—Political Periscope

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Thus time, it looks like one legislator, Del. Frank Conaway, D-40, won't be caught with his eggs in one basket. A recent issue of his "Good News" paper had a story on Ocean City Mayor Harry Kelley, a gubernatorial candidate, featured prominently on the front page. Inside there was an effusive story on the mayor, along with a picture spread. The move should be applauded, for it should give the Legislative Black Caucus, hich Conaway heads, some good bargaining leverage with the incumbent governor.

Speaking of Conaway, rumors abound he and state Sen. Verda Welcome may be coming to terms on a "unity ticket" in the 40th. The ticket would feature Conaway's wife who is seeking the Orphan's Court clerkship, and the senator. In return, Conaway reportedly would withdraw his challenge for Welcome's seat. This plan, if approved by Welcome's Fourth District Democratic Organization and Conaway's Metro Deomcrats club, would entail all of the incumbents' remaining in their present positions. Besides Conaway, Del. Troy Brailey also is nourishing dreams of Senate glory.

It remains to be seen if he could be persuaded to forego his plans and bow to the unity ticket.

Haysbert's name has been popping up in other places as well.

The peripatetic "facilitator", as he is known, is being tapped by black community leaders to run for a state Senate seat in the Northeast area of the city, in a soon-to-be created-district with an almost fifty-fifty black-white voting population.

When asked if he does plan on running, Haysbert said there "is a possibility."

Regardless of what happens in the Northeast, expect a real firefight when 2nd District Councilman Nathan Irby takes on the powerful Eastside Democratic Organization. Long a foot soldier in the EDO, Irby has decided to strike out on his own in a bid to upset long-time 45th District state Senator Robert Douglass.

Douglass is currently embroiled in a bitter labor dispute with workers at the East Baltimore Medical Plan, and insiders say the issue may be resolved in time for the elections.

Out in Baltimore County, a group of young community activists, "We Too Belong", have begun a voter registration and information campaign designed to awaken the black electorate, particularly in the Liberty Road Corridor.

Once more, the omnipresent hand of Haysbert is evident, as word has reached us he plans to form a branch of the burgeoning Metro organization in that county.

Currently Keith Dorsey, a protege of 38th District delegate Larry Young, has plans to seek a seat in the state legislature from the 12th District. Dorsey, who comes from an old Baltimore County family, has already formed a formidable campaign team.

Young himself will be holding another of his annual Citizen's Democratic Organization family days this Sunday at St. John's AME church, located on Carrollton and Lafayette Ave.

Young is one of the few remaining "populist" politicians, and the affair Sunday probably will reflect this bent, as a host of awards are to be presented to community leaders and political figures.

In the news and notes section, Del. Troy Brailey has plans to write a book tracing his life from sharecropping to the political arena...Pete Rawlings apparently has mended his feud with the local academic community, as a host of scholastic leaders were present at his Belvedere Hotel fundraiser... the word is out 4th District Councilman Kweisi Mfume may be facing stiff competition in the upcoming city elections of 1982. It seems many are dissatisfied with the results of his gadfly approach to City Hall problems...what about those rumours that everyone's favorite doctor Uthman Ray has plans to seek a city-wide elective post? The good doctor denies them, but they're flying thick and fast...seems that a young contender for a 40th District House of Delegates seat has run out of steam before the campaign season has begun. Maybe he can find a "reservoir" of support in time to get back on track . . . remember Alonzo Hairston? the popular lawyer says he plans on making another try at a Supreme Bench judgeship soon. During the last elections, despite cries to "vote black" from successful candidates William Murphy and Robert Bell, Hairston received only token support from them. Maybe he'll have better luck this time around... most black politicians are mad at St. George Crosse. It seems the portly minister stirred up a hornet's nest of controversy with his declaration that our elected officials are soft on crime. Maybe they're mad because Crosse is a defrocked Democrat, and is hurling his charges from the GOP camp. This correspondent recalls the fervor with which black elected officials urged us to "vote black" when Del. John Douglass sought the city comptroller's slot in 1979, and how those same strident voices dimmed considerably after Crosse emerged as the only black candidate left to challenge current comptroller Hyman Pressman in the general elections of that same year.

Md. Science Ctr. offerings

Mark Twain called Hawaii "the most beautiful fleet of islands ever anchored in any sea" — and some spectacular proof of that will be on view in Don Cooper's "Hawaii," a travel film - lecture of volcanic eruption, which will be the next program in the 50th Anniversary season of the 'Round the World Adventures series sponsored by the Maryland Academy of Sciences.

The film, which Cooper will narrate in person, will be presented at the Lyric Theatre on Thursday, November 12, at 8:30 p.m. and Friday, November 13, at 5:30 and 8:30 p.m. Thursday night has been declared "Mayor's Night" and William Donald Schaefer will be present to extend greetings on the 'Round the World Adventures 50th Anniversary.

Cooper accents Hawaii's scenic beauty by filming parts of the islands that have not changed since the first Polynesian settlers arrived 12 centuries ago. He also includes scenes of a volcanic eruption, surfing, and such tourist favorites as Waikiki Beach, the Fern Grotto, and Haleakala. His sequence on Pearl Harbor incorporates U.S. Navy footage taken during the attack, including the bombing and sinking of the battleship Arizona.

'Round the World Adventures programs will be presented monthly through April. Season subscriptions are still available at a discount which will enable patrons to see the six remaining programs in the series for the price of five single - admission tickets.

Mondawmin birthday bash this weekend

The whole town is invited to Mondawmin Shopping Center for its big party this weekend.

The occasion is Mondawmin Mall's 25th Anniversary, Oct. 29th, 30th and 31st. The theme is "We Are Silver."

There will be raggae music, a steel drum band, a fire dancer and a flamenco guitarist. On Saturday at 4:15 p.m., the mall will be cutting its giant anniversary cake.

At the groundbreaking ceremony for the mall held on July 12, 1955, Mondawmin Mall was hailed as the beginning of a "new experience" in shopping convenience for the people of Baltimore.

When the center opened on Oct. 4, 1956 on the 66 - acre tract located almost in the heart of Baltimore, it was the recipient of an award for architectural design from the Baltimore Association of Commerce.

In 1959, the center won a Redbook award for its outstanding shopping center promotion through the use of starlight pop concerts held in its center court.

The center was designed with the future in mind. The builders of the center, Harry Bart, a well - known Baltimore home builder, James Rouse, and Alexander Griswald, invisioned a center that would easily lend itself to an enclosed mall shopping center.

Like everything else connected with Mondawmin, the idea of a covered shopping center was a first. At the time of the center's original construction, it was the only shopping center that started as an open mall. And Mondawmin was the only open mall in the country so constructed that a complete enclosure was possible.

By 1963, five of the local merchants who opened their first business at Mondawmin became chain store operators. These same five original merchants would grow to operate hundreds of retail outlets, and are still expanding.

Almost 20 years later, Mondawmin is still building on its central location (Gwynns Falls Parkway, Liberty Heights Avenue, and Reisterstown Road) with easy access from all points in Baltimore.

The center was built with the convenience of the shopper in mind. All stores face the mall on two levels connected by escalators and stairways.

This provides shoppers at Mondawmin with maximum access to all stores with a minimum amount of walking. For example, a similar center with an equal number of store area built on a conventional "strip" design would extend over one-half mile as compared to Mondawmin, which is only about one block long.

Despite all of the planning and vision that went into Mondawmin

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THE LIVING CHURCH

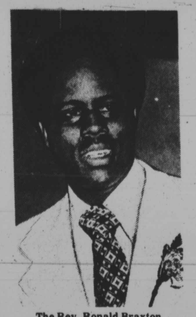
Pastoral Counselors sponsor its second workshop

Members of the Maryland Association of Black Pastoral Counselors will sponsor their second annual workshop on Pastoral Counseling In The Black Church on Nov. 13 and 14 at the Convention Center.

Their theme is "A Counseling Perspective for the Black Church." The Maryland Association of Black Pastoral Counselors is an ecumenical counseling agency which works through the joint efforts of several of Baltimore's professionally trained pastoral counselors and therapists.

The counselors, in consulation with other mental health specialists have combined their skills to establish an association whose primary purpose is to increase the quality of personal mental health throughout the city.

The association, whose counseling is located at Washington and Orelans Street in the Apostolic Towers, sponsors the weekly broadcast, "People Growing Toward Wholeness" every Saturday, 10 a.m. on WAYE radio.



The Rev. Ronald Braxton

Pastors, seminary students and lay people will be attending and participating in the workshop. The seminars are designed to speak to the needs of the pastors, lay counselors, perspective pastors and lay counselors.

It will focus in on the problems they are or will encounter. The workshop will not only be about the problems of others, but also will look at the church, the pastor, the counselor as a helping institution person.

Dr. Edward Wimberly, author of Pastoral Care In The Black Church, will speak from the theme, "A Counseling Perspective for the Black Church."

Registration fee is $40 and the fee includes the Saturday luncheon scheduled to be held at 12:30. Graduate semester hour will be offered to those who participate in the entire workshop. The cost of the continuous educational unit is $10.00. Students who apply for the credit hour are eligible for a 20 percent discount off the registration fee. The registration deadline is Nov. 11.

Seminar leaders and the topics they will discuss are the Rev. Agnes Alston, "Problems Facing Black Youth." Rev. Alston is an associate minister at Gillis Memorial Christian Community Church and a guidance counselor with the city public schools.

The Rev. Miss Agnes Alston

"Demands on the Black Pastor's Time," is the topic that the Rev. Dr. John R. Bryant, pastor of Bethel AME Church will be discussing. The Rev. Vernon Dobson pastor of Union Baptist Church is the seminar leader on "Remaining Sane Amidst It All."

"The Church Meeting The Counseling Need," is the workshop theme for where the Rev. James Hickey, president of Maryland Association of Black Pastoral Counselors will be the seminar leader. He is the pastor of United Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Other topics and seminar leaders are "Black Women In Crisis," The Rev. Carolyn Showell; "Black Men Facing A New Era," Dr. Maurice Wilson, director, Office of Institutional Research, Morgan State University and pastor of Mt. Zion AME Church.

The Rev. Dr. Lonnie Oliver pastor of Knox Presbyterian Church is the dean, the Rev. Ronald Braxton, pastor of Allen AME Church is coordinator

The Rev. Vernon Dobson

Small congregation pays debt in six years

Turner Station's Union Baptist burns $125,000 mortgage

"It had to be a miracle. This proves what people can do when they make up their minds to do it. I am proud of them."

The Rev. William E. Johnson was speaking of his Union Baptist Church congregation in Turner Station where a mortgage burning ceremony was held on Sunday evening.

By tithing, true commitment to special pledges and regular contributions and dues, some 200 members were able to liquidate a $125,000 mortgage in just six years. The church is in its 88th year.

Union Baptist was thriving at its Sparrows Point location in 1972, when Bethlehem Steel Company forced it to vacate because of plant expansion.

There was much desperation until later in the year when the congregation was willed an abandoned theatre at 105 S. Main St., in an industrial area of nearby Turner Station.

Under former pastor, the late Dr. Carlton G. Cooke, building renovation was begun, a $125,000 loan was secured from Advance Federal Savings and Loan Association.

The old Anthony Theatre became the new church home. Members marched in January 1974.

Many present and former church members are employed at the Point or retired or have moved away, but they railled to support the renovation program, Rev. Johnson said.

At the Sunday ceremony, Advance Federal president, Dr. W. O. Bryson Jr., recalled the loan was made on Sept. 13, 1973, and added, "I hereby convey to the people of this congregation the mortgage now paid in full."

Deacon James Foster responded, "I receive now this mortgage and offer it now for burning, as an expression of thanksgiving for all who have made possible this building."

There were amens as church officials and congregation participated in the litany for burning.

Now out of this large debt, Union will continue its improvement efforts to meet the needs of the community.

The sanctuary paneled wood and white walls, make a good combination can seat 500. Air conditioned structure has meeting hall with capacity for 100, plus kitchen.

Sunday school, choir room and other offices and pastor's study are on the second floor.

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To attract more members, Rev. Johnson and church officers are planning additional improvements so that the church can be a focal point for civic groups concerned with dope, jobs and activities for all ages. "We need more renovations for better space utilization," Rev. Johnson explained.

The mortgage burning sermon was by Rev. Harold Dobson, St. Mark Institutional Baptist Church and director of Opportunity Industrial Company and a nephew of the late Rev. Cooke.

He recalled that at the time the church was seeking financial aid, other banking institutions were not cooperative.

"It wasn't until Advance loaned the money, that they started paying attention to you," he observe.

Noting announced layoffs at the Point and other cutbacks, Rev. Dobson suggested that black people must be more supportive of black owned business like Advance Federal which offers a real service.

He charged too many black people are mean to each other, there is need to straighten up, ciritcize each other but do so constructively, and "undergird and strengthen each other."

Others who participated in the 4 p.m. ceremony were: Deacon Charles Bowden, the church's business administrator; Miss Cora Pankey, Mrs. Nelrae Austin, Mrs. Vivian Carrington, James Allen, chairman of trustee board. James Foster is Deacon Board chairman.

The church choir sang. Excellent rendition was "Amazing Grace," with Miss Deborah Johnson as soloist.

During the services, members of the Usher Board observed their 75th anniversary.

Ladies were in white uniforms, men in dark suits. All wore special designed flowers.

When the service opened, they marched into the sanctuary in parade style, much to the delight of the congregation.

MORTGAGE BURNED — Union Baptist Church in Turner Station burned $125,000 mortgage during Sunday evening services. Rev. William E. Johnson, center, is pastor of the 88-year-old church. Right, Dr. W. O. Bryson Jr., president of Advance Federal Savings and Loan Association, which granted the mortgage to the church six years ago. Left, Rev. Harold Dobson, St. Mark Institutional Baptist CHurch, who gave the mortgage burning sermon. Union's Usher Board marked its 75th anniversary during the services.

Usher board officers are David Poole, President; Mrs. Jackie Bratton, vice president; Mrs. Columbia Foster, secretary.

Mrs. Erma Lewis, assistant secretary; Mrs. Cora Pankey, chaplain; Mrs. Beatrice Dowdy, marshal; Mrs. Delores Yates, Marshal; Eddie Bartee, business manager; Richard Austin, assistant business manager and Mrs. Mary Mitchell, honorary president

Honorary members are Mrs. Ethel Blue and George Patterson. The church held a mortgage banquet on Thursday, Oct. 29 at LaFontaine Rouge. The Rev. Samuel Carter, pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church, Green Bay, Va., was the speaker.

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Metro church briefs

Members of the Boosters Club of First Baptist Church, 525 Caroline St., will celebrate their 52nd anniversary on Nov. 8, 3:30 p.m. Mrs. Ella M. Stovall is president.

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Dr. William B. McClain, associate professor of Homiletics will be the 11 a.m. speaker on Nov. 1 at Sharp Street Memorial United Methodist Church Dolphin and Etting Streets. The Rev. John Wesley Coleman is minister.

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The women of Mount Lebanon Baptist Church, 2320 Reisterstown Rd will have a prayer breakfast on Nov. 7, 8:30 a.m. Mrs. Bessie Mason president of the Women's Auxiliary United Baptist Missionary Convention of Maryland will be the speaker.

The Rev. Rita L. Twiggs, associate minister of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in Washington will be the Women's Day speaker on Nov. 8 11 am and the Mount Lebanon's Women's Chorus will be presented in recital at 3:30 p.m. The theme for Women's Day is "Christian Women Walking By Faith P. Moyd is pastor.

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The Deacon and Trustee Boards of the Ray of Hope Baptist Church, 3000 Parkside Drive will celebrate their anniversary on Nov. 1, 4 p.m. The Rev. Eugene Belcher of First Emmanuel Baptist Church will be the speaker.

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The women of Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church will celebrate Women's Day on Nov. 8, 11 a.m. at 2102 Madison Ave. Their theme is "Women Created In God's Image." The Rev. Elayne Johnson Hyman will be the speaker. The Rev. R. J. Daniels is pastor, Rosita B. Uncles is chairperson and Sadie Roberts is co-chairperson.

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The Youth Council of Pennsylvania Avenue AME Zion Church, Pennsylvania Avenue and Dolphin St., will host its annual Christmas bazaar on Nov. 7, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the church. Karen Morton is president and the Rev. Dr. Marshall Strickland is pastor.

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The women of Providence Inspirational Baptist Church, 850 Edmondson Ave., will celebrate their third annual Women's Day on Nov. 8. Their theme is "Christian Women Meeting The Challenges of the Eighties." The Rev. Cynthia Jones, assistant pastor of Jones Tabernacle Baptist Church will be the speaker and the Towson State Gospel Choir will be presented in concert. The Rev. Clifton E. Freeman is pastor.

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The Women's Day committee of Leadenhall Baptist Church, 1021-23 Leadenhall St., will sponsor a play at the Arena Playhouse, 801 McCullob St., on Nov. 1, 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Eddie R. Wilson is pastor.

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Southern Baptist Church Choirs, 1701 Chester St., will celebrate their first joint anniversary on Nov. 1. The Rev. Nathaniel Higgs is pastor, Cleo Johnson and Eldridge Branch are choir directors.

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The O. St. Clair Franklin Male Chorus will celebrate their first anniversary on Nov. 1, 3:30 p.m. at the church, Carey and Baker St. Among choirs that will be participating are the Dynamic Traveling Tones, Traveleers Gospel Singers, King Choral Ensemble, Simmons Baptist Male Chorus and the Male Chorus of New Psalmist Baptist Church. Samuel Brown is chairperson, Robert Young is co-chairperson and the Rev. Dr. O. St. Clair Franklin is pastor.

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The Senior Choir of Trinity AME Church, 2140 Hoffman will celebrate its 38th anniversary on Nov. 15. James Griffin is president and the Rev. W. K. Woods is pastor.

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The first concert of the 1981-82 series will be given on Nov. 8 at Grace United Methodist Church, 5407 Charles St. Appearing as soloists will be Lynda Noble MacNeil, Dorothy Lofton Jones, John A. Tyler and Paul E. Redline.

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Women's Day services will be held at Community Baptist Church, 5912 Belle Grove Rd., on Nov. 8. The Rev. Ann Woods will be the speaker and the theme is "Christian Women Acting On Faith. The Rev. Milton Lemon is pastor; Lorrain Kimble is chairperson and Geraldine Smoot, co-chairperson.

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Youth Day will be observed on Nov. 15 at First Baptist Chrurch, 525 Caroline St. The Rev. William Bailey will be the 11 a.m. speaker. At 3 p.m. the Voices of Eastern from Eastern United Methodist Church will be featured in concert. The Rev. Dr. Leroy Fitts is pastor.

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The Black United Methodist Ministers will again open their emergency food and clothing center for the need on Nov. 3, 11 a.m.

The Rev. Kelly Jackson, chairman of the committee said the center will be open every Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at 922 Carrollton Ave., and food and clothing will be available for those in need. Those who want to make a donation of clothing or food may call Rev. Jackson at 448-0446 or Rev. James Smith, 922-7556. The Rev. Douglass Sands is chairman of the board.

Youth weekend at First United

The youth of First United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic Church, 5150 Baltimore National Pike will have youth revival services Oct. 29- Nov. 1 at the church. Bishop Monroe Saunders is the pastor.

A talent show and the crowning of Miss United was held on Thursday night. Their theme is "Expect the Unexpected." Services will be held 7 p.m. Oct. 30 with special music by the Youth choir consisting of more than 200 members. Marcus Johnson is director of the choir.

Bishop Monroe Saunders will be preaching on Sunday, Nov. 1, at the 11 a.m. service. Officers are Drusilla M. Spence, chairperson; Carl Boone, Debbine Boone, Chris Johnson and Roderic Franklin are advisors and David Carroll is president.

John Watson choir sings at Providence

The women of Providence Inspirational Baptist Church, 850 Edmondson Ave., will present John Watson and Company Inc., in concert on Nov. 7, 7:30 p.m.

John Watson and Company is a newly formed organization whose primary objectives are to operate exclusively for charitable and educational purposes and to promote and encourage excellence in the art of the performance of religious music.

These objectives are accomplished through the promotion of other vocal and instrumental groups, through seminars and lectures and through concerts for non-profit organizations. The company was formally prestend to the public in a premiere concert of contemporary gospel music last month at the Plymouth Congregational Church in Washington.

Other activities of John Watson and Company include singing at the opening ceremony of the new Library of Congress building, engagements at Shiloh Baptist and Russell Temple CME Churches of Alexandria, Va., Edgewood Baptist and Resurrection Baptist Churches of Washington and Shiloh Baptist Church of MacLean, Va.