—Del. Art Murphy's final day

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"Dean, I got to go and change clothes", said Art.

He was anxious to keep his commitment with the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity to play in the Celebrity Tennis Match in Druid Hill Park.

Just prior to leaving, however, he had whispered to Mrs. Nellie Credit, one of the hostesses: tell Mrs. Welch that he was sorry that he had to leave and that he would call her later.

He left Rosemont around 11:40 a.m.

When I next saw Art Murphy, he was sitting on ground, under a canopy, awaiting his turn to play tennis. As usual, he was talking and joking with those around him.

In his white cap, yellow sports shirt, and black shorts, he appeared to be happy and well.

"I'm hungry", I overheard him say.

Shortly, his aide Angela Gibson returned with two hot dogs and two sodas.

It was a hot, sunny day.

Dickie Burke, coordinator of the Celebrity Tennis Match, announced the next match: Del. Art Murphy and John Junkie Woods, a retired school principal. That match followed one by Buzzy Hettleman, chief of Baltimore City Department of Social Services, and Howard Stevens, a Baltimore Colt football player.

"Dean, you be the line judge (although I knew nothing about keeping a tennis score or playing tennis). Some one will tell you what to do", said Junkie Wood.

Art played a leisurely game of tennis.

"Hoss, I like this game", said Murphy. "I want to learn more. I think that I going to get Harvey Burns to give me some lessons." Burns is the veteran tennis coach and instructor.

It was clear that Art was no expert, and that he had not really exerted himself.

After the brief five - minute match, Art walked up a few steps, sat down, and Dickie Burke was getting ready to present medals to the participants.

I announced the score as being "even" and Junkie Wood cracked: "Yeah, the score is even, and the game has been called on account of darkness."

With that people laughed. Burke pulled out the medals for both participants.

Art said, "Wait a minute."

He fell backwards to the ground.

"I thought that Art was playing a prank as he normally does", said Dickie Burke.

Confusion. Art was laying on his side.

Someone said: "He is having an epileptic fit. Put a spoon in his mouth."

The first spoon offered was a wooden one.

"No. No. Not that. He will break that with his teeth."

A slight foam developed in Art's mouth.

"Open his jaws," someone yelled.

One of Art's friends started to put his fingers in his mouth to clear out food particles.

"Don't do that," he was cautioned. "He might bite your fingers."

A crowd quickly developed around Art Murphy.

"Give him some air. Turn him on his aside."

Dickie Furke turned to Mrs. Wahseola Cain, Bill "Sugar" Cain's wife for assistance. She yelled for her emergency kit that was in her car.

"Art isn't breathing," Angela Gibson said.

Immediately cardiac pulmonary rescusitation was started.

One of the men began massaging Art's heart.

"Come on Art. Come on. You can make it," members of the crowd said spontaneously. Art started breathing again.

"There is no pulse", someone said. I felt Art's wrist. There was no pulse.

"Yes there is," said Wahseola Cain, as she felt a bracial vien in Art's thigh.

The heart massage was working. His pulse increased.

Meanwhile, Dickie Burke was frantically yelling over the microphone: "Is there a doctor around?"

There were three doctors playing tennis, and Dr. Vincent Blake, of Columbia, came running up , perspiring.

"Oh!" he said, "He needs an ambulance right away. Did any one call an ambulance?"

"Yes," some one answered.

Dr. Blake said that Art needed oxygen immediately.

"Where is the ambulance?" someone in the crowd asked nervously.

I relieved one of the men to massage Art's heart. He was breating. His pulse was very weak.

Meanwhile, the police had arrived and requested an ambulance.

"Man down", the officer said into his radio. "Send an ambulance."

The first vehicle to arrive was a fire truck. The attendants helped to work on Art. One of them said that an ambulance was on its way.

It was a very hot day dnd the memrgency equipment was tied up and the men were very tired. Nevertheless they immediately helped by giving mouth - to - mouth resusitation and heart massage.

It was difficult. Art waws breathing slightly and his mouth had to be constantly cleared.

Soon the ambulance arrived and the technicians with emergency equipment went to work on Art Murphy.

I helped to lift Art, to put him on the stretcher for the ambulance ride.

He was in a very bad way.

As soon as he was in the ambualhce, the attendants attached cathodes to his body.

Angela Gibson said: "Can I ride in the back?"

One of the attendants said "No! You willbe in the way."

She rode in the front to the hospital.

Get his belongings, someone said. I gather up his tennis racquet, white cap and camera. Herbert Brown, owner of Mondawmin Travel Agency, and a close personal and political friend of Art, asked me to take the items to Art's home.

As I was walking away, I overheard Mrs. Cain observe that Art's finger nails tad turned blue and that his jaws were slack.

As the ambulance was speeding away, Dickie Burke and Del. Ike Dixon went to one of the police stables and had the police notify Provident Hospital that Del. Arthur Murphy was on his way there. A victim of a probable heart attack.

It was 1:50 p.m.

A doctor at Provident Hospital told Art's wife, Margaret, one of his daughters, Dickie Burke, and Del. Dean and Dixon that he thought that Art had stopped breathing for at least four minutes.

That would have been sufficient to do irreparable damage to the brain.

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Del. Art Murphy was dead at 48.

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It was a somber affair. His casket was surrounded by flowers from persons and organizations from all over the state.

Some of the friends and associates who attended the funeral service included all 18 members of the Maryland Legislative Black Caucus, Rep. Parren J. Mitchell, A. Dwight Pettit, Acting Gov. Blair Lee III, Mayor William Donald Schaefer, former Sen. Joseph Tydings, Sen. Paul Sarbanes, State Sen. Steny Hoyer and Del. Joseph Owens.

The services lasted well more than two hours.

Rev. Darnell Johnson, pastor of Wayland Baptist, presided over the services and delivered a unique eulogy.

"I remember," said Rev. Johnson, "Art and I were discussing a serious problem and I recall his favorite phrase was "Can you deal with it?"

"He was a brilliant man," he added.

Sen. Paul Sarbanes said "his children have a name, and a legacy they can be proud of."

"If a miracle existed in the world," said one of Murphy's friends, "I would ask that Art Murphy could be brought back."

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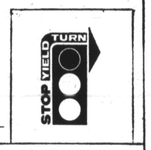

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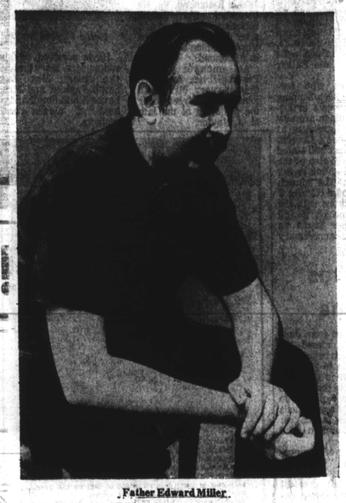

Father Edward Miller

St. Bernardine's Catholic Church is alive and well.

Hand clapping, foot patting and shouts of amen can be heard every Sunday at the 11:30 a.m. mass, when gospel music is sung by the choir and members.

Father Edward Miller and Maurice Blackwell have shared the ministry at St. Bernardine's, 3812 Edmondson Ave., since 1774.

Members and friends of the church will observe the 50th anniversary of their church on Sunday, June18.

"A big change occurred in the Catholic churches during 1960 and 1965 when it was decided to open the windows and let fresh air in," said Father Miller.

St. Bernardine's has definitely made a tremendous change within the last four years. The membership consist of - parishioners between 20 and 50 - years - old and has increased from 200 to 750 members, since Father Blackwell and Father Miller have been at the church.

Both priests, who are 31 - years - old say St. Bernardine's is a "community church." It is surrounded by many other churches of various denominations but none of the ministers live at the church or even in the neighborhood.

Both priests live in the community and said when the residents ring our bell we never ask if they are Catholic, we just try to help them.

Since the two young men have been assigned to the church, religious education programs have increased along with youth groups and the parish choirs.

There have been more than 25 converts among the parish youth. Both priests spend a lot of time in the school and attend graduations of members of the church.

"We have something to offer young people besides standing on the corner," said Father Blackwell. Youth ministry is more than having a dance and a pool table. We challenge our young people to make their dreams come true," said Father Blackwell.

Both priests say they enjoy being with their members and often socialize with them at affairs sponsored by the church.

Father Blackwell is the youth moderator of Saint Benedict the Moor Center at 618 Mount Holly St. The purpose of the center is to provide an environment for young people who would like to study for priesthood, brotherhood or sisterhood, while they are in the community in which they will work.

The center is housed in the old St. Bernardine convent and was renovated by the youth of the church who scrubbed, painted and decorated the building.

Young men can feel free to stay at the center for a weekend to get an idea of what being a priest is like. Father Blackwell says he would like to see more blacks responding to religious life.

A native of Baltimore from St. Peter Claver Parish, he and Father Miller both are graduates of St. Mary Seminary.

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Father Maurice Blackwell

Rev. James Fuller appointed as pastor of New Hope Baptist

"Preaching God's word will be my program and I will start with the people inside the church first.

"Today, 90 percent of the people who attend church really don't know Christ."

Those were the words of the Rev. James Julius Fuller, 31 - year - old minister of New Hope Baptist Church, 850 Harlem Ave.

Installation services for Rev. Fuller were held June 11, with the Rev. Dr. Harold A. Carter as speaker.

He is the youngest minister in the 46 year history of the church and succeeds the Rev. William H. Mills.

Prior to being appointed pastor of New Hope, Rev. Fuller was an associate minister at New Shiloh Baptist Church, Fremont Avenue and Lanvale Street.

Rev. Fuller is known as an administrator, planner and a sound leader. Along with his ministerial duties in the last two years, he has served as the Assistant Director of the Office of Minority Recruitment and the director of the Office of Campus Activities at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, where he is still employed.

His wife, Mrs. Ruth SMOTHERS Fuller, serves as a social work assistant with the Department of Social Services in Cherry Hill.

Since Rev. Fuller has been at New Hope, the membership has increased and members describe him as "A young man filled with the Holy Spirit."

Rev. Fuller says he plans to take a step at a time and his church will be involved in the community

He is a third generation preacher and son of the Rev. Abraham and Mrs. Emily Fuller Sr., of Bronx, N.Y

Rev. Fuller is also known as a preacher, teacher, father, husband and servant.

New Hope has gone through many changes, both good as well as difficult.

However, Rev. Fuller says "To be here in New Hope and know of the difficulties this church has had, makes me feel good. We have people coming back who were members when the church was on Biddle Street."

FOURTH PASTOR—Installation services were held June 11 for the Rev. James Julius Fuller, new pastor of New Hope Baptist Church. Family members shown seated are James Fuller, son; Mrs. Ruth Smothers Fuller, wife and Julian Fuller, son.

Eastern United Methodist moves to new church home

The Rev. Eugene Glover and members of Eastern United Methodist Church, Wolfe and 20th Street will walk to their new church home on Sunday, June 18.

The march will begin at 10 a.m. from Wolfe and 20th Sts., to North Avenue and Caroline Street. Rev. Glover stated, "We are very excited about moving to our new church and Sunday will be a special day.

"The church is being given to us by the United Methodist Missionary and Church Extension Society of Baltimore. It was formerly occupied by a white congregation and called North Avenue United Methodist Church."

Rev. Glover will be speaking at the 11 a.m. services and a week of services and programs have been planned.

Speaking at the week long celebration will be the Revs. Lovel Pratham, Ames United Methodist Church; Rev. Quincy Cooper, director of Morgan Christian Center and Rev. Gray of Stratbridge United Methodist Church.

Members of the Mount Olivet Evangelistic Church will sponsor a play June 22 at the church and a choir feast is scheduled for June 23. Eastern United Methodist Church is 105 years old and Rev. Glover has served as pastor for three years.

The new church home has a gymnasium, day care facilities, classrooms and a large kitchen. Members of Eastern United Methodist will also have a library, emergency service and recreation program. A summer tutorial program is scheduled to start on June 25.

Rev. Glover added, "We plan to reach out to the community."

Ordination services June 18 at St. Gregory church

Eugene Dunn and Matthew Fraling will be ordained on Sunday, June 18, at the 12:15 p.m. mass at Saint Gregory The Great Catholic Church, 1542 Gilmor St.

Bishop Christopher Abba of Minna, Nigeria will preside at the service. A reception will be held in the church hall following mass.

Mr. Fraling is the director of music, chairperson of the Liturgy committee and member of the Parish Council of St. Gregory.

He was formerly employed as director of the music department at Cardinal Gibbons and Arch Bishop Curley High School. He is currently employed with the Maryland State department of education as regional director for the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

He attributes his knowledge of the Catholic Liturgy to his friend and former pastor, Father Joseph Connolly who exposed him to practically all of his learning experience regarding the liturgy.

Mr. Dunn is also an active member of St. Gregory. He is employed with the school system as a department head in the trade and industry area of the division of vocational - technical education.

In the Catholic church, deacons are most visible at the altar when they assist the priest at the Eucharistic celebration. The majority of their ministries are non - liturgical and are in the areas of service to the parish communities, in which they work.

Deacon means one who serves. Pope Paul in restoring the office of permanent deacon, outlined the ministries of the deacons as being in the areas of liturgy, the word and charity.

Deacons are members of the clergy and share with the priest and the bishop in the Sacrament of Holy Orders. As ordained ministers, they may baptize, bless marriages, impart Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, administer the Eucharist, officiate at funerals and burial services, preside at worship and prayers when a priest is not present, administer remote mission churches and preach and proclaim the gospel.

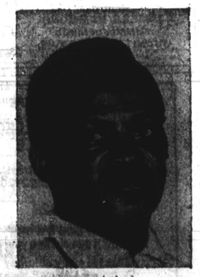
Although they may on rare occasions wear a Roman collar when pastoral necessity requires it, the normal street garb of permanent deacons is the same as that of laymen.

This is important since one of the deacon's important ministries is to form a bridge between the full - time ministers, the priests and religious, and the laypersons who share in the ministry according to their time and talents.

The permanent deacon's lay lifestyle, living among those he serves, as they themselves live, while ministering at the altar and among them as a member of the clergy, is what enables him to effectively fulfill this "bridge - building ministry."

The deacons have restored to the church community an ancient and unique ministry of service that symbolizes in a special way each Christian's call to imitate Christ as one called to serve, not to be served.

Men's Day will be observed at Saint Gregory on June 25, at the 12:15 p.m. mass. Charles Tildon will be speaking at the 10:30 a.m. breakfast in the church hall and Councilman Clarence DuBurns is the 12:15 p.m. speaker.



Eugene Dunn

Matthew Fraling

Metro church briefs

"Christian Men Working Together To Achieve A Symphony of Brotherhood," is the theme for the 32d annual Men's Day at Gillis Memorial Christian Community Church, 4016 Park Heights Ave.,

The Rev. Dr. Theodore C. Jackson Jr., is pastor. Rep. Parren J. Mitchell willbe speaking at the 8 a.m. service and the Rev. W. J. Whelchel of Gainesville, Ga., is the 11 a.m. speaker.

The Rev. William Johnson, of Union Baptist Church in Turners Station will be the 3:30 p.m. speaker. Music will be by the Men's Day Choir, under the direction of Roland Smith.

Melvin Jackson Sr., is chairman; Frank M. Conway, co - chairman and R. McClurkin, assistant chairman.

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Members of St. James Episcopal Church, Lafayette and Arlington Avenue will have their 23rd annual family picnic on Sunday, June 18 in Buckeystown, Md. Randolph Sydnor is chairman. The Rev. Donald Wilson is pastor.

The youth of City Temple Baptist Church, observed their annual Youth Day on June 11. The Rev. William W. Payne is pastor.

The Chancel Choir of Sharp Street Memorial United Methodist Church, Dolphin and Etting Sts., will sponsor an evening of cultural and spiritual events on June 25 by presenting All Saints Choir in a concert at 4 p.m. Bill Cummings is director of the choir.

100 ministers attend conference

The Rev. George A. Crawley, pastor of St. Paul Baptist Church, was elected secretary of the 64th annual Hampton Institute Ministers Conference.

He formerly served as assistant secretary.

More than 100 ministers from Baltimore attended the five - day conference and 776 ministers represented other states.

Clergymen led discussions on What is Black Theology, The Crisis of the Black Church in America, Understanding Unresolved Grief, Understanding Anxiety and Depressions, Taking Jesus Seriously and The Internationalization of Our Mission.

Among other ministers participating were Dr. Joseph Daniels, Father Roland E. Murphy, Dr. Jesse W. Kitchen.

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