Lawrence and Edythe Sears celebrate 50 years

By Pattie Hodges

One of the loveliest occasions of late was the 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration of Lawrence and Edythe Sears.

This affair was held at La Fontaine Bleu on Erdman Avenue on Saturday, March 17, from 8 p.m. until 12 a.m.

More than 75 family members and friends gathered to celebrate with Mr. and Mrs. Sears, who are Baltimoreans and who reside on Mt. Holly Street.

Maitre'd Joe Ballard announced the occasion and set the stage for everything.

A beautiful, huge three-tiered cake with bride and groom on top rested on a silver platter on top of a round table done up in a gold and white lace tablecloth. The cake was unique in that, in between the first and second tier was a continuously flowing fountain of multicolored water.

The honorees, family and guests enjoyed open buffet and cocktails from 8 until 9 p.m., a sit down dinner of optional menu from 9 until 10 p.m., and continuous open buffet and cocktails throughout the evening. And the food was simply delicious.

There was a U - shaped head table with gold and white lace cloth adorning it for the honorees and the immediate family, and surrounding round tables similarly decorated for other family members and friends.

Introduction of the head table and guests was done by the maitre'd. Invocation was given by Father Donald Sterling.

Audrey Sears, daughter, gave the toast for the occasion. Walter Carter did a solo, "Take Your Burdens to the Lord and Leave Them There," dedicated to the Sears' 50th celebration.

There were many congratulations, much lively conversation, reminiscing and dancing, with music pre - prepared by Robert Sears, son. The music was a combination of lively disco for dancing, with sentimental favorites in between for the honorees.

Mr. and Mrs. Sears were married March 14, 1929. Mr. Sears is a retired mail room supervisor. He was employed by the government in Washington D.C.

For their glorious occasion Mrs. Sears wore a dusty rose, floor length chiffon dress and a yellow orchid.

Mr. Sears wore a dark blue pin - striped suit, white shirt and dark tie, and sported a white carnation with a yellow rose in the middle.

At the end of the evening, the Sears were presented a bottle of champagne by the maitre'd, after which they cut the symbolic first slice of their cake.

Everyone formed a circle around them and sang "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" while they waltzed in the middle of the circle.

Their gifts were many and beautiful. There were gold - trimmed china, gold candle holders, gold place settings and wall plaques to name a few.

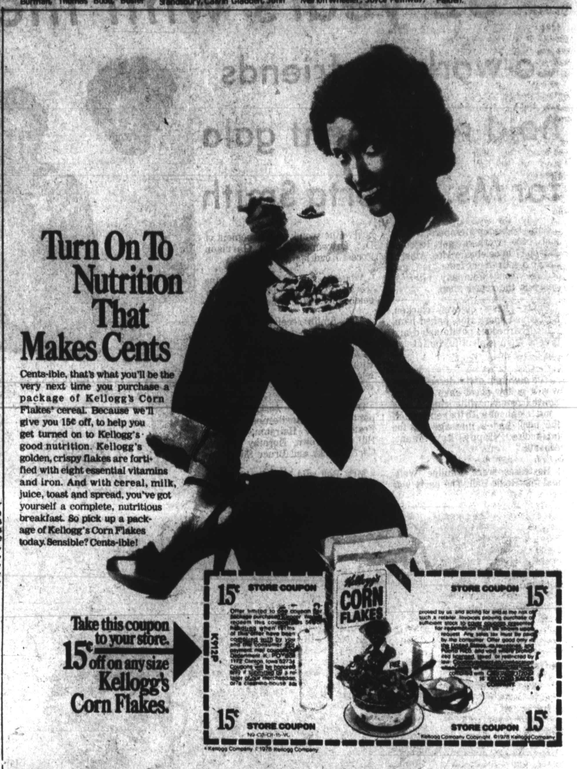
Their thoughts were beautiful, too. Of their 50 years together Mrs. Sears said: "It's wonderful." Mr. Sears said: "It doesn't seem like 50 years. It's been a happy marriage and I have a wonderful family."

Family and well - wishers there to celebrate with them were: sons Robert Sears, program analyst in management for the Office of Hearing and Appeals (HEW); Lawrence Jr., hearing examiner for the Maryland State Insurance Division; Phillip, special agent for the Customs Bureau, Department of Treasury; Warren, principal, Thomas G. Hayes Elementary School, Brenda Sears, area supervisor, for Department of Social Services (Patterson Park District), and Audrey Sears Newmuis of Barve Drugs.

Other guests included: Father Donald A. Sterling, Kevin Christian, Mrs. Lawrence Sears Jr., Mrs. Phillip J. Sears, Messrs: Demetria Christian, Winkle Christian, Darryl Christian, Patrek M. Sears, Lisa T. Burton, Richelle Johnson, Toni Johnson, Tonia Barnes, Chw. - Ron Carter, Bernadette Carter, Sheila Bonner, Sandra Sherper, Lisa Burman, Alex Sears, and Messrs: Ellis Carter, Raymond Carter, Charles E. Carter, Paul S. Carter, Henry Green, Walter Burks, Vernon Sears, Vernon J. Carter Jr., Clinton Pettiford, Roscoe Burman, Thomas Bude, Bishop Christian and Edgar Russ, Myron J. Sears, Gregory L. Sears, William V. Newmuis, Christopher E. Newmuis, Alvin Carter, John Campbell, John Carter, Walter Carter, Lewis Tillman, Daniel Budd, Houston Standbury, Calvin Glaudon, John Tucker, Nathaniel Oakes, Alvin Johnson Jr., and Richard McCallum.

Also Philip J. Sears Jr., and Derrick Burton; Mesdames: Mary LaQuint, Naomi Gladden, Phyllis Matthews, Dorothy Standbury, Marion Wheeler, Joyce Pettiway, Lavinia Cann, Raymond S. Taylor, Marilyn Ferguson, Yronia Thomas, Viola Truitt, Mary Parker, Nellie Williams, Peggy Sears, Elsie Moore, Hean Fowlkes, Shirley F. Thornton, Maxine Waterhouse and Elsie Patten.

50 YEARS TOGETHER — Lawrence and Edythe Sears celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at La Fontaine Bleu on March 17. Mr. and Mrs. Sears have six children, nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.



The Great Cooks of Baltimore

Evelon Jordan's Eggs Gascon

CHEF OF THE WEEK
Evelon Jordan
By Pattie Hodges

Our chef for this week is Mrs. Evelon Jordan of the 3600 block of Dolfield Avenue.

Evelon has been cooking for 30 years. She loves to entertain and to prepare different (surprise) dishes for family and friends.

Evelon cooks a variety of foods. Some of her favorite dishes are Eggs Gascon, (a French dish), macaroni and cheese, candidied yams and orange glaze cake.

Evelon likes to take basic recipes and add her own original touches to them. She has a very special roast beef dish which she spruces up to exquisite tenderness with her own extras, and she especially likes to experiment with salads.

Evelon is married to William Jordan Sr. and has one son, William Jr. She is an Operations Analyst at Social Security (Woodlawn).

Evelon is a lifetime member of Leadenhall Baptist Church, where she is on the trustee board. She also belongs to the Calvary Chapter No. 32 of the Order of Eastern Stars and to several social clubs.

Her hobby is collecting swans (crystal, bronze etc.) and she has quite a collection.

Evelon has decided to share with AFRO readers her receipt for Eggs Gascon.

Mrs. Evelon Jordan

EGGS GASCON

4 to 6 eggs
1 eggplant, sliced
1 large onion, thinly sliced
3 tomatoes, peeled and thickly sliced
¼ cup of cooking oil
1 thick slice of uncooked ham, cut in strips
Salt and pepper to taste

Salt eggplant slices on both sides. Allow to stand for 30 minutes, then rinse in cold water to remove salt. (This process, called degorge, draws out the bitter juices of the eggplant).

Sauteé onions in 2 tbsp. of cooking oil in a medium frying pan until brown. Remove and set aside.

Dry eggplant slices on paper towels. Add 6 tbsp. of oil to same pan.

Put in eggplant slices and fry until golden brown on both sides. Pour away excess fat. Add tomatoes and onions.

Season to taste and cook six to seven minutes over medium flame or until mixture is rich and [illegible] serving dish and keep warm.

Remove any eggplant mixture residue from pan. In remaining oil fry ham 3 to 4 minutes or until brown. Drain. Set aside and keep warm.

Fry eggs sunny-side up in same pan and place on top of eggplant mixture. Garnish on top with ham slices.

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Happy spring ... though it would never get here and hope it never leaves. We're glad to see it once again.

Seems like spring always brings with it good news, like this note which read;

"We request the honor of your presence to help celebrate the 50th birthday of our mother, Mildred L. Nelson on Friday, March 16, at the Other Barn in Columbia, Md."

It was the invitation sent to relatives and friends by the Nelson children, Joyce, James, Brenda and Berry. Guests arrived to find the Columbia hall decorated in blue and white and lighted with candles providing a festive atmosphere.

The honoree was radiant in a blue Guiana long skirt, waist frock, and wore a double orchid, the gift of a fmily friend, Bernard James.

She is the labor relations specialist at Social Security and a volunteer community worker. Many know her as the lay speaker at St. Paul Methodish Church, and as a hard worker in a number of civic groups, including the Maryland League of Women's Clubs, of which she is vice president; Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, King's Landing Women, of which she holds office of treasurer.

She is also well known as the associate trustee of MASI (Middle Atlantic States Region of the U.S. Association of Evening Schools) where she represents Morgan State University, and in this role counsels a number of foreign students studying at the college.

The 300 guests enjoyed dancing to the disco sounds provided by Charles Demby and Lewis Nixon, and dined on foods which ranged from gourmet, imported cheeses and fruit to "soul food." All were attractively arranged in the style befitting Mrs. Nelson, who is also a talented caterer.

Highlight of the evening came with the cutting of the three - tiered birthday cake, adorned with roses.

Among the out - of - townguests: Magdalene Thomas, Suitland, Md.; Iris Dial, D.C.; Edwina Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Leory Carree and Mr. and Mrs. James Johnson of Columbia; Jennie and Vennie Mallinix and Jay Johnson, all of Fulton, Md.

Able Darah of Liberia, West Africa; Tendia Dzikiti, of Zimbawae, South Africa, and a number of students from Sierre Leone And Azania, South Africa.

From Jamaica, N.Y., Clifton Ballard and daughters, Ann Marie and Michele; and from London, England, Mr. and Mrs. James Freeman.

Among others about: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith, H. Juanita Walker, Ann Parson, Mary Jo, the Clifton Earlys, Melba Falson and sons, Charles and William; Sallye B. Carter, Irene Canady, Gwen Clarke, Mary Upshur, Rosie Salley, Geneva Small, Myrtle Harrod.

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And the Sterling Barksdale family, Bernard James, Leon Brown, Frances Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Wells, Ola M. Blair, Mr. and Mrs. James Jackson, and daughter, Doris; Irene Beasley, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Lynch, Mr. and Mrs. John Graham and family; Louise Littlejohn, Claudie McNeil, Catherine Page and daughters; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Steward and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest G. Smith.

Mildred Nelson's children host birthday bash

HAPPY 50TH BIRTHDAY wishes were extended Mildred L. Nelson by some 300 guests on Friday evening. Party was arranged by her children (from L to R): Brenda M. Anderson, Berry E. Nelson and Joyce Cotten. Another son, James Cotton, died in February. See R.S.V.P. for details about the gala event.

The Apronstrings plan fashion show

The Apronstrings Inc. will hold its fourth annual fashion show on Sunday, April 1 at Martin's West. The Apronstrings is a social and civic club comprised of 10 young career women.

This year's theme is "Rainbow of Fashions" featuring garments designed by Beverly Booth Brown and Wendy P. Robinson for spring and summer.

Hats created by Nell Sheridan and leather goods will be shown by World of Faces models.

Proceeds from the show will benefit the Lawrence Zollicoffer Memorial Fund, an assistanceship program initiated by the club to give financial aid to qualified black medical students.

Apronstring members are Sheila C. Bennett, LaVerne Brooks, Beverly B. Brown, Pamela Burkett, Carolyn Cole, Paula B. Guest, Charlene McCargo, Kiane Mitchell, Wendy P. Robinson and Kewanee Smith. Mrs. Cole is fashion coordinator.

Secretaries Association plans seminar

Monumental Chapter, National Secretaries Association (International), will hold its 25th annual Workshop on Saturday, March 24, at the Baltimore Hilton from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The afternoon session includes makeup and hair styles by Faces Enterprises and fashions by Casual Corner. A scholarship award will be presented to a high school senior at the afternoon session.

The Workshop is open to the public.

For reservations and additional information, contact Normal L. Sutherland, workshop chairman, at 594-2424 or 628-4282.

Fashions in news

Fashions are also much in the news this weekend. The ladies' Guild of Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church is holding its benefit fashion show and luncheon this Saturday at Emerald Gardens. Pauline Brooks models will display spring fashions.

Big Sisters

On next Saturday, Marcy 31, Big Sisters will hold their all - day seminar, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at Douglass Memorial Church. Featured will be Cecelia Bryant, the luncheon speaker. Panelists for workshops before the luncheon include educators who will discuss the impact of the family.

Disco, bull roast

On April 1, members of King's Landing Women's Service Club will hold a benefit disco and bull roast at Fontaine Bleu 2 to 6 p.m. Betty Lindsay is chairing the event. Gwen k is president. Proceeds will be used to help underwrite the annual Martin Luther King Memorial Breakfast which the group co - sponsors with the Baltimore YMCA.

Oyster Roast

Also coming up on April 1, beginning at 7:30 p.m., is the second annual oyster roast sponsored by the ladies' Auxiliary of the Funeral Directors and Monticians Association. It is a benefit affair, set for Martin's West. Gloria Jones is chair; Connie Bailey is president.

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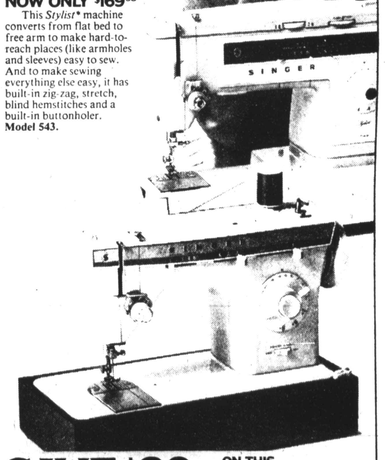

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