

HONOURING THE GLASSPOLES

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HIGH NOTE: Methodist members Clover Kerr (left) and Steve Higgins, raise a high note in praise of Sir Florizel Glasspole, Governor General of Jamaica and Lady Glasspole at the Method-

ist Church Jamaica District Fellowship Breakfast, at the Jamaica Pegasus Hotel yesterday. The occasion was to honour the Glasspoles for good service to Jamaica.

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Spoken thoughts of the GG

"I am worried about the future of Jamaica. It is going to take a tremendous amount of time and discipline to re-create a new Jamaica. We have to do everything to straighten out the minds and lives of our people so that they may live in peace and harmony."

These were the spoken thoughts of Sir Florizel Glasspole, Governor General of Jamaica yesterday at the Methodist Church Jamaica District Fellowship Breakfast, held at the Jamaica Pegasus Hotel.

The breakfast was in honour of the Governor General and Lady Glasspole.

Florizel Glasspole is the son of a Methodist Minister, the late Rever-

end Theophilus Augustus Glasspole, who was trained at York Castle Theological College, an adjunct of the old York Castle High School in St. Ann.

Sir Florizel, who will soon retire from the position of Governor General, continued airing his concerns for the young people and citizens of Jamaica.

"Somehow there is a development of indiscipline in the country, which has been creating problems," he said.

The Governor General said he was also concerned about how densely populated the country has become. He said by the year 2000 the country is going to have a population of three million. He noted

that 50 per cent of the population are young unskilled people.

He reflected on the time when he was being raised, and pointed out the importance of discipline during his career and life as Governor General. "I had parents who were strict disciplinarians. I have lived by their training and grew up in the church under the discipline that they raised me by..." said Sir Florizel. He said discipline carried him through 54 years of public life, which gave him the opportunity to work for his country.

"I became a member of the PNP in 1938 and worked again under discipline. I spent 17 years as a trade unionist and 29 as a member of the House of the Representati-

ves," he recalled.

"When Michael Manley asked me to be become Governor General. I told him I had to take some time to think about it. It took me three months to make that decision, at the end of three months Mr. Manley invited me to Jamaica House, and said "Look if my father were alive and he asked you to do the job I know he would have been glad to have you do it."

At the Fellowship breakfast the Glasspoles received gifts from various church members and friends. Present at the ceremony were: Reverend C. Evans Bailey, Chairman Jamaica District, Rev. Eric Clarke, president of the conference and Dr. Hugh Sherlock of the Jamaica District.

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