Grandson of slave becomes No. 2 man in Virginia

Photo by Sam Courtney
Historic occasion is shown as Douglas Wilder, the first black elected to a statewide position since Reconstruction, is sworn in on Jan. 11. Scene is at state Capitol in Richmond. As Wilder takes oath of office as Lieutenant Governor of Virginia, his family watches.

Lt. Gov. Wilder is shown with top Virginia officials. The outgoing governor, Charles Robb, is at right.

The inauguration scene of Gov. Baliles is shown in.

(AFRO Photo by Frank Davis)
Lt. Gov. Wilder has a good laugh as his long-time friend & Rosa Lee Clark gets ready to present him with a bronze shoe, representing the thousands of miles Wilder traveled across the state on the campaign trail. The presentation was made during a breakfast after the inaugural ball.

Bishop Desmond Tutu given keys to City of Washington

Mrs. Effi Barry, wife of the DC mayor, is shown Jan. 8 when the Tutu visited the DC City Hall to be honored by the mayor.

Bishop Tutu and DC Mayor Marion Barry. The Bishop received the key to the City of Washington.

CAPITAL LAY AT HIS FEET AFTER VISIT

OUR WORLD

200 HONOR JO SLOAN AT RETIREMENT PARTY

More than 200 guests saluted Jo Rogers Sloan at the Forum Friday evening, January 10, on her retirement as director of the Department of Service to Military Families of the Baltimore Chapter, American Red Cross.

Mrs. Sloan had worked for Red Cross 14 years; however, previous to that, she spent 19 years in various supervisory social work jobs in the State Department of Social Services at the Baltimore City office.

Between these employments the honoree was a special adoptions consultant for the Pearl S. Buck Foundation, which specializes in placing Asian and American Indian children in American homes.

At Friday night's affair numerous social workers and associates of Mrs. Sloan appeared on the two-hour-long program toasting the honoree and recalling anecdotes from her professional career.

They included: Dr. E. Fran Johnson, Mrs. Jennie Jenkins, Dr. Pearl Brachett, Mrs. Heloise Frazier, Mrs. Erma Meacham, Dr. Nancy Bennett, Hon. Clarence Du Burns, Hon. Victorine Adams, Mrs. Harriett Howard, Reginald Lawrence and Dr. Elizabeth M. Oliver.

Citations and plaques were given the honoree from Governor Harry Hughes, the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, and she was named Woman of the Year by the AFRO - AMERICAN Newspapers.

Co-chairpersons for the event were Dr. Bennett, Mrs. Jenkins and Mrs. Hilda Aller-Carter.

Music was furnished by Sylvester Graves, tenor, and the Rev. Marion Bascom. Mrs. Sloan's minister gave the invocation and benediction.

The honoree, in addition to her professional social work career, continues to be active as a member of the Business and Professional Women's Club, the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, where she is secretary of the Epsilon Omega Chapter, the 12+1 Social Club, the Baltimore City Fuel Fund board and as chairman of the trustee board of Douglas Memorial Community Church.

Many members of Mrs. Sloan's family attended the event, including her granddaughter, 7-year-old Nicole Rogers; her brother and sister-in-law, the Rev. and Mrs Odell Stewart of Newark, NJ; her sisters, Mrs. Bessie Davis of Philadelphia and Mrs. Dorothy Thomas, a Baltimore City teacher, Harry Fultz, a brother-in-law of Philadelphia; and her husband, local Attorney David E. Sloan.

ZETA'S DINNER DANCE

Recently a gala dinner dance was sponsored by Mu Xi Zeta Chapter, (Baltimore County) Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., hosting their second anniversary evening at La Fontaine Bleu, Erdman Ave.

The Chapter was chartered on October 2, 1983. The present basileus is Soror Gracie Dawkins.

Sorors and guests enjoyed the music by Big Jim, among other highlights of the evening.

An interesting calendar had been planned for the remainder of the year which included a holiday party at the home of Soror Deborah Briscoe for December and in January, the celebration by the chapter of the founding of the sorority. March 8-15 the chapter will host its Finer Womanhood Week.

In April they will be hosting the Maryland State Leadership Conference of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., and in June the chapter will close the season with the chapter's cook-out.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. was founded on January 16, 1920 by five young ladies. The objectives of the sorority are Finer Womanhood, Sisterly Love, Community Service and Scholarship.

LAMBDA KAPPA MU YULE LUNCHEON

The spirit of sisterhood and sharing permeated throughout the recent Yuletide Luncheon Meeting held by members of Lambda Kappa Mu Sorority, Iota Chapter.

The group gathered at noon on Dec. 21 at the Holiday Inn Belmont. Following their business meeting they savored a delicious luncheon consisting of ham, turkey, roast beef, string beans, parsley potatoes, tossed salad, cole slaw, potato salad, a relish tray and a variety of desserts and beverages.

Sorors were then entertained with a Yuletide Program which included the sing-a-long of Christmas carols.

Committee members for the program were Elizabeth S. Day, Sandra M. Wilmer and Denise Weems as chairperson.

A variety of beautifully wrapped gifts had been brought in by the sorors to be distributed to the sick and shut-in.

After an exchange of cards and well wishes for the New Year those in attendance departed

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JO ROGERS SLOAN displays some of the gifts and salutations which came her way Friday night, January 10, at her retirement party at the Forum. Assisting her, before the gathering of more than 200 well-wishers, friends and former associates is her husband, Attorney David E. Sloan. Mrs. Sloan has spent a total 33 years in various supervisory social work functions, including the last as director of Service to Military Families for the Baltimore Chapter, American Red Cross.

Reception hosted for Bishop Tutu

ENGAGED IN ANIMATED CONVERSATION during the reception hosted for Bishop Desmond Tutu and his family in the Charles Room of the Belvedere Hotel Friday, Jan. 10 are (L to R): Professor Ghinedozi Anonye, City Councilwoman Iris Reeves and Cheryl Miller.

Photos by P.A. Greene

ATTY. ELISE J. MASON (L) chats with Beth Anderson and Flo Davis.

BEVERLY DOUGLASS (L) greets Mary Robinson and Superintendent Alice G. Pinderhughes. Baltimore City School

THE REV. DR. JOHN R. BRYANT, pastor, Bethel A.M.E. Church, listens as Mankekola NeGobe drives home a point.

CAUGHT BY THE CAMERA are City Councilman Kwelsi Mfume and Portia Badham.

DR. LARRY PERRY, local cardiologist, and his wife are in on the festivities.

By Pattie Hodges

More than 200 folks, representing a cross section of Baltimore--educators, politicians, doctors, government officials--to name a few categories, gathered in the Charles Room of the Belvedere Hotel last Friday, Jan. 10.

The occasion--a reception held in honor of Bishop Desmond Tutu and his family, which began at 4 and lasted until 7 p.m. The event was sponsored by the Morgan State University Foundation.

Bishop Tutu, who was in Baltimore through the invitation of Dr. Levi Watkins, Associate Professor of Cardiac Surgery at Johns Hopkins Hospital, who had invited him as part of their fifth annual Commemorative activity for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., had spoken eloquently to a standing room only crowd at the Turner Auditorium (Monument St.) at noon that day and held a press conference afterwards. (Cuff Note: He got a standing ovation).

At the Belvedere, all the trappings were all in place. Bill Cummings, local master musician, was at the musical helm, cocktails of every kind flowed continuously and the buffet tables were laden with a wide variety of delectables---all superbly prepared. Everyone anxiously awaited the arrival of the guest of honor.

Soon there was a flurry of activity and Bishop Tutu, led by Dr. Watkins and accompanied by his wife, Leah, two of their daughters and a son-in-law, were whisked onto the platform stage near the main entrance.

During the brief program there were words of welcome by both Dr. Watkins and Dr. Earl Richardson, Morgan U president, and Bill Cummings did a soul-stirring rendition of "Oh, Freedom."

Bishop Tutu spoke briefly on the fine hospitality he and his family had received in Baltimore, how much he had enjoyed the Morgan Choir earlier and spoke glowing in general of his stay, so far, in America. His remarks were sparked with much humor. He also stated that he would like to return and visit Morgan U.

His wife spoke briefly also, in thanks to all for their support of her husband and support for the situation in South Africa.

All too soon, just as fast as they were whisked in, Bishop Tutu and his family were whisked out, for

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