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- Housing plentiful for parley
- Missionary group expects 1,000 women

WASHINGTON

There will be no housing problem for the visitors to the second quadrennial convention of the Women's Missionary Society of the AME Church if the local housing committee has anything to say about it.

An efficient committee headed by Mrs. Bernice Reason began in June to assign housing to the delegates to the convention.

On June 23, the nearly 1,000 delegates had been informed by mail where they would stay.

MRS. REASON has been handling the assignments, while a committee headed by Mrs. Cary Gant has been handling the procurement of rooms.

At the present time, Mrs. Gant has a list of over 1,000 rooms available for visitors to the convention. According to Mrs. Reason, the number of visitors is larger than the number of delegates.

All of the uptown hotels will be filled in addition to many of the downtown hotels. Especially sought as a place for visitors is the Colonial Hotel located at 15th and M Sts., NW, around the corner from the Metropolitan AME Church.

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ASSISTING MRS. Reason in the assignment of delegates and visitors to rooms are Mrs. Tacy Smith and Mrs. Thelma Jackson.

On Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, the housing committee members will work on four-hour shifts to handle the incoming throng.

Mrs. Reason said that thanks to the cooperation of local merchants she has a supply of sightseeing maps and material to provide the visitors.

At this point, she does not anticipate any trouble since the delegates are listed in cross file cards.

Police report two deaths from heat

Two persons died suddenly this week in Northwest Baltimore as the city sweltered in the midst of the hottest weather of the season.

Mrs. Lucy Robinson, 90, of this 1900 block W. Lanvale St., died Sunday night in her second floor bedroom. She was last seen alive at 9:15 p.m., when another tenant in the house, Mrs. Mary Waters, paid her a visit.

Police said Mrs. Waters attempted to obtain a doctor and then she called an ambulance was summoned. Mrs. Robinson was pronounced dead on the scene.

THE BODY is scheduled to be claimed by Miss Florence Rodgers, 3800 block Beech Ave. Identified as a former employer of Mrs. Robinson.

Vanderbilt Shackelford, 50, of the 1300 block N. Stockton St., was pronounced dead on arrival at Provident Hospital on Tuesday morning, after his landlady found him ill on the front steps.

Police have notified his relatives in Alexandria, Va.

Officials of the AME's Missionary Society

WASHINGTON

Each of the 18 Episcopal Districts of the AME Church is headed by a vice president of the Women's Missionary Society.

Among the vice presidents and their districts are:

First, Mrs. Tazel T. Gomez, Waco, Texas; Second, Mrs. Lucille Thomas, Chicago, Ill.; Third, Mrs. C. E. Bennett, Waycross, Ga.;

Fourth, Mrs. A. B. Lynem, Lexington, Ky.; Fifth, Mrs. Minnie L. McEaddy, Washington, D. C.; Sixth, Mrs. Cora Black, Cameron, S.C.;

Seventh, Mrs. Cleo B. Love, San Francisco, Ca.; Eighth, Mrs. Romayne Portlock, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Ninth, Mrs. Bessie R. Walker, Birmingham, Ala.; Tenth, Mrs. Irene Shumpert, Malvern, Ark.; Eleventh, Mrs. M. A. Snowden Jones, Itta Bena, Miss.;

Twelfth, Mrs. Emma W. Johnson, Dayton, Ohio; Thirteenth, Mrs. J. B. Epperson, Jacksonville, Fla.; Fourteenth, Mrs. R. I. Trotman, Jamaica, B.W.I.; Fifteenth, Mrs. M. A. Carr, Fort Worth, Texas;

Sixteenth, Mrs. Emily G. Wilson, Liberia, N. Africa; Seventeenth, Mrs. J. C. L. Oppermann, Transvaal, S. Africa; Eighteenth, Mrs. Rosary R. Mokau, Bloemfontein, S. Africa.

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COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN Christian Social Relations, Mrs. Cora E. Moore (Deceased), Budget and financial estimates, Mrs. Esther Isaacs, Los Angeles, Calif.; constitution and by-laws, Mrs. Estelle Abington, Dallas, Texas; Tanner-Turner Memorial, Mrs. Annie M. Worsham, Detroit, Mich.; Handy-Simmons Scholarship, Mrs. Maggie T. Ashford, Little Rock, Ark.

Hughes Special Gifts, Mrs. Bertie DeLyles, Memphis, Tenn.; Publicity and recreation, Mrs. Myrtle B. Henry, New Orleans, La.; arts and crafts, Mrs. Annie M. Wilson, Columbus, Ga.; life membership, Mrs. J. A. Craig, Mobile, Ala.;

Foreign Mission emergency fund, Mrs. Rachel W. Valentine, N. C.; town and county, Mrs. Maggie A. Williams, Kansas City, Mo.; dramatic arts, S. L. Flipper, Atlanta, Ga.; visual education, Mrs. Fayette Brown, Ellsworth, Kans.

—Delegates

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Robbie Divers, dir., Birmingham, Ala.; Lucile Whitaker, Birmingham, Ala.; Della Sanders, Birmingham, Ala.; Willie Mae Conway, Birmingham, Ala.; Rosa N. Simpson, Florence, Ala.; Ethel Morrison, Birmingham, Ala.

ALABAMA CONFERENCE—Mahaley Barber, Pres., Andalusia, Ala.; Mayme J. Lowe, Montgomery, Ala.; Beulah McCowsky, Atmore, Ala.; Sarah Curry, Montgomery, Ala.; Lucy M. Bradley, Andalusia, Ala.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPT.—Dallas Conference, Mrs. Annie Lee Johnson, dir.; Mary Alice Frazier, Prattville, Ala.; Ethel Marie Walker, Montgomery, Ala.; Vanile Gibson, Autaugaville, Ala.; Ernestene McCrary, Selma, Ala.; Lardell McCant, Almore, Ala.; Laura Deramus, Ashonville, Ala.

SOUTH ALABAMA CONFERENCE—Mrs. E. Lipsey, Pres., Pensacola, Fla.; Anna L. West, Elmo, Ala.; Sallie J. Parker, Clatyon, Ala.; Arlena Lemon, Eufala, Ala.; Clifford Carder, Brewton, Ala.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPT.—Hazel Patterson, dir., Enterprise, Ala.; Mattie Smith, Pres., Ashford, Ala.; Della Neal, Geneva, Ala.; Mittie J. McCloud, Troy, Ala.; Mary Alice Thomas, Abbeville, Ala.

WEST ALABAMA CONFERENCE—Lula Driver, Pres., Birmingham, Ala.; Abiye Matherson, Birmingham, Ala.; Clavenia Ledbetter, Birmingham, Ala.; Carrie Colvin, Birmingham, Ala.; E. Jones, Birmingham, Ala.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPT.—Essie Bibbs, dir., Birmingham, Ala.; Ruby Bone, Birmingham, Ala.; Barbara Parker, Birmingham, Ala.; Albina Jones, Fairfield, Ala.; Ruby Kansas, Birmingham, Ala.

EAST ALABAMA CONFERENCE—Mrs. M. E. Butler, pres., Phenix City, Ala.; Delia Hardrick, Phenix City, Ala.; Gertrude Dowdell, Obelika, Ala.; Mrs. L. M. Robinson, Phenix City, Ala.; E. B. Evans, Opelika, Ala.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPT.—Mrs. L. O. Newman, dir., Tuskegee Ala.; Laura Blake, pres., Montgomery, Ala.; Barbara Tegan, Phenix City, Ala.; Carolyn Crawford, Opelika, Ala.; Williette Billups, Alabama; Roammie Brown, Linden, Ala.; Mrs. M. J. Mallory, Alabama, Union springs, Ala.

CENTRAL ALABAMA CONFERENCE—Marie Duncan, pres., Selma, Ala.; Mrs. T. Dandridge, Selma, Ala.; Mrs. T. Dandridge, Selma, Ala.; Mrs. Ethel Hutchinson, Selma, Ala.; Mrs. Hattie Hudson, Ala.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPT.—Lillie Swanson, dir., Selma, Ala.; Helen Dees, Mobile, Ala.; Ethel Colvin, Mobile, Ala.; Betty Jean Bonner, Sierra, Ala.; Betty Jean Frazier, Prichard, Ala.

TENTH episcopal DISTRICT

The Rt. Rev. Joseph Gomez, Presiding Bishop

Mrs. M. K. C. Davis, Episcopal Supervisor

SOUTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE—Mrs. W. M. Robinson, pres., Rosenberg, Texas; Octavie Moore, Rosenberg, Texas; Ruth walker, San Antonio, Texas; Mrs. M. W. Foster, Houston, Texas; Mrs. L. C. Williams, Weimar, Texas.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPT.—Henrietta Woodfaulk, Luling, Texas; Mrs. Elena Walker, San Antonio, Texas.

CENTRAL TEXAS CONFERENCE—Carrie B. R. Warren, pres., Austin, Texas; Mrs. J. Bennett Brown, Waco, Texas; Zelma Clark, Waco, Texas; Bertie McDonald, Austin, Texas; Louie Woodfolk, Temple, Texas.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPT.—Mrs. C. Z. Prince, Supt., Waco, Texas; Lizzie Maloney, Waco, Texas; Annie Black, Waco, Texas; Billie Nell Atkins, Austin, Texas; Bernice Bell Williams, Austin, Texas.

VALLEY CONFERENCE—Bertha Bess, pres., Corpus Christi, Texas; Mrs. P. Jones, Corpus Christi, Texas; Mrs. J. G. Summers, Brownsville, Texas.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPT.—Thelma Sams, Corpus Christi, Texas; Miss Amy Ann Miller, Corpus Christi, Texas.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE—H. L. Moore, Pres., Sweetwater, Texas; Mrs. T. E. Taylor, Somerville, Texas; Mrs. E. Hamilton, Chickasaw, Texas; Mrs. H. E. East, Sweetwater, Texas; Mrs. Ella Mae Somerville, Texas; Mrs. J. M. McCurtain, Brenham, Texas.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPT.—Evelyn Brownlee, pres., Brenham, Texas; Darlene Howard, Brenham, Texas.

TEXAS CONFERENCE—Bettie M. Dauphiney, pres., Houston, Texas; Laura Shavers, Houston, Texas; Sadie Hodges, Houston, Texas; Lucile Gardner, Houston, Texas; Gertie Bundage, Houston, Texas; Gladys Maxwell, Houston, Texas.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPT.—Carrie Mae Bennett, Houston, Texas; Emma Turner, Galveston, Texas; Mary Brassear, Houston, Texas; Carole Brown, Houston, Texas.

NORTHEAST TEXAS CONFERENCE—Eula M. Hemphill, pres., Paris, Texas; Mrs. J. Mitchell, Bonham, Texas; Mrs. A. S. Mitchell, Bonham, Texas.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPT.—Estelle E. Hall, dir., Corsicana, Texas; Mrs. Ethel Mae Rice, Texas.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE—Mrs. J. N. Gaither, pres., Ft. Worth, Texas; Mrs. O. G. Love, Dallas, Texas; Mrs. Price Williams, Ft. Worth, Texas; Ada L. Clayton, Ft. Worth, Texas.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPT.—Mrs. K. M. Smith, Dallas, Texas; Shirley Jackson, Dallas, Texas; Kay Miller, Dallas, Texas; Ruby Lee Miller, Dallas, Texas; Audrey Long, Dallas, Texas.

EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE—Ella L. Johnson, Athens, Texas; Lavinia Brown, Athens, Texas; Gladys Lewis, Athens, Texas; Alberta Phillips, Athens, Texas.

ELEVENTH episcopal DISTRICT

The Rt. Rev. Julius W. Gilbert, Presiding Bishop

Mrs. C. C. Gibbs, Episcopal Supervisor

MISSOURI CONFERENCE—Jr. L. Jones, Springfield, Mo.; Estell Jones, Jacksonville, Fla.; Alberta Robinson, Ocala, Fla.; Alberta Armstrong, Winter Haven, Fla.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPT.—Bessie Horton, Winter Haven, Fla.; Mrs. M. J. Chappelle, Lakeland, Fla.; Estell Jones, Jacksonville, Fla.; Mrs. Ethel Mae Gaines, Ocala, Fla.; Mrs. Mamie Armstrong, Winter Haven, Fla.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPT.—Ella Horton, Winter Haven, Fla.; Miss C. Dupree, Daytona Beach, Fla.; Pearl Griffin, Lakeland, Fla.; Miss J. Perryman, Lakeland, Fla.; Barbara White, Borkow, Fla.

WEST FLORIDA CONFERENCE—Miss A. McCree, Panama City, Fla.; Mrs. Ella Mae Johnson, Panama City, Fla.; Mrs. Freeman, Marianna, Fla.; Mrs. Ella Mae Johnson, Panama City, Fla.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPT.—Mrs. B. Harley, Marianna, Fla.; Clara Russ, Marianna, Fla.; Miss Zeno Donner, Panama City, Fla.; Miss J. McCullough, Pensacola, Fla.

EAST FLORIDA CONFERENCE—Lillian Hooner, Jacksonville, Fla.; Lula Brothers, Jacksonville, Fla.; Rose Burroughs, Jacksonville, Fla.; Mrs. M. K. Russell, Jacksonville, Fla.; Mrs. A. J. Bullard, Jacksonville, Fla.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPT.—Mrs. V. E. Hayes, Jacksonville, Fla.; Ada Barrier, Jacksonville, Fla.; Sadie Higgins, Jacksonville, Fla.; Pauchula McGray, Jacksonville, Fla.; Miss B. Robinson, Jacksonville, Fla.; Juanita Goodson, Jacksonville, Fla.; Yvonne Anderson, Jacksonville, Fla.

SOUTH FLORIDA CONFERENCE—Mamie Adams, West Palm Beach, Fla.; Agnes Ball, Miami, Fla.; Mrs. E. Williams, Opalocka, Fla.; Lola Baldwin, Delray Beach, Fla.; Ethel Washington, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPT.—Mabel Carrol, Lake Wales, Fla.; Loretta Blaine, Miami, Fla.; Daisy Chauney, Delray Beach, Fla.; Bobby Jones Ft. Pierce Fla.; Hattie Brace, Miami, Fla.

TAMPA CONFERNCE—Mrs. E. Perrell, Tampa, Fla.; Senia Martinez, Tampa, Fla.; Annie Benson, Tampa, Fla.; Mary Pepper, Ft. Petersburg Fla.; Nellie Gamble, Ft. Myers, Fla.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPT.—Sadie Richardson, Tampa, Fla.; Nancy Herring, St. Petersburg, Fla.; Verdell Hamilton, Palmetto, Fla.; Betty Miller, Sarasota, Fla.

CENTRAL CONFERENCE—Laura Simpson, Ocala, Fla.; Elnora Kelly, Lakeland, Fla.; Mrs. L. R. Randall, Kissimmee, Fla.; Essie Surrency, Ocala, Fla.; Mary Hagans, Leesburg, Fla.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPT.—Mrs. O. L. Smith, Orlando, Fla.; Mary Brown, Kissimmee, Fla.; Delores Cambridge, Gainesville, Fla.

FLORIDA CONFERENCE—Mrs. S. A. Sikes, Tallahassee, Fla.; Mrs. W. K. Perkins, Tallahassee, Fla.; Cora Alexander, Quincy, Fla.; Mrs. Gaffney, Lloyd, Fla.; Mrs. Cherry Bee.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPT.—Miss Darnell Anderson, Miss Eunice Johnson, Miss Hettie Jones, Miss Arnett Zeigler, Miss Sarah Bell.

NORTH FLORIDA CONFERENCE—Mrs. H. Washington, Waterboro, Fla.; Sallie Mickens, Greenville, Fla.; Mrs. E. L. Hopkins, Live Oak, Fla.; Mrs. Hazel Moses, Green Cove Springs, Fla.; Gussie Pinkney, Reverdecay, Fla.

TWELFTH episcopal DISTRICT

The Rt. Rev. W. R. WILKS, Presiding Bishop

Mrs. W. R. WILKS, Episcopal supervisor

OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE—Blanch Rainland, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Ella Webb, Lawton, Okla.; Mrs. E. V. Miller, McAlister, Okla.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPT.—Ruby Ferguson, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Fannie Williams, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Patricia Sheldis, El Reno, Okla.

NORTHEAST OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE—Mrs. B. L. Farmer, Tulsa, Okla.; Mrs. L. D. Springs, Taft, Okla.; Lola Chatman, Tulsa, Okla.; Mrs. L. B. Abernathy, Tulsa, Okla.; Mrs. J. Ellis, Muskogee, Okla.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPT.—Fannie Bennett, Lindsay, Okla.; Roland Yeager, Muskogee, Okla.; Johnson Hemphill, Donald Johnson.

CENTRAL OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE—Mrs. W. H. Richie, Chickasha, Okla.; Vina Lawson, Chickasha, Okla.; Ida Dawkins, McAlester, Okla.; Mrs. E. A. Muffell.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPT.—Virgie Hardin, Chickasha, Okla.; Patricia Harris, McLester, Okla.; Miss Jean Hill, Hartshorne, Okla.

ARKANSAS CONFERENCE—Mrs. H. Gipson, North Little Rock, Ark.; Carrie Flagy, North Little Rock, Ark.; Mrs. M. L. Nelson, North Little Rock, Ark.; Mrs. E. N. Brown, North Little Rock, Ark.; Mrs. W. M. Jordan, North Little Rock, Ark.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPT.—Louise Bryant, Little Rock, Ark.; Mary Lee Smith, Flossie Hayne.

WEST ARKANSAS CONFERENCE—Enola Lidwell, Roaston, Ark.; Irene Bourquet, B. T. Williams, Mrs. P. Shaan, Mrs. L. V. Cooper, Mrs. G. D. Pattie.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPT.—Esther Hicks, Patsy Williams, Margie Zackery.

EAST ARKANSAS—Mrs. W. R. Jones, Mrs. W. H. Hall, Mrs. Chancy Taylor, Mrs. M. E. Jones, Mrs. E. Irving.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPT.—Mrs. O. Webster, Norma Young, Betty McCullough.

NORTHEAST ARKANSAS—Mariah Bassham, Mrs. E. N. Roberts, Mrs. J. L. McDade, Ella Love, Pearl Daniels.

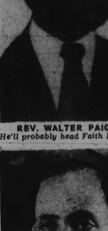
SOUTH ARKANSAS—Mrs. E. C. Willie Lewis, Miss Leola Jones, Eva W. Wade.

SOUTH ARKANSAS—Mrs. E. C. Guillam, Mary Lomax, Lula Trice.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPT.—Mrs. Ella Jones, Miss Williams, Irma Collins.

CENTRAL ARKANSAS — Bertha Owens, Mrs. A. L. Weddington, Mrs. C. B. Tate, Cullie Doles, Agnes Hunt Bright.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPT.—Mrs. C. M. Hankins, Norma Heat, Gloria Bright, Lillie Pierce.



REV. WALTER PAIGE
He'll probably head Faith Baptist

REV. WILLIAM TAPSCOTT
Withdrew his name . . .

—Faith Baptist

B-U-L-L-E-T-I-N

The night of July 28 has been set for the election of the new pastor of Faith Baptist Church to succeed the late Rev. Simon Williamson.

Until that time the Rev. Walter E. Paige will serve in that capacity. Both of these actions were overwhelmingly approved when approximately 1,500 members held an extremely orderly meeting Thursday night.

During this meeting, a letter was read from the Rev. William Tapscott asking that his name be withdrawn from consideration. This letter was accepted by the congregation, thereby virtually assuring the election of the Rev. Mr. Paige.

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ON JULY 28, two names are to be submitted for the position. The Rev. Thomas Scott presided over the meeting, which was a model of decorum.

The only explosive moment came when a female member attempted to comment on Tuesday's meeting, during which she said one of the members had threatened to strike another.

She was quickly shouted down, however, by other members and the Rev. Mr. Scott ruled her out of order.

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by anyone.

"Some people are of the opinion that there is a candidate standing, and that there are two candidates for the pastorate. That's not so—Mr. Tapscott is not interested."

This statement was in reference to a meeting held at the church on Friday, July 1, when a vote was taken to select a new minister.

At that time, 380 members voted for calling the Rev. Mr. Paige and 10 for the Rev. William Tapscott, local minister who belongs to the church.

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ON TUESDAY, JULY 5, approximately 600 members attended a meeting which was marred by general confusion and disorder and was adjourned after no agreement could be reached.

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ONE MEMBER told the AFRO: "When a Baptist minister dies, the deacons operate the church until a new pastor is selected. Some members want to rush things a bit."

Another meeting of the congregation is set for Thursday evening when an attempt will be made to reach agreement and set a date to vote on a new minister.

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THE REV. MR. TAPSCOTT, when asked by the AFRO if he was aware that there was move on by some members of the church to name him pastor, said: "There was some talk about it. I did not attend the Tuesday evening meeting and I don't intend to go to the Thursday meeting.

"I have heard that there is quite a bit of discussion about it. I have not been too interested, and I doubt whether I would accept the pastorate if it were offered to me now.

"I am not actively campaigning for the job and I have not been notified formally that my name was mentioned. In fact, since this discussion and debate have come up, I will notify them I will not allow my name to be used at all."

The Rev. Mr. Tapscott heads his own church Morning Star Baptist in Catonsville, which has 150 members. His fulltime job is a teacher of history and dean of boys at Douglass Junior High School.

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THE REV. MR. PAGE, when asked to comment on the possibility of his election to pastorate of the church, told the AFRO: "I would prefer to make no comment."

Asked whether it was not a foregone conclusion that he would be the new pastor, he said: "That's just a rumor."

He also refused to comment on a report that he had been asked to vacate the pulpit until a pastor was named.

He indicated "I might," when asked whether he would compete after the Thursday night meeting.

Baptist Sidelights

Delegates protest, pray but won't talk about money at sessions

By JAMES L. HICKS

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.—Some of the more enlightened members of the Baptists Sunday School Convention resented Dr. Jernagin's censorship of the convention Wednesday morning.

Dr. Jernagin rose to complain about some delegates walking out of the sessions while the program was going on. "While people don't act like that," he said. "And while you are down here in Atlantic City I want all of you to be white!"

Nobody in the convention told Dr. Jernagin they didn't like it. They came and told the press!

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ONE OF THE more attractive women at the Baptist convention was the curvaceous Mrs. Bertha Diggs, former secretary of the New York Labor Department, who is now married to a minister and a member of the convention.

It must have been painful to Bertha to watch the stumble, fumble and grumble activity of the convention because she was once a part of the powerful and smooth running Dewey machine in New York, which has a reputation for being the last word in convention management.

Maybe Bertha can oil the creaking wheels of the Baptists a little. The Good Lord knows it's needed!

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THE PUBLIC relations of the convention were handled by the Washington firm of Dolphin & Thompson. They did a good job considering what the Baptists gave them to work with.

Among the exhibitors at the convention were the Herron Music Company of Baton Rouge, La., headed by Harvey H. Herron and his shapely wife; Old Gold Cigarettes, under young, but old faithful Brad Laws of Philadelphia; the Curtis-Candy Company with Joe Albright, the Rev. J. T. Thomas and Elizabeth Knight of Birmingham dishing the sweets.

Albright, who had a suite of rooms at the Ambassador Hotel on the boardwalk and threw a swank party for dealers in the middle of the convention. Joe has a gimmick worked out by which he promises to make some extra money at their kids eat Baby Ruths and Butterfinger candy bars.

Other exhibitors included the Rev. Richard Collins of Chicago who featured preaching literature, the Baptists Foreign Missions, under C. C. Adams of Philadelphia, and the Pet Milk Company headed by Harry Moore of New York and assisted by Lucy Clark of Philadelphia and pretty eyed Vera Rudnell of Baltimore.

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STILL OTHER exhibitors included the Scripture Press of Chicago with Willie Grim and the Rev. Jesse Cotton, Madame Walker Products was represented by Henry Bundles of Indianapolis and Carol Wafles (she doesn't pronounce it "Waffles," so he careful) of Atlantic City.

Whitemore Associates of Boston, featuring Church School Supplies, the Rathblatt and Sons developers, was there beating the drums for Mizpah, "the Baptist City."

Fred Moorehead of Washington, here as official convention photographer. The Rev. L. S. Sowell of Clarksdale, Mississippi is pushing sermon books and the Rev. John Hardmond, of Portchester, N.Y., the Baptists' Nations, served up literature on the UN.

My nomination for the best exhibit goes to Brad Laws and his "Bright Leaf and Brown Skin" exhibit of Old Gold. There is a terrific story in this exhibit.

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BEST CRACK of the convention came when it was announced that the pageant programs would sell for one dollar each. The speaker stressed the point that the pageant was "free" to all who came to see it, but added that those who "could" would be asked to buy a program.

The Rev. C. O. Manney of Milwaukee, didn't like the idea at all and he spoke right up in open convention saying, "This is the same sister with a different dress on it!"

The pageant was written by Mrs. Pauline Campbell of Detroit. The Rev. Mr. Manney is president of the Wisconsin State Convention of pastors, and pastor of the Canaan Baptist Church in Milwaukee.

MOST POPULAR minister of the convention was the Rev. Russell Roberts of Atlantic City's Shiloh Baptist Church. He's heading for London.

Vivacious Bernice Kinnard of Baltimore, on Wayland Baptist Church, chaperoned a bus load of Baltimoreans to the convention Thursday and promptly hit the beach with a white bathing suit enclosing her curvacious charms.

Grace Jones of the Enon Baptist Church, matched her stroke for stroke in the water and curve for curve on the beach. Bertha Milner, president of the Young People of Maryland, was also here for the one-day stint.

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ALLAN JORDAN of Brooklyn, president of the National Baptist Layman's Convention, dropped by the press room to report that the Layman's will supplement the scholarships this year under its John L. Webb Scholarship Fund. Money will also work on a program to send ailing Baptists to Hot Springs, who cannot afford to pay their own way. James E. Gayles of New Orleans is secretary of the Layman's and Walter C. Chigo is treasurer and U. S. Dickson of Atlanta, record keeper.

Mr. Jordan rattled all of this information off to me from memory. But he had to ask about the financial condition of the organization because I was evidently hard bad on him. All Baptists develop fiscal amnesia when delegates ask them how much money they are handling.

I don't know much money this convention has. As a matter of fact, I have been unable at this point to learn if they have any money at all. And further more, I am tired of trying to get the question answered.

Order ordains its 31st priest

BAY ST. LOUIS, Mo. — The Divine Word Missionaries at St. Augustine's Seminary, here, ordained another thirty-first colored priest, Father Elmer Powell, S. V. D., of Kansas City, Mo.

The ordaining prelate was Auxiliary Bishop Maurice Schexnayder of Lafayette, La.

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THOUGH founded in 1920 for the sole purpose of educating colored priests, St. Augustine's Seminary today is not operated for colored persons alone.

The present enrollment numbers more than 50 minor seminarians of whom five are white. Of the 20 major seminarians taking philosophy and theology, six are white. Today, two more professed Divine Word Missionary Brothers are white.

TWO ARKANSAS GRADS RECEIVE DOCTORATES

PINE BLUFF, Ark. (ANP). Two Arkansas graduates of Arkansas A and M college received doctor of philosophy degrees from Northern universities recently. Drs. Harding B. Young and Rufus L. Cable both A and M graduates, the latter two years ago conferred upon them at commencement exercises at Harvard University and the University of Iowa.

WORK BENCH:

Freedom candle snuffed

Heavy hand of the White House

By CLARENCE MITCHELL

WASHINGTON

The heavy hand of the White House snuffed out one of freedom's candles on the eve of Independence Day, but before the darkness descended one could see tears in the eyes of America's conscience.

On the floor of the House of Representatives tall, handsome Adam Clayton Powell told his colleagues on July 1 that the President of the United States could not expect members to be rookies in the legislative army.

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HE CALLED UPON THEM to stand up and support his amendment which would attach segregation in the National Guard units of the states.

In addition to Congressman Powell there were 105 other members, including Illinois' William L. Dawson and Michigan's Charles Diggs, who let all the world know that they would follow their consciences rather than directives from the Pentagon on the question of racial segregation.

Among the supporters of integration was Hugh Scott, former chairman of the Republican National Committee, and congressman from Pennsylvania.

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AS THEY WALKED down the House aisle to be counted for human dignity, the air was charged with echo of the Powell challenge to those who put their names on the roll of shame by opposing his amendment.

Congressman Powell asked Majority Leader John McCormack and Minority Leader Joseph Martin, both from Massachusetts, how they could walk by the monument of Crispus Attucks in Boston without hanging their heads if they opposed his amendment.

That question has not been answered. Another question that Congressman Powell did not ask, but must be on the hearts of these two gentlemen is, "How can you walk past the monument of Robert Gould Shaw?"

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SHAW WAS the high New England soul willing to face even death for the ends "that make dying sweet." He led black men into battle during the Civil War. He was slain.

From President Eisenhower down to the lowest clerk in the Pentagon, everyone knows that if we are to prepare for the total defense of our country there can be no racial segregation in the National Guard units of the states.

The plan of establishing a national reserve program has been troubled from the beginning by those who fear that the South did not want to see the country prepare for defense, if that preparation required the elimination of segregation in the National Guard.

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IN SPITE OF pleas and warnings from Negro citizens interested in rights, the Administration tailored its reserve program to fit the Dixie pattern.

When that program was altered to the American pattern by NAACP amendments offered by Congressman Powell, the White House led, planned and executed the move to let the Confederacy have its way.

After days of unfair attacks by newspapers and press conferences studded with patronizing innuendos against colored people, the reserve training program came to the floor of the House again on July 1.

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THIS TIME the sponsors of the bill even falsely stated that it did not include the National Guard. Generals Mark Clark and Martin had used their power to bring meek followers into line.

When 151 members of the House voted against the Powell amendment on July 1 even Chairman Vinson of the House Armed Services Committee, who comes from Georgia, knew that the price for victory was higher than any American elected to public office should be asked to pay.

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EACH MEMBER who voted against the Powell amendment knew that he was robbing his country of the services of thousands of fighting men, just because their skins are black.

He knew that neither George Washington nor Thomas Jefferson would have voted against integration of the guard.

He, and each spectator in the gallery, knew that the vote against the Powell amendment was a surrender to political expediency.

APPOINTED

- Stevens gets high tribunal post in N. Y.

ALBANY, N.Y.—Gov. Averell Harriman, Wednesday, appointed New York County General Sessions Court Judge Harold A. Stevens to the State Supreme Court, first department, for a term expiring Dec. 31, 1955.

Judge Stevens succeeds Judge Thomas I. J. Corcoran, who died earlier this year. He was sworn into office at the State Office Building, NYC, in the Governor's presence Wednesday at 5 p.m.

Born in John's Island, S.C., in 1907, Judge Stevens received his bachelor's degree at Benedict College, Columbia, S.C., in 1930 and his law degree from Boston College in 1936.

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HE HAS been admitted to the bar in New York, Massachusetts and South Carolina and has been admitted to practice before the U.S. Federal Courts, the Supreme Court of the United States and the U.S. Board of Tax Appeals.

From 1946-50 he served as a Democratic member of the New York State Assembly. In November, 1950, he was elected to the Court of General Sessions for a 14-year term beginning Jan. 1, 1951.

He was counsel to the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters for several years.

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Daily Worker asks aid in passport wrangle

NEW YORK — Alan Max, Daily Worker managing editor, this week sought aid in obtaining a passport for Joseph Clark, Worker cultural affairs editor, whose application to cover the Big Four conference, July 18, for the tentatively disappointed-correspondent, has also been asked by the State Department.

Mr. Clark, an accredited UN signed to cover the UN atomic energy conference in Geneva in August. In a letter to hundreds of newspapers, magazines and individuals interested in press freedom, he said the State Department is ignoring court rulings banning passport denials because of political affiliation.

THERE IS A LUCKY photo in this issue of the AFRO. Look for it. It may be you. If your head is circled in the oval, you can collect $5 cash without a bit of trouble.

Gadabouting in Baltimore

Swank little parties perk up summer society

with Lula Jones Garrett...

That was a party . . . even top last year's, if that is possible . . . that the Connoisseurs had a Sunday ago.

'Twas their annual cruise on which they gather a bunch of congenial friends, fill the yacht's galley with seafood specialties including a few go-along items like salads, (potato and chicken on the latter occasion) deviled eggs, lobster and ham sandwiches, coffee; and of course, the necessary sippables and take off from and in Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Thomas's magnificent bay side home and swellicant yacht . . . down the Chesapeake.

Among the score and more which composed the party were:

Dr. and Mrs. Cecil Gloster, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Jones, Dr. and Mrs. Pat Woodland, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Urquhart, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gardner;

Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hicks of Frederick; Dr. and Mrs. James Carr, Mr. and Mrs. William Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Law;

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Garvin of Washington and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Dennis.

Hostesses and their husbands included Messrs. and Mesdames Harold Kent, Ken Taylor, James Murphy and William Dixon and Mrs. Emily Jones.

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MISS DUKYE WOODS is a year older oodles of gifts and a superb party richer for the event, day, when Alexander Malone entertained at a party marking her birthday.

Mr. Malone arranged the affair at the home of Major and Mrs. George Warren, at Aberdeen, having imported choice viands from his former home in North Carolina.

There were cards and chatter and a generally fine time had by the Calvin Ashes and their house guest, Elsie MaMoine of New York, the Wilbert Jones and the Everett Lanes, Edna Gray, Abdella Campbell.

Also the Edward Rosemonds, Beth Walker, Dr. Isaac Young, Dr. and Mrs. Frederick Dedmond, Major and Mrs. Ray Diggs, Capt. and Mrs. Rapin and Lt. and Mrs. Thomas.

Oh yes, and the host's birthday gift to the honoree was a magnificent record player.

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A LOT of the little season fun is in those regular little get-togethers, such as that which garnered Mesdames Audrey Butler, Lillian Berry, Erma Dixon, Pauline Watts, Maude Woodland, Pearlie Pennington, Yvette Murphy and Lydia Mussenden at Mrs. Butler's Arundel-on-the-Bay place, for cards on Wednesday. Mrs. Xaveria McDonald was a guest.

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THE FOURTH OF JULY weekend found the WMNS and their hubbies and guests having a wonderful time down at the Shirly K Hotel at Coltons Point, Md.

And the hot weather kept the gals and gents changing into smart sports wear, from bathing suits to Bermuda pants and high socks.

Hostesses were: Ivy Harris, general arrangements; Ruby Jones, president; Hortensie Perkins, secretary; Gertrude Clifton, treasurer; Hortense Perkins, sergeant at arms.

Also Jimmy La Forest, Helen Glover, Gwendolyn Carter, Cleota Brayboy, Miriam Brown, and Kay Carter.

Guests included:

George and Vashti Jude, Sam and Gloria Phillips, Clarence and Mary Maiden, George and Vivian Pendleton, Shirley Kyle, Melvande Friend, Carter Wood, Albert LaForest, William (Bex) Harris,

Also, Emerson Brown, H. Garfield Chisnell (Jr. Richard Perkins, Barrett Rhetta Jr. and Sidney Lee.

Members of the WMNS who were unable to attend were Nicia Hardin, Ethel Mae Weir and William Garner, secretary of the club.

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A BAFFLE party for the Baltimore relationship is being held at Club Tijuana, July