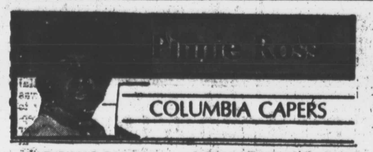

COLUMBIA CAPERS

SADIE WOOLFORD IS AN ACHIEVER

"I like a challenge, there is nothing guaranteed, one should always be ready for the opportunity when it comes."

Those words were spoken by Mrs. Sadie Woolford, one of the early pioneers of Columbia, as she revealed important factors about her accomplishments.

Sadie Woolford is a charming lady, dedicated to whatever tasks she has to do and does it to perfection.

She is a native of North Carolina, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James (Carrie) Alston. The deceased parents produced ten children, seven girls and three boys.

Mrs. Woolford smiled as she said, "I moved to Maryland and became the wife of Llewellyn Woolford, practicing attorney in the office of Joe Howard Esq. for ten years. I was my husband's secretary."

From the union of the marriage to attorney Woolford, who is at the present time attorney advisor in the Department of Health and Human Services at Social Security Administration, Baltimore, MD., was born three children. Johnetta who received a full scholarship to the University of West Virginia is a drama major, who has performed in numerous plays, such as "Pearlie" and "South Pacific."

Pamela, the second daughter, is a national achievement scholar who received a full scholarship to (UMBC) University of Maryland, Baltimore County.

The only son, Llewellyn, Jr. is a second year pre law student at UMBC, and will enter George Washington Law School during the summer.

The Woolfords moved from Baltimore to give their children a good environment and to be in the county and metropolitan atmosphere and also for their children to become a part of the new created school setting in Columbia.

JOB ACHIEVEMENTS

Mrs. Woolford has achieved on her jobs wherever she has gone because she took them seriously and worked hard for advancement. While employed for the Department of Defense she received ten superior awards.

She was a stenographer for Baltimore Housing Authority and worked as a typist for the Army Intelligence School. While with the Army Intelligence School she advanced to several positions, typing for the equivalent at school, elevated to a Security Investor. After that position she left and went home to be with her children for a couple of years.

Mrs. Woolford can master the typewriter. She graduated from Cortez Peters Business School. Prior to graduating from business school, this achiever was a homemaker during the day. She went to night school both at Cortez and Aurat College. She continued until she received her degree in 1979.

I personally have always admired Mrs. Woolford, her mannerisms, her dedication to whatever the jobs she undertook.

I remember back in 1981 when we moved to the New City of Columbia, and I am sure the Woolfords can attest to my thoughts, when we used to meet at six family's homes to organize for the St. John Baptist Church. I remember the refreshments that Mother Gertrude Woolford made. They were tasty, delicious and loaded with calories. She was Llewellyn's mother. Those were the good "ol" days in the beginning of A New City.

Mrs. Woolford has been employed at the Social Security Administration, Baltimore, for 15 years. Her job title is Social Insurance Specialist, Old Age Survival and Disability Benefits. Her department sets the policies so that the district office can take their claim for benefits. They work from the Law of Regulations.

Margaret Beckler selected, out of 18,000 applications, 150. Of the department from Baltimore only twenty-two were accepted and Mrs. Woolford was one of those twenty-two.

The program was designed for one year, designed to help selected women obtain the necessary training and experience to move into middle management jobs in government.

Mrs. Woolford flew out to California for two months for the management course.

She had this to say, "Each woman could design her own program to fit her needs and career objective. I set my goals to a five year plan in designing my program. I like a challenge. There is nothing guaranteed. You must be ready for the opportunity when it comes."

She was able to get management experience in different management levels and was part of the management team in Berkeley, CA.

She worked in California Program Service Center and received a full orientation of the Regional Office in L.A. "I helped to set policies for personnel in the field. To me, it's rewarding. We can make the difference in helping people to receive the benefits they are entitled to."

Mrs. Woolford has to coordinate with other agencies such as Internal Revenue, Railroad Retirement Board and office with Personnel Managment.

This achiever received a high quality increase for excellence for quality of evaluation.

Sadie was appointed by Howard County Executive Hugh Nichols to the Board of Government Council and Youth.

She is one of the founding members of St. John Baptist Church, the first Christian Educator Coordinator and Superintendent of Sunday School. At the present time she serves as Church Clerk and has been for four years. She is chairperson for Christian Education and Member of the Board of Missions. She also teaches Sunday School.

Her hobbies are reading and swimming. She likes to play Bridge and has own several trophies for bridge and bowling.

Mrs. Sadie Woolford is an achiever, a wife, devoted mother and church woman and a friend to many.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Do you need proof of God? Does one light a torch to see the Sun?

Baltimore Guardsmen ring in the new

The Baltimore Guardsmen, Inc. hosted a fabulous New Year's Eve Bash for members and their guests at the Regency Terrace, 4147 Labyrinth Rd.

The splendid bash the affair began at 10 p.m. and lasted until 2:30 a.m.

Guests dined, danced, chatted and welcomed the new year in on a highly festive note thanks to the hospitality of the Baltimore Guardsmen.

Baltimore Guardsmen include: Guy M. Bragg, Jr., Benjamin L. Brown, Charles E. Brown, Sidney O. Burnett, Jr., Frank B. Coakley, Howard G. Collins, Jr., Richard H. Cummings, Thomas B. Day, Robert P. Diggs, Walter T. Edmonds, William M. Garner, Raymond L. Gray, William M. Hall;

Also, Harold J. Jennifer, Jr., David T. Mason, John E. Maupin, Jr., Marcus W. Moore, Sr., Stephen P. Moore, II, Joel W. Newton, Norman E. Parker, Jr., Donald L. Patterson, George L. Russell, Jr., Kenneth L. Thompson, Charles G. Tildon, Jr., Warren W. Weaver, Edward A. Williams and John M. Wood.

ETHEL MURRAY dances the old year out with Guardsman Robert Diggs.

GUARDSMAN PRESIDENT Sidney O. Burnett Jr. gives his own special brand of hospitality as he greets members and guests.

GUARDSMAN HAROLD JENNIFER JR. (R) is seen with Patty Contreras, of Annapolis, MD and Helen Glover.

ELIZABETH RAMSEY says "Hello" to 1986 through the streamers and confetti.

FAYE BURNETT (SEATED) is flanked by (from left, standing): Mable Byrd, Joan Phillips and Jackie Chambers.

Bethel salutes Women of the Performing Arts

The holiday spirit permeated the air when the women of Bethel A.M.E. Church recently held their Performing Arts Brunch at the Hyatt Regency Hotel Downtown.

The purpose of the occasion was to honor outstanding contributions to the Performing Arts by Black Women. Honorees included: Esther C. Bailey, Chairperson of Bethel's 200th Year Anniversary, Trazana Beverly, Theater; Verna Day, Actress; Katherine Dunham, Dancer; Katie L. Jackson, Gospel Music; Damita Jo, Jazz Singer; Olufunmilayo Jomo-Johnson, African Dance and Junetta Jones, Classical Music.

The affair was first class. Men of Bethel acted as hosts for the ladies. Standing ovations were given to performances rendered by Joan Coursey, in Tribute to Katherine Dunham; Katie L. Jackson, singer; Linda Lewis, dancer; Sandra Lucas, flutist and Monique Walker a student of Bethel's Christian School, who recited "The Negro Mother" by Langston Hughes.

The food was scrumptious. Each guest was received in a warm friendly manner. It was also a spiritual encounter; one guest joined the church. People are still talking about this affair.

Minnie Cutler lead the celebration, the Rev. Joan Wherien gave the Invocation, Pastor John R. Bryant greeted the guests, Constance Samuels welcomed everyone, Iris Mapp announced an AA Degree Program that will be offered at the Women's Center in February 1986, Esther Bailey presented plaques to the honorees and Rev. Cecelia Williams-Bryant closed the event with a prayer and benediction.

Proceeds from this fund-raising event will benefit the Women's Resource and Development Center. A place where sisterhood is priority and the Women's Center Scholarship Fund for the Bethel Christian School.

MONIQUE WALKER (C) doing a monologue during the Performing Arts Brunch hosted by the women of Bethel A.M.E. Church recently at the Hyatt Regency Hotel is flanked by (L to R): Katie Jackson, who did gospel music; Linda Lewis, dancer; Esther Bailey, who was a presenter to the honorees and Damita Jo, jazz singer.

Photos by Paris

MEMBERS OF BETHEL who were in attendance included (L to R): Delorice McCall, Dottie Crockett, Vivian Meaney, Linda Lewis, Constance Samuels, Glendell Williams, Joyce Terry, Alice McKnight and Rev. James Terrance.

DANCING INTO THE NEW YEAR (in the foreground) is Tina Jolivet.

—Tutu

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he not only had an engagement in Boston for that evening, but was also up for an appearance back in Washington, DC on the Ted Koppel Show also on Friday night.

Before he left however, many who were near the platform stage had a chance to shake his hand and bask in the warmth of his charming smile. I count myself lucky to have been among those who did.

Included among those out at the reception, which continued to its conclusion after Bishop Tutu's departure, were the Rev. Wendell Phillips, City Councilwoman Iris Reeves, Baltimore State's Attorney Kurt Schmoke, City Councilman Kweisi Mfume, Delegate Pete Rawlings, Ray Haysburt, Congressman Parren J. Mitchell, Mr. William Anderson, Mr. Paige T. Davis, Ms. Elise Mason, Mr. & Mrs. Frederick I. Douglass, Ms. Lois Gilliam, Mrs. Joyce Brown, Ms. Angela Smith and Mr. Victor Frenkil.

—More Partyline

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with the feeling that the day had been well spent.

Attending sorors were Elaine Alexander, Gladys Baird, Olivia Bates, Vivian Bennett, Lucy Bond, Rosalie Burkes, Ruth Cooper, Ethel Covington, Elizabeth Day, Catherine DeFord, Imogene Douglas, Hazel B. Gause, Mary Gordon, Veta Greig, Fannie Harvey, Sheila Jessups, Lillian Jones, Josephine Maxwell, Mary J. Mitchell;

Also Kathleen Newsome, Dorothy Pollard, Ovella Queen, Bertha Sembly, Dorothy C. Smith, Joyce Sturgis, Lenora Terrell, Louise Turks, Shirley Watkins, Denise Weems, E. Monterey Williams, Sandra Wilmer, Betty Wooden, Ida Wroten and Margaret Yates. Also present were Mildred Franklin (guest of the sorority) and Marguerite Wilkens, Basileus of Iota Chapter.

SWEET SIXTEEN PARTY

Ms. Tesha Raelynn Purvis was given a fantastic Xmas present in 1985. Adrian and Marcia Purvis gave their daughter a marvelous "Sweet Sixteen" birthday party on Sun., Dec. 29. It was held at a local night spot "Woodstock," located on Park Heights Ave.

Tesha, a junior at Western Senior High School, who plans to further her education upon completion of high school, was elegant in a satin rose evening dress, designed by Lauretta G. Miller, and she was a perfect hostess for the entire evening.

The event was catered by Charles Richardson and included such delicacies as Virginia baked ham, succulent fried chicken, a fantastic four tiered birthday cake and much more.

The guest list included Lee Hall of Wash., DC; Mrs. Vonzella Randolph of Turner Station and James Terry Jr., Lori Shaw, Terria Blanton, Ann Prettlow, Dawn Prettlow, Laverne Foreman, Nicole James, Monique White, Darrell Williams and Joyce Terry, all of Baltimore.

The many friends and relatives enjoyed themselves and Ms. Purvis exclaimed, [by the way, her birthdate is Dec. 28th. "This is something that I will always remember."

DELTA'S FOUNDERS' DAY

The Baltimore Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. invites you to attend its 73rd anniversary Founders' Day dinner on Sunday, January 26, at The Forum, 4210 Primrose Ave. The event will begin at 11:30 a.m. with a social hour and exhibit.

The theme of this year's event is "Baltimore Deltas: In Celebration of the African Diaspora '86 Through Cultural Arts." The theme is a continuation of last year's event where Deltas and their guests were treated to a display of African art, literature, jewelry and native dress collected by sorors who have travelled extensively in our Mother Land.

This year, sorors will display their collections from Africa, the Caribbean Islands and other sites. A special part of the exhibit will be an African music resource library.

Each year, Baltimore Alumnae sorors, families and friends gather to commemorate the founding of the second oldest black sorority in the country. On January 11, 1913, twenty-two college students from Howard University in Washington, D.C. established Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. which now has more than 100,000 members around the world.

Baltimore Alumnae Chapter has the distinction of having been founded by one of the sorority's original Founders, Vashti Turley Murphy. This year, a Delta soror will be awarded the Vashti Turley Murphy service award for meritorius service to the sorority and the community. This award is Baltimore Alumnae Chapter's highest honor. Six other sorors will be presented Founders' Day service awards.

Program activities include a social hour and exhibit from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; awards and tribute to Founders from 12:30-1:30 p.m. (Soror Vashti Turley Murphy's daughters and granddaughters, also Deltas, will participate); the Morgan State University Choir from 1:30-2:30

Gerri E. Brown to wed Dr. Gregory B. Emery

The engagement of Gerri Ethel Brown to Gregory Bertramn Emery, M.D., son of Mr. and Mrs. Vallen Emery, Sr. of Ashburton, has been announced by her mother, Mrs. Miriam Talbott Brown. Her father was the late W. Emerson Brown, Jr., Attorney.

A graduate of Pratt Institute, the bride-to-be is the National Accounts Representative for Girl Scouts of U.S.A. in New York City.

The prospective bridegroom attended Loyola College and graduated from the University of Maryland Medical School and Stanford University in Anesthesia. He is an anesthesiologist at O'Connor Hospital; San Jose', California.

An April wedding is planned.

Gerri Ethel Brown
Engaged

Rhonda Lynch weds Lt. Ryan Tillery

A large number of friends and relatives witnessed the impressive ceremony, presided over by Rev. James E. Webb, Jr., which joined Rhonda Lynnette Lynch and Lt. Ryan Louis Tillery in the bonds of Holy Matrimony. The wedding was held at Union Memorial United Methodist Church.

Rhonda is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Bravett Lynch. Her grandmothers are Mrs. Ruth Lynch and Mrs. Viola Freeman. She is the niece of Ms. Sonia Lynch and Mr. Howard Lynch. Parents of the groom are Mr. & Mrs. Romeo Tillery. His grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Walter Jackson, Mrs. Fanny Tillery and the late Roland Tillery, Sr.

The bride was resplendent in a floor length Bridal Couture gown, with the bodice heavily beaded with sequins and pearls, the sleeves had the fashionable leg-of-mutton shape and were of French Alencon lace also beautifully beaded with pearls and crystal beads. There was a dropped waistline over a pure silk skirt.

The train featured a large bow in back from which tiny seed pearls formed a pattern. Her headdress was halo-shaped on which pearls had been delicately shaped into flowers, over her veil. She wore a string of pearls. She carried a bouquet of white gardenias into which were interwined strings of simulated pearls.

She was attended by Roxanne Norman of Philadelphia, Pa., as Maid of Honor. Bridesmaids were Sandy Wilson of Washington, D.C., Cori Gaskins, Kim Clifton, Phila., Pa., Susan McDowell, Austin, Terri Williams, Bridgeton, NJ, Elaine Howard, Richmond, VA and Rhonda D. Tillery. The bridesmaids entered wearing beautifully fashioned ballerina length gowns of silk organza and taffeta in alternating shades of turquoise and peach.

Monique Scott and Renise Tillery served as Flower Girls, both nieces of the groom. The groom's cousin served as ringbearer.

Terris King served the groom as bestman. Groomsmen were Romeo Tillery, Jr., Randey Tillery, both brothers of the groom, Eric Jones, Kevis Elliott, George Brooks, Mark Cooley and Lawrence Emelu.

David McDowell, Austin, Texas, and Dr. Gladstone McDowell, Columbus, Ohio, stepbrothers of the bride, served as ushers. Unless otherwise specified, all other attendants were of Baltimore, MD.

Soloist was Ms. Bennetta Chisholm and organist was Derek Hindman, both of Washington, DC.

Directresses of the wedding were Ms. Marjorie Jennings and Ms. Sonia Lynch.

Following the nuptial ceremony, a receiving line was formed at the entrance-way to the Sanctuary. A beautiful reception was held in the lower auditorium of the church, at which the bride & groom cut a multi-tiered cake decorated in their color scheme. Hostesses were Sarah Barnett, Regina Tillery, Edana Johnson, Cathy Tyree & Debbie Moultry.

Another reception, held predominantly for out-of-town relatives and friends, followed at the Ramada Inn. After an entrance by the newlyweds and the bridal party, a delicious meal was served. This reception was highlighted by a beautifully lighted wedding cake resembling an historic southern mansion. This reception was coordinated by Ms. Angie McClain.

In addition to the members of the bridal party, there were a number of out-of-town relatives and guests.

A wedding trip was taken to Freeport, Bahamas. The bride will shortly be joining her husband, who is beginning a tour of duty in Germany.

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