Charlie Wells feted at gala 60th birthday party Jan. 18

By Bettye Moss

"Let's celebrate . . . roasting and toasting Charles N. Wells to the big 60." So read the invitations, designed by Mrs. Margaret Wells, to invite relatives and friends to her husband's 60th birthday celebration.

The unique invites, in the form of the figure 60, were in burgundy and pink, which was the color scheme for the party at the Holiday Inn Belmont last Saturday.

Guests entered to find dinner tables adorned with silk flowers in the burgundy and pink, and photo displays and testimonials adorning the walls, testifying to Mr. Wells' friendship, kindness, service to the community and his church, and as head of the family business, Wells Printers on Fremont Ave. in west Baltimore.

The honoree's sister - in - law, Mrs. Brenda Sewell, presided. Prayer was by Rev. Zacarias J. Cardosa, pastor, St. Paul Methodist Church, Chevy Chase. Mrs. Joenell Cockrell sang the Lord's Prayer.

The salute to the honoree came after dinner. The Rev. O. St. Clair Franklin, retired Methodist minister, was toastmaster.

Relatives and friends offered toasts and roasts. They recalled Mr. Wells' 38 year membership in Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, where he has been trustee, lay leader, finance chair, member of Male Chorus.

They told of his war-time service in the Marine Corps. his community activities, including life member, NAACP, member Morning Star Lodge, Prince Hall Masons, and director of the Lochearn Improvement Association.

And, they remembered his good nature, his kindnesses to others, his devotion to the community and to his work, and his modesty when he received awards for outstanding service from his church, the NAACP and United Negro College Fund.

The tributes to Mr. Wells were given by Mrs. Jessie Thomas, Charles F. Thomas, Jacqueline Williams, Lloyd E. Wells, Jr., Robin Satchell, oldest of the Wellses five godchildren.

Also, by Catherine Blackmon, and Eddie Armstrong. There were musical selections by Darryl Queen, and singing of "Charlie Wells," to the tune of "Jingle Bells," with original lyrics by Freida Thomas and Co. (Typical verse, "Charlie Wells, Charlie Wells, is a friend of mine, old and young, rich and poor, and many many more . . .").

When his turn came to respond to the accolades, the honoree turned the tables, invited all other January birthday celebrants to help him cut his cake. Then, he surprised his wife with a bouquet of red roses for being his wife of 38 years and yellow roses "for being my best friend."

Arrangements for the eventful evening were coordinated by Brenda Sewell and Jessie Thomas, Maurice Sewell, Wallene Jones, with recordings by Larry, Elaine and William Sewell, and music for dining and dancing by the Lewis Hamlin Combo.

In addition to Robin Sewell, other godchildren are, Robin Satchell, Freida Thomas, Larry Sewell, Darryl Queen and Nicole Fields, who served as hosts and hostesses, along with Marsha Hall, Mable Wright, Barbara Childs, Janice Taylor, Thelma and William Satchell, Walter and Elaine Sewell.

Among other guests were the honoree's stepmother, Mrs. Jessie Wells, Mrs. O. St. Clair Franklin, Mrs. Zacarias J. Cardosa, and the honoree's brother, Lloyd E. Wells Sr., and sister, Ella Wells.

Also there, Messrs. and Mesames Verdell Adair, James Ashby and son, Elmer Auton, William Blackmon, Robert Brown, Daniel Butler, Warren Clegg, Harold Nelson, Charles Crockrell, Lawrence Custis, John Hawkins, Carroll Milligas, George Martin, Curtis Marshall, Alfred Moore, Delmar Nelson Sr., Ernest M. Sewell, Walter E. Sewell, Jr., William Sewell, Charles F. Thomas, Eurie Williams, James Laws, Ernest Wells, Charles Nelson;

Also Mesdames Hilda Alderman, Mary Allen, Barbara Childs, Elsie Myers, Margaret Summerfield, Marian Cook, Michele Cole, Marian Dixon, Caroline Eilbeck, Ann Fleming, Bessie Franklin, Victoria Gill, Maeling Hall, Beverly Henderson, Peggy Mann, Morma Manning, Edwina Nicholson, Thelma Satchell, Elizabeth Warren, Marian Wilson, Mabel Wright, Virginia Warren, Daisy Parker, Geneva Higgins, Lorraine Kent, Gabrella McNair;

Also, Misses Gloria Ashe, Nicole Fields, Ann Fleming, Bessie Franklin, Monica Gill, Stephanie Mason, Antoinette Scott; Diane Waters, Donna Queen, Rhonda Sewell, Carla Sewell, Cheryl Holmes, Robin Montgomery, Joyce Nelson Tanner;

And, Freeman Allen, Silburn McBean, Donald Queen, Walter E. Sewell, Sr., Charles S. Thomas 2nd, Michael Thompson, Gregory Wells, Lloyd E. Wells, Jr., Jerro D. Kearson, Larry Sewell, Lewis Long, Cloaven Brooks, Gregory Little, Frank Collins, Charles Smith, Irving Pulitzer, George Walker, Linwood Nelson, Raymond Prince.

60th BIRTHDAY party honored Charles N. Wells, printing company exec, shown here with his wife, Margaret, who arranged the affair last Saturday at Holiday Inn, Belmont.

Metro Church Briefs

MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

Kurt Schmoke will be the guest speaker at the anniversary of Boy Scout Troop and Pack 213 to be held at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 2000 E. Belvedere Ave. The date for this celebration is Sunday, February 2, at 4 p.m. For further information call 426-2309.

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH

Faith Baptist Church will celebrate its Annual Men's Day on Sunday, January 26 with services held at 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.

The 8 a.m. speaker will be Rev. Junior Chambers. Rev. Walter E. Paige will be the speaker at the 10:30 service, and the Men's Day Choir will sing during the 3 p.m. service.

UNION BAPTIST CHURCH

The Union Baptist Church Coffee House Ministry will be sponsoring an Ecumenical Service and Evensong (According to the Book of Common Prayer) for The Week of Prayer For Christian Unity and the Festival of The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle. The Service will take place on Saturday, January 25, at 7 p.m. at Union Baptist Church, 1219 Druid Hill Avenue.

The preacher will be the Rev. Constatine M. Monios, Dean of the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation. Music will be sung by the renown choir of men and boys of Old St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Rodney Hansen, Organist-Choirmaster.

Over twenty-five churches, Black, White, Integrated, representing Roman Catholic, Angelican, Protestant and Orthodox communions have been invited. A reception will follow the service in the church's Harvey Johnson Center.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION

The Metro Baltimore Christian Educators Association will be holding its first dinner. This special event will be on Friday, January 24 at Bishop Cummins Memorial Reformed Episcopal Church at 5001 Frederick Road in Catonsville. Pastors, teachers, school administrators, and other school personel are cordially invited.

The speaker will be Rev. Carl Ellis, the minister-at-large for Delmarva Presbytery. He will speak on "Being Salt and Light in the Classroom." Rev. Ellis is also the national consultant for ethnic church development for the Presbyterian Church of American. He is also the director of Urban Ministries for Chesapeake Theological Seminary and the author of Beyond Liberation, published by IVP. Added guests will include Harvard Law School Graduate, Kim Colbe and Christian concert artist, John Lewis.

For further information please call 730-5903 or 664-7629.

THE LLOYD KEASAR COMMUNITY CENTER

On Sunday, January 26th, the Eveready Chorus of Patapsco Park, in Anne Arundel County, will be celebrating their Thirty-Fourth Anniversary. The 11 a.m. speaker will be Rev. Franklin Spriggs of St. James Alpha & Omega Pentecostal Church of Baltimore City.

Services will continue at 3:30 p.m. with visiting choirs from the Baltimore Metropolitan area. The anniversary will take place at the Lloyd Keasar Community Center - 5757 Belle Grove Road, Patapsco Park, Maryland.

For further information on directions please call Ms. Lisa Hammack and Ms. Shirley Carter at 789-3432 and 636-2186. All are invited to attend.

GRACE MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

The Olton Singing Society will be presented in concert at the Grace Memorial Baptist Church on Januarv 19, 1986.

The choir is directed by Mr. Clarence Henderson, well known for his musical ability, organized the choir to sing songs of a sacred and inspirational nature and to keep the Negro Spiritual alive.

The concert will be held in memoriam for Mrs. Goldie Neal, former choir director and musician at Grace Memorial Baptist Church, located at Chase and Eden Streets.

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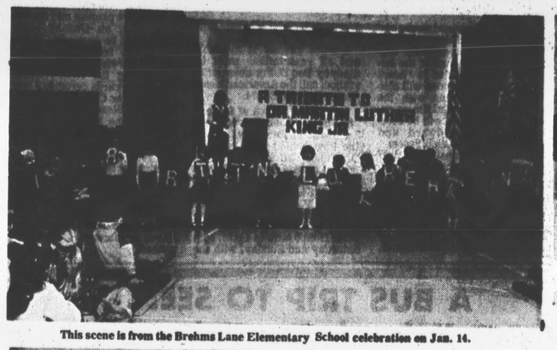
Baltimore celebrates Martin Luther King's birthday



This scene is from the Brehms Lane Elementary School celebration on Jan. 14.

Wilson Park Community Youth Singers perform at St. John AME Church on Jan. 15.

Audience at a celebration also at St. John AME Church on Jan. 15. Various speakers talked about the life of Dr. King.

Breast test kits available

When talking about a problem as serious as breast cancer, is it possible to say things are getting better just because something else is worse? Not according to the American Institute for Cancer Research (AICR), which has announced free distribution of a special reminder and instructions ticker package on breast self examination.

"Since current estimates indicate that lung cancer will, in 1986, replace breast cancer as the leading cancer killer of women, some women have mistakenly assumed that breast cancer is not as serious a problem as it once was," noted Marilyn Genkry, vice president for education for AICR.

"That simply is not the case," Ms. Gentry pointed out. She explained that in 1985 an estimated 38,000 women lost their lives to breast cancer.

Free copies of the AICR breast self examination instruction and reminder kits are available by sending a business-sized stamped self-addressed envelope to American Institute for Cancer Research, Dept. BSE, Washington, DC 20069.

Mrs. Serena Mills and Nathaniel Gibbs.

Brunch honors Dr. King

People from many walks of life attended the first Brunch in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday - Wednesday, Jan. 15. The brunch, sponsored by Ms. Serena G. Mills, herself a Jan. 15 birthday celebrant, is author of the historical pamphlet: "History of Old Parks Heights and Old Hilltop."

Ms. Mills' talk explored the impressionistic teachings of Mahatma Gandhi on non-violent action, which he originated, many years before 1947. Non-violent action caught the attention of Martin Luther King, Jr. in his determination to fight for peace, civil rights, and social and economic freedoms for all people.

Described as "The Gandhi Reader," Dr. King wrote: "I refuse to accept the idea that the 'isness' of man's present nature makes him morally incapable of reaching up for the 'oughtness' that forever confronts him."

The portrait of Dr. King as "The Gandhi Reader" was painted by Nathaniel Gibbs, a graduate of Frederick Douglass High School.

It is on display in the Banneker-Douglass Museum in Annapolis. Gibbs, who created the portrait in early 1985, is a muralist. His works grace the walls of the renovated high school on Gwynns Falls Parkway.

Youth job drive initiated at New Promiseland

Wednesday at the New Promiseland Community Church, 2100 Edmondson Ave., the Baltimore Coalition to Stop the Killing and Baltimore Local Clergy initiated a Job Training and Referral Program that will assist youths from 15 to 35 in locating jobs and sharpening their job search skills.

The program will consist of an ongoing series of Job Referral and Search services and Interview Skills training sessions. Registration for the program will begin on Monday, January 27 at noon and continue through Friday, January 31.

Rev. Willie Ray, pastor of the New Promiseland Community Church believes that 45-50 of the killings that took place in Baltimore City during the year 1985 directly linked to a lack of financial opportunities and wholesome activities among city youths.

"This lack of financial opportunity and other worthwhile activity contributed greatly to their vulnerability to the illegal and violent elements of our society," Rev. Ray said.

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