

Amy Bailey

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invested with O.J.

Government General Sir Florizel Glasspole invested the Hon. Amy Beckford Bailey with the Order of Jamaica (O.J.) for her outstanding services to the women's movement in Jamaica, at a ceremony at Kings House on Tuesday.

A retired social worker and a close friend of Miss Bailey, the Hon. Gladys May Farquharson, who should also have been invested at Tuesday's ceremony, was unable to attend because of illness.

Both were appointed to the Order of Jamaica on March 8, this year. The ceremony also included the conferment of the Order of Distinction (O.D) officer class on Mrs. Louise ("Ma Lou") Jones, an Afro-Jamaican of Spanish Town, St. Catherine, for services in the field of pottery. After the citations were read by the Secretary-General of the Chancery of the Orders, Ferdinand Douce, Sir Florizel addressed the awardees and a select group of persons in attendance.

To Miss Bailey, whom he had known since she was a teacher at the Kingston Technical High School, Sir Florizel said it afforded him pleasure to invest her with the high order in the evening of her life.

He also had words of praise for Mrs. Jones and the absent Miss Farquharson, for whom he wished a speedy recovery. Sir Florizel noted that the awards were made on the recommendation of the Prime Minister, Michael Manley. "Let me say that the Prime Minister who is recovering from illness, thoughtfully sent his warmest congratulations to the awardess," he added.

Replying, Miss Bailey recalled her early association with Miss Farquharson and their persistent efforts in forming the Save the Children's Fund. She spoke of her "great regard for May" (Miss Farquharson). Next, she paid tribute to her late father and mother, for her upbringing, and their charge to her to "go out and help others - give service to Jamaica."

Finally, Miss Bailey intoned, "Thank you God, for what you have done for me." The ceremony was witnessed by three other members of the Order of Jamaica: Lady Bustamante, Dr. Joyce Robinson and Hector Wynter. Among the guests were State Minister for Education, the Burchell Whiteman; former Parliamentarian, Madam Rose Leon and the Governor General's ADC, Cap-