COLUMBIA CAPERS

Couple united in impressive military ceremony

By Pinale L. Ross

One of the most elegant military weddings in recent memory occurred in Orange, New Jersey on May 23. On that occasion, Ms. Pamela Elaine Copeland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Copeland of East Orange, NJ, was wed to 1st Lt. Claude Matthews Ligon Jr., son of Lt. Col. (Retired) and Mrs. Claude M. Ligon of Columbia, MD.

The setting for this memorable event was the Orange United Methodist Church, a 150 year old Gothic structure whose congregation includes Thomas Edison among past parishioners.

Maid of Honor was Tamara Allen of East Orange, New Jersey. Bridesmaids were Carole Ligon, sister of the bridegroom, from Columbia, Maryland and Michelle Irvin, Loren Phipps and Cathy Dalton, all of East Orange, New Jersey.

Flowergirl was Kamara Woolridge of Orange, New Jersey. Junior Bridesmaids were Tiffany Copeland of Newark, New Jersey, Brooke Smith of East Orange, New Jersey and Shelley Goins of Baltimore, Maryland.

Best man was 1st Lt. Dwayne Burt of Buffalo, NY, stationed at Fort Bragg, NC. Ushers were First Lieutenants William Copeland, Jr., brother of the bride from East Orange, NJ and Jeffery Jones, of Mobile, AL, both stationed at Fort Stewart, GA; 1st Lt. Wayne Brooks of Little Rock, AR and 2nd Lt. Ronald Reddicks of Poconos, PA., both stationed at Fort Bragg, NC; and 1st Lt. Winfred Brown of Dover, DE. stationed in Columbus, OH. Ringbearer was Steven Copeland of Newark, NJ.

The bridesmaids wore pale, orchid organza gowns with matching silk bouquets, gloves and wide brimmed pale, orchid hats.

The Mother of the bride wore a shrimp, georgette gown with sash and silk flowers at the waist line. The Mother of the bridegroom wore an off white and pale blue gown of georgette.

The bride's father was handsome in his navy blue tuxedo which was consistent with the colorful Army Blue Mess Dress Uniform worn by the father of the bridegroom, a former Professor of Military Science at Morgan State University.

The bridegroom, looking youthful and handsome in his Blue Dress Army Uniform adorned with his military insignia to include his Paratrooper Badge, took his place accompanied by his bestman.

The Bride, escorted by her father, wore a white organza gown trimmed in alencon lace and seeded pears on the bodice, sleeves and hem line. The matching derby had a floor length veil trimmed in the alencon lace and seeded pearls. She looked as if she had stepped straight out of Modern Bride magazine.

Once at the altar, the wedding party and audience were treated to an unforgettable rendition of Stevie Wonders' "You and I," the couple's chosen wedding song.

The wedding ceremony was performed by the Reverend Henry S Leono, a native of Indonesia, minister of the Orange United Methodist Church.

Once the solemn, yet joyful double ring ceremony concluded, the newlyweds left the church under the Arch of Sabres formed by the ushers and under a hail of rice showered by the waiting well wishers who had assembled as the bride and bridegroom received congratulations at the reach of the church.

Waiting limousines whisked the bride and bridegroom and the remainder of the wedding party to the Town and Campus Banquet Hall in West Orange, New Jersey. There the elaborate festivities of the day continued.

After a brief period of pleasant conversation among the guests in the elegance of the Town and Campus Reception area and the photographic session for the Bridal party, the guests were escorted to another reception area for sit down cocktails and an assortment of twenty - five varieties of hot and cold hor d'oeuvres, open bars situated throughout the are quenched thirsts and raised spirits even higher.

The total Bridal party of 17 was treated to its own pre - dinner libation in a suite especially set up for them.

Once everyone had wined and dined sufficiently, dinner was announced. The pre - dinner feast served only to hint at what was to follow.

All guests were escorted to the main Ballroom where, upon entering the splendor of the lilac floral arrangements, the decor in general was dazzling.

The eight piece orchestra, Teacher's Plus Three, of the New Jersey area, played dinner music as the guests took their seats and awaited the arrival of the Bridal party.

The bridesmaids and ushers formed two lines on the dance floor facing one another, and with the bridesmaids raising their booquets and the ushers their gloved hands, the bride and bridegroom were introduced for the first time in public as 1st Lt. and Mrs. Claude M. Ligon Jr.

The couple had the floor to themselves for their first dance as husband and wife. Others then joined them for some light pre - dinner dancing.

Then the feast began with individual servings of fresh pineapple chunks on pineapple halves, vegetable salad, prime rib and desserts.

Following dinner, the pace of the music changed considerably as the Bridal party members in their lovely gowns and colorful military uniforms joined others present in all their finery, to "Get Down."

At some point, no one is quite sure exactly when, the bride and bridegroom slipped away.

Guests from the Baltimore - Washington area included: Col. and Mrs. H. H. Fields, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fennel, Dr. and Mrs. Leroy Durham, Ms. Lagretta Patterson, Ms. Tahara Shane, Kenneth Brooks, Ms. Doreen Rouby and Ms. Helen Rouby, all of Columbia, MD.; Mrs. Mary I. Ligon, Mr. Tola Hillian, Mrs. Dolores Lofton, Ms. Rhonda Mello, Mrs. Valerie Mello, Mrs. Alry Hitchcock, Winfield Ligon, Ms. Bernice Johnson, William Caffee, Milton Clark, William Peace, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Goins, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Gatlin and Mr. and Mrs. A. Gatlin, all of Baltimore, Maryland; Mr. and Mrs. John Allen, and 1st Lt. Lenora Ivey of Washington, DC.

A local reception was held at the home of Lt. Col. and Mrs. Claude M. Ligon in Columbia, Maryland on May 30, 1982.

The bridegroom, a Military Intelligence Officer, is stationed with the 8th Psychological Operations Group at Fort Bragg, NC.

The newlyweds will live in Fayetteville, NC. He is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

—More Partyline

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There were 16 June - born honorees and lots of other folks to join in the fun.

There was quite a spread of delectables at the birthday table, including a huge white birthday cake decorated with pink rosebuds and trimmed with green.

The bar was a busy spot with birthday honorees and others getting their sippables and the atmosphere was one of joviality free of care.

The Sphinx's All - Star band played tunes which kept people on the dance floor, and at one point, there was a 'goody' of a Madison Line (reminiscent of the 50's) which folks entered into with zest and which was called by Randy Tilghman, son of Charlie Tilghman, Sphinx owner.

Randy also served as emcee for the evening and official greeter, along with "Biddy" Woods, and long - time doorman T. J. Onby.

Charlie Jimself was there, spreading charm, and so was his wife, Frances.

I bumped into Curt Anderson's mom, Mrs. Jean Anderson (of the State's Attorney's Office) who says she feels "Curt has a good chance to win in his bid for a House of Delegates seat from the 44th D., not just because he's had television exposure and is well - known, but because he's also a great guy who will address himself to the needs of the people." With her were her two daughters.

Birthday celebrants for June who got a "Happy Birthday" salute from the band included Ruth Langly of Washington, DC., the birthday girl (her birthday was June 24); Tyrone McCall, Jean Anderson, Delores M. Dorsey, Al Brown, Diane Jones, Serena G. Mills, Ruth Paysour, Margo Evans, Rita Miller, Mary McFarland, George Langly, Mrs. Tony Brown, Jan Bear and Carmen Simpson.

Others seen about were Henderson W. Neal, teacher at Booker T. Washington Junior High School; Emanuel McRae (father of former AFRO writer Michele McNeil); Carl Jones, Clarence Booker, Edna Childs, Jean Boone, Linwood "Sam" Johnson of the Baltimore City Public Schools, Jimmy Mann and Benjamin Smith of Washington, DC., who taught dancing and music in the Washington, DC. Public Schools, who had this to say of Charm City: "Baltimore has the best people in the world. They're friendly."

Flair Studio ballet recital held

Summer Classics was the theme of Flair Dance Studio's annual ballet recital held recently at the Maryland Historical Society, 201 W. Monument St.

An evening of delicate ballet delighted the audience of two hundred friends and relatives, as they witnessed twenty-eight dancers, ranging from ages, 4 years to 16 years, perform.

Director and choreographer, Shawan Patterson imaginatively created dances from such classics as Dance of the Swans from Swan Lake, Waltz from Sleeping Beauty, Dance of the Hour, and Romeo and Juliet Overture.

As a finale, dancer-singer, Danee Hamlin sang the theme from "Fame" as the entire cast moved and swirled with steps from all forms of dance, including modern dance, jazz, ballet, and be-bop jitterbugging.

Costumes, very colorful of satin and netting, were created by Flair model, Gwen Patillo.

Solo performers included the only male ballet dancer, Jamal Patterson, Noel Montague, the youngest performer of four years, and Deaneen Hamlin. Also performing solo were Shontae Savoy, Deridra Davis, and Sandra Pollock.

Certificates in beginner, intermediate, and advanced ballet were presented to the young dancers, along with a single carnation at the end of the entire performance.

Assisting Director, Willa Bland with presentation of certificates were Gwen Kellam, Dale Brown, and Brenda Laney.

Graduating students were Kristi Allen, Katrina Bowie, Nicole Coleman, Deridra Davis, Deaneen Hamlin, Denee Hamlin, Denise Hamlin, Mona Hanson, Sakinah Hasan, Hope Jones, Kia Kellam, Nina Lattimore, Noel Montague, Cora Gwens, Angela Prince, Sandra Pollock, Kenya Selah, Shontae Savoy, Nocole Simmons, Rochelle Smith, Jeneba Suma, Ericka Tilley, Naketah Turner, Paula Vincent, Sherry Wilson.

Guest dancers were Flair teen models, Mark Isaac and Garland Roberts. The beautiful reception was prepared by Christine Ward.

Music was provided by Anderson Ward. Robert Porter was lighting manager.

—Celebration Party

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He told me that his next hurdle is to pass the bar, and that his future employment is to serve as a clerk for Judge Joseoh Howard of the U.S. District Court.

Warren's parents were on hand for his celebration as was Mrs. Judith Kitz and her daughters Kathy and Karen.

Out-of-town guests included Michael J. Bruce and Miss Ruth Cauthen of Atlanta, GA: Jihan Adjiri of Seattle, WA; Leslie Duke of Silver Spring, MD and Ms. Carmen Gaither of New York City.

WELL-WISHERS GREETING — Ms. Cori Bryant (Howard Co. resident) (L) greets Vernon and Sandra Gray during a recent fundraiser held for him at the Slayton House in Wilde Lake, Columbia, MD. Gray is running for Howard County Councilman.

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Pacesetters

Ethel Johnson
Dir. Med. Rec.

ETHEL JOHNSON
DIR. MED. REC.

Ethel Johnson has recently been appointed director of the medical records department at Lutheran Hospital. Prior to this promotion, she served as the department's assistant director.

Before coming to Lutheran Hospital, Mrs. Johnson held positions as supervisor of the medical records department at Maryland General Hospital and the Constant Care Community Health Center.

In 1980, she graduated from the United States Public Health records administration program.

A Morgan State University graduate, Mrs. Johnson is a qualified registered record administrator. She holds membership in the Maryland and American Medical rations.

Judith B. Griffin
Better Chance head

JUDITH BERRY GRIFFIN, CHOSEN TO HEAD A BETTER CHANCE, INC.

Judith Berry Griffin, noted educator and children's book author, has been named president of A Better Chance, Inc., announced ABC board chariman C.S. Kilner.

Ms. Griffin's career encompasses a variety of positions in education on the national and local levels where she developed expertise in administration, teaching, research design, educational planning, and development of curriculm and evaluation.

Prior to accepting the presidency of A Better Chance, Inc., she served with the U.S. Department of Education, first as Executive Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education, then as Acting Director of the Division of Teacher Centers.

In addition to acquiring a national reputation in education, Ms. Griffin is the author of three children's books, 'Nat Turner', The Ma gic Mirrors, and 'Phoebe and the General', for which she was nominated for the Dorothy Canfield Fisher Children's Book Award.

Looking toward the future, Ms. Griffin stated: "As President, one of my objectives is to reaffiem the commitment of our supporters to ABC's goal of increasing the number of talented minority students in outstanding preparatory and public schools.

'ABetter Chance has been operating for 19 years and is the oldest center for information describing the minority student in predominately white academic institutions. The information we have accumulated is valuable and will be availabe to foundations for research purposes."

A Better Chance currently has 21 chapters nationwide, staffed by volunteers who make recommendations about students with the potential to succeed.

Over 7,000 students have been recruited and placedin such schools as Phillips Exeter Academy, Groton School, and Gilman School.

Among the colleges and universities attended by ABC students are Harvard-Radcliff Morehouse College, and Columbia University.

Antoinette L. Dyson
MGH Aux. prexy

A.L. DYSON ELECTED MGH AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Antoinette L. Dyson of Baltimore was elected as President of the Maryland General Hospital Auxiliary for a two-year term.

A member of the hospital's for six years, she is also the Regional Chairman of the Central Urban Area for Maryland Association of Hospital Auxiliaries.

Mrs. Dyson works in the Auxiliary's Thrift Shop, one of their fund raising projects.

Active in church activities, Mrs. Dyson is Recording Secretary for the Baltimore Conference of the United Methodist Church, Health and Welfare Committee. She is a member of the Union Memorial United Methodist Church in Western Baltimore.

She serves on the executive committee, associate division of the Greater Baltimore Board of Realtors, is a life-time member of the Realtor's Million Dollar Association LTD, a member of the American Business Women Association, and chairperson of the membership committee of the Baltimore Chapter, National Association of Real Estate Brokers.

Mrs. Wilson is a member of Union Memorial United Methodist Church and is chairperson of the social concerns committee.

Saundra Northington-Wilson
C.R.B. broker

SAUNDRA NORTHINGTON-WILSON

Saundra Northington-Wilson, Manager of Otis Warren and Company Residential Sales Division, has been awarded the Certified Residential Management Broker (C.R.B.) designation by the Realtors National Marketing Institutes, the prime educational affiliate of the National Association of Realtors.

To earn this designation one must complete five offered in real estate management.

Mrs. Wilson is the only black woman in the state to hold this designation.

E. Carleton Fisher
new asst. prof.

Fisher named assistant Professor of Mathematics at AACC

E. Carleton Fisher, a native and Annapolis resident, has been named Assistant Professor of Mathematics at Anne Arundel Community College.

A well - known mathmatics instructor and a prolific writer and lecturer, Fisher holds a Bachelor of Science degree and Master of Science degree from Howard University in Washington, DC.

Long active in affirmative action efforts through out the nation, the former IBM and Prudential Insurance Company executive, was a founder of the Maryland Association of Affirmative Action Officers in 1975 and served as its president through 1975, while being executive assistant to the Chancellor for Human Relations at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County where he wrote and helped implement the university's affirmative action plan.

Prior to his appointment at AACC, Fisher served as Executive Director of the National Consortium for Minority Graduate Engineering at the University of Notre Dame and most recently served as Principal Career Development Specialist and Chief of the Youth Programs for the State of New Jersey.

Active in the Annapolis community, Fisher is Minister of Music at Mt. Moriah Church.

Renee H. Webb to wed Mark E. Murdock

Renee H. Webb
Engaged

Gilbert F. Webb, Jr. of Pembroke Avenue and Mrs. Shirley C. Webb of Homestead Street announce the engagement of their daughter, Renee Hazel Webb to Mark Erwin Murdock, godson of Mr. and Mrs. James Hall of St. Dunstans Road.

Miss Webb is the granddaughter of Mrs. Velma R. York.

The bride - to - be is a graduate of Towson State University and is employed as an Assistant Banking Officer at Equitable Bank.

The prospective bridegroom attended Loyola College and Morgan State University. He is an Account Examiner for Equitable Bank.

A July wedding is planned.

WOODLAWN HIGHLIGHTS

BDPA area chapter recruits new members

By Marjorie R. Green

The local chapter of Black Data Processor's Association is in the process of recruiting new members for its newly formed area chapter.

BDPA is a national professional organization dedicated to helping its membership function effectively in their profession.

The national organization was founded in 1975, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania by Earl Pace and the late David Wimberly. Its founding was based on the growing concern about the lack of career mobility for minorities in data processing.

The first formal meeting was held in 1976 in Philadelphia and bylaws were adopted that incorporated objectives to accumulate a pool of data processing knowledge and experience with the intention of utilizing resources to strengthen the expertise of the minority members of the data processing community; to offer this expertise to those minorities evaluating data processing for career - business potential; and broaden the data processing knowledge of the minority community as a whole.

Since that initial meeting in 1976, BDPA has grown to include twelve chapters nationwide, with the local chapter being the newest member.

The local chapter under the leadership of John Stanley was formed in 1981. There are currently 18 members. These members have begun to actively recruit interested professionals in the Baltimore Metropolitan area who are now engaged in data processing disciplines such as data and information processing, telecommunitcations, systems analysis, programming, computer operations, and other fields directly related to electronic computing equipment.

There are also Associate memberships available to individuals who are in accord with the principles and bylaws of BDPA, or who are interested in learning more about the data processing industry.

The local cahpter has recently completed its 1982 program which will cover such diverse subjects as "Microchip Technology" and "Factors Affecting The Promotibility of Data Processors."

Meetings are held on the third Friday of each month at the Woodmoor Elementary school on Elba Drive and Essex Road are open to the public. The July 16 meeting will include a presentation on home computers.

BDPA chapter officers are president, John Stanley; vice president, Maurice Walton; treasurer, Alex Brown; program chairman, Dave Waters; secretary, Marlene Edwards; and members of the Executive Board, Ben Logan, Marcus Whitaker, Shirley Gallman, and Gary Kinsey.

For additional information contact John Stanley at 265-7430.