Church banquets highlight the spring social scene

800 at Gillis testimonial for Rev. Jackson

HONOREE REV. THEODORE CLIFTON JACKSON JR. is shown with (center) Miss Essie Hughes, his teacher at Douglass High School and his wife, Mrs. Marlene Young Jackson. His Elementary School No. 176 teacher, Arthur Harris, was also present.

The Rev. Theodore C. Jackson Sr., the late pastor of Gillis Memorial Christian Community Church built a never-to-be forgotten Baltimore institution in the inner city. Called the "Singing Church," old Gillis brought to its countless patrons the voices of such famed singers as Mahalia Jackson.

When the founding pastor died in 1970, his son and namesake took over. Now in a new location at 4016 Park Heights Ave., Gillis still ranks as one of the largests and most influential churches.

The Rev. Mr. Jackson Jr. was honored last week by 800 persons who crowded the Emerald Gardens banquet hall to capacity.

Accepting honors also were members of his family, his mother, Mrs. Theodore C. (Lucy) Jackson Sr.; wife, Mrs. Marlene Young Jackson; their two daughters, Miss Patricia Ann Jackson, a city school teacher and Miss Carla Mae Jackson, a Greenspring Junior High School student.

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The Rev. Mr. Jackson's concern for humanity, his service and ministry to the church and community merited the awarding of an honorary Doctorate of Divinity Degree to him by the Virginia Theological Seminary, Lynchburg, Va. He is a Howard University graduate.

He has baptized nearly 300 persons, christened more than 200 children and united in Holy Matrimony as many as 200, including his oldest daughter, Patricia Ann.

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The Rev. Mr. Jackson has had 15 years of educational experiences as teacher of science, mathematics and job training in the Baltimore schools; member of various educational committees; Baltimore Teachers Union and the Public School Teachers Association.

He has taught in the following schools: Houston-Wood Junior High School; William Patterson Junior High School; Joseph C. Briscoe Junior High School and Francis Wood School.

He has pursued graduate courses in Science Education at Morgan State College, under the National Science Foundation, and graduate courses in Special Education at Coppin State College.

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His other religious, civic and fraternal affiliations are: Chaplain: Anna Mae Hunter Home for the Blind; Interdenmonational Ministerial Alliance; NAACP; Urban League; Virginia Semicary Alumni Association; Howard University Alumni Association; Pimlico Ministers Alliance; Maryland Council of Churches;

Also Hiram Grand Lodge; Mt. Zion Lodge No. 10, AF and AM of Maryland; member of the Board of Provident Hospital and Advance Federal Savings and Loan Association, and Kappa, Alpha Psi Fraternity.

Guest speaker was Dr. M. C. Sutherland, president of Virginia Theological Seminary College.

Banquet committees included the Rev. Mrs. Agnes Alston, Leonard Holland, Mesdames Pauline Wells Lewis, Hazel Smith, Fannie Mae Holliday, Antoinette Phillips, Winifred Parks, Ollie Matthews, Gwendolyn Bruce, Ruth Moore, Margaret Brown, Janie Campbell, James Wilson, Lottie Holland, Attorney and Mrs. Thomas Hicks, Messers Marvin Kornegay, James Wilson.

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Music was by Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Sylvia Person, Roland Joe Smith, the Rev. H. Maria Walker, M's Lura Williams, The Voices of Gillis, Miss Calleen Dixon, Miss Cynthia Scott, Thomas Bennett, Miss Marian Cook, Mrs. Mabel Malone, M's Sheila Hill and the many Gillis choirs and ensembles.

The Rev. Sidney Daniels president of the Maryland United Council of Christian Community Churches, gave invocation and the Rev. Arthur C. Jones, pastor, Jones Tabernacle Baptist Church, benediction?

HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEMBER Lloyal Randolph pins an orchid on Assistant Minister Rev. Mrs. Pinnie Chaney.

OTHER HEAD TABLE GUESTS included Dr. M.C. Sutherland, president Virginia Theological Seminary College, Lynchburg, Va.; Rev. Arthur Jones Jr., pastor, Jones Tabernacle Baptist Church and States Attorney Milton B. Allen.

Mount Olive Freewill Baptist Church has formal Fellowship Dinner

DINNER GUESTS — Among those who attended the Sunday night buffet dinner were from left, Mrs. Lillian Ceaser, Rev. William Felder, Mrs. Leo K. Ceaser, Bishop Leo K. Ceaser, Rev. Robert Farrell and Harlwood Jr.

Mt. Olive Freewill honors Bishop, deacons, trustees

Mount Olive Freewill Baptist Church, 290 N. Fremont Ave., honored Bishop Leo K. Ceaser, members of the deacon and trustee board on Sunday at a dinner held at the Holiay Inn.

Their theme for the evening was, "Behold, How Good and How Pleasant It Is For Brethren To Dwell Together in Unity."

Deacon Nathaniel Barr was chairman of the affair. Harlow Fullwood Jr., a trustee at Concord Baptist Church, acted as toastmaster.

Following the dinner, the 5 guests were entertained with music by the Mount Olive Freewill Baptist Choir.

The Rev. Clifford M. Johnson, pastor of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, was the speaker. He spoke from Psalms 133.

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The Rev. Mr. Johnson stated we should all work together and not drop our load on others. Among others who participated on the program were the Rev. Robert Farrell, Mount Calvary Baptist Church; the Rev. Willie Posey, James Stephney, Mrs. Dorothy Johnson, soloist of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church.

Also Deacon Nathaniel Barr, Mrs. Martha Stinson, Mrs. Frances Poke, the Rev. Earl Davis, St. Mark Freewill Baptist Church.

Honorees

HIGHLIGHT of the Mount Olive Fellowship banquet came when the pastor, Bishop Leon K. Ceasar and church officials were saluted. Seated from left are: Deacons Elmo Shinson, Calvin Dickens, Bishop Leo K. Ceasar, Nathaniel Barr, Wilbert Stocks. Standing from left is Trustee Henry Hennegan, Deacons Ernest Williamson, Robert Brown, David Saunders, Elijah Byrd, James Williams and Trustee Albert Ballanger.

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Jennifer divorce final

Wed in Las Vegas, Nev., in 1944, Mr. and Mrs. Harold J. Jennifer Jr. were divorced in Baltimore May 17 after five years separation. Mr. Jennifer, director of the Civic Center, is to pay $60 bi-weekly to support one of their two sons who is a student.

MR. AND MRS. HAROLD J. JENNIFER *in happier days*

MURDER SCENE near the overhead bridge in Gwynns Falls Park in the 1500 block Franklintown Rd. (AFRO staff photo by Roman Hankewyez)

Slain Edmondson Hi coed wore gold wedding ring

Homicide detectives are still investigating the torture slaying of two teenagers whose bodies were found May 20 in Gwynns Falls Park near the 1400 block Franklintown Rd.

The bodies of the teenaged sweethearts, Albert Washington, 17, 2700 block West Lafayette Ave., and Miss Wanda M. Lewis, 15, 1200 block Bloomingdale Rd.; were discovered under some debris by 15-year-old Anthony J. English, 3200 block Normount Ave., who was walking his dog.

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Medical examiners' reports show Wanda, found under a 3-foot by 5-foot piece of plywood, was sexually molested. Police state the 10th grade Edmondson High School student was nude except for a scarf around her neck.

Detectives state they found no clothes in the area. However, Miss Lewis was wearing a gold wedding ring.

Assistant medical examiner Bert F. Morton's reports indicate Washington, a porter at a downtown department store, was strangled. According to police he was wearing only a pair of jockey shorts.

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Police estimate that death occurred from 48 to 72 hours before the discovery. Relatives told the AFRO Washington and Miss Lewis who had been dating for the past four months were last seen

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FATHER FRANKLIN MURDER CASE CONTINUES IN 4TH DAY

State asks 2nd degree conviction

As the Father Patrick Henry Franklin murder trial enters its fourth day Friday (today), testimony shows that the state's star witness was offered money to engage in homosexual acts.

The state contends that Fr. Franklin age 55, "willfully" murdered a former City High School graduate. The defense claims that the minister shot and killed him in self-defense.

Fr. Franklin, pastor of St. Martin's Church of Christ, is being tried in Criminal Court for first degree murder of James Lee Gregg, 4800 block Adelle Terrace. Judge James A. Perrott presides over the jury panel.

Assistant State's Attorney Edwin O. Wenck himself an ordained minister, said in his opening statement Wednesday that the state intends to prove that "on Dec. 28, in the year of our Lord, 1973, that (Fr.) Patrick Henry Franklin did willfully murder one James Lee Gregg." (Wenck is a minister of the United Church of Christ and colleague of the Rev. Wendell Phillips, Heritage United Church of Christ.)

A SET-UP

Fr. Franklin's attorney, Nelson R. Kandel, told the jury of eight men and four women that he will prove his client and William Earl Crawford, a traveling companion, were goaded, set up and nearly robbed that night by Gregg and his girlfriend's brother, James A. Turner.

Following the statements the state called Turner as first witness.

Turner, 21, 1800 block Whitmore Ave. a tall, darkskinned, cool walking young man currently on parole from the Maryland Correctional Institute for Males in Hagerstown, approached the stand.

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He testified that on the night of Dec. 27, he left a poolroom somewhere between 11:30 and midnight and went home. After he got there, he said he decided that he wanted some candy, soda and potato chips from a nearby cutrate store. He asked Gregg, who was visiting his sister, would he like to come along. Gregg replied yes.

He further testified that on their way to a cutrate on Westwood Ave. near Thomas Ave., two men sitting in a car parked across the street from the cutrate called them over. He identified the man in the driver's seat as Fr. Franklin.

REFUSED "DATE"

Turner then said that he and Gregg were asked if they wanted to make some money. He then told the court that he jokingly said yes, but that Gregg replied that he didn't "mess with no punks."

He further said that when he was offered a drink of "whisky," he got in the back seat on the passenger side of the car and left Gregg on the outside driver's side talking to Fr. Franklin. At this point, Turner said that Gregg and Fr. Franklin engaged in a heated argument.

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As he was getting out of the car to leave, he testified that he saw Fr. Franklin pull out some-

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Cardinal Shehan calls upon all for racial unity

Nearly 4,000 citizens of all faiths, races and creeds gave a standing ovation to Lawrence Cardinal Shehan Tuesday night as he called for unity among all races to assure Baltimore's future.

The occasion was the unprecedented seated banquet honoring His Eminence on retirement after 12 years as Archbishop of Baltimore, the Primal Catholic See and 50 years an ordained priest.

At 76, the Apostolic administrator of some 500,000 Catholics, is 12th Archbishop of Baltimore and in good health, plans to continue active work in the area.

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The $100-a-plate banquet brought a check for $450,000 for Cardinal Shehan's pet project, the Catholic elementary schools, plus enough for expenses of the brilliant affair complete with cocktails.

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Highlights were many but the St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church choir singing "Every Time I Feel the Spirit," "Oh, Freedom, You're a Child of he Uniiverse," set the pace for a lively evening in Spiritual-Gospel time.

Joseph Meyerhoff, co-chairman with Charles G. Tildon, J. Stevenson Peck and the Rev. Theodore Rowan, remarked, "This is the largest banquet ever served in this city. You have come from every corner of the Diocese."

The Cardinal reviewed Baltimore's history as glowing but recalled the fight in which he took prominent part to desegregate public facilities.

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However, his plea for racial understanding today was, "We need a wider unity which embraces all important elements of our citizenry including ethnic groups of the white community. All groups can unite under the leadership we possess to overcome seemingly insuperable difficulties and achieve worthwhile goals."

He urged that unity become part of every-day life in order to achieve Baltimore's promise.

He concluded to place great responsibility upon the Catholic church and said, "The Church and the Archbishop speaking for it, in union with other religious bodies, have the responsibility and moral resource to confront the forces in our society which are unresponsive to human needs. This is a paramount obligation which the Archdiocese must face boldly and confidently endeavoring with God's help and your help to lead the way toward a unified community founded on justice and peace."

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Receiving sustained applause were Dr. Rebecca E. Carroll, Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice recipient and assistant superintendent of city schools and the Rev. Melvin Chester Swann, president of the Ministerial Alliance. The Rev. Mr. Swann gave benediction.

In her talk Dr. Carroll said, "To pay tribute to this priestly man is one of the singular honors of my life. In the name of Catholic laity, all praise and thanksgiving to His Eminence Lawrence Cardinal Shehan for a job well done."

Dr. Carroll cited the Cardinal's dedication to youth, all young people but especially to the Catholic education of youth in the city.

William Cummings II directed the Choir of the St. Francis Xavier Church, the oldest church in the Diocese where Father John Offer is pastor.

REUNION—The brilliant occasion of the retirement banquet for Lawrence Cardinal Shehan witnessed a brief moment of remembering with (left) Mrs. Marie S. Murphy, a lifelong member of St. Peter Claver Catholic Church and (right) Miss Anita Williams, lifelong Catholic and retired head of Catholic Charities. When His Eminence was made Cardinal, Miss Williams was flown to Rome at his request to hold a seat of honor at the ceremonies. (Photo by J. D. Howard).

PRIDE AND JOY — Mrs. Mary Diggs, mother of Edward Diggs, handicapped from birth, beams delight; eighteen-year-old Edward was recently awarded a $2,000 Knights of Columbus Scholarship to Towson State College. (AFRO staff photo by Fletcher Roberts)

AFRO's senior of the year

By Bill Rhoden

There is one young man due to graduate in June who is a real great guy. Edward Diggs, an 18-year-old Cardinal Gibbons High School senior, has been handicapped from birth with only two fingers on each hand.

However, the unusual youth, chosen as the AFRO graduate of the year, has overcome all drawbacks and ranks No. 1 in anyone's estimation.

Because of his steady B-average throughout high school and consistent service as manager of the athletic program, he has been awarded a $2,000 4-year scholarship to Towson State College.

The large grant comes from the Knights of Columbus to begin in September when Edward enrolls as a major in sociology.

Edwards says, "My handicap doesn't affect me. I can deal with anything anyone else can deal with. I want to major in sociology because I like working with people."

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Edward is the 9th of 13 children. His mother, Mrs. Mary Diggs, is quite proud of his accomplishments and states that the word proud does not begin to describe her feelings.

"I am indeed proud," she states. "He knew he had to adjust and he has done it. He tackles anything that comes along and doesn't back off anything.

Edward was recently given the C. Markland Kelly Jr. Athletic Award.

Besides being an avid soccer fan, it's not uncommon to see the 112-pound flash running underneath a pass during the football season or participating in an up-tempo basketball game on the neighborhood court.

THE DUKE IS DEAD

BULLETIN

Funeral services for Duke Ellington, renown jazz composer-pianist, will be held 1 p.m. Monday at the St. John the Divine Cathedral, 113th Street and Amsterdam Avenue.

A Duke Ellington memorial fund will be established for the purpose of cancer research at the

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MEMORIAL DAY

All classified reader (per word) ads should be in this office before 10 a.m. Friday, May 24th, for the Tuesday issue, May 28, 1974.

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2,500 Baptists endorse busing

Members of the United Baptist Missionary Conventions, Social Action Committee have come out strongly in favor of busing to achieve racial integration in Baltimore public schools.

"If busing is the only method to bring about quality education in city schools, we are in favor of it."

Rev. Alexander noted that the city was "dragging its feet" in terms of school desegregation and said that it was about time for education to be equalized in Baltimore.

"Right now, it appears as if busing is the only way to bring about that equalization; if it will serve the purpose we will support it.

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The convention is ending today (Friday) at the New Shiloh Baptist Church (Lanvale and Fremont Ave.).

More than 2,500 delegates from 106 churches around the state of Maryland attended the convention, although the UBMC has over 60,000 members.

Proceeds from the five-day affair will be used to construct a $1 million nursing home in the 2800 block of Raoor Ave. sometime next year.

Among those present at the convention are the Rev. Harold I. Dobson, Dr. Montague J. Brackett, former president of UBMC; and Mrs. Mary E. Harrington, president of the Women's Convention.

A new set of convention officers were also elected. They are: the Rev. C. C.

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Summertime is 'sting season' for city's flim-flammers

By Bill Rhoden

A WORD OF CAUTION to those of you who regard "flimflammers" (con men) as unintelligent, unskilled vagabonds who only victimize the city's weak and "unlearned" population; this article may save you some time, embarrassment and money!

It should be stressed that (A) these con men and women are skilled professionals; and (B), they are as adept in their line of work as you are in yours, (mainly because their's is a 24-hour occupation).

Like doctors and lawyers, they serve an internship and spend much of their time in institutes of "higher education."

But unlike most professionals they do not hail from the nation's UCLA's or Howard's or Yale's; no, the con people are usually graduates from city jails and street corners, many receive "graduate degrees" from federal and state penal institutions.

There they are instructed in the art of identifying suitable "sting" victims and are shown the numerous ways in which to make their victims want to give them money.

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To earn the MC (Master of Con) degree, one must take street courses in acting; so that he can appear as dumb, heartsick or intelligent as necessary; rapid conversation, so the victim will only hear what he's supposed to hear; and human nature, where he learns how to exploit the major human flaw: GREED.

According to Major James Watkins, a 24-year

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