# 'The American Music Awards' Ballot for finalists — Vote AFRO polls close Friday, Feb. 14

**SOUL MUSIC**

**Favorite Male Vocalist**

James Brown ☐
Barry White ☐
Stevie Wonder ☐

**Favorite Female Vocalist**

Roberta Flack ☐
Aretha Franklin ☐
Diana Ross ☐

**Favorite Duo, Group or Chorus**

Gladys Knight & The Pips ☐
Stylistics ☐
The O'Jays ☐

**Favorite Single**

"The Best Thing That Ever Happened to Me"... (Gladys Knight & The Pips) ☐
"Feel Like Making Love"... (Roberta Flack) ☐
"Midnight Train to Georgia"... (Gladys Knight & The Pips) ☐

**Favorite Album**

"Imagination... (Gladys Knight & The Pips) ☐
"Innervisions... (Stevie Wonder) ☐
"Let's Get It On"... (Marvin Gaye) ☐

**POP/ROCK & ROLL MUSIC**

**Favorite Male Vocalist**

John Denver ☐
Elton John ☐
Charlie Rich ☐

**Favorite Female Vocalist**

Olivia Newton-John ☐
Helen Reddy ☐
Barbra Streisand ☐

**Favorite Duo, Group or Chorus**

Bachman-Turner Overdrive ☐
Gladys Knight & The Pips ☐
Paul McCartney & Wings ☐

**Favorite Single**

"I Honestly Love You... (Olivia Newton-John) ☐
"Seasons in the Sun"... (Terry Jacks) ☐
"The Way We Were"... (Barbra Streisand) ☐

**Favorite Album**

"Behind Closed Doors... (Charlie Rich) ☐
"Goodbye Yellow Brick Road"... (Elton John) ☐
"Greatest Hits"... (John Denver) ☐

**COUNTRY MUSIC**

**Favorite Male Vocalist**

Roy Clark ☐
Charlie Pride ☐
Charlie Rich ☐

**Favorite Female Vocalist**

Loretta Lynn ☐
Olivia Newton-John ☐
Marie Osmond ☐

**Favorite Duo, Group or Chorus**

Conway Twitty & Loretta Lynn ☐
George Jones & Tammy Wynette ☐
Statler Brothers ☐

**Favorite Single**

"If We Make it Through December... (Merle Haggard) ☐
"Mississippi Cotton Pickin' Delta Town... (Charlie Pride) ☐
"The Most Beautiful Girl... (Charlie Rich) ☐

**Favorite Album**

"Behind Closed Doors"... (Charlie Rich) ☐
"Let Me Be There"... (Olivia Newton-John) ☐
"Very Special Love Songs"... (Charlie Rich) ☐

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Here is a ballot of finalists for "The American Music Awards" which will air on the ABC Television Network, Tuesday, Feb. 18. Co-hosts for the show in the categories of Country, Pop/Rock and Soul are Roy Clark, Helen Reddy and Sly Stone, respectively. The awards will mark the second time that the American public will participate in the selection of the year's top songs and musical artists for airing on a national television showcase.

These awards will be presented in the areas of Pop/Rock, Country and Soul — with five individual honors in each of those areas: favorite male vocalist, favorite female vocalist, favorite group, favorite album and favorite single. In addition, a distinguished merit award will go to a leading member of the music world in recognition of his or her contribution to the industry.

Eighty-one nominations were made in the 15 areas of Pop, Country and Soul Music compiled from the year-end charts of Billboard, Cashbox, and Record World magazines and the Pop Chart of Broadcasting magazine. Ballots were mailed to a national sampling, based on geographic location, sex and ethnic origin.

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The field was then narrowed to three finalists in each category. The winners will not be known until they are announced on the live telecast. An independent organization tabulated the responses and is keeping the results secret until the telecast.

AFRO readers are urged to mark their ballots and return them to AFRO Music Awards, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore, Md. 21201.

We'll publish the results the same day, Feb. 18th and you'll see how AFRO readers compare with the national telecast.

# Fred and Bubba... friends for 40 years

By Vashti McKenzie

The friendship existing between the TV characters Fred Sanford and Bubba on "Sanford and Son" is real. Just as real as the friendship which exists between the actors who play them, Redd Foxx, "Fred" and Don Bexley, "Bubba."

They have been running together since they were teenagers, almost 40 years ago.

Foxx ran away from home in St. Louis at the age of 13 and joined a "tramp band" in Chicago. Bexley was a tap dancer in a group called The Three Shades of Rhythm at about the same time. They met during those lean years when black acts were not in demand.

Both Foxx and Bexley were striving for the "Chitlin Circuit" — nightclubs in our section of town. There was The Apollo in New York, The Regal in Chicago, Howard Theater in D. C., the now torn down Royal Theater and Gamby's on Pennsylvania Avenue in Baltimore.

Eventually they made it but not in their original acts. Bexley, now called Bubba by his friends, became a stand-up comic and Foxx became the partner of Baltimorean Slappy White.

The next time they met, in the 40's Bexley was a MC at the Creole Follies in Delair, N.J. and Foxx and Slappy were on the bill.

They all played the circuit for years, running into each other occasionally.

In 1972, when "Sanford and son" was in its premier year, Foxx called his old friend Bubba in Oakland, California to come play his buddy on the show.

Bubba has been doing it up right ever since.

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Sgt. Pepper Anderson, Angie Dickinson, and Sgt. Bill Crowley, Earl Holliman, seek the slayer of several people who had been living under assumed names and false identities, in "No Place To Hide," to be on "Police Woman", Friday, Jan. 31.

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Helen Reddy will host the second anniversary program of "The Midnight Special" on Friday, Jan. 31.

Those seen and heard on the clips include David Bowie, the Doobie Brothers, the late Bobby Darin, the Byrds, Ray Charles, Aretha Franklin, Joan Baez, Gladys Knight, and B. B. King.

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Dyan Cannon, Richard Crenna, Gene Hackman and Diana Sands star in "Doctors' Wives," a behind-the-scenes drama about life in a big city hospital on "NBC Monday Night at the Movies" Feb. 3.

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"Crazy Joe," the 1974 expose of gangland action that brought newspaper headlines into movie theatres almost before the ink had dried, becomes a television movie on "The ABC Sunday Night Movie," Feb. 2.

Peter Boyle stars as a famous — though unnamed — eccentric mob figure who is gunned down just as he is planning to realize his late-arriving dream of entering the world of literature and show business.

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**Fred Williamson**

Fred Williamson co-stars along with Paula Prentiss, Rip Torn and Henry Winkler, in a serious role filmed before his emergence as Fonzie on "Happy Days".

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The murder of a beautiful Manhattan playgirl affects the lives of many people, including Theo Kojak, in "Elegy in an Asphalt Graveyard" on "Kojak" Sunday, Feb. 2.

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"The Sullivan Years: A Tribute to Ed," a 60-minute special celebrating the man and the variety program, which for 23 years entertained the American public while accurately reflecting society's current tastes and trends, will be broadcast, Sunday, Feb. 2.

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Scheduled to be on the special are Sammy Davis Jr., Flip Wilson, Pearl Bailey, Diana Ross and The Supremes, Nat King Cole, The Fifth Dimension and The Jackson Five, all in their original taped performances.

# Flip Wilson... friends and laughers

Comedian Flip Wilson walks on stage and you just know that there's no place he'd rather be. "If I can make an audience laugh right away, then I feel good and they feel good. Being funny," he adds with modest simplicity, "means making people feel good."

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Wilson does precisely that, when he joins rock music superstars Elton John and Bette Midler in celebrating the return of the glamorous singer and comedienne Cher, in "Cher," a one-hour music and comedy TV special to be presented Sunday, Feb. 9. The following Sunday (Feb. 16), the new regular series "Cher" makes its bow in the same time period.

In classic show business fashion, Wilson first hit the stage as a last-minute replacement in the role of nurse Clara Barton in a school play. Unfortunately, the record doesn't show whether nine-year-old Clerow Wilson's performance as Clara Barton was a forerunner of his feisty comedy character "Geraldine" (one of the many identities he dons for the "Cher" special), but his appearance brought the house down — and served as his unforgettable introduction to the joy of making people laugh.

Enlisting in the Air Force at 16 ("I lied about my age because I liked the clothes," Wilson says with a wink), he joined the military tourist circuit and entertained fellow servicemen who agreed that he was "really flipped" — and Pvt. Clerow Wilson became Flip Wilson.

After years of making people laugh for peanuts — his staple diet during the lean years of one-night club dates — Wilson made his television debut and became a sought-after comedy guest, then star of his own popular series.

"I learned very early that the people who make me laugh are, above all, likeable. I can't laugh with someone I don't like," Wilson adds, "and so I've always tried to be a friend to my audience. Then . . . ," he pauses, and whoops, a la Geraldine, "Watch Out!!"

BYRON COOKE, a Washington, D.C., high school student, devotes his spare time to working with experts on the restoration of vintage airplanes for display at the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum, as seen on "Flight: The Sky's the Limit," a Smithsonian special, Friday, Jan. 31 (9:00-10:00 P.M., EST) on the CBS Television Network.

Ray Charles joins Tommy and Dick Smothers on "The Smothers Brothers Show" on Monday, Feb. 3.


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# Average White Band

By Scott Ponemone

A sextet of fair-skinned Scotsmen, the Average White Band all but belie their name.

Their music is rhythm and blues, and, if charts are any indication of popularity, their second album on Atlantic, "The Average White Band" and the single, "Pick Up the Pieces," are well accepted. The album is ranked fifth in this week's Cash Box poll and the single is third.

The first side of the album, in fact, may be the smoothest 20 minutes recently put to vinyl.

The four original numbers including "Pieces" and "Person to Person" and the fifth, "Work To Do," by the Isley Brothers are one well-polished stone after another.

You just can't stop dancing until the tone arm comes to rest — real contemporary to a fault.

As the blurb on the album released by Atlantic says: "Their major influence comes from today's ever-changing constantly modifying music scene. No music aspect is neglected, ignored or discounted."

With this album, the Average White Band is competent rhythm and blues, unblemished by originality.

Maybe their next disc may be something else, something average and white.

# Music Notes

**UMBC Organist**

Barbara Thomson, organist and faculty member of the University of Maryland Baltimore County music department, will give a recital 8 p.m. February 9 at St. Mary's Seminary College, 711 Maiden Choice Lane.

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Miss Thomson's program will include Bach's Dies sind die heil'gen zehn Gebot', S. 678 and Bletrich Buxtehude's Prelude, Fugue, and Chaconne in C major. There is no admission charge.

**Romantic Musical Evening**

The Balt more Symphony conducted by Sergiu Comissiona will offer a romantic musical evening at the Lyric Theatre on January 31. The concert, which is in the Orchestra's Friday Light Classical Series, includes Weber's "Freischutz" Overture; Lalo's Symphonie Espagnole, in which the violin solo is will be Aaron Rosand; Mendelssohn's Trumpet Overture; Rachmaninoff's Vocalise No. 14, in which the soloist will be soprano Ruth Drucker; and Liszt's symphonic poem Les Preludes.

**Mihaly Virizlay Plays Haydn**

The Baltimore Symphony concerts on February 5 and 6 at the Lyric Theatre will include two major works: Haydn's Cello Concerto No. 2, in which the soloist will be the Symphony's Principal Cellist, Mihaly Virizlay and Mahler's Symphony No. 5, a long and demanding work which the orchestra will also perform at its Carnegie Hall concert on February 19. Both concerts will be conducted by Maestro Sergiu Comissiona.

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**Artists Recital at Peabody**

Violinist Charles Libove, who joined the Peabody Conservatory faculty last September and his wife, pianist Nina Lugovoy, will give a Peabody Artists Recital on Tuesday, February 4, at 8:00 p.m. in the Concert Hall. The event is a Scholarship Fund benefit.

**Bach Society**

Ann Flaccavento, Music Director of the Bach Society since 1971, will conduct a varied and most interesting program in an intimate setting at Goucher College Lecture Hall. The college is located on Dulaney Valley Rd. The concert will be performed on Feb. 2, 8:00 p.m.


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# Enoch Pratt

**Feb. 3)**

**Tuesday, Feb. 4**

"Thirty Years of Fun," film at the Central Pratt Library, Wheeler Auditorium, 2:00 p.m.

**Thurs., Feb. 6**

and "Marian Anderson," and "Marian Anderson," films at the Pratt Library's Cherry Hill Center, 12:30 p.m.

"The Ascent of Man: Music of the Spheres" (Part 5), film at the Pratt Library's Waverly Branch, 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

**Events for Children**
**(Week of Feb. 2-Feb. 8)**

**Tues., Feb. 4**

Central Library's Children's Department: Film — "The Golden Fish," 4:00 p.m.

Northwood Branch: Films — "Hercules," "Phillip and the White Colt," and "Puss in Boots," 4:00 p.m.

**Wed., Feb. 5**

Broadway Branch: Films — "Billy the Kid," "Dracula," and "Karate," 2:30 p.m.

Morrell Park Center: Film — "The Monster of Highgate Pond," 3:00 p.m.

Forest Park Branch: Film — "Hunted in Holland," 3:30 p.m.

Hollins-Payson Branch: Film — "The Red Balloon," 3:30 p.m.

Reisterstown Road Branch: Films — "Famous Movie Monsters" and "Zoo Animals in Rhyme," 3:30 p.m.

**Thurs., Feb. 6**

Reisterstown Road Branch: Films — "Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel," "The Little Girl and the Gunny Wolf," and "The Five Chinese Brothers," 1:30 p.m.

Edmondson Avenue Branch: Films — "Frederick," "Peewee Had a Little Ape," and the Shoemaker and the Elves," 3:30 p.m.

Keyworth Avenue Center: Films — "A LAd in the Lamp," "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow," and "Sky Capers," 4:00 p.m.

**Sat., Feb. 8**

Pennsylvania Avenue Branch: Films — "The Foolish Frog," "Gilberto and the Wind," and "Leopold the See-through Crumpbicker," 1:30 p.m.

Linda Hopkins, famous gospel blues singer will appear at Bowie State College, Friday, Feb. 7 at 8 p.m.

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# 'Sharks' Treasure'

"Sharks' Treasure" has been set as the title for the Cornel Wilde screen adventure formerly known as "The Treasure." Written, produced and directed by Wilde, who also stars in the film, "Sharks' Treasure" was shot on location on the island of Bonaire in the Caribbean and in the Coral Sea, area teaming with vicious sharks.

Starred with Wilde are Yaphet Kotto, John Nelson, Cliff Osmond, David Canary and David Gilliam.

Movie star Stan Shaw visited AFRO offices and is shown top checking ad of "TNT Jackson" with Mrs. Bettye Moss, AFRO Publisher and Sam Lacy, Sports Editor.


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# In Our Churches

By Pam Widgeon

Churches are invited to send news of special church activities and a copy of their church programs.

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Christian Community Church of God, 2701 W. Baltimore St. recently honored Mrs. Peggy Daniels with a long time active member of Christian Community Church of God. Theme for the program was "Helping Somebody Day By Day Will Bring You Joy Along Life's Way."

Mrs. Daniels is the mother of ten children and ten grandchildren. Elder C. Green is pastor of the church.

The Clayton Chorus of Macedonia Baptist Church, Fremont Ave. and Lanvale St. will sponsor "A Spiritual Feast" on Feb. 9, 3:30 p.m. at Mount Pleasant AME Church, 2?? Dolphin Rd., Owings Mills, Md.

Mrs. Bernice B. Lewis is director, Mrs. Loraine Glover, president, Mrs. Blanche Madden, secretary, the Rev. Ira T. Cutler is pastor.

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Members of the Sidney Daniels Courtesy Circle will celebrate their anniversary on Feb. 9, 3:30 p.m. at Emmanuel Christian Community Church, Carrollton Ave. and Lanvale St.

The Rev. Eddie Wilson, will be the guest speaker. Mrs. Alice Redfern is chairman, Mrs. Bernice Hardy, president, the Rev. Sidney Daniels is pastor.

Gospel Tabernacle Baptist Church, 3100 Walbrook Ave. will celebrate Founder's Day, Feb. 9. The Rev. Edgar L. Reid is the 11 a.m. speaker.

At 4 p.m. the Rev. C. M. Long of Washington will preside Wallace Poole Sr. is chairman, the Rev. Edgar L. Reid is pastor.

# Mrs. Hicks survived by 54 close kin

Funeral services were held recently for Mrs. Bertha Hicks of Appleton St., who is survived by 54 relatives.

Mrs. Hicks, 70, died Dec. 26 at her home. She is buried in Arbutus Memorial Cemetery. Relatives described Mrs. Hicks as a loveable and kind person.

Mrs. Hicks was a member of First Grace Hill Baptist Church. She is survived by her husband, Harry J. Hicks Sr., five daughters, Misses Marian Hicks, Elsie Hicks, Ernestine Hicks, Mrs. Gladys Watkins and Mrs. Catherine Thomas; seven sons, Harry Jr., Albert, John, Leroy, Ernest, Clarence, and Robert Hicks.

Also surviving are a sister, Mrs. Rosa Johnson; one brother, Robert Wilson, 33 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

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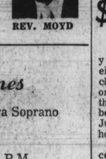

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# Ford says blacks won't be left out

By John W. Lewis Jr.
NNPA Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — President Gerald Ford, in a wide-ranging address before the National Newspaper Publishers Association, pledged that his administration would not "slice off a small portion of the pie and say, 'this is enough for the 25 million Americans that are black.'"

"We know that many of the serious problems facing Americans, unemployment, unsafe streets and unequal education — too often press more heavily on blacks and other minorities," Ford told nearly 200 representatives attending NNPA's Mid-Winter Workshop.

The President recalled his promise to be President of all the people and said, "I'm keeping that pledge."

Ford renewed his announced intention to press for another 5-year extension of the 1965 Voting Rights Act defended his recession-fighting proposals as beneficial to both low and middle-income blacks and said that he had urged Vice President Nelson Rockefeller to serve as a liaison between himself and the NNPA, the 134 member association of black publishers.

Ford's address was the highlight of a 3-hour White House briefing for the publishers by top administration officials, including Peter J. Brennan, secretary of labor; James Lynn, secretary of housing and urban development; Donald Rumsfeld, assistant to the President; Frank Zarb, director of the federal energy Administration; Alex Armendaris, director of the Office of Minority Enterprise, and Irving Kator, assistant executive director of the Civil Service Commission.

The briefing, arranged by Stanley S. Scott, special assistant to the President touched most often on economic issues, with some sharp questioning of Zarb, Armendaris and Lynn, the lead-off speakers.

Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett, the NNPA president, in opening remarks directed to Rumsfeld, attacked the Ford administration's foreign policy in Southern Africa, and charged the State Department with not using the "intellectual resources" of black Americans.

"In this day and time, we need an African desk headed by a black American," said Goodlett, who would have "empathy" with the problems of Africa.

He attacked the infamous "Tar Baby" policy, developed during the Nixon administration which accepts white-minority rule in South Africa.

Questions from the publishers frequently drew out candid admissions of weak antidiscrimination enforcement.

Zarb admitted there were "no black policymakers" in his agency, and few blacks holding FEA contracts.

He said that Ms. Hazel Rollins, now a director of FEA's Office of Consumer Affairs and Special Impact, was being considered for promotion to a supergrade.

Armendaris admitted that although recently-released statistics show an overall increase in black gross receipts of 60 per cent, the figures do not include this past year when the recession caused the failure of many black businesses across the country.

The briefing was part of a 3-way NNPA conference entitled, "The Black Press: Catalyst For Black Unity."

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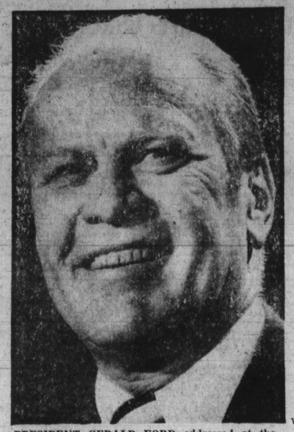
Ford told the publishers that they occupied "a very unique role in the communications industry."

"Long before the civil rights movement became a national cause, you were communicating to your readers the difficulties faced by blacks, and I know this from several black newspapers that were published in my own Congressional district," he said.

Ford said that his tax rebate proposal, which has been criticized by some black economists as being of small benefit to poor blacks, would insure that "the burden of the recession did not fall on those least able to pay or to afford it."

He emphasized that it was important to "preserve the upward mobility of our society . . . In recent years, blacks have made economic and educational gains that must not be wiped out by leaving the middle class out of tax relief."

Dr. Goodlett, in his introduction of Ford, praised the President for his support of the voting rights extension and his nomination of Philadelphia attorney William Coleman as Secretary of Transportation.



PRESIDENT GERALD FORD addressed at the White House Friday editors and publishers in Washington for a meeting of the National Newspapers Publishers Association. (UPI telephoto)

# Goins family receives $$ from Baltimoreans

Mrs. Rosalee Goins, 52-year-old mother whose eight children and grandchildren perished in a fire on Saturday, Jan. 18, told the AFRO, "I feel much better than I have been. Just as soon as I find a home, I will move."

The Goins family has received hundreds of dollars from schools, churches, citizens, clubs and organizations who have help come to their rescue.

Mrs. Goin's home, of 2500 block Walbrook Ave., was destroyed by fire and her surviving children who lived with her lost everything.

Mrs. Goins is now staying with her oldest son and his family. However, she says she is looking forward to moving in a home for her and her three children who will live with her.

Among churches that have sent money to the family are Church of Christ, St. Edwards Catholic Church, Mount Zion Church, New Central Baptist, Gillis Memorial, All People's Baptist, Macedonia Baptist and Perkins Square Baptist, Mount Olive, Mount Moriah, Bethany Baptist.

Other contributors are Social Security, Woodlawn; D.C. Children's Center, D.C. Children AFGE Lodge No. 383, Lutheran Hospital doctors and employees, Johns Hopkins Hospital and employees, Red Cross, Operation Help, WEBB radio.

Also J. E. Steigerwald Company, Inc., Women's Clinic, Cross and Wailes Drivers, Fort Holabird employees, Maryland Army National Guards Company C., 728 maintenance battalion.

Schools that have contributed money are Cecil Elementary, Oliver Cromwell Elementary, Lemmel Junior High and school number 63.

The Funeral Directors and Morticians, Inc. donated caskets and other services; King Memorial Park contributed the graves. The Monumental Florist Association gave the flowers.

Among others who have given money are the Department of Social Service employees, Associated U Drive It Inc., Aisquith Street branch; Unity Beauty Supply, Earl's Self Service Supermarket, Star Supermarket, Bonaparte Florist, Department of Motor Vehicle, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

Employees of Maryland-Delaware D.C. Press Service, Alston and Hodges Flower Shop, Mary Burns Florist, Jerry-Geary Flowers, Biddle Florist, J. H. Filberts employees, Park Heights Terrace, Maryland National Bank, Parklane branch.

Mr. Goins told the AFRO, "Very close friends of the family the House family has brought food to the family every night since the tragedy."

# Mrs. Williams lived on Druid Hill Ave.

Funeral services were held recently for Mrs. Lena B. Williams of Druid Hill Ave. Mrs. Williams died Jan. 23 at the Harbor View Nursing Home.

Born in Green County, N.C., Mrs. Williams was the daughter of Sam and Mrs. Lula Joyner. She came to Baltimore in 1929 and later married Edward Williams.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by a son, William Outlaw Jr., four brothers, George and Ernest Joyner, Raymond and Roosevelt Joyner of North Carolina; six sisters, Mrs. Shirley Myles, Mrs. Stella Moye, Mrs. Beatrice Mack, Mrs. Annie Lee Forster, Mrs. Eula Mae Ellis Mrs. Shirley J. Joyner; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

MRS. LENA B. WILLIAMS

# Morning Star has $100 plate dinner

Members of Morning Star Baptist Church are having a $100 plate dinner today (Friday) 7 p.m. in the multi purpose room of the church, 1063 W. Fayette St.

The purpose of the dinner is to raise money to build a school in Liberia. The Rev. Samuel Ray, pastor of Morning Star did missionary work in Liberia from 1964-1966.

The Rev. Mr. Ray stated, he saw a need of christian education mission. "Because I saw this need, I felt that since the church is as strong as we are numerically, we certainly could do what the Lord commands us to do, help our sisters and brothers," said the Rev. Mr. Ray.

Guest speaker for the dinner is the Rev. Dr. Sandy Ray of Brooklyn, New York. Greetings will also be extended by Counselor Gabriel F. Frangalo, assistant to the Ambassador of Liberia.

MRS. PEGGY DANIELS was honored recently at an appreciation birthday program at Christian Community Church of God. Mrs. Daniels, 50, is a long time active member of Christian Community Church of God, where the Elder C. Green is pastor.

# Father charged in baby's beating death

A 24-year-old Northwest Baltimore father has been charged with beating his 6-month-old baby to death, according to city homicide police.

Police records show James Metts Sr., 4000 block Oakford Ave., is being held without bail in the death of James Metts Jr., who died of extensive brain damage at the Sinai Hospital shortly before midnight last Monday.

There were "strong possibilities that amphetamines were administered to the child," according to homcide police records.

Hospital records show the baby, born July 7, 1974, had had a series of hospital treatments.

On Aug. 7, 1974, according to the records, baby Metts was treated at the Sinai Hospital for head injuries. His parents were quoted as telling hospital authorities the baby fell out of bed.

The next day, Aug. 8 the baby was again treated for "belly condition."

Finally child abuse charges were placed against Mrs. Mary Metts, the child's mother and Mr. Metts when the child was treated for face bruises and scratches on Nov. 16, 1974. The couple told doctors at the time that the child constantly screamed.

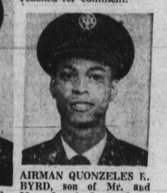
Police charged Mr. Metts, an unemployed laborer, with his son's death after investigations proved the baby had extensive brain damage and bruises on his body from possible beating.

Detectives quote a hospital spokesman as saying Mrs. Metts told doctors she found the baby in semi-conscious condition in his crib at about 4:25 p.m., Sunday.

Police said a series of tests were conducted on the baby as doctors unsuccessfully tried to save the baby's life.

The family could not be reached for comment.

AIRMAN ANTHONY LEE, son of retired U.S. Navy master chief petty officer Robert Lee Jr., of Baltimore, has been assigned to Dumite AFB, Ill., after completing Air Force basic training in mission, organization, customs and human relations. Airman Lee is a 1974 graduate of Edmondson High School.



AIRMAN QUONZELES E. BYRD, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph I. Byrd, of Baltimore, has been assigned to Mather, AFB, Calif., as a civil engineering structural pavement specialist after completing six weeks course in mission, organization and human reations. Airman Byrd is a 1973 graduate of Forest Park High School. Mrs. Catherine B. Greene


**St. James' Episcopal Church**
The Rev. Donald O. Wilson, Rector
The Rev. Joseph L. B. Forrester III, Assistant
A. Maurice Murphy, Choir Master-Organist
CANDLEMAS
SUNDAY, FEB. 2, 1975
2 SERVICES ONLY ON THIS DAY
8:00 A.M.–Low Mass
9:00 A.M.–Nursery kindergarten and primary School
10:30 A.M.–Candlemas
Solemn high with sermon
Silver tea and refreshments in the guild hall following the service
Sponsored by THE ALTAR GUILD
MRS. ELAINE B. NOLAN, Warden
THE PUBLIC IS CORDIALLY INVITED
TO ATTEND



**Douglas Memorial Community Church**
"The People of the Way"
LAFAYETTE and MADISON AVES.
MARION CURTIS BASCOM, D.D. Minister
RAYMOND KELLY, JR., M. DIV.
JAMES S. HAMMOND Minister of Music
JUANITA HALL DAVIS, Organist
SUNDAY, FEB. 2, 1975
DR. MARION BASCOM PREACHING
MUSIC
8:30 A.M. "Treasures In Heaven" — Clokey
11:00 A.M. "My Lord, What A Mornin" — Arr. Burleigh



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COMMUNION SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 2, 1975
ALABAMA - DAY
9:30 A.M.—CHURCH SCHOOL
10:30 A.M.—DEVOTION AND PRAYER SERVICE
11:00 A.M.—MORNING WORSHIP: "COMMUNION AND MEDITATION" Rev. Marshall H. Strickland
MUSIC: The Sanctuary Choir and Gospel Choruses
Choruses "Holy Communion"
1:30 P.M.—ZION FELLOWSHIP HOUR
4:30 P.M.—ANNIVERSARY—The