Methodist parsonage deeded to Williams

Records show sale of other parsonage approved by board

WASHINGTON

Recorder of Deeds' records show that the Rev. Robert M. Williams and not the Washington Conference of the Methodist Church holds title to the Varnum St. parsonage.

The property was purchased recently from one Robert B. Phillips. While no official figure is available, according to church sources, the purchase price was approximately $27,000.

A search of the title to the property at 2211 First St., NW further disclosed that on Aug. 4 a deed was recorded in the Recorder of Deeds Office of D.C. transferring the property from the Washington District to one Ida Nilve.

The deed was executed on July 20, with the approval, the papers disclosed, of the board of trustees of the Washington District.

SIGNERS OF the deed are: Walter E. Williams, Perry W. Howard, Thomas Reid, William Andrick, Thomas W. Parks, Thurman L. Dodson, William T. Bishop, Cecil LaGrange and David M. Pleasants.

The instrument describes Mr. Williams as president of the board and the Rev. Mr. Pleasants, secretary.

THE REV. RICHARD WILLIAMS, pastor of Dawson Methodist Church, Lanham, Md. told the AFRO that he was ousted from the chairmanship of the board of trustees because he opposed the sale of the First Street property.

Rev. Robert Williams told the AFRO the Rev. Richard Williams resigned the position.

Recorder of Deeds records disclose that on Aug. 8 a deed was filed which transferred title of the property at 1710 Varnum St., NW from Mr. Phillips to the Rev. Robert M. Williams and his wife, Lydia.

The property was formerly owned by Mr. Phillips, according to the instrument.

TITLE TO the property is in the name of Dr. William and his wife, Lydia, it disclosed. The title to the First Street property was transferred on the same day.

JOHN ELLIS, chairman of a committee of 40 Methodist laymen and ministers, stated at recent meeting of the group:

"I am not accusing anyone of anything. However, I and other Methodists are interested in finding out what happened to the money received from the sale of the First St. parsonage.

"There is nothing on file at the Recorder of Deeds office to indicate that the Washington District of the Washington Conference of the Methodist Church holds title to any new property," he added.

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THE REV. MR. HALL told the AFRO that, according to Methodist discipline, all property should be purchased in the name of the Washington District.

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DR. WILLIAMS is currently vacationing in Mexico City, and could not be reached for comment.

However, prior to leaving on Aug. 26, Dr. Williams said that the Varnum St. parsonage was purchased as residence for the District superintendent with the approval of Bishop Edgar Love.

Bishop Love, presiding prelate of the Washington conference, returns from his vacation on Sept. 6.

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Methodists committee votes news blackout

The committee of Methodist laymen and ministers, who seek to "restore peace and harmony to the Washington District," moved Wednesday night to impose a "blackout" on news of the committee's activities.

The committee, which sponsored a meeting at Mt. Zion Methodist Church in Linden, Md., that was attended by over 200 persons from nearly every Methodist church in the area, adopted a resolution calling for the eviction of an AFRO reporter covering the meeting.

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THE RESOLUTION was initiated by Rev. Richard Hall, pastor of Dawson Methodist Church, Lanham, Md.

"I don't feel that our activities should be played up so much in the press," the Rev. Mr. Hall said.

"If everything that we do in these meetings is publicized then we let the opposition know what to expect.

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"THERE IS a passage which says 'that you should never let your right hand know what your left hand is doing,'" the Rev. Mr. Hall continued.

"Therefore, I move that we declare that this meeting be declared an executive session and all reporters be requested to leave," he concluded.

THE MOTION was adopted by an overwhelming majority of those present.

After the AFRO representative was escorted out, the meeting continued four hours until about midnight.

John Ellis of Upper Marlboro presided.

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LAWRENCE SHEPHARD, chairman of a subcommittee on grievances, the AFRO learned, presented a set of grievances which will be submitted to Bishop Edgar Love upon his return from vacation next week.

The main discussion centered around the sale of the parsonage maintained by the District conference for the District superintendent at 2211 First St., N.W.

Also discussed at the meeting, the AFRO learned, was the purchase of a new parsonage at 1710 Varnum St., NW, for the District superintendent.

AFRO INVESTIGATORS learned that the title to Varnum Street property is filed in the Recorder of Deeds office in the name of Dr. Robert M. Williams and his wife, Lydia. (See other story).

The meeting also discussed the presence of Perry W. Howard and the Rev. David M. Pleasants on the board of trustees of the District, although they were not selected to the board by delegates to the annual meeting of the District, the AFRO learned.

Mr. Howard and the Rev. Mr. Pleasants signed the deed which conveyed the First Street property from the District Conference to an Ida Nilve. It was filed with the Recorder of Deeds office on Aug. 4.

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THE FAILURE of the Rev. Robert Williams, the district superintendent, to recognize the election of the Rev. William E. Bishop as treasurer of the District and Mrs. Helen Ables as clerk leader was also brought up, the AFRO learned.

Several ministers attended the meeting including the Rev. Richard Johnson, the Rev. Mr. Bishop, the Rev. Mr. Hall, the Rev. J. D. Foy, and the Rev. T. G. Barrington.

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How to pick a hat

Do you know how to choose a hat?

That's what the nation's beauticians were asking themselves last week in Washington.

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ON THE EVE of the 36th annual convention of the National Beauty Culturists League, a number of beauticians took time out to consider an art closely related to their own trade — the art of hat design.

They attended a course in millinery given at the National Institute of Cosmetology by Linda Page, well known hat designer.

Each student learned how to make a hat in the course. More important, the class received pointers on how to select hats which will serve them well when they buy or make hats in the future.

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THE CARDINAL RULE, according to Miss Page, is to choose a hat that is best for your face, figure and personality.

No matter what the fashion of the moment is, you will look well in a hat that really suits you as an individual, Miss Page says.

That's why, in selecting a hat, you should ask yourself the following questions:

Does it flatter my face?

Is it right for my figure?

Is the color becoming?

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FIRST OF ALL, consider the proportions — that is, the contour and breadth of your head-gear. Your hat should be fitted to you — lengthening your face if it is round and broadening your face if it is narrow.

Secondly, before deciding on a hat, always try it on in front of a full-length mirror, so that you can see it in relation to the entire body. This is the secret of selecting the proper hat. Consider every angle.

Finally, if your budget is limited, and you can only afford one good hat a season choose it in a neutral color, such as beige, oyster white or light gray, Miss Page advises.

Surprisingly enough, she says, red will go with almost every color in the wardrobe.

Clubs

AUGURAS —The Fraternity elected Leon Brown president at its recent meeting held at the home of Ellsworth Young 2323 Lauretta Ave.

Other officers are:

Walter Woodland, vice president; Herbert Jones, assistant; William Fenn, secretary; Eugene White, treasurer and Curtis Byrd, business manager.

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