Jerry Burroughs has best little chicken farm on the Sho'

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15,000 CHICKENS IN ONE HOUSE ALONE with a total of 60,000 broilers in four houses, this is the population of "Burroughs's Best Little Chicken Farm on the Sho'."

Popular man goes from 25th Street to raising 60,000 chicken every six weeks of the year

By Elizabeth M. Oliver
City Editor

Jerome Burroughs left the Baltimore school system last March and went into farming at Box Iron on the Easter Shore and raising chickens for Holly Farms, all this in a very few months.

But, that is the way the popular former assistant to Superintendent Dr. John Crew, is.

Noted by hundreds of educators he had worked with for accomplishing immediately what he set his mind upon, they are not surprised one bit.

But, let's go back over Jerry's career up to this point where he is now - raising 60,000 broilers every six weeks for one of the largest growers in the East.

Burroughs reveals he was born on a 35 - acre farm in Kingstree, SC and at age seven plowed a mule and planted by mule. His family share - cropped 150 acres, watermellons, cotton, tobacco and corn.

He came to Baltimore in 1955, worked at the Point until the job ran out and then at Allied Chemical.

Next he went to the Police Department but his mother didn't like that.

So, he went to the Department of Education Mail Room and then to Transportation at 25th Street.

Dr. Roland N. Patterson, superintendent, saw something in Burroughs, the pleasant smile and the willingness to work hard, and he asked him to come with him as foreman of Transportation and then on to his payroll.

The scores of persons at 25th Street and in all the system fondly called Burroughs "the assistant superintendent."

Later he became Dr. John Crew's "right hand man," as he performed any and all duties asked of him by the superintendent's office and the School Board, too.

On March 12 when Burroughs resigned, everyone at the farewell party knew he had something better on his mind, further up the ladder.

Now he and Dr. Crew have corn and soy beans on their J and J Farms and Burroughs has his own personal 10 acres with four chicken houses and a contract with Holly Farms.

Each of the ultra modern chicken houses has 15,000 White Rock broilers.

The young chicks come out the Holly Farms hatchery that night and Burroughs gets them the next day, just a few hours old.

Soon as they go into Jerry's houses, they start eating. Lights on 24 hours, keep them awake.

They get the best of food from automatic seed pans. Their fresh water kicks on when they drink it down to a certain level.

The food comes in by the tor in trucks and goes into the food bin, quality food that smells good and produces tender chickens.

The all - electric system services all four houses and each of 60,000 chickens just alike.

There are 16 gas heaters in each house to keep the temperature in winter at 80 to 85. When it reaches 85, the cooling fans go on.

A yard chicken goes to bed when it's dark, Jerry states, but his chickens growing toward broiler size, eat and drink 24 hours and end up broiler - size in six weeks.

After just the right moment, when the chickens get to about four and a half pounds, the Holly Farms trucks come to take them to the processing plant.

Another 60,000 baby chicks come in and they go through the same routine.

Burroughs keeps his farm and J and J Farms spotless.

In his plans are enlarging the ranch house to include more bedrooms and baths and a triple garage for his hobby, antique cars.

The spacious lawns will have a swimming pool, tennis court, basketball court and recreation area for his nephews and friends . . . in a flash!

He now has a nanny goat and wants a Billy goat for kids and to keep the grass grazed. Another house he has purchased will soon be moved to some more land he bought not long ago.

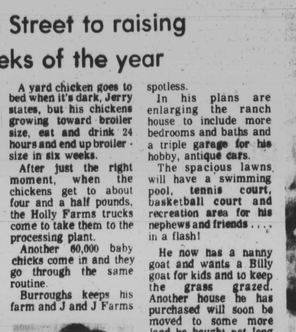
Therefore, Jerry, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Burroughs who is now residing in Baltimore, is doing pretty well, wouldn't you say?

By the way, the accomplished young man is a champion runner who has Army commendations, trophies and ribbons.

Living alone, he likes to eat supper at Mrs. Evelyn Allen's popular restaurant in Snow Hill. Evenings, he gets a butter pecan ice cream cone and tops it with peaches, his favorite.

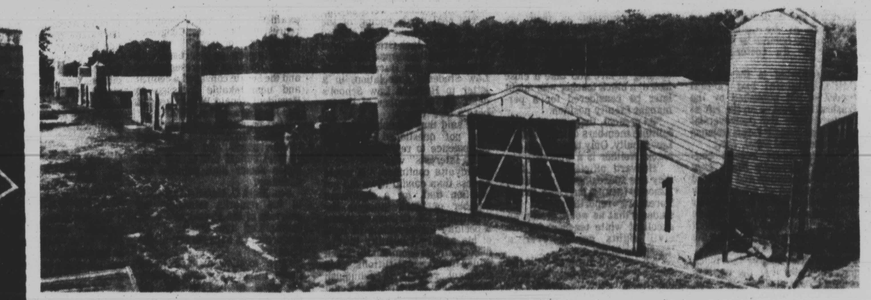
Among his many neighbors and friends are Mrs. Betty Lee, Mr. and Mrs. William Henry Purnell, Wayne and Mrs. Ruth Young and the folks at Whittings Corner and Bowens Grocery.

All welcomed Burroughs to Snow Hill and helped him get started on the land.



Mrs. Evelyn Allen

JERRY AND PARTNER JOHN CREW, together own the J and J Farms. Here they are appraising the soy beans seeing how they grow.



BIG HOTEL — the houses where the chickens spend their time in luxury with nothing to do but eat and grow to the right size. From here they go to be processed for broiling in ovens all over the East Coast.

FARM CREW includes (L TO R) Briley and Glenn Burroughs, brothers of the owner; Jeffrey Armstrong, his nephew and owner Jerome Burroughs.

JERRY BURROUGHS' RANCH HOUSE is set back on spacious lawns and gardens and flanked by fruit trees and decorative shrubs.

THE LIVING CHURCH

Dr. J. Jackson voted out as Baptist prexy after 29 years

By Marjorie R. Green

In what will long be remembered as one of the most historical moments of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., the delegates to the 102 annual convention after eight hours of balloting on Sept. 9 in Miami Beach, Florida elected Dr. T. J. Jemison as the new president.

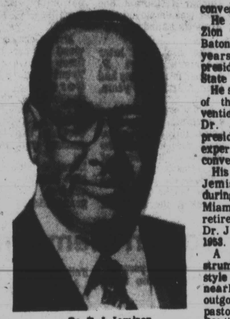
Amid confusion, turmoil and ingenious maneuvering, the resolution to hold an election in which all delegates would have an opportunity to vote was successfully placed on the floor following Dr. J. H. Jackson's annual address.

The voting delegates were from rural communities, small towns and large cities. They included business and professional people, educators, labor and organizational leaders, statesmen, political leaders, housewives and students.

Dr. E. J. Echols, New York, was assigned the awesome task of presiding over the election that continued until after 9 p.m. Sept. 9.

Dr. Jemison's name was placed in nomination by the Rev. Dr. Caesar Clark, Texas and seconded by the Rev. Dr. E. V. Hill, of California. Dr. Jackson was nominated by Dr. Manuel Scott, Dallas, Texas and Dr. E. A. Freem and delivered the seconding motion.

The delegates gave the new president an overwhelming victory by casting 3,697 votes in his favor and 1,339 votes for the incumbent Dr. J. H. Jackson, the prince of preachers who had been at the helm of the seven million messenger convention for 29 years.



Dr. T. J. Jemison

Long before the final tally, Dr. Jackson had made his final exit from the convention center. Dr. Jemison is known as the son of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. He has attended every session of the convention except two since his fifth birthday and has been a loyal supporter and defender of Dr. Jackson and the convention.

He has been the pastor of Mt. Zion First Baptist Church of Baton Rouge, Louisiana for 33 years and recently elected president of the Louisiana Baptist State Convention.

He served as general secretary of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. for 29 years. Dr. Jemison brings to the presidency a wide knowledge and experience in the work of the convention.

His father, the late Dr. D. V. Jemison herved as president during 1941 to 1953 and it was in Miami that Dr. D. V. Jemison retired from the presidency and Dr. J. H. Jackson was elected in 1953.

A man who has been instrumental in shaping the life style of many black Baptists for nearly three decades, the outgoing president Jackson who is pastor of the historic Olivet Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois, served the convention longer than any president in its history and in recognition of his many great accomplishments, the delegates unanimously agreed to honor him as president emeritus.

In addition, in spite of his reluctancy to release his claim to the presidency, Dr. Jackson will receive an outright honorarium of $15,000 and $5,000 every year. It was also recommended that provisions be made to house Dr. and Mrs. Jackson in a suite of the headquarter hotels during the annual convention at the expense of the convention.

The convention also voted to give a testimonial honoring Dr. Jackson in Chicago. In his victory speech made eight hours after the state by state roll call election began, Dr. Jemison pledged to turn the convention back to the people and re-establish the conventions founding programs of evangelism, missions and Christian education.

Dr. C. A. W. Clark

He declared that his office will be open to the voice of the people. Amidst thunderous applause he was joined on the platform by his wife, Mrs. Celestine Jemison, their daughters, Mrs. Betty J. Wagner and Miss Diane Jemison as well as their son T. J. Jemison, Jr. and son-in-law Dr. Clarence Wagner, pastor of First Baptist Church in Gainsville, Georgia, who was named convention historian.

Dr. C. A. W. Clark of Dallas, Texas was named vice president at large. Three vice presidents who served under Dr. Jackson were retained. There were Dr. A. E. Campbell, Memphis, Tennessee; Dr. David Matthews, Mississippi and Dr. E. J. Echols, Buffalo, New York.

Newly elected vice presidents are Dr. E. V. Hill, California and Dr. Henry J. Lyons, St. Petersburg, Florida. Dr. B. J. Whipper, Charleston, S. C. was asked to remain in his current position as one of the assistant secretaries.

Dr. W. Franklin Richardson, 33 year old pastor of the Grace Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon, New York, will succeed Dr. Jemison as the convention's General Secretary. Additional cabinet members will be named in January during the mid-winter Board meeting.

The moving push for change and the pressure on Dr. Jackson to step down was evident last year in Detroit, Michigan when Dr. Jackson in his annual address intimated that he would step down as president if it was believed to be in the best interest of the convention.

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They said the the time had come when a change was necessary for the continued growth of the convention and the preservation of harmony among the brotherhood.

It was with this thought in mind that Dr. Caesat Clark, president of the Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention of Texas and others met on August 10 at the Goodstreet Baptist Church in Texas and drafted Dr. Jemison to run for the Presidency.

They were reminded that Dr. Jackson was among those who went to the late President D.V. Jemison and requested he step down with honors in 1953.

Dr. D.V. Jemison, Sr. accepted their suggestion, thus amking it possible for Dr. Jackson himself to become president during the Annual Convention hel? in Miami in 1953.

Prior to the Sept. 9 election, in a desperate effort to regain control of his diminishing power, Dr. Jackson in his annual address attacked the morals and integrity of the men, most of whom once stood in awe of this reported indestructible giant who for 29 years ruled the Baptist convention in a God-Father fashion.

In a press conference in Miami Dr. Jemison voiced his beliefs of a new day in which the convention would invest money in Negro businesses and banks.

A network will be set up between the state conventions and linked to the National body to form a nationwide welfare organization.

"The main thrust will be a world wide strong program of evangelism," states Dr. Jemison. And, "The National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. will become an organization dedicated primarily to a strong soul saving effort."

He further stated, "We feel our nation needs saving today and we bring a different image to the convention; education, civil rights and politics.

Dr. J. H. Jackson

We intend to represent a force in every area of life where our people are concerned. The voice of the NBC, USA, Inc. will be heard not only in the halls of Congress but all over the world.

Younger men will have a place in the top echelon of the convention. He also stated that the change in administration would not affect the other auxillaries of the convention as far as he is concerned.

Dr. Jemison stated that the new tenure of office plan calls for an election every five years and limits the presidency to not more than two terms. He also stated that he believes tenure to be non baptist but he pledged to honor the will of the majority.

While the Jemison strategist and other supporters rejoiced in the victory won in an atmosphere of hostility provoked by the presence of armed security police and trained police dogs said to have been summoned by those in sympathy with Dr. J.H. Jackson in their anticipation of violence that never materialized, the handful of Jackson diehards sat in disbelief as they saw their coveted titles, positions and priviledges assumed by members of the new leadership.

Dr. Jemison also made a plea for those pastors and churches that left the convention in 1980 because of dissatisfaction to "Come Home" and unite in brotherhood and love.

We watched from a vantage point when disappointed, uncommunicative and alone except for his wife and a couple faithful followers, Dr. Jackson exercising mute silence on the subject of the election hurriedly left Miami shortly before Dr. Jemison announced a partial list of his cabinet members to the more than 25,000 messengers to the 102nd annual session which convened under the theme "Christ, God's Better Way to Abundant Living."

Ministers condemn abortion

"More black babies are being killed by abortion, and more black women, men and children suffer the psychological consequences than members of any other group," said the Rev. Edward V. Hill, pastor of Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church in California.

"And this is occurring," he said, despite the fact that polls show black people to be more strongly against abortion than other groups."

According to Rev. Hill, "Subtle coercion in a new welfare plantation system is continuing where slavery left off to destroy black family structures."

He said Roe versus Wade, the 1973 case in which the U. S. Supreme Court overturned all state laws regulating abortions, is "destined to join Dred Scott versus Sandford and Plessy versus Ferguson as another monument of judical arrogance, error and unconstitutional action."

In a letter to each congressman and senator and the President, Rev. Hill said that the present government policy of abortion on demand is having a negative impact on racial minorities and he urged congressional and executive action to stop the deadly effects of legalized abortion on the black family.

To support his claims, Rev. Hill sent each member of Congress and President Reagan a copy of a legal brief recently submitted to the U. S. Supreme Court by the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights, written by the League's General Counsel Patrick Monaghan and Notre Dame University Law Professor Charles E. Rice.

One of the arguments in the brief is that the state, in financing and legalizing abortions, discriminates against minorities because the effect of this sponsorship is the killing of a significant part of a generation and the continuing shrinking of the minority.

Rev. Hill told the members of Congress and the president that the United States can no more "escape judgement for the abomination of abortion on demand than it did for slavery."

"Each of us," he said, "is the product of a distressful pregnancy at some point in our chain of existence. We were the unwanted of Europe, Asia and Africa. If we betray our heritage of bravery, hardship and honor by telling the child there is no room in the inn, we will find we are a people without destiny, and that there is no room for us in the stars.

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The letter and brief were distributed in Washington by the Rev. St. George Crosse, pastor of St. Matthews United Methodist Church and president and founder of the Society for the Advancement of Families Everywhere, a group whose goal is to warn the black community about abortion and drugs.

Rev. Crosse said, "Abortion's genocial design and inhumanity were recognized at Nuremberg and the encouragement of abortion among Jewish and East European women by National Socialism was prosecuted as a war crime.

"Yet the Supreme Court which gave us "separate but equal" segregation and is still trying to correct its original mistake, then in 1973 tried to foist off a war crime as a fundamental constitutional right.

"We are here to announce to the established liberal power structure in both parties that we see through their murderous assault on the lives of black babies, women and men.

"The old class forces of reaction once used the filibuster to try to deny us our God given rights to dignity and now the new class forces of reaction use the filibuster to try to deny us our God given rights to life itself.

Church revises hymn books due to increase in black membership

The Episcopal Church in New Orleans approved last week its first revised hymn book in more than four decades to update antiquated phrases and reflect greater participation by women and blacks.

The revision was endorsed overwhelmingly by more than 1,000 clergy and lay delegates to the church's 67th triennial convention. The new collection dropped about 40 percent of the 600 songs in the 1940 book and replaced deleted selections with more modern ones.

The church's most famous hymn, "Amazing Grace," was untouched. Delegates rejected the Revision Commission's attempt to delete some old standbys, including "Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus," "Oh For A Closer Walk With God," "Almighty Father, STrong to Save" and "My Country 'Tis Of Thee."

The new additions taken from various church humnals included songs for baptism of Christ, 50-day season of Easter and at least one for "every red letter" Holy Day.

"A 42-year-old book is out of date with the lifestyles of people who are just coming to use it for the first time," said the Rev. Carl Daw Jr., who worked with the commission that spent a decade revising the hymnal.

"We wanted a book that would reveal the revelation of God as an ongoing process, not a static one. And we wanted a book that would speak to the future, that would challenge people."

One of the primary goals of the new hymnal was to recognize the greater role being played by women in the 3 million member church and the growth of missions, especially in Africa.

"Many old hymns did not recognize other races or women in their language," Daw said. "We have worked to have inclusive language in the hymns wherever possible."

"Some hymns were deleted because, to African ears, they sounded "uncomfortably imperialistic" replete with Rudyard Kipling's references to "lesser breeds without the law" and "heathen heart that puts her trust in reeking tube and iron shard."

Other wording changes were approved to make the hymns reflect the church's revised prayer book and liturgical calendar, to involve the entire congregation in baptism rites and to supply an expanded use of holy songs at weddings.

The search for hymns has been very thorough across all periods of the church," Daw said. "There are things from the 2nd century up to day before yesterday."

Christian Education workshop held at Adams Chapel AME

The Board of Christian Education at Adams Chapel AME Church, 3809-11 Egerton Rd., is sponsoring a workshop this week at the church.

The theme is "Creative Ways of Developing Christian Education in the Local Church. Among ministers participating are the Reverends Dr. M. Arthur Campter, district director of Christian Education, Second Episcopal District. His topic of discussion was "Challenge of Christian Education to the Second Episcopal District.

Mrs. Doris White Jackson, superintendent of Sunday School spoke on "Coordinating Sunday School through Christan Education in the Local Church.

Mrs. Carlene Henry, conference Director of the Young People's Department spoke on "Coordinationg Young People through Christian Education in the Local Church.

The Thursday night speaker was Mrs. Edith Bryant of Bethel AME Church talked about "Nutrition and the Healthy Christian. Today (Friday) Dr. Ralph Jenkins, coordinator of Christan Leadership Development of Adams Chapel AME Church will discuss "Leadership Development in Christian Education."

Dr. Edgar L. Mack, executive secretary of the Department of Christian Education of the AME Church is the Sept. 18 speaker. The workshop will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. His topic is "Creative Ways of Developing Christian Education in the Local Church. Dr. Mack will be the 11 a.m. speaker on Sunday, Sept. 19 at Adams Church. The Rev. Michael Thomas is pastor.

Metro church briefs

The women of Calvary Baptist Church will present the Rev. Dr. H. Marie Robinson and the Ezra Baptist Church in "The Old Ship of Zion" on Saturday, Sept. 18, 7:30 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church, 3911 Garrison Blvd. Mrs. Mary Gross is chairperson, the Rev. Dr. Lorenzo Graves is pastor.

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The women of Allen AME Church, 1130 Lexington St., will celebrate their annual Women's Day on Sunday, Sept. 19.

The Rev. Queen E. Gadberry of Mount Oliver Free Will Baptist Church will be the 11 a.m. speaker. There will be a musical program sponsored by the women of Allen at 3 p.m. The Rev. Ricky Spain is pastor and Mrs. Lillie Clarke is chairman.

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"Women as instruments of Peace," will be the topic of discussion on Thursday, Sept. 23, when the women of Faith meet at St. Mary's Seminary, 5400 Roland Ave. at 6 p.m.

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The annual luncheon and meeting of the Church Women United of Greater Baltimore will be held on Sept. 25, 11 a.m. at the Convention Center, Pratt and Sharp Street. Mrs. Betty L. Johnson is president.

First and Franklin Street Presbyterian Church will have an antique sale on Sept. 18, 806 Park Ave.

Women's Day will be observed, Sunday Sept. 26 at Jones Tabernacle Baptist Church, 2100 Baltimore St. The Rev. Alfreda Wiggins will be the 11 a.m. speaker. Mrs. Elaine Cottman is chairperson; Mrs. Barbara McKinght-Burley is co-chairperson and the Rev. Dr. Arthur E. Jones is pastor.

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The Baptist Congress of Christian Education Auxiliary to the United Baptist Missionary Convention of Maryland, Inc., will hold its third annual Christian education festival on Sept. 18, 12:00 until 5 p.m. at the Winchester Armory, 2620 Winchester St