YOU KNOW BECAUSE YOU READ THE AFRO

AMONG OTHERS at the head table were from (L to R) Mayor William Schaefer, Rev. Ward D. Yerby, Mrs. Ward Yerby, Rev. Spencer Dobson, Mrs. Spencer Dobson, Rev. Lorenzo Graves. Rev. C. C. Alexander, Mrs. Mary Harrington, Rev. Ar-thur E. Jones and Mrs. Cletelle Jones.

HEAD TABLE GUESTS at the F.R.E.D. (Fire Renovation, Expansion Drive) banquet were from (L to R) Rev. Walter Paige, Mrs. Irene Paige, Mrs. Carolyn Alexander, Rev. Vernon Dobson, Mrs. Odell Payne, Rev. Arthur J. Payne, Mrs. Elizabeth M. Oliver, Rev. Edgar and Mrs. Christine Reid.

1,000 Baptist attended F.R.E.D. banquet

By Pam Widgeon

"Black folks never did like being slaves. If you listen to what black folks are singing religiously, it is what they were feeling psychologically.

"The same beat black folks dance to on Saturday night is the same beat they shout to on Sunday morning. Gospel hymns spoke for black folks' needs."

The words are those of Dr. Wyatt Tee Walker, pastor of Canaan Baptist Church of Christ in New York.

Dr. Walker was in Baltimore last Thursday to address the fifth annual FRED (Fire, Renovation and Expansion Drive) banquet.

Dr. Walker told 1,000 persons gathered at Martins West that "Africa was the first place where Christianity started its roots. We created our own music known as Afro-American and black folks made it because they had faith to sing."

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The Rev. Lorenzo Graves Jr. was chairman of the FRED banquet with the Rev. Edgar Reid presiding.

The Rev. Mr. Graves stated, "We are here because of a fire Jan. 5, 1970 at the Baptist Home for the Aged. The FRED committee expects renovations to begin around July or August, 1976. The home will be 85 per cent new and will cost $258,000 to complete renovations.

According to the Rev. Graves, Advance Federal Savings and Loan was the only bank that would let them borrow $210,000.

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MAYOR SCHAEFER

The Rev. Mr. Graves presented Mayor Schaefer with a plaque from the FRED committee and the United Baptist Missionary Convention for "his deep concern for the Baptist Aged Home."

Mayor Schaefer issued a proclamation proclaiming March 25 as Maryland Baptist Aged Home Day in Baltimore and gave greetings. He also presented the Rev. Arthur Jones and the Rev. Graves with plaques for their "contribution to civic welfare of our municipality."

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Oliver, AFRO city editor, also extended greetings. Soloist for the evening was Miss Cynthia Callum.

$100

The Rev. Arthur Jones and Mrs. Odell Payne presented certificates to citizens who contributed $100 or more to the Baptist Aged Home.

Among others on the program were Mrs. Mary E. Harrington, the Rev. William Brown, Dr. C. C. Alexander, Dr. Ward D. Yerby.

Committee members were Mesdames W. E. Paige, Joseph Steward, Charles W. McLeod, Matthew R. Silver, Mary Brown;

Mesdames Betty L. Johnson, Jacqueline Brooks, Christine Reid, Minnie Crafton, Margaret Spence, Sarah Harper, Lillian Cats, Mamie G. Peyton, Mary V. Smith;

Also, Mesdames Catherin Green, Audrey Bell, Gabrella McNair, Mable S. Gee, Elizabeth Jones, Miss Helen V. Benton, Gladys W. Patterson, the Rev. Boykins Jessie, Dr. Montague Brackett, Roscoe Herring, Charles Coger, Dr. W. Thompson, J. D. Howard, V. Harper.

Host and hostesses were Miss Pattie Holloway, Mesdames Chessie Brailey, Mamie Cousins, Bessie H. Mason and Marjorie Green.

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In Our Churches

By Pam Widgeon

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

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The Conference Workers of Trinity AME Church will present The Alms High Chorus in a recital Sunday, 3 p.m. at 2140 E. Hoffman St., where the Rev. W. K. Woods is pastor Mrs. Margaret Owens is chairman, Mrs. Gladys J. Gunther, president.

A Bicentennial conference will be held April 3, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Anne's Episcopal Church in Annapolis, Md. Theme for the conference is, "One Nation Under God, United in the Ministry of Prayer."

16 residents buried Wednesday, Thursday

There were 16 funeral services held Wednesday and Thursday.

BAKER

A Mass of Christian Burial was said Thursday at St. Joseph Monastery Church for Mrs. Kathleen M. Baker of Irvington. She is buried in Baltimore National Cemetery.

Mrs. Baker is survived by her niece, Ms. Shirley M. Coolahan and a cousin, Francis X. Rice.

BANKS

Last rites were held Thursday at an East North Ave. funeral home for F. Alfred Banks of 2106 Greenmount Ave. He is buried in Baltimore National Cemetery.

Surviving Mr. Banks are two nieces, Mrs. Vivian E. Holt and Mrs. Sylvia I. Howard, and two nephews, John G. and Charles L. Banks.

COPPINGER

A Mass of Christian Burial was said at Our Lady of Victory Church Wednesday for William F. Coppinger Sr. of Oakleo Village. He is buried in New Cathedral Cemetery.

Mr. Coppinger is survived by his children, Thomas William Coppinger Jr. and Mrs. Patricia A. Andreone; one step-sister Sister Marcia Conelius and 11 grandchildren.

DONNELLY

A Mass of Christian Burial was said Thursday at St. Clement's Church for Mrs. Alice E. Donnelly of Lansdowne. She is buried in Baltimore National Cemetery.

Survivine Mrs. Donnelly are her widower, Murdock A. Donnelly Sr.; her children, Murdock Jr., Jesse E., John J. Micheal W., Joseph H. and Miss Patricia Donnelly and Mrs. Mary A. Poole; three grandchildren, two brothers. Phillip Williams Sr., and Jesse Dunnock. Mrs. Jessie Colson and Ms. Doris Cooke

DOWELL

Funeral services were held at an East North Ave. funeral home Thursday for Joseph N. Dowell Jr. of 2405 Huron St. He is buried in Baltimore National Cemetery.

Mr. Dowell is survived by his children, Mrs. Marie Lee, Misses Demtrice, Lametrice and James P. Dowell; six

EARL GRANDISON JR., will appear in a recital Sunday, 4 p.m. at St. Katherine P.E. Church, Division and Presstman St.

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9:15 A.M.—Church School
10:30 A.M.—Open Heart Service
11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship
Sermon by Rev. Ward D. Yerby, Pastor Emeritus Baptizing
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11:00 A.M.—Meditation and Communion by Rev. Marshall H. Strickland music by the Sanctuary Choir and Gospel Choruses.
Holy Communion
4:30 P.M.—Anniversary of Stewardess Board No. 1. Guest minster, Rev. Wesley W. Bowden, Choir and Congregation of Wesley A.M.E. Zion Church of Harrisburg, Penna. Worship with us.
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THE BRIDE-TO-BE, Mrs. Jane Anderson of Prince George's County, steps from her car accompanied by her grandchildren, a beautiful sight.

When the pastor takes a bride

(See Photo Page One)

When the Rev. Jessie Boykin, pastor of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church was married March 28 at his church, some 1,000 guests attended the ceremonies to make the occasion one of the largest ever seen in Baltimore.

Other notes made it a most unusual occasion. The deacons and deaconesses, frocked in beauteous attire, numbered 48 and served as part of the wedding party. Including other attendants, the bride, the former Mrs. Jane Anderson, had a court of 56 persons.

The Rev. A. J. Payne, pastor of Enon Baptist Church, read the vows assisted by three ministers, Revs. John Green, John Leary and Joseph Williams. Mrs. Sabina Everett was matron of honor. Oatha Jones, trustee chairman, was best man. Giving the bride away was her son, James Anderson of Detroit. Five grandchildren attended. Mesdames Ann Dyett and Lila Dinkins directed Mt. Moriah's "finest affair".

The more than 1,000 guests were served at the reception in the lower auditorium. Among countless gifts were checks from the church's various auxiliaries.

WEDDING PORTRAIT — The new Rev. and Mrs. Jessie Boykin of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church pose with hands clasped. They are accompanied by the matron of honor, Mrs. Sabina Everett and two of the bride's grandchildren, Rachael Anderson and Caroll Moffett.

GOING UP THE CHURCH STEPS, she is escorted by Leroy Dyette, church official and husband of wedding director, Mrs. Ann Dyett.

GIVEN IN MARRIAGE by her son, James Anderson of Detroit, the bride-to-be is striking in pink as she walks up the aisle. Over 1,000 guests whispered, "How lovely."

HEADED FOR THE ALTAR on the arm of her son, the bride-to-be gets encouragement as they talk softly.

THIS IS THE MOMENT — Just before they were pronounced man and wife by the Rev. Dr. A. J. Payne, the couple listens to the vows seriously. The matron of honor accents the holy sacrament with bowed head.

NOW THAT WE ARE ONE — The bridegroom salutes the new Mrs. Boykin.

RADIANT WITH HAPPINESS, Rev. and Mrs. Boykin leave the altar and shake hands all the way down the aisle with their many friends. Afterwards, the newlyweds received congratulations at the reception which witnessed the more than 1,000 guests dining and chatting until long after dark.

Photos by Roman Hankewycz and J. D. Howard