"YOU CAN'T READ!"

"Put that book down," said a white child as she grabbed it out of young Mary McLeod Bethune's hand. "You can't read."

Hurt and ashamed, the little black girl grew more determined than ever. In the end, Mary not only learned to read—she taught thousands of others how to, and became one of America's great black educators.

Mary McLeod Bethune, president of Bethune-Cookman College, 1932-12 and 1946-7.

In 1904, with six students and $1.50, she established the Daytona Normal and Industrial School, the all-black school that grew to become Bethune-Cookman College. Energetic Mrs. Bethune also served as a trusted advisor to Franklin D. Roosevelt and three other presidents, helping to advance educational opportunities for blacks at a time when most couldn't even go to school. And that's quite an accomplishment for one of seventeen children from a slave family.

Mary McLeod Bethune with Harry S. Truman, one of the four U.S. Presidents she advised.

This month, Domino Sugar salutes all black teachers, administrators and students who, like Mary McLeod Bethune, made great advancements in the field of education. Their achievements have benefited all Americans, and we look forward to many more in the future.

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Christ Edmondson U.M.

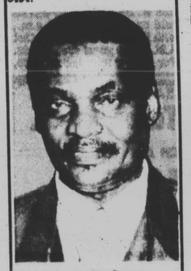
A musical celebration in honor of the 15th anniversary of Brother James Stephney will be held Sunday, February 17, 3 p.m. Guests for the occasion will include Lloyd Cannady, Jr. and the Flying Clouds of S.C., Melodyaires, Mighty Wonders, Christianaires, Commanding Shepherds and others. The musical will be at Christ Edmondson United Methodist Church, 3600 Edmondson Ave. $7.

Calvary Chapel

At the Calvary Chapel in Fort Meade, Md., a black history program will be presented honoring black leaders of past and present. For further info. call 677-7841.

Israel Baptist

Israel Baptist Church will be celebrating their Deacon, Deaconess and Trustee Day on Sunday, February 17 all day. For further info. call 732-3494.



James Stephany

Christadelphians

A Bible lecture on the subject, "Christianity and Eastern Religions," will be presented Sunday, February 17 by the Christadelphians at 2606 Gwynndale Ave. in Woodlawn. Speaker will be Dr. Ray Earnshaw, Bible lecturer, 2:30 p.m.

Grace A.M.E.

Family and Friends Day at Grace A.M.E. Church will be held Sun., Feb. 17.

St. John A.M.E.

Annette Houston, soprano, will be in recital at St. John A.M.E. Church, 810 N. Carrollton Ave., on Sun., Feb. 17, 5 p.m. $5.

Berea Temple

Dr. Edward L. Richardson, pastor of Berea Temple, will be launching into a series of studies in the teachings of the Seventh Day Adventist Church on Wednesday and Monday evenings beginning Mon., Feb. 18 at the church, 1901 N. Madison Ave.

Ray of Hope Baptist

Pastor Dr. Charles M. Franklin and the Male Chorus of Ray of Hope Baptist Church, 3000 Parkside Drive, will be in concert on Sunday, February 17, 5 p.m.

Second Chance

Second Chance, a thrift shop operated on Maryland Ave., between Mt. Royal Ave. and Preston St., by the Women's Guild of the Greek Orthodox Cathedral is announcing a special sale of all current mermerchandise. Sale will run from Feb. 18 through Mar. 1.

Episcopal Church of the Holy Covenant

Everyone is invited to come to the festival Mardi Gras on Tues., Feb. 19, 6-10 p.m., at Episcopal Church of the Holy Covenant, 560 N. Broadway

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Churches aid Africa

A large sector of Baltimore's Christian community have begun their efforts to help end hunger problems in Africa.

An ecumenical coalition of Christian men and clergy in Baltimore presented a check for more than $10,000 to Africare, a non-profit African relief agency.

The money will go directly to Ethiopia to help victims of the famine.

The check was presented at a service on Friday, February 1 at St. James United Methodist Church.

At the 7 p.m. service, Dr. Joseph Kennedy, the director of International Development for Africare, presented slides on the drought that were taken during a recent trip to Ethiopia.

Howard Park United Methodist Church in the 5000 block of Gwynn Oak Ave. donated $1,000 to the hunger cause in Africa last Sunday, and still a great number of other churches in the city are beginning and some ending their campaigns for aid in Africa.

The $10,000 came as a result of an ecumenical project, "Christian Men Fighting Against Hunger," which was inspired by the concerned black clergy.

Among that clergy group were those of Bethel A.M.E. Church with Pastor John Bryant; St. James United Methodist Church with Pastor Basha P. Jordan, Jr.; Adams Chapel A.M.E. with Pastor Michael Thomas; New Psalmist Baptist Church with Pastor Walter Thomas; and St. John Baptist Church with Pastor Gregory C. Turner.

A service held January 15 at New Psalmist Baptist Church in honor of the birthday of Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. brought together these churches whose congregations had presented special offerrings for Africa hunger programs.

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The Truthettes

Truthettes in town

The Truthettes and the New Jersey Mass Choir will be in concert in Baltimore this weekend on Sunday, February 17, 3 p.m. at the Walbrook Senior High School auditorium.

The Truthettes have been one of the most successful youth gospel groups in the country with hits like "Peanut Butter and Jelly," "God Has Always Stood By My Side," "Jesus Loves Me" and "Take It To The Lord In Prayer."

The New Jersey Mass Choir has the number one song in the world right now with "I Want To Know What Love Is."

How to get Church news in the AFRO

For coverage of religious events or Placement of announcements in Metro Church Briefs, write to Eddie King, AFRO American NewsPapers, 628 N. Eutaw St, 21201 or call 728-8200, Ext. 275.

Information from local Pentecostal churches sought for research

Black Pentecostal and Holiness Churches in the Baltimore area are being called on to help in the establishment of the first annotated bibliography on Afro-American Pentecostalism in the United States.

Reference librarian and researcher Sherry Dupree has for almost six years been compiling information to place into the bibliography.

A student minister once asked her for information on the black Pentecostal church. Her search for answers turned into a five-year research project and led to a contract for the first annotated bibliography to be established by her.

Having traveled all over the country seeking information, she now focuses her attention on the local pentecostal and holiness churches in Baltimore for their input.

What is being seeked are state and national convention records, writings about the black pentecostal churches, back issues of official convention newspapers and journals, books and articles by and about Pentecostal ministers and convention souvenir programs.

Also needed are old and new pictures, recordings of sermons and speeches, musical recordings, individual church histories, Sunday bulletins and any other material that might contribute to learnings about the black Pentecostal-Holiness movement in America.

Any help that can be offerred should be brought to the attention of Mrs. Dupree at P.O. Box 163, Gainesville, Florida 32602 or by calling (904) 395-5407.

Mrs. Dupree realized in her capacity at the Santa Fe Community College library that very little had been published or was available on the subject of black Pentecostals.

"I began research in 1981," she was quoted saying in Florida papers. "I felt that it was important that it be done now while our seniors are still alive who remember the oral history they were given. It is also important to our youth now in college to be able to read documented histories of the Pentecostal movement in black churches."

The bibliography is expected to be completed in 1987.

She has received travel grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities, Southern Regional Education Board, University of Florida, Sante Fe Community College and many private donations.

Baltimore groups hold own at gospel extravaganza

By Eddie King
AFRO Religion Editor

Baltimore gospel groups at the Al Green - Shirley Caesar concert last Sunday proved that they could hold their own with the best of them.

The concert sponsored by Damon Productions in honor of the first anniversary celebration of gospel dee-jay Lee Michaels turned out to be a regular Baltimore Saints day with more than seven local groups taking the stage.

Robert Smith, a noted recording artist and soloist in

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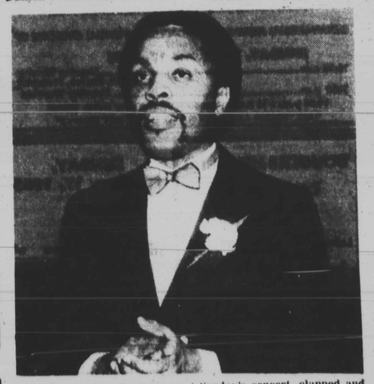
AL GREEN gets into the spirit of the evening as special guest at anniversary celebration Sunday.

AFRO Photos by Bruce Smallwood



LEE MICHAELS, the honoree at Sunday's concert, clapped and stomped all evening at his first anniversary celebration as dee-jay on a gospel radio station. Close to 3,000 were estimated at the show