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How It All Began

This year marks the 108th anniversary of the birth of "Miss Frances" and Aunt Frank to hundreds - Miss Francis L. Murphy.

She was born April 21, 1874, the fourth of eleven children in the family of the late John Henry and Martha Elizabeth Murphy. Her father was the founder of the AFRO - AMERICAN Newspapers, 86 years ago.

From 1895 to 1934, she was a teacher and supervisor in Theory and Psychology in the Baltimore public schools and upon her retirement became known in Baltimore and other cities of the United States as "The Clean Block Lady."

"I just can't sit still and see a thing in need of being done and doing nothing about it, " said Miss Murphy after being asked why she didn't fold her hands and gracefully retire from the public scene.

At the age of 60, she decided to do something about what she saw on an early summer morning near her Madison Avenue home.

She saw streets littered with paper and trash; windows and steps unwashed; woodwork needing paint; backyards and cellars not cleaned and most important of all, children out of school with plenty of time on their hands.

Miss Murphy got the children and the problem together and initiated the AFRO Clean Block Program in 1934 signing up 3,880 children that first summer.

During Miss Murphy's 39 - year career in the classroom, she pioneered many teaching techniques and humanitarian programs.

As a first - grade teacher, she noticed the undernourished condition of many children. She was determined to do something for them and with the help of friends, the first penny lunches were instituted in the public schools. The policy of serving milk and free lunches to undernourished children was later adopted by the school system.

In 1908, she introduced in the city a definite plan using hand work to teach disadvantaged children in classes below the sixth grade. Recognizing the wisdom of this work, the school system adopted it in classes in certain schools.

When she was supervisor for cadet teachers, Miss Murphy bought in and used mental tests to classify children, aiding in assigning the right pupil to the right teacher.

The Clean Block Program was praised all over the country and she also received honors at home.

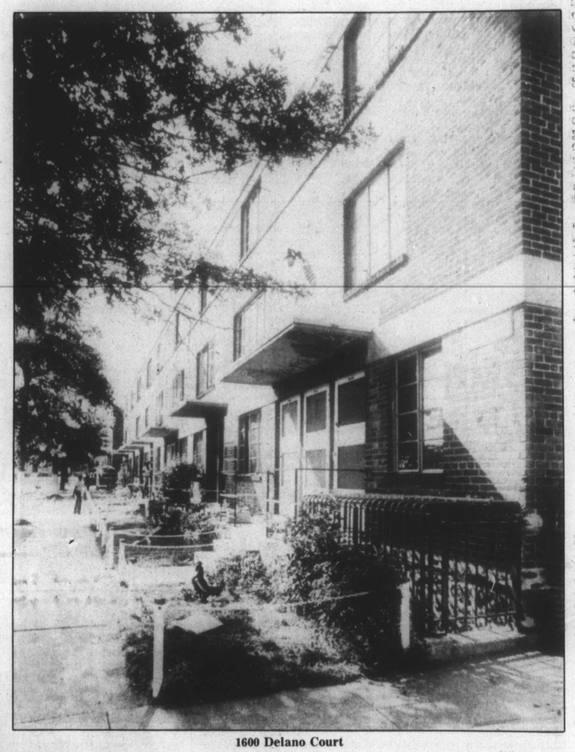
In 1944, Mayor Theodore McKeldin, presented her a Certificate of Award and Merit as "A formal expression of appreciation and gratitude for her fine quality of public service." At the time only six such awards had been issued.

In 1961, Coppin State Teacher's College named its new demonstration school after their one time teacher and supervisor honoring her life in education.

The school was known then at the Coppin Normal School and was a part of the public school system.

Miss Frances died in 1958 at the age of 84. All of her years were spent in helping others...in teaching and guiding younger people

Clean blockers cleaned their street, painted the steps and planted flowers to keep their blocks looking good. We look forward to seeing this year's blocks.



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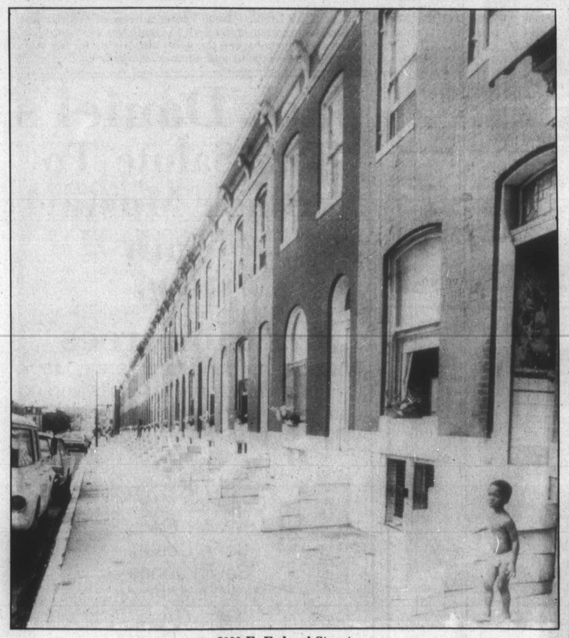

2100 E. Federal Street

500 W. Hoffman Street

The Washington AFRO kicked off the Clean Block Campaign on June 16th at the Hechinger Mall.

D.C. residents enjoyed the rally and enthusiastically signed up.

Next Clean Block meeting
June 29
Dunbar High School

The Afro-American Section D

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Saturday, June 23, 1990

Congress conventioneers steam into city

25,000 expected in class

By Will Marshall
AFRO Staff Writer

The 85th Annual Session of the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education convened in Baltimore June 18-22, with an estimated 25,000 people expected to attend classes, according to a congress spokesman.

At a Monday June 18 press conference, Dr. John H. Corbitt, Dean of the Baptist Congress, told the AFRO, "We expected 25,000 to attend classes, and another 15,000 family members so the overall total should be about 40,000 or more.

"We represent almost 8 million Baptists in this country, and each church in the Congress chose a delegate to attend and receive training to help solve problems in their own church," he said.

He continued, "This is a training school to train our church leaders to become better preachers, deacons, elders and church members. Through the classes we hope to inspire the brethren to carry positive messages back to their congregations."

The four-year theme of a the conference is, "Visions: Challenges of the Nineties," and there will be more than 17 different workshops conducted in support of this theme.

One of the workshops, "Reclaiming the Black Male," will address the issue of the state of young Black men, and how the current situation can be turned around.

According to Dr. Corbitt, "Teen pregnancy and (the status) of young Black men is of great importance to us right now. These are very big issues that really need to address right away."

WELCOMING COMMITTEE - Dr. Mary Ross, center holding handbag, president of the Congress' women auxiliary, finds herself surrounded by the smiling faces of the welcoming committee.

AFRO photos by J. D. Howard

PRESIDENTIAL BANQUET - The luminaries came out in force to attend the Baptist Congress' presidential earlier this week at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Pictured from left to right are Rev. Robert T. Hurte, Dr. Olin Moyd, Dr. T. J. Jemison, Dr. A. Lincoln James, all standing, and Mrs. Jemison, seated.

City's economy boosted

"Twenty million dollars boost to city's economy, spiritual awareness to city inhabitants and Christian education expansion for 40,000 delegates" is the way the Rev. Dr. Olin P. Moyd described the historical event taking place in Baltimore June 18-22, 1990.

For four years, under the leadership of Dr. Moyd, the Local Entertainment Committee has been making preparation to host the 85th Annual Session of the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education.

The Congress is the educational arm of the National Baptist Convention USA, Inc. which is under the leadership of Dr. Theodore Judson Jemison.

Because of the untimely death of the late President T. Oscar Chappelle Sr. last May, Dr. A. Lincoln James, Vice President, presided over the Annual Session. Dr. James is pastor of Greater Bethesda Baptist Church of Chicago.

Chairman Moyd said in preparation to host the largest event ever sponsored in Baltimore, 18 subcommittees worked separately and together.

"Our pastors, ministers, officers and lay persons did a superb job," said Dr. Moyd.

He gave special recognition to Dr. Avery Aldridge, Director General of the Congress, who brought wisdom, experience and commitment to the task.

He also expressed appreciation to Mayor Kurt L. Schmoke for his support of this undertaking, and the many city agencies who were involved in making this historic event a success.

The delegates from around the nation expressed deep appreciation for the hospitality and assistance extended to them in Baltimore by both the Baptists in Baltimore and by citizens of Baltimore in general.

Mrs. Brenda Pitts Haynes served as secretary to Chairman Moyd and the Rev. Robert T. Hurte served as Coordinator.

AFRO Church of the week

Greater Bethlehem Temple Apostolic

By Tracy E. Hopkins
AFRO Staff Writer

Following in the tradition of the doctrine of the Apostolic Church, Greater Bethlehem Temple Apostolic Church has been teaching for more than 50 years that "one must be baptized for the remission of sins and then speak in Tongues as evidence of receiving the holy ghost."

According to the church's secretary, Sister Martha Jones, followers of this faith believe that "Jesus Christ is both Lord and God."

Greater Bethlehem Temple Apostolic Church was established in 1939 and was founded by Bishop S. N. Hanncock. The church now has a congregation of approximately 400 members.

The church's first location was at Edmondson and Fremont Avenues. It's present home is at 2100 Eutaw Place, but plans are being made to relocate to a more spacious church home.

Pastor Nelson, who will be celebrating his 10th anniversary in July, received his master and doctorate degrees from Penacostal Bible College in Tuskegee, AL.

Before Pastor Nelson, a St. Louis, MI native, came to the church, it was headed by Elder Curtis Moore, and later by District Elder John D. Lawrence.

The church offers many services to the community, including a Match Fund for people who cannot pay their gas and electric bills, a pantry that provides food for the needy, clothing, and street work ministry.

A WORD OF HOPE
By Maxine L. Wallace

God is great

"Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and His greatness is unsearchable." Psalm 145:3.

My friend, God is a good God . . . God is a great God . . . He can do anything but fail. He can move every mountain out of your way. Isn't it great to know God is a wonderful God? I don't know about you, but I'm excited about Jesus.

It's good to know the Lord in the pardoning of my sins. For it was God's grace that saved me . . . It was His power divine that raised me up from a pit of self - sufficiency and self - complacency . . . It was His love that looked beyond my faults and saw my need. That's why I've got to praise Him . . . That's why I've got to serve Him . . . That's why I'm gonna keep holding to God's unchanging hand.

If you know what I'm talkin' about, come on and give the Lord a hallelujah praise right now. Tell the Lord how much you love Him. The Bible says, He inhabits the praises of His people.

The psalmist said, "Great

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Taliaferro speaker

The women of Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church are welcoming one of their own as guest speaker for their Women's Day Celebration on Sunday, June 24 at the 11:00 a.m. service.

Judge Viola Taliaferro returns to Baltimore from Bloomington, IN where she recently was appointed the newest judge in the Monroe Unified Court System.

When Judge Taliaferro lived in Baltimore, she worked in the Department of Social Services, where she helped people cope with crisis situations and helped to improve peoples' ability to survive. Later, she taught at Douglass Senior High School.

When her husband, George Taliaferro, a former player with the Baltimore Colts, was offered a position as special assistant to the president of Indiana University, the entire family, including their four daughters, moved to Bloomington.

Judge Taliaferro pursued a law degree at I. U. and began her own practice in 1972, specializing in family-related cases. Now, after 12 years in the field of law, she has been applying her experiences and concerns by presiding over all juvenile, civil commitment, paternity, endangered adult and abuse, and neglect cases in the country.

Her speech's theme is "The Woman's Role on a Family Team." She will bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to the congregation of Madison Avenue Church and her many friends in "Jack and Jill of America," Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and former co-workers.

The public is invited to join them.

Mrs., Gertrude Mitchell and Mrs. Josephine Kiniber are co-chairwomen and Rev. Curtis A. Jones is pastor.

METRO CHURCH BRIEFS

The Institute for Urban Research at Morgan State University was awarded a $45,000 grant from the Ford Foundation to conduct an exploratory study of thrift stores operated by Black churches.

This one-year pilot study is designed to identify factors that impede or facilitate the access of surplus and second-hand clothing for sale by church-operated stores.

Dr. Robert B. Hill, IUR director, will serve as the study's principle investigator, while Dr. Elva Tillman, senior research associate will provide overall direction as project manager. The research associate for this study will be Clement Anyadike, who is a 1990 graduate of MSU's City and Regional Planning Program.

Further information about this project may be obtained by contacting Dr. Tillman (301) 444-3004.

Elva Tillman

Robert B. Hill

North Star Baptist Church

North Star Baptist Church, 3457 Park Heights Ave. will be celebrating its first Annual Pre-Unity Day on Sunday, June 23 at 4 p.m Guest speaker will be Dr. J. Watty of the People's Baptist Church.

Sharon Baptist Church

Sharon Baptist Church will hold its church and community Outdoor Worship Service on Sunday, June 24 at 11 a.m. The event will take place on the Presstman side of the church. Call 669-6667.

New Testament Missionary Baptist Church

New Testament Missionary Baptist Church, 2525 E. Preston St. will sponsor Project Hope For The Homeless on Sunday, June 24 at 4 p.m. Special guests include gospel singers from Augusta, GA and Raleigh, NC.

Silas First Baptist Church

Silas First Baptist Church will observe Women's Day beginning June 20th through Friday, June 22 with a Women's Day Revival service at 7:45 p.m Sunday, June 24, Silas will celebrate Women's Day all day. Rev. Gerald Brunson of Southern Baptist Church will deliver the 11 a.m. sermon. Rev. Dr. Edna Isaac Coleman of the New Testament Baptist Church will speak at 4 p.m.

General Assembly Conference

The United Church of God, Inc. 58th Annual General Assembly Conference will convene at the Sheraton Hotel in Towson from Monday, July 9 through Sunday, July 15. Services will begin at 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. daily. Call 448-9326.

United Methodist Church focuses on Black congregations

Teams of United Methodists will be working with Black congregations to help them provide more effective ministries for families.

They will be part of the National Council of Churches' (NCC) Black Family Ministry Project, which has received a $100,300 grant from the Lilly Endowment. Eight denominations are participating.

The project team's United Methodist representative is Marilyn Magee, an assistant general secretary with the denomination's Board of Discipleship in Nashville, Tenn.

The United Methodist Church has about 360,000 Black members in the United States and Puerto Rico and more than 2,500 predominantly Black local congregations.

Ms. Magee will be alerting those congregations about the Black Family Ministry Project and identifying persons to serve on the teams. The NCC covers funding for one team and she said she hopes to find support for more.

According to the Rev. Edgar Mack, project chairman, the project will focus on the church's central role in the Black community and how it can counter the forces of racism, poverty, and oppression.

The teams will also encourage people to understand and draw upon the heritage of spirituality in Black culture.

Other denominations involved in the Black Family Ministry Project are the African Methodist Episcopal Church, African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, American Baptist Churches (U.S.A.), Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, Episcopal Church, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)