NEWLYWEDS DR. AND MRS. WILLIAM D. STANLEY (R) greet a guest during the reception following their November 16 wedding at St. Phillips Lutheran Church.

Dr. Bonnie L. Taylor weds Dr. William D. Stanley

Bonnie Lynn Taylor, D.D.S., 4800 block Gilray Dr., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James G. Taylor Sr. was wed Saturday, Nov. 16 to William David Stanley, M.D., Bensalem, PA, son of Eugene Stanley and the late Mrs. Dorothy P. Stanley, 2500 block Overland Ave., Baltimore.

The double ring nuptials were performed at St. Philips Lutheran Church at 12 noon by the Rev. R. Calvin Jordon, assisted by the Rev. P.M. Smith.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a floor length antique white satin gown with chapel train. Her gown, with soft illusion yoke of silk organdy had a keyhole back which crowned tapered window-paned sleeves.

The embracing bodice of beaded antique lace over satin had a Basque waist from which flowed a flared bottom of antique satin dotted with beaded lace applique that also bordered the train.

The ballerina length veil cascaded from a headband of creamy silk flowers.

She carried a floral arrangement of dusty rose colored silk roses surrounded by a spray of antique white silk flowers.

Matron of Honor Mrs. Pamela Brantley-Lewis, Baltimore, wore a ballerina length dusty rose satin dress with three-quarter length sleeves. The dress had a jeweled neckline with modestly opened back.

Her flowers included a spray of lavender and dusty rose silk flowers with matching ribbon streamers.

Bridesmaids Miss Gale Watson's M's Belinda Johnson and M's Vinetta Paige, all of Baltimore and Silver Spring, MD, were ballerina length lavender satin dresses with three-quarter length sleeves. The dresses had jeweled necklines with modestly opened backs.

Their flowers were sprays of lavender and dusty rose silk flowers with matching ribbon streamers.

Flower girls Misses RaeKesha Griffin, Owings Mills, MD and Tracey Turpin, Baltimore, wore identical dresses, one in lavender satin and the other dusty rose satin.

Best Man was Benjamin Griffin, Baltimore. Groomsmen were Michael Dudley, Baltimore; Charles Johnson, Philadelphia, PA; John Tolliver, Ladenwald, NJ and James Thomas, Harrisonburg, VA

Ushers were James B. Taylor and William Cousens, Jr., both of Baltimore. Ring Bearer was James B. Taylor III, Baltimore.

Decorations at the church included floral baskets at the altar and floral arrangements with ribbons on the pews.

Musical Programs Organist was Mrs. Elizabeth Day. Soloists were April Haines, Phyllis Jackson and Janet Holmes.

A reception was hosted for the couple at Historic Westminster, Fayette and Greene Sts.

Guests at the reception were from Philadelphia and surrounding suburbs, New York City, NY; Virginia--Harrisonburg, Rocky Mount, NC and Bermuda.

The bride is a graduate of Morgan State University and the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery and the University of Maryland Dental School.

She has worked as a general practice dentist at Park West Medical center, Johns Hopkins Health Plan in Baltimore.

The groom is a graduate of Morgan State University and Rutgers Medical School. He practices Internal Medicine in New Jersey.

The couple honeymooned in Barbados, the West Indies. They are at home in Bensalem, PA.

--'Party '

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scrumptions array of foods of mammoth proportions and multiplicity in variety. The entire dining room table was laden with internationally prepared delicacies, prepared by staff people at DAC, many of whom had prepared dishes representing their nations and countries.

There were so many mouth-watering desserts that a special side buffet had to be set up to hold them all.

Guests, who were clad mostly in colorful cocktail garb, gorged themselves to the hilt and then went to dance it down to more music.

The piece-de-resistance of the evening was the appearance and performance of an exotic Middle Eastern dancer.

As she went through her paces around the club basement, she titillated the egos of many males by dancing up to them tantalizingly, much to their delight and much to everyone's humor.

During her finale she wrapped her stole around the host's head, making him look much like a sultan, and he rose to the occasion by going through a few paces of his own with her.

It was a splendid party, which began at 9 p.m., and though scheduled to end at 1 a.m., continued until the deejays broke down their equipment to leave in the wee wee hours.

Hostesses for the party were Linda Bradford, Wendy Stephenson (organizer of the attending hostesses) and Kathy Day.

Guests included City Councilwoman Iris Reeves, Dr. Roy Vincent, Roy McDonald, Department Head at Howard U.; Dr. Doreen McDonald, general practitioner; Dr. John Moore, Provost, University of MD, College Park; Mrs. Marjorie Moore, his wife; Dr. William Massey, Board Chairman for all Community colleges of MD; Gloria Massey, his wife, who is with Jet Magazine; Ms. Jaki Hall, co-host City Line, WJZ-TV; Atty. Alease Jude Mason, Clara Giles Carter, Muriel Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. James Roberts (he's with the Greater Baltimore Committee); Carol Ann Lyon, Dr. Harold Johnson, gynecologist, of Washington, DC; and Mrs. Helen Wongsam.

RUSSELL CURRY who plays the role of Carter Todd on "Another World" visited the AFRO recently.

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BALTIMORE CHOIR PERFORMS

The Citizens Celebrating Baltimore choir, directed by Baltimore City School Board employee, Hugh Carey, performed a half hour on program during the opening ceremonies for the new Ft. McHenry Tunnel last weekend.

The choir with approximately 60 members, age 16 through 65, has been in existence for three years. They were organized under the sponsorship of the Baltimore City government and the Community College of Baltimore (CCB).

The word is also out that this choir of fantastic voices will present an unusual pre-holiday Christmas program at the CCB Harbor Campus.

For additional information call (301) 396-1546.

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CONGRATULATIONS

Fred Guyer, Technical Assistant in the Office of Disability Operations, SSA, recently received a written commendation from the Lumberton, NC District Office, citing him for concern and cooperation far beyond the call of duty when processing wage earner claims.

"He takes a personal interest in the claimant and processes all claims timely regardless of the nature of the authorization problem" stated a co-worker.

Fred's response to the commendation was "I don't think I am doing anything special. We are all one big family."

He is also a recipient of the Commissioners citation, one of SSA's highest awards.

A devoted family man, he and his wife Mary Jane have two sons, Christopher and Darren.

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LUNCHEON - CARD PARTY

Members of the Friday Niters recently entertained guests at their Third Annual Luncheon and Card Party held at Meushaws on Security Boulevard. Pinochle, bridge and Po-ke-no winners were the recipients of a variety of gifts and door prizes.

Ms. Catherine Richardson chaired the event attended by club members Mattie Lewis, Doris Wright, Carie Langley, Thelma Erwin, Ellen Edwards, Eva Saunders, Alma Edwards aad Aretha J. Mayor, club president.

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FOOD COMMITTEE

A few eeks ago, the SSA food committee in the Dickinson building held its largest benefit fundraiser. The activity was held to benefit the food project sponsored by the employed.

The committee collected cans of food donated by employeed throughout the Bureau of Disability Operations and sold 98 records of "Home Is Where The Help Is." The record made by a group of 60 talented artists and produced by 98 Rock sold out in less than an hour making it the largest single sale of the record to date.

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SPINGARN AWARD

The NAACP Spingarn Medal will be presented to Bill Cosby this weekend during a gala affair held at the Marriott Marquiee Hotel in New York City. Mayor Coleman Young of Detroit and singer Lena Horne are past recipients of the NAACP's prestigious award.

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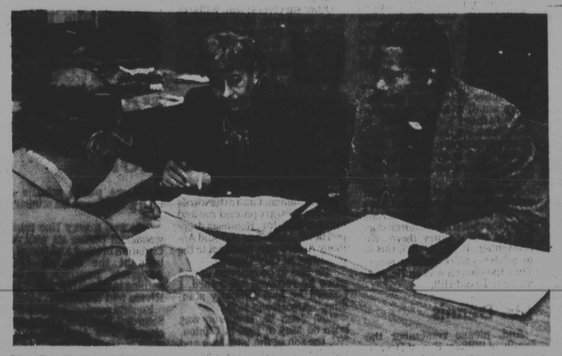

Mrs. Rae Holden and Father Peter Bramble discuss the dynamics of Black Economic Empowerment with AFRO president John Murphy, III (Mr. M Murphy is at the left).

By Brion Tyson
AFRO Staff Writer

Rev. Peter Bramble of St. Katherine's Episcopal Church, 2001 Division St., strongly believes that in spite of visible conditions that seem to suggest otherwise, black people can help themselves to economic empowerment and break the cycle of failure in the black community. Through well-planned and coordinated efforts, Rev. Bramble believes that blacks can utilize their capacity and potential to advance their social, political and economic interests.

Although optimistic, Rev. Bramble cites several areas affecting blacks and says although not apparent, things are getting worse.

Among those factors, asserts Rev. Bramble, are black unemployment, an increasing number of single-parent households, black on black crime, and the fact that blacks continue to function in the economic system as large consumers as opposed to producers.

In his research, Rev. Bramble finds that since 1960, the number of black families headed by women has more than tripled.

"Today, more than half of all black families with children are headed by women, and that's far too many," Rev. Bramble told the AFRO.

Concerned also about the problem of unemployment among black men, Rev. Bramble said that it too contributes to the large number of single-parent households.

"Fathers who are unemployed cannot provide for their children and many end up leaving the household. Today we have 4.6 million children growing up without a father. However 3.3 million live in poverty," Father Bramble said.

Citing the findings of his research, Father Bramble stated that unemployment among blacks is twice the national average; and millions of black people, for various reasons, are not counted as part of the labor force. Of these, two black men are outside the labor force for each one counted as being unemployed.

As a result, according to his findings, many of these children turn out to be low academic achievers with a consequent sense of low self-esteem. Many of these young men end up in prison and the young women of these households often become mothers while still in their teens.

The program at St. Katherine's Episcopal Church will include planned parenthood counseling for city teenagers.

Moving to black on black crime, Rev. Bramble expressed concerned over the great fear that this phenomenon has caused in the black community. He plans to devise a number of outreach, counseling services at his church, St. Katherine's Episcopal, to offer guidance and services to those in need.

In a report based on his research, Rev. Bramble cites black on black crime as the leading cause of death among black males in the United States. His report states that in 1978, more black men were killed in America by other blacks than all the black men killed during the Vietnam War.

Also in his report, researchers indicate that unemployment, stress, institutional racism, hopelessness, a sense of helplessness, substance abuse and deficient human relations are primary factors that lead to black on black crimes.

"Because of the complexity of this problem, a dynamic, multi-faceted solution will be required to end it," Rev. Bramble said.

In Baltimore, 59 out of 61 murders between January and April had black victims. The high number of black teenagers killed violently during the summer months inspired another local clergyman, Rev. Willie Ray, to initiate a "Stop the Killing" campaign. The campaign organization has sponsored a number of area carnivals, concerts, and other activities.

Economically, Rev. Bramble describes blacks' problem as one not of poverty, but the failure to harness their annual purchasing power which, according to reports, exceeds two hundred billion dollars.

"This represents a massive economic power that is not being harnessed to our collective benefit. The spending power of American blacks, if placed in economic perspective, exceeds the combined dollar value of trade done among the United States and Japan, Russia, or China. In 1983 blacks spent an estimated 160 billion dollars," Rev. Bramble told the AFRO.

But because blacks have never developed a network of economic resources within their communities, according to Rev. Bramble, they remain a people without economic power.

Rev. Bramble seeks to raise $35,000 for the development of a non-profit foundation that will support the funding of the economic development of blacks across the country.

"Through charitable contributions and other sources of fund-raising, the foundation will raise its own funds and the initial monies will be used to hire a management team that will oversee the entire operation," said Rev. Bramble in his report on the plan.

Through the "boot strap" theory, Rev. Bramble believes that blacks will uplift themselves and regain some of their self respect.

"If shown the way and helped at the crucial points, blacks can demonstrate to themselves and the world that they can succeed," Rev. Bramble said.

Highlights from Associated Managers' "Feed the Hungry" Bullroast Banquet

Members of the group Les Fleurs entertain the crowd at Associated Manager's Bullroast Banquet held at the Forum. Over 500 attended.

Shown above receiving awards at the A.M. Banquet are: Charles Crisp, Claude Parker, Beverly Burke, and Charles Boardman. Walt Thornton is announcer.

Evangical Effort against VA food store

RICHMOND

Calling its protest against Winn-Dixie supermarkets an "evangelical effort" rather than a war, Rev. Joseph E. Lowery, national president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), announced a nationwide expansion of its campaign to get the supermarket chain to dispose of all food products it has purchased from South Africa where millions of blacks are virtually enslaved under apartheid.

Leading a press conference at Fifth Baptist Church in North Richmond, Rev. Lowery said the expanded protest campaign is also in protest of Winn-Dixie's employment policies which he said discriminates against blacks and women as evidenced by the firm's lack of black and female high level executives. He said that of Winn-Dixie's 1262 stores less than 60 of them are managed by blacks.

Lowery said it is "insulting" that blacks account for 23 to 24 percent of Winn-Dixie's patrons (more than $1 billion out of $6.8 billion in sales in 1984) yet the firm has only a "handful of black managers," "no black executives," "no women." He said Winn-Dixie does not do very much business with black-owned businesses or businesses owned by women.

Lowery admitted several times during the press conference that he did not have a lot of concrete information about Winn-Dixie, or about the store's inventory because "they won't talk." He said SCLC officials even "wired them" but never received a response to their communication.

According to Lowery, Winn-Dixie officials say they will meet with SCLC representatives when they call off the boycott. It's hardly likely that they will call off the boycott because they are hard to get going and you just can't turn them off like a faucet, he said.

"We're not trying to put Winn-Dixie out of business," Lowery said, "we are trying to put justice in business. But he said that as much as "we would like to end (the boycott) tomorrow," they won't end it until justice is done.

SCLC has targeted Winn-Dixie for protest marches and boycotts because of what it calls the supermarket chain's support of apartheid in South Africa through its purchase of canned peaches, pears and apples which are now "stored in warehouses awaiting the opportunity to be sold." Supermarket officials have said they plan no further purchases from South Africa.

"They ought to take those products and donate (them) to the hungry people of the world," Lowery said Monday.

"We feel (Winn-Dixie) owes it to the community of conscience to take from its shelves those products it has imported from South Africa," Rev. Lowery said. He said the supermarket is also selling frozen fish (whiting) from South Africa.

When asked if SCLC was waging war against Winn-Dixie, Rev. Lowery said, "It's not a war, it's (an) evangelical effort. We are trying to save their souls."

Rev. Lowery was joined at the press conference by George A. Taylor, local president; Raymond Tucker, of the SCLC State Board; Rev. Curtis W. Harris, state president; and Henry L. Marsh 3rd, Richmond City Councilman (7th District) who was there to show his support for the protest campaign and to urge his supporters to do likewise.

(Above from left to right) Ike Rasbury, representative Rev. Wendell Phillips, and fundraiser chairperson, Guy Patrick

A.M. president Ike Rasbury gives flowers to M.C. Beverly Burke dur-

METRO CHURCH BRIEFS

MORNINGSTAR BAPTIST CHURCH

A Golden Age Fellowship Dinner will be held on Saturday, Dec. 14 at 3 p.m. The event will take place at Morningstar Baptist Church, 1063 W. Fayette St. This dinner is being sponsored by the Life to Life Givers and WEAA Radio for the purpose of honoring approximately 250 senior citizens.

Participants will include City Council President Clarence "Du" Burns, State's Attorney Kurt Schmoke, Sen. Nathan Irby, Del. Elijah Cummings, Councilman Nathaniel McFadden, Judge Robert Bell, former State Sen. Verda Welcome, and Rep. Parren J. Mitchell. For information, call Ernest Dorsey at 396-7546 or 276-2329.

GRACE INITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Chancel Choir will present a Carol Service on Sunday, Dec. 15 at 4,30 p.m. at Grace United Methodist Church, 5407 N. Charles St. near Northern Parkway. The program will feature Robert Elmore's "The Incarnate Word." The choir is under the direction of Bruce R. Eicher, organist. Soloists include Alice Mack, Kathy Arnold, John Tyler, and Paul Redline.

EMMANUEL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Emmanuel Christian Community Church will present Vesper Services, the singing of Christmas music, on Sunday, Dec. 22 at 4 p.m.

A freewill offering will be accepted. The church is located at Carrollton Avenue and Lanvale Street. Rev. Sidney Daniels is pastor.

WILDWOOD PARKWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

"The Sanctuary Choir of Wildwood Parkway United Methodist Church extends to you an invitation to attend its Fourth Annual Concert on Sunday, Dec. 8th at 4 p.m. The theme will be "We are what we sing!!!" Come let us make a joyful noise unto the Lord. The church is located at 700 Wildwood Pkwy.

MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA

Executive Intervention: For the purpose of preservation of the Moorish Code-Pursuant to Chapter 48: Article 1 of the Moorish Code Effected in 1985. All members and officers or persons that claim to be the prophet in the flesh of the Moorish Science Temple of America shall be in violation of the Moorish Criminal Code and other federal laws, and will be subject to arrest, prosecution and conviction by law. The last prophet in these days is the Noble Drew Ali, the prophet and founder of the Moorish Science Temple of America Inc., Illionis statutes. Please send all replies to Domestic Public Relations (Morrish Court) P.O. Box 23825, Baltimore, MD.

PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE A.M.E. ZION CHURCH

The youth of Pennsylvania Ave. A.M.E. Zion Church will hold their Annual Bazaar and Variety Dinner on Saturday, Dec. 14, starting at 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. Many items will be on sale at a very low cost.

The variety dinner will consist of fish, chicken, potato salad, green beans and homemade cakes and pies. Come and enjoy an afternoon of fun and relaxation. Persons of all ages are welcome. The church is located at the corner of Pennsylvania Avenue and Dolphin Street. Rev. Meredith H. Sheridan is