Specials

THE BRIDAL PARTY posed on the steps of the Heritage United Church of Christ on Liberty Heights after the 7 p.m. wedding and included the newlyweds, their attendants and their parents. ALL PHOTOS BY RYALES

Patterson-McDonald wedding highlights the late summer season

DOWN THE AISLE, Kim Ella is escorted by her father, Lloyd G. McDonald.

Evening ceremonies followed by reception and banquet

By Elizabeth M. Oliver
City Editor

The new Mr. and Mrs. Norman Arthur Patterson Jr. of Baltimore were wed Aug. 21 in double ring ceremonies at Heritage United Church of Christ on Liberty Heights Ave.

The 7 p.m. formal rites joined Mr. Patterson, the son of Mrs. Shirley M. Patterson Gorham and Norman A. Patterson Sr., and Miss Kim Ella McDonald, daughter of retired Public School Director of Student Relations Lloyd G. and Mrs. McDonald.

The wedding with its many fashionable guests was a highlight of the summer season.

The 60 minute church ceremonies were followed by a champagne reception and sit-down dinner party at Martin's West.

Miss McDonald was given in marriage by her father who wore a white tuxedo.

Her full length gown of lace embroidered with pearls was set off by a cathedral train and picture hat. She carried white roses and orchids trailed with satin ribbons and buds.

Her five bridesmaids wore floor length chiffon frocks in rainbow colors with matching bouquets. The maid of honor wore violet chiffon.

Mr. Patterson wore a white cutaway.

The five groomsmen and best man wore white tuxedos. The ringbearer's suit matched his father's.

The flower girls also in white, carried baskets of petals and dropped them on the white satin runner before the bride's entrance.

The wedding coordinator was Mrs. C. Emerson Jackson of Witchita Falls, TX, aunt of the bride.

The couple's parents took part in the ceremony of the Candles which preceded the wedding ritual. A third and final candle was lit by the newlyweds following the rites.

The prenuptial music included the couple's favorite love songs and was followed by a violin solo and the processional of attendants, the bride and her father. The altar was banked with flowers and centered by a bower under which the bride and bridegroom stood.

A highlight was the solo, "Together with God" sung at the altar by the bridegroom's mother, Mrs. Shirley Gorham.

Rev. Porter W. Phillips, pastor, Enon Baptist Church, presided at the ceremony, the exchange of vows, the consecration and the giving of the rings. The recessional was to Mendelssohn's Wedding March.

Formal photo sessions and greetings of friends preceded the journey to the reception and dinner party at Martin's West.

The wedding party gathered in the bridal suite for toasts and then proceeded to the banquet hall for a formal introduction and dance.

The mother of the bride wore a flowing beige gown. The bridegroom's mother wore white with splashes of pale blue design.

Mr. Patterson was formerly the manager of Ward's Eudowood Plaza Home Improvement Division. He is now on the staff of State Senator Clarence M. Mitchell III.

Miss McDonald, a magna cum laude graduate of Morgan State University, is a member of Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society and the Baltimore Junior Chamber of Commerce. She was Palace Youth Leadership secretary and later Patterson's Ltd. secretary.

She completed further study at Loyola College and was employed in the Mayor's Office of Manpower Resources as unit supervisor, clerical supervisor and administrative payroll assistant.

The Pattersons will be at home in Baltimore following the honeymoon in the Poconos.

Mr. McDonald, father of the bride, was from 1968 to 1968, the supervisor of evening proof readers at the AFRO home office.

Mrs. McDonald is a public school teacher.

The wedding weekend included the bachelor party, the bride's dinner for her attendants and other affairs both before and after the ceremonies

Participants were:

MINISTER — The Rev. Wendell H. Phillips, pastor, Heritage United Church of Christ

WEDDING COORDINATOR — Mrs. C. Emerson Jackson, aunt of the bride, Wichita Falls, Texas.

ORGANIST — Mrs. Katie Grove

VIOLIN SOLOIST — Robert Smith

VOCAL SOLOISTS — Mrs. Shirley M. Gorham, mother of groom and Ms. Melanie Daniels.

WEDDING PARTY — Maid of Honor, Miss Rhonda E. Williams, cousin of the bride; Best Man Mark M. Murdock.

Bridesmaids — Mrs. Cheryl Allen, Miss Veronica Henry, Miss Marsha Johnson, Miss Valerie Timmons, Miss Shuyon Cross, cousin of the bride.

Groomsmen — George E. Hamm, Charles McDonald, Robert M. Turner, Glenn A. Patterson, brother of groom, Howard Rice.

Flower Girls — Miss Tennille Allen, Miss Rachelle Wally.

Ring Bearer — Norman A. Patterson III; Wedding Reception Hostesses Mrs. Elizabeth Tilghman, Mrs. Rosabelle Hubbard, Mrs. Cornelia Bailey, Mrs. Faith Little.

Wedding Book — Ms. Pricilla Burton, Ms. Pamela Thomas.

Gift Hostess — Ms. Oris Johnson

Combo — The "Bob Smith" Trio.

GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Patterson, Jr., Olle C. Gorham, Mrs. C. Gorham, Mrs. Redmond White, Mr. Norman Patterson III, Thomas Parker, Sen. Clarence Mitchell III, Mrs. Joyce Ellis, Councilman Michael Mitchell.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Couplin, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Poole, Mr. Chris Madden, Ms. Norma Green, Mr. Norman Green, Mrs. Norman Green, Ms. Lavenia Johnson, Carlton Holloman.

Mrs. Elizabeth Tilghman, Ms. Oris Johnson, Keith Bailey, Mrs. Keith Bailey, Mrs. Florine Thomas, Ms. Priscilla Burton, Mr. Sheren Henson, Ms. Pamela Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Major Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt Hobbs, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Beckham, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Chester, Mrs. Gloria Carpenter, Mr. Matthew Marcus, Mrs. Mary Hines, Charles Tilghman.

Mrs. Jarrett Jackson, Mrs. Connie Morton, Mrs. Vanette Cooper, Mrs. Ethel Jones, Mrs. Betty McCants, Mr. George Stovall, Mrs. George Stovall, Jarrett Jackson Jr., Miss Rene Morton, Thaddeus Morton.

Dr. and Mrs. John Crew, Dr. Joel Carrington, Mr. Vallen Emery, Mrs. Ann Emery, Dr. and Mrs. Charles Simmons, Dr. and Mrs. John Gordon.

Mrs. Josie Smith, Mrs. Mildred Harmon, Ms. Betty Williams, Lloyd McShane, Mr. and Mrs. Elihu Norris, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Felton, Mr. and Mrs. William Terry.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Horsey, III, Miss Erika Horsey, Ms. Sarah Jennings, Mrs. Louise McDonald, Floyd Jackson

Mrs. Verdell Cross, Ms. Bessie McGowan, Mrs. Carolyn Davis, Johnnie McGowan, Mrs. Johnnie McGowan, Mrs. Yvonne Mitchell, Mrs. Sallie Miller, Richard Cross, Mrs. Barbara Clark, Mrs. Mattie Seaberry.

Ms. Gladys Basilio, Ms. Angelo Brialia, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Seaberry, Ms. Phyllis Jarvis, Ms. Lynette Savage, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Ricks, Mrs. Arlene Brooker.

Mr. and Mrs. William Barner, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Covington, Mrs. Rosette Wiley, Jerry Moody, Mrs. Howard Rice, Master David Rice, Charles Andrews, Mrs. Charles Andrews.

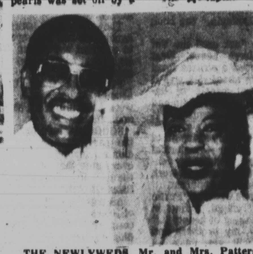
Mrs. Louise Johnson, Mrs. Vanessa McCrea, Ms. Sheila Goodwin, Mrs. Sandra Briscoe, Ms. Debbie Banks, C. Worthington, Jr., Miss Pat Jones, Rev. Porter Phillips, Robert Harndon; Mr. Rhineheart.

Lisa Barner, Leslie Barner, Raechelle Wiley, Sharvonne Preston, Sherrie Patterson, Norma Patterson, Tracie Johnson, Carla Patterson, Gilbert Bedford, Tyra Bedford.

Mrs. Renee Murdock, Miss Deborah Williams, Mr. Samuel Turner, Ms. Andrea Mosley, Ms. Robin Nims, Mr. Michael Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Hubbard.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Davis, Mr. and Mrs. David Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Elias Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Marcellus Moore.

RECEPTION GUESTS included SEATED, Miss Marcus, daughter of Matthew Marcus (standing behind her) Dr. and Mrs. John Crew Sr., Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Emery and Dr. Ann Emery, Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction. STANDING, Mr. Marcus, Dr. and Mrs. Charles Simmons, president, Sojourner - Douglass College; Dr. and Mrs. Joel Carrington, regional superintendent and principal.



THE NEWLYWEDS, Mr. and Mrs. Patterson, sparkle with happiness

BRIDE'S FAMILY — SEATED, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Seaberry, Mrs. Sarah Jennings, aunt; Mrs. Louise McDonald, DC, cousin; Mrs. Wade Horsey, sister-in-law; Erika Horsey, niece; STANDING, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd McDonald, parents; Mrs. Verdell Cross, cousin; Floyd Jackson, Boston, cousin; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Jackson, uncle and aunt.

THE LIVING CHURCH

Soloists, duets, quartets, ensembles highlighted

Gospel music lifts spirits at Pier Six

FIRST UNITED MASS YOUTH CHOIR members won third place in honorable mention in the Baltimore gospel greats 1982 show. The group received a certificate. Baltimore Gospel Greats was sponsored by 13 Harborlights Music Festival and Baltimore Office of Promotion and Tourism.

EMCEE AND COORDINATOR — Al Stewart, general manager of Morgan State University's radio station WEAA and host of Gospel Grace shakes hands with Nathan Carter, coordinator of the successful gospel show held at the Pier Six Pavilion on Aug. 20. Carter is also the director of choral activities and associate professor of Morgan State University.

By Pam Widgeon
AFRO Religious Editor

There were soloists, duets, quartets and small ensembles at Pier Six Pavilion on Aug. 20, for Baltimore Gospel Greats festival.

Nearly 3,000 citizens from all walks of life attended the three hour gospel show sponsored by 13 Harborlights Music Festival and the Baltimore Office of Promotion and Tourism.

Nathan Carter, coordinator of the gospel festival told the AFRO, he became involved because of his interest and strong desire to give Baltimore talent an opportunity to be heard.

As director of choral activities and associate professor of music, Carter said many of our black artists who sing started singing in the church. He said gospel flavor is not being lost and directors are much more sophisticated in their music background.

Only winners of the gospel greats preliminary competition held in July, were selected to sing in the final contest at the Pier Six Pavilion. Highlighting the show was the "queen of gospel music," Albertina Walker, who had the audience patting their feet and clapping their hands when she sang, "Please Be Patient With Me." In 1980 she received the Daviticus award for the best album of the year and the best song of the year.

There were three preliminary contests held at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Bethel AME Church and Morgan State University Murphy auditorium. The top three winners in each category participated in the final competition.

The preliminary contest was judged by a panel of leading musicians, directors and disc jockeys. It was a tough decision last Friday for the four judges who had to select the best soloists, quartet, small ensemble and choir from the 17 groups. The judges were Mary Clayburn, Dr. Pearl Williams Jones, Norman Ross and Albertina Walker.

The top three winners were Ms. Gretchen Starks, best soloists who received a check for $200; best quartet was Genesis who received $500. The best small ensemble was Fernando Allen Singers, who also received $400 and the Majestics received $300 and was selected as the best choir.

Honorable mention was given to the top three performances of the evening irrespective of category. They were Julia Price Williams, who received a trophy, Les Fleurs and First United Mass Youth Choir both received certificates.

Other local talented groups who sung were Imani Messengers, Singing Disciples, Southland Mission, Johnson Family Singers and Stansbury Family.

Soloists were Beverly Lyles, Pam Jones, Thomas R. Roberts, Gene Serge and Lloyd Marcus.

Al Stewart served as emcee. More than 40 of Baltimore's most talented gospel singing groups participated in the series of preliminary contest last month.

SOLOISTS — Ms. Gretchen Starks was the top soloist in the Baltimore gospel greats competition. She received a check for $200. Ms. Starks is a graduate of Morgan State University and a former member of Morgans choir.

SPECIAL GUEST — Albertina Walker, who is known as the "Queen of gospel music," was the guest soloist on Aug. 20 at Pier Six Pavilion. Her album 'Please Be Patient With Me" received the Daviticus award in 1980 for the best album of the year and the best song of the year.

Deaf ministry services held Sunday at Bethel

Members of the Deaf Ministry of Bethel African Methodist Church, Druid Hill Avenue and Lanvale Street, will observe its annual deaf ministry day 'service on Sunday, Aug. 29, 6 p.m. at the church.

The Rev. John R. Bryant, pastor will be preaching and music will be provided by the Hands of Glory, the Imani Messengers and Deaf Choirs from Baltimore and Washington, D.C.

The deaf ministry will be dedicating this annual deaf ministry in support of all the disabled members of the community. Bona A. Achimanya, president of Bethel Deaf Ministry said, "It is our prayer that this special occassion will stimulate sensitivity and better understanding of the needs, hopes and aspirations of disabled members of the community who are afflicted with impairments such as deafness, and other physical and mental disabilities.

"We must cooperatively let our disabled brothers and sisters know that they are an accepted and important link in our chain of missionary accomplishments."

Other officers of the Deaf ministry are Dayle Smith, vice president; Lorraine Smith, secretary; Felicia Diggs, assistant secretary; Joseph Mitchiner, treasurer; Alice DeShazo, chaplain and Shirley Leazer, music leader.

School of theology announces fall courses at St. Mary's

The school of Theology of St. Mary's Seminary and University in Roland Park will offer 25 graduate theology courses during the 1982 fall semester beginning Sept. 8 and continuing through Dec. 20.

The classes, open to qualified men and women of all denominations, may be taken for audit or credit which may be applied to a degree program.

The Interdepartmental and Systematic Liturgy Department will offer, "Introduction to Ministerial Studies, Christology, Sacraments of Penance and Anointing, Ministry: History and Theology; Grace, Sin and Holiness, Liturgical and Sacramental Celebration and Karl Rahner, Pastoral Theologian.

Courses in professional studies will be Principles of Canon Law and Preaching 11.

Language studies will feature Ecclesiastical Latin 1. Historical studies will include History of the Earl and Medieval Church and American Church History.

Biblical studies will offer Introduction to the Old Testament, The Pauline Epistles, Hebrews and Revelations, Problems in Paul's Churches and Basic New Testament Greek I.

In Moral spirituality studies, the following will be offered: Christian Social Ethics, Medical Ethics and The Meaning of Love. In Pastoral Studies, the following will be offered Fundamentals in Counseling, Canon Law of Marriage, Practical Aspects of the Contemporary Parish, Marriage Counseling and Method in Ministry.

United Ushers held annual fellowship banquet

USHERS BANQUET — The United Ushers recently held their annual banquet at LaFontaine Bleu. Guests shown seated from left are Clara Broadway, Sadie Knight, Vashti Williams, Mary Harville, Betty Craddock and Thelma Smith. Standing from left are Elaine Greene, Mamie Alston, Elnora White and Marget Elbeck.

More than 500 guests attended the second annual fellowship banquet last month sponsored by the United Ushers. The theme for the banquet was "If We Can Help Somebody."

Male and female ushers from 29 Baptist churches participated. Mrs. Bettye L. Johnson, an active member of City Temple Baptist Church was the speaker.

The purpose of the banquet is to donate money to charitable organizations. This year, the group gave $500 to the Kidney Foundation and $500 to Chimes School.

Last year's presentations were $250 to the League of Handicap, $250 to Morgan State University radio station and $500 to the Baptist Aged Home.

Mrs. Theressa Cousins presided at the affair. Program participants were Gladys Bowie, the Rev. William Bailey, Robert Stinson, Ardella Wheeler, Josephine Morton, Sally Johnson, Sandra Ferguson, Lee Hall, the Rev. Earl Gillard.

Also, John Highsmith, Meredith Lucas, Mildred Mayo, Pauline Brunson, Elizabeth Alston, the Rev. Lorenzo Graves, president of the United Baptist Missionary Convention, Mrs. Bessie Mason, president of the Women's Auxiliary of United Baptist Missionary Convention.

Also, Nellie Cooper; Bertha Ford, Ovella Edwards. Officers are Pauline Brunson, president; Elizabeth Alston, vice president; Carrie Royster, recording secretary; Meredit Lucal financial secretary; Mildred Mayo, assistant financial secretary; Shirley Richards, treasurer; Harry Trusty, assistant treasurer.

Other officers are Theressa Cousins, business manager; Lee Hall assistant business manager; Ardella Wheeler, Josephine Morton and Margaret Brice, chaplains, Chairpersons of the Flower committee were Sarah Smith, Louise Keeling, Jennie Jackson and Gladys Lewis.

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