5,000 guests at weekend nuptial fetes for Rev. Harold Carter Jr. and bride

Some came from Canada and Caracas, Venezuela

By Elizabeth M. Oliver

More than 5,000 guests attended the weekend festivities which culminated in the Aug. 11 wedding of Miss Monique Tenera Roseborough and Rev. Harold Alphonso Carter Jr. here in Baltimore. The guests from farthest away came from Canada and Caracas, Venezuela, while others were from the Eastern Seaboard and the Middlewest.

The beauteous bride fondly known as Niki is daughter of SBA Administrator Mrs. Doris Roseborough and Arthur Roseborough, a Post Office supervisor. The bridegroom is son of Rev. Dr. Harold A. Carter Sr., pastor of New Shiloh Baptist Church and Dr. Weptamonah Carter, his wife.

The double-ring ritual was held Aug. 11 at New Shiloh where the 2,000 seats were filled and many chairs added two hours before the 2 p.m. rites. The guests flowed outside into the surrounding streets. New Shiloh, one of the city's largest congregations, has some 4,000 members.

Two receptions were necessary to accommodate guests and guests of the church and the bride's family. The special guests of the bridegroom, who is pastor of Zion Baptist Church, Redding, PA., arrived in a double-deck coach and by several cars.

The first reception following the wedding was held in the church's lower santuary where guests were served from a lavish bouffet. The bridal party receiving line of maid of honor, seven bridemaids, two flower girls, seven groomsmen and two ring bearers plus parents, formed a semi-circle in the main auditorium.

The 3,000 guests who filed past for congratulations stood in line two and a half hours.

The second reception, lavish with bouffet and a live orchestra, was in the courtyard at 2901 Druid Park Drive where over 2,500 guests were served from 6 p.m. until 10 p.m. under the open sky.

The wedding weekend began Thursday with rehearsal at the church, a rehearsal dinner by Dr. and Mrs. Carter and a disco party at New Gatsby's by the sister of the bridegroom, Miss Weptanomah Carter II and brother of the bride, Arthur Roseborough Jr.

The Friday night event was the stag party at the residence of the best man, Carl Wilson. Throughout the week various showers were held by friends and relatives of the bride. The bride's mother held a dinner party.

For her marriage, the bride wore a white satin and organza lace floor length gown with Empress neckline and off shoulder Elizabethan sleeves. The dress was sprinkled with pearls and white sequins. The hip length veil was studded with rhinestones and pearls and extended into a Cathedral train. Her bouquet was of white orchids woven around a white Bible from which there were cascading ribbons of gold and white satin entwined with baby's breath. She wore her mother's pearls and earrings.

The bridesmaids were frocked in gold silk organza floor length gowns also by Mary Pryor. Their bouquets were of peach, yellow and white roses and cascading ribbons of gold and white.

The bridegroom wore white tails complete with matching vest and gold tie. The groomsmen wore white tuxedos and ruffles and gold accessories.

The ring bearers and flower girls wore formal white attire set off by gold trim.

Mrs. Roseborough, mother of the bride, was dressed in a formal gown of brown and beige lace studded with rhinestones throughout the four tiers of silk organza lace hand designed by Mary Pryor.

Mrs. Carter, mother of the bridegroom wore a floor length gown of white silk topped with an overblouse of gold sequins. Dr. Carter's doctorate gown was of yellow and gold. The father of the bride wore white tails and gold tie.

The church was a flower garden with huge bouquets at each pew and white caged love birds at the center of each aisle. The balcony was hung with trailing vines. For the ring ceremony, read by Dr. Carter, the couple stood under an archway of white flowers and satin ribbons.

While guest speaker, Dr. T. Garrott Benjamin, pastor, Light of the World Christian Church, Indianapolis, IND. gave a full sermon (at the request of young Rev. Carter) the newlyweds sat on a white wicker- and satin couch.

The new Mrs. Carter is a graduate of Archbishop Keough High School and Catonsville Community College. Her attendants were Leslis Harry, maid of honor; bridesmaids, Shantz Booker, Weptanomah Carter, Jacqueline Christopher, Sandy Newton, Janet Peterkin, Lisa Stokes, Jewel Thornton and flower girls Lakesha and Keona Smith.

Rev. Carter Jr. is a graduate of Eastern College, St. Davids, PA. and a second year student at Lancaster Seminary, Lancaster, PA. He celebrated his first anniversary at his Zion Baptist Church in Reading, this year.

His attendants were: Best man Carl Wilson and groomsmen Johnny Allen, Gregg Holmes, Michael Howie, William Johnson, William Miller, Troy Rogers, Arthur Roseborough, Jr.

Ring bearers were Sheldon Holloway and Charles McCaskill Jr.

Ushers were Sean Harris, Myron Howie, C. Eric Lee, David Marshall, Donald Roberts, Dwaine Thompson, Clinton Turner, Jr., Zack Wilmer Roger Wilmer, Jr., and Eric Wilson.

Hosts and hostesses: Hortense Cain, Jody Coombs, Agnes Edwards, Lavania Fitzpatrick, Anthony Gladden, Ronald Harris, Jr. Yvonne Harris, Florence Maultsby, Charles McCaskill, Valarie Allen, Gregory Williams, David Gladden, and Brenda Rhett-Robinson.

Clergy: Dr. Benjamin, Dr. Carter and Dr. Vincent Thompson.

Others were Coordinator, DeVera Myrick; organists, Victor Myrick and William Sydnor; Assistants, Joanne Harris, Samuel Harris, Edna Rainey, William Shaw;

Soloist Hattie Smith with music by the New Shiloh's three choirs. Flowers and service by caterer George Taylor; photographers Glasco Ryales and Norfleed Barnes, horsedrawn carriages were brought from York, Pa. by Leroy Dyette. The bridal party rode in an antique 1940 Chrysler and mother of the bride in a 1942 Cadillac. The 1984 Cadillac limo transported the bridesmaids.

The newlyweds will be at home in West Lawn, PA. nearby his Redding, PA. church after a honeymoon in Bermuda.

Some of the out-of-towners were:

Dr. and Mrs. George Harding, Toronto, Canada; Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Tyson, Nassau, Bahamas; Dr. Fred Boddie, and daughter Patricia, Newport News, VA; Mr. and Mrs. Warren Scott, Atlanta, GA; Mrs. Bernice Tweedy, Lynchburg, VA; Thomas Wainwright, Chicago and Dr. Carter's sister, Miss Dorothy Carter, Selma, Ala.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Washington, Philadelphia; Donna Meeks, Alane Aberici, Suzanne Dinning, Rev. Carter Jr.'s classmates; Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Jones, Newark, NJ; Roger Wilmer Jr., Hollywood, FL; Mr. and Mrs. Chris Fotas, Mrs. Anita Sanders, Ben Johnson, Roy Mixon; Rev. Fritz Outlaw all of Washington D.C. and Mrs. Ruth Beard, Caracas, Venezuela.

NEWLYWEDS and their parents (L to R) Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Roseborough; Rev. and Mrs. Harold Alphonso Carter Jr. and Rev. Dr. Harold A. Carter Sr., pastor of New Shiloh Baptist Church and his wife, Dr. Weptanomah Carter. All photos by Glasco Ryales

BRIDAL PARTY — Bridesmaids — Sandy Newton, Lisa Stokes, Janet Peterkin, Jewel Thornton, Jacqueline Christopher, Shantz Booker, Weptanomah Carter II, Maid of Honor, Leslie Harry, Rev. and Mrs. Harold A. Carter Jr., Bestman, Carl Wilson; Groomsmen, William Miller, Gregg Holmes, Troy Rogers, Michael Howie, William Johnson, Arthur Roseborough Jr. and Johnny Allen.

RECEIVING LINE which took over two-one half hours to pass the wedding party included Mother of the Bride, Mrs. Roseborough; Mrs. Jacqueline Washington, grandmother of the bridegroom; Dr. Carter, mother of the bridegroom; State's Attorney and Mrs. Kurt Schmoke; Arthur Roseborough, father of the bride; Dr. A. C. D. Vaughn, pastor of Grace Memorial Baptist Church; the newlyweds, Rev. and Mrs. Harold A. Carter Jr.

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FOR ALL WE KNOW

NEW ALAMEDA PLACE

PRESIDENT LESLIE R. LEWIS and William A. Ross Sr. vice president and construction manager of L and R Development have $2.07 million in contracts for minority firms for the new Alameda Place 39 townhouses and semi-detached residential units located on the Northwest corner of Coldspring Lane and The Alameda.

L & R Development Corp. of Baltimore was a recent recipient of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Minority Contractor's Utilization Award (MCUA).

L & R Development, a minority-owned and controlled partnership, was recognized as developer and general contractor for "The Alameda Place" Urban Development Action Grant (UDAG) project.

Thomas R. Hobbs, manager of HUD's Baltimore Office, said the award is given annually to recognize those builders, contractors, developers and local governments who have effectively utilized the skills and services of minority-owned businesses through subcontracts or joint venture partnerships.

Hobbs said L & R Development Corporation was one of only 27 winners recognized nationally.

The project will provide homeownership opportunities for 39 moderate income families by using UDAG funds to write-down the sale price of the units.

After the UDAG subsidy is applied, the purchase price including closing costs for the townhouses will be $39,000; for the semi-detached units it will be $40,700.

All of the applicants for the units will have to make a $500 downpayment and will receive mortgages insured under the State Community Development Administration's Home Financing Program.

The UDAG program is designed to encourage new or increased private investment in cities and urban counties which are economically distressed.

These cities and urban counties apply to HUD for grants on behalf of private developers.

Action Grant funds are available to carry out a wide variety of economic activities that involve partnerships with the private sector.

Action Grant financing may take most any form that is required to allow a development to proceed that could not go forward otherwise.

NEW ASALH EXECS

Dr. Samuel L. Banks, national president of The Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History, Inc. (ASALH), announced that five additional persons have been elected to ASALH's national Executive Council.

The new policy-makers of ASALH are:

State Senator Julian Bond of Atlanta.

Tony Brown, nationally recognized producer of "Tony Brown's Journal" of New York City.

Dr. David Bishop, distinguished professor of history at North Carolina Central University in Raleigh.

Dr. Robert Hayden, well-known educator and curriculum specialist, Boston.

Mrs. Janet Sims-Woods, well-known librarian and researcher, Howard University, Washington.

Each of these distinguished and nationally known leaders, in his-her respective field joins the 50 member ASALH Executive Council in setting policy for the world's largest predominantly black organization of historians, educators, scholars, clergy and lay people committed to serious study of Afro-American life and history.

Dr. Banks also announces that the 69th annual convention of ASALH will take place on Oct. 17-21 at the Washington Shoreham in Washington, D.C.

Over 50 papers will be presented on various aspects of black life and history.

Registrations can be sent to: Ms. Carolyn Dennis, ASALH, 1401 Fourteenth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005.

SHELTER FOR HOMELESS KIDS

The Fellowship of Lights offers shelter and counseling to homeless teenagers. If you're away from home; a runaway or in a personal crisis, call the Fellowship of Lights. We're here to help, call 385-1200. That's the Fellowship of Lights, 385-1200. ANYTIME.

The Fellowship of Lights is the only program in the metropolitan Baltimore area which offers an immediate response to a youth in a homeless situation, anytime, day or night, 24 hours. The organization is seeking to increase exposure and visibility to the youth in the community who may need the services but are unaware of the existence as a positive resource.

In 13 years of work, the Fellowship has always relied on word of mouth among youth themselves to generate referrals. Lately, though, there is a need to actively publicize the services.

THE WILLIAM GARRETTS and CLIF HARRISES of Baltimore's Local 202, Postal and Federal Alliance, Baltimore, were in San Francisco for the 36th Biennial National Convention. At home now, they reveal it was a great, fine time with Jesse Jackson the guest speaker at the big banquet and such other noted persons as Jefferson Wilson, postmaster, San Francisco and Austin Simon, postmaster, Oakland on the scene.

Mildred Garrett, who has a special talent in telling the story, described the flight to the West Coast as fabulous and the whole convention as a delightful experience.

Cliff Harris is busy getting ready for his daughter's wedding at Pennsylvania Avenue AME Zion Aug., 25 and what a beautiful late summer affair that will be.

ATTORNEY JUANITA JACKSON MITCHELL writes us from Los Angeles that she is not only enjoying the visit with her sister Marion and niece Karleen but also she has taken in the Olympics and all its glory. Can't wait to hear more from her later since we

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—Nude dancers

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to the establishment and were directed to the second level of the bar, according to Johnson's report.

"Upon reaching the second level, I observed about 50 patrons, mostly males. A young lady called China Doll of the Oasis Club was first and wore a two-piece bikini bathing suit and eventually removed both top and bottom."

In the continued report, she later appeared in a blanket, slowly unraveled it and began rubbing her fingers over her body. She was completely nude. Several males were allowed to come and place dollar bills and fondle her private parts.

Moments later, another young lady referred to as Hot Coco of the Body Shop appeared and after a short dance routine allowed the men to place dollar bills directly into body openings.

According to Johnson's report, several male persons had begun to come up and place more dollar bills, and a few began to engage in oral sex while Hot Coco laid on the blanket she had used for her routine.

One patron approached and just left money. The dancer followed him to his seat, mounted a chair and brought her lower torso to his face.

The officers then identified themselves, notified a waiting police crew and demanded to see the managers, according to Johnson's testimony.

Both dancers were arrested as well as the latter male participant.

"We just leased the second floor out. We didn't know what was going on," said William Gordon, manager of the lounge. "It was rented for a disco fashion show. I didn't know anything illegal was going to take place."

Gordon was not able to identify the organization holding the affair indicating that three or four people had gotten together to sponsor the affair.

"We have never had such an activity before," assurred Gordon.

But earlier testimony by another officer revealed on May 13th at what appeared to be the same type of show in progress was broken up. No one was arrested, just told to leave.

Gordon explained he knew nothing of the May 13 bust, and that his trust in an assistant manager who did the booking for the second floor lounge, never led him to think such had taken place.

Defending attorney for G&G Lounge, Dwight Pettit, asked the commissioners to consider the management's lack of knowledge about the whole incident on March 29.

One of the dancers and the patron had additional charges place, on what was later identified as small quantities of heroine and cocaine, were found in their possession.

At AFRO presstime, a decision had not been rendered on the case.

—Gaynelle Colburn

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giving them the support and recognition they need," she said.

It was clear that Ms. Colburn is dedicated to the disabled throughout the nation. When asked to describe the difference between herself and other disabled people she said, "There is no physical difference between me and other paraplegics."

"The only other difference with me is that I have a different outlook than other disabled people. I feel the need to reach out and speak to people about those who can't or won't speak for themselves," Ms. Wheelchair America said.

"My purpose is to represent the total community of disabled people to make the public aware of the needs and try to find ways of getting them met," Ms. Colburn said.

She joked about descriptions of her saying that she is a paraplegic with limited use of her arms. "There is nothing limited with my arms. I consider myself an accomplished percussionist. It amuses me when I read those mis-descriptions of me. It does not bother me personally."

Ms. Colburn began talking about the times when she was not representing the pageant and she was able to relax and enjoy life. "Music helped me a great deal. It gave me strength, but it took a lot for me to get back out there after the accident."

In the music world many club managers and band directors were reluctant to book her for engagements, feeling that she could not get around freely. "Some people didn't want me to play, but after my audition they changed their minds and wanted me to perform."

In addition to performing regularly at the Hunt Valley Inn, she ha performed with Lola Falana, Stevie Wonder and Ethel Ennis. She says, "Music makes me whole. I play music to make me feel good and it is good for my soul."

On the more serious side, Ms. Wheelchair America is more than a title that carries with it paid speaking engagements, escorts, dinners and many other activities normally experienced in the Miss America Pageant, the Ms. WheelchairAmerica Pageant is different.

"The fundamental difference between the Miss America Pageant and the Ms. Wheelchair Pageant is the money involved. We don't get the national attention and support like other pageants. You work hard to get there and you work hard after you return," she said.

"The community should know that we are in need of sponsors to support the pageant. In order to better inform the general public about the plight of the disabled we need support from the abled bodied people in the community," Ms. Colburn said in regards to how people perceive the pageant and the disabled.

Presently there are 36 million disabled people in the nation. Their condition supercedes their color, although there are times when discrimination occurs.

"There is discrimination of categories of disabled; those who have visable disabilities and those who have non-visable disabilities, such as brain damage. The situation is more complicated when you are black, female and disabled," she said.

Even under those odds, Ms. Wheelchair America still maintains a positive attitude about life. "On the job market, being black, female, and disabled is a disadvantage. However, I don't allow myself to feel discriminated against."

Ms. Colburn's other accomplishments include a bachelors degree in Pre-med and Psychology from Antioch College and the Johns Hopkins University. She attends graduate courses at Towson State University in Health Sciences and is very active with other disabled organizations throughout the city and the state.

She remarked that she was asked if there was a wheelchair race to determine who would be crowned Ms. Wheelchair America, she replied:

"The pageant was judged on achievements since the onset of the disability which received 40 percent of the 100 points. Another 40 percent went for communicative skills, and the last 20 percent went to self presentation and projection."

"You are judged more for personal accomplishments than beauty. Among the contestants there was a feeling of love towards everyone there. We supported each other," she said of the pageant.

Finally she said, "I am proud of this title and intend to give it all I've got. We are reaching out to the able bodied public for someone who is in need. It is a lot cheaper to have the disabled work, than paying them social security."

FREE CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

The Baltimore County Public Library offers the following free activities for children. Please inquire about registration or tickets at the designated branches.

Monday, August 27, "Back to School" stories and films for ages 4-8, 1:30 p.m., Parkville-Carney Branch.

Tuesday, August 28, "Children's Fair" face-painting, a film, puppets and activities for ages 4-12, 1 to 3 p.m., Perry Hall Branch.

Wednesday, August 29, "The King Who Couldn't Be Fooled" a puppet show for all ages, 1:30 p.m., Cockeysville Area Branch; "Disney Film Parade" for ages 3-10 with an adult, 2 p.m., Loch Raven Branch; "Puppy Pal" stories for age 2 with an adult, 7 p.m., Rosedale Area Branch.

Thursday, August 30, "Puppy Pal" stories for age 2 with an adult, 10:30 a.m., Rosedale Area Branch.

Children aged 5-13 will be trained in the fundamentals of computer usage through October at the Towson Area Branch, 320 York Road.

For information, call 296-8500, ext. 250.

—Thornton resignation

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Thornton had not played a more decisive role in pushing changes in the state employee pension system through the last General Assembly session.

Thornton responded saying, "The legislature passed a bill making the State Employee Retirement System and independent agency effective July 1, 1969. The retirement systems were no longer under the preview of responsibility of the department of personnel, now the department reports to an independent board, which I am one member."

Delegate Larry Young (D. Baltimore), chairman of the House Environment Matters Committee said, he thought Thornton would be the first to admit he's had a rocky road."

Thornton agreed, "As far as my relationship with the legislature budget committee, sometimes it was good and sometimes it was a little rocky. But the average, I think I have worked in a productive manner in the six years that I have been in office."

"The legislature differed with me on several issues; like for example, the Affirmative Action Program. We recommended a system for hand-scoring applicants for state employment; the legislature felt that it was not a good idea," Thornton said.

As head of the department that promulgates regulations for some 60,000 state workers, Thornton said, "I think the department of personnel has made tremendous progress in areas of management, planning, policy analysis, affirmative action, and general department organization."

"We published the first comprehensive personnel manual that the state has ever had. It included all the regulation and guidelines on recruitment, leave, and other personnel items. We also established for the first time in this state or in any state, the employee reassignment center."

"That is a plan where we were going to abolish 2,200 positions with about 90 percent of those positions being held by blacks. Instead of removing those employees, they were reassigned to other jobs within that state.

"We were able to get around the Supreme Court decision on Affirmative Action ruling that the first hired would be the first fired," Thornton said.

Lou Panos, the governor's press secretary, said, Thornton's handling of the health insurance bidding, was not the sole reason for his decision to resign.

Thornton said his resignation came because he wished to explore some new career opportunities. It was just a coincidence that the Blue Cross situation occurred when it did. "I have long intended to look at something in the private sector," Thornton said. He would not elaborate on where he intended to go.

Panos, said, Thornton who had been the only black secretary in the Governors' cabinet until last year's appointment of Ruth Massinga as Human Resources Secretary, had not been pressured to resign, although he met the governor a few days ago to discuss his plans.

Thornton came on board as secretary of personnel at the start of Governor Harry Hughes's first term in January, 1979. Donald Tynes, the deputy of personnel will act as Thornton's temporary successor, beginning Aug. 31.

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know she will be bubbling over with unusual news.

Juanita says the weather is great there with sunny and golden days. Knowing Juanita, bet she was guest of honor at many fabulous events and is accorded every hospitality.

Juanita and Earl Williams are on an extended trip to Acupulca by air and by ship, quite glamorous couple, they are.

SENATOR AND MRS. TROY BRAILEY are hosts to some of the famous baseball players this week for the Old Timers Game at the Stadium Saturday night.

Their house guests are Bob Boyd and his wife Valka of Topeka, Kansas and Connie Johnson, the noted pitcher of Kansas City. The round of events includes so far breakfasts, luncheons and dinner parties for the longtime friends.

REV. DR. HAROLD A. CARTER SR. returned to Baltimore just in time for his son's wedding. Dr. Carter was guest speaker for the week-long Prayer Revival and spoke on the power of prayer at Allen Temple Baptist Church, Oakland, California where Dr. J. Alfred Smith Sr. is pastor.

Noted as a great speaker in the USA and abroad, Dr. Carter is called an international evangelist and has preached in 25 different countries at conventions and conferences continues to be heard in all major denominations at conventions and conferences throughout the country.

He has the unusual distinction of earning two doctoral degrees in the same month. He received the Doctor of Ministry degree from Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, Rochester, New York and the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Theology, Magna Cum Laude, from Saint Mary's Seminary, Baltimore.

His weekly radio ministries reach thousands for Christ and the innovative Saturday Church School is a model for many churches. More than forty persons have entered the Gospel ministry during his pastorate at New Shiloh.

The church of 4,000 active members has grown to be one of the parable churches in America in church growth, missions and evangelism.

He is the author of several books including, The Prayer Tradition Of Black People, Myths That Mire The Ministry, and The Preaching Of Jonah, plus numerous articles for Christian publications.

Dr. Carter is married to Dr. Weptanomah W. Carter, a noted author and speaker. They are the parents of a daughter and a son, who is also a minister.

New Shiloh, where he has pastored for 20 years, is in the process of building a multi-purposed church to better house a full program of Christian witness and service, and provide a still more powerful worship experience for all the people of God.

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