COLUMBIA CAPERS

## Debs welcome guests at floral reception

By Pinnie L. Ross
AFRO Columnist

Dr. and Mrs. Emerson C. Walden and Lt. Colonel and Mrs. Thomas H. Briscoe were the first to present their daughters at the Kittamaqundi Room, Rouse Building here.

Celonia Arguene Walden, Nancy Jeruto Bornett of Kenya, and Carolyn Ann Briscoe received their guests in a setting of beautiful flowers. They carried dainty nosegays.

The color scheme for the elegant debutante reception was red, pink, and white. Tables were covered with red and white table cloths centered with pink orchids floating in crystal stemware on lace dollies.

The soft organ music of the Purnell Williams Orchestra put the guests in the mood for dancing. Champagne and delicacies were served by Edgar Allen Caterers. Wallace Baden captured the events of the evening to provide a pictorial story of this memorable occasion.

Miss Mary Mayzeek and Mrs. Alex W. Jefferson, Sr., were in charge of the guest books, and Mrs. Thomas E. Walden was in charge of the gifts.

Mrs. Emerson Walden wore a pink lace, chiffon gown with silver accessories and a pink and white orchid. Mrs. Briscoe wore a deep rose leaf print gown with silver accessories and a pink and white orchid. Dr. Walden was dressed in a pale green suit and shirt with a white tie while Lt. Col. Briscoe was dressed in a white suit with pink shirt and tie.

Celonia made her debut in an A-line, cream-colored gown with a chiffon embroidered capelet; Nancy made her debut in a native gown of red and white; and Carolyn made her debut in a white gown trimmed in pink ribbon and beads. They all wore white gloves.

Mrs. Zelma Cole Brown instructed them in the execution of their personal bows. Dr. Thomas E. Walden had the distinct pleasure of presenting the debutantes and their parents to their guests and friends.

Each debutante made her bow after being escorted by her father to the center of the ballroom. Then Dr. and Mrs. Walden and Lt. Col. and Mrs. Briscoe were introduced to all the guests. The debutantes' waltz was begun by Celonia and her father, Carolyn and her father, and Nancy and John Maroa of Kenya. Dr. Thomas Walden invited all of the guests to join the debs in their waltz. He hosted the mothers while they observed the joyful and happy scene.

The guests greeted the debs with hugs and kisses, danced, and viewed the sailboats on Lake Kittamaqundi from the veranda during the rest of the evening.

**Thought For Today**

"All the beautiful sentiments in the world weigh less than a single lovely action."

James Russell Lowell

Honorees at the gala debutante reception held in Columbia recently were from L to R: Celonia Argune Walden, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Emerson C. Walden; Carolyn Briscoe, daughter of Lt. Col. and Mrs. Thomas H. Briscoe, and Nancy Jureto Bornett of Kenya, who is making her home with the Waldens while studying in the U.S. (Photo by Wallace Baden)

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### Telephone installer

really like seeing it," was Peggy's comment on one of many surprise reactions from the public.

She thinks there has been a fantastic change in the woman's role but, few little girls will (nowadays) say, 'I wanna be a telephone Installer.'

Because of her pettiness, the family had reservations about her being to small to carry a ladder and feared she would hurt herself.

As for other adult reactions:

"... most of the people I know feel it's great. It does not affect my relationships with people. It does not make me feel less of a woman. It does not make my friends (male) feel threatened.

"A lot of guys respect me even more.... They see I'm not there working for it and not sitting back asking for it."

It was not her intention to stay in this line of work for very long. But, she has lasted the longest.

Peggy has seen three other women and one man come and go after short spans. They simple could not take the pressure, she said.

**Legal Aspects**

Miss Childers shared these words on affirmative action efforts for persons like herself:

"We are in these jobs not necessarily because we are wanted, but because the law says we have to be there."

"A certain percentage of jobs have to be filled with minorities, meaning blacks and females."

"What I'm talking about specifically is the Affirmative Action Program (and that) came out of the Consent Decree in 1973 which is part of a good faith effort existing between the federal government and C and P."

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WOODLAWN HIGHLIGHTS

## Gala Bailey reception

By Marjorie R. Green
AFRO Correspondent

The Vivian Bailey retirement reception guest list was quite impressive last Friday evening when many of the Social Security Administration's V.I.P.'s gathered at Blue Crest North to express well wished to Bill Bailey's "Top Priority Case."

"Millie" as she is fondly called by close associates, was superb in the role of hostess, She greeted each guest with a smile, handshake or kiss. Some of us were lucky enough to get all three.

The program was short and informal with deputy assistants and assistant bureau directors saying all the wonderful things we all hope will be said when our big day arrives.

The most original offering was the poem dedicated to the honoree by the very talented Lydia A. Brown. She also took advantage of Vivian's husbands name "Bill Bailey" and rendered a hillarious musical version of the song by the same name.

I won't even try to relate the very touching words that the honoree addressed to her husband, friends and co-workers. It was truly a memorable ocassion.

Roaming about the room, proudly passing out her calling cards was newly-licensed realtor, Audrey Simmons. Audrey works in the Housing office at SSA. She stopped to tell me that her mother, Mrs. Della Chisholm recently celebrated her 56th birthday. She is a gracious lady.

I also shared few-moments with those two Bureau Retirement Survivors Insurance "Dyno-Mite Brothers" Herbert Doggette, assistant bureau director, administration and Edwin Simmons, assistant bureau director, program policy.

Then along came brother "Statham," assistant bureau director, administration in the Bureau of Data Processing. Walt stopped to introduce his exotic looking wife, who was never very far away from his side.

Joe Bracy, BDP Earl Young, BDI, Joan Cooper, Gwendolyn Richardson, Joseph Rosenberg, President AFGE, Local 1923 and many other members of SSA's top echelon as well as the secretaries, clerks, supervisors and General Service Administration workers were freely mingling and having the time of their lives.

Mrs. Bailey's special guest list included her sister, Dr. Ione C. Morrison, assistant to the president at Tulsa University Tulsa, Oklahoma; the honorable and Mrs. Arother A. Fletcher, former Assistant Secretary of Labor, Washington, D.C.; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hicks, Seat Pleasant, Md; Mrs. William Wilson and Miss Maria Wilson both from Washington D.C.

The party was in full swing when I headed for home. It was the kind of affair that people hate to leave.

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A dinner-dance is scheduled on September 23 at Blue Crest North for Arthur Hess, Deputy Commissioner of Social Security. Mr. Hess has retired after 36 years with the Social Security Administration.

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They will be playing the wedding march on November 16, at the Berea Temple for Amoa Mackall, SSA supervisor and June Harris, Greater Baltimore Medical Center Employee and Coppin State College student.

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Sunday August 10 will find this writer enroute to Miami Beach via Eastern Airlines to participate and coordinate the medical and administrative manning of a disability program exhibit and to represent Social Security administration and program concerns at the annual meeting of the National Medical Association.

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VIVIANE C. BROOKS to study at Ceuca University in fall

## Miss Brooks to study in Columbia

Viviane Charlette Brooks, a junior at Goucher College, will be spending the fall semester at Ceuca in Bogota, Columbia.

Miss Brooks will have an opportunity to use the Spanish language, her major at Goucher, as she lives with a familv in the area while attending the university.

Miss Brooks is the daughter of Mrs. Dorothy B. Brooks, an administrator in the Baltimore City School System. She lives in Pimlico with her mother and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred J. Brown Sr. She is a 1974 Me-De-So debutante having been presented by Dr. Charles Campbell.

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## AFRO bridal register

**Morton-Scott**

Mr. and Mrs. Harry S. Scott of Cedardale Rd. have announced the marriage of their daughter, Miss Jo-Ann Linda Scott to Larry Lee Morton.

The wedding was held on July 26 at the Metropolitan United Methodist Church. A reception followed at the masonic temple.

The bride's attendants were Ms. Cassandra E. Scott, maid of honor; Roxanne James, Gina Simmons, Jeanette Donaldson, Rudolphia Morris, bridesmaids, and Kathy Miller, flower girl.

Mr. Morton's attendants were Clarence Lee Morton, best man; Eric Shelton, Michael Wilson, Willie Williams Jr., George Johnson, ushers, and Jason Lee Morton, ring bearer.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Lee Morton Sr. of Hilton St.

**Harris-Johnson**

The marriage of Miss Linda Marie Johnson to Maurice M. Harris has been announced by the bride's parents, Mrs. Dorothy Johnson and Edward Johnson.

The ceremony was held on June 21 at Timothy Baptist Church.

Mr. Harris is the son of Mrs. Lorraine Harris of Coldspring Lane.

Servicing the bride were Ms. Vanessa Debnam, maid of honor; Veronica Kennedy, Vivian Mason, Lark Cooper and Sheila Edens, bridesmaids.

The bridegroom's attendants were Jesse Byrd, best man; Michael Allen, Michael Harris, Jeff Grant and Rudy Burns, ushers.

MR. AND MRS. LARRY L. MORTON
former Miss Jo-Ann L. Scott
(Photo by Gerald Simpson)

MRS. MAURICE M. HARRIS
former Miss Linda Marie Johnson
(Photo by Linda Gerald Simpson)

ROSES FOR HONOREE — Mrs. Melinda Wright (center) was showered with flowers on her 72nd birthday celebrated recently. She is pictured here with her two sons, Edward and Fred Wright and daughter, Mrs. Claybelle (William) Parker. Mrs. Wright, a native of Summerville, S.C., is the widow of the Rev. Elias Wright, minister at Central Baptist Church. She has 12 grandchildren, nine great-grands and makes her home with her daughter on Harford Rd.

(Reflections photo by Benjamin M. Phillips)

## Marriage Licenses

BRADLEY-WAGNER — Mark S., 24, 2934 Manns; Madeline C., 22, 3324 Woodside

BERGER-LOUGH — John P., 20, 3200 O'Donnell; Robin A., 20

SLIPPEN-MILLER — Richard I., 29, Alexandria, Va.; Barbara D., 25, Alexandria, Va.

BARAN-SHEBARA — Frank J., 56, 510 N. Kenwood; Evelyn M., 55

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## Golden Agers meet to cite its organizer

By Liz Williams
AFRO Correspondent

Send "Get Well" cards to Sylvia (Leslie) Gundy, who is in Mercy Hospital where she had surgery.

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Word from Marty Lambert of the Catonsville Community College about the promotion of Madeline M. Ward.

Ms. Ward, a former CCC assistant professor, has been named program coordinator for nursing and allied health.

She will plan special continuing education programs for registered nurses to upgrade and update skills.

Ms. Ward will develop and coordinate programs such as basic and coronary care and care of the aging patient.

Ms. Ward's one year appointment is funded by a grant from the Manpower Act, Department of Health, Education and Welfare through the college Office of Continuing Education and Community Services. Congratulations to Madeline and thanks to you, Marty, for the information.

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I also received a communication from Donna Cookson, who is on the staff at Catonsville Community College. It tells about the courses that open to women in fields that formerly were for men only. I will share this with you at the next writing.

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The Golden Age Club of Grace AME Church paid tribute to its founder, Mrs. Hawthorne Smith Sr.

Tributes were paid by the following community residents: — Mrs. Harriet Dunlap, Mrs. Amy Warden, the Rev. Gentry McDonald, Mrs. Ida Torsell, the Rev. Reginald Boston, Mr. John Mickinis and Mr. Thomas Flemings.

Mrs. Gladys Foreman, vice president of the club, presided. Mr. Elnana Washington was the chairman for this grand affair.

Remarks of gratitude came from Mr. Smith and his lovely wife, Mrs. Hattie, who introduced their four children, son and

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