'Flower of the Forest': A History of two Families

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The dedication of the inside of the book, Flower of the Forest Black Genealogical Journal reads, "To Myself, Agnes Kane Callum, December 7, 1982. Wish you much success in your search of Black Heritage, Love Always, Agnes Emma. Kane Callum."

RESEARCHER, AUTHOR, PUBLISHER — Agnes Emma Kane Callum has spent the past twelve years documenting the life of her family.

The acclamation falls considerably short when one comes face to face with the black woman who, through her diligence and love for her family, embarked upon a twelve year study of her roots.

A long—time East Baltimore resident and the fifth of twelve children of Mary Priscilla Gough Kane and Phillip Kane, Agnes Callum was born February 24, 1925.

She attended the old Dunbar High School, dropping out before her 12th year. A thrist for knowledge led her to take the high school equivalency test in 1962.

The initial curiosity about her ancestors began when she and her father engaged in long talks about his father. "He was an inspiration for me in my pursuit of my roots. He gave me a lot of backgrounds material.

My father told me that my grandfather was a plasterer and his name was Hillary. I went to 1870 Census and found Hillary Kane, plasterer, and his entire family.

In fact, she was able to trace her lineage on both her mother and father's side. "My maternal grandmother's lineage was of free people and as far back as I could trace my paternal grandparent's lineage, they were slaves."

The search was concentrated in St. Mary's County, Maryland where blacks and whites shared tightly woven lifestyles. Here among the large plantations, slaves and freemen co—existed with the slaveowners. Additional support from her children convinced her to enter post—secondary studies and pursue a bachelor's degree in geography.

"My children convinced me to go back to school. At that time I had three daughters all attending Morgan. I would ask them about school, what they'd studied that day.

Finally my oldest daughter said, why don't you go back to school I gave her the money and she registered me as a special student."

In 1968, at age 46, Agnes Callum enrolled in the freshman program at Morgan State University. Beginning with a single science course she soon hurled her fear of college and professors and registered full—time.

Unknowingly, the four year undergraduate program would propel her into a continous unveiling of the Kane and Gough—Butler family heritage.

Mary Priscilla (Gough) Kane, 1897-1975. The author's mother.

"I had a professor named Franklin Showell who taught black history, and he told me to write a paper on the origin of the Black Catholic Church."

She was no stranger to Catholicism, having been raised in that religious faith. The assignment gave the budding genealogist quite a time and ultimately taught her "the methodology of research."

"I would bring back secondary sources and he'd say no I only want primary sources and I'd say where am I going to find these primary sources. He sent me to the Hall of Records in Annapolis, the state archives."

While sifting through the stacks of historical records on the catholic church, Callum came upon some material about her mother's people the Butler's.

"I was able to trace my mother's people back to 1793. Eleanor Butler, a white woman from Ireland, married a slave name Negro Charles, who was owned by a slaveowner name William Bearman.

The startling discovery that the lives of the black men and women of St. Mary's County, were adequately documented and preserved gave her further incentive.

"If I hadn't found those records I probably would never have been interested. "But she did, and they enabled her to track her father's family back to 1681 and the slave Raphael Kane.

"Rapael Kane was born a slave. ...in Lower St. Clement Hundred, St. Mary's County, ... about 1798. Initially he was owned by Phillip Peake and hired or loaned to his nephew, Raphael Peake."

By inverting the letters of her last name, the Mullac publishing company has financed and printed all of her materials.

These include, Kane—Butler Genealogy, History of a Black Family, 1695, Flower of the Forest Vol. 1, 1982, and an upcoming issue, Flower of the Forest Vol. 2 to be released in October.

In all she has sold under 1 000 copies, a figure that does not condemn the quality of her work, but stands as an expression of her commitment to completing the project without regard for profit. "I only want to pay back the money I invested in the printing."

The Kane Family News Note, a newsletter which circulates to all of her relatives around the country, is a labor of love which premiered in November of 1979.

"I figured they (the family) wouldn't go for it ... so I didn't do it for longevity. I got so many calls, they loved it and everybody wanted to tell me what they were doing."

Five years later, her only concern is that someone will show enough interest to publish the final issue after her death, to let everyone in the family know she passed away.

"This is my sincere hope, that someone will continue this after my death so we can establish some continuity with the dead as well as the living."

At 58, Mrs. Callum is hard at work on still another ambitious project. In December, her book, History of the Seventh Regiment U.S. Colored Troops 1863—1866, will be published.

"This regiment was made up of slaves from southern Maryland, and my grandmother's brother was a member. In order to find out what he did during his stay in the army, I researched the entire regiment."

The recipient of a Fullbright Fellowship which allowed her to study at Ghana University in Africa, Agnes Emma Kane Callum lives simply in a house on Bonaparte Street.

For the past 18 years she has served as a mailroom clerk for the U.S. Post Office, a job she still maintains.

"I think I'm famous in spite of myself. My people weren't vocal community leaders, but they had a quiet sedimentary character that manifest itself in dignity and in pride.

I'm really not doing this for myself, or for the people living now. I'm doing it for those who aren't even born, so my relatives can pick up my work 50 years from now and say, my aunt six generations removed did this, and it will stand for future generations.

Iotas hold 54th Anniversary Convention

The New York Statler Hotel was the scene of the 54th anniversary Convention of the Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc., an organization of Business and Professional women, convened July 22nd and continued to July 27th.

Some 600 Sorors, Pelatis, Lamdas, Figs, Fils, Gems and friends gathered to celebrate this anniversary convention.

Theresa Faith Cummings was the convention chairperson.

The main focus of the convention was the Sorority's role in Education and the assessment of goals and priorities concerning the social and economic problems of today.

The keynote speaker was Dr. Dorothy Height, President National Council of Negro Women of which Iota is affiliated. The theme for the convention was: Women Facing Challenges in a new Decade.

Education workshops were held during which members received continuing Education credits.

The workshops were conducted by professionals and experts in various fields among which were:

Dynamics of Leadership, Dr. Ruth Swann, Hampton Institute; Public Relations Design For The Future, Jesse Devore, AFRI Productions and Financial Planning, Using Insurance as a Vehicle and Charitable Giving Through Life Insurance, Lawrence E. Barnes Special Agent, Prudential Insurance, C. L. Sedgwick and Joyce Wilson-Bryant.

A public educational program featured the awarding of the Lola M. Parker achievement award to a noteworthy woman who has excelled in the field of business educationally, professionally and - or outstanding in community service.

She was recommended by a non-partisan panel of judges because she epitomizes the aims and ideas of Iota Phi Lambda Sororoty.

Among the past awardees are Dr. Violet M. Malone, Associate Professor, University of Illinois; Dr. Geneva H. Southall, Professor and chairman, Department of Afro-American and African Studies, University of Minnesota; Dr. Fredda Witherspoon, a St. Louis College Professor and Past National President; and Mrs. Freddye Henderson, travel company owner in Atlanta.

This year's award was given to Mrs. Mamie Harringon Townsend, Indianapolis, sponsored by Alpha Alpha Chapter, Central Region.

Iota Phi Lambda Sorority Inc. which has more than one hundred graduate chapters (with an approximate membership of 3,000) which have been set up in 87 prominent cities representing 32 states, the District of Columbia, the Virgin Islands and in Bangalore, India.

Undergraduate chapters are organized on college campuses in Maryland, Virginia, Alabama, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Texas, Arkansas, West Virginia and Illinois.

The current National Officers are: National President, Dr. Evelyn Sears Peevy; 1st National President-elect, Mrs. Billie O. Glover; National Vice President, Mrs. Pricilla Thomas; National Recording Secretary, Mrs. Doris Murry; National Financial Secretary, Mrs. Gladys I. Hall; National Treasurer, Mrs. Alma Byrd Orsben; National Dean of Pledgees, Mrs. Thelma Small; and one of Kappa Chapter's own-National Journalist, Mrs. Doris B. Austin.

One of Kappa Chapter's members became the first runner-up in the National Soror of the Year. Mrs. Evelyn B. Faulk received that great honor at the Soror of the Year Breakfast. Kappa received other awards and certificates at the sessions.

Newly elected officers on the local level who will be installed at the September meeting are: President, Blanche Williams; first vice president, Mildred Marlow; second vice president, Doris Austin; recording secretary, Harriet Johnson; corresponding secretary, Estelle Crosby; financial secretary, Claudine Harden; treasurer, Hazel Hyman; dean of pledgees, Evelyn Faulk; and journalist, Margaret Selby.

KAPPA CHAPTER MEMBERS ON THE TRIP INCLUDED:

Blanche Williams, Josephine Williams, Doris Austin, Evelyn Wilkey, Mary Ames, Fannie Poulson, Carla Hohnson, Estelle Crosby, Elaine Williams, Ann Foster, Evelyn Faulk, Christine Frazer, Pauline Carter, Bertha Greene, Emma Arnelle, Helen Weatherford, Blanche Pettiford, Josephine Wallace, Hortense Cain, Mabel Waters, Eva Cook, Marcia Bailey (a Gem) and Margaret Selby.

Photo by Kathy O. Parrott

Mrs. Thelma Greene retired from Baltimore City Public Schools this year, after giving twenty-eight years as a Social Worker. She was honored at a luncheon by members of one of her club groups, "The Flavors." Pictured here are members: Mrs. Sherrie Harden Kober, Mrs. Nellie Taft, Mrs. Joan Brown, honoree; Mrs. Thelma Green, Mrs. Roberta Ross, Mrs. Darlean Cager Williams, and Mrs. Marvais Gainer Wells. Mrs. Lucille Perry, another club member was unable to attend, and member, Mrs. Kathy O. Parrott was busy taking the picture.

Lambdas 1983 conclave

Lambda Kappa Mu Sorority, Inc. held its 1983 Conclave in Dearborn, MI recently. The Hyatt Regency was the beautiful setting for the many cultural, educational and fun activities planned by the Conclave Committee. Pi Chapter of Detroit was the host. Mrs. Audrey Coleman of Boston, MA, Grand Basileus, presided.

The Conclave theme was "Improving the Quality of Life — Women Moving Forward with Confidence."

The key to the city was presented to the Basileus by Mayor B. O. Reilly, of Dearborn. Other city officials were in attendance.

The Early Bird Party and Reception was hosted by Pi Chapter. Business sessions and many interesting workshops were held. So was a Recognition Luncheon honoring local business and professional women, one of whom was Dr. Rosa Gregg, founder of Pi Chapter. Sorority Awards were also presented and the election of officers was done.

The culminating activity was the Annual Community Awards Banquet, attended by sorors, distinguished guests and friends. Dr. Frederick G. Sampson was guest speaker.

Community Awardees were Mrs. Marjorie Anderson, public relations consultant; Ms Catherine Carter Blackwell, teacher, lecturer — Afro - American Studies — Civil Rights Michigan Commission on Civil Rights; Councilwoman Barbara Rose Collins, of the Detroit City Council and M's Regina Rambeau, president, National Council of Catholic Women.

Honorable Mention and recognition was given to Mrs. Rosa Parks, Woman of Courage and Civil Rights leader.

Over $10,500 in scholarships was also awarded to deserving students.

Installation of newly - elected officers for 1983-85 was directed by Mrs. Elizabeth Proctor — a Past Grand Basileus, of Washington, DC.

National Officers elected were Grand Basileus, incumbent Audrey Coleman, Kappa Chapter; First Anti-Basileus, Sally Puryear, Mu Chapter; Executive Grammateus Edith Majors, Theta Chapter; Recording Grammateus, Dorothy Taylor, Kappa Chapter; Tamiochus, Rita Braddock, Theta Chapter (incumbent); Synakes, Incumbent Elizabeth Lockett, Nu Chapter; Epistoleus, Frannie Muse, Alpha Epsilon Chapter; Keeper of the Seal, Alice Anderson, Lambda Chapter; Northeastern Regional Director, Ovella Queen, Iota Chapter; North Central Regional Director, Losetta Williams, Alpha Gamma Chapter and Historian, Johanna Austin, Gamma Calpter.

The Kopelles, LKMU's Youth group, also held their Annual Meeting at the same time. Their activities included Business sessions, lively and Fine Arts presentations, sight - seeing trips, election of officers, an Awards Luncheon and a semi - formal dance. Members of Iota Chapter, Baltimore, MD of LKM joined sorors from Theta Chapter of Washington, D.C. and Sigma Chapter of Hampton, VA in traveling to the Dearborn Conclave.

Of special interest to Iota members was the election of Ovella Queen as Northeast Regional Director. Her region includes states from Boston, MA to Georgia.

Iota Chapter and sorors received many citations and awards in national growth, publications, volunteerism and scholarship fund. Elaine Alexander, Gloria Banks and Marguerite Wilkins (basileus of Iota) were delegates. Alternates were Catherine DeFord and Joyce Sturgis.

Iota sorors of Baltimore in attendance were Marie Dowell, E. Monterey Williams, Elizabeth S. Day, Lenora Tuccell, Laura Smith, Elaine Alexander, Gladys Baird, Catherine DeFord, Imogene Douglas, Gary Flournoy, Josephine Flournoy;

Also Myrtle Jones, Mary Mitchell, Dorothy Pollard, Ovella Queen, Sandra Wilms, Ida Wroten, Sheila Jessups, Joyce Sturgis, Gloria Banks, Louise Turks, Marguerite Wilkins;

Iota Kopelles in attendance were Stephanie Watkins, Darlyn Milburne, Kelly Jones, Kathy Wilmer and Roxanne Brooks.

They also won Certificates of Merit in group presentation and Lively and Fine Arts.

Roxanne Brooks was elected president and Kathy Wilmer, treasurer. Sandra Wilmer is Iota's Youth Coordinator.

COLUMBIA CAPERS

By Pinnie L. Ross

Luncheon at the Ligons

On a lovely midsummer afternoon, Doris Ligon, ably assigned by her lovely daughter, Carole, hosted 20 ladies at a luncheon in her hilltop home in Columbia, Maryland.

Upon arriving at noon, the guests renewed acquaintances and established new ones over a variety of cool summer beverages. The perennial hit of the cocktail period was, as always, Doris' delicious frozen daiquiris (an old Afro-Caribbean recipe of course). Other sippables included white wine, mixed drinks, and fruit juices. The guests sipped as the conversation flowed from what had transpired thus far during the hot, summer months to what lay ahead in the cool of the Fall.

Though not intended as a pool party, many pleasant moments were spent by the ladies strolling poolside and throughout the garden areas which Doris personally developed and maintains on her hillside grounds.

Of great interest, too, was the traditional African art collection which adorns the walls and shelves of their beautifully decorated contemporary home. Doris Ligon is the founder of the Maryland Museum of African Art, formerly called Gallery Ligon. The ladies were gorgeous in their summer fineries as they were reflected in the 10 foot high, wall-to-wall mirror which covers the combined living and dining room areas.

The setting for the sit-down luncheon portion of what promised to be an extended enjoyable afternoon was six distinctively decorated tables situated throughout the dining, living, family and breakfast room areas. Each table was color and texture coordinated; each was adorned with different china, crystal, flatware, table coverings and napkins from Doris Ligon's private collection. Some items were acquired when she resided in Germany with her husband, now retired Lt. Col. Claude M. Ligon and 2 children, Claude M. Jr., presently a US Army Captain stationed with wife Pamela at Ft. Huachuca, Arizona, and Carole, presently a student at Howard Community College.

Other items were acquired as her interest in the traditional arts of Africa increased. Some table coverings and napkins she made using traditional cloths of Liberia and Ghana, West Africa. The individual major color for each of the 6 tables included red, black, and white (dominant colors in the treatment of sculpture in traditional Africa); also used were yellow and blue, both popular colors in African societies.

Guests were invited to survey the entire seating arrangements prior to placing their prepared place cards at the place setting of their choice. Some decisions were made based on conversation groups; others were made solely on an attraction to a particular place setting.

The serving area was arranged buffet-style. The ladies were invited to help themselves to the Julienne salad, attractively arranged embellished with intricately carved vegetables, strips of turkey, ham, beef, cheese, eggs and immaculate curves. Chicken salad, spinach-mushroom quiche, baby buttered carrots, cheese trays, fresh fruit trays and luncheon rolls made up the menu. Wine and fruit juices were offered throughout the meal.

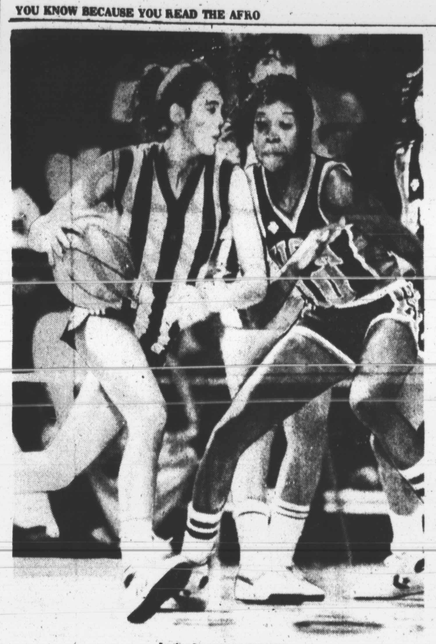
And then the after-treats! The cohs and ashs can still be heard as the hostess and her daughter ushered in a desert-laden tea cart which was wheeled from table to table encouraging the ladies to forget dieting for the moment as they were offered whole-strawberry-topped cheese cake, multi-layered coconut cake, candy wafers, coffee and tea.

Guests were encouraged to continue pleasant conversations around the tables and poolside to the sounds of easy-listening music. Socializing went on well into the afternoon. Before departing, the guests were thanked for their attendance and informed that each Wednesday afternoon in August would be Open House, poolside for swimming and swimming at the Ligons'.

The afternoon was captured on film by Keith Weller, a Columbia, MD photographer. The hostess is mailing to each guest a group photograph — a way of saying again "Thanks for coming!"

Guests included: Brenda Bell, Wylene Burch, Heide Cherry, Shirley Colvin, Rosemary Craig, Lorraine Dorsey, Bettye Fennell, Norma Fields, Sally Hogan, Pearl Oxorn, Marsha Spight, Celonia Waldan, all of Columbia, MD; Joyce Norman, Frances White, Washington, D.C.; Lucille Burnett, Chevy Chase, MD; Ida Smith, Jackie Smith, Silver Spring, MD; LaVerne Mills, Oxon Hill, MD; and Freda Atkins, en route with her husband, Marshall F. as he assumes position of Secretary of the Embassy of Guinea, West Africa.

ATTENDING LUNCHEON AT THE LIGONS' from left: Lorraine Dorsey, Celonia Walden, Jackie Smith, Freda Atkins, Sally Hogan, Marsha Spight, Frances White, Heide Cherry, Norma Fields, Shirley Colvin, LaVerne Mills, Lucille Burnett, Wylene Burch, Bettye Fennell and Pearl Oxorn. Seated from left: Joyce Norman, Ida Smith, Doris Ligon, hostess, Rosemary Craig and Brenda Bell.



Janice Lawrence in action
La. Tech star (r)
key in victory over Cuba

Blacks lead U.S. chase for Pan Am cage gold

CARACAS (UPI) — Cheryl Miller of Southern Cal scored 30 points Tuesday night and the U.S. women's basketball team overpowered Cuba 100-82 at the Pan American Games.

Showing a deft touch from the outside and repeatedly cutting through the Cuban defense, Miller highlighted an excellent offensive attack. She was backed by Lynette Woodard of Kansas with 19 points and Janice Lawrence of Louisiana Techwith 13. Lawrence also was brilliant on defense.

Moments later, Wayman Tisdale of Oklahoma muscled 29 points to lead the U.S. men five to a 111-97 romp over Canada.

The victory raised the record of the American girls to 3-0 and placed them in strong position to win the gold medal.

"That one felt awfully good," said U.S. coach Fran Garmon of TCU. "We really wanted it. In 1979, we lost to Cuba in the Pan Am Games. We waited four years for this."

In the men's contest, Tisdale was exceptional from down low, hitting soft left - handed jumpers or bulling his way to the basket for inside shots.

"On any given night certain things come to me and I get a roll," Tisdale said. "We were feeling pretty good in the second half. Previously we were a little uptight."

North Carolina All - Americans Michael Jordan and Sam Perkins helped out with 20 and 14 points, respectively.

Parents non-committal on son's Pan Am pullout

CENTRALIA, ILL. (UPI) — The parents of Mark Patrick said Tuesday they had no explanation for why their son — one of a family of track stars — had left the Pan American Games.

"Don't know anything," said Matthew Patrick, Mark's father. "I won't know anything until I talk to him."

Patrick, who was to compete in the 400 - meter hurdles, was one of 13 members of the U.S. Men's track and field team to withdraw from the games.

The 13 withdrew less than 24 hours after four weightlifters, including Olympic champion Daniel Nunez of Cuba, were stripped of their gold medals and three other weightlifters received reprimands for using muscle building drugs.

MARK PATRICK

The Patricks said they had received no word from their son about his leaving the games.

"He's a very fine person," Mark Patrick's mother said. "I just don't know what's going on. I think I'll wait until I know what's going on" before further comment.

Mark Patrick, 23, and his twin brother, David, were track standouts at Centralia High School and at the University of Tennessee.

David Patrick recently competed in the 800 meters at the World Track and Field Championships in Helsinki, Finland. In 1982, David Patrick won three national track titles — the NCAA indoor 880 and the NCAA and The Athletic Congress outdoor crown in the 400 intermediate hurdlers.

Mark Patrick was a former NCAA All - American as a member of the University of Tennessee 1,600 - meter relay team.

Patrick said his son, Mark, definitely has dreams of going to the Olympics.

"That's what he's been working for and that's what it's all about," the elder Patrick said.

Another Patrick son, Matthew, placed second in the long jump at The Athletics Congress Junior Olympics regional meet held last month in Muskegon, Mich. Matthew will be a senior this fall at Centralia High School.

Centralia is a town of 16,000 in southern Illinois

3 deny probe made them bolt Pan Am

At least three of the 13 athletes who left the Pan Am Games in Caracas, Venezuela, in the wake of the drug scandal, have insisted that their action was not caused by fear of involvement.

A fourth has given no explanation.

One of trio, Paul Bishop, made it clear it was the deplorable accommodations — not the steroid scare — that sent him home.

Bishop, a 25 - year - old discus thrower, arrived at Los Angeles International Airport and said he objected to the food and facilities for American athletes at the Games.

"I didn't like sleeping on the floor, and I didn't think I could compete (at) my best," the South Gate, Calif., athlete said.

Asked if he left because of the testing done on athletes, Bishop said, "I tell you the truth, that's not why I left."

Long jumper Randy Williams declared he informed USOC officials he would be leaving if his wife, Cynthia, had their expected baby before conclusion of the meet. She gave birth on Sunday.

And basketer Michael Cage flew home Sunday night to be with his ailing father.

AFRO SPORTS

Final dress rehearsal arrives for frisky Colts

Show-up time has almost arrived. In fact, the final rehearsal for it is upon Baltimore pro football fans.

The Colts wrap up their pre-season preps for the National Football League opening Sept. 4, tonight (Friday) at Atlanta.

Coach Frank Kush and his new corral of horses take on the Falcons in the year's last exhibition.

No matter that they won their first two games rather impressively, then suffered embarrassment in the third, the Horses should provide a true barometer tonight on what they can expect over the ensuing 16 weeks.

The Falcons can be a real test, especially in the pre-season where they've won five of six games played between the teams.

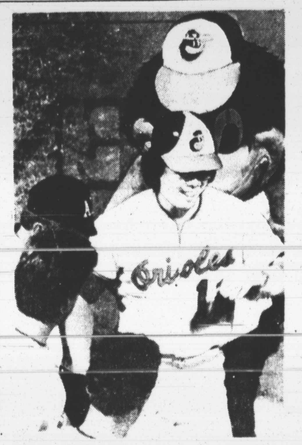
The two foes boast a most peculiar record. Whereas Baltimore has been able to beat Atlanta only once in the early schedules, the Colts have never lost to the Falcons in regular play.

Despite the 27-14 shellacking at the hands of the New York Giants last week, the individual efforts of some of the newcomers were noteworthy. This was particularly true on defense where a relatively young corps was facing an experienced and potent Giant offense.

It has recorded a total of 15 sacks over the first three preseason games divided as follows: LB-Vernon Maxwell (5 for -9 yards), DE-Donnell Thompson (2 for 18 yds), LB-Greg Bracelin (1½ for 18½ yds), LB-Johnie Cooks (1½ for 10 yds), DE-Quinton Ballard (1 for 12 yds), NT-Jamie Giles (1 for 8 yds), DEChris Lindstrom (1 for- 4 yds), DE-Steve Parker (1 for 6 yds), NT-Leo Wisniewski (½ for 4½ yds), DE-Steve Parker (1 for 6 yds), NT-Leo Wisniewski (½ for 4½ yds) and DE-Hosea Taylor (½ for 3 yds).

The Falcons are entering their first season under head coach Dan Henning, the former Washington Redskin assistant who supervised the Redskins offense for the last two seasons. The offense is led by nine-year veteran QB-Steve Bartkowski (1905 passing yds, 63 percent comp, 8 TDs in '82) and all-purpose FB-William Andrews who led the club in rushing (573 yds and 5 TDs) and receiving (42-503 yds- 2 TD) last season.

Other offensive threats include WRs Alfred Jackson (26rcp-361yds) and Alfred Jenkins (24rcp-347yds) and RB-Gerald Riggs (78 carries-299yds-5TDs).



THE JEKYL-HYDE ACT — Admittedly the "goat" of the loss the previous night when he committed two errors that helped Toronto coast 9-3, Lenn Sakata became sudden hero Wednesday night in Oriole victory over the same Blue Jays. The veteran utility infielder, hardly recognized as a threat with the bat, moved in as an emergency catcher then delivered a 3-run, 10th inning homer with two out. Cal Ripken Jr., and Storm Davis greeted Lenny as he crossed plate with the clinching 7-4 blow.

Bears cautiously optimistic on '83

Morgan State's relatively young football team, completing a second full week of drills tomorrow, has lent an optimistic air to the Hillen Road campus.

Jim Phillips
Golden Bear coach

First-year coach James "Jim" Phillips, typical of his breed, keeps his enthusiasm under restraint. But observers can detect a small degree of smug anticipation under the surface.

Obviously, he's a brave man. His Golden Bears — closer to brass with a 4-7 record last year — are asking for trouble from the outset this fall.

Beginning with an away game next Saturday (3rd) at Boston College, the Bears play out September with contests against Grambling (17th) at Yankee Stadium, and North Carolina A and T at home (24th).

Both Grambling's Tigers and the Aggies handled Morgan easily last year, 42-13, and 31-18, respectively.

The Morgan schedule places Hampton as the homecoming foe on Oct. 22, and concludes with Boston University on Nov. 19, at Boston . . .

Brother says Walter Payton may defect to the USFL

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Eddie Payton, former kick return specialist for the Minnesota Vikings, signed a contract Saturday to become the first player on the roster for the Memphis Showboats of the USFL.

"Being able to be the first of anything is a great honor," Payton said at an afternoon news conference.

Charley Thornton, general manager of the new franchise, said he was delighted to be able to sign Payton, whose brother, Walter, is a halfback for the Chicago Bears.

"We're elated with our first signee," Thornton said.

Payton hinted that his brother could follow him to the spring-summer football league.

season this year, there's a good possibility he may be playing somewhere in the USFL next year," Payton said.

Morgan gets NCAA mat title meet

Athletic director Tom Dean has announced that the 1984 NCAA Division II wrestling championships will be held in Hill Field House at Morgan, March 2-3.

This will be the first national championship ever held on the Hillen Road campus. Wrestling coach James Phillips will coordinate the tournament.

Coach Phillips in his tenth year as head mentor of the Morgan Traveling All Stars has coached three national champions, including returning veteran John Davis (158). Morgan has also finished in the Division II top ten for six of Phillips' nine years.

Morgan renews soccer program

Morgan State University will renew its intercollegiate soccer program against West Chester State in West Chester, PA., next Thursday (1st).

Athletic director Tom Dean has approved a 10-game schedule that will include such top teams as Howard University, American University, Towson State and Mt. St. Mary's.

Winston Earl, former Baltimore Bays player, will coach the team made up of mostly Caribbean students. This will not be the first year the team has played together. The team, playing under club status won the Baltimore Park and Recreation League last November.

Thorpe alone

Only Jim Thorpe survived of the three blacks entered in the Sammy Davis Jr. Golf Classic last week in Connecticut.

Thorpe collected $1,260 for his 278 score, 10 strokes off winner Curtis Strange.

Huge entry lists for Laurel stakes

LAUREL, MD. — Over 400 two - year - olds remain eligible for Laurel's two of three Grade One Stakes to be run this fall — the Selima, Oct. 22 and the Laurel Futurity, Oct. 29.

Laurel's other Grade One stake, the Washington, D.C. International, an invitational race, is scheduled for November 12.

Of 815 original nominees for the Laurel Futurity, some 217 two year olds are still eligible to start in the mile and sixteenth classic. From the original list of 755 fillies nominated for the Selima, 191 remain qualified to start.

McCall for Giles?

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers have acquired tight end Reese McCall from the Baltimore Colts for a future draft choice.

McCall, the Colts' first-round draft pick in 1978, had been unable to reach agreement with Baltimore on a contract and did not report to pre-season training camp.

The Bucs have their own negotiating problems with tight end Jimmy Giles, who like McCall is having contract problems and has not reported to the Bucs' camp.

McCall, 6-foot-6 and 235 pounds, caught 89 passes for 1,338 yards and 12 touchdowns in his five years with the Colts.

Giles had been the favorite target for Doug Williams before the latter defected to the USFL after a contract dispute with the Buccaneers.

OUT FOR YEAR — Running back Charles White, signed by Cleveland following his Heisman Trophy year at USC in 1979, fractured and dislocated his right ankle in a pre-season game Saturday, and will be lost to the Browns for the NFL season.

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