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NEWLYWEDS, Dr. Philip C. Emeagwali and his bride Dr. Dale Donita Brown Emeagwali and the wedding party, (L to R) Rev. Gentry McDonald, pastor, Morning Star Baptist Church, Catonsville; Sgt. Darryl Brown, brother of bride, Vandenberg AF Base, Calif.; Dexter Brown, brother of bride, Baltimore school teacher; Anthony Baird, cousin of Bride; Ferdinand Ejinaka, Oregon - State University, Corvallis, Ore., Best man Peter Ozoh, Oregon State, both of Nigeria; Mrs. Mamie Baird, grandmother, Ashland, Miss; AFRO's Leon R. Brown, father of bride; Irs. Doris Brown, mother of bride, Johnson Sq. Elem. School teacher; Dr. Emeagwali, Dr. Dale B. Emeagwali, the newly weds; Maid of Honor Miss Yvonne Campbor, Baltimore; bridesmaids, Yvonne Logan, microgiologist, University Hospital; Valerie Smith, personnel, Commercial Credit, Baltimore; Mrs. Darryl (Annette) Brown, Calif.; Jan Baird Adams, Pratt Librarian, Baltimore.

Dr. Dale Brown is wed to Nigerian sweetheart

Werner Jordan photo

REV. MR. AND MRS. BASHA JORDAN JR. were wed in formal ceremonies at his church in Friendly, Md. The bride is the former Miss Pia Marie Winters.

Not too long ago, Dr. Dale Donita Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Robert (Doris) Brown of Lochearn, and Dr. Philip C. Emeagwali of Nigeria met quite informally when they were on a bus going back to Georgetown University after a holiday.

Both were doctorate students, she in microbiology and he in civil engineering.

The romance culminated last week when the two brilliant students were married in formal ceremonies at Lochearn Presbyterian Church.

After a brief honeymoon, they will be at home in Silver Spring, Md. near the Bethesda National Institute of Health where the bride is a post doctorate in microbiology.

The rehearsal dinner was held Aug. 13 at the home of the bride's parents, Leon, an AFRO mechanical supervisor, has been employed there 41 years. Doris has been a Baltimore school teacher 15 years.

The reception followed the Aug. 15 wedding at the church where Rev. Gentry McDonald read the vows. Music was by Robert Mock, organist and James Green, soloist.

Among guests were: Dr. and Mrs. Charles Thompson - D.C., Dr. and Mrs. Leonard Cousin - D.C., Dr. and Mrs. Henry Mishoe - Suitland, Md., Ms. Sheila Richardson - Arlington, Va., Mrs. Mammie Baird (Grandmother) Ashland, Miss.;

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Smith, Mr. and Mrs. George Bickley, Lochearn; Ms. Pat Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Clark, Lochearn;

Mrs. Gloria Cole and (Daughter Barbara), Mr. and Mrs. Wade Horsey, Mr. Dwight Horsey, Ms. Consuela Horsey, Mr. Freddie Howard;

Mrs. Gwendolyn Scott (and son Kenneth Jr.), Mr. and Mrs. Alex Boffner, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Todd, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Batchelor, Lochearn; Dr. and Mrs. Leonard Ford;

Mrs. Lois Harvey, Mrs. Charlene Eaton, Mrs. Bertha Jordan, Mrs. Margaret Brown;

Ms. Denise Brown, Ms. Sharon Brown, Mrs. Agnes Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Lassiter;

Joseph Goldman, Mrs. Cortez (Geneva) Purvear, Mrs. Essie Coleman, Lochearn; Mrs. Karen Kaczynski, Lochearn; Mrs. Shirley Glenn-D.C., Mr. and Mrs. Gil Fisher, Lochearn;

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Ewing, Mr. Leo Marshall - D.C., Mrs. Anna Jenifer, Mrs. Claudette Brady - Columbia, Md.; Mrs. Shirley Still, Ms. Noel Still, Lochearn; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Kobus, Lochearn; Mrs. Aretha Terry, Dr. Daniel L. Nicolas, Dr. Elizabeth M. Oliver.

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TRADITIONAL CEREMONY - The cutting of the wedding cake is enjoyed by Dr. and Mrs. Philip Emeagwali who greeted over 100 relatives at the reception.

AFTER 90 YEARS

Baltimore AFRO published by founder's 3rd generation

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The grandchildren of AFRO founder John H. Murphy Sr. are publishing the Baltimore AFRO in the 90th year.

The third generation descendants include John H. Murphy III, chairman of the board of directors; John J. Oliver Sr., president; Mrs. Mae Murphy Dyson, corporate secretary; George Lottier, grandson-in-law, treasurer; Mrs. Arnetta Lottier, circulation director and board member; City Editor Elizabeth Murphy Oliver, editor of the 90th Year Edition; Frederick Howard, production vice - president; Mrs. Ida Murphy Peters, Clean Block director and entertainment chief; Mrs. Frances Murphy Campbell, former chairman, summer assisting on the National AFRO; Robert Matthews, grandson - in - law, DAWN Magazine editor.

This is only the beginning of the story of the Murphy family owned newspaper which is now rated as the largest chain of newspapers printed for a predominately black readership.

Since 1892, the line remains unbroken. The 90th Year celebration will be marked in many ways throughout the 1981-1982. First comes the Special 90th Year Edition, an historic publication, which will contain the full AFRO story. In addition, the special edition will highlight the past 90 years with features on families and personalities who have all these years called the AFRO their hometown paper.

THERE IS STILL TIME for you to get in on the Special AFRO Year Edition. Write us today.

TELL US ABOUT YOUR ROOTS

JOHN HENRY MURPHY was born in Baltimore, Christmas day in 1840. His father Benjamin Murphy, was a white washer.

The war over, Mr. Murphy returned to Baltimore and married Martha Howard of Montgomery County, Md. who was visiting his parents at the time.

S.S. Helper

His first venture in the newspaper field was the Sunday School Helper which he set up and printed himself to create interest in Sunday school work.

He remained publisher of the AFRO for 30 years until his death in 1922. He left to his ten children what was then the largest black newspaper plant in the country operated and manned by 138 employees with a circulation of 14,000.

CHILDREN

John H. Murphy Sr. had ten children five girls and five boys.

All of the children helped at the newspaper, no matter how young, either running the hand press, gathering news, mailing, writing or selling AFROs.

On his death bed in 1922, old man Murphy called his family together and especially his sons and gave them a mandate.

His legacy to them was a family business, with all stock owned by family members where any member of his family would always have a place to work . . . down to his children, his children's children, down to the last generation.

Very rarely do you find a family with this kind of togetherness.

More will come in the 90th Year Edition. Watch for it.

AFRO FOUNDER AND SONS, John H. Murphy Sr. (1840 - 1922); (C) - George B. Murphy (L) 1870 - 1955; Daniel Murphy (R) (1893 - 1922); STANDING (L to R) - John H. Murphy Jr. (1880 - 1973); D. Arnett Murphy (1882 -1972); Carl James Murphy (1889- 1967) (Photo in 1921 courtesy Rose Murphy Oliver estate)

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THE LIVING CHURCH

Fears exposure to drugs, sex

Preacher who snatches children from school faces heavy fine

A preacher who pulled his children out of public schools because he feared they would be exposed to drugs and sex could be fined as much as $28,950 if they do not return to the classroom next month, a prosecutor said.

Richard Offer, pastor of the House of Prayer For All People Church in Southern Anne Arundel County, his wife Nora and four other members of his congregation kept their children out of school up to 120 days last year in violation of the state compulsory school attendance law.

Offer explained he did not want his children in schools were he said "homosexuality is taught" in sex education classes and some students use drugs.

The minister took his Bible to the witness stand and testified "God's word" prompted him to take his children out of county schools.

Offer asked Judge George M. Taylor, "what if my children get hooked on drugs? They could end up in a mental institution so they don't know their daddy any more."

"If you raise them right, why do you have to worry?" Taylor answered. He also pointed out the Biblical story of Lot, who with his family lived within the walls of Sodom without sinning.

Offer told the judge to "leave me and God alone. I never thought I would be brought on a charge as a criminal for obeying the word of God."

Taylor responded by telling the defendants to "render unto Caesar what is Caesar's."

He placed the defendants on unsupervised probation before judgment for three years.

The judge warned he would fine each defendant $50 a day for each school day their children missed last year if they were not in attendance in September.

The Offers, who took their five children, then aged 7 to 15 out of school last December, could be fined $28,950, prosecutor Daniel L. Doherty 3rd said. However, one of their children, Barnabas, has since turned 16 and is not required by law to attend school.

The other defendants, one man and three women who wore long black dresses and prayer caps to court, each have one child and face possible fines of $5,250 if they contine to defy the law.

The 10 children were tutored at home by family members, Offer said.

Taylor told the defendants they would be jailed if they were unable to pay the fine and their children would be turned over to the Department of Social Services.

Offer said after the hearing he believes "It is is better to go to jail for well doing than wrong doing. I feel like a man who has trusted in God."

The minister was unavailable for comment Tuesday. His wife, who said "Praise the Lord" when she answered the phone, refused to answer questions.

Installation services held for Rev. Darrell S. Greene

Installation services for the Rev. Darrell S. Greene, 37-year-old former associate minister of New Shiloh Baptist Church were held Aug. 9.

Rev. Greene, who has also taught business subjects in the city school system for 14 years, is now the pastor of Martin Luther King Jr., Community Church in Columbia, Md.

He has served previously as a deacon and church school teacher at New Shiloh and Bethany Baptist Churches. Bethany Baptist is his home church and he has also served as the president of the Young Adult Fellowship and Fellowship Choir at New Shiloh.

The installation sermon was given by the Rev. Dr. Harold A. Carter, pastor of New Shiloh Baptist Church. Other ministers who participated in the installation service were the Reverends Walter S. Thomas, Vincent Thomas, Robert Davis, Herbert Eaton and Ambrose Lane.

Rev. Greene was described as a "man who is loved by old and young and a man who loves to preach and hear good preaching."

He has served as the secretary to the Minister's Council of the American Baptist Churches of the South and the founding secretary for the American Baptist Men of the South.

He has also served as past moderator of the American Baptist Churches of the Maryland area and was a member of the American Baptist Churches of the South Executive Board. He has been an instructor of Group Dynamics and Leader Development for the Christian Education Conference, held at Agnes Scott College and Warren Wilson College in Asheville, N. C.

Rev. Greene is married to Mrs. Brenda Johnson Greene, whose ministry has been felt locally and nationally.

Photo by Donald Lee

INSTALLATION SERVICES were held Aug. 9 for the Rev. Darrell S. Greene, who is shown sitting. Shown with Rev. Greene is the Rev. Dr. Harold A. Carter, pastor of New Shiloh Baptist Church where Rev. Greene was a former member and the Rev. Walter Thomas, pastor of New Psalmist Baptist Church, who was also a former member of New Shiloh. Other ministers shown are from churches in Columbia. Rev. Greene is pastor of Martin Luther King Jr., Community Church in Columbia, Md.

Revival time at New Shiloh

Revival services will be held Aug. 24-28 at New Shiloh Baptist Church, Fremont Avenue and Lanvale Street, where the Rev. Dr. Harold A. Carter is pastor.

Rev. Carter will be preaching on the theme, "Lord Prepare Us To Serve." His topics for the week are Aug. 24 " Lord, Prepare Us To Serve," Aug. 25, "Lord, prepare Us To Die; Aug. 26, "Lord, Prepare Us to Bear Fruit; Aug. 27 "Lord, Prepare Us for Trouble and Aug. 28, "Lord, Prepare Us to Lift Jesus Up."

Devotions will begin nightly at 7 p.m. and the choirs of New Shiloh will sing at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Jimmie Thomas will do a special vocal solo each evening before the preaching.

Starting Sept. 19, for the eighth year, New Shiloh will have its annual fall Christian education session.

The Rev. Dr. Harold A. Carter

A prayer breakfast will be held at the church 8 a.m. Sept. 19 and general worship will be held at 10 a.m.

All classes will have Bible study from 10 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. every Saturday and Rev. Carter will have an open Bible class from 12:00 to 1 p.m.

Some of the classes that will be taught are sewing, tutorial, adult education and a dance class.

The Rev. Vincent Thompson, assistant pastor of New Shiloh will teach a new class for young adults only between 18 and 25-years-old on problems related to the entering of life's many responsibilities.

Every week at the close of the church school, from 1 to 2 p.m. the blood pressure program will be available for persons desiring blood pressure measurement.

Metro church briefs

KEITH PRINGLE, who sings "Call Him Up" will be at the gospel festival along with the Fellowship Choir, Albertina Walker, the Suburban Mass Choir, Roland Samkins, Tommy Roberts and several other gospel groups on Sept. 6, 1:30 p.m. For ticket information call 566-1362.

The youth of Allen AME Church, 1130 West Lexington St., will have revival services Sept. 16-18, 7 p.m. at the church. The theme is "Youth Together Praising His Name." The Rev. Lee Washington will be the speaker and the Rev. Ronald Braxton is pastor.

Members of the Flower Circle of Berean Baptist Church, 5200 Denmore Ave., will observe their eighth anniversary on Sunday, Sept. 6. Their theme is "Let Us Fix Our Hearts, Minds and Souls and Work Together in God's beautiful Garden of Prayers. The Rev. Robert White of Seat Pleasant, Md. will be the speaker at the 3:30 p.m. service. The Rev. John A. Lunn is pastor.

The Rev. Charles E. Fletcher, pastor of Pentecost Baptist Church will celebrate his 12th anniversary and the 65th anniversary of the church on Sept. 25, 7 p.m. at the Holiday Inn. Ms. Patricia Brown is chairperson and Ms. Louise Mathis is co-chairperson.

The male and female ushers of St. Luke United Methodist Church, Gilmor and Riggs Ave., will celebrate their anniversary 3:30 p.m. Aug. 23. Mrs. Edith Presicco is chairperson, Charles Kelly is co-chairperson and the Rev. James H. Smith is pastor.

The Notch Cliff Auxiliary is sponsoring a bus trip to Toby's Dinner Theatre on Aug. 26. Busses will leave St. Matthew Church, 5101 Loch Raven Blvd., at 5:45 p.m.

Members of the Sharp Street Memorial United Methodist Church recently traveled to New York to witness two of their former members Janie Tillman Hutson and Tali Mackell, grandchildren of Ida Ashley in concert at the Alice Tully Hall in the Lincoln Center.

Mrs. Dorothy Bascom, wife of the Rev. Dr. Marion C. Bascom Sr., was recently elected as secretary of the National Council of Community Churches at its annual conference in San Jose California.

The Bright Side newsletter of First Bpatist Church of Guilford will be having its fourth anniversary on Sept. 13, 7 p.m. Members of the Bright Side Concert Choir and the male chorus of First Baptist will be singing. Robert J. Butler is editor of the paper.

GOSPEL FESTIVAL — The Rev. James Cleveland and the Cleveland Singers will be singing at a gospel show at the Civic Center on Sunday, Sept. 6. He will be accompanied by the Maryland Mass Choir.

Vashti McKenzie, Aunt Pauline capture top gospel announcing honors

Vashti McKenzie

Mrs. Pauline Wells Lewis

Two local gospel announcers were honored at the fourteenth annual convention of the Gospel Music Workshop of America, Inc., that was held recently in California.

Mrs. Vashti McKenzie, program director for WAYE received the gospel announcer of the year award from the Gospel Announcers Guild and Mrs. Pauline Wells Lewis, who is known as "Aunt Pauline" received a gold record from the Gospel Music Workshop.

Mrs. Lewis, who is the dean of religious announcers has been involved with gospel on the radio since 1942 and at the gospel workshop she is one of the most avidly sought and highly respected anneuncers in the business.

Mrs. Lewis says gospel music is more popular today mainly because of the youth and it spills over to the adults. Being a gospel announcer is very important to Mrs. Lewis, she gives a lot of credit to the late Rev. Theodore C. Jackson Sr., who was the pastor of Gillis.

Gillis was the first black church in Baltimore to have a gospel program on the radio in 1942 and Mrs. Lewis and her sister Mrs. Sylvia Person would sing gospel music on the radio. She says most of the gospel groups started singing at Gillis when the church was at Calhoun and Mulberry Streets.

Mrs. McKenzie, who recently preached her trial sermon at Bethel AME Church, where she is a membed said, "It was a humbling experience" for her to receive the gospel announcer of the year award.

While at the convention, Mrs. McKenzie taught a workshop on What Goes into a Good Gospel Program. Mrs. McKenzie said when times are hard people need to have music to inspire them that there is a bright side somewhere and gospel music is the encouragement that says keep on and everything will be alright."

United Ushers give Baptist home $500

"If We Can Help Somebody," was the theme for the Umted Usher's Fellowship first banquet that was held recently at LaFontaine Bleu. More than 600 friends of the ushers attended the affair.

The Rev. Robert Farrow of Mount Calvary Church was the speaker. Proceeds from the banquet were given to the Baptist Aged Home that received a check for $500, the League for Cripple Children received a $250 check and Morgan State University's radio station WEAA received a $250 check.

Officers are Pauline Brunson president; Elizabeth Alston, vice president; Lee Hall, assistant business manager; Theresa Cousins, business manager.

Among those who participated on the program were Margaret Brice, Gladys Bowie, Harry Trusty, Ardella W. Morton, Maxine Boyd, Sandra Ferguson, Mildred M. Mayo.

Also, the Rev. Matthew Marchs, Henry Womack, the Rev. Robert Farrow, Vivian Jones, the Rev. Dennis Barrows, Rosa Moore, the Rev. Matthew R. Silver.

Participating usher boards were from City Temple, Concord Baptist, First Charity, Fountain, Israel Baptist, Little Ark, Mt. Calvary, Mt. Calvary Star, Mt. Pleasant, New Pilgram, Northeast Baptist, Ray of Hope, Southern Friendship, St. Paul, Sweet Hope and Waters AME.

Annual holy convocation held at Church of God In Christ

The 54th annual holy convocation of the Churches of God in Christ will be meeting Aug. 22 at the Maryland Church of God in Christ, 5100 Denmore Ave.

Bishop L. H. Ford is the second assistant presiding bishop. The week long convention will be having its closing meeting on Saturday. The theme for the convention is, "Behold How Good and How Pleasant it is For Brethern to Dwell Together in Unity."

Bishop T. R. Young is the state bishop. State executive board members are David Spann, J. C. Griffin, James A. Parson, F. Ellis, J. F. Parker, R. Smith, C. Carter, E. L. Griffin, D. Robinson, A. Thurman, S. B. Sutton, C. E. Powell, Frank Durette, Ada Jones, A. R. Shields, R. Jones, J. D. Tallie and E. Nelson.

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