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Allen A.M.E. to celebrate 84th Annual Men's Day

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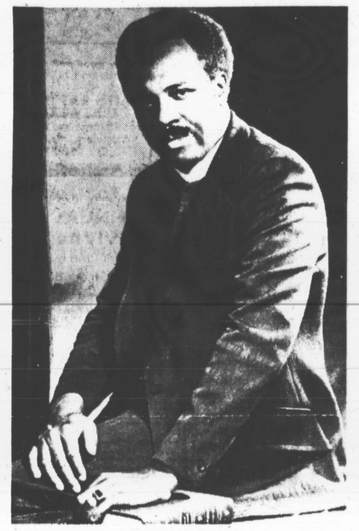
On Sunday, the Men of Allen A.M.E. Church will celebrate their 84th Annual Men's Day.

At the 11 a.m. service, Bishop Robert L. Pruitt will be the speaker. Bishop Pruitt, a native of Greenville, SC has preached in and pastored churches in the first and second Episcopal Districts of the A.M.E. Church.

While pastoring at Metropolitan A.M.E. Church in Washington, D.C., he received Mayor Barry's Achievement Award, the Top Five Preacher's Award, and the AFL-CIO Labor Achievement Award. Bishop Pruitt was elected and consecrated the 103rd Bishop of the A.M.E. in 1984 and presides in the 17th Episcopal District which includes Central Africa, Southwest Zimbawe, Northeast Zimbawe, Malawi, and Zambia.

Since being elected, he has increased membership in his district by 10,000, completed five new churches, and delivered the National Christmas message to the nation of Zambia by invitation of President Kuandu. In addition, he was invited to be the keynote speaker to 35,000 in Zimbabwe on the most recent Africa Day.

The Men's Day activities will culminate with an afternoon worship service at 3:30 p.m. with Rev. Milford Rhodes and the membership of Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church in Long Green, MD. All are invited to take part in these services of high praise and celebration. Rev. Ricky Spain is pastor.



Bishop Robert L. Pruitt

Rev. Ronald Armstrong

MINISTER'S WIVES AND WIDOWS BANQUET HELD

The Interdenominational Minister's Wives' and Widows' Alliance of Baltimore and Vicinity had a Founder's Day Banquet at The Forum on Thursday, April 3.

It was a celebration to mark the 40th Anniversary of this alliance. The theme for the program was, "Reflections of Christian Women." The alliance's current president is Mrs. Madeline Hall. The program committee was chaired by Mrs. Lucille Cookly and Mrs. Lurlena Johnson.

Highlights of the evening were "Reflections" or (looking back) by Mrs. Mary Harrington. Tributes and reflections of the founders of the alliance were given by Miss Jo Ellen Lofton in memory of her mother, Mrs. Myrtle Lofton, founder; and by Rev. Spencer Dobson in memory of his wife, Mrs. Estelle Dobson, co-founder.

Special guest and keynote speaker was Mrs. Jennie E. Hall of Mt. Bethel Baptist Church in Washington, D.C. She gave a most inspiring message using the theme: Reflection of Christian Women. The most dynamic part of her message was when she described characteristics of a God you can depend on, using attributes starting with every letter in the alphabet.

Other special guests were the past presidents of the alliance, and state president, Mrs. Bennie Freeman. President Madeline Hall was honored with a plaque from members of the alliance as the evening drew to a close.

BARNES AND BROWN RETURN TO BALTIMORE

Once again the fabulous gospel duet, Rev. F. C. Barnes and Rev. Janice Brown, will perform in Baltimore. The show, to benefit the mortgage fund of Providence Baptist Church, will take place on Sunday, April 20, 3 p.m. at Lemmel Middle School, 2801 Dukeland St. and will also feature the Sensational Singing Angels, Rev. Ernest Turner, and the T and T Gospel Singers of Providence Baptist Church.

Tickets in advance are $8, $9 at the door and $4 at the door for children. For more information call 655-3642 or 332-1057. The program is sponsored by the Inspirational Singers.

TESTIMONY PRESENTED AT INTERFAITH SERVICE

Thirty-one Maryland citizens presented testimony of their personal experiences in Central America as an offering of witness at the interfaith service in memory of Archbishop Oscar Romero held at St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church in Baltimore on Sunday evening, March 16. Several of the statements were read as part of the service, and the collected written testimony was presented to the Rev. Wendell Phillips of the Heritage United Church of Christ in Baltimore.

Included in the testimony were statements by Baltimore residents Dana Walbridge, Herbert Valentine, Kenneth Byerly, Michael Schirmacher, Catherine Kelly, Ann Pollitt, Robert Kaufman, Laila Atallah, Chris Lillie, Harold Burns, and Barbara Jensen. The testimony is directed to the Maryland United States Congressional delegation and copies will be presented to each Maryland senator and representative.

The testimony urges the use of political and diplomatic channels to find solutions to the region's problems and especially calls for the cessation of United States aid to the **contra** forces fighting Nicaragua and the cessation of the air war against the rural civilian population in El Salvador.

The service featured the reading of the words of Archbishop Romero as expressed in his last letters and sermons. The regular offering was taken for the benefit of the Sanctuary movement.

The interfaith prayer service was the opening event of the Central America week activities in Maryland, which also included a lecture sponsored by the Central America Solidarity Committee, a fiesta for the benefit of several Baltimore area Central American groups, and a dinner for the benefit of displaced people in El Salvador.

Collection of the personal witness testimony was coordinated by Marilyn Moors of Rockville and was sponsored by four groups, the Maryland Council on Latin America, the National Capital Area Unitarian Universalist Service Committee Unit, Baltimore Clergy and Laity Concerned, and the Baltimore Central America Week Committee.

The Rev. Wendell Phillips of Heritage United Church of Christ receives an offering of testimony at the Central America Prayer Service. Left to right: Rev. Phillips, Marilyn Moors, coordinator, Ann Pollitt and Sr. Catherine Kelly, witnesses.

DATE CHANGE FOR NATIONAL BLACK CATHOLIC CONGRESS

Bishop John Richard, SSJ, auxiliary bishop of Baltimore and chairman of the National Black Catholic Congress, has announced that the date and location of the Congress have been changed from April 23-26, 1987 to May 21-24, 1987. The site of the Congress will be the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

The reason for the change is the overwhelming response for the Congress which indicated that the previously selected location would be inadequate to accommodate all who wished to participate. The Catholic University can accommodate up to 1600 participants and includes the use of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Since the Catholic University would not be available in April, the date was changed to May 21-24.

The Congress will be a national gathering of black Catholics invited from all dioceses in the United States to study and strategize about methods of evangelizing the six to ten million black Americans who belong to no formal religious structure. The goal of the Congress is to seek out strategies that will make the Catholic faith more appealing to black Americans and to explore why black Americans would by and large not find the Catholic faith relevant to their life experiences.

Bishop John H. Richard, SSJ, national coordinator of the Congress, is also one of the authors of the Black Bishops' Pastoral Letter of 1984, "What We Have Seen and Heard."

GOSPEL CONCERT TO END REV. ARMSTRONG'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

On Sunday, April 20 at 4 p.m. at the Interdenominational Church of Christ, a birthday celebration and banquet in honor of Rev. Ronald Armstrong, Baltimore minister and WJRO gospel radio personality, will culminate a week's activities.

The program will feature minister Jeffery Banks from Annapolis, MD, Rev. Smitty Henry from Atlanta, GA, Baltimore's own Miss Julia Mae Price-Williams and the Singing Deacons, plus the Voices of Praise featuring Larry Caeser, brother of Shirley Caeser.

"This celebration will be the climax of the birthday celebration, and I want as many people as possible to enjoy it," Rev. Armstrong said Tuesday.

Also during that program, Rev. Armstrong will be installed as the co-pastor of the Interdenominational Church of Christ under the pastorship of Rev. Dr. E. L. Johnson.

ONE IN THE SPIRIT CRUSADE TO CLAIM BALTIMORE

There's an excitement in the air. Everybody's talking about it. The "One in the Spirit" Crusade is on the march to claim Baltimore City.

Two great men of God, Revs. John R. Bryant and Walter Thomas, will be hosting a transdenominational crusade at the Lyric Theatre from April 21 through April 25. The congregations of both churches are working side by side prayerfully attending to crusade logistics. A 400-voice choir from both churches will be singing nightly. New Psalmist's Deacons and Bethel's Stewards will officiate in harmony.

Already teams of witnesses of Street Evangelists from both churches have hit the streets of Baltimore leading hundreds of souls to Jesus.

REV. F. C. BARNES AND REV. JANICE BROWN return to **Baltimore this coming Sunday in a concert with The Sensational Singing Angels, Rev. Ernest Turner and The T. and T. Gospel Singers, and the Inspirational Singers of Providence Baptist Church at Lemmel Middle School on April 20 at 3 p.m.**

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11:00 A.M. ..... Choral Eucharist and Sermon
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A. PHILIP RANDOLPH

Former Pullman Porters and the A. Philip Randolph Institute is celebrating the 97th Birthday Anniversary of A. Philip Randolph and belated 60th Anniversary of his organizing of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters (first Black Labor Union). Mr. Randolph was the first Black Vice President of the National AFL-CIO. He was also the Dean of the Civil Rights Leaders.

The affair will be held Sunday, April 20, 1986 at 4:00 p.m. at Leadenhall Baptist Church, 1021-23 Leadenhall Street near Hamburg Street. The guest speaker will be Dr. E. D. Nixon, a former Pullman Porter of Montgomery, Alabama. Dr. Nixon was the organizer of the 1955 Montgomery Bus Boycott. He picked 26 year old Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to lead the Bus Boycott. The public is invited. Admission free.

Lorretta Johnson
Senator Troy Brailey
Chairpersons

AREA OBITUARIES

Leroy Harrod

On April 10 services were held for Leroy Harrod at Providence Baptist Church.

He was born in Newport News, VA, on July 24, 1916, son of the late Rev. and Mrs. B. C. Harrod.

He was educated in the public schools of Newport News. He moved to Baltimore and there met and married the former Gertrude Morton. They had two sons.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. Following his service, he worked at Edgewood Arsenal for twenty five years.

He will be remembered as a congenial and courageous person, able to withstand the most depressed circumstances.

He is survived by his children, Delmar and Lawrence Harrod; three sisters, Melinee Yerrell of Baltimore, Bessie Allen of Winston-Salem, NC, and Ruth Morgan of St. Louis, MO; other relatives and friends.

Hezekiah Savage

Hezekiah Savage was born on July 21, 1894 in Baltimore to the late Mr. and Mrs. Hezekiah (Emma) Savage. He died April 7.

He was educated in the Baltimore City public schools. He married the former Edyth N. Norris who is deceased. They had three children.

He was employed with the Federal Tin Company for 40 years until his retirement in 1962.

He will be remembered as a sports enthusiast and a friendly conversationist.

He is survived by his son, Theodore W. Savage; his daughter, Mrs. Edythe S. Evans; two sisters, Floretta Brooks and Mildred McMullum; five grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren, eight great-great grandchildren, other relatives and friends.

Charles C. Owens

Charles Carroll Owens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll (Mary) Owens was born on January 28, 1892 in Cambridge, MD. He died April 2.

He moved with his family to Baltimore at the start of the 1900's. In 1908 he joined Bethel A.M.E. Church, making him one of the church's oldest members before his death.

During World War I, he served in the U.S. Army in France. On August 25, 1920, he married the former Viola E. Hill. Trained at Johns Hopkins University as a steam engineer, he worked for many years at the Arcade Cleaners; he retired in 1969.

He is survived by his wife, his sons, Carroll, Kennard and Miles; grandchildren, Dyanne, Valeri, Ron, Emily, David and Tiffany; cousins, other relatives and friends.

Charlie Stevenson

Services for Charlie Stevenson, Jr. were held on April 4. He died March 30.

He was born on February 16, 1964 in Baltimore, MD, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie (Rosalie Daniels) Stevenson, Sr.

He was educated in the Baltimore City public schools and was a graduate of Southern High School.

He was employed at various jobs and will be remembered as a sports enthusiast.

He is survived by his parents, his brother, Dennis A. Grant; six great-aunts, seven great-uncles, other relatives and friends.

Sgt. Linda L. Lewis dies in Germany

Services for Sgt. Linda Lenora Linton Lewis were held at New Saint Mark Baptist Church, on April 9.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph (Marion) Coe, she was born on June, 1958, in Baltimore, MD. She died March 29 in Bad Kreunach, Germany.

She was educated in the Baltimore City public schools and was a graduate of Woodlawn Senior High School. She also received undergraduate credits from Towson State University.

She enlisted in the U.S. Army in October, 1979, and was trained in the medical field. She worked at the Walter Reed U.S. Army Medical Center, at the Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center in Fort Gordon, GA. Her overseas tour, beginning Jan. 22, took her to Germany, where she continued her career in the medical field.

She is survived by her husband, Edward B. Lewis; her son, Troy; her parents, other relatives and friends.

Charles C. Coley, 85

Charles C. Coley, 85, retired business man, died April 11, at Walter Reed Hospital.

Mr. Coley was born March 16, 1901, in Mount Olive, North Carolina, attended North Carolina College in Durham, N.C., and graduated from Howard University in 1929, with a B.S. in Commerce and Finance, having worked his way through school.

While still at Howard University he, with a partner opened his first business, the University Grill, 2718 Georgia Avenue, NW., but he soon bought out the partner and became sole owner/operator. He expanded and at the peak of his operations owned fifteen businesses, including barbeque houses, seafood restaurants, a drug store, a gasoline station, a pastry shop, a dry cleaners, a music store, and a coin-operated music business.

Rev. Stephen Thomas

Rev. Stephen Thomas, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles (Sarah) Thomas, was born on February 5, 1912 in Mullins, SC. He died March 25.

He was educated in the public schools in Mullins, SC. He worked at the Scotield Mill in Mullins and in the shipyards in Wilmington, NC.

In 1936, he married the former Beulah Huggins. In the early 1940's, he moved to Baltimore, where he was employed at the Key Highway Shipyards and at Bethlehem Steel. He retired from there in 1975.

He served in the ministry for 36 years. He was a member of Trinity A.M.E. Church, where he served and worshipped until his death.

He is survived by his wife, two daughters, Mrs. Mildred P. Powell and Miss Alice Darlene M. Thomas; two sons, Harold Stephen Thomas and Paul Green; two sisters, Martha Thomas of Philadelphia, PA and Eunice Thomas of Newark, N.J.; one brother, Jessie Thomas of Mullins, SC, other relatives and friends.

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11:00 a.m. — Let Me Ride — Arr. Kemper Harreld
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Sunday, April 20, 1986
9:00 A.M. Sunday School (All Ages).
10:30 A.M. Live Radio Broadcast WYST 10:10 AM Dial.
11:00 A.M. Divine Morning Worship Service Sermon by Elder C. Green.
3:30 P.M. Emanuel Baptist Church of Overlea, Md. will worship with us. Rev. John Clanton, pastor.
6:00 P.M. The Coppin State Gospel Ensemble and The Baltimore Community Ensemble in a Joint Concert. Sponsored by the Women's Day Committee.
The Sunday School will present their 1st Annual Christian Education Seminar Saturday, April 26th, 9:00 A.M. till 2:30 P.M. The theme will be "Effective Christian Living." Rev. Ronald Howard will be the keynote speaker.
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