Bettye Moss

IF YOU ASK ME

Beloved pastor

Nineteen religious leaders from six states and D.C., were among the 1,500 persons who packed Union Temple Baptist Church to eulogize the pastor, the Rev. Dr. Charles Henry Churn, Sr.

Dr. Churn was remembered as "a superlative model of Christian discipleship", during his 60 years as a minister, the last 33 of them as pastor of the West Baltimore church at North and Madison Aves.

Among speakers at the Feb. 16th services were the deceased's three Baptist minister sons, Rev. Charles H. Churn Jr., pastor of Prayer Palace, Brooklyn, N.Y., Rev. Dr. Serenius Churn, minister of Mt. Zion, Winston-Salem, N.C., and the Rev. Gabriel P. Churn, co-pastor of his father's church.

They and other speakers described Dr. Churn as an outstanding scholar who taught Latin, Greek and math, and as a "dedicated preacher, husband, father, and leader "who was masterful in organizing and planning for a financially sound institution and a spiritually endowed church. . ."

Rev. C. H. Churn, Sr.

Who was there?

Leading the tributes were Dr. Mary O. Ross of Detroit, president of the Women's Auxiliary, National Baptist Convention, U.S.A. and Dr. Marshall Shepherd, Philadelphia, president of the Progressive National Baptist Convention.

Recalled was the deceased's role in these organizations, as well as his leadership as moderator of the Mount Bethel Baptist Convention, as chairman of the National Capitol Baptist Convention Foreign Mission Board, and as "an ambassador who preached all over the country..."

Other participants: From N.Y., Dr. Robert L. Laws, pastor, Mt. Lebanon Baptist, Brooklyn, who gave the eulogy; Dr. Nathaniel Tyler-Lloyd, pastor of Trinity Baptist, Bronx; Dr. David N. Licorise, associate minister, Abyssinia Baptist, N.Y. City; Dr. Saul S. Williams, Baptist Temple, Newburg; and Dr. Allen Stanley, president of the Empire State Baptist Convention.

From Virginia, Dr. John W. Chapman, first vice moderator of the Mount Bethel Baptist Convention and pastor of Little Ark Church, King George County; from D.C., Dr. James B. Lewis, president of the National Capitol Convention of Md., Va., and D.C., and Rev. Frank D. Tucker, pastor, First Baptist Church.

Local pastors

Rev. Dr. James L. Moore, minister of Sharon Baptist, presided. Other Baltimore ministers participating were: Elder C. Green, Christian Community Church of God; Rev. Darneal F. Johnson, Jr., Wayland Baptist and president of the Md. Progressive Baptist Convention; and Rev. Samuel L. Ray, pastor, Morning Star Baptist, who called Dr. Churn "one of our leading pastors in the city and a great revivalist who went all over preaching..."

Also, paying tribute to "our beloved pastor", Herbert Johnson, chair of the church's deacon board.

Rev. Dr. Alfred V.C. Vaughn, Grace Memorial pastor and president of the Baltimore Ministers' Conference, recalled: "Dr. Churn was the senior living Baptist minister. He came to the city in 1925 to become assistant to his uncle, Rev. Lloyd Reed, at his church on Calhoun St.

"He told me he went to Northern University because it was his earnest belief that every person should have something to say before he opened his mouth. He was known for his scholarly ability. It is a known fact that every day of his life he spent four hours a day in study. He had disciplined himself to do that."

Dr. Vaughn added: "Dr. Churn was the only preacher in Baltimore city who could boast of giving to the world three sons who were preachers. It is amazing when all follow their father's footsteps. It is evident he was a great influence not only in the church, but also in the home..."

Glorious!!

The Churn memorial service featured glorious music. Some 100 voices were raised in song, bringing frequent "amens" from the audience.

Members of Union Temple's cathedral choir were joined by choir members from Ider Green's Church and from the Churn son's Prayer Palace Church in Brooklyn, N.Y. Outstanding rendition, "We Praise Thee, O God."

Moving were the solo numbers by Mrs. Delores Jones, a teacher and member of the Church of Redeemer here in Baltimore. Her selections: "Sweet Jesus," and "My Soul Is Anchored in the Lord."

Just as impressive was the organ prelude by Julius R. Tilghman of St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

Trumpet, sax

More glorious music: The sounding of the trumpet, at the opening of the memorial service by Thomas N. De Laine. He is the Fine Arts supervisor in Baltimore City Schools. (His was an original fanfare he wrote in honor of Dr. Church).

The handsome six-page funeral program featured his original verse to Dr. Churn entitled, "A great leader, God's servant."

At the conclusion of the memorial program. Mr. DeLaine's brother, Franklin, the D.C. government exec. played a medley of saxophone solos including, "How Great Thou Art," Glorious!!

Procession

Police escort provided aid for the large funeral procession to Md. National Cemetery in Laurel. Mortician Leroy Dyett estimated 75 cars in the line.

The Churn sons, a cousin, Rev. Kenneth Gibson of Elizabeth, N.J., Rev. Nathaniel Lloyd and Rev. Saul Williams, both of N.Y., and Rev. Christopher Hill of Baltimore's Mt. Hope, were active pallbearers.

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No age:—Rev. Dr. Churn kept his age a secret even from family members. Associates estimate he was in his late seventies. He began preaching at the age of 18 in his native Cape Charles, Va.

His wife, of 48 years, Violet Grayson Churn, died in 1976. In addition to his three minister sons, Dr. Churn is survived by three daughters, Violet, a Baltimore County teacher: Laverne C. Lee, Baltimore County principal; and Jewell, the Douglass High School music department head.

Other survivors: A sister, Mrs. Margaret Fraction of Philadelphia; and 13 grandchildren.

More sadness

Thinking-of-you cards to the family of James Walter Sinclair (Jim to intimates). The 74-year old retired Bethlehem Steel employee. He was eulogized Sunday (Feb. 24), at Christ Temple Baptist Church, with the Rev. Lester Waddy officiating.

Survivors: His wife of 40 years - Mrs. Gerdine Sinclair - and their eight children. They are sons, Lacy, Eddie and Maxell; daughters, Gloria, Helen, Ilene, Patricia and Charlene.

Other survivors: 28 grandchildren, nine great grands. Also, his nine sisters, and three brothers who reside in Md., Va., N.C., N.Y., Mass. and N.J.

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And, please remember the family of Mrs. Lillian Katharyn Blyther, 64, the retired Provident Hospital employee.

Last rites were Monday (Feb. 25), at Brown's Memorial Baptist Church.

Survivors: her husband, Abel Blyther; and three children, Carolyn Edwards and Pierce and Elroy Gainus; and three grandchildren.

This and that

Pleasant new resident of Baltimore is 28-year-old Vincent Mickens. Two months ago, he assumed duties as general sales manager of Radio Station WEBB.

He comes to the city from San Diego, Calif., where he held a similar post.

He's a native of St. Louis, where his parents Blanche and Wayman Mickens are school teachers.

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Club note: Md. League of Women's Clubs is urging member clubs to register now for the 41st annual one-day conference. It's Saturday, March 23 at the Forum.

Highlights: State's Attorney Kurt Schmoke is speaker. There will be panel discussion on theme, "Committed Women Accepting Today's Challenge." Mrs. Martha Blackstone is interim president of the League. Call Mrs. Marion Jackson, luncheon chair, for ticket information, at 728-2884.

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Note in the mail announces retirement celebration honoring city school principal, Raymond Carpenter. It's Tuesday, March 26 at Regency Terrace. Reservations at $20 per are being accepted by Mrs. Georgianna Loggins, School No. 240 at 6300 O'Donnell St., Baltimore, Md., 21224.

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MUSIC The Anthem - "The Lord Is My Light," - Allitsen/Salter
The Spiritual - "Tramping," - Smith
Preaching - "The Authority of Jesus," - Dr. Ray
7:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 6, 1985 - The Martha W. Preston Bible Class.
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MUSIC
8:00 Anthem
Treasures in Heaven — Joseph Clokey
11:00 Anthems
Give Me Jesus — Arr. Roland Carter
I'm Drinking From a Fountain — Arr. William C. Handy

Dr. George McDonald prominent physician

Funeral services for Dr. George McDonald will be held at noon Friday, March 1 at St. James Episcopal Church at Lafayette and Arlington Ave. Interment will follow at Arbutus Memorial Park.

He belonged to the Baltimore City Medical Society, and the Medical and Chururgical Faculty of Maryland. He also served on the staff of Provident Hospital, and as the president of the Monumental City Medical Society.

Dr. McDonald, who reached the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Air Force, graduated from the Wayland Academy in Massachusetts in 1923.

In 1927, he was graduated from the Howard University Medical School, and after interning at the Kansas City General Hospital, he began his own practice.

He was a member of numerous organizations. Among those organizations were the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Urban League, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, the Pigskin Club, and the Frontiers Club.

He loved football and was an avid fan of the Baltimore Colts.

Dr. McDonald is survived by his wife, Mrs. Selby McDonald, and a number of nieces and nephews.

PRE - EASTER SHOPPERS TRIP
SAT., MARCH 16, 1985 to Reading Pennsylvania. Call 367-3377 for Information.

Robert Reid at age 73

Memorial rites for Robert France Reid were held Friday, Feb. 15 at noon in the Helen A. Holland Memorial Chapel of Nutter and Sons Funeral Home.

Mr. Reid was born on September 11, 1911 in Halifax County, VA., the son of the late Alice and Alexander Reid. He died on Feb. 11 after a long period of illness.

His survivors include his widow, Mrs. Mary Reid, his brother Algie Reid, and his sister Mary Reid Lamont. He also leaves a number of nieces, nephews, and cousins, one brother - in law, three sisters - in - law, and a host of other relatives and friends.

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Showtime

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What's Happening

'Roses' and Jamal

CLUB MEETINGS this week exploded with comments about the Arena Players and WMAR-TV's "Grandma Loved Roses," last Saturday on Ch. 2. The annual drama competition won $1,000 for Jeanette D. Adeshote.

WMAR-TV Ch 2, The Arena Players and staff were hosts at a special viewing party last Thursday for about 300 guests. The elegant wine, cheese and dessert party at the Arena Playhouse was hosted by the Arena Players led by Mrs. Camilla Sherrard and Sam Wilson and staff members of WMAR-TV which included:

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Kleiner, president and general manager; Harry Kakel, director of promotions; Ms. Nancy Fields, Director of Public Relations; George Collins, editorial director and director of affirmative action and Barry Friedler, executive producer.

After viewing, Mrs. Adeshote was awarded roses and a check for $1,000. Ms. Brenda Williams was presented roses and a check for $500 and Ed Heath, $250. All winners received framed pictures of the artwork used to announce "Grandma Loved Roses."

The audience viewing the show was very positive about the efforts of WMAR-TV and the Arena Players for taking such great efforts to contribute to black culture in Baltimore.

Great praise was heaped on Mary West Miller for her stirring performance as Grandma.

Some comments were heard again about why not change the rules for the Drama Contest so that the winning playwright must write about some Baltimorean of color who has achieved like Harriett Tubman, Frederick Douglass, Eubie Blake using his materials or Avon Long... the top banana at one time at the Cotton Club.

This columnist believes that criticism should be constructive not destructive and hopes that WMAR-TV will continue to produce the Drama Competition.

Granted a play about color prejudice hits a sensitive nerve in some people but over the coffee cups this week most people talked about the old days before black is beautiful when families did demand their daughters "improve the breed."

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MOST people we talked with this week attended the screening of WMAR's "Grandma" and watched WJZ-TV's "Up On Pennsylvania Avenue." Most people commented that the show must have been done by people who were from out-of-town. Comments were about what was left out like Ike Dixon's Club, the Pythian Hall, Wendell's with the bedroom wallpaper, The Spot and the Avenue. Then there was the alley behind the Royal Theatre were Slappy White was born and the whorehouse over Penn-Dol Pharamacy where Redd Foxx says he stayed when he played the Royal and of course there was Mom's across from the Royal where she fed all the entertainers.

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AHMAD JAMAL is the special treat in town at Ethel's Place and be sure you catch him before he leaves. We were special guests this past week with Jamal and Abdu-Raschid Yahya and his wife at the New Hamilton's Landing Restaurant on Thames Street at the foot of Broadway in Fells Point.

Yahya is a great fan of Jamal's and Yahya had him down to dinner to check out his Steinway where he is in residence nightly.

The food at Hamilton's is reasonable and elegantly prepared by Jonathan Edges. We had a Chicken Creole. The china, silver and linen are beautiful and the restored restaurant looks out at the harbor. Waiters are in black tie.

Jamal confided over dinner that he is booked solid until December and he plays all of the Fairmont Hotels every year in New Orleans, Dallas and Denver and Lush Life in New York.

He makes his home in Richmond, Mass. with his wife Laura and their three children. One daughter, Sumayah Jamal, 19, is a freshman at Johns Hopkins University with a major in Bio-Chemistry.

We had a great discussion on some of his new tunes he has recently recorded, cut at Lakeview Farms in Massachusetts. He hasn't decided yet on whether to call the tune, "Arabesque," a posture in ballet or "Amethyst" a clear purple or bluish quartz.

The idea behind the tune is "tones you hear in Arabic countries."

Ahmad Jamal began playing piano in Pittsburgh at the age of three. By the time he was 11, he was a concert performer. He was only 14 when the immortal Art Tatum declared him "a coming great." At 18, Jamal joined the George Hudson Orchestra on a national tour. After stints with the group, Four Strings, and a period as an accompanist for The Caldwells, Jamal formed his own trio.

As a recording artist with Argo Records, Jamal achieved international recognition with his hit single, "Poinciana," from the album But Not For Me and earned the distinction of being the only artist to have an album in the top ten on the charts for 108 consecutive weeks. This had never been done before. Jamal's albums have been chartmakers ever since, and he has built himself a tremendous following throughout the world. Last year alone, Jamal did 30 concerts in Europe and recently headlined a show that drew 32,000 people at Grant Park in Chicago.

Credited with being one of the first jazz innovators to reach a wide audience, Jamal explains, "I've never made a bad record in my life. My concept is, if it's good, it's going to be commerical. Salk vaccine is an artistic triumph, but it's also commerical." He has also produced records for himself, and for three years was the head of his own recording company. "We've always gone into the studio with the idea of coming up with good music. Like Duke Ellington said, "there are only two kinds of music, good and bad and I always strive for the best I can possibly offer."

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ABDU-RASCHID YAHYA played a jazz concert at the Eubie Blake Center Sunday as part of the Urban Services Cultural Arts Project and the Blake Center literally "burned."

The first part of the program was titled "Audience's Choice" and featured Charles Bowen Sr., formerly with Philly Joe Jones and Ballmoreans Gary Thomas, Willie Barber, Andrew Rock and El-Hajj Fatimah.

The expression "man... they really burned" is an old jazz expression and at the end of the first set the electrical lighting system malfunctioned and the Fire Department closed the concert hall.

The company retired to the New Hamilton Landing Restaurant and soothed their frustrations there. The concert will be rescheduled.

Mrs. Jeanette Adeshote, winner of $1,000 in WMAR-TV Drama Contest beams at screening with her son, Darryl Allen and her mother, Mrs. Isabella Ashby.

Mrs. Mary West Miller received many congratulations for her role of Grandma.

Proud Ellen Y. Smith who played Gwen, a young girl who threatens suicide in "Grandma Loved Roses" beams at reception over her roses.

25 picas
Gorham Scott who played the great-grandfather and Oliver Cooper (R) who played Master Brewer in "Grandma Loved Roses."

Photos by Ida Peters

Mrs. Loraine Brown (L) chats with Nelson Taylor, president of 4-Saints Productions in front of his painting "No More War" in lobby of Arena Playhouse where a group of artists have been displaying their work during Black History Month and the current production of "Nevis Mountain Dew."

(Photo by Ida Peters)

Ahmad Jamal (L) with Mr. and Mrs. Abdu-Raschid Yahya.

CELEBRITIES

Production is under way in Southern California on "Wildside," starring Howard E. Rollins, Jr., a one-hour western action-adventure series that will air this year on the ABC Network.

The series, from Walt Disney Productions, centers on five legendary gunfighters who live as ordinary citizens in Wildside County. In reality, they are an elite law enforcement unit, dedicated to preserving peace in the territory, while also taking on special assignments from the governor.

"Wildside" beside Rollins stars Williams Smith, J. Eddie Peck, Terry Funk and John DiAquino.

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Take it from some kids who should know, BILL COSBY is precisely the sort of ideal father he portrays on TV.

According to the youngsters who work with him all day, every day, the comedian is kind, compassionate, humorous and sometimes a bear when crossed - as all good fathers should be according to the gospel by kids.

Responsible for this consensus by acclamation are Malcolm-Jamal Warner, Tempestt Bledsoe and Lisa Bonet who play the comedian's three eldest offsprings every week on NBC-TV's "The Bill Cosby Show," highest rated sitcom of the year.

JON ST. ELWOOD, who stars as Jazz Jackson in "The Young and the Restless," popular daytime drama broadcast weekdays on the CBS Network, is one proud fellow these days. And justifiably so! The tall, dark and handsome actor is the recipient of the Los Angeles Sentinel's Community Service Award. St. Elwood, who works on behalf of a number of groups including the American Cancer Society, joins a distinguished group in receiving the honor. Past recipients include such celebrities as Lou Rawls, Michael Warren, "Magic" Johnson, Sherman Hemsley, Marla Gibbs Isabel Sanford and Tina Turner.

As anyone can tell you, St. Elwood's heart is almost as big as he is.

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Jeff Bridges, Diana Ross, Tom Selleck and Kathleen Turner are the first four stars who have been named as co-hosts of the 57th Annual Academy Awards presentation, which will be telecast live, Monday, March 25, on the ABC Network. It was announced by the producing team of Gregory Peck, Larry Gelbart, Robert E. Wise and Gene Allen.

Together with host Jack Lemmond plus six other co-hosts yet to be announced and past Oscar winners, Bridges, Ms. Ross, Selleck, and Ms. Turner will present the awards. Last year's winner of the Best Actress Oscar, Shirley MacLaine, has already been set to present the Best Actor award this year.

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Patrica M. Thompson, director, Business Affairs, East Coast, ABC Entertainment, has been selected by American Broadcasting Companies, Inc., as its 1985 recipient of a Black Achiever in Industry Award, presented by the Harlem Branch of the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) of Greater New York.

Ms. Thompson and award recipients from other corporations in the New York metropolitan area will be honored at the 15th Annual Black Achievers Dinner on Thursday, March 21, at the New York Hilton.

The Black Achievers program recognizes individuals who, "in achieving status in industry, are motivators and pacesetters for black youth." ABC, Inc., has participated in this program for 12 consecutive years. Ms. Thompson is the 19th ABC employee to be so recognized.

As Director, Business Affairs, Ms. Thompson is responsible for negotiating the license agreements for the ABC Television Network's Children programs and prime time specials and the agreements with the performers who appear on the network's daytime serial dramas.

A member of the American Bar Association, Ms. Thompson is a graduate of Brooklyn Law School and Bowling Green State University. Ms. Thompson resides in Englewood, N.J. with her two sons, Jerry and James.

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Rodney Dangerfield stars in an all-new comedy special that features crazy skits with his special guest stars, Morgan Fairchild, Harvey Korman, Dick Butkus and BUBBA SMITH, in "Rodney Dangerfield Exposed," airing Sunday, March 3, on the ABC Network.

The respect-starved Rodney, his friends and a troupe of dancer/singers, romp through an hour of hilarity that includes the following highlights:

Rodney Exposed - "Laid Bare" - Rodney is exposed in a scandal sheet brought to life in song and dance.

Mechanic's School - Rodney, Morgan, Bubba, Butkus and Marv Throneberry learn how to rip off auto owners.

James Booker's N.Y.

Top Draw Stuff: John H. Johnson, publisher of the Ebony-Jet chain, elected to the board of directors of the Chrysler Corp., replacing the late Dr. Jerome "Brud" Holland... CCNY to take Colleges. Dr. Cyril Tyson resigning as vice president at CCNY to take on new duties as a lobbyist and public affairs specialist with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, becoming its top black staffer... State NAACP president Mrs. Hazel N. Dukes, rapidly becoming one of the most effective civil rights voices in the area, called for new civil rights legislation Monday in Albany, stressing that the financial gap between blacks and-whites was widening... New Jersey black and civil rights groups joining in a major protest to Gov. Thomas Kean to name a black to replace Don Thomas on the Casino Control Commission instead of a white woman lawyer who has been recommended. The Commission, since its inception, has traditionally had a black member...

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Around Town: Uptowners mourning the passing of former Harlem Lawyers Association president William J. Lake, who was buried Wednesday, and one-time Renaissance basketball star Clarence "Puggy" Bell, who died suddenly in his Riverton home while watching television. Atlantic City Mayor James Usry, a former teammate on the "Rens" and other basketball greats came in town for the services... City Council President Carol Bellamy, Councilman Fred Samuel, Mrs. C. Elaine Parker, assistant to the Manhattan Borough President and Rev. Calvin O. Butts were among the celebs joining in praising Modern School founder Mrs. Mildred Johnson Edwards at a gala 50-year reception at the Harlem State Office Building last week... 22 West customers celebrating the wedding of popular George "Smiley" Fleming and Donna Flamer at St. Philip's Church... New York Knicks announcer Butch Beard and Earl Monroe both being strongly considered for top posts in the new 9-city United States Basketball League to showcase this summer. Both Walt Frazier and Dick Barnett are already in the League fold.

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Show Biz: It was like old times at Harlem's Apollo Theatre on George Washington's Birthday when "The Godfather of Soul" James Brown stopped in to tape some new recordings in his sleek gray Cadillac. Hundreds crowded outside just to get a glimpse. More black entertainers should select the entertainment emporium for recordings and videos and make it the true world center for entertainment and help bring new business back to black communities. Motown Records slated to do a special in April, with the theatre becoming available for speical bookings, special shows and recordings in May... Uptowners feel it will take at least a year for Showman's Restaurant, near the Apollo, to be rebuilt after the major "suspicious" fire which gutted the structure when the fire occured last week and spread rapidly... Singer Sam Cooke fans will be happy to know that a new album will be released in March of songs he recorded 20 years ago, but were never released... Bill Cosby getting together with Lena Horne for a new possible television show in which she would star this fall... Whoppi Goldberg being scouted to star in a movie on Alice Walker's award-winning novel, "The Color Purple." ... Toni-award winning tap dancer Charles "Honi" Coles to be feted again at the annual Beaux Arts Ball next month...