WHEN YOU FINISH READING YOUR AFRO PASS IT ALONG TO A FRIEND

Come To The Church Of Your Choice
For A Spiritual Blessing

HYMN OF THE MONTH:

"Come Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove"

Dr. Jackson speaks here; says he didn't 'steal' Baptist office

"I did not steal the office of National Baptist Convention President and now I must prove I didn't steal it."—

The Rev. Dr. Joseph H. Jackson of Chicago, was speaking Sunday at the Thanksgiving Service of Local Union 194 of International Hod - Carriers, AFL- CIO, at Enon Baptist Church.

He had reference to the stormy September election of the National Baptist Convention in Louisville, Ky., which made him president for the fifth consecutive time. The convention has 4½ million members.

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DR. JACKSON IS pastor of the Olivet Baptist Church in the Windy City.

In a recent petition to the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, a group of ten ministers charged that Dr. Jackson "usurped, intruded into, or unlawfully holds or exercises" his office.

Of the court action, Dr. Jackson said: "A man in Chicago is trying to sue me because I was elected."

The suit lists complainants as the Revs. William H. Borders, Atlanta, Georgia; T. M. Chambers, Los Angeles; J. F. Green, Detroit; W. E. Hollins, Bastrop, La.; L. K. Jackson, Gary, Ind.; S. A. Owne, Memphis; Marshall L. Shepard, Philadelphia; E. C. Smith, Washington and Roland Smith, Little Rock.

DURING HIS Sunday talk, Dr. Jackson told the 1,000 listeners: "The work of the (Baptist) convention is a duty to me and a trust. . . I think we have a great opportunity as a convention to make a contribution to the struggle for civil rights."

"I am president of 4½ million people," said Dr. Jackson, "and to be president of 4½ million anything would be an honor. There are people across this nation who would have me to believe that it isn't, but that is not so."

Dr. Jackson added, "I never played politics to get it (the office of president).

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ON THE SPEAKERS' stand with Dr. Jackson on Sunday were:

Dr. Luke J. Reynolds, pastor of Gospel Tabernacle Baptist Church, who read the scripture; Dr. Vernon Johns, Dean of the Baptist Center School of Religion, prayer; Coleman W. Callahan, president of Local Union 194, who introduced the Rev. William A. Hall, pastor of Nazarine Baptist Church and master of ceremonies for the occasion.

The Rev. Dr. A. J. Payne, pastor of Enon Baptist Church, delivered the welcome address; James S. Lincoln, secretary of the local union's program committee read a historical sketch of the local, founded in 1929.

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TWO MEMBERS OF the original local were also present and sat on the speaker's platform. They are Leonard Armstrong and John M. Busby Sr.

Also seated on the speakers' stand was the Rev. Dr. James L. Moore of Sharon Baptist Church, who introduced the Rev. Dr. Jackson.

The Rev. W. H. Churn pastor of Union Temple Baptist Church, conducted the offering.

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THE SENIOR Choir of Enon Baptist, the Youth Choir of Sharon Baptist and the Young People's Choir of Morning Star Baptist Church provided the music for the service.

Mrs. Clarice M. Brooks, a business staff member of the local, sang "Bless This House."

Richard O'Connell brought greetings from Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro.

Ethical meeting

"Between 1958 and 1984" will be the topic of an address before the Baltimore Ethical Society on Sunday, Dec. 1, by Dr. Robert Myburg, Baltimore attorney and former executive director of United World Federalists of Maryland.

The adult services and Sunday school begin at 11 a.m. The public is invited.

THE REVS. James L. Moore, pastor of Sharon Baptist Church, left, and Joseph H. Jackson, right, president of the National Baptist Convention and pastor of Olivet Baptist Church in Chicago, are shown here. Dr. Jackson was the speaker Sunday at Enon Baptist Church for the annual Thanksgiving Service of Local Union 194, International Hod-Carriers Building and Common Laborers' Union of America, AFL-CIO.

Rev. Emma P. Hill to speak at St. Mark's

WASHINGTON

The Rev. Emma P. Hill, pastor of St. Luke Methodist Church, her choir and members will be the guests of the Rev. G. B. Carroll at the Chapel of St. Mark's, 522 Eighth St., SE at 6 p.m. Sunday.

Emmanuel's new pastor hopes to serve 'devotedly'

"I am very happy about the appointment . . . and with God's help, I hope to serve devotedly."

The Rev. Sydney Daniels gave the AFRO this comment Tuesday evening on the election by the membership of Emmanuel Christian Community Church, Carrollton Ave. and Lanvale St., on Monday evening, naming him as the church's new pastor.

The Rev. Mr. Daniels comes to Emmanuel from the St. Johns Methodist Church in Patapsco Park, where he has pastored since February of last year.

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HE IS THE church's first pastor to be selected officially, since the former pastor, the Rev. Wilbur H. Waters, died in March of last year.

The Rev. Mr. Daniels received 221 votes, the Rev. Mrs. Era S. Ferrell was given 80 votes, and the Rev. Jentry E. McDonald received 14 votes, as 315 of the church's approximately 1,000 members voted for a new pastor on Monday evening.

It was a quiet and swift election, requiring less than an hour and a half to complete.

THE REV. MRS. FERRELL, veteran member of the church, who has served as the pastor since shortly before the death of the Rev. Mr. Waters, had this to say of the election and the new pastor:

"The election was fair and impartial. I hope it is the will of God. I have seen him (the Rev. Mr. Daniels) only four times, but I plan to give him the same courtesy and respect I gave my former pastor, the Rev. Mr. Waters. Whatever, I do, I will be Divinely guided."

The Rev. Mr. Daniels is 34 years old, and a native of Trumbull County, Ohio. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Youngstown College; has studied at the Oberlin Graduate School of Theology, and has a Bachelor of Divinity degree from Howard University's School of Religion, in 1955.

Since 1951, he has pastored churches in Washington, prior to St. Johns Methodist Church in Patapasco Park.

He is married to the former Miss Emma Lee Bryant, of Atlanta. They have no children.

The Rev. Mr. Daniels lives at 2001 I St., NE, Washington, and is employed as a clerk with the Civil Aeronautical Administration in that city.

In Our Churches

The Rev. W. I. Snowden of the AME Conference will preach Sunday at 11 a.m. from New Union Baptist Church. The Rev. S. H. Harrington is the pastor.

Thanksgiving services were observed yesterday (Thursday) at Knox Presbyterian Church. The Rev. R. M. Williams of New Zion Baptist Church was the guest speaker.

The pastor at Olivet Baptist Church, the Rev. R. L. Evans, will speak at a special service at 11 a.m., after which dinner will be served to the aged residents of the community.

The anniversary of the Evans Gospel Singers will be observed at 7 p.m.

The service of the BTU will be directed by Mrs. A. Hines at 6 p.m.

The pastor of Bethel Baptist, the Rev. James S. Wise, expressed the appreciation of the church to the students of the Maryland Baptist Center for conducting two weeks of revival services which ended Friday.

Chorus heard in recital at Ames

Then West Baltimore District Chorus was pleasing to their audience in a Sunday afternoon recital at Ames Methodist Church. They were presented by the Golden Cross Society.

The chorus of 37 voices is composed of choir members from Inwood and Winchester, Charlestown, W. Va. Randolph Robinson, organizer and director, is an advanced student of music — voice, piano and organ, and shows talent as a leader of groups.

Mr. Robinson is at present the associate lay leader of the West Baltimore District, Washington Conference.

AMONG OTHERS who participated on the program were: Mrs. Sagnolia Hall, the Carter Family Quartet, Misses Margaret Robinson and Dora Washington; Mrs. Augustine Harris, Clifford Branson, Mrs. Viola Devonshire.

Also, Mrs. Sarah Jacobs, Mrs. Amelia Harris, the Rev. R. R. Robinson and Robert Jones.

Mrs. Cora Holley is district director of Golden Cross.

Mrs. Holly is chairman and Mrs. Annie Taylor is co-chairman.

The Rev. Frank J. Frye is pastor of Ames.

Mrs. Douglas left $13,549

The late Mrs. Mamie A. Douglas, widow of the Rev. Frederick Douglas, founder and pastor of Douglas Memorial Church, left an estate of $13,549, records of Orphans Court show.

An inventory, filed by the Rev. Marion C. Bascom and Henry F. Winslow, administrators, listed properties at 1423 N. Pulaski St., $5,500, and 816 N. Fremont Ave., $7,500.

Household effects, valued at $949, made up the balance. Mrs. Douglas died on May 14, 1957.

Dr. Cornely named on health committee

WASHINGTON

The appointments of five committee chairmen in the Program Development Department of the Health and Welfare Council of the National Capital Area were announced this week by Alvin J. Steinberg, 2480 16th St., NW, Department chairman.

They are Maurice E. Boren, job classification committee; Dr. Paul B. Cornely, health; Miss Florence O'Donnoghue, research; Allan Kamerow, recreation, and Sidney Mensh, welfare.

ST. JAMES METHODIST CHURCH
Lexington and Monroe Sts.
8:30 A.M.—Church School
11:00 A.M.—Sermon by the Pastor
3:00 P.M.—Inspirational Service by Choirs of the Church
7:30 P.M.—Musical Program by New St. Mark's Male Chorus and Chapman Gospel Singers
WE WELCOME YOU
Rev. Albert H. Hammond, Sr., Pastor

"BROWN MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH
2000 N. FULTON AVE.
A FIRST CENTURY CHURCH
Sun., services 11:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M.
A Spiritual Choir in Attendance
Old-Fashioned Prayer Meeting Each Wednesday, 8:00 P.M.
Rev. Paul J. Harris, Minister
ALL ARE WELCOME
Where "Showers of Blessing" Await You

SHARP ST. MEM. METHODIST CHURCH
DOLPHIN AND ETTING STS.
HOLY COMMUNION MORNING AND EVENING
9:00 A.M.—CHURCH SCHOOL
11:00 A.M.—COMMUNION MEDITATION: "What Gives Hope," by REV. EDWARD G. CARROLL.
6:00 P.M.—METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP
8:00 P.M.—HOLY COMMUNION and SERMON BY REV. JULIUS CARROLL.
A CORDIAL INVITATION TO ALL
REV. EDWARD G. CARROLL, Minister

Ames Mem. Methodist Church
CAREY AND BAKER STREETS
HOLY COMMUNION — ADVENT SUNDAY
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1957
11:00 A.M.—COMMUNION MEDITATION, "THE ETERNAL CHRIST." Music by the Senior and Gospel Choirs.
5:00 P.M.—MUSICAL Recital by the Mt. Zion Methodist Choir of Washington, D.C. Subscription $1.
8:00 P.M.—COMMUNION SERVICE. Music by the Gospel Choir.
A Cordial Welcome To All—Will See You In Church
MRS. AMY HILL, President
REV. FRANK J. FRYE, Minister

ORCHARD STREET METHODIST CHURCH
ORCHARD ST. near DRUID HILL AVE.
HOLY COMMUNION MORNING AND EVENING
9:45 A.M.—CHURCH SCHOOL
11:00 A.M.—SERMON BY THE PASTOR
3:30 P.M.—FRIENDSHIP RALLY sponsored by The Steward Board. Guest Speaker REV. ARCHER SMITH
6:00 P.M.—METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP
8:00 P.M.—COMMUNION CONTINUED
ALL ARE WELCOME REV. V. T. KEY, Pastor

St. Paul Methodist Church
Saratoga and Schroeder Sts.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1957
9:30 A.M.—Church School
11:00 A.M.—Sermon by the Pastor and Holy Communion.
6:00 P.M.—NYF.
7:00 P.M.—Evangelistic Service
7:45 P.M.—Sermon by the Senior Bishop A. P. Shaw of Los Angeles, Calif. Unde the auspices of the Methodist Men, Mr. Reuben Johnson, Pres.
A CORDIAL INVITATION TO ALL
REV. R. L. BALL, Pastor

MT. ZION METHODIST CHURCH
RIGGS AVENUE AND GILMOR STREET
HOLY COMMUNION MORNING AND EVENING
9:30 A.M.—CHURCH SCHOOL
10:45 A.M.—MORNING SERVICE
11:00 A.M.—SERMON BY THE PASTOR
5:00 P.M.—METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP
7:30 P.M.—COMMUNION CONTINUED AND SERMON BY REV. CHARLES THOMAS
WE WELCOME YOU! O. ST. CLAIR FRANKLIN, Minister

PERKINS SQUARE BAPT. CHURCH
Edmondson and Warwick Aves.
TRUSTEES DAY
9:15 A.M.—SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:35 A.M.—OPEN HEART SERVICE
11:00 A.M.—SERMON BY THE PASTOR
3:00 P.M.—REV. MARCUS G. WOOD, Centre and Congregation of Providence Baptist Worship here.
4:00 P.M.—BAPTIST TRAINING UNION
7:30 P.M.—The SILVER LEAF CLUB of Phila., Pa., at 8 p.m. SATCHELL Church, guest speaker.
Mon., DEC. 2 Thru Sun., DEC. 8 — "WILLING WORKERS WEEK"
REV. WARD D. TERRY, Pastor

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH
"THE PRAYING CHURCH"
ASHLAND AVENUE AND BOND STREET
ANNUAL DAY OF THE HEROIC CLUB
9:15 A.M.—SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:45 A.M.—MORNING WORSHIP—Sermon by the Pastor
3:00 P.M.—ANNUAL DAY OF THE HEROIC CLUB. Sermon by the Pastor. Music by all choirs of the Church.
6:00 P.M.—BAPTIST TRAINING UNION
8:00 P.M.—PROGRAM BY SENIOR CHOIR NO. 1.
WE WELCOME YOU REV. WALTER E. PAIGE, Pastor

ENON BAPTIST CHURCH
EDMONDSON AVE. AND SCHROEDER ST.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1957
6:30 A.M.—EARLY PRAYER AND PRAISE SERVICE
9:30 A.M.—SUNDAY SCHOOL
11:00 A.M.—SERMON BY THE PASTOR. COMMUNION.
6:00 P.M.—B. T. U.
8:00 P.M.—ANNIVERSARY SERVICE OF THE ENON-ITE CIRCLE.
YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND ALL OF THESE SERVICES.
MRS. KATHERINE BOSTON, Organist
MR. ISAADORA GILBERT, Choirmaster
REV. ARTHUR J. PAYNE, Pastor

THE JERUSALEM BAPTIST CHURCH
101 W. PRESTON STREET
REV. P. D. DOUGLAS, Pastor
ANNUAL WOMEN'S DAY
9:30 A.M. Sunday School
11 A.M. Sermon by Rev. Brown
8 P.M. Program by The Five Travelers
Fri., 8 P.M. Rev. Merrill Preaching
ALL ARE WELCOME

St. Marks Institutional Baptist Church
LANVALE AND BENTALOU STS.
9:30 A.M.—CHURCH SCHOOL
11:00 A.M.—SERMON BY THE PASTOR
6:00 P.M.—BAPTIST TRAINING UNION
8:00 P.M.—EVENING WORSHIP
A Hearty Welcome To All
REV. SPENCER G. DOBSON, Pastor.
Spencer G. Dobson

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
One of Baltimore's Friendliest Churches
DOLPHIN AND ETTING STS.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1957
9:30 A.M.—Sunday Church School
Mrs. Edna Canty and Mr. Arthur Ryan co-superintendents.
11:00 A.M.—Observance of the Sacrament of Holy Communion
Public Reception of New members.
6:00 P.M.—Visitation Evangelist Period.
Wednesday:
8:00 P.M.—Hour of Prayer Service
We Welcome You. Rev. Robert T. Newbold, Jr., Pastor.

KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
BROADWAY, GAY AND BIDDLE STREETS
9:30 A.M.—SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL
11:00 HOLY COMMUNION MEDITATION — "THE LORD'S SUPPER—SUGGESTS HIS SECOND COMING."
7:30 P.M.—MESSAGE, "GREATNESS ACCORDING TO JESUS."
Thursday — 7:30 P. M. — THE HOUR OF POWER — Continuation of The Study of The Sermon On The Mount.
Sunday, Dec. 8th—11 A.M.—Pastor's Subject: "WHO AND I ATTEND TO OTHER PEOPLE'S BUSINESS?"
A Hearty Welcome Awaits You Here—Come!
REV. H. OCTAVIUS GRAHAM, Pastor

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
1115-17 W. SARATOGA STREET
9:30 A.M.—Sunday School.
10:30 A.M.—Broadcast.
11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship sermon by the Pastor.
8:00 P.M.—Evening Worship.
Broadcast each Sunday
10:30-11:00 A.M. Station WSID
ELDER C. GREEN, Pastor
REV. BRACKETT

DOUGLAS MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CHURCH
"The People of the Way"
LAFAYETTE AND MADISON AVENUES
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1957
IDENTICAL SERVICES
8:30 A.M. — 11:00 A.M.
"MY BROTHER'S KEEPER"
REVEREND BASCOM, PREACHING
MUSIC
SENIOR CHOIR
"The Heavens Are Declaring" — Beethoven
"My Prayer" — Stickler.
"Oh Worship The King" — Nichol.
YOUNG PEOPLE'S CHOIR
"We Adore Thee" — Palestrina.
"Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley" — Dawson.
"Great Day" — Hall-Johnson.
REVEREND MARION C. BASCOM, Minister

SAINT ANN MARCHES ON THANKS BE TO GOD
26th YEAR OF PASTOR & CHURCH ANNIVERSARY
ST. ANN SPIRITUAL TEMPLE
1102 WARNER STREET
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1st, 1957
11:00 A.M.—Sermon by Rev. Obie Thompson
1:00 P.M.—Sunday School
3:00 P.M.—Musical Tea. The Grand Temple of Arts and Crafts Fest Club.
8:00 P.M.—Evangelistic Platform Service.
Wed. Night, Dec. 4th—Cabinet Night Speaker: Mother Mary Walker, Prophecy Prayer for the Sick.
Fri. Night, Dec. 6th—Pastor's Night—Preacher: Prophecying Prayers for the Sick.
Rev. Lillian & Otis Thompson, Pastors

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH
THE FRIENDLY CHURCH
PRESTON & BOND STS.
9:15 A.M.—SUNDAY SCHOOL
11:00 A.M.—SERMON BY THE PASTOR. MUSIC BY THE SENIOR CHOIR NO. 2 AND GOSPEL CHORUS.
3:00 P.M.—WE WORSHIP AT COMMUNITY BAPT. CHURCH, Waterloo, Md.
6:00 P.M.—B. T. U.
8:00 P.M.—PROGRAM BY SENIOR CHOIR NO. 2.
REV. J. R. GRANT, Minister

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH
S. E. Corner BALTIMORE & PULASKI STS.
9:45 A.M.—CHURCH SCHOOL
11:00 A.M.—SERMON BY THE PASTOR.
7:30 P.M.—SERMON BY REV. J. SAUNDERS
Services 8 p.m. Each Night Monday Through Friday
ALL ARE WELCOME
REV. M. J. BRACKETT, Pastor.

MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH
CAROLINE AND PRESTON STREETS
9:30 A.M.—SUNDAY SCHOOL
11:00 A.M.—SERMON BY THE PASTOR
3:00 P.M.—COVENANT AND HOLY COMMUNION
6:00 P.M.—BAPTIST TRAINING UNION
8:00 P.M.—EVENING WORSHIP
The Church With A Hearty Welcome
REV. C. EDWARD BROWNE, Pastor

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
CAROLINE AND McELDERRY STS.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1957
9:30 A.M.—Sunday School, Bro. D. F. Livingstone, Superintendent
11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship. Communion.
6:00 P.M.—Baptist Training Union, Mrs. Janie B. McCrory, Director
7:30 P.M.—Evening Worship.
REV. VERNION T. WILLIAMS, Pastor
A CORDIAL WELCOME TO ALL

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH (Fairfield)
BRADY AVE. and FAIRFIELD RD.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1957
9:30 A.M.—SUNDAY SCHOOL.
11:00 A.M.—MORNING WORSHIP—Message by the Pastor.
3:00 P.M.—21st ANNIVERSARY OF THE USHERS. The Ushers Union of Maryland Will Worship With Us.
8:00 P.M.—EVANGELISTIC SERVICE.
ALL ARE WELCOME TO SHARE IN THESE SERVICES
REV. E. W. WILLIAMS, Pastor

INTERDENOMINATIONAL MINISTERS COMMITTEE FOR THE BACK-TO-CHURCH MOVEMENT
AME CHURCH — Rev. W. N. Edwards, Co-Chairman
AMEZ CHURCH — Rev. G. M. Edwards
BAPTIST CHURCH — Rev. V. T. Williams, Co-Chairman; Rev. J. L. Moore, Executive Secretary; Rev. W. D. Yerby
CME CHURCH — Rev. John Hammond
COMMUNITY CHURCH — Rev. M. C. Bascom
F W BAPTIST — Rev. P. A. Hodges
PRESBYTERIAN — Rev. R. T. Newbold
METHODIST — Rev. K. L. Jackson, Co-Chairman
APOSTOLIC — Rev. W. A. Showell
Mr. J. Nelson Fortune, AFRO-AMERICAN
CHRISTIAN (DISCIPLES) — Rev. C. L. Whitfield
PRESBYTERIAN — Rev. H. O. Graham, President

Mrs. Clara Harris (Mrs. AME) has attended more than 40 meetings

"I'm getting a little weary now and I am trying to get out of some things I have formerly done."

The above plans for curtailing her future activities were outlined by Mrs. Clara Harris, 924 N. Stricker St., Tuesday, as she was interviewed by the AFRO on the eve of the Baltimore Annual Conference of the AME Church which opened here Wednesday.

Mrs. Harris has attended more than 40 conference sessions and is quite often referred to as "Mrs. AME" for that reason.

She has been an active member of the AME church in this area for more than 40 years. Both her father, the late Rev. Charles H. Young, and her husband, the late Rev. William A. Harris, were ministers in the church.

AS SHE talked on Tuesday, she hastened to explain that although she has been a widow for ten years, she has continued her interest and activities in the church and until today "doesn't miss a meeting" no matter whether it is the quadrennial general conference or the local gathering.

And, despite her statement, the energetic "Mrs. AME" seemed far from "weary" as she prepared for the coming five-day conference and, as she put it, she was "really quite busy."

"I can recall each one of the meetings and they are all just as interesting as they can be.

"I was present in Miami in May, 1956. In fact, I remember I got there two days ahead of time.

"I was in Chicago in 1952 and in Kansas City when we met in 1942," she said.

Mrs. Harris also stated that she was a delegate on each occasion.

MRS. HARRIS'S activities are not confined to the church, however.

She has been grand secretary of the Eastern Star lodge for 22 years and for nine years, from 1934 and 1943, she was secretary of the Baltimore special Red Cross organization.

However, "Mrs. AME" adds that most of her time is spent in church work.

"A member of St. John AME Church she has been the secretary there since "the first day I joined."

She is also historian of the Missionary Society.

Duties of this office include the writing of a column each month for the Women's Missionary Magazine.

Says Mrs. Harris: "It is called 'Did You Know?' and it contains current news as well as past history of each of the 108 conferences of the AME Church."

She added: "I have recorded history of our church from as far back as the 1700's."

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MRS. HARRIS'S ability to assume responsibility and carry out duties successfully has been recognized by the United Church Women of Baltimore and she has been secretary of the organization for a number of years.

She is also president of the Baltimore Conference Laymen's League.

She said of the conference: "I expect that we will have an attendance of more than 200 persons from North Carolina, Maryland and Baltimore."

HER 40TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE marks a record for attendance of AME church members and for that reason Mrs. Clara Harris has been dubbed "Mrs. AME".

Second Episcopal District area bishop of the AME Church, the Rt. Rev. Frank Madison Reid, Washington, is presiding at the four-day Baltimore Annual Conference which opened here on Wednesday at Payne Memorial Church, Madison Ave. and Laurens St. The Conference closes Sunday with the reading of appointments.

—AME's

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- 2/3 secret vote of annual conferences needed for okay
- Main purpose to determine status of Bishop Nichols
- Estimated cost of session put at $150,000

determine which report will be accepted.

Under AME Church law only the General Conference in regular or extra session can reverse the Judicial Council.

Spokesmen say that some bishops believe that the General Conference needs to act in the Nichols case now, rather than wait until the regular meeting in 1960.

THE GENERAL Conference set up the Judicial Council to be composed of five clergymen and four laymen (no bishops).

The extra session of the General Conference will be asked to change this so that bishops and clergy will be tried only by their peers (no laymen).

The budget system assesses each AME member $1 a year.

There is sentiment that this should be changed so that the assessment levied upon poorer areas (Mississippi, for example) might be less than that of industrial cities such as New York or Philadelphia.

CHURCH OFFICIALS here declare that the new financial system, in which only the General Conference can levy assessments and fix a budget, with funds handled only by a general board, is working admirably.

Bishops are paid $15,000 plus $2,500 for travel. No bishop may accept any other remuneration.

Accounts of church departments are audited. Funds in annual conferences must be handled only by finance committees.

OFFICIALS said that bishops, general officers, departments, salaries and expenses allotted under the budget system are paid to date.

The general church work has received more money than ever before in its history, they added.

The new financial system is the work of the AME Brotherhood, six of the church's bishops, and the late President Hill of Wilberforce, the AFRO was told.

"Nobody will ever go back to the old system."

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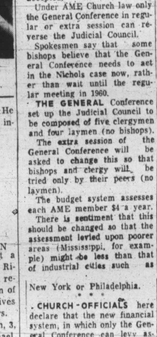
ASKED IF an extra session of the General Conference would cost a quarter of a million dollars, one official said: "More likely, $150,000.

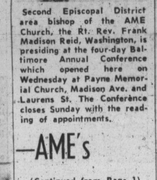
"The delegates would be the same, 1,300 persons elected to the 1956 General Conference in Miami, Fla.

"We have talked about a central meeting place like Cincinnati or Philadelphia.

"Baltimore was considered, but the resident bishop (Frank Madison Reid) is not in favor of an extra session."



BISHOP WARD NICHOLS



VINCENT CEPHAS
'Absolutely untrue'

nesses to any such act. He said both defendants were innocent.

Judge takes teacher's case under advisement

WASHINGTON

"It is absolutely untrue. I wouldn't dare suggest anything of such nature to a student or child. I am a teacher and a man."

That was the testimony of Vincent Cephas, 45, suspended Washington schoolteacher Tuesday, in Municipal Court as he was tried on an indecent act charge.

Mr. Cephas, of the 1300 block R St., NW, and Sheridan Hayden, 18, both were charged with the same offense after police arrested them in a parked automobile in the 3700 block 10th St., NW, on Sept. 26.

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IN COURT, Tuesday, Hayden also denied the charge. He told the court Cephas stopped the automobile in which they were riding to talk about a job for him.

Judge Catherine Kelley took the case under advisement after a trial which lasted two and a half hours.

Police testified they responded to the scene on neighborhood complaints and found the two in a car at 2:35 a.m. "Both defendants denied indecent acts, but failed to explain the condition in which they were found," the officer told the court.

William S. Thompson, attorney for the defendants, told the court "The police case is one of assuming," emphasizing that there had been no observation of any such act and no witnesses to any such act.

Foreman drenched but saves 2

WASHINGTON

W. Roland Gee, 39, got a drenching in the Potomac River, Monday, but he also received the inner satisfaction of knowing he had saved the lives of two Alexandria brothers.

The boys, Raymond Quinn, 3, of 513 Queen St., and Michael, 5, were playing on top of a storm sewer pipe when they fell into the river.

Mr. Gee, foreman of a wrecking company which was working on a demolition project at the rear of the American Agricultural Chemical Co. plant, 411 N. Lee St., was told of the boys' plight by co-workers.

He ran to the scene and grabbed Raymond, who was clinging to the sewer grating. Michael was yelling for help about 10 feet from shore, when Gee jumped in fully clothed and pulled the boy to safety.

Gee resides at 1700 S. 12th St., Arlington.

The boys, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Quinn, were treated at Alexandria Hospital for exposure and shock.

Committee notes rise in flu rate

The Technical Advisory Committee on Influenza has reported that there has been a sizeable outbreak of respiratory infection in Maryland during October and November and that the Asian type of influenza has been responsible for some of these illnesses.

It noted that all age groups have been affected with the highest incidence being marked among school children and college students.

While it was reported that the Baltimore City Health Department has charted a slightly higher incidence of deaths from flu and pneumonia in late October and November when compared to the last seven years, the committee said the situation was not alarming.

However, the committee said that a second wave of the Asian type flu could appear this winter, although this is unlikely. Should this occur, those people previously ill with the Asian flu would be expected to be immune.

AME's in 141th session here

The Baltimore Annual Conference of the AME Church opened its 141st session here on Wednesday with the Rt. Rev. Frank Madison Reid, bishop of the Second Episcopal District, presiding.

All sessions are being held at Payne Memorial AME Church, Madison Ave., and Laurens St., with the Rev. W. P. Mitchell as host pastor.

Highlight of the five-day meeting will come Sunday at the 6 p.m. closing services when the appointments will be read.

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TODAY (FRIDAY) at 8:15 p.m. the Youth Congress of the Second Episcopal District will present a talent show with representatives of each presiding elder's area participating.

Saturday's noonday session will be devoted to the ordination sermons and services. There will be a 3 p.m. meeting of the Kittrell College Alumni Chapter.

Mrs. Verheese B. Jamison is the national president and will preside.

The Laymen's League will also meet on Saturday at 4 p.m. with Vernon D. Cowan, president, presiding.

Delegates from the—Eastern Shore and western part of the State as well as those from Baltimore are attending the conference.

10 Pointers for Christmas mailing

Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield this week outlined ten basic pointers for users of the mails to follow in order to assure prompt and safe delivery of their Christmas cards and gifts this year:

1. Address mail fully and clearly. Write legibly or print plainly and always use zone numbers in the address and return address. Avoid abbreviations since this may lead to confusion.

2. Use the 3-cent letter rate on cards and letters. Be certain a return address is printed in the upper left hand corner of both Christmas cards and parcels. This will prevent an undelivered mail ending up in a dead letter office.

3. **DO NOT ENCLOSE** coins or hard objects of any kind in letters. Cancelling machines cannot process such letters and often damage the letter and contents.

4. **Do not mail money in Christmas gifts or letters. For safety's sake, use postal money orders or checks.**

5. Separate your letters to "local" and "out-of-town." This will speed all the mail and relieve much of congestion in post offices.

6. Make certain that parcels are well packed and securely wrapped in strong containers. Cushion material, such as excelsior, wadded newspapers or tissue paper should be evenly and firmly placed on all sides of the Christmas gift. The carton should be wrapped in heavy paper and securely tied with strong twine.

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7. **GIFTS OF** a delicate nature, such as glass, china, electrical appliances, radios and musical instruments, MUST be marked "Fragile" by the mailer. Food stuffs should be marked "Perishable" if subject to spoilage.

8. Insure parcels. Register letters of real value. Where only proof of delivery is required for letters of no intrinsic value use Certified Mail. Use Combination Mail where a letter or message — other than a gift tag — is to be enclosed inside a Christmas package.

9. Mail Christmas cards and parcels early to avoid the last minute rush and waiting in line at the post office. The best times to avoid crowds at stamp windows in most post offices are before 10 a.m. and between 1:30 and 3:30 p.m.

10. Every postal employee is happy to answer questions on postal rules and regulations. Anyone with problems about mailing his Christmas parcels should avail himself of the opportunity of discussing the problems with postal employees and take advantage of their experience.

Minnesota ACLY acts on church-state issue

NEW YORK—The Minnesota branch of the American Civil Liberties Union has expressed "serious question" as to the constitutionality of including a cross in the state's ceremonial emblem.

In a letter to Gov. Orvill Freeman, the ACLU has requested the attorney general's ruling on the matter. The group said it would determine its "proper course of action" after the ruling. A state legislative committee also held hearings on the matter, and the ACLU is awaiting its report.

INTEGRATION OR NOTHING

NEW YORK — The Urban League has urged postponement of redevelopment of the Lincoln Square area unless "adequate provisions" are made for integration in the community.

Bishop Nichols Talks . . .

NEW YORK — The Bishops' Council unanimously voted to assign me to the 18th Episcopal (Caribbean or the West Indies) District," Bishop Nichols told the AFRO Sunday.

"This action was taken in Washington last summer and reconfirmed in Cincinnati.

"There has been no subsequent meeting of our council. So that, despite the reports given you, I am officially the bishop of the 16th District."

What They Say . . .

BIRMINGHAM — "The AFRO finds no sentiment for an extra session of the General Conference here."

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BALTIMORE — "Two thirds of the annual conferences of the Second Episcopal District would not vote for an extra General Conference."

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CLEVELAND — "Many more are against an extra session than are for it."

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COLUMBIA, S.C. — "Any talk of an extra General Conference is purely speculative."

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ATLANTA, Ga. — "The proposed General Conference will not even get out of the Bishops' Council."

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LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—"The AFRO's been misinformed. At most there are only four or five out of 15 bishops who would vote for an extra General Conference. It's too expensive."

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WASHINGTON — "The church could not afford a $150,000 extra General Conference. It's true it has $600,000 in the bank, but it has borrowed $300,000 of this from the Minimum Salary Fund."

Wilkins hails new policy of U.S. Contracts unit

NEW YORK — The fourth annual report of the President's Committee on Government Contracts indicates "the adoption of a regular review policy," Roy Wilkins, NAACP executive secretary, said Friday. "This has been badly needed," he added.

While expressing the association's appreciation of this innovation, Mr. Wilkins noted that that report, issued on Nov. 19, reveals too little about the enforcement of the non-discrimination clause in U.S. government contracts.

The committee, he asserted, was established to accuse compliance with these contract clauses.

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ACCORDING TO the report, the committee last year received 293 complaints of which 187 have been closed with the remaining 106 "still under study and investigation."

"If the contracts reviewed are key ones within large industrial groups," Mr. Wilkins said, "the results could have a salutary effect."

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