Rachael Phillips and Vernon Humphrey wed

NEWLYWEDS Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Demetrius Humphrey pictured immediately following the lovely ceremony at Allen AME Church, Baltimore, which united them in marriage. The bride is the former Rachael Murphy Phillips, granddaughter of the late Dr. Carl Murphy, AFRO publisher and civil rights leader and the daughter of the late Frank W. Phillips Jr., longtime AFRO art director and Dr. Elizabeth Murphy Moss, former publisher of the AFRO-AMERICAN.

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GODPARENTS of Mrs. Vernon T. Humphrey, former Rachael Murphy Phillips, pictured with her at Saturday wedding. From left, Paul Thomason, St. Paul, Minn.; the bride, Mrs. Bernadine Harris Harrison; Far right, Baltimore City Supreme Bench Judge Robert Bell, offering congratulations.

Historic Allen AME Church in downtown Baltimore was the scene of the Saturday wedding of Rachael Murphy Phillips of Baltimore and Atlanta, and Vernon Demetrius Humphrey of Augusta and Atlanta.

The unique double-ring ceremony was designed by the couple and Allen pastor, the Rev. Ronald E. Braxton, brother-in-law of the bride.

Miss Phillips is the daughter of the late Frank W. Phillips Jr., longtime AFRO art director. His father, the senior Mr. Phillips, was for many years superintendent of the Sunday school at the 105-year-old church. Her mother is Dr. Elizabeth Murphy Moss, publisher emeritus of the AFRO-AMERICAN.

An honor graduate in accounting at Va. State College, the bride is employed by the Atlanta office of a nationwide investment firm.

Mr. Humphrey, the son of Mrs. Lula Dunaway Humphrey and the late Theophilus Humphrey of Orange, N.J., and Augusta, Ga. He is employed by a national food chain and is a partner in the family contracting firm.

The bride was given in marriage by her stepfather, A. Paul Moss. She wore an ivory lace contemporary wedding gown draped over organza underslip. A matching train was attached to a braided bell. A seed pearl skull cap held the waist-length veil.

Her sister, Marie Phillips Braxton, matron of honor, wore a baby pink maternity gown with pink satin streamers. Bridemaids, Deborah Williams of Baltimore, and the bridegroom's sister, Denise Humphrey of Augusta, wore long wine-colored gowns of Quiana, featuring dolman sleeves and pleated bodices. The color matched the tuxedos of the bridegroom and his attendants.

Flower girl, Leanna Humphrey of Augusta, sister of the bridegroom, wore a long white gown of Victorian design.

Best man was Maurice Humphrey, of Augusta, brother of the bridegroom. Another brother, Karl Humphrey also of Augusta, and the bride's brother, Benjamin Murphy Phillips IV, were groomsmen.

Ushers were Robert Ammons Jr., and Kerry and Richard Owings. The bride's chum, Justine L. Frink of Atlanta, read a scripture during the ceremony. Harion Scott was the soloist and organist.

Hostesses included the bride's childhood friends, cousins and fellow members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. They were: Rona Ammons, Sheila Majors, Clarice Jones, Roxanne King, Doris Patterson, Ervina Phillips, Yvette Shipley, Marleen Venter, all of Baltimore; and Sheila Edwards, Marian Pegram of Alexandria, Va., Dorothy Harper, Roanoke, Va., and Carolyn Wanser of Norfolk, Va.

A reception followed in the church hall, where guests were served from the 42-inch high wedding cake designed by the bride's aunt, Pauline Anderson, owner of the Our Bakery and Specialty Kitchen, who catered the affair.

Flowers for the church altar were designed by Hall and Hoyle Florists, who also designed the bridal bouquet and hair arangements for the bride's attendants.

During the reception, members of Delta sorority saluted the couple in song. The bride is a third generation member of the national service sorority of which her maternal grandmother, Vashti Turley Murphy, was a co-founder.

Her maternal grandfather was the late Dr. Carl Murphy, AFRO publisher and civil rights leader.

Wedding guests were treated to an eight-page wedding program which carried the entire wedding liturgy, as well as a special letter to the bride from her parents and a poem written by her grandfather.

An especially poignant touch came at the end of the ceremony when the young couple walked over and presented a long-stemmed rose to each of their parents.

Dr. and Mrs. Roland Patterson and Mr. and Mrs. James Griffin hosted a reception on Friday evening following the rehearsal at the Pattersons' Benhurst Rd. home. A second reception for the wedding party and relatives followed the wedding at the bride's parents' home on Forest Park Avenue.

In addition to the wedding participants, other members of the Humphrey family present from Augusta were: Mrs. Frankie Humphrey and son, Theophilus; and the bridegroom's other brother, Kenneth and Antoine; and a sister and brother-in-law, the James Jacksons of Orange, N.J.

Other out-of-towners: the bride's aunt and uncle, Charles and France Campbell, Buffalo, N.Y., and Ms. Kimberly Tribs, also of Buffalo. From St. Paul, Minn., the bride's godfather, Paul Thomason. From Washington, D.C., Mr. and Mrs. Art Carter; from Laurel, Md., Dr. and Mrs. Samuel F. Massie.

From Cambridge, Md., Mr. and Mrs. Woodie Kennedy and Mr. and Mrs. Leatha Hall. From Atlanta, Mr. and Mrs. T. Shelton Coles, Lil D. Jackson. From Annapolis, Eloise Richardson and Claudell Thompson. From Norfolk, Diane Sessoms; and from Lawnside, N.J., Tanya Benson.

The wedding was coordinated by the bride's longtime friend and soror, Sara Smalley. The couple honeymooned in N.J., and will be at home in Atlanta, after the first of the month.

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for community service, was presented by Mrs. Mazie Rea.

Dr. Parlett L. Moore, who was honored for his contributions in the field of Education and for community service, was presented by the Rev. O. Sinclair Franklin.

The Rev. W. Lyndsai Pitts Sr., who was honored for his works in the area of Religion, and for community work, was presented by Attorney U. Theodore Hayes.

Mrs. Mary C. J. Spellman, who was honored for her service to youth and to the community, was presented by Mrs. Vivian Washington.

Dr. Louise N. Young, who was honored for her work in the field of medicine and for community service, was presented by Dr. Lois Young.

Each honoree received a blue and silver plaque personally inscribed and mounted on a mahogany background. The colors were to resemble the Howard University colors of blue and white.

Each presenter gave information about the honoree he or she was presenting — a brief life history, accomplishments and humanitarianism of the individual.

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THE LIVING CHURCH

Churches fight inflation through food co-ops

By Pam Widgeon
AFRO Staff Writer

While the church can't cure inflation, many churches are trying to help fight with a food co-op.

Members of Berea Temple Baptist Church, 5200 Denmore Ave., where the Rev. John Lunn is pastor and Bethel AME Church at Druid Hill Avenue and Lanvale Street have had food buying clubs for nearly two years.

The food co-op is not a profit making project for the churches but a way of trying to help members save money when purchasing food. The co-op at Berea is open to members of the church only because of limited space. However, Hilton E. McDaniels, chairman of the food co-op stated, "We are willing to help any church that is interested in having the program at their church."

Rev. Lunn told the AFRO, "It was my idea to start the co-op. We started out with simple spices and cheese and we decided to launch out with vegetables, fish and chicken. We also order crabmeat, sausage and bacon when we get requests from the members."

Every other Saturday McDaniels and members of the food committee pick up 750 pounds of fish and 170 crates of chickens for their members. Each member who has paid $12 receives 10 pounds of fresh fish and five chickens. They also receive fresh vegetables and fruits twice a month on Thursdays. The members place their orders at the beginning of the month and pay by cash, check or food stamps.

Mrs. Lucille Anderson, a member of Berea stated, "I save money by participating in the co-op and I don't have to worry about buying eggs, fish, chicken and vegetables. The food is enough to last my family for two weeks.

At Christmas and Easter, members of Berea also order turkeys and hams. Mrs. Cardell Jones stated, "Usually I fill my freezer with fish and chicken. I still have a half of ham left from Christmas that I ordered through the church."

At Bethel AME, Ms. Shelia Dixon serves as chairperson. Bethel has 500 members who participate in their food buying club. The membership is $5 to join and $10 for a full order and $5 for a half of order. "You don't have to be a member of the church to participate," said Ms. Dixon.

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CRAB MEAT AND FISH are among the items sold at the food co-op held at Berean Baptist Church. The Rev. John Lunn, pastor (L) is shown with Thomas J. Austin, a member of the church who is holding two cans of crab meat.

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$12.00 A BASKET — Hilton E. McDaniels, an active member of Berean Baptist Church, is shown leaving the church after picking up his basket of food for $12.00. The basket is filled with fresh vegetables, eggs, fruit, fish and crab meat. McDaniels serves as chairman of the food co-op of Berean Baptist at 5200 Denmore Ave.

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APPLE AND ORANGE JUICE can also be purchased at the food co-op at Bethel. Dr. Leslie King Hammond, who is a member of the food buying club, is shown buying juice and cinnamon sticks from Ms. Beatrice Leyba.

Metro church briefs

The women of Payne Memorial AME Church will celebrate their 83rd annual Women's Day on Sunday, March 16. The Rev. Mrs. Sarah Johnson, assistant minister of Gillis Memorial Community Church will be the 11 a.m. speaker.

There will be a special program at 3:30 p.m. featuring local talent. Mrs. Margaret Solomon is chairperson; Mrs. Sophia Wilkins, publicity chairman and the Rev. W. P. Mitchell is pastor.

The deacons and deaconesses of Wayland Baptist Church, 3200 Garrison Blvd., will celebrate their anniversary on March 16, 3:30 p.m. The Rev. Eddie Wilson, pastor of Leadenhall Baptist Church will be the speaker. Mrs. Bethel Marrow is president of the Deaconess Board and Simon Jarvis is chairman of the Deacon Board. The Rev. Darneal F. Johnson Jr. is pastor.

The North Carolina Central University Baltimore alumni chapter will present the North Carolina Central University touring choir in recital on Friday, March 14, 8 p.m. at Gillis Memorial Christian Community Church, 4016 Park Heights Ave., the Rev. Theodore C. Jackson Jr., is pastor.

The Calvary Baptist Church NAACP Youth Council will sponsor a dinner on Saturday, March 15, 12:00 until 6 p.m. at 3911 Garrison Blvd. Mrs. Laurie is president and Romina Campbell is advisor.

Dr. Dennis Barrow, pastor of Northeast Baptist Church will be the speaker at the 3 p.m. services March 16 at Ray of Hope Baptist Church, 300 Parkside Drive. The Rev. Charles M. Franklin is pastor.

The senior ushers of Macedonia Baptist Church, Lafayette and Fremont Avenues will present The Evening Star Gospel Singers in a recital on March 16, 3 p.m. at the church. Charles Jackson and Ms. Beatrice Turner are chairpersons; George Joyner and Ms. Julia Joyner are presidents and the Rev. Willard L. Clayton is pastor.

The 72nd annual Women's Day will be celebrated at St. James AME Church, 615 Green St., Havre de Grace, Md., on March 23. The Rev. Miss Agnes Alston, associate pastor of Gillis Memorial Church, will be the 11 a.m. speaker. Mrs. Ella Patten is president; Mrs. Annie Preston, first vice president; Mrs. Pattie Ford, second vice president; the Rev. Earle M. Brooks is pastor and Mrs. Geraldine Cox is chairman of publicity.

FRESH STRING BEANS — The Rev. John R. Bryant, pastor of Bethel AME Church, is shown assisting two members of the church weighing string beans. Fresh greens, fruits, cakes and pies are on sale twice a month at Bethel food co-op.

FAMILY SHOPPING is often seen at Bethel AME food co-op. Mrs. Patricia Whitehead is shown with her daughters, Carla and Patricia Whitehead buying a bag of greens from Charles Kellam.