## 50 confirmed at St. James

Holy Confirmation services were held at St. James Episcopal church Sunday 6 p.m. The Rt. Rev. Harry Lee Doll, D.D., suffragan bishop of Maryland, and Father Cedric E. Mills, officiated.

**Those confirmed at the services included: Gwendolyn F. Alston, Elsie M. Ashby, Judy S. Barbour, Evelyn D. Beasley, Sheila D. Biddle, Gary D. Boston and Sonya E. Branson.**

Also Amita L. Briscoe, Lorenzo G. Case, Chriine S. Cophas, Barbara King, Charles H. Lynch, John W. Marshall, Alexander R. Martin, and Paula L. Neaty.

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**ALSO** Samuel J. Frier, Albert Gillis, Wealey R. Haisston, Debra A. Hunter, Veronica R. Jiggetts, Ester J. Johnson, Lynde B. Jordan, Rodney G. Reynolds, Patricia A. Roberts, William E. Ruffin, Elsie L. Scott, Thelma G. Smith, Nora E. Strothers and Randolph Sydnor.

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## Cole to keynote Republican session

State Sen. Harry A. Cole (Rep. 4th Dist.) will deliver the keynote address at the Fifth Biennial Convention of Maryland Federation of Young Republicans on May 25.

**The meeting, will be held at a downtown hotel, and will also feature an address by the nation's youngest governor, Cecil H. Underwood, 30, of West Virginia.**

**SHE WAS THRILLED**—16-year-old Vernice Thornton, Douglass junior, who represented AFRO Clean Blockers of McCulloh Homes at the Carl Murphy testimonial dinner Sunday.

**CONFIRMATION** at St. James P. E. Church on Sunday evening saw 50 new members blessed by the Rt. Rev. Nolan Noble C. Powell. In photo, Mrs. Walter T. Dixon, wife of the city councilman, receives the bishop's blessings. In background, Father Cedric E. Mills, rector of church. —AFRO Photo by Paul Henderson.

## In Our Churches

The annual Youth Day will be celebrated at New Pilgrim Baptist Church, 1601 Rutland Ave., on Palm Sunday, April 14, at 11 a.m.

**The Rev. Albert Holbroke, evangelist and recording gospel singer, will be the morning speaker.**

The Rev. Mr. Holbroke is a former resident of Baltimore and was graduated from Morgan State College and also Gammon Theological Seminary.

The guest preacher will appear in a $1,000 robe which was presented to him by a friend in Chicago.

The Rev. Willis Jefferson is chairman of the Youth Day program and the Rev. W. H. Black is pastor of New Pilgrim Baptist Church.

The joint choirs of Knox Presbyterian Church and Grace Presbyterian Church will present "The Seven Last Words of Christ" by Theodore Du Bois with String Ensemble, Sunday, April 14, 5 p.m.

There is no admission charge and the public is cordially invited.

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**THE REV. H. OCTAVIUS GRAHAM** is pastor of Knox Church and the Rev. Robert T. Newbold, Jr., is pastor of Grace Church.

The Mathews Chorus of First Baptist Church, Mathews, Va., will appear at Gillis Memorial Community Church, Sunday, April 28 at 3 p.m. The Rev. Theodore C. Jackson is pastor.

**The office staff of the Concord Baptist Church will present in recital the Raynor Progressive Male Chorus, Sunday, April 14, 5 p.m. at the Concord Baptist Church.**

This chorus was organized three years ago and is under the direction of the Rev. James Wilkins. Mr. Frances T. Morris is the pianist. Miss Shirley Taylor is chairman and the Rev. J. M. Raymor is pastor.

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**THE TRUE** Christian Baptist Church, 241 Pearl St., will have Sunday school on Sunday, April 14 at 10:30 a.m.

At 11:30 a.m. preaching and services will be by the Rev. M. W. Sykes, the evangelist.

The Rev. W. M. Robinson is pastor of the church.

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**ST. ANDREWS** Methodist Church, 2019 Kelly Ave., Mt. Washington, will hold Sunday services at 11 a.m. with preaching by the pastor, the Rev. Estella Brooks.

**At 3 p.m. the choir and pastor will visit the St. Stevens AME Church in Elkridge.**

At 8 p.m. the Holy Week services will begin with communion and services at the Falls Road AME Church, 4700 Falls Road.

James Mitchell is lay leader in charge.

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## B and O porter suicide victim is buried here

Funeral services were held on Thursday for Charles V. Simril, 55, who died Sunday at his home, 1726 Ashburton St. His death was ruled a suicide.

**Mr. Simril, who was a long-time porter at the Camden Station of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, was found dead in the garage of his home about 4:30 a.m. Sunday.**

Police determined that he had shot himself with a 12-gauge shotgun found lying beside him on the floor of the garage.

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**MR. SIMRIL**, who had suffered ill health, was a veteran of World War II.

Funeral services were held at a funeral home in the 2200 block of West North Ave.

Burial was in the Baltimore National Cemetery.

**He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Alice Simril; a daughter, Margaret; two stepchildren, Mrs. Annie Ford and Eddie McClain; two sisters of Washington.**

Also surviving is a grandson, Elvis Ford.

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## —Hero's parents

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father stated that when he was graduated from Bates High School in Annapolis he had "planes and ships on his mind" and enlisted in the Navy in Baltimore in May, 1946.

**After boot training, young Overton went to South America aboard the Battleship Wisconsin.**

Now stationed at the U.S. Navy Air Force Base, Unit No. 14 in New York for one year, he has made his home there with his family at No. 6 Aviation Road, on the Brooklyn Air Force Base.

He is married to the former Miss Patricia Ann Poulin of Winooski, Vermont and has a two-month-old daughter, Paula Ann.

"We saw them all three on the Ted Mack Amateur Hour Show on Sunday," Mr. Overton Sr. stated.

"They were the guests of the entertainers who were gird our son could speak their kind of Spanish."

## Rehearsals begin for May opera

Rehearsals are well underway for "La Forza del Destino," to be presented at the Lyric Theatre Friday and Saturday, May 3 and 4 by the Baltimore Civic Opera Company. Both performances begin at 8:15 p.m.

According to Rosa Ponselle, the company's artistic director, each member of the cast, with the exception of three, has appeared in previous Civic Opera productions here.

## Mrs. Caffie Todd

Funeral services are being held today (Friday) at Mt. Zion Methodist Church, Pasadena, Md., for Mrs. Caffie Todd, 46, 1531 N. Bond St.

Mr. Tudd was th widow of Samuel Todd Sr., a night watchman who died last August.

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**SURVIVORS** include three sons, Herman Harried, Ralph Bernard Todd, and Samuel Todd Jr.

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**ALSO, A** daughter, Mrs. Mildred Myers; and five sisters: Mrs. Bertha Johnson, Mrs. Evelyn Dixon, Mrs. Naomi Powell, Mrs. Uynassar Pearman, and Mrs. Theda Keene, of New York City.

## Mrs. Carrie Hawkins

Mrs. Carrie Hawkins, 62, of 2305 N. Pulaski St., widow of Charles Hawkins, died Sunday at Lutheran Hospital following a long illness.

**Funeral services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at a funeral home in the 900 block Pennsylvania Ave.**

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Kate Terrell, Dunbar, W.Va., two sisters, Mrs. Luella Tilde, Gaylax, Va., and Mrs. Nellie Trust, Charleston, W.Va.

Also a niece, Mrs. Mary Harris, with whom she made her home.

## W. Thomas Kemp

Funeral services will be held today (Friday) at the Church of the Redeemer for W. Thomas Kemp Jr., philanthrophist, a member of the bar and chairman of the State Board of Public Welfare since 1951.

Mr. Kemp died suddenly on Tuesday after being stricken with a cerebral hemorrhage in his office. He would have been 52 on Thursday. Mr. Kemp was also connected with the Community Chest, the Family and Children's Society and other organizations.

## 41 years service

Karl E. Pfeiffer, assistant director of the Department of Forest and Parks, recently completed 41 years of service, the longest employee record in the department. Employe rits an the department's history.

**NEW 3-CENT STAMP**

Postmaster General Arthur announced that a 3-cent stamp to honor the Teachers of America, which will be first placed on sale at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on July 3, 1957, during the Centennial Convention of the National Education Association.

## Mrs. Elizabeth Lewis

Funeral services were held on Wednesday for Mrs. Elizabeth Lewis, 83, who died Sunday at her home, 913 N. Fremont Ave.

**The Rev. Frank Williams, pastor of Metropolitan Methodist Church, officiated. Burial was in Mt. Joy Cemetery, Uniontown, Md.**

Mrs. Lewis was born in 1874, daughter of the late Benjamin and Eliza Glisson Jones, well-known Carroll County residents.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Mahie Wilson, with whom she lived.

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## James Sears survived by 47 close kin

Funeral services were held on Wednesday for James Wesley Sears, 88, at the Baptist Union Church, Buckingham County, Va., with burial in the church cemetery.

**MR. Sears, who died April 6, was visiting his son, Joseph Sears, 133 Chestnut St., Turner Station.**

He was a resident of Dillwyn, Va., and a longtime member of Baptist Union Church there.

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**MR. SEARS** is survived by 13 children: Joseph, Baltimore; Robert, Mabscott, W. Va.; and William, Montclair, N.J.; Rodgers, Dillwyn, Va., and James W. Jr., Los Angeles.

Daughters are: Mrs. Nancy Gibson, Mrs. Ruth Bartee, both of Dillwyn, Va.; Mrs. Maggie Ayers and Mrs. Ophalia Booker, of Montclair, and Mrs. Helen Watkins, Mrs. Elsie Judd, and Miss Clancy Sears, all of Baltimore.

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