

Mrs. Rosamond Marrow, beauty culturist, dies at 69

By BOB QUEEN

One of North Jersey's most outstanding personalities over the past half century, Rosamond Stewart Marrow, 69, died at her home, 327 N. Maple Ave., East Orange on Friday, Jan. 28, following a long illness.

Founder of a beauty college, at one time president of the board of directors of the first and only black-operated hospital in Newark, The Community Hospital on West Kinney St., near Quitman, active politically, and a renowned eastern seaboard hostess, her death reflects an era of Newark's progress that has faded into only the memories of its oldtimers.

In the February 1, 1941 issue of the N.J. AFRO-AMERICAN, Mrs. Marrow was one of those cited in the AFRO's 1940 North Jersey Honor Roll.

Born and raised in Orange, N.J., she was at the time the only black instructor in the state with a permanent certification in the vocational school system. She taught at the Essex County Vocational School, instructing a class of 36 girls in beauty culture, social science and gymnastics.

Hundreds of beauticians in the North Jersey area, and several states and the West Indies, are graduates of her own school, The Sim-



MRS. ROSAMOND MARROW

plex Beauty College, whose main quarters during the 30's and 40's were at 126-28 West Kinney St. She set up branches throughout Jersey, Westchester Co., The Carolinas, Brooklyn, N.Y. and the West Indies.

Just a few doors away on West Kinney, where there is currently located a church and an adjoining apartment house was The Booker T. Washington Community Hospital, Newark's first and only black hospital founded by Dr. John A. Kenney and operated as a private hospital until Jan.

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\$5,000 tag on heads of cop killers

Newark police this week continued a relentless investigation and search for the killers of Housing Patrolman Roland J. Brewster, on January 12, with a \$5,000 reward for information leading to their arrest by The New Jersey Housing Police Association.

Patrolman Brewster, who was off-duty when he was fatally shot inside of The People's Tavern, 20 Van Vechten St., Newark, was buried over a week ago with police representatives from three states in attendance.

Capt. Rocco Paradiso and Lt. Frank Pellecchia of the homicide squad said that a confidential Newark Police Department number is open for anyone with information — MA. 2-2025. Persons giving information will be kept anonymous, the officers declared.

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—Mrs. Marrow

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R. Kenney donated the hospital to the community and on Dec. 28, 1934 at the Hopewell Baptist Church, the first Board of Trustees took over. It was in the early 40's however, when Mrs. Rosamond Stewart Marrow assumed the chairmanship and held the institution together under a constant drain of funds. During her leadership, she dreamed of seeing the hospital take over the Jewish Convalescent Home across the street where the Hill Manor shopping center now stands.

The hospital eventually succumbed to the times and economic pressures, but it served as a hospital training and experience stop for scores of black doctors who were then almost totally barred from major hospital staffs.

Mrs. Marrow's elegant home at 158 Littleton Ave., was considered a showplace, and an example of one of her favorite hobbies, interior decorating. She designed its interior and for relaxation, engaged in her other hobby, music, which included listening to her collection of over 200 classics by jazz and vocal artists.

Her home was often the scene of charity affairs, usually for the benefit of the hospital to which she devoted the bulk of her time. Among the guests often were Maxine Sullivan, noted singer of the jazz era, and the latter's late husband, Bandleader, John Kirby, Duke Ellington, Gab Calloway and scores of big names of the entertainment world, and her close friend, Mrs. Effie Manley, now liv-

ing on the west coast and former owner of the Newark Eagles Ball Club of the old Negro National League.

During her busy years, she took time out for romance and was married to The Late Detective Kirk Marrow of the Elizabeth, N.J. Police Department.

In March of 1960, Mrs. Marrow was named as an alternate delegate to the Republican National Convention in Chicago, at a meeting of the Essex County GOP. In 1958 she had been named a member of President Dwight Eisenhower's Committee on Government Contracts.

But shortly after she was named as delegate, in April, 1960, Mrs. Marrow suffered a stroke and has been inactive in public and social affairs since. In April 30, 1962, hundreds of North Jerseyites and her friends from distant areas joined in a tribute to her at the Terrace Ballroom in Newark and the music was supplied by The Buddy Johnson orchestra and his sister, Singer Ella Johnson.

Both the members of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa and the Modern Beauticians and Cosmetologists' Guild, held special services at the Woody Home For Funerals, 163 Oakwood Ave., Orange, last Tuesday night.

Following services at the Trinity Cathedral on Broad St., interment was in the family plot at Rosehill Cemetery.

She is survived by her sister, Mrs. Florence Taylor, and a niece, Mrs. Loretta Banks, and nephews Dr. Harold B. Martin, Dr. Ernest D. Martin, William F. Jones and many other relatives. Mrs. Marrow was the daughter of the late Calvin and Nettie Gordon of Orange.



GEN. LUCIUS THEUS

Theus named general for Air Force

WASHINGTON — Col. Lucius Theus (USAF) is one of 76 colonels nominated by President Nixon for brigadier general.

When approved by the Senate, Theus will be the third black Air Force general in history.

One of his predecessors, Benjamin O. Davis Jr., rose to three-star rank before retiring. Davis' father, Benjamin Sr., was the first nonwhite in any service to reach flag rank when the Army made him a general in 1940.

The only black Air Force general at present is Brig. Gen. Daniel F. James Jr., deputy assistant Secretary of Defense for public af-

—Mugging victim

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Headquarters Internal Affairs Division. The investigation was made by Sgt. Reuben Battle of that division, and on Monday, he had to hold his broken division stated that the victim's account was acceptable and that no police officers inside of the former 4th Precinct were involved in the altercation between the victim and alleged perpetrator.

—Bayard Rustin

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unless the defendant has a prior criminal record, according to police. In that case the charge becomes a felony.

Rustin has several convictions stemming from civil rights activities and served 28 months in federal prison for refusing to accept military induction during World War II.

Rustin became director of the institute, a civil rights organization, in 1966. A Quaker, he also has served as executive director of the War Resisters League.

Rustin took part in his first civil rights demonstration in 1947 in a challenge to segregated bus seating in North Carolina. He was arrested at that time and served 22 days on a chain gang.

Criminal Court Judge Edward R. Dudley released Rustin on his own recognizance after a special hearing at the stationhouse pending a court hearing later this week.

Mr. Wright told the N.J. AFRO, that he was leaving his home when two youths called him and approached him at the same time. One of them, whom he identified as young McNair, grabbed him around the neck, he said, while the other attempted to get into his pockets.

Wright, who is rather spare built, said he fought back and started yelling. He said that when he landed a clean blow on the youth around his neck, the latter broke loose and ran along with his pal. They "didn't get any money," Wright stated.

He said that he then went over to the General Electric Co. guard and asked them to call the police, that he had been the victim of an attempted mugging. In the meantime, according to the police investigation, two officers inside of the precinct, a sergeant and a patrolman, had been attracted by the yelling and were outside checking.

When they were directed to Wright, the latter went into the back yard where he said he spotted the two youths and pointed them out to the officers. One of them ran, he said, and the policeman snared McNair.

"His mouth was bleeding then from when I had hit him," Wright said.

Sgt. Battle told the AFRO that no charges were being leveled against McNair, inasmuch as the victim suffered no loss of personal effects, nor was there any action against Wright. The main objective, the sergeant pointed out, was to determine if there had been any unethical practice by police officers, and as it turns out "there was not," he said.

—Newark dad

—\$5,000 tag