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Tires that bloom

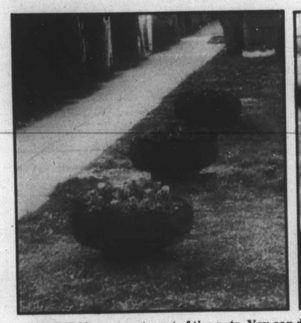
A second life for used rubber wheels

By Jacqueline Carter
AFRO Clean Block Writer

Aligning the 9th Street corridor is a stretch of lovely, hand made tire pots. You may ask, WHAT ARE TIRE POTS? Well, tire pots are used tires that have been transformed into colorful flower pots. They are used to decorate the yards and lawned curb areas in front of houses.

In the summer of 1985, Mr. Carl VanDerPool and his friends Mr. Elvin Davis, residents of the 9th Street corridor, had acquired a multitude of tires and did not know what to do with them. The City would not take the tires, and they were accumulating faster than they could be sold." We even tried cutting them into pieces," said Mr. VanDerPool, hoping for the City Trash Removal service to take them away. All of this was to no avail.

After thinking over and over, what can we do with these tires? They came up with the idea to use the tires to beautify the neighborhood. Mr. VanDerPool used the tires to beautify his own lawn first. "Other people on the block started noticing how beautiful the front area of my home looked, and began requesting tire pots to beautify their lawns and the front area of their homes." The tire pots had become so successful they started receiving orders - "anywhere from five to 10 orders a day," People from Virginia and Maryland driving through the neighborhood would stop and admire the tire pots and the assortment of colors, "then they placed orders with us", says Mr. VanDerPool.



HERE IS an assortment of tire pots. You can drive down 9th Street, NW--between Decatur and Hamilton Streets -- and see them for yourself.

The tire pots also caught the attention of Mr. Brown, who was the Chairperson for Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4D. Mr. Brown ordered tire pots from Mr. VanDerPool and Mr. Davis, and gave them away free, along with free flowers, as incentives, encouraging the community to continue taking pride in their neighborhood.

Even though the orders aren't coming in as often as they use to Mr. VanDerPool is still making them and is also willing to assist other blocks interested in learning the trade. He even has the tires for sale.

Making these tires pots is also very inexpensive - all you will need are:

a) a two-pound bag of top soil
b) a used tire and
c) a few flowers

You can purchase a two-pound bag of top soil from Hechinger for about three-dollars, the used tires may be purchased for about five to 10 dollars, and you can receive flowers free from June to August, if your block has registered in the AFRO-AMERICAN Clean Block Campaign.

If you and/or your neighborhood would like to beautify your block with tire pots, here are a few pointers to get you started.

1. Use tubeless tires. For added flavor, you may want to use tires that have the rims attached. The tires with the rims attached will add height to your pot.

2. Use a sharp kitchen knife (or any sharp knife) and cut the design of your choice into the tire, then turn the tire inside out.

3. Place the tire in the position or the place you want it to remain, then fill the tire with top soil (note if the tire isn't sturdy place bricks in the base of the tire. Placing bricks in the base of the tire will also help to keep the dirt inside.

4. If you wish to paint your tire it is recommended that you use rubber paint, this paint dries very quickly. Also, if you are going to paint your tire paint it before you begin planting your flowers.

5. You are now ready to plant your flowers in your tire pot.

6. You should water your plants daily; preferably in the early evening - after the sun has gone down.

If you need further assistance with your tire pots you may contact Mr. Carl VanDerPool at 882-1009.

Thanks Mr. VanDerPool and Mr. Davis, and keep up the good work.

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EXTRA TOUGH STAINS - For extra tough stains, wet surface, sprinkle AJAX freely, rub lightly to make a paste, then wait a minute, scour and rinse.

NOTE - Not recommended for use on silver. Use care when cleaning plastic surfaces to avoid scratching.

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Saturday, June 16, 1990

Baptist Congress Convenes at Arena

The first of an estimated 40,000 members of the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education are expected to begin arriving in Baltimore today for the group's annual convention.

General assembly sessions will occur at the Baltimore Arena and this year's theme is "Visions: Challenges of the Nineties." The convention's focus will be home missions, education, social action and evangelism.

The Congress, which is an auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention, USA Inc., will officially begin Tuesday, June 19. Dr. John H. Corbitt will deliver the Dean's Annual Address at the 11 a.m. opening session.

Early arrivals, however, can attend a pre-Congress musical on Monday, June 18, at the Baltimore Arena. It begins at 7 p.m. and admission is $6.

At 6 p.m. on Tuesday, the Congress will present its Presidential Banquet at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Guest speakers for this affairs will be NAACP National President Dr. Benjamin Hooks.

Beginning Tuesday through Friday, June 22, a variety of classes, workshops and seminars will take place at the Baltimore Arena and at different churches and schools throughout the Baltimore City area.

Highlights of the Congress will include an address Thursday evening by Dr. T. J. Jemison, president of the National Baptist Convention and a youth rally, featuring a 1500 voice youth choir at the closing sesson Friday, June 22.

For more information about classes, seminars and workshops and other Congress details it can be obtained by calling the host church, Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church, 2812 Reisterstown Rd., at 728-2026. The Congress will be headquarted at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

The leaders

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206th session

Methodists celebrate

By Tracy E. Hopkins
AFRO Staff Writer

The theme for the 206th session of the Baltimore Annual Conference of the United Methodist Churches was "Celebrate and Witness."

Ralph Posey, district superintendent of the church's Baltimore Northwest District, best summed up the conference's purpose when he described it as "a time when the church came together for the business but also to celebrate what God has done and what God is doing."

The four-day conference, in Westminster at Western Maryland College, included many of the United Methodist churches in Maryland and the District of Columbia. The Conference Center, the group's regional headquarters which encompasses Maryland, the District and parts of West Virginia, is located in Baltimore.

The center operates year round to keep record of the local churches' business although this business conference occurs only once a year.

One of its most important business functions was the appointment listing given by Bishop Joseph Yeakel Jr., the Episcopal leader of the Baltimore/Washington United Methodist churches, which tentatively assigned the pastors to their places in the ministry.

Rev. Crosson of the John Wesley United Methodist Church

Among the speeches delivered at the conference was a note-worthy address by the Rev. P. Crosson entitled "Retirement and Communion," in which he gave the retiring clergy words of encouragement and urged them to "take the words of Jesus with them, for the name of Jesus is a mighty source of power."

Keels to District

By Tracy E. Hopkins
AFRO Staff Writer

The Reverend Bernard Keels, pastor at Christ United Methodist Church in East Baltimore, is taking his ministry to Shaw United Methodist Church in Washington, D.C. beginning July 1.

Rev. Keels, 40, had been pastor of Christ United five years and had pastored St. Mark's United Methodist church six years. Because he was so well known and regarded in the Baltimore area, friends, supporters and parishioners gave a banquet in his honor recently at the Forum.

Among the many attending were Mayor Kurt Schmoke, who proclaimed May 24th as "Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Keels Day." Other dignitaries present were City Council President Mary Pat Clark and a representative from Congressman Kweisi Mfume's

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Rev. Bernard Keels

White leads Congress

By Marjorie R. Green

The Maryland Baptist Congess of Christian Education led by Mrs. Arlene White of Macedonia Church, is an Auxiliary to the United Baptist Missionary Convention of Maryland. Its primary goal is to advance Christian education through the promotion of effective methods of organization, administration, instruction and worship in the churches.

Before 1936, there were two conventions; the Sunday School and the Baptist Young Peoples Union. The two groups eventually merged to form the Baptist Sunday School and Training Union Convention of Maryland and elected attorney A.B. Koger to be its first president.

During his tenure, the Annual Fellowship Dinner was implemented to stimulate a spirit of friendship and to promote goodwill among the workers. The Fellowship Dinner continues to this day.

President Koger was succeeded by Dr. Miles W. Connor then president of Coppin State College. The Miles Washington Conner Distinguished Service Award bares the name of the late Dr. Koger who was a member of the Sharon Baptist Church.

The award is the highest citation awarded annually by the Baptist Congress in Maryland to recognize the accomplishments, achievements and contributions to Christian Educational Workers.

President Koger was succeeded by Mrs. Mabel Gee, who now serves as Dean of the State Church-Wide Institute;

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A WORD OF HOPE

By Maxine L. Wallace

"Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my Strength and my Redeemer." Psalm 19:4

Is your prayer today, make me like you, Lord?... Are you determined in your heart to be more like Jesus?

God is looking for a people who would follow after him with their whole heart. Oh, how it pleases the Lord when His children seek to know Him in a more perfect way.

In today's society, we find so many voices that would distract us from focusing on Jesus, and the reality of His truths. We live in a world where the motto is, Get down-party- and have a good time... And so we find Christians caught up in the confusion of this world... walking down the broad path that leads to death and destruction.

Yet God is calling for a people who would worship him in spirit and in truth. The Bible says, "Be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your minds." If we are going to rise above the natures of the flesh, and walk fully in the path of holiness and righteousness, we must be fully persuaded that Jesus is the best thing that ever happened to us.

We must be determined to live for Jesus... we must be convinced God's way is the best way... we must know that in Christ Jesus, we are more than a conqueror... For all of our sins have been washed away... We have a new hope... a new joy... a new peace... a new strength.

And so it is that when we even think about all that God has done for us, that ought to be enough to encourage us to want to know him in a more intimate way. Oh, how He loves you.

The Psalmist said, "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight." Is your prayer today, make me like you, Lord? Beloved, let us think on things that are lovely and pure, and of good report. Let this mind be in you that is also in Christ Jesus. Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man. Let your nay be nay, and your yeah be yeah. Let no evil or corrupt thought enter into your heart... but allow God to purge you and transform your inner-most being-- your thoughts... your attitudes... your ideas... your opinions.

Isn't it good to know you do not have to rely on your own strength? You can rely on the power of the Holy Ghost within you. It is the Lord who is our strong tower and our deliverer. He who has called you out of darkness and into his marvelous light is able to keep you. He who has redeemed you from the curse of the law is able to raise you to an even higher plateau in his righteousness.

And so it is that we are now able to speak words of life and not death... words of encouragement and not gloom... words of truth and not deceit... words of love... words of peace... words of hope... Hallelujah!

A Word of Hope may be heard every Monday through Friday at 5 p.m. on 1330 WASA Radio.

METRO CHURCH BRIEFS

Agape Fellowship AME Church

Agape Fellowship AME Church will hold its annual Youth Day Service Sunday, June 17 at James D. Gross Recreation Center, 4600 Lanier Ave. at 11 a.m., featuring the Dance Ministry of Sister Thema S. Bryant. Guest speaker will be Minister Jamal Bryant, son of Bishop John Bryant and the Rev. Cecilia Williams Bryant. Call 466-4545 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday - Friday.

John Wesley United Methodist Church

Evangelistic Committee and the Junior and Young Adult Ushers of John Wesley United Methodist Church will hold revival services, June 18-22. Revivalists are Rev. Pearl Jeter, associate minister, Mt. Calvary AME Church, Monday; Rev. Kevin Rogers, New Fellowship C.C. Church, Tuesday; Rev. Theodore Jackson, Gillis Memorial C.C. Church, Wednesday; Re. Christopher Hill, Mt. Hope Baptist Church, Thursday and the Rev. Bernard Braggs, Bethel Temple Church of Christ, Friday.

Good Shepherd Baptist Church

Good Shepherd Baptist Church, 3459 Park Heights Ave. will host Men and Women Day Program on Sunday, June 24. Morning speaker will be Rev. McKinley Williams and evening speaker, Pastor Alfreda Wiggins. Other guests include choirs and members of United Methodist Church. Call 542-5944.

Mount Zion United Methodist Church 14pt

Mount Zion United Methodist Church, 8565 West Main St., Ellicott City, will celebrate its 116th Anniversary and the 100th Anniversary of the Cornerstone Laying. Worship services begin at 12 noon and 4 p.m. Call 750-7638.

First Abyssinia Baptist Church

Life Builders Outreach Ministry of First Abyssinia Baptist Church, 2500 Warwick and Arunah Ave. will observe its second anniversary June 29 at 7:30 p.m. Guests are Rev. Vashti McKenzie of Oak Street AME and choirs. Ms. Bea Gaddy is hostess of Out Reach Ministry. Call 688-7751.