Rev. and Mrs. John E. Brown celebrate 50th anniversary

THAT GOLDEN YEAR — The Rev. and Mrs. John Emory Brown Sr., are pictured immediately after they renewed their vows at St. Stephen A.M.E. Church, Eastern Ave. recently in celebration of their 50th year of marriage.

The Rev. and Mrs. John E. Brown Sr. celebrated their golden wedding anniversary recently with a renewal of their vows.

The service of renewal took place at St. Stephen AME Church, Eastern Ave. The Rev. Oscar Christmas, minister, officiated.

Rev. and Mrs. Brown were originally married on Feb. 9, 1930 at St. Stephen African Methodist Parsonage by Rev. A. A. Murray.

They are the parents of 5 children: Mrs. Ruth Winder, Mrs. Beatrice Scurry, Mrs. John E. Brown Jr., Mrs. Ella L. Goins, William Brown; 19 grandchildren and 9 great - grandchildren.

Best man for their renewal ceremony was the Rev. Jonas Ageda. Matron of Honor was daughter, Ruth; Bridesmaids were daughters, Bea and Ella.

Attendants were sons John E. Jr. and William Charles. Ringbearers were Chris, Derick and William Charles Jr. Flower Girls were Beatrice and Charmaine.

Prior to the solemnization of the holy marriage, solos 'O Perfect Love' and 'The Lord's Prayer' were done by Ms. LaVern Stewart.

Toastmaster for the occasion was Brother John E. Brown Jr.

The invocation was by the Rev. Jonas Ageda.

Pinning of the corsage on the bride was done by daughter Ella Goins and the occasion was given by Mrs. Beatrice Scurry.

Mrs. Phyllis Hughes sand 'It is Well' and remarks were given by the Rev. Reginald Boston.

Other solos were done by Mrs. Gloria Ash and Mrs. Doris Myers, and other remarks were made by the Rev. Reginald Boston.

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Two of the couple's grandchildren gave a special presentation. Other presentations were given by Mrs. Ruth Winder, Mrs. Beatrice Scurry.

Final selection 'Work Thy Done' was done by the couple's children.

Following the ceremony a reception was held in the dining hall of the church, which was beautifully decorated.

A WINNER — Kyle Still, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth W. Still of Oak Lawn Drive, Woodlawn, is shown receiving congratualtions from Mrs. A. Vernon Taylor, president of The Woman's Club of Westview Park. Kyle was the club's entrant in a Free Speech Contest sponsored by the Md. Federation of Women's Clubs in cooperation with Cities Service and Proctor & Gamble. He won the local, district and state contests and placed third in the regionals. A senior at Walbrook Senior High, Kyle is in the upper 5 percent of his class with a 4.0 grade average.

Frank D. Boston III becomes an Eagle Scout

The ceremony installing Frank D. Boston III as an Eagle Scout took place recently at Ames Memorial United Methodist Church.

Frank is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Boston Jr. (Beverly) of this city, an 11th grader at the Park School, and a scout with Troop 521, Howard Montgomery, scoutmaster.

Following the invocation by Dr. O. St. Clair Franklin, the opening of the court was done by Elzie Williams Jr., assistant scoutmaster.

After the posting of the colors by the Color Guard and the pledge of allegiance, led by Mr. Montgomery, the Scout oath was done by Ronald Jones.

Mr. Montgomery then gave a message on scouts who advance, the Eagle Award was discussed by Julius Hall and the recommedation given formally by Mr. Montgomery.

Qualifications were spelled out by James Dudley and the charge given by Clarence Lambson.

The Eagle presentation was made by Raymond Gough, scouting coordinator.

Closing the court was also done by Elzie Williams and the benediction done by Dr. O. St. Clair Franklin.

Troop Committee, with James Pulley, chairman, included Leon B. Brown, Carol Cooper, Bertha Montgomery and Julius G. Hall.

Assistant Scoutmasters Herbert Ward and Charles Palmer were also on hand for the presentation.

With proud parents in tow, Frank D. Boston II became an Eagle Scout.

Frank D. Boston III
New Eagle Scout

Karen E. Freeman to wed John Burdnell

Karen Elizabeth Freeman Engaged

Mrs. Charlotte Hall Freeman of this city and Mr. Walter Jesse Freeman of Newburgh, New York announce the engagement of their daughter Karen Elizabeth to Mr. John Stanley Burdnell, III, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Willis of Vienna, Virginia and Mr. and Mrs. John Stanley Burdnell of Silver Spring.

Miss Freeman, a graduate of The Johns Hopkins University is employed by The Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health.

Mr. Burdnell, a former marine sergeant, is presently a student at Towson State University studying applied mathematics. A June wedding is planned.

CEBO BENEFIT — The Baltimore Council for Equal Business Opportunity (CEBO), will present Ethel Ennis, famed Baltimore-born song stylist, in concert on Sunday, March 23 at 3 p.m., at Shriver Hall, Johns Hopkins University campus. Members of the benefit planning committee included, (from L): Vivian Pierson, Betty Thompson, chair; Leslie Lewis, Emma Michael and Merita Stokes Henry G. Parks Sr. and Robert H. Levi are honorary co-chairmen. Samuel T. Daniels is CEBO Executive Director; John H. Murphy III is chairman of CEBO board of directors. For ticket information, call CEBO office, Suite 110, Metro Plaza, 669-3400.

Masonic School to host supper-song fest

A double - barreled treat will be hosted by the Most Worshipful Hiram Grand Lodge Masonic School of Instruction.

A variety and song festival, featuring gospel groups, will be held on Saturday, March 15 at Enon Baptist Church, Edmondson Ave. and Schroeder Sts.

The variety supper will be held from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. Following the supper guests will be in for a real musical treat.

For further information and tickets call Clarence Booker, public relations, 542 - 8359 or 563 - 3347.

Annapolis author aids African Center

Phaon Goldman, a five-year resident of Annapolis, Md., and author of a widely acclaimed textbook, Black Manhood, which underlines the role the native population of Africa played in the development of Ancient Egypt, was asked recently to aid the newly-formed Center for African culture in Washington, D.C.

The aim of this privately sponsored group of Africans and Americans is to provide opportunities for Americans to meet African visitors to our shores and to assist African students in this country in any way they can.

Mr. Goldman was asked to advise the center because he served as director of Africa House in Washington from 1955-60.

Some of the American and African visitors brought together at Africa House in those days were: the late Sen. Theodore F. Green who, as chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, was known as "the most powerful man in the U.S. Senate;" Rep. Frances P. Bolton, ranking Republican member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee: the Hon. Joshua Nkomo of the Repub lic of Zimbabwe; Sekou Toure, president of the Republic of Guinee; the late Tom Myoba, Kenyan labor leader; Julius K. Nyerere, prime minister of Tang ania; Mrs. Louis Armstrong; Brig. Gen. B.O. Davis: the Rep. Charles C. Diggs, Jr., chm., House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Africa.

Those interested in working with the center for African Culture may contact them at 2141 "Eye" St., N.W. Wash., D.C. 20037; phone (202) 8331 -8461.

Metropolitan Magazine subscription party at Ritz

The Ritz, 29 Light St., was the scene for the packed-house subscription party hosted by the staff of Metropolitan Magazine on Sunday, Feb. 24.

Over 300 people jammed the terrace level of the club for lots of enjoyment from 5 until 9 p.m.

To tickle the taste buds there was a sumptuous buffet dinner and anyting you could want to dring.

Special highlight of the affair was the fashion show done in three segments - casual, after 5-Disco and longewear.

Eve's Modeling troupe, owned by Mrs. Evelyn Douglass, a columnist for Metropolitan and the wife of Delegate John Douglass, artfully aired the fashions, which came from local classy boutiques.

Mrs Douglass moderated the show, which was received enthusiastically by the assembled guest.

Music for listening and for the fashion show was furnished by the Ritz's disco d.j.'s.

The purpose of the party was to boost the subscription sales of the publication.

Staff members present were Senator Robert L. Douglass and Ms. Roslyn L. Smith, publisher; Welford McLellan and wife, Paula, (he's executive editor) Lawrence E. Coleman, copy editor; Bruce C. Jennings and wife, Mamie, (he's the art director) Shelia E. Scott, art assistant.

Also Walter Ginn and Carolyn Lammas, account executives: Lutricia M. Bridgeforth, Lifestyles editor; Jean A. Weaver, circulation director and S. Lugenia Baxter, editorial assistant and party coordinator.

Guests included; William Purnell, Ms. Helen Robinson, Ms. Ivy Bailey, Ms. Ogaltha Jackson, Messers and Mesdames David Overton, Anthony Lawrence, Aubrey Phillips, Julius Taylor, Maurice Horsey, Charles Stills, Raymond Ruben.

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National Conference — Black Agenda for 80s

Pretty delegates Rita Watson, Edna Coleman, Crystal Noakes and Dolores Thomas check-in at Hotel John Marshall.

Urban League's Vernon Jordan greets old friends Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Hill.

Richmond's Mayor Henry L. Marsh 3d, Rev. Jesse Jackson and Gary's Mayor Richard Hatcher discuss the proceedings.

Talking over last minute items are James Jackson of Brooklyn, Dedrick Hopton of Washington and ABC-TV newsman Max Robinson.

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NAACP Executive Director Benjamin Hooks, Conference Chairman Carl Holman and Mayor Henry Marsh confer on the agenda.

A pensive Rev. Ben Chavis meditates about the future.

Part of the overflow crowd of 1,300 who gathered to hear banquet speaker former Ambassador Andrew Young.

New York attorney Flo Kennedy was comfortably dressed for Richmond's winter blizzard.

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