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"ROCK OF AGES, CLEFT FOR ME"

GO TO THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE THIS SUNDAY
AND JOIN IN WITH YOUR FAVORITE CHOIR SINGING THIS INSPIRATIONAL HYMN

ROCK OF AGES, CLEFT FOR ME

Rock of Ages, cleft for me. Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood, From Thy side, a healing flood,
Be of sin the double cure, Save from wrath and make me pure.

Not the labors of my hands Can fulfill Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, Simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress; Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Vile, I to the fountain fly; Wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, When mine eyelids close in death,
When I rise to worlds unknown, See Thee on Thy Judgment throne,

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee.

In Our Churches

Game night and a barn dance will be held at St. James PE Church, Oct. 29. Sponsoring the affair is the Young Men's Guild. The Rev. Edward E. Mills is pastor.

The Missionary meeting will be held at Grace Presbyterian Church, tonight (Friday) at 8 p.m. Os Southern Conference Annual Planning Conference will meet at the church.

The Fellowship Circle of Grace Church is sponsoring a Columbus Day Tea Sunday, from 5 p m to 7 p.m. for the benefit of the church building fund project. Mrs. Beatrice E. Butts is chairman; the Rev. Robert T. New bold is pastor.

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DELIVERING THE 11 a.m sermon at Mt. Pisgah CME Church, Sunday, will be the pastor, the Rev. John Hammond Jr. Delegates from summer conference and camps will give their reports to the congregation at Grace Presbyterian Church Oct. 12.

DR. D. O. W. Holmes, president emeritus of Morgan State College, will deliver the morning message at Morgan Christian Center, Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

Music will be furnished by the College Choir under the direction of Mrs. Gwendolyn Cason. The Rev. Howard L. Cornish is director of the center.

A motion picture, "Marian Anderson's Concert at the Lyric," will be shown at Providence Baptist Church, Oct. 14, at 8 p.m. Proceeds will go to Wards Women's Day celebration The Rev. M. Wood is pastor.

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A LECTURE on "Christian Science and the Steady Gain of Mankind" will be given at the Lyric Theatre, Sunday, at 3 p.m. Guest speaker is Henry Nichols of Los Angeles, Calif.

"Sponsoring the affair is the Third Church of Christ, Scientist, 702 Cathedral St.

The Rev. W. N. Edwards, pastor of the Randallstown Circuit of the AME Church, attended the Electoral College conference of the AME Church at Galesville, Md., this week.

Accompanying him were the circuit's two delegates. Mesdames Lillian Dorsey and Addie Johnson, both of Randalls town.

Women's Day will be observed at Union Bethel AME Church, Oct. 17.—Guest speaker will be Mrs. W. F. Mitchell of Payne AME Church.

The Rev. Mr. Edwards will conduct services Sunday at the new Windsor Methodist Church at 3 p.m. The Rev. Joseph Lee is pastor.

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THE MISSIONARY Society of the Randallstown Circuit of the AME Church will meet tonight (Friday) at the home of Mrs. Dorothy Sands on Church La.

A total of $400 was collected at the eighth annual homecoming ceremonies of Metropolitan Church in Princess Anne, Md., recently.

Some 100 guests attended from Philadelphia, New York, Pittsburgh, Clarion, Swarthmore and Chester, Pa., and Wilmington and Milford, Del.

Among the guests of honor were Sen. Harry Phoebus of Somerset County, and son, and Attorney General Edward D. Rollins.

The Rev. John T. Butler has organized a new church at 902 N. Fulton Ave., called Jerusalem Baptist Church. First services were held last Sunday.

The Rev. Mr. Butler formerly preached at Fountain Baptist Church, here, and also in South Carolina. Services will be held in the church every Sunday at 11 a.m. Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. Os Sunday.

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THE WILLING Workers Club of Olivet Baptist Church, Riggs Ave. and Woodyear St., had a Ice Cream Rally on Sept. 30, which raised $307.

Mrs. Corinda Adams is president of the club and thought up the idea for the rally. The Rev. W. L. Evans is pastor.

Queens and maids, representing various churches raised the money. Three prizes were awarded the top queens.

First prize went to Mrs. Phyllis Hardy, New Shiloh Baptist Church; second, Mrs. Maggie Hadley, Enon Baptist Church, and third, Mrs. Esther Jackson, Simmon Memorial Baptist Church.

Other queens were the Misdames Julia Gross, Pecora Hayes, Emma Blackmon, Lola Curry and Juanita Lenoard and Miss Henrietta Harrid.

Out of town guests were Mrs. John Culpepper, Miss Eleanor Kelly and Mrs. Mary Wallace, all of Round Oak Baptist Church, Spencerville, Md., and David James of Mt Olive Baptist Church, Northcumberland County, Va.

The Hemingway Temple AME Church in Cherry Hill holds its Liquidation Drive Day on Sunday. Sunday school opens at 9:30 a.m. and at 11 a.m. the pastor, the Rev. William A. Bell will deliver the message.

At 4 p.m. the Rev. J. M. Gray, his choir and congregation from St. John's AME Church will be in attendance.

Churches throughout the city are sounding the call for them to rally to the call of Christian Fellowship.

Ministers are joining with the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance and the AFRO-AMERICAN in urging families to go to church.

Sparking the movement, which began last Sunday, is Rallying Sunday, the old time favorite hymn, "Rock Of Ages," which is being sung each and every Sunday during the month of October, by church choirs.

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YES, YOUR favorite hymn, "Rock Of Ages," selected as the hymn of the month by the Back-To-Church committee, will be sung in YOUR church this Sunday.

Go to church. Hear the hymn you learned from your mother's knee. Join in the Christian fellowship and pray with others.

The Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance and the AFRO-AMERICAN are aware of the thousands of families who live day by day out side the fellowship of the Christian Church.

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FOR THESE persons, they are sounding the call for them to go to the church of their choice and experience this fellowship of God.

It was the great old-time hymn favorites that gave strength to our forefparents. You need that strength too. Heed this call. Go back to church.

Churches rallying to fellowship call

Urge families to return to church of own choice

Ministers guests at NAACP luncheon

As a special feature in its current membership drive, the local NAACP will stage a ministers' luncheon on Monday (Oct. 11) at 2 p.m. at Enon Baptist Church, Edmondson Ave. and Schroeder Sts.

The luncheon will be sponsored by the Parker Sausage Co. and will feature an address by Dr. Kenneth C. Clarke, professor of psychology at the City College of New York.

The membership drive was officially opened on Friday night at a meeting at the Sharp St. Memorial Methodist Church. Goal of the drive has been set at 10,000 members.

NAACP OFFICIALS reported on Wednesday that the drive was moving on schedule and they hoped to have 3,000 members enrolled by Thursday.

A regular concert rehearsal will be held on Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Sharp St. Methodist Church. The Northeast Men's Chorus under the direction of George Spencer will be featured.

A special East Baltimore meeting will be held on Oct. 14 at 8 p.m. at Memorial Baptist Church, Caroline and Preston Sts.

Prison chaplain fetes fiftieth anniversary

REV. AYD

The Rev. Joseph J. Ayd, S.J. Dean of America's Prison Chaplains" celebrated his 50th anniversary this week.

Serving as chaplain at the State Penitentiary since 1937, the Rev. Mr. Ayd was appointed to Governor Theodore R. McKeldin's Honor Roll in 1953 for his work in saving an innocent man from the gallows.

The defendant, Robert White, condemned to hang for a murder he did not commit, had his sentence commuted to life imprisonment as result of the chaplain's efforts.

BESIDES HIS work at the penitentiary, the minister also is a professor at Loyola College. He has been a member of the faculty since 1918. At present he is Professor Emeritus of Social Studies at the college.

The only priest chaplain with a Ph.D., which he received from Gregorian University in 1937, the Rev. Mr. Ayd has written three books on sociology, a subject on which he is nationally known.

In honor of his anniversary, a celebration was held at Loyola College, Sunday, with a Mass of Thanksgiving in Our Lady of Evergreen Chapel.

A reception followed in Cohn auditorium, on the college campus, where several relatives and friends appeared.

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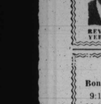
FRANK R. WILLIAMS MEMORIAL DAY
9:30 A.M.—SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:30 A.M.—OPEN HEART SERVICE.
11:00 A.M.—HOLY COMMUNION— Pastor's Subject: "Stewardship"
6:00 P.M.—BAPTIST TRAINING UNION
7:30 P.M.—Evening Worship
MONDAY, OCT. 11—Throughout SUNDAY, OCT. 17—SPECIAL CHORUS WEEK.
REV. WARD O. KERR Pastor

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH
Bond and Preston Sts. "The Friendly Church"
9:15 A.M.—SUNDAY SCHOOL.
11:00 A.M.—SERMON BY THE PASTOR. Music by Senior Choir No. 1 and Jubilee Chorus.
3:00 P.M.—COMMUNION SERVICES.
6:00 P.M.—B.T.U.
8:00 P.M.—EVENING SERVICE — Music by Senior Choir No. 1 and Jubilee Chorus.
REV. J. R. GRANT, Pastor

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
CAROLINE & McELDERRY STS.
Baltimore 5, Md.
SUNDAY, OCT. 10, 1954
7:30 P.M.— EVENING WORSHIP
9:30 A.M.—CHURCH SCHOOL—Wardelle T. Richardson, Supt.
11:00 A.M.—MORNING WORSHIP, Sermon by the Pastor.
6:00 P.M.—BAPTIST TRAINING UNION—Mrs. Janie B. McCrorey Director.
7:30 P.M.—EVENING WORSHIP.
A CORDIAL WELCOME TO ALL.
REV. V. F. WILLIAMS, Pastor

CONCORD BAPTIST CHURCH
FRANKLIN AND POPPLETON STS.

9:45 A.M.—Sunday School, Rev. Montague Brackett, Supt.
11:00 A.M.—Sermon by the pastor. Dinner will be served.
3:30 P.M.—Pastor, Choir & Congregation of St. Johns Baptist Church Turner Station will worship with us at the anniversary of the ushers.
6:00 P.M.—B.T.U.
THE PUBLIC IS INVITED
REV. J. M. RAYNOR, Pastor

MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH
CAROLINE AND PRESTON STREETS
9:30 A.M.—SUNDAY SCHOOL
11:00 A.M.—SERMON BY THE PASTOR
2:00 P.M.—WE WORSHIP AT ST. PAUL BAPTIST CHURCH
6:00 P.M.—BAPTIST TRAINING UNION
8:00 P.M.—SERMON BY REV. MRS. MYRTLE IMES.
WE WELCOME YOU
REV. C. EDWARD BROWNE, Pastor.

Orchard Street Methodist Church
Orchard Street Near Druid Hill Avenue
9:45 A.M.—CHURCH SCHOOL
11:00 A.M.—SERMON BY THE PASTOR
8:00 P.M.—MYRTLE AVE. VALIANT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION.
ALL ARE WELCOME — REV. D. M. PLEASANTS, Pastor

Sharp Street Memorial Methodist Church
DOLPHIN and ETTING STREETS
9:30 A.M.—CHURCH SCHOOL
11:00 A.M.—SERMON BY REV. DANIEL L. RIDEOUT, Administrative Assistant to Bishop Love.
3:00 P.M.—The SONS and DAUGHTERS of MD. From NEW YORK.
6:00 P.M.—METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP.
8:00 P.M.—EVENING WORSHIP.
A HEARTY WELCOME TO ALL
REV. JOSHUA O. WILLIAMS, Pastor

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH
DRUID HILL AVE. and McMECHEN ST.
9:30 A.M.—SUNDAY SCHOOL.
11:00 A.M.—SERMON BY PASTOR. MUSIC BY SENIOR CHOIR.
2:00 P.M.—MEMORIAL SERVICE of the NAOMI CHAPTER O.E.S.
8:00 P.M.—BAPTIST TRAINING UNION.
8:00 P.M.—SERMON BY THE PASTOR. HOLY COMMUNION. Music By The Senior Choir and Gospel Chorus.
All Are Welcome Rev. V. Y. K. Stokes, Pastor

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Ministers deplore school picketing

The Council of Churches and Christian Education of Maryland-Delaware issued a call on Oct. 1 to the clergymen of Baltimore to urge picketing parents to cease their "self - defeating" movement and to join with the rest of our citizenry in an earnest effort to maintain law and order in Baltimore."

Especially strong statements were issued by Superintendents Norman L. Trott and Lowell Self of the Baltimore South and Baltimore East Districts of the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Church.

Dr. Trott called upon South Baltimore Methodists "to support the position taken by public school authorities in conformity with the Supreme Court decision." He declared that it is "good Americanism" to believe that all men are created free and equal.

Mt. Zion Methodist Church
Riggs Ave. and Gilmor St.
9:30 A.M.—Church School
11:00 A.M.—Sermon by the Pastor
3:00 P.M.—Anniversary Service of the Colored Blind Association; Chairman Miss Anna Mae Hunter.
8:00 P.M.—Sermon.
REV. J. J. BARNES, Pastor

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Rev. Russell Roberts

Evangelist from Atlantic City, N.J., who preached to thousands recently at the Coliseum will begin a TWO WEEKS' REVIVAL AT THE Gillis Memorial Community Church Calhoun & Mulberry Sts. Baltimore, Md.

Along with one of the nation's top Gospel Singing Groups and several of Baltimore's leading church choirs and Gospel Singing Groups. The public is cordially invited each evening, 7:30 P.M. to hear this soul shaking every night. We heard Rev. Roberts at the Coliseum, now hear him again and see all these great singers at the Gillis Memorial Community Church.

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11:00 A.M.—SERMON BY THE PASTOR.
8:00 P.M.—PREACHING.
OLD FASHION PRAYER MEETING EACH WED. NIGHT.
REV. PAUL J. HARRIS, MINISTER
ALL ARE WELCOME

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DOLPHIN and ETTING STREETS
SATURDAY, 10 A.M.—2nd ANNUAL PLANNING CONFERENCE of TEACHERS COLLEGE.
SUNDAY, OCT. 10
9:30 A.M.—SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL. Mrs Lois J. Carter, Superintendent.
11:00 A.M.—WORSHIP SERVICE—SERMON BY PASTOR ROBERT NEWBOLD — Topic: "A FAITH FOR THIS HOUR."
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REV. ROBERT T. NEWBOLD JR., Pastor

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH
"THE PRAYING CHURCH"
BOND STREET AND ASHLAND AVENUE
Annual Women's Day
Theme: "The Role of Christian Women in Building Peace."
9:00 A.M.—SUNDAY SCHOOL.
11:00 A.M.—SERMON BY REV. WALTER E. PAIGE.
3:00 P.M.—PROGRAM. SPEAKER, MRS. ARNITA COLLICK MITCHELL, ... Pa.
6:00 P.M.—BAPTIST TRAINING UNION.
8:00 P.M.—THE GOSPEL JEWELS IN A MUSICAL PAGEANT—"THE CHALLENGE OF THE CROSS."
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REV. JOHN T. CHUMBLEY, Pastor

Jerusalem Baptist Church
902 N. FULTON AVENUE
REV. JOHN THOMAS BUTLER, Pastor
9:30 A.M.—Sunday School
11:00 A.M.—Sermon by the Pastor, Subj.: "Prayer"
6:30 P.M.—Baptist Training Union
8:00 P.M.—Evening Worship
ALL ARE WELCOME—COME

ST. PAUL BAPTIST CHURCH
LANVALE ST. and GUILFORD AVE.
Annual Woman's Day
Theme: "THE PROMISE OF GOD IS TOO GOOD TO MISS"
9:30 A.M.—CHURCH SCHOOL
Mrs. Marian A. Schenck, Presiding
10:5 A.M.—SILENT MEDITATION
11:00 A.M.—Guest Speaker EVANGELIST MAMIE B. BURNS SCOTT, of the Friendship Baptist Church, Wash., D.C.
3:30 P.M.—17th ANNUAL UNION WOMAN'S DAY SERVICE
Mrs. Adelina Crawley, Presiding.
Guest Speaker—Mrs. Phylis Tilley, of the New Metropolitan Baptist Church.
6:30 P.M.—BAPTIST TRAINING UNION.
8:00 P.M.—PANEL DISCUSSION.
Report of Captains.
A HEARTY WELCOME TO ALL
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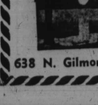
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The Financial Story Of Mayfair Mansion

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cial footing, only to be forced to liquidate his interest in it.

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BUT NOT EVEN Cassell knew that the loan he obtained for the project, for which he put up his 20 per cent stock holdings and a farm on Chesapeake Bay that he owned, as collateral, came from Elder Lightfoot Solomon Michaux, "Happy Am I" preacher.

To pay off this loan Cassell had to sell his stock in the Mayfair Mansions to the Gospel Spreading Association, which Michaux owned. Acquisition of the stock gave the gospel association 80 per cent of the stock, Michaux 20 per cent, and left the man whose brainchild Mayfair Mansion was with no interest in it.

Sen. Homer E. Capehart, of Indiana, chairman of the Senate Banking and Currency Committee, was the one who told Cassell that the money he had obtained as a loan for the corporation on his stock and farm as collateral had been given by Michaux to a lawyer to make the loan.

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ONE OTHER highlight of Cassell's testimony was that Clyde L. Powell, who was quoted last April, as Assistant Commissioner of the Federal Housing Administration, had demanded and was paid $10,000 to approve a $700,000 increase in a FHA commitment.

Powell later took the stand and refused for the third time to answer any questions. He again claimed his constitutional rights under the Fifth Amendment not to be compelled to give testimony against himself in a criminal case.

Cassell was the architect for Howard University from 1920 to 1938. During that period he drew plans and specifications for buildings for the university, which were approved by the Interior Department, and he also supervised construction.

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THREE BUILDINGS included building costing about $700,000; costing about $200,000, the Medical School building costing about $600,000, the gymnasium and athletic field costing about $400,000, the classroom building costing about $460,000, the Chemistry and old dining hall building the heat, light and power plant costing about $660,000 the walk tunnel costing about $200,000 and the girls' dormitory costing about $700,000.

Cassell also was associate professor of architecture at the university from 1920 to 1924.

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MAYFAIR MANSIONS is in northeast Washington. It is bounded on the east by Kenilworth Ter., on the south by a strip of land which borders Anacostia River, on the north by Jay St., and on the south by Hayes St.

The project was built under section 608 of the National Housing Act which authorized FHA-insured loans up to 90 per cent of the estimated cost of the completed physical improvement.

This provision, which permitted builders to obtain more money from mortgage loans than the actual cost of construction and pocket the difference as "windfalls," expired in 1950.

Cassell testified that he first got the idea for the project in 1936 after he began searching the District of Columbia for a sizeable piece of land that might be secured, on which there was some chance of developing a project of the type he had in mind for "self-supporting housing of colored people."

UNDER QUESTIONING by William Simon, counsel for the FHA investigating committee, Cassell testified that in 1938 he secured an option on the old Benning race track, which comprised about 62.4 acres. He said he agreed to pay $150,000 for the tract.

He said he not only had trouble in interesting the financial institutions around the country to go along with him because up to that time nothing of that type had been projected.

He got FHA interested, he said, by making a detailed survey neighborhood by neighborhood, which tended to show that colored people in the District of Columbia were paying $15 a room per month.

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THAT SURVEY "was looked upon with favor by the economists of FHA," he added.

"We didn't get anywhere until we did what was suggested to me in a certain telephone call," said Cassell.

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THE QUESTIONS and answers by Capehart and Cassell were:

Capehart: In a certain telephone call?

A—Yes, sir.

Q—Tell us about the telephone call.

A—I had a telephone call coming from a very high placed office which suggested—

Q — High placed office, what high placed office?

A—It came from the office. The person who talked said they were talking from the office of Mr. Marvin McIntyre (McIntyre was a White House secretary during the Roosevelt Administration).

Q—At the White House?

A—Yes. They suggested that in order to get a loan on the situation I had to have with me people who had political constituency. I have none of those at all.

Q—They suggested you had to have—

A—Political constituency.

Q—Influence from—

A—They might have meant that, but they didn't say anything about it at the time.

Q — Did they suggest the names of anybody?

A—They didn't suggest the names of anybody. The suggestion was tied up with what happened.

Q—Tell us exactly what happened after that telephone call.

A—Thereafter I came in contact. I first met Elder Michaux on the street.

Q—Who is he?

A — Elder Michaux is an evangelist in town and a radio preacher.

Q—You met him on the street?

A—Yes; on T St. near my office.

Q—Is that Lightfoot Michaux?

A—He spoke to me about my work for the Federal Government, things of that type. I suppose he knew me, I suppose he knew what I was trying to do. How he knew, I don't know.

Q—In any event he spoke to you—

A—Yes, sir

Q—Then what happened?

A—Thereafter he and I got together at my office to consider the situation and see what could be done to further this setup.

Q—Did he tell you he was representing the White House or people with political connections?

A—He didn't tell me that. The office said that. I have been looking into the situation. I had what appeared to be a good project.

Q—Was he a friend of Mr. McIntyre's?

A—I never found out that he had some friends at the White House. No question about that. Did he tell you he would do for you?

A—I am unable to say how he stood with the meetings. The elder told me I had a good scheme. He had people who looked into it and they were impeccable and that sort of thing, and I had everything I needed except the influence and money.

Q—Did he tell you he would supply the influence if you would pay him?

A—Yes. We talked back and forth for quite sometime, and in this thing went through in various stages, about what I was to pay for such influence. It was finally decided that I should pay what amounted to about 25 per cent of my fee, $12,500 out of a total of $55,000 which I was actually to get.

Q—In other words, Michaux told you that for $12,500 would use his influence?

A—That is right.

Q—What happened then?

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CASSELL TESTIFIED that a list of about 10 directors was proposed, but it was finally cut to five. The five directors named were George E. Allen, former District of Columbia Commissioner and White House jester; Harry Butcher, the Columbia Broadcasting System executive at the White House; Frank O'Hare, a builder; Michaux and Cassell.

These five directors became the sponsors of the first loan application filed with the FHA July 15, 1942.

According to the application, each of these sponsors was to invest $7,000 in cash and $25,000 in land. Each got a 20 per cent stock interest in the corporation.

Cassell testified that none of the sponsors put up any money, except O'Hare, who put up money for the land.

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MAYFAIR GARDENS, the name of the original project, got a mortgage for $2,478,000, Cassell said, and O'Hare's construction company started construction.

When the building was partly up, Mayfair Gardens went bankrupt and owed subcontractors a total of $709,000.

In 1944 a contractors' subcommittee, headed by Henry J. Knott, who succeeded to O'Hare's interest, filed another application, and FHA issued a commitment for $2,815,000. The money, Cassell said, was advanced by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

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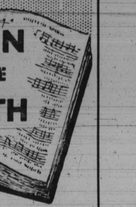
CASSELL TESTIFIED that Michaux raised $100,000 in his churches and paid Knott for his interest in the project.

About the publicity about the failure of the first company and its reorganization, Allen and Butcher returned their stock.

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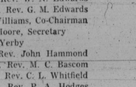

YIELDS BOOKS—Elder Lightfoot Solomon Michaux yields books at Senate Office Building after surrendering books of Mayfair Mansions, Inc., to a Senate subcommittee probing irregularities in the Federal Housing Administration.

Cassell said the church got 60 per cent of the stock, he held his 20 per cent, and Michaux kept his 20 per cent.

The subcontractors, who had $709,000 owing to them, Cassell said, agreed to take preferred stock in the reorganized company. When the project was completed, the subcontractors asked Mayfair Mansions to have FHA increase the mortgage by $709,000 to redeem the preferred stock.

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FHA ISSUED a commitment for $709,000 in October, 1946. When Cassell went to Powell's office to get an authorization to have the $709,000 transferred from the Trust Company of New Jersey to the Washington office of the Richmond (Va.) Title Co., Cassell testified, Powell "simply told him of the amount of work he had done to help the project along and said before he would approve the authorization Mayfair Mansions had to give him $10,000."

Cassell said he discussed the proposal with Michaux. The elder told him, he testified, that "that was the way things were done," but that he was a preacher and "couldn't have anything to do with passing the money."

Cassell testified that he took $10,000 of Mayfair Mansions' accumulated funds from rent money and deposits and gave it to Powell in three installments.

Powell "wasn't supposed to pay it back," Cassell testified. "He said he wanted it for his services."

Capehart — You are certain you discussed this with Lightfoot Michaux?

A—I certainly am.

Cassell testified that in January, 1948, Powell called and said he had to have $2,500 because he had got himself into a situation on some gambling debts and people were going to kill him unless he got the money.

Cassell said he loaned Powell the $2,500—and the ex-FHA official repaid the loan in June of that year.

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OUT OF THE $709,000 loan, Cassell said, he got his architectural fees amounting to $30,000, out of which he paid the Munsey Trust Company which had carried his payroll and advanced him money to keep the project going.

He testified that Michaux got $5,600 out of the architectural fee, the balance of the $12,500 he had agreed to pay him for use of his influence. A cashier's check from the Riggs National Bank, dated Oct. 3, 1942, and payable to Michaux in the sum of $5,681, represented the first payment on the $12,500 influence fee, Cassell said.

After Mayfair Mansions was completed a shopping center was built.

Cassell testified that Mayfair Gardens had obtained a Defense Home loan of $110,000 as a second trust on the apartment grounds and a first mortgage on the vacant land in 1942. This loan was later increased to $192,000, Cassell said. The cost of construction of the shopping center was more than $200,000, he added.

In July, 1949, Cassell testified, RFC increased the Defense Homes loan to $325,000 and gave Mayfair Mansions the difference between the accrued mortgage and interest.

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CASSELL SAID, "We were helped by people at the White House." He named Donald Dawson, a White House aide, and Harvey Heise, who was then chairman of RFC.

Cassell also testified that he borrowed $40,000 from Arthur Chaite, a lawyer, who formerly was employed by FHA. He said Michaux suggested that the loan could be secured from Chaite.

Although the loan was for the corporation, Cassell said he put up his stock and farm as collateral. He said he paid a bonus of $5,000, which was taken out of the loan, and interest was at the rate of four to six per cent.

When the note became due, Cassell said he could not pay it He said he attempted to refinance Mayfair Mansions and Mayfair Extension holdings to clear up the debt.

He said he "had been in the thing from the beginning and I had soaked every nickle I had back in the thing."

The farm he put up as collateral consisted of 364 acres and is located on Chesapeake Bay.

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TO KEEP FROM losing his farm, he testified he gave up his stock in Mayfair Mansions for what he considered less than five cents on a dollar. He said he sold his stock to pay the note.

"When you did that, when you sold your stock to save the farm because of this money you owed Chaite, what would you have thought if you had known that the money that Chaite loaned you was the church's money that Michaux had given him to loan you?" asked Simon.

"I never suspected that," replied Cassell. "The elder did not say that. The elder said he was going to great expense to borrow the money from Chaite."

"The facts are that it was Michaux's money all the time," Capehart told Cassell.

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CASSELL REPLIED that he never knew that until that minute. He said he owns no stock in Mayfair Mansions at this time, that Michaux owns 20 per cent and the church 80 per cent.

Micflaux testified that he went to New York and brought back with him Count DeBesa, a representative of the Dominican dictator Trujillo, and tried to get him interested in the project, but his lawyer turned it down.

The elder admitted that Allen and McIntyre were friends of his.

He said he did not "remember" telling Cassell to go ahead with the $10,000 payoff to Powell, but he refused to say that Cassell did not tell him about the $10,000.

He admitted that the money Chaite loaned Cassell was money the church had given Chaite.

Chaite himself testified that the Gospel Spreading Association provided him with the money to lend Cassell. He said he loaned the money to Mayfair Mansions.

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THIS AMOUNT of the former Howard University architecture professor said, he paid after being told by Elder Michaux that "that was the way things were done."

Following lengthy but inconclusive questioning of Elder Michaux, whose testimony differed sharply from that of Mr. Cassell, Senator Capehart instructed him to bring the books of the Mayfair Mansions Corporation to the committee hearing.

Elder Michaux complied Wednesday afternoon, but did not again take the stand.

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A spokesman for Elder Michaux released the following statement to the AFRO Thursday:

"In rebuttal to A. I. Cassell's statement in reference to a $10,000 transaction between himself and Mr. Powell, Elder Michaux stated he had no relation whatever with this matter.

"If Mr. Cassell gave him $10,000 he never reported to me where the funds came from.

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"ELDER MICHAUX also stated in rebuttal Mr. Cassell's being 'squeezed out' of the project, that Mr. Cassell had the full control and operation of the project under an agreement where he, Mr. Cassell, was to be executive vice president for the full time of the amortization of the payments to the trust companies of New Jersey which was for 27 years.

"Elder Michaux also states he had nothing whatever to do with the management until it became known that a default in payments had been created to the sum of over $200,000.

"At this time Mr. Cassell offered a proposition to Elder