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OVER 1,000 persons attended the Easter Monday Luncheon of the Ministers Wives of the Women's Convention of the United Baptist Missionary Convention of Maryland which each year hosts the same number on the holiday occasion. The noon affair with Mrs. Harrington, president, had Leadenhall Baptist pastor, Rev. Eddie Wilson Jr., as guest speaker. On the program were, Mrs. Ida Redd, the Rev. Walter Paige, Mrs. Audrey Bell, Mrs. Pauline Logan, Rev. Henry Simeon, First Baptist, Cherry Hill; Mrs. Goldie Kitchen, Rev. Alfred Waughn, president of the Baptist Ministers' Conference; Rev. C. C. Alexander, president, UMBC of Md.; Rev. Clavence Poole, Ebenezer Baptist Church; the Revs. Lawyer Swinson, George Crawley, Isaiah Hill, Julian Price and Julius Logan, Cornerstone Baptist Church.

American Baptist Churches convention held at Shiloh

New Shiloh Baptist Church, Fremont Ave. and Lanvale St. recently acted as host church for the fifth annual session of the American Baptist Churches of the South.

There were 565 people representing fifteen states, who attended the two day session on March 21 and 22. The Rev. Harold Carter is pastor of New Shiloh.

The theme for the session was "Rediscovering The New Testament Church Concept." The Rev. Leroy K. Jordan, pastor of First Baptist Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma is president of the American Baptist Churches of the South.

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The southern region of the American Baptist Churches was organized in 1971. Dr. E. B. Hicks of Atlanta, Ga. is the executive minister.

The southern region represents 148 church and approximately 73,000 people. Maryland is considered area one and has seventeen member churches.

Newly elected officers were Miss Marietta Jones, of Durham, N.C. president; first vice president is Dr. Bruce Evans, Baton Rouge, La.; second vice president is the Rev. Leon Reddick; Mrs. Phyllis Willams of Charlotte, N.C., secretary and Charles Hawk is treasurer.

THE STATE OF THINGS

Scholarships in crime

By Don and Val Hymes

It is tragic that Maryland seems more anxious — and able — to come to grips with the death penalty than with the juvenile delinquent.

It is even more tragic that the General Assemoly was quicker to approve a bill that could put a 16-year-old o death than it was to approve a facility to house young criminals, or to adopt a uniform juvenile code for the entire state.

Again, there seems to be a lack of perspecive in Annapolis on an issue that should be on top of the list. The struggle over facilities has been waged — at such tremendous cost — since 1969, a victim of political haggling and community aloofness.

Suddenly, it's hard to remain aloof, because juvenile crime is spreading like a brush fire through suburban and rural areas that used to point indignantly at the big cities. Lt. Patricia A. Hanges of the Baltimore County police, said, "After years of neglect now it erupts like a volcano. I am appalled at the violent crimes young people are involved in today."

In that county juveniles have represented more than half of all arrests since 1971. Statistics in other areas of the state are just as alarming. But what can be done with them?

"The legislature passes bills saying we cannot incarcerate incorrigible juveniles but it doesn't say what we can do with them," Lt. Hanges complains. What is done with them, many people now realize, is to grant them scholarships in crime by making them share cells with hardened criminals already jammed into the state's prisons.

The Juvenile Services Department has fought for years for group homes and community centers, but, of course, nobody wanted them in his backyard. That approach to juvenile corrections is virtually dead.

So pressure for a maximum security facility has mounted in spite of the continuing cry against "warehousing" children.

"These are not Sunday School children playing hookey," said Senate Majority Leader Roy Staten of Baltimore County. "These kids are rough, tough, on the streets and ready to kill," said Baltimore City Sen. Harry McGuirk.

Baltimore Juvenile Court Judge Robert I. H. Hammerman, who has dedicated his life to the problem, calls the current necessity of jailing juveniles with adult criminals "a tragedy and a shame." He deplored the legislature and governor for failing to push through funds for a new treatment facility last year.

So he met recently with Juvenile Services Director Robert Hilson and City Police Commissioner Donald Pomerleau to show a united front. Near the top of the list was the maximum security facility that Western Maryland has invited the state to build for two years. They may finally have succeeded in getting it off the ground.

There is still much debate over the type of facility, and whether it ought o be nearer the real trouble spots or out in the country. But most juvenile judges agree, according to the governor's chief legislative aide, Alan M. Wilner, that a facility with more security than a training school is desperately needed.

Right now they are faced with the choice of releasing the teenaged criminals to the care of a probation officer whose caseload is already ridiculous, or sending them to prison with adult criminals because the delicately balanced training school program is so easily disrupted by a handful of hardened toughs.

The result, as Baltimore Juvenile Court Master Avrum K. Rifman wrote, is that "the Juvenile Courts are the spawning grounds" for most adult criminals.

These days, as the unemployment rate rises — especially among teenagers and even more dramatically among black teenagers — there is every reason to anticipate in further increase in juvenile crime, and not just in the ghettoes either.

The Hammerman-Hilson-Pomerleau team wants early prevention; federal hand gun control laws; research, more pay and less work for probation officers, and volunteers to help them in trouble spots in addition to the treatment facility.

At this writing, the legislaure is finally moving off the dime, following the leadership of Western Maryland's Sen. Edward Mason to fund the facility, and also unifying the state's juvenile code to meet the demands for tougher handling of young offenders.

This is, admittedly, only a very preliminary step. But at least the alarm sounded for so long by men like Hammerman has finally been heard over the righteous protests of community leaders, who, like ostriches, could not see how children in their neighborhoods could ever be involved.

Another judge to first sound that alarm 15 years ago now observes, "I'm not too sure we have any solutions to these problems yet. We have no choice but to send these juveniles to prison. We can't let them run loose."

What he is saying is that unless the public faces the crisis of the teenage criminal, the courts must keep sending them to jail — to begin training for a career in crime

Mental retardation booklet out

The Maryland Task Force on Mental Retardation has announced the publication of a special report outlining the needs of the mentally retarded in Maryland.

The 27-page booklet, entitled **Retardation Without Handicap** stresses a need for citizen awareness and interest in the problems of the retarded and their possible solutions.

The report is critical of "institutional warehousing" of retarded citizens and encourages the establishment of educational communities for the retarded so as to enable them to perform useful employment and thereby bring to them a purpose for living and dignity as human beings.

Persons interested in obtaining a copy of **Retardation Without Handicap** may write to the Task Force on Mental Retardation, Regional Offices, 2125 S St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008

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In Our Churches

By Pam Widgeon

Churches are invited to send news of special church activities and a copy of their church programs.

The Board of Christian Education of Enon Baptist Church will sponsor a seminar for young people of the church and community April 4, 11, 18 and 25, at 7 p.m. at the A. J. Payne Christian Center, Schroeder St. and Edmondson Ave.

The four work study sessions are religion, human sexuality, career education and addiction. Youth between 13 and 22 years old are invited to attend. Ms. Bety Shelton is chairman; the Rev. Dr. Arthur J. Payne is pastor.

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The Parent's Guild of Israel Baptist Church, 1220 N. Chester St., will have an art show on April 19, 2 to 5 p.m.

Mrs. Marylin Spencer is president; Mrs Bettye Brinkley, chairman; the Rev. Edmond D. Meade is pastor.

Miss Yvonne Greene, a soprano, will be featured in a recital April 13, 3:30 p.m. at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 1601 Frederick St.

Miss Greene is a senior at Frostburg State College majoring in music. She is also a member of the Baltimore Fellowship Choir, the Interdenominational Choir and director of the Black Voices of Frostburg State College.

The Clayton Chorus of Macedonia Baptist Church, Fremont Ave and Lanvale St., will sponsor a spiritual rally on April 13, 3:30 p.m. Mrs. Bernice B. Lewis is director.

The rally will be held at Mount Tabor United Methodist Church in Chesterfield, Md. for the benefit of Women's Day. The Rev. William E. Brown is pastor, and the Rev. Mrs. Margaret Hall is assistant pastor.

The Ministers Wives Circle of Central Maryland Churches of God in Christ will sponsor their third annual banquet in honor of Mother Edna M. Doswell, cofounder of Doswell Temple on April 5, 7:30 p.m.

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