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Over 1,000 attend MLK Memorial Breakfast

TO HONOR HIM — Part of the crowd of more than 1,000 which came out to honor the memory of slain civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., at the fifth annual MLK Memorial Breakfast, held at the Hilton Hotel downtown, on Tuesday, Jan. 15 from 7:30 until 9:30 a.m.

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will we do? Martin Luther King is gone."

"We felt this way because "We were expecting the superhuman feats of one man to go for all of us," she noted. "We must become the Martin Luther Kings — each and everyone of us — because one cannot expect to remain immortal. If he had a dream, what about ours?

She stated that the dreams of Martin Luther King will not remove the garbage from the streets, nor reduce the unemployment of black youth, nor the teenage pregnancies and noted further that nor will they provide the training and the skills that one must have to compete in the next decade.

She stressed that young people must not only know what Martin Luther King stood for, but must know, that they too have a part in helping to cure the ills that remain with us.

Dr. Koontz, is presently the Assistant Superintendent of the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, Raleigh, N.C. She has long been a leader of national stature. Her accomplishments are remarkable.

Among them are her tenure as an educator, as the first black president of the NEA, the first balck director of the U.S. Department of Labor, Women's Bureau, (appointed by President Nixon) and subsequently Deputy Assistant Secretary for Labor Employment Standards; and an appointee to the National Advisory Committee for Women (Appointed by President Carter in June '78) and vice chairman of that committee in 1979. She holds many other honors.

Her address kept the capacity audience at rapt attention at the fifth annual MLK Memorial Breakfast program at the downtown Baltimore Hilton.

"All of us have a grave responsibility for directing the future."

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BREAKFAST HONOREE A. Paul Moss, (C), coordinator for the MLK Breakfast since its inception five years ago, receives a plaque commending him for his commitment, efforts and service to the annual program from co-chairman Judge Robert B. Watts, (L) as J. Sydney King, WBAL-TV executive and also co-chairman looks on.

DR. ELIZABETH D. KOONTZ, keynote speaker for the fifth annual MLK Memorial Breakfast, signs an autograph following the affair held at the Downtown Hilton Hotel on Tuesday, Jan. 15. Mrs. Bettye Lindsay, (C) president of the King's Landing Women's Service Club and Mrs. Bernice S. White, (R) co-chairman of the program committee, look on.

Reception for Dr. Koontz hosted by King's Landing Women

HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF — Dr. Elizabeth Duncan Koontz (R), who visited Baltimore in May of 1949 with her mother, the late Mrs. Lena H. Duncan, who was the AFRO's Ideal Mother of that year, visited Charm City again this week as the keynote speaker for the MLK breakfast. In 1949 she and her mother were greeted at the plane, by the late Mrs. Lula Jones Garrett, AFRO Women's editor and Mrs. Bettye M. Phillips (NOW Moss), magazine editor and director of the contest. Here, Dr. Koontz chats with Mrs. Thelma T. Daley, (L) and Mrs. Pattie Hodges, (C), presents AFRO Women's editor, at the reception held in her honor at the Moss' home, sponsored by the King's Landing Women's Service Club on Mon., Jan. 14.

RECEPTION GUESTS — Pictured at the reception for Dr. Elizabeth Koontz, held on Monday, Jan. 14 at the Moss' home are (L to R): Samuel T. Daniels, executive director, CEBO and on the sponsoring committee for the MLK breakfast, James Griffin and Kalman R. Hettleman, Esq., secretary of the sponsoring committee.

STRIKING A HAPPY POSE with Dr. Koontz is Judge Elsbeth Bothe, (L) of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City.

IN ANIMATED CONVERSATION with Dr. Koontz at the reception held in her honor at the home of Paul and Bettye Moss on Monday, Jan. 14 is Dea Kline of the Johns Hopkins sponsoring committee for the MLK breakfast.

KOONTZ RECEPTION

Members of the King's Landing Women's Service Club (KLW) entertained at a wine and cheese reception on Monday evening honoring Dr. Elizabeth Duncan Koontz of Raleigh, N.C.

Dr. Koontz, a nationally known educator, now assistant superintendent of state schools in N.C., was in the city to address the fifth annual Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Breakfast, co-sponsored by the YMCA, the King's Landing Women and the Jeffrey Fund.

The club members also served as hostesses at the Tuesday morning breakfast which attracted over 1,000 persons at the downtown Hilton Hotel.

The reception for Dr. Koontz was at the Forest Park Ave. home of Bettye and Paul Moss. Mr. Moss has coordinated the memorial breakfast for the past five years. His wife is a charter member of the KLW Club.

Also in the receiving line were, Bettye Lindsay, president; Gwen Clarke, another charter member; and Bernice White, chairperson of the program committee for the breakfast.

The KLW Club was founded in 1964 as a mothers' club to support the YMCA's Camp Mohawk. Delegate Lena K. Lee and Margo Ross dreamed up the idea to support the efforts of Mr. Moss, then camp director.

When their children were in camp, members used funds realized from benefits to send needy youngsters to camp.

After the Y integrated its two camps, establishing one resident facility, King's Landing for all youngsters, the club has expanded its efforts and used its funds to support other charities, including the AFRO's Mrs. Santa — as well as continuing its scholarship program.

Other officers of the club are: Geneva Small, vice president; Gertrude McKella, secretary; Mildred Nelson, treasurer; Mary Smith, program chair. Other members hosting the reception and breakfast were: Collas Corprew, Majorie Green, Myrtle Harrod, Blanche Hughes, Adele Queen, Rosie Salley, Roberta Keets, Mary Upsher, and Elnora White.

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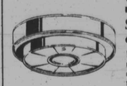

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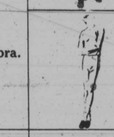

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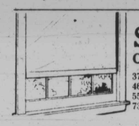

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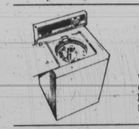

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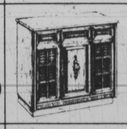

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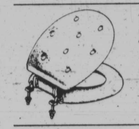

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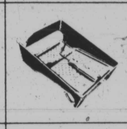

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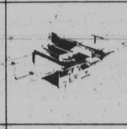

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16 states represented at 30th year high school reunion

By Pattie Hodges
AFRO Staff Writer

A reunion of Hilly Branch High School alumni and friends was held at the Ramada Inn, Lumberton, N.C., on Dec. 27 and 28, 1979. Host classes were the classes of 1947, 1948 and 1949.

Alumni and friends began arriving on Thursday, Dec. 27, 1979. Myrtle Floyd Black, Alice Thompson Wine and Doreen Thompson of the class of '47 were in charge of registration.

A hospitality suite was open for alumni and their friends for the purpose of renewing old friendships, making new acquaintances and general entertainment.

The hospitality suite was open to the public on a twenty - four hour basis from time of arrival to departure.

Pearlie Floyd Jones of the class of '48 was chairperson of this committee. Marie Thomson Blue, class of '47, Julia Priest, Helen B. Floyd and Ruthell Grant, class of '49 were committee members.

On Friday, Dec. 28, the group assembled for breakfast in the dining room of the Ramada Inn.

Following breakfast the group journeyed to the old school site. A memorial service was held at noon on the grounds of the former Hilly Branch High School. Christmas carols were led by Edith McArthur Sawyer.

Scripture reading and prayer were offered by Rev. Hatten Floyd, father of James Robert Floyd, class of '48.

Tribute was paid to deceased members of the classes — Welsa Floyd Dumas, class of '47, Vertie Crawford Lessane, class of '48, William Thompson, class of '48 and Betty Alford, class of '49.

At 3 p.m. dinner was held in the ballroom of the Ramada Inn. B. Tyrous Addison, class of '47 presided.

Invocation was offered by the Rev. H. G. Thompson. Music was provided by Christine McArthur Bland, class of '49 and Helen Thompson Geralds, class of '49, who sang a duet, "Sentimental Journey' and Lucille Alford Lipscomb, class' of '49, who sang 'Autumn Leves's- songs reminiscent of the class' high school days.

Piano accompaniment was done by Ernestine Jones, wife of James Jones, an alumnus.

Edith McArthur Sawyer, introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. Elsie Woodard.

Mrs. Woodard is a former teacher of the Hilly Branch High School, who presently resides in Charlotte, N.C.

Her address was reminiscent of her years at Hilly Branch High School. She recalled that even though the classes had few resources and meager means, the class members possessed dynamic abilities and outstanding ambitions.

She stated that because of these atributes, there are many success stories from these classes and that these should be passed on to other generations.

S. P. Woodard, husband of Mrs. Woodard and a former teacher and coach at Hilly Branch High School for a number of years gave remarks. Remarks were also given by the most recent principal of the school, J. F. Lessane. He offered a challenge to the classes assembled to preserve the history of the school.

The reunion culminated with a disco in the ballroom from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. Music was provided by T and T Connection, Thomas Frederick Moore, conductor

In addition to the disco, a nostalgic music hour was programmed and played from the record collection of Lucille Alford Lipscombe, class of '49 and B. Tyrous (terry) Addison, class of '47. The music hour featured Nat King Cole, Count Basie, Erskine Hawkins, Duke Ellington, Glen Miller, Billy Eckstein and many others.

This segment of entertainment was introduced with Gladys Knight's hit tune 'The Way We Were', followed by such popular tunes as 'In The Mood', 'Snowgall,' 'Take the A Train' 'One O'Clock and Two O'Clock Jump', 'Tuxedo Junction', 'Tipping In', 'Woodchopper Ball' and others.

The music hour was dedicated to Mr. and Mrs. Woodard. This ageless couple blide gracefully and effortlessly onto the dance floor followed by alumni and friends - a good time was had by everyone.

Holiday Hospitality

Mrs. Ida Russell of this city hosted a gala holiday party on Dec. 29 at her lovely Ruxton Ave. home.

Christmas is a time when family and friends get together for good foods and fun.

With the beautiful decorations of lights and tinsel and ladies in their frocks as colorful as the decorations, with a white lace table cloth draped in red lace, gracing a table laden with dishes trimed in silver and gold and other tableware of the same lighting up the spirit of the holidays, the charming hostess welcomed her guests at 9 p.m.

The fun began with cocktails and dancing and continued throughout the evening with the serving of a delicous xuffet dinner, winses and cheeses.

Attending guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Shipman, Mrs. Eleanor Thompson, Mrs. Etta Thomas, Mrs. Edith Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Watkins of N.Y.C. and Mr. and Mrs. Marron Waddell.

Also Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Bacote, Mrs. Beatrice Jackson, Delmore Davis, Mrs. Helen Burgess, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Moore and Clarence Jordan of the District of Columbia.

Bluetop's Birthday

The Red Rosster, well - known West Baltimore bar and restaurant, was the scene Jan. 13 for the annual birthday party for Willie "Bluetop" Wynn.

"Bluetop", long - time manager of the club at 1801 McKean Ave was feted withcake and champagne.

Among those at the party were: Askew Gatewood Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Carlton "Yummy" Dotson, (Mada), Coach Earl Banks, Walter Jennings, Samuel Wilson, Carlos Hutchins and Mr. and Mrs. Denver Blackwell (Myrtle).

Also Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ailor (Carrie), Mr. and Mrs. Cordell Ailor (Linda), Arno Adams, Biddy Woods, Dottie Hactor, Joe Brown, Alvin Brown and Rick Palmer.

Epicureans

The Columbia, Maryland chapter of National Epicureans, Inc. recently invited a number of their friends to join them for a Christmas luncheon.

There was much chatter and warm fellowship as well as a "grab - bag" of lovely gifts. Delighted "oohs and ahs" were repeatedly heard as gifts were opened

In true Epicurean tradition, the hostess, Dorothy Carr, served a mouth - watering repast featuring quiche Lorrine, stuffed mushrooms, and a grape fruit meringure dessert.

Guests included Bettye Fultz, Joan Phillips, Connie Hayes Tia juana Mosby, Pam Johnson, Ozella Webb, Angela Mitchell, Chris Crable, Ossie Clay, Evelyn McClurkin. Members present were Zola Boone, Shirley Colvin, Ruth Felton, Gloria Hagan, Wookie Moran, Jeanne Cooper, Suzanne Price, Iola Smith, Madelyn Woods, and Agi Woodland, president of the group. Gloria Massie, another member was out of town.

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