Summertime Happenings

Lewis Hamlin's Big Band highlights Smith Family Reunion here

THRILLS CROWD FROM ACROSS THE NATION

Southwestern High's band leader brings Big Sound back again

By Elizabeth M. Oliver, City Editor

A glorious 4th of July became a reality for the hundreds of members of the Smith family who journeyed here for the weekend reunion as guests of the youngest daughter, Mrs. Arlivia Smith Hamlin and her husband Lewis Hamlin.

The place was their residence with its spacious lawns on Essex Rd. complete with flags and lanterns.

The occasion witnessed everything else imaginable for an ideal 4th of July including a live 22 - piece band for nostalgic and unforgettable music, Mr. Hamlin's own Big Band which has acquired fame in the Baltimore area. Hamlin is director of bands at Southwestern Hi. His wife is a special education teacher.

Guests came from nearly every state in the nation, Jamaica and Germany. The five Smith sisters are, Mrs. Hamlin, Baltimore; Fronita Moore, Atlanta; Adgenoe Davis, Savannah; Eudora Edenfield, Bronx, NY. The Smith brothers are T. J. Smith, Bronx; S. J. Smith, Augusta; A. L. Smith, Bronx; and Morris Smith, Bronx, all sons and daughters of the Smiths of Georgia.

Forming the large clan are members of the second, third and fourth generation, who worshipped Sunday at the Central Church of Christ where Brother Humphrey Foutz is pastor and ended Monday, July 5 with breakfast together at the Holiday Inn before farewells.

Some of the Smiths and descendants registered in the souvenir guest book are:

Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland M. Williams, Savannah; Mr. and Mrs. James Weston, Glen Cove, NY; Mrs. Lawrence Jackson,

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HAMLIN'S BIG BAND includes Leader Lewis Hamlin; Saxophones - Jimmy Horall, Benny Russell, Kevin Brown, Johnny Luke, David Wells; Trumpets - George Johnson, Melvin Miles, Jonathan Barnes, Joseph Day; Trombones — Charles Funn, Valentina Deshields, Bill Avery, Walter Patterson; Drums — Darrell Dickerson, George Gray; Bass — Eli Jackson, Gary Richardson; Piano — Lafayette Harris; Percussion — Gaynell Lobunn; Vocalists — Tim Harris, Donna Sherrod; The Big Band is available for all types of dances and social events. Call 944 - 0094.

A REAL FEAST for the day included 100 pounds ribs, two legs of beef, 2 hams, 100 pounds chicken, 30 sweet potato pies, collards, slaw, macaroni cheese, potato salad, fruit salad, macaroni salad, German chocolate cakes, chips and dips of all kinds and the day before 100 pounds fish, hush puppies, slaw, drinks of every variety, and more. (RIGHT PANEL) Tee - shirts and hats enscribed with The Smith Family, July 4, 1982, Baltimore, MD. were presented to each member and guest who were seated at 20 tables such as shown, Cleveland Williams Jr., Savannah; S. T. Smith, Augusta; Bernice Smith, Bronx, NY; Patricia Smith and daughters, Bronx; Morris Smith, Bronx; Malverine S. Davis, granddaughter, Candice Keith, Savannah; Arvida Smith Harris, Germany; Mamie Williams, Savannah, Cheryl Spaun, Swainsboro, GA.

Over 250,000 expected to attend AFRAM Weekend at Harbor July 16,17,18

Ramsey Lewis

Exciting events rain or shine

By Elizabeth M. Oliver, City Editor

Regardless of rain or shine or very hot July weather, authorities predict that the 1982 AFRAM Weekend, July 16, 17, 18, will bring over 250,000 persons to Rash Field, the Inner Harbor.

Ramsey Lewis is one of many spectacular attractions. Others are:

FRIDAY, JULY 16

Opening Activities - Norman Ross and Mayor William Schafer

Oasis Bond

The Amazing Josini

Mary Carter Smith (story hour for children)

SATURDAY, JULY 17

William Brothers

St. Bernadines Dance Company

Body Building Exhibition

She Devils Singers

Fatima the Fire Eater

First Class

SUNDAY, JULY 18

Ten K Race - Druid Hill Park

Rev. Edna Isaac and the Greene Sisters

Vocalist Bell Harris

Travis Winkey and Company

Rev. Dr. Harlie Wilson, Israel Baptist Church

World Renowned Ramsey Lewis

The highlight of the ethnic festival season, AFRAM kicks off Friday, July 16 at noon when the ribbon is cut and the colorful array of booths show off their wares.

Food booths will whet your appetite with all types of delicacies from soul food to health food. For information contact: Norman Ross - Cultural Arts Program, 276 - 4646.

AFRAM STEERING COMMITTEE — Seated left to right: Donna Bolyard, Joann Chance, Wayne Queen, director; Linda Cotton, Daniel Giles, Rocky Armstrong, Arthur Bugg, Norman Ross - chairperson; Ivey Gilliam, Dorothy Miller, Bonnie Butler, Alma T. Bell, Cleveland Brister, Ernest Donaldson and Clayton Tucker.

THE LIVING CHURCH

Gillis Memorial celebrates its 35th anniversary

RECEIVED DEGREES — The Rev. Dr. Stewart Turner, president of the Board of Trustees for the National Theological Seminary and College (left) presented Rev. Agnes Alston and the Rev. Theodore Jackson Jr., with a honorary doctor of humanes degree. Shown from left with Rev. Stewart are Rev. Alston, Mayor Schaefer, Mrs. Marlene Jackson and Rev. Dr. Theodore Jackson Jr.

GILLIS MEMORIAL DAY — Mayor William Schaefer proclaimed June 26 as Gillis Memorial Day in Baltimore. Mayor Schaefer is shown presenting a certificate to the Rev. Dr. Theodore C. Jackson Jr., pastor of Gillis. Shown with Rev. Jackson is his wife Mrs. Marlene Jackson.

Members and friends of Gillis Memorial Christian Community Church, 4016 Park Heights Ave., celebrated the 35th anniversary of their church and the 12th anniversary of the Rev. Dr. Theodore C. Jackson Jr., pastor, on June 26.

The luncheon was held at the Convention Center with 866 guests attending. "A Christian Family Walking Together by Faith," was the theme.

Among members who were honored for their dedication and longtime membership at the church were James Walker, Roland Joe Smith, Mrs. Sylvia Person, Charles Patterson, Mrs. Mary Imes and Henry Covington.

Mayor Schaefer presented Rev. Jackson with a certificate and proclaimed June 26 as Gillis Memorial Day in Baltimore.

The Rev. Dr. Stewart Turner, president of the Board of Trustees of the National Theological Seminary and College presented Rev. Jackson and the Rev. Agnes Alston, an associate minister of the church with their honorary doctor of humane degree. Rev. Alston received the degree for being active in her community and church.

Miss Carolyn Bruce, educational director of the Christian Training Union of Gillis was one of the five speakers. Miss Bruce told members of the Gillis family, "Each member here today must ask himself have I accepted Christ as my personal saviour. Am I a member of God's family or am I only a member of the Gillis family."

Miss Bruce said when you are a member of God's family you believe that Jesus Christ died for your sins... If you are a member of God's family you believe that Jesus himself is personally coming again to claim his bride, the body of believers and that whether living or dead you will be caught up to meet him in the air. If you are a member of God's family, you believe that it is your job to witness for the Lord Jesus Christ until he comes again."

Other speakers from the church were Mrs. Sylvia Person, Miss Lanette McClurkin, Mrs. Dorothy Pope and Derrick Burkner.

Del. Frank Conaway, a member of Gillis represented the governor and presented Rev. Jackson with a certificate from the governor. Rev. Jackson and his wife, Mrs. Marlene Jackson also received gifts from the church.

Rev. Jackson was ordained by the National Council of Christian Community Churches of America and Elsewhere. He has had 24 years of educational experience as a teacher of science, mathematics and job training. He succeeded his father the late Rev. Theodore Jackson Sr., as pastor of Gillis.

Rev. Jackson Sr., was the first black minister to broadcast on radio with Chuck Richards as narrator along with Mrs. Sylvia Person and Miss Pauline Weiss Lewis, known as the Gospel Duet.

GOLDEN AGES — Mother Corine Washington (left), president of the Golden Ages of Gillis Memorial Christian Community Church and Mother Rosie Edwards, have been members of Gillis for more than 30 years. They were seen at the anniversary luncheon.

Through this broadcast, many people came to Gillis and joined. The membership of about five active members, at that time, gradually grew to 2,220 members now on roll.

Other members who participated in the anniversary celebration were Rev. Michael James and Rev. Laura Stevenson, Mrs. Barbara Watties, Mrs. Elaine Askins, Charles Stevenson, Rev. Agnes Alston, Carlene Dixon, Gloria Hawkins and Tommy Roberts.

Greetings were given by Dr Vera Wilson, Charles Patterson, Rev. Benjamin Ball, Morris Blum, James Walker.

As part of the anniversary celebration, revival services are being held this week with the Rev. Dr. Harold A. Carter preaching. The Rev. Dexter Wise will be the speaker for revival services next week.

12 ministers' wives receive special recognition

"Christian service is a life long experience. No living minister's wife will ever arrive at the point where she no longer needs to learn.

"I hope that you agree with me that you have not wasted five months, that education formal or informal structured or unstructured is important and that learning is always an unfinished process."

Those were the words of Mrs. Rendella W. Lucas, president emeritus of the National Association of Ministers Wives.

Mrs. Lucas was the guest speaker last month at a recognition dinner held at New Shiloh Baptist Church for 12 ministers's wives who completed a six month course.

The course was taught by Mrs. Weptanomah W. Carter and classes were held on Saturdays at the Maryland Baptist School of Religion.

Ministers' wives who completed the class received a certificate, a long stem yellow rose and a gift. There were three things Mrs. Lucas said she hope had happened to the 12 women.

"I hope that you have emerged from the six month educational experience with a fresh and candid appraisal of your own spiritual status that you have taken an unbiased and solely objective look at the real you, not the 'expected you' or 'the role player you' or the 'parsonage you' or the 'fish bowl you,' but the God given you.

"In other word, I hope that you are beginning to know yourself.

"I hope that you have come through this experience with a recommitment and a reaffirmation of the relevancy of Christianity in its application to the ever changing society in which we live and that you will refuse to encase your attitudes and your ideas in the cement of tradition and resistance to change to the extent that people fail to understand that the God of yesterday is also the God of today. Include God in everything.

"I hope that out of this experience has come a reassessment of your leadership in light of the moral and spiritual dimensions of our present day lifestyles and modern philosophies in our social order."

The 12 women who completed the course were Mesdames Phyllis T. Brown, Joan T. Fulcher, Raba A. Gilbert of Washington, D. C.; Dorothy E. Henry, Bobbie J. Jones, Pasadena, Md; Carolyn E. Monroe, Vialencia D. Penn, Margaret Perry, Mary V. Showell, Pasadena, Md; Elizabeth Thompson, Elizabeth V. Waters and Estella Young.

The textbook used for the class was written by Mrs. Carter. Others who participated on the program were Mrs. Patricia L. Morris, coordinator of the ministers' wives recognition dinner, the Rev. J. Allen Thomas, director, New Shiloh's Inspirational Singers.

Also, Mrs. Jacqueline F. Washington, wife of the Rev. T. RobeThompson, Elizabeth V. Waters and Estella Young.

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Also, Mrs. Jacqueline F. Washington, wife of the Rev. T. Robert Washington, pastor of Second Baptist Church in Philadelphia. Mrs. Joann Harris, administrative assistant of the Carter Foundation.

The Rev. Dr. Eddie R. Wilson Jr., director of Maryland Baptist School of Religion and pastor of Leadenhall Baptist Church presented the ministers' wives with their certificates assisted by the Rev. Antoinette Phillips, president of We Need Prayer Headquarters. The Rev. Dr. Harold A. Carter gave the benediction.

Dinner served at the church was prepared by members of the New Shiloh food service committee members, Mesdames Isabell Taylor, Ruth Saunders, Leroy Washington, Ida Washington and Michael Cole.

Bishop Williams to be consecrated first apostle

The twenty fifth annual convocation of the Bible Way Churches Worldwide is being held in Washington this week.

Highlight of the week long convocation at Bible Way Temple will be the consecration of Bishop E. Williams, founder and presiding bishop of the Bible Way Churches, to the Apostleship.

The consecration will take place on Sunday, July 11, 2 p.m. climaxing the convocation. Bishop W. A. Showell of Baltimore, will be the speaker at the twenty-fifth jubilee consecration service honoring Bishop Williams.

Bishop Williams will be the first in the Bible Way Churches to be elevated to Apostleship, the high honor climaxing a quarter of century of the leadership in the Bible Way Church denomination.

He was elected for the honor five years ago, but delayed acceptance until he had completed 25 years of successful leadership.

The silver jubilee convocation also will be featured by a symposium of four with 20 elders discussing the four aspects of the Bishop Williams new book, "This Is My Story" the unveiling of a plaque at the tower of the new temple a victory parade, and essay contest the Young Peoples Department of Bible Way Church, workshops, and evangelistic services.

The victory parade is slated for July 10, with bands, floats and hundreds of marchers from the various temples and churches throughout the Bible Way donomination.

After the Apostolic Service on Sunday, July 11, the plaque will be placed at the Bell Tower outside the new temple at New Jersey Avenue and New York Avenue, N. W. The plaque will be a life size plaque of Bishop Williams with the names of the donors enscribed at its base.

The life size plaque is called a "Mighty Man of God," and cost $30,000 a figure which was raised among church followers within 20 minutes when the idea to honor the founder pastor of the Bible Way Temple was suggested.

The Silver Jubilee luncheon was July 7, when scholarship awards were presented to the essay winners.

The theme of this year's convocation is "His Truth Is Marching On" and the motto is "The Church Militant in Action."

Among outstanding leaders scheduled to participate in the convocation serves are Bishop Joe Nathan Brown, Prince Frederick, Md; Bishop Hule Rogers, New York; Bishop A. C. Jackson, Columbia, S. C; Bishop Chester Byrd, also of Columbia, S. C. and Bishop L. A. Campbell, Danville, Va.

More than 5,000 people are expected to attend the convocation with 2,500 delegates from various Bible Way Churches. A delegation of 15 is expected from England and Africa, with other delegates coming from Trinidad, Guyana and Jamaica as well as a score of states in the United States.

The Symposium Four will feature discussions by 20 elders on the four phases of the new book.

Bishop Smallwood E. Williams

"This Is My Story," an autobiographical story of the significant life of Bishop Williams, who organized the Bible Way Church in 1957.

The Victory Silver Parade on July 10, will include five bands with hundreds of marchers, cars with church officials as passengers and floats.

Metro church briefs

Members of Christian Life Fellowship Baptist Church, 8136 Liberty Rd., will sponsor a walk for Christ on July 10, 10 a.m. at 8136 Liberty Rd. Members will walk 10 miles in the Liberty Road Randallstown coordidor. The Rev. Stanley M. Butler is pastor, Glenda Butler, coordinator and Bernice Fletcher is assistant cordinator.

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Family Productions will present Dwayne M. Ellis and Friends in concert on July 9, 7:15 p.m. at Wayland Baptist Church, 3200 Garrison Blvd. The Rev. Darneal Johnson is pastor.

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The Pastor's Club of Ray of Hope Baptist Church, 3000 Parkside Drive will present the Young Adult Day Choir and Youth Day Choir in concert 7:30 p.m. July 9, at Harford Road and Parkside Drive. The Rev. Charles M. Franklin is pastor.

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St. Bernardine's Catholic Church and choir will present the Hawkins Family and St. Bernardine's Gospel Choir in concert on July 16, 7 p.m. at Walbrook High School.

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Evangelist Esther Melcher will be the Women's Day speaker on Sunday, July 11, 3 p.m. at Grace Faith Baptist Church, on Madison Avenue near Whitelock Street. The Rev. Arthur Keith is pastor.

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The Willing Workers of First Charity Baptist Church, 611 Aisquith St., will sponsor a special program on July 11, 3:30 p.m. The Rev. Lonnie J. Oliver, pastor of Knox United Presbyterian Church is the speaker. The Rev. P. A. Kearney is pastor of First Charity Baptist.

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Women's Day will be celebrated on July 11 at Grace AME Church on Winters Lane. The Rev. Mrs. Loretta Jackson is the speaker. Hazel Boston and Harriett Dunlap are chairperson; Ann Yancey is vice chairperson; Pamela Griffin, secretary; Beverly Cooper, assistant secretary and the Rev. Reginald Boston is pastor.

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The women of New Hope Baptist Church, 850 Harlem Ave., will celebrate Women's Day on Sunday, July 25. The Rev. James Fuller, pastor of the church will be preaching and Mrs. Brenda Greene is the special guest Women's Day speaker.

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The Senior Choir of New Fellowship Christian Community Church will sponsor a pageant on July 11, 3:30 p.m. in the memorial chapel of Wayland Baptist Church, 3200 Garrison Blvd. The Rev. Jaretta Hazzard associate minister of St. John Christian Community Church is the speaker. The Rev. Kevin A. Rogers is pastor and Frances