

## Campy's vignettes

# Gaiety, glamor... dazzle, dash... mean happy times

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Ever pooh-poohed off bits of unpleasant information with a shrug and a mental "won't happen to me, now now, anyhow?" That's what this scribe did when alerted that intestinal flu was making uncomfortable rounds, and missed gay, gala and glamorous whirl of ultra ultras ushering out and welcoming in 1972. Good friends like much in demand public relations ace-schoolmarm Frances Taylor Matlock graciously filled in the color, drama and lush plush details of one elegant interlude star-studded fascinating social calendar during New Year's



holiday calendar. Frances shared assistant co-hostess role with Mesdames John Palmer and Paul Patterson during New Year's eve spectacular when hosts par excellence, Dr. T. R. M. Howard, his stunning wife, Helen and their so personable son, Barrett gave another of those always gay and fabulous social extravaganzas in the Howards' famed Safari Room of the'r So. Washash ave. manse. 'Twas duos 4th annual holiday bash, Frances "vignettes" and for sheer "joie de vivre" could not be excelled.

"Queen" Helen epitomized elegance and elan in a shimmering sheath of multi-colored lame to complement "King" Ted's satorially dapper attire. Guests, — renowned civic leaders, famed beauties, distinguished and clergymen (including the Country Preacher, Frances noted), — some 250 in all, were equally as resplendent, alluring and satorially meticulous. They relaxed, sipped and exchanged gay repartee between 7 and 9 p.m., in the Safari Room's lush, tropical atmosphere, then dined at 29 tables embellished with attractive candle-lit centerpieces, the guest list mounted on red, golf-fringed velour cards.

Enhancing enjoyment and adding to the beauty of the occasion were a profusion of poinsettia plants in eye-appealing arrangement in the spacious living room where the Howard's traditional arrangement of long-stemmed American beauty roses graced the piano. A lavish turquoise Christmas tree studded with twinkling white Italian lights and accented by six white doves of peace dominated the dining room where Dr. Robert Lewis and his charming wife, Dr. Virginia (Assistant Superintendent of Human Relations, Board of Education) served as hosts.

A massive buffet, groaning under its profusion of sumptuous and succulent "soul food" — black eyed peas, chitterlings, greens, barbecued pork, roast beef, ham, cracklin' bread, hot rolls, dominated by a juicy roast pig, replete with apple in its mouth — kept the household staff, headed by Mrs. Catherine Gray busy as silver platters were re-filled, and re-filled again and again. Frances is adept with the descriptives, but here's one time she reiterates: "One had to be there to capture the gaiety, glamor and enjoyment of a really resplendent, festive and fabulous New Year's eve get-together," which at midnight ushered in the New Year with traditional noise-makers, et al.

The charmingly appointed West Chatham home of Vera — a stunning symphony in orange and brown — and Simuel Thompson on S. Perry ave. served as another perfect setting for the post-New Year's cocktail-buffet party and the ideal occasion to meet and greet their daughter, Brenda K. from Los Angeles, Calif., a svelte charmer in the increasingly fashionable "deep purple." Always the gracious hosts, the Thompsons regaled intimates like Mae and Robert Slater, the Mack Hobsons, she's pert and petite Charlotte; Honrecee and William Love; Anna and Norwood Smith; the Clarence Robinsons, she's Dorothy; and Mesdames Hortense Ellis, Beatrice Wilson, Thelma Hancock and Pearl Miller.

Those Milwaukee jet-setters, the Clarence Parrishes brought their vivacious and vibrant collegiate daughters, Sharon and Sheila to the Windy City to hail the New Year in fascinating fashion at Chicago's Playboy Club (there's a switch, PR Matlock asides). Sharon is completing her law studies this year and takes the Wisconsin bar exam this spring. She's looking forward to the time when she'll become a full-fledged partner in her dad's law firm. Incidentally, Vignette's advised brilliant attorney recently was appointed to the Wisconsin Bar Commission. . . . While the Albert (Marva) Spauldiss were happiest couple hereabouts over the holidays and family reunion with their children, Jackie, Joe Jr., and Alvita back home to share season's joyous "happenings" with them.

And, joy was the keynote when those regal Royalites gathered in the smart and tastefully appointed apartment of civic-minded group's vice president Lucinda Campbell to share with her holiday cheer and togetherness during the yule season. Hostess Lucinda's knack for entertaining with warmth and a dramatic flair was again dramatized to "the nth detail" business manager-publicist Edna Wills, much in demand modiste "vignettes." Femmes, chic and charming chose their most becoming ensembles, sipped champagne and cocktails of their choice, exchanged gay banter and rhapsodized over gaily wrapped gifts from their secret pals placed under the dazzling Christmas tree. They dined on "soul food" delicacies "by request" and were lavish with the raves over Lucinda's culinary artistry. Sharing an evening to remember long into "the New Year, and way, way after," were the Royalites' widely admired president, Ruth Smith, their equally popular treasurer, Audrey Hinton; secretary, Lucille Moran; Barbara Eggleston, financial secretary; Becky Monroe, social chairman; Billie Maxwell, Ethel Douglass, Rose King, Maryella Hart, the Royalites' advisor, Audrey Howard, and Lucinda and Edna, of course.

Those widely esteemed East Chicagoans, Dr. Edward C. Broomes and his social worker

wife, Anna, again proved their popularity as "hosts with the most" New Year's Eve, Mildred Tucker, American West Indian Association's treasurer, "vignettes." The Broomes' spacious home was the gathering place of friends and relatives from Chicago and its environs there to share with them their 25th wedding anniversary at an elaborate party. . . . While holidays were happy days for modiste-designer Edna Wills who made them so for her nephew, his wife, the Maurice Evans and their son, Rickey of St. Louis, Mo. . . . And, here's the right place to unjumble mix-up in the type which snafu'd "vignette" announcing the holiday hospitality of Kathelynea and David Kellum. Couple are always gracious hosts, their friends and associates will agree. One of the more delightful social events of the holiday season was a Dutch dinner in their Michigan ave. domicile. Fete honored Col. and Mrs. S. A. Pelle and daughter, Susan of Wilmette; Mrs. Natalie Du Buno, also of Wilmette and Mr. and Mrs. John (she's Juliette) Buford, Colonel Pelle, the Kellums "vignette" is director of the Public Information division of the National Bahai Center.

While on the subject of slips that pass in the type, there's nothing those pesky little gremlins love more than verbosity. This scribe was fair game in the pictorial spread heralding the 50th wedding anniversary of State Rep. and Mrs. Corneal Davis, a resplendent social interlude of Sunday, Dec. 26, 1971. Pesky critter literally and gleefully, Vignettes wagers, gobbled up vital information in lead picture caption to obliterate identification of persons in processional to the altar where distinguished couple re-affirmed their vows of 50 years ago. Pardon, please Albert Corneal Maule, the honorees' grandson; Miss Oneida Cockrell Jr., granddaughter of the late Mrs. Oneida Cockrell, who was a member of the original wedding party; Major Albert Maule, son-in-law of the Davises and Mrs. Maule (nee Yvonne Davis); Kyle Stephens, great nephew; Denise Watson, great niece, and Cheryl Stephens, great niece.

Silver gifts were showered on the Thomas Moseley's when Lillian and her groom of 25 years ago marked the silver anniversary of that date in their home at 4518 S. Indiana ave. Olivet Baptist Church, she "vignettes" was well represented among upwards to 100 guests as the couple repeated their vows before its pastor, the Rev. J. H. Jackson. The bride chose for, the Rev. J. H. Jackson. The bride chose gown, accessorized in silver to artfully project an image of years of marital happiness to come. Olivet's members among those who shared a memorable occasion were the church's first lady, Mrs. J. H. Jackson; Rev. and Mrs. Rimmer, Mesdames Bessie Carter, Versa Mae Bailey, Verna Anderson, Zolla Williams, Lillian Cain, Eula Reid, Ruth Brown, M. Blandon, Sallie P. Robinson and Jeanette Kelley. Soloist was Iona Barrow accompanied by Andrew Welch.

The A. Philip Randolph Labor Forum aired each Saturday a.m. at 9:45 a.m. over Radio Station WGRT with the A. Philip Randolph Institute's midwest office director, Maida Springer Kemp, its coordinator-moderator, has become a "must" for those knowledgeable and informed, and those thirsty for knowledge about pertinent issues. Thought provoking forum will present another challenging issue when it introduces Mrs. Mattie Trice, Surrogate (representative) for the National Council of Negro Women on OEO, Food For All, Emergency Food and Medical Service Projects. Mrs. Trice covers these programs in Louisville, Kentucky, the Mississippi Delta, Central Mississippi, north-east Missouri and St. Louis.

NCNW, it was disclosed, is one of the five national organizations which consistently has fought for better nutrition programs for the poor, the aged and children. Maida "vignettes." Mrs. Trice, who has held workshops in Kentucky and Mississippi, has obtained witnesses for Senator Percy's Committee on Agriculture to testify because they had lost the committed feeding program in that vicinity. As Surrogate, she has made people in Mississippi aware of their rights for programs they did not have, and has submitted hundreds of names requesting supplementation of the feeding program. In St. Louis, where NCNW Surrogate Trice is based, the federal government which reaches 10,000 mothers and children. This is just one of the crises she will discuss with Mrs. Kemp, who also is NCNW vice president, on the WGRT Labor Forum program Saturday morning. Take Vignettes advice: "Don't miss it!"

VIGNETTA: The Westside smart set is hailing the Nathan Petersons of 4722 W. Maypole, who New Year's eve regaled guests gathered in their home to "see the New Year in together" over cocktails and supper. Sharing the Peterson's gracious hospitality were the John Handys of Flint, Mich.; the James Norwoods, the William Davidsons, Mr. and Mrs. Roddy Reed, the Eugene Watsons, the Eddie Flowers, Mrs. Amos Holmes, Arline Johnson, Essie Johnson and her niece, Diane Brown, Rose Ewing and her fiancé; Larry Flowers, Jennifer Washington, with Ann Brown, cateress, preparing the succulent buffet fare.

Dr. R. L. Anderson, chairman of the Ethiopian World Federation, Inc., its co-chairman Rev. L. M. Barnes and executive director, Rev. W. G. Evans invite us to observe Ethiopian Christmas Friday (Jan. 7) at 6 p.m. at 7042 S. Halsted to "see how Ethiopians celebrate Christmas" . . . On Saturday at 6 p.m. the West Side Advisory Council for Higher Education will present the "West Side Man of the Year Award" to Dr. Charles Hurst, president, Malcolm X College at the Keymen's Club, 4711 W. Madison. Fete, with Sen. Richard Newhouse, the keynote speaker, will enrich the West Side Organization.