'Don't let rocking chair get you down'

Retired school teacher celebrates 89th birthday

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"Don't let that old rocking chair get you down and make sure you always stay active."

Those were the words of Mrs. Euther Lee Taylor, retired school teacher who observed her 89th birthday May 12 - 13 at a two - day celebration sponsored by her children.

Mrs. Taylor, who is fondly called "Granny" by her relatives and friends, was honored at a birthday, Mothers Day and family reunion celebration held last weekend at the Holiday Inn in Towson.

Friends of the honoree were invited to spend the evening with Mrs. Taylor on Saturday at the Holiday Inn. Guests enjoyed hot hors d' oeuvres, cocktails, punch and music, while they danced and exchanged greeting with each other and the honoree.

Sunday was described as "Family Day" when nearly 500 relatives attended Sunday services at Mount Sinai Baptist Church, where Mrs. Taylor has been a long time active member and her husband, the late Rev. John Henry Taylor, was founder and pastor.

Following the morning services, relatives returned to the Holiday Inn to enjoy a full course meal and a program that had been planned by the honoree's daughters.

"People so seldom say I love you and then it is either too late or love goes. The Bible tells us that there is a time and a purpose for all things. . . What better time than on Mothers Day to tell our mother we love you," said Mrs. Justine Taylor Turner, daughter of Mrs. Taylor.

Following dinner greetings were extended by Rep. Parren J. Mitchell and letters were read to the honoree extending greetings from Mayor Schefer, Gov. Harry Hughes and a letter was also sent to Mrs. Taylor form President Carter.

Mrs. Taylor has always been known for her interest in educationand missionary work. She has been an East Baltimore resident for more than 60 years and taught school in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Virginia and retired while teaching in the Baltimore public schools after 50 years of service.

Mrs. Taylor, a very alert person believes in keeping busy at home. "Even if I just empty the ash tray behind my children, I must stay busy," said Mrs. Taylor.

She added, "I have lived to see some things come to pass I thought would never come. The Lord is truly good to me."

As a teacher in the school system, Mrs. Taylor has been a friend to many students and a mother to others who still keep in contact with her.

She is a member of the Lott Carey Missionary Society for Foreign Missions; United Baptist Missionary; Maryland State National Baptist Convention; Baptist Ministers Wives Alliance and the Maryland Civic League. She has also served as a judge for the Republican party since 1939.

The proud mother of three daughter, Mesdames Justine Turner, Verna Wingfield of New York and Mrs. Popeanna Johnson and a son, Milton W. Taylor. She also has 26 grand children; 28 great grandchildren and 10 great great grandchildren.

Among out of town relatives attending the two day celebration were Mesdames Minerva Jones, Willie Bailey Martin, Clarissa M. Caldwell, Mr. and Mrs. David S. Whitlock Sr., Edgar Whitlock, Mr. and Mrs. William Dabney of Roanoke, Va.

Also, William L. Whitlock, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Jackson and Mrs. Bernice Epps of Washington; Dr. Carol Bradley, Greenbelt, Md. Relatives attending from Willow Grove, Pa., were Messers and Mesdames Thomas Lee, Matthew Lee Jr., James Gaskins, Samuel Lee Jr.; Mitchell Lee; Nathaniel Gaines.

Philadelphia guests included Messers and Mesdames Sinclair; McIntosh; Juanita Whitlock, Thelma Jackson and Alma Pleasant.

Relatives from New York were Messers and Mesdames Manning, Chisholm Wingfield, LeRoy Scott, June Manning, Audrey Walker.

Also Judge and Mrs. James W. Bailey of Dorchester Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Barnes Sr., and the Rev. and Mrs. Isaac Barnes from Willow Grove, Penna.

Speakers for the Sunday service was the Rev. Alfred N. Bradley Sr., associate minister of Summit Christian Church in Dayton, Ohio and nephew of the honoree.

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TRIPLE CELEBRATION — Mrs. Euther Lee Taylor (C) is shown with two of her daughters at a two - day celebration honoring her on her 89th birthday, Mother's Day and family reunion held May 12-13 at the Holiday Inn in Towson. Daughters shown are Mrs. Justine Euther Taylor (L) and Mrs. Verna Wingfield (R). Not shown is Mrs. Popeanna Taylor Johnson.

Coming Events

NATION RUN FOR LIFE DAY — America's first national day of walking, jogging, and running, May 19. The purpose of the event is to raise $1 million for the American Heart Association and to promote the benefits of fitness. Each runner receives a National Run For Life Day T - shirt, an instruction booklet for entry - level runners, a lapel button, and a donor pledge sheet. For more information or how to register call the Heart Association at 538 - 7250.

1979 MISS BLACK AMERICAN OF MARYLAND PAGEANT — Applicants are now being accepted for the 1979 Miss Black America of Maryland Pageant. Young women who are high school graduates, between the ages of 18 to 25, have been residents of Maryland for at least three months, have a performing talent and have never been married are urged to apply. Those interested in participating in the pageant should call Maurice Hubert, Pageant director at 542 - 8273 for applications.

DAY OF RECOGNITION AWARDS CEREMONY — Family and Children's Society Project SAGA, a group of inner - city senior centers, will present special awards at their Day of Recognition Awards Ceremony on Friday, May 18, at the Oliver SAGA Center, 1400 E. Federal St. Presentation of awards will be made to volunteers working in the SAGA Centers, persons will be chosen by Mrs. Mildred Hope and Van Eaton. For further information call 467 - 5865.

DUNBAR ALUMNI SPRING CABARET — The Dunbar Alumni Association will sponsor a Spring Cabaret Dance at the Turnpiker Hall, 4500 Erdman Ave., Friday, May 25, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. For tickets, call Jackie at 455 - 1409.

SEMINAR — The Business Women in Business Professional Seminar, Monday, May 21, from noon until 5 p.m. at the Quality Inn in Towson. (Beltway Exit 26 York Road). For further information call 821 - 1172.

Woodlawn Highlights

May is business women's month

By Marjorie R. Green

In a recent City Hall ceremony, Mayor William Donald Schaefer designated the month of May as "American Business Women's Association Month" in Baltimore.

The proclamation was presented to members of the Francis Scott Key chapter, ABWA, in recognition of its continuing efforts to promote the educational advancement of women.

Last year more than 1,000 local chapters awarded more than $1 million in scholarships to women. In addition, the association's national scholarship fund has awarded in excess of $1.5 million since its inception in 1953.

In recognition of the May scholarship month, the Francis Scott Key chapter awarded a total of $1,500 to three local students during the regular monthly dinner meeting.

This year's recipients are: Wanda Marie Bekkell, Teresa Cunion and Jeanette Wood. Wanda, a senior at Overlea High School, will enter Towson State University and pursue a career in the field of science. She is a candidate for the Overlea Senior High English award and is currently employed as a part - time secretary.

Teresa is a senior at the Paul Laurence Dunbar High School. She plans to enter Morgan State University in the fall and continue her studies in data processing. Teresa is a student facilitator with the Youth Incentive Program.

Western High School senior Jeanette Wood will enter Loyola College in September. A member of the National Honor Society, she is seeking a degree in accounting.

ABWA member Zan Perry, educational chairperson and president Lorraine Reynolds presented the scholarships. Roscoe Herring represented the Mayor's office.

Guest speaker for the evening was Dr. Fontaine Belford, Goucher College counselor. ABWA member Dr. Beryl W. Williams gave the monthly vocational talk.

Conference

Early next month, the Social Security Woodlawn headquarters will be the site for a national Equal Opportunity Conference. Participants will include regional and local SSA equal opportunity personnel.

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Boutique management course set

The Small Business Development Center of Howard University and the U.S. Small Business Administration are co - sponsoring a business management course on "Opening and Managing a Boutique Gift Shop."

The course, which will run each Thursday, June 7 through June 24 at 7 p.m., will be held at the School of Business and Public Administration at 2439 Sherman Ave., N.W.

Topics discussed will include, start - up, location, finances and inventory. For further information, call 636-7187.

Area colleges graduation

Coppin State Colleg and Morgan State University will both hold graduation ceremonies this Sunday, May 20.

Coppin's graduation is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. at the Civic Center while Morgan's commencement exercises begin at 6 p.m. at the Civic Center.

Other graduations coming up are: Community College of Baltimore, 8 p.m. Sunday, June 3 at the Civic Center; Essex Community College, 2:15 p.m. Sunday, June 10 in the Fieldhouse; Catonsville Community College, 7 p.m. Sunday, June 10.

Johns Hopkins University, 9:30 a.m. Thursday, May 31; Maryland Institute of Art, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, May 20 at the Civic Center; Towson State University, 2 p.m. Sunday, June 3 at the Civic Center; University of Maryland at Baltimore County, 2 p.m. Sunday, June 3 in the Fieldhouse.

University of Maryland, Eastern Shore, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 20; University of Maryland, College Park, 2 p.m. Friday, May 18.

Women's educational grant program revised

Congress has remodeled the Women's Educational Equity Act to help schools comply with Title IX.

The new WEEA provides incentive grants to assist in local efforts to achieve educational equity and comply with the Federal anti - sex discrimination statute

Originally enacted in 1974, WEEA provided grants for model projects and programs which could be replicated nationally to overcome sex bias in all aspects of education.

The new version of the Act, authorized by the 95th Congress, retains these grants while adding a "second tier" to the program.

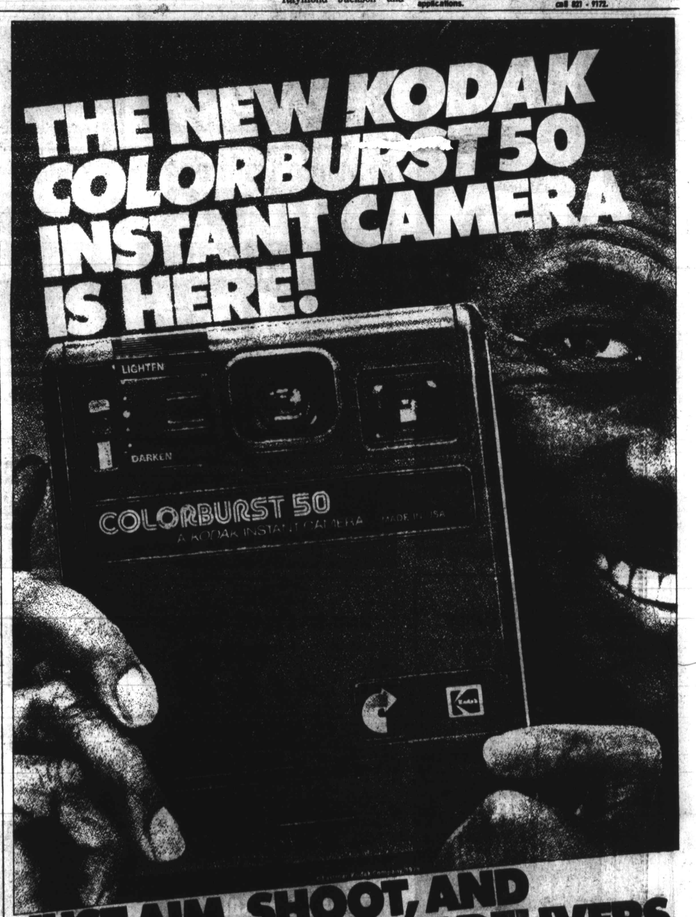
The first $15 million in annual funding will be used for model projects.

Funding above $15 million will be directed toward local compliance efforts.

The new "two tier" WEEA was designed and recommended by the National Advisory Council on Women's Educational Programs.

It will provide the first direct Federal funding to help schools attempting to meet Title IX requirements.

Title IX and the new WEEA are examined in the Council's current report, "Educational Equity: The Continuing Challenge." The publication also details recent Council activities with respect to such issues as the special educational needs of displaced homemakers, blue collar women and other groups, sex discrimination in vocational education and sex equity in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

The National Advisory Council on Women's Educational Programs is a presidentially anointed body established through the Women's Educational Equity Act.

It advises the Secretary of HEW and others on the improvement of the WEEA program and on the achievement of equity for women and girls.