

Interview Log

Interviewee: Janice Marshall, Tape #: MAAF/KF/MD/FT 1.31.106

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Location: Ocean City MD; Sheraton hotel, annual MWA dinner

Topic: performance of Great Flydini

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This is a performance that a Smith Island couple and Janice do on the island for Christmas parties etc. Please see fieldnotes for more descriptions.

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Larry Simns reads proclamation from Governor Glendenning; regarding MWA; 1/31/98 declared MD Waterman's Day

[pause until Janice comes on]

JM [Janice Marshall]: introduces self and act; gives background to the tradition of them performing every year; sings a little bit of Elvis song on waterman's theme:

"well bless my soul, what do I see
the VA police boat a coming after me.
I pull my scrapes right out of the mud
I'm a wreck, hmm, I'm all shook up"

How they have to amuse themselves on Smith Island; intros act;
Everett and Caroline Lan [?]; intros them as the Great Flydini; Caroline as assistant

Great Flydini will perform magic tonight [Caroline unzips Everett's fly on his trousers]
they are wearing a tux and a nice dress

Warns men not to do this at home; music starts; begins to pull out things from his fly:
fishing rod, 5 eggs, vase, rose, umbrella, [laughter from the audience]

Jokes about hooking things when pulling out fishing rod; pulls out fish; crabs; cupcake; never ending hankie;

A few things get stuck; a chicken comes out [rubber chicken]

[pause; turn off tape; turn back on so Janice can tell joke]

JM: "This waterman went to the Dr. and his wife went with him. So, after his physical while he was changing his clothes, the doctor went in and talked to his wife. And he said, "I'm telling you something right now, If you don't do exactly what I'm telling you to do your husband's probably going to lose his will to live and will surely die." So he told her he said, "every morning get up, fix him his breakfast at 3 a.m. before he goes crabbing he wants a hot breakfast, hot bread the works. Pack him a nice hot lunch with pie every day. When he comes in, give him plenty of time to rest before his supper. And serve him his supper and after supper don't nag, don't bother him with household concerns anything. He's sitting in his chair enjoying himself with his remote watching his favorite TV show." So they get in the boat go across the sound go on home, and he looked at her and he said, "oh yeah, what did the doctor have to say about my condition?" She looked right at him and said, "You're gonna die."

Joke she forgot to tell on stage. How she can't test nothing on Bobby because he only smiles a little if it's funny;

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