National president begins second term

Dr. Vergial S. Webb, professor of education at Morgan State University, Baltimore, recently received an overwhelming affirmation of leadership by the national delegation at the Conclave and begins her second term as national president of the Moles.

A charter member of the Petersburg (Va.) Chapter, Petersburg, Dr. Webb has contributed significantly to the Moles organization at both local and national levels. During its initial organization, she became secretary-treasurer of the Petersburg Chapter of the Moles. In 1961, she composed the national Moles Song. In 1962, she received, among other Moles, the distinction as "Mole of the Year." In 1970, she was elected as national vice president of the organization and, after having served two terms in that office, she was elected national president in 1975.

Dr. Webb is a graduate of Winston-Salem State University where she received her B.S. Degree in Elementary Education with a minor in elementary school music; Columbia University where she received the master of arts degree and professional diploma in elementary teacher education; and, Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind., where she received the Ed.D Degree in elementary teacher education. She has engaged in post doctoral study at San Francisco State University.

Her professional accomplishments are broad, characterizing successful years of experience as a classroom teacher and a college professor of higher learning. She has served as consultant at both state and national levels in her field of elementary teacher education; and she has served as guest lecturer on special occasions at various institutions of higher learning.

In addition to her regular teaching duties at Morgan, Dr. Webb is noted for significant leadership contributions in the development and implementation of elementary education programs in the Department of Education. At an administrative level, she served as director of the first institutional self - study of teacher education programs for evaluation by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education which resulted in national accreditation of programs by NCATE at Morgan.

Dr. Webb has authored several publications, and holds membership in numerous professional organizations, including the American Association of University Women; Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society in Education; the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education; and, the Association for the Supervision of Curriculum Development. For several years, she has contributed significantly to the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education, serving on several occasions as a member of an evaluation team and as a member of the NCATE Evaluation Board for a three - year term. She is listed in Who's Who of American Women, and Two Thousand Women of Achievement. A native of North Carolina, she is the recipient of a certificate award for achievement and contributions to the local community, and has been recently selected to be listed on the "Wall of Freedom," in a documentary filmstrip honoring minority women. She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, and the daughter of Mrs. Erna L. Smith and the late Purley D. Smith of Kinston, N.C.

DR. VIRGIAL S. WEBB
Begins second term as national president.

AFRO Bridal Register

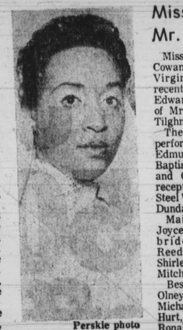
Miss Norris, Mr. Covington

Miss Cynthia Clarice Norris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Elton Barnes Sr. and Robert J. Norris Sr. was recently wed to Jeffrey Linwood Covington. Mr. Covington is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Covington.

The couple was united in services at the St. Peter Claver Catholic Church followed by a reception in the church hall.

Maid of honor was Kathy Norris while matron of honor was Gail Fournillier - Stanfield. Bridesmaids were Elizabeth Thommeh, Myra Gee, Lynn Little, Linda Carter, Vickie Pride.

The couple honeymooned in Orlando, Fla.



Perskie photo
MRS. JAMES E. TILGHMAN III
(former Miss Audrey E. Cowan)

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MRS. JEFFREY L. COVINGTON — (former Miss Cynthia C. Norris)

Miss Cowan, Mr. Tilghman

Miss Audrey Elizabeth Cowan, daughter of Mrs. Virginia Jenkins was recently wed to James Edward Tilghman III, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Tilghman.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Edmund Meade of Israel Baptist Church, Preston and Chester Streets. A reception followed at the Steel Workers Union Hall, Dundalk Avenue.

Maid of honor was Joyce Jenkins along with bridesmaids, Irma Reeder, Joan McGriff, Shirley Tilghman, Connie Mitchell.

Best man was Melvin Olney. Ushers included, Michael Tilghman, Leroy Hurt, Glen Mitchell and Ronald Mitchell.

Flower girls were Irina Cowan and Terrell Mitchell. Ringbearer was Ronald Mitchell.

MRS. WILLIAM M. SMITH
(former Miss Aratha G. Littlejohn) Broadway Studio

Miss Littlejohn, Mr. Smith wed

Miss Aratha Goldie Littlejohn became the wife of William Matthew Smith recently in services at Friendship Baptist Church, Denison and Mulberry Streets.

The Rev. Mr. McCoy performed the service followed by a reception in the church yard.

Maid of honor was Carolyn Showell and matron of honor, Betty Cruse. Bridesmaids were Hazel Washington, Hope Jackson, Margaret Littlejohn.

Best man was Michael Smith and ushers were Ralph Robinson, Andrew Falley, Eddie Smith and Stanley Cruse.

Flower girl was Dana Collins and ringbearer, Samuel Bowden.

The couple honeymooned in the Bahamas.

Miss Peterson, Mr. Fowlkes

Too busy pressing — and pressing for time, they were married in front of the tailors pressing machine . . . at the S. Hiken Men's Formal Rental Store, 3322 Eastern Ave. Mr. Joseph Fowlkes and Ms. Mary Peterson were married on Friday, June 10, by the Rev. Ernest Humphrey and his wife.

Ulysses Brown, manager of the S. Hiken Formal Store at Broadway and Baltimore Street was best man.

The happy couple stood in front of the pressing machine (where they met) and exchanged vows during their noon lunch break.

Steve, Freddie and Stanley Hiken and employees were present — even the customers joined in the celebration. Over 50 people enjoyed refreshments, ate wedding cake and toasted the newlyweds before they left on their honeymoon to New York. Actually they were so busy getting out customers' wedding formal rentals they didn't have time to get to church.

Mrs. Mary K. Revels testimonial, July 14

Mrs. Mary Knight Revels of Lakewood Elementary School No. 86 will be honored by the staff, family and friends as she retires from 41 years of service as an elementary school teacher.

A banquet and recognition activities are planned for Thursday, July 14, at the LaFontaine Rouge, 3407 Belair Rd., 7-10 p.m.

Mrs. Revels is a native of Farmville, N.C., where she began her career in 1935. She is the wife of the Rev. Edward M. Revels, D.D. of St. Paul Community Baptist Church and mother of Clarence Knight Sr.

Since 1961 she has been a member of the United Teaching Professions and is also a member of the Baptist Minister's Wives Alliance; Ths Interdenominational Minister's Wives and Widows Alliance; the Maryland State Minister's Wives Association and the Alpha Zeta Chapter, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

Reservations are still available for those who wish to join the testimonial festivities to honor Mrs. Revels.

For additional information and reservation call Willie Allen, chairperson at 323-1305 or contact the school.

Profile of a Missionary

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the third in a series of articles submitted by Cecelia W. Bryant, wife of the Rev. Dr. John H. Bryant of Bethel AME Church.

Mrs. Bryant will lead a group of missionaries to Guyana August 17-25 on a mission of good will.

By Cecelia W. Bryant
AFRO Guest Columnist

Historical analyses of the presence of Christian missionaries in developing nations does not often garner much to recommend the process. The gross input of some hospitals, schools and care maintenance programs have never seemed to merit the net cost in cultural integrity and authenticity and political and economic resilience. The rationalization to save the "heathen" on the distant shore was a poor theology given the paucity of Christ-inspired righteousness at home.

It is the twentieth century and yet another group has banded together under the banner of missions to go abroad.

Their constitution charges them with meeting the changing needs of women and to develop a global sisterhood. It is for both reasons that now they go to the Cooperative Republic of Guyana. Both to minister and to be ministered to.

Before introducing you to some of the women who are a vital part of this venture; perhaps it would be valuable to share with you the operational concept.

What Shall We Bring You
(For Our Sisters in Guyana)
By Cecelia W. Bryant

We Bring You Our Past
A tear-stained heritage, yet proud
Fond remembrances through sordid struggles;
Undying and unrelenting cries for honor —
The drum beat of our common ancestral blood flowing now through these veins
We Bring You Our Experiences
Sometimes down, but always climbing,
yearning;
Tattered garment of civil rights
Technology and ignorance, mobilization and confusion, visibility and benign neglect
Victory over all, through all, and after all. . .
We Bring You Our Hope
For greater visions of liberation
For untarnished new life
For enabling unions and communions
For footsteps toward freedom reaching home.
We Bring You Our Hands
To build together lives of substance and caring
To STRUGGLE together to wrest justice from the unrighteous
To create new resources for health and development
To secure our common destiny, our common good.
We Bring You Ourselves
Having little and loving much
Faultridden; yet anxious to learn
Unworldly in our desires but global in our intentions.
At peace with God—in our motivations.
Receive Us With Your Prayers.

For most, hardly a United Nations Resolution; but it remains the impetus for our thrust. It is encumbent upon us to let you know how to identify such a missionary. Don't go about looking for her in a black and white bonnet robed in ankle length skirt with freshly polished tie up shoes. You'll never find her.

She has mixed grey hair and a very quiet smile. Her full body always clad in soft pastel colors gives the impression of a woman who has mastered life with a great portion of health and strength. But then her eyes begin to twinkle and the tears flow easily as she begins to testify of the goodness of the Lord that brought her through sickness and very delicate surgical operations.

Her joy somehow becomes full as she continues to talk about her family: the most precious experience in her life. Her four children and her husband Alexander provide her with the resources for keeping her days and nights very busy. Very often she and her husband are seen attending the Bethel AME Church Eating Together Program. And everyone speaks with affection when the Deshazo's come in.

Sister Christine Deshazo has never been out of this country. Yet she was among the first to get her smallpox inoculation. Her family is excited for her and know that "Momma" will love her trip.

She will naturally serve on the Worship Committee: preparing the daily devotionals for the mornings when the women gather and for the special open-air service that will be held in the heart of Georgetown on the lawn of the Girl Guide Pavilion. She has a wealth of knowledge of the concerns of parenting in an urban center. And while she has been at Bethel for seven years, she has been spirit-filled all her life. She too, is raising money to help build the Youth Village at Vergenoegen in Guyana.

One whose roots extend not to the urban centers of the South East, but rather to a rural county in Louisiana is Sister Carey Beth Cryor.

Fondly called Beth; she is young enough to be Sister DeShazo's daughter. In 1971 she received an M.F.A. Degree from Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, New York. She is also a Morgan graduate. Beth is in a constant state of patting folk on the back and kissing them on the cheek. (Which is typical Bethel behaviour).

The difference is that Beth is the kind of sister that wears cameras for necklaces. She has served as an assistant film editor for Third World Cinema Productions and for Kelly-Jordan Enterprises in New York. Her photographic exhibit: "Expression of Gratitude and Pride to My Ancestors Who Have Carved My Future" is now displayed in the Enoch Pratt Central Branch Library.

A very important part of those roots is her Pentecostal family background. And to experience Beth is to experience a believing believer. As a participant on the Creative Arts Committee, she will prepare the exhibits and discuss the significance of film and photography as communications vehicles for developing people.

Between them, Mamie Graves, Minnie A. Greene and Mary D. Johnson have twenty children. Which historically, may not be considered a lot. Especially, since they are distributed between three families.

Sister Graves could be easily titled Sister "Motion" because she is always on her way somewhere. But for "Dici" all her children are grown now and much of that energy is dispensed in working with people. She is employed as a Counselor in the Community Enrichment Program. Being a class leader, she serves an important ministry in uniting the congregation and developing a caring network.

Sister Mary D. Johnson is the youngest of the three mothers. Her six children and fulltime position at the Baltimore City Health department leave her enough energy to be right in step with the rest of the Female Usher Board on Sunday morning when they hit the aisle swaying and smiling to "I'm on the Batterfield For My Lord." And if that were not enough, she is Church clerk and a member of the altar Aides and Mass Choir.

Sister Minnie Greene is the sweetheart of the department. A warm and ready smile and peaceful nature have endeared her to all. She is the daughter of Presiding Elder and Mrs. Felix of the Second District of the AME Church. Minnie has seven children and works in the Service Department of Stewart's. There is strength in kindness. Her sisters and brothers recognize this and have elected her to lead the Fannie Jackson Coppin Missionary Society. The society which has produced the most leaders in the entire department.

To draw a profile of a missionary one would have to etch it in faith, shade it with consciousness and outline it with love, motherhood, talent, ability and integrity; but above all color it boldly with sacrifice.

As we continue to explore this ostensible anachronism—missionary—you may find that we are talking about the woman right next door.

BETHEL MISSIONARIES — The Women in Development [illegible] of Bethel AME Church missionaries that will be venturing to Guyana on a mission of goodwill, August 17-25 are, from left: Sandra Clements, Mamie I. Graves, Olaperi Onipede, Lois Gilliam, Marion Dean Jones and Sylvia Truesdale.

—Local Club Notes

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presented a skit depicting an activity of that time. The very original skits kept the spirits high and fun laughter flowing.

This unique affair was held at the Forest Park home of Helen Whittaker, chairman. Other hosting members included Ada Woodland, Jerri DesBordes, Jeanne Davis. The husbands and guests ranked it as a forty-karat evening of fun.

Headlines were made for the uniqueness of Tennis Match Party sponsored by Minnie and Roland Smoot. This eighty - karat affair held at one of the city's leading Tennis Clubs included husbands, guests, wine and tasty nibbling delights. After the players recovered in short pants', breath restored, were off to Minnie's house for her famous gourmet feasts topped off by her original recipe, "Gitterling Pizza."

Charity and concern for the elderly was on the schedule for March and the members contributed and assisted in sponsoring a Birthday Party for thirty members of N. M. Carroll Home for the Aged which set many aging hearts quickening with real joy. The Carats ratings continues to grow as they brighten their sparkle and increase their glow.

The season of rebirth and hope found the Carats, husbands, children and even parents acknowledging their spiritual needs and exhibiting family unity by attending The United Grace Presbyterian Church together in April. Following the services, the group moved on to the Johns Hopkins University campus for a leisure brunch at the Hopkins Club of which Joel Carrington is a member, so many beautiful dimensions in a real Carat.

The spring spirih was again accentuated with a DECO Party hostessed by Helen Whittaker with the theme, The Indoor Way to Grow Plants. The exciting activity was accompanied with an array of wine and cheese, dainty desserts and coffee along with loads of new ideas about indoor - plant - growing techniques, new green thumbs came alive or were reactivated.

Four new innovative and creative Carats will be installed along with the installation of new officers at the May 7 meeting to be held at the home of Minnie Smoot, the new president. The new members and officers promise to increase the scope of brightness along with the depth and bredth of their glow.

The new members include: Merelene Adair, a former teacher, member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Tots and Teens, Urban Culture Committee, Citizens' Committee for the Kidney Foundation; her husband Carl, is one of the city's leading businessmen who owns and operates two Amoco Filling Stations and is very active in politics. Merelene is now a homemaker caring for her three children, Lori sixteen, Sherri eleven, and Carla seven. She also serves on the Steward Board of Douglas Memorial Church where she is a member, she is also active with Meals on Wheels and the Peabody Opera Committee.

Bessie Lassiter, a registered nurse, a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, and ardent bridge player; her husband Wright Lassiter, Ph.D. is vice president in charge of Business Affairs at Morgan State College. Bessie is an active member in the community and with the National Sorority of Nurses; she has a daughter seventeen and a son thirteen, and they live in Columbia, the plush suburbs of Baltimore.

Dr. Ozella Webb, a physician and married to Dr. Harvey Webb, a denist and president of National Dental Association. Ozella is a member of Links, active in church and community affairs. She and her family attend Trinity Presbyterian Church; also has a daughter who will be attending college in the fall and one son, fourteen.

OLE' was the word for the Carats closing activity. A gourmet Mexican Fiesta which included a delightful array of Mexican dishes from soup to Rum Cake and Rum Watermelon. The talented ladies selected and prepared the complete menu, along with a variety of Mexican drinks which created an atmosphere of a gala fiesta even the Mexicans could not top.

The 16 sparkling carats were lovely in their bright and colorful Mexican outfits along with their eighty guests.

The festive affair was held at the home of Joan Phillips.

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