11 Persons, 2 Groups On AFRO Honor Roll

A 'FATHER' TO THOUSANDS

REV. FRANK L. WILLIAMS

The Rev. Frank L. Williams, "a courageous fighter for human rights," is named tt the 1968 AFRO honor roll because of the leading roll he played in involving the religious community in Baltimore's civil rights struggle.

As pastor of Metropolitan Methodist church, "Father Frank" was the first minister to open his church as a center for political and social action.

The basement of his church was always available for groups challenging the injustice and discrimination. It was there that the Interdenominational Alliance of Ministers was born and where the initiated a griup of activists called the Goon Squad.

Plans for the successful campaign of Judge Joseph P. Howard were laid at his church.

Besides encouraging and counseling civil rights activists, Father Frank actively involved himself in picket lines and spoke out publicly for human rights, being jailed for his involvement.

After 13 years if service to Metro plaioMntethidost to Metropolitan Methodist and work as president of the Ministers Alliance, Father Frank was transferred to Asbury Church in D.C.

The laymen and ministers who honored him with a final reception noted that "he served with dignity, live, brotherhood and humility as a leader in the civil rights struggle.

"He is best remembered for the even temper and unstinting humility with which he approached each endeavor whether he was the object of cotemp or praise."

An active member of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the Congress of Racial Equality and the NAACP, Father Frank is recognized as one of Baltimore's inspirational leaders and outstanding citizens.

WON FIGHT AGAINST ALL ODDS

JUDGE JOSEPH C. HOWARD

Judge Joseph P. Howard, whose election to the Baltimore City Supreme Bench was a milestone in this city's history, is elected to the Honor Roll because of his tradition breaking decision to challenge the hold of the Bar Association and put his case before the people.

In 1968, Judge Howard ran for the judgeship without the support of the Bar Associaiioh.

His candidacy challenged the sitting judge principle that discouraged anyone from running against candidates nominated by the governor and supported by the Bar group.

Before Judge Howard's campaign, judicial candidates ran unopposed.

He won the election by an overwhelming margin, leading a ticket of four with 114,000 votes.

Actively campaigning in the colored community with the slogan "don't vote for three, vote for me," Judge Howard's victory is attributed to a solid black vote.

Nearly 70 per cent of his votes came from AFRO precincts where black voters make up 75 per cent of those registered.

Judge Howard's career is marked by his courage and dedication to equal justice and his opposition to the status quo.

COACH OF 4 CIAA CHAMPIONS

EARL C. BANKS

Earl Banks, head football coach at Morgan State College, is elected to the AFRO Honor Roll for the leadership he has exhibited in Morgan's winning four consecutive Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) championships.

In 1968, Morgan extended her record to 34 victories in the last 35 games.

Among coach Banks' personal achievelents last year were the NCAA small-college board of the year award from the Pigskin Club in Washington, the Maryland coach of the year citation from the Frederick Quarterback Club, and a merit award from the Touchdown Club of Wilmington, Del.

In Baltimore, he was honored as Big Brother of the Year.

Despite the efforts of other colleges to lure him away from Morgan, coach Banks remains at the Baltimore school where he has guided many young men as football players and taught them character, dedication, and manhood.

Banks finally drew AFRO recognition, not just for his record, but on the strength of the many little intangibles that contribute to his makeup.

ESTABLISHED NEW TRADITIONS

MAYOR THOMAS J. D'ALESANDRO

Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro's efforts to achieve racial justice are his membership credentials.

In his inaugural address he pledged, "I am committed to achieving true and total equality for all of our citizens. We must root out every cause or vestige of discrimination.

"Discrimination breeds poverty. Discrimination breeds blight. Discrimination breeds unrest. Discrimination is morally worng."

Among his efforts to break racial barriers is his appointment of former Supreme Bench Judge George L. Russell as city solicitor and head of the city's Law Department.

He raised to a new high the number of black people on the school board. He integrated two key city boards, naming Solomon Baylor to the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals, and the Rev. Marion C. Bascom to the Fire Board.

Under the Mayor, there is another black citizen on the Planning Commission, the long-lagging Model Cities program is off the ground, the $80 million school construction plan is in effect, and a Department of Housing and Community Development to encourage low and moderate income housing has been created.

The Mayor's record for 1968 indicates that he plans to keep his commitment to equality.

LEADER OF MERCHANT POWER

FREDERICK O'NEAL

Frederick O'Neal is a businessman concerned about the community.

He is named to the AFRO Honor Roll for his efforts to reduce school vandalism and improve recreation and provide jobs for young people in the more than 100 stores located in the Mondawmin Mall.

A former Howard University student, Mr. O'Neal was the first colored businessman to set up shop in the Mall.

In 1968 he was elected president of the Mondawmin Merchants' Association.

As association president he has spearheaded many cultural and recreational activities in the shopping center and headed the Association in the direction of community work.

Mr. O'Neal is also remembered as the man responsible for Mondawmin Mall's displaying the first draped public marque in Baltimore in memory of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Mr. O'Neal owns and operates a photo supply shop in the Mall.

A SOLID AMERICAN COUPLE

MR. AND MRS. SAMUEL TORSELL

Cited as a staunch and solid couple are Samuel Torsell and his wife, the Rev. Mrs. Ida Torsell, gracious and living residents of Catonsville for over 86 years.

In 1968, the Torsells marked 48 years happy wedded life.

They reside at 67½ Winters Lane, the house where Mr. Torsell was born April 6, 1883. In February, 1968, Catonsville citizens of all races honored them at a banquet at Grace AME Church where they have been lifelong members.

Mr. Torsell is the AFRO's oldest contributing columnist with his "Catonsville News" having appeared weekly since 1907.

And he is owner and publisher of The Clarion, Catonsville's first newspaper and an authorit on the history of Olde Baltimore.

He is noted for his 50 years as a violin teacher; 38 years as director of the Grace Church choir; 50 years Elks Lodge membership, band leader clarionet player and past exalted ruler.

Mrs. Torsell is also a Grace Church musician, choir leader and organist 36 years and prominent in Elks and other fraternal civic and social circles over 40 years.

PROJECT HOPE FOR OWNERSHIP

WILLIM A. ROSS

As Project HOPE was concluding its plans to rehabilitate 70 per cent of the abandoned houses in East Baltimore's Brentwood-Forrest Sts. area, the AFRO was considering it as an organization that should he named to the Honor Roll.

Project HOPE has made home ownership a reality for low income families, and in 1966 dozens of city blocks were rehabilitated and sold to the poor at rates they could afford to pay.

Project HOPE (Home Ownership Plan Endeavor), under Director William A. Ross is a non-profit, private organization which renews and then sells houses in the $5,000 to $6,000 range at a Federally subsidized rate of one per cent with 10 to 15 years to pay.

There is no down payment and buyers pay at a monthly rate that fits their income. The rates are often less than the average rent of similar dwellings.

LBJS SERVES THE PEOPLE

BENNY KEARSE

Because of the Left Bank Jazz Society's contribution to Baltimore's cultural life, it is one of two organizations on the AFRO Honor Roll.

Last year LBJS broke out of the traditional confines of weekly jazz shows and promoting the Laurel Jazz festivals, to become actively involved in the community.

They helped in fund raising programs for CAA's drive to establish credit unions in poverty areas. They contributed to the Department of Recreation's Street Club Service, which takes social training and vocational education to the city streets.

Working with Model Cities and the Neighborhood Youth Corps, LBJS, has given indoor jazz sessions to hundreds of children.

Going out of Baltimore, they helped establish a Washington branch of the Left Bank Jazz Society. And going into a frontier of involvement, they sanctioned the creation of an LBJS auxiliary behind the walls of the Maryland Penitentiary.

In 1968, Benny Kearse, one of the group's founders, turned the presidency over to Leon Manker, another charter member. Under the direction of both men, LBJS has grown as a cultural organization dedicated to the Baltimore community.

A MOTHER TO COMMUNITY

MRS. GERALDINE ASH

The AFRO Honor Roll includes a mother who serves not only her own children but the young and old of her community. She is Mrs. Geraldine Ash, parent of eight children whose ages range from 23 to 5.

Besides doing the work required to raise eight children, Mrs. Ash has served as coordinator of the East Baltimore Cadets, worked with the Lombard Junior High School PTA, the Red Cross, and Baltimore City Hospitals.

She writes letters for the sick and helps give dinners to promote the Girl Scouts. And she has joined Sommerset and Lafayette instructions project at the Knox center.

She is chairman of the Parent Committee of the Follow Through Program, a member of the Boy Scouts, and a leader in the AFRO's Clean Block Campaign.

A certified nurse's aide, Mrs. Ash is a member of the St. Francis Church and works with the Faith Magazine Council.

And she is still the mother of eight children.

IDEAL FATHER, SCOUTMASTER

K. H. FAUNTLROY

Kenneth H. Fauntleroy is elected to the AFRO Honor Roll as an outstanding father and dedicated Scoutmaster.

For more than ten years, Mr. Fauntleroy has worked with the Boy Scouts and he recently won the Silver Beaver for distinguished service to boyhood. The Silver Beaver is the Boy-scout's highest honor.

Last year he was responsible for guiding many boys in his community by giving his time to social and recreational programs.

His official title is Deputy Commissioner and Commissioner of the Constellation District of the Boy Scouts of America.

Besides his work as a Scoutmaster, Mr. Fauntleroy is a civic leader, Mason, and Big Brother.

He also works with the Winchester Improvement Association, a community improvement group in his neighborhood.

LOST LEGS BUT NOT COURAGE

EUGENE S. ROBERTS

Eugene Roberts, former high school track star and Vietnam veteran who lost both his legs on the battlefield, is placed on the AFRO Honor Roll because of the inspiration he has given young people to keep driving toward success.

While he was a student at Forest Park High School in 1966, Eugene was the MSA two-mile champion. After he graduated, he went into the service.

On July 8, 1968, while on patrol near Da Nang, he stepped on a land mine and doctors were forced to amputate both of his legs.

Little more than a month later, Eugene was swimming two and a half miles a day in a program he hoped would enable him to become "the first colored man to swim the English Channel."

Telling all those around him, "if you want something bad enough you can come back." Eugene worked out at the pool last summer, not only for himself but to help young people interested in distance swimming.

He came back from a tragic loss and used a skill he had mastered in high school to gain new goals. His efforts have inspired young people who also may need a "come back."

WORKS FOR GOD AND HUMANITY

MRS. MARY C. SMITH

The talents of Mrs. Mary Carter Smith are dedicated to others and it is said that when one "hears her speak, or listens to her sing, one senses the love of God and humanity woven like a gold threat through her personality."

A graduate of Coppin State College, Mrs. Smith was named to the AFRO Honor Roll for both her ability and her service.

A member of the First Baptist Church where she teaches Sunday school and is active in the Matrons' Club and Library Committee, Mrs. Smith's vocation is teacher-librarian in the public schools.

She is a charter member of the Arena Players and has performed for Center Stage. Her books of poetry include "Opinionated," "Town Child," and "Laugh a Little, Cry a Lot."

She is founder and president of Big Sisters — Little Sisters, a women's group that works with teenage girls.

She also does volunteer work for the Baltimore Rescue Mission, the Maryland School for the Blind, Cedine Bible Camp in Tennessee, and Camp Nathaneal, also a Bible Camp, in Kentucky.

Last year she was awarded a scholarship to the Writers' Workshop for Juvenile Literature at Temple Buel College in Denver.

Mrs. Smith has been honored by numerous sororities and women's groups for her community service.

In the 30 years since the AFRO Honor Roll was initiated, iver 300 persons and organizations have been cited

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Taxpayers must prove their charity gifts

Failure of some taxpayers to substantiate their charitable contributions caused the loss of all or part of the amount they claimed as a deduction last year.

Substantiation of charitable contributions is one of the most frequent problems encountered in the audit of tax returns, Irving Machiz, district director of Internal Revenue, reminded Maryland and District of Columbia taxpayers today.

Another problem in the contribution area that appeared on last year's returns was teh claim of the full amount paid for a ticket to a charity ball, theatre benefit, or banquet as a charitable contribution.

"When $10 is paid for a ticket to a charity banquet and the meal would normally cost $4, then only $6 may be considered a charitable gift," he said.

—Nixon's office

FROM PAGE 1

President from minority groups who have business knowledge. Each member will serve for two years.

"We must provide an expanded opportunity to participate in the free enterprise system at all levels," Nixon said, "not only to share the economic benefits of the free enterprise system more broadly, but also to encourage pride, dignity and a sense of independence."

"...We need to remove commercial obstacles which have often stood in the way of minority group members — obstacles such as unavailability of credit, insurance and technical assistance."

Stans, asked for his views on criticism of special minority business programs by the AFL-CIO and Roy Wilkins, executive secretary of the NAACP, replied that the administration "by no means considered its new program the panacea to all problems of minorities."

At a press briefing, Stans said the new office was in line with Nixon's frequent promise to give "others a piece of the action." He said the administration wanted to abandon the term "Black Capitalism" in favor of minority enterprise in general.

The office, he said, would coordinate 116 programs involving aid to minorities and now spread out in 21 different departments and agencies. But he emphasized there would be no control of the programs nor would the office tamper with their funds.

Nixon made his announcement at a conference attended by Stans, Housing Secretary George Romney, Agriculture Secretary, Clifford M. Hardin, Transportation Secretary John A. Volpe, Labor Secretary George P. Shultz, Sen. Edward W. Brooke, R-Mass., Mayor Walter Washington of Washington, D.C., and civil rights leader Walter Fauntroy of Washington.

Also, John H. Johnson, president of Johnson Publication; Mrs. Margaret L. Belcher, National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc.; Mrs. Dorothy Height, national presideat of National Council of Negro Women; Norman Hodges, president of Green Power Foundation; John Belindo, executive director of National Congress on Indian Opportunities.

Also, Napoleon Johnson, National Urban League; Mrs. Myrtle Ollison, National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, Inc.; Dr. John Torres, Bronx Terminal Market and John Wooten, executive director of Black Economic Industrial Union.

Two top civil rights figures, Roy Wilkins of NAACP and Rev. Ralph Abernathy of SCLC, were not able to attend the White House meeting.

—She hung up

FROM PAGE 1

Mrs. Arter swore out a warrant.

However, Mr. Arter testified he had given Miss Thomas the unlisted phone number and had given her permission to call him by letting the phone ring time and hanging up.

He admitted to the court he and Mis Thomas had been "friendly" five years and he had informed her after she signaled him by phone, he would call her back either from his home phone or if his wife was in hearing distance,, from an outside phone.

He testified he and his paramour had "worked out the arrangement" a year before, and he had told her to "call me anytime you feel like it."

Miss Thomas contended she did not mean to harass or annoy the wife with the call but was following the married man's instructions.

The court was told, Arter and Miss Thomas "talked by phone often."

The five different monitored calls received by the wife on Aug. 6 came in the evening at 6; 6:05; 7:30; 8:45 and 11:25.

-Lieutenants

FROM PAGE 1

geant in 1964, assigned to the training division. He is married and has one child.

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Sgt. Carolyn Robinson, a Morgan State College graduate, with post-graduate studies at Loyola and the University of Maryland, was named to the force in September 1942, and assigned to Northern District.

Two years later, she was moved to Northeastern and in 1959, to Eastern District. She was promoted to sergeant in 1966 and assigned to the Community Relations Division.

She is married and has one son.

Officer Marian Crawford, also a Morgan State graduate, joined the force in July 1955, and was assigned to the Youth Division.

In 1959, she was assigned to Southwestern District, her present post until her promotion this week. She is married and has one child.

—Body found

FROM PAGE 1

Narcotics agents commenting further on the death of the vivacious heroin user said such an occurrence is not unusual after a known user "sings out in court" and the word gets around.

An officeg told the AFRO, "It's a heartless arrangement they have in the done world. After somebody 'rats' to the police, no dealer, nobody in the business will trust him.

"In this case, hey probably figured as an addict, she knew enough on the people in the ring to ruin them the next time.

"The only thing left to do was to do away with her. And we figured that. We guessed it, that she was given an overdose before she was thrown into the Harbor.

"The way they do it is, her dealer would give her a killer dose of pure heroin.

"Whoever did it, knew what she was accustomed to using, like heroin cut 2 to 1 or 4 to 1 with milk sugar or bonita. So, they sold her pure heroin or heroin cut 1 to 1 with an agent, which constitutes an overdose.

"She probably didn't know what she was getting.

"There's no way of finding out who may have done it.

"But there is one thing certain, now the juncies will be trying to find out who has the killer stuff. They'll want to get some of it to save money."

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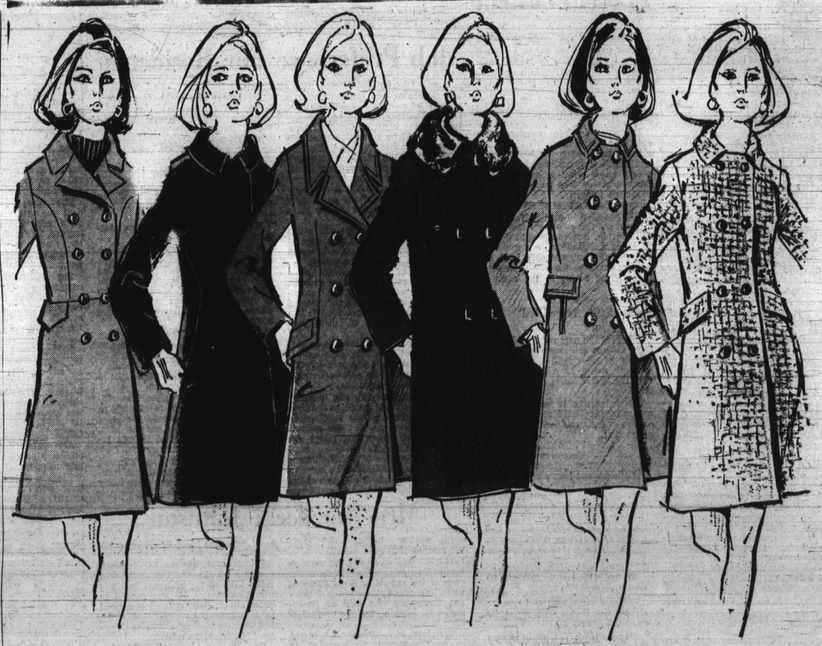
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