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HYMN OF THE MONTH:
"THE RACE THAT LONG IN DARKNESS PINED"

Arthur Langford, 73, member of Bethel for 50 years, buried

"He came up when the church moved from Saratoga St. back in 1910. He was a member before that."

"Age prevented him from coming regularly in recent years but when he did get out, he always sat on the Lafayette Ave. side.

"He had a very fine record in the church."

The Rev. Harrison J. Bryant, pastor, was speaking about Arthur Langford, 73, for 50 years a member of Bethel AME Church, where he had served as secretary on the Steward's Bord for 25 years.

MR. LANGFORD, who lived at 130 N. Aisquith St., died on Home December 1, after an illness of several years. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Ida Warner Langford. The couple was married on June 25, 1941.

The deceased was employed by the Monotype Composition Co., and had been a faithful employee there for 13 years.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday afternoon from the Bethel AME Church; burial Park.

Funeral arrangements were conducted by Milton E. Elicksion of the Mrs. Robert A. Elliott and Daughter Funeral

Funeral today for T. Henry Waters

Funeral services are being held today (Friday) for Thomas Henry Waters, 83, one of the last survivors of the 'era of elegant eating,' and a society caterer here for 38 years.

Mr. Waters, head of the Waters Catering Co., which he founded in 1920, died suddenly Monday night at the Lyric Theatre where he was completing arrangements for the Bachelors' Cotillon, the annual debutante event he had catered for the last two decades.

The Rev. Frank Williams, pastor, is officiating at the services today which began at 1 p.m. at Metropolitan Methodist Church, Lanvale St. and Carrollton Ave.

Assisting ministers are the Rev. Kelly Jackson, present District Superintendent of the Methodist Church, and until May of this year pastor of Metropolitan;

Also, the Rev. F. F. King, also former District Superintendent and one-time Metropolitan pastor; the Rev. C. Y. Trigg, retired pastor of the church; and the Rev. A. J. Payne, pastor of Enon Baptist Church and close friend of the deceased.

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MR. WATERS was a long-time member of the church and served as a member of the board of trustees. His pet project was the N. M. Carroll Home for the Aged.

Born July 15, 1877, the son of James and Kate Waters of West River, Md., Mr. Waters was educated there and came to Baltimore at an early age.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Hallie Wood Waters, whom he married in 1953, a daughter — in - law, Mrs. Theresa Waters, a cousin, Amos Talbott, and a niece, Mrs. Mary Wilkes.

Also surviving are a stepdaughter, Mrs. Iona Collins, and three stepsons, James, Albert and John Wood; four stepgrandchildren, Jill Collins and Frances, Susan and James Wood Jr.

His only son, T. Randolph Waters, who was associated with him in the business, died in Oct., 1952, a month before the death of his mother. The first Mrs. Waters was the former Cornelia Eargins.

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THE SUIT in which Mr. Waters will be buried is the same black coat, striped trousers and gray vest which he wore at the Cotillon at the Lyric Theatre on Monday, the night he died.

The casket was of copper, lined with white satin.

Employees of the catering firm which he established in 1920, sent a floral bleeding heart design of red roses, his favorite flower. More than 50 other floral pieces were received.

Other expressions of sympathy include scores of cards, letters, telegrams and telephone calls, while visitors from all walks of life calling at the Hamilton Terrace home and Holland Funeral Home numbered in the hundreds.

A Mason for over 30 years, a former Grand Master and Junior Grand Warden, he was a member of Zion Lodge No. 4, F. A.M., Prince Hall affiliate and an honorary 33 degree Mason.

Members of his lodge were active pallbearers.

Honorary pallbearers included his employees: John Scales, Kenneth Campbell, Lawrence Pinder, Thomas Chaney, Henry Sampson, Charles Harris, Thornton Cooper, Henry Ayers, Newman Reavis, Braxton and Alfred Powell, Webster Robinson, and Charles Vodery.

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MR. WATERS got his start in catering when he went as a butler to the home of Judge Hugh Bond who belonged to an era in Baltimore society when sumptuous living was considered a fine art.

He remained there for 16 years and then established the Waters Catering Company in 1920.

Noted for his Terrapin a la Maryland, a creamed dish of diced diamond back terrapin, cream, butter and sherry, Mr. Waters served Baltimore, Washington, Pennsylvania and Delaware society for over 40 years.

His services extended to the Duke and Duchess of Windsor, the Duke of Kent, the Warfields, W. W. Lanahans, Henry Barton Jacobs, Miles Whites of Baltimore, and Governors Lage, Nice, O'Connor, and McKeldin.

He catered Mrs. Edna Walsh McLean's banquet for President Truman and again when she entertained 1,000 service men. It was reported that at this affair she showed him the Hope Diamond and placed it in his hand.

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VICE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Richard Nixon fasted his famous green turtle soup when they were Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Miles' guests here this year.

T. HENRY WATERS
Funeral today for veteran caterer

Mr. Waters' largest affair was in 1936 at the 100th anniversary B. and O. Railroad celebration, "The Fair of the Iron Horse" which had a daily attendance of between 80,000 and 100,000 persons for a period of six weeks.

His smallest engagement was when he served a man and his wife, who was a patient at Johns Hopkins Hospital in 1953. The full course dinner of boned squab was catered to them with full service.

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NOTED FOR HIS excellence of dinner service, Mr. Waters had a complete line of silverware ranging from finger bowls, water pitchers, platters, chafing and covered vegetable dishes, to huge coffee and bouillon urns valued at thousands of dollars.

At his Linden Ave. establishment are separate linen, china, silver, copper and glass store rooms which hold dinner service for more than 1,000 people.

For seated dinners, there are golden chairs, lace and embroidered table cloths and napkins and gold plate settings.

Long - time employees who have been with Mr. Waters for over 25 years include head waiter Lawrence Pinder, Kermit Campbell, and John Seales who state that Mr. Waters insisted on only the best.

He purchased the domestic diamond - back terrapin from an Eastern Shore farm of which he was the largest customer.

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HIS HAMS WERE from a special and famous old Smithfield, Va., firm and his oysters the best from the Chesapeake Bay.

Roasts, game birds, fowl, his famous meat dishes and seafood were prepared in his Linden Ave. kitchens, while green vegetables were, as a rule, cooked and served from the kitchens on the job.

Noticing a change in times and customs, Mr. Waters often stated, according to his employees, that "people who believed in catering are passing from the American scene."

They quoted him as saying with nostalgia and regret, that large gracious estates were no more.

"IT USED TO be people had homes where they could serve dinners with four or five hundred guests. Now their sons and daughters, who have large affairs, take them to clubs."

Recalling some of the famous mansions in which he catered, he stated that those such as the old Lanahan home and that of the Wheelrights, and the Walter Wicks now house preparatory schools and educational institutions.

Having served the Allie Brovns, who owned the sixty-acre Mondawmin estate on Reisterstown Road many years ago, he recalled many grand balls there whose guests of honor included royalty from many countries.

An admirer of the fabulous and elegant in tastes and manners, Mr. Waters once said: "The era of the seated supper has given way to the buffet."

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DR. WILLARD W. ALLEN, Grand Master of the M. W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F. and A.M. said of Mr. Waters:

"His dignity, decorum and character merited him the highest respect among his fellow men and especially among the members of the Masonic organization."

Roger Hopkins, a member of the Cotillon and Baltimore Fidelity Bank employee stated:

"I've known Waters all my life. I suppose he knew three generations or more of Baltimore citizens as well as any person in this city.

"Waters was a perfectionist. He gave the best that was in him and he demanded the best from those he supervised. The result was a unique organization and a type of service that could not be matched.

"He was a stickler for details. He took a personal interest in everything he did, large or small. He was a genius in the catering field."

In Our Churches

The Westminster Seminary Singers will be presented in a concert at Metropolitan Methodist Church, Lanvale St. and Carrollton Ave. on Thursday at 8 p.m. under the auspices of the North Baltimore District of the Washington Annual Conference.

The Optimist Midget Football League will close its regular season Sunday with three games scheduled for local fields.

The final half championship will be at stake when Belair Road and Hamilton will clash at Hughes Stadium at Morgan College.

Both contenders will go into the game unbeaten. During the entire season both Hamilton and Belair Road have captured seven games and each has suffered two ties.

In the other Optimist games, Parkville-St. Ursula will face Northwood at Double Rock and Govans will entertain Middlepyer at Bewees Field, all three games will begin at 1 o'clock.

Northwood, by winning, can clinch third place while the victor of the Middle River-Govans contest will take over fourth position.

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The Rev. W. L. Evans, pastor, will preach at the morning service, 11 a.m. at OLIVET Baptist Church, Ridge Ave. and Woodyear St.

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THE FIRST CHRISTIAN Baptist Church, the Rev. E. Humphrey, pastor, will conduct Holy Communion services at 3:30 p.m. The Rev. Mrs. E. Brickhouse will observe the anniversary of the pastorate of the church will observe the 34th anniversary with a special program on Monday evening, 8 p.m.

The Ever Ready Chorus of Patapsco Park will give a musical program at CHERRY HILL Methodist Church Sunday at 7 p.m.

The senior choir of Orchard Street Church will present the Rev. O. St. Clair Franklin Wed., Dec. 12, with a travelogue picture of the Holy Land.

The Rev. W. N. Sykes will begin his eighth year as pastor of the Randallstown Circuit of the AME Church after his recent re-appointment by Bishop Frank Madison Reid. The Rev. Mr. Edwards will preach Sunday at: UNION BETHEL, Randalltown, 11 a.m.; MT. PLEASANT, 3:30 p.m., and Campfield, Howardsville, 7p.m.

The Sanctuary Choir of KNOX Presbyterian Church will present Ringwald's "Song of Christmas Sunday, Dec. 16, 5 p.m.

The Town Choir will be presented in recital at EMMANUEL C. C. Church Sunday, Dec. 16, at 5 p.m. The program is sponsored by the Wilbur Henry Waters Credit Union Auxiliary.

White Gift night will be held Thursday, Dec. 20 at KNOX Presbyterian Church at 8:15 p.m.

John Gurry dies at 88

"He died suddenly of a heart condition. He was up and down before that and ill because of his age."

Mrs. Viola Newman was telling about the death of her father, John H. Gurry, 88, 1003 Brantley Avenue, who died Sunday.

"His wife, Mrs. Carrie V. Gurry, who is deceased," she said, "was the founder of the Kings Apostolic Holiness Church of which he was a member for 46 years."

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MR. GURRY is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Newman, and Mrs. Gertrude Green of Philadelphia. Other survivors include four sons, Herman, John, Leon, and Roland Gurry.

Funeral services were held Thursday at the Mt. Zion Methodist Church, with Bishop Walter Camphor officiating.

Burial will be at the Mt. Zion Cemetery.

$50 A WEEK for news tips and photos. Be on the alert—call in your tips to the AFRO City Desk; Phones: MU. 5-6015, 6016, 1812 or 1813. Say "I've got a Newstip." If no answer call LA. 3-2811.

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Thoughts of the week

Be courteous to all, but intimate with few; and let those few be well tried before you give them your confidence. True friendship is a plant of slow growth, and must undergo and withstand the shocks of adversity before it is entitled to the appellation.

GEORGE WASHINGTON

THERE'S A LUCKY pic-ture in this and every edition of AFRO. Look for it. If head is circled, you can collect $5 cash by calling at

St. Luke Methodist Church
12 S. Stockton St.
10:30 A.M.—CLASS MEETING.
11:30 A.M.—SERMON by the Rev. William Hamilton, the Amazing 17-Year-Old Preacher of Bible Memorial Community Church.
8:00 P.M.—The Methodist Men's Gospel Chorus of Bronx Charge, Calvert County, Md., Ada Lard, Soprano.
WE WELCOME YOU.
REV. C. A. GREEN, Pastor.

Johnson autopsy almost completed

"The report will probably be ready this weekend," is the latest word to come from the Medical Examiner's office on the progress of its investigation into the death of Nathaniel Johnson, 28, 2231 Orem Ave.

Mr. Johnson's body was discovered Nov. 25 afloat in 25 feet of water in the Druid Hill Park reservoir by three teen - age youths.

His pockets were turned inside out and police reported that he had only three pennies on him in his right pocket.

Police surmised that Mr. Johnson was a suicide but his mother, Mrs. Maggie Johnson, told the AFRO: "I don't believe my son committed suicide."

The final medical report on the cause of death has been held up pending the completion of a microscopic examination of the dead man's tissues.

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Gal. 6:7
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11 A.M. Sermon by the Pastor.
6 P.M. Quartet Program by Thundering Five.
Fri.—8 P.M.—Preaching by Rev. Merrill.
ALL ARE WELCOME

Mt. Olivet Christian Church
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1956
9:30 A.M.—Bible School.
11:00 A.M.—Sermon by Rev. Chester L. Barnett of Washington, D.C.
4:00 P.M.—Early Vesper.
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9:30 A.M.—Sunday Church School. Mrs. Lola J. Carter, Supt.
11:00 A.M.—Worship Service. Sermon: "God's Word Concerning Liars."
WEDNESDAY, 8:00 P.M.—"Hour of Prayer Service."
8:00 P.M.—Sponsors' Club Meeting.
ADVANCE NOTICE:
SUNDAY, December 16, 1956—8 P.M.—Handel's "Messiah" by the Senior Choir.
We Welcome You Rev. Robert T. Newbold, Jr., Pastor

METHODIST
MT. ZION METHODIST CHURCH
RIGGS AVE. and GILMOR ST.
9:30 A.M.—CHURCH SCHOOL.
10:30 A.M.—JUNIOR CHURCH.
10:30 A.M.—SABBATH PRAYER SERVICE
11:00 A.M.—SERMON BY THE PASTOR AND HOLY COMMUNION.
5:00 P.M.—JUNIOR CHURCH.
6:00 P.M.—METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP.
8:00 P.M.—HOLY COMMUNION CONTINUED.
O. ST CLAIR FRANKLIN, Minister

METHODIST
John Wesley Methodist Church
SHARP AND MONTGOMERY STS.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1956
9:30 A.M.—Church School.
11:00 A.M.—Holy Communion. Minister Speaking. Green Back Rally.
3:00 P.M.—Memorial Services of Monumental Lodge No. 3 and Great Southern Temple No. 30 I.B.P.O.E. of W.
6:00 P.M.—Calvert County Talent Night. Rev. Sherman Mason, Speaker.
A CORDIAL WELCOME TO ALL
REV. CHARLES E. JOHNSON, Minister

METROPOLITAN METHODIST CHURCH
1121 W. LANVALE ST.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1956
9:30 A.M.—Sunday School—Mrs. Bessie Harmon, Supt.
10:45 A.M.—Class of Instruction, Henry U. Ayers, leader.
11:00 A.M.—Sermon by the Pastor, subject: "Setback, but not Defeated."
6:00 P.M.—METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP.
FRANK L. WILLIAMS, Minister

UNION MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH
HARLEM and WARWICK AVENUES
UNIVERSAL BIBLE SUNDAY
BRING YOUR BIBLE WITH YOU SUNDAY
9:30 A.M.—CHURCH SCHOOL.
11:00 A.M.—SERMON BY THE PASTOR. Topic: "WHAT THE BIBLE MEANS TO ME."
7:00 P.M.—EVENING WORSHIP
WE WELCOME YOU
REV. N. B. CARRINGTON, Minister

AMES MEMORIAL METH. CHURCH
CAREY & BAKER STREETS
"Holy Communion" Sun., Dec. 9, 1956
Morning Service 11 A.M. Communion Meditation, Theme "The Suffering Servant of Jehovah."
Music by "The Gospel and Senior Choirs"
Evening Service 8 P.M. Communion Meditation, Theme, "Christ The Defender of The Church."
Music by "The Senior Choir"
A Cordial Welcome To All. Will See You In Church.
REV. FRANK J. FRYE, Minister

SHARP ST. MEM. METHODIST CHURCH
DOLPHIN AND ETTING STS.
9:30 A.M.—CHURCH SCHOOL.
11:00 A.M.—SERMON by Rev. Edward G. Carroll. Topic: "He Comes on the Clouds."
6:30 P.M.—METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP.
8:00 P.M.—SERMON by Rev. Julius S. Carroll. Topic: "Advent—The Season."
Sunday, Dec. 23rd — 6:30 P.M. — 90-voice choir, in Handel's "MESSIAH."
Cards of Admission Free Upon Request
We Welcome You REV. EDWARD G. CARROLL, Pastor

ORCHARD ST. METHODIST CHURCH
Orchard Street near Druid Hill Avenue
HOLY COMMUNION MORNING AND EVENING
9:45 A.M.—CHURCH SCHOOL
11:00 A.M.—SERMON BY THE PASTOR.
6:00 P.M.—METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP—Speaker, MRS. EDYTHE BRYANT.
8:00 P.M.—HOLY COMMUNION CONTINUED.
ALL ARE WELCOME REV. T. R. REY, Pastor

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10:30 A.M.—Broadcast.
11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship sermon by the Pastor.
8:00 P.M.—Evening Worship.
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9:30 A.M.
SUNDAY SCHOOL.
11:00 A.M.
SERMON by REV. W. W. SEBREE, of Remo, Va.
3:00 P.M.
Service by the New St. John Baptist Church, the REV. A. C. BROWN, Pastor.
6:00 P.M.
BAPTIST TRAINING UNION.
8:00 P.M.
SERMON BY
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8:30 A.M.—THE PASTOR AND THE SENIOR CHOIR BEGIN SERVICE AT THE CROWNSVILLE STATE HOSPITAL.
11:00 A.M.—HOLY COMMUNION.
9:15 A.M.—SUNDAY SCHOOL.
10:30 A.M.—OPEN HEART SERVICE.
6:00 P.M.—BAPTIST TRAINING UNION.
7:30 P.M.—EVENING WORSHIP.
MON., DEC. 10, through SUN., DEC. 16—"GENERAL GEORGE CARTER'S LOYAL WORKERS WEEK."
WE WELCOME YOU
REV. WARD D. VERBY, Pastor

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"The Friendly Church"
BOND AND PRESTON STS.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9
9:15 A.M.—SUNDAY SCHOOL.
11:00 A.M.—SERMON BY THE PASTOR. Music by Senior Choir No. 1 and Jubilee Chorus.
3:00 P.M.—Holy Communion
6:00 P.M.—B.T.U.
8:00 P.M.—PROGRAM, Jubilee Chorus.
REV J. R. GRANT, Pastor

MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH
CAROLINE AND PRESTON STREETS
HELPING HAND SUNDAY
9:30 A.M.—SUNDAY SCHOOL.
11:00 A.M.—SERMON BY THE REV. A. A. SMITH
6:00 P.M.—BAPTIST TRAINING UNION.
8:00 P.M.—DIVINE WORSHIP.
The Church With A Hearty Welcome.
REV. C. EDWARD BROWNE, Pastor

NEW ST. JOHN BAPTIST CHURCH
1106 W. FRANKLIN STREET
9:30 A.M.—SUNDAY SCHOOL.
11:00 A.M.—SERMON BY THE PASTOR.
3:00 P.M.—The PASTOR, CHOIR, and CONGREGATION worship at ISRAEL BAPTIST CHURCH.
8:00 P.M.—EVANGELISTIC SERVICE and PREACHING.
Every Fri., 8 P.M.—Weekly Prayer Service.
Every 4th Sun., 3:30 P.M. Holy Communion.
Sunday, Dec. 23rd — 6:30 P.M. — These Services
Mrs. E. Johnson Harvey, Church Clerk
Rev. Andrew C. Brown, Pastor
REV. BROWN

SUNDAY, DEC. 9th, 1956
ALL DAY
10th ANNUAL WOMEN'S DAY
AT
Gillis Memorial Community Church
CALHOUN—MULBERRY STS.
REV. THEODORE C. JACKSON, Minister
PAULINE WELLS LEWIS, General Chm
8:00-9:00 A.M.—Broadcasting from main auditorium of church over Station WANN: 1190 on dial.
9:30 A.M.—Sunday School. Mrs. Carrie Hart, Supt.
10:30 A.M.—Devotions
11:00 A.M.—Annual Sermon by Rev. Sis. Stewart Robinson, music by the choirs also many outstanding guests.
3:00 P.M.—Guest Speaker. Rev. Sis. Aileen Moore of Jessup, Md. Music by her gospel chorus; also Jessup, Md., and other special guests of the city.
6:00 P.M.—Rev. Sis. Edith Williamson of Enon Baptist also guests soloists. Parade of Captains and report. (200 ladies have been asked to be captains).
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The last cotillion...

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

T. Henry Waters was probably called Monday night to arrange some golden banquet upon another shore, for, according to those he served here on earth, he was the best of all.

He catered to the cream of society and for 40 years served the "triple-crown" of Baltimore's blue-blood circle: the Cotillon, the Assembly, and the Supper Club.

Mr. Waters, 79, died on the stage of the Lyric Theatre Monday night while the Cotillon was in progress.

"He was in the office as usual that morning," said Andrew Chatman, chef for the Waters Catering Company for 36 years.

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"HE CAME to the kitchen to see if everything was all right. About one o'clock in the afternoon, he went to the Lyric to see if the tables were set up and arranged the way he wanted them.

"About 10:10 p.m., he came to the kitchen at the Lyric and told me the decorated turkeys and hams were beautiful.

"He checked them to see if they were properly glazed and if the holly and parsley and red and green peppers were in place," Mr. Chatman stated. "Then he went out on the stage."

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KERMIT O. CAMPBELL, head waiter for 20 years, continued the story:

"Mr. Waters came to me at the top of the steps at the entrance of the stage and he asked: "How is everything going?"

"I said: 'Just fine.'

"That was the last thing he said. He walked about eight feet from me and collapsed there beside the table on the stage.

"We knew he was dead before they took him to the hospital," Mr. Campbell said.

"It was where he would have wanted it to be. There were few people there because they rarely all come before the "first figure" when the first debutante is presented about 11:30."

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DESCRIBING THE scene of the dramatic occasion where Mr. Waters died, Mr. Campbell said:

"According to custom, for this occasion, the dance floor was erected over the orchestra seats; the orchestra pit was covered by carpeted stairs which led to the stage and the stage was arranged for supper with the white linen covered tables for the buffet, the champagne table, the bouillon table, and the coffee table.

"Silver candelabra were used that night holding red and green candles surrounded by holly and red ribbon. These and baskets of fruit decorated the main table.

"All the service was fine silver including the great coffee and bouillon urns.

"The orchestra was playing and about two dozen guests had arrived," he said.

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JOHN SEALES, the head waiter in charge that night, stated that Mr. Waters had supervised the menu which included:

Ripe and green olives in crushed ice, after dinner mints, assorted mints, glazed ham and turkey with holly and parsley and red and green peppers were in place," Mr. Chatman stated. "Then he went out on the stage."

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Also salad of breast of turkey on lettuce, buttered Maryland biscuits, small salad rolls assorted fancy sandwiches, individual fruit and flower ices, Christmas bon bons, demitasse fruit punch and champagne.

Mr. Waters planned for 900 people, some of whom he had served for more than forty years.

"Mr. Waters always said that the Assembly was Baltimore's most important social occasion," Mrs. Bernice Jackson, his secretary, told the AFRO.

"Only a few of the debutantes were presented there, he used to say, and it was really made up of the highest society.

"However, he loved the Cotillion, and he supervised every detail with care."

Leadenhall Church club plans shower for aged, aid to needy

The Willing Workers of Leadenhall Baptist Church completed plans for Christmas activities including a shower for the Baptist Home for the Aged, and food to needy, this week.

Club members, meeting with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith, this week, had as guest the Rev. T. B. Davis, pastor of Leadenhall.

In addition to taking foods to the home, they will provide Christmas gifts for patients at Henryton Hospital.

At the meeting, this week, they elected a new president, Mrs. Mary Southerland, former vice president of the club. Mrs. Southerland succeeds Mrs. Rena Turner, who retired after 12 years as head of the group.

Members exchanged gifts at the meeting. This Sunday afternoon, beginning at three o'clock, they will have, a tea at 1203 Dukeland Ave.

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INTERRACIAL CONFERENCE: Left to right): The Rev. William E. Firth, pastor, Bromley Oxnam, presiding bishop of Wash-Walbrook Methodist Church; Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Washington Area; Dr. Percy Julian, Chicago chemist; and Bishop Edgar A. Love, presiding bishop of Baltimore area, get together after Monday's public session of the interracial conference. Dr. Julian was guest-speaker at the program sponsored by Baltimore and Washington Methodist Conferences.

Must 'keep the pressure on,' Bishop Oxnam tells leaders

"The spirit that breeds segregation must be driven from the heart. The church must undergo the cleansing of conversion. In the spirit of Jesus, keep the pressure on."

This was the essence of the counsel which Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Bishop of the Washington area of the Methodist Church, gave to the delegates at the closing session of the race relations and leadership conference Tuesday night.

The workshop and public meetings were held at the Walbrook Methodist Church and tracted religious and lay leaders from Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and th District of Columbia.

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BISHOP OXNAM said:

"I have faced the race issue with an overwhelming sense of frustration. To segregate is sin. We do not segregate those we love. A man is a brother or he is not."

Continuing, the bishop said:

"If he is a brother he is entitled to that status in religion, in education, in business, labor, politics and society."

Participants also heard Dr. Israel Goldman, vice chairman of the Maryland Commission on Interracial Problems, who said more communities were needed which provided the atmosphere that made room for all.

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BISHOP EDGAR A. LOVE, head of the Baltimore area, and one of the sponsors of the conference, presided at the final session.

Dr. Robert R. Powell of the Westminster Theological Seminary, header the afternoon summary period.

The Westminster Seminary Church Choir and the Lovely Lane Choir participated in programs on Tuesday.

Americans talk of human rights but practice subtle segregation on many fronts, said Percy L. Julian of Chicago, told 225 white and colored Methodist leaders at the Monday evening program.

"America is at a crossroad" in human relations, and its big issue is "whether democracy shall be regarded in humanity's history as its greatest spiritual swindle," Dr. Julian said.

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A LEADING layman of the Congregational Church, Dr. Julian is an industrial research chemist and heads the Julian Laboratories. He was formerly on the faculty of Howard University, Washington, and of DePauw University in Greencastle, Ind.

"Progress in solving racial problems is being blocked by "insidious Godlessness," Dr. Julian charged, appearing as confusion, materialism, distraction, complacency and fear.

"It is one thing for America to pose as the monitor of world morals," he declared, "while forgetting our own moral immaturity." American character, he said, is typified by an "almost hysterical effort to convince ourselves and the world that we are really all right just as we are."

He said that many persons are "devoted to mere husks and rinds of good" and accept the belief "that if we just don't agitate, things will work out."

Dr. Julian told of a colored couple who, after a visit to South Africa, commented: "It was just like our own South-land where we have spent all our lives."

Too many churches in the United States "just sit idly by and watch the streams of life go by," Dr. Julian said, "or try to run away from their problems by moving out of changing neighborhoods."

In matters of integration, he said the "most pitiful spectacle" of all has been the church, which has "found it harder to fight segregation than the schools or anything else." In following rather than leading, he said, "the church may have waited too long."

He said that "a harmless little word, 'action,' strikes terror in the hearts of many churchmen . . . Christian social work is fine, but Christian social action indicates a frontal attack to be avoided."

Dr. Julian declared "the time has come when we must closet ourselves with our conscience and ask: 'Who am I and what am I anyway?' "

Recalling his boyhood in Montgomery, Ala., Dr. Julian said, "A colored person gets used to the hot sun."

The delegates were divided into 16 discussion groups, covering many phases of social life.

REPORTS WERE heard from the groups on employment, public education, housing and local church social action.

Also strategy on the denominational level, social relations involving race and church, and the church's position in changing populations.

Among the resolutions approved at Tuesday afternoon's session was one asking Baltimore City hotels to "re-examine their position in the matter of refusing accommodations to colored persons," and another calling for a speedy end of the Central (all-colored) Jurisdiction of the denomination.

The Rev. A. Dudley Ward, executive secretary of the Methodist Board of Social and Economic Relations, Chicago, which agency co-sponsored the conference, told the delegates that the world is in "a revolution of human relations," and called the "tough" adjustments ahead which the church must face.

He said that white people need to take their responsibilities seriously, and must "couple invitations with assurances that they are sincere. On the other hand, he said that colored persons need to conquer "super-sensitivity" and be willing to take risks during the changes.

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OTHER COLORED leaders taking prominent parts in the parleys were the Revs. C. A. Scott and Irving Lockman, who presided at open sessions; the Rev. Daniel Ridout, administrative assistant to Bishop Love, who led an evening worship service, and Samuel Daniels, executive director of the Maryland Interracial Commission.

Also the Rev. Levi B. Miller, executive secretary of the Washington Conference Board of Christian Education; Dr. Clifton A. Jones of Morgan State College, who with Professor Austin van der Slice of American University, Washington, had done considerable sociological research in preparation for the conference, and Z. Nichols, of the Baltimore Urban League, who is chairman of the Washington Conference Board of Social and Economic Relations.

"WHEN THEY realize, however that merely because colored persons worship with them does not mean that they are seeking an invitation to join their homes or marry into their families, but rather to use the facilities of the church and the community as any other citizen they will discover that their fears are groundless.

4. "The greatest fear of the colored minister is his loss of elected interest in the church. He must realize, however, that competition is universal and that he can no longer be protected by the cloak of race."

The ministers participating in the poll numbered 225 white 46 colored clergymen.

Forty - one per cent of the white ministers said they would willingly accept appointment as pastor of a colored congregation, and 34 percent said they would accept such an preferred to.

Seventy - nine per cent of the colored ministers said they would accept appointment as pastor of a church whose membership was white or predominantly so.

Ninety per cent of the colored clergymen reported that whites have attended their their church services during the last year, and 47 per cent of the white ministers reported colored persons in attendance.

THE TWO-DAY conference was sponsored by Bishops G. Bromley Oxnam, Washington, and Edgar A. Love, Baltimore, and the Methodist Board of Social and Economic Relations of Chicago. The Rev. A. Dudley