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Tildon gets key post on Catholic urban unit

Charles G. Tildon, a Baltimorean active in racial relations and education, has been elected first lay chairman of the Archdiocesan Urban Commission.

The 18-member Commission has also elected five new members. They are: Sister Mary Vera, R.S.M. of Mt. St. Agnes College; Sister Mary Alice, O.S.P., registrar at Mt. Providence Junior College; Fr. Thomas Donellan, administrator at St. Peter the Apostle parish; E. Clinton Bamberger, an attorney; and Miss Jane Mathew, director of Echo House.

All of the newly elected will assume their positions July 1.

The new chairman succeeds Fr. Henry J. Offer, S.S.J., who has also been the Commission's director, a position the latter will retain.

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THE COMMISSION, which voted at its June 13 meeting, was said to have "applauded" the election of Mr. Tildon, which was unanimous.

In his new position, Mr. Tildon heads the policy-making body of the Commission. He will continue as Provident Hospital's assistant administrator in charge of development and public relations.

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THE NEW chairman, who sees the work of the Commission as "an arm for the Church" in the inner city and overall community, said he was "very, very elated over the confidence people have shown in me."

During the past year, he has seen the Commission make strides into the areas of race and education which he considers "a very important aspect" of its function.

Mr. Tildon, chairman of the Hospital Subcommittee of the Mayor's Task Force for Equal Rights, has assisted hospitals in problems of integration, forming committees to handle problems of race, setting guidelines, and investigating discrimination practices in hospitals.

He has been director for the development program of Provident Hospital, a project which included raising $12,000,000 to build a new 300-bed hospital and co-ordinating the building of the final structure.

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A MEMBER of St. Gregory the Great parish, Mr. Tildon is married to the former Louise G. Smith. They have one son, Charles, III.

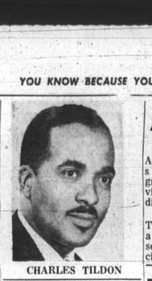
The new chairman is a graduate of Morgan State College and has done graduate work in education at Johns Hopkins University.

He has taught science at Dunbar High School, Lemmel Junior High School, and has been head of the science department at Harlem Park Junior High School.

Additionally, he is a member of the boards of the Baltimore Urban League and of Echo House, a community self-help agency.

RESIGNING MEMBERS of the Commission are Father Offer; Fr. William J. Lee, S.S.; Fr. Henry V. Sattler, C.SS.R.; Paul Gaudreau, and Francis J. Dien, who will remain a staff administrator with Father Offer.

Remaining members are Msgr. Austin L. Healy; Fr. Joseph M. Connolly; Fr. Edmund J. Stroup; Fr. Charles F. Muth; Fr. William F. Burke; Sister Mary DePaul, S.S.W.D.; Sister Ann Charles, S.N.D.; Sister Margaret Edward, S.N.D.; Mrs. James Brown; John J. Sweeney, Jr.; Mrs. Victorine Adams; and Miss Barbara Mikulski.



CHARLES TILDON

Band concert set for School No. 101

On Sunday, 7 to 9 p.m. the Bureau of Music, Department of Recreation and Parks will hold its fourth concert of the 1967 Summer Band Concert Season.

Weldon J. Irvine will conduct the Baltimore Municipal Band at School No. 101, Biddle and Wolfe Sts.

The program, geared for pleasant summer-time listening, will include special features such as a saxaphone quintette, a trumpet solo by Barbara Smith, vocal soloists Naomi Williams and Matthew Fraling, who will lead the "Sing Along" portion of the program.

The band shall play such old favorites as "Silvery Moon," "School Days," and "In the Good Old Summertime."

Selections include "Blue Tango," "West Side Story," and "Prayer and Dream" "Pantomime," among others.

Archdiocese to operate new Operation Champ

The Community Action Agency's Operation Champ summer recreational program will be under supervision this year of the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

This was the decision Thursday morning following a meeting of Catholic representatives, CAA and city officials with Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin at City Hall.

The program will use the facilities of the Department of Recreation. An earlier decision was to place it under this agency's supervision.

Last year Operation Champ was handled by the Western District Police Youth League.

However, the same employed personnel who handled the program last yaer will again do so when the project gets under way about July 1.

Operation Champ is a recreational program which is mobilized to carry games and other activities, as well as food, to children on streets in their own neighborhoods.

Portable swimming pools are to be added this year, according to Parren J. Mitchell, CAA director.

Biddle to teach in Colorado

James Weldon Biddle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen E. Biddle Sr. of 2527 Pennsylvania Ave., was recently graduated from the Colorado State University at Fort Collins.

Jim, a former graduate and football star at Forest Park High, was on the football and basketball teams at CSU. He plans to reside in Denver and teach physical education.

Health fair parade set

Participating in the seventh annual Health Fair Parade were band units and float from all over the City, June 21.

The parade will began at 7 p.m. in Lafayette Square, and will include the Outriders from 1532 Lanvale St., the Golden Night Drum and Bugle Corps from Ames Methodist Church, the Knox White Hawks Cadets and Cadettes Drum and Bugle Corps from 1229 Gay St., the Eastside Rangers from 422 Biddle St., and the F and F Drum and Bugle Corps from 1837 Chase St.

Hospital cites 14 veterans workers

A dinner was held in the garden of Church Home and Hospital recently in honor of 14 employees who together have served 160 years at the hospital.

On hand to congratulate the honorees was president, the Rev. David C. Watson. Pins were distributed by T. G. Whedbee, director.

Awards were received by:

Mrs. Mildred Freeman, housekeeping Department; Mrs. Queen Kirchner, business office; Miss Betty L. Markoe, School of Nursing; and Miss Sarah Weida, nursing service. They all received 15-year pins.

Ten-year pins went to Mesdames Catherine Abbott, Clara Brocklehurst, Gloria Ferro, and Stella Kielek, all from nursing service; from housekeeping, Mrs. Mattie Anderson, Mrs. Vernice Armstead, and Miss Bertha Jackson; Miss Celia Taft, Dietary Department; William K. Hearn, business office; and Stanley Kazienko, Maintenance Department.

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—Sees Marine vet

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feet nine, weighs 155 pounds. He has a winning smile as the accompanying photo shows.

He is a 1963 graduate of Carver High, where he was a member of the championship basketball team, 'we clobbered Douglass for the title.

He entered the Marines two years ago and was stationed at Camp Lejeune, N.C., where he was a member of an anti-tank assault group and unit leader of a group of four.

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CPL. JONES has six sisters and brothers, one of whom, Herman, is stationed at Ft. Lee, Va. and is also due for Vietnam duty soon.

Others are Thomas Jr., a California artist; Mrs. Barbara Thomas, Mrs. Phyllis Baskerville, Miss Annette Jones, a Douglass High student; and Olivia, age 7, all of Baltimore.

Their father is a public school engineer. The family attends Sharon Baptist Church.

Special to AFRO readers: As I travel to Vietnam, I will write about the people I meet. When I get to Vietnam, you can be sure to find out how our boys are doing in hospitals and on the fighting front.

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the officers present.

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EXPRESSIONS OF anger arose as an East Baltimore matron told of an uniformed policeman entering her home along with two men from a furniture company who were trying to repossess her furniture.

She said the officer had presented no papers to her, neither had a deputy sheriff who was on the scene.

She charged the policeman knocked her to the floor and pinned her down with his knee because she blocked the men's attempt to take her furniture away.

Her reported treatment at the scene and later at the station houses brought consternation to the meeting and even tears to the eyes of female listeners.

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AS THE many stories unfolded, Majors Harris and Franck took detailed notes and asked questions of the narrators.

As Maj. Harris promised investigations into the charges and mentioned studies being made for better policing, criticisms were hurled by members of the audience against police investigations of police and the amount of time-drag involved in studies.

"The riot is almost here, right on top of you," one voice shouted. "You don't have the time for studies. You better act on these things now."

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THE NEARLY 3-hour meeting was brought to a sudden end by Sen. Mitchell, who recognized the rising temperes of the crowd.

Mitchell later told the AFRO: "This was not a meeting to blow off steam. This will be a continuing thing. We want the commissioner here the next time.

"We want the people to face him and other officials and let them hear what is going on."

The Senator promised another such meeting in the near future.

Jobs

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The Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners announces Tuesday will be the closing date for these positions at Edgewood Arsenal:

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Rev. Baxter Matthews retires after 27 years

Nearly 500 persons attended a testimonial banquet Sunday marking the retirement of the Rev. Baxter L. Matthews, now pastor of Union Baptist Church the past 27 years.

The affair was held in the auditorium of the church's Harvey Johnson Center, 1200 block Druid Hill Ave.

Prior to the banquet, an evening worship service, held in the church, was participated in by more than a score of ministers and a crowd exceeding 500.

The sermon was delivered by the Rev. A. J. Payne, pastor of Enon Baptist Church.

The invocation at the testimonial was offered by the Rev. Clyde Adkins, Eutaw Place Baptist Church.

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A SMILING, intimate tribute was given by the Rev. Ward D. Yerby, pastor of Perkins Square Baptist Church and long-time friend and school-mate of the Unios pastor-emeritus.

Other tributes were voiced by Harrison A. Fuller, on behalf of the church; Dr. Lillie M. Jackson, for the community; George L. Bennett, who served As toastmaster; and Mrs. Ruby W. Freeland, who cleverly traced back the 27 years of service rendered by the Rev. Mr. Matthews.

Sharing the honors with the retiring pastor was his wife, Mrs. Annie Mae Matthews, who was highly lauded for the role she has played in the church and the community.

The Matthews, while being feted upon his retirment, were simultaneously observing their 27th wedding anniversary.

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A NATIVE of North Carolina, the Rev. Mr. Matthews attended A. and T. College, Greensboro; and Union University's School of Theology, Richmond, Va.

He later received a Bachelor of Divinity degree from Yale University, and a doctorate conferred upon him by Virginia Union.

His first job was the assistant pastorate of Zion Baptist Church, Phoebus, Va., in 1922.

A year later he moved to Stamford, Conn., where he became pastor of the Union Baptist Church.

He remained there 17 years before answering a call to Baltimore's Union Baptist Church in 1940.

In April, 1940, he was installed by the late Rev. A. Clayton Powell Sr., then pastor-emeritus of New York's Abyssinian Baptist Church, who traveled to Baltimore for the occasion.

Filling the pulpit at Union now is the Rev. Vernon Dobson, assistant pastor who has long been groomed for the position.

ON BEHALF of the church, A. B. Koger, a veteran Union Baptist member and Sunday School superintendent, presented Dr. Matthews a check for $3000.

Numerous other gifts were given the retiring pastor and his wife.

Excerpts from a tribute to the retiree reads: "Today, then, we are not celebrating a chair discarded, but one that has been redesigned; whose lines and contours will allow the Rev. Matthews to sit more often, to survey more surely and to rest more comfortably.

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