SENIOR CITIZEN HELPS OTHERS

'The Lord gave me power to pull myself out...'

"I have been a deacon at the Waylar' Baptist Church for more than 50 years, and I like to tell everyone that the Lord gave me strength during my accident. He has the power, and I have the faith. He takes care in times of trial and tribulation."

Seventy-six-year old Freeman H. Allen of 3022 Walbrook Ave. was telling the AFRO how he lost his leg, and how he came to design and build the unique concrete boat for children at Faith Presbyterian Church, 5100 Loch Raven Blvd.

Mr. Allen was an employee of the old United Railway Streetcar Co. for 30 years.

There, he repaired and laid bricks and blocks and did all kinds of concrete work.

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ON DEC. 25, 1945, he was sprinkling sand on the track to keep the cars from slipping on the ice. The plate slipped off the conveyor and his foot went in.

"You know, the Lord must have been with me. He gave me the power to pull myself out," he said.

He was confined to Mercy Hospital for three weeks.

"I never had a pain. Three months later I could get around with an artificial leg and have had no trouble since," he explained.

"The company asked me to stay on, but I took my pension and have been doing odds and ends in concrete work up to now."

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THIS LED to the building of a boat for the nursery school children this year.

"It is probably the only one like it in the U. S. It is 3½ feet wide and 40 feet long; has two decks, concrete seats, a movable steering wheel set in a pipe in concrete.

The school plans to add a pipe railing like on a porch about 3½ feet high and a ladder.

"I didn't realize what I was getting into. I had never seen one. But as I lay down each night and thought about it, it would come to me how to put in the windows, the four columns on each side and the open windshield."

Mr. Allen recalled the concrete cost $14 for 2 yards. "I used 12-inch boards and built the wooden form. This took 2 or 3 days. I worked alone off and on for 3 weeks. The job should have taken 2 or 3 days.

FREEMAN H. ALLEN, 76, chats with grandsons, Marlow, 9, and James Allen, 11, in the concreate boat he designed and built in a playground for nursery school children.

"Then when it dried, I dressed the concrete with cement plaster and a paint brush. Later, the school plans to paint it.

I charged them $280, but I should have charged $500. I had to do a lot of thinking in designing it.

"The boat can seat three small children," he added.

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BORN IN Richmond, Mr. Allen said he never went to school.

"I had to work early. I've been farming on my father's farm since I was 10. I had the responsibility of helping take care of the family. My grandmother raised me.

"I had 3 sisters and two brothers. I haven't seen my sisters in more than 40 years. They were Sheltons. They may still be living in Richmond.

"I wish the AFRO would help me to find them. Their names were Arnel, Erevin and Lulu Shelton. My mother married a second time. I don't know the married names of my sisters.

"My father Salmon Allen, was a farmer and railroad man."

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MR. AND MRS. Allen have been married 54 years. They live with a son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Allen and their six children.

He is the engineer at Matthew Henson Elementary School, Fayson and Baker Sts.

James's twin brother, George 49, a city employee, lives with his wife and four children at 3022 Brighton St.

Two other sons live in New Jersey: Wilbert, 39, has three children and David, 31, has 8 children.

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TWO DAUGHTERS are Mrs. Laura Fossett, 45, 406 Alto Road, who has 8 children, and Mrs. Viola Chapman, 40, who has one child.

In all there are 29 grandchildren and 26 great grandchildren.

AT THE nursery school where Mr. Allen created his masterpiece, the director, Mrs. A. E. Chapman told the AFRO that she heard about him through the church sexton, Andrew Scott.

"We had a problem with vandalism in the playground. We had a large wooden boat with ladder and steering wheel but I hit upon the idea of getting the same boat made in concrete.

"I dont know how he did it, but he did an excellent job.

"We are delighted with it. It was a great hardship on him because he lived a great distance and had to come on the bus.

"Sometimes, his son would bring his supplies.

"It was marvelous the way he interpreted what we wanted. I had nothing to give him; I could only tell him. For a man his age the work he did was outstanding. He did a tremendous job."

MRS. CHAPMAN, who said that the nursery is entering into its tenth year, explained that the school is licensed to accept 46 children, between 3½ and 5 years.

"We don't like to take that many. Our usual enrollment is between 40 and 42. We have never had a colored applicant, and would never turn one down.

In September, she added, the school will enroll the first colored child.

Housing bill rated as unconstitutional

Sen. A. Willis Robertson, D.-Va., who was defeated last month said Wednesday the open housing section of the Senate version of the 1966 civil rights bill and the house-passed version are both unconstitutional.

Robertson, in a speech prepared for the Senate, compared the prospective debate to one in which opponents beat down an attempt to repeal so-called right-to-work laws.

"Two efforts were made to shut off that debate," Robertson said, "but under the effective leadership of our distinguished minority leader both of these efforts were ineffectual."

Unitarians

Summer Union Services of the First Unitarian Church and the Towson Unitarian Church will be held at 10 a.m. Sunday at First Unitarian Church, Charles and Franklin Sts.

Mrs. Eileeem Karpeles, teacher at Towson State College, will speak on "Experiment in Worship 1."

SEPT. 1

The Board of Trustees of the Maryland State Colleges will meet at 2 p.m. in the new student union building at Coppin State College, 2500 W. North Ave.

Jazz show

Coming this Sunday Aug. 21, the Andrew Hill Quartet, featuring the talented piano of Andrew Hill backed by a romping rhythm section at the Left Bank Jazz Society Concert Hall, Madison and Chester Sts., from 4 to 8 p.m.

B-C College chaplain observes anniversary

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla.—"I have just begun to work." This simple declaration is the motivation which continues to drive the Rev. Rogers P. Fair, chaplain of Bethune-Cookman College, who observed his 20th anniversary of association with the school last Wednesday night.

The occasion was the traditional senior consecration for graduates in Heyn Memorial Chapel which was held at 7 o'clock.

There was little fanfare planned in the program for the 23 students but, for the Rev. Mr. Fair, it was a very special event.

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IN 1945, while a student at Gammon Theological Seminary in Atlanta, Mr. Fair had his first contact with Bethune-Cookman. The occasion was an appearance on the campus of Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, founter of the Daytona Beach School. Student Fair was selected to carry the guest's luggage.

The following year the Rev. Mr. Fair accepted the appointment as pastor of Stewart Memorial Methodist Church. Dr. Bethune recalled the young minister, who, as a student had carried her luggage, and offered him a position as Religious Education instructor and parttime chaplain. He immediately accepted.

Five years later, Dr. Richard V. Moore, Bethune-Cookman president, named the young minister to the full-time post as college chaplain.

Native of Greenwood, S.C., the Rev. Mr. Fair received his A.B. degree at Clark College, Atlanta. Following that, he continued to study, taking his divinity degree from Gammon Seminary, and then a Master's degree in sociology at Atlanta University. In addition he has done further study at Oxford University in England and at Pennsylvania State College.

THE LOOK of fur is featured in this white double-breasted coat with contrasting buttons. The little lady chooses a straight-line coat with flap pockets, set off bystriped, fringed, knit scart. From Montgom-Wards.

CHERYL McCORMICK models pile lined, hooded corduroy coat with leather trim from Goldenberg's.

Coming Events

SEPT. 8 - 10

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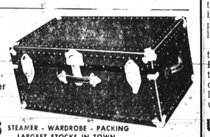

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EAST ORANGE, N.J. — The appointment of Carroll M. Leevy M.D. as Chief of Medicine at the Veterans Administration Hospital in East Orange has been announced by the Hospital Director, Mr. Reuben Cohen.

Dr. Leevy succeeds H. A. Weiner, M.D., who was transferred to the VA Hospital in the Bronx.

A native of South Carolina, Degree from Fisk University in Nashville, Tenn. and his M.D. Degree from the University of Michigan Medical School in Ann Arbor. He was a Kellog Medical Scholar in 1944; a Blaine Brower Traveling Fellow, American College of Physicians in 1954. Dr. Leevy served his internship and medical residency at the Jersey City Medical Center where he was subsequently Director of Clinical Investigation.

Dr. Leevy also served as a special Public Health Service Fellow at the Thorndyke Memorial Hospital, Boston City Hospital, and a [illegible].

Dr. Leevy received an A.B. An international authority on Hepatic and Nutritional diseases, Dr. Leevy and his colleagues have made numerous scientific contributions in the field. He is the author of two textbooks on this subject, a member of 16 scientific societies and a member of the editorial boards of the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition and the Journal of the National Medical Association. Dr. Leevy is currently Professor of Medicine and Director of the Division of Hepatic Metabolism and Nutrition at the N.J. College of Medicine and Dentistry and will continue to hold this position.

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MR. WILL RIDLEY and Mr. William Wallace, partners in Ridwal, signed the contract in the Park Avenue Cauldwell - Wingate offices recently. Asked how they felt about getting the contract, Mr. Wallace said "We are grateful for the opportunity to prove ourselves and in doing so to open the doors for other contractors to all phases of the construction

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