If you ask me

By Bettye Moss

Wed 70 years

Mr. and Mrs. George A Sydes (Pops and Birdie) marked 70 years of marriage recently. He is 89. She is 87. They are longtime residents of Pennsylvania Ave., in Towson, Baltimore County.

Mr. Sydes, a retired machinist with Lever Brothers, and the former Birdie Johnson, were married Nov. 3, 1910, at St. James African United Methodist Pentecostal Church on Jefferson Ave.

His father, the Rev. C. W. Sydes, was the minister of the church who performed the ceremony.

For their 70th anniversary, the Sydesses returned to the same church, where he is now chairman of the trustee board. There was a special devotional service with the Rev. M. C. Mannus presiding.

Afterward, some 100 neighbors, friends and church members saluted the couple at the Carver Building on Lennox and Jefferson Aves.

The reception was coordinated by Mrs. Mary Brooks, whose son, Anthony, chaired the reception and sang a solo during the church service.

Joseph Diggs, Mrs. Siella Phipps, and Dr. Samuel R. Owings offered toasts to the couple.

There were frequent 'amens' as speakers told of the good deeds of the couple, of their devotion to church and neighbors, and their love for young people, even though they had none of their own.

Unique was the wedding anniversary cake, designed with double hearts. This was a tribute to the culinary skills of Mrs. Sydes, who regularly bakes rolls, cakes and other goodies for neighbors and friends.

Known as a good-natured, down-to-earth couple, Mr. and Mrs. Sydes are active, enjoy recreational activities, including playing pinochle, (both are wizards). He drives his own car and she cares for their comforatable home.

Several days before their anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Sydes talked about how they first met as youngsters. He was 12 and she was 10. Both participated in a Tom Thumb wedding at the church.

Mr. Sydes jokingly recalls that when the minister asked the bridegroom to kiss the bride, he spied 'Birdie', and kissed her, too. The next day, she admits, he met her outside of class and asked to carry her books home.

Smilingly, they both admit, it was love at first sight back in their elementary school, growing-up days, although they did not date until they were "of age."

Cuff Note: The wedding reception program carried this appropriate verse entitled, "Let Us All Be Happy."

"Let us all be happy, let our hearts be light, joy divine now fills us as we live all right. We must guard our thinking, use wisdom rare, happiness will double if we do our share."

And to show the esteem in which Mr. and Mrs. Sydes are held, note this program announcement: "There will be a short motorcade beginning from the front of the church, and led by the dignitaries, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Sydes, who will be occupying motorcar BEV 288 along the streets in the immediate vicinity to the Carver Building for the reception."

Ellis cited

More people being kind and thoughtful.

Some 100 co-workers, friends and relatives of Walter Ellis were in attendance at the retirement reception in his honor held last Wednesday at the Red Carpet Restaurant in Ft. Meade.

It was sponsored by the Activity Therapy Department at the Crownsville Hospital Center, where Mr. Ellis served 32 years.

Co-workers praised him for his congeniality, his concern for patients, his 'open door no appointment policy' for workers and patients. They referred frequently to his helpful, considerate manner, and his "caring for others."

A resident of the Cherry Hill section of Baltimore, Mr. Ellis plans to enjoy his retirement "traveling and fishing."

As Activity Therapy Associate at Crownsville, Mr. Ellis served in various capacities, ranging from manager of audio visual materials, movie projectionist for the psychology department, to associate in the education department.

The department's director, Mrs. Susan B. Thomas, praised him. So did his co-workers, Carlos Johnson, who presided, and Thomas Arthur, former assistant director; Mrs. Gertrude Tubaya, Mrs. Letitia Hall, William Higgins, Ralph Jones, and Ms. Estelle Collins.

Moseley lecture

The 4th annual Herbert M. Moseley Jr. Memorial Lecture was held on Tuesday morning at the University of Maryland's School of Medicine in downtown Baltimore.

It honored the memory of the Baltimore-born black physician who was a practicing physician in West Baltimore for 27 years. In 1973, he closed his practice and joined the U. of Md.'s staff as clinical physician in the outpatient department, the post he held at the time of his death in July 1975, at the age of 66.

This year's speaker was Dr. Paul M. Ellwood Jr., who came from the U. of Minnesota in Minneapolis. He is president of Interstudy, a health systems administrator and an expert on HMO's (Health Maintenance Organizations). Note: He Maintenance Organization.

He said that with rising costs of health care, it is conceivable that there will be more HMOs because the average person can not afford the ever-rising medical costs.

Afterwards, Dr Moseley's widow, Mrs. Jewell Marsan, and her husband, Justin, hosted a luncheon for the speaker to which were invited medical staff and her associates at the graduate faculty of the U. She is also a nurse practitioner in the Primary Care Program, which sponsored the lecture series.

Bluefield catered the affair.

Baltimore friends there: Mrs. Emma Bright, Dr. and Mrs. I. Bradshaw Higgins, Dr. and Mrs. Clarence Monroe, Mrs. Agnes Reaves, and Dr. and Mrs. Saul Perdue

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Paulette Hall named supervisor

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In a one-month period, the Baltimore area offices issue more than 100,000 unemployment insurance checks and inform nearly 9,000 people about available jobs. Ms. Hall is the first person to serve as supervisor of the most populous region in the state.

She was chosen from among many qualified applicants for the job. Frank Heintz executive director of Employment Security Administration said "Ms. Hall has demonstrated her superior leadership ability and managerial talent as a WIN regional director. Moreover, she is very knowledgeable about the people, business and economy of the Baltimore area.

She will place great emphasis upon prompt and courteous service to claimants, jobseekers and employers who utilize the agency's services."

A 12-year- veteran with the Work Incentive Program, Ms. Hall most recently served as a regional director of the WIN program.

In that capacity, she was responsible for planning, implementing and monitoring all WIN efforts to place welfare recipients in training programs or jobs on the Eastern Shore and in Southern Maryland and Anne Arundel County.

POLITICAL PERISCOPE

Inside B'more's smoke-filled rooms

By James M. Abraham
AFRO Staff Writer

As the tremors of the past election are still subsiding, political news is being made on a more clandestine level.

A newly-formed organization, COPE '83, has plans to unite the various components of the black community in an effort to raise at least $500,000 to back several black candidates in the 1983 city-wide elections.

A look at the members of the steering committee of the organization, which has been meeting surreptitiously for the past nine months, reveals a surprising montage of personalities.

Sam Daniels, George Jude, Herb Brown, Lenwood Ivey, Lynn Clark, Bob Cheeks, Thelma Daley Flonzie Dedmond, Dave Richeson, Mary Robinson, Del. John Douglass, D-45, John Maupin, Jr., Raymond H. Boone and James E. Wood Sr. are among those on the present steering committee of the organization.

Their first affair, a banquet featuring Gary, Indiana Mayor Richard Hatcher, is scheduled for Monday, and is being underwritten by a host of black benevolent, professional, and Greek organizations. They include; the AKAa, Deltas, Kappas, Omegas, Zetas Sigmas, the Moneumental City Dar Association, Prince Hall Masons and the Maryland Dental Society.

The example of unity displayed in the vast panoply of civic leaders and organizations listed above is admirable but several questions arise as this list is surveyed.

Several of the leaders listed above owe their professional lives to the current mayor of Baltimore.

Rumor has it that federal Dept. of Housing and Urban development official Robert Embry is being targeted by Mayor William Donald Schaefer as his heir apparent. If this does occur, will the COPE '83 members aligned with the mayor continue their support of Schaefer, or will they put their professional positions on the line to continue the unquestionably noble effort started by COPE '83?

Also, one wonders who exactly stands to gain from COPE's efforts. The only grassroots representation on the steering committee is that of Cheeks, but, according to reliable sources, he practically had to force COPE members to include him.

Current rumblings in the political strata indicate that William "Little Willie" Adams is attempting to consolidate and legitimize his base of power in the city.

Many of the COPE people, besides being Schaefer beneficiaries, are also long-time professional and political associates of the West Baltimore kingmaker.

To what extent is the formation of COPE the realization goals harbored by Adams?

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The fratricidal Russell-Mitchell debacle of 1971, the various cloak-and-dagger moves by the various political factions of the city, all are nightmares brought back by visions of 1983.

Hopefully, the formation of COPE '83 can be hailed as an end to this past record of self-imposed futility, and their slogan, "Free in '83", will serve to motivate a black political renaissance the likes of which has never been in this city.

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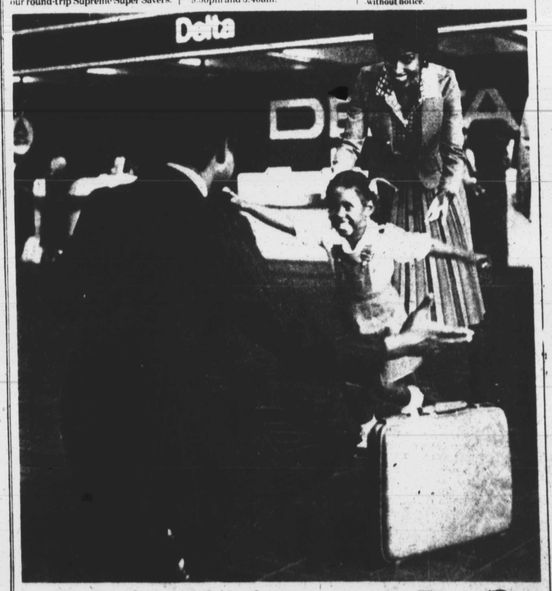

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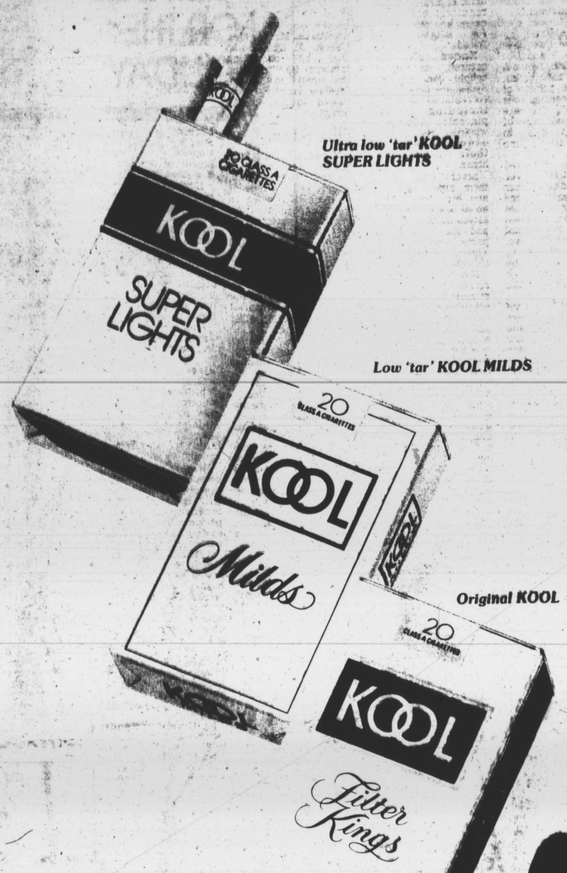

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