If You Ask Me

By Bettye Moss

Elks honor Mrs. Harris

It couldn't have happened to a more deserving person. On Sunday evening, members of the Elks' Zorah Elliott Temple No. 717 honored Mrs. Ethel Travers Harris (Mrs. Bernard Harris Sr.).

She is the longtime civic worker, teacher community leader and friend to many, who has left her mark in the East Baltimore community, where she resides, as well as other sections of the city.

She is the widow of the physician who also devoted a lifetime to this community.

The testimonial, at the downtown Baltimore Holiday Inn, attracted an enthusiastic group of Elk members, family and friends of the honoree.

Speaker after speaker told of the contributions of "Sister Ethel" as Grand District Deputy of the order, as well as for her work at various levels of Elk leadership.

She holds Past Grand Daughter Ruler honors and Past State President honors in the Tri State

Mrs. Ethel T. Harris Honored by Elks

Elks of which she is state organizer.

Past Grand Olive V. Hosey presided at the inspiring formal program, which featured verbal, musical and floral tributes presented by 25 persons.

Among them, the Rev. Harold Palmer, Centennial Methodist Church, which Mrs. Harris joined as a child. Through the years, she was church school pianist, choir member, organizer of the Sunday School division.

Today, she is a trustee and member of United Methodist Women. Past Grand Daughter Ruler Willa T. Moss, came from Philly, to give the main tribute.

Among other speakers, John Cothorn, who was a first grade pupil of the honoree. He is now a retired teacher. His remarks moved the audience and the honoree.

Members of the honoree's family present were her six sons and daughters and their mates: Mr. and Mrs. Miles G. Harrison Jr. (Bernardine); Dr. and Mrs. Bernard Harris Jr., Robert H. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin B. Watson (Anita), Mr. and Mrs. James R. Harris and Mrs. Elise H. Clarke.

Grandchildren there: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Blount (Brenda), Dr. and Mrs. Miles G. Harrison Jr., Perry K. Watson, Roland Dean Jr.

Great - grands were also there: Robert Blount Jr., Kiam Harrison. Other grands and great - grands include: Marilyn Harris and Monica and Jenifer Blount.

Mrs. Frances E. Royster is daughter ruler of Zorah - Elliott Temple. Vice are Mesdames Henrietta Wilmore and Shirley Jones.

Past Rulers Olive Hosey and Betty Briggs co - chaired the testimonial. Cuff note: Zorah Elliott Temple is named for the beloved East Baltimore mortician.

People, things

Out of the hospital and much improved are Clarence Dyson, the Hochschild Kohn interior decorator and Elroy O. Wilson, the businessman.

Glad - you - re - better cards to Provident Hospital (Room 7707), for City Councilman Norman V.A. Reeves.

He had abdominal surgery last week, is now out of intensive care and doing well.

Also to Patti Hodges, the teacher and AFRO writer. Her car skidded on ice Friday and turned over, leaving her grounded with concussion. Car is a wreck.

Continue prayers for Dr. Frederick Dedmond, the retired Morgan prof., and thinking - of - you cards to his devoted wife, Dr. Flossie Dedmond, retired Coppin dean.

Inauguration Day was a special thrill for Edna Alston, the beautician, and her friend, Jessie Vines, the retired social worker.

Edna tells how "our congressman" (Parren J. Mitchell), arranged preferred seating for them at Tuesday's inauguration of President Ronald Reagan. ("We were up front.")

"It was just thrilling . . . and our congressman had us among the guests at the reception in the Rayburn Building . . . there were so many people . . . and so many tasty dishes . . . and everything was just lovely . . .

Note to Congressman Mitchell: "Your constituents, Alston and Vines, are thrilled . . . and they tell this writer you are, "something special" to them.

They are also talking about the high regard in which you are held by fellow congressmen, and the large number of plaques which adorn your office.

Mr. and Mrs. D. John Peters (Ida), are in from a vacation in California.

They visited his son, Charles, the solar architect in Oakland, and had a reunion in Sacramento with old friends, Dr. and Mrs. Carl Drake (Bea), both Morgan grads.

Visiting the Baltimore area from Tupelo, Miss., is John Allen, the businessman.

He joined his Delta daughters at the Harford County chapter's founders' day celebration on Sunday at Edgewood Officers' Club.

His Delta daughters are: Mae Cook, the Md. School for Blind teacher; and Joyce Cook, the teacher, who co - chaired the celebration. A third daughter is Ernestine Mitchell, the Harford County school counselor.

DELTA FATHER — John Allen, Tupelo, Miss, businessman, was visiting in Maryland last week, and attended the founders' day celebration of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, sponsored by the Harford County chapter of which his daughters are members. Two of them are shown with him. Left, Joyce Cook, chapter historian and chair of the founders' day celebration. Right, Mae Cook, chapter correspondent secretary. A third Delta daughter, Ernestine Mitchell, historian, is not pictured.

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KING'S LANDING FETE — Ms. Patricia Russell, third from right, principal speaker at Baltimore's annual MLK breakfast, was honored at reception given by King's Landing women. From left to right, George W. Collins, WMAR-TV exec.; Penny Gore, Ms. Russell, Iris Lloyd and Sydney King.

Kings Landing women host MLK Day speaker

Members of the King's Landing Women's Service Club entertained on Wednesday evening in honor of Patricia A. Russell of Washington.

An attorney, Ms. Russell heads the complaints and compliance division of the Federal Communications Commission's Broadcast Bureau.

She was in the city to give the keynote address for the sixth annual Martin Luther Kinf Jr. Memorial Breakfast held the next day at Convention Center, sponsored by the Baltimore area YMCA.

Members of King's Landing and the Jeffrey Fund are co-sponsors.

In attendance at the reception held at the Forest Park Avenue home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Paul Moss, were members of the breakfast steering committee and a cross-section of community workers. Mr. Moss originated the breakfast celebration and coordinated it for five years. Mrs. Moss (Bettye) is a charter of KLW.

YMCA president Richard Kelly, Ethan A. Stanger, YM board chairman, and Kareem Aziz, new cordinator of the breakfast, were present. Aziz is the new executive director of the Y's Druid Hill Ave. branch.

Also in attendance, J. Sydney King, WBAL exec and co-chairman of the breakfast committee with Judge Robert B. Watts, also there.

Also there were officers of the Baltimore chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Gilda Garrett, president; and Idell Pugh, former president, and her husband Melville.

The AKA ladies presented an orchid to the honoree, who is national parliamentarian of the sorority.

Also seen in the crowd, Penny Love, chair of the breakfast awards committee, which initiated the $500 Martin Luther King Awards, presented for the first time this year to high school youngsters who typify the King spirit.

Also about, the Guilbert Daleys, (Thelma). She introduced the breakfast speaker and Dea Kline, George Collins, Maj. Herbert Armstrong, Kay Carter, Marie Henderson, Marguerite Campbell; Nissue Bey;

And, Community College president, Dr. Rafael Cortado and Mrs. Cortado, the James Griffins, Del. Walter Dean, the Vallen Emerys, the John Ferrons, Charles Tildon, George Whites, the James Penns; Rita Selby; Samuel Adams, Elsie Gibbs, the William Mumbys;

Also, the Leon Bridgeses, John H. Murphys 3rd, Wendell Suttons, George Musgroves, Ernestine Jones, Steven Kashif, Dr. Thomas C. Jones, Novald Shakir, Dr. and Mrs. Robert Lloyd, the Charles Stewarts, Leah Hasty;

And Ruth Rosedom, Lota Howard, Rosa Gaskins, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Adair, the Paul Beckhams, Elva Tillman, Wendell Reed, Florence Bailey, Pattie Hodges, Del. Pete Rawlings, Elsie Gibbs, Wayne Fisher . . . and many others.

Bettye Lindsay is president of KLW. In attendance at the reception, Margo Ross, who co-founded the group 16 years ago, along with Del. Lena K. Lee. Mr. Ross (Bill) was also about.

Other KLW members present, Mildred Nelson, who directed the catering; Rosie Salley, Roberta Kets, Majorie Green, Joyce Cotton, Geneva Small, Mary Smith, Myrtle Harrod, Mary Upshur, Colles Corprew, Gwen Clark, Adele Queen, Geneva Small and Estelle Foster.

Next day, the KLW ladies were out bright and early. Arriving at the Convention Center a half hour ahead of the scheduled 7:30 a.m. event to receive their over 1500 guests.

Attorney Russell lived up to her reputation as dynamic speaker. She received frequent applause and a standing ovation at the conclusion of her hard-hitting speech, entitled, "What Happens To A Dream Deferred?"

Highlights: — "He, (Martin Luther King), was the one whose mandate included and incorporated all, people, black, white, old, young, rich, poor, graduates and students, the educated and non-educated, and one whose flawlessly articulated message of truth set forth a plea for equality, justice and freedom for all . . ."

And, "It is laudable, indeed, that we come today to honor a man whose mission was so great, that in honoring him we make ourselves deservedly proud. Yet, the task is to leave this place committed to closing the gap between what we say and what we do . . .

At this point, the speaker, using the Kennedy accent beautifully, said, "We are reminded of Robert F. Kennedy . . . some see things as they are, and ask why? I see things that never were, and ask, why not?" The audience applauded enthusiastically.

There was deafening applause as she outlined areas of concern and quickly presented solutions, and at the end of her speech when she gave an alphabet for living. Example: C is for courage to be strong . . when we have neither the motivation nor the inclination to be inspired . .

The interracial audience also gave sustained applause to the musical selections by the Bowie State College Ensemble, directed by Dr. Utah Peters.

Among their selections was an original interpretation of the national anthem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing."

Prayers were by Rev. Alfred Starratt, pastor, Eammanuel Episcopal Church and Rev. William E. Johnson, minister of Turner's Station Union Baptist Church.

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