If you ask me...

By Bettye Moss

Wedding of the week was the Saturday afternoon ceremony at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, which united Susan Elizabeth Cole and Kevin Stewart Bruce.

The bride was radiant..the bridegroom handsome and the weatherman provided a beautiful sunshiny day.

The wedding party was attired in pink and burgundy, carrying out the colors of the wedding invitations.

The reception in the church hall was followed by a family celebration at Martin's West, where the Dennis Fisher combo provided music.

The bride is the oldest daughter of Judge and Mrs. Harry A. Cole (Doris) and one of our favorite young people. We've watched her grow up and remember that it was only yesterday when our oldest daughter was her babysitter.

Television viewers know the bride well if they watch WMAR's weekly Md. State Lottery Show. She is co-hostess and producer of the daily lottery show.

The bride is a graduate of Towson State College. The bridegroom, a graduate of Bowie State College, is an account exec at WMAR-TV.

Cuff note: The wedding was coordinated by Ellen Howard and Anne Irving. It was beautifully done — in fact, breathtaking!

The newlyweds are honeymooning in the Poconos.

Retirements

People doing nice things for others: Plans are in the making for a February 3 testimonial honoring Dr. Jerry Luck, the veteran Cherry Hill physician and civic leader.

The citizens' tribute is scheduled for Glen Burnie's La Fontaine Bleu. Tickets are $20. For information call Doris Jones, 265-5731; or Bernice McDaniels, 433-9355.

Cochairing the event are Caroline Murray and Carsie Robinson.

Bruce Edemy, the government employee, was saluted at a Wednesday testimonial at the Hilltop.

Mrs. Vivian Pendleton will be honored at a retirement event January 31, at the Belvedere. She is the longtime nurse.

A Sunday testimonial saluted two other Baltimore area community health nurses — Juanita M. Conway and Laura J. Phillips. It was at the Forum.

Pioneer dies

Howard L. Hucles was a brilliant, soft-spoken gentleman who knew his science and how to teach it.

From 1925 until 1963, he was the science teacher at Baltimore city's Douglass High School. He nurtured and trained many of today's community leaders.

Mr. Hucles died last week at the age of 84. Funeral services were Tuesday morning at St. James Episcopal Church where he was a longtime member.

During the services, Lloyd Alston, basileus of Pi Omega Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, read a resolution hailing Mr. Hucles for his contributions as a co-founder of the chapter in 1921.

Surviving Mr. Hucles, his wife of 48 years, Ethel Jones Hucles, also a longtime Douglass High teacher.

Nieces Harriett Washington, Matilda Prestwidge and Delores Washington; nephew, William H. Washington; and a cousin, Mrs. Gladys Pinderhughes also survive.

Cuff note: The death of Mr. Hucles make two in the family in as many months. A sister, Mrs. Henrietta Croll, was given rites at the same church.

More sadness

Mrs. Dorothy N. Williams, eulogized Saturday morning at Immaculate Conception Church will be remembered as an active member of the church's Willing Workers' Club.

Before her retirement, she was for 18 years an employee of the Montebello State Hospital. Sons, Melvin and Alfred Williams Jr., and daughter, Janet survive. Also four sisters, two brothers and nine grandchildren.

Archie Alexander Young, whose funeral was Sunday at St. John AME Church, was a longtime leader in the church.

The pastor, the Rev. Benjamin S. Foust, recalled his dedicated work as trustee, steward, class leader, member of the budget and finance committee and supporter of youth activities.

Mr. Young was a 30-year employee at Bethlehem Steel before retiring shortly before his death.

Survivors include his wife, Alice; daughters Dorothy Hawkins and Betty McGhee; brothers, Joseph and Henry Kelly Young of Mich., and sister, Mrs. Hope Thomas, Danville, Va., and five grand and great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Harriett Frances Costley Smith, 71, was given final rites Jan. 13, at White Rock Methodist Church, Sykesville.

She will be remembered as a dedicated employee at Springfield State Hospital. When she retired in 1973, she was hailed for 30 years dedicated service.

White Rock minister, Rev. Albert Luckett, told of her long service which contributed to the growth of the church.

Daughter, Betty; grandchildren, Lionel and Edna; and brother, Eldridge survive.

More sympathy

Charles W. Woodridge Sr., 83, who died New Year's Day, will be remembered as the concerned citizen who daily visited Mondawmin Shopping Center near his home.

Relatives will recall he enjoyed gardening, mowing his lawn, painting and using his skill as interior decorator.

He was known as a dedicated member of Mt. Ararat Baptist Church, where rites were held Jan. 5, and he was eulogized as a good neighbor.

Survivors: Wife, of 50 years, Mozelle; daughter, Iona W. Williams; son, Charles Jr., and four grandchildren.

Lumell A. Mont, security guard at Woodlawn, died suddenly Jan. 5. He was 50.

An Army vet, he was a 1978 graduate of Community College of Baltimore.

Survivors are: wife, Emma; daughter, Lillian; sons, Lumell, Purnell, Ronnie and Randy; three grandchildren and three sisters, Evelyn Counts, Betty Shelton, Mary Trust; brother, David Mont.

Stanley Theodore Williams Sr., 61, retired Social Security employee, was given last rites Jan. 7 at St. Mark United Methodist Church, Hanover, Md.

His wife, Frances; son, Stanley Jr., five brothers, four sisters survive.

January 13 rites for Angela Rabb Wallace, 34, were at David Memorial Baptist Church. She was the Baltimore city public school secretary. Surviving are her daughters, Andrea 6; Kimber, 15.

Also her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Rabb; grandmothers Mrs. Emma Rabb and Mrs. Ella Sutton; sisters, Sharon and Karen; and brothers, Lawrence Jr., Dwight, Wayne and Reginald.

Deborah Caesar Weathers, 28, was eulogized in word and song at the Jan. 7 services held at Refuge Way of the Cross Church of Christ.

Known as "Debbie", she was a talented singer, who performed with the family group,

Deborah Weathers

Charles W. Woodridge

Dorothy N. Williams

Archie A. Young

Lumell A. Mont

Angela Wallace

Stanley T. Williams

"Caesar Specials." She was a 1970 grad of Northern High and worked as a secretary before entering the U. S. Air Force.

Survivors includes son, Bryant T. Fleming; husband - Lawrence E. Weathers; mother and father - Mr. and Mrs. LeeRoy Caesar

Brothers - Jerry, Gerald, LeeRoy Jr. and Julius Michael; sisters - Mrs. Gwendolyn Stephens of Durham, North Carolina, and Mrs. Machelle Caesar Curley, Barbara and Iris Caesar of Baltimore;

Grandmothers, Mrs. Hallie Caesar, Durham, N. C. and Mrs. Cora Scott, Lynchburg, Va.

More people

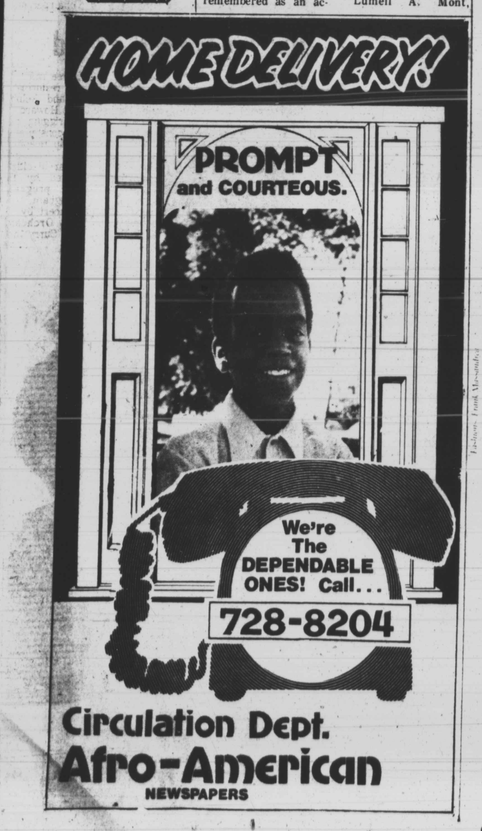
Also on Sunday the Provident Hospital family saluted Dr. Rosetta Sands, outgoing board chairman.

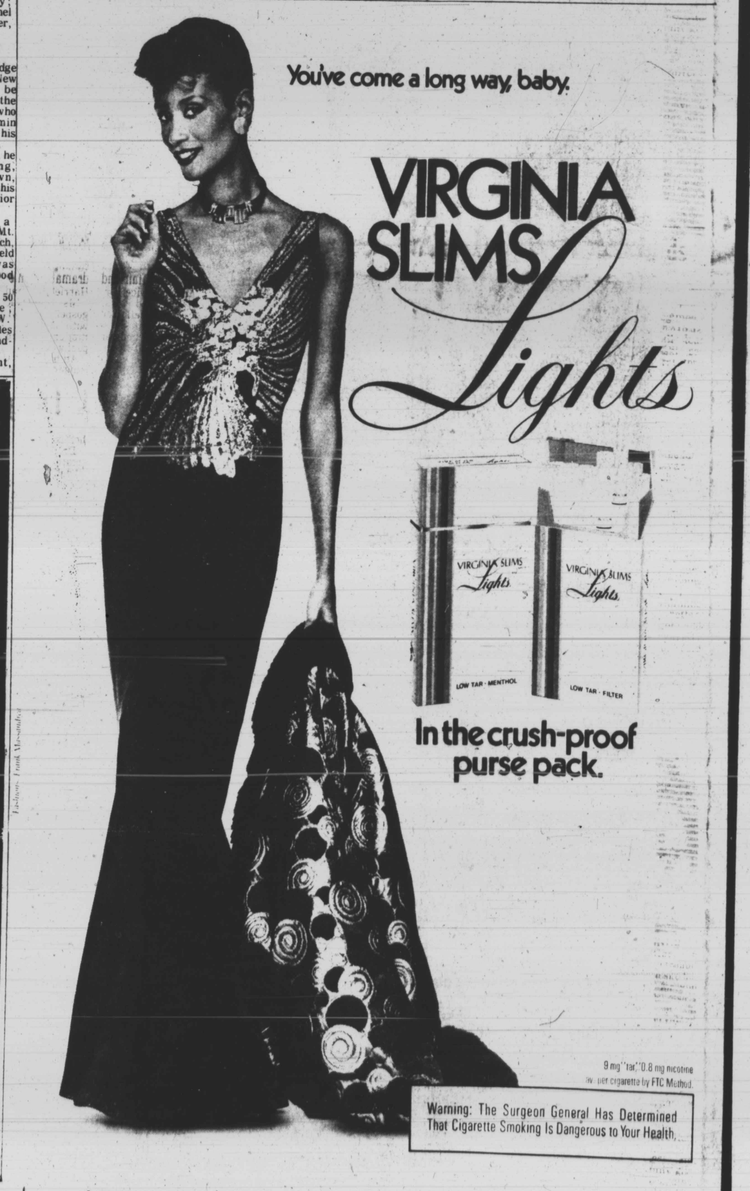
King's Landing Women's Service Club (KLW) held a reception Wednesday evening honoring Patricia A. Russell, the Federal Communications Commission attorney. She was in the city to give the keynote address at the 6th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Breakfast held Thursday at the Convention Center. It was sponsored by the YMCA and cosponsored by KLW, headed by Betty Lindsay.

Cuff note: Kareem Aziz is now YMCA coordinator for this event. He recently came to Baltimore from Springfield, Ohio, hometown of former coordinator, A. Paul Moss, whom he succeeds.

Members of the faculty of Hilltop Elementary in Anne Arundel County, honored retiring principal, Dr. Mae Gordon on Sunday at Glen Burnie's Empire Towers.

Cliff to the honoree was a gold charm bracelet with her new initials, since she was wed a month back to retired Army officer, Herman A Mace.





THE LIVING CHURCH

Interdenominational School of Religion opens

The Interdenominational School of Religion is a new religious school at 1429 McCulloh St., that is qualified to grant the associate of arts degree and the bachelor of arts degree in theology.

The school is divided academically into four departments and registration for spring classes was Jan. 15. The Rev. Dr. Logan Kearse, chairman of the board of trustees and pastor of Cornerstone Church of Christ stated the school will be a credited school.

Rev. Dr. Kearse stated, "The Interdenominational School of Religion is, at this point, a dedicated and sanctified experiment in the religious, theological and biblical education of clergy and laity.

"We do not propose to promote the theology or policy of any denomination or religious movement. Rather, we are about the business of developing the minds of those who attend the school so that they may rightly and more skillfully divide truth from error."

Courses that will be taught and instructors are Remedial English, Mrs. Rosa Green; Death and Dying, Dr. Leroy Fitts; Pastoral Internship, Dr. Yusef Ahmed.

Also, Life and Teaching of Jesus, the Rev. Howard Queen; Black Church History, the Rev. Sidney Daniels; Teaching the Psalms, the Rev. Douglas Miles.

Also, Introduction to church History, the Rev. Macie O. Tillman; Homiletics, the Rev. Eugene Glover; Book of Job, Dr. O. St. Clair Franklin; Systematic Theology, the Rev. James Bridgeford; Pastoral Counseling, the Rev. Irvin Lockman and Study in Jeremiah, the Rev. Harold Palmer.

The Rev. O. St. Clair Franklin, pastor of Ames Memorial United Methodist Church and dean of the school said the school is open to ministers and lay people. Classes will be held at night and day classes can be arranged if there is a sufficient number of registrants for a course.

Members of the board are Dr. Yusef Ahmed, Mark W. Bowyer, the Rev. Stanley Butler, Carlton C. Douglass, Bishop Naomi Durant, the Rev. Dr. Leroy Fitts, Mrs. Bessie Garey, Mrs. Rosa Green, Dr. William E. Hamilton, Dr. O. St. Clair Franklin, the Rev. George Jackson Sr., Ms. Sondra M. Johnson, the Reverends Allen Jones, Cynthia Jones, Edward Stancil, Alfreda Wiggins, Hezekiah Williamson, Dr. R. Jerome Scruggs.

The Rev. Wise, president of the school stated, "The school sets forth a wonderful opportunity for persons of all denominations and races to pursue a Christian education in an atmosphere that promotes the intellectual, spiritual and social development of each student. The school is guided by the philosophy that any student, regardless of his level of attainment, should have the opportunity to earn a Christian education. For tuition information call 523-3121.

BOARD MEMBERS of the Interdenominational School of Religion shown are the Rev. George Jackson, Elder Horace Ward, Mrs. Labertha Ward, the Rev. Jentry McDonald, the Rev. Dr. James S. Wise, Bishop Naomi C. Durant, the Rev. Dr. Logan Kearse, Mark Bowyer, Yusef Ahmed, Mrs. Rosa Green, the Rev. Jerome Scruggs and the Rev. O. St. Clair Franklin.

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS of the dinner dance and raffle sponsored by St. Edwards Church shown at the Regency. Terrace are Mrs. Dorothy L. Harris and Leroy Coles.

Behold the Woman

Behold The Woman, a three day experience focusing on Christian women of African ancestry will be held Jan. 16-18 at the Convention Center.

The purpose of the three day conference is to raise funds to build a cost free women's center which will serve to address the physical, psychological, spiritual and social needs of women.

Highlights of the conference include harambee at 7 p.m. Jan. 16 at the Convention Center. There will be an international affair and midnight communion service. Dr. Hershell Challenor and Mrs. Juanita Jackson Mitchell are speakers.

Courses have been planned for Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Courses include: Women and Health, International Missions, Christian Literature, Black Family Life, Black Women and Leadership, Women and Mental Health, Women and Incarceration, Political Stewardship.

Also, youth Mission, Urban Evangelism, Women and Aging, Women in Ministry, Christian Arts.

Viola Burnham, first lady of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana will be the Saturday dinner speaker and Saundra Dunston Franks will present "The Night Belongs to Moses," her dramatization of the late years of Harriet Tubman.

Ms. Katie Jackson, well-known gospel soloist will be singing along with Morgan State University modern dance company will perform.

Ambassador Cecilia Nana Tau, Kingdom of Lesotho will be the

7:45 a.m. speaker at the prayer breakfast on Sunday, Jan. 18. "Women in Self Development," a workshop in creating models of development for the local church, will follow at 9:30 a.m.

The 11 a.m. worship service with the Rev. Willie Zaplin Barrow, vice-president of P.U.S.H. will be held at the Convention Center and music will be by the Behold Choir.

The center will cost at least $1 million and will be built on a lot that has been obtained at Division and Etting Streets. Groundbreaking is scheduled for late 1981 or early 1982. For information concerning registration fees call the Behold office at 523-3146.

The Rev. John P. Bryant is pastor of Bethel, Mrs. Cecelia Williams Bryant is supervisor of Missionaries; Ms. Thelma Hilliard McPherson, president; Ms. Joan Louise Wharton is chairperson; Ms. Janie McCullough, coordinator and Ms. Mereida Goodman is public relations chairperson.

Metro church briefs

The Rev. Sam Gandy from Howard University School of Religion will speak at the 11 a.m. service on Jan. 18. Banquet activities will include the showing of historical pictures, films, special exhibit and music. Dr. Ann Emery is chairman of the Founders Day celebration and The Rev. Wendell H. Phillips is pastor.

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Heritage United Church Founders Day activities include a banquet at the church, 3106 Liberty Heights Ave, 7 p.m. Jan. 17.

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Mesdames Betty L. Johnson, Mary E. Harrington, Helen O. Benton, Bessie Mason and Minnie Washington, will be attending the mid winter board session of the Women's Convention, National Baptist Convention inc., Jan. 19 - 22.

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Youth revival services will be held at Southern Baptist Church, 1710 Chester St., Jan. 19-22, 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Nathaniel Riggs is pastor.

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The Rev. P. M. Smith, associate minister of First Baptist Church, Street Caroline St., will be the revival speaker at Faith Baptist Church, Bond Street and Ashland Avenue on Jan. 20. Services will begin at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Walter E. Squire is pastor.

The Renovation and Restoration committee of John Wesley United Methodist Church, North Avenue and Bloomingdale Road will sponsor a musical concert on Feb. 8, 3:30 p.m. at the church, featuring Edith and Ronald Brown, Jenora and Hugh Jackson, Renee Brown and John Bankett. Ms. Augustine Murray is chairperson, William D. Parrish, chairman and the Rev. Calvin P. Crosson is pastor.

Little Men and Women's Day will be observed on Sunday, Jan. 18 at Gillis Memorial Christian Community Church, 4016 Park Heights Ave. The Rev. Agnes Alston will be the 11 a.m. speaker and the crowning of little Miss Gillis and Mr. Gillis will be held at the 4 p.m. service. The Rev. Theodore Jackson is pastor.

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The senior Usher Board of City Temple of Baltimore, Eutaw Place and Dolphin Street will present Henry Womack in concert on Feb. 8. Josephine Morton is president and the Rev. William W. Payne is minister.

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The Oetettes will celebrate their anniversary on Feb. 1, 3:30 p.m. at Shiloh Christian Community Church, 2500 Lombard St. The Rev. George W. Baynard is pastor.

For coverage of any church events, mail your announcements to Ms. Pam Widgeon, Religious Editor, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore, Md. 21201 or call 728-8200 Monday through Friday afternoon.

There is no charge for news or photographic coverage.

Publication of any church news is contingent upon factors of time and news space available and organizations from all religious denominations, as space permits. Send news of your church's pastor's anniversary, church anniversary or any other club or organization in the church.

Rev. Ernest L. Long receives 'Baltimore is Best' award

The Rev. Ernest L. Long received an award at the annual "Baltimore is Best" awards program Jan. 14 at the Lyric Theater along with 28 other citizens for their outstanding contributions to civic and humanitarian endeavors in the city.

Rev. Long is a counselor to young people who have problems in school and works with dropouts, finds jobs for young people and is the first single male foster parent in Maryland.

He said, "I have grown to love the kids as my own. I met the first boy when I was working for the Manpower Resources office as a truant officer and I became their guardian and now they have been inspired by what I have been doing."

He is known to help youth find jobs. He has an A.A. degree from Community College of Baltimore and attended Towson State University. He has worked as a truant officer and in the Summer Job Corps program.

Other winners of 'Baltimore is Best' were John E. Bell, the "Mayor of Old Town." Mrs. Margaret Hart, Southeast Baltimore crisis intervention hotline.

Dr. John H. Hirshfeld, medical treatment for alcoholics. Yusuf Abdullah Ali Muhammad, drug abuse and juvenile delinquency programs, Bob Peltzer, Youth Incentive Entitlement program.

Also, Project Turnaround Committee, fighting juvenile delinquency, Ms. Dorothy Reddick, volunteer organizations for students, the aged and needy.

Also, Officer Harry Roop, advising youths in Park Heights area. Showcase Players, entertainment for institutionalized patients, Edith Rosen Strauss Organization, donations to hospitals treating children with cancer.

Josephine Schueler, volunteer work at Veteran's Hospital, WBSB radio providing tourist information, WJZ-TV, civic affairs, William Braiterman, counseling Jewish immigrants.

Tony Calabrese, promoting the city at Baltimore-Washington International Airport, Mary Clayburn, public affairs at WWIN radio station, Dr. James F. Craig, assisting Montgomery Street residents with exterior renovation designs.

Shirley Fisher, president of Rosemont Homeowners and Tenants Association, Bertram Gordon, donating learning materials to the Maryland Committee for Children.

Richard A. Hartman, promoting Baltimore in AAA Mid-Atlantic Tour Book. Dr. Joseph R. Martire, educational director of the Union Memorial Sports Medicine Center.

Joseph T. Pensker, American Legion Post for helping the visually impaired through Memorial Stadium Christmas tree sale, the Rev. Lloyd Vennie, restoring a community church and helping youth, Mr. and Mrs. Howard G. Williams, providing rigging services to restore the constellation and Women In Self Help, telephone counseling service.

This is the fifth year of citizen recognition organized by the Baltimore Is Best program. Following the program, the audience heard a concert by the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra with William Henry Curry conductine.

First Baptist Church is 145 years old

The 145th anniversary of First Baptist Church, 525 South Caroline St., will be observed Feb. 16-22. The Rev. Leroy Fitts is pastor.

"Go Forward" is the theme for the one week celebration. The historical museum will be open at the church for students to visit. First Baptist is the oldest black Baptist church in Maryland.

The late Rev. Moses C. Clayton, founder of the church in 1834, started the church with a membership of approximately five people. At the time of its beginning, First Baptist was located on Young and Thomas Street, one block east of what was once Belair Market.

The culminating activity will be an anniversary banquet on Feb. 22 at the Forum. Dr. Dolores Morton Spriggs is chairperson for the banquet and Mrs. Florine Grady and Deacon Isaac Moody are committee members. The anniversary banquet will be a cultural experience utilizing the talent from First Baptist Church and guest participants.

From the time Rev. Fitts was called in June 1972 to the present, strong emphasis has been placed on Christian Education, stewardship and the church's involvement in alleviating some of the social ills of the community.

Rev. Fitts is also very strongly concerned with the youth and their involvement in the church. It was this that led him to organize the Youth Encounter Society. The Youth Encounter Society is the organization through which it is hoped that all youth will become totally involved in the church and its activities.

BISHOP AND MRS. WINFIELD A. SHOWELL getting ready for exciting events: dedication of Apostolic Towers and their daughter Betty's wedding.

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