Vice-Mayor Beamer of Portsmouth gets doctorate at Virginia Seminary and College

88th Commencement held on historic campus in Lynchburg

LYNCHBURG — The 88th annual commencement of the Lynchburg Seminary and College was held May 24 on the campus which has the distinction of being on the Virginia Register of Historic Places.

Among the 31 graduates were four notables including Portsmouth, VA. Vice - Mayor Ben Beamer, pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church, Portsmouth was twice elected vice - mayor and a former City Council member.

An outstanding educator, he has a Virginia State University master's degree in science.

Dr. Robert W. Perry, commencement speaker, was awarded the honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree. Formerly pastor of Mt. Carmel Baptist, Portsmouth, he is presently head of Union Baptist, Stamford, CT. The first of his race to be the United Airlines Tarrif Agent; Dr. Perry is formerly of the American School of Law and Virginia Union University.

Dr. Charles W Green, pastor of Pilgrim Baptist Church, Washington, DC, and vice president of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, was awarded the honorary degree Doctor of Humane Letters. He holds Virginia Union University Master of Divinity and BA degrees.

Dr. James A. Braxton, pastor of Salem, VA's First Baptist Church, was awarded the honorary Doctor of Divinity degree. He received bachelor and master degrees from Virginia Seminary and honorary doctorate from both Shaw University and Virginia Union University.

DEBT-FREE

Dr. A. C. D. Vaughn, acting president, presided at the evening ceremonies.

As chairman of the board of trustees he announced the successful year as having income sufficient to render the college debt-free.

Dr. Vaughn also revealed the school has been able to renovate the library and open the two dormatory buildings. Income has totaled over $100,000. Commencement reports noted the Maryland Alumni under Rev. Charles Franklin gave $1,000. The more than $4,000 for the day also included $1,000 from Dr. Perry's church Women's Society.

Among graduates who arrived from the Eastern Seaboard and as far away as California, was Dr. George A. Crawley Jr. who was elected June 10 to the presidency of the Hampton Ministers Conference, the largest assembly of ministers in the world which has met on Hampton Institute campus over 50 years.

Dr. Crawley is pastor of Baltimore's St. Paul Baptist Church and holder of honorary and earned doctor's degrees.

Among those on the commencement program were Dr. Cleveland Freeman, Norfolk, a trustee and pastor of St. John's Baptist Church, Portsmouth; Dr. Eddie Wilson, Baltimore, Leadenhall Baptist Church, director of the Baltimore Baptist Center and a trustee; Dr. William D. Tyree, college treasurer, a trustee and pastor of First Baptist Berkley Church, Norfolk;

Also, Dr. Alfred Wynn, Dr. Avery Penn, Dr. Harry Ferguson, Dr. Harlie Wilson, Dr. John Foster, president, Virginia Baptist State convention; the New Horizons Singers, Mt. Carmel Baptist and Mrs. Janet Lockhart.

Mrs. Shirley Carr, clerk, second Calvary Baptist Church, Norfolk, unveiled the portrait of the late Dr. H. W. B. Walker who was dean of the School of Theology and donor of $10,000 through his will. Second Calvary is the highest monthly contributor to the Seminary.

Reveiving Master of Religious Education degrees were Russell Groves, George Henry, Pierson Kemp, Janet Lockhart, Johnnie Murray and Antoinette Phillips. Master of Divinity degrees went to Raymond Showell and Andrew Wynn.

Bachelor of Arts in Theology degrees went to Theodore Bonds, Kenneth Bivins, Samuel Donaldson, Riley Bernard Franklin, Bruce Johnson, Benjamin Jones, Prince Kearney, John Kennedy, Carlton Lewis, Rome Matthews and Calvin Monroe. Catherine Green received the Bachelor of Christian Education degree.

Langston Logan, received the Bachelor of Arts in Religion degree; Steve Reid, the Associate of Arts degree. Special certificates went to Wendell Eugene Brown, Bertina Lois Foster, Thomas Jefferson Jordan, Margaret Witcher Marrow, Harold Pettis, Clarence Poole, Joseph Rowlett, James Edward Scott Jr., William Willis Wilkinson.



DR. BEN BEAMER, Vice-Mayor, Portsmouth, VA, pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church, recipient of the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters.



ACTING PRESIDENT and chairman of the board of trustees, Dr. A. C. D. Vaughn; Treasurer, Dr. William D. Tyree; Dr. Eddie R. Wilson, director, Maryland Baptist Center and trustee.



Dr. Robert Perry, pastor, Union Baptist Church, Stamford, CT, Doctor of Humane Letters.



Dr. Charles W. Green, pastor, Pilgrim Baptist Church, Washington, DC, Doctor of Humane Letters.



Dr. James Braxton, Salem, VA, trustee, Doctor of Divinity.



GRADUATES — Revs. Benny Jones, Russell Graove, Mary Antoinette Phillips, Clarence Poole, Bruce Johnson, John Kennedy, Carlton Lewis, Prince Kearney, Calvin Monroe, Samuel Donaldson, Rome B. Matthews, Attorney Kenneth Bevins, Theodore Bonds, Raymond Showell, Andrew Wynn, Riley B. Franklin, George E. Henry.



PROCESSION — Dr. A. A. Booker, member, board of trustees; Dr. DeHaven Vaughn, dean, trustee; Rev. Avery Penn, president, National Alumni Assoc.; Dr. Charles Franklin, president, Alumni Assoc. of Maryland; Dr. J. Webster Green, trustee; Dr. Madeline G. Phelps, secretary, board of trustees; Dr. James Braxton, trustee; Dr. Elizabeth M. Oliver, alumnus; Dr. Lewis Campbell, vice-president, National Alumni Assoc.; Dr. James A. Everett, alumnus.



Dr. L. E. Hawkins, Dean of the College; Dr. Cleveland Freeman, Norfolk, board member, trustees; Catherine Green, Bachelor of Christian Education; Rev. Robert Farrow, Mt. Oliver Freewill Baptist instructor; Rev. Cleveland Alexander, pastor, Baptist Center instructor; Dr. Emmit Palmer, instructor; Harold Pettis, special certificate; Margaret Witcher Marrow, special certificate; Bertina Lois Foster, special certificate; Rev. Johnny Murray, Master of Religious Education; James Edward Scott Jr., special certificate; Thomas Jefferson Jordan, special certificate; Dr. George Martin, New York Alumni Association

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AKA's host annual Pink and Green Extravaganza



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COUPLES HIGH-STEPPING IT during the annual AKA Pink and Green Extravaganza hosted Friday, June 4 at Blue Crest North by the Epsilon Omega Chapter are (L to R) Roland Curry and Chicora Lee and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Boone (Anne).

The Epsilon Omega, a very concerned community action chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., the first black sorority in the world (founded at Howard University in Washington, DC in 1908) held their great celebration of sisterhood and togetherness with each other and more than 500 guests at their annual Pink and Green Extravaganza, Friday, June 4.

A colorful array of sorors, fashionably clad in the sorority colors (pink and green, of course) charmingly welcomed and hosted their guests in an unforgettable night of pleasure and enjoyment.

Their pink and green decor was very visible in their beautiful table arrangements, meaningful AKA banner hanging from the ceiling and their IVY symbol placed strategically in front of the bandstand.

Interesting was the display of fresh ivy (a heartfelt symbol of AKA) on every table and throughout Blue Crest North, where the elegant affair was held from 8 p.m. until 1 a.m.

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BASKING IN THE CONGENIALITY of the evening are (L to R): Mrs. Christine Moore, House of Delegates candidate (40th D.), Marcellus Moore and Emmory Spriggs.



ENJOYING THE SCENE are (L to R): William Selby, Mrs. Bernice Brown, Dr. Marsha Brown and Dr. Ray Brodie.



EXTRAVAGANZA GUESTS (L to R) are Horace Dixon and Mrs. Grace Dixon; Mrs. Jeanne Cross and Lewis Cross, all of Columbia, MD.



MOTHER-DAUGHTER AKA TEAMS pictured during the festivities are (L to R): Mrs. Ruth Brown and Miss Nancy Brown; Mrs. Gretchen Styles (daughter); Mrs. Dolores Spriggs (mother) and Miss Greer Shorter (daughter); Dr. Marsha Brown and Mrs. Bernice Brown (daughter and mother) and Miss Cheryl Frazier and Mrs. Heloise Frazier (daughter and mother).



AKA DANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS (L to R) are: Mrs. A. Bernice Hunley, Mrs. Esther Bailey, Dr. Dolores Spriggs, Mrs. Olive Dulaney, Mrs. Delores Hobbs, Mrs. Hilda Carter (co-chair); Mrs. Delores Thornton, Mrs. Carolyn Cole (chair); Mrs. Chicora Lee, Mrs. Cleo Diggs and Mrs. Geraldine Dorsey.



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS include (L to R): Mrs. Estelle R. Grant, financial secretary; Mrs. Idell Pugh, Mrs. Norma Bracy, Mrs. Ruby Bass, epistolus; Mrs. Ellen Gonzales, anti-parliamentarian; Mrs. Gilda J. Garrett, basileus; Mrs. Esther Bailey, tamiochus and Mrs. Horace B. Frazier, anti-basileus.

PARTYLINE

36-Year BCPS Food Service head retires

A retirement party was held recently at La Fontaine Bleu, Erdman Ave. honoring Mrs. Vista I. Adams, head of the Food Service Department at Lake Clifton Senior High School.

The honoree, who has served in the Food Service area for 36 years for Baltimore City Public Schools, was clad in a floor - length pink evening gown adorned with a lovely orchid and her husband of 40 years, Willie W. Adams, wore a white tuxedo.

Head table guests included the Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Greene, Mrs. Juanita Jones, Sandy and Carvin Cook, Mrs. Fionnie Middlebrooks, Dr. Hilbert Stanley and Cindy Lashley, who was emcee for the occasion.

Following dinner the honoree received many tributes in varied forms. Dr. Hilbert Stanley, representative of the mayor's office, presented her with the Mayor's Citation and a bracelet. Mrs. Fionnie Middlebrooks, assistant principal of Lake Clifton gave verbal tribute to the honoree, as did Carvin Cook, son - in - law of the honoree.

A letter of recognition from the Food Service Department was presented by Henry Pope.

Especially unique and touching was the medley of violin music done by Lawrence E. Morgan, whose tunes took Mr. and Mrs. Adams back down memory lane to the time when they first became sweethearts.

There were many other presentations from friends of the honoree and special remarks by the Rev. Dr. Kenneth H. Greene, pastor, Christ United Methodist Church, where the Adamses are members.

Mrs. Adams was born in Charlotte, NC., and attended public school there and studied at Morgan State University in the Continued Education Program.

She has been an active member of Christ United Methodist Church for 42 years and has served as president of the Female Usher Board (35 years); treasurer of Women's Society (12 years); recording secretary of the Women's Society and Chairperson of the Pastor Parish relations.

Also active in the community, Mrs. Adams is Conference recording secretary of the Auxiliary Activity and Volunteer Service of the N. M. Carroll Home for the Aged and was president of East District for that same auxiliary.

Prior to serving for the past 10 years or more at Lake Clifton, Mrs. Adams served at Fairmount Hills, Garrison Junior High and School No. 72.

Mr. and Mrs. Adams have two daughters — Dorothy Houston and Sandra Cook and five grandchildren.

Congratulations

The Baltimore Civic Interest Group congratulates the Charles Modeling Studio and its models who were the big winners at the World Modeling Association's International Convention and Model Showcase held recently in New York City.

There were more than 200 models from all over the USA and Canada, Puerto Rico, Mexico City, Mex. and London, Eng.

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RETIREMENT HONOREE Mrs. Vista Adams (R) who has logged 36 years with the Food Service Department of the Baltimore City Public Schools receives the Mayor's Citation from mayors rep Dr. Hilbert Stanley during the retirement celebration held in her honor recently at La Fontaine Bleu, Erdman Ave.

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