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Miss Susan Ledbetter engaged to Lawson F. Cooper

ENGAGEMENT PARTY — Pictured at the Dec. 16 cocktail reception at Holiday Inn, Belmont, given by Mr. and Mrs. Willie Ledbetter to announce their daughter's engagement are (L to R): Lawson F. Cooper, prospective bridegroom; Miss Susan C. Ledbetter, bride-to-be, and Mr. and Mrs. Ledbetter, parents of the bride-to-be.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Ledbetter (Toni), entertained at a cocktail reception on Sunday evening, Dec. 16, to announce the engagement of their oldest daughter, Susan Constance Ledbetter, to Lawson French Cooper.

Some 150 relatives and friends were present from N.Y., N.J., Pa., Md. and the District of Columbia for the gala event held at Holiday Inn Belmont, where the marquee said a special welcome to the Ledbetter family.

The announcement by the bride - to - be's father brought pleased cries and applause, as the father said, "I have something to share with you:"

Introducing his wife, and their other four children — Michael, Meivern, Derek and Crystal, he embraced Susan and had her step forward. It was at this point, he gave the happy news. Calling Mr. Cooper to the front, he announced "I'm not only gaining a son, I'm gaining a grandson,' Cooper's 16 - year - old son, Lawson Jr., then came forward.

Mrs. Serena Mills, Susan's godmother, offered a prayer, and then guests surged forward to congratulate the couple and relatives.

The bride - to - be is a graduate of Woodlawn High School, Baltimore County. She attended the University of Md., specializing in nursing, and is now enrolled in Georgetown University in D.C. She is also employed by a Baltimore city physician. She was a 1975 Re - De - Sa deb, and is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

The bridegroom - to - be is the son of Mrs. Kathlee Cooper of Kingston, Jamaica, and the late Lawson Cooper Sr. He is a graduate of Polytechnic Institute, Brooklyn, N.Y., and holds a master's in education from N.Y. University. He is employed as supervisory engineer at Westinghouse.

The wedding is set for Sunday, February 17, 1980, at Epworth Methodist Church in Woodlawn.

Among relatives and friends here from out - of - town were:

New York: Mrs. Dorothy Veal, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lofton, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin E. Hubert;

From New Jersey: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moore, Mrs. Virginia Randolph, Mrs. Delores Piles, Matthew Stanton and Libby Stanton.

From the District of Columbia: Mr. and Mrs. David Swartz, Mario Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. David Burrell.

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YMCA sets 5th annual Martin L. King breakfast

The YMCA of Greater Baltimore has announced plans for its fifth annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Breakfast to be held on Tuesday, January 15, 1980, in the downtown Baltimore Hilton Hotel.

Tickets at $9 per are available now at the YMCA at 24 W. Franklin St., Baltimore, Md., 21201.

Because the event is usually a sell - out, all requests for tickets should be accompanied by check or money order. Tables of 10 are available on a first - come, first - served basis.

Speaker at the 7:30 a.m. breakfast is Dr. Elizabeth Duncan Koontz, a well - known educator, presently assistant state superintendent of schools in Raleigh, N.C.

She is former president of the National Education Association, and a former director of the Women's Bureau of the U.S. Department of Labor.

Music will be provided by the Dunbar High School Choir, directed by Hugh Carey. The group recently returned from a European concert.

Supreme Bench Judge Robert B. Watts and J. Sydney King, WBAL - TV Community Service, are co - chairing the annual breakfast.

Honorary co - chair persons include Gov. Harry Hughes, Mayor William Donald Schaefer and executives of surrounding counties, as well as a cross - section of city and state leaders.

Sponsoring groups include the King's Leading Women's service Club of which Mrs. Bettye Lindsay is president, and the Jeffrey Fund.

Richard M. Kelly is president of the Baltimore YMCA. Coordinating the event is Alonzo Paul Moss, associate general executive emeritus of the Y. For further information, call Mr. Moss at 396 - 7666.

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V.F.W. PRESENTATION — Adjutant Vincent Dorman, left, presents Quartermaster Martin L. Cotten, center, with 10 complimentary tickets for honoree, National Commander Paul Thompson as James Gassaway, post commander, right, smiles approval. The presentation was made at the Turner Station Memorial V.F.W. dinner-dance held at the Steelworker's Union Hall recently.

Turner Station V.F.W. hosts dinner dance

The Turner Station Memorial Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post No. 4438 Inc. gave a dinner dance recently at the Steelworker's Union Hall, 1700 block of Broening Highway.

out to enjoy a delicious sit-down dinner and to dance to the latest music done up by disco D.J. "Honeybee."

The affairs was given in honor of newly - elected National Commander Paul Thompson, head of the Disabled American Veterans Organization and a member of Post No. 4438.

A special presentation of 10 tickets for the affair was made to the Quartermaster Martin L. Cotten, for the honoree, who was unable to attend.

Attending the affair were guests from Connecticut, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and the District of Columbia, as well as from Baltimore.

Special guest attending from another V.F.W. organization was Melvin Duncan, Post Commander, V.F.W. Post No. 8509 Inc. Balto.

The V.F.W. Post No. 4438 is a veterans' organization which is involved in many worthy activities.

Some of these include: Conducting Bingo monthly at the Fort Howard Veterans' Hospital, providing services to local members (as nurses, interpreters, social workers and job - finders; rendering assistance to those in need of help with basic activities of daily living, such as rent and utility bills:

Pacesetters

Leon Bridges
New Prexy

Margaret Tindal
New Chief

Leon Bridges, AIA, has been elected President of the National Organization of Minority Architects it was announced this week.

The organization was formed in 1970 to work on issues affecting the physical development of communities and to promote education in the field of architecture among minority youths.

Mr. Bridges is Principal of The Leon Bridges Company, a Baltimore architectural firm which he established in 1972 following several years' practice of architecture in Seattle.

He holds a Bachelor of Architecture degree from the University of Washington where he also did post graduate work in urban planning.

Locally, his firm has been responsible for design of commercial, religious, medical and institutional facilities including the Coppin State College Administration Building and the Lexington Market Subway Station.

He is a corporate member of the American Institute of Architects and has been active as a member or chairman of numerous National AIA committees. He is currently vice president of the Baltimore Chapter, AIA.

He has served as visiting professor at several colleges and universities and has participated on many local and national boards including Planned Parenthood, The Urban League, YMCA, Johns Hopkins Metro Center, and the City of Baltimore Architectural and Engineering Awards Commission.

He is an elected delegate to the White House Conference on Small Business to be held in January, 1980.

Ms. Margaret Tindal has been appointed Chief of the Training and Development Branch of the Personnel Office, Baltimore District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

A native of Baltimore, Ms. Tindal graduated from Western High School in 1963. She attended Coppin State College and received her BS Degree in Education and Social Science in 1967.

From 1967 through 1968, Ms. Tindal taught in the Baltimore Public School system. Later in 1970 through 1974, she taught geography at Coppin State and worked towards her Master's degree.

Prior to joining the Baltimore District, Ms. Tindal was the director of the Experimental Learning programs in the Career Development Center at the National Aeronautics an and Space Administration's (NASA) Goddard Space Flight Center.

During her first two years with NASA, Ms Tindal was the Assistant Educational Programs Officer. In this capacity she wrote a book titled "the Educator's Guide for Mission to Earth: Landsat Views the World," conducted workshops for teachers on how to use NASA satellite imagery, and worked on several television shows.

Throughout her career, Ms Tindal has been active in education. She received her MA degree in Geography from Clark University, Worcester, Massachusetts, in 1971, and is currently working on his Doctorate in Education Administration at Catholic University in Washington, D.C.

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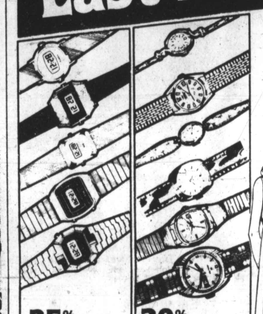

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