If YOU Ask ME

BY BETTYE M. MOSS

A True Love Story

This should interest those young, young ladies who dream of a prince charming to whisk them away to a foreign land, and of course to those over 21 who might entertain such romantic thoughts.

Come Saturday, Nov. 27, Miss Gloria Claffe will become the bride of Ismat Hassan M. Sollman, at the Ducor Intercontinental Hotel in Monrovia, Liberia.

Invitations in the mail this week from Mrs. Egbert Claffe Moore of Brooklyn, N.Y. and Kingston, Jamaica, announce the wedding, the climax of a whirlwind one-week courtship.

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It Happened Like This — Gloria attended an Episcopal Church in downtown New York City. Ismat, a Moslem, was a student at Columbia University.

After the services she met Mr. Sollman, a handsome and brilliant engineer who hails from Cairo, Egypt.

On Wednesday, he left for Liberia. Thursday, there was a cable requesting the marriage proceed. Friday, he was back in the U. S. to repeat his request in person.

There followed sessions with her mother, visits to the State Department, and finally Gloria's 'yes,' just a week after they met.

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She And Her mother have been in Monrovia preparing for the big day. She's been taking French lessons, instruction in protocol and getting fitted for the ice blue satin wedding gown which she will wear with an Egyptian headpiece.

Her sister, Mrs. Pearl Hylton, Mt. Vernon, N.Y., is scheduled to be matron of honor. Another sister, Mrs. Ruby Gilbert is expected to fly down from Brooklyn.

If they don't make plane connections, the bride-to-be will be attended by Mrs. Frederic Patterson, wife of the Controller of the Freeport.

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Meet Miss Will be the Hon. Secretary of Liberia Keller. The bride will be given away by the Hon. Cecil C. Dennis Sr., a member of the Liberian House of Delegates and publisher of the country's largest daily newspaper.

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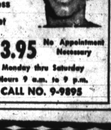

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People, Places, Things

Add to gracious hosts: Father Robert Powell, vicar of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church.

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It was there on Saturday, we gathered for a short visit before waiting to the church for the supper prepared by women of the parish.

Ivy Grinage was one of the guests. It was her turn to entertain her group. The Hobnobbers, so she brought them to the church for dinner.

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Pleasant Persons Met: The Rev. Benjamin A. Coleman of St. David Church (Roland Ave.) and Mrs. Coleman (Clara).

They recalled association some years back in Turner Station with the Rev. and Mrs. Harold R. Nixon (Samona), who were then at New Life Presbyterian Church.

That was in the period when it was not usual for white and colored ministers to exchange pulpits and meet together. Remember? (By the way, the Nixons are now in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.).

Also met: Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Lee (Margaret), of Grace and St. Peter's Church.

Good Neighbors Of the week: Members of the 1300 block Stockton St. Improvement Association have dedicated themselves to ridding their neighborhood of blight.

They have badgered the city to take up trash and their neighbors to put it out.

Alvin Campbell, a Coppin State College student, is president. Orchids to him and his good neighbors.

Cuff Note: Thursday was Thanksgiving Day at the State Office Building cafeteria...

Turkey dinner with all the trimmings for just 99 cents.

The place was decorated with seasonal flowers and there was dinner music by an orchestra directed by James Driscoll.

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Good neighbors met this week: Mr. and Mrs. Dorsie Hampton (Emma), at 2626 Woodbrook Ave. She's a stewardess and he is a steward at St. Metropolitan Methodist Church.

We shared a car at the funeral of the Rev. F. F. King on Tuesday, and that's how we learned that Mr. Hampton observes his 74th birthday on Dec. 15, and that next March they will observe their 37th wedding anniversary.

Of the Rev. Mr. King, Mr. Hampton said quietly — 'He was my spiritual advisor.'

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Also seen in the funeral crowd: Thurman L. Dodson of D.C., long a Methodist Church lay leader.

Among out - of - towners here for the funeral: Mrs. Evelyn Jones, Cincinnati; and Mrs. Elise Bellinger, San Antonio, sisters of Royal Weaver who is married to one of the King daughters (Hermione).

They were greatly cheered because their 6ed. Royal Sr. is able to walk around his hospital room in Philly.

About This And That

Orchids to William Wright and his Town Chefs, who sponsored a Senior Citizens Day at Centennial Methodist Church a Sunday ago.

They arranged bus transportation, secured a caterer and served their guests a free dinner.

Apollo Social and Democratic Club helped foot the bill.

More church news; St. Katherine Episcopal Church has its annual harvest home dinner on Monday at Mt. Calvary Church (Eutaw and Madison), at 8, and YOU are welcome.

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YW date data: Madison Ave. YWCA holds its teen age world fellowship bazaar on Nov. 21-(3 to 5).

And, you don't want to miss the Y's public affairs dinner meeting on Dec. 2 at the Stafford, or the Christmas Festival on Dec. 19.

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You have to be a mother to appreciate the apprehension our gal, Betty Dowdy, felt on Monday when her two-year-old was hit by a car.

Thanks to Mrs. Christine Smith, word got to her husband, Leonard, and he was able to be at her side when she got to Hopkins Hospital.

Glad to report the youngster is doing all right now.

Wedding anniversary hellos to Mr. and Mrs. Frederick A. Bailey (Mildred), 5221 Delmores Ave., in the Pimlico section, where they have lived for 29 years. It's their 42nd today (Nov. 19).

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Nov. 20 birthday cards to William Ross (Bill), the teacher, 2909 W. Lanvale.

Glad you're better cards to Mrs. Doreatha Jordan, wife of the Methodist minister, the Rev. B. T. Jordan. She is out of Bon Secours Hospital, convalescing at her home, 4713 Pilgrim Rd.

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Out of Hopkins: Mrs. Odessa Dyson, the live - wire executive secretary in the AFRO office.

Also here: Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hollomand (Mary), of D.C.

Project hit by robbers

Baltimore's Urban Renewal program took a setback in the form of a robbery at 2 p.m. of approximately $1200-1500 taken from the Somerset Court Project Office at 500 N. Central Ave.

George Miles, manager at Somerset, told the AFRO of the half - hour ordeal of the staff.

Leaving his office, Mr. Miles saw the robbery taking place and was then herded into a side room with the two other project workers present. While one of the two armed men stood at the front door, the other took the money from the safe. The office is ordinarily unlocked at 8:30 a.m. each morning and was open at the time.

DURING the half hour that the gunmen were there, two other project workers entered the office and their money was taken. They too were told to stand in the side office.

"I guess they either were too slow or just over-confident," Mr. Miles said in answer to why the robbers stayed so long.

"It will take the staff and I some time to get over this," Mr. Miles added. No arrests have been made.

Swimming student takes ill

Allen Brown, tenth grade student at Carver Vocational High School received treatment when he became ill at swimming class this week.

The student later indicated that he had suffered a muscle ach cramp and that he "had a slight cold" that day.

Reuben Jones, principal at Carver, informed the AFRO that the subsequent Lutheran Hospital report revealed that the 15-year-old student had pneumonia at the incident.

Mrs. Gladys Dorsey, school nurse, and school physician Dr. James Carr, gave medical assistance when the youth was noted to be having difficulty getting out of the pool. The student, living at 2930 Francis St., was taken to the hospital by ambulance.

Santa Claus Anonymous campaign on

The Santa Claus Anonymous Campaign has a 1965 goal of $75,000 which will be used to provide some 20,000 needy children, ages 3-11 years, with $3 each for Christmas.

Announcement will be made officially at the kick-off luncheon Tuesday, Nov. 23, in the Caswell House of the Lord Baltimore Hotel at 12:15 p.m. Brooks Robinson of the Baltimore Orioles is guest speaker.

Sponsors are the Baltimore Junior Association of Commerce and the Junior League of Baltimore with William I. Brandt and Mrs. A. Gordon Boone Jr., co-chairmen. Donations are received at the SCA Office, 28 Light St. Monday, Nov. 29 to Dec. 24, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

OES contributes $1,325 to charity

The sixty - ninth annual session of the Myra Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, convened at the Willard W. Allen Masonic Temple this week.

Guest speaker was the Rev. E. A. Hughes, of Scott Methodist Church, Trappe. Mrs. Emma J. Swann acted as mistress of ceremonies.

Newly elected Grand Chapter patron and matron, Charles E. Wells and Ester Hall, respectively, were installed at the end of the closed proceedings.

The state charity fund gave $1,000 to Provident Hospital, $75 to Anna Mae Hunter Home for the Blind, $100 to the NAACP, $50 to the Wicomico Nursery Home, $100 to the United Negro College Fund.

Conference on rehabilitation

The Maryland State Conference of Social Welfare is holding its annual Fall Institute today (Friday) at the Lord Baltimore Hotel under the general theme 'Rehabilitation.'

Guest speaker for the noon luncheon will be E. B. Whitten, executive director of the National Rehabilitation Association.

The one - day institute, running from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. will include nine workshop discussion groups.

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