Beautiful Baltimore Brides

Miss Colletha Scott marries Francel Booker

GOLDEN MOMENT — Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Brown are pictured at their recent golden anniversary buffet dinner celebration, given for them by their children and Mrs. Brown's sister, Mrs. Claretta Jenkins at the home of their daughter and son - in - law, Mr. and Mrs. James Fair. The celebration was attended by more than 75 friends and relatives from Minneapolis, Minn., Philadelphia, Pa. and Washington, D.C. and was further perpetuated on New Year's Day with the arrival of their son and daughter - in - law, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Brown of Hayward, California.

NUPTIAL TOAST — The new Mr. and Mrs. Francel Booker toast each other in champagne at their recent reception at the Electric Eye.

Colletha Scott and Francel Booker were united in marriage in a double ring ceremony at St. James Episcopal Church. The Rev. Donald O. Wilson performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Mary Scott of the 3900 block of Lehnert St. The groom is the son of Mrs. Catherine Wainwright of the 3100 block of Gwynns Falls.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, Dillard Blue, wore a two-piece midi-length gown of white satin with crocheted baby pearls and a fingertip veil designed by Stephanie Taylor. She carried a bouquet of off-white flowers.

Loretta Kendall, maid of honor, wore a satin midi- length gown of golden brown and carried a bouquet of bright yellow flowers.

Carlos Booker, brother of the groom, was best man.

Maurice Murphy was organist and Linda Cornish sang "The Lord's Prayer."

The reception, held at the Electric Eye, featured a three-tiered white cake decorated with a white punch. Guests enjoyed a buffet dinner and champagne.

The bride is a graduate of Northwestern High School. She attended Community College of Baltimore and is a clerk at Social Security Administration.

The groom, a graduate of Forest Park High School, is employed by Baltimore City.

The couple is residing in the 900 block of Nottingham Road.

Free lectures on stress

The Division of Public Education of The Sheppard and Enoch Pratt Hospital will offer a variety of free lectures during the month of January.

All lectures are open to the general public, but registration is required due to space limitation. Free tickets may be obtained by calling 823-8200, extension 340.

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The truth is suppressed to keep 'us' ignorant

From the desk of Lil

WASHINGTON

Is there a deliberate move to suppress the truth? Some folks are beginning to think so. You see .. they are beginning to see the light and, believe it or not, they are attempting to do something about it. However, they are running into a slight problem.

It's apparent that the powers - that - be in this town are not ready for the middle class in Washington to speak. They have been satisfied, for so long, having them as the silent majority.

But, really, how long can one hold shackles on peoples minds? And even though we have been writing about " this changing city" very few have dared let themselves believe that this was a reality.

Recently Dr. Bettie Catoe Strudwick got what she termed " an astonishing revelation" when a local daily sent her letter to the editor back regretting they could not print it.

Dr. Strudwick, while writing about situations as she sees them in the District of Columbia, struck a sensitive nerve. Her topic: "How things change when the minority becomes the majority," spoke too much of the truth too soon.

The powers - that - be in Washington are not ready for folks like Dr. Strudwick to " pull the covers off their plan" just yet. Sure we have written about the "A Master Plan" for the past eight years but due to negative programming in the black community most have taken these warnings very lightly. However, when people like Dr. Strudwick begin pulling citizens' coat-tails .. this is a horse of another color. It's time to put up the red flag.

This prominent physician for many long years, had some strong observations on how she perceived negative programming in the Washington community. She, too, spoke about a plan .. a plan to repossess the District of Columbia.

It was interesting to note that some key points under this plan included many which have been spelled out in this column over a period of years.

Some significant points, as noted by Dr. Strudwick, to recapture the District from its black majority included disruptions, diluting strength and the removal of low income residents from this city.

Dr. Strudwick points out that following the mass exodus of whites from the city they find that a generation later city hall is occupied and controlled by the former minority. " Heaven forbid .. the minority had to be encountered on an equal basis. The minority occupied prime real estate. The minority had to be acknowledged."

" Strangely enough," she wrote, " the minority seemed to have learned certain lessons from the former majority. How to secure position for their eligible young. How to become a real force in the economic life of the city. How to bargain and barter for goodies and generally, how to use the system for their advantage."

What do you do about a situation like this? Dr. Strudwick says the former majority has cried foul, increased the price of property and has discredited the minority for standard majority operating principles.

To recapture a city, in this instance the District of Columbia, Dr. Strudwick lists several ways of accomplishing this:

"Deplore 90 percent financing, even though it is going on all over town: deplore the perks of office, created by the majority: ridicule all actions to create an Amos and Andy atmosphere a la Madison Avenue:

"Impress the young with the fact that the world owes them something because they have been deprived, and that they really do not have to study or work .: the poor thing syndrome;

" Indicate in the majority press that all advances by the minority are somehow suspect. Hire minority press persons that go along with the program .. or else .. no job:

"Infiltrate all segments of City Hall to disrupt, secure confidential information and control: deplore any mention of the above action as paranoia, reverse racism or error in perception" then "Sit back and be ready to pick up the created and designed pieces .. known as the Savior syndrome."

Strudwick says the plan is now in place. That the former majority is certain the former minority has a blind spot that makes them not perceive the implementation, therefore, they feel it is not necessary to practice caution.

She points out that these actions are overtly hostile, destructive, and unkind. "The minority never learned this behavior mechanism or how to combat it.

"The town beside the Potomac is moving. The end of this story seems predictable, therefore, it will never be printed because the majority still thinks the minority has no cognitive abilities and they don't want them to read about it before the boom is lowered."

Dr. Strudwick, the mother of four children, is just about right in her perceptions. The only sad thing is that the "boom is just about to be lowered." It's hard to tell, at this point, if blacks in this community have reached the point of no return.

It's easy to understand why her letter was not printed by the daily. The idea has been, for many many years, to keep black residents ignorant as to what's happening in the District of Columbia. One point in the plan she forgot to mention and that is the character assassination of black leadership. Some eight years ago it was planed that certain black leaders in Washington would have to go. By some hook or crook they have gotten rid of some powerful, potential leaders.

What do we have left ? apah Apathy, lack of adequate leadership; disruption, plantation mentality, subtle racism, and in general, lack of togetherness.

As a community we have allowed pot shots to be taken without voicing any opposition: we have allowed unjust criticism of favors against certain leaders for stances taken which are perfectly legal, moral and just. What has become a way of life for the majority population has somehow been turned around to signify evil when done by blacks.

Most importantly we have allowed the system, through discrimination under the pretense of "tight money," to cheat minority residents out of their homes and monies to rehabilitate what they already have.

On Capitol Hill black residents are yet being threatened with the loss of their homes. Characters, swift with the tongue, are misleading residents to the point where they legally don't know what their rights are.

Just recently, Elizabeth Stone in a memorandum to the board and the Washington Area Committee of the Black Women's Agenda, urged women to write letters to the "Washington Post" deploring its facts " surrounding the purchase of a home by the mayor."

She wrote " There is nob belief, and certainly no assurance, that our letters will be published, but it's important that we write them. It's not necessarily for or against the mayor or for or against independence. They just serve as the catalysis."

Ms. Stone points out that this kind of reporting seems to be the modus operandus regarding news on the activities of middle class or upper middle class blacks in Washington.

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