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Watts, Hilliard, Giles reunion

Members of the Giles, Hillard and Watts families held their second holiday reunion Dec. 28 at the downtown Holiday Inn to become reacquainted and refresh their recollection of family history.

Host and hostess Samuel Giles and Sarah Watts provided guests with a lush buffet of roast top sirloin, baked lasagna, cold cuts and cheeses, tossed garden salad, cole slaw, Belgian carrots, potato salad, three bean salad, pickled beets, a relish tray, cottage cheese, open bar and other tasty food and drink.

Music was provided and family members gathered around a piano for a sing-along.

A highlight of the affair was reading the genealogy compiled by Alfred David Watts.

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REUNION GUESTS — Members of the Hilliard, Giles and Watts families got together recently for their second annual reunion at the downtown Holiday Inn. In the photo at (L), Keith Pennick chats with Mrs. Carrie Pinkett, the oldest member of the family present. In the photo at (R), Ronnie Harris, Virginia Harris, Elisabeth Osborne and Doris Cole Pennick (L to R) look at a copy of the family tree.

18 youths honored at Faith's Wonderland banquet

Pastor, new bride also surprised with mini-reception

By Elizabeth M. Oliver
City Editor

The Winter Wonderland Banquet sponsored for the third successful year by the Faith Baptist Church Senior Missionary Society saw over 500 guests present to greet the pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Walter E. Paige, and to honor some 18 young people who had completed a year of supreme service.

The Rev. and Mrs. Paige were married over six months ago but had not been guests of honor at a party such as the brilliant Yuletide affair given at Le Fontaine Bleu. Mrs. Bessie H. Mason, long time president of the Society, termed the couple quite deserving of the singular honor which the ladies managed to keep secret until the couple marched in the door to the wedding march.

The standing ovation the Rev. and Mrs. Paige received set the pace for the occasion, a highlight of the holiday season. Guests were attired in formal dress. The banquet room was decorated in Christmas green and, brilliants and aglow with candles.

Above all was the 5-foot, 5-tiered cake which was topped with a bride and groom and set off by a flowing fountain and varicolored lights at the base.

After the bride was toasted by her husband and they locked arms to taste the first slice, the cake was cut in over 500 generous slices for the guests to take home.

The presentation of the Faith Baptist young adult workers was the main theme of the evening. The 18 young people were seated at the lower tier of the head table and included some of the city's most brilliant and successful college and high school students. Each received an AFRO citation framed in crimson.

Faith Baptist Church at Bond and Ashland in East Baltimore was established in 1895 and 1979 celebrated its 85th anniversary. The veteran congregation is composed of over 1,200 members noted for important roles in every community activity through the years. The Rev. Paige has served his membership 25 years.

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FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH youth honorees presented at the recent third annual Winter Wonderland Banquet included Misses Karen Booker, Allora Goode, Felecia Epps, Margaret Sapp, Deveria Jeter, Sheila Alston, Harriett Clark, Linda Hardy, Pamela Scott, Mary Bruce, Brenda Lee, Formithia Hurtt, Melodye Hardy; Harriett Gantt, Mrs. Angela Taylor and Michael Stills, Ronald Evalon and William Paylor Jr.

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A 5-FOOT WEDDING CAKE complete with five tiers and a flowing fountain at the bottom was the surprise, honored wedding gift from the Faith Baptist Church Senior Missionary Society ladies to the pastor and his bride of six months, the Rev. and Mrs. Walter E. Paige. The unusual token was later cut in 500 pieces and served to each of the guests at the reception.

BANQUET GUESTS included Mrs. Elizabeth Crawley Jones (C) and (L TO R) Mesdames Elsie King, Naomi R. Horton, Cora (George Jr.) Crawley, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Hardy and daughter Jacqueline, Miss Dorothelle Lanteem, Mrs. Ethel Murray and John Craig.

Beautiful Baltimore Brides

Miss Harris, Mr. Coulter marry

Darlene Michelle Harris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Harris of Longwood Street, was united in marriage to Edward Eugene Coulter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Coulter of Saratoga Street.

The double ring ceremony was held Dec. 29 at Central Baptist Church. The Rev. J. Brackett, pastor, officiated.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a white satin gown with a panel of baby pearls and embroidery in front. She wore a cap covered with baby pearls and a short veil.

Maid of honor was Deana Johnson who wore a green pleated gown with lace trim on the bodice. Bridesmaid Pamela Vonguntuynu wore a blue dress of the same design.

Best man was David Coulter, brother of the groom. Ushers were Andre W. Johnson and Tom Harris Jr., all from Baltimore and Maxie Harris of North Carolina.

Shani Harris was flower girl and Chris Vonguntuynu was ring bearer.

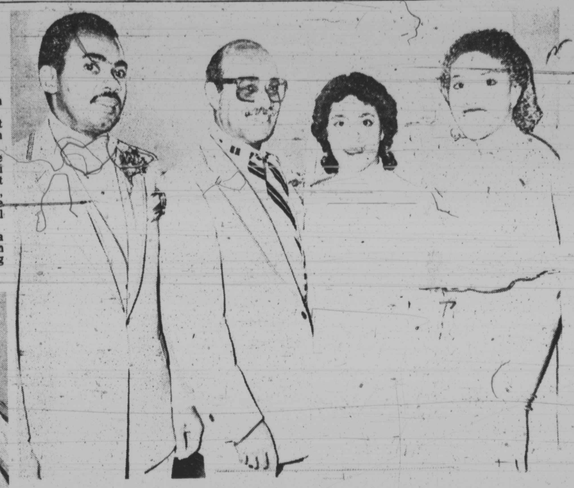
Guests attended from New York, Virginia, North Carolina, West Virginia and South Carolina.

A reception was held at the Electric Eye on Reisterstown Road.

The bride is a graduate of Walbrook High School and is a student at University of Maryland, Baltimore County in the pre-professional medical program.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Edmondson High School and is serving in the U.S. Navy.

HAPPY COUPLE — Mr. and Mrs. Edward Eugene Coulter sip champagne at their wedding reception. Mrs. Coulter is the former Darlene Michelle Harris.



WEDDING PARTY — Members of the Rogers - Day bridal party are Clifton Johns, best man; Luther Day, bridegroom; Denise Rogers Day, bride, and Lisa Day, maid of honor.

Denise Rogers, Luther Day Sr. united in double ring ceremony

More than 125 people attended the Dec. 29 double ring wedding of Denise Renee Rogers and Luther William Day Sr. at St. James Episcopal Church on Lafayette Square.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl B. Rogers (Thelma) of Baltimore. The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Ella Day of Philadelphia.

The Rev. Donald O. Wilson, pastor of St. James, performed the ceremony.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a white gown with an empire neckline and a bodice of sheer lace. The train and hem were covered with lace panels and the veil was of matching lace. The gown was from the All For Love collection by Barbara.

The bride carried a bouquet of white poinsettias with a single red poinsettia in the center.

Lisa Rogers, the bride's sister, was maid of honor. She wore a red Guiana gown with T-straps covered with a sheer nylon shawl. Her bouquet was red poinsettias with one white poinsettia in the center. Ms. Rogers wore variegated holly in her hair.

Clifton Jones of Baltimore was best man. Derek C. Neal, cousin of the bride, and Hensie Page, cousin of the groom, were ushers.

Out-of-town guests included Mrs. Ruth Johnson, the bride's godmother from Richmond, Va.; Mrs. Amelia Bass and Mrs. Dorothy Garriest, the groom's sister from Philadelphia; Mrs. Louise Johnson from New York, and Dr. and Mrs. Milford Vaughn from Washington, D.C.

A reception was held following the wedding in the St. James Guild Hall. The menu for the buffet included chicken, tossed salad, ravioli, ham and a champagne fountain.

Following a wedding trip to New York, the couple will reside in the 6100 block of Robin Hill Road.

The bride is a graduate of Howard University in Washington, D.C. She is completing her master's degree in education administration at Morgan State University.

She is employed in the staffing office of the division of personnel with the Baltimore City school system.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Cheyney State College in Pennsylvania and a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. He is assistant principal at Harlem Park Junior High School.

Christmas 'miracle' nuptials

Luther William Day Sr. and Denise Renee Rogers probably planned their wedding during the Christmas season because of the solemnity of the loving couple of Bethlehem, the joy of the season and the beauty of the red and white decorations, especially the poinsettia.

They never dreamed that their ceremony at St. James Episcopal Church on Lafayette Square would be resplendant with color and majesty and literally bathed in the traditional Christmas flower.

As typical of today's young people, they had in all likelihood planned a religious but simple ceremony. What they did not foresee was the miracle-like event which often happens at Christmas.

The afternoon prior to the ceremony a florist's truck arrived at St. James Church with 150 red and white poinsettias. The church had not ordered them and they were not in the name of the couple to be married. The Rev. Donald O. Wilson, pastor, assuming they were a donation from the florist to the church, gratefully accepted the plants and members of the Ladies' Guild decorating the church seized upon the opportunity to decorate the church and the Guild Hall with each and every plant.

When the wedding began, every nook and cranny of the church was breathtakingly full of the color of the delicately veined scarlet and white petaled plants. You can imagine the delight of the bride, the enrapture of the guests and the pride of the ministry to behold such a setting of flowers and candlelight. The wedding and reception were dreamlike in beauty.

Several hours later the florist returned to admit there had been a mistake and that the flowers were intended for an affair at the Engineering Society on Mt. Vernon Square.

Guests were encouraged to take plants home at the end of the reception but the florist was able to reclaim most of his white poinsettias and donated the others to the church.

The florist could not explain such a mixup since it had never happened before, but the Rev. Wilson and others knew that Christmas and love have a way of doing strange and beautiful things.

D.C. School students to study government

Vice President Walter F. Mondale and representative Walter E. Fauntroy announced the appointment of Elbert Toby Brown and Emma Cynthia Verlynta Horton as the District of Columbia delegates to the 18th annual United States Youth Program. The student delegates were named by Superintendent of Schools Vincent E. Reed.

Brown and Horton will be among two student government representatives from each of the fifty states who will meet in D.C. from February 2-9 to study the federal government and the U.S. Senate.

The delegates will also receive a $1,500 college scholarship, made possible by a grant from the William Randolph Hearst Foundation which sponsors the program.

The alternate delegates are Donna Louise Sherrod of Ballou High School and Juanita Fitchett Ferguson of the Ellington School of Arts. They will be eligible for a scholarship if a delegate cannot use it.

New deadline for veterans discharge aid

The Veterans Administration announced this week that April 1, 1981 has been set as the deadline for former military personnel separated before Jan. 1, 1965 with undesirable discharges to apply to the Department of Defense for discharge review. The old deadline was Jan. 1, 1980.

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