

Thorntons Honored At Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Mr. and Mrs. B.H. Thornton were recently honored by their children on the occasion of their 47th wedding anniversary. The celebration, held at the Royal Oaks Clubhouse in Durham, was given as a surprise by Theodore Thornton of Fort Mill, S.C.; Victor Thornton of Gary, Indiana; Mrs. Carolyn T. Peele and Mrs. Jacquelyn T. Furtick of Durham.

The affair was highlighted with numerous tributes from friends of the couple, the presentation of 47 American Beauty roses by their children, the introduction of the Thornton's nine grandchildren, and the cutting of a three-tier wedding cake.

The Thorntons reside at 1315 South Alston Avenue and are members of White Rock Baptist Church. She is a retired teacher of English and music in the Durham County Schools. He is a retired teacher of vocational education in the Durham City Schools, as well as proprietor of Thornton Builders, Inc.

The numerous tributes, by friends, attested to the respect for the Thorntons as an outstanding example of a strong, stable and supportive family unit in the midst of changing family life in our country. A tribute by one guest summarizes all others and best characterizes the B.H. Thorntons: "Never could either partner have contributed so much to a community without the loyalty and supportive role of the other."

The statement referred to their positive contributions to the education and business community as well as twenty years of volunteer service by Thornton as National Treasurer of the N.C. Agricultural and Technical State University Alumni Association.

challenge to their nine grandchildren to continue their educational pursuits to insure positive contributions to their communities. Grandchildren are Susan, Gail and Theodore Derrick Thornton; Deirdre and Burl Thornton; Kathy and Krissy Peele; and David and Matthew Furtick. Susan, the eldest grandchild, will receive her bachelor's degree in nursing from Hampton Institute in May, 1981. All other grandchildren are enrolled in elementary and secondary schools and institutions of higher learning.

Out-of-town guests included Mrs. Dora Peterson of Indianapolis, Indiana, sister of Mrs. Thornton; Mrs. Beverly Thornton; Mrs. Hazel Johnson; Mrs. Ada Johnson; Mrs. Jennie Franklin and son, George; Mr. and Mrs. Beecher Henderson of Warrenton; Dr. and Mrs. L.C. Dowdy and Mr. and Mrs. H.A. Johnson of Greensboro; Mr. and Mrs. N.A. McCoy of Reidsville; Mr. and Mrs. N.W. Slade of Robersonville; Mr. and Mrs. R.M. Harris of Henderson; Mr. and Mrs. G.T. Swinson of Belhaven.



THE THORNTONS ADMIRE GIFTS

Fayetteville Happenings

By Mrs. T.H. Kinney

Spring arrived on Friday past at 12:03 a.m. and yet we had snow, sleet and rain in our state during the weekend. Happy Springtime All!

We can enjoy "Green Pastures" with an all black cast now through April 4-5 at the Fort Bragg Playhouse. It is a play that should appeal to all ages and families. Call 396-7555.

Members of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity held their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday evening. New members were welcomed. President Farmer presided.

Mrs. Kinney and son visited relatives and friends in Sampson and Duplin counties during the weekend.

Miss Ellis Jones, director of the Eastern Region of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., conducted a career workshop at Fayetteville State University Saturday. Her topic was preparing for a career rather than a job and what a young college woman should be aware of for a successful entry into the job market. Omega Beta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority served as the host chapter. Miss Jones is acting director of Federal Women's Programs in the Office of Personnel Management. She is a graduate of Fayetteville State University.

An essay contest for Cumberland County and Fayetteville city students in grades 10 through 12 is being sponsored by the Fayetteville Area Board of Realtors. The contest is being sponsored in conjunction with "Private Property Week," which is held nationwide. Deadline for entries is April 10. More information can be obtained by contacting the board of realtors.

George Alleyene, 599-F Winding Creek Road, a student at Terry Sanford High School, has received a scholarship from the National Achievement Scholarship Program for Outstanding Negro Students. He will receive a \$1000 scholarship from the Nestle Company. Lorre D. Bonner of Rowland will receive a similar scholarship from the Weyerhaeuser Company.

A public discussion of whether a city ordinance prohibiting discrimination in employment would improve the image of Fayetteville will be held on Tuesday, April 7. The meeting sponsored by the Fayetteville-Cumberland County Citizen Association, will be held at 7:30 p.m. in St. Joseph's Episcopal Church, Ramsey Street.

The Student Council of Lewis Chapel Junior High School will hold a yard and bake sale on Saturday in the school parking lot beginning at 10 a.m. All proceeds will be sent to the Atlanta, Ga., Police Department to aid in its investigation of the murders of black youths in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilkes spent the weekend with friends in Raleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. Robertson D. Williams announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Karen Gail, to Jerry Lewis Jacobs, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Owens of Autryville. An April 18 wedding is planned at Elizabeth Baptist Church.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Fayetteville State University. She is employed in Clinton. The prospective bridegroom is in the U.S. Army stationed at Fort Gordon, Ga.

Sgt. Major and Mrs. Johnny Pelsey announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Dale Pelsey, to John J. Becton, Jr., of Durham, son of Mrs. Armentine Banks of Indianapolis, Indiana. A June 20 wedding is planned at First Baptist Church.

The bride-elect is a 1979 graduate of North Carolina Central University. She is a teacher with the Cumberland County School System. The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of A&T State University. He is a banker with Wachovia Bank.

The Fayetteville Little Theater presented Neil Simon's "Chapter Two" during the weekend.

"Hillbilly Weddin" was enjoyed during the weekend at the Spring Lake Theater.

"A Streetcar Named Desire" can be enjoyed through March 29 at the Butler Little Theater-Fayetteville State University. Call 486-1589 or 486-1443.

The Woman's Club of Fayetteville presents Expo '81 March 27-28 at the Cumberland County Arena.

Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Fields spent the weekend in Greensboro with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. P.J. Mathis spent the weekend in Raleigh with relatives.

Mrs. Retha Godbolt announces the engagement of her daughter, Miss Cathy Godbolt, to Reginald Keith Scriven, son of the Reverend and Mrs. James A. Scriven of Raeford. An April 25 wedding is planned at Sandy Grove AME Zion Church.

The bride-elect is employed with Purolator, Inc. The prospective bridegroom attended Sandhills Community College. He is employed with Burlington Industries of Raeford.

Members of Jack and Jill and their guests shared a pleasant evening at the Lake View Country Club recently.

Sorry to hear of the death of Professor Ernest T. Battle. Funeral services were held Saturday in Indianola, Mississippi. Prof. Battle was a former Fayetteville State University instructor. He was on the faculty of the State University of New York at Oneonta, New York. Sympathy is extended to the members of his family.

Nacirema Club

The Nacirema Club of the YWCA held its monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Celestine Cunningham recently. Members opened the meeting by repeating Bible verses and the 23rd Psalm.

Following a business discussion, conducted by the president, Mrs. Gertrude Gibson, Mrs. Nellie McCrea invited the group to brunch at her home on April 11. Mrs. Cunningham served the following members a delicious repast: Mrs. Dorothy Blackeney, Mrs. Lois Cozart, Miss Hattie White, Mrs. Mattie Cany, Mrs. Nellie McCrea, Mrs. Gertrude Gib-

son at Mount Sinai Baptist Church. Dr. A.J. Johnson officiated. Sympathy is extended to the members of her family.

Af-Am Social Work Seminar

Saturday

The North Carolina State Association of Black Social Workers will sponsor a free seminar entitled "Afro-American Social Work" on Saturday, March 28, 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m., in the Boyer building on the campus of St. Augustine's College, Raleigh.

Special guest is Aminifu Richard Harvey, ACSW, consultant for the Commission for Racial Justice, and Howard University's Urban Affairs and Research Institute, Washington, D.C. Aminifu Harvey is also completing his doctoral studies at the Howard University School of Social Work. Harvey has developed a unique Afro-American model for the delivery of human and mental health services which should stimulate participants in an open discussion of the Afro-centric approach in the practice of human service delivery. The Seminar welcomes attendance from the total black community and is not restricted to human services workers. For further information, call 821-7627 (Raleigh) 9 a.m.-5 p.m., or 471-6559 (Durham) after 6 p.m.

Ms. Battle Finalist For Presidential Scholar

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The U.S. Department of Education and the Commission on Presidential Scholars Program, which annually identifies the most distinguished and accomplished graduating high school seniors in the nation.

Miss Kimberly Jo Battle, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Battle of 1636 Marion Avenue, Durham, is one of the 1,000 outstanding young American students to become a finalist in this program from among more than three million seniors to graduate this year. She has been awarded a certificate by the President's Commission on Presidential Scholars.

Miss Battle is a graduating senior at Hillside High School. The selection of those finalists who will become Presidential Scholars will be made in April by the members of the President's Commission on Presidential Scholars.

Finalists who become Presidential Scholars will be invited to Washington, D.C., where they will be honored by their elected representatives, educators and others in public life. Selection is based on academic excellence, achievement in the visual and performing arts, creative writing, demonstrated leadership ability, contribution of energy and creativity to school and community, and, achievement in the sciences and other fields of interest. The independent judgment of members of the Commission on Presidential Scholars, with the concurrence of the President of the United States, determines final selection.

Hampton Choir To Appear In Chapel Hill

The world-known Hampton Institute Choir, under the direction of composer/arranger Roland M. Carter, will appear in concert at Memorial Hall, UNC-Chapel Hill, on Friday, April 3 at 7 p.m.

includes among its list of past performances at 1968 appearance at New York's Lincoln Center, a 1969 concert before United Nations ambassadors at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York and a 1975 tour of the Virgin Islands. In 1973, four Hampton Choir members were picked to join a forty-member United States Chorus and director Carter was tapped as a contributing conductor.

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