IF YOU ASK ME

By Bettye Moss

Lots of sunshine in the voices of the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Douglas Wilson (Carolyn). He's pastor of Fulton Baptist Church at North and Pennsylvania Aves.

Special orchids to them for keeping good dispositions in difficult times-Fulton Baptist was destroyed by fire 3 years ago. Congregation is worshipping in the James Weldon Johnson Auditorium on Coppin State College campus. Church hopes to secure mortgage loan and begin rebuilding shortly.

Cuff note: This column spied the Wilsons on a public street the other day and had a chance to get an update on them and her son, Alex McCamey, 3rd.

Good news about him. He's the former sales rep at WEBB Radio, the Dorothy Brunson affiliate here in Baltimore, who has been promoted to general manager of Brunson outlet, WBMS in Wilmington, N.C..

Many here in his native Baltimore know of Alex's dedicated work and his pleasing manner, and wish him well in his new assignment.

Lots of orchids to members of the Grande Dames who presented an enjoyable spring musicale a Saturday ago at the Engineer's Club.

Nice gesture — all of the performing artists were Baltimore areas residents and they presented an entertaining program.

Orchids to them —Lawrence Rogers on steel drums, Keith Pennick tenor, and Audrey McCallum, piano accompanist.

More orchids to Les Dames prexy, Mae Medders to Mary Sprow and Bernice White who introduced artists and guests and to Palestine Anderson, who gave the unique blessing before lunch ("every time we meet, we never forget to invite the Master . . .").

More orchids

Pleasant guests with sunshine in their voice: Mrs. Bertha White May, the retired city school librarian who belongs to St. James Methodist Church where she enjoys giving dramatic readings; and Mrs. Mattie Wesley of Philadelphia, who says she and others in the Pennsylvania city are looking forward to installation of new chapter of Chums on July 6, when Baltimore sponsors will participate.

More smiling faces we shared table with lovely Dr. Carol S. Parham, who is director of personnel for Anne Arundel County Schools.

Cuff note: Seeing her grow up and into a meaningful career was a pleasant experience. Reason: her late mother, Marguerite Talbott Sheffey, and I were roommates at Howard University. Time flies!!

More cuff: Mr. Parham and her hubby, William, an IBM exec, have Julie, 17 and William 3rd, 14.

Dr. Parham's proud dad is Powell Sheffey, the retired educator and Forest Park Ave. resident, who recently celebrated his 86th birthday. Yes, it is a small world.

And more

Smile orchids to Ms. Leila Anderson, the assistant in this newspaper's AFRO Charities office — Her "good afternoon, how may I help you?" has a welcome and very pleasant ring.

Plenty of sunshine in the voice of Ms. Wanda R. Watts whom many admire for her engaging manager. She was recently promoted to district manager of the Bahamas Tourist Office in Washington Good Going!

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Orchids to Dr. Wilson R. Dickerson (W.R.), the always pleasant E. Preston St. dentist. Lots of good news in his family this period. One of his twin daughters, 25-year-old Laurie Blake, gave birth to Marquise Virginia Blake, a first for her and hubby, Darrell, in Colton, Calif.

Infant arrived day after grandpop's birthday, May 21, weighed in at 6lb. 10 oz.

Arrival gives this column a chance to catch up on the family — not easy to do since we've known Dr. W. R. since he was a child running around this newspaper officer where his aunt, the late Susie Harnes Clarke, was a beloved telephone operator and writer for Lonesome Hearts feature.

More good news in the Dickerson family — other twin daughter, Clifton Dickerson, was graduated June 1 from a N.Y. designer's institute. Third daughter, Gwenith, is a nurse at Baltimore County General, where many know her for her pleasing manner.

Smile orchids, too, to their proud mom, Mrs. Kathryn Dickerson, the Madison Ave. Presbyterian Church secretary; and to paternal grandma, Mrs. Clara Hackney of Charlottesville, Va. New baby makes No. 6 grand for her.

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Lots of smile orchids to J. Spencer Hammond, Douglas Memorial Community Church minister of music. He and members of the church's male chorus did a thoughtful thing on Saturday morning when they raised their voices in beautiful song at last rites for Miss Olive J. Williams. Their acappella numbers included, "Steel Away," one of the spirituals Miss Williams arranged for the Douglas choir.

Orchids, too, to members of her sorority, Delta Sigma Theta, who performed impressive Omega rites. Miss Williams, 84, was retired city music teacher and who was noted for helping young people. She was 84 when she died May 6.

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Editor's note: Did someone's smile or good deed make your day? Help us salute them. Simply write, Smiles, If You Ask Me, Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore, Md., 21201, and smile, please.

DuBois Circle

The 350 guests who attended the 84th annual closing meeting of the Du Bois Circle on a recent Tuesday evening, (May 15) had a real treat.

Reason: The speaker was Baltimore City Circuit Court Judge Mabel H. Hubbard, who is noted for giving informative and challenging speeches. She was in rare form for Du Bois. The audience was in rapt attention as she discussed living well, a world of choices . . forecasts of issues in the 1990s.

She mixed human interest stories, poetry and common sense advice in her 30-minute talk and the audience at Martin's West moved to a standing ovation when she finished.

Excerpts: — "The 1990s must be a decade in which the majority of our entire population seeks a good education and receives it . . . we must speak up and out for basic education-reading, writing, basic mathematics-functional literacy, adult basic education . . . we must stop the cycle of poverty by eliminating functional and total illiteracy.

And, Judge Hubbard said: — we must speak up and out for sex education, at a time when teenage pregnancy is epidemic . . . we need to provide parenting skills . . . from early childhood . . . responsibility for financial, emotional and spiritual support of the child requires more of their fathers than a box of Pampers once a week or more than $10 a week in support payments . . . and requires more of their mothers than a mindless, perpetual hair-brushing to make them look pretty.

Judge Hubbard asked, 'What's wrong with teaching our children to say no to unnecessary things and people . . . discouraging them from being fruitful and multiplying until they're ready and able to give financial, emotional and spiritual support . .

The speaker saw the need to return to teaching of marketable skills in our secondary schools . . . including home economics as well as computer literacy.

And she challenged her audience to speak up for affordable housing, employment, fairness, freedom here and in South Africa and "wherever people are oppressed . . ."

Cuff Note: VIP guests in the audience: U.S. Congressman Kweisi Mfume, State Senator Clarence Blount and Mrs. Blount, Morgan U. president, Dr. Earl Richardson and Mrs. Richardson; Coppin State prexy, Dr. Calvin Burnett and Mrs. Burnett, plus a number of the speaker's fellow judges and elected officials.

Wow: The solos by Woodlawn High music teacher, Alma Garrick Macer. (Her "Without a Song" and "I Will Pass This Way But Once' were terrific, with piano accompaniment by ever-helpful Marion T. Smith.

Betty Williams, club president, presided with grace. Vivian Washington and Leona Carpenter gave the group's year in review and introduced the speaker.

Member, Margery Prout who was scheduled to join in the program was ill and unable to attend.

Mrs. Washington and Priscilla Lansey co-chaired the closing program committee.

Remember, please, the family of David Sheridan. He was the retired postal worker, who died on May 20. He was 61.

Funeral services were held Saturday morning at Wayland Baptist Church, where he was a Simon Circle leader and member of the Fuel Club.

A native of Rocky Mount, N.C., Mr. Sheridan grew up in Clairton, Pa., and served six-years in the Army during the Korean conflict.

He retired from the post office in 1984, and worked for a period as security officer at Social Security Administration.

He was a member of the 60 Minutemen and Merrymaker Bowling Leagues at Fair Lanes, and belonged to the Senior Flames and the American Legion. Members of the latter group and the Postal Memorial Post No. 213, served as pallbearers.

Survivor: His wife, Zenesta Donaldson Sheridan; stepchildren, Jeanette Coleman and John Donaldson; two sisters, Ethel D. Caldwell and Vautine Broadies, both of Clairton, Pa.

YMCA CITATION — Dr. Alonzo Paul Moss, center, holds the Anchor Award, the YMCA's plaque for senior service, presented him last Friday in Washington during meeting of Y's Northeast Collegium. He is Associate General Executive Emeritus of the Baltimore Y. Left, Thomas B. Hargrave, Jr. president of the D.C. Y. Right top, Harold Mezile, Jr., president of Baltimore Y. Below, Maurice L. Horsey 3rd, program director, Baltimore's Druid Hill family branch.

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Frederick Douglass High School

The Alumni Association of Frederick Douglass High School welcomes its graduates and friends to help observe its Alma Mater's 107th Anniversary during the weekend of June 1, 2 and 3. Call 624-3513.

Baltimore City Health Department

Baltimore City Health Department's Office of Minority Health and Special Initiatives is sponsoring a special, free conference on "Health, Happiness and Hope for African-American Children: Shaping a New Vision," on Saturday, June 2 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Callaway Elementary School No. 251, 3701 Fernhill Ave., to share solutions to, and strategies for dealing with teenage pregnancy, substance abuse and "black-on-black" crime among young people in Baltimore's African-American community. Call 396-4523.

Howard L. Cornish

The Howard L. Cornish Metropolitan Baltimore Chapter of Morgan State University Alumni Association will hold chapter meeting on Saturday, June 2 at 10 a.m. in the lower auditorium of the Heritage U.C.C. Church, 3106 Liberty Heights Ave. Call 462-4342.

Maryland Citizens For Housing For The Disabled, Inc.

Maryland Citizens For Housing For The Disabled will hold its fourth annual Wheelchair-A-Thon on Sunday, June 3 at Lake Montebello. The event will benefit MCHD's Center For Independent Living, serving severely disabled adults statewide. The Wheelchair-A-Thon is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 377-5900.

Waxter Center For Senior Citizens

Waxter Center For Senior Citizens, 861 Park Ave will hold its annual Music Festival beginning at 12:30 p.m. in the Mason Lord Room featuring Path Dance Company June 6, Gettysburg Symphony Orchestra on June 13, Leroy Hawthorne Jazz Ensemble, June 20 and Kews Productions Musical Show, "The Best Of Times," June 27.

SCORE

The Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) and the U.S. Small Business Administration will conduct a one day workshop entitled "How To Start and Manage Your Own Business" on Wednesday, June 6. Workshops will begin promptly at 8:45 am. and run through 4 p.m. and will be held at the Towson United Methodist Church, Dulaney Valley Road and Hampton Lane, Towson. Call 962-2233.

National Adoption Leadership Institute

Mildred H. Gee of Baltimore, Maryland has just completed three weeks of intensive training through the Adoption Leadership Institute at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Ms. Gee was among 26 individuals selected to participate in the program among the 1,500 who received information about the Institute.

She is currently the President of the Black Adoption Recruitment Network. A graduate of Morgan State University with an MSW from

Howard University, she is a member of NABSW and Associated Black Charities.

Ms. Gee has completed workshops on special needs adoption at NACSC, NABSW, and at Child Welfare League Conferences.

People

As of July 1, Dr. Ida Gillard Brandon will become Interim Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs at Bowie State University.

Dr. Brandon, who has been Dean of Bowie's Graduate School and Continuing Education Program since 1982, was appointed Vice President following the resignation of Dr. John T. Wolfe, Jr.

"I have watched Dr. Brandon for the past six years as she has developed the Graduate School and the Continuing Education Program. The growth in our graduate

Dr. Ida Gillard Brandon

program over the past several years is unprecedented, and it is due to the work of Dr. Brandon," said President of Bowie State University, Dr. James E. Lyons, Sr.

"I am sure that she will provide strong leadership as we search for a new Provost."

Under Dr. Brandon, a North Carolina A and T State University graduate, Bowie's graduate program has grown from four majors and 487 graduate students to nine majors and 1,175 graduate students in 1990.

Dr. Brandon said that her "challenge during this interim period will be to continue the team building process and focus on being responsive to both internal and external issues."

Gail Smith

Gail Smith, from Montclair, N.J., has been appointed executive assistant manager - rooms at the Hyatt Regency Baltimore.

In this position she will oversee one of the two primary divisions in the hotel as well as manage operations during the general manager's absence.

Ms. Smith, a Bloomfield College graduate, has over nine years of hotel management experience with Hyatt Hotels Corporation. Most recently, she served as executive assistant manager.

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REL Business Group will present a business seminar "Contracts For Small/Minority And Disadvantaged Businesses" in Baltimore. The discussion includes state/local funding; 9 special programs; bid solicitations; 14 billion dollars in local, state and federal contracts.

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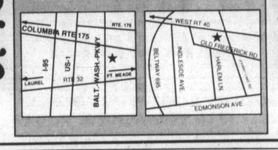

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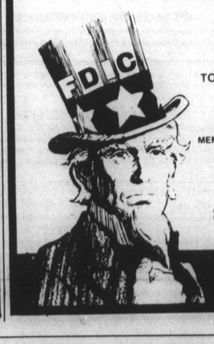

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