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Bronze book helps elderly residents at home for aged

The Maryland Baptist Home for the Aged at 2801 Rayner Avenue is a home that accommodates 32 citizens. Its only reason for existence is to help those who in their declining years cannot help themselves.

You, your church, family and organizations can also help the home by having your name placed in the bronze book of memory that has been permanently placed on the wall of the home.

More than 25 people have contributed $100 and their names will be engraved in the gold book. The book is 14½ by 16 inches and weighs 30 pounds. This project will continue until all spaces have been filled.

Be sure to have your act of love recorded in history for future generations to see at the Baptist Home for the Aged.

In 1920, five ministers feeling the need for a Christian home for the aged and supported by their churches, purchased the first home at 1620 Lexington St. The home is supported by voluntary gifts and became the chief mission project of the United Baptist Missionary Convention of Maryland in 1927.

For 32 years, few churches gave regular financial support to the home and many ministers and laymen devoted their time to the home.

The property at 2801 Rayner Avenue was purchased in 1954 and the home was opened for occupancy and dedicated April 18, 1954.

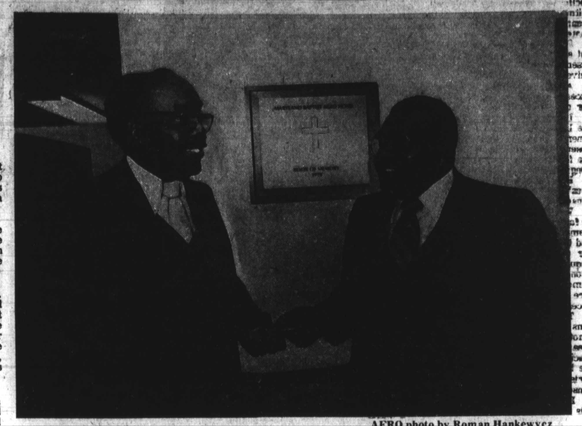
In January, 1970, the home suffered extensive fire damage and a fund raising committee known as "Fire, Renovation, Expansion, Drive" was formed to raise money for the home that would have been closed by authorities because of the city and state regulations.

More than $40,000 has been spent for renovations and services to sustain the home. Requirements were also met to receive a domiciliary license.

Groundbreaking ceremonies were held for the new additions to the home in January, 1977 and open house and dedication services for the new home were held Jan. 29, 1978.

The eighth annual F.R.E.D. banquet is scheduled to be held Thursday, March 15, 7 p.m. at Martin's West. Subscriptions for the banquet will be $25 per person. For ticket information call City Temple Church, 462-4800 or Calvary Baptist, 664-9809. The Rev. Lorenzo Graves is chairman of F.R.E.D.

This year's feature will be a musical with a mass choir directed by the Rev. Dr. L. L. Swinson and other musicians.



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THE REV. ROY B. JOHNSON is shown giving the Rev. Lorenzo Graves $100 as his contribution to the Maryland Baptist Aged Home. Rev. Johnson served as chairman of the plaque committee and Rev. Graves is chairman of the F.R.E.D. banquet.

Rev. Olin P. Moyd publishes first book

The Rev. Dr. Olin P. Moyd

The new book of the Rev. Dr. Olin P. Moyd has just been released. It is entitled "Redemption in Black Theology" and is published by Judson Press.

Dr. Moyd, who is pastor of Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church, said the book is a revision of his dissertation for his Ph.D. degree from the Ecumenical Institute, St. Mary's Seminary and University.

The theological meaning of Redemption as understood among the masses of black folks is the central theme of the book. Dr. Moyd says that the theological meaning of Redemption, for the masses of black folks, is basically salvation from sin and guilt.

However, he asserts that Redemption, for the black masses who bear a disproportionate share of the burden of oppression, also means what it meant for the Israelites of Old Testament times. Redemption also means deliverance from oppression.

Dr. Moyd charges most European and white American theologians with a kind of "cover - up" by neglecting to develop this-wordly meaning of Redemption as found in scriptures. As a pastor - theologian," says Rev. Moyd, "I am committed to the examination and presentation of the theological views of my people."

The subject of the various chapters of this 256 page book reflects Dr. Moyd's drawing from the sources in the mass black church. For example, the titles of some of the chapters are as follows: Chapter two "Been Redeemed;" chapter three, "Soul Looks Back and Wonders;" here he traces the history of the development of the black churches and denominations in America; chapter six "Walk With Me, Jesus;" and chapter nine "Everybody's Talking About Heaven."

The Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church is sponsoring a "Meet the Author Celebration," at the church 2320 Reisterstown Road on Sunday, Feb. 11 at 4 p.m. Excerpts and dramatization for the various chapters of the book will be presented. Books will be available for purchase and Dr. Moyd will be on hand to autograph same.

Dr. Moyd is a well - known pastor, scholar and community leader. He came close to winning a seat in the Maryland House of Delegates in the last election from the 40th Legislative District. His latest appointments are to the Board of Advisors of WEAA Radio Station, Morgan State University and to the State Board of Ethics by Acting Governor Lee. He is married to the former Marie E. Whiting and they have five daughters.

ENGRAVED BOOK — Verge Harper holds the gold colored engraved book of memory open as Mrs. Mry E. Harrington and Miss Helen Benton sign their names. When a $100 contribution is made to the Maryland Baptist Aged Home, the person who donates the money signs their name in the book of memory that has been placed on the wall at the Baptist home.

Metro church briefs

Members of the Flower Circle of St. Luke United Methodist Church, Riggs Avenue and Gilmor Street, will observe their anniversary on Feb. 11, 3 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 11 will be a day that gospel music lovers will remember after attending a joint recital featuring the Rev. Charles M. Franklin, pastor of Ray of Hope Baptist Church and Mrs. Audrey Phillips, inspirational soloist. The church is located at Harford Road and Parkside Drive and the program is scheduled to start at 5 p.m.

The Ebony Players will sponsor a play at St. Abrahams Baptist Church, 1124 North Ave., Feb. 16, 7 p.m.

Belated birthday wishes to Mrs. Peggy Daniels who was honored Jan. 14 at an appreciation birthday program held at Mount Zion United Methodist Church in Annapolis.

The 75th anniversary of Mount Sinai Baptist and the 12th anniversary of the Rev. William Brown will be observed March 11-19 at the church, 922 East Preston Street. Ministers from various churches will be participating in the week of services. The Rev. Edmond Meade, pastor emeritus of Israel Baptist Church, is the banquet speaker.

The Maryland Suburban Mass Choir will sponsor a concert on Friday, March 9, 8 p.m., at First Mount Olive Freewill Baptist Church, Saratoga and Fremont Ave. Mrs. Barbara J. Reed is sponsor; Mrs. Minnie Avery, president; Bishop Barbara J. Reed, secretary and Bishop Leo K. Ceasar is pastor.

The Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Convention of Maryland will have its annual awards and fellowship dinner on Feb. 15, 6:30 p.m. at Martin's West.

Groundbreaking for the new Providence Baptist Church, 4200 Liberty Heights Ave., will be held Feb. 25, 3 p.m., at the corner of Pennsylvania and Lafayette Avenue where the new church will be built. The Rev. Marcus G. Wood is minister.

The 26th national convention of the Youth for Christ Way of the Cross Church will be held May 24-27 in Atlanta, Georgia. The round trip bus fare is $35 and seats will be reserved on a first come paid basis. For ticket information call Ms. Marius Miller, 276-3419 or Ms. Angela Parker, 675-6378. Bishop Leroy H. Cannady is pastor.

The United Presbyterian Church mid-winter meeting will be held Feb. 7 at Babcock Memorial United Presbyterian Church from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The theme is "Seeking God's Wisdom. Mrs. Thomas Lawrence is president and Mrs. Mack Williams is vice president.

Harlem Park Community Baptist Church members will have a luncheon and fashion show on Feb. 11, 3 to 5:30 p.m. at the church, 612 N. Gilmor St., the Rev. Raymond Kelly is pastor. Students from Pimlico Junior High School will be modeling.

The Lutheran Mission Society is sponsoring sign language classes on Feb. 7, 7 to 9 p.m. at 1201 S. Charles St.

A bull and oyster roast will be held Feb. 25, 2 to 6 p.m. at St. Ambrose Church hall, 4506 Park Heights Ave.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS for the emblem contest at Mount Sinai Baptist Church shown from (L) are Wendy Prioleau, Ernest Dorsey and Adrena Prioleau. The Rev. William Brown is pastor of Mount Sinai.

AFRO photo by Robin McGinty

WINNERS in the emblem contest held at Mount Sinai Baptist Church, 922 East Preston St., shown from (L) are Carolyn Thompson, second place; the Rev. Stanton Perkins, first place; and McKinley Womack, third place. The emblems will be used on church stationary and tote bags for the 75th anniversary of the church.

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Our folk and religion

By L. Francis Griffin Sr.

The one thing which has caused me more mental anguish than any other is my world of experience has been the limitation of our religious expression to emotionism, effervescent, gibberish about our commitment to an elementary faith, which has little meaning beyond lulling us into a mental frame of false contentment.

Our theology has been long on the wind of the spirit, but short on the practicalities conducive to the more essential demands necessary for life in an unfriendly universe.

An excellent "for instance" is our tendency to place excessive importance on the "last days" happenings in our otherwise unprofitable, unfruitful lives.

Let someone strike up the much liked "When I Walk the Last Mile of the Way" tune at one of our pagan funerals or in any Sunday morning service and then observe the sisters casting their eyes heavenward as the fervor begins to spread like wildfire through the congregation.

Moans heave up and down, profuse sweating breaks out on the brows of the saints, while some are consumed with jerks and spasms, and fainting spells.

Well and good, as far as it goes. However, it doesn't go far enough. If upon leaving the "holy of holies" this elementary, basic religious expression was translated and transformed into enhancing the things essential to our daily living, the legitimacy of it all would be unquestionable. Unfortunately, for the greater part, our economics, religion and state of freedom remain the same. The exhausted worshippers leave the temple to face an unfriendly thing orientated world, without the necessary supports to live life abundantly.

They return to the rigors of daily life still the victims of unprincipled, unmerciful exploiters. If so great emotional expression would lead to constructive giving, creative sacrificial giving for the corporate welfare of blacks, how our status in this world would change for the better. Sadly, very rarely does our religious experience have to do with activating our economics consciousness.

Blacks seem to think that it is sinful to conclude that it is far more significant that the individual or group determine what they are going to do until they come to the "last mile of the way." Does it to be absorbed in the prospects of "When I Walk the Last Mile of the Way." Being sentimental about the inescapable certainty of death, will not fill empty stomachs, pay utility bills, supply clothes and shelter. This will not equip worshippers to deal with the hard realities which confront them daily.

Generally, black ministers and black communicants do not give careful, systematic thought to the establishment of values in order of importance, nor to value classification.

To a great degree, even as the secular world, they have placed emphasis on preserving the church as an institution — with "bigness" being primary — and not on its human usefulness or service to humanity.

The bulk of the blame for this failure, rightfully, belongs on the heads of the frocked black brethren of the cloth. They usually appear to be blind to the meaning of religion in the human experience. Or to put it another way, their religious concepts are never reduced to practical considerations, and forever remains on the primitive magic level. God forever takes the form of a great magician and his acts are forever acts of magic.

I believe that until everything which is necessary for our living becomes the legitimate concern of our religion, our religion has little relevancy or meaning.

Since the entire revelation of the New Testament — the record of the beginning, development and goal of Christianity, the religion most American blacks purpose to follow — is that "the Kingdom of God" is a prophecy of "a coming earthly reign" and not "a mansion in the sky."

Without this acceptance, we might as well join the agnostic when he intoned: "The boon of what I pray for night and day, is never granted, so God is a toy, put him away."

It is plain to me that the great Arbiter is more concerned about what happens to an individual during the long period before he gets to "the last mile of the way" than he is the "last mile."

Black religious leaders need to do a great deal more than feather their own nests.

CENTER OF ATTENTION — Minister Louis Farrakhan, leader of the Nation of Islam, is the center of attention during appearance in Richmond Jan. 28. Exchanging views are (from L): Wali Saleem, Farrakhan, Donald Spear and Willu Al-Mlak Hall. Farrakhan heads a Muslim faction which adheres to the basic teachings of the late Elijah Muhammad, the father of Wallace Muhammad. Wallace Muhammad controls the dominate Muslim group in America. The split between Farrakhan and Wallace Muhammad apparently came when Wallace Muhammad broke with his father's strict teachings on race, welcoming whites as Muslim members and becoming active in political activities.

800 hear Farrakhan

Minister Louis Farrakhan of the Nation of Islam told a crowd of more than 800 people in Richmond that black Americans need to learn to survive and withstand the oppressions in America, now and in the future.

The national spokesman for the Nation of Islam said that black Richmonders should continue to organize and demand a review of the Thanksgiving Day slaying of a 34-year-old black Muslim by a white policeman.

Joseph L. Farmer, was killed Thanksgiving Day by a white police officer when Farmer pulled out a short umbrella, that the policeman said he thought was a sawed off shot gun. Police later found no weapons on the victim.

Farrakhan was about 90 minutes late for the speech, but the crowd waited patiently in the auditorium of what used to be the Brookland theater Sunday, Jan. 28.

When Farrakhan finally arrived, he told the crowd that he had gotten lost in the streets of Richmond and a black man led him to Spiritual City. Then Farrakhan told the crowd that's why he had come to Richmond, "to show people the way."

In accordance with Muslim tradition, those people coming out to the Farrakhan speech were searched as they entered the Spiritual City auditorium. And Muslim ushers directed the women to the right side of the hall and the men to the left.

Farrakhan's speech in Richmond was sponsored by members of the local Muslim Community.

Farrakhan spoke more than 2 hours, mostly about improving relationships between black men and women. He said that "respect" should be paramount in relationships.

The Muslim leader also said that there will be a "re-emergence" of the Nation of Islam in the United States. He said that the Muslims are like baby teeth and the adult teeth. First, the baby teeth fall out and they are lost. Then a second set of teeth, the adult teeth, grow back. The new teeth are much stronger, he said, and more able to supply the needs of the growing life system.

The black Nation of Islam will grow again, said Farrakhan, and help the black man "regain the throne."

Farrakhan represents the more traditional faction of the Muslim movement and adheres to many of the basic teachings of the late Muslim leader Elijah Muhammad. Wallace Muhammad, Elijah Muhammad's son, has advocated a more liberal philosophy in recent years.

Baltimoreans in the armed forces

Away from home

U.S. AIR FORCE Graduated

Air National Guard (ANG) Airman Peggy P. Lilliston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everette L. Martin of 605 N. East Ave., has graduated at Chanute AFB, Ill., from the U.S. Air Force technical training course for aircraft pneudraulic repairmen.

Airman Lilliston, who was trained to repair aircraft hydraulic and pneumatic units, is returning to her Maryland ANG unit at Martin State Airport. Completion of the course earned the individual credits towards and associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Froce.

The airman is a 1978 graduate of Patterson High School.

Air National Guard (ANG) Airman Patricia M. Russell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Russell of 5989 Better Drive, Elkridge, Md., has graduated at Sheppard AFB, Tex., from the U.S. Air Force technical training course for medical laboratory specialists.

Airman Russell, who learned to prepare and analyze biological specimens, is returning to her Maryland ANG unit at Baltimore. Completion of the course earned the individual credits towards an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

U.S. ARMY Completed Training

Pvt. Billy D. Henson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Adrianson, 332 Fulton Ave., Baltimore, Md., recently completed One Station Unit Training (OSUT) at Fort Benning, Ga.

OSUT is a 12-week period which combines basic combat training and advanced individual training.

The training included weapons qualifications, squad tactics, patrolling, landmine warfare, field communications and combat operations. This qualifies the soldier as a light weapons infantryman and as an indirect fire crewman.

Soldiers were taught to perform any of the duties in a rifle or mortar squad.

Pvt. Reginald V. Robinson, son of Mrs. Dorothy Lee Robinson, 2843 Harlem Ave., recently completed training as an armor crewman under the One Station Unit Training (OSUT) program at Fort Knox, Ky.

OSUT is a 13-week period which combines basic combat training with advanced individual training.

During the training, students learn the duties of a tank crewman, including the firing of the tank's armament and small weapons. They also receive instruction in field radio operations, map reading and tank maintenance and repair.

Robinson entered the Army last July.

Pvt. Glenn D. Durst, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Durst, 7600 S. Claire Lane, recently completed training as an armor crewman under the One Station Unit Training (OSUT) program at Fort Knox, Ky.

OSUT is a 13 - week period which combines basic combat training with advanced individual training.

During the training, students learn the duties of a tank crewman, including the firing of the tank's armament and small weapons. They also receive instruction in field radio operations, map reading and tank maintenance and repair.

Durst entered the Army in September of last year.

He is a 1974 graduate of Sparrows Point High School, Edgemere.

Pvt. Brian K. Rogers, son of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Rogers, 4029 Beach Road, recently completed an administration course at Fort Jackson, S.C.

Students were trained in the preparation of military records and forms. Instruction was also given in fundamentals of the Army filing system, typing and operation of office machines.

Rogers entered the Army in August 1978.

Pvt. Eugene N. Cherry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Cherry, 1704 Ashland Ave., recently completed a food service specialist course at Fort Jackson, S.C.

The course trains personnel to prepare and serve food in large and small quanilities. Students received training in baking, field kitchen operations, and the operation of an Army dining facility.

Pvt. Louis C. Libertini Jr., whose father lives at 5606 Winthrope Ave., recently completed training as an armor reconnaissance specialist under the One Station Unit Training (OSUT) Program at Fort Knox, Ky.

OSUT is a 13 - week period which combines basic combat training and advanced individual training.

Students received instruction in the use of various kinds of weapons, maintenance of armor vehicles, map reading, communications, artillery adjustments, and mines and demolitions.

Mrs. Susie Lee was druggist

PHILADELPHIA — Funeral services were held Thursday, Feb. 1, for Susie Hampton Lee, well-known Philadelphia druggist, who died early Tuesday morning, Jan. 30, at the Albert Einstein Hospital here.

Mrs. Lee, a frequent visitor to Baltimore, was the sister of Mrs. Hazel Hampton Fleming, and sister-in-law of Dr. G. James Fleming, chairman of the Board of Regents of Morgan State University.

She was born in Fort Valley, Ga., the daughter of Willie and Olivia Hampton. With her widowed mother, she went to Philadelphia at an early age, and was graduated from the West Philadelphia High School and from the School of Pharmacy of Temple University.

She owned and operated her own drugstore, Mrs. Ross Thomas and Messrs. Larr, Johnnie, Robert, Harold, and Nebbie Thomas, and Mrs. Louise Clemons, all of Philadelphia.

Price, Funeral Home, 613 N. 43rd St., was in charge of arrangements.

Rev. Carroll Jackmon, former chemist, dies

WASHINGTON The Rev. Carroll L. Jackmon, a Baptist minister and former chemist, has died of sickle cell anemia and renal failure at his Arlington home. He was 67.

The family suggests that expressions of sympathy be in the form of contributions to the Howard University Center for Sickle Cell disease.

A native of Saluda, Va., Rev. Jackmon came to the Washington area in 1964 after earning a B.S. in chemistry and biology from Hampton Institute.

He earned a master of divinity degree in 1967 and a master's degree in theology in 1969 from Howard.

At the time of his death on Jan. 22, Rev. Jackmon was enrolled in a doctoral program at Howard's School of Religion.

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