscovered potential of creative youth. The new thrust of Freedom and the Fine Arts in 1968-70 will be its plan to work toward the presentation of exhibitions of the works of both past and contemporary Afro-American Artists to be opened in 1970 in conjunction with the 17th National Assembly in Cincinnati.

"National Trends and Services" designed to help push American democracy forward, President Beamon issued a call to colored women to lend their efforts in influencing the policy decisions of local and national boards which operate in the arena of public services for all mankind.

In its projections on the national level, as it implements the decision to support the National Urban League's new thrust to the black community of $100,000, reported at this board session 62 local chapters having subscribed $60,000.

SEVENTEEN members of the Executive Council coming from all parts of the country were involved in structuring ways to implement the program dimensions and to plan for the General Assembly which will meet in Cincinnati in 1970.

Among those attending were:

Pauline F. Weeden, Lynchburg, Va., past national president, Consultant for predominantly Southern white colleges interested in recruiting black students; Bessie N. Hill, national vice president, member of the Board of Governors of Rutgers University, program director of police community relations for the City of Newark, N.J.; Mrs. C. R. Higgins, Civic leader, Houston, Texas, Member-at-Large; Mrs. John Cofwell, Western Area Chairman, assistant principal of Lamar Fleming Junior High School, Houston, Texas;

Mrs. George Harper, Central Area Chairman, Reading Consultant, Atchison High School, Atchison, Kansas; Gladys D. Woods, Principal and retired Music supervisor, Greensboro, North Carolina, representing Maude Reed, Southern Area Chairman; Mrs. Hiram Butler, Baltimore, Md., Eastern Area chairman, retired principal Junior High School; Mrs. Stanley N. Douglas, Brooklyn, New York, Services to Youth Chairman, Training Coordinator, New York City Department of Social Service; Madeline Haskins, National Recording Secretary, Secretary to Senator James Mills, Sacramento, California;

Mrs. Harold T. Robbins, Editor-in-Chief of the National Links Journal, Social Researcher with Institute for Community Studies, Kansas City, Human Relations Committee, member National Board YWCA, selected by Interracial Division of the YWCA for a 5-month tour to study the status and changing role of women and girls around the world; Mrs. Ocelia Henderson, Administrative Assistant to Links National President, Secretary to the Dean, College of Business Administration, Central State University, Wilberforce, Ohio;

Mrs. G. A. Gaston, national treasurer of Links, Director of Booker T. Washington Business College, and Vice President Booker T. Washington Insurance Company, Birmingham, Ala.; Willie Glanton, attorney Legal Advisor of Links, Attorney, Des Moines, Iowa; Mrs. Paul Hough, civic leader and psychologist, Freedom and the Fine Arts Chairman; Dr. Helen G. Edmonds, National and Internal Trends and Services Director, Dean of Graduate School, North Carolina College, Durham, N.C.; Mrs. Sarah Scott, Co-Founder of Links, teacher, Senior High School, Philadelphia; and the National President, Vivian Beamon, Cincinnati, Ohio. Elementary School Principal, Board of Directors of United Fund, National Board of Urban League, Coordinator of Training Services, Department of Social Services, New York City.

One of the highlights of the Board meeting was the warm hospitality of the Cincinnati Chapter, which hosted an inspirational luncheon for the group at the Stouffer's Motel on Saturday, November 16.

PIANO CONCERT

OXFORD, Pa. — Noted pianist Frances Walker Slocum was featured in concert Tuesday, Nov. 26, in the second of the Concert Series open to the public on the Lincoln University campus near Oxford, Pa.

Feminine Front

THE HIGHLY-PRIZED — Bull-Eagle trophy to be awarded to winner of Thanksgiving Day football game when A & T and North Carolina College clash in Durham, N.C., is guarded by, from left, Fred Battle, Miss Bessie Beckwith (Miss North Carolina College), James Stevens, NCC athletic director; Miss Shirley Smith (Miss A & T State University) and Milton Gerald. Battle and Gerald are representatives of Coca-Cola Bottlers.

Miss Haslerig wed to Booker Scruggs

By PETER D. SIMMONS

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Miss Johnnie Lynn Haslerig and Booker Talifarro Scruggs II, exchanged wedding vows, recently in the First United Methodist church, here.

The Rev. Messrs. Robert J. Tolbert and Arthur Walker officiated. Ray Walker, organist, and Miss Carolyn Scruggs, cousin of the bridegroom, vocalist, presented nuptial music.

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THE BRIDE is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Harrison Haslerig of this city. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Booker Talifarro Scruggs of Chattanooga, Tenn.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of ivory peau de soie, trimmed with Alencon lace, and her chapel length train was ivory peau de soie imbedded and trimmed with Alencon lace. She wore a mantilla of ivory illusion and crochet, designed by her mother.

She carried a bible topped with an orchid and miniature chrysanthemums. The bride's only jewelry was a sapphire and diamond pendant, a gift of the bridegroom.

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MRS. MARCIA N. DAVIS of Chicago, Ill., was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Mesdames Ernestine Arnett, Judith Wyatt, both of this city, Miss June Harris, Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. Henrietta Taylor of Chattanooga and Melissa Williamson, the bride's godchild, flower girl.

The matron of honor was attired in an empire gown of peacock chiffon. The bridesmaids wore empire gowns of gold chiffon. The flower girl wore a gown of peacock satin and the bridesmaids flowers were gold chrysanthemums.

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LOUIS BRYSON, Atlanta, formerly of Chattanooga, was his cousin's best man. Groomsmen were Llewlyn Barrow, William Bostic, Wendell Bryson, cousin of the groom, Archie Taylor and James Jones, all of Chattanooga. George S. Eaton, Cleveland, Ohio, cousin of the bride, was acolyte. Ringbearer was Mark Jason Fain, the bride's cousin.

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MRS. HASLERIG chose an avocado Greecian knee length gown with a jeweled yoke and waistline. She wore a matching headpiece and her accessories were silver. The bridegroom's mother selected a pink chiffon dress, ring collared in rhinestone, with sequin ornaments and matching accessories. Both mothers wore orchid corsages.

A reception was held in the Knoxville College Ball Room, with music by Jimmie Webb's orchestra. Assisting were Mesdames Dorothy D. Antley, Mary Barrow, Velma Fields, Alfra Fisher, Dorothy Jones, Roberta Oglesby, Dorothea Parker, Christine B. Smith, Alma Walker, Misses Judy Hardin and Geraldine Brinkley.

THE BRIDE is a graduate of Knoxville College and student at George Peabody Peabody College and the University of Tennessee. She is a teacher at the Chattanooga pre-school center. Mr. Scruggs, a graduate of Clark College, holds the masters degree from Atlanta University and has studied at the University of Pittsburgh. He is coordinator of research and reporting with the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Community Action Program. He is member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity.

For a wedding trip to Apolla Beach, Fla., the bride wore a three piece powder blue ensemble with bone accessories and an orchid corsage. The couple reside in Chattanooga, at 4046 Dogwood Lane.

Out-of-town guests were: Mrs. Rosalie H. Davis, San Francisco, California, Mrs. Pearl Graham Johnson, Louisville, Ky., Mrs. Alma Carr and Mrs. William Harrison, Cincinnati, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Lovejoy, Atlanta, Ga., Mr. and Mrs. Harold Eaton, Sr., and Mrs. Otto Scruggs, Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Leila McBath, Mrs. Rose Eaton, Mrs. Robert Eaton, Gerald Eaton, Misses Audrey McBath, Terri McBath, all of Cleveland, Ohio; Mr. Walton Atavis; and Mrs. Alyce Stewart of Chicago.

MRS. BOOKER T. SCRUGGS, II, recently married in Chattanooga, Tenn., is the former Miss Johnnie Lynn Haslerig.

Mr., Mrs. Thomas wed half century

WEST BADIN, N.C. — Mrs. and Mrs. T. M. Thomas, of this city, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, recently, at McDonald's A.M.E. Zion Church, here.

At the 1:00 p.m. ceremony they renewed their marriage vows in a double-ring ceremony performed by their son-in-law the Rev. Harold Kilgore, of Baltimore, Md.

Arrangements of white chrysanthemums and gladioli inter-spersed with plams, ferns and other greenery and accented by two seven-branched candelabra holding lighted—cathedral tapers provided a lovely setting for the exchange of vows.

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THE COUPLE was attended by Mrs. Bessie Nivens, and V. B. Baucom, of Monroe, N. C. who had been maid of honor and best man, at the wedding. A cousin Mrs. Thomas, and Clay McDonald of Baltimore, Md. gave her in marriage.

Ushers were grandsons of the couple including Alonzo Kilgore of Baltimore, Ulysses Slaughter, and Michael Slaughter of Fayetteville, N.C., and James Wallace of Greensboro.

Mrs. M. Cole was the organist. The Soloists were Mesdames: Mildred Davis, Bernice McRae and Grace Borodoxox.

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FOLLOWING THE ceremony a reception was held at their home from 2 to 4 p.m. Guest were greeted by Mrs. Grace Baucom of Monroe, N.C., niece of Mrs. Thomas.

Receiving with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas were their children, Mrs. Esther Smith, Mrs. Tommie M. Kilgore, Mrs. Lois Slaughter, and Miss Willie Clyde Thomas.

Mrs. Clyde Christian of New York City kept the gift register and Mrs. Mrs. Ruby Thomas, registered the guest.

For the occassion Mrs. Thomas, wore a white dress of imported silk with a yellow rosebud corsage and gold accessories.

Yellow roses chrysanthe- New York City kept the gift wers were used throughout the home.

Approximately 150 guests called during the hours Mr. and Mrs. Thomas have three daughters, one son, nine grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

MR. AND MRS. T. M. THOMAS, who celebrated the 50th anniversary of their marriage in Badin, N.C., recently, is shown above. From left are Nivens and Mrs. Amma Carelock, Mrs. Willette Anderson of Troy, N.C., both of Monroe, N.C., Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Bessie

Worthy to speak on Boston panel

BOSTON — AFRO correspondent William Worthy will participate in a newsman's panel at Ford Hall Forum here on Sunday evening, Dec. 1, at 8 p.m.

Topic of the panel, is: "Do the Public Media Tell It Like It is?"

The other member of the panel is Rod Macleish of Westinghouse News.

The 60-year-old Forum, which is open to the public, is held at Jordan Hall, Huntington Avenue at Gainsboro St. There is no admission charge.

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