R.S.V.P. With Marie

By Marie P. COOKE
Reflections Editor

Philadelphia, 1922: Two sisters were visiting their cousin and her husband one Sunday afternoon; there was nothing unusual about the visit other than an introduction to a young dental school lad who was making his home with the couple while studying at the University of Pennsylvania. It was learned during the afternoon that the young man was from Baltimore which led to an invitation for him to visit them at the Philadelphia High School for Girls. And he did.

But his visits, which came regularly, were not just a way of passing time, for surely there must have been other things the gentleman could have done instead. His visits were in the form of a courtship that lasted a mere three years. On September 28, 1925, the Rev. Peacoe pronounced Douglass J. Camper and Naomi Daughtery man and wife. That was 50 years ago.

Ah, but in the meantime the young couple (he was practicing dentistry in Philly and later moved to Wayne, Pa.) abided by the marriage vows they had taken. "We believed in them and carried them out," recalls Mrs. Camper, who says that her husband serves as her inspiration. She stresses that "couples must realize what marriage is all about; the marriage vows tell you."

The early years of the Camper marriage saw the Depression in the 30's, the death of Mrs. Camper's mother (she had left Pa. to come to Md. with the two little Campers, Douglass, Jr., born the year following their marriage, and Cynthia, born in 1929) to nurse her ailing mother, Mrs. W. H. T. Coulborne of St. Michael's, and the making of a new home in a town which was not unfamiliar to them.

Dr. Camper, then a dentist, gave up his practice and went to work at the Social Security Administration. Later he was appointed to teach social studies, geography and history in the public schools (Booker T. Washington and School No. 182 at Saratoga and Carrollton Ave.), a position he held for 25 years.

(Editor's Note: This very brief biographical sketch of the Douglass Campers attempts to show the significance of their 50th wedding anniversary celebration.

Dr. and Mrs. Douglass J. Camper greet guests at their gala 50th wedding anniversary celebration. (Reflections Photo by Benjamin M. Phillips)

So it was a grand and glorious day for Dr and Mrs. Camper when more than 600 of their friends came to the Mondawmin Mall on Sunday, Oct. 5 to join with them in celebrating their 50th year of marriage. It was a gala, yet meaningful-type affair which will long be cherished by couple and their many guests.

The affair began with Dr. Herbert M. Frisby playing incidental music such as "I Love You Truly" and "The Anniversary Waltz." Following him was Mrs. Mary Robinson who sang "Oh Promise Me" accompanied by Miss Elmira Miller. "Because" was performed by Marshall Waters.

The wedding (anniversary) procession was led by six ushers who were stationed at strategic points on the spiral steps overlooking the pond. Leading the procession was Douglass, Jr. who served as his dad's best man. Following him was Arthur Harvey, their son-in-law and Mrs. Gloria Bruce, a niece from New York City. Daughter, Cynthia (Harvey) was her mother's matron of honor. Then the bridegroom (Dr. Camper) came to the foot of the steps and awaited his bride (Mrs. Camper). To the tune of the "Mandolisan March," Mrs. Camper walked down the steps on the arms of the ushers who changed three in intervals.

The Rev. Kelly Jackson (Garrison Blvd. Methodist Church) said prayers, after which Mrs. Robinson sang, accompanied by Mrs. Charlotte Swan.

Grace was said by the Rev. Mr. Jackson. The receiving line was introduced by Mrs. Madeline Harding, which was led by Mrs. Florine Camper, Mrs. Bruce, the honorees, Mrs. Harvey, Mrs. Henry Byrd of Haverford, Pa., Mrs. Reese Brown, of Philadelphia, Mrs. Richard Grimes of Ocean City, N.J., all nieces of Mrs. Camper.

A turkey dinner prepared by Mrs. Camper was served to the 600 guests.

Mrs. Mack Williams gave poetic moments followed by a two minute talk by Mrs. Solomon Blanks of St. Michaels and Baltimore.

The affair was climaxed by the audience singing, led by Dr. Camper, "When Your Hair Has Turned to Silver and Your Cheek has Faded, Too."

Ushers were George Harding, Arthur Lewie, William Harris, Joseph Jenkins, John Duvall, George Lancaster.

The hostesses, co-chaired by Mrs. Juanita Young and Mrs. Ivan Higgins were from all of the sixteen clubs of which Mrs. Camper is a member and other friends of long standing.

Mrs. Camper was draped in a gown consisting of a multitude of tiny golden threads. It was an original designers' piece from the Pauline Brooks Boutique.

The table decorations were by Mrs. Inez Kent; other floral decorations were by Taylor's House of Flowers; pool decorations were by Mrs. Jodi Joblin, from the public relations department at Mondawmin.

Out of town guests from Philadelphia included Mr. and Mrs. Henry Byrd, Jr., Reese Brown, Vernon Williams and their three children, Jeffrey Whittacker; Mrs. Henry E. Byrd Sr., Mosella Williams, Jackie Adens, Mary Wimbush; Miss Karen Byrd.

From New York were: Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Goldsboro and son, Ken; Mrs. David Bruce, Elizabeth Hillman, Howard Bruce, Carol King, and David Bruce, Jr.

Chester, Pa.: Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Maloney, Elwood Winfree; Mr. Irene Martin, Wayne, Pa.

Camden, N.J.: Mr. and Mrs. William Miles, Charles A. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Grimes and Rita Grimes from Ocean City.

From St. Michaels, Md.: Mayor and Mrs. James Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Chester, Vernon Chester, James E. Thomas, Raymond Chester, Solomon Blanks; Mrs. Marie Ayers, Lena Nichols; Miss Alma Moore, Denise Carter;

Also, Mrs. Aray Laws, Gloucester, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Horace Cromwell, Havre de Grace; Mr. and Mrs. J. deCelio, Mrs. Arletta Whittaker, Glen Burnie; Russell Brown, Y. C. Brown, Washington, D.C.

The Campers held open house at their Powhatan Ave. home on Sunday where all of the gifts received were displayed. Among the most unusual were two golden goblets from four of the neighborhood children, Pia Pinkney, Talmadge, Pinkney, Jr., Beverly Green and Donnell Tabbs; who had saved their weekly allowances to buy the gift. (They held regular "progress" meetings until the actual purchase was made.) Another was a stem glass given from a collection of golden anniversary gifts received by the parents of a longtime friend. Noteworthy is the fact that there were no duplications.

WOODLAWN HIGHLIGHTS

Upcoming costume ball is fund raising effort

By Marjorie R. Green

The Social Security Administration Volunteer Group has been busy getting ready for a gala fund raising costume ball to be held at the Reisterstown Rd., Hilton Inn on Saturday, Nov. 8.

There will be dancing, food, drinks and games of chance for those who like to test their luck at the gaming wheels. The committee has made plans to raise enough to finance all of the coming year's activities.

High on the list of projects included is the proposed souvenir program book. This book will carry the names of patrons and sponsors who show by their gifts that they are concerned about those less fortunate people.

The committee is asking every member of VOSSA (Volunteer of Social Security) and their friends to either attend the Costume Ball or support the souvenir program book.

Fred Dechowitz is chairman; Stan Levin, co-chairman. Committee members are: Barbara Alcindor, Mildred Ayers, Cynthia Harvey, Helen Jacobs, Cynthia Jenkins, Nate Lawson Ruby Lee, Bernadine Leeds, also Evelyn Little, Ron Mayer, Bill Milbourn, Victoria Newman, Cynthia Robinson, Helen Robinson, Jacquie Roland, Karen Ross, Eva Stunkel and Fred Veasley.

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Dr. Lucius Leeper has been asked to serve as Acting Director of Employee Health Services for the Social Security Administration. He is taking over the duties of Dr. Leon Kochman who retired in late July.

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The SSA Bible Break Bunch Choir has been invited along with the Rev. J. Marion Bradley to render services at Shiloh Christian Community Church on Sunday, Nov. 2 at 3:30 p.m.

CALVERT CO. NEWS

County's special service

By Melvina Edwards
AFRO Correspondent

"Calvert County Day" was held recently at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, Gilmor St. and Riggs Ave. The Rev. Charles A. Green is pastor.

The Rev. Joseph Collins, pastor of Brooks United Methodist Church in Calvert County delivered the sermon on "The Handwriting on the Wall." He was accompanied by his senior and junior choirs.

Many other churches were represented and received a warm welcome from the Rev. Mr. Green.

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The day also marked the closing of St. Luke's Annual Camp meeting. Participating ministers were the Rev. George White; the Rev. Norman Goosby, pastor of Town Neck Church; the Rev. Mr. Collins, the Rev. Clarence Weeks, pastor of Broadneck.

The Rev. Carroll Yingling is District Superintendent.

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St. Edmonds United Methodist Church at Chesapeake Beach is holding its annual Camp Meeting and will continue through Oct. 28.

On Sunday, Oct. 19, The Rev. Charles N. Bourne, former pastor, will deliver the morning sermon and Sister Isabelle Green will speak during the evening service.

The Rev. John R. White is pastor. District Superintendent is the Rev. Edgar W. Hammersla.

James Titus of Bethlehem, Pa., is visiting family and friends in Calvert County. He will render a program on Oct. 26.

Funeral services for little Harvey Edwards, age 4, were held recently at the Isaiah Brown Funeral Home. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur (Margaret) Newman of Greenmount Ave., and the nephew of William Edwards and Walter Bowie.

He is buried in Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

GLADYS M. BROWN given orchids at party

Birthday orchids, Mrs. Brown

Greeted by many of her long time friends, Mrs. Gladys M. Brown was feted recently at a surprise birthday party given by her husband, George and Marjorie Livingston.

A highlight of the affair was the pinning of an orchid corsage on the honoree.

Among the out-of-town guests present were Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Brady, Bronx, N.Y. and Mr. and Mrs. Ceohas Austin, New York City.

The affair was held at the Garrison Blvd. home of Mrs. Livingston.

Career night Oct. 22 for Nurses

The Maryland General Hospital School of Nursing will sponsor Career Night on Wednesday, Oct. 22, in the hospital auditorium, opposite the main entrance of the hospital, 827 Linden Avenue. Continuous programs from 6 to 9 p.m. will include nursing displays, hospital and school tours and career information.

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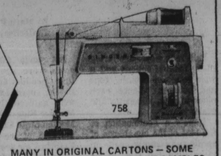

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Couples have anniversaries

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stepney observed their silver wedding anniversary on August 7 at their Fulton Ave home. They renewed their wedding vows with the Rev. Henry J. Turner officiating.

Mrs. Stepney (Kitty) wore a full-length gown of white homespun, three-quarter length sleeves with oval neckline trimmed with lace, and silver accessories.

A buffet dinner was served.

Out of town guests were Mrs. James Coleman of West Palm Beach, Fla.; Mrs. Mary Brooks of Raleigh, N.C.; Mr. and Mrs. Leon Collier, Mr. and Mrs. William Parker, Mrs. John Collins, all of Philadelphia;

Mrs. Shirley Wooden and daughter, Carmen, Chicago, Ill.; Douglass Roberts and Theibert Parker, Philadelphia.

Golden Years

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Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Morton (Mary) marked their golden wedding anniversary on Sept. 7 at their W. Fayette St. home.

The Mortons, natives of Greenville, N.C., are longtime members of Central Baptist Church where the Rev. Monteque Brackett is pastor. The couple has two sons, Dr. Herbert Lee Morton of Upper New York State and James E. Morton of Baltimore.

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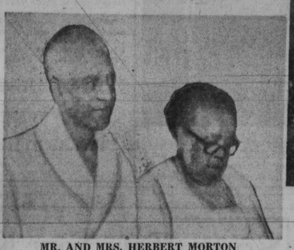

MR. AND MRS. HERBERT MORTON marked 50th wedding anniversary

COLUMBIA CAPERS

By Pinnie L. Ross
AFRO Columnist

Heritage United Church of God was the setting for the nuptials of Miss Margaret Chiquita Davidson and Wesley Hayes recently. The Rev. Milton Grannum, Pastor, High Street of God, Philadelphia, and the Rev. Robert S. David, Pastor of Long Reach Church of God, Columbia, officiated the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Charles R. Davidson, Wood Elves Way, Hobbits Glen section in Columbia. The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Bessie Hayes of Philadelphia.

The altar was decorated with palms and white chrysanthemums. The ceremony was uniquely different in that its style was patterned after a traditional church service in which, after the bride and her attendants promenaded in and took their seats, greetings and a prayer were given, two solos, a sermonette, and the traditional communion was served to the bride and groom.

"You know, we can make plans, said the Rev. Mr. Davis, "but if these plans do not include inviting Christ to take a part in them, they will never be completely successful. Praise God for Phil and Chiquita, who have included Him, who invited Christ into their lives and then into every plan of their lives, even their wedding, their marriage."

Two solos were rendered by Miss Joy Simpson, Philadelphia, a Temple University graduate with a MA degree from Juilliard School of Music. She sang "God Be Thy Glory" and "The Name of God."

It was a very silent moment while the communion was being administered by the Rev. Milton Grannum, while the religious couple was kneeling at the altar. His soul-searching prayer: The Bread denotes the broken body, a symbol of the love of God, a symbol of commitment. The beautiful couple shared a piece of each other's bread; they shared the cup in the element of wine together. Rev. Grannum continued, "No separate streams, but stream together. We pray that God will make them one, make this a union.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was lovely in a white original gown of peau de soie. It featured the empire waist effect with a high lace collar and long lace sleeves with a flowing train. She carried a bouquet of yellow rose buds with green leaves.

The bridesmaids were Valeria Henderson of Pa. Vanessa Thomas of Tenn. (daughter of singer Rufus Thomas); Jacqueline Jones, Pa.; Jacqueline Edmonds, Va.; Cheryl Saunders, D.C.; Patricia Davidson, Baltimore; Ruth Tranell, Va.; Jerry Brown and Michelle White, Pa.

Ushers were Arthur Eland, Chicago; Andrew Henderson, Pa.; Harold Tannell, Pa.; Peire Miller, Boston, Mass.; Clarence Hayes, Baltimore, Dr. John Hayes, Philadelphia (brother of the bridegroom); David White, Ohio; James White, Philadelphia; Anthony Hicks, Durham, N.C.; Huey Mayes, Jr., Philadelphia.

Maid of honor was Wanda Davidson; ring bearers were Charles and Russell Davison. The flower girls were Pamela Hayes and Keshna Davis. Best man, Andrew D. Grafferiet, was from Fla.

Mrs. Margaret Davidson, mother of the bride, was stunning in a multi-colored, pencil-fitted, chiffon gown. The gown had long sleeves with a nipped waist. Mrs. Bessie Hayes, mother of the bridegroom, chose a multi-colored silver, green, maroon on navy background, dress with yards of material gathered at the waist, with slight puff at cuff and a deep plunge neckline.

Following the exchange of the marriage vows, a sumptuous feast was served at Emerald Gardens, where over 200 guests passed by the receiving line to congratulate the couple.

The new Mrs. Hayes attended the public schools in Baltimore, and is currently studying pre-medicine at Temple University. Mr. Hayes is a third-year medical student at the University of Pennsylvania.

Some of the out-of-town family included Rev. Eugene Adair, Richard Adair, D.C.; Dr. Thelma Adair, New York, Mrs. Gwendolyn Cunningham, Charlotte, North Carolina, aunts; Mrs. Jeanne Meus, Clarence Meus, Haiti uncles, Dr. and Mrs. Arthur T. Davidson, New Rochelle, New York, son Dr. Ronald Davidson and daughter Cathy, Durham; Dr. James R. Davidson, Baltimore.

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It is designed to help women improve their leadership abilities, increase their skills in interpersonal and small-group relations, solve problems, and communicate better with superiors, associates and subordinates.

For further information and registration details, contact the Center for Community Services at Essex Community College, 682-6000, Ext. 486.

Local Club Notes

Woman Power

Womas Power, Inc., will hold its 18th annual Leadership Conference and Luncheon on Sunday, Oct. 19, 11 a.m. at the Sheraton Inn, Broadway and Orleans St.

In tune with International Woman's Year, the theme is "Women, the Stimulus of Dynamic Service fro Urban Crisis."

Exhibitors will include the Law School of the University of Maryland, the Commission on the Aging, the Legal Aid and the Public Defenders representatives who will help to give information involving social concerns, human resources and other topics.

Participants will include Dr. Billy Davis, director of Edmondson Village Clinic; Dr. Emerson C. Walden, president of the Md. Medical Association; Dr. Nina Rawlings director of Provident-Druid Clinic;

Also, Mrs. Pat Thorne, deputy director Commissioner on the Aging; Mrs. Beverly Simmers, policewoman, Baltimore City Police Department; Mrs. Marguerite Campbell, aide to Baltimore City's Mayor Schaefer.

MSU Class of '50

Joined by Friends and family, several members of the Class of 1950, Morgan State University, celebrated their 25th class anniversary.

The group of 60 enjoyed a week's cruise to Nassau and Bermuda on the S. S. Rotterdam, Aug. 9-16. This luxury liner embarked from New York City and lived up to its reputation of "the good time ship." The variety of foods, activities and entertainment satisfied the pleasures of all age groups and preferences.

The cruise was planned by a committee from the class, consisting of Virginia Briscoe Coleman, Oriene Crutchfield Gregg, Clarice Foulk Lee, George M. Brooks, John E. Saunders, Wilbert L. Walker, Howard Wilkes and John M. Williams.

The group enjoyed a memorable week of smooth seas, fun and renewal of friendships begun as undergraduates 25 years ago.

Members of the class and their families on the cruise were: Mr. and Mrs. William Green, their daughters, Pam and Jan; Mrs. Constance Crumley Harris, Mr. and Mrs. James Martin, all from Philadelphia;

Miss Hilda Perry, Washington, D.C.;

Dr. Elizabeth F. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lingo, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Matthews, Ms. Virginia Briscoe Coleman, Mrs. Oriene Crutchfield Gregg, Miss Clarice F. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. George M. Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Saunders and son, Anthony;

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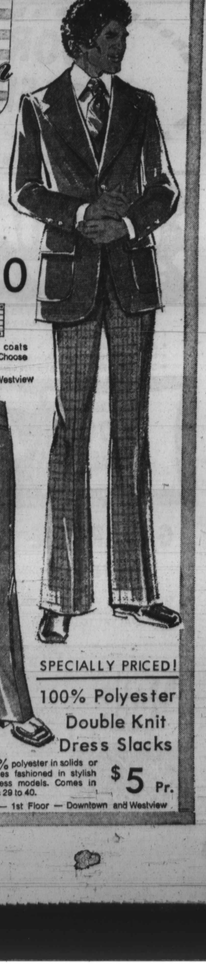

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