Miss Winckler, Mr. Woodford united in relevant ceremonial

An original service, so touching in unity and sincerity that it may hereafter be followed, with variations, at the Interfaith Center, Columbia, Md. united Miss Rayna Lawren Winckler and Carrol Sidney Woodford, Sunday.

The wedding ceremony was incorporated in the morning service and participated in by the entire congregation.

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"We see what we do at the altar as being the thing God has given us to do in order to relate ourselves to Him and to one another and to the world" said the opening sentences.

Highlights of the ceremony included a song by the Folk Choir, which provided the music, along with the congregation, and which said:

"Love one another,
Love one another as I have loved you.
And care for each other,
Care for each other as I have cared for you.
And bear one another's burdens,
And share each other's joys.
And love one another, love one another,
And bring each other home."

The actual vows of the couple followed.

Said Mr. Woodford:

"I give you this ring with the love of a man. Strong and forever, with God's help, I shall love you. From now to forever, this binds you to me."

Between each of the vows, the congregations chanted, "Spirit of Unity, bind them together."

The bride said, "I give you this ring with the love of a woman.

Always as one, we will live hand in hand."

Then the two pledged "Whatever comes, we will meet it together."

The congregation prayed "Spirit of Unity, bind them together." The minister intoned "In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit." Said the congregation "Thanks be to God, Amen."

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The pronouncement was a prayer by the congregation, which petitioned: "God bless Rayna and Carroll. May they not expect perfection of each other. May they minimize each other's weaknesses and see each other through a lover's eyes. May they never take each other for granted but always experience the wonder that exclaims out of all this world 'you have chosen me. Amen'."

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A reception for the 600 persons who attended the ritual followed in the Center Lounge.

The marriage had followed a courtship that stemmed from Jack and Jill days.

For the occasion the bride wore a white linen dress trimmed with seed pearls. Her veil was a 200-year-old heir loom of hand made lace. She carried a small bouquet of white and yellow carnations centered with an orchid.

Miss Winckler was attended by her sister, Mrs. Major P. Gladden. Charles Woodford was best man for his brother, Miriam Gladden was flower girl. Both Mrs. Gladden and Miriam wore frocks of yellow linen and carried yellow and white carnations.

Mrs. Woodford, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philbin Scott, is a graduate of the School of Music of Howard University, a teacher of music at the Wilde Lake Middle School at Columbia, and pianist at the Interfaith Center.

Mr. Woodford is the son of Mrs. Charles Woodford and the late Mr. Woodford, and a student in the School of Medicine, Howard University.

MR. AND MRS. BENNIE W. PURNELL were married in Baltimore Sunday. Mrs. Purnell is the former Miss Barbata C. Nicholson.

Purnell-Nicholson wedding vows

The Rev. Hal T. Henderson, minister of Mount Zion United Methodist Church officiated at the double-ring ceremony in which Miss Barbara C. Nicholson and Bennie W. Purnell were married, Sunday.

Mr. Alcorn was organist, and the cousin of the bride, Jesse Stevenson Jr. and Mrs. Alcorn were soloists.

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Miss Nicholson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Nicholson Jr., of this city, was given in marriage by her father. She wore a traditional wedding gown of silk organza trimmed in imported lace, and featuring a chapel train.

Her finger-tip veil was of illusion and was attached to a headpiece of pearl and rhinestone encrusted silk. She carried a white basket filled wth white daisies, carnations and rosebuds.

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Miss Jacqueline Nicholson was her sister's maid of honor. Her empire gown was beige trimmed with white daisies at the waistline and sleeves. The gown featured a full skirt and high neckline. She carried a natural straw basket filled with orange and white carnations and daisies.

Bridesmaids were Miss Zelda Nicholson, another sister of the bride; and Mrs. Stella Parker and Mrs. Roxie Connelly, sisters of the bridegroom.

Their gowns were shrimp colored with empire waistlines and trimmed with white lace. Their baskets, which matched their dresses, were also filled with daisies and carnations.

All wore wide-brimmed flapper hats.

Vonza Nicholsoff, sister of the bride, and flower girl, wore a floor-length, full-skirted frock, trimmed with lace. She carried a small basket filled with orange and white daisies.

Garland Wilson was ring bearer. The best man was Elwood Murray and ushers were Arthur Purnell, Charles Bell and John Jones.

The mother of the bride chose a yellow chiffon gown trimmed with pearls and rhinestones for the festivities, Mrs. Linda C. Purnell of Delaware, mother of the bridegroom, wore an aqua gown trimmed with white lace.

The wedding reception was held in Mardell's West, where 200 guests dined.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Purnell are teachers in the city school system. They will be at home in Liberty Gardens Apartments.

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Every effort will be made to personalize the presentation for the organization. When possible, actors will accompany the speaker. The program can also be modified to include group instruction and participation in dramatic exercises and theatre games.

For additional information on the Center Stage speakers' program, please call Mrs. Carrie Abbott, audience development director, at 685-3020.

Popular music concert Sunday

A free program of popular music will be performed on Sunday, in Druid Hill Park; the Zoo Mansion House Lawn Area at 5 p.m., featuring the Baltimore Park Band under the direction of Charles E. Gwynn, Sr.

A versatile musician, who has conducted the Baltimore Park Band for 24 years, Mr. Gwynn plays four instruments and organized and directed the Baltimore Post Office Heart."

This Sunday's program will feature the popular classics 'Sunny' and "Put A Little Love In Your Heart".

Guest vocal artists for the concert will be the FrailingBrothers Trio. In addition, song leader, Matthew Fraling, will lead the "Sing Along" of old and current favorites.

In the tradition of Count Basie and Duke Ellington, the Big Band Sound will be featured in the State Band Specials: "Walkin' and Talkin'" and "Moving Out."

This Sunday series of outdoor summer band concerts is open to the public and audience seating is provided.

Divorces filed

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Louis F. Palmer Jr. vs. Lola Catherine Palmer; Carolyn Lee Jones vs. Dennis Lee Jones; Lilliam K. Daughtery vs. Saint Nicholas Daughtery Jr.; David Hill vs. Patsy Campbell Hill; Theodore Jackson vs. Virginia Jackson; Shirley Marie LeRoy vs. Robert Joseph LeRoy.

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James Arthur Sullivan vs. Polly Jackson Sullivan; Edward Charles Harrison vs. Ernestine Mason Harrison; Brenda Savage vs. David Savage; Alvin Clark Jr. vs Trixie Clark; Charlette Duvall vs. Paul Duvall; Louise Warfield vs. George E. Warfield.

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GUESTS at the Tuesday ceremonies which honored Ottmar Mergenthaler, the inventor of the linotype, from left (LEFT PANEL) Mrs. Henry Rosenberg, Moses Newson, AFRO, Mrs. Jacob Blaustein, Mergenthaler Company president; Louis Goldstein Gov. Marvin Mandel and Mrs. Pauline Mergenthaler. The plaque was unveiled at the plaza of the Blaustein Building, No. 1 N. Charles St. Comptroller Goldstein presided at the ceremony and buffet after the unveiling. The Maryland professional chapter of the National Journalistic Society, Sigma Delta Chi, sponsors, cited the inventor as the man who revolutionized the newspaper industry with the linotype machine he invented in 1886, "Thus overcoming the limitations of hand-set type."

Photographs at Court House

William G. Bryant, commercial, portrait and fashion photographer, will open an invitational exhibit, July 6, at the Court of Common Pleas, Room 142, Court House, Baltimore, Md.

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