FELLOW PHYSICIANS, fraternal brothers and civic leaders photographed outside Sharp Street Methodist Church Monday as they waited arrival of relatives of Dr. W. Berkley Butler. In upper photo Dr. Maybelle Weaver, Belford Lawson, D.C. attorney and former Alpha Phi Alpha national president; City Councilman Walter T. Dixon, Frank Ellis, president of local Alphas; C. C. Jackson, and Dr. R. Garland Chissell. In rear, State Senator Harry A. Cole. In lower photo can be seen Sherlock Grinage, Miss Beechie Grinage, Detective Sgt. Hiram Butler, Dr. Louis E. Harmon, Grafton Moore, Dr. Charles Woodson, Dr. J. D. Weaver, Dr. Simon Carter, and Dr. Maurice Doles and nurses from Provident Hospital who acted as honor guard.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR at Faith Baptist is composed of Sunday School pupils who helped celebrate the the 66th Anniversary of the Sunday School on Sunday.

# 'We praise Thee for Thy servant Berkley who has lived gloriously . . .'

By B. M. PHILLIPS

"Especially, we praise Thee this day for Thy servant, Berkley, who has lived gloriously here and now lives triumphantly with Thee . . . ."

**The Rev. Edward G. Carroll was delivering a prayer of thanksgiving at Monday funeral services for Dr. William Berkley Butler, physician and true**

prevent him from giving service to the church."

**Dr. D. O. W. Holmes, president-emeritus of Morgan State College, who read the obituary in which he said: "During his 32 years as a physician, it is estimated he brought 12,000 babies into the world.**

He considered it a sacred

Moseley, Mrs. Elsie Carter, Mr. and Mrs. John Hampton;

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AND DR. AND MRS. BERNARD CHRISTMAS, Mrs. Violet Ford, Mrs. Maynie Johnson, Mrs. Pauline Watts, Mrs. Arnett Murphy, Mrs. Arnetta Lattier, Mr. and Mrs. James Murphy;

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Murphy, Mrs. Grace Murphy, Mrs. Florence Carter, Mrs. Isabel Clark, Dr. and Mrs. Louis E. Harmon, Mrs. Gwynn;

# Melvin Butts dies at Harlem Ave. home

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday from the Sullivan Funeral Home for Melvin Butts, 63 - year - old native of Baltimore.

Mr. Butts died Sunday morning at his home, 930 Harlem Ave., following an illness of three years. His death was attributed to a heart condition.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Mildred Butts, and four

# 3,000 attend sessions of AME Bishops, Connectional units

By WILDA R. SMITH
(Special to AFRO)

CINCINNATI, Ohio — Some 3,000 AME Church members and friends converged on this city Tuesday to attend sessions of the Bishops and Connectional Councils, Feb. 20-22.

The winter sessions of the "upper" and "lower" house of the oldest colored church were held in Brown Chapel, 2906 Alms Pl., with Bishop F. C. Hatcher, prelate of the Third Episcopal District, and Dr. George T. Sims Sr., pastor, as hosts.

The voice of this great organization boasting nearly 800,000 members was heard again demanding equal rights and opportunities for all peoples.

Eloquent appeals from a distinguished array of ministerial and lay leaders and pointed resolutions, adopted by the whole, marked the session.

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**MORE THAN** once the name Dr. Martin L. King, militant young Baptist leader, was mentioned. Speakers praised him, along with other individuals and organizations, including the NAACP, for contributions being made in the fight for human justice.

Bishop Sherman L. Greene, senior prelate of Arkansas and Oklahoma, heads the Bishops Council. By custom of seniority and line of succession he will be succeeded by Bishop R. R. Wright Jr. of Mississippi and Louisiana as senior bishop next June. Bishop Wright is now serving as secretary.

The bishops deliberated in private sessions. But they lent their august presence, severally, at numerous sessions of the Connectional Council and meetings of other connectional auxiliaries that convened here.

**A WARNING SOUND** against harm done in the church through "angling for power" and "repudiation of leadership of the Holy Spirit" was made in the opening sermon by Bishop W. R. Wilkes of Georgia.

"Unless we turn about we are headed for collapse," the pre-

CHAPLAIN ROBINSON

set up to operate the budget, can make an exception.

The board is comprised of representatives from every episcopal district of the church and all of the bishops. The latter have a voice but no vote.

A Brotherhood meeting was held in Manse Hotel attended by hundreds, with "standing room only." In a jovial, yet sincere manner an "AME grip and password" was accepted consisting of a hand clasp upon meeting, each repeating the words, "FOUR AND NO MORE."

Reports that efforts had been attempted, in some sections, to circumvent the budget as adopted, prompted the brotherhood's pep-session, a spokesman said. Dr. Jackson was hailed as a "great leader" and given a vote of confidence by the large assemblage.

ANOTHER HIGHLIGHT of the conclave was election of a USAF Reserves chaplain to presidency of the Connectional Council. He is Dr. Douglas L. T. Robinson, chaplain at Oteen's VA Hospital, Asheville, N.C.

He is the son of the council's founder, the late Dr. J. G. Robinson, known as a "fearless champion," writer and evange-

Mrs. DeLyles is regarded as an authority on interpretation of church and civil law.

**HERBERT L. DUDLEY** of Detroit, connectional president of the Lay League, held a session of that body. Participants included Dr. Anne E. Heath, connectional president, Woman's Missionary Society; Mrs. Kay Bailey Nichols, director of "Family Life Service" of the church, and Dr. E. J. Odum, connectional director of evangelism.

The Bishops Wives' Council, presided over by Mrs. Sherman L. Greene, met daily also.

Mrs. E. C. Hatcher, wife of the host bishop, and missionary women of the third district, were hostesses at a brilliant tea in the home of Federated Women's Clubs for all women attending the councils' meeting.

**BISHOP R. R. WRIGHT JR.** and Dr. A. Chester Clarke of New York, secretary of missions, were delegated to represent African Methodists March 6-10, in Accra, West Africa.

A celebration of dominion status, British Empire, acquired by Ghana (former Gold Coast) will mark the first African colony to acquire dominion status with an all colored ministry and Parliament, Bishop Wright told the AFRO.

He said Bishop Wilkes was designated alternate delegate and that the Bishops Council "sanctioned" attendance by Dr. A. R. Coan of Wilberforce University, also.

Bishop Wright formerly served the church in both West and South Africa.

The R. R. Wright School of Religion, connected with Wilberforce Institute at Transvaal, South Africa, was re-opened on Feb. 21, preventing attendance here by Bishop F. H. Gow, the council secretary, said.

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**BISHOP GOW**, elected to the episcopacy last May in Miami, became the first native African so honored by the AME Church.

Bishop O. Sherman of the Virgin Islands was also absent. He was holding an annual con-

# Sunday School

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lumbia University.

Stating that Faith Baptist Sunday school has produced many leaders in the community, she congratulated its members for always having trained them for Christian service.

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**SAYING THAT** the country urgently needs 12,000 Sunday school teachers, Mrs. Gee issued a "help wanted" call.

**"The teachers we need will have to have more than a Bible, a hymn book and a Quarterly," she said.**

"We must have trained leaders so that it can not be said in the future that the church is not keeping pace with the world."

The Rev. Walter E. Paige, who is the pastor, congratulated the more than 600 members of the Sunday school, the superintendent, William Parker, and Miss Hester Milligan, the anniversary chairman.

**A basket of flowers, was presented to Mrs. Abraham Baker, whose late husband was the Sunday school superintendent for 24 years.**

Faith Baptist had its beginning in the Sunday school which was organized in 1891 by a group of members at the Old North St. Baptist Church.

The Rev. Simon Williamson was called to the pastorate in 1913, and served for 42 years until his death in 1954.

While the Rev. Mr. Williamson was pastor, the church moved to a red brick school house at Ashland and Bond Sts., and later remodeled the building at a cost of $23,000.

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**NOW DEBT - FREE**, the church has a membership of 5,000 persons.

The Rev. Mr. Paige who succeeded the Rev. Mr. Williamson in 1954, was a former Sunday school pupil at Faith Baptist and a life-long member there.

During his pastorate, the church has remodeled the rostrum which now accommodates 80 people and includes two separate choir stalls.

By E. M. OLIVER

# Mrs. Margaret Banks



For A Spiritual Blessing
Come To The Church Of Your Choice
HYMN OF THE MONTH:
"PRAYER IS THE SOUL'S SINCERE DESIRE"

# In Our Churches

The United Church Women of Baltimore will be the local sponsors of more than 80 services on Friday, March 8, which has been designated as 'World Day Of Prayer' in 143 countries.

**The services, organized around the theme, 'Who Shall Separate Us?' will start at 7:30 a.m., and continue throughout the day and evening.**

New Life Presbyterian, Turner Station, will have services at 10 a.m.; St. Philips Lutheran, Eden near Jefferson, at 2 p.m.; St. James P.E., Arlington and Lafayette, at 8 p.m.

The women of PENNSYLVANIA Ave. AME Zion Church celebrated the 38th annual Women's Day Sunday. They raised $4,100.23.

They have to reach their $5,000 goal this Sunday.

Mrs. Lucille Anderson was chairman of the program and the Rev. G. M. Edwards is pastor.

**A special service for business and professional men and women of the city will be held at the GOSPEL TEMPLE Baptist Church, 723 N. Poplar Grove St., Sunday, March 3, 11 a.m.**

Some of the speakers will include Walter T. Dixon, member of the City Council; Dallas Nicholas, Dr. J. T. Woolridge, Robert Young, Joseph Bush and others.

The Rev. Joshua Webster Green is pastor.

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**SERVICES AT** OLIVET BAPTIST Church, Biggs Ave. and Woodyear St., will be conducted by the Rev. W. L. Evans, pastor, at 11 a.m.

**A motion picture, "The Crucifixion of Christ," will be shown at the church at 8 p.m. The program will also include several selections by a children's group.**

The program is sponsored by Melvin Case, a member of the Pastor's Aid Society, for the benefit of the organization.

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**SUNDAY WILL** be communion day at UNION BETHEL AME Church, Randallstown, Md. The Rev. W. M. Edwards, pastor, will deliver the morning message.

A similar service will be held at CAMPFIELD AME Church, Howardsville, Md, at 7 p.m.

**The Rev. T. C. Freeman, presiding elder of the Hagerstown district, will preach at the morning service at Union Bethel AME Church, March 10.**

He will also preach at the afternoon service at Mt. Pleasant AME Church, Owings Mills, Md., on the same day.

New gas stoves have been installed at the Campfield AME Church at Howardsville, Md.

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**MRS. BERTIE LEMON** will appear on the special missionary program at Pentacost Baptist Church, Sunday, March 3, 8 p.m. The Rev. A. F. Lemon is the pastor.

**The Rev. W. I. Snowden will preach at the Ebenezer AME Church, Hagerstown, Md., 11 a.m. Sunday, and at the Pentacostal Church, Catonsville, Md. at 8 p.m.**

# Dr. Charles Boddie to speak at Institute

"The Role of the Church and the Program of Integration" is the subject of the 16th Annual Church-wide Institute here March 4-8.

Classes will be held at the Maryland Baptist Center and the Masonic Temple. The general assembly will be held at New Metropolitan Baptist Church, McCulloh and Mosher Sts.

**Dr. Charles E. Boddie, associate secretary in the missionary personnel department of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, will be one of the main speakers.**

Dr. Boddie has held churches in ELMIRA, N.Y., and Huntington, West Va., and was a youth leader at the American Baptist Assembly, Green Lake, Wis., for many years.

He is also a member of the board of managers of the Board of Education and Publication of the American Baptist Convention, president of the Rochester Pasters' Union, student counselor, author, coal miner, organist and social research specialist.

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**DR. BODDIE** will lecture at 9 p.m. on March 5, 6, 7, and speak at noon on the same days.

**Activities will be divided into a general assembly, and classes for the ministers division and the women's auxiliary of the missionary department.**

Dr. J. P. Boddie is president of the United Baptist Missionary Convention and Auxiliaries of Maryland.

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**THE REV.** John L. Tilley, is State Director of Christian Education and Dean of the Institute.

# Lent begins March 6 this year

"Remember, man, that thou art dust, and unto dust shalt thou return."

**The above solemn reminder from the Bible will be said to millions of Catholics all over the world next Wednesday, at Ash Wednesday, marks the beginning of Lent.**

As they kneel before a priest, he will impose a cross of ashes upon each forehead to serve as a reminder of the celebration.

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**THE HOLY**, 40-day period of fasting and abstinence, which is also observed by persons in many other denominations throughout the Christian world, is considered a period of self-denial and prayer.

Fasting restricts the amount of food eaten and applies to persons between the ages of 21 and 59, according to the dictates of the Catholic church.

Abstinence restricts the kind of food eaten. In most churches it bans all meat.

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**CATHOLICS** seven years or older, will be obligated to abstain from eating meat on fast days and Fridays.

**On designated fast days they may partake of one meal either at noon or evening, however, the other two meals may not exceed the amount of food at the principal meal.**

Liquid only may be taken between meals.

Lent is considered a period of grace during which time persons who believe, make a supreme effort to adjust their religious thinking.

Easter Sunday, which falls on April 21 this year, culminates the ancient Christian religious custom which dates back to 331 B.C.

The first Lent was observed BY St. Athanasius of Alexandria, Egypt when he imposed a 40-day fast on his diocese, to be kept before the stricter fast of Holy Week.

# Mrs. Bessie Alston dies on her job

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon for Mrs. Bessie Alston from the Zion AME Church.

Mrs Alston, about 38, of 1507 N. Monroe, was found unconscious at the home of Mrs. Sidney Kahn, 7901 Longmeadow, where she worked.

Mrs Kahn had left the home Saturday morning. She returned about 1 p.m. and found Mrs. Alston lying on the floor. She summoned a doctor and police, but Mrs. Alston was dead when they arrived.

Survivors include: her mother, Mrs Esther McCargle; her father, Edward Richardson; two sisters Misses Esther McCargle and Ellen McCargle, and two brothers, Paul and Henry McCargle.

BAPTIST

THE JERUSALEM BAPTIST CHURCH
401 W. PRATT-ON STREET
REV. F. D. DOUGLAS, Pastor
8:30 A.M. Sunday School
11 A.M.—Morning Worship Sermon by the Pastor.
3 P.M. — Pastor, Choir & Congregation worship at Rev. Poole's Church on Strickland St.
8 P.M. — The Five Travelers Quartet Program.
11 P.M. — Night Prayer Service by Rev. Merrill.
ALL ARE WELCOME

METHODIST

ST. JAMES METHODIST CHURCH
LEXINGTON & MONROE STS.
USHERS' DAY
9:30 A.M.—Sunday School.
11:00 A.M.—Sermon by the Pastor.
3:00 P.M.—ANNUAL SERMON OF THE USHER BOARD.
WE WELCOME YOU
ALBERT H. HAMMOND, SR., Minister

METHODIST

AMES MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH
CAREY & BAKER STS.
Holy Communion and Band Day
Sunday, March 3, 1957
MORNING SERVICE—11 A.M. Communion Meditation, by the Pastor, Subj.: "THE SEARCH FOR PEACE OF THE SOUL." Music by the SENIOR and GOSPEL CHOIRS.
AFTERNOON SERVICE—3 P.M. BAND DAY. SERMON BY REV. R. L. BALL, St. Paul Methodist Church. Music by St. Paul's Gospel Choir.
EVENING SERVICE—8 P.M. Communion. Sanctuary Band Service. SERMON BY REV. PAUL JOHNSON, Town Neck, Md. Music by Gospel Choir of Ames.
A Cordial Welcome To All Singing and Praying Bands Will See You In Church!
"March 3rd Is Beginning of The Week of Dedication"
Bro. George Sharp, Capt. Sis. Susannah Watkins, Chm. Program
REV. FRANK J. FRYE, Minister

BAPTIST BAPTIST

ENON BAPTIST CHURCH
SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 1957
6:30 A.M.—Prayer and Praise Service.
9:30 A.M.—Sunday School. Miss Mattie Seymour, supt.
11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship. Sermon by the Rev. Nathaniel H. Wicks, Pastor of Morningstar Baptist Church. Holy Communion Service.
6:00 P.M.—Baptist Training Union.
8:00 P.M.—Special Evangelistic Service.
Music by the Gospel Chorus.
You are Cordially Invited to Attend All of these Services
Miss Clarie Byrd, Chm. Mrs. Calbertha Boston, Organist
Mr. I. R. Quinsby, Choir Master. Rev. A. J. Payne, Pastor

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL CHURCH-WIDE INSTITUTE
Sponsored by The United Baptist Missionary Convention and Auxiliaries of Maryland
Monday, March 4, 1957, to Friday, March 8, 1957
Classes at the Maryland Baptist Center, Masonic Temple, Classes and General Assembly at the New Metropolitan Baptist Church, all located at McCULLOH AND MOSHER STREETS Baltimore 17, Maryland.
Theme: "The Role of the Church in the Program of Integration."
DR. CHARLES E. BODDIE,
Associate Secretary in the Missionary Personnel Department of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, Speaker for the General Assembly.
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BAPTIST BAPTIST

First Anniversary Of The
ST. MARKS INSTITUTIONAL BAPTIST CHURCH
BENTALOU AND LANVALE STS.
and 1st Anniversary of The Pastor
REV. SPENCER G. DOBSON
SERVICES FRIDAY, MARCH 1st THROUGH MONDAY, APRIL 22, 1957
Program

REV. SPENCER G. DOBSON
FRIDAY, MAR. 1—8 P.M.
REV. J. S. MATTHEWS, Mt. Hebron Bapt. Church
SUN., MAR. 3—3:30 P.M.
REV. H. F. DIXON, Sykesville Charge, M.E. Church
SUNDAY, MAR. 3—8 P.M.
REV. KIRKLAND FRAZIER, Franklin Nash M.E. Church of Washington, D.C.
MONDAY, MAR. 4—8 P.M.
REV. JOSHUA W. GREEN, Gospel Temple Bapt. Church
TUESDAY, MAR. 5—8 P.M.
REV. LYNDSAI PITTS, Mt. Calvary Baptist Church
WED., MAR. 6—8 P.M.
REV. JOHN L. TILLEY, New Metropolitan Baptist Church
THURSDAY, MARCH 7—8 P.M.
REV. FREDERICK C. ATKINS, Psalmist Bapt. Church
FRIDAY, MARCH 8—8 P.M.
REV. N. W. TOVER, Mt. Olivet Bapt. Church, Towson, Md.
SUNDAY, MARCH 10—3 P.M.
REV. CARLTON COOKE, Union Bapt. Church, Sparrows Point
SUNDAY, MARCH 10—8 P.M.
REV. H. L. DAVIS, Gough M.E., Hereford Charge
MONDAY, MARCH 11—8 P.M.
REV. ANDREW P. HODGES, St. Pauls Peace & Harmony Free Will Bapt. Church
TUESDAY, MARCH 12—8 P.M.
REV. BAXTER L. MATTHEWS, Union Baptist Church
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13—8 P.M.
REV. JAMES L. MOORE, Sharon Baptist Church
THURSDAY, MARCH 14—8 P.M.
REV. MARCUS G. WOOD, Providence Bapt. Church
FRIDAY, MARCH 15—8 P.M.
REV. T. B. DAVIS, Leadenhall Bapt. Church
SUNDAY, MARCH 17—2 P.M.
REV. CHARLES CHURN, Union Temple Bapt. Church
MONDAY, MARCH 18—8 P.M.
(To Be Announced)
TUESDAY, MARCH 19—8 P.M.
MRS. BESSIE MONK, Pres., Penna. Ave., A.M.E. Zion Choir No. 1
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20—8 P.M.
REV. WM. H. THOMPSON, Whitestone Bapt. Church
THURSDAY, MARCH 21—8 P.M.
REV. IRA T. GUTHRIE, Gloucester Tabernacle Bapt. Church
FRIDAY, MARCH 22—8 P.M.
REV. MATTHEW WILKERSON and ASSISTANT PASTOR, Zion Bapt. Church
SUNDAY, MARCH 24—3 P.M.
REV. MARION BASCOM, Douglas Memorial Community Church
SUNDAY, MARCH 24—8 P.M.
REV. EARNEST W. WILLIAMS, First Baptist Church, Fairfield. Also the NURSES of MT. OLIVE BENEFICIAL ASSOCIATION, Mrs. Margaret Johnson, President. Worship Here.
MONDAY, MARCH 25—8 P.M.
(To Be Announced)
TUESDAY, MARCH 26—8 P.M.
REV. V. T. WILLIAMS, First Bapt. Church, Baltimore
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27—8 P.M.
REV. BENJAMIN F. JACKSON, Fulton Bapt. Church
THURSDAY, MARCH 28—8 P.M.
REV. MATTHEW MARCUS, Little Ark Bapt. Church
FRIDAY, MARCH 29—8 P.M.
REV. W. N. EDWARDS, Union Bethel A.M.E. Charge
SUNDAY, MARCH 31—3 P.M.
REV. ARTHUR J. PAYNE, Enon Baptist Church
SUNDAY, MARCH 31—8 P.M.
REV. C. C. BROWN, Grace A.M.E. Church, Catonsville
MONDAY, APRIL 1—8 P.M.
REV. WILLIAM TAPSCOTT, Morning Star Bapt. Church, Catonsville
Also GREETINGS and PRESENTATION from ISRAEL BAPTIST CHURCH, REV. EDMOND D. MEADE, Pastor
TUESDAY, APRIL 2—8 P.M.
REV. LYDIA ADAMS and ASSISTANT PASTORS, REV.