If you ask me

By Bettye Moss

Hats off

Young people who are taking on leadership roles with in our institutions make you proud.

Like the youth (youngsters and teens) at the Allen A.M.E. Church located in the 1100 block W. Lexington St. in downtown Baltimore. They held their junior church service on Sunday.

It was the beginning of regular first Sunday (monthly) worship services conducted by the Young Peoples Department of the church.

For their initial program they invited Logan Lewis a newly licensed preacher to bring the sermon. Members of this Bethel A.M.E. Church joined the.

Lewis is a June grad of Polytechnic High and will enter Morehouse College in Atlanta in the fall.

As we watched these young people carry out the order of worship—hymns prayers scriptures offering it affirmed within us that indeed life will go on.

The Y.P.D. at Allen is headed by George Timmons also a June grad. He hails from Walbrook and too will be entering college in September.

In Canada

Representatives of 13 chaters of Guardsmen Inc. held their national conclave at the Hotel Meridien in Montreal last weekend.

It was hosted by the Connecticut chapter.

Baltimoreans their mates and guests there were; Messrs and Mesdames Walters Edmonds Edward Williams John M. Wood Mrs. Annie Johnson

And Dr. and Mesdames William Garner William Hall; Col and Mrs. William Harris.

And Harold Jennifer Warren Weaver and Judge David Mason.

Eppies in Va.

Epicureans held their 30th annual national conclave a weekend ago at the Hyatt Regency in Richmond. Petersburg was the hostess chapter.

Baltimore chapter members their mates and guests present were Barbara Bennett Elease Clarke Gladys and Sam Daniels Elva and Randolph Edwards Bernadine and Miles Harrison.

And Betty and Bill Morton (shes Baltimore president; Audrey Pinderhughes Merita and John Stokes Doris and Lester Wallace Anita and Alvin Watson and Dueky Ross.

New York hosts next years conclave which will be held in Atlantic City.

Unique vows

Friends and relatives who attended the Sunday afternoon wedding of Barbara Ann Keets and Fredrick Louis Patterson witnessed a unique ceremony.

It was at St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church with Father Damon Meleta officiating.

While the bride and bridegroom and the wedding party were seated on the front row he explained the service would be in three parts.

And so it began with him charging the couple about the significance of marriage followed by the couple announcing their consent and committment.

Next came the actual ceremony with the exchange of rings blessings and holy sacrament.

The wedding party participated fully. The brides sister Rita Seby of Baltimore read scriptural texts as did a family friend Diane Hutchins.

There was no choir. The wedding party and the congregation joined in the glorious singing of the "Great Amen." (It was much like they sing it at the rights rallies.)

Matthew Fralling a church deacon rendered the solo "Ave Maria."

Original

Included in the ceremony was an original committment composed by teh couple.

In it they pledged "... not knowing the future we wish to join ourselves together in wedlock. Life is bareforth belonging entirely to each other...becoming one in mind heart and spirit..."

During the sacrament the couple left the altar and embraced parents and friends then returned and received their communion.

A number of wedding guests also took communion.

The couple

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Keets (Roberta).

She has been living in Denver Colo. where she is employed by United Bank.

He is the son of Mrs. Madelina Patterson and the late Freddie Patterson of Chicago. His mother and sister Fredricka were here for the wedding.

Father Meleta congratulated the couple for coming back to her home church to get married.

Reunion

The wedding provided an opportunity for members of the Keets family to gather for a reunion.

Another daughter Mary T. Jay who has been residing in Colorado Springs with her husband Otis also came for the wedding.

By the way the Jays are in the process of returning East as he has been reassigned to the Pentagon.

The brides paternal out-of-town relatives here included Mr. Keets cousin Mrs Mazzie Rawlings of Willow Grove Pa. and her daughter Maggie and granddaughter Brenda DeShields of Edgewood Md. Mrs. DeShields Michaela U of Md. student. He was an usher.

The brides maternal aunts were here—Mrs. Nikki Keets of Silver Spring; Mrs. Dorothy Lymas Mrs. Louise Walker of PHiladelphia; Mrs. Cathryn Hughes N.Y.

Members of an old Baltimore family they are daughters of the late Mary Mason Coleman and Robert W. Coleman. They resided for years in the 1100 block Myrtle Avenue in West Baltimore.

Older Baltimoreans will remember Mr. Coleman as the blind man who overcame his handicapp and for years published a directory of black businesses. A Baltimore public school bears his name.

He also founded the Association for the Handicapped. Today it bears his name and continues his program of supplying eyeglasses for children under the guidance of daughter Roberta and her club members the Clever Kiquejays.

St. Gregory's

The Keets - Patterson wedding provided us an opportunity to visit historic St. Gregorys church for the first time in many years.

It is located in the heart of inner city Baltimore at 1512 N. Gilmor St. near Baker St.

Now in its 97th year St. Gregorys has a reputation for being a Catholic church with a soul.

It is also a beautiful and practical place of worship. The air-conditioned main sanctuary seats 250.

It has six floor-length windows on either side and the thin white curtains enable the light to shine through. The side walls are plain yellow. The wall behind the altar is a bright pink. The ceiling has a number of recessed lights which make an unusual design. The real beauty spot is the altar. Here Father Meleta has built a fountain. Behind it colored lights which provide restful.

The wooden pews are movable so that the auditorium can serve a variety of uses.

Chi in Va.

National Conclave of Chi Delta Mu the medical dental and pharmaceutical fraternity held its 68th annual session in Richmond Va. a week back.

National officers elected were Drs. Roderick Tarrar Washington D. C. president; Thomas Allen Richmond vice president; Henry Winglass Washington secretary; W. C. Sessions Pittsburgh treasurer; Luther Matias Baltimore chaplain;

Alexander Bell Washington historian; Stephen Taylor Washington editor and William Stockton Pittsburgh grand sergeant-at-arms.

Baltimoreans in attendance: Drs. and Mesdames Samuel Owings Joshua Mitchell Keiffer Mitchell Bernard H. Christmas Luther Mathias James Cooper Eugene Byrd Edward McDaniels and Robert Phillips.

Members at-large are Drs. Samuel Owings and Robert Phillips both of Baltimore; and George Flanigan St. Louis.

Pioneer

Mrs. Agnes M. Thomas 90 who died on July 6 was the oldest communicant of St. James Episcopal Church.

Funeral services were held today Friday. Mrs. Thomas would have celebrated her 100th birthday in September.

A Baltimorean Mrs. Thomas was the widow of George E. Thomas. He was the railroad employee who died 37 years ago.

For years the family lived in the 2500 block McCulloh St. Mrs. Thomas was the daughter of Alice E. and William Sampson. She was a dressmaker and he was a carpet layer. (In the old days wall to wall carpet was laid by hand.) Mrs. Sampson lived to be 102.

Mrs. Thomas inherited her familys love for their native Baltimore and was a delight to talk to. Especially interesting her accounts of our city and its struggles.

In St. James

In St. James Church she was regular in attendance active in the Bragg and Altar Guilds.

Her familiar figure has been missed from the front row seat she regularly occupied. She has been in and out of the hospital until her death on Monday.

Survivors daughters Clestine Hilliard retired Baltimore teacher now living in Cambridge Mass.; (illness prevented her from attending her mothers funeral); Gwendolyn Lynch with whom she made her home in Baltimore for the last 26 years.

Also surviving a son George B. Thomas retired postal worker; sister Bessie L. Hicks, 89; grandsons Charles Lynch III and Thomas Lynch; granddaughters Myra Thomas; great-grandsons Peter Lynch and sons-in-law Alonzo Hilliard and Charles H. Lynch Jr. Cuff note: Family friends have enjoyed the company of Ma Thomas for years and admired the Lynchs for providing loving care especially during her last days.

It was not unusual to see the Lynchs quietly leave a club meeting or other social gathering to visit mom and make sure she was comfortable before they went on to enjoy the evening or a vacation trip.

About people

Dr. Regina Goff Henry hosted a supper party Monday evening in her Morgan Park home.

Guests of honor were Mrs. Alice Mickens and Miss Alice Moore both of Palm Beach Fla. where Mrs. Moore is the retired educator and Mrs. Mickens is nationally known for her work with the National Association of Colored Womens Clubs.

Other honorees Dr. and Mrs. Charles Smith of Atlanta and Palm Beach did not arrive in time for the party as they were delayed on the road.

Among guests present to meet the visitors were U. S. Congressman and Mrs. Clarence Long longtime friends of the hostess.

July 4th rains did not prevent the usual picnics. Mattie Gardners annual was at her Randallstown home. She converted the garage when rains came.

The WNM Clubs July 4 gathering was at the home of Merita and John Stokes.

That is incorrect. Dr. Roger K. Williams is still very much active as a member of the Morgan State University faculty where his wife retired after 38 years.

Right after she was honored the Williamses went to Bangor Maine where she attended her 50th high school reunion and gifted the school library with books by and about their fellow black Americans.

Also last week we forgot to mention that their son Dr. Scott Warner Williams missed the doings here because he and his wife Karen were in Everson Wash. for the 45th wedding anniversary of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hendin (Ann).

The younger Dr. and Mrs. Williams reside in Buffalo N. Y. where he is on the faculty of the University of Buffalo (math prof.).

They've been living this past year in Athens Ohio where hes been on leave to Ohio University to do a special project on math and medicine.

Pop Griffin

Funearal services were held Tuesday evening for Richard Gordon Griffin Sr. longtime East Baltimore resident. He was 88. The rites were at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church on East Preston St. where Mr. Griffin was memorialized as a faithful member of the choir. Eulogy was by the pastor the Rev. Clifford M. Johnson.

It was recalled that he was "one who spent his life sharing and caring for his family as well as raising children who were homeless...."

The white-robed church choir sang. Outstanding was their rendition of "How Great Thou Art."

Survivors are his ten children Richard Griffin Jr. of El Cerrito Calif.; Mrs. Katherine Blake Mrs. Mary E. Fulwood Mrs. Gladys Russell James M. Griffin Mrs. Arlene Jones Mrs. Joyce Redd and Ms. Viola Griffin all of Baltimore; 23 grandchildren and 27 great-grands.

Cuff note: Mt. Pleasant Baptist is comfortably air-conditioned and simply designed.

Four sets of stained glasses windows dominate each side of the main auditorium. Overtop each set a round stained window. A huge cross dominates the altar area.

Dr. Kirton

Dr. Stanley Kirton professor of music at Central State University died in Xenia Ohio this week.

Following funearal services there the body was flown here to Baltimore where graveside rites were held Thursday at Baltimore National Cemetery.

Dr. Korton and his wife Ruby a Yellow Springs Ohio teacher frequently visited relatives and friends here and worshipped at St. James Episcopal Church.

St. James rector Father Donald O. Wilson conducted the graveside rites.

Dr. Korton was on the faculty at Central State faculty for 26 years and the director of sacred music at the Episcopal church there.

In addition to his wife he is survived by two daughters Madeline a sophomore at Wright State University in Ohio; and Vecci a Los Angeles social worker. Also two brothers-in-law Doward Patterson and Dr. Theodore Patterson of Baltimore.

Sympathy

Remember relatives of these neighbors who were eulogized recently:

Mrs. Mary Mayberry was eulogized July 6 at March Funeral Home. She was 51.

She was a member of St. Paul Freewill Baptist Church where she served on the usher board.

Survivors:—brother Lonnie Hicks Jr.; aunt Mrs. Priscilla Marcus; uncle Samuel Evans and nieces Carolyn Hicks and Diane Collands.

Last rites were held July 6 for Thurman Emerson Stanley. He was 80.

Mr. Stanley was one of Baltimores first black qualified electricians.

Survivors:—wife Mrs Emily A. Stanley; son Nathaniel Ira and Pa Stanley.

Also daughters Katti Johnson and Delores Canaw and six grand and great grandchildren.

Mrs. Daisy Vernice Hall Paxton was eulogized July 6. She was 57.

Fondly known as "D" was a Hoschild Kohn employee for 37 years.

Survivors:—husband James E. Paxton; mother Mrs. Arlethia A. Hall; uncles Cornellus Maurice and Lawrence Keys.

Sympathy cards to Otyce Froe. Her mother Mrs. Daisy M. Brown 90 retired government worker died Wednesday at her home in D.C. Two other daughters Ruth Jackson and Gertrude Miller of Washington also survive.

Friends, colleagues remember Hoyt Fuller

The late Hoyt W. Fuller, who for years served as one of America's foremost editors and a father figure to the black consciousness and literary movements of the 1960's, will be honored in a commemorative memorial program, Sunday, July 12, from 4-6 p.m. at the Blackburn Center on the campus of Howard University.

Fuller, 57, died May 11 of a massive heart attack while driving in downtown Atlanta, Ga., his birthplace, to which he returned in 1976 to become editor of First World: An Interbational Joornal of Black Thought.

Similar commemorative programs in honor of Fuller's life and work were held in June at Cornell University, and in New York.

Before his death, Fuller had achieved national and international prominence as a writer, editor, and speaker on the condition of blacks worldwide.

Among the mourners at ghis funeral in Atlanta were more than 50 friends and colleagues from around the country. Among these were actor Ossie Davis, historian Lerone Bennett Jr., Gwendolyn Brooks, James Baldwin, Haki R. Madhubuti and Val Gray Ward, and the editor of the Black Collegian magazine, Kalamu Ya Salaam.

Many local residents, family and friends of Fullers also attended the funeral services. Among these were Reginald Eaves, former commissioner of public safety in Atlanta, currently a county commissioner and mayoral candidate in Atlanta.

Among a great many tributes read during the services were statements from Marvin Arrington, president of the Atlanta city council and Walter Fauntroy, chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus.

Fuller was also well-known and loved among writers, scholars, intellectuals and heads of ticularly in Africa, and the Carribean. Anumber of these luminaries, such as Leopold Senghor, the retired president of Senegal; Aime Ceseare, a pricipal founder of the Negritude Movement in Africa; Wole Soyinka, the famous Nigerian playwright; and Rex Nettleford, nationally prominent dancer from Jamaica, were contributors to the magazines Fuller edited.

During the 1960's and 70's, there was virtually no black writer, poet or intellectual in this country, Africa or the Carribean whose work did not appear in the Negro Digest, which Fuller edited for a number of years for the Johnson Puolishing Co. The name of the magazine was changed to Black World in 1970.

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Postal and Federal Employees gives $200,000 to NAACP

District 2 convention held here sanctions NAACP crisis fund

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The 44th session of District 2 National Alliance of Postal and Federal Employees met June 27-28 in Baltimore and gave its voice to the national $200,000 fund for the NAACP.

The NAACP was due to meet in Denver, Colo. the following day and had sent out a crisis appeal. The Postal and Federal Employees is considered the most powerful in the nation. The health plan is the fifth largest in the U.S. and has over 100,000 members.

District 2 including Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and District of Columbia is headed by Alonza A. Adams.

The NAPFE credit union is the lone union chartered to black citizens. The organization also voted out $250,000 to support the black - owned Air Atlanta airline of Atlanta, Ga.

The convention was hosted by Baltimore's Local 202 with Clifton Harris, president and officials, Frank Thorington, 1st vice president; Delmus Terry, 2nd vice; Shirley Maple, financial secretary; Ardelia Carroll, assistant financial secretary; Richard Blackwell, treasurer; Clarice Bass, recording secretary; Helen Mayers, trustee; Albert Franklin, trustee; John Tucker, trustee; Bernice Kimball, G.S.A. craft George Goodwin, M.V.S. craft; Edward McSwain, Mail - Handler craft, Moses Canada, educational; James Forbes, Social Committee; Laura Wilson, editor.

District 2 urged members to boycott Nestle Corp. products since the firm's infant formula has met disapproval in 3rd World countries.

All members are asked to register and vote to combat the National Conservative Political Action Campaign.

Appreciation went to Cong. Parren J. Mitchell and the Black Congressional Caucus for the Alternative Budget to oppose the Reagan Budget.

Workshops, special sessions, social events and the grand banquet with TV newswoman Ophra Winfrey as speaker, all highlighted the dramatic convention.

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SPECIAL GUESTS — Warren Bloomberg, Baltimore postmaster; Raymond A. C. Young, retiree; Shirley Davis, National Auxiliary secretary; Robert L. White, national alliance president; Clifton Harris, Local 202 president and Marion Maddox, District 2 Auxiliary president

WOMEN OFFICIALS Mrs. Delores Green, national Auxiliary President and Mrs. Jessie Wilson, District 2 Youth Advisor.

DISTRICT 2 YOUTH GROUP includes youngsters from Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and Washington, D.C. with Mrs. Jessie Wilson, Washington, D.C. coordinator and Mrs. Florine Brady, Baltimore, assistant.

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