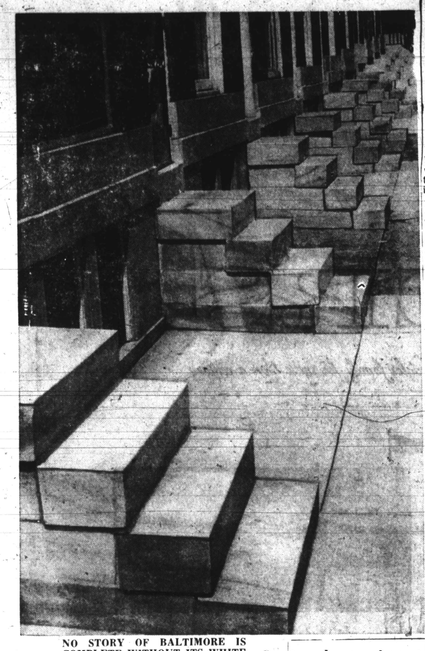

NO STORY OF BALTIMORE IS COMPLETE WITHOUT ITS WHITE STEPS.

A Baltimore Institution Entering Its 85th Year Salutes "Growthcity -- U.S.A."

THE BALTIMORE LIFE

Local experiment promises to open jobs for deaf

In a pioneer program that will open the door to new jobs for the deaf, Baltimorean Edward J. Waters recently became the nation's first deaf student to train to be a computer programmer.

The pilot project, under the direction of William C. Hill of Maryland's Department of Vocational Rehabilitation, working with the Institute of Computer Management, set a national precedent.

A programmer breaks a problem into its component elements and feeds the parts into a computer in a language the machine can understand. His job requires an analytical mind with a high degree of concentration.

21-year-old Waters, who is married and has three children, is starting his training two months in advance of the first full class of deaf students scheduled to enter the Institute of Computer Management. The "advance" program will enable him to later serve as an assistant instructor to the new class.

Methodists integrate Baltimore-Washington Conference churches

"Mission fulfilled."

Those words were used by Methodist Bishop John Wesley Lord of Washington when the historic merger of the former all-colored Washington Annual Conference and the former all - white Baltimore Annual Conference of the church was consumated in 1965.

The unprecedented event came in June at American University as thousands of Methodist high officials, pastors, members of congregations and visitors filled the auditorium of the Metropolitan Methodist Church on the campus.

Highlighting the merger conference of 1965 were the individual meetings of the various bodies of the church including the various service groups.

Following plans of the Denver, Colo. 1960 world conference, the meeting stressed integration was to take place wherever possible, from the family level, with members getting together in each other's homes, to congregations assembling together in Christian fellowship.

However, as that conference closed, there were many integrated congregations, but no colored ministers were assigned white pulpits and visa versa.

The two integrated conferences now without distinction operate as the Baltimore Annual Conference.

The merger session witnessed the appointment of colored ministers to still predominantly all-white minisgregations and white ministers to still predominantly all-colored congregations.

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THE 1965 event that joined the two divisions combined 212 churches of the colored group and 518 of the white group.

Also integrated into one body were 108 colored pastors, 37,171 members of their congregations, and 639 white pastors, 207,297 members of their congregations.

Bishop Lord is area bishop of the combined conferences.

During his address to the newly formed group, he termed the event "this kairos hour" and in conclusion stated, "May God make us men to match this hour."

Commenting briefly on the Methodist church's rise to "new spiritual heights", he said, "in Christ all things hold together in this world of incoherence and we intend not only to remain together in Him but to move forward in Him."

The official merger was June 16. Business extended through June 20, all at Metropolitan Methodist in Washington.

The 102nd and closing session of the Washington Annual Conference was June 15, the day before.

The brief session of one day was somewhat tearful and in contrast to the colorful week-long annual event held in the last year on the campus of Morgan State College in Baltimore.

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WITH BISHOP Lord presiding, the conference opened at 9 a.m. with invocation by retired Bishop Edgar A. Love. Bishop Love is the last resident bishop of the old Washington Conference and was retired at its last full session on Morgan State College campus in Baltimore in 1964.

Greetings were extended by Dr. Hurst R. Anderson, president of American University, Dr. Edward G. Tatch, pastor of the Metropolitan Church and Dr. Earle Koone, in charge of room accommodations.

The Rev. N. B. Carrington, Baltimore, secretary of the old conference presented the resolutions.

On the motion of the Revs. H. A. Parker and R. H. Johnson, both district superintendents, the resolution on the merger was made the order of the day at 2 p.m.

Closing services at 7:30 p.m. were led by the Rev. J. D. Foy, pastor of Asbury Methodist Church, Washington. The Rev. Mr. Carrington delivered the final sermon. Bishop Lord gave benediction.

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THE INTRICATE business of merging began in June, 1964 when the all-colored conference was transferred officially from the old control into the Northeastern Jurisdiction.

Boundaries of the Baltimore Conferences were made to include all churches in its geographical area, and, ministers in all congregations become members of the Baltimore Conference.

Two colored district superintendents were named over integrated districts thus integrating the Bishop's Cabinet.

The Rev. Edward A. Carroll, Washington, was named to serve the Washington-Northwest District.

The late Rev. Richard H. Johnson, who died in 1966, the Baltimore Northwest District; (succeeding him is the Rev. William E. Bishop, Washington, former pastor of Randall Memorial in Washington).

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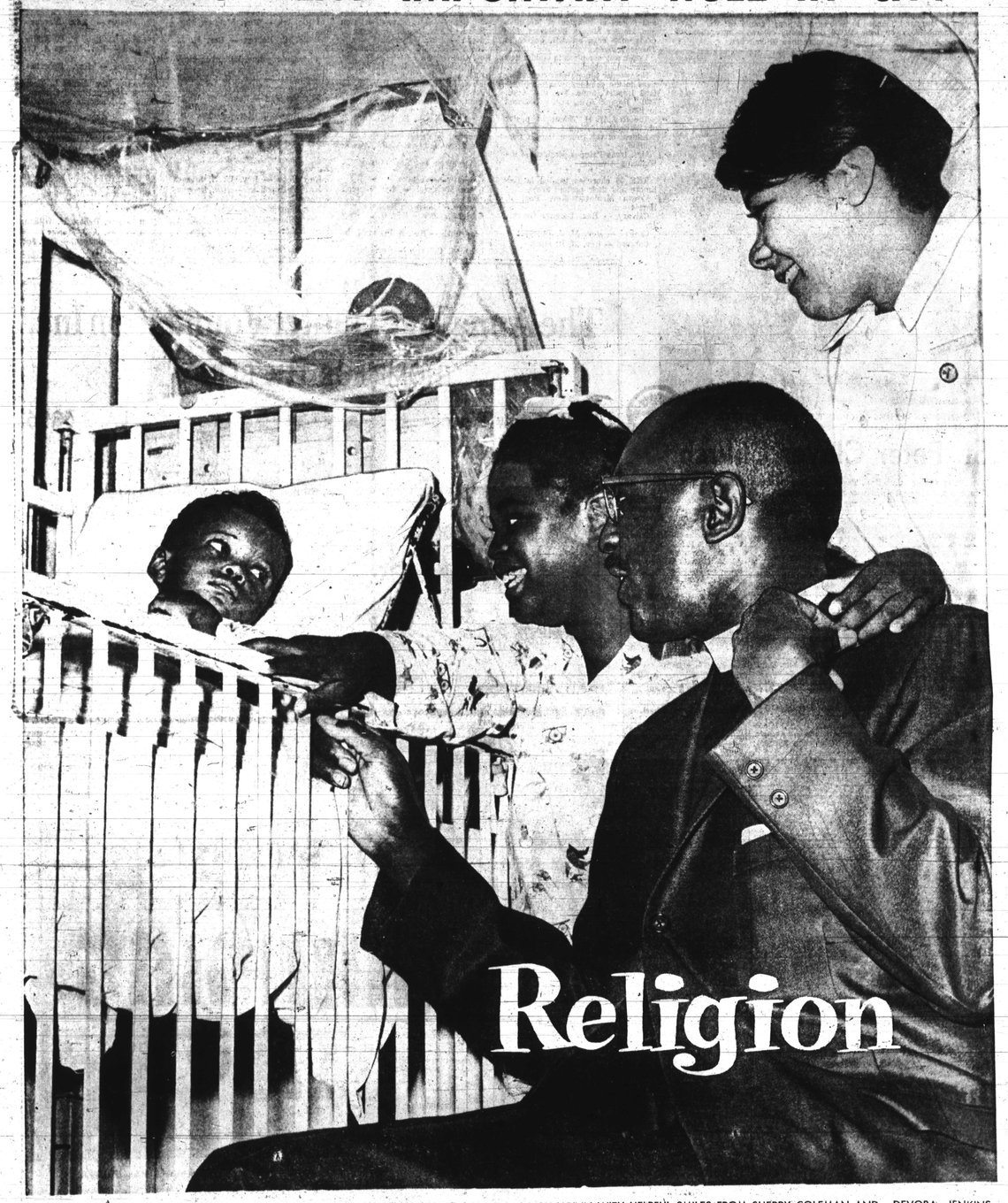

IN PROVIDENT HOSPITAL CHILDREN'S WARD THE REV. FRANK L. WILLIAMS SEEKS TO CHEER JOSEPH WYNN WITH HELPFUL SMILES FROM SHERRY COLEMAN AND DEVORA JENKINS.

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Baltimore's Church Properties Run Into Millions Of Dollars

Wayland Baptist Church at Garrison Blvd. and Fairview Ave., dedicated last March, was purchased at a price of $400,000.

The transaction was completed by Mrs. Sarah Diggs, noted citizen and former Morgan State College residence hall supervisor, turned real estate salesman for Spaulding Realty Co.

A native Baltimorean and herself the owner of considerable property, Mrs. Diggs has been on the scene, she says, long enough to know the real value of land holdings of colored citizens.

As to church properties controlled by colored congregations, Mrs. Diggs estimates the value far exceeds $10 million.

A keen observer, with an astute business mind, Mrs. Diggs ranks as the town's No. 1 salesman since she consummated the Wayland Baptist contract.

Her guess is that, in addition to church property, colored citizens own about 20 per cent of the city's residential real estate worth over $300 million.

The widow of the late Josiah Diggs, owner of the old Dunbar Theatre, she predicts the near future will see 50 per cent of Baltimore's 362,000 citizens owning their own homes.

According to Daniel W. Spaulding, president of Spaulding Realty Co., the Wayland Church is the firm's largest single transaction.

The Rev. W. W. Payne is pastor and heads a congregation of over 2,000 members.

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WAYLAND BAPTIST Church at $400,000 ranks first among our churches as the largest from point of view of cost.

Probably next is Union Memorial Methodist Church at Warwick and Harlem Aves. where the Rev. N. B. Carrington is pastor. Union cost $250,000.

According to Mr. Spaulding's figures, Berea Temple of the Seventh day Adventist Faith at 1900 Madison Ave. was $225,000. Mt. Moriah Baptist at Garrison Blvd. and Windsor Ave. was built from the ground at a $225,000 cost.

White Stone Baptist at 3005 Baker St. cost $165,000 while Gornerstone Baptist Belton and Wilson Sts. was $140,000.

Although approximate purchase prices are quoted, the present value of most the churches now far exceeds the above stated figures.

Approximate prices paid for other churches are as follows:

Mt. Zion Methodist, Liberty Heights and Wabash, $175,000.

John Wesley Methodist, 3202 W. North, $150,000.

Gospel Tabernacle Baptist, 3100 Walbrook, $125,000.

Perkins Square Baptist, 2500 Edmondson, $115,000.

Mt. Ararat Baptist, Gwynns Falls and Longwood, $135,000.

Mt. Lebanon Baptist, 2320 Reisterstown, $60,000.

New Mt. Hebron, 2016 W. North, $60,000.

New St. Mark, 1725 Division, $35,000.

Pentacostal, 1615 Poplar Grove, $22,000.

Shining Star, 2400 W. Mulberry, $26,000.

Union Baptist Community Center, 1219 Druid Hill, $125,000.

Cherry Hill Community, $127,000

Walbrook Trinity Presbyterian, Walbrook and Ellamont, $100,000.

St. Mary the Virgin, Walbrook and Ellamont, $135,000.

Heritage United Church of Christ, 3102 Liberty Hghts., $125,000.

Holy Trinity, Lafayette and Wheeler, $75,000.

Jehovah's Witnesses, 2045 W. North, $20,000.

Jehovah's Witnesses, 1422 Druid Hill, $9,000.

Jehovah's Witnesses, 718 Poplar Grove, $18,000.

New St. Mark Baptist, 1725 Division, $92,000.

Charity Baptist, 611 Aisquith, $20,000.

Christian Community Church, 2701 W. Baltimore, $100,000.

Alpha Omega Pentacostal, 2021 Barclay, $10,000.

St. James Apostolic Holiness, 1339 Carroll, $10,000.

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FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST, 346 W. Denison, $67,500.

1713 Harford, $22,000.

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United Glorious Church of Christ, 1213 W. Lexington, $12,500.

Church of God, 2813 W. Lexington, $20,000.

David Memorial Missionary Baptist, 1401 N. Milton, $30,000.

Gospel Tabernacle Baptist, 3100 Walbrook, $31,500.