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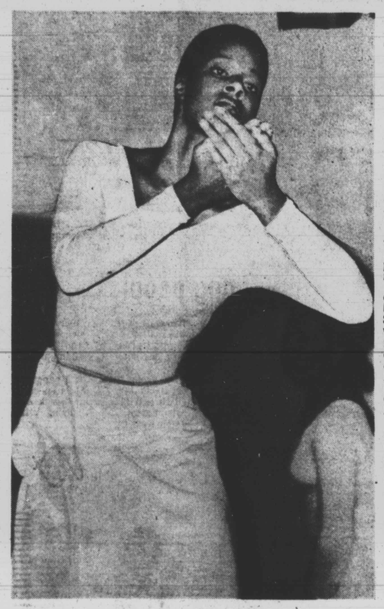
'Behold the Woman' draws record crowds



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WOMAN, BEHOLD YOURSELF! Young dancer from Morgan State University's modern dance troupe expresses message of love during recent 'Behold the Woman' conference held at Baltimore Convention Center. Dancers were part of program at testimonial dinner, which was held to raise funds for cost - free women's center in inner city.

People from all walks of life were seen last weekend at the Convention Center for 'Behold the Woman.' "Behold" opened last Friday evening with a celebration called "Harambee" and ended Sunday with more than 2,000 citizens attending the Sunday morning worship service held at the Convention Center.

Ms. Mereida Goodman, chairperson for public relations and promotion stated, "It was a success. The two purposes behind Behold is to bring women together to explore and discuss issues that affect Christian women of African ancestry and to raise money for a women's center."

The comprehensive course free women's center will house women to meet their physical, psychological, social and spiritual needs.

A site has been chosen for the center (a structure is due to be built in the 1200 block of Division Street). Women who attended the workshops last Saturday will receive a Behold University diploma. Diplomas will be mailed on Feb. 28 and are cosponsored by Behold the Woman and the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Ga., Dr. J. Deotis Roberts is president.

Workshops held were Black Women and Leadership, Ms. Carita Mills, chairperson; Women and Health, Ms. Barbara Gill, chairperson; Christian Leadership, Ms. Cynthia Harvin chairperson.

Also, Women and Mental Health, Ms. Patricia Outlaw chairperson; Women and Incarceration, Ms. Patricia Matthews; Political Stewardship, Ms. Mamie Graves, chairperson; Youth Mission, Ms. Ann Lightner chairperson; Urban Evangelism Department, Ms. Ruth Travis chairperson; Women and Aging, Ms. Beverly Chase, chairperson; Women in Ministry, Ms. Eloise Hillmon, chairperson and Christian Arts, Ms. Adelaide Flamer chairperson.

The Rev. John R. Bryant, pastor of Bethel stated, "I congratulate the women of Bethel for speaking to the struggles of black women, which lead to suicide, depression, boredom and alcoholism, in a creative way, for this is a real mission.

"Behold" is designed to challenge women to be God's liberating evidence for the world through learning, inspiring and developing.

Ms. Thelma McPherson is president; Ms. Joan Wharton, chairperson; Ms. Wanda Wilson, worship committee chairperson and Mrs. Cecelia Williams Bryant, minister to women.

Committee members were Francina Waters, Lorraine King, Muriel Cousins, Bernice Haynes, Sylvia Sartor, Thelma McPherson, Adelaide Flamer, Delores Winston, DeVera Redmond, Harriet Ladson, Marguerite East, Audrey Saulter, Mary Peterson.

Also, Wanda Wilson, Donna Wilson, Karen Turner, Linda Frazier, Linda Marshall, Alice Hughes, Veronica Reaves, Salima Marriott, Lillian Williams, Lois Gilliam, Joyce Smith, Valerie Moaney, Lena Redmond, Annette Hall, Irene Savage, Patricia Matthews.

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CHAIRPERSON for 'Behold the Woman' Ms. Joan Wharton is shown with Mrs. Cecelia Williams Bryant, wife of the Rev. John Bryant and minister to women.

OUT OF TOWN GUESTS seen at 'Behold the Woman' shown (from L) are Mrs. Eleanor Moore, South Orange, N.J.; Mrs. Joan Clark, Piscataway, N.J.; Mrs. Marva Willis, New York; Miss Antoinette Moore, South Orange, N.J.; Mrs. Bernice Haynes and Ms. Alice Lorraine King, both active members of Bethel AME Church.

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JESUS COMMUNICATED WITH THE DEAF and so did the ministry of 'Behold the Woman' last weekend. Most activities included "signers" so that the deaf could participate, and Sunday services were signed as well. Shown here Ms. Alice DeShazo signs to another participant, Jordan Davis. Ms. DeShazo is founder of the sign language class at Bethel AME Church, which now signs all Sunday services.

BANQUET SPEAKER — Her excellency, Viola Burnham, first lady, Cooperative Republic of Guyana, South America, was the speaker on Jan. 16 for 'Behold the Woman.'

BETHEL MEMBERS seen at 'Behold the Woman' shown seated from (L) are Ms. Sadie Mines and Ms. Lena Redmon. Standing (from L) are Ms. Blondelia Caldwell and Ms. Brenda Gross.

How to get church news in the AFRO

For coverage of any church events, mail your announcements to Ms. Pam Widgeon, religious editor, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore, Md. 21201 or call 728-8200 Monday through Friday afternoon.

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Gospel show Sunday at Dunbar

Feranando G. Allen will conduct the Fernando Allen Singers and players ensemble in a concert on Sunday, Jan. 25, at 6 p.m. The concert will take place at the Dunbar Performing Arts Theatre, 1400 Orleans St.

The concert will be featuring original musical compositions by members of the group, styles ranging from choral, contemporary gospel and progressive jazz. The group consists of 18 voices, a rhythm section and a fifteen piece orchestra.

Rev. Darneal Johnson observes his tenth anniversary

February marks the 10th anniversary of the Rev. Darneal F. Johnson Jr., as pastor of Wayland Baptist Church, 3200 Garrison Blvd.

Observances of this occasion will begin February 1 with a musical featuring the choirs of Wayland Baptist. Visting ministers from local churches will be speaking on Feb. 4,5 and 6.

The Rev. John Lunn, pastor of Berean Baptist Church will be the Feb. 8 speaker for the 7:45 a.m. services and the Rev. J. Edgar Henson, an assistant pastor at Wayland will be the 10:45 a.m. speaker. The mass choir consisting of members from each choir will sing at both services.

To culminate the celebration, the church will host the Rev. and Mrs. Johnson and their family at a banquet to be held in the all purpose room at Wayland. The Rev. Alfred C. D. Vaughn, a longtime friend and pastor of Grace Memorial Baptist Church will be the speaker.

Cochairpersons for the affair are Joseph A. Chester Sr., and Mrs. Roberta Thomas. Mrs. Ellen Fisher, who was chairperson for the Women's Day program, was selected to duplicate her efforts for the anniversary celebration.

Constant Care begins pastoral counseling service

In a precedent-setting agreement that is predicted to have a far-reaching impact on the mental and spiritual health of the black community, Constant Care Community Health Center and the Maryland Association of Black Pastoral Counselors established the Constant Care facility as the state's first black pastoral counseling center.

The newly-organized ecumenical group of highly trained pastoral counselors has as its goals the promotion of spiritual and psychological growth and development of patients through pastoral counseling; promoting harmonious relationships with God and with others, and helping individuals to identify their inner strengths and to utilize them, untapped spiritual power, among others.

Dr. Harvey Webb, executive director of Constant Care, said that the organization is "eminently satisfied with this joint venture to work toward our goal of improved health and human services for all our citizens."

Spokespersons for Constant Care said specially tailored pastoral counseling services are available for individuals, couples, groups and auxiliaries.

The counseling will also extend to single parents, adolescents, and the chronically or terminally ill and their families. Also, premarital, spiritual, grief and stress counseling will be available, as well as guidance for substance abusers.

The staff of the pastoral counseling unit is composed of trained experts with degrees in psychology, pastoral psychology, pastoral counseling, theology and social work.

The president of the Maryland Association of Black Pastoral Counselors is the Rev. James Hickey.

Other members of the Association are the Rev. Carolyn Showell; Rev. Ronald Braxton and the Rev. Lonnie Oliver.

Constant Care spokespersons told the AFRO that the counseling services are provided by appointment and are billed to patients on a sliding fee scale.

For furthtfurther information, call Constant Care at 383-8300, ext. 227.

When Rosa Parks said no more riding in the back of the bus, other blacks began to say no. They said no to unequal schools, no to unequal job opportunities, no to the prison oppression of the Wilmington 10 and then there was quiet, no more standing up and speaking out as a people.

Metro church briefs

Waters AME Church, 417 Aisquith St., will observe Laymen's Day on Jan. 25, at the 11 a.m. services. Bishop Harrison J. Bryant will be the speaker and a musical program is scheduled for 3 p.m. featuring William Sydnor and his concert choir. Sandford D. Maddox is chairman and the Rev. John W. Duckett is pastor.

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Macedonia Baptist Sunday Church School will present the Brothers of Washington in concert on Feb. 14, 7 p.m. at the church, Fremont and Lafayette Ave. The Rev. W. L. Clayton is pastor.

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The Royal Ambassador Circle of the young peoples department of the United Baptist Missionary Convention of Maryland, Inc., will have a mini revival at Memorial Baptist Church, Caroline and Preston Street.

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The Singing Disciples of Baltimore will be featured in a program of song and praise on Feb. 1 at the Ray of Hope Baptist Church, 3000 Parkside Drive, 5 p.m. The Rev. Charles M. Franklin Sr., is pastor.

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Judge William B. Murphy Jr., will be the guest speaker at the Ray of Hope Baptist Church, 3000 Parkside Drive on Sunday, Jan. 25, 4 p.m.

The Rev. Charles Franklin is pastor.

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The Guiding Light Circle of St. Matthews United Methodist Church, 416 23rd St., will be observed on Jan. 25, 11 a.m. Their theme is "Standing on The Promise." Mrs. Catherine Terry is president and the Rev. St. George Crosse is pastor.

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The Baptist Congress of Christian Education will present its annual awards and fellowship dinner on Feb. 12, 6:30 p.m. at Martin's West. Their theme is "Dedication, Study, Good Works and Fellowship for Kingdom Uplifting." Mrs. Jacqueline G. Brooks is president and Mrs. Hilda Brown is coordinator.

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The Mighty Clouds of Joy, Shirley Caesar, Voices of Supreme and Mattie Moss Clark and the Clark Sisters will be singing at the Civic Center on April 19, 5:30 p.m. For ticket information call 233-4910 or 566-1362.

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The United Methodist Women of Ames Memorial United Methodist Church, Carey and Baker Street, celebrated their annual day on Jan. 18, 11 a.m. Dr. Paulette Coleman was the speaker.

Carver teacher was active in church and community

By Pam Widgeon
AFRO Staff Writer

She was described as a "leader, a dedicated teacher, a great humanitarian and a woman with a radiant personality."

The goodness, generosity and spiritual power of Mrs. Ethel Mae Love Bond were eulogized during the 2 ½ hour funeral Sunday night at John Wesley United Methodist Church.

Death came suddenly to the 56-year-old Carver Vocational Technical Senior High School teacher, who was gunned down Jan. 14 around 8:30 p.m. as she attempted to enter the front door of her two story row house in the 1900 block of West Lexington St.

When Mrs. Bond turned around after hearing someone call out a name, she was shot in the throat, cheek and left thigh. She was pronounced dead at the scene.

The service was heard by more than 1,000 persons who overflowed the church at 3202 West North Ave., and blocking traffic for nearly two hours.

The Rev. Calvin P. Crosson, pastor of John Wesley delivered the main eulogy. His text was taken from Second Timothy, third chapter and first verse that says, "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy."

Rev. Crosson stated, "Our city streets are in trouble. Men calling themselves men beating up little old ladies and robbing their grandmothers These are perilous times. Everybody is doing their own thing. If it feels good, do it. Life is becoming cheaper and cheaper.

"It seems as if no one cares. It appears even God is not aware of what is going on. He takes His time; God sees and God knows everything. Don't give up. Don't stop trying to help others. Follow the example of Sister Bond, her living was not in vain."

Some 20 floral designs flanked the bronze casket on both sides at the foot of the altar. Nearly all seats in the church were filled by friends, and members of 20 odd organizations that Mrs. Bond was active in.

Among mourners paying final respect were: Dr. Virginia Roeder, deputy superintendent of public instruction who said, "Mrs. Bond was an artist with food. She prepared breakfast, lunch and dinners for foreign visitors, General Assembly, City Council and would be at school as early as 6 a.m. to prepare a breakfast to be served at 7 a.m. She has touched countless young people."

John Green, assistant secretary, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, State of Maryland told the mourners, "Mrs. Bond made contributions in the field of health and was the former chairman of the West Baltimore Health Care Corporation. She was a leader who has influenced others....."

Sister Theothane, a representative of Bon Secours Hospital stated," Mrs. Bond taught us patience, love and dignity."

Carver High School has established a scholarship in the name of Ethel Bond, who had worked with the Department of Education for 26 years.

Born in Gastonia, N. C. Mrs. Bond received her education in the Baltimore City public schools. She received her bachelor's degree from Morgan State College and extended her studies at the University of Maryland where she earned her master's degree.

Mrs. Bond served 10 years as food preparation teacher at Carver High School. During this period, she was a supervisor for the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America, Carver chapter.

She was highly dedicated to her profession. As a lifetime member of John Wesley United Methodist Church, she gave service as a church school teacher, chairperson of Young People's Day, member of United Methodist Women of John Wesley, a member-at-large of the Administrative Board, a charter member and former vice-president of the Adult Fellowship.

She received additional training for her Christian education at the Methodist Christian Institute at Morgan. Mrs. Bond was a member of Eureka Chapter No. 11, Order of the Eastern Star, member of Emmanuel Court No. 4, Heroines of Jericho and a member of Emmanuel Circle No. 4 Auxiliary of Emmanuel Commandery No. 4, Knights Templars.

She held membership in several professional and civic organizations. Included among them were Public School Teachers Association, NAACP, National Association of Community Health Centers, for which she traveled extensively throughout the United States. She was also president of the West Baltimore Community Health Care Corporation and a board member of Bon Secours Hospital.

She is survived by her husband, Clarence Bond; godmother, Mrs. Viola Hudson; sister, Mrs. Margaret Sadler and other relatives.

CONSTANT CARE pastoral program members shown from left are the Rev. Carolyn Showell, Ms. Eliza Taylor, Dr. Harvey Webb Jr., Constant Care executive director; the Rev. James L. Hickey, Rev. Lonnie Oliver and Ms. Diane Soloman.

Optimist club works with young people

Baltimore Metro West Optimist is on the move in Maryland with William Adams as president.

The first meeting of the Optimist club was held recently and the club's main objective is to aid and encourage the development of youth in the belief that the giving of yourself in service to others will advance the well being of man, his community and world.

The Optimist of Maryland sponsored its annual youth appreciation week at the Pikesville Hilton in November 1980. Representing the group was Kevin Prysock of the Baer School who received an award for his writing ability. Sponsoring Kevin was John Branch Optimist club chairman, Mrs. Bertina Coles, principal of Baer School, William Adams, president and Hiram Ammons, publicity chairman.

The group sponsored a banquet last December and paid a special tribute to William Adams for being instrumental in organizing the Metro West Optimist.

YOUTH APPRECIATION WEEK — The Optimist Club of Maryland recently sponsored its annual youth appreciation week. Shown from (L) are Mrs. Bertina Coles, principal of Baer School, Kevin Prysock, who received an award for his writing ability and William Adams, president of the club.

Legislative pioneer dies

RICHMOND

Delegate William P. Robinson Sr. of Norfolk, the first black to chair a major legislative committee in the Virginia General Assembly, died Sunday after a four-year battle with bone cancer. He was 69.

Both houses of the legislature paid tribute to the man whose dedication to helping the oppressed prompted one colleague to call him a "lobbyist for the people."

Robinson's death creates "a void that will not be filled," said Sen. L. Douglas Wilder of Richmond. They both were first elected to the General Assembly in 1969 and "Bill and I struck a chord right away," Wilder said.

Del. Robert Scott of Newport News said Robinson "certainly had a strong influence on me. He worked for the disadvantaged across the Commonwealth and his leadership will be missed."

House Majority Leader Thomas Moss, also a delegate of Norfolk, said "we have lost a colleague and very close friend."

Robinson - known to his friends as "Doc" — was one of five blacks serving in the legislature. The others are Wilder, Scott, James Christian and Benjamin Lambert, both of Richmond.

"He was not only my friend but a friend of eudcation and a friend of yours," said Sen. Peter Babalas of Norfolk, who suffers from the same disease that afflicted Robinson.

"I knew him for over 20 years and never once went to him when he turned me down. All of you who knew him knew what he went through the last two years, but he always had that smile."

Jack Gravely, executive secretary of the Virginia NAACP, said Robinson, who was head of the political science department at Norfolk State University was "not only a great legislator and politician, but also a great teacher."

Robinson waa admitted Dec. 30 to Leigh Memorial Hospital. He had missed most of the 1980 General Assembly and the start of the current session. Doctors listed the cause of death as cardiac arrest.

14 to receive theology degrees

Fourteen students were awarded graduate degrees in theology at the commencement exercises of the Ecumenical Institute of Theology of St. Mary's Seminary and University on Jan. 20.

The Rev. William D. Borders, archbishop of Baltimore and chancellor and chairman of the board of trustees at St. Mary's conferred the degrees.

Students granted a master of arts degree in theology were Jane Desmund, James G. Edelen Sr., Jean C. Furr, Ann Carol Magee and Carroll Ann O'Donnell.

Also, Gloria C. Palladi, Virginia Patty, Edward H. Peppler, Ruth W. Rich and W. Glenn Steckman III. In addition, a master of arts degree in Theology was bestowed upon John W. Sweeley, Mary A. Unkeibach and Franklin L. Ways.

Washingtonian appointed Guard chaplain

Robert L. Scruggs, a native Washingtonian was appointed First Lieutenant in the District of Columbia National Guard recently.

Lieutenant Scruggs has been assigned as Chaplin to the 163rd Military Police Battalion.

He has served with the U.S. Air Force from 1963 to 1971 and was attached to the D.C. Guard in June 1979.

Lieutenant Scruggs is a graduate of Anacostia High School and attended both Washington Bible College and Southeastern Seminary.

Lieutenant Scruggs is the minister of the First Baptist Church of Capitol Heights. Md., and resides in that city with his wife Joan.

N.W. seminary offers laity courses

The ecumenical Lay Institute of Bible and Theological Seminary will offer a series of courses designed for the laity in the metropolitan area beginning Feb. 1 at the seminary, 4500 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

During the first session course topics will include: "Introduction to the New Testament," "Seeking God: The Dynamics of Spiritual Direction," and "We Believe," a course on the meaning of the Apostles Creed for the church today.

The spring session opens on March 25 with two courses: "In the Beginning: Genesis," and "Faith Crisis and Mental Health."

For further information, please call the Lay Resource Center at 363-9488.

Elizabeth Carpenter, area practical nurse

WASHINGTON

Elizabeth C. Carpenter, 77, a retired practical nurse and a Washington area resident, died Tuesday, Jan. 6 of cardiac arrest at her home.

Mrs. Carpenter attended the D.C. Public Schools and graduated from the Washington Professional School of Practical Nursing and later served as its educational director.

She also served as a fiscal accounting clerk for the Committee on Fair Employment Practice during World War II.

Mrs. Carpenter was an active member of the First Baptist Church of Deanwood for over 36 years. During this time she was the first woman appointed to the Board of Trustess where she served 9 years. She was one of the first trustees who signed the deed of trust for the new edifice that was completed in 1962.

She served as president of the senior nursing unit for 12 years, and was also a member of the church's flower club.

ELIZABETH C. CARPENTER

Survivors include a daughter, Marion Carlton, Washington, D.C.; two sons, William F. Carpenter, Washington, D.C. and Wilbur G. Carpenter, Silver Spring, Md.; three grandchildren, Wilbur G. Carpenter, Jr. Washington, D.C.; William F. Carpenter, San Leandro, Calif., and Sheila E. Taylor, Silver Spring, Md., and five great grandchildren, Patricia E. Carpenter, Wilbur G. Carpenter III, Kimberly D. Carpenter, Modupe A. Carpenter, and Shay E. Taylor.

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Also, Linda Cummings, Millicent White, Thelma Wharton, Joyce Sykes, Rose Anthony, Patricia Greer, Edrace Ivory, Patricia Hawkins, Estelle Ingram, Barbara Knox, Phyllis Nelson, Ronald Hayes.

Also, Beverly Collins, Judith Henderson, Millicent Gorham, Tania Wright, Loretta Argett, Lillian Allen, Mereida Goodman, Susan Williams, Karen Artis, Lynda Sharp, Sheryl Goodman, Faye Mitchner, Jeanette Atkins, Emma Middleton, Lavetta Slston.

Also, Carolyn Holmes, Patricia Holtsclaw, Judith Cobb, Johanne White, Paulette Coleman, Oris Dillard, Alice Catlin, Lois Gilman, Angela Collins, Ruth Cramatie, Alphie Bell, Francina Boothe and Betty Womble.

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