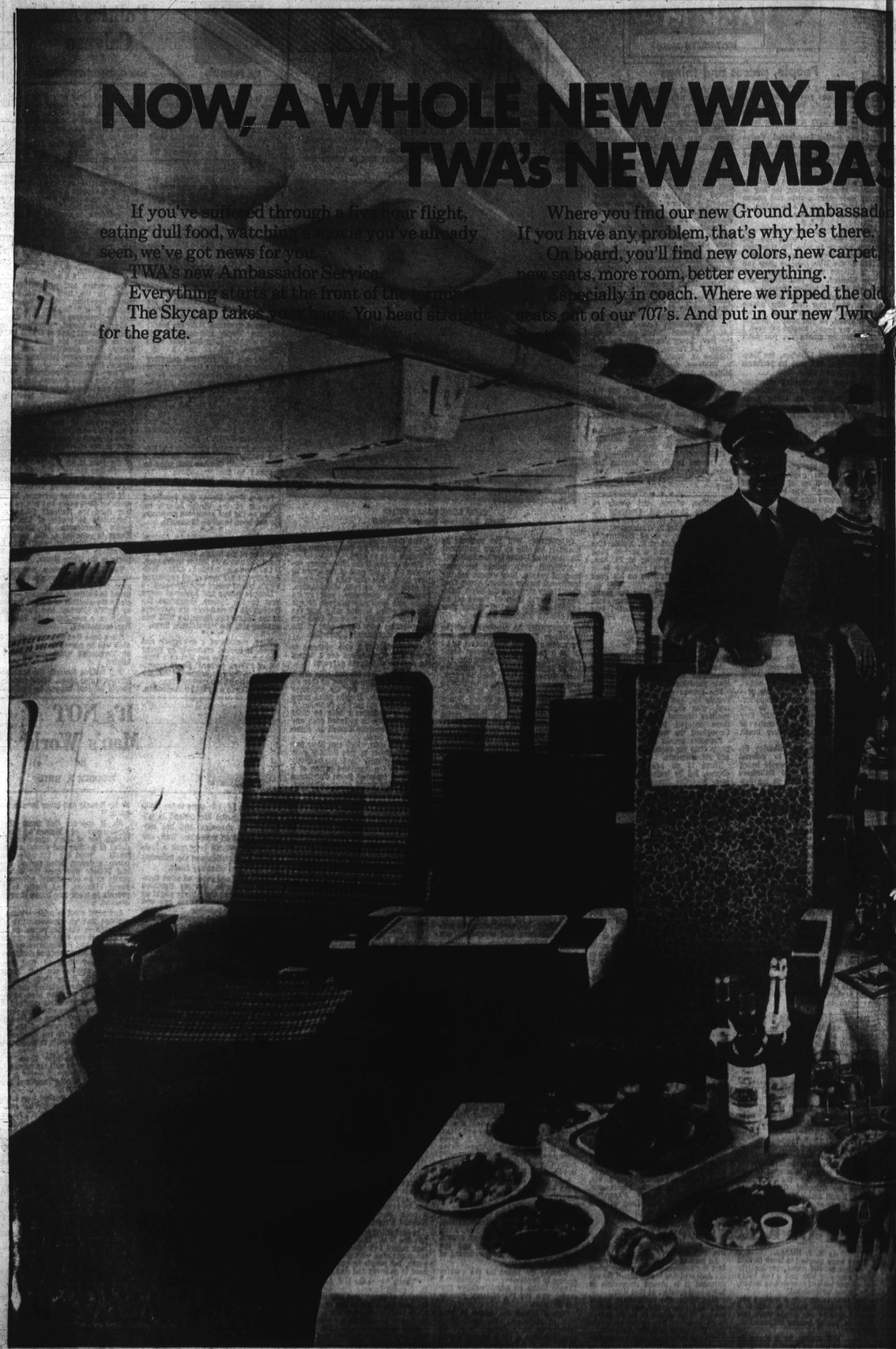

Gadabouting in Baltimore

National anti-litter award to AFRO Clean Block Workers

with Lula Mackay

The second annual "Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson Litter-Prevention Award" was presented by Keep America Beautiful, Inc. to four representatives of the AFRO-AMERICAN Clean Block Campaign, in New York, at a luncheon during KAB's Seventeenth Annual Meeting. The luncheon was held in the Biltmore Hotel. The award, which was established and named for the former first lady in 1968 to honor women who have made outstanding contributions to the litter-prevention movement, was presented jointly to Mrs. Jeanette B. Leath, director of the Clean Block Campaign, and the three volunteer workers - Mrs. Margaret Peay, Miss Louisa E. Reeves and Mrs. Marian Winborne, all of this city.

In making the presentation, William F. May, chairman of Keep America Beautiful's board of directors, remarked that "the aim of the AFRO-AMERICAN Clean Block Campaign is to de-litter and beautify neighborhoods through the cooperative efforts of area residents, particularly young people."

Mr. May noted that the campaign, which is sponsored by the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers, has been in operation for 36 years and that women, like those honored today, have been carrying out various types of litter-prevention and improvement projects in their communities for that entire period.

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Mrs. Leath, who has been director of the campaign since 1963, is also a Trustee for the Maryland Environmental Trust and a member of the Baltimore Spring Cleanup Committee.

Mrs. Peay, who has been an adviser to the Clean Block Campaign for some 30 years, still actively participates in the effort and is particularly concerned about involving all age groups in the program.

Miss Reeves has worked with the campaign for about 20 years, encouraging youngsters and adults, to help keep their surroundings litter-free. She is also active in the Baltimore Model Cities Program.

Mrs. Winborne has been actively involved with the Clean Block Campaign for 17 years. She has written newspaper stories about the program and has made many personal appearances in connection with the campaign. Each received a crystal trophy.

KAB has also made litter-prevention awards to outstanding state, county, city and youth litter-control programs in 1970. In addition, KAB cited two projects — "Stop Littering Our Beaches and Bays" (SLOBB) of San Diego and the Arkansas Green Thumb Program, for their efforts.

The National Soft Drink Association received the 1970 Keep America Beautiful, Inc., Business Award "in recognition of the soft drink industry's anti-litter program. Kenneth E. Kingsley, president of the association, and president of Alpac Corporation, Seattle, Wash., accepted the award, an engraved sterling silver bowl.

East Orange, N.J., received a Keep America Beautiful City Award for its "citywide" year-round litter-control efforts. The Hon. William S. Hart Sr., mayor of East Orange, accepted the award, also an engraved sterling silver bowl. Gov. Linwood Holton accepted the award, a silver bowl, for Virginia, cited for its outstanding litter-prevention program. Virginia also won the KAB anti-litter award.

Mrs. Jeannette Leath

Mayor William S. Hart, Sr.

Keep America Beautiful, Inc., a non-profit, non-partisan, public service organization for the prevention of litter, was formed in 1953. KAB conducts a continuous program of public education to stimulate individual responsibility and pride in clean, safe, healthful and attractive surroundings. It provides assistance to thousands of groups and communities throughout the 50 states — and advocates litter-prevention as a first step in environmental quality control.

The luncheon on Friday was attended by representatives from Australia, Bermuda, France and England, in addition to those from most States of the Union.

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Invitations are still available (at $15) for the J.U.G.S. Benefit Ball, scheduled for Friday, Nov. 20th, at Bluecrest, North. Proceeds will go to the AFRO's Mrs. Santa Clause Christmas Charity and Provident Hospital.

At Provident, the group plans to pay for the isolation nursery in the new complex.

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Mesdames Lucille Cephas and Anethia Williams were hostesses to the Northwest Club on Saturday, when the group went to the Oyster House for cocktails, luncheon and an interesting club session.

Beautiful fall flowers, decorated the Gold Room, making a fitting setting for the surprise birthday noting of the president, Mrs. Anita Myers. The hostesses gifted her. Her club members serenaded her.

And then Mrs. Myers had a surprise agenda for the Northwesterners . . . citing them for special recent achievements:

Mrs. Vyna Skinner, for her pre-campaign voting project on WEBB;

Mrs. Ellen Johns for her authoring of "A Guide for Substitute Teachers";

Mrs. Flozella Clark for directing the Mondawmin Project, out of which a public relations director (Earl T. Booker) has been hired. On that team also were Mesdames Jimmy Laforest, Mary Sprow, Gloria Phillips, Anita Myers and Alice Payne.

Other business items included discussions of plans for a fall dance, and for a theatre party in January.

In addition to those mentioned above the meeting was attended by Mesdames Cleo Diggs, Vera Flint and Elsie Scott.

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Mrs. Mahalia Ann Blair and Charles Robinson were married in a beautiful after-service cermony in New Shiloh Baptist Church, Sunday morning.

The Rev. Harold Carter, minister at New Shiloh, officiated. Victor Merritt was at the organ.

For the ceremony, Mrs. Blair wore a beige green silk worsted dress, with hat and shoes in a darker green shade. She carried a white Bible and completed her ensemble with white kid gloves.

She was attended by Mrs. Wilbert P. Jones, who wore a deep blue dress with blue velvet and feather hat and blue shoes and white gloves. Mr. Robinson had as best man his grandson-in-law, Tommy Levey.

On the evening before (Saturday) Mrs. Jones had been hostess at a supper party in honor of the bride-to-be, at which the guests had been Mesdames Oulda Baptist, Lucille Levey, Marjorie Ockimy, Viola White, Vivian Pendleton, Vivian Moody and Blanche White. Guests had showered the honoree with bathroom towels . . . all-except the hostess, who had given her a crystal carving set rest.

Mrs. Robinson is an eminent cosmetologist, who owns and operates a beauty salon as well as a graduate school for beauticians. Mr. Robinson is a technician in the Cancer Research Laboratory of Johns Hopkins Hospital. Following a wedding trip to Philadelphia, the couple is at home at 1335 W. North Avenue.

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Pregrinators: Lines from Ronnie Williams, who was fascinated by Budapest, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaines (Priscilla) Lansey did California, Los Angeles and Sanfrancisco, the past week.

A covey of Baltimore AKA's were in Bostag, Mass. over the weekend attending the Alpha Kappa Alpha Leadership Conference. They included Verniece Reynolds, Flossie mond, Pinky Daniels, Gilda Garrett, and Bernice Hunded.

A note from Leslie Bell, home after a sojourn in the hospital, and recuperating nicely. But Mrs. Sedonia Woodland is tucked in Greater Baltimore Medical Center.

Dr. M. L. Barksdale, who was hospitalized for a bit, is up and about.

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DATE DATA: Flair Studio luncheon at Baltimore Sheraton Inn is scheduled for Sunday, the 18th. The Beauty Shop Owners' luncheon will take place at Marbell's West, Monday, the 16th. Pi Beta Sigma's Harvest Dinner Dance is planned for the 20th and will be held in Friendship International Hotel, and a banquet honoring the Rev. Donald O. Wilson will be at Blue Crest Fordleigh the same evening.

Iota Phi Lambda Sorority will hold forth with a dinner dance at the Blue Crest Fordleigh on Nov. 27. And a banquet honoring the Rev. Walter C. Cleaver of this city will take place in the Diplomat Motor Hotel in Washington on Dec. 1.

MRS. MYRTLE BAILEY COCKRELL received a Master's of Education Degree from Johns Hopkins University on October 13th. Mrs. Cockrell was graduated from Morgan State College with honors in 1965. A public school teacher in this city, she is the daughter of Mrs. Myrtle E. Bailey, director of the Martin Luther King Community Center and the late Henry S. Bailey.

Rev. Parrish 'doing fine' after crash

A telephone call to Zion Baptist Church in Portsmouth, Va. this week revealed that Rev. Walter Parrish, former minister of First Baptist Church is "now back to work and doing fine."

On October 25 Rev. Parrish was hospitalized after an automobile accident which left one policeman dead of injuries which severed his torso.

Local news accounts of the accident show that the policeman's auto ran out of control and jumped the median green of a Portsmouth throughfare and slammed into Rev. Mr. Parrish's car which was headed in the opposite direction.

The accident occured just after the Rev. Mr. Marcus Wood of Provident Baptist, Baltimore, had performed the installation ceremonies for Rev. Parrish who had served First Baptist for almost two years.

Rev. Mr. Wood told the AFRO this week "Rev. Parrish is doing fine I called Portsmouth this morning and was informed that his injuries are healing and he's doing fine."

News articles show that the former Baltimore minister suffered only minor lacerations of the lip and forehead. Fears that some brain damage had been done have been dismissed by hospital authorities.

Tau Alphas hold first Coronation

Last Sunday, the brothers of Tau Alpha Upsilon sponsored their first annual Coronation of Miss Tau Alpha Upsilon.

A capacity crowd saw the very lovely Miss Doris Overton and her court members, Misses Linda Williams, Sharon Russell and Joanne Chew honored by tre brothers of TAU.

The Tau's had an assortment of entertainment, beginning with a local church group and followed by the Morgan Special Choir, led by brother Tyrone "Scrome" Elliott.

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The formal entertainment was anchored by brother James Lindsay, minister of entertainment and the Lindsay "4." The Tau's in their brief stay here at Morgan have been active in all facets of campus and community involvement.

Some well-known brothers are: Louis Burrell, president and member of Federation of Presidents; Michael Ramsey, associate justice, Student Court; Ken Bevins, president of Student Union, Morgan State College; and James Gillis of the Veterans Club.

Miss Overton is a native of Portsmouth, Va. and a freshman economics major.

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