'Active throughout year'

Prior to the inclusion of the Rev. Marcus G. Wood's name on 1956 AFRO Honor Roll, the late civil rights activist and local NAACP president, Dr. Lillie M. Jackson wrote the AFRO a letter nominating him.

In the letter she said, "Rev. Wood is a very active and cooperative member of our organization (NAACP). He has participated in our membership campaign each year since he has been in Baltimore, bringing in large numbers of subscriptions from his church.

"As co-chairman of our Ways and Means Committee, he has contributed greatly each year to the success of our Founders' Day Celebration, and has always entered a prize-winning baby in our annual contest. He is active throughout the year."

BEFORE VIEW of 1400 block Pennsylvania Ave., near Lafayette, before buildings were demolished for $1.3 million Providence Baptist Church.

Rev. Wood studied at Morgan

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Marcus G. Wood, Pastor of Providence Baptist Church for the past five years, is the fifth son of seven born to Julia and Frank T. Wood, Sr.

His early years were spent in his native home of Gloucester, Va., where he received his elementary and secondary education.

At the outbreak of World War II, he interrupted his studies at Morgan State College to take a job in Washington for the South African Government.

In 1946, he continued his education by matriculating at Storer College where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1948.

Later, he received a Bachelor of Divinity degree from Crozier Theological Seminary, Chester, Pa.

The early age of eighteen found him answering the call to the Christian Ministry and as a result he was licensed to preach in 1937 by the Union Zion Baptist Church, Ware Neck, Va.

Three years later he was ordained at the same church. During the two years he studied at Morgan State College in Baltimore he gained practical experience in his chosen field by working in Enon Baptist Church under the direction of Rev. A. J. Payne. In Washington he served as supply pastor at the Mt. Jezerel Baptist Church, and as an assistant to Rev. E. L. Harrison of Shiloh Baptist Church.

In June, 1945, Rev. Wood accepted a charge at Wainwright Baptist Church, Charles Town, W. Va.

Here he remained until he was called to Bethlehem Baptist Church in Woodbury, N.J., May of 1949. As successor to the late Dr. E. W. White, he came to Baltimore, September, 1952, as the third minister of Providence Baptist Church, founded by the late Dr. David E. Over, April 4, 1928.

AFTER VIEW — The 1400 block Pennsylvania Ave., taken from same vantage point as before shot, shows new Providence Baptist Church on site where old buildings stood.

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OLDEST AND YOUNGEST members of Providence Baptist Church are pictured in this photo made Sunday, Feb. 4, 1981, during formal dedication of new building at Pennsylvania and Lafayette Aves. Leaning over to cut ribbon is oldest member, 98-year-old Mrs. Nellie Everett, and Mrs. Gloria Reid, holding her 4-month-old infant. In rear, the Rev. Roger Silver, Concord Baptist Church, looks on. Pastor, Rev. Marcus Wood is at right.

Oldest member

Mrs. Everett, 98 years old

Mrs. Bessie Wood, wife of Providence Baptist Church pastor, the Rev. Marcus G. Wood, hails the oldest member of the congregation as a lady who is "well liked and loved by all of the members of the church."

Born nearly a century ago, Mrs. Nettie Everett, 98, now makes her home in Virginia Beach, Va. with her niece, Mrs. Maxine Edney.

Active in the life of the church until a year ago, Mrs. Everett attended Sunday School and "never missed a Sunday," says Mrs. Wood. "She also was a member of our Senior Citizens Club."

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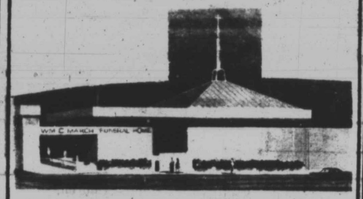

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