HONORING HOW—The above guests were at the City-Wide Republican Organization's testimonial banquet Sunday at Odd Fellows Hall in honor of Augustus D. Knox, Republican leader, left to right: Vincent Cala, chief Liquor Board inspector; Claude B. Hellman, secretary of State; Jeremiah Brown, organization president; Dr. Bernard Harris, Sr., toastmaster; Val J. Washington, director of minorities, Republican National Committee, and guest speaker; Mr. Knox, the honoree; Malcom Moos, and Ernest Baynard.

Rev. Kearse tells church of barriers; says nothing of trustees' ouster move

John Thomas, described as "acting pastor" by an older member of the church, sat reading the Bible on the pulpit of Ebenezer Baptist Church Sunday.

At 10:45, 67 church - goers made up a scattered audience and organ music wafted through the air giving the holy air one expects to find in a church.

Then the black gowned choir appeared and sang softly at the rear of the church; "The Lord is in His Holy Temple," and marched to their choir loft.

The adult choir was followed by 15 little girls dressed in white blouses and dark skirts, who sat to the right of the church in front.

Their white blouses glistened rainbow colors from the sun's reflection, through the stained glass window beside them.

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THE USHERS took their places and when the choirs finished the hymn, Mr. Thomas, the "acting pastor," rose to pray.

IN A NUTSHELL

- AFRO attends Sunday services at Ebenezer Baptist Church where trustees have filed suit to oust the Rev. Logan Kearse.
- John Thomas described as "acting pastor" by members.
- The Rev. Mr. Kearse takes seat at 11:21 a.m.
- After sermon the Rev. Mr. Kearse is greeted

"Let whatever be done be done in thy name," he said, "for the uplifting of mankind . . ."

Late comers began to fill the rear of the church.

"We would be mean," continued Mr. Thomas, "if we did not ask the Lord to bless the man that comes to speak to us . . . and his family . . ."

There, a hum of accord arose throughout the church.

As he ended his prayer (about 11:31) the Rev. Logan Kearse arrived, sat in his allar chair and smiled at his congregation.

With the preliminaries over, the Rev. Mr. Kearse arose and stood to speak before the altar.

"Good morning, Ebenezer," he said and smiled cheerfully.

"Good morning, the Rev. Kearse," answered the audience in unison.

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IN HIS matching slate blue socks and tie and white shirt, the pastor stood smilingly before the church. His handkerchief was a slither of white in the pocket of his night blue suit.

"It gives me a great source of pleasure," he said, to the congregation "to stand here Sunday after Sunday and see you."

That is when the choir sang "Jesus Will Toss your Worries Away."

Then the elderly gentleman who had formerly introduced Mr. Thomas as "acting pastor," prayed, saying:

". . . Oh Lord, we are in the wilderness. The wolves are among the lambs. Just take care of them in your time . . . and help us to do what we have to do today . . ."

By this time, the church was filled. Three hundred twenty in the main auditorium and others filled the basement lecture room.

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THE REV. Mr. Kearse found his text in the Book of Isiah.

He pointed out that Isiah was a sinful man. "with unclean" lips before his lips were touched by the soul purging fire of God in a vision.

The Rev. Dr. Kearse, said, afterwards in Isiah's vision, God needed someone to be His messenger and the sinful Isiah now cleansed by the fire, said, "Here am I. Send me."

However, pointed out the Rev. Dr. Kearse, Isiah was the same sinful man that he was in the beginning, only now, he had been so moved to be the messenger of God in order to contribute a little good to the world.

The Rev. Dr. Kearse told the congregation that there is always some barrier between man and God and Isiah's sinful lips were his barrier.

"Usually," said the pastor, "in everybody's life is something that stands between him and God, though whatever it is must be removed.

"God lets some things happen to remove these barriers.

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"I SAW God 33 years ago, but every time you reach, He is always a little ahead of you.

"Everybody has fallen short of the glory of God — Everyone has done something wrong in his life time."

When he was through his sermon, he called for members of the audience to join the church but only a few persons attending were not already members.

Those few (3 or 4) who weren't members were visitors from other churches.

When the service was over, the church goers filed slowly out.

A few, 12 or 15, lingered behind to greet the pastor. They shook his hand and talked while he smiled cheerfully to the group.

Ebenezer Baptist Church is at 306 E. 23rd St.

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ON MONDAY following this service, it was revealed that on February 8, trustees of Ebenezer filed suit in Circuit Court against the Rev. Dr. Kearse.

The suit, a petition on an injunction, seeks to compel the Rev. Dr. Kearse to:

1. Obey the order of the membership which gave him a dismissal notice in Nov. 1957, to be effective Feb. 2, 1958.

2. Return to the church all property, documents, records, books, mortgage account books, deeds or other papers of the church in his possession.

3. Vacate church property at 3513 Holmes Ave., and return to the church all furnishings or other property contained on the premises.

The Rev. Dr. Kearse filed a demurrer (objection to proceed without additional information) on Feb. 21.

In it he contended that the trustees had not:

1. Supported their bill by proper exhibits;

2. Stated a case entitling them to relief in equity;

3. Set forth all the facts within their knowledge.

4. The right to take the matter to court because the matters of wrongs complained of are ecclesiastical subject to regulation by the Doctrine and Discipline of the Baptist Church," by Hiscox.

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ATTORNEYS FOR the Rev. Dr. Kearse and the trustees appeared before Judge Joseph L. Carter Monday in an effort to settle the matter.

Judge Carter told the attorneys he hoped they could reach an amicable settlement without bringing the church matter into court.

The attorneys for the trustees agreed to supply the additional information as requested by the counsel for the Rev. Dr. Kearse.

They also said they would attempt to settle before the case is called to trial.

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TO COURT — The Rev. Clarence J. Garrett, (left) 2400 block Barclay St., is scheduled to face a Criminal Court trial today (Friday) on burglary charge. Leroy A. Cooper, his attorney, shown with him, drew a postponement last week by requesting a jury trial.

'Too lackadaisical,' says Hyman Pressman

"Where are we going; where are we headed?"

That question was posed at the Frontiers Club's Tuesday luncheon at the YMCA.

It was sounded by Hyman A. Pressman, the Baltimore attorney who makes up a one-man watchdog committee on local and state officials.

Mr. Pressman asked the question after pointing to the steady increases in Baltimore and Maryland budgets and taxes.

He said the state budget has increased 238 per cent since 1946 while the average for the other 48 states is 125 percent.

"Of all the 48 states, Maryland is the most heavily taxed," he said.

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HE HERE posed two other questions:

"How long can we continue on this road without going into bankruptcy?

"Why do we have to suffer more than the other states?"

Mr. Pressman thinks "the trouble here is the people have been too lackadaisical.

"People don't live up to their civic duties."

He charged that the people of Baltimore "put their stamp of approval" on skulduggery after the 1953-54 "major scandal" by re-electing involved officials.

One important thing the people have to do if they are to get out of their lethargy is to be informed, Mr. Pressman suggested.

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ASKED WHY he does not run for public office, Mr. Pressman said he thought he was able to do a greater service in his present role.

However, he did not close the door to nomination in the future trying for public office.

"If there is an honest-to-goodness demand, and I am asked, 'will you run?' I would suppose I would have to answer 'Yes,'" he stated.

HYMAN PRESSMAN
"People don't live up to their civic duties."

DR. DWIGHT O. HOLMES said of Mr. Pressman, "Your name will go down in history as one of the great rebels."

"Everybody will remember that the fear of God has been put into some politicians (by you)."

The speaker was introduced by Mrs. Verda Welcome, wife of Dr. Harry Welcome, who cited a long list of victories he has won.

His most recent victory was the court ruling that the Civic Center Commission could not place its proposed center in Druid Hill Park.

Approximately 44 members of the club and several guests attended the luncheon Dr. Robert H. Hill, president, officiated.

Next week the club's speaker will be Phillip Compagnocchi, executive director of the Equal Employment Opportunities Commission.

Two trapped in elevator, one gets cold feet

(See photo on Page 1)

"I cried because I thought the thing was going to drop.

"My brother acted afraid but he didn't cry. My feet got cold in there."

That was the comment Wednesday of a 14-year-old girl, who along with her younger brother, was trapped for three hours and 40 minutes in an elevator Tuesday night in the Lafayette Court Apartments.

Constance Williams and her brother Oscar, 10, were trapped between the seventh and eighth floors of the 11-story building in the 200 block of Aisquith St., from 6:30 p.m. to 9:10 p.m. after they had gone there to sell religious magazines.

While the two children, battered on the walls of the stalled elevator and punched on an automatic alarm, less than a block away from their home at 259 Colvin St., their father was asking neighbors if they seen the boy and girl.

Constance and her brother were finally rescued by Firemen from Truck Company No. 1.

IN THE hours that passed before their rescue the following reportedly took place.

In answer to a call from the children's mother, Mrs. Ruth Williams, Patrolmen Kenneth Runge and George Gibmeyer of the Central District were dispatched to the scene.

In their written police report, the officers stated that when they found out what the situation was they went to the first floor apartment of building supervisor John T. Greer.

Officers Runge and Gibmeyer reported "Greer refused to come out from the apartment to assist. He said he had already worked his eight hours."

The officers said Mr. Greer gave them the key and they made an unsuccessful attempt to open the elevator doors.

ON WEDNESDAY the superintendent branded as "a lie" the statement that he had refused to assist the police.

Mr. Greer told the AFRO: "I wasn't at home at the time. I was off duty.

"I came home during the excitement. I didn't even know two people were trapped up there on the floor.

"All they (the police) asked me for was my keys and they left."

The report stated that the officers had to call members of the Fire Department who arrived with a special key to open the doors and the children were lifted through a narrow opening above the eighth floor.

WHILE INSIDE the elevator Constance stated: "I yelled and I called the janitor but nobody answered.

"We kept on yelling when another elevator passed on the other side but nobody heard us I guess."

The girl explained that she and her brother were found in the elevator when her father, Oscar Williams came into the building looking for them.

Constance is an eighth grade pupil at Fairmount Hill Junior School 458 at Jackson Pl. and Fairmount Ave.

Oscar is in the fifth grade at the charles Carroll Elementary School, 130 W. Central Ave., near Lexington St.

Printer files police complaint

A linotype operator at a daily newspaper, has filed a complaint through the NAACP charging that he was "threatened, abused and otherwise annoyed" by a police officer early Tuesday morning.

Joseph Adamore, 1619 Druid Hill Ave., the operator, said the alleged incident took place about 3 a.m. at Charles and Redwood St.

He said that he was waiting for a bus after leaving work when he was approached by the officer.

Mr. Adamore also said that after 45 minutes the officer finally took him to the newspaper where he was identified.

The letter, sent to Police Commissioner James Hepburn and signed by Mrs. Juanita J. Mitchell of the Legal Redress Committee, asked for a hearing on the matter.

Four parked autos damaged

Four parked cars were damaged on Sunday at Clifton Ave. and Bruce Terrace when a 36-year-old mechanic lost control of his automobile, police have reported.

They have charged John T. Hale Wo, of the 1200 block E. Druid Abraham with reckless driving in James, with the accident, the block Clifton Ave. Crosbyat Payne of the 1700 block Kenneth Ave. Jones and unles. 1500 block the white.

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Will rendezvous void the Taylors' divorce?

An alleged post - separation rendezvous may upset the divorce of Mrs. Janice E. Taylor and her erstwhile husband, James E. Taylor of 254 Robert St.

Mrs. Taylor, now living in New York City, divorced her husband, here, a month ago, after testifying that he deserted her and that they had not lived together since January 10, 1955.

With the divorce she gained custody of their four-year-old twin sons.

She told a pitiful tale of loneliness and want, charging:

"He left me. He moved his clothes into another bedroom and told me that he didn't wish to be bothered with me".

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SHE SAID that she and her husband remained in the same house for some time following the separation, but that she was only taking care of the children.

Mrs. Taylor's mother, Mrs. Edna Chisholm, of New York, testified that she found her daughter in the home without heat and food, except that provided by members of her family.

She took the three back with her to New York, Mrs. Chisholm said.

Acting upon the testimony that the family had been abandoned for more than the required 18 months, the wife was granted the divorce.

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AND THEN, Mrs. Taylor went into the Domestic Relations Court of New York and filed a petition for the support of her children.

Under the Uniform Support of Dependants law, the husband was hailed into Domestic Relations Court, in this city.

At a hearing Wednesday, before H. Russell Frisby, analyst, Mr. Taylor admitted that he and his wife separated in 1955.

"She went to New York to live with her mother, but she returned to Baltimore early in 1957. We cohabited in this city until the latter part of October, 1957," the husband said.

This week, the Domestic Relations Division of Circuit Court held up action on the support petition, pending action by the Master in Chancery as to the validity of the divorce.

Republicans honor Knox

"Gus, I salute the City Wide Republican organization for honoring you as 'a man of courage with the common touch, a heart of gold and the convictions of a crusader for right.'"

Val J. Washington, director of minorities—Republican National Committee, gave this tribute to Augustus D. Knox, local Republican leader, on Sunday, at a testimonial honoring Mr. Knox at Odd Fellows Hall, Sunday.

The testimonial was sponsored by the City Wide Republican Organization.

Other guest speakers included: Albert H. Brooks; Dr. Bernard Harris Sr.; Judge T. Norwood Brown; Joseph Woodhouse.

Also, Claude B. Hellman, secretary of State; U. S. Senator J. Glenn Beall, and the Revs. George W. Bayard and Thomas B. Davis Jr.

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CHERRY HILL HONOR ROLL winner proudly displayed the handsome plaques presented them on Tuesday night by the AFRO as outstanding citizens in their community. From left are: Atty. William Murphy, R. Clarke Davis (rear) Mrs. Mattie Harris, Mrs. Elizabeth Greer, Alexander Brown, the Rev. Edgar W. Ward, Atty. James M. Bundy, Mrs. Dorothy Blake and Miss Valeria Murphy.

Ten No. 1 Citizens On Cherry Hill's Honor Roll

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

As the Cherry Hill Cooking School opened on Tuesday, the first evening of its three-night stand, ten of Cherry Hill's No. 1 citizens received AFRO Honor Roll plaques.

The scene was the Community Center on Spellman Road. Individual presentations were made from the stage to six men and four women by James D. (Jimmy) Williams, AFRO assistant managing editor.

Persons cited were chosen from nominees named in letters to the AFRO from fellow citizens in the Cherry Hill Community.

At a later date the winners of the AFRO's traditional honor roll will be announced.

Among those receiving the gold embossed plaques were a Catholic priest, a Presbyterian minister, two attorneys and a mother of 11 children.

Also receiving the coveted awards were a housewife and mother of eight, a housing project manager, the first president of the Women's Society for Christian Service and the organizer of the Cherry Hill Protective Association as well as a devoted Presbyterian Christian Education director.

This was the first year of the Cherry Hill Honor Roll.

Said Mr. Williams:

"It was felt in this way deserving tribute could be paid to a few of the many outstanding citizens in this community and perhaps inspire others to follow their examples".

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AS MORE than 400 proud citizens, neighbors and friends looked on, the following persons were named to the 1958 Cherry Hill Honor Roll.

Miss E. Valeria Murphy, director of religious education of the Presbyterian church, was described as an "unselfish" and a "dedicated woman."

She was cited for her successful organization of the first Sunday School in 1946 to which she added 800 children in a few months by "knocking on doors."

Noted was the fact that Miss Murphy's day begins at 6 a.m. with a moment of meditation, and includes supervision of a staff of four at the Community House, working with 50 or 60 pre-school children, visiting families and counseling individuals with their problems.

Her day ends around midnight or later.

Miss Murphy was reared in Brazil, Ind., and received a degree in religious education from De Pauw University.

She is a former Roger University and Swift Memorial Junior College teacher. For 12 years she was director of the East Baltimore Cooperative Nursery.

She is a member of the National Association of Directors of Christian Education of the Presbyterian Church, the Interdenominational Association of Directors of Christian Education and the Church Workers Fellowship of Baltimore.

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MRS. DOROTHY BLAKE, mother of 11 children, was cited as one whose indomitable spirit has inspired others.

Mr. Williams said:

"Her life is a model to all. She is a lady who richly deserves this honor."

Although 11 children keep her busy, Mrs. Blake has given much of her time to the Baptist Training Union of First Baptist Church.

Mr. Williams added: "In fair weather or foul she has gone to teach her beloved BTU believing with all her heart in the work she is doing."

She also organized the "Little Gospel Hour" which is held at her home every Saturday.

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MRS. ELIZABETH GREER, first president and organizer of the Women's Society for Christian Endeavor of the Cherry Hill Methodist Church was also cited for religious work in the community.

"We recognize what a wonderful person she is, what she has done to make life better in Cherry Hill," her citation read.

"It was recalled how she moved to the settlement when "there were no paved streets, no lights, no churches, no shopping center."

The citation continued:

"She has played a leading role in the organization of the Sunday School. Her time and efforts have gone to the recruitment and training of leadership in the church.

"How well she remembers when there were only 12 pupils in the school. Now there are 195."

Mrs. Greer is secretary of the WSCS, trustee, choir member and financial secretary of Methodist church.

She is active in the YWCA, the PTA, and has opened her heart and home to foster children.

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MRS. MATTIE HARRIS, mother of eight children, was cited as one who has "found time to help other children in the area."

Mr. Williams traced her service to the community. career from the time the became an organizer of the Presbyterian Church, a teacher in the primary department, and co-founder of the pre-school nursery school along with Miss Murphy.

He quoted her guiding philosophy, her own words:

"I saw the need and felt that God was calling me to meet that need."

Noted was the fact that not only has Mrs. Harris served her community, but she has also reared her family well.

The Harris children are all members of the Sunday School, youth groups, choir and engaged in other church activities.

Mr. Harris is deacon of the church, a Sunday School teacher and member of the usher board.

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THE REV. EDGAR WARD, pastor of the Community Presbyterian Church, was cited for his work in the growth of the church from 50 to 350 members.

He was described as "a young man dedicated to his fellow man, full of ideas and energy."

"He came to Cherry Hill five years ago and those who wrote the AFRO about him said Cherry Hill has not been the same since then."

Noted was the fact that the church under his guidance is now nationally recognized and copied as a model for project ideas.

The program reaches out into the community, offers services to young and old.

Church organizations include the Kingsmen Fellowship for youths from ages 12 to 21, the Calvin Fellowship for post-high school youths.

Also, there are basketball, football, and baseball teams, week-day classes for Bible study, dramatics and handiwork as well as confirmation classes, scouting, model airplane and radio clubs, piano classes and choirs which cover five age groups, church officer training classes.

Every Wednesday there is a planned parenthood clinic. There is a toy and clothing center, with future plans for an employment and baby sitting bureau.

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ALEXANDER BROWN was named to the Honor Roll as a "good citizen."

He was cited for the improvement of the community which his interest has brought about.

Mr. Williams pointed out that Mr. Brown's philosophy is "good clean Christian living" and that he plunged into the affairs of the area in 1945 with social, political and civic betterment as his goal.

He organized the Cherry Hill Protective Association and the United Democratic Club, president of both organizations.

In 1948 he led property owners in a fight against inferior construction which caused cellars to leak water.

The legal action resulted in thousands of dollars being restored to the property owners.

He also formed a governing body composed of other Cherry Hill clubs, churches and organizations known as the Coordinating Council of Cherry Hill.

Mr. Williams added: "Mr. Brown stands for what a good citizen should be."

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JAMES L. BUNDY was described as being a man "with a strong sense of community obligation."

He also was cited for great interest and service to the community.

Mr. Bundy moved to Cherry Hill in 1946 and was instrumental in organizing the Cherry Hill Coordinating Council, and is a past president of the group.

A former member of the Presbyterian Church of Cherry Hill, he served as elder, trustee and Sunday School superintendent.

He is now a member, officer of the Pennsylvania Ave. AME Zion Church.

He is a veteran of World War II, and was among the veterans who organized the Cherry Hill Chapter of the American Veterans Committee.

Mr. Bundy is a graduate of the University of Maryland Law School and has practiced law since 1949.

He is a native of Bluefield, W. Va., a member of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and the United Christian Citizens.

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WILLIAM H. MURPHY, also an attorney, was noted as one "who has given his services without pay to those who could not afford legal counsel."

Mr. Williams said of him: "The law is his occupation, community service is his avocation."

He was cited for the Honor Roll for his untiring efforts on behalf of the community and for the way "he has given himself so freely to Cherry Hill."

The grandson of the founder of the AFRO, Mr. Murphy is a trustee of the Cherry Hill-Presbyterian Church, and has successfully represented the community before the Zoning Board, the Liquor Board and the School Board.

He has also appeared on behalf of Cherry Hill citizens before the Court of Appeals and other city agencies.

After his discharge from the Army as a second lieutenant, he completed his education at the University of Maryland where he was the third of his race to enroll.

He is a member of the Monumental Bar Association, the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, the YMCA and NAACP. Recently he was recommended by a powerful labor organization as a member of the State Industrial Accident Commission.

He is a native of Baltimore, a graduate of the School and Oberlin College graduate.

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R. CLARK DAVIS, manager of the Cherry Hill low-rent projects, was also placed on the Honor Roll.

He was cited as an official who has sympathy for the real problems of the tenants, for providing low-cost housing to families who can best use them, for his desire to see that the homes fulfill their function and for being a credit to the community.

"For his excellent direction of the project, for his concern with the welfare of others, we place R. Clark Davis on the Honor Roll," the citation read.

Mr. Davis manages 1,600 units sheltering some 8,800 persons. He has seen new schools erected, the building of a swimming pool.

A native of Baltimore, Mr. Davis attended Douglass High School and Morgan College.

He was formerly a Housing Authority messenger and was named Cherry Hill Project manager in 1947.

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FATHER CHARLES COUGHLIN, pastor of St. Veronica's Catholic Church, 704 Cherry Hill Road, was not present to receive the Honor Roll plaque awarded him for "spiritual guidance to more than 1,000 men, women and children."

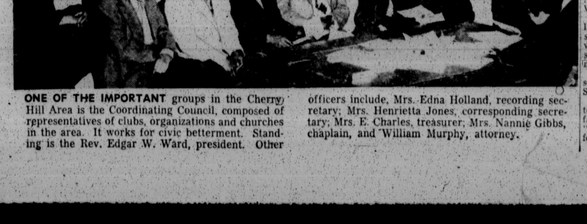
Mr. Williams cited the priest for "works of mercy conducted on a non-sectarian basis" and "good works and service rendered to this community with a deep sense of responsibility."

Father Coughlin succeeded Father Francis Robbin, now deceased, who was the first pastor of the church.

The mission was established in 1954, and the church is now housed in a modern $125,000 building which seats 500 persons.

Filling his day with works of mercy and consultation, Father Coughlin rises at 6 a.m., retires late at night but is always available to aid any worthwhile community project.

Mr. Williams, described him as a pastor who "proceeded to carry out the church building program both spiritually and materially."



ONE OF THE IMPORTANT groups in the Cherry Hill Area is the Coordinating Council, composed of representatives of clubs, organizations and churches in the area. It works for civic betterment. Standing is the Rev. Edgar W. Ward, president. Other officers include, Mrs. Edna Holland, recording secretary; Mrs. Henrietta Jones, corresponding secretary; Mrs. E. Charles, treasurer; Mrs. Nannie Gibbs, chaplain, and William Murphy, attorney.

Too few nursing home beds for low income patients

By MOSES NEWSON

Baltimore's welfare patients and others of moderate means face a serious shortage of nursing home beds.

Because of this, many who need nursing care are occupying hospital beds that acutely ill persons should have.

Statewide, the picture is as bad or worse.

"This shortage has created a serious problem. There are many patients who need nursing care but who cannot find beds in nursing homes providing adequate standards of care at a price they can afford," says Dr. Perry P. Prather, director Maryland State Health Department.

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THE SITUATION for colored patients tends to be even more critical than the general picture.

A recent state survey disclosed there were 295 vacant beds for white patients, but just six for colored.

There are now 1,631 beds in 37 licensed nursing homes in Baltimore, reports Herbert Fritz, chief, division of hospital service for the state health department.

Baltimore County has 1,094 beds in 23 homes; Anne Arundel County has 102 beds in four homes, and Howard County has one home with 31 beds.

But as far as the AFRO could ascertain, the Baltimore metropolitan area has but five homes with a total of 321 beds providing service for colored patients.

Most of these were filled to the last bed this week.

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THEODORE PERKINS, administrator at Provident Hospital, told the AFRO on Tuesday:

"There is a definite shortage. Sometimes we have to wait a week to ten days before we can get a bed. Some situations are worse than that.

"It ties up our beds. It means we have to hold a patient who could be moved and the acutely ill person suffers.

"I think right now we have up about four beds for emergency cases which we would not have.

"There is a definite need for more beds, especially in the low income and indigent group."

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CITY HOSPITALS' chronic illness division said on Tuesday, "We have 30 patients we would like to get in nursing homes now if we could."

Of 419 patients in the division in January, 219 were colored.

"For one reason or another we can't place them," the AFRO was told. "For some there are not enough nursing home beds to go around, some can't afford it."

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THE CITY department of Public Welfare also runs into the bed-space problem in placing patients.

"Sometimes we have to keep them in general hospitals too long. Sometimes they are ready to leave and we can't get them into nursing home beds," explained Miss Esthey Lazarus, city welfare department director.

"Often we are not satisfied with the quality of care the patients can get for the money we pay," Mrs. Lazarus added.

She said the department pays $115.50 a month to the home, $3.50 for the patient's clothing needs and up to $1 for insurance premiums.

Following are the nursing homes catering to colored patients, the number of beds and vacancies:

Bar - Wil - Bar Convalescent Home, 2101 W. Cold Spring Lane; 140 beds, one vacancy being filled the next day, most patients on welfare.

Lincoln Memorial Home, 27 N. Carey St.; 83 beds; two vacancies made day before already filled; bulk of patients from welfare department.

Plaza Manor, in Glen Burnie, 74 beds, 30 of which are in two-month old annex; six beds open for males; mostly welfare patients.

Wil-Tay Nursing Home, 1515 N. Bruce, 24 beds; three vacancies; most welfare patients.

Kenjon Nursing Home 2023 Arunah Ave.; 10 beds, all filled. Seven are private patients at $35 a week.

Nursing home patients fall in the category, generally speaking, of well enough to be out of the hospital but not well enough to be at home.

In addition to around the clock nursing service, in nursing homes they have other advantages such as church services being held for them on Sundays.

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THE BED-SPACE situation is expected to become more acute as more and more people enjoy longer life spans.

The State Health Department has been fighting to get the state to put up $100,000 towards the construction of non-profit nursing homes.

This money, plus funds available under the Wolverton Amendment to the Hill-Burton Act, offering up to one-third the construction costs for such homes, would spur an increase in beds, the department feels.

The state health department also notes that only 1,247 beds in Maryland nursing homes are classified as acceptable.

Thus many of the existing beds, though the homes are licensed because they meet 'current' safety regulations, are not considered acceptable.

Baltimore alone has more beds in "licensed" homes than the state has (1,247) in "acceptable" beds.

COOKING SCHOOL CROWD at the Cherry Hill gymnasium on Tuesday enjoyed color TV, watched an automatic washing machine "take the ironing out of washing" and heard about a modern oven which sings "Tenderly" when the roast is done. They also dined upon free hot dogs and cold soda pop. More than 1500 attended the three nights of frolic and fun.

Plenty of fun, tips, prizes at Cherry Hill Cooking School

Have you ever seen a 300-pound refrigerator or a 500-pound cooking stove with a "sheer look"?

Have you learned how an automatic washing machine can "take the ironing out of washing"?

Have you heard about the modern oven which sings the song "Tenderly" when the roast is done?

If not you got a chance to win a juicy piping hot veal roast surrounded by pan browned potatoes?

If you don't know about all these magic appliances or the veal roast, then you missed the time of your life at the Cherry Hill Cooking School's three - night session in the Community Center gymnasium which began Tuesday.

THE THREE NIGHTS of fun and frolic were sponsored by the Gas and Electric Company, the PTA's of the Cherry Hill Schools, and the Brooklyn Appliance Company.

Henry Ruppertsberger represented the Gas and Electric; Samuel Jacoby, sales manager, represented the Brooklyn Appliance Co., Mrs. Ida Smith represented the AFRO.

Mrs. Edna Simmons headed the PTA Prize Committee. Assisting her at the Cooking School were members of the PTA's and the school principals, Mesdames Enna A. Payne, School No. 160; Elizabeth Henderson, School No. 163; Viola Wright, School No. 159 and Miss Hermione E. Wheaton, School No. 180.

Featured at the show was a live cooking demonstration that saw the preparation of mouth watering food, and a demonstration of the latest way to mechanically dry cloths.

Color television was demonstrated while the Red Skelton Show was on.

A moving picture was shown to show the hazards of old fashioned "octupus outlets" "fumble food," and a "group for switches".

The modern advantages of "full house power," plenty of electricity coming in to your home, were made clear by the enjoyable movie.

Tuesday's night show attracted 365 and 600 attended Wednesday night.

Highlighting the program of the three nights was the awarding of 50 cents for every person in the audience to the PTA's.

A capacity Thursday night crowd pushed the 3-day attendance for the Cherry Hill cooking school to 2,004.

At fifty cents a head, the four Cherry Hill PTAs each received from the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company for their supporting roles.

First prize winner of either an RCA Whirlpool refrigerator, air conditioner or range from Brooklyn Appliances was Mrs. Harriet Johnson of 1062 Bethune Rd.

The overjoyed 36-year-old mother of eight children could not decide immediately which she would select.

More than 300 prizes were presented during the cooking school.

The top winners in the cake baking contest Wednesday night were:

Mrs. Robert Johnson, 2807 Joseph Ave., first; Mrs. Madeline Murphy, 3217 Round Rd., second, and Mrs. Henrietta Carter, 930 Payson St., third.

Thirty cakes were entered in the contest.

ONE OF THE PRIZES, a $31.50 Cannon Towel and sheet set, given by Sam Jacoby of the Brooklyn Appliance Co., was won by Mrs. Viola Johnson, 2824 Round Road. She held the lucky ticket on Tuesday, the first night of the Cherry Hill Cooking School.

Study made of Blue Cross, local hospital

The approximately 22 per cent subscription rate increase being asked by Maryland Hospital Service, Inc. (Blue Cross), is considerably higher than the increase in hospital care costs reported by one local general hospital.

Blue Cross says the principal reason for the proposed increased subscription rate is the continuing rising cost of hospital care.

The operational costs of a representative hospital in Baltimore increased 13.3 per cent in the first 11 months of 1957 as compared with the similar period in 1956, the AFRO has learned.

The rate is considerably lower than the 22 per cent increase requested by Blue Cross.

ALSO, BLUE CROSS has asked the Insurance Commissioner to approve amendments to the contracts by which Blue Cross reimburses hospitals for service rendered to subscribers.