25 local churches honor young members at annual Yuletide dinner theatre

HONOREES who were presented citations and AFRO certificates were Misses and Messers, Garrett Knight, City Temple Baptist; Tiwan Mills, Demetra Rone, Michael Epps, Concord Baptist; Yolanda Truss, Ebenezer Baptist; Lisa Pierce Enon Baptist; Shannon James, Faith Baptist; Tia Green, Good Tydings Baptist; Erika Keene, Memorial Baptist; Cecil Nutter, Mt. Moriah Baptist; Evonne Macon, Rodney Scott, New Pilgrim Baptist; Michelle Faison, New Shiloh, Turner Station, Kelly Mathis, Pentacost Baptist; April Garrett, Pleasant Hope Baptist; Darnell James, Simmons Memorial Baptist; Matwaoa D. Isabelle, St. Timothy Baptist; Vickie Jones, St. Paul Baptist; Diane Blackwell, Whitestone Baptist; Sharon McGruder, Calvary Baptist and Dorian McCormick, Trinity Baptist.

Capacity audience witnesses live production of Nativity

By Elizabeth M. Oliver

Some 25 Baptist churches joined together last Thursday to sponsor the annual project which honors their young people each Christmas.

Under the leadership of Mrs. Hattye Jackson the Dinner Theatre Banquet is co sponsored each year by the Young Peoples Department of the Women's Convention of the United Baptist Missionary Convention of Maryland, one of the largest organization's in the state of Maryland. Mrs. Jackson is director of the VP Department.

The capacity event at La Fountaine Rouge saw the joint choirs and the joint cast of players presenting the pageant, "Silent Night." Presiding was Mrs. Carolyn Murphy Tabb who introduced the young members of the play which pictured the events surrounding the birth of Jesus.

Coordinators were Mesdames Patricia Leazar, Doris Silver, Madeline Miller and Dorothy Boulware. Others taking part were Mrs. Bessie Mason, president of the Woman's Auxiliary and Rev. Lorenzo Graves, president of UMBC of Maryland.

The Yule pageant followed the dinner period with the choir of young people forming the music background for the Christ Child's story and members of the cast reading the Scripture. As usual a real, live baby was in the scene of the Nativity. The Wisemen from the East were in native costumes.

Mrs. Jackson and Elizabeth Oliver presented the honorees with framed citations and AFRO awards.

PARTICIPATING CHURCHES

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NEW SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH — (Turner Station) Rev. JAMES A. Everrett, Pastor, Mrs. Josephine Flourney, Director.

PENTACOST BAPTIST CHURCH — Rev. Charles Fletcher, Pastor, Sis. Patricia Leazer, Director.

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ST. TIMOTHY BAPTIST CHURCH — Rev. Carl Washington, Pastor, Mrs. Matwai D. Isabelle, Youth Director.

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TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH — Rev. William Calhoun, Pastor, Mrs. Mary Clay, Director.

WHITESTONE BAPTIST CHURCH — Rev. Burleigh Jenkins, Interim Pastor, Mrs. Virginia Jackson, Director.

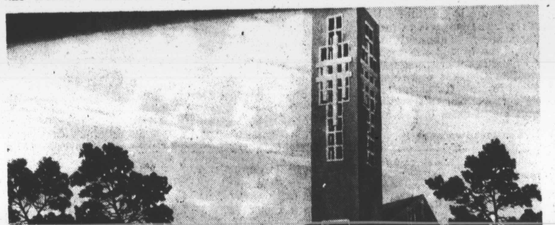
MRS. HATTYE JACKSON directs Yule pageant for 8th year

New Church set to include medical clinic

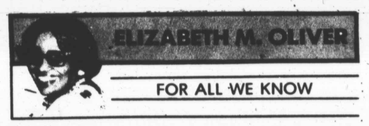
The $ multimillion New Shiloh Baptist Church due to rise soon on the lot at Payson, Monroe and Clifton Avenue is designed to include clinic for medical and legal services, a full time cafeteria, and special areas for educational and community services.

Dr. Harold A. Carter, pastor of the church located now at Fremont Avenue and Lanvale Street, further reveals that the spacious new building not only will have a huge modern auditorium but also a side chapel, office complex and a room for each of the various organizations.

Last weekend the New Shiloh's West banquet hall already built on the land, a full city block, was opened to the public with 1,200 guests applauding the unprecedented event, "All to be a stronger light for evangelistic witness and making the inner city a better place to live," Dr. Carter notes.



NEW SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH's new church which will rise with the block square lot at Clifton Payson and Monroe Streets and to be completed late, 1985.



ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

FOR ALL WE KNOW

Yuletide parties are already on the datebook and include the Dec. 14 reception at Marie Henderson's Randallstown, Md. residence, the affair given by the Council for Cultural Progress Inc., the Committee for the Preservation of Orchard Street Church.

Scheduled for 6 to 9 p.m. the event is at her 4000 Sanlee Rd. home and a cordial welcome is extended by invitation.

COME MEET "The Grandchildren" is the invitation extended by Ms. Frances Louise Murphy II of Laurel, MD. The date is Dec. 26, and the place is Brookmill Recreation Center at Laurel. Joining Frankie as hostess are the Andre Drapers of Baltimore; Dr. and Mrs. James E. Wood Jr. of San Francisco; Dr. and Mrs. Lonea Barnes of Biloxi, MISS.

The grands taking part (all of them of course) are Henri Wood of San Francisco; Kevin Peck and Donnie and Andre Draper of Baltimore; Henri, Vashti Jamaica and Portia Wood of San Francisco and the Biloxi grands, Seku, Christina and Kiono Barnes.

THE SPECIAL MARYLAND INAUGURAL Ball is set for the Sheraton Washington Hotel in D.C. Jan. 21, 7 p.m. with President Reagan and Nancy as honorees. The Prayer Breakfast is scheduled for Jan. 19 also at the Sheraton. Invitations engraved in gold are in the mails. Call: DR. JONES JOHNSON — 448-2600 if you wish to frock up and attend the affairs along with guests from across the land.

OOPS — We regret that we described the fabulous fur coat that Mrs. Hattie Smith Shannon wore to the opening of New Shiloh's West as mink. Indeed, the gorgeous coat is natural Russian sable and although the glamorous lady says she has had it five years, the fur is rarely seen in Baltimore. A check with a furrier reveals that sable is worth about $1,000 a skin and it takes something like 70,000 carefully matched skins for a full - length coat such as Hattie's. By the time expert furriers put it all together, you've got a garment worth over $100,000.

OUR RUBYE C. GILL was elected to represent the Baltimore Livingston Alumni Chapter at the Homecoming in Salisbury, NC. Nine other state chapter queens were present.

Highlight of the entire weekend was the announcement of Rubye's gift, her husband's $25,000 library. Next honor to come to the thrilled lady was the tree - planting honoring her late husband, Dr. Robert L. Gill and his many contributions to the college.

The annual game saw the Livingstone Bears trounce the Bowie Bulldogs and the parade, ah 'twas a beautiful sight as it wound through the heart of the city in ideal football weather.

A FOND FAREWELL to Leadenhall Baptist Church's No. 1 member, Mrs. Mary Pitts Davis, founder of the Thrifty Savings Club and staunch member over 50 years.

Mrs. Davis was 94 years of age when she died in Bedford County, VA. Last rites at Antioch Baptist Church, Coleman Falls, VA. were attended by over 50 Leadenhall members on Nov. 11. Dr. Eddie R. Wilson Jr., the Leadenhall pastor, delivered the eulogy. The Voices of Leadenhall Choir sang.

In addition to serving as head of Thrifty Savings, Mrs. Davis was president of the Samuel James Circle No. 9 for 50 years, member of the trustee board; Missionary Society, Sisterhood, and the testimonial honoree in 1971. Her Circle 9 donated one of the Leadenhall colorful windows.

Surviving the lovely citizen of South Baltimore are, 2 stepsons John Davis, and Jack Davis, 2 step - daughters, Mrs. Evelon Jordan, and Mrs. Helen Swinson, 2 brothers, George Austin and Charlie Morris, 1 sister Mrs. Hestin Bundick, a sister - in - law, Mrs. Mary Austin, a devoted niece, Mrs. Elizabeth A. White and a host of other relatives and friends.

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Gillian named aide to College Park chancellor

Lonnie R. Gillian, director of special student support services at the University of Maryland College Park Campus from 1977 until last September, has been named Assistant to the Chancellor. The appointment was announced today by UMCP Chancellor John B. Slaughter.

Gillian, who has been serving as Acting Assistant to the Chancellor since September, will be responsible for reviewing campus efforts to increase the recruitment of minority students as well as increasing the number of minority and women faculty members at College Park.

"Ray Gillian is a person with a great deal of strength, a no-nonsense individual who has very strong convictions concerning desegregation and affirmative action," Slaughter said in announcing the appointment.

"He will have primary responsibility for seeing that our high-priority goal of making UMCP a model multi-racial, multi-cultural and multi-generational academic community is accomplished," Slaughter said.

Chief among Gillian's duties will be heading the Equity Council, started a month ago, as a mechanism for generating more action on equity issues by having campus equity officers work together. Stepped-up recruitment of black, Hispanic and other minority faculty members is the council's first major goal.

The Equity Council also will work on speeding desegregation of the student body, increasing the retention rate of black students, and resolving the disparity between average salaries of men and women faculty members.

The 36-year-old Gillian is a native of Uniontown, Pa., and holds B.S. and M.S. degrees from Ohio State University. From 1971 to 1977, he was affiliated with Pennsylvania's East Stroudsburg State College, first as assistant professor and assistant football coach, then as director of minority affairs, and finally as director of the college's Center for Educational Opportunity.

Arriving at UMCP in 1977 as director of Special Student Support Services, Gillian was responsible for directing the Upward Bound and Special Services, Intensive Educational Development programs that served some 3,600 students annually.

Gillian, his wife and two children make their home in Columbia, Md.

Judge Robert M. Bell receives certificate of recognition from Dr. Charles W. Simmons, President of Sojourner-Douglas College.

—Links

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for the Links from the Howard Council was Elizabeth Bobo, its president, (until that following Monday, when Dr. Gray was appointed).

Zola Boone introduced guest speaker Mrs. Rachel Hill, Eastern Area Director, who gave timely remarks on the 'Role of Women' and needs for service in the 80's to help alleviate the numerous social problems facing us today.

Organizations recognized were the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Iota Lambda Omega Chapter, with Basileus Rayna Woodford receiving the award; Careerscope (a nonprofit career counseling program which provides services to individuals with employment difficulties) with Ginny Mathias, Director, receiving the award; Citizens Against Spousal Assault (CASA) with Patricia Thorpe, Director, receiving the award; Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, with Basileus Marion Reddick accepting the award; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Columbia Alumnae Chapter, with Gilda Lewis, president, accepting the award; League of Women Voters, with Eileen Molinaro, president accepting the award; the NAACP, Howard County Branch, with the Rev. John Wright, president, accepting the award; National Council of Negro Women, with Marie Johnson, president, accepting the award; the National Organization of Women (NOW) with Lois Schilf, Director, accepting the award and Sexual Assault Center, with Patricia Thorpe, Director, accepting the award.

Presenters were Links Mabel Beale, archivist - historian; Marilyn Beale, Jeanne Cooper, Shirley Colvin, vice president; Myrna Malveaux, Maxine Pierce, Sandra Smith, corresponding secretary; Ozella T. Webb and Luzmarie Webster.

Other Columbia Links are Zola E. Boone, Director, National Trends and Services; Roberta M. Briscoe, Rosemary A. Davis, recording secretary; Bebe D. Price, Suzanne Price, Member, National Personnel Committee and Celonia Walden:

Closing remarks which left no stone unturned in their gracious thanks were given by Link Pinnie L. Ross, co - chair for the Tribute Committee and the chapter's financial secretary - journalist.

She also presented pink carnations to subcommittee chairpersons and asked their members to stand. Sub - committee chairs were Lula Wade, Susanne Price, Celonia Walden, Marilyn Beale, Mabel Beale, Roberta Briscoe and Jean Cooper. Iola Smith and Sandra Gray got a long - stemmed rose. Often many think of organizational programs as "Just for the party" or the "dressing up." The Links pointed up with class the good that these groups do in service to the community.

—Twilah talks

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my many, many friends and family and my pastor.

What Christmas means to me: My heart is so filled with love, so many dreams are high in me. Like a mountain,top, it's higher and higher. God has given me succinct sentences, inspiring aphorisms, and an uplifting heart. God is good.

What Christmas means to me — quoting me over and over. It's Christmas every day. Some of my sentences have almost became household mottoes. Again, I would like to add, blessed are they who see Christmas through the eyes of a child. Let this be mankind's gift at Christmas.

What Christmas means to me - remembering way back when and reminiscing. May the Christmas blessings of the "Prince of Peace" be with you and remain through the coming year!! "For unto us a child is born. Unto us a Son is given - and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, Prince of Peace."

"For tomorrow and days beyond, Christmas Blessings and Best Wishes for New Year 1985.

See you later and this is a promise.

NAACP elects Mrs. McMillan

By Elizabeth M. Oliver

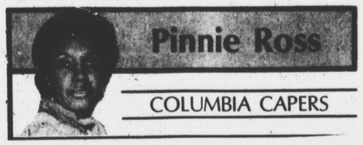
Mrs. Enolia McMillan has been elected president of the Baltimore Branch, NAACP for the 15th year. She succeeded the late Dr. Lillie Mae Jackson as president in 1969 and has been reelected for seven two - year terms.

The date for the inauguration of the new officers is scheduled for sometime early in January, 1985. The election was held Dec. 11.

Paul Showell was elected first vice - president. The tie vote for second vice - president is between Eugene Clark and Willie Manning. This election will be held again at a later date.

Rev. Benjamin Faust is third vice president; Lila Curry, secretary and Julian Morgan, treasurer.

MRS. ENOLIA MCMILLAN reelected head NAACP.



Pinnie Ross

COLUMBIA CAPERS

SHIRLEY CHISHOLM LEFT WORDS TO REMEMBER

The National Black Women's Political Caucus presented "An Afternoon with The Honorable Shirley Chisholm", recently held at The Interfaith Center.

National Black Women's Political Caucus members and interested women came from Howard County, Prince George's Baltimore, Montgomery, Prince William, Virginia, Carroll and Frederick Counties to hear the dynamic former congresswomen "tell it like it is", or "the way it's going to be" in the upcoming years for black women who are seeking political office.

The program was called to order by emcee Gloria Lawah, Prince George's Central Committee Member, and the audience sang "Lift Every Voice and Sing" followed by invocation by the Rev. Herbert Eaton, after which Mary W. Conaway, Register of Wills, Baltimore, gave a beautiful opening selection accompanied by Columbian Kitty Wright. Mrs. Conaway was introduced by NPWPC Representative, Sandi Stewart, also of Baltimore.

Our own Dr. Vernon C. Gray, now Chairman of the Howard County Council brought greetings to the capacity filled house. He had this to say: "It will be up black women to move ahead if they want an office." Dr. Gray felt that the civil rights women that have gone before us would deeply appreciate the movement that the new political group has started.

The goals of the National Black Women's Political Caucus are to encourage black women to register to vote and to engage in political activity, train black women to understand the political process and how to operate within it, develop and encourage black women to run for office at all levels, to endorse and support (financially and otherwise) candidates for public office, encourage appointment of black women at all levels of government and political parties and develop and advocate public positions.

Young Traci Miller, an honor student at Atholton High School, who was First runner up in the Miss Talented Teen Maryland 1982 pageant delivered a moving speech on: "A Youthful Perspective on Black Women." The young genius received two standing ovations.

Miss Miller's speech was followed by Pat Tyson, NBWPC program-finance chairwoman and founding member, who gave the statement of purpose.

Lauvenia Havely, representative, Prince George's County, introduced Mrs. Chisholm. A rise to the floor came when the former Congresswoman Chisholm came to the roster, wearing her snappy beige hat (trademark) that coordinated with her beige business suit.

She called the attention to the fact that no black women were interviewed during the Democratic vice-presidential selection process. She urged the black women to run for political office. She named Ambassador Patricia Roberts Harris and Dr. Mary Berry, among notables who could have been mentioned.

"Amens" came from the audience when she had this to say. "I know why I was not considered. I'm a maverick and too independent."

The 60-year old former New York Congresswomen continued. "We have been so loyal, yet so used." Therefore, we black women are establishing our own "PAC the National Black Women's Political Caucus, and I intend to be the cutting edge."

Actually Mrs. Chisholm did not speak on her chosen topic, because young Traci Miller had spoken on most of her prepared speech she had planned to deliver to the audience. She praised young Miller for a well planned and prepared speech.

she was excellent as always, using hand gestures as one of her key movements. "This is black female power," as she looked around the crowded room. "The time has come in America that we as black women will no longer be passive, complacent, recipient of what any other group will think of us."

The former New York teacher and speechwriter (before she became a national figure in politics) was elected to the House in 1968 and the Senior Democratic Woman in the House of Representatives was also a member of the House Rules Committee and Congressional Black Caucus.

Mrs. Chisholm's challenge to the lively audience was to send a black woman to the House of Representatives, "Nobody, but nobody will ever, ever bypass black women again." She received a standing ovation.

Mrs. Vernon Lawes, NBWPC representative, Tri-County Howard, Carroll and Frederick gave remarks followed by presentation to Pat Tyson and Mrs. Chisholm, who also received a gift from the Columbia Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

Mrs. Lawes extended her thanks to all committee members that appeared on the program, other committee members were: Dr. E. Marie Johnson and Dottie Ross. For further information write to NBWPC, P.O. Bos 575, Columbia, MD 21045 or call 997-9641.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Be great in act, as you have been in thought.

by William Shakespeare

Gap between black, white teen unemployment widening

An estimated 8.1 million Americans are still officially unemployed in November, 1984, with the overall unemployment rate falling slightly to 7.2 percent from 7.4 percent the previous month.

At the same time, though black teenage employment declined by 29,000 with the unemployment rate increasing to 40.8 percent from 40.2 percent and white teen unemployment rate declining from 16.1 to 14.9 percent.

Frank Slobig, Director of the Roosevelt Project, in releasing an analysis called, The Youth Employment Situation - November, 1984, noted that: "the actual size of this troublesome gap between black and white teenage unemployment is further exacerbated by a decline in the black teen labor force participation rate, which fell in November to 39.0 percent from 40.6 percent."

Only 23.1 percent of black teens were working, down from 24.4 percent in October, 1984 and compared to 48.0 percent for white teens, he said.

He also said that: "with our nation's teenagers continuing to face very difficult labor market problems, it is unconscionable that the Administration should be considering the elimination of the Job Corps and drastic cuts in other education and training programs. Such programs have proven successful and have had broad, bipartisan support."

"The Job Corps, in particular, has been targeted on those teenagers who are the most difficult to serve and has shown that the long-term benefits to society and taxpayers in reduced future dependence on other government programs far outweigh the costs," he said, "If we are to be truly concerned about bringing down the costs of government and assuring that young people become productive workers and taxpayers themselves, then we should be making prudent investments in their future, such as the continuation of Job Corps".

Some of the highlights of the analysis revealed:

- The unemployment rate for females who maintained families with children increased to 11.0 percent from 10.5 percent in the previous month. At the same time, unemployment for female black teenagers went up dramatically from 34.6 percent to 39.5 percent.

- While nearly 6.8 million jobs have been created since November, 1982, teenagers, who represent nearly 17 percent of the unemployed, have suffered a net job loss of nearly 50,000.

- only 23.1 percent of black and 35.9 percent of Hispanic teenagers are employed, compared to 48.0 percent of white teenagers.

- nearly 230,000 20-24 year olds who are currently looking for work have never worked before.

- only 7 of every 100 black teenagers have full time jobs.

Md. reducing errors in food stamps

Maryland State Department of Human Resources Secretary Ruth Massinga announced recently that Maryland will receive $634,000 in federal funds at enhancement for reducing the food stamp error rate.

Maryland's food stamp srror rate was 11 percent in 1982 before an error reduction program was implemented that resulted in reducing the error rate to 7.4 percent within a year.

Reducing the error rate led to reduced costs of between $5 million and $10 million, giving the state one of the best performance rates in the country. More than $180 million is spent annually on the food stamp program in Maryland.

Increased staff, quarterly recertification and a stepped up review system are credited for the dramatic improvements.

"I am exceptionally pleased that we have been successful in reducing our food stamp error rate. As of March we have reduced the rate even further to 6.8 percent," said Secretary Massinga.

The secretary went on to the cite the excellent job being done by income maintenance workers in the food stamp program.

Maryland anticipates further cuts in food stamp expenditures by at least $1 million a year due to special programs aimed at reducing client error.

Sojourner-Douglass lecture

The Afrikan History Club of Sojourner-Douglass College will sponsor a Pre-Kwanza Celebration that will mark the Genesis of an African History Lecture Series.

December 22 at 4 p.m. in Room 324 at Sojourner-Douglass College: The history club will bring to the Baltimore community the renowned author, poet and speaker Haki Madhabuti.

Haki as he is most fondly known, has given us such classics as "Enemies: The Clash of Races" and "From Plan to Planet."

This unique event will be the beginning of a series of lectures on African history that will provide a storehouse of knowledge for people of Afrikan descent for generations to come.

An Afrikan market place will also be available for those who have not purchased their holiday gifts. Knowledge is power, so come out and bring your family, and join the Sojourner-Douglass family at this Pre-Kwanza affair.

For further information, please call: Lola Jenkins (President) at 276-0306 (301).

Children's Activities

The Baltimore County Public Library offers the following free activities for children. Please inquire about registration or tickets at the designated branches.

Monday, December 17, "Santa Visits the Library" an activity for ages 2-7, 3 to 4 p.m., Loch Raven Branch; "'Twas the Week Before Christmas" stories and films, featuring "Mickey's Christmas Carol," for ages 3-5 (adults welcome, too), 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., Perry Hall Branch.

Tuesday, December 18, "Deck the Halls" stories for ages 3-5, 1:30 p.m., Reisterstown Branch.

Wednesday, December 19, "The Dreidl Who Wouldn't Spin" a puppet show for ages 3-5, 1:30 p.m., Reisterstown Branch; "Christmas Bells" a performance by the Adult Handbell Choir of Milford Mill United Methodist Church for all ages, 7:30 p.m., and Christmas films for ages 3-5, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., Towson Area Branch.

Thursday, December 20, "Hanukkah Puppet Show" presented by Esther Waxman for ages 3-6, 1:30 p.m., Pikesville Branch.

Children aged 5-13 will be trained in the fundamentals of computer usage through February at the Cockeysville Area Branch, 9833 Greenside Drive. For information, call 666-0447.