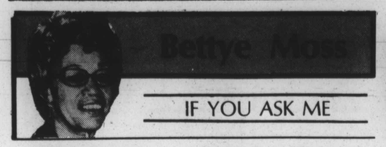

## IF YOU ASK ME

### Good news

On the mend: — Dr. Theodore C. Patterson, the well-known Dundalk physician, is recuperating at home, awaiting admission to Hopkins Hospital for heart bypass surgery to be performed by Dr. Levi Watkins.

He reports he is pleased that during his recent hospital stay during the upcoming hospital surgery his office is manned by Dr. Willarda Edwards. She is a 1977 graduate of the U. of Md. Medical School, who completed her residency at Greater Baltimore Medical Center.

Later, she served as staff assistant at the U.S. Naval Academy, and at Bethesda Naval Hospital. (She is a lieutenant commander in the Naval Reserve.)

Dr. Patterson adds: "Dr. Edwards is secretary of the Monumental Medical Society, and a member of the Big Brothers and Big Sisters. She is a bright and capable young physician. I am certain you will hear more about her in the future. Thanks to your column in the AFRO, I have been showered with cards and get-well wishes."

Isn't that a nice tribute for one doctor to pay to another.!!

But that's typical of Dr. Patterson. He has been about the business of encouraging our young medical students, has supported the scholarship fund for minority students at the U. of Md.

Now that he's ailing, he can feel comfortable, knowing that a capable young woman is carrying on in his absence. Continue get well cards to Dr. Patterson at 3427 Dundalk Ave., Dundalk, Md., 21222.

### More good news

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Hugh Thompson (Dr. Marcia), of Hyland in Howard County, are on Cloud 9.

Their no. 3, Christel Lewie, tipped the scales at 9 lbs., 14 oz., when she arrived at Howard University Hospital on Sept. 17. Mom is a radiologist. Dad is a sales rep with a large firm.

Big sister and brother, Candice, 4, and Troy 3rd, 2, are plenty happy too, not to mention grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel A. Lewie, (Reva), of Baltimore, and Mrs. Elaine Thompson of Burlington, N.C.

N.C. kin here last week to greet the new arrival, aunt and uncle, Edgar and Cynthia Thompson.

It was an eventful summer for Grandma Lewie. She retired after 30 years in the Baltimore city schools, was head of Walbrook High department when she stepped out.

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Don't miss this: Vivian E. Washington, one of Baltimore's hard-working volunteers who has earned a reputation as scholar, educator and friend to many, has reached another milestone.

Her new publication is just off the press. It's entitled, "I Am Somebody, I Am Me."

The author says it is "aimed at black parents who want for their children what all parents want . . . to grow up to be capable, self-sufficient, competent, successful happy people who can compete in a real world . . ."

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### And more

Love note: Members of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church got the

**REMEMBERED—Some 500 persons gathered at Enon Baptist Church Sunday evening to recall the contributions of Mrs. Florence G. Ringgold, teacher, church worker and community volunteer.**

what their pastor, Father Eddie Blue, termed "a pleasant surprise," and "good news" during Sunday services — he had officiated the day before at the wedding of Father Charles Foxx and Mrs. Helen Gantt.

He's the associate Episcopal priest in the Baltimore area. She's the retired Social Security exec. It was a second marriage for both.

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More good Episcopal Church news: Women of St. James Church mark their special day this Sunday (Nov. 2) at 10 a.m.

Speaker is one of Baltimore's own brilliant young women — Rev. Sandra A. Wilson, currently assistant rector of St. Augustine Church in Asbury Park, N.J.

Rev. Wilson is a Vassar and Union Theological Seminary grad, who has had exciting assignments as priest and chaplain in N.Y. and Conn. She is known as "a committed, caring, hardworking person," who has "a real grasp of issues confronting the church today."

Rev. Wilson grew up in Holy Trinity Church, where her mother, Mrs. Anne Wilson is still active. Proud mother is the retired Baltimore city home ex-teacher.

Mrs. Verna Jackson is chair of women's day. During the Sunday service, there will be citations to women members 80 years old and older, and presentation of a Golden Heritage Membership to NAACP president, Mrs. Enolia P. McMillan.

### Treats

Don't miss: The Madison Ave. YWCA enters 90th anniversary kick-off luncheon this Saturday, Nov. 1, 4 to 7 p.m., at the Manor House, 1800 Eutaw Place.

The celebration will honor a YW pioneer, Mrs. Patti Page, by creating a scholarship fund in her name. It couldn't happen to a more deserving volunteer.

If you can not attend the luncheon, contributions for the scholarship fund are being accepted at the Madison Ave. Center, 128 W. Franklin St., Baltimore, Md., 21201. Names of all contributors will be listed in the Y's 90th anniversary celebration booklet.

Note: The Patti Page Scholarship will enable low-income youth to enjoy YWCA activities.

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Mark your calendar now: The Baltimore NAACP holds its 1986 Membership Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, Nov. 8, at 9 a.m., at Morning Star Baptist Church, 1063 W. Fayette St.

Rev. Cecelia Bryant of Bethel AME Church is speaker. Co-chair are Del. Ruth Kirk and Mrs. Benjamin Hooks, (Frances).

Extra added attraction: Volunteers who sell 50 or more NAACP memberships before December 26th, can qualify for a Fox jacket and hat Drawing will be in December. Mrs. Lorraine Chapman is prayer breakfast chair. Mrs. Narda Tyler-Terry is membership chair. For details call, NAACP office, 366-3300.

### With love

Some 500 relatives and friends gathered in Enon Baptist Church on Sunday evening to say goodbye to Florence Gardner Ringgold. She was the 66-year-old retired public school psychologist who lost her long battle with cancer on Oct. 23rd.

She was known for her loving ways — her concern for other people — she was an ardent worker in Enon, gave unselfishly of her time to a variety of community activities, "always with a warm smile."

Enon pastor, Rev. Porter Phillips, recalled, "Many of us called her 'the lady.' For more than 40 years she cared deeply for her church family and had loving concerns for other people. She lived with grace all the way to the end. She remained steadfast and was unshakeable in her faith. . ."

"Everybody is here tonight because we were touched by the life of Florence Ringgold, we loved her and appreciated what she did . . ."

### More love

Many tears turned to laughter as longtime family friend, Rev. Marcus G. Wood, pastor of Providence Baptist Church, remembered his family and Florence's family were next door neighbors in their native Ware Neck, Gloucester County, Va., and were baptized together.

Many smiled when he recalled the two families had many children and he and Florence were classmates all the way through school.

Early in life, he said, she was about the business of helping others — something she learned from her father. She was always busy helping others, so he nicknamed her 'Frisk.'

Later, when members of both families migrated to the Baltimore area, Rev. Wood remembered that he married Florence and Dan 33 years ago, and that theirs had been a "happy relationship."

There were nods in the hushed audience when he said, "Florence will live in the hearts and minds of those of us who knew her so well. . ."

And there were tributes from church organizations Florence led, from the AFRO Charities—this newspaper's organization which sponsors the Clean Block and Mrs. Santa programs — another area where Florence Ringgold gave unselfish service.

Twenty seven members of the mixed choirs — dressed in black and white — were present to provide music for the services. Mrs. Pauline Petes Fox gave a moving rendition of, "May the Work I've Done Speak for Me."

Charles Alston, Jr., was at the organ.

Mrs. Ringgold was buried in her native Ware Neck, Va., on Monday afternoon, following funeral services at her home church, Union Zion Baptist, with the Rev. William Upshur officiating.

Survivors: Mrs. Ringgold is survived by her husband, Daniel E. Ringgold, Sr., stepson, Daniel Jr., a brother, Dr. Thomas J. Gardner of N.Y., and five grandchildren.


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10:30 A.M. WORSHIP
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Miss Henrietta Brown, Superintendent
11 A.M. Worship — Sermon, Rev. C. C. Alexander and Communion Service
3:30 P.M. — Guest Speaker, Mrs. Harriet Johnson, Past President of Women's Auxiliary, Progressive Baptist State Convention
Mrs. Carolyn Alexander, President
Mrs. Evelyn Mitchell, Chairman
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8:45 A.M. CHURCH SCHOOL—Deacon William Nelson, Director
10:00 A.M. SERVICE OF BAPTISM
11:00 A.M.MORNING WORSHIP/HOLY COMMUNION
MSUC THE ANTHEM: "Come, Christian Join to Sing" -Young
THE SPIRITUAL: "Ride On, King Jesus" -arr. W. Ehret
BRO. JAMES R. PETERSON, DIRECTOR
PREACHING: "No Vacancies" -Pastor Ray
Wednesday, November 5, 7:30 p.m. Reverend Christopher Hill, Mt. Hope Baptist Church, Choirs and Congregation
Thursday, November 6, 7:30 p.m. Rev.Elmore Warren, White Stone Baptist Church, Choir and Congregation
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Friday, Oct. 31st, 7:30 p.m. Combined Choir
Recital & Christian Women's Award Service
Saturday, November 1st, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Christian Women's Seminar
(speakers: Rev. Maude Coleman, Mrs. Brenda Green, Mrs. Lorraine Cummings, Ms. Pat Morris, Mrs. Elaine Thornes Dennis)
Wednesday, Nov. 5th-Friday, Nov. 7th, 7:30 p.m.
Mini Revival (speakers: Rev. Cynthia Jones, Evang. Mary Tilghman, Evang. Anita Culbreath)
Saturday, Nov. 8th, 8:30 a.m. Annual Prayer Breakfast
Sunday, Nov. 9th WOMEN'S DAY SERVICES
Speakers: 8:30 a.m. — Rev. Vashti McKenzie
11:00 a.m. — Rev. Violet Fisher
3:30 p.m. — Min. Myrna Powell
Music will be rendered by the Women's Day Choir under the direction of Mrs. Pauline Wells Lewis — Mrs. Sylvia Persons — Bro. Ronald Joe Smith.
**ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND**
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Mrs. Gwendolyn Bruce — Co-Chairperson
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**Rev. Jackson Jr.**

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9:00 A.M. Sunday Church School (All Ages)
10:30 A.M. Live Radio Broadcast Service WYST 10:10 A.M. Dial
11:00 A.M. Divine Morning Worship Service Sermon by Elder C. Green
4:00 P.M. The Flower Circle will celebrate their 35th Anniversary. They will feature Mr. Ernest E. Pretlow Sr. and Mrs. Ernestine Horton in a joint recital.
**Friday, November 7th at 7:30 p.m. The University of Maryland Baltimore County Gospel Choir will be presented in a full Concert of Praises to God. Benefit of Men's Day "86."**

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# Summation of NAACP dedication gala illustrates its national solemnity

**By Jimmy Williams**

As some 1,200 spectators looked on, as the U.S. Air Force Band and the Morgan State University Choir filled the crisp fall air with music; as a host of dignitaries spoke glowing words of praise; and as representatives from the 50 states presented their state flags, the NAACP's new Headquarters and Conference Center was formally dedicated Saturday afternoon, Oct. 18.

The dedication was the highlight of four days of ceremonies (Oct. 16th through Oct. 19th) marking the move of the NAACP into the first building it has owned during its 77-year history. The NAACP moved from Brooklyn, NY in May into a five-story building which was formerly the Marian Retreat House of the Seton Institute.

The primary cause of the move was due to the escalating cost of rents in New York City plus the desire of the association to purchase a permanent home.

The total cost of the move is an estimated $4.3 million, and included in this sum are the building's purchase and renovation costs, staff moving costs, the installation of special state-of-the art equipment such as computer and sound systems, and the establishment of special facilities including an archives and civil rights exhibition hall, a law library, a conference center and a complete audio-visual studio.

At the beginning of the ceremonies on Thursday, Oct. 16th, an estimated $400,000 still remained to be raised. By the conclusion of the ceremonies, Benjamin L. Hooks, executive director of the NAACP, announced that an additional $100,000 had been raised to meet the balance of the cost and another $100,000 had been secured in pledges.

The formal dedication exercises on Saturday reflected both the solemnity and the joyfulness of the occasion. There were greetings from Maryland's Gov. Harry Hughes, Maryland's Sen. Paul Sarbanes, and Baltimore City Council President Clarence DuBurns, and statements from Mrs. Enolia McMillan, president of the NAACP Board of Directors; Dr. William F. Gibson, chairman of the NAACP Board; Nathaniel S. Colley, chairman, NAACP Special Contribution Fund, and Dr. Hooks.

A special dedicatory litany was written for the occasion and the ceremonies concluded with the traditional cutting of the ribbon.

The first event in the four days of ceremonies took place on Thursday morning, Oct. 16th, as three noted educators called on their colleagues to implement a national "Blue Print for Action" to help foster the needs of the black child in the American education system.

The "Blue Print for Action," a plan currently being developed by the National Conference on Educating Black Children, outlines several major issues affecting the education of black children and offers strategies and actions that will improve the educational process for them.

"With these actions, we can foster black educational excellence, black achievement, black self-respect and black self-help," said Dr. Asa G. Hilliard, a Calloway Professor of Urban Education at Georgia State University.

Dr. Faustine Jones-Wilson, professor of Education at Howard University, said "studies have shown that our children learn best when taught by black teachers who groom them in their history and give them the special attention they sometimes require."

Dr. Robert L. Green, former president of the University of the District of Columbia, added that black educators should mobilize to decrease the high dropout rate among black youths. "We need to organize a bonding system with groups such as the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts of America to create positive role models for our youth." Cultivating cultural excellence as well as a thorough knowledge of black history are other important factors in nourishing the minds of young blacks, Dr. Green said.

**LABOR LUNCHEON HELD**

At a noon luncheon, Kenneth Young, executive assistant to Lane Kirkland, president of the AFL-CIO, said that organized labor and the NAACP together must "hold the line until we can move forward again, rebuild the wrecked economy of the Reagan Administration and get our own back to work." He cited the need for better job training programs, low-cost housing and a government that provides for the general welfare of all its citizens.

Stating that the Labor Movement and the Civil Rights Movement were both born in struggle, Young said that "we must continue that struggle even though we are accused of flexing our muscles or being uppity. Not one of us is free until all of us are free. Leaders of the Civil Rights Movement are correct when they say, 'we get what we take and keep that which we have the power to hold.' "

**REP. PARREN MITCHELL SPEAKS**

Speaking before a large audience that afternoon at a symposium devoted to "Economics/Job Training," Rep. Parren J. Mitchell (D.-MD) said that within the next two years, Americans will be in the midst of a depression that would have a negative impact on black families.

Other factors that will bring about a depression, the congressman said, are a downward trend in real family income, especially that of the black family, and a huge national loan default debt.

"There is a disparity in real family income today compared to that which the American family enjoyed in 1973." Congressman Mitchell also stressed the fact that racism will continue to negatively affect blacks in America.

During the same symposium, four other speakers painted a picture of how black Americans and other minorities would be affected economically on the national level and in Baltimore.

The speakers were Dr. Bernard E. Anderson, senior economist at the Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania; Stanley Tucker of the Maryland Industrial Financial Authority; Fred Rasheed, director of Economic Development for the National NAACP; and Larry Smith of the Baltimore Economic Development Corporation (BEDCO).

Dr. Anderson said that "economic security is still a distant dream for black Americans. Our future progress will depend upon rapid change and a balanced growth in the economy.

"Blacks are like a caboose on a train," Dr. Anderson continued. "When the economy speeds up, blacks progress. When it slows down, blacks regress. But like the usual position of a caboose, blacks continue to be the last race of people behind all other races of people."

Mr. Tucker said the picture is not as bleak for blacks in Baltimore as compared to the national scene. He called attention to several programs his organization has implemented to aid black businesses in Baltimore, including a matching fund program, a bonding program which provides insurance for self-employed entrepreneurs to bid on contracts, and a venture capital program which matches an individual's skills with a major franchise.

Mr. Rasheed, pointing out the civil rights organization's position on economic development for blacks said, "the ownership of our new building is a testament to our new thrust on economic development."

Mr. Smith ended the symposium on a positive note for black businesses in Maryland as well. Black businesses in Maryland are probably better off now than they have been," he said. "BEDCO's basic objectives are to create jobs and to bolster the municipal tax base in the city. We have achieved our objectives by financing young entrepreneurs and by helping them to find a land base through the use of city financing."

**REV. JACKSON PRAISES NAACP**

"No black American can have his or her self-respect and not be a member of this organization," the Rev. Jesse Jackson declared that night as he addressed an audience of more than 1,200 persons at a Community Organizations Celebration/Rally.

He described the NAACP as the "parent" of all civil rights organizations and said that "whether we call ourselves Urban League, Rainbow Coalition or PUSH, we have NAACP in our bloodstream."

Rev. Jackson spoke warmly of his long relationship with the NAACP, recalling several boyhood idols from his days as a child in Greenville, SC. He added: "For almost as long as this century is old, the NAACP has been a beacon of light and hope in the struggle for civil and human rights in America. The occasion of the dedication of its new headquarters building should be a time to celebrate not only this great organization, but the steady expansion and consolidation of civil rights in America."

**ATTENTION ON POLITICS**

Johnny L. Ford, mayor of Tuskegee, AL, and president of the World Conference of Mayors; Eddie N. Williams, president of the Joint Center for Political Studies; and Dr. Mack Jones, professor of Political Science at Howard University, were the participants in a symposium on "Government/Politics" on Friday morning, Oct. 17th. Baltimore City's State's Attorney, Kurt Schmoke, moderated.

**TWO FIRST LADIES — Mrs. Rosa Parks, First Lady of the nation's Civil Rights Movement, and Mrs. Enolia P. McMillan, national president of the NAACP, right, confer during recent gala dedication of the association's headquarters in Baltimore.**

Mayor Ford said that black mayors have a responsibility to other blacks. "Black mayors should make sure that their city dollars are being pumped into the black community so that blacks can get their fair share. It makes no sense for a black to hold a political office if he or she will not help elevate his or her people.

"This also means that if the city which they represent has investments in South Africa, they must divest," the mayor pointed out.

Mr. Williams quoted alarming figures and findings of blacks regarding today's politics and economics. In a recent survey conducted by the Joint Center for Political Studies, it was revealed, Mr. Williams said, that younger blacks do not have a commitment to the ideas that their elders were committed to.

Dr. Jones added that both young and old blacks must make sure that they are not left out of national concerns. "If we are not aggressive participants in this national debate, we can be sure that the people who are not our friends will intensify the struggle of black Americans."

**JOHNSON CITES NEED FOR NAACP**

John H. Johnson, president and publisher of Johnson Publishing Company Inc., was the keynote speaker at the Business and Industry Luncheon on Friday.

"Mr. Johnson, the 1966 recipient of the Spingarn Award, the highest honor awarded by the NAACP, opened his remarks by stating that "in spite of the fact that Forbes magazine rates my company as one of the top 500 corporations in the country, I still need the NAACP. There is no security in success for a black person.

**MAKING A POINT — Dr. Benjamin Hooks, nat'l executive director of the NAACP, makes a point with Alex Haley, author of 'Roots,' during NAACP dedication ceremonies at the association's new headquarters in northwest Baltimore.**

"The leadership of this organization is capable of change and has changed with the times. There is a need now for the NAACP to create a climate of goodwill so that the issues of economic development and education can be addressed," Mr. Johnson continued.

Mr. Johnson urged those in attendance to spread the word of the NAACP's fight for freedom.

"Some people never believe in a miracle until one happens. We must believe in the NAACP. Some people need a miracle and never know it until they have experienced one. Some people need the NAACP and never know it until they have been helped by it."

Mr. Johnson ended his speech by saying that "to succeed, one must be creative and persistent. That is why the NAACP has succeeded; it has been creative and persistent over the years."

**LEADERS MEET THE PRESS**

The symposium on Friday afternoon took the form of a press conference as Dr. Benjamin Hooks, executive director of the NAACP; Dr. Dorothy I. Height, president of the National Council of Negro Women, and M. Carl Holman, president of the National Urban Coalition, answered questions from a panel of journalists. Carl T. Rowan, noted journalist and commentator, served as moderator. Dorothy Gilliam, a columnist for the Washington Post, and Clarence Hunter, editor of the Washington AFRO - AMERICAN Newspaper, were also guest journalists.

The three principals highlighted six focal areas of paramount concern for the advancement of blacks. They are: education, employment, affirmative action, economic development, increasing more black participation in civil rights organizations and an analysis of blacks' attitude today.

"All NAACP chapters throughout the country have education as one of its primary concerns," Dr. Hooks said. "There must be a better education system, and that's what we're working on. The NAACP has a Back to School program, which is just one of the many programs we're focusing on.

"We must work with what we have and then try to go on from

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