Engagements and Weddings

Kimball—Brown vows exchanged

Miss Georgette Teelezyne Brown of Littleton, NC and Wayne Myron Kimball of Aurelian Springs, were united in marriage in a 3 p.m. ceremony recently at Oak Grove Baptist Church, Littleton.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jackson F. Brown Sr. of P.O. Box 341, Littleton. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Waverly Kimball Sr. of Aurelian Springs. An aunt the Rev. Charles E. McCollum performed the nuptial rites. Music was provided by Lawrence Cooper of Littleton; pianist and organist, Ms. Maurice Barnes of Ahoskie, sorority sister of the bride; Ms. Sharon Frink of Garysburg, and Melvin Silver of Durham, cousin of the bridegroom, soloists.

Given in marriage by her parents, the bride wore a Princess Diana's style formal-length gown of white silk organza over silk satin, trimmed with Venice lace and pearls and a high neckline enhanced with pleats. A deep pointed V-shaped yoke, front and back with Venice lace covered with pearls in the shape of flowers and gathered organza around the shoulders. The fitted waistline was accented in lace and featured an apron panel front and back edged with gathered silk organza. The long flared sleeves ended in a round circle of gathered organza embellished with pearls and lace. Her headpiece was a Juliet cap with embedded pearls attached to a chapel-length train trimmed with Venice lace and accented with pearl and lace medalions. The bride carried a cascade bouquet of sweetheart roses, miniature tiger lilies, stephanotis, baby's breath, and pink and green flowers.

Matron of honor was Mrs. Laurann Brown Pierce of Fayetteville, sister of the bride. Ms. Sharon L. Frink of Garysburg served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Melba K. Bowser of Roanoke Rapids, sister of the bridegroom; Ms. Clintonia Powell of Littleton; Ms. Valerie D. Thomas of Weldon; and Ms. Dinita Morris of Littleton and Ms. Claudette Smith of Hampton, Va., both sorority sisters of the bride.

Honorary bridesmaids were Ms. Tanya K. Barrett of Raleigh; Ms. Janice L. Rainey of Chapel Hill; Ms. Yolanda Harding of Hampton, Va.; and Ms. L. Bravetta Watson of Vaughan, cousin of the bride.

Flower girls were Misses Pamela Bowser of Roanoke Rapids, niece of the bridegroom, and Demaura Hawkins of Warrenton and Marquila Pierce, Godchildren of the bride. Ring bearer was Arthur P. Teele of Tallahassee, Fla., cousin of the bride.

Waverly Kimball Sr. served his son as best man. Groomsmen were Jackson F. Brown Jr. of Conway, brother of the bride; Darryl E. Brown of Dunn, cousin of the bride; Charles H. Capehart of Halifax; John H. Manley of Littleton; James H. Hardy of Roanoke Rapids; Luther Whitaker Jr. of Scotland Neck; Aaron M. Pierce Sr. of Fayetteville, brother-in-law of the bride; and E. Melvin Silver of Durham, cousin of the bridegroom.

Serving as mistresses of ceremonies were Mrs. Debra G. Brown of Conway and Mrs. Janice Drew of Rich Square.

The bride graduated with honors from Northwest High School and graduated Magna Cum Laude from N.C. A&T State University with a B.S. degree in Early Childhood Education. She received her Master of Education degree in Special Education from N.C. Central University in Durham. She is a member of Kappa Iota Omega Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Halifax-Northampton A&T State University Alumni Association, N.C. Association of Educators-National Association of Educators, and Association of Retarded Citizens. She is employed with the Northampton County Board of Education as Resource teacher at Squire Elementary School in Gaston.

The bridegroom graduated with honors from Eastman High School in Enfield and attended Elizabeth City State University in Elizabeth City. He is a member of N.C. State Government Employees Association, Inc., and is employed with the N.C. Department of Corrections at Caledonia Prison in Tillery.

The couple will reside at Summit Ridge Dr., Littleton.

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On the eve of the wedding, the bride's God-parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jasper W. Jones, hosted a shower in their home in Gaston. Co-hosts were Mr. and Mrs. David Odoms.

The bride was presented a pink and green corsage, and a matching pink gown, robe and slipper set.

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On the wedding eve, an after rehearsal dinner was given by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Banks in the fellowship hall of the church. Assisting were Mesdames Debra T. Brown, Laurann B. Pierce, and Helen Kimball. The AKAs also gave a pink and green shower.

An after rehearsal party was given by Jackson F. Brown Jr., brother of the bride, on the wedding eve at Howard Johnson's in Roanoke Rapids.

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Following the ceremony, the bride's parents gave a reception at the Community Center in Roanoke Rapids. Assisting were Mrs. Ophelia Gould-Faison, Mrs. Gussie Silver, and Mrs. Betty Vincent. Music was provided by Payne Hardy.

Serving refreshments were Squire School cafeteria staff and AKA sorority members, James Alston, Thomas Bell Jr., James Person, and Pernell Edwards.

Hostesses were Ms. Suzanne Brooks, Mrs. Joyce Bell, Mrs. Ophelia Gould-Faison, Mrs. Connie S. Pulley, Ms. Pearlie Burgess, Mrs. Mary Capehart, Ms. Carol Williams, and Ms. Elease Frederick.

Mrs. Essie T. Smith, Baltimore, is the groom's aunt.

MR. AND MRS. WAYNE MYRON KIMBALL are pictured following their recent wedding at Oak Grove Baptist Church, Littleton, NC. The bride is the former Miss Georgette Teelezyne Brown of Littleton.

DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED ADULTS

United Cerebral Palsy of Central Maryland (UCP-CM) provides residential services designed to integrate developmentally disabled adults into the community in a normalized setting. Individual programs are developed to enable residents to achieve greater independence as they acquire and expand daily living skills.

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Designer returns to Baltimore

Recently Catherine Kitz, designer and winner of the New York Fashion Designer's Award, vowed she would bring her craft home. After graduating from Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, NY, and three years of employment in the garment industry in Manhattan, Ms. Kitz has returned home to Baltimore and established her fashion design business.

Ms. Kitz still loves Baltimore, especially the downtown area where she lives and works. A walk to the Inner Harbor provides a leisurely break from her growing business. Catherine is also excited about being close to family and friends, again.

"Starting a business has been a slow and costly venture but business has escalated recently", says Ms. Kitz. I anticipate even more rapid growth as I make my business more known to the community", she adds.

Have you ever wondered why Eddie Murray, the star Oriole first baseman, looks so good in his clothes? Only Eddie and Cathy know. According to Eddie, "I was very pleased with the work Cathy did for me. It was highly professional".

Ms. Kitz sparkles as she discusses her skills and exudes an air of sophistication. She does not design trendy clothes. Her specialties are custom-made evening wear and designs for other special occasions.

Carol Der, owner of Elandea in Lake Falls Village, spouted superlatives as she described the silk crepe de chine dress and jacket designed for her by Catherine. She said, "I was extremely satisfied. Cathy is the most innovative, creative and talented designer one can imagine. I was amazed at how she analyzed my needs and designed an outfit which suited me to a T".

Ms. Kitz is planning to expand her business by offering a pattern-making course in the near future. She is available for free consultations and information about the course at 962-1036.

CAREER CHANGERS WORKSHOP

Baltimore New Directions for Women, Inc. (BNDW) will offer a 2-part workshop for persons contemplating a career change. The workshops will os held at the BNDW Career Resource Center, 12 E. 25th Street on Wednesday, November 7, and Wednesday, November 14 from 6 pm - 8 pm. The cost is $20 for BNDW members and $25 for non-members.

These workshops are designed for the professional who wants to explore career options in new and different fields.

Pre-registration is required. Call 889-6677 for registration and further information. This workshop is a part of the BNDW's "Start a New Direction".

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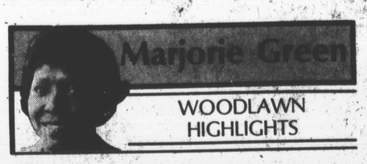
Arena Players recently. The Morgan Women had sold out the house and were indicating that the proceeds would go toward the 1984-1985 Lucy D. Holmes Memorial Scholarship Award. This award, which was $150 for the year's tuition in 1950 when it began, is now over $1200, providing full tuition for a deserving student.

In addition to the annual scholarship, the Morgan State University Women voted at the first meeting of the year to increase their contribution to the Carl Murphy Scholarship Fund for African Students to $300.00.

"This is a challenge," Mrs. Banks urged, "for other organizations and individuals in the area to contribute to this fund." Contributions should be sent to Ms. Peggy Crawford, Counseling Services for International Students, Morgan State University, Baltimore 21239.

In keeping with another tradition of encouragement to students, Mrs. Banks will present a plaque to "Miss Morgan" during the halftime activities at the coming Morgan Homecoming, October 20.



GBC/BIG HONORS MITCHELL, DR. BURNS

The Greater Baltimore Chapter of Blacks in Government (GBC/BIG) honored Congressman Parren J. Mitchell (D.-7th) and Dr. Emmett C. Burns, Regional Director of the NAACP, at its First Annual Awards Dinner - Dance, Saturday, October 13, at the Forum. More than 150 government employees from Federal, State and local agencies attended the affair.

Frank Hunt, president of GBC/BIG, said Congressman Mitchell and Dr. Burns were selected to receive the organization's first awards because "we wanted to set the highest possible standard for future awards by citing that example of leadership which makes the greatest contribution to the well-being of the Black community . . . leadership which inspires others to greater heights, which provides a role model to which we all may aspire."

In presenting the awards, Ms. Dorothy Green, chairperson of the Ways and Means Committee, cited Congressman Mitchell as Maryland's modern day folk hero in the tradition of such Marylanders as Harriet Tubman and Frederick Douglas, who commands the stage of history by virtue of his unending service, commitment and intellect. Because of his outspoken articulation of the issues and compassionate understanding of the problems we face, we have been able to draw upon his wellspring of courage to promote our objectives."

Dr. Burns was cited as a "tireless and effective advocate for racial equality and social justice . . . who carries the banner of the NAACP as both a sword and shield, embracing the cause of individuals as that of the organization, and attacking the dragon of racism fearlessly and effectively."

Dr. Levi Watkins, Johns Hopkins Hospital cardiologist and civic activist, was the guest speaker. Dr. Watkins called for a renewed effort to combat the tide of racism that threatens to choke off the progress of the Black community. "Now is not the time to relax, to slack off," he said.

Herman Moore, chairman of the Board of Directors of GBC/BIG cited the need for the Black middle class to become more active. "We need to take a stand, to recognize our proper leadership role in the struggle for human rights, not lay back as if we have it made," he said.

Certificates of appreciation were presented to persons who are serving as tutors for BIG's Junior Federal Examination prep course currently being taught at Walbrook High School. Ms. Carmelita Hackett, chairperson of the program committee, presented certificates to Ms. Barbara Motley, Mr. John Stanley, Ms. Carol Ashley, Ms. W. Gwendolyn Watson, Mr. Melvin Willingham and Mr. Robert McKinley.

Ms. Bobbie Swann, executive vice president, was mistress of ceremonies. Members of the Ways and Means Committee which was responsible for the affair were Richard Harris, Henry Holman, Darlene Smallwood, Bobbie Swann, and Gertrude Wiggins.

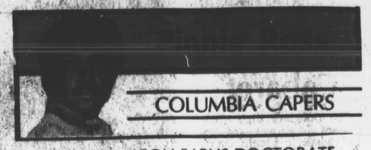
Among the guests recognized from the podium were City Councilperson Iris Reeves, Fifth D.,; Sandy Crank, Associate Commissioner for Policy at the Social Security Administration and Sandy Stewart, of the Rainbow Coalition.

Also noted were representatives of Social Security's Black Affairs Advisory Council (BAAC) and AFGE Local 1923, the Office of Hearings and Appeals BIG chapter, and the Patent and Trademark Office BIG Chapter.

Other GBC/BIG officers are Jeff Carey, vice president for Federal Affairs; William Foster, vice president for State Affairs; Melva Green, vice president for Local Affairs; Darlene Smallwood, secretary; Mildred Owens, treasurer; Gertrude Wiggins, financial secretary and Vivian Paysour, corresponding secretary.

Early this month when the February and June 1945 classes of the Frederick Douglass High school sponsored their annual Oldie but goodie Disco at the Cahill Recreation Center on Clifton Avenue.

Among the beautiful people seen dancing to the music of Disco Man Louis Nixon were Sylvia Stafford, Anne Stokes, Lucy Green, Albert Jones, Nellie Becks, Clara Richardson, Bernadine Harper, Grace Campbell, Connie Beckett and retirees Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Melrose and Vera Martin.



CLAUDE M. LIGON EARNS DOCTORATE

Dr. Claude M. Ligon, a resident of Columbia, MD, was recently awarded the Ph.D. degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Maryland at College Park. Dr. Ligon is believed to be the first black American to receive a doctorate degree in his specialty, Transportation Planning and Traffic Engineering — at that campus.

For his dissertation, Dr. Ligon developed the Highway Safety Improvement Decision Model which employs computerized linear programming techniques to optimally allocate highway safety improvement funds among competing hazardous highway locations.

This model is of benefit to the various state highway departments particularly with respect to improvements on their portions of the Interstate System.

A native of Baltimore, Dr. Ligon attended public schools there, graduating from Douglass High School. He received his B.S. degree in Mathematics from Morgan State, a B.S. degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Illinois and a Master's and Ph.D. in Civil Engineering from the University of Maryland.

Upon completion of the ROTC program at Morgan State, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as a Regular Army Officer. He served more than twenty - three years of active duty, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1979.

While on active duty he served at many stateside posts, in addition to tours of duty in Europe, Korea and Vietnam.

Colonel Ligon's last four years of active duty were served at his Alma Mater, Morgan State, where he was Professor of Military Science, and chairman of the ROTC program.

In was at commencement 1979 that he commissioned his son, Claude M. Ligon, Jr., as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Military Intelligence Corps. Captain Claude M. Ligon, Jr., is currently stationed in Stuttgart, West Germany with his wife, Pamela (Copeland). He is assigned to the G-2 Section of Headquarters VII Corps.

Dr. Ligon's military decorations and awards include the Ranger Tab, Parachute Badge, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), Air Medal, Army, Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal with four Campaign Stars, Vietnam Service Medal, Meritorious Unit Emblem (two awards), and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Gold Palm.

Since retiring from the Army, Dr. Ligon has been the Manager of the Civil Engineer and Transportation Systems Division of AMAF Industries in Columbia.

Additionally, he has served on several public committees and commissions which include the Columbia Residents Transportation Committee, Howard County Public Transportation Committee, Howard County Arts Grants Committee, and the Baltimore Public Schools Industrial Arts Advisory Committee.

He is a registered Professional Engineer in the state of Maryland, Commonwealth of Virginia, and the District of Columbia. He is a member of American Society of Civil Engineers, Institute of Transportation Engineers and the Transportation Research Board.

Dr. Ligon is a member of the NAACP, Baltimore Urban League, Life Member of MSU Alumni Association and Life Member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. He has been a member of the Baltimore Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and is a Charter Member and past Polemarch of the Columbia (MD) Alumni Chapter.

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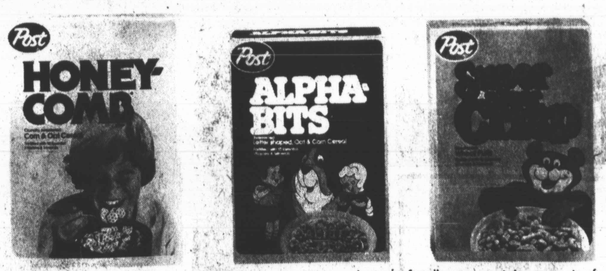

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