... Ruth Pendleton Morton a retirement banquet at Loyola

By Elizabeth M. Oliver

The banquet room at Loyola College was a bower of flowers and friends, co - workers and fellow church members when Mrs. Ruth Pendleton Morton arrived for her retirement party.

The affair given by the Concerned Committee with Mrs. Betty Graves chairman, was slated to praise Mrs. Morton for 30 years service as a clerk at the Housing Authority of Baltimore and 50 years the clerk at her Ebenezer Baptist Church.

For this she received many presents, plaques and salutes. However, members of her family joined neighbors, associates and friends in the testimonial to make it indeed a community affair.

Pre - dinner music by Mrs. Gloria Sturgis Stokes gave the setting for a social hour. The toastmaster — Mr. Eliza Barco, local school teacher and Ebenezer member, kept the party from usual parting and farewell tears, by lively jests and jokes. The invocation was by James Pendleton, brother of the honoree. Mrs. Irene Thornton gave a preview of the occasion.

Greetings were by the Sanctuary Choir which sang a poem to the honoree and accompanied Mrs. Myrna T. Powell in her talk. Others who spoke were Harliss Ham, Donald Mack, Mrs. Virginia Daniels, Mrs. Dorothy Meekins, a high school classmate from Orange, N.J.; City Editor Elizabeth M. Oliver, AFRO - AMERICAN Newspapers; Joseph Goldstein, assistant director, Property Management; Housing and Community Development; Michael Burnside, Mayor Schaefer's representative and Mrs. Ardelia Lokeman, for Gov. Blair Lee III and Del. Troy Brailey.

Following presentations and gifts, music was by Mrs. Mary Brown, Leadenhall Baptist Church soloist and special solos and talks from the honoree's family by Mrs. Barbara Ann Smith.

The musical tribute by the Ebenezer Baptist Senior Choir was followed by the talk by banquet guest speaker, Rev. Frank J. Ellis who was Mrs. Morton's supervisor for many years at the Housing Authority. Rev. Ellis, pastor of Carter Memorial Church of God in Christ, was introduced by Delvin Daniels.

Choking back tears, Mrs. Morton acknowledged the many gifts with a brief expression of gratitude and a vow to continue to help in the family, community and church. She said, "May God make me worthy of my many friends."

In addition to other head table guests was Mrs. Morton's husband, Thomas W. Morton.

The honoree's "This is Your Life" printed on the four - page program is:

"The good life is one which seeks to provide for others, what it assumes as a right of its own. Ruth Pendleton Morton obviously believes in a quality of life that goes far beyond her own when it comes to enjoying happiness through sponsoring peace, love, and serving others.

"When she was born in Long Island, New York, to parents, Jackson and Esther Pendleton, Divine Power had already endowed her with the desire to "serve".

"Mrs. Morton was graduated from Douglass Senior High school and received her college training at the Cortez Peters Business College.

"When a young person, seeking religious fullfillment, she joined the Ebenezer Baptist Church where she has been involved in varied religious experiences. She attended Sunday School and also taught the Junior Class. She has been a member of the Junior Choir and the Gospel Chorus.

In 1958 she became the church clerk and the church clerk and secretary in 1964. She is at president of the Senior Choir in addition to her other position.

She is at present the Church Clerk. In 1977 she received a certificate from her church, citing her for fifty years of meritorious service.

In 1945 she was employed by the YWCA as the first Information Desk Clerk.

In 1947 she became an employee of Housing Authority of Baltimore, serving as typist cashier. She was later promoted to her present position, cashier clerk. In January of this year she received an award for 30 years of outstanding service.

She is the wife of Thomas W. Morton and mother of son, Alvin Morton.

The Concerned Committee with Mrs. Graves as chairman includes co - chairmen, Mrs. Verlie Burrell, Mrs. Maggie Fullard, Mrs. Margoret Harris, Benjamin Burrell and Donald Mack; members, Mesdames Edna Johnson, Irene Thornton, Bernice Boss, Naoma Johnson, Elizabeth Robinson, Alberta Lightner, Florence Jones, Myrna Powell, Ardelia Lokeman, Messrs. David Sinclair and Herbert Graves.

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LAUDED for 30 years at the Housing Authority and 50 years at her Ebenezer Baptist Church is Mrs. Ruth Pendleton Morton (far right) who is shown here with (from left) Mrs. Anna Jordan, wife of the late church pastor, Rev. Edward Jordan; Rev. Frank Ellis, banquet speaker and former Housing supervisor under whom Mrs. Morton worked and the husband of the honoree, Thomas Morton.

Provident benefit gala extraordinaire

Tickets have gone on sale for Provident Hospital's Benefit Gala Extraordinaire to be held on Saturday, Sept. 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the Baltimore Hilton Hotel. "Cocktails, dinner, a Viennese sweet table and dancing to the music of Dan Brown and the Dynamics will be features of the black tie affair," it was announced by chairperson Vashti Christmas.

Subscriptions of $25 per person will benefit the Provident Hospital Development Fund. The hospital's board of trustees recently launched a $3.5 million community - wide fund raising campaign.

For tickets or further information call 225-2293 or send a check made payable to Provident Hospital, Inc. to George L. Jude, Executive Suite, Provident Hospital, 2600 Liberty Heights Ave., Baltimore, Md. 21215.

Lowe family reunion

"It is getting bigger and better each year" seemed to be the consensus of approximately 150 descendants of the late Lula and Lonnie Lowe of Columbus, Ga. speaking of their 15th family reunion which was held in the nation's capitol, June 30-July 2.

On Friday, June 30, family members initiated their reunion activities with a tour of D.C. via the Metro system. This was followed by a shopping tour in the afternoon and a cookout Friday evening at the home of Burnest Griffin in Glen Arden, Md.

Bradbury Heights Park in Suitland, Md. was the scene for a full day of activities which began at 10 a.m. Saturday. After registration and a get - acquainted session, Burnest Griffin gave the welcome address.

National reunion chairman George W. Griffin of Havre de Grace, Md. led the business session. Other national officers participating in this session were treasurer and acting secretary Pauline Brown, Greenville, N.C.; and Harold Lowe, vice chairman, Chesapeake, Va. New officers elected for the next two years were Mrs. Rosa McNair, chairperson, Greenville, N.C.; Earl Lowe, vice - chairperson, Washington, D.C.; Mrs. Margaret Lloyd, secretary, South Ozone Park, N.Y.; Miss Wanda London, assistant secretary, Washington, D.C.; Mrs. Gladys Lowe, treasurer, Washington, D.C.; and Kenneth Lowe, chaplain, Columbus, Ga.

Lonnie R. Lowe gave the prayer and grace preceding the family dinner which was prepared and served by the host committee.

"A Reflection of Our Roots, Growth and Accomplishments" was the theme of the afternoon program which was chaired by Mrs. Viola Blackwell and presented by family members from the D.C. area.

"Moments of Thoughts" was presented by Wanda London and Earl Lowe. Gwendolyn Lowe Baylor narrated the fashion show which consisted of Londie Blackwell, Burnest Griffin, Lonnie Robert Lowe, Pamela Lowe, Paula Porter and Rosalind Porter. A series of games, athletic contests and picture taking rounded out the day's activities.

Additional reunion events included a night at the theatre to see The Wiz at the Kennedy Center, a wine and cheese sip at the home of Lonnie C. Lowe, visiting of family and friends and Sunday morning worship at Miles CME church.

Local officers who spearheaded the annual event were Lonnie Robert Lowe, chairman, Burnest Griffin, vice chairman, Gwendolyn Lowe Baylor, secretary; Doris London and Lonnie R. Lowe, co-treasurers, and John H. Griffin, chaplain. The next reunion will be held in Greenville, N.C. in July, 1979.

Catonsville Notes

By Liz Williams

The seven daughters and two sons of Thomas and Eleanor Randall Sr. gave their parents a surprise 46th wedding anniversary affair recently. The happy gathering was held at the Ellicott City Armory. Congratulations to this lovely couple. May Thomas and Eleanor see many more years of togetherness.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Wells, of Division Street, Baltimore City, who recently celebrated their 50th anniversary.

Beatrice Lee formerly of Washington, D.C. and New York City and the widow of Theodore Lee has moved back to the family home on Winters Lane.

The Golden Age Group of Catonsville visited Washington, D.C. recently. Each year the group takes a bus to the capital city for their annual visit, where they are the guests of Mrs. Rhoda Jones, the former owner of Jones Grocery Store on Old Frederick Road. The group has been Mrs. Jones' guests since she left our community. Isn't this wonderful that our group can still do this.

Congratulations to the most recent newly - weds in our Catonsville community Mr. and Mrs. Elridge Savage. The bride, the former Valerie D. Coates, daughter of the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Douglass Coates Sr. was united in holy matrimony with Elridge Savage, son of Charles Savage and Berdella Wilson. The bride was given away by her father who is the pastor of Full Gospel Tabernacle, here in Catonsville.

The wedding took place at Grace AME Church with the Rev. Reginald Boston officiating. Valerie and Elridge wrote their own ceremony which Rev. Boston thought was very beautiful.

The attendants were: Miss Blanche Harris, maid of honor, Charmine Brown, Darlene Coates and Elizabeth Coates; bridemaids, Gerrod Washington; best man, Keith Coates, Douglass Jackson and Marcus Savage; ushers, Arthesia Brown, flower girl, and Travis Savage, ringbearer. A reception followed in the church hall. Mrs. Joan Dorsey was the organist and William Booker was the soloist.

Several weeks ago, Clifton "Pete" Hebron called me to invite me to a concert featuring Eva Sapp. Due to a business commitment, we were not able to get there at the beginning of the program. We were fortunate to at least hear a few of the gospel hymns that were sung by this beautiful and personable young woman.

Mrs. Sapp is a native of Charleston, S.C. and the wife of Rev. Nathaniel Sapp, who is the pastor of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Irvington. They are the parents of an eight - year - old son. Before coming to Baltimore Eva sang with the "Spiritones of Philadelphia. She is presently singing with "Our Father's Children and the Gospel Chorus" of the City Temple of Baltimore Church. The arrangements of the hymns, old gospel favorites, and spirituals clearly show the gift that God has given to this very talented artist.

As a professional singer, Eva Sapp has given concerts in Florida and in cities throughout the South. We hope that Pete Hebron will soon bring Eva Sapp back to Catonsville so that more of our friends can be spiritually moved by this great artist. The name of her album is "Eva Sapp Alive."

Congratulations to Thomas and Margaret Fleming of Wesley Avenue who recently celebrated their 40th anniversary. Thomas is a deacon and a member of Morning Star Baptist Church and Margaret is a member of St. Mark Catholic Church.

Did you know that Hannah Lindsey is the only black who serves on the board of directors at the German Orphans Home on Bloomsbury Avenue? At a recent bull roast which was held on the grounds there were more than 1,600 people in attendance. Despite the heavy rains, everyone came and it was quite a grand success and a good time was had by all.

Several weeks ago I wrote about Steven Flint and Mark Bennett being among our recent graduates. I forgot to tell you that they are the grandsons of that very gracious lady, Mrs. Irene Bennett and the nephews of Audrey Pinkney.

Remember to send your news to me whether it's by mail or phone. Have a good week and continue to enjoy your vacation whether you take a trip or just get lazy and stay at home.

—Woodlawn

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plans to join her husband James, in retirement early next year. Their family circle consists of one son, seven grandchildren and one great - grandchild.

A retirement luncheon will be given at Moushaws on Wednesday, August 2, in honor of Mrs. Bera Hooper.

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Gift Shops sale

The Provident Hospital Gift Shop will hold a special clearance of all summer merchandise on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 20, 21 and 22. Sale items will include handbags, dresses, blouses, canvas shoe and jewelry.

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