Clerical Seminar is intersesting, stimulating

THEODORE THORNTON — Secretary of Personnel for the State of Maryland speaks to participants at the Parole and Probation Clerical Seminar held recently at the Mondawmin office.

SEMINAR PARTICIPANTS — Participants in the Parole and Probation's Clerical Seminar held recently at the Mondawmin office are (L to R): Ms. Deborah McDaniel, Ms. Barbara Gold, Mrs. Brenda Shelton and Ms. Crystal Hall.

A swank wedding reception for Kimberly Yancey

It was all candlelight and flowers and Jimmy McPhail was singing love song — only — at the romantic wedding reception, held at Waters, Rockville, for the newlyweds, Sadiyq Parker and Kimberly Yancey.

Kimberly (Kim) and Sadiyq greeted guests in a receiving line including their parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. Worden Yancey of Washington, D.C., Dr. and Mrs. Mildred Parker of Teaneck, N.J., and sister, Pamela Yancey.

The couple were married July 14 in an Islamic ceremony at the Museum of African Art and in a civil ceremony by Judge "Purk" Thompson, a close friend of the family.

The bride is a graduate of Fisk University and the couple met at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst where they are studying.

Sadiyq, who was an honor graduate from University of Massachusetts, will be studying medicine at Howard University Medical School. The bride will be attending George Washington University in the Master's in Public Health Program.

Several hundred guests congratulated the young people, and enjoyed a lavish buffet which included baked salmon, cavier, and a fresh fruit sculpture of strawberries, melons and berries, followed by an absolutely luscious dessert table.

There were many out-of-town guests including friends and relatives from New York and California.

Prior to the wedding reception many activities took place in the Washington community for the newly married couple and out-of-town guests. Friday evening a dinner party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Burnett for the out-of-town guests and members of the wedding party. This was followed by a cocktail reception Sunday morning following the wedding reception.

Dr. Yancey, a member of the Washington Guardsmen and Mrs. Yancey, member of the Links and various other social groupings, are well known in Washington social circles. Mrs. Yancey is a retired Montgomery County school teacher.

Black input praised at Navy convention

By Curtis Austin

ERSA Poston, vice chairman of the Merit System Protection Board, both praised and challenged young black naval officers last week in a luncheon at the Harambee Hotel.

"You have taken a tremendous responsibility," she told the crowd of about a hundred "to improve and assist minority recruitment, and you are to be commended."

"Your efforts are exposing to young people an outlet they may not have thought of before. You can serve as a model, "she challenged." They will see you as a successful professional who has remembered his roots and his past," she added.

Poston's remarks came in the second day of a five day convention of the National Naval Officers Associations (NNOA).

Citing the History of the Navy, Poston noted that at the peak of the American Revolution, 20 percent of the staffing on Naval vessels was comprised of blacks.

"At no point since that has there been so large a percentage of blacks in the Navy," she noted, "but progress has been made." "At present blacks make up 9 percent of the Naval staff, with 2 percent serving as officers."

Poston concluded with a quote from Robert Small, a civilian civil rights worker: "My race needs no special defense. Its records speaks for itself. All they need is an equal chance in the battle of life."

Poston's luncheon remarks were one of several activities NNOA held.

There were symposiums on, "Being Black in a predominantly white wardroom, Squadroom, or staff; "The Black Woman Officer, "'Basic Warfare Schools and Black Officer Attrition."

In addition, there was a cocktail hour, poolside party, and sunset parade. The convention came to a close with NNOA's seventh annual dinner dance Saturday night, and a board of directors meeting the next morning.

Rear Admiral William P. Lawrence, U.S. Navy superintendent, U.S. Naval Academy; Vice Admiral Robert B. B Baldwin, U.S. Navy deputy chief of naval operations and General Frank Peterson, the first black general in the United States Marine Corps were among those participating.

Founded in 1971, the national Naval Officer's Association is a coalition of naval officers (active and reserve), officers of other services, and civilians with an interest in minority participation in the Navy Officer Corps.

Currently NNOA has six active chapters from Washington, D.C. to Hawaii and is in the process of establishing two more. Funding for the national organization is entirely by annual membership dues.

"Motivation, Organization, and Productivity" was the them of the clerical seminar and workshop held by the secretaries of the Division of Parole and Probation, Region II, on July 26, 1979, at the Quality Inn on Route 40 West.

Miss Peggy A. Bosley presided; Miss Doris M. Wright gave the opening prayer; and, Ms. Georgia Crowder extended greetings.

The guests speakers for the seminar were: Mr. Theodore Thornton, State Secretary of Personnel, who spoke fromthe topic of "Potential for Interchangeability;"

Mr. Robert Matthews, State Coordinator for Equal Opportunity, who spoke of the "Guidelines on Affirmative Action;" and, Mr. Donald Atkinson, Executive Assistant Director of the Division of Parole and Probation, who spoke of "clerical Upgradings."

The workshops consisted of: "The Future of Support Staff In-Service Training," by Mrs. Barbara Webb, Director of the Clerical Training Institute; "out-Service Training Opportunities," Mrs. Ethel Thomas, Region II's Training Coordinator; and, "Policy and Procedures," by Mr. W. Roland Knapp, Administrative Specialist with the Divsion of Parole and Probation.

- Miss Inner City Teen

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The finale, a showcase for the personality and poise of the contestants, was elegantly beautifl.

The contestants drifted regally onstage, one-by-one, resplendent in flowing white roman styled gowns, each carrying a long-stemmed rose. As each contestant strolled in turn to the end of the runway, she bowed gracefully and blew a kiss from the rose to the audience. Stunning!

Each contestant drew a question from a basket held by M. C. Oprah Winfree and answered intelligently about such things as What to change about the world, admirable qualities in people, ambitions for themselves and life in the inner city as compared to life elsewhere.

Maria Simmons, Miss Inner City, 1978, in flowing canary yellow, came onstage and told of the growth and maturity she had attained during her year's reign and gave a meaningful message of encouragement and good will to this year's contestants.

While the judges' votes were being tallied, Mrs. Carlene Henry, chairperson for the pageant and Cleveland Brister gave remarks of appreciationto all who had helped to make the pageant a success, including those responsible for gowns, flowers, hairstyles, make-up and general assistance.

Special thanks were given to Mrs. Alice Ebb, the innovator and power behind the pageant itself, to Mrs. Victorine Adams, co-chairperson, to Mrs. Twilah Scarborough, public relations person for the Youth Center and to other members of Mr. Brister's staff.

Linwood Ivey, executive director of Urban Services, expressed praise for the pageant and all who had helped withit and gave a salute of praise to the contestants.

The awards were made by Mrs. Nancy Brister and Nathaniel Trader, as the contestants waited breathlessly.

Lisa Croxton was voted "Miss Congeniality". "Patrons Award" went to Anna Maria Waters. Second Runner-up was Marlene Baker. First Runner-up was Jacqueline McClain.

The winner and "Miss Inner City Tenn — 1979" was Lisa Elaine Williams. She was overjoyed as she was presented her trophy, her bouquet of red and white roses and carnations, and received with pride a scholarship check fromthe Meritocrats, presented by Lloyd Mitchner, president.

As she strolled the runway and took her seat on the throne tears of happiness glistened in her eyes. As the crown was placed on her hair by last year's reigning queen and the other contestants gathered around her, the radiant smile of happiness came. It was her moment of glory. It was a magnificent pageant.

Fuel oil prices soar

Home heating oil prices have increased 40 percent since January and tighter supplies and more price hikes are expected before next winter, Maryland fuel dealers said.

Cook's Tanks Lines, a Baltimore - Area dealer, paid 53.3 cents a gallon in January and, 16 increases later, is now paying 73 cents a gallon, said Office Manager Charles Mullen.

Mullen said supplies will probably be tighter by winter, when he expects prices to rise to 85 cents per gallon.

Marex Corp., the state's largest distributor of home heating fuel, now pays more than 40 percent more for fuel than it did in January, said General Manager Dave Ford. Ford said prices have increased from 56 cents a gallon in January to the current price of 71 cents.

Higher fuel prices have spurred 1,214 homeowners to convert from oil to gas since September, said Baltimore Gas and Electric Co. Spokeswoman Rhonda Stokes. The company installed gas heat in 945 homes last month, she said.

The price increase results from the nine percent hike in world oil prices imposed earlier this year by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC). OPEC recently announced another 25 percent price hike, which should be felt by home heating customers this winter, dealers said.

Elmer Reichenbach, president of Superior Fuel Co. in Baltimore, said he expects supplies will be "awful tight this winter."

Dealers said one way to cope with tightening fuel supplies will be to cut the number of new customers they will add.

Reichenbach said his July allocation is 43 percent of what he received in July 1978. Oil companies are cutting summer allocations to stretch heating oil supplies through next winter, dealers said.

At the same time, many oil companies are ordering extra supplies now to take advantage of oo-season heating oil prices, industry spokesman said. The July 1 elimination of the sales tax on fuel oil has also spurred summer sales.

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