Club of the Week

Bridgettes celebrate 30 years

The Bridgettes, a club, composed of Morgan State University faculty wives and or professors were entertained by Dr. Flossie Dedmond at the newest caterer in town, Mrs. Katie Thompson.

The club was founded more than 30 years ago and Dr. Thelma Bando is the first and only president. Club members about were Mesdames Bea Hurt, Dr. Dollie Walker, Dr. Regina Henry, Appye Bell, Bea Rajannah, Mae Wright Peck, Elizabeth Gray and Doris Reese. Guests were Mesdames Gloria Phillips, Ida Peters and Flozella Clark.

BRIDGETTE GUESTS pictured during catered club affair are (L to R): Mesdames Gloria Phillips, Marie Fuseo and Bea Hurt.

BRIDGETTES CONVIVIALITY is exhibited by Mrs. Flozella Clark (L) guest and Dr. Flossie Dedmond (R), hostess for the evening.

Deborah Lottier to marry Guy Stafford

Mr. and Mrs. George C. (Arnetta) Lottier have announced the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Deborah Leona to Guy Frederick Stafford.

The bride - to - be is the granddaughter of the late D. Arnett Murphy, long time vice - president of the AFRO - AMERICAN Newspapers and the late Sadie Clarke Murphy. Her paternal grandparents are the late George V. Lottier, long time postal employee and the late Lillian A. Lottier.

The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Vivian Stafford Jones and Gilbert H. Stafford.

Mr. Stafford's maternal grandparents are Mrs. Estelle Smith Benjamin and the late Clarence Smith. His paternal grandparents are Mrs. Frances Stafford and the late Carroll Stafford.

The couple plans to reside in New Brunswick, New Jersey.

Miss Deborah L. Lottier Engaged

The wedding is scheduled to take place in December at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses.

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Reverend and Mrs. John Evans

Reverend, Mrs. Evans mark 11th year

The Rev. John Evans and his wife Alberta celebrated their 11th anniversary on Saturday, Oct. 11 at the Sheraton Hopkins. Reverend Evans is the pastor of Shady Grove Baptist Church. 2605 W. Baker St.

The couple repeated their vows in the Colonial Room of The Sheraton, with the Rev. Jessie Alston officiating.

Maid of honor was Miss Dorothy Grove.

Best man was Deacon Maynard Gold.

For their renewal ceremony Mrs. Evans wore an elegant long gown of lace and silk, with a short veil of matching lace and silk.

There was a gospel concert by several local gospel groups following the service.

Guests at the anniversary service enjoyed a sit-down dinner and piano music by Glen Roscoe of Baltimore.

The couple went to Atlanta and Disneyworld on Monday, Oct. 13 for a week-long second honeymoon.

They reside in the 700 block of Cherry Lane, Baltimore.

Baltimore Urban League Guild sponsoring workshop

The Baltimore Urban League Guild, affiliated with the Baltimore Urban League, is sponsoring a workshop on "Urban League Guilds and Affiliates' on Saturday, Nov. 8 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The workshop will be held at the Urban League office in the Board Room in Mondawmin Concourse.

It is being coordinated by the Urban League Guild's Eastern Region coordinator Mrs. Genoq Walker. Ms. Clarice LaV. Brooks is president of the Baltimore Urban League.

All new, old and prospective members are invited.

For further information contact Mrs. Patricia Horsey of the Urban League at 523-8150.

THE LIVING CHURCH

Morning Star Baptist is 90 years old

When Morning Star began 90 years ago, in the basement of the home of the late Rev. Thomas Winn at 909 Pierce St., there were only nine members.

The church is now located at 1053 West Fayette St., and has 1,500 members. The Rev. Samuel Ray has been pastor for 13 years.

Members and friends of Morning Star are observing the 90th anniversary of their church this month. Special activities are scheduled and a banquet will be held at the church in the Christian Education Center on Dec. 5.

When Rev. Winn came to Baltimore, he joined Leadenhall Baptist and after realizing his call to proclaim to the world the gospel of the son of God, he set out to establish a church.

After meeting with the small group of members in his home, Rev. Winn later moved the church group to the 800 block of Vine St. He was pastor of Morning Star for 33 years.

The late Rev. George J. Garnett succeeded Rev. Winn as pastor of Morning Star. In 1934, when Rev. Garnett became pastor, the congregation worshipped in a church on Saratoga St., near Poppleton St.

According to clippings in the AFRO files, more than 3,000 persons became affiliated with Morning Star when Rev. Garnett was pastor. He was known to walk up and down the pulpit, sit on the arm of a chair on the floor and lean over the pulpit to illustrate his text with homey stories.

The altar call was the high point of the Sunday morning service. The rail would be quickly filled with men and women who knelt for 15 minutes while Rev. Garnett prayed.

Rev. Garnett would pray as though God was in the room and was an individual with whom he was on intimate terms. He would come down from the pulpit and either shake hands or lay his hand on the head and shoulder of persons kneeling there.

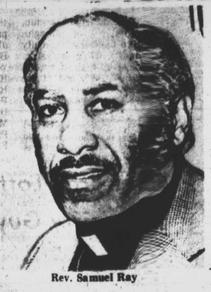
Rev. Garnett died in May 1949, when he dropped dead in the pulpit of Fulton Baptist Church, where the annual session of the United Baptist Missionary Convention was being held.

From 1950 until February 1967, the late Rev. Nathaniel Wicks was pastor of the church. Rev. Wicks was noted for his unassuming humbleness, sincerity and honesty during the 17 years he presided over Morning Star. He died Aug. 5, 1967 after a lengthy illness.

Morning Star continues to grow with Rev. Ray as pastor. Since he has been pastor of the church, there are new organizations, a parking lot and the Christian Education Center that has 10 classrooms and is used daily as a day care center.

Rev. Ray started the outdoor evangelistic services in 1973 and says "It has been very successful."

Other activities scheduled for this month at the church are recognition night of senior and new members on Nov. 12. Two religious plays, Nov. 5 and 8. Deacon and Deaconess recognition services honoring older members of the Deacon and Deaconess Board, Thanksgiving service. The Rev. Dr. Harold Carter, pastor of New Shiloh Baptist Church will be the speaker at the evangelism crusade service.



Rev. Samuel Ray

Emmanuel Concerned Volunteers sponsor Dunbar choir in concert

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GUEST SOLOIST — Miss Margaret Lindsay (R) was the guest soloist Oct. 19 at Emmanuel Christian Community Church, when members of the Concerned Volunteers of Emmanuel sponsored Dunbar Chamber Choir in concert. Shown with Miss Lindsay is Mrs. Julia King, founder and president of the Concerned Volunteers.

The Concerned Volunteers of Emmanuel Christian Community Church, Carrollton Avenue and Lanvale Street, sponsored the Dunbar Chamber Choir in concert recently at the church.

The Concerned Volunteers are a group of women who visit the sick and shut-in members of Emmanuel and "carry gifts of sunshine," said Mrs. Julia King, founder and president of the group.

Mrs. King stated, "We sing and pray with the members and take them clothing, fruit and plants." Proceeds from the concert will be used for the group's Christmas project.

The Concerned Citizens are known to tape the Sunday services for members who are not able to attend service and often provide transporation for older members who are confined to nursing homes or ill.

Members of the group are Mesdames Juanita Heggie, Elsie Matthews, Leanna Campbell, Bertha Goodman, Ruth Jackson, Theresa Wiggins, Gladys Simms, Jessie Valentine, Elizabeth Johnson and Betty Gibson.

REDEEMER'S PALACE at 212 N. Pine St., is a youth outreach leadership career ministry program for 5 to 25-year-old citizens. The Rev. Willie Ray is founder of the 11-year-old center. Shown from left, the Rev. Ernest Richardson, new director of Redeemer's Palace, Michael Hendrix, executive director and Rev. Willie Ray, former director, who is now working in Washington with the International Christian Leadership. Services are held every Sunday at New Promise Land Community Church, where Rev. Ray is pastor.

Third place AFRO churchwoman feted

THIRD PLACE WINNER — Ms. Reynell Dubois, an active member of Hemingway Temple Church is shown holding her certificate, check and other gifts she received as a winner in the AFRO church-

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woman of the year contest. John H. Murphy III, chairman of the AFRO made the presentation to Ms. Dubois last Sunday at her church.

Ms. Reynell Dubois, a member of Hemingway Temple Church in Cherry Hill said she was "thrilled" as third place winner in the AFRO churchwoman of the year contest.

Ms. Reynell, who has been a member of Hemingway Temple for 24 years was honored last Sunday at the 11 a.m. services. She received a check for $100, a certificate of appreciation and a six month subscription to the AFRO from the AFRO.

The honoree also received tickets for a play at the Arena Playhouse, dinner for two at Phillips and a corsage from Crip Florist. Ms. Dubois said when her name was submitted by her friend, Ms. Delores D. Dukes, she had know idea she would be a winner.

"My family, friends and church supported me." When Ms. Dubois is not doing church work from her home, she says she is working at St. James Terrace Apartments as a secretary.

The Rev. M. Arthur Camper, pastor of Hemingway stated last Sunday Ms. Dubois is one of the main supporters of the church and volunteered to do the church bulletin every week.

Ms. Camper, wife of Rev. Camper received a bouquet of flowers from Mr. Murphy, who said, "Behind every good man, there is always a good woman."

Another third place winner who received a check for $100, a six month subscription to the AFRO and a certificate of appreciation from the AFRO was Mrs. Elizabeth Goins, a member of Whitestone Baptist Church at Longwood and Baker St., where the Rev. Dr. William H. Thomas is pastor.

She also received tickets for dinner at D'Joint, a certificate from Mr. Baker's Beauty Salon and several gifts from her family and friends.

Mrs. Goins says one of her surprise gifts came from her husband, who will be taking her on a shopping trip to New York. For four years, Mrs. Dubois has served as chairman of Women's Day for her church and has received numerous awards from her church.

She is the mother of three daughters, Mrs. Barbara West, Mrs. Jacquelyn Davis and Mrs. Deborah Campbell. Mrs. Dubois is a member of the Nurses Unit, president of the Volunteers Club, a member of the hospitality committee and other organizations in the church. Mrs. Dubois says her name was submitted by Mrs. Patsy Page.

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WHITESTONE BAPTIST MEMBER — Mrs. Elizabeth Goins was also a third place winner in the AFRO churchwoman of the year contest. Shown from (L) the Rev. William Thompson, pastor of Whitestone, Mrs. Goins and Ronald Jackson, vice president of the AFRO circulation department, who presented a check and certificate to the honoree.

Sacred music concert Nov. 10 at Woodlawn

A sacred music concert will be held Nov. 10, 7:30 p.m. at Woodlawn Senior High School, 1801 Woodlawn Drive.

Special guests will be George Beverly Shea and Ms. Myrtle Hall, featured soloists in Dr. Billy Graham's crusades and telecasts, along with instrumental artists, John Innes and Bill Pasig.

There is no admission and the concert is sponsored by the executive committee of the Greater Baltimore Billy Graham Crusade. Committee members are now making plans for a June 1981 evangelistic crusade with Dr. Billy Graham scheduled to be held at the stadium.

Ms. Hall is a soprano singer with the Billy Graham team and has traveled with the group. She was chosen the first place winner in the black musicians association competition in Chicago in 1968.

Ms. Hall lives in Greenville, S. C. and has sung on national television. The Rev. Dr. Harold Carter, pastor of New Shiloh Baptist is the first vicechairman and the Rev. John R. Bryant, pastor of Bethel AME is a member-at-large.

Friends honor Rev. John Lunn

By Charlotte E. Dudley

Members and friends of Berean Baptist Church honored their pastor, the Rev. John A. Lunn in recognition of his fourth anniversary on Oct. 25.

The affair was held at Morning Star Baptist Church and Hilton McDaniel, chairman of Berean's Trustee Board was toastmaster.

The program began with the occasion by Mrs. Myrtle Washington, followed by the prayer of invocation by the Rev. Jerome McNeill, associate minister of Berean. After the grace, members had dinner that was prepared and served by Lester McCrea and friends.

Mrs. Laura Sneed, chairlady of the anniversary welcome the guests and thanked everyone for their participation and cooperation, Ms. Elaine Casey chose ordinary people to sing as she felt the lyrics fit the personality of Rev. Lunn.

The lyrics say that God chooses ordinary people to do his work. Deacon Thomas J. Austin, chairman of the Deacon Board introduced the gue st speaker, the Rev. Rudolph White, pastor of Zion Baptist Church, Berryville, Va.,

Berean has had a continuing fellowship with Zion for more than 20 years. They will be coming to Berean on Nov. 16, 3:30 p.m. Rev. White said that he never received good grades in school for giving a speech as he always ended up preaching. He started talking about the preacher's confidence in God's word and before he was through, we were having church service at the banquet. He turned the podium into a pulpit and set the audience on fire.

Mrs. Lucille Bergman sang How Great Thou Art and was accompanied by her sister, Ms. Thomasina Jones. Mrs. Bergman is in the minister of music at Berean, directing the Sanctuary Choir and the John A. Lunn Ensemble, while Ms. Jones is her assistant and directs the Voices of Inspiration.

The mother of Berean Baptist Church, Mrs. Ella Boxley, was presented a gift of love from Rev. Lunn by Mrs. Earline Austin and the Junior Missionary Circle presented a paper read by Miss Lolita Brown. The various auxiliaries within Berean and friends showered Rev. Lunn with gifts and cards.

Those seated at the guest table were the Rev. Matthew Silver, president of the Maryland Baptist Missionary Convention, Mrs. Leslie Lunn, wife of the honoree; Mrs. Ella Boxley, Mrs. White, the Rev. and Mrs. Henry Turner, pastor of First Corinthian Baptist Church.

Committee members were Mrs. Laura Sneed, Mrs. Evelyn Gallam, Mrs. Myrtle Washington, Mrs. Linda Brice and Mrs. Charlotte Dudley.

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