In our CHURCHES

By PAM WIDGEON

Churches are invited to send news of special church activities to this column which will print it free of charge. Readers are also invited to send this column copies of their church programs.

World Religion Day will be observed on Sunday, noon at the Baltimore Baha'i Center, 5301 Gwynn Oak Ave.

Similar observances will be held by Baha'i communities throughout the United States.

Scheduled speakers are: Vance Martin, Conrad Groves, Thomas Jackson, Albert James and Miss Cynthia Poynter.

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The Cherry Hill United Methodist Church will observe their 23rd anniversary during the week of January 19-26. Services will be held at 11 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. on January 19 and 26.

The Rev. Wesley A. Kelley is pastor. Columbus Hundley is chairman of the anniversary committee.

The Ways and Means Committee of Payne Memorial A.M.E. Church will present Mrs. Gladyce Purnell Goodwinn in recital on Sunday, at 3:30 p.m.

Mrs. Laura Smith is chairman of the program. The Rev. W. P. Mitchell is pastor.

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Perspective Day will be held on Saturday 10 a.m. at the Baldwin Memorial United Methodist Church, Millersville, Md., for the Baltimore Southwest District Women's Society of Christian Service.

A similar observance will take place January 25, at 9 a.m. at the Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, Highland, Md., and at 7:30 p.m. at the Catonsville United Methodist Church.

Members will learn about programming, finances and get other advice for programs.

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A testimonial banquet will be given in honor of Mrs. Enolia P. McMillan on January 24, 7:30 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church.

From 1964 to 1968 she served as vice principal at Dunbar High School. She has been active in many civic groups including the Urban League and NAACP. She was cited on the 1941 AFRO Honor Roll.

At Calvary Baptist, Mrs. McMillan has been a member for 43 years, serving as chairman of the trustee board and chairman of the Board of Christian Education.

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The Rev. L. Maynard Catchings, pastor of the United Church of Christ, will speak on Saturday, January 25 at the annual meeting of the Church Women United of Greater Baltimore at the Lord Baltimore Hotel.

New president of the group is Mrs. Robert Cassels. Installation of officers for the ensuing term will be featured at this annual meeting.

The chairman of the planning committee for the annual meeting is Mrs. Robert Cassels. Mrs. Arlie K. Morgan president of Church Women United and Mrs. John Stokes is in charge of publicity.

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The Young Adult Choir of First Apostolic Faith Church will appear in recital sponsored by the Business and Professional People Council of Emmanuel C. C. Church, Carrollton Ave., and Lanvale St., on January 26 at 4 p.m.

Mrs. Ella Hugh is chairman, the Rev. Sidney Daniels is pastor.

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The Evangelism Committee of the Trinity Presbyterian Church is having a birthday fellowship hour in honor if their pastor, the Rev. Thomas P. Fraser, 3rd on Sunday January 26 at 1 p.m. in the lower church auditorium.

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The Women's Christian Service Council of Shiloh C.C. Church will celebrate its 16th anniversary on January 26.

The Rev. Agnes Alston will be the guest speaker.

The Sanctuary choir will sing.

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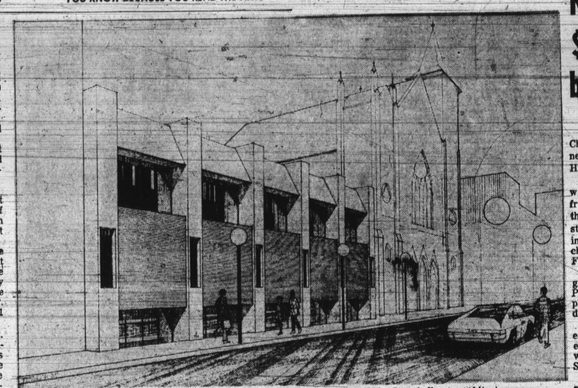
The Women of Madison Ave., Presbyterian Church will sponsor an international smorgasbord at the church Madison Ave., and Bloom St., on January 24, at 6 p.m. Admission is $1.00 for adults, 50 cents for children.

Other activities of the evening will include games, cards and group discussions. The Rev. Reginald Daniels is pastor. Mrs. Daniels is chairman.



$200,000 EDUCATIONAL center, adjoining Morning Star Baptist Church, 1000 block W. Fayette St., will look like this when completed. Sulton and Campbell are architects.

Morning Star $200,000 building plan

By PAM WIDGEON

Morning Star Baptist Church held its kick off dinner at Calverton Junior High School recently.

Purpose of the dinner was for members and friends to pledge toward the building fund for construction of the new building and renovation of the church in the 1000 block W. Fayette St.

The pledge appeal was given by Mrs. Fannie B. Poulson. Approximately 300 pledges were made at the dinner.

Architect's plans for the educational building to be erected on the east and west side of the Morning Star Baptist Church.

The two-story structure and renovations to the church will approximate $200,000.

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Sulton and Campbell are architects. It is hoped the new building will be ready for use in approximately 15 months.

The new building, which will be named prior to its dedication will probably cover four lots in size. On the basement level will have a large fellowship room, recreational hall, modern kitchen, restrooms, storage closets, a nursery room, a furnace room.

The first floor level will have a large entrance lobby, library room, a suite of offices, conference rooms, locker rooms, auditorium or small chapel; and the second floor level will have ten multi-sized classrooms, restroom facilities, ample stairways.

Facilities will include parking area, zoned heating and air-conditioning.

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Mrs. Poulson is chairman of the building project committee.

Other members are Arour Branch, co-chairman; Mrs. Bernice Clarke, secretary; Mesdames Betty Caldwell, Viola Carter, Joan Cooper, Eliza Costin, Lucy Edwards, Betty Gordon, Lorraine Hawkins, Celestie King, Goldie Kitchen, Caroline Mason, Jacqueline Purdie, Sarah Scribner, Addie Stokes;

Messrs. Robert Brooks, Herbert Clardy, James Crockett, Michael Dantley, James Downs, James Gillard, Daniel Hemm, Lois Finch, James Gillard, John Hines, Shirley King, Andrew Minnis, John Murray, Roland Pinkney, Horace Ray, Harry Scribner, James Snow, Jolley Stainback, Riley Walker and James Williams.

The Rev. Samuel Ray is pastor.

Mrs. Evelyn Bass funeral on Monday

Mrs. Evelyn Bass, 55, well-known teacher and popular clubwoman, died on Wednesday evening at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Death was due to cancer. She had been ailing for sometime.

Funeral services will be held Monday at noon at Payne Memorial AME Church where she was a member.

Mrs. Bass had lived at 2015 Division St. for 23 years.

She was a graduate of Virginia State College and was a home economics teacher in the Baltimore school system since 1956.

"She loved to sing and enjoyed music," a relative recalled.

Mrs. Bass was a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Stork Club, Thirteen Women, Jack and Jill of America, Neighborhood Club and the alumni chapter of Virginia State College.

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She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Kenna B. Fleming, Miss Jacqueline Bass and Mis Rita Bass, her mother Mrs. Clara Henderson, a sister, Mrs. Alma Douglas, a brother, Eugene Westcott; one grandchild Kenice Fleming and a step grandmother, Mrs. Minnie Johnson.

Mrs. Bass was the former wife of Kenneth Bass, well-known sportsman.

The family will receive friends at the Kelson Funeral Home on Sunday night from 8 to 9 p.m.

The body will lie in state at the church from 10 to 12 noon on Monday.

Burial will be in Arbutus Cemetery.

MRS. EVELYN BASS
In 1968 AFRO photo

Rev. Dobson heads unit

The Rev. Vernon Dobson has been elected president of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance. He is pastor of Union Baptist Church, Druid Hill Ave. and Lanvale St.

The Rev. Mr. Dobson succeeds the Rev. Frank Williams who was Alliance president 10 years.

The Rev. Mr. Williams resigned in June, 1968 to become pastor of Washington's Asbury Methodist Church. He was before that pastor of Metropolitan Methodist Church here.

From June until the Rev. Mr. Dobson was elected last week, the Rev. A. J. Payne, pastor of Enon Baptist Church, served as the Alliance's interim president.

JAN. 22

"Dracula," an edited version of the 1922 film "Nosferatu," made in Germany and directed by F. W. Murnau, will be shown at 3:45 p.m. at the Dundalk Avenue branch of the Enoch Pratt Free Library. Admission to the movie is free.

Luncheon

The University of Maryland School of Law will hold its annual alumni luncheon on Saturday, January 18, at 12 noon in the ballroom of the Belvedere Hotel.

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3:30 P.M.

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9 A.M. to 10 A.M. ..... Sunday School
10:30 to 11 A.M. ..... Broadcast (WSID)
11 A.M. ..... Morning Worship—Sermon by the Pastor
8 p.m.—Evening Worship Service

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8 p.m. Tuesday Prayer Meeting
8 p.m. Wednesday Bible Class
8 p.m. Friday Midweek Service
12 Noon Saturday Prayer Hour

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 1969
DEACONS and DEACONESSES DAY
8:00 P.M.—Guest Speaker, REV. MONTAGUE BRACKETT, Pastor, Choir and Congregation of Central Baptist Church.
7:30 P.M.—CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
Theme: Deacons and Deaconesses Faithful to The Call of Duty
PANEL DISCUSSION
Topic: IN THE CHURCH, Deacon Delphin Livingston of First Baptist Church
Topic: IN THE HOME, Deoness Agnes Chambers of Concord Baptist Church.
Topic: IN THE COMMUNITY, Deacon Brewster Hill, of Fountain Baptist Church
SUMMARY—DEACON ROBERT SMITH, of Central Baptist Church.
— Program Committee —
DEACON EDWARD MAYFIELD, Chm.
DEACONESS BETTY LEWIS, Co-Chm.
DEACON HENRY MARTIN, Chr. of Deacon Board
REV. WILLIAM BROWN, Pastor

BAPTIST BAPTIST

Perkins Square Bapt. Church
2500 EDMONDSON AVE. corner WARWICK
SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 1969
SENIOR CHOIR DAY
8:00 A.M.—Early Morning Worship. Sermon by Rev. George Planter.
9:15 A.M.—Sunday School
10:30 A.M.—Open Heart Service
11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship—Sermon by Rev. George Planter.
1:00 P.M.—Dinners
6:00 P.M.—Baptist Training Union
REV. WARD D. TERRY
☆ REVIVAL WEEK ☆
Monday, January 20 thru Sunday, January 26
Tues., Jan. 21
7:15 p.m.—Prayer Cell
7:30 p.m.—Bible Study Class
8:30 p.m.—Prayer Meeting

BAPTIST BAPTIST

Enon Baptist Church
EDMONDSON AVENUE and SCHROEDER ST.
SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 1969
6:30 A.M.—Early Prayer Service
9:30 A.M.—Church School
11:00 A.M.—Sermon by the Pastor and Altar Service
THE REV. DR. ARTHUR J. PAYNE, and
THE REV. JAMES E. THOMAS III, Ministers

BAPTIST BAPTIST

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH
850 HARLEM AVENUE—near FREMONT
SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 1969
11:00 A. M. — MORNING WORSHIP
SERMON BY THE PASTOR
COMMUNION EVERY 1st SUNDAY at 3 P.M.
Every Wednesday — 8 P. M. — Preaching
WE WELCOME YOU
REV. LEWIS CAMPBELL, Pastor REV. CAMPBELL

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Minister
JOHN MINOR DAY
Associate Minister
JAMES S. HAMMOND
Minister of Music
JANUARY 19, 1969
8:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.
"OLD GODS ARE DIFFICULT TO DESTROY"
MR. BASCOM - Preaching

Music
8:30 A.M.
YOUTH CHOIR
"Be Thou My Vision" —Arr. Young
"A Hymn of Praise The Creator" —Thiman
11:00 A.M.
"Now Let Every Tongue Adore Thee" —Bach
"Hosianna" —Gearhart
10:00 A.M. Sunday School

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PENNSYLVANIA AVE. AME ZION CHURCH
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1116-26 Pennsylvania Avenue
SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 1969
9:30 A.M.—CHURCH SCHOOL
11:00 A.M.—MORNING WORSHIP. Sermon: "Things That Really Matter" by Dr. Coleman. Music by the Men's Chorus, Young Adult and Youth Choirs.
3:30 P.M.—ANNIVERSARY SERVICE of the Clinton R. Coleman Courtesy Guild. Dr. Coleman, preaching. Music by Gospel Choruses No. 1 and No. 2.
6:00 P.M.—ZION YOUTH FELLOWSHIP.
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CLINTON R. COLEMAN, D.D., Minister

A.M.E. A.M.E.

63rd Annual Men's Day
Trinity A.M.E. Church
E. HOFFMAN & COLLINGTON
SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 1969
11:00 A.M.—Speaker Rev. James E. Thomas, 3rd Co-pastor of Enon Baptist Church. Music by the Male Chorus of Trinity & Emmanuel C.C. Church.
4:00 P.M.—Speaker - Rev. James Hill, Associate Minister of Waters A.M.E. Church. Music by Youth Chorus of Waters A.M.E. Church.
JAMES JACKSON—Pres. TALLY COOK— Vice Pres.
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9:30 A.M.—Woodland Neighborhood House, 2605 Bannister Rd., Mrs. Rachel S. Adams, Supt.
11:00 A.M.—The Church Gathered in Worship Guest Preacher — The Reverend Harold Dobson.

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10:00 A.M.—Sunday School, Mrs. Ruth Horrid, Supt.
11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship
Heritage United Church of Christ
WHERE WORSHIP AND WELCOME ARE WARM
REV. WENDELL R. PHILLIPS, Pastor
MRS. KATIE GROVE - Organist - Choir Director

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 1969
10:00 A.M.—BIBLE SCHOOL, Classes for ALL Ages
11:15 A.M.—WORSHIP SERVICE
7:00 P.M.—EVENING WORSHIP
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THE REV. FATHER DONALD O. WILSON, Rector
THE REV. MR. CRAYTON DUDLEY, Assistant
THE REV. FATHER DAVID CROLL, Associate
SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 1969
7:00 A.M. — Holy Eucharist
9:00 A.M. — Family Eucharist
10:40 A.M. — Church School and Rector's Seminar
11:00 A.M. — Sung Eucharist and Sermon

BAPTIST

First St. Stephens' Baptist Church
4663 PIMLICO ROAD
10:00 A.M.—Sunday School
11:00 A.M.—Pastor Preaching
6:00 P.M.—B.T.U.
8:00 P.M.—Evening Service
WE WELCOME YOU
REV. GEORGE JACKSON, B.Th., Pastor

LUTHERAN

BEREA LUTHERAN CHURCH
(Missouri Synod)
Oliver St. at Collington Ave.
9:30 A.M.—Church School, Mrs. Coles, Superintendent
11:00 A.M.—Morning Liturgy With Holy Eucharist
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William Brownley, Assistant
James B. Curry
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 19th
THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION SUNDAY
8:30 A.M.—Holy Communion
10:30 A.M.—Morning Prayer - Sermon - Church School

MD. ASSEMBLY

Assembly halts work in tribute to Dr. King

AFRO Bureau

ANNAPOLIS — Maryland's General Assembly halted its opening day business Tuesday to pay tribute to the late Dr. Martin Luther King.

It was Dr. King's birthday and a day former Gov. Spiro T. Agnew had proclaimed in his honor "Human Rights Day" in the state.

In the Senate, Sen. Verda F. Welcome (D. 4th Balto.) gave a lengthy discourse on the late civil rights leader before her colleagues, who listened intently.

In the House of Delegates about the same time, Del. Arthur A. King (D. Prince George's) was rendering a similar tribute.

Shortly after he had finished, the House adjourned in memory of Dr. King, suspending further business for the day.

Following are excerpts from Sen. Welcome's lengthy tribute, and the complete text of that given by Del. King.

SEN. WELCOME

"In the U. S. in 1968 the assassinations of two distinguished men fell one atop the other in stunning sequence. Both were strong men and measurably unorthodox as well — the late Robert Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King.

"Dr. King was in the forefront of a revolution, struggling to raise a people to dignity and status.

"For Dr. King, death came as a tragic finale to an American drama fraught with classic hints of inevitability. Propelled to fame in the throes of the black man's mid-century revolution, he gave it momentum and steered it toward nonviolence.

"Yet the movement he served with such eloquence and zeal was beginning to pass him by, and nonviolence to many black militants had come to seem naive, outmoded, even suicidal.

"Yet if ever there were a transcendent black symbol, it was Dr. King. Bridging the void between black despair and white unconcern, he spoke so powerfully of and from the wretchedness of the black citizens condition that he became the moral guidon of civil rights not only to Americans but also to the world beyond.

"If not the actual catalyst, he was the legitimizer of progress toward racial equality. His role and reputation may have thrust upon him, but King was amply prepared for the thrust.

"Dr. King, a leader for all people, was not afraid of death. In his last speech before the assassin's bullet struck the fatal blow, he said to his people:

"We've got some difficult days ahead. But it really doesn't matter with me now. Because I've been to the mountaintop. I won't mind. Like anybody, I would like to live a long life. Longevity has its place. But I'm not concerned about that now. I just want to do God's will.

"I'm not fearing any man. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord.'

"A few hours later, Dr. Martin Luther King was dead from an assassin's bullet."

DEL. KING

"Mr. Speaker, ladies and gentlemen of the House. It is quite symbolic that the 1969 Session of the Maryland General Assembly opens on this day. We are aware this day has been proclaimed as Human Rights Day in our great state.

"Also, Mr. Speaker, this day is the 40th anniversary of the late Dr. Martin L. King. It is most fitting that the birthday of Dr. King and Human Rights Day are one and the same.

"In my opinion there has been no man in the 20th Century who fought, worked and supported the principle of human rights more.

"Dr. King began his efforts for the dignity of man with his famous Montgomery bus boycott in order that all persons would be able to sit wherever they choose in a bus.

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"He had the Selma march for voting rights, a right that many persons have been denied.

"Dr. King was presented the Nobel Prize for Peace. His efforts in this area are unsurpassed.

"Mr. Speaker, I respectfully request that the members of this body rise in a moment of tribute to the late Dr. King, the 20th Century champion of human rights."

Assembly flooded with early bills

AFRO BUREAU

ANNAPOLIS — The General Assembly swings into the third day of its 70-day session today (Friday), already flooded with well over 100 bills in the Senate and over 200 in the House of Delegates, most of which had been pre-filed.

Organization of the Senate was completed Thursday afternoon, when Sen. William S. James (D. Harford), president, named committees.

Senators Verda F. Welcome and Clarence M. Mitchell 3rd (both D. 4th Balto.) were renamed to the same assignments they held last year.

Sen. Welcome is on Finance and Sen. Mitchell is on the Judicial Proceedings Committee.

Del. Thomas Hunter Lowe, speaker of the House, is expected to name that chamber's committees either this afternoon or Monday.

Biggest controversial issue so far has risen in the Senate, where Sen. Harry R. Hughes (D. upper Eastern Shore), majority floor leader, seeks passage of an amendment to the rules to invoke cloture.

This, of course, would allow cutting off discourses of the more vocal senators, if a motion for the previous question prevailed.

Strong opposition has arisen.

On the House side, matters are progressing more smoothly. Mr. Lowe announced Thursday he would appoint a group to study the state Constitution, and made recommendations for improving it.

Bills introduced to date in both chambers cover virtually as many different subject matters as their numbers.

Crimes, firearms, moving the primary back to spring, designating certain holidays to fall on Monday and making cock fighting a punishable offense are but some of them.

Among the resolutions is one asking that the Advisory Council for Higher Education expand Morgan State College into a university.

It is now in the House's Ways and Mean's Committee.

With organization complete, both chambers are expected to knuckle down to stiff business the coming week.

PRESIDENT-ELECT Nixon chats with leaders who met with him at his New York headquarters on Monday. Left to right, Hobson D. Reynolds, the Elk leader; John H. Murphy 3rd, president of the National Newspaper Publishers Association; the Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, Mr. Nixon and Sandy Ray, representing the Rev. Jessie Jackson.

FIRST Criminal Court clerk in the history of the Courthouse is Floyd Owens, 28, 11 Leighton St., shown with Judge Albert Eklar of the Supreme Bench. Mr. Owens, a 1966 Morgan State College graduate, is serving in Judge Sklar's Court. He was for two and a half years an assistant Criminal Court clerk and was promoted the first of this month.

Board appointees pass first test

By ADAM KLINE

The controversial appointment of Larry S. Gibson and Samuel T. Daniele to the Board of School Commissioners passed their first major legislative hurdle with flying colors Thursday in a vote of the City Council's Committee on Executive Appointments.

The Committee, which had been expected to raise some opposition to the appointment of Mr. Gibson, due to his youth (he is 26 years old) and supposed inexperience, approved both appointees without opposition.

Both men appeared highly confident that their nominations by Mayor D'Alesandro will get the green light of the full Council.

Termed "one of the most significant selections made to the Board of School Commissioners," the appointment of Mr. Gibson has been the subject of much discussion and political betting. It is likely to continue to cause even more heated discussion until a final decision is reached by the Council.

Opposition to the appointment of the young black lawyer had been expected in the Committee, especially from its chairman, Councilman Clement J. Prucha (D., 2nd Dist.).

He had been quoted as saying that Mr. Gibson, at the age of 26, was too young for the position.

However, Councilman Prucha stated that he had been "misquoted" in this regard, and that his consideration of Mr. Gibson would include a broader measure of his qualifications.

Other members of the Committee are Councilmen Douglass, Parks, Curran, Edelman, and Mrs. Adams.

A note of levity was added to the proceedings by First District Councilman Dominic ("Mimi") Di-Pietro, another member of the conservative wing, who told the Committee in an off-the-cuff remark:

"I hear Mr. Gibson once lived in the First District, first ward, fourth precinct — so I unequivocally accept him!"

Asked how well he thought his appointment would stand up in the City Council, Mr. Gibson paused for a moment in accepting the congratulations of his many well-wishers in the Council chambers to reply:

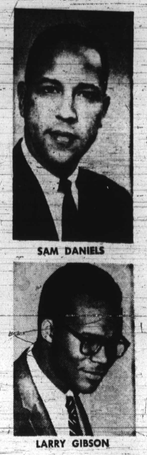
"I think this committee is pretty representative of the City Council in general. If there was no opposition voiced here, then there may well be no opposition there, either."

School Board member James Griffin, is strong booster of Mr. Gibson, had a short answer when asked for his reaction to the Committee's vote:

"Beautiful, man."

"What it means," he elaborated with an expansive gesture, "is a real turnabout in the public education in Baltimore.

"That's the way I feel about both of those men — they have different points of view, but not so different that they can't be reconciled."



SAM DANIELS

LARRY GIBSON

Abramson heads city delegation

AFRO BUREAU

ANNAPOLIS — In a spirit of unity, the Baltimore City delegation again elected as its chairman the veteran Murray Abramson.

Earlier the Abramson seat had been challenged by Thomas J. S. Waxter Jr. (5th) and Andrew J. Burns Jr. (3rd), both of whom had expressed dissatisfaction with the delegation's leadership.

However, at a Thursday afternoon meeting of the delegation, both men withdrew and asked the delegates to back Mr. Abramson.

In a further organizational move, Mrs. Lena K. Lee was named chairman for the Fourth District delegation.

Black culture at Park School

The Park School in Brooklandville, Md. will devote seven Saturdays to an exposition of Black Culture beginning January 25.

The school is sponsoring this series of lectures and discussions in response to general student interest in black heritage and history. The sessions will be held from 10 A.M. to 12 noon. The series is open to all students from public, parochial and independent schools.

The first lecture, "Black Theater," will be given by Sam Hay, a Ph.D. candidate at Cornell University and former teacher at Dunbar High School. Mr. Hay will conduct another session of the Black Culture series on March 29, when his subject will be "Black Literature."

Clarence Gregory, a specialist in Negro history and a teacher at Dunbar High School, will speak on February 22 about slavery, and again on March 8 about the Black Power movement in the United States.

Liberation movements in Africa and their relation to the Black revolution in America will be the topic on April 12, when the speaker will be Clarence Contee, Assistant Professor of History at Morgan State College.

The Park School is located on Old Court Road one-quarter mile west of Falls Road.

Brailey opened House session wth prayer

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ANNAPOLIS — Del. Troy Brailey (D. 4th Balto.) was honored with the invitation to render the opening prayer in the House of Delegates Wednesday, as the General Assembly opened its 70-day session.

He was singled out among the 142 House members by James P. Mause, chief clerk, and thus became a first in this respect for a delegate of his race.

Mr. Brailey gave this prayer:

"Gracious Lord, we humbly thank you for sparing us to meet in another session of the General Assembly.

"Bless our new chief executive and other newly elected officials. Give them wisdom and understanding. Amen."

Mr. Brailey later told a newsman he is a member of Baltimore's Leadenhall Baptist Church, Leadenhall and West Sts.

A passerby quipped:

"It was a short prayer for a Baptist."

Assembly has 3 new faces

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ANNAPOLIS — Maryland's General Assembly opened its annual 70-day session Wednesday, with three new faces and two elevations among its 165 members.

Blair Lee 3rd, a senator representing Howard and Montgomery Counties, was sworn in by Gov. Marvin Mandel as the new secretary of state.

Elevated from the House of Delegates to take the Lee Senate seat was Victor L. Crawford, Democrat.

New faces included Edward Azrael, Baltimore attorney, who replaces that city's 5th District former Sen. Paul A. Dorf, elected to a judgeship last November on the Supreme Bench.

On the House side, named to succeed Gov. Mandel in his vacated 5th District-Baltimore seat was Steven V. Sklar, a young attorney who is son of that city's Supreme Bench Judge Albert L. Sklar.

Replacing the newly named Sen. Crawford in his former Montgomery House seat is Mrs. Lucille Maurer.

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Dr. Theodire L. Low, director of the education department of the Walters Art Gallery, will speak at the third in the 1969 series of luncheon lectures sponsored by the gallery at noon at the Stafford Hotel. His topic will be "Illusion in Art."

McCourt's seat due for action

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ANNAPOLIS — Senator William S. James (D., Harford) said Thursday his chamber plans to take some action on the vacated seat of Senator Frank J. McCourt (D., 4th, Balto.).

Sen. James said he is calling a meeting of the Rules Committee early next week to determine what course could be pursued.

A subcommittee, he said, would be named at that time to act on the McCourt seat.

Sen. McCourt, who has been out of the country since last May, is currently under a New York warrant involving alleged smuggling of narcotics.

General feeling here is that should Sen. McCourt return to this country he would become so involved in legal entanglements he would be unable to serve his district.

However, Sen. James has characterized the possible unseating of Sen. McCourt as "a very delicate procedure" under these circumstances.

State trooper assigned to Assembly

ANNAPOLIS — For the first time in Maryland history, a black state policeman is to be detailed to the State House and General Assembly leaders during this legislative session.

He is Trooper Richard Turner, 26, of Pasadena, who is currently assigned to the Kennedy Highway patrol. Trooper Turner has been a member of the force for two years.

Sen. Clarence M. Mitchell III (D., 4th, Balto.), with the cooperation of Senate President William S. James and Gov. Marvin Mandel initiated the assigning of Trooper Turner to the legislative detail which includes several other troopers.

Senator Mitchell told the AFRO that the detail carries extra pay, quick promotions and other prize benefits.

"I felt that this is part of the drive," Sen. Mitchell explained, "in bringing black citizens before the public at all levels."

FUND POST — Robert D. Lockard, assistant treasurer for the Equitable Trust Company, has accepted the Baltimore County Chairmanship for the 1969 Heart Fund Campaign starting Jan. 29. A native of Baltimore, he is an active member of the Parkville Rotary Club, Cornell Club of Moryland, and Alfa Tau Omega National Fraternity. Currently recruiting aid to conduct the drive in the county, Mr. Lockard requested trat persons interested in volunteering contact him by calling 828-5269.

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