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

BLUE RIBBON AUDIENCE shown above attended the Sunday Blue Ribbon Tea, the 18th event of the Eastside Community Committee, eagerly awaited each year by hundreds of Baltimoreans. Serving as hostesses were more than 30 members of the Eastside Women's City-Wide Committee for Delinquency Prevention. Belford V. Lawson, Washington Attoney, was speaker.

18th Blue Ribbon tea draws capacity house at Dunbar Hi

Washington Attorney Belford V. Lawson Jr., decried the Child Welfare League's defiance of local opposition in holding its annual conference in Baltimore last week.

Speaking at the 18th annual Blue Ribbon Tea sponsored by the Eastside Community Committee Sunday, he cited the league's stand as an example of "deceit and dichotomy in the name of democracy."

He referred specifically to the League's listing of 46 integrated restaurants over to delegates without listing the addresses of the restaurants.

Mr. Lawson also hit out at the bypassing of housing inspector William Gardner. Although he made the highest civil service score for three top jobs in the Bureau of Building Inspections, three white persons were appointed.

Referring to Mr. Gardner as his "old Omega brother" he called the situation "shocking."

"I don't mean to get into local fights, but I believe I also have a stake in this State and have the right to speak out," Mr. Lawson told the 1200 persons who crowded the auditorium of Dunbar High School.

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THE TRADITIONAL community affair was its usual success. A tentative report indicated that $1,544.50 was raised. Proceeds are used to send youngsters to camp.

Mr. Lawson's 35 - minute talk was interrupted frequently by applause.

He cautioned that in a free and open society, it is not enough to criticize people for crossing picket lines.

"You must participate," he said.

"The only thing to which power and politics will listen is the dollar and the vote," he asserted.

He urged the audience to join "local, national and international groups" to work toward a better world.

"Let us not be concerned with puny men, but with crucial issues, active machinery, and active participation," he said.

Quoting Thomas Paine, he stated, "If People wait too long in chains for their liberty, they may wait forever."

"Let us do these things and the time is not far distant when all the tribes of mankind will become the family of man," the attorney said.

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OTHER SPEAKERS included James Morton, administrative assistant to Governor Tawes; Municipal Court Judge Robert B. Watts; 3rd District City Councilman Henry R. Hergenroeder; 2nd District City Councilman, Clement J. Prucha; and John H. Henderson, executive secretary of the Druid Hill YMCA, and Mayor J. Harold Grady.

Mayor Grady, who had attended the Child Welfare League Conference despite a petition by Baltimore social workers asking him not to cross the picket lines, left before Mr. Lawson's talk.

Music was by the Holliman's Student Orchestra, and the Eastside Community Choir.

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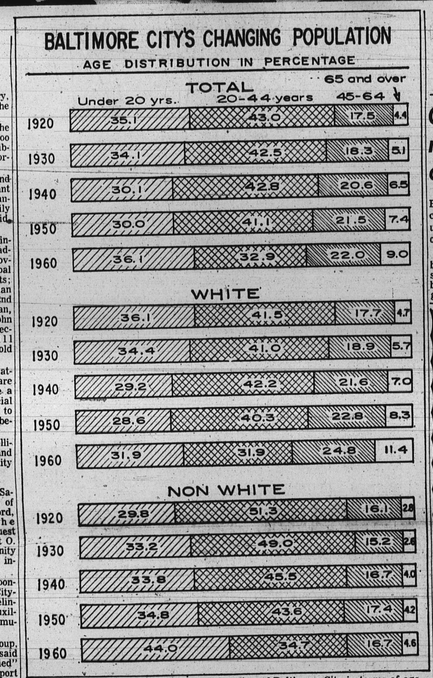
PRESIDING WAS Mrs. Sadie L. Maddox, chairman of the tea. Mrs. Celia Crawford, assistant chairman of the tea, introduced the guest speaker, the Rev. Herbert O. Edwards, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, gave the invocation.

The program was sponsored by the Women's City-Wide Committee for Delinquency Prevention, an auxiliary of the Eastside Community Committee.

President of the group, Mrs. Gloria A. Jones, said the committee "is gratified" with both the financial report and the attendance, although neither was record-breaking.

"We are very grateful to all our patrons," Mrs. Jones said.



THE CHART ABOVE comes from the Baltimore City Health Department. It shows the changing population of Baltimore City in terms of age distribution.

CORE plans new push on Rt. 40

"Remember Rt. 40" was Baltimore CORE's rallying cry this week, as plans got underway for renewed demonstrations on the highway.

Small demonstrations have been conducted on Route 40 since Nov. 11 when a number of restaurants desegregated and forestalled a mammoth protest.

CORE spokesmen hinted that the testing of several segregated restaurants Saturday will be a priliminary to another "big push," which will probably take place in April.

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Husband says wife wanted him to support her 28-year-old son

Charges that Mrs. Sarah Whittington left him when he refused to support her 28 - year - old son by a previous marriage, won a divorce for Hamilton Whittington.

Mr. Whittington, who gave his address as 1119 Myrtle Ave., said the marriage, which took place on Sept. 7, 1958, lasted only a year and two months.

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ALSO TESTIFYING that their marriage was short - lived, was Russell Pitts of 2413 E. Preston St., who divorced Mrs. Florence Pitts.

Married on July 10, 1951, the marriage was over six months later, he said.

"We couldn't get along, so she went her way and I went mine", the husband said.

MRS. ANN DAVIS fo 1121 S. Sharp St., said that she could no longer stand the beatings that Willie Davis, now of Philadelphia, gave her.

The couple was married on April 18, 1959 and separated on Jan. 31, 1960.

During this time, the wife said, her husband put her in the bathroom and locked the door so that no one could reach them while he beat her.

She said that despite her parent's advice to try to make a go of the marriage, she was compelled to leave, and that she was afraid of Mr. Davis.

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MRS. ALMA V. SIMMONS was given custody of their son when Alfred Simmons of 3412 Elgine Ave., divorced her.

He testified that they voluntarily separated on April 15, 1952. They were married on July 22, 1942.

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ALSO WINNING a divorce on grounds of voluntary separation was William B. Holland, from Mrs. Bessie Holland. They were married on August 27, 1947 and separated on June 15, 1948.

Federal Court jury sworn in

The March term Federal Court Grand Jury panel was sworn in Monday.

Elected foreman was Stewart B. Crawford, general superintendent of Maryland General Hospital.

Among other jurors who'll serve until the first Monday in June are:

Mrs. Fannie Haynes, 84 Winters Ave., Catonsville; Willie Harrison, 1604 N. Bond St.; Mrs. Cornelia Randolph, 3400 Woodbrook Ave.; Mrs. Cleo Seneca, 2133 Denison St., and Charles Stack, 2800 Kirk Ave.

Richard E. Hook, 5304 Purlington Wy.; Harry K. Bosch, 3923 Forleigh Rd.; Robert S. Danforth Sr., 1611 Parkman Ave.; Joseph B. Seth, 115 Yorkleigh Rd., Towson;

William A. Hyser, 1233 William St.; Frederick J. Grandy, 705 N. Woodington Rd.; Roy A. Towns, 21 E. Eager St.; Samuel R. Zetzer, 3304 Buckingham Rd.; Wilmer A. DeHuff, 3 Middleton Ct.; Charles Wellman, 4210 Fourth St.;

And Mrs. Margaret B. Deshazo, 1307 N. Kenwood Ave. Arnold E. Fox, Friendsville, Md.; Charles G. Trautwein, 2801 Ailsa Ave.; Albert U. Walter, 3 N. Hadley Square; Wilbert J. Ermer, 1903 Winford Rd.; Emory A. Rowan, Pasadena and Mrs. Beatrice Glick, 5725 Joaquil Ave.

Madison Ave. hall faces zoning test

An appeal asking the continued use of the Grand United Odd Fellows Hall, 2237 Madison Ave., and its public rental, is scheduled to be heard Tuesday by the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals.

Among the other cases scheduled, beginning at 1 p.m in Room 231, City Hall are appeals to permit a tailor shop at 1056 N. Luzerne Ave., and a dry cleaning storage at 1036 N. Gilmor St.

Woman Nearly Itches To Death

"I nearly itched to death 2½ years. Then I found a new wonder creme. Now I'm happy," writes Mrs. P. Ramsey of L.A. Calif. Here's blessed relief from torturous of vaginal itch, rectal itch, chafing, rash and eczema with an amazing new scientific formula called LANACANE. This fast-acting medicated creme kills harmful bacteria germs while it soothes raw, irritated and inflamed tissue. Soon scratching—the miserable healing. Don't suffer! Get LANACANE at druggists.

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Shuttlesworth's Story: Faith & Courage Against The Odds

Duel between minister and 'Bull' Connor has meaning

For seven tension - filled days during May, 1961, the eyes of the nation and most of the world were literally glued on Alabama.

May 14, a bus carrying Freedom Riders was burned by a mob outside of Anniston.

May 15, Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy telephoned Gov. John Patterson and asked that the Riders be protected.

May 19, President John F. Kennedy and the Attorney General tried in vain to reach the Governor.

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THE PRESIDENT then talked with Alabama's Lieut.-Gov. Albert Boutwell and sent John Siegenthaler of the Attorney General's staff as Presidential emissary to Montgomery in an effort to prevent further mob violence.

May 19, the President's man was knocked unconscious by mob members and 20 other persons were beaten.

May 20, U.S. marshals had to throw tear gas bombs to hold back a mob which sought to enter a church where Freedom Riders and civil rights leaders held a meeting.

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ALTHOUGH IT was a week of tragedy and near - tragedy, there was one moment when the entire nation practically howled with glee.

A minister who was one of the civil rights crusaders in the church threatened by the mob appeared on the nationwide television special program, "Who Speaks for Birmingham?"

He was asked his opinion of Birmingham's police commissioner Eugene (Bull) Connor.

Calling attention to the commissioner's nickname, the minister observed that it was very appropriate.

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DESCRIBING THE Commissioner as "a loud, rough-talking" official, he added: "Take away the loud talk and all you have left is emptiness."

Shortly as the television program was over, the clergyman was in custody of police on warrant sworn by the commissioner.

The charge was "conspiracy and causing a crowd to gather at the bus terminal". Following a hearing he was ordered held in $2,000 bail.

The minister is the Rev. Fred L. Shuttlesworth, phrase - making and Bible-pounding Baptist pastor, who for the past six years has been a plague to Alabama segregationists particularly and Southern segregationist generally.

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DURING MOST of this period, he has been bluntly critical of Commissioner Connor, who was elected to office in 1957 by a 103-vote margin on a promise to combat desegregation.

His pet label for the minister is "He's a trouble maker."

When the Rev. Shuttlesworth was released from the Birmingham jail, last Friday, after serving 36 days of a 90-day sentence, one of his first announcements was:

"There was no peace for 'Bull' when I was in jail and certainly will be no peace for him now that we (the Rev. J. S. Phifer) are out . . ."

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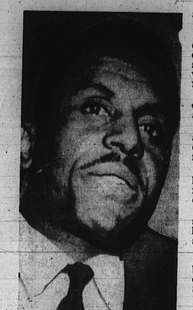
THE DUEL between the minister and the police commissioner simply symbolizes the difference between the views of the two men on racial segregation.

The Rev. Shuttlesworth says: "I am fighting for downtrodden citizens who, though crushed to the ground, are trying to rise to the level of equal citizenship."

Commissioner Connor, who is opposed to anything slightly resembling desegregation, vows that in matters of integration: "They shall not pass."

The Birmingham phase of the Shuttlesworth story began in 1953 when he was called to Bethel Baptist Church from Dallas County where he was a school teacher.



REV. FRED L. SHUTTLESWORTH

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REV. SHUTTLESWORTH was born in rural Montgomery County, and grew up near Birmingham where he completed high school. After marrying and being ordained as a minister, he returned to school, attended Selma University and Alabama State Teachers College.

In 1956, after the NAACP was outlawed in Alabama, he organized the Alabama Christian Movement For Human Rights.

After his home was bombed Christmas night, 1956, he told his congregation that it was the hand of destiny. "I know I was preserved for a purpose."

He sums this purpose up in this manner: "To preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to implement that gospel as it relates to human dignity and human rights."

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THE DEPTHS of the minister's dedication to the struggle for full citizenship for his people was demonstrated during early September, 1957, when he was injured critically by a mob of white men.

He was attacked for attempting to enroll his children in a public school attended by only white pupils.

Of the attack, he said: "They were actually trying to kill me. I was dazed and in a semi-conscious state from the beating."

Although incapacitated by injuries, he added: "If I could, I would march right back up there with more colored children."

During the melee in front of the school, his wife was stabbed in the hip. The knife wound required several stitches.

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BEING INVOLVED in law suits, both criminal and civil, is not an uncommon experience for either Rev. Shuttlesworth or his family.

As of July, 1961, the court-action score was as follows:

Nine criminal suits, all stemming from civil rights activities, were pending against members of the family.

Rev. Shuttlesworth alone was involved in 12 civil actions, seven as the plaintiff and five as defendant.

During 1960, he won two civil cases and one criminal case, not included in the above count.

Also not included was a contempt sentence of 24 hours imprisonment and a $10 fine levied the previous month when he refused to promise not to break any segregation laws for the next year.

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FIVE SUITS were filed against the civil rights leaders in Alabama in connection with the advertisement which appeared in the March 29, 1960, edition of the New York Times criticizing the handling of demonstrations by college students earlier that year.

Suits filed by Mayor Earl James and Police Commissioner L. B. Sullivan were tried in state court and the jury awarded $500,000 judgment in each case.

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FEB. 6, 1961 — Rev. Shuttlesworth's automobile was seized on order of John R. Matthew, clerk of the Montgomery Circuit Court.

The automobiles and real estate of three other ministers also were seized in connection with a $ million joint bond against them.

The bond resulted from the $ half million judgement against the four ministers and the New York Times newspapers awarded during November, 1961, to L. B. Sullivan, Montgomery police chief.

The suit stemmed from an advertisement placed in the Times in behalf of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., who was being prosecuted by the state on charges of filing false income tax returns.

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NOVEMBER, 1959, the minister and members of the ACMHR filed suit to desegregate public parks and recreational facilities in Birmingham.

Commissioner Connor was quoted in a daily newspaper article as saying the good colored people of the city were "saddened and alarmed" by the suit. He was also quoted as charging that Shuttlesworth was behind the suit.

The minister immediately challenged Connor to a debate on the suit, saying that the "good colored people?" wondered why there were no colored policemen or firemen in Birmingham, or colored people working as clerks and in other positions in City Hall.

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FROM 1956 to JUNE, 1959, the Alabama Christian movement for Human Rights raised at total of $53,000

An accounting showed that during this period the group spent $40,119.65 for legal fees, court costs, fines, transcripts and bonds. Of this amount, fees to local attorneys accounted for $24,000.

He said. "These figures prove beyond doubt of criticism that ACMHR is committed above all else to obtaining full citizenship for its members and friends."

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AUG. 6, 1960 — Three children of the Shuttlesworth family were arrested in Gadsden, Ala., for failing to move to the rear of a Greyhound bus when ordered to do so by the driver.

The youngsters, Ruby, 15; Patricia, 17; and Fred Jr., 13, were tried during the week of Aug. 10 and the charges dismissed from adult court and referred to juvenile court, which found them guilty of delinquency.

As a result of the arrest, the minister filed a suit against the bus company for $9 million. The suit was later dismissed.

January, 1960 — "In olden days, the contest for justice and righteousness was between God and Baal. Today, it is between God and "Bull" Connor.

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DURING SEPT. 1960, the Rev. Shuttlesworth and the Rev. Charles Billups filed suit against the Birmingham police chief, Jamie Moore, and Commissioner Connor to stop them from sending city detectives to their church meetings.

They also asked $97,000 damages and alleged police intimidation.

During the recent sojourn in jail, the Rev. Shuttlesworth and fellow ministers wrote Mayor Arthur J. Hanes requesting that the city sponsor a biracial meeting to determine how best to eliminate racial discrimination in public places.

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THE MAYOR answered that he did not under normal circumstances correspond with jailbirds, but since they insisted on being extraordinary jailbirds he was answering their letter.

The Mayor said he was doing something about their request — throwing the letter in the wastebasket.

Retorted the phrase-making clergyman:

"The wastebasket can no more relieve you of your responsibility . . . than did (Pontius) Pilate's cowardly washing of his hands, relieve him of the duty to set Jesus Christ free."

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OF HIS NUMEROUS meetings with Southerners in an effort to reach some common ground on the civil rights issue, he has this to say:

"The white man has the best ability I know of smiling like he means yes and saying, 'hell, no.'

"It makes us know that we must move forward positively on our own and do it now."—SAMUEL HOSKINS

It Pays To Sacrifice

By GEORGE W. COLLINS

"Be willing to sacrifice—you'll be glad you did!"

Giving voice to this timely advice was Dr. Wilson R. Dickerson Jr., this week's young man on the move—UP!

If testimony is needed to support the soundness of this philosphy, the 32 - year-old dentist could be used as "Exhibit A."

He did and he is!

Because he adopted his own teaching, the native West Virginian will spend his career in the comfortable surroundings of a modern - equipped dental office, instead of the dusty and crowded bins of a metropolitan post office.

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DR. DICKERSON, a graduate of Howard University's School of Dentistry, Class of '61, hung out his shingle last January.

His office, at 2600 E. Preston St., puts to shame the ageless tag of "torture chamber," which has been hung on such establishments since the beginning of the dreaded drill.

The highway to his present title — Wilson R. Dickerson Jr., D.D.S.— Was paved with anything but smoothness and easiness.

Briefly stated, it would read: "Work, study, sacrifice and more of the same."

Dr. Dickerson, who was brought to Baltimore while yet an infant, is a product of the public schools.

Known as "W. R." to intimates, he is the son of Mrs. Clara Haclenez of Huntington, W. Va., and the nephew of Mrs. Susie Clark, AFRO telephone chief. He was a junior at Morgan when Uncle Sam yelled for help to put down the "Truman War" in Korea in 1950.

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AFTER A two-year stint as gunnery sergeant with the 23rd Infantry Regiment, facing bitter cold, North Koreans and Red Chinese, the quiet dentist-to-be returned home and settled down with his wife, the former Kathryn Brooks, whom he married before shipping overseas.

Mrs. Dickerson, a Baltimore native and Hampton Institute-trained stenographer, was employed at the University of Maryland's Department of Agriculture.

For the sake of convenience they made their home in Washington, where Dr. Dickerson took work as a postal clerk.

After a year in the beehive - like dust - filled, sprawling jungle of letters and pigeon holes the disillusioned clerk faced his moment of truth:

"The dust was no good for my asthmatic condition, and I was just plain tired of the routine," he said this week.

He decided then and there to return to school.

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BUT ATTENDING school requires money and that, the young man on the move didn't have. Enters another decision:

"I had my G.I. benefits, but that wasn't enough. I had to have a supplement. That came in the form of a job as night manager of a service station."

However, the then Howard U. undergrad student soon learned that even these arrangements were not, in themselves, adequate to enable him to make the big leap.

Also needed was a wife, who, too, was willing to sacrifice. Mrs. Dickerson more than supplied this need, the dentist recalled this week.

"While I attended school—'55 to '61 —she shouldered the greater part of our responsibilities and willingly went without a lot of things," he said while describing the role his wife played in his upward climb.

Dr. Dickerson earned his B.S. in zoology with a physics minor in 1956 and entered the School of Dentistry.

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FOR THE next five years his existence followed a pattern of study, work study, work, and sacrifice.

"I worked five hours each night, all day on Sunday. Saturday, my only day off, was spent studying and helping with the house chores.

"There were no such things as hobbies and recreation, just wasn't any time," he remembers.

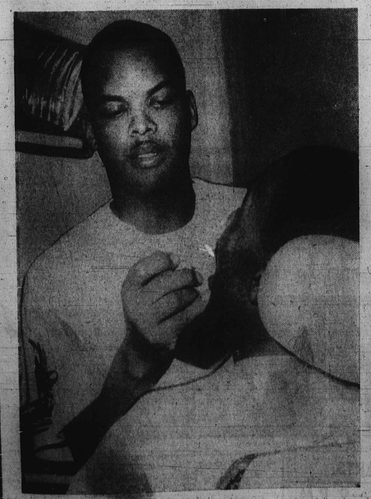
Time became an even more precious commodity when daughter Gwenith popped up in the middle of this already tight schedule, the doctor smilingly recalled.

In many cases this would have had a disruptive influence, but not for our young man and his "right arm," which Mrs. Dickerson came to be known as.

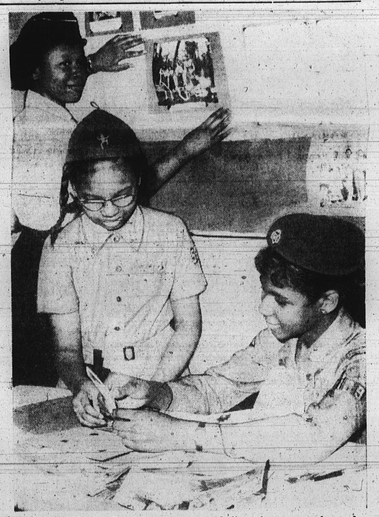
Instead, it proved to be a new spur for the man who "wants to bring good health service to dental works of an exploding population."

His will to win was rewarded in June, 1961 when he was handed a sheepskin telling the world that he was fully equipped to serve the chewing apparatus of all in need of such service.

A six-month stint in the office of Dr. Lester Young, who later returned to his native Florida, was only a prelude to Dr. Dickerson's hanging out his shingle, a symbol of a young man on the move—UP!



DR. WILSON DICKERSON JR.
Man on the way up



SCOUTS ALL — Typical of the young ladies who are members of the Girl Scouts are these three. Left to right: Janis Clayton, Enon Baptist Church Troop No. 53; Francine Hall, Providence Church Troop No. 504; and Marretto Palmer, Providence Church Troop No. 1069.

50 Years Of Scouting

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

A telephone call made 50 years ago on March 12, 1912, by the founder of Girl Scouting in the United States, carried this message:

"I've got something for the girls." The call, made by Mrs. Juliette Gordon Low, gathered the first group of girls to form the first Girl Scout troop in the nation in Savannah, Ga.

Next week, 3½ million girls and adult members of the Girl Scouts of America will join in celebrating the Golden Anniversary of this beginning.

In the Baltimore area, more than 25,000 girls from 980 troops, including 442 Brownie troops, 477 intermediate troops and 61 senior troops, will hold rededication ceremonies to commemorate the occasion.

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DURING THE ceremonies, they will renew their pledge to the Promise and Laws which represent the Girl Scout, code of ethices.

Typical of the services will be the Sunday, March 11 Golden Day rededication program of the Girl Scouts of the Fremont Neighborhood.

The Scouts and adults, numbering about 155 persons, will participate in rigtes at the Providence Baptist Church, 859 Edmondson Ave., at 7:30 p.m.

Their purpose is to affirm the spiritual values of scouting as exemplified in the past and pledge to maintain them in the future.

The event will include a flag ceremony and a narration based on excerpts from the writings of Juliette Low.

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THE CEREMONY entitled "The Golden Promise," will be narrated by Mrs. Gold Bass, Fremont Neighborhood chairman.

During the program the Rev. Marcus G. Wood, church pastor, will be recognized for his contribution to Girl Scouting in the Fremont area.

The Rev. Mr. Wood has sponsored two Girl Scout troops for seven years and is known for his interest and faith in young people.

An international movement, Girl Scouting has members in 51 nations linked through membership in the world Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.

Open to girls from seven to 17 years, regardless of race, creed or nationality, they are united by the pledge;

"On my honor, I will try
To do my duty to God and my country; To help other people at all times,
To obey the Girl Scout Laws."

In Baltimore and Maryland, Girl Scouting sets an example of a democratic sisterhood in action.

Troops were integrated in 1954 and Day Camps in 1955. The established Camps, Camp Whipporwill in Pasadena, and Camp Shadowbrook in Conowingo, were integrated in 1956.

Leadership on every level and the professional staff are integrated.

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AMONG THOSE holding high office is Dr. Dorothy Ferebee, medical service director at Howard University, who is a Girl Scout of America National board member.

Representing the group at the all-African Congress of Girl Guides in 1961, Dr. Ferebee noted that Girl Scouting provided leadership for nations who are rising to freedom.

A total of 29 African nations attended the conference.