

Mrs. Mary Ward Conaway Opens Maryland Legislature

Mrs. Mary Ward Conaway, daughter of Mrs. Mary J. Ward and the late Albert Ward of Wilson, opened the current session of the Maryland House of Delegates on January 20. The State House ceremony in Annapolis marked the first time in Maryland's 335-year history that a black woman had ever opened a legislative session.

Mrs. Conaway is the wife of Delegate Frank M. Conaway of Baltimore, who heads the legislative black caucus. She is a 1961 graduate of Darden High School in Wilson and a graduate of North Carolina Central University, Durham. A soprano, she has appeared as a soloist with symphony orchestras in the United States and Europe. In the 1970's, she sang with the Harry Belafonte group in Africa. She also holds graduate degrees in music.

Thrifty Service Club

Mrs. Mozell Flintall was hostess January 30 for the Thrifty Service Club to hold a business meeting. Plans were mapped for the year. Mrs. Aline Davis, the president, presided. Mrs. Genevieve Rogers offered prayer.

Club Holds First Meeting of Year

Mrs. Stattie Russ and Mrs. Alice Wilson were joint hostesses to the Thrifty Service Club February 6, celebrating their birthdays. Mrs. Davis presided and Mrs. Marie Harris led the devotion.

The main topic for discussion was the celebration of the club's 22nd anniversary on February 14 at Union Baptist Church. Dr. Grady D. Davis, pastor of the church, will be the speaker for the occasion. Mrs. Russ and Mrs. Wilson received lovely gifts with their birthday money. Five new members were added to the club. Mrs. Elizabeth Jones thanked the hostesses for an enjoyable evening.

Members present were: Mmes. Aline Davis, Luna J. Holman, Mattie Jones, Pearl Walker, Rozetta Cobb, Willie Mae Jones, Christine Sales, Marie Harris, Mable Bryant, Lula Hester, Bessie Pratt, Millie Williams, Beatrice Holman, Elizabeth Edwards, Elnora Ransom, Queen Cooper, Elizabeth Jones, Dorothy Glover, Montez Bagley, Annie Alston, Alice Wilson, Stattie Russ, Laura Thorpe, Mozell Flintall, Retha Core, Naomi Melvin, Pauline Boxley, Irene Hall, Mattie Pugh, Mary Vanhook.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Genevieve Rogers.

Celebrates Sixth Year

Master Ray Best celebrated his sixth birthday anniversary on January 27 at Lakewood Elementary School where he is a kindergarten pupil in Mrs. J. S. Carrington's class. The occasion was shared by all the children in his class and all of the children whose birthdays were in January.

The children enjoyed birthday cake, hats and favors given by Ray's mother, Ms. Patricia Best. Mrs. Sadie Chambers, cafeteria manager, helped Mrs. Carrington serve the children.

Saturday Brunch Club

The Saturday Morning Brunch Club met February 6 at the home of Mrs. Alene Davis. Before brunch, a most inspiring prayer was given by Mrs. Ellen Brown. The vice president, Mrs. Genevieve Rogers, presided over the business session. Different projects were discussed for the coming year.

A delicious brunch was served to the following members: Mesdames Ellen Brown, Rosetta Cobb, Beatrice Holman, Genevieve Rogers, Alene Davis, Pearl Amis, Sadie Chambers, Elnora Ransom. Each member thanked the hostess for a very enjoyable brunch.

The March meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Ellen Brown.

The Friendly Ladies

The Friendly Ladies Club met on Sunday, February 7, in the Fellowship Hall of Kyles Temple AME Zion Church with Mrs. Louise Smith and Mrs. Mary Hayes as hostesses.

Following the devotion, the president, Mrs. Hastie Price, presided. After the little guest, Miss Taty Gerald, was made welcome, Mrs. Susie Dilihunt read a beautiful prayer sent in by Mrs. Agnes Hinton.

A delightful repast was served to the following members: Mmes. Susie Dilihunt, Lina M. Saunders, Ella Crawford, Gussie Ray, Evangeline Page, Magdaline Llewellyn, Hannah Roberson, Ernestine Fikes, Elizabeth Edwards, Dewayne Lassiter, Betty Green, Catherine Trice, Lola Massey, Lennie Rose, Minnie Petty, Anna Crouse, Hastie Price, Myrtle Taylor, Viola Thompson, Myrtle Weeks, Mattie Tillman and Little Taty Gerald.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Gussie Ray and Mrs. Susie Dilihunt.



Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy K. Wilson

Miss Sharin Denise Howard, daughter of Mrs. Hazel Howard, of Durham, became the bride of Kennedy Kla Wilson, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Wilson of Maryland, Liberia, West Africa, in a picturesque wedding at the bride's home Saturday afternoon, February 6. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Kidd Smith. The couple will make their home in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma where the bridegroom is employed as an aircraft mechanic.

Photo by Silas Mayfield

Dogwood Garden Club

The Dogwood Garden Club met recently with Mrs. Bertha Harris and Mrs. Susie Martin at 600 Price Street.

Members accepted the fund raising project proposed by the Council and agreed to buy tickets for the occasion. The club members will serve dinner for a special group at a later date to raise money for the club.

Following a brief social hour, the hostesses served a delicious dinner. Members present were Mmes. Winston, Johnson, M. Watson, B. Harris, S. Martin and D. Smith.

Ebenezer Floral Club

The Ebenezer Baptist Church Floral Club held its recent monthly meeting in the Chapel. Plans were made for different projects to provide for the paving of the church driveways and parking lot in the near future.

Mrs. Bettie Barrett was honored for her service as organist for the Gospel Chorus of Ebenezer for a number of years, with gifts and money from the Floral Club.

The Club has agreed to meet on the first Saturday in the month at 2 p.m., for the monthly meetings.

The following persons were present: Mesdames Addie Barbee, Ruth Flowers, Martha Stanley, Odell Keith, Ruth Lee, Louise Smith, Louise Dalrymple, Julia Mitchell, Lydia McClain, Lovella Kelley, Mary Eatmon, Bertha Snipes, Marina Fischer, Ethel McNeil, Celeste Dalrymple, and Josephine Freeman.

Thank You

My family and I thank you for your kindnesses, prayers, thoughtfulness and the many things you did for me during my recent illness.

Mrs. Sarah Harry Jones

Fayetteville Happenings

By Mrs. T. H. Kinney

Staff Sgt. Angelena Franklin was named the "Soldier of the Week" at Fort Bragg. Ms. Franklin is described as being patient, knowledgeable and dedicated to her work. She is a dental hygienist at Fort Bragg. She says she plans to make a career of the Army. She studied at Baylor University in Texas to get her associate's degree and is desirous of completing requirements for the four-year degree. We salute Staff Sgt. Angelena Franklin for the way she is helping others.

Several groups attended Eugene O'Neill's black tragedy, "The Emperor Jones," staged by the Methodist Green and Gold Masque Keyes at Methodist College. The performance was in celebration of Black History Month.

Hope everyone will and can enjoy a Valentine celebration at home or whatever, wherever, this year. You deserve it. Happy Valentine's Day All!

A meeting on corn and soybean production was held Wednesday morning in the Cumberland County Office Building on U.S. 301-South. Breakfast was available.

The PTA of Edgewood Middle School was held Tuesday evening in the mini-theater. The Parent Advisory Council of the school.

Black History Month is being observed by Fort Bragg, Feb. 8-12. Several events are free and open to the public.

Mrs. E. Williams traveled to Washington, D.C., for a conference recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Raynor recently visited in South Carolina with relatives.

Congratulations are in order for Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Beatty of 513 Spaulding Street, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on January 25 with a reception at their home. More than 125 guests attended, including several current and former elected and appointed city and county officials. The couple received congratulatory messages

from President and Mrs. Ronald Reagan, Congressman Charles Rose, Gov. James B. Hunt and other state officials.

Mr. and Mrs. Beatty were presented with a golden money tree by the Fayetteville Chapter of the St. Augustine's College Alumni, of which both are members.

John T. Council, formerly of Council Insurance Agency, has been named regional vice president of A.L. Williams marketing organization, which represents Massachusetts Indemnity and Life Insurance Co. Council will be supervising agents in several eastern North Carolina cities for Williams, which is headquartered in Atlanta.

Many groups shared in the 1982 March of Dimes drive through WKFT Channel 40 on Saturday night and Sunday afternoon.

Miss Tyann Marie Usher and Taylor Ayes of Ponce, Puerto Rico, were married Saturday afternoon in the home of the bride. The Rev. W.E. Beamon officiated at the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Usher of Fayetteville. Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Ayes of Ponce, Puerto Rico, are the parents of the bridegroom.

A reception was held following the ceremony. The bride is a graduate of E.E. Smith High School and Fayetteville Technical Institute. She is a cosmetologist in Fayetteville. The bridegroom is currently serving in the U.S. Army at Fort Bragg. The couple will live in Fayetteville.

Funeral services for Robert Green were held Thursday afternoon at St. Luke AME Church by the Reverends H.L. Ingram and C.L. Stevens. Sympathy is extended to his three daughters, all of Fayetteville and one son, Robert Green, Jr., of Atlanta, Ga.

Funeral services were held Thursday for Andrew L. Bryant in First Baptist Church.

Funeral services for Alton Williams were held Thursday afternoon at Mount Hebrew Church by the Rev. Thele Cromartie.

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