Betty Briggs weds Rev. Johnell Graham

The wedding of Betty Elizabeth Briggs, 11 Solar Circle, daughter of Mrs. Naomi James of Richmond, Va., and Wilbert Taylor of Philadelphia, Pa. to the Rev. Johnell Graham of Cleveland, Ohio, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carrie Graham (also of Cleveland) took place recently at Southern Baptist Church, Baltimore.

Officiating at the double - ring ceremony was the Rev. Dr. Nathaniel Higgs.

The new Mrs. Graham is a graduate of Coppin State College, is employed by the Dept. of Social Services, is a member of the U.S. Army Reserves and the Zorah Elliot Temple No. 717.

The Rev. Graham is a graduate of the M. F. Kennedy High School, Cleveland, Ohio, is presently serving in the U.S. navy and is stationed in Norfolk, Va.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a long, white gown with a high collar trimmed in white lace and pearls and sequins, which boasted long lace sleeves and a white carnation headpiece with a veil which ended in a six - foot long train. She carried a bouquet of white carnations trimmed with peach and lavender.

Maid - of - honor, Angela James of Richmond, Va., wore a long peach gown, with a long - sleeved, pleated jacket and a wide brimmed matching hat.

RECENTLY WED — Reverend and Mrs. Johnell Graham pose following their recent wedding held at the Southern Baptist church, Baltimore. The bride is the former Betty Elizabeth Briggs.

Matron - of - honor Alice White of Baltimore, wore a lavender gown of the same style, with matching hat.

Bridemaids wore peach gowns with off white jackets trimmed in peach, matching hats and off - white accesories and carried bouquets of peach flowers, or lavender gowns with the same type jacket and off - white accessories, and carried bouquets of peach or lavender flowers.

They were Peggy Winder, Floretta Wilson, Bettina Briggs, Lorraine Hamilton, Lula Speaker and Hilda Knott, all of Baltimore.

Flowers girls Lucretia and Sharonda Mariee, wore long white lace gowns with white ribbons in their hair, one wearing a peach corsage the other lavender, and carried baskets of white, peach and lavender carnations.

Best man was Kenny Graham of Cleveland, Ohio. Ushers were Eddie Burwell, Ronald Jenkins, Jimmie Pearson, Alex Hamilton, Willie Yarborough and Fred Yarborough and Sanfor Winder, all of Baltimore. Ring Bearer was Davon Lomay, also of Baltimore.

The couple was hosted at a reception, to which they were driven in a limousine, at the East Baltimore Lodge No. 1043, 2008 Harford Rd.

It was a lovely, catered affair, attended by 300 people. The wedding cake was more than three feet tall.

The bride's traveling outfit was red slacks with a white sailor blouse trimmed with red satin, and white accessories.

The new Rev. and Mrs. Graham honeymooned in Cleveland, Ohio. They are at home at 11 Solar Circle.

H. Russell Frisby III baptized

Sunday, June 27 at Grace United Presbyterian Church, Herbert Russell Frisby III was baptized into the Christian care of the church by the pastor, the Rev. William T. Peters Jr.

H. Russell Frisby III is the son of Attorney H. Russell Frisby Jr. and June Jackson Frisby, the grandson of Kathryn T. Frisby and the late H. Russell Frisby Sr., and Dr. and Mrs. James T. Jackson of Kensington, MD.

Godparents are Dr. Caryl Mussenden, Dr. Jane Jackson and Miss Janet McCabe, Dr. Darrell M. Gray and Lt. James T. Jackson Jr.

Out-of-town guests on hand included Mrs. Elizabeth McCabe (great aunt); Miss Janet McCabe, Mrs. Elaine Richardson, Calvin Robinson, Miss Niki Richardson (cousins); Mrs. Harriett Barbour and Miss Lucrecia Boling (friends) from Philadelphia, PA.; Mr and Mrs. Henry Robinson of Washington, DC.; Dr. and Mrs. Phillip Klubes and sons; Atty. and Mrs. Paul Chaffey of Kensington, MD.

Attending the ceremony was the baby's great - grandfather Dr. Herbert M. Frisby and his great - great aunt, Miss Ruth L. Russell of Baltimore.

Among other relatives present was his great aunt Miss Jennye Thomas, principal of Greenspring Junior High School.

A host of relatives and friends of both families (about 300) attended a delightful buffet reception in the church's multi - purpose room catered by Mrs. Palestine Anderson and given by the baby's grandmother Mrs. Kathryn T. Frisby following the ceremony.

On the altar in the church were beautiful blue and white flowers given by the Frisby family in loving memory of H. Russell Frisby Sr. and in honor of the baptism of H. Russell Frisby III.

On display at the reception were the christening gowns worn by his father Atty. H. Russell Frisby Jr. and the gown which is more than 90 years old which was worn by his great - grandfather Dr. Herbert M. Frisby and all of the Frisby children.

Special music was rendered by the Chancel Choir and the minister of Music, Kenneth M. Dean Jr.

After the reception, champagne was served and toasts were given in honor of the baby at his parents' home in Columbia, MD.

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The centerpiece on the table of gifts was a vase of decorative flowers with the bride and bridegroom from the hosts' wedding cake peeping from the top.

Dr. Proctor is a professor emeritus of Morgan U. and his eife, Margaret, a retired stenographer and secretary of Carnegie Institute of Washington, D.C., Johns Hopkins campus.

Host William Proctor, who formerly practiced law in York, PA. and is himself a business instructor at Morgan, videotaped the event, while his wife, Sheila, was the gracious hostess.

Among the many guests who came to celebrate with the Proctors and stayed until after dusk were Mr. and Mrs. Leo Woods of Scagmore, NY.; Mr. and Mrs. Leon Jones (Mrs. Proctor's brother) Mr. and Mrs. Conway Jones and Miss Leonade Jones of Washington, DC; Mr. and Mrs. Fredrick Martin (hostess Sheila's mom and dad) of Philadelphia, PA.; Mr. and Mrs. William W. Proctor (Dr. Proctor's brother);

Also Drs. and Mesdames Theodore Phifer, Albert Burwell, Clarence Monroe; Dr. Nowell Hunter, Dr. Pearl C. Brackett; Messrs. and Mesdames Steward Brooks, Cephas Rawlings, James Lewis, William Lewis, Robert Payne, Robert Tarter, Charles Hillen, Alfred Woolridge, Walter Slowe, Atty. and Mrs. Vernon Lench;

Also Mesdames Dora Hutchingson, Glodine Adams, Lydia Mussenden, Laura R. Pair, Ethel Hucles, Shirley McRae, Carolyn Brown, Juanita Young, Alma Carr, Steven Loss, Hugh P. Hughes and Alfred Warrington.

Fourth of July fete

On Sunday afternoon, July 4, the Mitchell Fitzhughes and the Irving Moores held forth at their lovely adjourning homes on Branchleigh Road, Randallstown, entertaining a number of relatives, neighbors and friends. The tables and grills were filled with a variety of picnic foods which were enjoyed by all.

Along with partaking of all those sumptuous goodies there was time to mingle and make small talk, play games, dance and listen to music.

Among those present were Gerry Dobson, Emily M. Bryant, Margo Mallory, Sheila Whitaker, Kenneth and Dorothy Allen of Landover, MD.; Louise Harris, Lionel Joseph and Ethel Fitchell, Colidge and Irene Snead, Dorothy Tonic, William and Ann Dorsey, Milton and Laure Brown.

VAGS Closing meet

The VAGS held their meeting for the summer when they gathered at the home of Mrs. Courtlant Brown (Ruth) Sunday, June 27, with Mrs. Gloria Johnston as co - hostess.

Due to the busy schedule of their expected guest speaker Kurt Schmoke, who is running for State's Attorney, the group was entertained by Kurt's father, Murray Schmoke, who was a very good speaker in his son's stead.

Mrs. Carrie Terrell was a special guest.

Others in attendance included Mesdames Elizabeth Parker, Francis Bibbs, Queenie Lane, Rose Lewis, Elizabeth Spicer, Mildred Gambrill, Ida Swanson Gladys Knot, O'Dell Payne, Alberta Simms, Ms. Fannie Lane and Mildred Williams.

WOODLAWN HIGHLIGHTS

BAAC Advisory Council meets on concerns

By Marjorie R. Green

During their monthly meeting last week members of SSA's Black Affairs Advisory Council (BAAC) discussed strategies for effectively dealing with a system that has systematically stymied the progress and advancement of many black Federal employees.

The (BAAC) Charter states its purpose is to work for the enhancement of employment opportunities for blacks and for the betterment of service to the black community.

In an effort to carry out this purpose and monitor the committee's impact on future policy decisions that effect black employees, principle members of the committee are soliciting the support of other employees in the Social Security Administration.

They are especially interested in meeting with those employees who have been participants and-or completed any one of the Upward Mobility college programs offered at SSA or have a college or post graduate degree and have been at the GS-8 grade level or below more than five years and employees who have requested and been denied training within the last five to seven years.

The committee also discussed plans for its Get Acquainted Luncheon scheduled for Friday, August 13. The luncheon will be held in the Altmeyer Buildings Multi-Purpose Room.

Recently the committee developed a newsletter which has been distributed throughout the Baltimore Headquarter's buildings. The newsletter will be produced periodically to inform employees of job opportunities and policy changes within the Social Security Administration.

Herbert H. Roche is the BAAC Coordinating Committee chairperson. Roche is located in the Arlington, Virginia office. Mrs. Hughetta Whitaker, Vice-chairperson is located in the Office of Central Records Operations, Metro West Building in downtown Baltimore.

Congratulations

Albert J. Jones was recently promoted to the position of Lead Case Analyst in the Report Processing Branch, Office of Disability Operations located in the Dickinson Building.

Al is the NAACP Region VII ACT-SO Director who spearheads an effort to interest young high school students to compete in local and national NAACP sponsored programs in such areas as music, science and art.

Walbrook student wins in Boston

Local contestants in the ACT-SO National contests held last week in Boston, MA faced the toughest competition to date.

In spite of the outstanding performances and presentations by Marylanders, John Blake, a 1982 graduate of Walbrook Senior High School was the only medalist among the Maryland youth.

He was awarded a third place prize in the playwriting category. John will enter Howard University in the Fall.

NAACP Membership Meet

"Significance of the State's Attorneys Office and its Impact on the Citizens of Baltimore" is the topic of discussion for the Baltimore City NAACP Branch general membership meeting, Tuesday evening, July 13 at Heritage United Church of Christ, 3106 Liberty Heights Ave.

State's Attorney William Swisher and Attorney Kurt Schmoke are guest panelists.

Thalheimer Awards

Baltimore City Branch NAACP tied for first place with Dublin County, NC last week in Boston.

The branches competed in the 1,000 member category, operating without a paid Executive Director.

Both were cited because they continue to address the concerns of the community through well structured and highly motivated committees.

Anne Arundel County branch won third prize in the 500-1000 category.

Charles County received honorable mention and Howard County was a first place winner in the Class II publication awards for the outstanding Howard County "Commitment" newsletter edited by Patricia Cook.

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