African cultural, trade center announced

AFRICAN CENTER — Mrs. Ambia V. Rucker, second from left, president of the African - American Cultural Center, is shown at the World Trade Center last Saturday when she presented the plans for the proposed center. Others pictured are, left to right: Olu Olayemi of Nigeria, Allen Watkins, and Leonard Elenowitz, directo or of the Office of Federal Relations for the state of Maryland.

Proposed African Center announced

The African - American Development Corporation, a non - profit organization headed by Mrs. Ambia V. Rucker, presented proposed plans for the construction of the African Cultural and Trade Center last Saturday at Baltimore's downtown World Trade Center. When completed, it will be the first center of its kind in the country.

The center will house a library, art museum, hostel or student lounge, theatre, 12 boutiques which will be leased, a restaurant, tourist bureau, commercial research center and an import - export division.

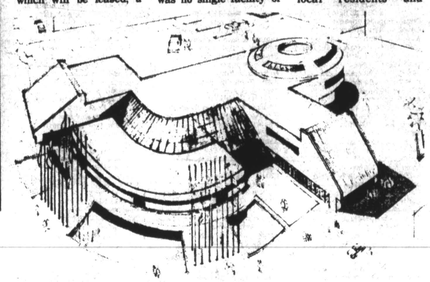
It is estimated that the cost of the project, including underground parking for 200 cars, will be $6,950,000. George Vaeth Associates Inc. of Columbia, Md. will be the architects.

Mrs. Rucker conceived the idea as a vehicle to bridge the business opportunities gaps between and among American black and African businesses. There was also recognition that there was no single facility or service readily available to Africans, especially students, where they could come to a supportive atmosphere, meet other persons from African countries and receive information and support.

The African - American Development Corporation also envisons that it will eventually sponsor a retail facility which will house a variety of minority owned small retail businesses.

Educational materials and programs on African culture will be provided to local residents and visiting tourists. Opportunities to meet and talk with Africans will be a unique feature of such a program.

The proposed multiservice facility will be located in Baltimore as close as possible to the visitors, conventioneers and major retail are.



AERIAL VIEW of the proposed 86,950,000 African - American Cultural Center which the planners expect to be a tourist attraction when completed. The multiservice facility will house all of the proposed activities and programs of the African - American Development Corporation.

Tot, 2, killed

DeJuan Neville, 2, was watching a group of children playing in the rear of the 1200 block Ashburton St., on June 13 when a five-foot cinder block wall collapsed on him, crushing his skull, police report.

He was pronounced dead at the scene around 8 p.m. Police report seven or eight children were playing a game in an alley between Braddish Avenue and the 1200 block Ashburton St. and DeJuan was standing near the wall.

Police believe the children tied one end of the their rope to a pipe embedded in the wall when the freak accident occurred. According to investigators, the force on the rope may have cause part of the wall to collapse and DeJuan was struck on the head by one of the blocks.

George Neville, father of the victim, told police the wall fell down last year and was rebuilt. Neville and other neighbors claim the wall was unsafe.

Eastern holds 127th commencement

The 127th annual commencement of Eastern Senior High was held in the school's auditorium June 3.

Some 187 students of the traditional all - girl school, received their diplomas.

At the 125th commencement, Eastern established a new tradition. Each year, the graduating senior who best personifies the true spirit of the school, is selected to receive the ring of an alumna who graduated 50 years ago.

This year's alumna donor is Mrs. Katherine Jefferson, class of 1919, who presented her ring to Lisa Williams.

The class of '79 which is the last all - female class since the school will open its doors this September to male students, includes the following graduates:

Dena Anderson, Shawn Anderson, Cynthia Renee Andrews, Kathy Avent, Marlene Baker, Thoretta Barnes, Janie Billinger, Karen Theresa Booker.

Wanda Marcia Booth, Bettina D. Bowell, Katherine A. Bowman, Tammie F. Boyd, Kimberly Branch, Paulette Gail Brewington, Devette Britt, Maria Brockington.

Glenda Darnell Brogden, Eness Brown, Glenda Brown, Tanja Brown, Veronica Vernee Brown, Starletta Marcia Bunch, Michele Carey, Amaria Aletheda Carter.

Michelle Chambers, Darlene Chisholm, Shella Christian, Mary Lee Clay, Karen Collins, Pauline Comer, Monica D. Conaway, Gail Cook.

Karen Patricia Cooper, Mary Roachell Cooper, Mary Sheila Curtis, Cheryl Darby, Gwen Charlayne Davis, Pamela Denmark, Sandra L. Diggs, Yolanda Downing.

Vanessa V. Dubose, Roselin Dunn, Velma L. Dyson, Linda Michele Edmonds, Melinda Edwards, Rosabelle Louise Epps, Vanessa Darlene Feaster, Crystal Ferguson.

Bonita Nadine Foote, Danita Kim Frazier, Ranjanie Weldine Frazier, Florence Elizabeth Freeman, Bernadette Theresa Gardner, Donna Marie Gathers, Lola Darlene Girvin, Jacqueline Lorraine Glass.

LaDawn Michelle Gold, Robin Yolanda Goode, Carolyn Denise Goodwin, Marlisa Gray, Kimberly Green, Sandra Green, Patricia Ruth Greene, Bernadette Denise Halford.

Charlene Iris Halford, Doutaye Debra Hanks, Aretha Maria Harcum, Elanda L. Harper, Felisha Romona Harris, Sandra Darlene Harris, Selena Ann Harris, Wanda Patricia Hawkins, Sphaine Ada Hayward, Synthia Heard, Polly Hewlin, Wanda Hickson.

Darlene Hill, Ti - Wanda Hill, Valerie M. L. Hope, Shirley Ann Hughes, Rosie Yvonne Hyman, Wanda Lee Hutchins, Alice Michelle Jackson, Constance Louetta Jackson.

Diane Jackson, Rosaline Karen Jackson, Sunceria Lee Jackson, Dawana Schianay Jenkins, Vanessa Jenkins, Bernice Jennings, Loretta Jennings, Annette Marie Johnson.

Delores Lorraine Johnson, Jessica Johnson, Peggy Johnson, Valerie Lynn Johnson, Yvette Johnson, Charlene Regina Jones, Francine Elizabeth Jones Joan Darsel Jones.

Tammy Jones, Karen Paulette Kess, Theresa A. Lecato, Jennie Lee Levine, Sonya Maria Little, Kim Miranda Lucas, Barbara Christine Lunn, Alfreda Yvette Makell.

Nancy Jane Mason, Pamela I. Mayo, Jeanette McFadden, Cherel Judlette McLaughlin, Kathy Mae Meadows, Cheryl Ann Missouri, Bridget Rebecca Mitchell, Shelia Denise Moore.

Tawaina More, Glenda C. Morris, Sharon Murphy, India L. Murray, Lorie Nelson, Jacqueline Karen Nicks, Natalie Seville Nowell, Angela Pearson.

Janice J. Platt, Delores Pinckney, Rhonda Louise Price, Beverly Ramsey, Lorraine Veronica Ramsey, Tilithea Grace Ransome, Mary Katherine Redd, Kimberly Redding.

Thelma Reier, Cynthia M. E. Robinson, Roslyn N. Rogers, Margaret Ross, Rosemarie Rowley, Karen Denise Scott, Rhonda Joann Scott, Michelle Seward.

Susan Coleen Sharpe, Lana Marie Shivers, Veronica Jessica Simmons, Rochelle J. Smith, Sondra D. Smith, Martha Rose Lee Squire, Michelle Stanley, Joyce A. Sterrett.

Angella Stevenson, Francesca Stokes, Roslyn Delores Stokes, Pamela Yvonne Sye, Tamathea Allegra Taylor, Shandra Terrell, Charlene Thomas, Danielle C. Thomas.

Marlene E. Thomas, Denise Thompson, Tracy Thornton, Trisha A. Tisdale, Althea Tyree, Marshell A. Vandiver, Kim Lan Vong, Rose M. Washington.

Ruth Washington, Marchelle Delisa Watkins, Rochelle Denise Watkins, Denise Michelle Watson, Senora Lovon Weaver, Tammy Marie White, Dellareese Marie Whye, Cheryl Denise Wiley.

Barbara Williams, Carla Felicia Williams, Demaris L. Williams, Kathleen Williams, Lisa Elaine Williams, Mitchele Natalie Williams, Patricia Williams, Renee Antionette Williams.

Simone Ann Williams, Suzette Williams. Monica Lynn Wilson, Valerie Ann Wilson, April Womack, Sherry Denise Worrell, Tina Wright.

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THE LIVING CHURCH

St. Timothy's celebrates 'Year of Faith'

HONOREE — The Rev. Carl Washington Sr., pastor of St. Timothy Baptist is shown with his his wife Mrs.mMinnis Washington.

Friends, relatives and members of St. Timothy Christian Baptist Church spent an evening with their pastor, the Rev. Carl L. Washington Sr., on June 8 at the Holiday Inn downtown.

The occasion was the fifth anniversary of St. Timothy Christian Church and the pastor's anniversary. "Year of Faith," was the theme for the month long celebration.

Guest speaker for the affair was the Rev. Dr. Frederick G. Sampson, pastor of Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church in Detroit, Michigan.

Speaking to the 500 guests, Rev. Dr. Sampson stated, "The church is too divided and is why the world is on its way to hell.

We are lving in tension . . . . . We are living in trouble and everywhere you look is trouble. Suicide is on the uprise. . . . It looks like it hourts us to see folks happy. Our churches are filed but with empty lives. We got men who tell women I love you but they will give you a baby and then walk away. . . . "

Rev. Dr. Sampson told the younger guests attending, "If you don't have a position get a job, wash somebody's dishes or drive a garage truck. If you fall down, don't stay down get up and learn your lesson.

Greetings were extended by Roscoe Herring, the Rev. Samuel B. Redd, Mrs. Betty L. Johnson, president of the Women's Auxiliary of the United Baptist Missionary Convention; the Rev. Dr. Alfred C. D. Vaughn, president Clergy in Action; the Rev. Joseph Brown, pastor of Manna Baptist Church; Deacon Willie R. Davis, chairman of the Deacon Board at St. Timothy Christian Baptist and Trustee McCray Zollicoffer, chairman of the Trustee Board.

The Rev. Arthur E. Jones, pastor of Jones Tabernacle Baptist Church served as toastmaster and music was by Joy and Devotion. Mrs. Betty J. Tiggle church clerk read greetings from Gov. Harry Hughes and Morgan State University.

Herring, who represented Mayor Schaefer presented the honoree with a citation from Mayor Schaefer and proclaimed June 8 at St. Timothy Christian Baptist Church Day in Baltimore. Rev. Dr. Sampson also received a citation from Mayor Schaefer.

SPEAKER—The Rev. Dr. Frederick G. Sampson

Rev. Washington received numerous gift from clubs and organization in the church and a check from his children.

His wife, Mrs. Minnie Washington also received a gift from St. Timothy Christian members and described her husband as a "faithful father and a friend." He is the proud father of six children, Mrs. Matawia Washington Isabell, Carl L. Washington Jr.; Christopher Washington, Mrs. Carmi Turner Washington, Mrs. Pia Taylor Washington and Miss Debra Washington; four grandchildren, Randell Isabell, Ralph Taylor Jr., Christine and Christopher Washington.

Rev. Washington stated that "This is the year of faith at St. Timothy's Christian Baptist Church. It was by faith that we undertook this task of building a house of worship to glory of our God and father. Great Faith always results in greater blessings, for God is ever the rewarder of all those who diligently seek him. Have faith in God St. Timothy."

St. Timothy Church was reorganized by Rev. Washington in the memorial chapel of Wayland Baptist Church, 3200 Garrison Blvd.,where the Rev. Darneal F. Johnson is pastor.

A motorcade left Wayland Baptist Church in March 1974 for their new church home at Groveland and Granada Ave. Many auxiliaries have been organized in the church and St. Timothy now has more than 300 members. The Rev. Larry Short and Rev. Alvetus Baylor are associate ministers.

Deacons are Willie R. Davis, Leonard Holland, Glenwood B. Oats, Bennie Cole, Jimmie Clark, Delmar Williams. Trustees are McCray Zollicoffer, Vernon Washington, James Faison, Alton Chapman, Charles Williams and Albert Curley.

Rev. Washington and members celebrated the fifth anniversary of their church on June 8 at the Holiday Inn.

PROUD FAMILY members at the banquet honoring the Rev. Carl L. Washington Sr., shown seated from left are Mrs. Matwaia Washington Isabell and Randell; Miss Debra S. Washington and Ralph Taylor Jr.,; Mrs. Pia Washington Taylor and Christopher M. Washington; Mrs. Effie A. Washington and Christin A. Washington; Shown standing from left are Randall Isabel; Ralph E. Taylor; Christopher Washington and Mrs. Carmi Washington Turner. Not shown is Carl L. Washington Jr.

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TEENAGE MEMBERS of St. Timothy Christian Baptist Church seen at the Friday night banquet shown from left are Misses Wendy Dockery, Jocelyn Tiggle and Sharon Norris.

—Metro Church Briefs—

The Celestial Gospel Singers of Mount Zion Church, Havre de Grace, Md., will sponsor a pre-Father's Day gospel lrogram on June 16, 7 p.m. The program will feature various soloists and gospel groups.

The Senior Choir of Payne Memorial AME Church, Madison Avenue and Laurens Street will be presente n a recital on June 17, 3:3p p.m. Mrs. Lois Smith is director and the Rev. W.P. Mitchell is pastor.

St. Cecelia's Gospel Choir will be presented in concert on June 17n 6 p.m. at Hilton Street and Windsor Avenuem David M. Hamm is director of the choir.

Team One of the Women's Guild of Huber Memorial Church will sponsor a spaghetti dinner for the benefit of Women's Day on June 16n 6 p.m. at 29th Street and The Alameda.

The Women's Day Committee of Jones Tabernacle Baptist Church, 2100 Baltimore St.n will have a fish fry dinner and bake sale at the church on June 16, 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. The Rev. Drm Arthur E. Jones is pastor.

THE REV. CHARLES FEASTER — Ordination services for Rev. Peaker will be held June 19, 7:30 p.m. at United Baptist Church, 932 Broadway. The Rev. George E. Vanderford is pastor.

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The men of Progressive First Baptist Church, 3220 Garrison Blvd., will observe their 22nd annual Men's Day on June 17. The Rev. U. RM Booker, pastor of Jones Chapel Baptist Church, Roxbor, N.C. will the speaker. Floyd Crisp is chairmann Ulysses Harris, co-chairman, the Rev. B.A. Dawkins is minister.

Members of Trinity Presbyterian Church are observing the 20th anniversary of their church this month. The dedication of Thomas P. Fraser 111 Memorial library-lounge will be held on Saturday.

The Parsonage Committee of John Wesley United Methodist Church, North Avenue and Bloomingdale Road will sponsor a program on June 17n 3 p.m. at the church. Mrs. Isabelle Brown, chairperson; Ms. Shirley. Parrish, co-chairperson; the Rev. Calvin Croson is pastor.

The Women's Day committee of First Baptist Church, 1613 Hopewell Ave., will present a pagent on June 17, 3 p.m. Ms. Ernestine Waddy is chairman, the Rev. Isaish Hill is pastor.

The Baltimore Fellowship Choir will perform the first of their annual benefit concerts on Sunday, June 24, 6 p.m. at Union Baptist Churchn 1219 Druid Hill Ave.

Proceeds from the concert will be donated to the Maryland Baptist Aged Home. William Sydnor is director of the choir.

The Gospel and Male Choir of Wayland Baptist Church will present their annual recital on June 24n 5 p.m. at the church, 3200 Garrison Blvd. The Rev. Darneal Johnson is pastor.

The Senior Ushers of St. Paul United Methodist Church will observe their annual anniversary on June 23, 3 p.m. The Rev. James L. Ball, pastor of St. Timothy Baptist Church will be the speaker. Mrs. Maggie Mack is chairann Leon Johnson, president and the Rev. George Allen is pastor.

19TH ANNIVERSARY—The Greene Sisters will be celebrating their anniversary in Nassau Bahamas June 29-July 2. Shown from left are Mrs. Joyce Sanders, Rev. Edna Isaac and Mrs.Shirley Sydnor. Not shown is Mrs. Isadore Ellis, also a member of the gospel group. Members of local churches will be traveling with the Green Sisters to Nassau. If members of your church are interested in going to Nassau with the group call 624-0464.

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