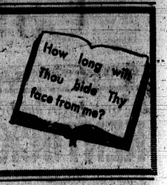
WHEN YOU FINISH READING YOUR AFRO PASS IT ALONG TO A FRIEND

How Long Wilt Thou Forget Me, O Lord? For Ever?

I AM THE WAY

Psalm 13-1



HOWARD COUNTY NEWS

Women's Day scheduled at First Baptist Church

By BEAULA MOORE

Annual Women's Day Service will be held at the First Baptist Church of Guilford Sunday. Guest speakers will be the Revs. Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. King of Baltimore.

The Rev. Mrs. Aileen Moore, chairman; Mrs. Cosette Harding, president, the Rev. A. D. Webb, pastor.

The Simms Family Day Service will be held Sunday at Unity Baptist Church, Mrs. Mattie Simms, sponsor; the Rev. Samuel Mar-rs, pastor.

The Silver Wings of Laurel will give a musical program at Unity Baptist Church, Friday. Mrs. Mary Yancey sponsor.

The Rev. Mr. Moore, his choir and congregation will give a service at St. Stephen's AME Thursday Aug. 24. The Rev. Thomas Hawkins, host pastor.

Birthday wishes to Mrs. Mildred Green. She celebrates on Aug. 25.

The Rev. Monroe Simms of the First Baptist Church of Elkridge is ill at his home on Race Road.

Airman Lewis H. Taylor dies in freak accident

S/Sgt. Lewis H. Taylor, 32, 3227 Derithan Rd., was killed instantly, Tuesday morning, when his car left the highway, crashed into an island, and hit a telephone pole.

The accident occured at the intersection of South Dakota Ave., and V. St. in Northwest Washington. The car, a 1961 compact, was completely demolished.

Uninjured was the family pet, a Fox terrier.

The Airman's wife, Mrs. Florence Clark Taylor, teacher at Rutland Elementary School, told the AFRO: "I guess he fell asleep at the wheel. This is so hard to believe."

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MRS. TAYLOR confirmed that her husband had left their Baltimore home early Tesday to visit relatives and pick up their three-year-old son, Lewis Jr.

Airman Taylor was stationed at Ft. Meade, and was preparing to transfer to Japan next month. His family was to join him later.

The body is at a Broadway Funeral Home, where funeral services are being held today (Friday) at 1p.m., at the Sharon Baptist Church, where Mrs Taylor is a choir singer.

Military burial will follow in Baltimore National Cemetery.

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A NATIVE of Glen Ferris, W. Va., Airman Taylor attended the grade schools there and Simmons High in Montgomery, W. Va.

He also studied at a radio electronic institute in Chicago, and at a Richmond, Va., barber school.

In addition to his wife and son, Airman Taylor is survived by his father, John W. Taylor, Glenn Ferris; and six brothers and three sisters.

They are: Randolph and Robert, both of D.C., Percy, Raymond and Lloyd, of Los Angeles; and Carroll, New Haven.

And Miss Gilberta Tylor, who resides at the family home in W. Va., Mrs. Louise Ortez, Brooklyn, N.Y., and Mrs. Mary Alice Washington, Hackensack, N. J.

Bethel laymen mark 1st year with services

The Laymen of Bethel AME Church mark their first anniversary on Sunday, Aug. 20 with services beginning at 3 p.m.

Dr. Louis Austin, newspaper publisher and churchman, of Durham, N.C., will be guest speaker and will base his talk on Meeting the Challenge of Christian Service.

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DR. AUSTIN, publisher of the Carolina Times, has been president of the Interdenominational Ushers Union of North Carolina since 1937. He organized the first group to integrate state institutions of higher learning, instituted in Durham again the University of North Carolina in 1935.

Members of other congregations in the city will join the Bethel church laymen for the anniversary celebration.

Mrs. Mayme Tilghman is chairman, The Rev. Harrison J. Bryant is pastor.

Coming Events

AUGUST 20

Federal Post 19, American Legion, and Federal Unit, 19, American Legion Auxiliary, will have a program at Metropolitan Baptist Church, Mosher and McCulloh Sts., at 3:30 p.m.

AUGUST 23

8 p.m. movie, "Francis of Assisi", to be shown at the Mayfair Theatre, 300 block Howard St., benefit of St. John AME Church.

AUGUST 25 - 27

Washington Conference Weslyan Service Guild annual weekend at Chatham

THE JERUSALEM BAPTIST CHURCH
524 DOLPHIN ST.
Rev. P. D. Douglas, Pastor
9:30 A.M. Sunday School
11:00 A.M. Morning Worship
6:00 P.M. The Silver Kings
Friday, 8 P.M. Prayer and Preaching — Rev. Merritt In Charge
ALL ARE WELCOME

PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE A.M.E. ZION CHURCH
"The Church Of The Burning Heart"
Pennsylvania Ave. near Dolphin St.
SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 1961
9:30 A.M.—Sunday School.
8:00 A.M.—and 11:00 A.M.—Worship Sermon: "Reckoning On God" by the Asst. Pastor.
Music by Gospel Chorus No. 1
CLINTON R. COLEMAN, Minister
JOHN E. GOLDEN, Asst. Minister
FLORENCE CARTER, Organist - JOHN PERRY, Pianist

ADAMS — In loving memory of the late Rev. William Adams. One of the founders and pastors of the Full Gospel Tabernacles No 1 and 2, who passed away August 16, 1956. Whose wonderful works in this community, the sorrounding counties, the city of Baltimore and elsewhere, will long be remembered in the hearts of the people. Rev. Adams has been greatly missed by all who knew him. Remember his marvelous works that he has done, his wonders and the judgements of his mouth. By his loving wife and members.

ACTIVITIES PLANNERS — Meeting this week, these board members of the Woman's Convention, Auxiliary to the United Baptist Missionary Convention of Maryland, planned for the annual outing to the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Missionary Retreat in Washington, August 17. Seated, left to right: Mesdames Bessie Barrow, president; Ellen G. Wilkerson, first vice - president; Irene Paige, vice president. Standing, Mesdames Mable Lockett, vice - president at large; L. Madison Williams, treasurer; Bettye L. Johnson, recording secretary; Betty Graves, director, Young People's Department; Mary Harrington, corresponding secretary; Essie D. Keck, historian; Beulah Barbour, assistant corresponding secretary. Not shown is Mrs. Hazel Williams, pianist.

DRESSED AS BRIDES, the above novices are shown on the steps of the Oblate Sisters of Providence Convent at 701 Gun Road, Baltimore County, just before they received the white veil and habit of the community, which is the oldest order of colored nuns in the world, founded in 1829 in Baltimore. The novices are: Miss Ophelia Santos, Dominican Republic, Sister Mary Varonica; Miss Sonja Haskins, Philadelphia, Sister Mary Helena; Miss Gladys George, Bridgeport, Conn., Sister Mary Lorraine; Miss Ignacia Gutierrez, Puerto Rico, Sister Mary Soledad; Miss Edith Humphrey, San Francisco, Calif., Sister Mary of Grace; Miss Christine Wilson, Chatlico, Md., Sister Mary Rita; Miss Patricia Lee, St. Paul, Minn., Sister Mary Rosetta; Miss Philomena Matthews, Washington, Sister Mary Rosanne; Miss Gwendolyn Washington, Baltimore, Sister Mary Bernadine; Miss Pauline Hargrove, Richmond, Va., Sister Mary Gervase; Miss Cynthia Roberson, Baltimore, Sister Mary Bridget; Miss Evelyn Wheeler, Baltimore, Sister Mary Phalom; Miss Dianne Wright, Baltimore, Sister Mary Joachim; Miss Jacqueline Lawrence, East Orange, N.J., Sister Mary Georgia.

Methodists hold race law wrong

CAPETOWN, South Africa —A special committee of the Methodist Church in South Africa took issue recently with laws here which prohibit mixed marriages.

"Interracial marriages, provided they are founded on common cultural attain- ment and spiritual ideals, are not contrary to the law of God, and the law of man should not prohibit them," the committee said.

South Africa laws prohibit mixed marriages or sexual relations between people of different races.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
CAROLINE and McELDERRY STS.
SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 1961
8:00 A.M.—Morning Worship
9:30 A.M.—Sunday School
11:00 A.M.—Sermon by the Rev. Charles James.
REV. VERNON T. WILLIAMS, Pastor
A CORDIAL WELCOME TO ALL

MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH
CAROLINE AND PRESTON STREETS
SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 1961
9:30 A.M.—Church School
10:30 A.M.—Prayer and Praise Service
11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship, Rev. Frazier Feaster
6:00 P.M.—B.T.U.
7:30 P.M.—Evening Worship
The Church With A Hearty Welcome
REV. C. EDWARD BROWNE, Pastor

2000 N. FULTON AVENUE
SUNDAY, AUG. 20, 1961
BROWN MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH
9:30 A.M.—Sunday School
11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship
8:00 P.M.—Preaching
Old-Fashioned Prayer Meeting Each Friday At 8 P.M.
ALL ARE WELCOME

REVEREND PAUL J. HARRIS, 8Th. MINISTER

PERKINS SQUARE BAPTIST CHURCH
EDMONDSON AND WARWICK AVENUES
SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 1961
GOSPEL CHORUS DAY
8:00 A.M.—Early Morning Worship.
9:15 A.M.—Sunday School.
10:30 A.M.—Open Heart Service.
11:00 A.M.—Sermon by REV. THOMAS SMITH.
1:00 P.M.—Annual Visit To Sylvenvester Baptist Church, Seat Pleasant, Md. Mon., Aug. 21 Thru Sun., Aug. 27 Manns Week
ALL ARE WELCOME

REV. WARD D. VERBY, PASTOR

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH
Ashland Ave. and Bond Street
"The Praying Church"
SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 1961
9:15 A.M.—Sunday School
10:45 A.M.—Morning Worship, Sermon By Rev. William Brown.
3:00 P.M.—Holy Communion Service. Guest, Rev. R. C. Phillips, pastor, choirs and congregation of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Havre De Grace, Md.
THIS THE LAST SERVICE FOR THE DAY
WE WELCOME YOU
REV. WALTER F. PAIGE, Pastor
COMFORTABLY AIR CONDITIONED

CALVERT CO. NEWS

Mrs. Williams speaks at St. Peters

By MELVINA EDWARDS

A candlelight service was held recently at Peters Methodist Church with Mrs. Bertha Williams of John Wesley Methodist Church, Baltimore, as

College, Woodland Rd., Pittsburgh 32, Pa. Theme is "Faith that Compels Us." Guilders and WSCS members are invited to attend. Contact your district secretary.

AUGUST 27

Annual Youth Day at St. John AME Church, 11 a.m. the Rev. Vernon Dobson, speaker; 4 p.m. guest choirs featured in "Youth Sings for God." The Rev. I. M. Gray, pastor.

REV. HOLMES SAYS

Blessed will be blessed who will go on the Lifeline Cruise on the Bay Belle, August 31, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Dial

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guest speaker.

A camp meeting at Peters Church, will continue through Sept. 3.

The Rev. C. Y. Trigg will speak at Union Methodist Church, Baltimore, as guest speaker.

A camp meeting at Peters Church will continue through Sept. 3.

The Rev. C. Y. Trigg will speak at Union Methodist Church, 8 p.m. August 20. The Rev. Benjamin Collins will deliver the 3 p.m. sermon.

MISS WILLIE V. Coates of Chesapeake Beach and Gerald Matthews of Annapolis will be married at St. Edmonds Church, 3 p.m. Saturday, August 19. The Rev. William Edwards will perform the ceremony.

Mrs. Martha Pram of Eastport, wife of John Pram, is home from Anne Arundel Hospital and able to be out.

Alvin Plater is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Plater of Sunderland, Md. Mr. Plater is a resident of New York.

Sick and shut in: Gross Jones of Dunkirk, Md. has returned home from Johns Hopkins Hospital. Darrell Offer of Dunkirk, grandson of Alex Ford Sr., will enter Wash Hospital for an operation. Donald Lee, son of Mrs. Carrie S. Lee, was struck by a car recently as he crossed the road.

Gloria Booze of Washington is spending the summer vacation with her grandfather, Alex Ford Jr. Orlando Franklin of Dunkird recently visited New York.

Vondearleer Booze of McCulloh Homes is spending a vacation in Huntingtown with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Booze.

Birthday greetings to the Rev. William Edwards, pastor of Mt. Hope Charge, Aug. 26; wife of the Rev. David H. Thomas, Aug. 20.

Grace United Presbyterian Church
One of Baltimore's Friendliest Churches
DOLPHIN and ETTING STREETS
SUNDAY, AUG. 20, 1961
9:00 A.M.—Sunday Church School
10:00 A.M.—Worship Service Sermon by Rev. George Gunther, D.D., Guest Minister.
11:30 A.M. Fellowship Hour.
REV. ROBERT T. NEWBOLD, Pastor

Mon., Aug. 21, 1961
8:30 P.M.
Come by Car, Plane, Bus, Boat or Train to the
Great Gospel Song Feast
Featuring again by popular demand
The Original Gospel Harmonettes of Birmingham, Ala.
The Gospel Chords — The Unity Gospel Singers
Faye Johnson -14-year-old blind singer
at
Gillis Memorial Community Church
CALHOUN AND MULBERRY STREETS
REV. THEODORE C. JACKSON - Pastor
The date again is
Monday, August 21, 1961 - 8:30 P.M.

DOUGLAS MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CHURCH
"The People of the Way"
LAFAYETTE & MADISON AVES.
MARION CURTIS BASCOM, MINISTER
JAMES S. HAMMOND, MINISTER OF MUSIC
SUN., AUGUST 20, 1961
8:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M.
"WISE UP, O MEN OF GOD"
MR. BASCOM, Preaching
MUSIC
SANCTUARY CHOIR 8:30 A.M.
"HOME IN A THAT ROCK" — Arr. White
"HALLELUJAH, AMEN"-Handel
11:00 A.M.
"JESU, JOY OF MAN'S DESIRING" - Bach
"THE BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC" Arr. Wilkinson
GOSPEL CHOIR
"GOD'S WONDERFUL GRACE" Arr. Martin

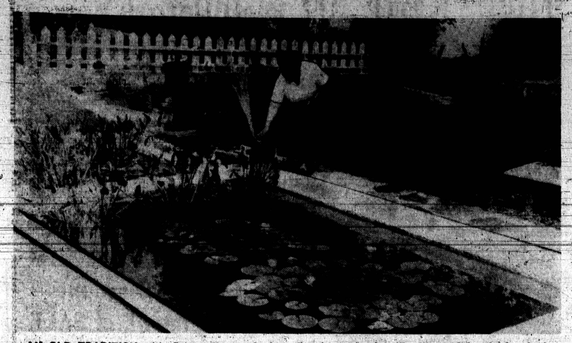
JOINT RECITAL
MRS. JULIA MAE PRICE, Radio Gospel Singer
MR. LEWIS LEAKE, GOSPEL SINGER
FRIDAY, AUGUST 25th at 8:00 P.M.
PERKINS SQUARE BAPTIST CHURCH
WARWICK AND EDMONDSON AVES.
SPONSORED BY MISS BESSIE COTTON

THE FIRST EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH
2016 W. NORTH AVENUE
INVITES YOU TO ALL ITS WORSHIP SERVICES
Come meet the New Pastor
REV. A. M. HILL of MEMPHIS, TENN.
An unusual "MEDITATION HOUR" 6:30 to 7:30 Sundays
Soul Stirring — BACK HOME PREACHING!
Great Choirs singing!
ALL ARE WELCOME.

SHARP ST. MEM. METH. CHURCH
DOLPHIN AND ETTING STREETS
SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 1961
8:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.—Identical Services. Meditation. Topic "The Ecstasy of Christian Joy" Student Minister in Charge of Services, Rev. Dudne Breeze, Belmont, Mass. Myrtle Mack, Organist..
MR. MORRIS QUEEN, Minister of Music
REV. EDWARD G. CARROLL, Minister

Ames Memorial Methodist Church
Carey and Baker Sts.
SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 1961
8:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. Services — Guest speaker, The Rev. Roscoe C. Williams, Asbury Church, Richmond, Va. Subject, "The Rock That Is Higher."
9:30 A.M. — Church School — Mr. James Owings, Sup't.
A Cordial Welcome To All Will See You In Church
ERNEST P. CLARK, Minister

Catonsville Marks 94th Year



AN OLD TRADITION with Catonsville people is the garden which extends around the house. Although the front lawn may be of simple elegance with formal trimmed hedges and a fir tree or two, the side and back yards are transformed into loveliness the year around with varied flowers, trees, shrubs and plants. Mrs. Rhoda May Jones, wife of grocer Harry L. Jones, is shown above turning water into the lily pool for the hundreds of fish to enjoy. She also has tadpoles and frogs. The surrounding gardens have holly bushes and evergreens for winter, chrysanthemums for fall; ever blooming summer flowers and fruit trees for spring blossoms. Each detail is carefully planned to provide a pleasant view from every window of the home.

IN THE CATONSVILLE DEVELOPMENT, just two miles from Baltimore's western city limits, sprawls the near-perfect example of suburban living, home ownership and community spirit. There is no undertaker here and but one physician, since citizens are interested in living. The welcome mat is always out to summer visitors who find the community a nice place to visit. Shown above is the 6100 block Old Frederick Rd.

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

Catonsville, Md., a community just eight miles west of the center of Baltimore, is a picturesque village with hedgegrows and winding lanes reminescent of an old English settlement.

Marking its 94th birthday this year, the development of approximately 6,000 inhabitants, was first settled by colored property owners who purchased land along Winters Lane, still the main thoroughfare.

Today, Catonsville is one of the oldest of Maryland's outstanding communities. It possesses a certain grace, product of the passing years which distinguishes it as an ideal suburban spot.

The population is composed of three types of citizens — the native born villagers, the retired home owners and the "new-comers", as they are called by the oldtimers.

The native born have been landholders since 1867, just after the Civil War, when their forefathers came into deeded property.

An example is the Howard Harris family whose lands were known as Harristown in 1867.

Descendants of the original owners still reside on the property which is the last house at the west end of the settlement.

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THE OLDEST development, other than Harristown, is the area where the Abraham Hall and the Benjamin Watkins families reside on Taylor Lane, the Southern end of Catonsville.

Other native families include the Soloman Torsell family, whose descendant, Samuel Torsell, has been an AFRO correspondant writing Catonsville News for more than 50 years; the Ramus Adams family whose founder was the village blacksmith; the William Ebbs, the Govans, and the Phillip Woodlands.

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THE AREA also has many retired persons, including businessmen, ministers, teachers, postal clerks and government workers.

The natives and the retired people reside in frame houses set back on inviting grounds, their green lawns 'edged with English hedge, the old trees spreading great branches to shade well - worn pathways.

Some of the newcomers to the community have been residents over 30 years, but they remain "newcomers" in name since the old residents like it that way.

Their homes, modern in architecture, help accentuate the graciousness and quality of the old residences.

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TO LIST Catonsville's roster of outstanding citizens would require many columns since all of them are an inspiration to others and deserve praise for community cooperation.

Many of them have received citations from civic, church and community organizations. Their contributions to society reach beyond Catonsville's borders into surrounding areas and into metropolitan Baltimore.

An example is the Rev. A. J. Payne, distinguished pastor of Enon Baptist Church, Baltimore, who resides on Old Frederick Rd.

Mr. and Mrs. Hawthorne Smith, 6114 Old Frederick Rd., both retired, are among the old residents as are the William Jensons, 144 Winters Lane; the Robert Randalls, 333 Melvin Ave., the Asbury Ridouts 210 Winters Lane, and the Charles Hendersons, 140 Winters Lane, who have resided there nearly half a century.

Also among original settlers were the John Pomphreys; the John Loudens who owned the oldest residence still standing and the John Glenns.

Widely known citizens are Mrs. Frances Coe, grand worthy matron of the Myra Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, who resides on Shipley Ave. and Mrs. Amy Warden, 102 Winters Lane, who is president of the Tri State Elks lodge organization.

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AN UNUSUAL situation in such a small settlement as Catonsville is the division into inter-community residential areas which came about when new homes were constructed at the turn of the century.

Winters Lane, the hub, is called the "Old Development". Branching out to the West along Old Frederick Lane is Douglass Park settled early in the 1900's.

"The Pines", often referred to as Catonsville Pines, developed in 1940, as the village extended Northward across what is now the Baltimore National Pike but at that time was a road called Rich Ave.

The most modern and latest development is the area running east of Winters Lane as far as Nunnery Lane.

Another modern touch in the center of the community the Melvin Park Apartments in the 6000 block Old Frederick Rd., where families reside in attractive garden type, two-story dwellings.

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HOWEVER NEW or old the families are, all residents have joined together in one happy community, proud of its status.

More than 4,000 persons are registered voters.

As citizens, they are alert to political activity, local, county, state, and national.

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POLITICAL, BUSINESS and fraternal organizations have held the community together for common causes.

Early in its history, the Catonsville Operating Association, a company of 40 stockholders, played a leading part in the expansion of the town, purchased and sold land.

With Charles A. Woodland, the first mail carrier in Catonsville, as president for 25 years, the organization operated the famous Greenwood Electric Park for picnics, outings and fairs.

Mr. Woodland, 77 Winters Lane, now retired mail carrier and school teacher is also an original property holder.

He is a licensed undertaker but has never entered the profession. Active in civic and community work, he is also the Republican leader.

Although the spirit of the Catonsville Operating Association remains, the organization is now out of existence, the old park on Winters Lane overgown with weeds.

The American Legion chapter has both men's and women's divisions and is headed by Commander William Holley.

Mrs. Hannah Lindsay is president of the Catonsville Civic League, Inc., a progressive organization

James Johnson, 20 Lincoln Ave., heads the Democratic Club which was active in the 1960 register and vote campaign.

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HOWEVER, ONE of the oldest organizations in the state of Maryland is the Catonsville chapter Elks Crescent Lodge No. 355, which has been active since 1923.

At present there are 80 members. Paul King is the exalted ruler. At one time the lodge had more than 200 members and in 1947 was the richest lodge in the state.

Still holding membership are citizens who have moved away to New York, Washington, Baltimore and more distant areas.

Also active in the community are the Order of Eastern Star with Mrs. Elsie Williams, grand matron and the Prince Hall Masons with Edgar Sewell worshipful master of Landmark No. 40 chapter.

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"GOING TO TOWN" is a weekly event when journeying to Baltimore to visit, to church or to shop.

But for the most part, their children attend school in the neighborhood, they shop at the neighborhood stores and they keep membership in the community churches.

Church bells ringing distinctly on a clear Sunday morning peal out the call to worship from any one of the six village churches.

Morning Star Baptist Church is located on Roberts Ave. and Winters Lane. The Rev. Gentry McDonald is pastor.

The Rev. C. C. Brown heads the Grace AME Church congregation at the 67 Winters Lane location. Mt. Olivet Methodist Church is on Frederick Ave. The Rev. Alphonso Thompson is pastor.

The Rev. Richard Wallace is pastor of the Full Gospel Spiritulist Church, Winters Lane and Edmondson Ave.

The Catholic churches are St. Marks, on Melvin Ave., and St. Agnes on the Baltimore National Pike.

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JONES' STORE on Old Frederick Rd., with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jones owners, has served as the main grocery and meeting place for old friends and housewives for more than 30 years.

At home next door to the store, Mr. and Mrs. Jones lead a leisurely life, attending their spacious lawns, planting both flower and vegetable gardens and watering their rose beds.

A large fish pond is the newest addition and boasts many varieties of tropical fish and water hyacinths.

Mr. Jones is a typical citizen, mowing his lawns, repairing his home, golfing and playing cards with "old cronies."

Mrs. Katherine Williams' store, established more than 20 years ago, at 151 Winters Lane, is also a landmark and a favorite since it is combined with a village tavern.

Kings Tavern also on Winters Lane is owned by Mrs. Clara King and has been serving customers from Catonsville and the Baltimore area for over 30 years.

Mardells Drive - In on the Baltimore National Pike at Winters Lane is owned by Wardell Barbour and is a fairly new business establishment.

Masons Landmark Chapter

The Landmark No. 40 chapter of the Prince Hall Masons Lodge of Catonsville has one of the few Masonic choirs in the state of Maryland. Samuel Torsell is director.

Edgar Sewell, Harmon, Md. is worshipful master of the lodge which is classed as a rural lodge and embraces 70 members from other towns and communities.

The organization meets every second and fourth Monday of the month at the lodge hall, 48 Winters Lane, Catonsville.

Established in 1905, the lodge is one of the oldest in the state.

Among members who signed the charter 56 years ago are Mr. Torsell, Daniel Garrett, Daniel Bacon, John Smith, Vernon Scott, Elhana Washington, Jr.

The Temple was purchased in May, 1952 when William Holley was worshipful master.

THE GROUP'S MAIN event of the year is St. John's Day in June, held in a selected church in a different community where members reside.

Landmark Lodge is unique in that it is one of the few lodges conducting its own members' burial services. Usually, the Grand Lodge officiater. At present, William Foreman is chairman of the standing burial committee.

The lodge also gives a scholarship each year to a worthy Banneker High School graduate.

It boasts that four ministers are enrolled as members.

They are the Rev. Oscar Christmas, assistant pastor of Grace Methodist Church, Catonsville; the Rev. George Allen, pastor of Barnsville Methodist Church, Barnesville; the Rev. Monroe Simms, pastor of Elkridge Baptist Church, Elkridge; the Rev. Carroll Thomas, assistant pastor of Locust Methodist Church, Simpsonville.

Also connected with the Masonic Lodge is the Martha Chapter No. 25, Order of Eastern Star with Mrs. Elizabeth Barnes, worthy matron and George Hopewell, worthy patron.

The grand worthy matron of the Myra Grand chapter resides in Catonsville and is a member of the Martha Chapter.

Masonic officers are Edgar Sewell, worshipful master; Luther Sewell, senior warden; Charles Fletcher, junior warden; George Matthews, secretary; William Foreman, treasurer; Ernest McCormick, assistant treasurer; Richard Randall, Jr., deacon; John Jackson and Samuel Henson, stewards; Marion Simms, tiler, Lewis T. Kelly, assistant deputy grand master.

Legion Stresses Safety

The Jackson and Johnson Memorial Post No. 269 of the American Legion, Catonsville, is requesting that additional safety signs be posted on Catonsville roads.

The organization headed by William Holley, Commander, is also requesting a reduction in the 30 mile an hour speed limit on Winters La.

Members of the group claim that 30 - miles an hour is too high a rate of speed for vehicles traveling through a residential area.

They also are negotiating to place the light at the intersection of Winters Lane and Route 40, the Baltimore National Pike, under control of the Catonsville authorities.

Mr. Holley discloses that the veterans organization is alert to community welfare in many other channels.

Composed of 35 veterans of World War I, World War II and the Korean War, the Jackson and Johnson Post sends a young man to the Boys State Program at the University of Maryland each year.

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THE GROUP CARRIES on a child welfare program and provides Christmas packages and a party for youngsters during the holiday season. They also visit disabled veterans in the veterans hospitals throughout the year.

Mr. Holley states that they also rise to the occasion when aid is needed in any manner in the community.

The Women's Auxiliary organization of 30 members is headed by Mrs. Delores Coates.

Meetings are held every first and third Thursday at the Elks Home, 169 Winters Lane.

Other officers are Samuel Hall, post adjutant; Edgar A. Coe, service officer; Scholley E. Webb, chaplain; James Rheubottom, first vice commander; James E. Jones, post historian.

Torsell Is Mayor

In 1904, the year of the Baltimore Fire, Samuel Torsell was a student at the old Normal School on Saratoga St.

Interested in writing the news of the day, he submitted a column, "Catonsville News," to the AFRO.

After 57 years, never missing a week, even during both World War I and II, Mr. Torsell still arrives at the AFRO with his column, which appears under his name in the Friday edition.

Mr. Torsell is known as the Mayor of Catonsville.

He was born there in the same house where he now resides at 79 Winters Lane. The residence was built by his father, Solomon Torsell, one of the first settlers in 1671. The elder Mr. Torsell acquired the land in 1870.

Mr. Torsell has been "in office" as the unofficial mayor since 1917, a total of 44 years.

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SINCE HE WATCHED the community grow from its very beginning and recalls its history with a vivid memory, he also ranks as its historian.

Mr. Torsell founded the Grace AME Church newspaper in 1920. Naming it "The Clarion," he successfully broadened its coverage until the four - page paper became the spokesman for the entire community.

In addition to serving as its editor - manager and writing for the AFRO, Mr. Torsell took active parts in every phase of village living before he retired from his job as dining room supervisor at a Baltimore department store.

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WHEN HE RETIRED in 1943, Mr. Torsell was awarded a plaque and received a gold watch for 30 years service.

He also received the AFRO's highest award, a citation and a place on the Honor Roll for contributions to the Catonsville Community.

He dropped the editor - managership of the newspaper, intending to continue publication at a later date. However, he continued as superintendent of the Sunday School 35 years.

Recently he was made a life member in the Masons Landmark No. 40 Lodge. He is Past Chief Antler of the Elks Council 27 of Baltimore and a Past Exalted Ruler of the Elks Lodge No. 355, secretary of the group and trombone player in the band for 20 years.

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HE AND HIS wife, Mrs. Ida Torsell, have been married over 40 years, so long, they say, that the exact date slips memory.

She is also active in the community and in fact, could bear the title, executive assistant to the mayor.

For more than 30 years she has taught Sunday School and as an ordained minister serves as assistant pastor at the Grace Church.

Civic Affairs Group

The Civic Affairs Committee of the Catonsville Civic League has taken great strides toward making the community a better place for all people to live.

Among leaders are Eugene King, William Ross, chairman, and Rudolph Jones, advisor.

At present the group is concentrating on theatres which are not open to all people.

The first to open under non - violent demonstrations was the Edmondson Drive-In on the Baltimore National Pike.

One night's picketing and a conference with the theatre's managers proved succesful. Now, the drive-in is patronized by all.

THE EDMONDSON THEATRE in Edmondson Village has not opened doors to all people, according to Mr. King, who told the AFRO that the group has made frequent efforts to bring the management to a more democratic view in policy.

Pickets are now marching at the Alpha Theatre in the Catonsville Village on Frederick.

The Civic Affairs group has also offered assistance to the Baltimore Civic Interest Group in the attempt to open restaurants on the Baltimore National Pike.

Also under close surveilance of the Civic League are housing, street conditions and other areas of community improvement.

Melvin Park Apts.

The Melvin Park Apartments were built in 1951 on a site of 31.2 acres located at the intersection of Winters Lane and Old Frederick Road.

There are 164 dwelling units in the development in 133 detached units.

The apartments are identical in size and consist of four large rooms and bath. They were designed to provide gracious living in spacious and pleasant surroundings at low cost.

The development is conveniently located to several shopping centers, elementary and high schools and churches of all denominations. Its nearness to the new Beltway makes all main routes easily accessible.

The apartments were originally managed by Robert Johns who served until October 1955, when he was succeeded by Oscar R. Christmas, the present manager.

Mrs. Marie L. Johnson has served as secretary since their opening.

The Melvin Park Apartments Inc.

NEW HOME GOING UP in the 6000 block Old Frederick Rd., Catonville, is symbolic of the progress the community is making. The development, started in 1861 along Winters Ave. now includes an area of more than 25 square miles, many new homes, but all in the traditional flavor of quiet dignity.

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