OBITUARIES

Hildred B. Carmon

Services for Hildred Bryant Carmon were 12 noon Dec. 20 at the Cornerstone Church of Christ on Park Heights Avenue. She died Dec. 17 at the Maryland General Hospital.

Mrs. Carmon, 65, was a medical worker at the Greater Baltimore Medical Center. Her ill health forced her to retire Spring 1988.

A native of Winterville, N.C., Mrs. Carmon came to Baltimore to further her education and to enroll in a nursing assistant program.

While in North Carolina, Mrs. Carmon attended public schools in Winterville and joined the Good Hope Freewill Baptist Church.

She later joined the Cornerstone Church of Christ in Baltimore and became a member of its nurses board, Sunday School and Bible class. She was daughter of Johnny and Lena Bryant.

Mrs. Carmon is survived by her husband, Elmer R. Carmon, Sr.; daughters, Mrs. LaForrest E. Hammond and Mrs. Hilda C. Teel of Winterville; son Elmer, Jr. of Hagerstown, Md.;

Four sisters, two brothers, one aunt, three grandsons, three granddaughters, two great grandsons, two sons-in-law, one daughter-in-law, one sister-in-law, one godchild and a host of nieces and nephews.

Flora G. Spears

Funeral services for Flora Gray Spears took place December 18, at the Rockwell AME Zion Church located at Rockwell Road in Derita, North Carolina.

Mrs. Spears, who was born on January 27, 1901 in High Point N.C., was the first of nine children and a regular attendant of the Brooks Memorial AME Zion Methodist Church.

In 1917, Mrs. Spears married William O. Spears and two children were born of this union.

In 1918 Mrs. Spears joined the Rockwell AME Zion Methodist Church. She was a devoted member of the church and had the distinction of being the first woman elected to the Trustee Board.

As her health declined, Mrs. Spears moved to Baltimore, Maryland in 1968. She then attended the Christ United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Spears is survived by a daughter, Vista J. Adams; four sisters, Mrs. Benevieve Reid, Mrs. Laura Birch, Mrs. Grace Lee and Mrs. Mary E. Walker; one brother, Mr. Lincoln Gray, seven grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and a host of other friends and relatives.

Kathleen Whack

Services for Kathleen Whack were held 7:30 p.m. Dec. 23 at the New Mount Joy Missionary Baptist Church on Division Street. She died from a long illness. She was 60.

Mrs. Whack's lengthy illness forced her to retire from the Levindale Long Term Care Facility last year. She worked there for 16 years.

The native of Halifax, N.C. moved to Baltimore in 1940. Six years later, she married Henry Whack and the couple had seven children. One son died later on.

Mrs. Whack, daughter of Viola and John S. Roscoe, attended public schools in both Baltimore and Halifax.

She is survived by her mother, Viola; six children, six grandchildren, four sisters, one step sister, one son-in-law, one brother-in-law, four great grandchildren, and a host of nieces and nephews.

Charles R. Bowers, Sr.

Services took place for Charles Richard Bowers, Sr. Friday, December 23, at St. Paul Baptist Church.

Charles Richard Bowers, Sr. was born on December 13, 1910 in Baltimore City to the late Vinnie and Charles R. Bowers. He was the fifth of eight children.

He obtained his first job at the age of 13 at the Trader's Delivery Company. Mr. Bowers career with Consolidated spanned 43 years.

Mr. Bowers married Martha Ellen Lancaster on May 11, 1932. From this union was born their only child, a son, Charles Richard Bowers, Jr.

During World War II, Mr. Bowers served in the United States Army, from 1944 to 1946, in the China, India and Burma Theatre. He was honorably discharged on April 26, 1946.

Mr. Bowers was a devout member of Mount Zion Methodist Church, where he sang with the choir. He later became a member of St. Paul Baptist Church in 1973.

Mr. Bowers leaves to mourn: his widow, Martha, one son, Charles, Jr.; one daughter-in-law, Linda; five grandchildren; five great grandchildren; two sisters, Hilda Bowers and Virginia Dickerson and a host of friends and relatives.

Leon J. Carrington

Funeral services for Leon Jerome Carrington took place Thursday, December 22, at St. Luke United Methodist Church.

Leon Jerome Carrington was born to Annie and Edward Carrington on January 7, 1907. A deeply religious man, Mr. Carrington was a member of many local churches during his lifetime and served in several capacities.

Mr. Carrington was also an accomplished musician and was praised in 1939 in articles in the AFRO-AMERICAN for his solo performance as a first trumpeter in the then City Colored Band.

He leaves to mourn; one son, Ernest; grandson, Richard; one sister, Mary Bruce; ten nieces; two nephews; one sister-in-law, Ida Carrington and a host of friends and relatives.

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By Bettye Moss

Smile orchids

Smile-of-the-week orchids to **Mereida Goodman**. She's the young circulation manager in the state Office of Tourism who has a delightful manner.

We admire her attractive smile when she spotted her in a Reisterstown mall on Friday evening, and she was kind enough to chat and answer our questions.

We learned she is 35, a graduate of Western High School, earned her bachelor's degree at Upsala College in E. Orange, N.J., and her master's from Rutgers University.

She is one of four daughters of **Mrs. Bertha Goodman** retired city school department head, and the late **Meredith Goodman**, U. of Md. lab employee.

Her sisters are **Cheryl** and **Lori Goodman**, and **Yvonne Hawkins**. Family church is Emanuel Christian Community.

Smile orchids to **Mrs. Marie S. Murphy**. She is the longtime N. Carey St., resident who was full of smiles when she observed her 91st birthday on Tuesday (Jan. 17). Among friends who called were fellow members of St. Peter Claver Church.

Mrs. Murphy is the oldest living stockholder of the AFRO-AMERICAN Co., the widow of its longtime circulation chief and board member, **John H. Murphy.**, who died in 1973.

Smile orchids to **Mrs. Dorothy B. Dixon**, the friendly lady whom many know as manager of Bonaparte's Florist Shop, where she has been employed for 37 years. She is also known as one of the organists at New Psalmist Baptist Church.

And to **Mrs. Louise Jackson**, was recently installed as an elder at Trinity Presbyterian Church. She is also a member of the executive board of the Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of Baltimore.

Mailbag: Mrs. Lillian Collins of Gwynns Falls Parkway writes: "Please salute my neighbor, **Jerome Givens**. He is a fine gentleman who always has a cheerful greeting, and you'd never know he has an artificial limb . . ."

Did someone's smile make your day? Let this column salute them. Write Smiles. If You Ask Me, Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN, 628 Eutaw St., Baltimore, Md., 21201, and smile, please.

21 new sorors

It was a grand and glorious ceremony a week back when the Baltimore Metropolitan Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority inducted 21 new members, the chapter's first since it was chartered in March 1987.

Nice gesture: Dean of Pledgees **Stephanie V. Lee**, directed the new members as they reaffirmed the sorority's commitment to public service by hosting a day of fun and games for youngsters at the House of Ruth, the shelter for battered women and their children .

The newly inducted Deltas are Anne Boyd, Lynda Brown, Marcia Eason, Frances Evans, Michelle Farmer, Lenora Habersham, Beverly James, Rita Jeffers, Kim Knight, Tracie McLemore, Terri Massie, Jerlean Miller, Jeanie Nathaniel, Janice Owens, Theresa Pearson, Karen Polite, Ruth Ross, Sophia Sampson, Cheryl Sessomes, Karen Thompson, and Kimberlee Williams.

Cuff Note:—Throughout the year the Baltimore Metropolitan Alumnae Chapter sponsors various projects in the community, including the Metro Delta Head Start Center at 2001 Park Avenue, a Teen Health Fair, the Adopt-A-Family program, an annual scholarship fund, and the upcoming Second Annual Founder's Day Luncheon in March.

Bishop Lois C. Grant

Officers of the chapter are: Kathie J. McLaughlin, president; Yvonne D. Addison, first vice-president; Stephanie V. Lee, vice-president; Ramona D. Williams, third vice-president; Blanche Lee, recording secretary; And Jennifier Branch, corresponding secretary; Hermoine Graham, financial secretary; Joanne Robinson, treasurer; Georgia Diggins, historian; Glynis Neal, journalist; Cynthia Tatum-Jordan, chaplain, and Jeannette Dadsen, sgt.-at-arms.

A loving tribute

Perfectly beautiful-the 16-page program prepared for the memorial service and funeral of **Bishop Lois Cleveland Grant**. He was the Chief Apostle and Presiding Bishop of the Apostolic Faith Churches of God who died January 8. He was 73.

Relatives and friends packed Trinity Apostolic Faith Holiness Church on Rogers Ave., where the memorial service was held on Friday evening (Jan. 13), and the funeral on Saturday morning (Jan. 14).

Participating were some 50 lay leaders and church officials from Md., D.C., N.C., at the memorial service, and an additional 35 at the funeral. Among them bishops from Ohio, Conn., Ga., Va., N.C. and Pa., all testifying to the deceased's good works and his leadership skills as senior bishop of Apostolic Faith Churches of God.

Dr. Joseph M. Showell, pastor United Pentecostal Miracle Church, and **Rev. Willie R. Burgess**, James Tabernacle Holiness Church presided at the memorial and Bishop Cornelius Showell of First Apostolic gave the eulogy. The eulogy at the funeral was by **Bishop J.M. Sharp**, Tabernacle of God Holiness Church, Norfolk, Va. Vice Presiding Bishop **Abraham Urguhart** officiated.

Cuff notes: the printed program includes a handsome color photo of the beloved leader-work of art by the printer, **Charles Wells** Also included excerpts and titles of his historic sermons and verses praising him for his courage, strength and "obedience to the charge of God . . . .a committed, dedicated life has made him a legend in our time . ."

The procession for Arbutus Memorial Park for burial was eight blocks long, one of the largest processions Nutter Funeral Home has had.

Survivors: His wife, **Mrs. Cleo Grant**; Sons, Revs. **Bernard C.** and **Larry L. Grant**; and **Elder Ivan L. Grant**; 3 brothers, **Rossie** and **Lloyd** of Baltimore; and **Melvin Grant**, Boston; sisters, **Mrs. Dorothy Hicks** and **Mrs. Naomi Collier**, Baltimore; and two grandchildren. Iris and Ivan L. Grant, Jr.

Remember

Wednesday, Dec. 28, rites were held for **Mrs. Effie Whimbs Brown**, at St. Peter Claver Catholic Church, where she was a lifetime member. She was 97.

The family tribute recalled happy days of growing up on Laurens St. and later Appleton St. in west Baltimore, and remembered Mrs. Brown's culinary skills and her delight in sports and reading the AFRO and other newspapers.

The family remembered this writer's World War II column which cited Mrs. Brown in its, "They Also Serve" section — noting her three sons were seving in Uncle Sam's Army.

Survivors, the three sons, Charles, Robert and Sidney, all of Baltimore; two sisters. **Mrs. Margaret Evans**, and **Mrs. Alice Bernstein**; and brothers, **Charles** and **Walter Whimbs**. Two grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren also survive.

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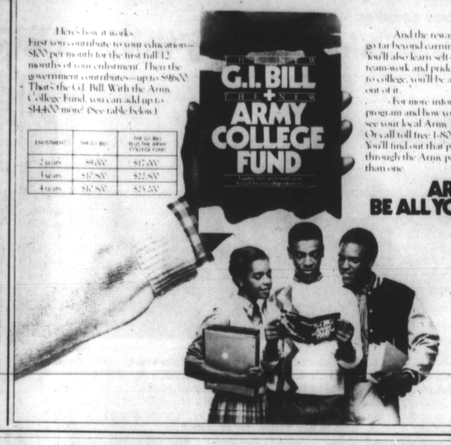

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