Smiles, tears, memories mark Ann Holt's party

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FAMILY AND FRIENDS attending the retirement party for Mrs. Ann Holt included Mr. and Mrs. William H. Sith, Mrs. Pearl Bridgeforth Greene, James H. Holt II, Mr. and Mrs. John (Jack) Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Holt, Mr. and Mrs. James Holt III, Mr. and Mrs. William (Butch) Moore, Mrs. Sylvia Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Moore, Mrs. Vashti Holt, Mrs. Alice Hazzard, Cornelius Jennings, Miss Mary Kitty Sellers, Mr. and Mrs. Evan Asher Welsh, Miss Lisa Battle, Mrs. Alice Holt Battle, Mrs. Mary Bell Holt, Mrs. Mae W. Fortune, Mrs. Louise Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Holt, Leon W. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Graves and Mrs. Roberta Roderick.

Martiniques charity fete opens the holiday season

By Elizabeth M. Oliver
City Editor

Each year the town looks forward to the Martinique's Christmas charity party to open the holiday season and the popular group of women did so early this year with a gala yule disco cabaret that attracted nearly 400 persons.

The event which saw the brilliantly dressed and classy guests coming and going until the wee hours for dancing, featured a gourmet and soul food buffet catered by the ladies themselves.

Frocked in the latest fashion and serving as hostesses, the eight members included City Councilwoman Victorine Q. Adams, president; Ethel Fuller, vice-president; Hester Greenway, secretary and Susie Moore, Pearl Bonner, Myrtle Thompson, Edna Weldon and Alma Perry.

The influential group was organized over 30 years ago by Mrs. Adams and has been noted these long years not only for generous gifts to the Anna Mae Hunter Home for the Blind and the AFRO's Mrs. Santa Organization, but many other charities.

Founded also for political and civic efforts, the Martiniques have been in the forefront of register - to - vote campaigns. Most of them hold membership in the Democratic Women, Metro Democrats and Woman Power clubs.

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HONOREE Mrs. Ann Holt is shown at her retirement party with her husband Robert Gantt Holt.

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MARTINIQUES CHRISTMAS PARTY was hosted by the club members (L TO R) Mesdames Hester Greenway, secretary; Susie Moore, chaplain; Victorine Q. Adams, founder and president; Pearl Bonner, business manager; Edna Weldon, vice-president; Ethel Fuller, Alma Perry, publicity and (not shown) Myrtle Thompson, treasurer.

Cadet Davis K. Bates, foster son of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Thompson, 1400 block of Bend St., recently received a physical fitness award upon completion of basic ROTC camp at Fort Knox, Ky. He is a student at Frostburg State College.

MARTINIQUES GUESTS included (L TO R) James Cornish, Leroy Wilkins, Carolyn Johnson and Ray Dorsey.

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GUESTS at the Martiniques party included Mesdames Irene Cooper Harris, Ethel Beeman and Marie Bowen and (C) Abner Lee.

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Holt Retirement

The faculty, students, family members and friends honored Mrs. Ann Holt a retired Patapsco Elementary School teacher at a gala banquet last week. The rollicking and at times tearful affair witnessed a gathering of over 200 persons including members of the school's PTA, the parents of former students and longtime colleagues who presented a "This is Your Life" slide film. song and photos.

Mrs. Holt, a teacher over 30 years, began her education in her native state of Virginia where she was educated and then traced her education through high school and college in Baltimore.

She had become a Maryland resident after the death of her mother in Brunswick County, Va., through the kindness of relatives, Mrs. Williams, mother of Mrs. Mae Fortune of Baltimore.

Her first teaching assignment was in Anne Arundel County, a Marley Neck 2-room school house where she was the only instructor of 20 students in seven different grades. Working hard to give each child deserved learning and necessary experiences, Mrs. Holt revealed the task gave her a lifelong philosophy, "give the best you have and the best will come back to you."

She stated during the meetings of all teachers in AA County, she met the sisters of Robert Gantt Holt who introduced her to their brother and "soon he became the light of my life". Her husband, Mr. Holt, was present at her side at the banquet head table and when his wife became overjoyed and could not speak, he gave thanks to the banquet guests for her.

Having joined the Baltimore system after her marriage, Mrs. Holt disclosed how she taught and continued her education to earn degrees from the University of Maryland and in in-service training at other institutions of higher learning.

She concluded her talk tearfully with thanks to many friends and her family and associated s "whave helped me to realize the fullness of my life."

Mrs. Catherine Woods served as Mistress of Ceremonies and made the event a jolly one as she recalled the many pleasant moments at Patapsco. Mrs. Natalie Woodson, principal, introduced Mrs. Holt to the audience.

Others on the program were Rev. Mrs. Maude Coleman, Mrs. Willie Burrell, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Catherine Thomas, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Sellman, Ira Boyd, Mrs. Wallace, Mrs. Gloria McCall, Mrs. Lloyd. Listed as lifelong friends and "co-pilots on the trip" through her career were some 80 persons and over 100 relatives from Baltimore and Virginia.

Also present were Dr. and Mrs. Thomas P. Fraser, her former Morgan University teachers and Mrs. Holt's neighbors; Mrs. Elizabeth Williams and her brother; a son Carl Clayborn. great niece, Lisa Ball Battle, sister-in-law, Alice; mother-in-law, Mrs. Jack Holt; and scores of nieces and nephews, members of the Hicks, Holt, Moore and Taylor families of Virginia.

The evening ended with the Patapsco school song and co-workers singing their own, "Goodbye Anne". As the audience joined in, Mrs. Holt received gifts from the school, colleagues, students, relatives and friends.

Noteworthy in the film color slides were the photos of the Cherry Hill annual parades and exciting events in which Mrs. Holt and her fellow teachers participated by making costumes and helping with floats. The "Musical Picture of You" was by Mrs. Catherine Thomas, Patapsco music teacher.

Mrs. Gloria McCall made the staff presentation and Mrs. Lloyd the PTA gift of an engraved plaque.

Award-winning pianist in Peabody recital Sunday

Award-winning pianist, Hayward Mickens, will perform Sunday, Dec. 16 at the Peabody Concert Hallat 3 p.m. Admission is free.

Mickens placed first in the southeastern regional division of the National Back Music Colloquium and Competition sponsored by the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

He will compete for the grand national prize at the Kennedy Center in January.

The Peabody recital will feature the works of two black composers, the "First Sonata" by George Walker, and "Sonata" by Howard Swanson. Schubert and Rachmaninoff compositions will complete the program.

Mickens performed the solo piano with the Maryland Ballet Company's production of "Three Preludes," a work for two solo dancers and piano set to Rachmaninoff's music.

He has studied at the Peabody Conservatory and held a Rockefeller Foundation scholarship, the Clara Ascherfeld award for accompanying and the Alexander Skiarewski scholarship for piano.

He is also a three time winner of the New Jersey Music Education Council Award and has appeared in recitals at Town Hall and Carnegie Hall in New York.

A native of Richmond, Va., Mickens grew up in Newark, N.J.

Hayward Mickens

Pfc. Melvin Gaiser, son of Matthews Gainer of the 500 block of Lexington St., recently participated in "Constant Enforcer," a training exercise in Germany. Gainer is a rifleman with the Third Armored Division. His mother, Mrs. DeLorise Brown, lives in the 2600 block of W. North Ave. His wife, Lethe, is with him in Germany.

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SILVER ANNIVERSARY — Mr. and Mrs. Albert Royster marked their 25th wedding anniversary Dec. 8 at the Martiniques Christmas party.

Throng hails Maryland congressman at fundraiser

2,842 fans at banquet arrive from across US

By Elizabeth M. Oliver
City Editor

BALTIMORE — Congressman Parren J. Mitchell's fundraiser here saw the popular Maryland representative's fans arriving not only from across his home state but also from across the nation.

CONGRESSMAN MITCHELL and Mrs. Rachel Deford

According to Arnold Jolivet the Reelection Committee coordinator, the latest tickets sold count totals 2,842 " with more data still coming in ".

Thanking the staunch supporters who lauded Mitchell as "champion of the poor", Jolivet said "People averywhere love him. He not only answers every call for us in the state but he does a good job for all in the land."

During the banquet Cong. Mitchell was seen walking from table to table in the vast Convention Center hall, shaking hands as more and more guests reached out to touch him.

A slightly built, pleasant man, Rep. Mitchell is Maryland's first black congressman. He is making his bid for a sixth term in the Primary, May 13, 1980. Previously he has won each 7th Congressional seat with an overwhelming vote.

Noted among the many out-of-towners present were Louis G. Alexander, Amalgamated Trust and Savings, Chicago who brought 20 others; A. J. McKnight, banker, Lafayette, Louisiana, 10 guest; Carlton H. Joseph, Automated Management Systems, Lanham, Md.; James Jolivet, Management Trainers, Austin, Texas; Dr. Frank S. Green Jr., Technology Development Corp., Sunnyvale, Calif.; John H. Simon, Minority Contracting Corp., Philadelphia, Pa.; Roger R. Bhuni, Tyroc Const. Corp., D.C. 20 guests; Roland H. David, Minority Business Consultants Hempstead, N.Y.; David H. Wagner, Vanguard Investment Corp., Winston Salem, N.C.;

Earl Graves, Black Enterprise Magazine, N.Y. Milton Carey, National Minority Contractors, D.C.; Nathaniel Goiston III, Gormet Foods, Atlanta, Ga., Mr. and Mrs. James Gilliam Sr. and Jr., Gilliam Corp., Wilmington, Del.;

Lerone Bennett, Ebony Magazine, Chicago; Rep. Paul Simon, Chicago and Sens. Paul Sarbanes and Charles Mc Mathias, Baltimore. Also, members of the noted Mitchell family, Clarence M. Mitchell Jr. "the 101st US senator"; Md. State Sen. Clarence M. Mitchell III, City councilman Michael B. Mitchell, Attorney Juanita Jackson Mitchell, Dr. Keifer Mitchell II and III and George Mitchell II and III.

J. A. (Duke) Martin Mrs. Rosalie Butler Edward (Slim) Butler Frederick Carballo Mrs. Sophia Carballo.

STANDING are Sampson Green, Raymond Haysbert, Mrs. Sampson Green. Seated are Mrs. Evelyn Haysbert, Henry J. Parks, Elmer Jackson, Washington, D.C. and Mrs. Alice Pinderhughes.

SENATOR MACMATHIS is flanked by Mesdames Johnnie Mae Thompson and Ethel Gordon.

MRS. CAROLYN WILLIAMS, Keifer Mitchell III, Mrs. Rachel Eaton and Gary Reynolds.

ROBERT CLAY, Cookie Britt and Andrew McNeil

MR. AND MRS. DUVALL PARRISH

MORE STAUNCH FANS, Dr. Gladstone Davis, James R. Gittings, Del. Troy Brailey, Dr. Keiffer Mitchell, Elizabeth M. Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. David Branch. Louise Johnson, Mrs. Keiffer Mitchell.

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DR. HARVEY WEBB, Senators Tommie Broadwater Jr. and Clarence M. Mitchell III.

BANQUET GUESTS included Mrs. Hazel Hopewell, Mrs. Ardell Vessella and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Graves Sr.

MR. AND MRS. JAMES GRIFFIN, Mrs. Roland Patterson, Larry Gibson.

MESDAMES ELLEN GONZALEX, Phyllis Keels, Joan Case, Joseph C. Howard Jr., Mrs. Gwendolyn M. Howard and E. Michael Brown.