Miss Lottier, Mr. Stafford wed in Kingdom Hall

LOTTIER - STAFFORD BRIDAL PARTY — (L toR) Tiffany Johnson, Troy Winters, Kya Johnson and Brett Johnson, front; BACK (L to R) Miss Vybretta Edwards, Miss Rones Powell, Mrs. Donna Soden, Mrs. Virginia Love O'Keefe, Mrs. Sadie Lottier Johnson, Miss Debbie Snipes, Mrs. Cindy Pitts, newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Stafford, David Lottier, Rodney Soden, Steven Alan, Gregory Thornton, Cortice Saunders, Galan Hurt and Andre Brown.

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Newlywed Mr. and Mrs. Guy Stafford honeymooning in the Bahamas

THE BRIDE dances with her father George Lottier

By Elizabeth M. Oliver
City Editor

Miss Debra Leona Lottier and Guy Stafford were married Sept. 20 in double ring ceremonies at the Bethel Island St. Association Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses.

The groom Mr. Stafford is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George C. Lottier, granddaughter of 40 minister John H. Lottier, Sr. and grandchild of the late D. Scott and Sadie Murphy.

Mr. Stafford is son of Mrs. Vivian Jones of Baltimore and Gilbert Stafford of Nassau, Bahamas.

The newlyweds are honeymooning in the Bahamas and will be at home later in New Brunswick, N. J. where Mr. Stafford is manager of a finance company.

Elder Linwood Scott presided at the 4 p.m. services. Aged Was assisted by Elder Bobby Bethea.

The bride wore a white satapeau, highrise four length gown of reembroidered alencon lace with seed pearls and sequins on the bodice and on the crown collar and bishop sleeves. The matching cathedral train and chapel length veil were trimmed with Alencon lace.

Her trailing bouquet of pink, cranberry, rose and burgundy was centered with orchids.

The five bridesmaids wore floorlength gowns with pleated skirts and carried bouquets also of pink, cranberry, rose and burgundy. The flower girls wore pink princess gowns.

The maid and matron of honor were dressed in old rose and carried matching bouquets.

The groomsmen, ring bearers and the best man were in dark tuxedos while the bridegroom wore grey formal attire.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, the AFRO treasurer, who wore a dark tuxedo. The mother of the bride, Mrs. Arnetta Lottier, a member of the AFRO board of directors, wore full length cranberry lace while the mother of the bridegroom wore burgundy chiffon with a printed overblouse.

The formal banquet which followed the ceremonies was held at Hoopsies Inn Harbor Place with 300 guests attending.

The wedding cake's five tiers centerpiece held a fountain and was flanked by two matching double tiered cakes joined on each side by a staircase for the maids and groomsmen.

The cake cut by Mrs. Billie Flanigan was topped by a replica of the newlyweds.

The wedding prayer was by Mr. Lottier. The five bouquets on each dinner table carried out the wedding colors.

Champagne toasts went to the newly weds from the guests and their parents.

The Harold Adams Ensemble provided music throughout the dining and for dancing which followed. The flower girls dresses were by Mrs. Lemon Bruton and Mrs. Gail Ford.

The bridal party was entertained at luncheon at the home of the bride with her mother as hostess the Saturday before the wedding. The previous Sunday was the evening affair for the 32 hostesses.

Bridal showers were given by the bridegroom's mother, Mrs. Jones at the home of Mrs. Linwood Scott and by the coworkers of the Savings Bank of Baltimore where the bride was employed.

The sister of the bride, Mrs. June Powell held a rehearsal dinner at her Lovesville home. The stag party was at the Linwood Scotts.

Bridal Party

Miss Debbie Snipes, maid of honor, Mrs. Cindy Pitts, matron of honor; bridesmaids: Mrs. Sadie Lottier Johnson, sister of the bride, Mrs. Ronea Powell, niece of the bride; Mrs. Virginia Love O'Keefe, niece of the bride; Miss Vybretta Edwards and Mrs. Donna Soden.

Ring bearers were Master Brett Johnson, nephew of the bride and Master Troy Winters. Flower girls were little Misses Kya and Tiffany Johnson, nieces of the bride.

Best man was Cortice Saunders. Ushers were Steve Alan, Rodney Soden, Andre Brown, Gregory Thornton, Galan Hurt, brother of the groom and David Lottier, brother of the bride.

Hostesses

Mesdames Mae E. Dyson and Lillian L. Bolden, aunts of the bride; Lucille H. Nixon, Jeanne Ashburn, James Latorest, Delores Smith, Louise G. Murphy, Frances Murphy Campbell, Buffalo, N. Y., Jeanne Murphy Quasell, Philadelphia, Pa., Bernadine Harrison, Nikki Randolph, Mary Catlin, Grace Bailey, Amanda Gentry, Bernice C. Monroe, Bernice Jackson, Ella B. Edemy, Gladys Higginbotham, Dr. Bernice Reid, Marguerite Dixon, Sharon Winters, Damita Woods, Marcella Davis, Deborah Thornton, Tonya Jones, Odessa Dyson, Laura Phillips, Hattie Powell, Virginia Lottier, Bowens and June Lottier Bowens and June Lottier Powell, sisters of the bride; Patricia Lottier, sister-in-law of the bride and Miss Nina Davis.

Guests

Messrs and Mesdames Leon Askew, James Barnes, Bobby Bethea, Lennon Bruton, Rexie L. Binson, Walter Bailey, Lorenzo Buck, John Bradham, Bennie Bivens, Ronald Blake, Benjamin Black, Filmore Brown, Eugene Bryant, Leon Bates, Charles Campbell, Elwood Crosby, William Catlin, Charles E. Diggs, Elmer Dennis and daughter, Clarence Dyson, Ronald Dixon, James Duncan, Walter Dyson.

Messrs and Mesdames, Thomas Edwards, J. Bruce Edemy, Lorendo Featherstone, Jesse Giles, Robert H. Gaskins, George Gentry, George D. Gilbert, Solomon Howard, William Harris, Miles G. Harrison, Frederick A. Howard, Leon Hudnall, Forest Higginbotham, Leonard Jackson and daughters, Randolph Jordan and daughter, Ronald Jackson, Lloyd Johnson, Gregory Pines.

Messrs and Mesdames William Lewis, Irving Lottier Sr., John E. Lane Sr., Jon Lane, George A. Lottier, Lewis Michle, James Murphy, John H. Murphy, Herbert Mooney, Harold Pierson, Henry Phillips, John E. Pulley, John D. Peters, Ronald Powell, James Ponell, L. Randolph, Stephen Mach.

Messrs. and Mesdames Lenwood Scott, Bobby Shaw, Douglass Scott, Ronald Smith, Thomas Stockett, Alvin Steele, Clarence Smith, Vernon Simmons, Herman Smith, Mark Schroen, Howard Tutman, James Voshell, Arthur Woodford, Roland O. Wilson, Aubrey Winters, Alvin Watson, James Wood, Wayne Wolle.

Dr. and Mrs. Clarence Monroe, Elroy Young, James Wood, Dr. Daniel Nicolas, Elizabeth M. Oliver and B. Ernestine Reed. Judge and Mrs. William H. Murphy, Sr.

Mesdames Robin Alan, Marvin Ashburn, Joyce Bracey, Miriann Brown, Mitchell Bolling, Jerry P. Carey, Elaine Carroll, Anthony Cappola, Dorothy Diggs, Marcella Davis, Dorothy Davis, Joan Ewell, Sylvia Evans, Patricia Gainsh.

Mesdames Elizabeth Gaskins, Marchita Hulse and son, Tanya Jones, Louise Jackson, Romaine Jones, Vivian Jones, Alice King, Clementine Knox, Angela Lamsey, James LaForest, Carol Malone, Patricia Michel, Howard H. Murphy, Marie E. Murphy.

Mesdames John W. Nixon, Izola Owens, Helen Odom, Edith Pitt, Eloise Parker, Ovella Queen, Jeanne Queene, Dorris Robinson, Edna Rawlings, Ann Saunders, Alice Strong, Gregory Thornton, Flossie Wright, Patrice Williams and son, Blanche Walters.

Misses Sue Abins, Donna Bethea, Sheila Brown, Joy Carter, Judy Carter, Nina Davis, Laura Gordon, Robin Hughes, Tiffany Johnson, Kya Johnson, Emma Kelly, Barbara Merritt, Gwendolyn Randall, Gloria Shelton, Darlene Shelton, Allison Shields, Mary Shields, Teresa Scott, Jackie Stafford, Juanetta Torbit.

Ms. Georgianna Bowen, Regina Barn, Patty Bianco, Beatrice Davis, Delores Graham, Doris Gilham, Helen Reed, Teresa Stafford.

Messrs. Lawrence Bethea, Arnold Bethea, Francais A. Brown, David Bowley, Sidney H. Brown, Richard Fry, Roland Goodwin, Richard Glascoe, Larry Henderson, Barry Johnson, Brett Johnson, Tom O'Keefe.

Messrs Christopher Lottier, Shawn Lottier, Jon Lane, John J. Oliver, Sr., Gilbert Stafford Sr., Gilbert Stafford, Lloyd Saunders, Wilds, Kip Waters, Master Michael Prettyman and Ronnie Powell.

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And, Curtis Bell, Mayo, Harry Lauretta & Dorsey, Betty & Melton, Carole Esther & Elmer Marilyn & Williams, & Lloyd Burton, & Odell Slide, Coleman, June Rick Reese, Shelton, Celestine

Ernestine & Press, Dorothy & Green, Louise & Berry, Janice Swell, Mattie & Riddick, Jean Spencer, Eva Carolyn & Harold and Mary & Goode.

The next regular meeting date is January 26, 1981.

Committee X-71 hosts Christmas party

The Committee X-71 hosted its 10th annual Christmas Party last Saturday at Blue Crest North where some 250 of their friends danced, toasted and made merry while ushering in the yuletide season.

Dennis Fisher and vocalist Jenifer Jones provided the music and The Committee genial hosts that they are set the tone for the afternoon dinner affair.

Members of the club are George B. Barrick, Charles W. Cephas, Malcolm Chamberlain, Marvin C. Davis, Benjamin H. Foreman, Cornelius Griffin, J. Wilson Henson, William V. Lockwood, Charles H. Lynch, Cyrus Marshall, Charles C. Mason, Robert L. Payne, Louis H. Richardson, Wellington S. Ross, Paul F. Scott, John S. Ward and Alfred A. Woodland.

Eliases host pre-Yule party

Elegant was the cocktail party hosted recently by Antione and Sarah Elias. It was at the Village Club in the Cross Keys complex where they live.

The hostess was a picture in a designer's beige wool, and graceful as she moved to greet guests, who sat in groups to listen to music by Lionel Jiggetts, or moved to the well-appointed tables, laden with foozz cocktail dishes and a variety of cocktails.

Guests here included the James Brown of Wilmington, Del., the Earl Dandridges from Columbia;

Also, Messrs. and Mesdames Ben Smith, Bruce Edemy, Clarence Willis, Harold Gary, Paul Everett, Earlie Francis, George Brown, Robert O'Conner, James Askew;

And, Messrs. and Mesdames Wilbert Richard, Lawrence Ageloff, Eugene Byrd, Daniel Goldsmith, Joseph Reed, Charles Hillen, Charles Brown, Argin Hutchins, James Priest, Edward McDaniels, Otis Free.

And, Messrs and Mesdames, Raymond Haysbert, Ernest Brown, A. Paul Moss, Royal Weaver, Orville Swafford, Marcellus Moore, William Morton, Cleveland Chandler;

Also, Mrs. Ruth Brown, George Brown, Judge David T. Mason, Judge Victor Salvano, Mrs. Ruth Knackman, Dr. Lois Young, Joseph Press, Mrs. Dorothy Cayborne, Ronald Boyd;

And, Mesdames Blanche Beckhan, Pilly Murray, Shirley Stewart and Myrtice Bennett.

Golden Anniversaries

Nelsons

On Saturday November 22, 1980, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Nelson of 1208 N. Potomac Street, Baltimore, Maryland celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

The Gala Affair was given by their four children — Mr. Thomas Nelson Sr., Mr. James B. Nelson, Mrs. Naon Allen and Mrs. Oveda L. Howard and was hosted by Irvin Locust of Pikesville, Maryland.

The out of town guests were: Mrs. Exie McIntosh, Stephen J. Hill, Dr. Michael Hill and Mrs. Nannie B. Clay of Washington D.C.

Other guests were:

Mrs. Doris Nelson (daughter in law), Ms. Debrah Nelson and daughter, Ms. Natalie Armstead and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Nelson and son, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Nelson Jr., Ms. Sheila L. Howard, Mr. Michael Lewis, Mrs. Marcelene Clerky and son, Mrs. Virgie Lawson;

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Schofield Lawson Jr. and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Perry, Mr. George Clay, Mr. Leonard L. Prescott, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest McRae, Mr. Bernard McRae.

Mr. and Mrs. William Murray, Ms. Wilma Humphrey, Mrs. Cora M. White, Mrs. Madeline Gordon, Mr. Troy Green, Mrs. Gloria M. White.

Mrs. Shirley Richmond, Mrs. Elizabeth Phelps, Mrs. Patricia Tuggle, Mrs. Marlene Sullivan, Mrs. Garner Colvin, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Crutchfield, Mrs. Daisey Jackson, Mrs. Carol Jackson, Mrs. Sandra Brown, Mrs. Bernice Fields, Ms. Catherine Gentry, and Ms. Demetria Vaugh.

Grants

Mr. and Mrs. Coleman D. Grant (Rose) celebrated their 50th anniversary recently with a renewal of vows witnessed by more than 200 guests at the Billage Villa Room. The Rev. Worthington Richardson officiated.

Married Nov. 9, 1930, Mr. and Mrs. Grant are the proud parents of nine children, 23 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Their anniversary day was also Mrs. Grant's birthday. Guests attending came from Hagerstown, Greensboro, Pa. and Maryland.

Miss Showell to wed Bishop Tyson

Bishop and Mrs. Winfield A. Showell have announced the engagement of their daughter, Betty Jane Showell to the Bishop James Edison Tyson of Indianapolis, Indiana. Bishop Tyson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cleophus Tyson of Youngstown, Ohio.

Miss Showell was educated in the Baltimore City Public Schools. She received her B.S. degree from Coppin State College and her M.A. degree from New York University.

She is presently a doctoral candidate in Educational Administration at the University of Chicago where she is completing requirements for the Ph.D. degree.

Miss Showell has won numerous local and national awards and honors as a teacher, administrator and scholar. The bride elect is the Director of Implementation at the Maryland State Department of Education.

The prospective bridegroom was educated in the public schools of Youngstown, Ohio and Johnstown and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He is a graduate of the Television Institute of Philadelphia, Pa., Youngstown University, Youngstown, Ohio; Malone College, Canton, Ohio, Aenon Bible College, Columbus, Ohio and Indiana Christian University, Indianapolis, Indiana.

He is the founder and pastor of the Christ Church Apostolic of Indianapolis, Indiana. Additionally, Bishop Tyson is the diocesan of the Eighth Episcopal District of the Pentescostal Assemblies of the World.

A January wedding is planned.

BETTY J. SHOWELL — ENGAGED

FOR ALL WE KNOW

By Elizabeth M. Oliver

IT WAS 24 years ago Jan. 1 that I represented the AFRO and gave Dr. and Mrs. Uthman Ray the $100 for their son who was the first baby of the new year, 1957.

ON THIS PAGE you will see the couple with their son today. Selwyn Ivan Ray is a senior med student, following in the footsteps of his famous father.

In the first photo, Mrs. Leia Ray holds the new baby. Dr. Ray then was Captain Uthman Ray in the Army. The baby was born 17 minutes after midnight.

GET IN YOUR reading corner for an afternoon or two and thumb through a good almanac. That's what you call "therapy" and "good for the soul." You can go far away from care and worry and see into the future - what it's going to be like months ahead.

NEXT MONTH, in your reading corner, you can browse the Seed Catalogue. All such doings give a new perspective on life and HOPE, keep you looking up and away from a dull winter.

JANUARY weatherwise seems like not much snow, some very cold days two or three in a row, but mostly fair weather, according to the almanac I have, The American Almanac.

FEBRUARY is more of the same, not much snow, mild and fair. We shall see.

MARCH is more of the same with an EARLY SPRING predicted. ASH WEDNESDAY is March 4, Spring March 20, Easter Sunday April 19.

THE HEBREW YEAR year is 5741.

The Holiday Schedule

Washington's Day, Feb. 16

Shrove Tuesday, Mar. 3

Ash Wednesday, Mar. 4

East Orth. Lent begins, Mar. 9

First Day of Spring, Mar. 20

Good Friday, Apr. 17

Easter Sunday, Apr. 19

East Orth. Easter Sunday, Apr. 26

Mother's Day, May 10

Memorial Day, May 25

East Orth. Ascension, June 4

East Orth. Pentecost, June 14

YOUR HOROSCOPE Write your own each day and have a good day every day. AND SAY, "I'm not afraid of tomorrow for I have seen yesterday and I love today."

SOME NICE STUFF from the almanac:

To bake a potato in a hurry, invert an iron pot over it and cut the time in half.

PUT TWO apples in the potato bin to prevent sprouting.

USE an ice cream scoop to make meat balls the same size.

A TOWEL RACK RACK on the closet door gives more space.

KEEP COFFEE in the refrigerator. Do the same with saltine crackers for long freshness.

CUT FOIL pie pans in half for a good dust pan.

PLANT daffodils or grow parsley in the window sill for a bright winterless kitchen.

REMEMBER even if opportunity knocks, you have to get up off your seat and answer the door.

BANNEKER'S ALMANAC

Measured against the time in which he lived, the first Afro-American scientist, astronomer, mathematician and almanac editor, truly deserves the title, "The Amazing Benjamin Banneker."

Freeborn near Baltimore, in 1731, Banneker learned to read and write from his grandmother, an English woman named Mollie Welsh, who opted to be transported to Maryland as an indentured servant rather than imprisoned in England as an alleged debtor.

After serving seven years, Molly bought a small farm and acquired two black slaves, both of whom she set free. Indeed, she married one of them, Banaky, who claimed a chieftain's patrimonage in Africa.

One of their children, Mary, married Robert, a free African, who chose to be called by his father's surname, Benjamin. Benjamin was their eldest child.

Benjamin inherited his father's 120 acre farm near Ellicott City, which provided him with a good livelihood.

He soon became known for his mechanical and mathematical aptitude and while a young man made the first wooden clock in America.

By 1789, with books borrowed from a Quaker neighbor to give him command of mathematics and astronomy, self-taught Banneker accurately predicted a solar eclipse and issued with his calculations an almanac that provided information on the social behavior of the bees, and reported his observations on the life cycle of the 17-year locust.

In 1970 Banneker was appointed by George Washington to serve on a three-member Commission to survey the land for Washington, D. C.

Of his service here, Secretary of War, James McHenry, said that "Benjamin Banneker was fresh proof that the powers of the mind are disconnected with the color of the skin."

In 1791 Benjamin issued an almanac, the first of a series that lasted until 1797.

Of the "Amazing Benjamin" who dies in 1806, Marion Barbara Stowell more or less sums up his stature in his "Early American Almanacs" when he said: "Banneker, as a person, remains elusive.

We know for sure that he acquired considerable computational skill late in life.

He can be justly acclaimed as an unusually able self-taught technician.

Banneker's almanacs are especially interesting because they were the only ones in American almanac history that were calculated by a black man, a man who doubtless possess unusual abilities, and whose achievements, in relation to his background and the social conditions and beliefs of the time, were particularly noteworthy.

CHRISTMAS CARDS that are unusual include the one from President and Mrs. Carter — still in an envelope with The White House return address.

BUT — inside is a wispy, faintly colored picture of a dainty mansion called "The President's House". (Not the present White House).

EXPLANATION — on the picture's back says it is a romantic mid-19th century painting after a drawing of the White House in 1836. In the foreground is Tiber Creek which is now Constitution Ave. The painting itself hangs outside the oval office of the President.

OF ALL those I received, the most unusual are from Sen. and Mrs. Tommie Broadwater, done in silver and gold and one from Clifton and Gladys Harris which is a peek-a-boo slot on the envelope so you can see the beautiful tree inside.

HOW ABOUT those big jewel robberies in Morgan Park last week? A school executive who works out of 25th Street and school principal are two of the victims.

FROM THE farthest away comes Xmas greetings from Dr. and Mrs. Harold A. Carter Sr. who were in Haiti at the time but are home now.

BY THE WAY, their 19-year old son's first sermon last Sunday evening brought out over 3,000 persons, the most "fantastic thing. Repeatedly folks said, "I've never seen anything like it." (THE AFRO will have the whole story and photos in

TIN — Baby Selwyn Alvan Ray (R) who sleeps

TODAY — When Jan. 1 1981 arrives Selwyn Alvan Ray (R) will be 24 years old and Mom and Dad, Dr. and Mrs. Uthman Ray are still very proud.

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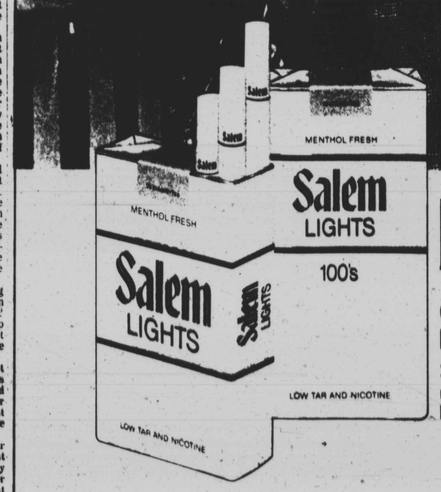

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