700 attended bishop's testimonial

"No one should get such an honor in life unless they have given of themselves and not to themselves. He has given all of himself."

Dr. Elijah Saunders, nephew of Bishop Monroe Saunders Sr., made the above statement on Dec. 28, to the 700 guests who attended the gala affair honoring Bishop Saunders.

The banquet saluted Bishop Saunders for his service to the church which he founded, the community and his having received a Doctor of Ministry degree from Howard University in 1974.

The black tie affair was held in the main ballroom of the Lord Baltimore Hotel with Bishop Charles Watkins of Cleveland, Ohio as toastmaster.

Bishop Saunders' network of churches includes those in the United States, England, Africa, Canada and the Caribbean. Guests attended the testimonial from England, Chicago and other states on the East Coast.

Dr. Saunders stated the three most important things that matter to Bishop Saunders are his love for God and his church, his love for people no matter of what race, color or creed and to work hard and study.

Among the distinguished guests who extends greetings were Cong. Parren J. Mitchell who described Bishop Saunders as "a clean family man who works hard."

Dr. Dolores Hunt stated, "This man (Bishop Saunders) is truly a leader. I have always found him to have a word of encouragement."

Bishop Saunders received an award from Mayor Schaefer, along with several other gifts from his church.

The Rev. Monroe R. Saunders Jr., the bishop's son was chairman of the banquet. Bishop Saunders' active involvement in religion began during his military service years. He founded a church in Washington, D.C.

In Baltimore, he later founded the First United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic, which became the official headquarters for the network of churches in England, Afirca, the Caribbean, Canada and American and incorporated as the United Churches of Jesus Christ Apostolic.

CHECKING IT OUT—Beaming with smiles Bishop and Mrs. Monroe R. Saunders Sr. check their program just before a testimonial in their honor last Saturday.

Church gives Bishop Showell 1975 car at his testimonial

Bishop Winfield A. Showell of First Apostolic Institutional Church was honored last Friday by church members in appreciation for 30 years of pastoral service.

About 550 citizens attended the celebration held at Morgan State College's new student union building.

Bishop Showell, 67, received a 1975 Lincoln Continental black town sedan car from his church. He has been described as a "courageous civic leader and steadfast servant of God."

"It was quite a surprise and quite thrilling. I appreciate everything that has been done," said Bishop Showell.

Among other presentations received was the highest award a citizen could receive, The Award of Merit For Honored And Outstanding Citizenship. That day, Dec. 27, was declared "Bishop Showell's Day, in Baltimore by Mayor Schaefer.

In the citation the mayor said "In recognition of your exemplary sense of responsibility, your civic and community spirit, and your significant contributions to the welfare of people, I as Mayor of Baltimore am pleased and honored to issue you this citation as affirmation of gratitude for your distinguished public service.

Bishop Showell also received an award from the Virginia Diocese of Bibile Way Churches of Our Lord Jesus Christ World Wide. The plague presented cited him as humanitarian of the year. Several other presentations were made from the church.

Mrs. Genevieve Showell received a sterling silver sugar bowl from the Virginia Diocese. Bishop Showell, who formerly had a program on the radio was affectionately referred to as the "old time radio pastor."

Bishop Showell's church has over 1,000 members with more than 30 active auxiliaries. In 1966 Bishop Showell was the winner of the frist prize in the AFRO's Favorite Minister Contest.

Bishop Showell is a life member of the NAACP, member of the Interdenominational Bishop's Council.

STRIDING CONFIDENTLY—Bishop and Mrs. Winfield A. Showell enter the Morgan State College new student union building where they were cited by church

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State begins program for teacher tranining

The State Department of Education has begun a new project to train teachers on how to work with handicapped children that will be phased into the state's public school system within the next five years.

Some 200 teachers will begin their in-service training on Jan. 8 which will include behavior modifications, precision teaching and neuro-developmental techniques.

The training sessions will take place at various locations throughout the state so that people attending will not always travel a long distance.

Dr. Camille Peck, state curriculum specialist and director of the project told the AFRO, "It is our hopes that this training will allow teachers to reach several thousand handicapped children."

She stated that the major goal of the project is to help those profound handicapped children to become more independent and attend classes in special education schools rather than institutions.

The project which is funded by the state will continue for the next two years.

Dr. James A. Sensenbaugh, state superintendent of schools has appointed a nine-member panel that will assist the state specialists develop the training program.

The panel is comprised of persons working in schools, day care centers, colleges and thos working in health and mental hygiene.

YULE TREAT—Dipping into a 20-pound bag of goodies with obvious delight are little Gregory Brown and Constance Glaper at the Mount Washington Children's Hospital on W. Rogers Ave. as Rebecca Kincaid looks on. The candy, presented by Miss Norma Mails, founder and executive director of Weight Watchers of Baltimore Inc., was distributed to all the children in the hospital on Christmas morning.

Judicial panel recommends change in judge selection

The state judicial selection committee has recommended to Governor Mandel that judges appointed to the Court of Appeals and the Court of Special Appeals be required to run for full terms against their records rather than against political opponents.

Under this new method, voters would be able to vote yes or no beside a particular judge's name. If the people voted against the judge, a new one would be appointed by the selection committee to take his place. That judge in turn would have to run against his recort when the time came.

The measure is an effort to take politics out of the selection of judges in these two courts, while still making those judges accountable to the people.

Judge Joseph Sherbow, head of the committee said of the proposal, noted that many judges will not take judgeships because they fear the loss of their position to a politically powerful opponent or because they fear the loss of their position to a politically powerful opponent or because of voter revenge against an unpopular ruling.

In order for the measure to become law, a constitutional amendment would be required. If and when such a measure is approved by the General Assembly and the governor, it would then be put before the voters.

Indications are that the governor may support such a measure in the upcoming session.

Asked if the would recommend this measure for local courts, as well, Judge Sherffrow said, "I would in the furture consider such a measure .... but right now it's just for these two.

Baltimore County declared disaster area

The Small Business Administration has notified Baltimore County that it has been declared a disaster area from the severe storm that lashed the County on Dec. 1-2.

More than 150 properties were damaged by rain, gale force winds and flooding tides, with losses estimated at $750,000. The most devastating damage was done in the southeastern section of the County around Miller's Island, Rockaway Beach, Middle River, Back River and Dundalk.

Two educational meetings will be held, on Jan. 3 at the Rockaway Beach Volunteer Fire Hall, 592 Turkey Point Road, and on Jan. 8 at Sparrows Point Senior High School, 7400 North Point Rd., in the Edgemere area to provide residents with application and loan procedure information.

The SBA will set up shop in the Rockaway Beach Fire Hall on Jan. 6-8 to receive applications for loans of up to $50,000 in property damage and-or $10,0000 in personal property loss. However, an applicant cannot receive more than a total of $55,000. The maximum length of the loan is 30 years, at five per cent interest.

On Jan. 9-11 the SBA will receive applications at the County Branch Office in Dundalk, at 4 Center Place.

Volunteer workers will be on hand to assist claimants at both locations, and daily hours will be from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on all six days.

Walter D. Hyle Jr., County Civil Defense director, along with County Building Inspectors, originally inspected the affected areas after the storm.

Overcharged Luby car buyers may have their money back

Attorney General Francis B. Burch has announced the signing of a Cease and Desist Agreement with Luby Chevrolet Co., Inc., of Baltimore, in which Luby has agreed to revise its parts and services billing procedures and has further agreed to place the sum of $5,000.00 in escrow for refunds to customers whom the attorney general contends have been overcharged.

The agreement recites the attorney general's contention that Luby may have committed "various acts and practices which may be in violation of" the unfair or deceptive trade practices prohibition contained in the subtitle on consumer protection.

Specifically, Mr. Burch said that the Consumer Protection Division of the attorney general's office believes that Luby had been listing a non-existent part number in various quantities to charge customers for overhead expenses. In the agreement, Luby expressly denies any wrongful acts or practices.

Mr. Burch said that a great many business, particularly those which provide customer services, are adding such overhead charges because of the toll that inflation has taken. He stressed that such charges are legal, so long as they are fairly and accurately disclosed.

"Luby's hiding the overhead charge as the cost for a non-existent part is the basis for our contention of deceptive trade pratices," Mr. Burch said.

Under the terms of the agreement, Luby has placed $5,000 in escrow for reimbursement to individuals and corporations who were charged for the non-existent part during the 1974 calendar year.

Customers who are eligible for a refund will receive a postal card advising that a recent review of the customer's repair sales slip reveals that a refund is due and that the customer may, within 90 days and upon proper identification, appear at the office of Luby's attorney to collect money due.

In the event that the total amount of cards presented within the 90 days does not exhaust the $5,000, any monies remaining will go first to reimburse Luby for documented expenses of mailing and disbursing of funds, and then to the State for reimbursement of its expenses of investigation of this matter.

Furthermore, Luby has agreed to cease and desist from making any charge for parts or services unless the parts or services are clearly marked on the customers' bills.

Attorney General Burch noted that in many cases where small refunds are due, customers fail to appear to collect such monies. "Under another provision of the agreement, Luby will refrain from making any increase for the year 1975 in the charges for parts or labor, except that additional increases which Luby pays may be passed on to the customer.

"We believe this provision, agreement not to make even disclosed new charges for 1975, will benefit Luby's regular customers, particularly those who would be entitled to small refunds and would likely not make the effort to collect them," he explained.

Mr. Burch also agreed not to institute legal proceedings for any matter covered by the Cease and Desist Agreement unless a breach of the Agreement occurs.

Police Department announces openings

Police Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau has announced today there are immediate openings for the position of police officer in the Baltimore Police Department.

Interested applicants, male and female, who are 21, but not more than 35 years of age, who are High School graduates or hold a certificate of High School Equivalence, who are at least 5'7" in height with proportionate weight, are encouraged to call 396-2340, inquire at 601 E. Fayette Street, or any other Baltimore Police Department facility.

Visual requirements are 20-40 in one eye, 20-100 in other eye, correctable to 20-20 in both eyes with glasses, with 85 per cent depth perception. Walk-in testing is available daily and evenings as well as on Saturday mornings.

The current salary ranges from $91,000.00 to $12,000.00 after five years of service and on July 1, 1975 the salary schedule will commence at $9,000.00 and reach $13,500.00 after five years.

In addition to a five day work week, job security, and retirement benefits, officers are entitled annually to 10 days paid vacation, 14 holidays, tuition monies for college education, as well as 78 per cent of the cost of a family Blue Cross and Blue Shield Medical Plan.

A college graduate program is available.

Mandel demans report on ISD activities

Governor Marvin Mandel has directed Police Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau "to prepare for me a complete and detailed written report of any and all intelligence activities of the Baltimore city Police Department's Inspectional Services Division."

In a statement, the governor further said, "I am requesting specifically that the written report include a complete listing of any and all persons who have been under active surveillance by the ISD for activities that fall out of normal range of intelligence work as it is understood to apply to behavior or suspicion of behavior of a criminal nature."

The governor expects the report to be in his possession by Monday Jan. 7. After he has received and reviewed the report, then he will determine what action is to be taken.

It also comes at a time when elected officials like Cong. Parren Mitchell (D 7th D) and State Senator Verda F. Welcome have called for an investigation into the matter and even for the resignation of the commissioner.

This move comes on the heals of disclosures that the ISD has been spying on black elected officials, members of dissident groups, clergy and members of the press.

Garwyn gets educational program

The Garwyn Foundation, Inc. has recently started a patient education program for hypertensive (high blood pressure) patients at the Garwyn Medical Center and Madison Park Professional Center.

The purpose of this program is to teach the hypertensive patient and other interested persons about hypertension and how to do their part in caring for themselves or others. This is very important because with hypertension, most of the responsibility for controlling blood pressure lies with the patient.

This responsibility includes faithfully following a diet, getting the proper amount of rest and relaxation, giving up smoking, and taking medication for a long time and maybe the rest of your life even when you feel fine.

The patient education team includes a physician, health educator, dietitian, nurse, social worker, and a health aide. These professionals are available to help patients with different aspects of their treatment. The team is also available for speaking engagements and special presentations on hypertension to community organizations and groups.

Lottery drawing

On Wednesday, Jan. 15, the Maryland State Lottery will hold its 87th weekly 50 cent drawing at the Harundale Mall Shopping Center, located at Ritchie Highway and Aquahart Road in Glen Burnie, at 12 noon.

The 11th drawing of the "14 for $1" Game will take place also at the Harundale Mall Shopping Center on Thursday, Jan. 16, at 10 a.m.

The Lottery's Drawingmobile will be on hand at these drawings and tickets will be sold right up until drawing time. Lottery personnel will be on hand to answer questions.

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Emancipation Proclamation Celebration

112th observation sponsored by the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, the Prince Hall Masons and Myra Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star

Welding together the forces of freedom

By Most Worshipful Grand Master Samuel T. Daniels

These are times for welding together "Forces for Freedom."

Individual thrusts for equality, human dignity and freedom for all — have proven futile.

The Masonic family, the churches of Maryland, our civil rights organizations and our black media have come together as an umbrella for civil rights.

The Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, The Eastern Stars and Prince Hall Masons, the civil rights groups and the black press have a commitment to work together to turn the dream of freedom into reality.

Our "Forces of Freedom," are dedicated to the concept that a united front can effect and hasten the long overdue equality for the peoples of the world and more specifically the deprived minorities of Maryland.

We have been in the forefront of the civil and human rights struggle.

Our merger will enable us to combine our strengths to deal with those who would perpetuate the degradation of humanity.

When Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation 112 years ago, he declared all men to be free.

Pieces of paper have never been catalysts of freedom.

Unfortunately you can not orate, assign, assume or take dignity and human rights for granted.

Those inalienable rights referred to in The Constitution must be won through determined perseverance and maintained by constant concern.

The "Forces for Freedom" stand prepared to go to the front of the battle for freedom and commit our civil rights armies to ever-lasting duty.

It is our hope that when the next anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation is celebrated we will be closer to the now-famous words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. —

"Free at last ... free at last ... great God Almighty we're free at last."

The struggle continues

By Congressman Parren J. Mitchell
Maryland's first black man to go to Washington

We Black citizens have reason to be heartened by the social, economic and political gains we have made.

We were thrilled by the elections of Mayors Hatcher; Young; Jackson; Gibson; Bradley and scores of others.

We felt justifiable pride as we saw the poise and skill of U. S. Representatives Conyers; Jordan and Rangel as the House Judiciary Committee determined the fate of Richard M. Nixon.

Black companies give employment to Black workers, and the voice of Black America is heard loud and clear in the trade union movement.

After protracted struggle the Alaskan Pipeline has committed $150,000,000 to minority contractors, and Ali, Brother Ali, is World Heavy Weight Champion again.

From slave status to Congressional status; from tenant share cropper to corporate ownership; from unskilled worker to major construction contractor — this is the saga of a people. This is indeed progress.

And yet, and yet we must not be deceived. We must not live in a world of illusion.

Congressman Parren J. Mitchell—Maryland's first black congressman.

Racism in America is not dead. It lives on in the mobs in Boston. The failure to even consider blacks as major contractors in City, State and Federal construction is a manifestation of that racism.

The surveillance and infiltration of Black organizations and Black leaders serves as eloquent testimony that racism lives on.

The American style apartheid in housing is demonstrable evidence of that racism, as is also the propaganda churned out daily which is designed to increase hostility between Black have nots and Black haves.

The "domino theory" about the war in Vietnam held that if South Vietnam fell, then so would Cambodia, Laos, and eventually all of Southeast Asia would be loosed from American-European control.

I have a "domino theory" of civil rights.

If we Blacks lose Title VI of the Civil Rights Act we shall lose the Voting Rights Act, we shall lose Title VII, the Fair Employment Practices, and eventually we shall lose all the provisions of the Civil Rights Acts passed in the 1960s.

We Blacks are in economic and social jeopardy. Our hard fight for gains is threatened. Consciousness of our legacy, our heritage, our self-hood is under constant attack. We are in a new struggle.

Let us now maximize the infinite capacity we have to love one another.

Let us minimize the artificial differences which are manipulated in an attempt to divide us.

Let us tear the veil of illusion from our eyes and let us now re-dedicate ourselves to full liberation.

Let us in this new struggle embrace the rallying cry of the liberation armies of Africa, remembering, always remembering "A Luta Continua" — The Struggle Continues.

Ministers lead the way

By George W. Collins

Assessing where black people are and how they arrived at their present position on the spectrum of human aspirations, and where they are going from here, are tasks normally reserved for philosophers, social scientists, and historians.

Such an assessment will dominate much of the 112th observance of the Emancipation Proclamation to be held at the Masonic Temple, 1307 Eutaw Place.

The observance will be sponsored jointly by the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, the Maryland Prince Hall Masons, and the Myra Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Stars.

Grand Master Samuel T. Daniels, leader of 8,000 Maryland Masons, including Myra Grand Chapter (Women) and overseas lodges, capsuled the mood of the occasion.

"When the economic, social, political, and educational progress made by black Americans since 1863, is considered there is an abundance of reasons for jubilation."

The Grand Master added: "When we see the widening economic gape between minority and majority races; the struggle for survival of black-dominated urban areas; and the bitterness and hatred attendant to school desegregation in the North as well as the South, this jubilation is tempered by the sober realization that we still have a long way to go."

The observance will put on display one of the oldest and most effective combinations ever to perform in the field of civil rights—black Masonry and churches—which represent an estimated 90 per cent of the state's black population.

Speakers will include founders and leaders of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, three of whom are past presidents. They are:

The Revs. Marion C. Bascom, minister, Douglas Memorial Community Church.

The Rev. Vernon Dobson, pastor of Union Baptist Church.

The Rev. Frank Williams, former pastor of Metropolitan United Methodist Church, now pastor of the Asbury United Methodist Church in Washington, and

The Rev. Robert Newbold, former pastor of the Grace United Presbyterian Church, now an executive in the national office of the United Presbyterian

Dr. Chester Wickwire, Alliance president and chaplain of the Johns Hopkins University, will also be a prominent participant in the celebration. He and other non-blacks reflect the interracial, interdenominational, and interfaith makeup of the Alliance and the commonality of philosophy shared by the church, Black Masonry, and the community at large.

Grand Worthy Matron

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The Occasion

Maryland descendants of former slaves will, on January 5, join other men and women of goodwill — representing all faiths and creeds — and cast a bittersweet reflection on the century-old struggle for justice and human dignity.

That will be the central thrust of the 112th observance of the Emancipation Proclamation to be held at the Masonic Temple, 1307 Eutaw Place.

Doing the assessment will be four distinguished men.

While they do not parade in the public arenas, cloaked in the titles of philosophers, scientists, and historians — although they are a combination of all three — they are better known as ministers.

The Rev. Marion C. Bascom, one of the four clergymen sharing star billing at the observance, and one of the prime movers of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, described their functions.

"We are prophetic ministers of the Judaeo Christian Ethic, who see our duty as more than guardians of 'waistband' morality. We not only cry out for, but actively work for and demand truth, justice, freedom and human dignity."

Also carrying the banner for the Ministerial Alliance, co-sponsor of the celebration, will be:

The Rev. Vernon Dobson, pastor of Union Baptist Church.

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Ten Years Ago

The largest crowd ever to assemble in the 2000-odd seat Masonic Temple, 1301 Eutaw Pl., gathered on Sunday January 5, 1964 to hear Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. speak at services celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation.

This Sunday, the same date, January 5, 1975, four dynamic speakers, the Revs. Vernon Dobson, Marion Bascomb, Frank Williams and Robert T. Newbold will deliver a joint message to what is expected to be another capacity audience as the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, The Myra Grand Chapter O.E.S. and The Prince Hall Masons of Maryland celebrate the 112th anniversary of the Proclamation.

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