Special events mark opening of autumn season



GRAND WORTHY MATRON Sister Elvera Richardson and Grand Worthy Patron Brother Melvin Jones are the reighning officers for 1979-1980.



INCOMING MATRONS are Electra No. 1 - Peggy Boyette; Queen of Sheba No. 3 - Ethel Poindexter; Trinity No. 5 - Ella Summers; Eureka No. 11 - Hazel Addington; Calvary No. 32 - Helen Swinson; Gethsamane No. 34 - Annie Bell Toney; Rebecca No. 35 - Doris Briscoe; Excelsior No. 41 - Georgie Watson; Annie S. Banks No. 42 - Naomi Allen; Maggie Upshur No. 53 - Cynthia A. Bagley; Clara Overton No. 29. Viola Dixon.

Myra Grand Chapter OES installs new officers

By Elizabeth M. Oliver

Impressive rites held Saturday, Oct. 6 at the Willard W. Allen Masonis Temple marked the installation of officers of District No. 1 Myra Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, Prince Hall Affiliation.

Ascending to the chair was Sister Elvera Richardson who was installed as Grand Worthy Matron. Brother Melvin Jones is Grand Worthy Patron. Sister Richardson was presented by District Deputy Grand Associate Matron Harriet Demory.

District Deputy Grand Matron Edna Davis president as the program began with the procession of the subordinate chapters. Greetings were by Grand Lecturer Gladys Williams with presentation of the district deputy by Past Grand Lecturer Julia Commadore.

Selections were by the Maggie C. Upshur Choir followed by the report of the retiring matrons and presentations. The Past Marton and Past Matron certificates and jewels and sashes preceeded the special gifts. District Deputy Grand Matron Elizabeth McCall responded.

Grand Associate Lecturer is Louise M. Fitchett. Installation Committee officers are: Emily Colburn, Chairperson; Alice Roberts, Lucille Thomas, Co-Chairpersons; Sedonia Tisdale, Secretary; Rose Patterson, Treasurer; Bertha Scott, Assistant Treasurer; Angela Barnes, Chairperson-Program; Helen Lewis, Florise White, Co-Chairperson; Mary Day, Chairperson-Menu; Virgie Wooden, Co-Chairperson; Mildred Jefferson, Chairperson-Decorations; Lolita Craven-Julie Commander, Co-Chairperson; Margaret Brown, Chairperson-Gift; Florence Jones, Co-Chairperson.

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RETIRING MATRONS, 1978-1979—Electra No. 1—Wilhemenia Wilson; Queen of Sheba No. 3; Emily Colburn; Trinity No. 5—Vergie Wooden; Eureka No. 11 - Helen Lewis; Calvary No. 32 - Alice Roberts; Gethsamane No. 34 - Sedonia Tisdale; Rebecca No. 35 - Lolita Craven; Annie S. Banks No. 42 - Emma Dudley; Maggie Upshur No. 53 - Mary Day; Clara Overton No. 59 - Florence Jones.

Good Shepherd Baptist marks 25th anniversary

The banquet at Martins West Oct. 8 celebrated the 25th anniversary of Good Shepherd Baptist Church and its pastor and founder Rev. Eugene Vernon Carter.

The church now at 3459 Park Heights Ave., was begun in a storefront by Rev. Mr. Carter, Deacon Andrew Giles and former members of St. Paul Baptist Church in October, 1954.

The Rev. Dr. George A. Crawley Jr., present St. Paul Baptist pastor, delivered the dinner address and recalled the history of the church. He was introduced by Mrs. Mae Monk.

Randolph Fitzgerald presided. Mrs. Barbara Bacoat gave the occasion. Rev. Bernard Boyd, pastor, Temple Baptist gave invocation and grace.

Among special guests were Rev. Matthew Silver, Inited Baptist Missionary Convention president and Mrs. Betty L. Johnson, president, Women's Convention; Rev. C. C. Alexander, past president; Rev. Montague Brackett, Central Baptist pastor; Rev. Vernon Dobson, Union Baptist Pastor; Rev. James Gray, Pleasant Zion Baptist pastor; James Jackson, Amos Myers, City Council President Walter Orlinsky, Raymond Clarke, Local 44 City Employees president; Mrs. Marie Giles, chairman; Mrs. Pamela Davis.

Mrs. Carter received flowers Congressman Parren J. Mitchell sent a telegram.



STEERING COMMITTEE for the coming Nov. 23 reunion of the nation's largest family, the Taylor - Hicks - Shell - Bridgeforth family of Northumberland, Kenbridge, Dundas, Brunswick and Lunenburg Counties, Virginia, are (L to R) Mesdames and Misses Dorothy Bridgeforth, Maxine Blackwell, Marsha German, Dorothy Shell, Thelma Doswell, Bettye Graves, Ardelia Lokeman, Ertie Taylor, Florine Hardy. Not shown are Ola Grades, James Bridgeforth, and Carolyn Speight. The Blackwell Branch of the clan meets also in Baltimore on Oct. 27 and expects nearly 1,000 of the more than 3,000 members to be present. The second gathering in November is chaired by Mrs. Bettye Graves who can be Reached by calling 301-367-4787 or Mrs. Ardelia Lokeman, 301 - 664 -2287.



REV. EUGENE V. CARTER receives AFRO citation and congratulations presented by Mrs. Marsha R. German, Hawaii, who brought greetings on behalf of the newspaper, and her mother, Elizabeth M. Oliver, City Editor, who is on tour of the Middle East to observe the Arab - Israeli situation.



HONOREES AND FAMILY — Rev. and Mrs. Eugene Vernon Carter (Elizabeth) (C.) and children, Bernard, son and wife, Gail; Mrs. Patricia Foster, daughter, granddaughter, Jill Foster; Rev. and Mrs. Carter; James Westly Carter, son; Candy Carter and Debbie Carter.

Central Baptist Church dedication set

The $600,000 addition to Central Baptist Church, 1201 W. Baltimore St., will be dedicated on Sunday. It is called the Christian Education Center and will provide facilities for a variety of church activities.

Although not completely finished, the dedication exercises will proceed as scheduled, with open house to come at a later date. The 11 a.m. speaker will be the Rev. Matthew R. Silver, president of the United Baptist Missionary Convention of Md.

The 4 p.m. speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Olin P. Moyd, minister of Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church.

To be housed in the new facility are the Day Care Center, Sunday School classes, general church offices and study, library and comfort rooms for the pastor, the Rev. Montague J. Brackett, as well as a multi-purpose room which can seat over 200 persons.

The addition was designed by Edward Ed Taylor, president of Atti Consultants, a black-owned architecture firm.

The building has what he calls a good circular pattern, enabling easy access from the new building to the existing structure.

There will be underground parking for at least 10 cars. Interior colors are of neutral tones to allow for a variety of colorful furnishings.

Located on the southeast corner of Baltimore and Pulaski Sts., Central moved to its present location in 1957, a year after the Rev. Mr. Brackett assumed the pastorate. He has led the church from fewer than 100 members to over 1,000.

Financing for the new structure was provided by Advance Federal Savings and Loan Association, which granted a mortgage loan of $401,625. Advance president, Dr. W. O. Bryson Jr., will be among the dedication participants.

Dr. Bryson said that Advance has granted over 9½ million in loans to churches since the thrift firm was organized 21 years ago. To date, Advance has made over $30 million in loans to residents to buy or improve churches, businesses and homes.

Chairman of the Christian Education Center Building Committee is the Rev. Alvin Gwynn, who is also employed as a supervisor by the construction firm for the new section, the Tamarack Co.

Otis H. Darby is chairman of the deacon board. Trustee chairman is Willie H. Tuck.

Mrs. Jewel Kesler is director of the church's Christian EDUCATION. Board Chairperson of Christian Education is Mrs. Edith Dowdell. Mrs. Alice Streeter is superintendent of the Sunday School. Mrs. Zelma H. Wallace is church clerk and secretary to the pastor. The pastor's wife, Mrs. Helen R. Brackett, is president of the Missionary Circle, and also works with the Prime Age Club. The Brackett daughters and grandchildren are also active in the church.

Mrs. Leonard Henderson, (Brenda), a secretary at the Walter Carter Center, serves the church as president of the Courtesy Circle. The Henderson children are also active. Mark is a member of the Junior Usher Board. Yvette is secretary of the Church School.

The other Brackett daughter, Mrs. Thomas Robinson, (Barbara), is a city teacher. In the church, she is coordinator for the arts and crafts division. Both Mrs. Henderson and Mrs. Robinson sing on the Chancel Choir.





CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH at Baltimore and Pulaski Streets dedicates $600,000 educational center addition on Sunday, Oct. 21. The new facility circles side and rear of existing building; shown in left photo. Right, center, pastor, the Rev. Montague Brackett, left is congratulated by Dr. W. O. Bryson, Jr., president of Advance Federal Savings and Loan, which granted $401,625 mortgage for the construction.

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Wednesday
Rev. Clarence Poole, Pastor
of Ebenezer Baptist Church
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Sunday, October 21, 1979
11:00 A.M.



Dr. Matthew R. Silver
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