Sharp St. Memorial Host of Group Founded There

Washington Methodist Conference Organized 85 Years Ago in Church Now 146 Years Old

By HENRIETTA J. DOUGLASS

(Trustee, Treasurer and Historian, of Sharp St. Methodist Church)

During the activities of the 85th session of the Washington Annual Conference of the Methodist Church in Sharp St. Memorial Church, let us pause in honor of the birth of the church now enjoying its 146 year of service.

This church, established May15, 1902, is the one in which the Washington Conference was organized in 1864, by Bishop Heir Scott of Odessa Del.

As far back as 1784, when all traveling preachers of America were called by Francis Ashbury to meet on December 24, at Lovely Lane Meeting House in Baltimore, for organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church in America, many of the white societies had colored members.

2 Stations in Baltimore

Some of these members were identified with the two Stations in Baltimore under white presiding elders. They were City Station at which Lovely Lane Meeting House was the central meeting place, and Dallas St. Station in East Baltimore of which Strawberry Alley Chapel was the central meeting place.

In 1786, two years after the famous Christmas Conference was held in Baltimore, colored and white members were reported separately, and by 1826 the records show an enrollment of 31,064 colored members and 250 Indians.

The men and women who organized the African Academy, later called Sharp St. Church, because of the street on which it was located, were members of City Station.

Advocate of Separation Unknown

Exactly in whose mind and when the idea came that a separate congregation and church should be established by these colored members, we do not know.

However, the thought materialized, organization was perfected, trustees elected and a suitable location for a church sought.

On May 15, 1902, a lot of ground on the west side of Sharp Street between Lombard and Pratt was conveyed by James Carey, owner, to the trustees of the African Academy for $1450. This information will be found among Public Land Records of Baltimore at the Court House, Liber W. G. No. 70, folio 520.

1st Church also School

The first church was erected there. The deed states, "the property is to be used for the preaching of God's word and shall be for the use and benefit and serve as a school for the education of black children of every persuasion."

"And for the use of Africans of Baltimore belonging to and in communion with the Society of Christians, commonly known by the name of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States of America."

On May 30, 1811, another lot in the rear of the church, on which stood a brick building was purchased for $1000 and on it erected a building of three stories, containing rooms on the first floor for meetings of classes, the second floor for meetings of organizations, and the third floor one large room of assembly for entertainments.

The first day school for colored persons in Baltimore was opened in this building by Daniel Coker.

Church Rebuilt Twice

In 1860, the old edifice was replaced by a new one and a melodian was installed two years later. This being the first organ used in any of our colored churches in Baltimore.

This present modern edifice was built in 1898, and on April 3, 1913, the 50th annual session of the Washington Conference was held here.

Once again, on May 19, 1948, just 146 years and four days after its birthday, Sharp St. Memorial Church opened her doors to the group which was founded there.

Segregated Seats at 'Liberal' Church

Catholic Unit Also Denies Three Services

A Catholic Church in the 500 block of Mosher St. whose officials state that they welcome "all" worshippers, maintains a segregated seating policy and denies colored persons there importance services.

The 97-year-old Church of the Immaculate Conception does not give instruction, which must precede confirmation, nor will it permit the marriage or burial of any of its colored members in its edifice. Generally all colored members are ushered to a few benches on the right aisle.

Bias Not Contested

Questioned about the latter, Father Thomas O'Connor told the AFRO that "if colored persons are ushered to special seats, it is done without his knowledge and consent.

He said he believed that incidences of such segregation were "few and far between."

Mrs. Lloyal Randolph, who observed on Sunday that colored persons were "crowded into a few front benches," Father O'Connor explained that some families had maintained the same pews in the church for years, and that perhaps the colored parishioners were requested to move for this reason.

No Equality Yet

Miss Frances Brock, who accompanied Mrs. Randolph, said that the priest expressed to her the opinion that whites are not ready to take fellowship with colored persons on an equal basis.

Explaining further, Father O'Connor said that he was a New Englander, and at present was moderator of the Catholic Interracial Society, and was not in accord with policies of segregation as such.

He also pointed out that the Oblate Sisters of Providence have been housed in the parish house of the Church of the Immaculate Conception since the Mother House was consumed by fire two years ago.

Colored Sisters sit where they want during the novenas and the early morning mass, he said.

FELLOWSHIP CHOIR TO SING FOR CALHOUN ST. CHURCH

The Men's Class of Calhoun St. Christian Church, pastor of which is the Rev. Hilary T. Bowen, will present the Fellowship Choir in recital at 8 p.m. on May 26. Dr. J. M. Boyer is director. The church is at 26 S. Calhoun St.

MRS. HESSIE BOSLEY

Obituaries—for Mrs. Hessie Bosley of 134 N. Bond St., who died on Monday, were held on Friday in Johnston, S.C., where the body was shipped for burial.

She leaves her husband, Benjamin; her parents, two sisters and two brothers.

Bishop Shaw Presides Over Conference

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reading of appointments, set for 3 p.m. on Sunday.

Nearly 1000 persons communed on Wednesday, following the meditation by Bishop A. P. Shaw, who urged the church to open its doors to all peoples.

"Christianity is a salvaging system that has no room for hate, envy, selfishness, pride bigotry and snobbishness," he said.

Bishop Sets Keynote

He set the keynote of the conference to be a "consecration and rededication of lives."

"We must make our Christianity full of the spirit of Christ; He has a solution to the world's problems," Bishop Shaw declared.

Delegates Welcomed

Welcome addresses were made to the conference by Leo Wells, representing Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro; Edward N. Wilson, on behalf of colored members and civic interests; the Rev. Willis J. Winston, for the Inter-Denominational Ministerial Alliance; and Mrs. Leotie Dennis, for the local church.

Responding was the Rev. T. B. Travis.

On Wednesday afternoon, the Rev. D. M. Pleasants conducted the memorial service for deceased ministers, their wives and laymen.

Open house and supper followed at the N. M. Carroll Home for the Aged.

Bishop and Wife Feted

During a testimonial banquet, at 8:30 p.m., Bishop Shaw was presented a gold watch, and his wife, Mrs. Lottie Shaw, given a gift of jewelry. Banquet arrangements were made by the Methodist Men of the host church.

The district superintendents reports, enthusiastically received, were the order of business on Thursday morning. They were followed by brief remarks by the Rev. Fred Smith of the Temperance League of Md., and the Rev. Charles C. Webb of the Methodist labor committee.

World Needs Church Aid

Noon hour speaker, the Rev. Howard Cornish, director of the Morgah Christian Center, pointed out the need for the church to fit itself to meet the problems of today.

Miss Annabelle Clark, president of the Baltimore East District of the Women's Society of Christian Service, addressed the local body during the afternoon anniversary program. Mrs. Florence Carroll, WSCS conference president, presided.

Worship in D.C. Church

The evening worship was conducted in the church of the Rev. S. J. Harris, Mount Vernon Church in Washington, with the sermon by Rev. J. L. Garrison of Deanwood, D.C.

Then followed the Laymen's Hour; with the Rev. W. E. Fletcher, conference lay leader, presiding. The address was delivered by Douglas S. King, principal of Bates High School in Annapolis.

Today (Friday) will be devoted to reports of the Ministers' Wives' Association, a meeting of the Layman's Association, and a party on the lawn of Metropolitan Church.

South American Bishop

At the noon spiritual retreat, the speaker is to be the Rev. Albert E. Day, pastor of Mt. Vernon Place Methodist Church. The evening worship speaker will be Bishop Arthur F. Wesley of South America.

Conference boards will mark their anniversary following this session. Committee reports and the Methodist Youth Fellowship rally are set for Saturday. Speaker for the latter will be the Rev. Edward Carroll, National YMCA worker.

Bishop Shaw will offer the morning message on Sunday, which will be preceded by a model Sunday school, class meeting and love feast.

The Rev. J. H. Wood of Charleston, W. Va., will preside at the ordination service at 3 p.m., with the sermon by the Rev. James D. Foy of Buena Vista Church in Pittsburgh.

District Superintendents Give Reports on Progress

Each of 6 Methodist Washington Conference Leaders Cites Material Church Expansion

Progress made during the past year was reflected in reports of the six district superintendents delivered before the Thursday morning session of the Washington Annual Conference.

The Rev. Kelly L. Jackson of the newly-created West Baltimore District, after one year in office, reported a total of 178 converts and progress in all churches under his jurisdiction.

Emphasis was placed upon the organization of units among the youth, as well as among women and men to carry out the stated program of the church.

Rev. Carrington Lauded

He also urged the formation of classes for membership instruction and reported the Rev. N. B. Carrington, pastor of Mt. Olivet Church in Catonsville, had led in this respect.

Reviewing his six-year term in the Washington District, the retiring superintendent, the Rev. C. E. Briggs, reported two new churches built, one paid for and a third under construction.

All mortgages were paid on churches and parsonages during the district, a 36-unit apartment building, two outpost church schools and a ministers, the Rev. Mr. Briggs reported.

Details of Accomplishments

Other items were as follows: Purchase of two acres of ground, remodeling or improvement of 51 of 55 churches, the raising of over $11,668 by the ministers wives, an enrollment of over 2,000 members, and a church school enrollment of 4,000.

Some 400 officers and teachers were listed, 38 invested members, 1299 converts by profession of faith; funds raised for women's work was $9,000; for pastors' salaries, $18,000.

Episcopal Fund collections totaled $5,250; general and annual conference benevolences, $25,338; buildings and improvements $180,836; and Crusade for Christ, $23,465.

All Report Progress

The Rev. T. P. Pleasants of the Virginia-Washington District, said his program has stressed the improvement of church properties, strengthening of evangelism, progress in organizational work in all charges.

Listed in the report of the Rev. F. F. King of the North Baltimore District, was the purchase of Arbpold Methodist Church for $68,500. Significant members in increments were noted at Metropolitan with 133 persons, and at Mt. Zion, with 110 in the church and 160 in the church school.

The Rev. John W. Carroll, who has spent over 50 years in ministerial service, asked to be relieved of all responsibilities. Concerning the status of Gillis Memorial Church, which sought to withdraw from the conference, the Rev. King said:

"She is not dead, she is just away."

New Church Constructed

"Building and improvements amounting to approximately $30,000 were listed by the Rev. C. E. Johnson of the South Baltimore District. Mortgages have been burned, debts cleared, and a new church nearly completed, he said.

For Mrs. 26 charges in the Charleston District, the Rev. M. F. Hayling reported an increase of over 1500 members and $12,000 for salaries. Parsonages were improved at Union, Moorefield, and the debt liquidated at Verona and Beaver Falls.

A church was dedicated at Seebert, and a six-room parsonage built there, the report pointed out.

Dr. Aptheker to Give Second Lecture Here

Dr. Herbert Aptheker, lecturer and historian, will return by request of the Free State Bookshop to speak, at 8:30 p.m. on Sunday at 1239 Ella Banks Studio, North and Pennsylvania Aves. His subject will be, "The Roots of Negro Oppression."

The speaker is one of the authors of the petition presented last year to the United Nations by the National Negro Congress. His latest publication is the book, "To Be Free."

Deaths

THOMAS GANTT

Rites for Thomas Gantt of 416 N. Gilmor St., who died on Saturday, were held on Thursday at Allen AME Church. Burial followed in Mount Auburn Cemetery.

Survivors include his daughters Mendenes Mary Spears, Florence Bell, Annie Dawson and Albert Wolfers; a sister, Mrs. Mary Gray; and 18 grandchildren.

MRS. RUTH NAOMI MARTIN

Requiem mass will be sung for Mrs. Ruth Naomi Martin on Monday morning at Pius Cathedral. Burial will take place in Pomfret, Charles County.

Mrs. Martin, who resided at 1131 W. Mulberry St., died on Thursday. She is survived by her husband, Thomas Martin; James Small, five daughters, three sons and Albert Wolfers; a brother, Mr. Mary Gray; and 18 grandchildren.

MRS. ELIZA WHITE

Eighty-one years old Mrs. Eliza White of 401 Schwartz Ave., Govans, who died on Tuesday morning, was given funeral rites on Thursday at St. Matthews Church. Burial was in Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

She is survived by her son, James a daughter, Mrs. Hattie Jones; six grandchildren, and two great grandchildren, Mary Flanagan and Emmie Wallace.

Edward Britain Has Handled Church Funds for 14 Years

E. E. BRITAIN

For over 14 years Edward E. Britain has held the responsible position of financial secretary at Sharp St. Methodist Church.

Receiving and disbursing all monies coming under the supervision of the official board; and depositing funds in the bank has been his regular task.

In co-operation with the treasurer, Britain makes a report of all funds received and disbursed at the official board's monthly meeting.

Active Worker

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Britain, he was placed in the Sunday School at an early age and has maintained interest and membership in the church ever since, taking an active part in church and Community House activities.

He has been a member of the Stewards Board more than 15 years, and at one time was on the Community House board.

A graduate of Douglass High School and Coppin Teachers College, he has taken extension courses at Morgan State College and the University of Maryland Extension School which qualified him for his work as a teacher of related subjects at Taylor School No. 122.

Taught in One-Room School

Britain began his teachings in Baltimore County in a one-room school. He was next assigned to the Boys' Parental School in Catonsville.

Serving successively at Lockerman School No. 100 and Murphy School No. 119, he has held his present post for 12 years.

Though actively engaged in the teaching profession with its many duties, Mr. Britain has given sacrificed of his time, energy and abilities to his church duties.

Father of 2 Children

His wife is the former Miss Ella Whittington. They reside at 1106 Myrtle Ave., and are the parents of three children.

Speaking of his church life, Mr. Britain says, "My close connection with the church has helped me in my home and school life. God has blessed me for giving to His service my ability and time."

Mt. Calvary Free Will Baptist Church
29 N. BOND STREET
10:00 A. M.—Sunday School.
11:00 A. M.—Sermon by the Pastor.
3:00 P.—Service.
6:30 P. M.—Y. P. C. U.
8:00 P. M.—Preaching.
ALL ARE WELCOME
REV. J. T. CRUMMIDY, Pastor

MT. ZION METHODIST CHURCH
GILMOR AND RIGGS AVENUE
9:00 A. M.—SUNDAY SCHOOL.
9:30 A. M.—SUNDAY CLASS.
11:00 A. M.—SERMON BY THE PASTOR.
6:30 P. M.—METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP.
8:00 P. M.—EVENING WORSHIP.
WE WELCOME YOU REV. A. H. HAMMOND, Minister

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SPIRITUAL ADVISERS
Mme. Emma Matthews
Will appear at the
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655 W. Lexington St.
Sunday, May 23rd
3 to 6 P.M.
Admission Free

ANNUAL WOMAN'S DAY
GOSPEL TABERNACLE BAPT. CHURCH
SARATOGA STREET near CAREY STREET
11:00 A. M.—SERMON Subj: "WOMANLY GREATNESS."
3:00 P. M.—MUSICAL and LITERARY PROGRAM
8:00 P. M.—SENIOR CHOIR and GOSPEL CHORUS COMBINED.
Mrs. Carrie, Green, Chairman; Mrs. Martha Jarvis, co-chairman; Mrs. Beulah Stevens, presiding.
REV. LUKE G. REYNOLDS, Minister

Faith Baptist Church
"The Praying Church"—BOND ST. AND ASHLAND AVE.
Annual Youth Day
9:30 A. M.—Sunday School.
11:00 A. M.—Sermon by Rev. Wm. Mayo, Jr.
3:00 P. M.—Speaker, Mrs. Natalie Tilghman (Vocational Guidance Counselor of Dunbar High School)
6:00 P. M.—Baptist Training Union.
8:00 P. M.—Recital—Young Peoples Choir and Intermediate Choir.
ALL OFFICES OF THE CHURCH WILL BE HELD BY THE YOUNG PEOPLE
J. HAYWARD HARRISON, Chairman
WE WELCOME YOU
REV. SIMON WILLIAMSON, Pastor

First Baptist Church
CAROLINE and McELDERRY STS., BALTO., MD.
SUNDAY, MAY 23, 1948
9:30 A. M.—SUNDAY SCHOOL.
11:00 A. M.—SERMON BY THE PASTOR. Baptizing.
6:00 P. M.—B. T. U.
7:30 P. M.—EVENING WORSHIP.
Communion each First Sunday — 1:00 P. M.
REV. V. T. WILLIAMS, Pastor.

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METROPOLITAN METHODIST CHURCH
LANVALE ST. and CARROLLTON AVE.
SUNDAY, MAY 23, 1948
10:45 A. M.—Children's Church.
11:00 A. M.—Sermon by Rev. Lovell, of Alexandria, Va.
1:30 P. M.—Church School.
6:00 P. M.—Methodist Fellowship Hour.
8:00 P. M.—Sermon by Rev. Wm. Dogan, of Lexington, Va.
ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME AND FIND REST, COMFORT AND STRENGTH.
REV. ELY L. LOFTON, Pastor

Sharp Street Memorial Methodist Church
DOLPHIN AND ETTING STREETS
Washington Annual Conference of the Methodist Church
9:45 A. M.—CHURCH SCHOOL.
10:00 A. M.—SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS.
11:00 A. M.—MORNING WORSHIP—Sermon by BISHOP A. P. SHAW.
3:00 P. M.—ORDINATION SERVICE—Sermon by REV. J. D. FOY of Pittsburgh, Pa.
A HEARTY WELCOME TO ALL
REV. JOSHUA O. WILLIAMS, Minister

PENTECOST BAPTIST CHURCH
MADISON AVENUE Near BIDDLE STREET
9:30 A. M.—SUNDAY SCHOOL.
11:00 A. M.—SERMON BY THE PASTOR.
3:30 P. M.—PROGRAM by the CHRISTIANARY QUARTET.
6:30 P. M.—BAPTIST TRAINING UNION.
8:00 P. M.—WORTH-BALTO. GOSPEL CHORUS.
ALL ARE WELCOME REV. A. F. LEMON, Pastor

Jerusalem Bapt. Church
254 W. BIDDLE ST.
REV. F. D. DOUGLASS, Pastor
10:00 A.M. Church School
11:00 A.M. Sermon by the Pastor.
3:30 P.M. Holy Communion
6:00 P.M. B. T. U.
8:30 P.M. Holy Four Quartette
ALL ARE WELCOME

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
BEL. AIR, MD.
Sunday, May 23, 1948
9:30 A. M.—Sunday School.
11:00 A. M.—Sermon by the Pastor.
3:00 P. M.—Pastor, choir and congregation worship at Mt. Zion Methodist Church.
6:00 P. M.—B. Y. P. U.
8:00 P. M.—Holy communion.
MRS. MARTHA PEAKER, Ch. Clk.
REV. T. B. SCOTT, Pastor

AMES MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH
CAREY AND BAKER STREETS
9:30 A. M.—CHURCH SCHOOL.
11:00 A. M.—GUEST PREACHER FROM THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE.
6:00 P. M.—METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP.
8:00 P. M.—EVENING WORSHIP—PREACHING.
WE WELCOME YOU
REV. E. ADOLPH HAYNES, Minister

MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH
CAROLINE AND PRESTON STREETS
SPRING RALLY DAY
9:30 A. M.—CHURCH SCHOOL.
11:00 A. M.—SERMON BY THE PASTOR.
3:00 P. M.—MUSICAL AND LITERARY PROGRAM, by the Brotherhood.
6:30 P. M.—BAPTIST TRAINING UNION.
8:00 P. M.—ANNIVERSARY OF THE NOBLE LADIES SAVINGS CLUB—Guests of the ROSE of SHARON.
ALL ARE WELCOME REV. C. EDWARD BROWNE, Pastor

ISRAEL BAPTIST CHURCH
ORLEANS AND BETHEL STREETS
9:30 A. M.—CHURCH SCHOOL.
11:00 A. M.—"Living The Life of Christ" by the Pastor.
6:00 P. M.—YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING.
8:00 P. M.—EVANGELISTIC SERVICE.
ALL ARE WELCOME REV. EDMOND D. MEADE, Pastor

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
1620 BRADY AVENUE, FAIRFIELD, MD.
Annual Youth Day
UNDER AUSPICES YOUNG PEOPLE'S CHOIR AND YOUNG DISCIPLES
9:30 A. M.—SUNDAY SCHOOL.
11:00 A. M.—MESSAGE BY THE PASTOR.
3:00 P. M.—PROGRAM BY THE YOUTH.
8:00 P. M.—SPECIAL PROGRAM.
ALL ARE WELCOME REV. E. W. WILLIAMS, Pastor

Enon Baptist Church
SCHROEDER ST. and EDMONDSON AVE.
SUNDAY, MAY 23, 1948
6:30 A. M.—Prayer & Praise Service.
9:30 A. M.—Sunday School.
11:00 A. M.—Sermon—Baptizing by the Pastor.
5:00 P. M.—The Women's Auxiliary and the National Alliance of Postal Employees of Baltimore present WILLIAM VEASEY, Baritone of New York, in RECITAL.
5:00 P. M.—The Cheerful Givers are giving a TEA in the Lecture Room of the church.
8:00 P. M.—Special Services—54th Anniversary of the Cheerful Givers.
You are cordially invited to attend all of these services.
MR. W. LLEWELLYN WILSON, Organist and Choirmaster
REV. ARTHUR J. PAYNE, Minister

JOHN WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH
MONTGOMERY AND SHARP STREETS
SUNDAY, MAY 23, 1948
MORNING SERVICE
11:00 A. M.—Sermon by the pastor. Theme: "PROGRESS UNDER DIFFICULTY." (Guests) Carver's Vocational Evening High School. Music by Young People's Choir.
AFTERNOON SERVICE
3:00 P. M.—Sermon by Rev. Miss Agnes Alston. Music by Gospel Choir.
EVENING SERVICE
8:00 P. M.—Musical Program.
Mrs. Mary Harris, sponsor
Miss Christine Booker, president
F. J. FRYE, Minister

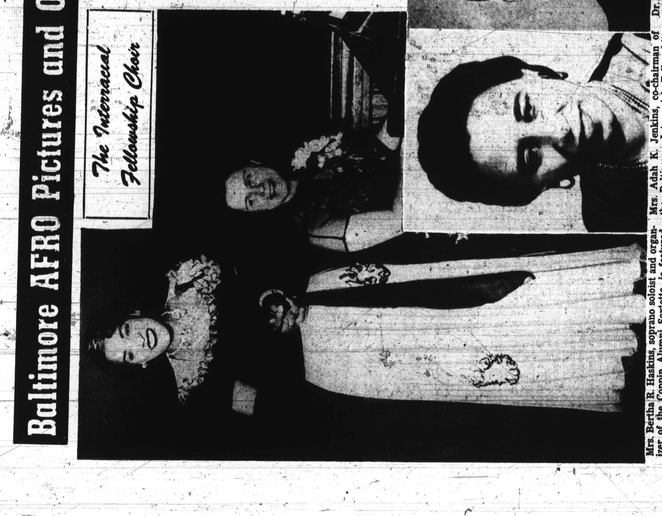
Morgan Christian Center
SUNDAY, MAY 23 — 10:30 A. M.
SERMON—
DR. J. W. E. BOWEN
Editor of the Central Christian Advocate of the Methodist Church
MUSIC BY THE
College Choir
Mr. J. O. B. Moseley, Director

Miss Florence Wheeler, executive secretary at the Sharp St. Methodist Community House demonstrates the advantages of keeping important personal papers in a safe place.

MT. PLEASANT BAPTIST CHURCH
BOND AND JEFFERSON STREETS
9:30 A. M.—SUNDAY SCHOOL.
11:00 A. M.—SERMON BY THE PASTOR.
6:00 P. M.—BAPTIST TRAINING UNION.
8:00 P. M.—EVENING WORSHIP — PREACHING.
Communion Every First Sunday — 3:30 P.M.
ALL ARE WELCOME REV. H. J. TUNSON, Pastor

SHILOH C. C. CHURCH
Chapel of Emanuel C. C. Church
CARROLLTON AVE. and LANVALE ST.
ANNUAL WOMEN'S DAY
Sunday, May 23, 1948
11:00 A. M.—SERMON by Rev. Mrs. Rae Griffin of Emanuel C. C. Church. Special Music by the Choir.
3:00 P. M.—Speaker, Rev. Mrs. Laura Edwards of Harlem Park. Mus. Music by several Choruses.
Mrs. Etha el Newman, Chr.—Miss Hermine Thomas, Sec'y.
Rev. O. W. Bayard, Minister

Baltimore AFRO Pictures and Opinions of the Week



The Interracial Fellowship Choir

BECOMING interested in the interracial choir of his sister Fellowship House in Philadelphia, the Baltimore Interracial Fellowship presented them in concert here in November, 1944. The program footnote was: "We Come as Brothers." The interracial organization of the local group was designed to promote deeper understanding and standing among persons who differ in race or creed and to put into doing things top of fellowship at its most profound level—that of worship.

Mrs. Adah K. Jenkins, co-chairman of the Baltimore Interracial Fellowship, spiked its organization.

Dr. J. Edward Moyer, minister of the Coppin Alumni Methodist Church, is director.

Mrs. Bertha B. Haskins, soprano soloist and organizer of the Coppin Alumni Societie, is featured. Mrs. Frances A. Morgan is accompanist.

The Interracial Fellowship Choir is shown here, at left, in annual concert, which was presented this year at North Avenue Methodist Church, and at right, at a rehearsal. The 39-voice unit was organized in 1944, giving inspiration from its sister organization, Fellowship House in Philadelphia.

Only The AFRO Has All Three

Correct Care of *personal papers*

AN ENORMOUS amount of time—and peace of mind—is lost in the hunt for important personal papers. By keeping your records together, you can save both time and pence. In case of an emergency, you can snatch up all your papers in a hurry. If you need a specific item, you know just where to put your finger on it.

RECOMMENDATION: Your first step in setting up a simple system is to decide what records you want to keep. These headings can be used for your papers:

1. Receipts due
2. Payments due
3. Check stubs, receipts, statements
4. Legal documents:
   Birth, marriage and death certificates
   Deeds, mortgages and leases
   Wills
   Naturalization papers
   Insurance policies
5. Tax returns (including evidence to substantiate claims, such as receipts for medical bills, charitable contributions, etc.)
6. Household equipment—use and maintenance instructions, tags and labels, guarantees
7. Budgetary information
8. Birthdays and anniversaries (remember flowers)
9. Correspondence — business and personal
10. Careful Storage Urged

OBSERVATION: As a rule, legal documents should be stored in a safe place away from the dangers of fire as well as theft. It may be advisable to rent a safe-deposit box at a Bank charges for this convenience range from $6 up per year. Keep your stocks and government bonds in the box.

How Long to Keep What

Keeping your files up-to-date is largely a matter of eliminating items that become valueless with time. Different kinds of papers become outdated at varying intervals.

Take the matter of income tax returns. Keep your tax return and any bills or other matter pertaining to it, for at least 3 years from the date of the return. Your utility bills, on the other hand, can usually be thrown out after about three months.

Of course, if you pay by check, you automatically have a receipt. In cash transactions, though, it is a good idea to keep them depends on your State and Federal laws. Generally, if the statute of limitations is three years, in others it ranges up to 13 years. As a practical matter, you can afford to ignore small items, but keep the receipts for your major purchases.

How Old Are Postage Stamps?

1. When were U.S. postage stamps first placed on sale?
2. Name the author of "Ice Cream for Breakfast" and "Dear Ladies."
3. Name the Memorial Cemetery in Washington, D.C., and state in what part of the city it is located.
4. Name the Negro author of "Black Boy" and "Uncle Tom's Children."
5. Name the author of "Ivory Tower," "Dodsworth," "It Can Happen Here," "Arrowsmith" and "Babbitt."
6. Name the Negro author of "Black Metropolis."
7. Name the author of "Gone with the Wind."
8. Name the Negro author of "Cane."
9. Name the author of "Ethan Frome," "The Age of Innocence," "The Reef," "Summer" and "Hudson River Bracketed."
10. Name the author of "Ann Vickers," "Work of Art," "Dodsworth," "It Can Happen Here," "Arrowsmith" and "Babbitt."

ANSWERS

1. The 1st postage stamps were placed on sale in 1847.
2. Fannie Hurst.
3. Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va. It is located in the Virginia Section of the District of Columbia.
4. Richard Wright.
5. Sinclair Lewis.
6. St. Clair Drake and Horace R. Cayton.
7. Margaret Mitchell.
8. Jean Toomer.
9. Edith Wharton.
10. Sinclair Lewis.

over 100 but still merry

Plenty of prayers, fresh air, hard work and abstinence from bad habits constitute the formula of long life for Fountain Hughes, who recently passed the 100-year mark.

Exemplifying a typical Southern gentleman with a merry eye, full of life and humor, he is still in memory and erect body. Mr. Hughes, who lives alone, still takes short walks and exercises in the rear of his second-floor room.

He lives at 1431 W. Lanvale St. with his daughter, Mrs. Ethel Hudson, and other relatives.

A native of Charlottesville, Va., he was born and reared in a farm. He worked hard and saved enough money to buy a horse and cart. He was well known as a farmer.

Mr. Hughes recalls well the days of slavery and the struggle for right, freedom and equality. He was a staunch fighter for these rights and helped many others to do the same.

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this age won't live as long because they live too fast, he said.

He said he believes in respect God and work hard. Mr. Hughes said he believes people have become "spoiled" by anyone, the centenarian observed.

"The easy gentleman continued, "I have worked hard all my life and have taken a little nip once in awhile, but not heavily and never with anyone. I don't see folks do here in Baltimore."

Mr. Hughes said though, "you see—my day started at 3 a.m., when we got up and went into the fields at least two miles from home. Breakfast was brought out at 7 a.m., the time we started back home.

"Our work day lasted well into the night. Our food was good and brought out there in the field."

Of Brothers, Sisters

In his friendly, jubilant mood, Mr. Hughes said:

"I don't think Baltimoreans today are as friendly as we were in many respects. We children of my day played outside on the floor and we could do full justice to our clothes looked for the patches and we had them.

Unable to attend school because he was needed on the farm, the very young Mr. Hughes, nevertheless, learned his lessons well. He provided possessed intelligence and a keen memory.

He was married when he lived in Virginia.

He now rises around 6:30 a.m. and retires around 9 p.m. Sometimes he retires earlier, at sunset being in the mid-afternoon, if he feels sleepy.

Deeply Religious Person

Mr. Hughes is deeply in religion, but is of the opinion that one can be a good Christian at home and within himself, with out being a member of a church.

Next to hard work, he enjoys his wife, friends, his favorite pastime, fishing, and listening to programs on Sunday morning. He enjoys the Sunday morning program on Sunday morning, "Back to the Bible."

Mr. Hughes dresses himself, except for the shoes. Before dressing he takes a good rub-down. Mr. Hughes added, "Some women wanted to take care of me but I wanted them to know what you're going through when you're married."

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