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Donald Matthews named new Wilde Lake principal

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By Pinnie L. Ross

Donald L. Matthews new principal at Wilde Lake Elem. School

Congratulations to Donald L. Matthews who has accepted the position as Wilde Lake High School principal in Columbia. Another milestone in Howard County schools — a complete integration.

Mr. Matthews, a native of Baltimore, graduated from Douglass High School and Morgan State University, 1959 - 1964.

The new principal is not a stranger in Howard County.

In 1964 he joined the faculty at Harriet Tubman High School under the able leadership of Silas Craft, at a truly all black high school where integration was not at all in sight at that time.

The situation stayed that way until the United States Supreme Court ruled that education in segregated schools was unconstitutional and unequal.

It took about ten or more years for the ruling of the Supreme Court to actually have a complete effect on the schools, and in some states it is as segregated as it was back in 1954. However, we must agree to the fact that "we've come a long ways, but yet, still have a few miles more to go."

The articulate educator taught French and English at Tubman, after which, he served in the military with a two year commission as R.O.T.C. as 1st and 2nd Lieutenant.

He continued to further his education by attending Virginia State, Loyola College and the University of Maryland.

In 1967, Mr. Matthews came back to his native home to teach Spanish and French at Baltimore City College.

He became administrative assistant at City College for one year, and later assistant principal. He remained there until 1968.

In 1968 he received his masters degree from Howard University in Foreign Languages.

Prior to becoming principal at Wilde Lake, Mr. Matthews served as vice principal for three years, succeeding Stephen Teguiten.

Mr. Matthews was well prepared for his new position, he had just finished a principal certification program at Loyola College.

"I could not have started my career under a better principal than Silas Craft.

The first thing I learned from Mr. Craft was hard work. There is no way a teacher can achieve his work if he is not committed to hard work and long hours."

Preparation was another philosophy taught by his former principal, Mr. Craft.

"Supervision control is important, too, he added. "There was not one day that we didn't see an administrator walking down the halls and into our rooms."

Wilde Lake is the first model high school in the county and about the first one to be identified across the country.

At present, according to the new principal, there are about 30 model high schools across the country.

He felt that students adapt very easily to their surroundings, believed that kids' adaptation process is a bit different and firmly believes that the kind of control that one builds into his surroundings makes a difference.

As far as open schools are concerned, referring to Wilde Lake as opposed to traditional schools, he stated, "open space admits to a kind of freedom that may not exist, it requires a great deal of self - control and adaptability."

He added, "To get through this school, commitment and adaptability are required, with those two, a student can make it."

In Wilde Lake High School it is a bit different than the old traditional school. In the traditional school there are homeroom teachers, but not in the open space school at Wilde Lake, according to the Wilde Lake's boss, Donald Matthews.

The school has a teacher's advisory system that is parallel to what is known in traditional schools as homerooms.

"The teacher is an advisor," said Mr. Matthews, "not a homeroom teacher. She - he is asked daily to counsel his - her students if there are problems.

If there are personal problems that cannot be resolved, she - he refers them to various agencies.

She - he keeps a progress sheet on each student, each student has a ready report card.

As soon as the student achieves a grade, or segment on a course, it is then sent to the student's advisor, and placed on a progress sheet that is ready at all times for parents to review. Never a wait until the quarter is over."

Wilde Lake's new boss looked very immaculate in a small checked black and white suit, the new look, solid white shirt and dark tie, as he spoke in a soft voice during the interview.

Mr. Matthews lives in Baltimore County with his very attractive wife Daisy and their three children.

Along with his 81 year old father, Ernest Matthews, his charming mother is convalescing in a nursing home.

He has one sister, Mrs. Ernestine Pumphey, residing in Baltimore.

He is a member of The Columbia Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

Me-De-So reception

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According to Dr. Roland Williams, president, there are several future thrusts of the club, in addition to being community oriented.

They plan to get more involved in the political structure, by being instrumental in getting candidates who will be good for the black community. They also plan to push for better health legislation.

Additionally, they plan to hold seminars on topics of medical interest which will include people other than those in the field of medicine.

Still further, they are planning to feature at their own monthly medical meetings specialist such as surgeons, psychiatrists, etc., who will do professionally related program for the groups.

Officers of the group, in addition to Dr. Williams are: Dr. John Braxton, vice president; Dr. Eugene Owens, recording secretary and chairman of the board; Dr. Bernard Christmas, financial secretary; Dr. Gilbert Banfield, treasurer.

Drs. Lionel Desbordes and Ilvan Higgins are on the social committee. Committee members for the reception were: Mrs. Jimmie LaForest, Mrs. Ruth Hunt, Mrs. Louise Owens, Mrs. Geraldine Desbordes and Mrs. Vashti Christmas. All are members of the Women's Auxiliary of the Me - De - So club.

Many of the Me - De So members are descendants of other Me - De - So members, some now deceased.

Others attending Sunday's reception, which brought the Me - De - So membership to 22 were: Dr. and Mrs. Gilbert Banfield, (Marion) Bernard and Vashti Charistmas, Lionel and Geri Desbordes, Ivan and Hilda Higgins, Eugene and Louise Owens, Dr. William B. Russell and Mrs. Mabel Alleyne.

Also Mrs. Florine Camper, Mrs. Jeannette Christmas, Mrs. Ruth Johnson, Mrs. Erdie Jone (Dr. LeCater's mother) Mrs. June Williams and Dr. Edward Hunt. The Me - De - So Club House is one of the few residences in the Upton area which has been restored in its original state. It can be rented for affairs.

PEARLS OF BLACKNESS ... Members who sponsored an 'Occasion Extraordinaire' Disco at the Electric Eye recently for the benefit of the Echo House Community Center on Fayette St. are (L to R): Mrs. Lanita Brown, vice president; Mrs. Myrtle Carter, secretary; Mrs. Elizabeth Miller, business manager and Mrs. Brenda Allen, president.

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The Quettes

The Quettes Pi Omega AUXILIRAY TO PI OMEGA CHAPTER, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, held their annual Thanksgiving meeting at the home of Mrs. Earlean Riddick on the Alameda. Thirty - six active members were present.

Plans were made for a Christmas Brunch to be held on December 16. Mrs. Irene Carter is the chairperson. Quettes wish be entertaining their favorite "Que".

A Christmas donation of Food and money will be given to the Anne Mae Hunter Home for the Blind.

Mrs. Shirley Bennett and committee will distribute small gifts of toys and clothing to children confined to provident Hospitals on December 20.

A fund raising car party and luncheon is planned for April. Mrs. Goldie Wood is chairperson.

After all business was dispensed with President Mary L. Ervin turned the meeting over to the hostess, Earlees, who had prepared a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Games and exciting conversation followed.

Quettes have contributed $200 to NAACP and $200 to United Negro College Fund. They are a member of the Maryland League of Women's Clubs.

Newly elected officers and members of the executive committee are: Mrs. Mary L. Ervin, president; Mrs. Constance Ward, vice president; Mrs. Frances Gill recording secretary; Mrs. Patricia Nicholas, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Myrtle Wolters, treasurer; Mrs. Irne Carter, finalncal secretary; Mrs. Mrs Irene Carter, financial secretary, Mrs. Ruth Roseclom, parliamentarian; Mrs. Mae Aycott, historian. Members at large are Mrs Mildred Williams and Mrs. Goldie Wood.

Pearls of Blackness

The 'Pearls of Blackness, a year - old social - charitable group held an "Evening Extraordinaire Disco" recently at the Electric Eye, on Reisterstown Rd.

Over 150 guests attended and enjoyed cocktails and disco dancing from five until nine p.m.

The purpose of the affair was to raise money for Echo House, a community center in the 1700 block of Fayette St. which provides services for the needy and for senior citizens in the area.

Each guest attending the "Evening Extraordinaire Disco" brought canned goods for Echo House.

As a result of the affair, a generous contribution of canned goods and monies were garnered for Echo House and for the senior citizens it was earmarked for.

Officers and members of the Pearls of Blackness are: Mrs. Brenda Allen, president, Mrs. Lanita Brown, vice president; Mrs. Myrtle Carter, secretary; Mrs. Leah Sands, treasurer; Mrs. Elizabeth Miller, business manager and Mrs. Barbara Gray, sergeant - of - arms.

The Vass

The VAG's were awarded special recognition by the Provident Hospital Employees Activities Committee at the Third Annual Anita R. Williams Citizens Day Luncheon and program held recently in the Emanuel Chambers Auditorium of Provident Hospital, Inc.

Provident Hospital has been selected by the VAG's as one of its annual recipients and very generously has contributed toward its progress for many years.

March 1940, marked the founding date of the VAG's, whose purpose then and now is to raise funds to provide financial assistance to organizations selected by the members.

Gifts in the name of the late Vivian Garth Alleyne in whose memory the club is named, have been given in the spirit of its motto, "Service is the rent you pay for the space you occupy on earth."

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Events

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WEST BALTIMORE MIDDLE SCHOOL—The staff and students of the West Baltimore Middle School invites you to attend our Winter Extravaganze, A musical performance will take place in the main auditori on Tuesday evening, December 18, at 7:30 p.m. We look forward to your presence.

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