Methodist Cleric Points to Schism in Jurisdiction

Writing in Zion's Herald, Rev. Ridout Hits Ministers Who Act for Selves, Not Masses

PHILADELPHIA

A plea for real brotherly unity in the Methodist Church in America is made by the Rev. Daniel Lyman Ridout, pastor of Camphor Memorial Methodist Church, in the Feb. 2 issue of Zions Herald, the denomination's 127-year-old independent weekly magazine published in Boston.

Writing on the theme, "Let Methodism Be United," the Philadelphia pastor, who was named last week to the AFRO Honor Roll, charges that "sectionalism and prejudices caused by geographical locations" are preventing the colored membership of the church from being united "among themselves."

Sectionalism Deplored

The article says:

"We of the South and North meet and crack jokes and slap backs and sometimes find our lachrymal glands overflowing under the spell of 'brotherly unity,' but all is not well with us, and we know it.

"When election times come, our sectionalism asserts itself; and we begin to think that a man is either too far South or (usually) too far North to be chosen. Good and worthy and capable men have been spoken against for the episcopacy, for example, on the ground that they are 'too far North'."

The Rev. Mr. Rideout says that a general officer was chosen recently over leading Northern candidates for the office "on the premise that he had always lived in the South and thus knew the Southern mind."

Fear to Change Status Quo

"What do men mean by 'the Southern mind'?" he asks. "Is the 'Southern mind' important if it is not the mind of Christ? Are we thus admitting that we do not want to disturb the status quo antebellum?

"Do we not want progress in social action? Or are we leaders of the Central jurisdiction so possessed with desire for position for ourselves that we don't care about the emancipation of the masses?

The writer cites the great gains that have been made in racial relations in recent years and expresses doubt that the Southern whites generally respect any longer the "Uncle Tom, hat-in-hand, colored man, or the church leader who sacrifices his people to promote himself.

Wants "Hanky-Heads" Retired

"If we have such colored leaders," he says, "we should retire them as soon as possible and put in their places men of unselfish spirit who will lead us into a more genuine social order."

He concludes, "Let us have one Methodism, or we will have none; let us have Christ, or we perish."

Join Business School Staff

Theodore T. Boston (left) and Robert E. Hazelwood were recently added to the administrative staff of William Penn Institute in Philadelphia. Mr. Boston, formerly an instructor at Benjamin Franklin High School, is director of the institute's night school division. Mr. Hazelwood, who has been educational and vocational adviser at the local Veterans' Center, is dean of the academic division. C. Wendell Maxwell is school president.

Shiloh Members Await Decision

Interest is running high concerning the advice expected to be given by an Exparte Council of Baptist clergymen, Monday, to members of New Shiloh Baptist Church, who are at odds with deacons and the pastor, the Rev. J. Timothy Boddie.

Ten of the members aired their complaints Friday afternoon before a committee appointed by the Council to review the case and submit a report to the full Council which will meet at 8 p.m. Monday at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, Winchester and Stricker Sts.

The Council, headed by the Rev. Simon Williamson, will then decide whether the committee recommendations constitute the advice it wishes to give the dissatisfied church members regarding their future action.

Only Advisors

The Council, not empowered to settle the differences between the church officials and the members, can serve only in an advisory capacity.

The investigating committee included the Revs. Baxter L. Matthews, chairman, Arthur J. Payne, V. V. K. Stokes, A. L. Bailey, George A. Crawley, J. A. Moore and Hiram E. Smith.

The issues reviewed by them have no connection with the court case of two years ago which permitted the ousting of 27 Shiloh members, followed by the congregation's dropping false charges against the pastor.

Evangelical Christian Church Holding Council

The three-day General Council of the Evangelical Christian Church of Connection Inc. opened today (Friday) at Orchard Street Methodist Church.

Sponsor is the St. Paul Evangelical Christian Church of 1103 Madison Ave.

The morning session, which opened at 10 a.m., included the introduction of officers by the general manager of the council, Elder J. H. Howell of Virginia. The afternoon session at 2:30 p.m. was devoted to general business and nomination of general officers.

Bishops to Be Elected

Elder W. S. Doleman, pastor of the First EC Church in Washington, will preach the introductory sermon at 9:30 p.m. as a portion of the night session.

Saturday morning will again be devoted to business sessions, while in the afternoon the election of bishops and other officers will be held. Preaching in the evening will be the Rev. Mrs. Mary Johnson, pastor of St. Mary's EC Church of Roanoke.

Communion to End Session

Elder Howell will preach at 11 a.m. on Sunday, while at 3 p.m., the ordination service and sermon will be offered by Elder J. D. Purnell of Norfolk, Va.

The concluding sermon, slated for 9 p.m., will be preached by Elder Julis Jones of United EC Church of Washington. Communion services will follow.

Scout Camps Fund at Third of Goal

With less than a week to go, the Boy Girl Scout Camps Development Fund Campaign neared one-third of its goal.

Campaign officials announced on Tuesday that only $150,571 of the announced goal of $480,380 has been collected. The drive began on Jan. 15 and will end Feb. 15.

All funds obtained will be divided equally between the two Scout organizations.

Camp's Help Juvenile Court

The Boy Scouts will use their share to finish building of the Broad Creek Memorial Camp and the Girl Scouts plan to establish a 400-acre mountain camp, a camp for colored Girl Scouts and five troop camps.

Judge Charles E. Moylan said the success of the campaign will be a "big help" to the Juvenile Court of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore.

YWCA MAGAZINE CARRIES WALTER WHITE ARTICLE

NEW YORK — An article by Walter White describing the 40-year civil rights fight by the NAACP appears in the February civil right issue of the YWCA's The Women's Press magazine.

Health Officials Report 57 Baltimore Deaths Last Week

The Rev. E. L. Lofton, chairman of the Citizens' Committee for Cheltenham, issued a public statement, Monday, congratulating the Cheltenham Board of Managers on the appointment of L. J. Veney of Washington superintendent of the Cheltenham School for Boys.

The minister expressed "the appreciation of the committee for the co-operation which has been rendered by the citizens, board members and staff of Cheltenham in an effort to secure a better program for the rehabilitation of the youths at the institution".

He also announced that in response to his request for an audience with Gov. W. Preston Lane, he has been requested to submit details of the subjects for discussion.

Six-Point Agenda

The following items have been approved by the committee as being of primary importance at the present time:

(1.) The status of the previous plan to move Cheltenham closer to Baltimore;

(2.) The status of the new construction program with consideration of the proposed plans for change of site;

(3.) The need for additional physical facilities;

(4.) The need for additional personnel;

(5.) The previous use of funds by the institution;

(6.) The elimination of State employees from the school's board of managers.

Mrs. Brady, 79, Gets Last Rites

Mrs. Alice Brady, 79, mother of Lt. Col. William C. Brady of the Maryland National Guard, and a native of Carroll County, Md., died Saturday noon at her home, 1820 Presstman St. She came here 60 years ago.

Funeral services were conducted at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Trinity AME Church of which she was a member for years. Quite active in church work in her earlier life, Mrs. Brady was handicapped by blindness for the past 30 years.

The Rev. W. P. Mitchell officiated at the services and the body was interred at Arbutus Memorial Park. Mrs. Brady is survived also by two daughters Mrs. Alice Wise and Mrs. Emily Gordon, five grand-

Funeral Rites Held for Samuel R. Bagby

Funeral rites were held recently at the Kelson Funeral Home for Samuel R. Bagby of 1432 McCulloh St.; and burial followed in Arbutus Memorial Park. His wife, Mrs. Sarah Bagby, survives.

In Local Churches

The Rev. Harrison J. Bryant, pastor of St. John AME Church, was installed last week as president of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance and vicinity, in a ceremony conducted by the Rev. Willis J. Winston.

Vice-presidents are, the Rev. G. M. Edwards, C. R. La Grange and A. J. Payne; recording secretary, John Hammond, assistant secretary, Reginald Daniels, corresponding secretary, H. Octavius Graham, and treasurer, Vernion T. Williams.

Numerous guest speakers were heard at local churches last Sunday.

The congregation at Grace Presbyterian, observing Youth Day, invited the Rev. William L. Imes of Albany to preach in the morning, and Rabbi Abraham Shusterman of Har Sinai Temple at the evening service.

Superintendent Preaches

Preaching at Mount Zion Methodist Church was the Rev. D. M. Pleasant, superintendent of the Virginia and Washington District.

"Wesleyan Service Guild Day" at Ames Methodist featured Dr. Wilson Banner, assistant professor of church history at the Howard University School of Religion and Dr. D. O. W. Holmes, retired president of Morgan State College.

The Rev. Mrs. Margaret G. Allen, evangelist, began a city-wide revival on Sunday at Fulton Baptist Church.

George A. Crawley Jr., son of the Rev. G. A. Crawley, a student at Virginia Union University, was ordained for the ministry on Monday evening at his father's church (St. Paul Baptist) by a council of churches called for that purpose.

75 Ministers on Hand

Present were 75 ministers from the Maryland area; Dr. J. M. Ellison, president, A. B. Jones, and two other members of the faculty of Virginia Union University.

The ordination sermon was preached by the Rev. George J. Garnett. A Bible was presented to the young minister by Mr. Jones, and a $100 donation by the congregation of the St. Paul Church.

At the Baptist Ministers' Conference on Monday, the Rev. Willis J. Winston recalled that on that date 41 years ago he presented a resolution which united the separate conferences then functioning in the city.

Memorial Services Set for Pastor

A review of current news happenings was given by the Rev. James L. Moore, and the Sunday School lesson on "Jesus Facing Challenge and Opposition," was discussed by the Rev. I. C. Reddie.

Eighteen persons joined the United Baptist Church, 1210 E. Lexington St., during the revival conducted there Jan. 19 through Feb. 5 by the Rev. F. J. Tyree, evangelist of Cincinnati.

Memorial services for the late pastor of the church, the Rev. T. S. Hendershott, will be held at 11 a.m., 3 and 8 p.m. on Sunday by the present minister, the Rev. T. H. Land.

Joint Services

At 3 p.m. on Sunday, the Rev. Ely Lofton, pastor, the congregation and youth choir of Metropolitan Methodist Church will hold services at Mount Winans Methodist Church.

The first anniversary of the choir of the Community Gospel Mission of Turner Station will be marked on Sunday with the morning service by the pastor, the Rev. C. O. Cooke. A sermonette will be offered at 4 p.m. by the Rev. Bernard Boyd. Guest choruses and choirs will sing.

During "Open House Day," Sunday, at Providence Baptist Church, the recreation center will be dedicated.

Meeting of United Christians

The Rev. Ward D. Yerby of Perkins Square Baptist Church, will participate on the program on Feb. 24, at Mount Vernon Pl. Methodist Church during which Dr. O. Fredrick Nolde will speak on "Christian World Action."

Dr. Nolde is professor of Christian Education and dean of the graduate school at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia.

Sponsors of the meeting are the United Christian Citizens, an interracial group which seeks" to make faith effective in political affairs."

A capacity congregation was reported last Sunday at St. James PE Church for the evening Candlemas service conducted by the Rev. C. E. Mills, rector.

New Shiloh Baptist Church reported 378 members on the 1948 Honor Roll of the church.

Bahais to Celebrate World Youth Day Here

The Bahai World Faith will celebrate World Youth Day, Sunday, at an 8 p.m. program at the Bahai Center, 527 N. Charles St.

The speakers, Mrs. Mildred Sudhop, white, and Albert James will discuss "Formula for Successful Living."

This program is sponsored by the Bahai Youth of Baltimore. William Dornda is chairman of the organization.

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH
Edgemere 19, Maryland
FEBRUARY 6, 1949

To the person of Mr. Elijah Johnson on Pope Lane, whose house the was completely destroyed by fire on February 1, 1949. The committee in charge of soliciting funds to aid Mr. Johnson and his family to become rehabilitated after losing all that they had in the fire makes the following report:

The committee and those who helped Mr. Johnson raised $222.94. Of this amount the sum of $50.00 was given by the management of the Rheem Manufacturing Co., through the efforts of Mr. James Johnson of Edgemere. All other monies received from community money came through efforts of the members of Shiloh Baptist Church, Edgemere, and the community in general.

These persons were in charge of raising money for Mr. Johnson—Mr. David Porter, Mr. E. Watkins, Mr. C. M. Flemming, Sister E. Pope, Bro. Luther Owens Jr., all members of Shiloh Baptist Church, Edgemere. This sum of $222.94 was presented to Mr. E. Johnson on Sunday night February 6, 1949 by the pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church—Rev. Peter Jennings. —Advt.

John Wesley Methodist Church
MONTGOMERY AND SHARP STREETS
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1949
MORNING SERVICE—11:00 A.M.—Holy Communion, Meditation, "Jesus Attitude Toward Races of the World." Music by Senior, Gospel and Young People's Choirs. Hudson, Faith and Farther Along Choruses.
VESPER HOUR—6:00 P. M.—Youth Fellowship League, Topic: "Building Better Race Relations."
EVENING SERVICE—8:00 P. M.—Holy Communion. Music by Faith Chorus.
F. J. FRYE, Minister

E. Hoffman St. Methodist Church
CHASE AND WASHINGTON STREETS
13th Annual Men's Day
AUSPICES OF THE METHODIST MEN
9:30 A. M.—CHURCH SCHOOL.
11:00 A. M.—SERMON BY DR. F. F. KING, District Supt. of the North Baltimore District. THE METHODIST MEN'S CHORUS WILL SING.
3:00 P. M.—SECOND ANNUAL METHODIST MEN'S RECITAL. MUSICAL SELECTIONS BY VISITING MALE CHORUSES.
6:00 P. M.—METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP.
8:00 P. M.—GUEST SPEAKER DR. NICK AARON FORD, Head of Dept. of English, Morgan State College. MUSIC BY METHODIST MEN'S CHORUS. LEON BAILEY, Pres. METHODIST MEN, HOWARD KEENE, Chairman.
ALL ARE WELCOME REV. C. A. SCOTT, Minister

MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH
CAROLINE AND PRESTON STREETS
9:30 A. M.—CHURCH SCHOOL.
11:00 A. M.—SERMON BY THE PASTOR.
3:30 P. M.—SERVICE BY THE BROTHERHOOD.
6:00 P. M.—BAPTIST TRAINING UNION.
8:00 P. M.—MUSICAL PROGRAM.
A Hearty Welcome to All — Rev. C. Edward Browne, Pastor

Grace Presbyterian Church
ETTING AND DOLPHIN STREETS
"Race Relations Sunday"
11:00 A. M.—SERMON BY THE PASTOR. Theme: "THROUGH THE EYES OF JESUS." MUSIC BY THE SENIOR CHOIR.
1:00 P. M.—BIBLE SCHOOL.
6:30 P. M.—WESTMINSTER FELLOWSHIP SERVICES.
8:00 P. M.—PREACHING.
THE PUBLIC IS INVITED REV. JOHN T. COLBERT, Min.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
1620 BRADY AVENUE, FAIRFIELD, MD.
9:30 A. M.—SUNDAY SCHOOL.
11:00 A. M.—SERMON BY THE PASTOR.
6:00 P. M.—BAPTIST TRAINING UNION.
8:00 P. M.—EVANGELISTIC SERVICE.
ALL ARE WELCOME REV. F. W. WILLIAMS, Pastor

Metropolitan Methodist Church
LANVALE STREET AND CARROLLTON AVENUE
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1949
10:45 A. M.—CHILDREN'S CHURCH.
11:00 A. M.—SERMON BY GUEST SPEAKER.
1:30 P. M.—CHURCH SCHOOL.
3:00 P. M.—SPECIAL SERVICE.
8:00 P. M.—SERMON BY GUEST SPEAKER.
Thursday—8:00 P.M.—Pastor Study Class
ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND
SEE YOU IN CHURCH SUNDAY ELY L. LOFTON, Minister

PENTECOST BAPTIST CHURCH
MADISON AVENUE near BIDDLE STREET
9:30 A. M.—SUNDAY SCHOOL.
11:30 A. M.—SERMON BY THE PASTOR.
3:30 P. M.—HOLY COMMUNION.
8:00 P. M.—INSPIRATIONAL GOSPEL SINGERS.
ALL ARE WELCOME REV. A. F. LEMON, Pastor

Perkins Square Baptist Church
George and Ogden Streets
REV. WARD D. YERBY, A.B., D.D., Pastor
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13—NURSE'S DAY
10:00 A. M.—Open Heart Service
11:00 A. M.—Sermon by the Pastor.
2:00 P. M.—Sunday School.
6:00 P. M.—B. T. U.
8:00 P. M.—Holy Communion.
Monday, Feb. 14 thru Sunday, Feb. 20—"MEN'S CLUB WEEK"
REV. WARD D. YERBY, Pastor

Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church
George and Perkins Ave.
9:45 A. M.—Sunday School.
11:00 A. M.—Sermon.
6:00 P. M.—B. T. U. Program.
ALL INVITED
Rev. Hiram Smith, Pastor.
Rev. Hiram Smith

EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH
GUILFORD AVE. AND 23rd ST.
REV. EDWARD T. JORDAN, Minister
9:30 A. M.—CHURCH SCHOOL.
11:00 A. M.—SERMON BY THE PASTOR.
3:00 P. M.—HOLY COMMUNION.
6:00 P. M.—BAPTIST TRAINING UNION.
8:00 P. M.—EVENING WORSHIP.
Communion Every Second Sunday — 3 P. M.
ALL ARE WELCOME

Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church
NEW LOCATION—GAY and PRESTON STS.
10:00 A.M.—We Leave Bond and Jefferson Sts. and March to Gay and Preston Sts. We will March up Bond St. to Eager St. and Across to Gay, Rutland and Preston.
11:00 A.M.—SERMON BY THE PASTOR. Subject: "God Is Calling for Service."
3:30 P.M.—BIG PROGRAM—15 Churches Have Been Invited to Attend the Opening of Our New Church.
6:00 P. M.—BAPTIST TRAINING UNION.
8:00 P.M.—SERVICE.
COMMUNION EVERY FIRST SUNDAY—3:00 P. M.
ALL ARE WELCOME REV. TUNSON, Pastor

AMES MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH
CAREY and BAKER STREETS
9:00 P. M.—CHURCH SCHOOL.
11:00 A. M.—SEVENTH IN SERIES OF THREE WORD COMMUNION MESSAGES by the Pastor. Subj.: "HE TOOK WATER" followed by Administration of the SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER.
4:00 P. M.—RACE RELATIONS MESSAGE by Rev. Asbury Smith, Pastor of Walbrook Methodist Church, and President of Council of Churches and Christian Education of Maryland and Delaware, Inc.—Accompanied by his Choir.
8:00 P. M.—CONTINUATION OF SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER.
WE WELCOME YOU
REV. E. ADOLPH HAYNES, Minister

ENON BAPTIST CHURCH
Edmondson Ave. and Schroeder Street
Baltimore, Maryland
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1949
6:30 A.M.—Prayer and Praise Service
9:30 A.M.—Sunday School Service.
Mr. James S. Lincoln, Superintendent
11:00 A.M.—Sermon by Pastor. Blessing of Babies.
8:00 P.M.—A Gospel Feast. Jacob's Ladder, directed by Rev. Edith Williamson.
YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THESE SERVICES
Mr. W. Llewellyn Wilson, Organist and Choirmaster
Rev. Arthur J. Payne, Minister

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH
"THE PRAYING CHURCH"
BOND STREET and ASHLAND AVENUE
9:30 A. M.—SUNDAY SCHOOL.
11:00 A. M.—SERMON BY THE PASTOR.
6:00 P. M.—BAPTIST TRAINING UNION.
8:00 P. M.—EVENING WORSHIP; PREACHING.
WE WELCOME YOU REV. SIMON WILLIAMSON, Pastor

THE WELL KNOWN SAVINGS CLUB
JUST A REMINDER
THE WELL KNOWN SAVINGS CLUB IS REPEATING TRIP TO NIAGARA FALLS AND CANADA, SATURDAY, JULY 30, 1949
You Can Get TICKETS NOW With Small Down Payment at the FOLLOWING ADDRESSES — OR CALL
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CHARLES O. BOOTHE—1815 E. Biddle St.—OR. 0594
JOHN NOLLIE—1526 E. Biddle St.—BR. 1377
JOHN WILLIAMS—1539 N. Eden St.
JETHRO C. BROWN—1620 E. Monument St.
LEROY WINKLER—1108 N. Central Ave.—WO. 7261-R.
ROOSEVELT ADAMS—1007 N. Gay St.—OR. 4492
HOWARD JEFFERSON—1214 N. Gay St.

ISRAEL BAPTIST CHURCH
ORLEANS and BETHEL STREETS
9:30 A. M.—SUNDAY SCHOOL.
11:00 A. M.—SERMON BY THE PASTOR.
6:00 P. M.—YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING.
8:00 P. M.—THE EL HART SOCIAL ANNUAL SERVICE, sponsored by the Missionary Circle, Mrs. Pearl Johnson, president.
ALL ARE WELCOME REV. EDMOND D. MEADE, Pastor

See You IN CHURCH *Sunday*
Sharp Street Memorial Methodist Church
DOLPHIN AND ETTING STREETS
9:45 A. M.—CHURCH SCHOOL.
11:00 A. M.—SERMON BY THE PASTOR. Subject: "WHAT TO DO WITH LIFE."
6:30 P. M.—METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP.
8:00 P. M.—RACE RELATIONS SERVICE. SERMON BY REV. OLIVER J. COLLINS of First Methodist Church, Accompanied by His Senior Choir.
A HEARTY WELCOME TO ALL
REV. JOSHUA O. WILLIAMS, Minister

The Fulton Baptist Church
North Avenue and Retreat Street
REV. B. F. JACKSON, A.M., Pastor
. . . Prayerfully invites you to attend a . . .
'CITY WIDE REVIVAL'
Conducted by The Gifted Young Evangelist
Rev. Mrs. Margaret Gray Allen
Assisted by The TALENTED YOUNG PREACHER and SINGER AGNES M. ALSTON
"Hear Ye Them"
HERE SUNDAY, FEB. 13th
11 A.M. and 8 P.M.—Continued Through FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18th
COME AND HAVE YOUR SPIRITUAL STRENGTH RENEWED!!
Rev. Mrs. MARGARET GRAY ALLEN

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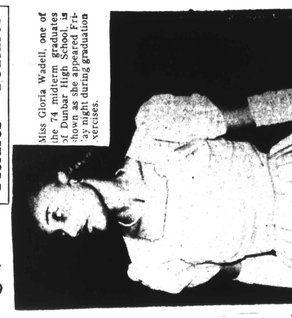

Miss Gloria Wadell, one of the 74 midterm graduates of Dunbar High School, is shown as she appeared Friday night during graduation exercises.

Dunbar exercises also were a happy occasion for parents of the graduates. Here Miss Lorraine Bertina Thomas receives her diploma from Mayor D'Alesandro who awarded the diplomas to graduates during Dunbar exercises.

"Tolerance and ignorance have no place in our American way of life and a wider knowledge of the arts will aid in the eternal conflict against prejudice and intolerance."—MAYOR THOMAS D'ALESANDRO Address at Dunbar graduation exercises. (AFRO Photo by J. Henry Phillips)

Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro on Tuesday signed a proclamation designating Feb. 13 to 21 as Negro History Week in Baltimore. Shown with the Mayor are members of the committee in charge of the History Week Committee of this city: Carl Murphy, president of the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers (left), and Charles A. Brown, committee member, are shown as they witnessed the occurrence.

The Mayor Speaks of Human Rights and Justice

Baltimore Students Win Cash Awards in Poetry Writing Contest

Winners in the second annual poetry writing contest for Maryland students were Miss Frances Cheeks of Coppin Teachers College, who won first prize in the college division; Miss Nancy Levi of Morgan State College, second in the college division; and Charles M. Kemp, now a Douglass High School student, who was awarded the first prize in the high school division. The contest was sponsored by the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers and the Book-A-Month Club, and the $15 first prize in the college division and awards of $25 each were donated by the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers and the Book-A-Month Club, and the $15 second prize by the Southern Life Insurance Company. The awards were presented to the contest winners Tuesday by Dr. Martin D. Jenkins, Morgan State College president, at a college assembly meeting addressed by Walter E. Turpin, novelist.

Dr. Martin D. Jenkins, Morgan president, presents the $25 first prize donated by the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers to Charles Kemp, now a Douglass High School pupil. Looking on are Miss Frances Cheeks of Coppin Teachers College and Miss Nancy Levi of Morgan.

Faith and Fortitude

By CHARLES M. KEMP

"Nothing comes without faith and prayer.
Nor without honest sweat, too";
Her face reflected toil and care.
God knows what she said was true.

Thus spoke this "Amazon of God."
From whose perseverance a college grew.
A Negro's solemn tribute
To what faith and strength can do.

One of seventeen children
On a South Carolina plantation.
A daughter of the sons of Africa,
Her God an inspiration.

A thirst for priceless knowledge,
A prayer, a school.
Five cents a week each day,
Obtaining the "master tool."

Less than two dollars in her purse.
A faith of immeasurable worth.
A city dump "hell hole," a college;
Yet descriptive words can never say
What courage, what sacrifice it took.

We could build a monument,
But what rock can depict
Her determination, stern and strict?

We could dispatch a million orators
To praise her work with words,
But they would still be unable
To reveal her true worth.

She plowed her father's meager lands—
Mary McLeod Bethune.
Built a college with her own hands.
And her deeds will prove "and soon

God's Little Workman

By FRANCES CHEEKS

I

In God's Little Workshop there was a man
Whom the Creator endowed with a magic touch
One whose "green thumb" was to the sweet potato
What the lamp was to Aladdin.

II

Son of a slave was he: progeny of a benighted people.
Delicate, sickly, frail:
But he rose from low estate
To be head research man in the laboratory of God.

III

He never knew a mother, and so became Nature's child.
Under the rays of her sun he warmed
Beneath the shade of her trees he found peace.
He lived close to God—as close as could be
On God's rich earth, and in God's sweet scented air.
The birds were his companions, the bee was the toad;
The grasshopper, A wayside flower, a weed, a rock
Were all alike: his treasure:
And the smell of damp clay earth, his rare perfume.

IV

He had a way, this man, with clay and growing things.
Fertile was the soil he tilled
For he could plant seed for ailing plants;
When plants were wilted and dry,
God's Workman would say, "You need to prune."
Sometimes, "Not enough water."—
Sometimes, "Not enough sun."

V

And so, he spent his life searching, adapting, creating;
Riding up and down the land,
Telling his people how to farm,
Telling them how nothing must be wasted,
Saying that all God's products were good and useful to mankind.

VI

But then one day, Nature reclaimed her own,
Took back into the soil one who had greatly enriched it
By his work and his life.
And even from the workshop doors, where he stood, are open;
And there, the spirit of Carver, God's Little Workman,
and the poetry of a wise man is the grey head

Harriet Tubman

By NANCY E. LEVI

Harriet,
Harriet,
Lead us hopefuls from bondage.

'Stop!
That massa—work for no pay.
Walk!
With me by night!"

Yes! An ingenious spiritualist
Sang by night
To lead earnest souls
In their flight.

"When the chariot comes
I'm going to leave you!"
And she left.

"I'll meet you in the morning."
Sang the spirit
"When the good ship Zion
Comes be ready to jump aboard."
And took them too.

The moon fell over the mountain
And the stars refused to appear:
Undaunted they trod on.
On foot by night.
Over the mountains
Through valleys
Stalked down by ways
Hiding in caves, over mountains
In marshes
Dogs yelping at their heels,
Whips lashing their backs
Their life in the balance
They're safe.

"Harriet!
Oh, it's you, honey!
Here—gi' mo' right hand
For people—three hundred of my people."

ISN'T IT TRUE:
"The glory of a young man is their strength;
and the beauty of old men is the grey head."

"See What the AFRO Says About It"