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AM Machine Company hosts festive picnic

By Pattie Hodges
AFRO Staffwriter

On Saturday, July 12, nearly 200 guests came out to enjoy the second annual company picnic, hosted by Andrew McNeill, owner of the AM Machine Company Inc.

Mr. McNeill, who is the only black owner of a shop in this area of the country which specializes in the production of precision machine parts, had a lot of goodies for his guests.

The picnic, which lasted from noon until 6 p.m. was held at Patapsco State Park.

Delectable edibles included roast beef, ham, hamburgers, hot dogs and an assortment of salads and munchies. There were also many beverages on hand to quench the thirst.

For fun there was a variety of activities in which those attending could participate.

There were relays for adults and for children, coordinated by Patria Hill. There were card games for those who wished to relax and still go with the competitive spirit.

There was also a raffle for which there were five available prizes.

Grand prize was a Gyro Air cooler won by Miss Robbie Pierce. Second prize, won by Miss Paula Robinson, was a silver-trimmed salad bowl.

Ms. Aline Lyde, winner of third prize, was delighted with the cheeseboard she got.

Other prize winners included Ms. Clarice Norris, and Meredith Lee, who won dry sack wine and Taylor's Cream Sherry.

Another highlight of the picnic was the surprise recognition of the birthdays of James Goode and Fernado Britt, whose birthdays fell on Saturday.

There was on hand for them a lovely, huge birthday cake, replete with candles, which they enjoyed blowing out following the singing of 'Happy Birthday' by the crowd.

On hand also were newlyweds Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Duncan, looking radiantly happy, and enjoying themselves, as did all of the other guests.

Assisting Mr. McNeill in planning and coordinating the picnic were Ms. Joyce Smith and Ms. Anna Peace.

COOLING IT under the trees at the second annual picnic hosted by the AM Machine Company are 'newlyweds' Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Duncan

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PICNIC GUESTS enjoying a game of cards are (from L): Allora Goode, Tood Gregory, Clarence Braye and Michael Stills.

SIZZLING HOT — Forking up the cookout goodies at the second annual AM Machine Company picnic are Andrew McNeill, owner of the company and Cookie Britt. The picnic was held on Saturday, July 12 at Patapsco State Park.

Bates High Class of '48 holds gala reunion

The Class of '48 of the Wiley H. Bates High School, Annapolis, Md., held its 32nd year reunion at La Fontaine Bleu, Glen Burnie, on Sunday, June 29.

For the seventy-seven class members who attended the affair, it was a time to reflect upon and remember the pleasant experiences of their high school days. For the classmates' many family members and guests who were present it was a time to celebrate with them.

Adding great humor to the occasion was a slide presentation called 'The Way We Were' shown by Charles M. Queen. The slides, which showed the class members as they were thirty-two years ago, seemingly made them appear even younger today.

The presence of Frank B. Butler at the reunion was a heartwarming experience. Mr. Butler, a former teacher and principal at Bates High, now age 92, spoke to the group with words of wisdom on age and time.

Throughout his remarks he reminded everyone that neither age nor time measured in its length is important, but that the value of both depends on the relationships shared with others.

Other faculty members of the class of '48 who made remarks were Mrs. Louise Burton, Mrs. Thelma Sparks and Mrs. Vandola King. Many of the class members had hoped to see and talk with their classmate, Miss Geraldine Whittington, a former secretary to President Lyndon Johnson during his term of office. Unfortunately Miss Whittington had just recently been released from the hospital and was unable to attend.

Miss Whittington, one of the reunion's honorees, was honored not for the distinction of having served as secretary to a president, but for her faith and courage in overcoming the effects of a paralytic stroke which had left her unable to walk and talk. This is what made her classmates so proud of her.

During the reunion program a candle was lighted for each deceased member of the class.

Much fun and hilarity abounded as the gag gifts were given.

One classmate, Mrs. Evelyn Cooper, traveled from California for the affair. She was also the recipient of one of the awards for being the mother with the most children — 8.

Two other classmates also shared the 'Mother-of-Eight Children' award. They were Mrs. Ruth Parker and Mrs. Lenora Ellis, both of Maryland.

It was noted that the members of the Class of '48 of Wiley H. Bates High School have taken their places in society, making varied contributions in communities all over the United States.

BATES HIGH HONOR — During the reunion of Annapolis' Wiley H. Bates High School Class of '48 held at the La Fontaine Bleu, Glen Burnie recently, a print 'The Ark and the Dove' was given in honor of Miss Geraldine Whittington, class mate and former secretary to the late President Lyndon B. Johnson. Pictured (L to R) are: Mrs. Florence Smith, Ms. Theresa Dalvin, Ms. Edith Dorsey, who received the print for Mrs. Whittington, who was absent due to illness, Ms. Ida M. Henson and Alvin Simms.

Partyline

Retiring mailman honored by Clifton Park Community

By Pattie Hodges
AFRO Staff Writer

Recently Clifton Park was the setting for a community tribute to the Darley-Clifton Park community's favorite mailman.

As of Friday, June 27 Linwood J. Foster Sr. retired from the U.S. Postal Service after 23 years of dedicated service, the past 20 of which had been spent serving the Darley - Clifton Park area.

Early on June 19, while performing his duties, he was pleasantly surprised by a cameraman from WMAR - TV, who filmed him at his work.

Later on that day, a unique ceremony and program, planned by Mrs. Alice Turnipseed and other residents of the Clifton Park area was carried out in Clifton Park.

Toastmaster was community resident and Baltimore Police Department Lieutenant Melvin Freeman.

Greetings were given by community residents Harold Waters, Mrs. Bessie McCann, Deacon Brewster Hill, the Rev. Wesley A. Kelly and the Rev. Dockery Thompson.

Representing the business segment of the community, James Fisher of The Stebbing Company, spoke.

The Rev. William W. Payne, pastor of City Temple Baptist Church and the House of Hope, was the main speaker.

Special salute from people who were special to Mr. Foster was given by the Rev. Darneal F. Johnson Jr., pastor of the Wayland Baptist Church, of which the honoree has been a lifelong member.

Representing the Postal Service was Wilbert Burke, manager, Clifton-East End Station, where the honoree had been assigned.

Linwood Foster
Retired mailman

MEMBERS AND HONOREES of the Wiley H. Bates High School Class of '48 pictured at their recent reunion are (Standing L to R): Mrs. Vandola King, Mrs. Vernon Sparks; (Standing L to R): Otho Johnson and Frank B. Butler, honoree, aged 92.

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