PROVIDENT HOSPITAL rebuilding project was led by this committee in the early 1920's Front row: Dr. E. V. Fitzgerald, Lemuel Young, Wesley Parktr and John Williams. Second row: Walter Pinderhughes, Ford Dabney, Truly Hatchett, Fearless Williams, Bernard Taylor, Dr. Harry S. McCard, Dr. Harry F. Brown and James A. B. Callis. Standing: Samuil Matthews P. D. G. Pennington, John Hampton, Will White, Henry Hale, John Rich Sr., Dr. E. V. Stokes, Alfred Allen, Dan Murphy, Ernest Purviance and George Carter.

James A. B. Callis, 82, elder statesman of YMCA

James A. B. Callis, has earned the title "Mr. YMCA with more than a half century of service.

A retired Douglass High School teacher, Mr. Callis has logged in hundreds of hours on scores of committees and boards, planned and participated in dozen of YMCA projects. He still is active in the Druid Hill Avenue Branch YMCA.

At the age of 82, "Mr. YMCA" is without dispute "elder statesman" of the board on which he became a member in 1928, and served as chairman from 1942 to 1952.

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MR. CALLIS is a founder of Camp Druid Hill (now Camp Mohawk). He is a member-at-large of the YMCA Metropolitan Board of Directors. In the Baltimore YMCA he serves on the Executive, Personnel and Metropolitan Camp Committees.

He is a life member of the Central Atlantic Area Council of the National Council of the YMCA.

The memory of this "Y" worker spans the years to 1888 when the Young People's Meetings expanded, becoming the YMCA. He can recall talk of the formal organization of the YMCA in 1892, and the first headquarters in the 400 block W. Biddle St. in 1900.

He was with the group when headquarters were 1033 Druid Hill Ave., and the program included the Colored YMCA Night School for Working Men and Boys.

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THE NAME of James A. B. Callis is numbered among the workers in 1912 when this group became affiliated as a branch of the Young Men's Christian Association of Baltimore. He worked in the building fund campaign in 1918 when the Druid Hill Avenue Branch laid its corner stone, and was the recipient of $25,000 from Julius Rosenthal, Chicago philanthropist.

He can recall his association with scores of other dedicated workers including Thomas H. Smith, Joseph H. Lockerman, S. S. Booker, Samuel Morsell, Truly Hatchett, W. Douglas Johnson William H. Langley, George B. Murphy, Dr. A. O. Ried Carrington L. Davis, William H. McAbee, Dr. Howard E. Young, G. Sumner Whyte, Dr. Mason A. Hawkins, William Anderson, Walter S. Emerson, Thomas J. Smith, Alexander Date, Rev. John T. Colbert and more.

During Mr. Callis's 10-year term as board chairman of the Druid Hill Ave. Branch YMCA, he saw his unit become part of the Baltimore YMCA Building For Youth Program. Plans were developed for the existing structure, and $121,036 was earmarked for this branch from the Elizabeth King Ellicott Fund.

When completed, this branch was described as one of the most modern, attractively decorated and fully equipped YMCA's in the country.

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"JIM" CALLIS was present at the second corner-stone laying of the new addition in August of 1949. To him went the honor on Sept. 10, 1950 of accepting the improved building from Gerald S. Wise, then president of the Board of Directors of the YMCA of Baltimore.

The Baltimore YMCA's citation to Mr. Callis in 1952, is one among the many he has garnered through the years for civic, school, church and community service.

Since 1913, Mr. Callis has beeen a member of the Madison Ave. Presbyterian Church. He has been an elder, a trustee, worked in the Sunday school and is still on the finance committee. Until illness prevented, he put up the elaborate Christmas decorations for which the church became noted.

Mr. Callis has served many years on the Board of Provident Hospital. In its 1904 building fund campaign he worked along with Samuel Matthews, P. D. G. Pennington, John Hampton, Will White, Henry Hale, John Rich Sr., Dr. E. V. Stokes, Alfred Allen, Daniel Murphy, Ernest Purviance, George Carter, Walter Pinderhughes, Ford Dabney, Truly Hatchett, Fearless Williams, Bernard Wesley Parker and John Williams.

He can trace Provident's history too from early AFRO days when it was located in the 400 block W. Biddle St., to the present site, 1514 Division St., and the anticipated move to a new location on Liberty Heights Ave.

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SERVICE to the YMCA, Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church and Provident Hospital to Mr. Callis, have been labors of love, and his expression of interest in others and the welfare of the community.

James Augustus Braxton Callis, is the son of the late Rev. A. B. and Mrs. Callis. His father once pastored Macedonia Baptist Church. He graduated from the Old Colored High and Training School, and went on to take courses at Hampton Institute, Morgan State College, and the University of Maryland.

At Douglass High School, he first taught business English. He is best known as the printing teacher. No one passed through that school between 1905 to 1953 without having used some article, a schedule card, pass card, or read some poster, bulletin or notice or program, that was done in Mr. Callis's printing classes.

Upon retiring after 48 years at Douglass, co-workers cited this octogenarian "For unfailing cooperation, abiding loyalty, generous affection and granite like integrity."

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AMONG THE keepsakes he treasurers most are three presidential citations. The last (now a collector's item) for his work on the Selective Service Board No. 18, came from the late President John F. Kennedy on Nov. 20, 1963, two days before his untimely assassination.

Mr. Callis holds a similar award from former President Dwight Eisenhower. Former President Harry S. Truman cited him for service during World War II in the OPA program.

By continuing his board and committee work, Mr. Callis keeps busy since the passing in 1962 of his wife, the former Nellie Monroe, retired teacher. He still resides 2113 Druid Hill Ave.

Reflecting on his life, Mr. Callis feels that his time has been well spent. He laments the fact that too many in the younger generation fail to take time to serve church, civic, community groups.

Of "Mr. YMCA" it can be said, if service is the rent you pay for the space we occupy on earth, he is years ahead.

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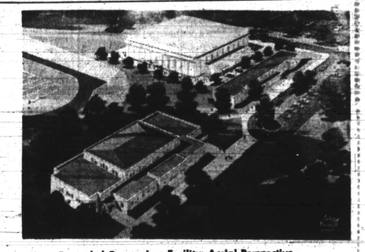
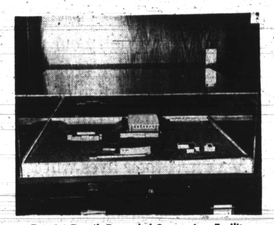


Expanded Gymnasium Facility, Aerial Perspective, Cassell & Gray Architects



Exterior Detail, Expanded Gymnasium Facility
Cassell & Gray, Architects

Emergence of Physical Plant of Morgan State College

Cassell and Gray, Architects

Designed New Expanded Gymnasium Facility

As Morgan State College celebrates its Centennial it is apparent that its PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT has kept pace with its growth and acceptance as an institution of mature educational stature.

The Morgan physical growth and development has, over the past twenty-nine years, received a continuous and noble assist from Negro Architectural and Engineering Talent; first for some twenty-six years in the person of Albert I. Cassell, Architect, a Marylander, and for the past three years through the firm, Albert I. Cassell and Warren Gray Jr., Architects, with offices in Washington, D. C.

Messrs. Cassell and Gray are currently designing the New Expanded Gymnasium Facility at Morgan State College. Presentation drawings, etc., of this facility in the form of an Aerial Perspective, a Scale Model and a Rendered Exterior Detail are shown in this article. Previous Morgan State College Structures designed between the years 1938 and 1960, by Mr. Cassell, before the designation of this Architect-Engineer Firm as Cassell and Gray, Architects, are also shown in this Article.

Both Mr. Cassell and Mr. Gray have long standing experience and formal architectural educations. Mr. Cassell with training at Cornell University between the periods 1914 and 1919 and Mr. Gray at The University of Pennsylvania between the years 1938 and 1943. These gentlemen together, have, over the years, been the principal Architects on Federal, State, Institutional and Private Development which have cost in excess of fifty million dollars.

Albert I. Cassell is a native of Baltimore, Maryland; a graduate of its schools; a long-time payer of Real Property taxes in the State of Maryland.

He was one of the first persons in our group to become a member of the American Institute of Architects. He has continuously engaged in the Independent Practice of Architect-Engineering since the year 1930. He has been a registered Architect No. 314-R in the State of Maryland since May 12, 1938; also registered in the State of Pennsylvania, and the District of Columbia.

His training in Architecture was obtained at Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.—W. A. Arch. in 1919. He left the university in 1917 to serve in the U. S. Army in the United States and France. He was commissioned as Second Lieutenant, Heavy Field Artillery.

He did architectural and structural design, for five (5) Trades Building, Tuskegee Institute, Ala., 1919. Private Institutional Development: Home Economics Building, Howard University, Washington, D. C. 1921. Federal Government Development, under Interior Department; Gymnasium, Armory and Athletic Field, Howard University, Washington, D. C. 1924; Odd Fellows Temple, Baltimore, Maryland 1924-25; College of Medicine, Howard University, 1926-27; Provident Hospital and Free Dispensary, Baltimore, Maryland, 1927-28; Twenty-Year Plan for Howard University, Administration Building, Maryland Training School for Colored Girls, 1928; Girls Dormitory, Morgan State College, Baltimore, Maryland, 1940-41; Morgan College Christian Center, Morgan State College, Baltimore, Md., 1940-41; Mayfair Mansions and Mayfair Extension Housing Development and Commerical Facilities: 1939-1945, etc; He was Architect - Engineer for New Men's Residence at Morgan State College, Baltimore, Maryland, Feb. 20, 1966; Armory Military Science Building, Morgan State College, Baltimore, Md., 1956-57.

He was an Architectural Draftsman for the Office of Howard J. Wiegner Bethlehem, Penn., in 1929.

He was Assistant Professor and Head of Department of Architecture, Howard University, Washington, D. C. 1922-24 inclusive.

ALBERT I. CASSELL, AIA

for Morgan's New Gymnasium.

He received his education from the University of Pennsylvania, Bachelor Architect, and Master Architect degree.

He received certification in National Council of Architectural Registration Boards from the following states: Pennsylvania, New York; New Jersey; Delaware, Maryland and Washington, D. C.

Mr. Gray is a member of the National Technical Association, American Institute of Architects, American Institute of Planners (Affiliate) and the International Hospital Federation.

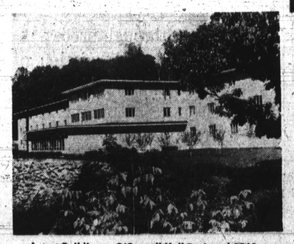
He had a position of responsibility on the following projects: Sparrows Point Housing Project Sparrows Point, Md.
Bartram Village Housing Project Bethlehem, Pa.
Raymond Village Housing Project Philadelphia, Pa.
Hawthorn Housing Project Philadelphia, Pa.
Lagos Slum Clearance and Housing Lagos, Nigeria
Kenwick (Preliminary Planning) Philadelphia, Pa.
Terminal Bldg. — Philadelphia International Airport Philadelphia, Pa.
The new Science Building, Annapolis, Md.

Work of the firm in progress includes: Renovations ADPS unit communications center and command management and conference facility, Arlington, Va. Waico Properties—Washington, D.C.; North Bend Manor, Baltimore, Md.; and Crownsville (investigative survey) Crownsville, Maryland. Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church in Baltimore, Maryland; Kimball Elementary School, (Addition) in Washington, D.C. Wheaton Elementary School, D.C., has been Albert I. Cassell of Architecture.

He is also listed in "Who's Who in the East" and the Dictionary of International Biography. Who's Who in Commerce and Industry.

Tubman House — Designed By Albert I. Cassell — 1938

Front View Of Soldiers' Armory
Designed By Albert I. Cassell — 1954



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Galilean Fishermen state's oldest organized lodge unit

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

The oldest organization in Baltimore or Maryland is the Order of Galilean Fishermen.

Organized July 4, 1856 the lodge was founded in South Baltimore in Peach Alley, then a high class residential area, by the late Hemsley and Mrs. Harriett Nichols, class leaders in John Wesley Methodist Church.

Still active, the Baltimore Tabernacles meet once a month at 409-411 W. Biddle St. where the property has been in their ownership 75 years, since November, 1892 when the lodge moved from S. Liberty St.

The Rev. James Edward Johnson has been Maryland's Fishermen Union State Grand Ruler since 1956.

A resident of Parole, Md., he is pastor of Cecil Memorial Methodist Church, Annapolis, as well as an employee of the Department of Education in Baltimore. A 33 degree Mason, he is a member of the King David, Hiram Consistory and Trinity Lodge No. 75, PHA.

At one time the order had a bank and prosperous printing business and endowment department and tabernacles in nearly every county of Maryland and Virginia.

Tabernacles are still active in Deleware, Ohio, New York, New Jersey, Alabama, Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania and as far south as Panama.

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AN AFRO story of Aug. 8, 1903 on the Annual Session of Galilean Fishermen held in Hampton, Va., reported 400 delegates present.

National Supreme Ruler, the Rev. T. H. Shorts, reading the report of the Fishermen's Bank deposits said the lodge had a total of $88,312.09 on record.

The 50th Anniversary was held in Baltimore, its birthplace. Also in Baltimore, the 100th Anniversary was celebrated in 1956.

The national convention marking the 110th anniversary was held in August, 1966 at Baltimore's Orchard Street Methodist Church.

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THE COLUMBUS GORDON family, noted old South Baltimore family, has held membership in the organization since its founding, 111 years ago.

The late Columbus Gordon, founder of the 85 year - old Gordon Transfer Company, was Supreme Scribe for 18 years.

His granddaughter, Mrs. Florence Kess of Glen Burnie, has the distinction of being the first woman to serve as Supreme Deputy Ruler.

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MANY BALTIMOREANS have been national and state officers through the years.

At present Mrs. Elizabeth M. McLaren is Supreme Treasurer and Mrs. Margaret Holland is Supreme Marshal.

Mrs. McLaren is also Union State Deputy Ruler; Mrs. Gladys Thompson is Grand Scribe; Mrs. Thelma Bailey is Grand Associate Ruler; Mrs. Anna Murray is Grand Treasurer.

Mrs. Mary Frazier, 2114 Druid Hill Ave., is the oldest member from the point of age.

Members of the Gordon family still in the lodge are Mrs. Kess, her sister, Mrs. Marie G. Wiggins, 3408 Fairview; and brothers, Louis E. Gordon Sr., 3408 Fairview; George H. Gordon, 538 Lanvale St.; Harvey E. Gordon Sr., 2636 Raynor Ave.; and great-grandson of Columbus Gordon, Carroll Wilson, 4106 The Alameda.

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THE PRESENT Supreme Ruler is Felton Miles of Washington.

The Rev. James Edward Johnson of Parole, is Maryland Grand Ruler. Old Baltimoreans will recall the men who served as Galilean Fishermen Supreme Ruler;

Thomas I. Hall, who wrote its secret work; the Rev. Thomas H. Shorts of Hampton, who organized the bank, printing business and endowment plan; the Rev. J. Walter Grayson, Washington; Columbus Gordon, Charles E. Holmes, N.Y.; Joseph P. Evans, Robert Briscoe, Washington; Frank A. Carter, Theodore Kess, Baltimore; Mark A. Cunningham, Monroe Hall, Va.

Mrs. Jennie B. Lee of Baltimore served as Supreme Financial Scribe over 25 years.

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OTHER PERSONS holding office now are:

Mrs. Louise Brown, Washington, Supreme Deputy; Mrs. Emma Holman, Washington, Supreme Associate Ruler; Mrs. Martha E. Duffan, Harrisburg, Pa., Supreme Financial Scribe; Mrs. Geneva Mansfield, Harrisburg, Supreme Recorder; Mrs. Elizabeth M. McLauren, Baltimore, Supreme Treasurer; Thomas Diggs, Lanham, Md., Supreme Chaplain; Mrs. Margaret Holland, Baltimore, Supreme Marshal; Mrs. Minnie Summerford, Supreme Orator; Mrs. Ethel Hamilton, York, Pa., Supreme Inner Guard; Mrs. Mary Cuff, Wilmington, Dela., Supreme Outer Guard.

Present state officer not previously mentioned is Mrs. Thelma Bailey, Baltimore, Grand Associate Ruler.

Interesting note on long-time members recalled the fact that the Gordon Transfer firm in business over 80 years was dissolved in 1966.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Gordon, who resided at 1000 Leadenhall St., died in 1966 two months apart, Mrs. Gordon on March 1 and Mr. Gordon on May 1.

The business had been at the 1013 Leadenhall address 62 years.

Also lifelong member of the Galilean Fishermen is Mrs. Gladys Thompson, daughter of the late Zebedee and Mrs. Annie G. Heath of Baltimore.

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It wasn't all roses; Doctor Carl would have said,
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We needed more, than room and meals;
It fought to gain each inch of ground,
For Americans whose skins were brown.
And through each article and story,
We could sort of take inventory,
For the Afro told of all the land,
Public opinion, and public demand.
As each edition left the press.
We were coming closer to success,
For citizens could realize the reality,
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There was a demand, a duty, and a need.
And an ingenious paper with a creed.
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Of the Afro's contribution to the nation;
For in seventy five years the Afro's conquest,
Was to insure that it's readers, got none but the best.

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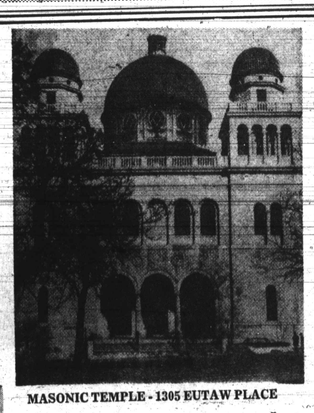

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