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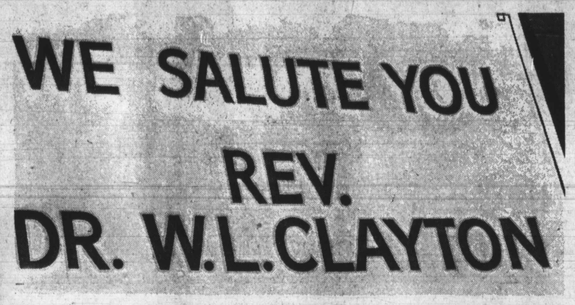
Tribute for Rev. Clayton draws 1,000

Rev. Willard L. Clayton



Gwendolyn Douglass

HEADTABLE GUESTS at the testimonial for Rev. Clayton included Rev. and Mrs. T. Wright Morris and Summer Whittier, former lieutenant governor of Massachusetts.

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Some 1,000 persons attended the testimonial tribute held in honor of Rev. Willard L. Clayton, pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church, June 27 at Martins' West.

Rev. Clayton has been pastor of the West Baltimore church at Fremont and Lafayette Avenues for 34 years.

"The testimonial put me on cloud nine," said Rev. Clayton. "I certainly appreciate this kind tribute. It was done out of the love and goodness of all the officers and members of my church."

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

Mrs. Gwendolyn Douglass was chairperson for the program which was highlighted by musical selections from Mack B. Sampson III, William E. Omaro of Ledenhall Baptist Church. The Macedonia Baptist Church Senior Choir and Rev. Thomas Wright Morris, pastor, Shiloh Baptist Church, Reedville, Va.

Rev. Clayton came to Macedonia as pastor on May 17, 1945. He found the church busily engaged in raising funds to pay off their indebtedness.

Under his guidance a four-year plan was developed which would finish paying the mortgage in 1946, renovating the outside of the building in 1947, remodeling the inside of the building in 1948 and celebrating the Diamond Jubilee in 1949.

Several new organizations and committees were established under Rev. Clayton to enrich the life and work of Macedonia. These included Boys' Club, Girl Scouts, Parsonage Committee, Pastor's Aid Social Welfare Club, Teacher's Training Club, The 49 Club, Nurses Unit, Deaconess, and Filing Committee.

After the Diamond Jubilee Celebration was held in November 1949, several other groups were organized including Youth Choir, Kay Burke Chancel Choir, Men's Choir, Clayton Chorus, Social Action Committee and the Daily Vacation Bible School.

Rev. Clayton has served as president of the United Baptist Missionary Convention of Maryland, 1958-1962; vice president of the Baptist Ministers Conference; member of the Interdenominational Ministers Conference and Interfaith Ministerial Brotherhood.

He has been a member of the Johns Hopkins Visiting Clergy Staff and recording secretary of the New England Baptist Missionary Convention for fifteen years.

Aside from his religious duties, he found time to work on the committee to find a permanent location for Coppin State College. This committee subsequently recommended Coppin's present site at North and Warwick Avenues.

Rev. Clayton has ordined several sons of Macedonia to the ministry including Andrew Brown, Leander Brown and Henry Turner.

Several honors and awards have been bestowed upon Rev. Clayton which include the Afro-American Outstanding Citizen Award, awards from the mayor and a Prince of Preachers award from the Baptist Ministers Conference of Baltimore.

Born in Westmoreland County, Va., Rev. Clayton was the son of James Milton and Cora McKinney Clayton.

On September 4, 1934 he married Evelyn Frances Morrison of Everett, Mass. Of this union four children were born, Colyn C. Harrington, Carlethea C. Johnson, Laura C. Rogers and Willard Jr.

Prior to his comming to Macedonia, he pastored for 2[illegible] years at Union Baptist Church in Walden, Mass.

Rev. Clayton took his preparatory training at the Virginia Seminary, Lynchburg, Va. He holds the degrees of B. Th. and B.D. from GordonCollege and Gordon Divinity School, Boston, Mass. He also studied at Harvard and Boston Universities.

On January 28, 1926 Rev. Clayton was ordained to the Gospel Ministry at the Union Baptist Church in Massachusetts.

While there he held many distinguished positions. He was president of the Malden Ministerial Conference and the second black minister to serve as moderator of the Boston East Association.

He was the first black counselor at the Royal Ambassador Boys Camp at Ocean Park, Maine.

Worked as volunteer

Retired pastor marks 108th birthday

RETIRED PASTOR, Acorn Manuel receives kiss from Mrs. Annie Leonard for his 108th birthday.

Acorn Manuel, a Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) volunteer, gets an affectionate 108th birthday kiss from Mrs. Annie Leonard, director of the Eating Together RSVP project at Morning Star Baptist Church, 1063 West Fayette St., Baltimore.

Manuel, a retired Church of God In Christ minister and pastor, is assigned to visit the sick and shut-in members of the project.

He has been an ESVP volunteer almost four years and, accoring to Mrs. Leonard, "he has never missed a day."

Manuel walks 10 to 15 city blocks every day and says, "I ain't never retired. I just worked out."

Part of ACTION, the federal volunteer service agency, RSVP offers seniors 60 and older a variety of opportunities to serve in their own communities.

Interested persons may call ACTION's toll-free national number, 800-424-8580. Baltimore residents may obtain RSVP information from the City of Baltimore Department of Health, 301-396-4494.

FUN AT THE CARNIVAL — With smiling painted faces, Janet Peterkin and Sharon Payne, sold ballons at the carnival sponsored by All Saints Catholic Church June 28, 29 and 30. Proceeds from the carnival held on the church grounds in the 4400 block Liberty Heights Avenue will benefit the general church fund.

Photo by Mark Gail

Metro Church Briefs

Bethel A.M.E. Church will sponsor an African Jamboree Weekend on Friday, July 6 and Saturday, July 7.

On Friday, the church will host Nia Night (night of purpose) which will include African fashions, poetry by Ms. Lucille Clifton and music by Bethel's Imani Messngers.

Guest speaker for the 7 p.m. activity is Haki Manhabuti, noted writer and speaker. Admission is $2.50.

An All-day Outdoor Festival will be held Saturday in the 400 block Lanvale Street and will feature dancers, music, food and jewelry.

Pleasant Zion Baptist Church, 617 North Point Blvd. will hold its annual Women's Day, Sunday, July 8, 1979 at the 11 a.m. service.

Rev. Mrs. Lucy Shaw will be speaker at the morning worship service. A musical program will be presented at 3 p.m. Everyone is invited.

Rev. James B. Gray Jr. is pastor, Mrs. Mary Gray, chairperson, Mrs. Martha Montgomery and Ms. Pat Lewis, co-chairpersons.

On July 8, 1979, The Redeemed Church of Christ Apostolic will commemorate the eighth anniversary of the pastor and founder Elder C. Weston. Services will begin at 3 p.m. at the church, located at 2616 Harford Rd.

The Redeemed Church will then sponsor a Fellowship Dinner on July 14 at the YWCA, Franklin Street and Park Avenue. For tickets call 566-2311 or 235-1331.

The Interdenominational Women's Ministerial Alliance is sponsoring a three day Outdoor Revival July 11, 12 and 13.

Guest revivalist will be Rev. John Bryant of Bethel A.M.E. Church. The revival will be held at Caroline and Eager Streets at 7:30 p.m. each evening.

The Refuge Way of the Cross Church of Christ will hold a Joy Service on Saturday, July 21, 1979 at 7:30 p.m.

Pastor of the church located at E. 43rd Street and Old York Road is Bishop Leroy H. Cannady Sr.

The program will feature as guest speaker, Elder William Gatling, pastor of the Grace Temple Bibleway Church in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Also special guests, the Gatling Family Singers along with guest choirs the L H C Choral Ensemble, Holy Temple Young Adult Choir, Youth for Christ Choir, Refuge Youth for Christ Choir, Bishop Showell Young Adult Choir and the Bibleway Young Adult Choir.

The Citizens Salute Committee will host a Prayer Breakfast at St. Johns A.M.E. Church, 610 N. Carrollton Ave. Friday, July 27 at 7:30 a.m.

On Saturday, July 28 the Fourth Annual We Need Prayer Alter Call will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Swann Drive in Druid Hill Park overlooking Druid Park Lake.

The United Methodist Women of the St. Matthews United Methodist Church will sponsor a Cruise to Nowhere aboard the Port Welcome on Thursday, August 16, 1979.

Boat leaves the West Bulkhead Inner Harbor directly across from McCormick Spice Co. at 8 p.m. and will dock at 11:30 p.m. Tickets are $10.00.

St. James to rebuild pipe organ

Plans are underway to rebuild and update in sound the 78-year-old pipe organ at St. James Episcopal Church.

Officers of the church recently met with Edward Shurig of the Mudler Hunter Organ Company of Philadelphia and signed a contract to rebuild the organ at a cost of $42,000.

The two manual Adam and Stein with tracker action was built and installed in what was then the Church of Ascension in 1901.

This church building became the property of the congregation of St. James when the Church of Ascension moved to another neighborhood.

In 1955, the instrument needed repair and after a successful financial drive, the instrument was over hauled. The action was changed from tracker to electric and a new console was installed. The Rev. Cedric E. Mills was then the Rector and William Parrott was organist.

At Christmas 1976, a part of the Swell organ disintengrated and major work had to be done. The F.O.R. Campaign was instituted to raise funds for this work, Mrs. Barbar Dungee served as chairperson of the campaign.

OFFICERS MEET at Saint James Episcopal Church to discuss plans to rebuild and update in sound their 1901 pipe organ. Seated from left are Prentis C. Nolan, chairman of finance committee; Barbara Dungee, chairperson F.O.R. Campaign; and S. Reginald Watts, senior warden. Standing are Clarence L. E. Monroe, chairman of music and worship committee; Dr. Donald O. Wilson, rector; and Edward Shurig, president, Mudler Hunter Organ Company.

BOUND FOR OXFORD, ENGLAND — Rev. Dr. George L. Crawley, pastor, St. Paul's Baptist Church leaves his pulpit for the 18-day study period.

Senior church member honored

A conductor, accompanist and soloist with church choirs, Mrs. Virginia D. Muse Barnett was honored at a luncheon on June 15 upon her retirement from the Walker - Jones Elementary School faculty.

She is an usher and otherwise organizational worker at Sixth Presbyterian Church.

Upon coming to Washington in 1960, she worked first for the D.C. government at the Maple Glen School, a facility for juvenile delinquents at Laurel, Md. She joined the school system in 1968 and spent six years at Walker - Jones School teaching fourth, fifth and sixth grades.

Mrs. Barnett earned her B.M. and B.S. degrees at West Virginia State College. At the age of 20, she began her teaching career at Northfolk (W. Va.) Senior - Junior High School. There she taught music and English. Her public speaking and choral groups won many honors in state competitons.

MRS. V.D. BARNETT (Feted on retirement)

After marrying John Richard Barnett of Zanesville, O. she taught elementary school in Columbus, had charge of fifth and sixth grade music classes and again conducted outstanding Glee clubs. Later moving to Detroit, she taught at Sumpter Elementary School in Belleville, Mich. Mrs. Barnett moved to Washington following the death of her husband.

On the graduate level, she has studied at Ohio State University, Wayne State University, D.C. Teachers College, and Catholic University, where she received her M.A. degree.

Mrs. Barnett has been affiliated with many organizations, including: Zeta Phi Beta sorority, serving two terms as basileus; the National Education Association; the American Federation of Women's Clubs, the Capital City Educators Club, being chaplain and member of the scholarship fund committee;

Among guests at her retirement luncheon at Pier 7 Restaurant were her sister, Mrs. Fairy Burns of Detroit; another sister, Mrs. Sadie Jackson of Columbus, O.; nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Johnson of Washington; and a friend, Mrs. Dorothy Johnson of Pittsburgh.

Mrs. Vera Hart emceed the program which featured a choir made up of teachers; a solo by Mrs. Rhonda Mills and S. Chinery on piano. Mrs. Lois B. Hopkins was chairman; Mrs. Cecelia Lewis and Henrietta Morse, program directors. They were assisted by Clement Wallace, Ova Pettiter, Barbara Minus and Bernice Anderson.

Guests also included: Attorney and Mrs. George Boley of Washington; Mrs. Jessie B. Mitchell, a school supervisor in Prince George's County; Mrs. Sue Hewlette, Mrs. Addie Mitchell, A. C. Murray, Mrs. Wilhelmina B. Thomas, principal; Mrs. Elizabeth Holley, counselor; and other faculty of the Walker - Jones school.

Attorney and Mrs. Claudius McGemie, Mrs. Pearl Miner, Dr. Mahlenette Weaver, Mrs. Minnie Nelson, Ms. Nancy Brown, Mrs. Lia Williams, Mrs. Emily Williams, Mrs. Edith Chase, Mrs. Sarah West, Mr. S. Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pettigrew, and Mrs. Vilma Pugh of Lanham, Md.

The following Sunday, Mrs. Barnett entertained the faculty members and friends at a day and up in the party room at the Hilton Inn, Baltimore, where she received

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COMMUNION SUNDAY
8:00 A.M.—Early Morning Worship Sermon by the Pastor And Holy Communion
9:15 A.M.—Church School and New Members Class
10:30 A.M.—Open Heart Service
11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship Sermon by Pastor And Holy Communion
5:30 P.M.—BTU and New Members Class
Church Offices
All Are Welcome
REV. RICHARD H. OGLE IV, Pastor

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St. James Episcopal Church
Lafayette Square
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8:00 A.M. Holy Communion
9:00 A.M. Church School
10:30 A.M. Choral Eucharist Sermon
The Rev. Donald O. Wilson, Rector
Mr. A. Maurice Murphy, Organist
The Public Is Cordially Invited To Attend

PENNSYLVANIA AVE. AME ZION CHURCH
"The Church of the Burning Heart"
SUNDAY, JULY 8, 1979
10:30 A.M.—Sacrament of Baptism
11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship
Sermon By
Dr. Marshall H. Strickland
Theme:
'Learning To Live With Crises'
Music By Sanctuary Choir

SHARP ST. MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
SUNDAY, JULY 8, 1979
9:30 A.M.—Church School
11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship.
ALL ARE WELCOME
Rev. John W. Coleman, Minister
Rev. Arthur White, Assistant Minister

DOUGLAS MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CHURCH
"The Church of the Way"
Lafayette and Madison Aves.
MARION CURTIS BASCOM, D.D., Minister
James E. Hammond, Minister of Music
SUNDAY, JULY 8, 1979
Eight and Eleven O'clock
Marion C. Bascom, preaching
Praise the Name of the Lord — P. Ivanoff
Better Be Ready — N. Nathaniel Dett
Praise — Alec Rowley
Give Me Jesus — W. C. Handy

Omega said students

The Mu Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Montgomery County, Md., honored three 1979 county high school graduates with $750 scholarships at the Mount Cavalry Baptist Church, Rockville, Md.

The scholarships were awarded to Ms. Laverne Gibson, a Montgomery Blair High graduate, who will enter the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Ms. Sharon Lynn Gray, a Rockville High School graduate who will also be entering MIT, and Stirling Philips who will be entering Columbia University.

The scholarships were presented by the basileus of Mu Nu Chapter, Dr. Samuel Sullivan and Edward Wallace chairperson of the scholarship committee.

The chapter also presented a cash gift to the pastor of Mount Calvary Church, Rev. Houston G. Brooks.

The graduates heard a message by the television personality Ms. Delores Handy on the subject of "this being the worst of times and the best of times for black youngsters in America."

Ms. Handy cautioned the students that it is important not to be satisfied with what seems to be massive gains in job opportunities, civil rights, schooling, and housing because all will need their best effort to work out the difficult solutions to these and other problems, since every gain is being challenged by the ultra-conservative groups that are present in America.

Judge's son sentenced

The son of a Richmond traffic court judge pleaded guilty in Richmond General District Court Monday to charges of a assault on a patrolman and breaching the peace.

Stephen Harold Schriberg, 33, was fined $100 and given a 12-month jail sentence after he pleaded guilty to the charges. The jail sentence was suspended for three years. A charge of resisting arrest against Schriberg was not prosecuted.

AKA's sponsor tour

Brenda Ellison of Northwest Webster, Washington, D.C. was selected to participate in the 1979 Domestic Travel Tour sponsored by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

Miss Ellison qualified to participate in the tour on the basis of scholarship and an essay competition. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Squire Ellison and a student at Roosevelt Senior High School.

Chicago, Ill., Washington, D.C., Hampton, Va. and Charleston, S.C. are four of the cities to be visited by Miss Ellison and 34 other young ladies and their chaperons during the 1979 Domestic Travel Tour.

This program is one among many of the sorority's efforts toward continued dedication to improving human lives through service to others. The Domestics Travel Tour Program began in 1968 and is offered throughout the nation by the sorority in alternative years to young women who are juniors or seniors in high school.

Winners, who are determined on the basis of scholarship and essay competition, tour the southeastern United States, participating in culturally enriching experiences designed to develop an appreciation of their American Heritage, visiting places of interest in Afro-American history and American institutions of higher education.

Harriett J. Harper is president of Xi Omega Chapter. Arlene Daniels is chairing the social activity for the visitors.

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INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD Celebration marked on Children's Day at Ebenezer Baptist Church saw the youngsters under direction of Mrs. Ardell Vessells presenting the 11 a.m. services. Among the participants were Avery Stevenson, Donnetta Speller, D'Nai Gittings, William Calhoun Sr., Makia Miles, Simone Byrd, Troy Craighead, Antoine Harris, Yvonne Harris, Mrs. Vessells (Rear).

The Rev. James Cleveland featured

Martha Chapter holds gospel evening

Worthy Matron Sarah G. Horne, and officers and members of Martha Chapter No. 11, OES, P.H.A., recently presented an event known as the Worthy Matron's Activity.

The chapter sponsored Rev. James Cleveland of Los Angeles, and the Voices - Supreme of Washington, D.C. in an evening of gospel music at the Constitution Hall.

Through the years, hundreds of dollars have been presented to charitable service including the Phyllis Wheatley YWCA, the Salvation Army, Howard University, and to senior citizens of the chapter. Chairpersons of the gospel program event were P.G.L. Julia Edwards, P.M. Vivian Fleet and Brother Ernest Ferguson.

SARAH G. HORNE Martha Chapter, OES worthy matron)

Sister Ida Ruth Reed was crowned queen, and was presented a trophy for selling the largest number of tickets; the first runner - up was Sister Mildred Clark. Others competing were Sisters Olivia Dixon, Zora Pride, Louise McCullers, and Atlanta Littlejohn.

Martha Chapter No. 11 held its divine service jointly with three sister chapters in April at Metropolitan Baptist Church, Dr. H. Beecher Hicks, Jr., minister. W.M. Horne is president of the deaconess board at Metropolitan.

This year marks the 51st anniversary of the setting aside of Martha Chapter No. 11, by the Prince Hall Grand Lodge P.H.A., of Washington, and the Georgiana Thomas Grand Chapter.

The officers elected for 1979 are W.M. Sarah G. Horne; W. P. Edward Chambers; associate matron, Helen C. Aldridge; associate patron Edelbert Jenkins; treasurer, P.M. Magnolia Cason; secretary, Arnita C. Jenkins;

Conductress, Rubie Fisher; Association condutress, Alma Burney; Chairman of trustees Agnes T. Burton; trustee, Vivian Durkins, trustee, Naomi Inge;

Officers appointed Electa, Mamie Anderson; Martha, Laura I. Werts; Esther, Helen E. Brinson; Ruth, Atlanta Littlejohn; Adah, Anna O. Burnett; warder, Olivia B. Tyson; chaplain, Viola C. Dixon marshal, Pauline S. Patterson;

Christian flag bearer, Mildred J. Ferguson; American flag bearer, Sarah B. Fletcher; Eastern Star bearer, Doris L. Bies; Assistant Secretary, P.M. Odessa Price; Musican, Thelma Page; sentinel, William Taylor;

Chapter lecturers, P. G. L. Julia Edwards, P. A.G.L. Anna B. Holley, P.M. Vivian H. Fleet, and P.M. Elmar R. Nichols.

The concert committee included P. G.L. Julia Edwards, general chairman and General co - chairman. Vivian H. Fleet. Mrs. Edna F. Browne is Grand worthy matron, and Henry S. Pratt, grand worthy patron of the Georgiana Thomas Grand Chapter, O.E.S. - P. H.A.

Mr. Kinnon E. Purdy was a crane operator

Funeral rites for kinnon E. Purdy, former Bethlehem Steel crane operator, were held Monday, July 2nd at St. Marks's Baptist Church in the 1700 block of Division St. Burial was in Arbutus Memorial Park.

Mr. Purdy, who resided at 1905 Division St., died June 28 at Provident Hospital. Declining health led to his retirement from Bethlehem Steel Corporation several years ago.

He was an Army veteran of World War II, having attained the rank of master sergeant. He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Purdy, born in Martinsville, N.C. where he attended local schools.

On Feb. 28, 1999 he married the former Mrs. Mary Capel, who survives him.

Other survivors include his children by a former marriage, Ozzie Brooks and Miss Sharon Purdy of Baltimore; Mesdames Mary Umunnnah of Richmond; and Barbara Bryant of Wilmington, Del.

There are two surviving sisters, Mesdames Inez P. Lewis of Williamsburg, Va., and Doris Everette of Brooklyn, N.Y., and an aunt, Mrs. Gertrude Strayhorn of Myrtleeesboro, N.C.

Dr. Emmett Scott, 79, Howard department head

Dr. Emmett Julian Scott, former head of the department of orthodontics at Howard University died Friday, June 29, at the age of 79. He made his home in Chevy Chase, Md.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ. Burial took place at Parklawn Cemetery under direction of McGuire Funeral Home.

As an instructor at the H.U. College of Dentistry, Dr. Scott organized the department of orthodontics, later being promoted to professor and chairman. He resigned from Howard in 1946, and set up private practice, working actively until last fall.

Son of the late James E. Scott and Alice Tolbert Scott, Dr. Scott was born on Oct. 9, 1899 on the campus of Tuskegee Institute where his parents were teachers. While he was an infant, the family returned to Richmond, Va., his father's native city.

He attended Virginia Union University School and Virginia Union University where he received a B.S. in science. Then he entered Harvard University School of Dental Medicine, where he received his D.M.D. graduating cum laude. He was inducted into Omicron Kappa Upsilon Fraternity at Harvard.

Dr. Scott interned at Forsyth Dental Infirmary for Children in Boston and later was appointed to its staff. After a year as a faculty member of Harvard's Dental School, he moved to Washington and became an instructor at Howard.

He was a member of the Robert T. Freeman Dental Society, the National Dental Association, the D.C. Dental Society and the American Dental Association. He was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Emma M. Scott; a daughter, Ray S. Lassiter of Mountainside, N.J.; four grandchildren, Tori, Tina, James 3rd and Judi, and a son-in-law, Dr. James E. Lassiter 2nd.

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