Retirement reception held for Rev. Yerby

By PAM WIDGEON

"He is definitely an outstanding leader and hero of the city. His church was first among the Baptist churches in the city because of his leadership."

These were the words of Mrs. Bessie W. Wilson, who served as chairman for the retirement reception for Rev. Ward D. Yerby, held recently at Perkins Square Baptist Church, Edmondson and Warwick Ave., where over 300 people attended.

The Rev. Mr. Yerby, 74, re-tired in January after serving as pastor for 41 years.

The church was beautifully decorated with orange and white, by Mesdames Nannie Wimple and Marion D. Johnson.

The theme was, "Faith is the Victory." He received an award and two certificates from the church for loyal devotion.

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A native of Sharps, he came to Baltimore in 1929 where he served as associate pastor at Perkins Square Church under the late founder, the Rev. Frank R. Williams. The Rev. Mr. Yerby took over as pastor 11 months later following the founder's death.

During an AFRO interview, he was asked what were some of the changes he has seen in the church during his 41 years as pastor.

He stated, "I have been more participation from young people in the churches because of the officers, the chairman of the trustee board of my church is 27 years old. The church is full of participation in all departments with young people."

Since he has retired, he and his wife Mrs. Portia Yerby to whom he has been married for 37 years, live in a 22 story building for senior citizens.

The Rev. Mr. Yerby said "I go to church every Sunday; there is a senior citizen club in the building where I live and my wife and I take part in the activities. I have been busy as ever."

He has served as corresponding secretary of the United Baptist Missionary Convention for 30 years; visiting chaplain at Johns Hopkins Hospital for 10 years, president of the Trustee Board of the Maryland Baptist Aged Home for seven years, president of Baptist Ministers Conference of Baltimore, chaplain at Crownsville State Hospital and secretary of the Interracial Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. The Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Yerby has one son, William H. Yerby.

The Rev. Mr. Carroll is first bishop in 63 years

The Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference of the United Methodist Church has elected Dr. Edward G. Carroll of the Baltimore conference as a Bishop.

The Rt. Rev. Mr. Carroll, 61, becomes the third black bishop in the jurisdiction. Elected on the ninth ballot with a total of 255 votes, he is the first Bishop elected from the Washington area in 63 years.

He has been pastor of Marvin Memorial United Methodist Church in Silver Spring five years.

Bishop Carroll is the former pastor of Sharp Street Methodist Church. He received his A.B. degree from Morgan, Master of Divinity from Yale University; M.A. from Columbia and LLD from Morgan.

Bishop Carroll is a former district superintendent of the Washington East District of the Baltimore Conference. He has been a military chaplain, teacher and served churches in Virginia, West Virginia, New York and Maryland.

Born in Wheeling, West Virginia, he is married to Miss Phenola Valentine. Their two children are Edward Jr., an account executive at a television station in Ohio and Nansi, a graduate of the Royal Academy of Music in London, England.

Dr. Carroll is the second of four new Bishops elected at this session of the Jurisdictional Conference. Already elected was Joseph Yeakel, general secretary of the Board of Evangelism, Nashville, Tenn.

Following Dr. Carroll, elected were Dr. James M. Ault, Dean of Drew Theological School, New Jersey and Dr. John Warman, pastor of Baldwin Community United Methodist Church in Pennsylvania.

Husband refuses to pay rent and leaves

Mrs. Marie C. Toney, 25 has been granted a divorce from her husband, Leon Toney, 29, of the 900 block of Mt. Holly St.

Mrs. Toney won the divorce on grounds of desertion. The decree was granted July 16 in Circuit Court before Judge Edward A. Smith.

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Court testimony by Mrs. Toney revealed that the separation occurred Oct. 17, 1966.

"My husband left me first. He claims we left together; he didn't pay the rent and I had no choice but to leave, Mrs. Toney testified.

"He took all the furniture and left me and my daughter a bed and my kitchen set my mother gave me as a wedding gift, she continued.

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The couple has one child. The court awarded custody to the mother. Mr. Toney was ordered to pay $20 per week child support.

In a final comment Mrs. Toney stated, "He announced that he wasn't going to pay the rent and was going back home with his mother and he did."

Jessup inmates barred from lawn sitting

A group of Patuxent Institute inmates has described as violation of their individual rights and institutional rules administration refusing them the privilege of lawn sitting for four consecutive Sundays.

The restriction, according to the administration, is the result of an unsuccessful escape attempt by a section of the inmates during a lawn sitting program July 2.

The administration states the 38 inmates on the lawn at the time who refused to leave the incident bear responsibility for the acts.

The escape attempt could not be carried through because an officer and two women visitors discovered and reported it.

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The affected inmates point out that the action was attempted by only one inmate and it escaped their notice because they were occupied with their friends and relatives who were visiting.

They deplored the "mass punishment" and "all-inclusive and discriminatory" action.

The inmates state the incident took place in front of the front lawn and this action, if allowed will reflect upon the future rights of all man on the fourth tiers at the Patuxent Institution.

Last rites held for Johnny Hunt

Funeral services for Johnny Hunt, 2508 Shirley Ave., were held on Monday at the Kenneth Law Funeral Home. Mr. Hunt died July 12.

Mr. Hunt was employed at the American Standard Radiator Company where he made tubs for 24 years.

Born in Millvegville, Ga., he attended public school before entering the army.

"He was a good man," Mrs. Dorothy Dawes, his daughter, explained.

Also surviving are his other children, Mrs. Betty Woods, Mrs. Ella Corbin, Mrs. Louise Gross, Miss Beverly Hunt, Miss Shelf Hunt, Miss Mary Hunt, and Johnnie Hunt, Jr.

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Dick Dickerson, 35, has been involved in many phases of education over the past thirteen years.

He was a science teacher and instructional supervisor in his hometown, Philadelphia.

In 1966, Dick was appointed Special Assistant to the New York City Board of Education.

And since 1968 he's been a key member of the RCA Educational Development staff at Cherry Hill, New Jersey, which provides a wide range of educational services.

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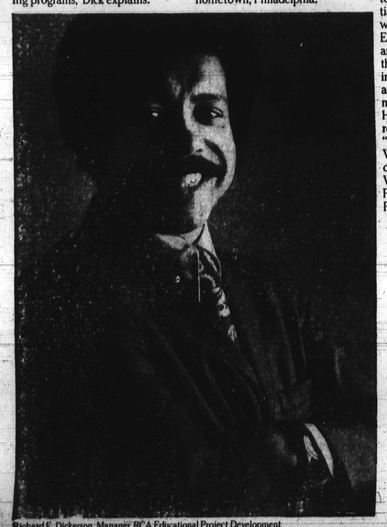
Richard E. Dickerson, Manager, RCA Educational Project Development

—Girl still mystery

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came back to claim the body.

One morgue official has termed these as "practical jokes."

Police state the girl in the purple bathing suit was found by her host male resident in the apartment in the 100 block W. Center St., dead at the bottom of the pool.

Police records indicate the male tenant reported he casually met the girl in the corner of Park and Center Sts., and after talking to her she expressed desire to go swimming in the pool.

The male friend is reported as saying he left the victim to go into his room and came back to find her drowned.

She was described as about 20 years old, 5 ft. 3 inches tall, a little on the heavy side, and wore her hair in the bush.

Following a write-up in the AFRO, City Morgue officials report, a young woman who gave her first name as Patricia and living in the 3800 block Bonner Rd. went to the morgue July 10 and identified the drowned girl as her sister. She gave the age of the dead person as 17.

For a time, a morgue spokesman told the AFRO Wednesday, officials were expecting the body of the dead girl to be claimed. AFRO's inquiries into the case proved fruitless.

Police check on the identification story revealed the person alleged to be the drowned girl was living.

Police quote parents as saying Patricia who allegedly made the identification had left home more than 12 weeks without any trace.

Meanwhile, the identity of the girl remains unknown and answers to whether she was a Baltimorean, or a lonely person without a home, are shrouded in mystery.

—Surrenders

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Wilson is being held without bail pending a grand jury hearing.

Police records claim young Harris, a former Northwestern High School honor student, died shortly after his admission to the Provident Hospital Tuesday following bullet wounds he suffered in an argument.

—Cremated

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nion about his death.

In a letter to the AFRO June 23, a group of inmates who called themselves "concerned inmates" charged that circumstances surrounding Mr. Jennings' death are "questionable."

They wrote the AFRO "... we feel he was murdered."

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Dr. Korhbloom told the AFRO the former inmate's body remained at the morgue for almost three weeks without anyone claiming it.

Prison records showed Mr. Jennings was a widower of Coatesville, Pa.

He was sentenced to four years imprisonment by Judge Solomon Liss of City Criminal Court Dec. 13, 1971 for manslaughter. He was to have been on parole in December this year.

His last address before he was jailed was in the 900 block Franklin St.

—Vacant homes

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and found workmanship shoddy and appliances poor.

Since then, according to

—Tunnel worker

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partment issued five recommendations for eliminating "inadequate ... promotion practices and detail assignment procedures" to the complaining black workers and Del. Frank Conaway who pushed for Department action.

Harbor Tunnel Cpl. Marshall Carroll told the AFRO promotion discrimination and general harassment of black workers has discouraged black employment, which has dropped from 40 per cent when the Tunnel opened 20 years ago to 16 per cent (24 out of 150) now.

He remarked, "I personally have mixed feelings about the report," and "My patience has been worn out," but said he will have to give the new bosses and Mr. Davis, an extra $1,500 has been spent in restoring Rosemont homes and offered for sale under mortgage savings offered through the federal Neighborhood Development Program.

Mr. Davis remarked, "We sell them (Rosemont homes) just as fast as we can get them renovated."

the report "their chance to straighten things out."

Secretary Hughes has ordered the following actions to be taken:

1) Throw out the old promotion system and direct a worker's immediate superior to write out his evaluation report and not have all supervisors write the report even if their knowledge of a beersay.

Have the captain (ranking officer) make the final recommendation.

2) Have the captain hold a conference with every worker to discuss his rating, to point out his strengths and weaknesses.

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3) Make the permanent (day-time) administrative posts integrated "to reflect the racial composition of the patrol force (add two black officers). Post all two weeks before the post is to be filled to allow interested employees to apply for promotion.

4) Hire professional consultants to conduct "a human relations workshop" for all supervisory personnel.

5) Begin a recruitment program in the black community.

Department Equal Employment Officer Alfred Watts told the AFRO these rides are "a precedent," but they do not directly apply to other areas in the Department of Transportation or even to other parts of the Division of Toll Facilities like the 195 toll booths.

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This hit and miss compliance with fair employment practices makes the work of Del. Conaway all the more difficult.

He asserted, "I am looking for an executive order (from the Governor) to all state agencies stating in no uncertain terms that blacks be hired and promoted to top positions."

Right now, however, he is in the process of investigating the Department of Budget and Fiscal Planning, where he believes discrimination "is even worse than the Harbor Tunnel."

Del. Conaway predicted, "If I can prove the Fiscal Planning Department is as guilty as the Baltimore Harbor Tunnel, I think the Governor would have no other choice but issue an executive order."

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—$32,000, snake

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recommendation of the snake which was described as a glazed mural.

It has also been reported that some members of the commission had approved a project that they personally would benefit from financially. Even though a conflict of interests was present, some of these programs were still approved with some members of the group getting commissions from the projects.

The architect of the figure, Olin Russum, calls the snake "a dragon."

Other people in the community have named it the whopper."

To the average citizen the design, 7 ft. x 32 ft. is a very expensive ($32,000) black, blue and green snake.

When Mr. Russum was asked what the significance of the "dragon" was he replied, "It's very hard to explain. You just have to see it."

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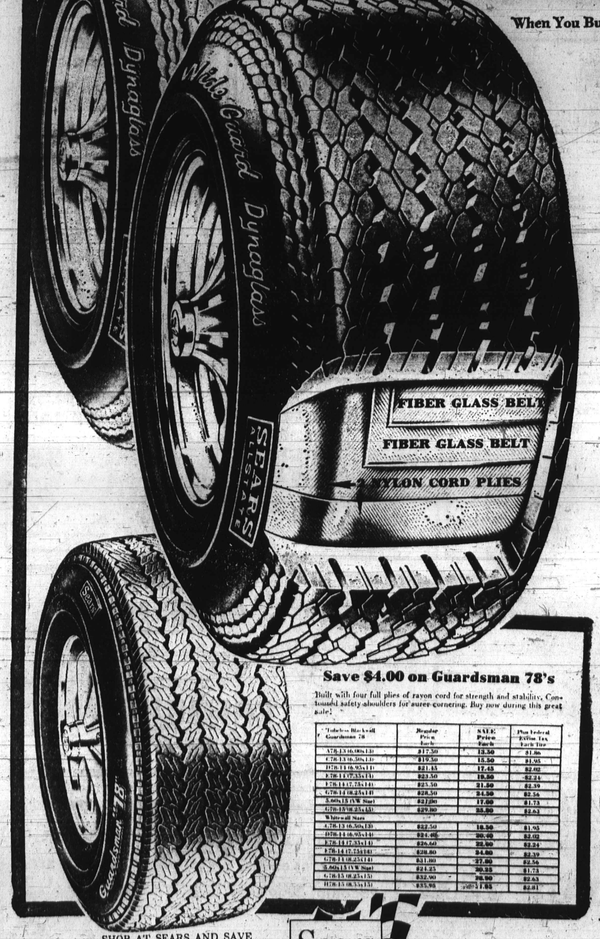

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