Brown/Emery Wedding

GRANDEUR AND CANDLELIGHT

ALL SMILES — The new bride, the former Gerri E. Brown

The recent nuptials of Gerri Brown and Greg Emery at the Emmanuel Episcopal Church was bathed in candlelight. Each pew had a candle-lit hurricane lantern attached at the end which gave a "midsummer's night dream" quality to the entering bridal procession. The high cathedral type caltar shimmered aglow in the pre-nuptial concert of trumpet and choral music proclaiming this as a festive beginning.

The black-tie guests gasped at the overpowering loveliness of the bride as she entered.

The dress was 100% silk chiffon topped in French lace embroidered over clear sea sequins in iridescent color. Dropped bateau neckline at shoulder point - controlled by spaghetti straps with an under bodice in the same fabric as train with bare back look. The skirt was looped chiffon made in one piece of fabric.

The train was hand made with 60 scallops around the edge all fringed by hand and the end of the train was cut intrically so it will follow the drapes of the fold when you pick it up to dance. The bow of the train was made to resemble a calla lily formation to accentuate the romance of the back of the dress which later you can take off the train and fashion or belt a chiffon scarf to give a formal evening look. The baby kitten ear satin peau de soie.

The veil was done in scallops just as the train - the scallops were the main concept behind the design of the dress.

The crown was made from beaded lace as the bodice accentuated with white silk leaves, fresh gardenias, white roses, freshia and baby's breath - and the Star of Bethlehem. The veil of the head piece came down to the front - floor length and met the train in the back and in scallops.

Her make-up was pastels.

Designed and made by Roberto Fontanez of Brooklyn, NY, a 1974 graduate of Pratt Institute.

In the ceremony after the marriage vows were taken, the bride and groom, as man and wife, ascended to the highest point of the altar to light candles and profess their love for each other in a special ceremony. The groom turned to the bride and sang a song of love. He then turned to the guests and sang the "Lord's Prayer".

The recessional repected the theme of triumph and praise.

The bridal party was whisked away to the sit-down dinner reception at the B&O Museum by five chauffeur driven limousines.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Miriam T. Brown and the late W. Emerson Brown, Jr., Esq. of Baltimore. She is a graduate of Western High School ('72); Pratt Institute ('76); and is a National Accounts Representative of the Girl Scouts of U.S.A., Manhattan, NY.

The groom was the first black at Gilman School, attended Loyola College, is a graduate of the University of Maryland Medical School and Stanford University in Anesthesiology. Currently, he is an anesthegiologist at O'Connor Hospital, San Jose, CA. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Vallen L. Emery, Sr., also of Baltimore

Their April 12 double-ring nuptials were officiated by Dr. Alfred B. Starrat; Rector-Emeritus of the church and the Rev. Wendell Phillips, pastor, Heritage United Church of Christ.

Langston Fitzgerald was Musical Coordinator. Musical Programs Organist was Henry Lowe. The groom and Rose McArthur sang 'The Lord's Prayer' and Ms. McArthur 'You Mean More to Me.'

The bride was given in marriage by her uncle, Daniel C. Brewington. Matron-of-Honor Mrs. M. Andrea Portocarrero, Marietta, GA, wore silver grey charmeuse; Maid-of-honor Ms. Toni C. Talbott, Baltimore, wore mauve charmeuse. Bridesmaid Karen Newton, M.D., Baltimore, wore mauve charmeuse. All had identical patterns.

Best Man was Vallen L. Emery, Sr., Baltimore. Groomsmen were Travis Emery, J.D., Los Angeles, CA and Vallen L. Emery, Jr., Baltimore. Ushers were Jorge Portocarrero, Marietta, GA; Raymond Parker, Baltimore; Nathaniel Hagler, M.D., Chambersburg, PA and Maxie Collier, M.D., Columbia, MD. Ring Bearer was Vallen Emery, III, Albany, GA.

A reception was hosted for the couple at the B&O Museum, Pratt St., and guests were invited to a seated dinner with cocktails and champagne and dancing from 8 p.m. until 12 midnight.

The bride's aunt, Mrs. Ethel Brown Brewington introduced guests to the Receiving Line. Dance music was provided by the Lewis Hamlin Band.

The bride's bouquet was caught by Judy Logan of NYC and Frank Cairnes of New York caught the garter. Both were the bride's co-workers. For their wedding trip to Paris, France, the bride chose as her traveling outfit a three-piece linen and silk suit--Jade green with striped walking length jacket. The couple is now at home in Fremont, CA.

Among the 375 guests, those from out-of-town came from California, New York, Cincinnati, OH; Columbia, MD; San Juan P.R.,; Georgia, Philadelphia, PA; Silver Spring, MD; Washington, DC and Charlestown, WV.

Mrs. Anne Emery, mother of the groom
Mrs. Miriam Brown, mother of the bride

Mrs. Norma Brady, Anne Emery, Dr. Loretta M. Richardson

Mrs. Nettie T. Taylor
Grandmother of the bride

Mr. and Mrs. Joel Newton, parents of Karen A. Newton, M.D., bridesmaid

Miriam T. Brown, mother of the bride and Thomas Lesesne

Mr. and Mrs. Gregory B. Emery
Bride and groom receive guests at The B. & O. Railroad Museum

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PROVIDENT AUXILIARY DESIGNER FASHION SHOW

Provident Hospital Auxiliary announces Annual Invitational Designer Fashion Show.

Mrs. Irma Downing, Chairperson for the Provident Hospital Auxiliary's fashion show and luncheon has announced that this year's show, as always, will have an infinite variety of one of a kind garments.

This outstanding parade of outstanding designer originals will be held on Mother's Day, May 11 at Martin's West beginning at noon.

Jacket shapes will be easy on the eye; short skirts will be interspersed with new longer lengths; there will be more dresses than usual, great, sweeping coats and more evening glitter.

The fashion show will be produced by the Flair Models' mother-daughter fashion team of Willia Bland and Andrea Bland-Travis.

Georgeanna Cobb, Auxiliary President, observed that this invitational fashion show continues the volunteer organization's long standing commitment to support-

Mrs. Brenda Thorington

ting the hospital's manpower, public relations and financial needs.

All moods of fashion, from early day through late night themes will be seen. Capturing the elan and elegance of the new season will be Designers Faith Brooks, B.A. Butler, Gloria Jennings, K.C. Kirkland, Brenda Olivis, Felicia Matthews, Jean Taylor, Charles Wells and Catherine Wooten.

Major hat shapes and looks will be supplied by Steven Mitchell and Nell Sheridan, President of NAFAD (the National Association of Fashion and Accessory Designers). Sensational furs will be supplied by Seleh, the Howard Street furrier.

Fashion statements will flow from the beautiful boutique wares of Maggie's Place, Roxie's Rack-Plus and Tall, Bi-Les Corporation and Sabrina's of Gay St.

Sabrina St. Clair, well known for her eclectic designer garments, also carries designer fabrics at her boutique. Anders Men's Wear of Woodlawn rounds out the collection with ready to wear for men.

Ticket information may be secured from the hospital's gift shop - 578-2035.

BAAC HOSTS ANNUAL LUNCHEON—MARGE GREENE HONORED

The Social Security Administration's Black Affairs Advisory Council (BAAC) held its Fourth Annual Luncheon Monday April 28 at the Woodlawn complex.

Delegate Elijah E. Cummings, chairman of the Maryland Legislative Black Caucus addressed the affair, attended by some 250 Social Security employees.

Delegate Cummings urged the government employees not to succumb to a "we've got it made" mentality. He compared Black progress to a relay race in which victory depends on each runner successfully transferring the baton to the next. "We cannot afford to drop the baton," he stated.

An award was presented to Marjorie Green for her efforts in support of the group and its efforts to promote equal employment opportunity at the Social Security Administration. Marge retired from the agency recently after 35 years of service.

LOCAL GEMME NEW NAT'L PREXY

Gemme Brenda Thorington of the Baltimore Chapter of "Les Gemmes was elected National President at the recent conclave held at the Crabtree Valley Marriott in Raleigh, NC.

Gemme Brenda, a charter member of the Baltimore Chapter, has previously served as Chapter president and National Vice President. Gemme Doris Nelson, also of the Baltimore Chapter, was elected National Secretary, Gemme Doris is presently president of the Baltimore Chapter.

A highlight of the conclave was the donation of $2,500 made by Less Gemmes to the Central Orphanage of North Carolina.

Les Gemmes is a national organization of professional women with eleven chapters.

Members of the Baltimore Chapter are Elinor Bell, Shirley Cooper, Elizabeth Elliott, Celeste Fennell, Jennifer Frazier, Genet Fulwood, Carolyn Harris, Pamela Heard, Phillis Howard, Loretta Hill, Deborah Johns, Reta Jones, Pearl McCants, Sheila Mitchell, Peggy Neale, Doris Nelson, (chapter president)

Also Sharon Offer, Betty Randolph, Geraldine Smith, Loretta Spruill, Patricia Stewart, Shirley Stokes, Brenda Thorington, Barbara Via, Connie Whittington, Irine Williams and Rosetta Wise.

ALL REVVED UP for the Designer Fashion Show to be hosted by the Provident Hospital Auxiliary on May 11, Mother's Day, is model Candace Easterling.

St. Paul Alumni host fundraiser

ENJOYING THE SCENE during the luncheon-card-party fundraiser hosted recently by the Baltimore Chapter of the St. Paul Alumni Association (St. Paul College) at Meushaws Motor Inn

Photos by Paris Gray

are (L to R): Doris Holmes, a committee member; Faye Burnett, Flossie Johnson, a committee member and Anastatia P. Benton.

JAMES WATKINS, president of the St. Paul Alumni Club, Baltimore, greets (from left): Dorothy Davis and Antoinette Manson, chairperson for the event.

LAUGHING IT UP during their bout with the deck are (from left): Elaine Harris, Fannie Mathias, Edith Greene and Almeta Johnson.

CAUGHT IN THE SPIRIT OF THE GAME are (L to R): Mary Young, Zelma Brown, Helen Quarles and Anne Fuller.

The Baltimore Chapter, of the St. Paul College Alumni Association recently hosted a card-party-luncheon at Meushaw's Motor Inn, Security Blvd. at the Beltway.

The Purpose of the event was to raise funds for scholarships for deserving students who are attending or will attend St. Paul College in Lawrenceville, VA.

Nearly 200 folks gathered for fun and card games at 12 noon, and the festivities did not end until 4 p.m.

After a delectable luncheon guests played pinochle, bridge and pokeno, with high scorers at each table winning prizes.

Other lovely door prizes were garnered by lucky ticket stub holders.

The affair was an unqualified success, both financially and socially.

James "Joy" Watkins is president of the local chapter of the St. Paul Alumni Association. Antoinette Manson was Chairperson for the fundraiser. Other committee members included Flossie Johnson, Virginia Watkins, Doris Holmes and Lucy Davis.

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