Engagements and Weddings

Kim Bailey weds Eugene F. Middleton

Mrs. Eugene F. Middleton
new bride

Mrs. Patricia Bailey and Carlton L. Bailey are proud to announce the marriage of their Daughter, Kim LaVerne, to Eugene F. Middleton, son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Middleton.

The Rev. William A. Hayes officiated at the ceremony on Saturday, held recently at the First Church of the Brethren, 4500 Liberty Heights Ave.

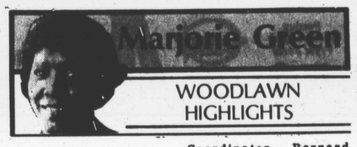
The bridal party included Carla Bailey, Sister of the Bride, who was Maid - of - Honor; and Roxann Franklin, Norma Spencer and Deborah Wells, bridesmaids.

The Best Man was Anthony Middleton, a brother of the Groom. The Ushers were John, Marvin, and Richard Middleton — all brothers of the Groom.

A reception and luncheon was held following the ceremony at the Regency Terrace, 4147 Labyrinth Rd.

The couple honeymooned in the Poconos, and are residing in Alexandria, VA.

Kim is employed by Citycorp Financial in Vienna, VA, and Eugene is employed by Frank E. Williams, Consulting Engineers in Falls Church, VA.



Marjorie Green

WOODLAWN HIGHLIGHTS

PARADE OF LADIE'S FASHIONS

The Holiday Inn, Belmont was the scene of an exciting parade of ladies' fashions presented by Christine Patterson and Sylvia Graves. The exotic fashions carried the Cameo Fashion label and were offered for sale to interested buyers in the audience.

Stephanie and Janice Fogg, Mary Fair, Maria Simmons and Keto Hayes were among the lovely models who demonstrated their entertainment talents under the watchful eye of Fashion Coordinator Bernard Borroughs. Charlie Stewart, acting as commentator, was his usual witty self. Photography was handled by Darwin Wilson, husband of SSA'er Mildred Wilson.

SUMLER PARRON HONORED

Sunday, November 18, was appreciation and awards day for persons selected for recognition by Jerusalem Temple No. 4 Shriners Patrol Department. Over 225 members and their guests gathered at the Masonic Temple on Eutaw Place to witness the special event.

Heading up the list of honorees was the Reverend Sumler E. Parron who has rendered over 40 years of service to the Patrol Department.

An army veteran, Parron served in France in 1918. He surprised everyone with the announcement that he will celebrate his 100th birthday on Monday, December 10.

BABY NEWS

Mrs. Debbie Green returned to work recently after spending six weeks at home with her 11 lb. baby boy. The bundle of joy has been named Robert Linwood Green.

A bouncing 8 lb. 10 oz. baby boy was born to Recovery Reviewer Mrs. Susan "Sue" Harper on Thursday, November 15.

ALL IN THE FAMILY

Charles and Patricia Loney eagerly awaited the arrival home of their son Charles, Jr., during the Thanksgiving holiday. A Walbrook High School graduate, Charles Jr. is attending the Delaware State University on a full football scholarship. Patricia works for the Federal Government while Charles Sr. works for the City of Baltimore.

Charles Jr. is the great nephew of Levi Bailey, a Jerusalem No. 4 Shriner and recent SSA retiree who is completing plans to celebrate his retirement at a dinner dance sponsored by former co-workers at Martins Champagne room on Friday, November 30.

ANOTHER RETIREMENT

A retirement dinner dance was scheduled for November 30 at Meushaw's honoring Ms. Marie Scott. Committee members Angie Alexander, Janet Jones and Inell Moore coordinated the event sponsored by co-workers and friends of the honoree.

MITTENS FOR CHRISTMAS

Christmas is almost here and employees working in the Woodlawn Dickinson Building have already kicked off the Annual Mitten Tree Drive. A short ceremony attended by Mrs. Hulda Lieberman and Disability Division Directors was held around the building Christmas tree early last week.

Over 14,000 mittens donated by SSA employees were distributed to children in Baltimore City and Baltimore County last year. The employees have set a higher goal for their collection this year. Ms. Lynda Hyatt will coordinate this year's effort.

JUBILEE DAY

Make plans to attend the Maryland State Jubilee celebration Sunday, January 6, 1985 at Sharp St. United Methodist Church, Etting and Dolphin Sts. The celebration will mark the observance of the issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation by Abraham Lincoln in September, 1862.

The celebration spearheaded by NAACP Branches throughout the state and community leaders, is expected to attract a standing room only crowd of Maryland citizens.

Kelly Hill

SINGLE PARENTING

PROTECTING YOUR CHILDREN

As a single parent, it is often hard to know what is right and what is wrong. Attitudes and behavior patterns are not worn on the outside of our coattails, so, if you meet up with someone who has a mental problem, how are you supposed to know?

This past week, the picture Fatal Vision aired. Also, 20-20 TV show aired a segment on sexual abuse involving children. The truth is that you can't suspect everyone that comes into your life, and if sexual abuse happens to your child, what can you do about it? Probably nothing "IMMEDIATELY" but if you follow the systematic approach you may be able to get help. However, if you saw 20-20, you felt helpless to watch how the system worked against an innocent victim.

Can you really say that justice is blind at times? According to the family interviewed on 20-20 they separated and eventually divorced leaving custody with the mother and the father with visitation rights. On any given visit, the victim a two-year-old, complained to the mother that she did not want to visit her father anymore.

Now, don't get the impression that I am saying that sexual abuse only involves the father, there are known cases where women can also be the molesters. Getting back to the story, the mother examined the child and came to the conclusion that the father was molesting the child and she tried to refuse him visitation rights.

Unfortunately, the mother had no proof that the father was in fact the molester and consequently, the father blamed the mother for sexually abusing the child.

Because of the lack of documented evidence, the court ordered the mother to reinstitute visitation rights to the father or she would be in contempt of court. After repeated attempts, she was able to gather evidence of sexual molestation against the father. The father's visitation rights were revoked.

However, the most important factor here is that it took 2-3 years before she was successful. By this time, can you imagine what this five year old must have gone through?

Mental illness .... unable to detect immediately. The picture, Fatal Vision, dealt with a person with an unsuspected mental illness that did not erupt until he had killed his entire family. How do you recognize mental illness? This article ties the single parent into a web of factors that are necessary to protect your children from sexual abuse and mental illness.

Be extremely careful when considering bringing outsiders into your family life. Protection of your children against child molesters and those who may have a mental disorder should be among the list of things that you, as a parent, must consider.

For those single parents starting new relationships with live-in companions, for the sake of your child, consider the negative aspects of this type of relationship.

Do some research on the person you are getting involved with. This does not mean you should carry your Sherlock Holmes book with you, but develop an attitude of awareness of your surroundings and your family and take a look at what is occurring within your household.

Set your limit as to how far you will let this new person take charge of your children and your household. Let's face it, your household is what you make it.

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Religion In Modern Life

Churches to be encouraged to push for black adoption

Father George Clemons, founder of the "One Church, One Child" adoption campaign, and his congregation from Chicago, Ill. will be at Metropolitan United Methodist Church, Carrollton Ave. and Lanvale St., on Wednesday, December 5, 12 noon.

An effort by the local Black Adoption Recruitment Network to attract more Marylanders, especially Baltimoreans, to the large numbers of black children that need to be adopted, Father Clemons will advocate his program requesting each church to encourage at least one member of their congregation to adopt a black child.

The "One Church, One Child" program has proven to be a success. The National Black Child Development Institute in Washington credits the campaign with increasing the number of black adoptions nationwide last year.

The adoption of black children in Maryland has become much more of a crises than it has in some other states. The Maryland State Adoption Agency reports that some 74 percent of the children registered with the Maryland Adoption Resource Exchange are black.

Father Clemons is the adopted father of two teenage boys, Joey and Friday. He, having aspirations to become a priest at 19, became the first black to graduate from Quigley Seminary in Chicago. Pastor Clemons has also received a B.A. in Philosophy and an M.A. in theology and has done postgraduate work in Theology.

A strong advocate of the adoption of black children, the Father has traveled around the country endorsing the cause.

Nationally, black children now comprise 14 percent of the child population, but make up 25 percent of the foster care population, according to BARN. 33 percent of the children are eligible for adoption.

BARN is an organization dedicated to finding black adoptive parents for the many black children in the state of Maryland who have no permanent families.

Some are sibling groups. Some are adolescents. Some have extra special needs. All of them are in need of security, guidance and love that a permanent adoptive family can offer, according to BARN representatives.

The Maryland Adoption Resource Exhange is a registration - matching listing of children who are in need of adoptive homes; and adoptive families who are ready to have children placed with them. BARN is encouraging interested people to call them.

6000 attend First Apostolic's Youth and Young Adult Crusade

By Eddie King
AFRO Religion Editor

Some 6,000 youth and young adults from around the country have joined those at First Apostolic Faith Intitutional Church, 25 S. Caroline St., throughout the week in their annual crusade being held this week through Sunday.

From as far away as Massachusetts, North Carolina, New Jersey, California and loads of other states, young people came with the fullest enthusiasm delivering on their own messages to the youth of Baltimore.

Almost every denomination was represented including the Fire, Baptized Holiness Churches, Baptist, Church of God in Christ, Bibleway and others.

"There has been a pretty good crowd each night, filling the church completely," said Carolyn Showell, one of the organizers of the crusade.

The crusade began 35 years ago as a replacement for Youth and Young Adult Day at First Apostolic. "We just kind of thought it would be good to bring as many young people as we could together and rejoice in the Lord and share experiences," said Carolyn.

Guest minister for the week has been Bishop Jesse Ellis of Memphis, Tenn. who concludes tonight (Friday), 7:30 p.m. He is the adjunct Bishop to the Presiding Bishop of the Churches of God in Christ.

Most of the sponsoring youth have been responsible for carrying out particular duties to make sure the crusade continues its annual tradition of being a success.

And a success it is, demonstrated most by the overflowing crowds and emotional praises.

Saturday night at 7:30 p.m., the Voices of Apostolic will celebrate their anniversary in the spirit of the crusade, bringing together some of the more noticable youth choirs around including Prof. Charles Stewart and the Voices of Praise of New Jersey, Michael Harden and the Green Street Community Choir, New Jersey also and the Jones Brothers of Baltimore.

AFRO Photos by Bruce Smallwood

VOICES OF APOSTOLIC of First Apostolic Institutional Faith Church have proven themselves to be one of the best of city choirs. In conjunction with the Youth Crusade sponsored this week, the group will celebrate their anniversary Saturday, Dec. 1, 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Iona Locke, national vice president of Young People of the Pentecost Assemblies of the World, will be the mistress of ceremonies for the occasion.

The approximately 10-voice choir, having been together for a number of years, has maintained its stability as one of the city's most outstanding choirs, having background for a number of celebrities.

Sunday, Dec. 2, will be the presentation date for an annual concert given by the Voices. To conclude the crusade week, the choir will rehash some of their oldies but goodies and belt out some of their new material at this event. The concert will begin at 4 p.m. at the church.

Youth and Young Adults of First Apostolic are already looking forward to next year's crusade. Hints are circulating strongly that the choir may have recorded their first album by then.

Bishop Winfield Showell is the pastor of First Apostolic.

CAROLYN SHOWELL, musician for much of the crusade, smiles for AFRO camera.

PRAYER TIME — Over 1,200 a night attended th youth crusade at First Apostolic Church this week through Sunday. Prayer became an active part of the services, before and after. Pictured are some prayerful saints caught just before service.

CRUSADE HAPPENINGS included some of the fantastic cooking of George Whitehead in preparation for guests who came from several bordering states, including New Jersey, Massachusetts and North Carolina.

NCCC head elected

Bishop Philip R. Cousin, a bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, was re-elected president of the National Council of Churches earlier this month.

The first NCCC president from a predominantly black church body, Bishop Cousin has served in that post since November 1983, when former president James Armstrong stepped down. His re-election means that he will continue as NCCC president through 1987.

The Bishop serves the 11th Episcopal District of the A.M.E. Church, based in Jacksonville, Fla.

Bishop Cousin carefully pays attention to civil rights actions and participates frequently in the influence of political gains.

"In our country, there are many Christians now who are calling for a return to the traditional values and the practices of yesterday. Being a black Southerner... I view with caution this call to return to the traditions and practices of yesterday. For me, this could mean a return to separate but equal in the school system—rather separate but equal."

In the 33 years since his ordination to the ministry, he has accepted each new opportunity with vigor and a sense of challenge.

"I've never been sent anywhere that I thought I'd want to go," he said, "but I've always liked it when I got there!"

By the end of his presidency, Cousin will have served longer than any previous NCCC president, each of whom has served a standard three-year term. His record also may hold for some time to come, since the Governing Board has approved the report of a special panel on the council's future which recommends that, beginning in 1988, the NCCC presidency be limited to a two year term.

Cousin, 51, is married to Margaret Joan and has five sons.

Metro Church Briefs

Pimlico Center

Parkins Square Gospel Chorus and the Voices of Praise Gospel Singers is sponsoring their first pre-holiday gospel banquet at the Pimlico Center, 5430 Park Heights Ave., on Friday, November 30, 7 p.m. Included guests will be Jesse Newson, John Highsmith, Good News Singers and others.

Walbrook Senior High

Walbrook Senior High School, 2000 Edgewood St., will be the site for a concert by the Morgan State University Choir on Friday, November 30, 8 p.m. $6.

Ray of Hope Baptist

Matron's Auxiliary of Ray of Hope Baptist Church, 3000 Parkside Drive, will feature and star in a play, "None But The Righteous," on Fri., Nov. 30, 7:30 p.m.

Sisters in Solidarity

Sisters In Solidarity are giving a breakfast and dialogue at Martins West, Sat., Dec. 1, 8 a.m. For further info. call Brenda West, 795-7451.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran

An annual beef supper, bake sale and bazaar will be sponsored at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Grindon and Mainfield Aves., on Sat., Dec. 1, 3-7 p.m. $6.

St. Andrew's Episcopal

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 6515 Loch Raven Blvd., will hold a bazaar and flea market on Friday, Nov. 30, 1-8 p.m. and Sat., Dec. 1, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Wayland Baptist

Seventh Annual Gospel Luncheon at Wayland Baptist Church, 3200 Garrison Blvd., will be held Sat., Dec. 1, 1 p.m., Featured guests will include Tommy Roberts, James Thornton, Roland Joe Smith, Carter Robinson, Julia Price Williams, Rev. Duane Simmons, Vashti Gospel Singers, Julia Graham, Linda MaNell and Samuel Shufford.

Adams Chapel A.M.E.

Councilman Kweisi Mfume will be the 6 p.m. speaker for a banquet at Adams Chapel A.M.E. Church, 3811 Egerton Rd., on Sat., Dec. 1. $5.

Enon Baptist

Bazaar and dinner will be sponsored at Enon Baptist Church, Edmondson Ave. and Schroeder St., on Sat., Dec. 1, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. $3.50

Wildwood Parkway U.M.

Sanctuary Choir of Wildwood Parkway United Methodist Church, 700 Wildwood Parkway, will hold its 3rd musical concert on Dec. 2, 4 p.m.

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