

Belva's Museum Artifacts

The news articles about
Frederick & African American History

Complete Newsletters

Volume 1

Early Years

Why I Started the Belva's Museum Artifacts

My Grandfather, Walter Bowie, inspired me to gather news articles about Frederick and African American history. I loved my Grandfather and wanted to give back something to our community. Walter Bowie started the Bartonsville Band in 1911, and I wanted to let the community know about his accomplishments. So, I contacted the Frederick News Post and asked if I could reprint articles about the band. They agreed and that was the start of our working relationship. The Frederick News Post has allowed me to search their archives on line to find many articles about African American lives in Frederick. I retired from the National Geographic Magazine after 20 years and the newsletter took over my life. The word spread about my newsletter and many people started sending me information about our community to publish in the newsletter.

I have done this for over 13 years, and it has been very gratifying to record our history so that the future generations can learn about the way it was in Frederick. With that information, they can see that we have made progress. Life today will show them more progress is needed.

As I retire from publishing my newsletter, I thank all the people that help me including Michael North, Rick Simons and the Frederick News Post.



Walter Bowie and his family in 1999, when Belva King gave a birthday party for her grandfather.

Left to right back row: Catherine Hayesworth (d), Paul Bowie (d), Louise Weedon (d), Walter Bowie (d), Spencer Bowie (d), Charles Bowie (d)

Center: Walter Bowie (d)

Left to right front row: Gilbert Bowie, Edna Diggs (d), Gerald Bowie (d), Ellen Ray, Celestine Dixon, William Bowie

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First Newsletter

A request from a lady, who lived in Frederick all her life, to know about these people. She likes to let everyone know she baby sits for 51 children and still baby-sits them at age 79. She loves the Lord at Wayne A.M.E. Church and her pastor is Ronald Simmon. I hope you enjoy this article that Mrs. Adelaide Dixon Hall wrote in 1987.

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Down Frederick's Memory Lane: 1926 to 1946
Adelaide Dixon Hall - The Frederick News-Post
February 20, 1987

As I sit and review the scenes of my childhood, I feel there were any beautiful, strong black men and women who were the forerunners of colored life (as it was called then) here in Frederick and are with mentioning. These good and faithful souls that have gone on to glory made history here in our town. They stand out in my memory for they had little means and the odds were great but their pluck and perseverance should never be forgotten.

This is Negro History month and these extraordinary people should be mentioned so that young Frederick men and women, boys and girls, can know them. Some of them still have descendants now living in Frederick. They gave of themselves so that Frederick would be a better place to live. By their fruits you should know and remember them for their footprints are in the sands of time.

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I am writing about the years of 1926 through 1946 - the years of my early childhood and young womanhood.

Asbury, Quinn, and the First Missionary Baptist were the churches. These three were the backbone of our Christian life. I am so proud that these three churches are still with us. Pastors have come and gone but the spiritual life is stronger than ever.

We had three grocery stores: Hunt Campbell, Nicholas and Edith Leakins, and Herbert Fredericks. All three stores were on West All Saints Street. Leakins store originated from Phebus Avenue. Fresh meat was the only item not sold in these stores.

A shoe repair shop and shoe shine parlor was owned by Eliza Ball. He did a thriving business.

Barber shops: Charlie Walker and P.J. Hall (later taken over by Robert Henderson and Paul Reid).

We had three doctors: Dr. Charles Brooks, Dr. U.G. Bourne, Sr. and Dr. Sims. Dr. Bourne was later assisted by his son, Dr. U.G. Bourne, Jr. We had one dentist: Dr. G.J. Snowball. All of them had their offices on West and East All Saints Street. They were all excellent in their fields.

The lodges were: Elks, Pythians, and Masons. I remember when the

honorable J. Finley Wilson, Grand Exalted Ruler of Independent Order of Elks of the World, would make his appearance in Frederick. The Pythian Castle was the hub of all social entertaining. It was here that all balls and banquets were held. The Pythian Castle also had its own movie theater. Movies were mostly western and music was played by Tony Wagner.

E. Mitchell Johnson of South Bentz Street could always be seen turning his huge printing machine in the kitchen of his home. He published, along with the help of his sons, the paper called "*The Citizen*". I would stare for hours standing on the fence (as he lived next door). This machine made so much noise that it amazed me.

William Grinage was noted for his beautiful paintings. One of his paintings hung in the Francis Scott Key Hotel. It was the work of a genius.

Lewis Hill was a janitor at the old YMCA for over 50 years. Young men at that time regarded him as a father. He helped mold many of their lives. He was highly respected.

Dr. I. Blanche Bourne (Tyree) daughter of the late Dr. U.G. Bourne, Sr. graduated from medical school. The first woman doctor from Frederick.

There were two junk yards: Derrick Ricketts of South Bentz Street and Adam (Ringo) Ware of West All Saints Street. Mr. Ware was an eccentric man but later I found him more likeable.

An antique shop was run by Nick Roberts of Ice Street. He was a master of knowing antiques.

Miss Alice Bouldin of West All Saints Street ran a linen and lace shop out of her home. She sold beautiful material from France and Belgium. The wealthiest of town always knew when the ships were in because her house was always filled with customers.

Seamstresses of Frederick were Miss Marie Brighton who sewed many bridal gowns for Frederick socialites. Mrs. Hulda Brown and Mrs. Marie Wars were artist in their own right in the sewing field also.

In the restaurant business, we had Mrs. Cora Duckett of West Sixth Street, aided by her daughters Bessie, Doris and Fannie. She was noted for her delicious food. Soul food started in her kitchen. Franklin Sanders, Sr. had a restaurant in his home on West All Saints Street. Aroma of his cooking of Saturday night specials of turtle soup, fried chicken and crab cakes could still be smelled on Sunday morning while walking to church. Roger Smith's tavern on West All Saints Street was known for their fried fish sandwiches. If you tasted one you would want another. Caterers were Mae and Calvin Swann. They operated the kitchen of the old Country Club for many years. Beside their good cooking, they were noted for homemade mayonnaise and rolls.

There was a mini restaurant on West All Saints Street run by Nina and Robert Ambush, Sr. The drawing attraction was their soda water fountain where delicious milk shakes and banana splits were made. It was always full with young folks of town. Restaurant on wheels was started by Grace and the late George Ambush of Madison Street. They had the best hot dogs and iced tea in town. Sam Jenkins had his cafe on West All Saints Street. Mr. Sam was a personal friend of Count Basie. Whenever his band was near Frederick, he would stop to see Mr. Sam and play a few notes. This cafe was a favorite spot of town.

Later to a more sophisticated way, the "Hollywood" was built by Bernie Winkle later operated by Earlton Wansel and later still by Robert Henderson and Donald Bayton. They had a big band for every Friday night dance.

Emancipation association was formed at this time by the following group of men: Clifford Holland, Benjamin and William Foreman, Harley Whiting, Nicholas Leakins, Sam Jenkins, John and William Jones, Charles Walker, William Walker, Fred Bruce, John Johnson, Albert Dixon, Horrace Walker, etc. Their main event was an annual picnic every August. This would be homecoming Day and was held at the Frederick Fairgrounds. The Bartonville band always played for this occasion. The band was composed with names such as Ross, Brown, Diggs, and Hill. Every one was happy when the band performed.

Lewis Hill was the originator of the Frederick jazz band. It was composed of Lewis Hill on drums, James Jefferson - saxophone, Bat Wars - sly horn, and Jim Hall - piano. It was the greatest. The band was named Lewis Hill and his Rhythm Aces.

The Iantha Band was very popular at this time also. Members were Robert Onley, Sr., John Thomas, John Turner, Wallace Fredericks, Lewis Hill, Lester Bowie, Gene Brownn and others.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowie had the first miniature golf course on West All Saints Street. It was a work of art. Mr. Bowie along with his son helped plan and build the course. Many hours of fun were spent there.

The beauty shops were operated by Clara Davis Wansel and Mrs. Norine Holland (Goe). They produced many a beautiful hair style. Later Gladys Brown Lee opened her shop with newer styles learned at beauty college.

Albert V. Dixon was the first colored mortician in Frederick. He passed the state board of funeral directors and embalmers of Maryland and hung out his shield in 1929. He was forced to retire in 1946 due to ill health. I was very proud of my dad. His motto was, "I am as near as your phone." He took great

pride in his work.

John W. Brunner was the first black school supervisor. Brunner stressed a good education. The teachers knew what he stood for and abided by his rules. I remember one day he came in South Bentz Street School, and our fifth grade teacher, Miss Proctor, was not getting her lesson across. He loudly let her know that she did not do her best. Tears from her eyes did not worry him because he wanted her to give the best to the pupils who did not grasp her teaching. She was a beautiful teacher and she cared for her students, but she knew that Brunner stressed teaching, reading, writing and arithmetic to the fullest and he would not settle for less. The Bentz Street teachers were: Mrs. Mollie Wise - First, and Second grades, Miss Mary Evans - Third and Fourth grade, and Miss Lillian Proctor - Fifth and Sixth grade. The Seventh grade was in Lincoln High School. Miss Eunice Hutchins was the home room teacher. Maurice Reed was the principal.

Frederick had a contracting firm of Nicholas Leakins and Harley Whiting. Leakins followed in his father's trade. Clifford Holland and William Roberts were in the house repairing trade.

George T.C. Bell had his dry cleaning business on Court Street for many years.

John Jones was the first black man to join the Maryland National Guard. He wore his uniform proudly.

Sam Dimmy was the peacemaker of the town. No one bucked up against him. He was rather tall in statue and a very large built man. His service was always sought for dances. He ran the bathhouse in Mullinix Park for many years.

Gilbert Johnson was chef for the Maryland School for the Deaf, a position later filled by George Smith. Mrs. Julia Hill was head of the laundry there.

William Dailey was head orderly at Frederick Memorial Hospital. He was very highly respected. John Sewell was the Eisenhauer glass store's right hand man on Market Street

John William Lee opened a clothing store (men's) on West All Saints Street, "Lee Men's Wear". He was the first to open a store on South Market Street. His clothing was very popular with young men of the town.

There was one pastor that will always stand out in my memory besides the Rev. Ezra Williams (father of them all). It was the Baptist minister who lived on West All Saints Street but pastored a church in Virginia. The Rev Reuben Nickens was a walking wealth of knowledge. I loved to talk to him and he always loved to talk about the greatest book of all - the Holy Bible. He

at all times reached out to people with an open heart. He probably could walk with kings and not be out of place. He was a man that was proud of his race.

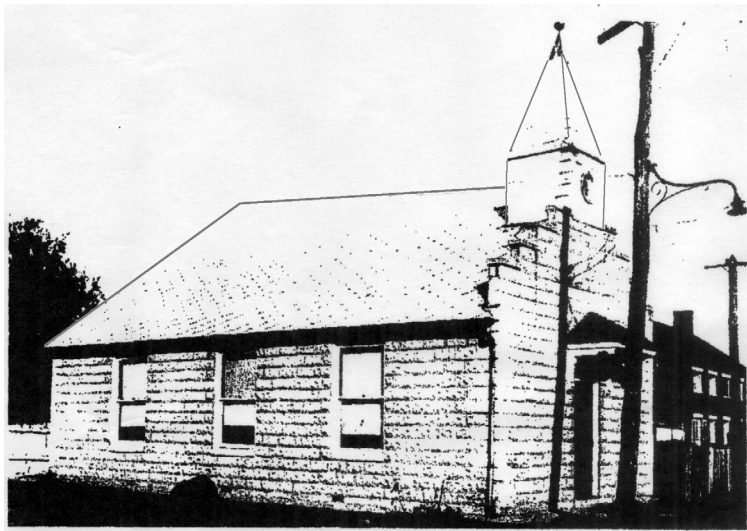
Two women that never had children, Mrs. Anna Mary Ball and her sister Miss Isabella Rollins gathered as many girls as would meet at their home and planned a picnic at the city reservoir every summer.

Mrs. Ruth Hill Fredericks formed the Camp Fire Girl and also shared memory during the years - 1926 through 1946.

May this be a tribute to them and to My Loving Parents for their love in days gone by - Albert V. And Minnie Leakins Dixon. My parents took all my young mistakes as a growing experiences, but always showered me prayfully with their constant and abiding love.

“Each life is like a snowflake, softly from the sky it falls so gently and so fine. A lacy pattern, so delicate, that none can quite define. Quietly each soul is formed, each being specially planned. Not by fates own choosing but by the Masters hand.”

Adelaide Dixon Hall lives in Frederick.



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SALARY INCREASE GRANTED COUNTY SCHOOL TEACHERS

**Made Possible By More Liberal
Policy On Part Of State,
Says Supt. Pruitt.**

UNIONVILLE PROPERTY TO BE CLOSED, DECISION

**Successor to Pindell Named
Bus Contracts Renewed
Coal Contracts Considered**

Frederick county teachers' salaries were increased from a minimum of 4 1/2 percent to a maximum of 10 per cent by the Board of Education at its monthly meeting in the office of County Superintendent Eugene W. Pruitt Wednesday. The increase based upon type of training and number of years experience approximates rather closely a salary schedule presented by the teachers to the Board of Education in May, 1937, Mr. Pruitt said.

Elementary school teachers will receive from \$50 to \$100 a year increases. Those with two years training or less than 15 years teaching experience will receive \$50, and those with three years training or more than 15 years experience will be given \$100. Elementary teachers with bachelor degrees of whom there are about 14 in the county, will be granted increases of from \$100 to \$150.

High school instructors will receive increases of either \$50 or \$100 depending upon teaching experience. In cases of high school teachers with Master's degrees the \$100 maximum increase granted a year ago will continue in force.

Colored teachers were given increases of from \$200 to \$250 recently. Those with first grade certificates were granted \$200 more per year and those with three years or more training were given \$250 more than last year.

Appointed To Succeed Pindell

Charles E. Henson, Baltimore, a graduate of Lincoln University Philadelphia was appointed upon recommendation of Mr. Pruitt as successor to

H. D. Pindell, as principal of Lincoln high school, this city. Henson was for three years principal of Easton Colored high school on the Eastern Shore, and for the last two years was supervisor of colored schools in Kent county. Mr. Pruitt explained there were no vacancies on the faculties of colored schools.

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Mrs. Max Everhart of the faculty of Parkway School, representatives of the Frederick County Health Department, Charles E. Henson, principal of Lincoln High School and members of the staff of the Children's Aid Society. The clinic was under the auspices of the Frederick County Health Department.

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COMMITTEE TO MEET

Plans are being whipped together to make the week an impressive one from the standpoint of both youth and adults. The parade committee will hold a meeting April 14 at four p. m. at the Y. Members are Mr. Bennett, Charles W. Willis, Frank H. Lewis, Miss Mary E. M. Smith, Chester G. Clem, Miss Mary H. Burger, Charles E. Henson, Dr. Ignatius Bjorlee, Mrs. Marie T. Bourne and one teacher to be chosen from each school.

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QUINN A. M. E. CHURCH

Rev. C. E. Walden, pastor. 11 a. m., worship; music by Choir, speaker Roy M. North, 3rd Assistant Postmaster General. 6:30 p. m. P. M. A. C. league; evening worship, 8 p. m. Prof. John Brunner presiding, speaker, Rev. H. W. Hemmingway, D. D. See, Treas. Church Extension Dept. of the A. M. E. Church and Prof. Charles E. Henson Lincoln H School. soloist, James Springs, Annual Men's Day observance.

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FRONTIERS END VITILIGO DRIVE

Members of the local chapter of the Frontiers of America have completed a successful campaign in securing funds for the vitiligo drive according to an announcement by the president, Charles E. Henson, principal of Lincoln school.

Dr. U. G. Borune Jr., served as chairman and Mrs. Henson was chairman of the Woman's division.

Last Sunday Emmer Martin Lancaster, National Administrative Director of the Vitiligo Foundation, spoke before a local audience at the Asbury Methodist church, Rev. Edward McGowan pastor of the church, is a member of the Frontiers, Dr. Bernard Harris, past national president of the Frontiers, was on the program but unable to attend.

Mr. Lancaster gave a brief history of Frontiers, showing how the club has always been interested in new and unexplored fields. He also read the aims of the organization which were similar to most service clubs.

In discussing Vitiliage Foundation the speaker said the relatively new organization has received splendid support both from the local population as well as national organizations and schools where research is conducted. It still is an unexplored field, he pointed out, and much research is needed.

In concluding the program Mr. Henson thanked all who helped make the campaign a success.

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TO HOLD HEART DANCE

A teen-age dance for benefit of the Frederick County Heart Association has been scheduled for next Tuesday night at Lincoln school. Charles E. Henson, principal of the school, is in charge of the dance.

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YESTERDAY

Items from files of the News-Post

50 YEARS AGO

A YOUTH DAY program was to be given at Winchester Hall in the interests of black youth of Frederick County. The 26 rural and three Frederick schools were expected to be represented. An address "The Future Hope of the Negro" was to be delivered by the Rev. M. L. McClendon Jr. Other speakers included John W. Brunner, the Rev. G. A. Hawkins, H. D. Pindell, K. A. Coltman, Dr. William S. Simms and the Rev. R. E. Burnette. The Lincoln High School glee club was to sing several selections under the direction of Gwendolyn Bolden. Other music was to be furnished by a 50-voice chorus directed by Alfred L. Diggs, accompanied by Mrs. Mary Holton and Mrs. Florence Spriggs.

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Frederick Gospel Singers
from the 1970 to 2005

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This is some of the Gospel Singers and Dancers that I remember. Some have gone home to the Lord. Gospel plays a great part in the Frederick County African American Churches.

If you have a subject for me to look up call me at 301-662-9035.

“ Belva”

**ALDERMAN WILLIAM HALL
ALDERMAN YOUNG TO BE WED TODAY**

Alderman Blaine Young's bachelor days end today when he goes down the aisle with a Damascus bride. Mr. Young will wed Karen Denise Hungerford at the Evangelical Reformed United Church of Christ on West Church Street in Frederick.

The Rev. Fred Wenner will officiate the 7 p.m. wedding, and Alderman William Hall will sing a selection. Mr. Young's father, Ronald Young, will be best man and his three brothers, Brad, Brian and Alex Young will serve as ushers.

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**REV. CARLTON TALLEY
DEREGGI WORK COMMEMORATES FRENCH REVOLUTION**

She said, "All the sonic materials have come from the gospel music at the little church in Boyds, the Jerusalem Baptist Church. The minister of the Methodist Church in Poolesville, Carlton Talley, is a very pure person. There is tremendous love and sharing. It's very much alive between the preacher and the choir. I used the idea of the emancipation of the slaves."

In writing the work for the International Festival of Experimental Music, Ms. DeReggi said, "I built a piece starting with two verses from a French popular song sung by a very sophisticated European choir and melded it with digital transforming with a rhythmic section with the foot stomping, hand clapping sound combined with African music to get the memories of Africa before all this horrible stuff started."

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AT ST. JAMES

Donald K. Lyles, operator of Lyles' Barber Shop, South Market Street will give the morning address to the St. James, Methodist Church, Bartonsville on Sunday, May 30. Lyles, a "Salesman for God," will give the message in honor of Men's Day at the Church. Lyles attended Morgan and Maryland State colleges and was the youngest Master Barber in Maryland, having been registered at age 16. He has owned and operated his own shop for 27 years. He served in the U.S. Army as an instructor in teletype

and cryptography operations after completing courses at Fort Detrick and served as a shift leader supervisor in the Bio Engineering Research Branch.

He received a Department of the Army award for outstanding performance and later worked for Microbiological Associated, Walkersville, and Electro Nucleonics Cancer Research, Bethesda. He is presently employed at Club Products in Frederick and continues to operate his barber shop.

He is former vice president of the local NAACP, a former member of the Human Relations Council and Police Community Relations. He received an award of honor from the state NAACP for meritorious services in the cause of justice and rights.

Lyles is a member of Mountain City Lodge 382, serving formerly in many offices. He is also a former member of the past Exaulteds Council of Md., Va and W. Va. Lyles is the husband of Mary E. Bowie Lyles. They have two daughters, Sonja, administrative assistant to the Frederick Chamber of Commerce, and Donna, a student.

Lyles has been singing gospel music since he was 6 years old, having sung with both the Mellowstones and Versatiles.

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STACEY HARRIS

Sister Stacey Harris Sang "Precious Lord." Musical selections were by Quinn Chapel AME Church Choir.

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LOCAL NAACP CHAPTER MARKS KING'S BIRTHDAY

After the congregation sang "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," the church choir sang with Maude Morrison accompanying on the piano. The First Missionary Baptist Church, Frederick Choir also performed. Thomas Foreman played accompaniment.

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THE GUIDING LIGHT

On Sunday, Nov. 20, at 3 p.m., the Rev. Charles Seamley of Mount Zion Church, Knoxville, will deliver the message at Sugarloaf Mountain

Christian Community Church. The program will benefit the church's building fund. The Guiding Lights will sing. The program is sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. Reginald Hall.. The Rev. Luther Brown is pastor.

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THE GOLDEN ECHOES

The Golden Echoes held their 10th anniversary on Sunday, September at 2 p.m. at the Pleasant Grove Community Church in Purdum. Matthew Hoy is the president and director and the members are Mrs. Katrine Myers and Mrs. Ernest Thomas and Mrs. Amanda Lyles. The Rev. Alonzo O. Graham is pastor.

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THOMAS TABERNACLE

Hallel, Emotions that Speak, and Thomas Tabernacle Choir are three ministries that were birthed at Thomas Tabernacle Holiness Church of God, Inc., Pastor Roger E. Rollins, under the direction of Youth Leader, Elder Edward James Rollins, Sr., and Deaconess Tyleet Sampson through our Youth N Action Ministry.

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MAJESTICS HISTORY

The Majestics Gospel Singers were organized in 1992. The group has travelled through out the Metropolitan area, Pennsylvania and Easternshore spreading the Word of God.

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OBSERVES THIRD ANNIVERSARY

The Jackson Chapelettes of Jackson United Methodist Church, Bartonsville, will celebrate their third anniversary during a service at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 24, at the church. The group began singing in March 1980, and was organized by Sharon Hill. The groups' name was taken from the church's original name, Jackson Chapel.

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HONORING DR. KING

School board member Daryl Boffman sings “Lift Every Voice and Sing” at the 2005 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Thursday night at Gov. Thomas Johnson High School,: “Honor the Past, Imagine the Future.” The public was treated to a free 90 minute presentation, which included music and dance performances and an awards ceremony. The celebration began with the Twin Ridge Elementary Panda Rock Band and Pandettes, followed by the Bernetta Brown Dance Troupe performing “Happy Birthday, Martin.”

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MR. EARL JOHN WEEDON

Mr. Earl John Weedon, 79, a resident of the Meridian Nursing Home, died Thursday Aug. 27 at the Frederick Memorial Hospital. He was the husband of the Late Hilda V. Jones Weedon, who died March 10, 1992. Mr. Earl Weedon was the founder of the Sunnyside Gospel Chorus.

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MS. TOWNSEND

Ms. Townsend was about 7 years old when her great-grandmother, whom she lived with in Queens, NY, took her to many gospel singing engagements. And now Ms. Townsend enjoys a Gospel singing career of her own.

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JOHN ONLEY

John Onley, pianist and president, founded the Tree of Life Singers in March 1984.

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TYRONE SNOWDEN

Tyrone Snowden, a maintenance mechanic with the Frederick City Housing Authority. The Frederick native, singing 23 years ago at Sunnyside United Methodist Church near Adamstown and recently finished a record album of gospel music in which he wrote seven of the eight songs.

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CHARLOTTE SMALLWOOD

Charlotte Smallwood, pianist and Keith Bowens and Jenelle Herrera, vocalists.

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TYRONE BURRELL

Tyrone Burrell sang Around God's Throne and Lord Take My Hand.

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THE GOSPEL TRAVELERS

The Gospel Travelers of Frederick, will celebrate their second anniversary with a service at 3 pm Sunday, April 1st at Asbury United Methodist Church, corner of South Court and West All Saints street. Members of the group include Thomas Foreman, Lord Nickens, Richard Bowins, Ronald Cartnail, David Grey, Carl Turner and Kenneth Wallace. The Rev. John L. Ford is pastor of the church.

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SISTERS OF JOY

THE SISTERS OF JOY will present a program of music 3 pm. March 21st at Asbury United Methodist Church, West All Saints and Ice streets. Guest choirs will include the Faith Gospel Singers, the Jackson Chapelettes, the Keys Chapel Senior Choir, the Majestics and Powerful Praise.

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MR. GEORGE RICHARD LOPER

Mr. George Richard Loper, 35, of Frederick, entered eternal rest on Wednesday, July 19, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Born Dec. 5, 1953, in Gary Indiana. Mr. Loper was a son of James and Mattie Loper. Mr. Loper was a member of the Senior Choir, the Inspirational Choir, and was the director for the Youth Choir and Heaven's Best Choir. He was active in the anti-Drug Prayer Vigil at John Hanson housing complex. Mr. Loper devoted much of his time encouraging young people to stay off of drugs and to live for Jesus. He enjoyed singing and was a member of the adult Sunday school class. He served several years in the U.S. Army and was stationed at Fort Detrick. He was employed at Eastalco. Reprinted with the permission of the Frederick News-Post and Randall Family LLC as published on July 21, 1989

MR. SHERMAN MASON JR.

Mr. Sherman Mason Jr. is the youngest member of the newly formed United Democratic Slate (USD). Mason was born and reared in Frederick County, having lived most of his youth in the New Market area. Mason, who attended the Frederick county school system, is presently employed at the Eastalco Aluminum Company, one of Frederick County's largest industries. He is active in community affairs and has served as president of the Frederick County branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. He is a member of the Community Relations Committee of the Chamber of Commerce and a director of the Frederick County Young Democrats. In addition, Mason has worked on the Jeffersonian Democratic Club, past master of Fredericktonian Lodge.

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EDITH ALFORD

Edith Alford, director, will be performing a memorial tribute to Alyce Weinberg at the Weinberg Center Arts from 3-5 Sunday, Oct. 4th. I first met Alyce Weinberg through an Arts Council meeting said Mrs. Alford was a great admirer of the group drawn in by the enthusiasm she heard and subsequently invited the Souls on Fire to participate in a benefit program at the center.

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CHESTER GREEN

Chester Green sang a solo, In Times Like These. Mrs. Margaret Slaughter rendered the solo, One Day at a Time.

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SUNNYSIDE GOSPEL CHORUS

Sunnyside Gospel Chorus will render a program under the direction of Rachel Bowens and Earl Weedon, pianist.

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JEANETTE AMBUSH

Jeanette Ambush who sang the spiritual and was accompanied on the piano by junior Allen Ambush. Other highlights of the program was an interesting skit on slave auctions. Mary Only gave a brief introduction concerning the buying and selling of slaves.

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Belva's Old News Letter

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Lincoln School
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KIDS OFFICIALS ARE ANNOUNCED

Youngsters To Fill All Municipal Posts Saturday

Frederick will be “governed” by “Kid officials” on Saturday, one of the features of the local observance of National Kids’ Day, sponsored here by the Frederick Kiwanis Club.

Thirteen youngsters chosen by popular vote from pupils at the Elm street, St. John’s and Lincoln schools were accorded the honor of being designated the juvenile choice for Mayor, five members of the Board of Aldermen, City Attorney, City Register, Chief and Lieutenant of Police and three patrolmen.

Results of the voting were as follows:

Mayor Donald Lee Wilcolm, Elm street school.

Aldermen, Mary Althouse, Larry Brown and Randy Krantz, all of Elm street school; Jay Hahn, St. John’s; Edward Ambush, Lincoln school.

City Attorney, Irene Godsey, Elm street school.

City Register, Ann Schildknecht, Elm street school.

Chief of Police, Roy Baker, Elm street school.

Lieutenant of Police, Charles Smallwood, Lincoln school.

Patrolmen, Jack Henderson and Jack Harpold, Elm street school, and Lee Weedon, Lincoln school.

Runners-up in the vote for “Mayor” were Jimmie Rice, of St. John’s and Beverly Hill, of Lincoln school.

These “kid officials” will meet at the City Hall office of Mayor Donald B. Rice on Saturday morning, preceding the official opening of the day’s program and be briefed in their respective “duties” by their official counterparts.

From then on they’ll have a round of activities, including such events as the “dedication” of East street, Frederick’s newest major highway project; ceremonies at the Baker Park bandshell and attendant “duties” pertaining to city “government”.

This feature of the observance worked in cooperation with the schools, was carried out by Kiwanis President Carlton Molesworth and Ernest D. Smith.

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LHS NOTES

At Play Day activities held in the Lincoln School, the third grade dodge ball team led by Larry Bowie, played the third and fourth grades in Mrs. M. Lee's room and won with a score of 19-18. The block relay team with Ronald Smith as captain won in the finals over Mrs. Lee's third and fourth grades. Also the second bouncing ball team also won over the third-fourth grade team in the finals. The captain of this team was Louis Barnes. The other players were James Garner, Phyllis Holsey, Deborah Brown, Ladrencine Thomas, Patricia Gray, Marie Harris and Michael Bowie. Mrs Edna B. Dykes is the teacher.

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The 8A Class presented a Memorial Day assembly in the auditorium. The feature attraction was a play entitled "Part Time Hero" The characters were Rose Dorsey, Gloria Allen, Gretchen Jackson, Gerald Jackson, and Charles Allen.

Other members of the class did choral readings.

Music was furnished by the Girl's Trio and Delpha Walker.

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Catherine Brown, 19, a 12th grade student at Lincoln High School, received a \$250 award and a portable electric mixer for her unusual recipe for the Up-Side-Down Cake. She won the top award for the state of Maryland in the Pillsbury Bake-Off School Program, a nationwide contest for high school home economics students.

The awards were presented to Catherine on behalf of the Pillsbury Company by Miss Mary E. Thomas, the school's vice principal. A second mixer has been awarded to the school.

Catherine was first a winner in her school Bake-Off held under the direction of her home economics teacher, Miss E. C. Hutchins.

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SHIRLEY LOUISE BEARD

Another outstanding graduate was Shirley Louise Beard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard of Brunswick. Shirley graduated from Morgan State College, June 1. She was a Lincoln High School graduate in 1955.

At Morgan, Shirley was a member of Promethean Kappa Tau, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, and representative to the Eastern Regional Conference of Delta Sigma Theta during her Sophomore year. She was a member of the Chemistry Club and president of the Student Affiliate Chapter of the American Chemical Society. Besides being named "Miss Senior", Miss Beard won the district honor of being selected to "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities."

Shirley majored in chemistry and received her Bachelor of Science degree.

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APPROVE NEW MEMBERS FOR THE WELFARE BOARD

The Frederick County Welfare Board and the County Commissioners in a joint announcement Wednesday approved two new members for the Welfare Board.

They are Mrs. Claude (Alice) Delauter, a teacher at Lincoln school and John R. Cheatham, a local automobile dealer.

Each term is for six years with the appointments becoming effective June 1.

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AMONG THE GRADUATES

William Bernard Delauder, a 1955 graduate of Lincoln School again donned his cap and gown as a member of the graduating class at Morgan State College, Baltimore. Delauder graduated with high honor receiving his Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry. Many honors came to him: The George T. Stansbury Prize from the Department of Chemistry, a citation from the Department of Military Science and Tactics, President Martin D. Jenkins Award, as Cadet of the Year, and the Albert H. Cephas Prize.

Delauder is a member of Alpha Kappa Mu, the National Fraternity of Honor Students. Upon graduation, Delauder was commissioned Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Regular army and was cited as a distinguished military graduate.

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LINCOLN SCHOOL PLAQUE DEDICATED IN CEREMONY AT ORIGINAL LOCATION

A bronze plaque memorializing Lincoln School was unveiled Sunday at its original site, now South Frederick Elementary School, at an event honoring the school and its past.

The plaque, 2 feet wide by 2.5 feet high, was paid for by the county Board of Education and will be placed outside the elementary school at 200 Madison St.

South Frederick's building housed the Lincoln School from 1923 until 1962, following the desegregation of Frederick's schools.

The original Lincoln School opened on West All Saints Street in 1920 and was the first high school for black students in the county.

In later years, the school also housed elementary students.

At the event, organizer David Key, a Lincoln alumnus, said changing the school's name to South Frederick elementary had stripped Lincoln's former students and staff of their achievements.

Following Lincoln School Recognition Day, Mr. Key said all he had wanted was something to honor and memorialize the school, and was satisfied with the plaque.

The plaque, he said, was "a sign of healing."

The plaque didn't satisfy everyone. Kermit Bruner, grandson of Lincoln School founder John W. Bruner, called the decision to change Lincoln's name "ethnocentric."

Mr. Bruner, a New Jersey resident, said the school should be re-named for his grandfather.

Mr. Bruner's suggestion met with a tepid response from the crowd. Mr. Bruner then complained he didn't think the crowd had been supportive with their applause, and asked them to give him more support.

The crowd did not comply.

Former alderman William Lee, and Mr. Key later said they do not

support changing the school's name.

The county Board of Education will do more to honor Lincoln's memory, school board employee Sharon Boettinger said in an interview.

A permanent display about Lincoln's history, and school memorabilia, will be placed in South Frederick's lobby, said Ms. Boettinger, the school system's superintendent of counseling.

Lincoln's history will be inserted into the school's curriculum.

The school board is also attempting to place South Frederick Elementary on one of the town's historical tours, she said.

During a speech, at the event, which detailed Lincoln's history, it was noted that Lincoln earned two state basketball championships in competition with the state's other black schools.

Speakers included former principal Howard Pindell, now 90, who worked at the school from 1936 to 1938.

Mr. Pindell recalled coming to Lincoln when it had a discipline problem. He said he handled the problem by suspending students for an unspecified length of time.

After five or six days, the students were coming to his office asking if their suspension was over, he said, adding his students' parents supported his efforts.

Lincoln students and their teachers had a "family-type relationship," he said.

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HIT BY A HOG

Daniel Dean, colored, died at his home on West South Street, Wednesday night last, at 10 o'clock from lockjaw caused by a hog bite. He was aged about 50 years. On Monday, 15th instant, he helped to butcher the hogs of Mr. William Chew, West All Saints Street, and while pulling one of the hogs from the pen another one ran towards him, and to frighten it back he threw out his right hand, which the hog grabbed and nearly bit one of the fingers off, besides badly lacerating the hand. The wound was bound up at the time, and as he said it did not pain him he finished his work. The same evening he visited a physician who gave him an ointment for the wound and advised him to be careful with his hand. Later on he caught cold in the wound, which finally terminated in lock jaw and death after terrible suffering. Sandy Dean, the name he was familiarly known by, was born on the Manor and was owned by a Mr. Richardson, and for a number of years past was a regular employee on the Louis McMurray sugar corn farm. Reprinted with the permission of the Frederick News-Post and Randall Family LLC as published on December 3, 1890

TRIPLETS

Last Sunday, the wife of David Noland, colored, of this city, gave birth to triplets, all girls, they are all doing well. Noland is a dray driver and an industrious, hardworking man, and if such a large increase in a man's family is anything to be proud of, he is the proudest man in town. Reprinted with the permission of the Frederick News-Post and Randall Family LLC as published on November 17, 1875

LOCAL NEWS

Who can Beat it. On Sunday night last, the wife of David Noland, an industrious and polite colored man of this city, gave birth to triplets, all girls. We would call that inflation with a vengeance. Dr. Smith informs us that the little ones are doing well. Several instances of the same kind have occurred in this city, though a number of years ago. Reprinted with the permission of the Frederick News-Post and Randall Family LLC as published on November 19, 1875



UNKNOWN 1916 GRADUATE

Do you know anything about this graduate?

Let me know - reply to

Belva King

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QUYNN CHURCH PICNIC

The Quynn African Methodist Episcopal church held its annual picnic yesterday at the fair grounds and was attended by a large number of people. The Bartonsville Band paraded the streets in the morning and marched to the grounds at about 10:30 o'clock. The Rev. Nicholas Gassaway and John Porter, pastor of the church, were the principal speakers. During the day many games were enjoyed by the outers.

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A TEA PARYY

There was a very pleasant tea party given by Miss Mary Kenny on All Saints Street last evening at which the following ladies and gentlemen were present. Misses Martha Davis, Nettie Bowie, Rachel Bowie, Kate Jackson, Martha Tyler and Messrs, Wm. Taylor, George Walker, James Graham, Howard Chase and Wm. Brown. Those present return heartfelt thanks to Miss Kenny for her kind treat.

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CORROBORATIVE EVIDENCE

“I see in yesterday’s paper you make mention of a colored man in Columbia undergoing a change in color.” said Judge Wiliam Hilton, the venerable cobbler who has worked at the bench for sixty-seven years, to a News representative last night. “Now I was an eye witness to just such an event in 1820. The colored man’s name was Aaron _____ and he was one of a hundred slaves owned by old Ben Johnson, who owned a glass blowing furnace across the county from Bartonsville, near Bush Creek in years long gone by. The tips of Aaron’s fingers began turning white when he was about fifty-eight years old and by the time of his death two years later he was spotted white all over. The spots were the size of a silver dollar and a good deal whiter than your flesh and I wager had he lived two years longer he would have been a “white” man - at least in color. No he didn’t die a natural death. He “fell out” with his master and shot himself. I saw him when he committed the act. He walked to the bank of a stream in the meadow, placed the muzzzle of the gun he was carrying under his left jaw, pulled the trigger with his toe and blew the side of his head off.”

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COLORED G.O.P. ORGANIZES

A well-attended meeting of colored Republicans was held Wednesday night at the home of Bertron Hill, Bartonsville, when the Bartonsville Colored Republican Club was organized. Officers elected were: Bertron Hill, president; Earl Davis, vice president; Edna Brown, secretary; John O. Davis, assistant secretary; William Brooks, treasurer. Talks were made by

E. Austin James, Dr. David G. Everhart, Emmert R. Bowlus, Jacob R. Ramsburg and C. Fred Knock, this city, and Joseph B. Payne, Brunswick. Refreshments were served.

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20 DOLLAR REWARD

RAN AWAY from the subscriber on Sunday Night the 5th. One fellow named **BAKER**, about age 42 or 3 years old, small but well made, bow legged, has a low forehead, a tear on his breast occasioned by the whip when young, he has a lively walk and is very sensible; he took with him a negro cotton great coat, and had sundry suits of clothes which are unknown, and it is likely he will change them often as he is very artful.

GRACE is a small woman, spare made, thin visage, dark complexion, has a down look when spoken to; she is between 30 and 40 years old, has sundry clothing, which is unknown, and it is probable she will change.

SILVA is a small girl, spare made, yellow complexion, 7 or 8 year old,.Whoever will take up the said slaves, and bring them to me or secures them so that I may get them again shall have twenty dollars Reward.

JOHN DEARING

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PUBLIC SALE

On Saturday, 17th of November instant I will sell to the highest bidder, at my residence, one mile south of Frederick, the following property, viz...

One Black Man, slave for life

Horses, one good gig horse, five milk cows three of them first rate, and a Teeswater heifer, one hundred head hogs, consisting of fat pen hogs, shoats, and sows and pigs of an excellent breed - bacon, corn, rye, clover, hay, rye straw, potatoes, etc. one narrow tread wagon nearly new, hay, ladders, bags, five carts, two of them new, patent straw cutter, five wheel barrows, ploughs, harrows, spades, shovels, picks, etc. - a set of blacksmith's tools, bellows and anvil nearly new; 3000 feet seasoned plank - one side board, two desks, & bookcase, two bureaus, clock, tables, looking glasses and pictures, chairs, four feather beds, three stoves, spy glass, thermometer, demi-johns, porter bottles, and sundry other household and kitchen furniture - 100 books, principally history, travels, medicine, theology, &c. - 150,000 first quality well burnt bricks, and about 7000 weight unstripped tobacco.

Six months credit will be given on all purchases over Ten Dollars, by purchasers giving notes with approved security, except for the hogs and grain, which will be sold for cash. Sale to commence at 9 o'clock, a.m.

On the same day, I will offer for Rent,
My Dwellings, part of my Farm,
AND BRICK YARD
JOHN HUGHES

November 3

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NOTICE

WAS committed to the jail of Frederick county as a Runaway, on the 5th day of Feb. A negro man who calls himself Proper Jackson. He is about 5 feet 4 inches high, a mulatto & about 33 or 34 years of age - had on when committed, a blue cloth coat and fustian pantaloons, black fur hat, and coarse shoes. Says he was set free by William Dawson, of Baltimore.

The owner if any, is required to come forward and have him released, or he will be discharged as the Law directs.

PETER BRENGLE, Sheriff

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FOR SALE OR HIRE *A family of Negroes,*

Consisting of a valuable man, his wife and three children, the eldest a boy of seven years of age - Apply to the printer.

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FOR SALE A likely young Negro Man

Accustomed to work on a farm. He has 12 years to serve. Enquire of the printer. June 8

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FOR SALE
A YOUNG AND HEALTHY
NEGRO WOMAN

With her two children slaves for life; one a female 5 years old, the other a male 2 years old. She is a very good house servant, the owner would not like to sell them out of the state. Inquire with the printer. Frederick, Nov. 6

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\$40 REWARD

RAN AWAY on Saturday night from the subscriber, living near the Poplar Springs, in Anne Arundel County, Maryland, NEGROES

BILL AND SAM

BILL is black, with thin visage and lips in a slight degree, about 5 feet 8 inches high, rather lightly made, 23 years old. **SAM** is a likely black boy, between 17 and 18 years of age, of pleasing countenance, and brisk lively manner, a full suit of hair combed to a point on the top of his head, about 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, and pretty well formed. They went off in company with a boy of Mr. Elic G. Warfield's named **NED**, a low and stout made fellow, a dark mulatto. This Ned once absconded, and was taken up near Westminster, on the Pennsylvania line, who it is supposed acts as spokesman and pilot for the other two. It is probable they may remain some time in the neighborhood or about Baltimore. The first named two have a free father named **BILL**, (set free by Mr. Samuel C. Owings) in or near this city, who worked for Mr. James Carroll a short time since. - Their clothing is unknown, having a variety of home made fall linsey and other clothing. The above reward will be given for the apprehension of the two first named slaves, or \$20 for either of them

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On Thursday, the 30th of December next,
(At 10 o'clock, A.M.)

At the place aforesaid - consisting of,
Twenty SLAVES, of both sexes, and different ages
A stock of valuable HORSES
Cattle, Sheep, and Hogs - and
FARMING UTENSILS generally.

Terms of Personal Property: Nine months' credit on all sums of ten dollars and over; all under, cash-purchasers to give notes, with good security.

WILLIAM LEE
Trustee

Fred. Co. October 9

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REACTIONS TO THE DRED SCOTT DECISION



Editor's Note: Roger B. Taney was born in 1777 in Calvert County, Maryland. He was admitted to the bar in 1799 and practiced law for over 20 years in Frederick, Maryland. He was appointed Chief Justice of the US in 1836 by President Andrew Jackson. Taney's Dred Scott decision, written in 1857, is regarded as one of the worse rulings ever made in the history of the Supreme Court. Taney declared slaves were not US citizens and wrote that Negroes were "beings of an inferior order and altogether unfit to associate with the white race, either in social or political relations, and so unfit that they had no rights which the white man was bound to respect". American still copes with the legacy of prejudice from the Dred Scott decision.



"But we think the Dred Scott decision is erroneous . . . and we shall do what we can to have the court to over rule this. I have said, in substance, that the Dred Scott decision was, in part, based on assumed historical facts which were really not true . . ."

Abraham Lincoln, 1857

“As a man, an American, a citizen, a colored man of both Anglo-Saxon and African descent, I denounce this representation as a most scandalous and devilish perversion of the Constitution, and a brazen misstatement of the facts of history.”

Frederick Douglas, 1857

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Preface

This news letter is a collection of items that appeared in The Frederick News-Post and provided through cooperation with the Randall Family LLC, owner of the newspaper. The racial appellation of the African-American race has changed over the century as noted in the timing of the various items. This is history but it is Frederick County History. Belva King

PLAN DECLAMATION CONTEST

The Frederick colored high school has recently been named Lincoln High School by the board of education. The pupils of the school are now preparing for the annual declamation contest. The school has twice carried off first honors in this contest. The school turns out its first graduating class this June. The twelve members are: Olivia Larkins, Mildred O. Bruner, Amelia Price, Gertilene Jones, Serena Whiten, Laura Roberts, Norma Orem, Mary Bowie, Thelma Anderson, Kermit E. Bruner, Evan Gray and Thirston Wars

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LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL

Six Graduated From Local Colored High School

On Friday evening, June 12, Lincoln High School held its second commencement exercises at Asbury M. E. church. The following students were graduated. Addie Weedon, Valedictorian; Matilda Matthews, salutatorian; Monroe Weedon, Mary Holland, Lester Bowie and Gladys Green. Dr. P. O'Conwell, of Morgan College, delivered the principal address. His subject was "The Cost of Education." A large audience gathered from all parts of the country.

Superintendent G. Llyod Palmer, awarded the diplomas to the graduates. In his remarks Prof. Palmer referred to the obligation of the High School to furnish teachers for the elementary schools.

Prof. J. Walter Huffington, state supervisor of colored schools, spoke of the need of better qualified teachers in many schools of the state.

Prof. J. W. Bruner, county supervisor, in congratulating the class, referred to the importance of having an aim in life.

Principal Maurice E. Reid and faculty were gratified at the cooperation of the general public in making this event a success.

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W. C. T. U. EXECUTIVE MEETS

The executive body of the Frederick County Woman's Christian Temperance Union met in the Y. M. C. A., Saturday at 10 a. m., Mrs. F. B. Sappington, presided. Delegates from New Market, Middletown, Feagaville and Frederick were in attendance.

The message passed on to local unions from the recent national convention in Detroit as well as from the meeting of the Maryland State executive held in Baltimore, Dec. 4, was the importance of the work in the Loyal Temperance Legion and the young people's branch. The formation of units of workers in the young people's societies in all the churches is an aim.

Mrs. Mary Harris Armour will address a mass-meeting in Frederick the first week in May. Mrs. Armour is considered one of the best speakers in the national organization.

January 16, 1926, the anniversary of the passing of the 18th Amendment to the Constitution will be observed. The next executive will be held in March at which time the date and place of holding the county covention will be announced.

The Frederick Union met Monday night, at the residence of Mrs. Willis Fisher, Clarke Place and an interesting program was arranged by the chairman, Mrs. May Smith Markell.

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FREDERICK, MD, DEC. 6, 1925

At a special meeting of the Colored citizens, of this city and county, held at Pythian Castle on the afternoon of Sunday, December 6, 1925, as a token of their appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph D. Baker, of this city, for the generous manner in which they have provided for the hospitalization of the Colored people of Frederick county and city, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, For many years Frederick county has failed to measure up to the standard of certain other Maryland counties in the matter of providing modern hospital facilities and accomodations for all classes of her citizens, many of whom have been compelled, in urgent cases, at great risk of life, to

go to the hospitals of Baltimore, Maryland, and to Washington, D. C., for treatment and,

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Baker, in an impartial, far-sighted and charitable manner, have made an unusual gift to the Frederick City Hospital in order that our group may have adequate hospital accommodations.

Resolved, That we, the Colored citizens of Frederick county and city, do hereby extend to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph D. Baker our sincere thanks for the efforts they have put forth to make it possible for our group to have access to an up-to-date hospital here in Frederick city.

Resolved, That we recognize in Mr. and Mrs. Baker citizens of sterling worth, high civic ideals, keen intellect, and broad vision, who feel that a portion of their accumulated fortune cannot be spent in a better way than in the alleviation of the ills and sufferings of all classes of humanity; that in them is reflected the spirit of the Lowly Nazarene, the spirit of the Good Samaritan.

Be it further resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be mailed to Mr. and Mrs. Baker; that another copy be published in the daily press of our city, so that the public may know that we are not indifferent to our benefactors; and that a third copy be preserved among our archives, that our posterity may know of this magnanimous gift to our group, and of our grateful acknowledgement of it. For as much as they have done it unto these, the least of His little ones, they have done it unto Him.

Resolution Committee: Dr. C. S. Brooks, E. Holland, Dr. U. G. Bourne, Rev. G. T. Addison, M. E. Jenkins, Mrs. E. E. Grinage, (Prof J. W. Brunner)

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1200 ATTEND ANNUAL DECLAMATION CONTEST

Pupils of Colored Schools Compete at Opera House Sunday Afternoon

The annual declamation recitation contest of the elementary colored schools of this city and county, Prof. J. W. Bruner, supervisor, took place

Sunday afternoon at the City Opera House, before an audience of approximately 1,200 patrons and friends. There were twenty four contestants, 17 girls and 7 boys.

Among the girls, first place was awarded to Mildred Hammond, of this city, a pupil in the special seventh grade class at Lincoln High school, second place was awarded Janie Posie, of this city, also a pupil in the Lincoln 7th grade, and third place was awarded to Ida Fisher, a 7th grade pupil in the Mt. Pleasant school.

Among the boys Wallace McKinney, a 7th grade pupil of Sunnyside school, won first place; George Hardy, a 7th grade pupil of Brunswick, won second place, and George Bowins, a 6th grade pupil of Point of Rocks, won third place.

Mildred Hammond and Wallace McKinney, the first place winners, will be carried to the Western Shore contest, to be held at Fairmount Heights, Prince George's county, on Friday, April 29, where they will compete for the Western Shore championships and medals.

The judges for the contest were Rev. E. T. Addison, pastor of Quinn church, Rev. J. E. Dotson, pastor of Asbury church, this city and Rev. Fields, pastor of the Buckeystown circuit.

The ushers from Asbury and Quinn churches handled the crowd well and kept perfect order. Music was rendered by the local Dunbar orchestra.

The annual field meet of colored schools will be held Tuesday at the Fair Grounds. The Bowie State Normal School Band of 20 members and Dorsey's Drum Corps will furnish music. The winners will compete in the Western Shore meet, at Bowie Normal School on May 25.

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HOOD "Y" TO GIVE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Two similar parties will be held in the Y. W. C. A. hut at Hood College today and Saturday. They are being given by the freshman Y. W. C. A. as a traditional part of Hood's Christmas celebration.

This afternoon the first grade children from Lincoln school will be entertained. A party will be given on Saturday for children from Loat's Home and the Episcopal Home.

Two girls on the party committee from the vicinity of Frederick are, Misses Lois Main of Middletown and Kathleen Sauble from Taneytown.

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EIGHT OF ITS CLASSROOMS ARE WRECKED

100 Firemen And Eight Pieces Of Apparatus Battle Flames In Snow

Nearly all of Lincoln school elementary students were homeless today, the result of a fire that raged through the old East Wing early this morning destroying eight classrooms and teaching areas.

Dr. James A. Sensenbaugh, Superintendent of Schools, estimated damage in the neighborhood of \$200,000.

There was no definite cause given for the blaze but Charles E. Henson, principal, surmised that it may have started from an additional load on the electrical wiring as the local storm blew out several transformers.

The first alarm was sounded at 2 a.m. When firemen arrived they reported the roof area already a mass of shooting red flames.

A general alarm was sounded and a few minutes later another to arouse the sleeping volunteer firefighters.

Eight pieces of city fire-fighting apparatus and the ambulance answered the alarm together with about 100 firemen.

Detrick On Standby

The Fort Detrick Fire Company was put on standby for city alarms. In addition to the Lincoln fire, three other alarms were sounded in a matter of hours, adding further to the confusion caused by the weather.

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RECEIVES COMMENDATION

S/Sgt. Ronald K. Onley, right, receives the Air Force Commendation Medal from Col. John V. DeMont, group executive officer, 4683d Air Base Group, Thule, Greenland Sergeant Onley's citation noted his outstanding supervisory ability and initiative during his service as Non-commissioned officer in charge of claims in the office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Scott AFB, Ill. from Feb. 1, 1965 to Feb. 16, 1966. Sergeant Onley, the son of Mrs. Dorothy Thompson, Ijamsville, is a graduate of Lincoln High School. He resides with his wife, the former Miss Toya Little, Philadelphia, PA.

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WILLIAM G. HALL

Graduated from Lincoln High School, Frederick, MD. Spent 4 years the USAF as an electronic counter measures (E.C.M.) repairman. Attended Frederick Community, and Morgan State College. Worked as a biolab-tech at Fort Detrick while taking work related courses at NIH in interferons. Joined Eastalco Aluminum Company as a foreman trainee and progressed from trainee to foreman, assistant general foreman and general foreman. Completed courses in carbon manufacturing and electrolysis at Carnegie-Mellon University, Pittsburg, PA; was sent to Holland by Pechiney Corporation to assist in the start up of a new aluminum plant.

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The news articles are about
The Baptist Church
From 1888 - 1987

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Look Over Your Shoulder to See Where You Are Going
An African-American Culture Project
Belva's Old News

TWO MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCHES

There are two Missionary Baptist Churches in the Frederick County region. One is the Calvary Missionary Baptist Church on Rt. 144 in Ridgeville, the Rev. Billy Dykes being the newly appointed pastor.

The other, the First Missionary Baptist Church at 141 West All Saints Street, Frederick, is one of the city's oldest churches, dating back to April, 1773. Little is known of this church's beginnings, other than that it predates the Revolutionary War. There have been a number of outstanding ministers, however.

One of the most notable, the Rev. J. W. Townes, was pastor of the church for 34 years (1903-1937). It was under the able leadership of the Rev. Thomas J. Houston, who served as pastor from 1949 through 1956, that the church was remodeled and took on its present appearance. Under the Rev. Thomas J. Andrews, who has been the church's spiritual leader since 1965, a baptismal pool has been installed. The kitchen, lower auditorium, and parsonage have been remodeled, and many new pieces of church furniture and equipment have been added.

The church is an active supporter of the Maryland Baptist Aged Home; the United Maryland Baptist Convention, and local charitable organizations in Frederick County. A special series of sermons is planned for various Sundays of the year to commemorate the Bicentennial.

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A GRAND PROMENADE

A grand promenade under the auspices of the members and for the benefit of the First Baptist church colored, of this city, will be held tonight at Golf House. A dancing picnic will be held in the Grove of J.J. Funk, at Hemburg, this county, on Saturday July 28th, dancing from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. The committee in charge are J. J. Funk, Wm. F. Hopper, F. F. Gaver and Wm. H. Gilbert.

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AT THE RINK

An Entrainment will be given at the Rink this evening under the auspices of the Colored Baptist Church

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AT THE RINK

The entertainment held at the rink, East Patrick Street, last evening under the auspices of the colored Baptist church, All Saints Street was attended by several hundred persons and was financially a success. Jenkins' Cornet Band furnished music for the occasion.

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MRS. ELIZABETH SANDS

Mrs. Elizabeth Sands, of Baltimore, died Sunday morning, aged 101 years and 5 months. Mrs. Sands had lived in that city for 99 years; her grandfather was Cuthbert Warner, the first clockmaker of Maryland. She leaves 15 grandchildren and 48 great grand children. Her funeral took place this afternoon from the First Baptist church.

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NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

Rev. Wm. M. Fields preached yesterday in the First Baptist church, from Ephesians 5-6 "Warning of our path." His evening text was from II Corinthians, 5-17: "The Christian's Armor." The Sunday school connected with this church will hold their annual picnic at Island Park, August 18th. At the M.E. Church yesterday on account of the absence of Mr. Gill, the pulpit was occupied both morning and evening by the Rev. W.T. Thompson, of Washington, who preached two excellent sermons, which were listened to and appreciated very much by large congregation. His morning text was Matt 5-16, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." His evening text was Paul's letter to Philemon. Services for the week will be as usual.

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UNION SERVICE

Union services will be held at Quinn A.M.E Church tomorrow. In the morning the congregation of the First Baptist Church, colored, will participate. The sermon will be delivered by the Rev. Fields, and the choir of that church will also participate. In the afternoon the Asbury M.E. Church will take part in the services. The Rev. Lawson will deliver the sermon. The choir of this church will also take part in the exercises. At night Rev. Young will deliver a sermon to the order of Chaldeans.

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THE CENSUS BULLETIN

The census bulletin for May in its church statistics says: In Frederick there is once colored Baptist church with a seating capacity of 250. The property is valued at \$2,000 and there are 17 communicant members. Among the United Brethren in this county there are fourteen congregations and as many church buildings, which a seating capacity of 3,700. The property is valued at \$31,250, and has 977 communicants.

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BRIEF BITS

The colored Baptist Church of this city held their picnic in Cronise's woods yesterday. About 125 persons were present. The colored folks held a dance at Groff Bail last night.

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AN ELOCUTION ENTERTAINMENT

Miss Ninceto Johnson, the Girl Elocutionist of Maryland, made her first appearance before a Frederick audience last night at the First Baptist Church colored. The audience was very appreciative and Miss Johnson scored a big bit.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENT TODAY

City Opera House Moving Pictures
Position Wanted Box 4. News
Men Wanted Manager
Evangelistic Services First Baptist Church
Portraits J.L. Barber
Clothing Commercial Operations
Fresh Cakes Mrs. L. V. Schleigh
Special Commercial Operations
Home-Made Bread Mrs. L. V. Schleigh
Auction C. E. Zellers
Notice Diamond Roller Rink
Attraction Lake View Roller Rink
Wear-Well Furniture Etchison's
New Skates Diamond Roller Rink
Thanksgiving Furniture Etchison's
Old English Ale Young's
Multiplex Picture Rack Etchison's
Pianos Wm. Knabe & Co.
Christmas Goode Barnett's
Bargain Saturday Doll Bros.
Carvera Landa
Just \$2.50 Moore
New Line John Eisenhower's
Turkish Towels Neidig & Miller
Below Cost Geo. S. Rodock & Co

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MENTIONING OF INTEREST OF LOCAL AND GENERAL NATURE WORTH READING

Mentioning of Interest of Local and General Nature Worth Reading.

Repairs are being made to the steps in front on the Evangelical Reformed church, West Church Street.

A new pavement has been laid in front of the colored Baptist church on All Saints' street. The parsonage adjoining the church has also been repainted.

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MRS. JAMIE P. HUGHES

The funeral of Mrs. Jamie P. Hughes colored will be held Wednesday afternoon Baptist Church at two o'clock. Burial in Fairview Cemetery. Albert V. Dixon funeral director

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ANNIVERSARY ENDS - CONCLUDING SERVICE IS HELD AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

The thirteenth anniversary observance of the organization of the congregation of the First Baptist church Rev. William C. Royal pastor, which began Sunday afternoon, concluded Monday evening with the interesting fellowship service, followed by a social hour at which refreshments were served. The final offering together with that of the first day totaled slightly more than the goal of \$600.

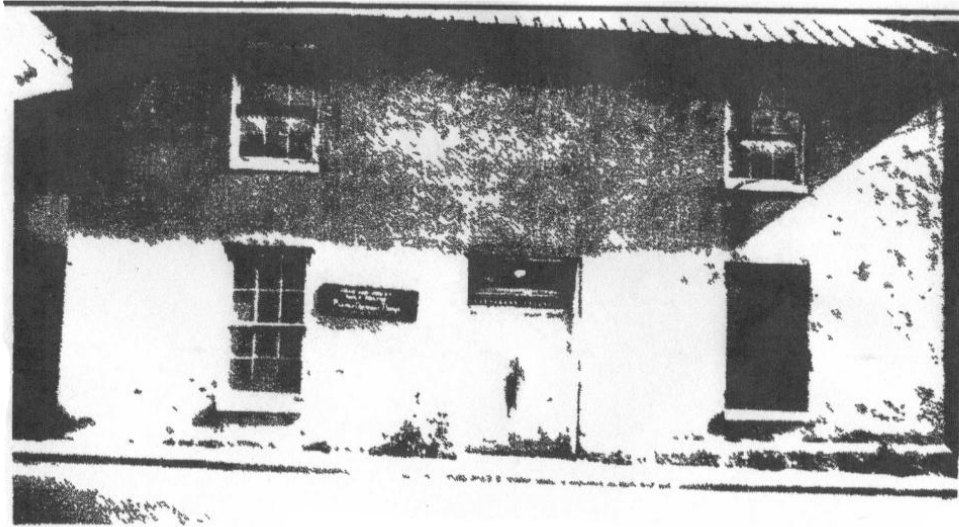
The service began with an organ prelude followed by a hymn and prayer by Rev. Ralph E. Hartman, pastor of Grace and Evangelical Reformed church and president of the Frederick County Ministerial Association. Selections were then given by the Bartonsville colored quartet.

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“WHY WAS JESUS BAPTIZED?”

Sunday: Morning 11:00am The First Baptist Church

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BAPTIST CHURCH

'Asbury, Quinn, and the First Missionary Baptist were the churches. These three were the backbone of our Christian life. I am so proud that these three churches are still with us. Pastors have come and gone but the spiritual life is stronger than ever.'

-Adelaide Dixon Hall

These three were proud that these three churches are still with us. Pastors have come and gone but the spiritual life is stronger than ever. We had three grocery stores: Hunt Campbell, Nicholas and Edith Leakins, and Herbert Fredericks. All three stores were on West All Saints Street. Leakins store originated from Phebus Avenue. Fresh meat was the only item not sold in these stores. A shoe repair shop and shoeshine parlor was owned by Eliza Ball. He did a thriving business.

There was one pastor that will always stand out in my memory besides the Rev. Ezra Williams (father of them all). It was the Baptist minister who lived on West All Saints Street but pastored a church in Virginia. The Rev. Ruben Nickens was a walking wealth of knowledge. I loved to talk to him and he always loved to talk about the greatest book of all The Holy Bible, He all times reached out to people with an open heart. He probably could walk with king and not out of place. He was a man that was proud of his race.

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*Look Over Your Shoulder to See Where You Are Going
An African-American Culture Project*

Belva's Look Over Your Shoulder To See Where You Are Going Project uses historical data, such as, but not limited to, photos, documents and artifacts, to educate the general public as to how the African-American experience has not only affected the African-American communities but also the general local, state and national communities.

Belva D. King

Belva's Old News Letter

The news articles are about
Emancipation
from the 1884 to 1950

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EMANCIPATION - PARI 1MANCIPATION DAY

A farmer from Pocahontas county, West Virginia, appeared in Staunton the other day searching for an auction block and an auctioneer. He was dumb-founded when told that there were no slave auctions in Virginia. He returned to his mountain home unable to sell the two slaves he had desired to sell. He had cultivated his farm all these years in ignorance of the emancipation proclamation.

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EMANCIPATION DAY

The colored citizens of Frederick county will hold their twenty-first annual emancipation celebration in this city on Wednesday, August 27th. They always have immense crowds to witness the observation and this year redoubled efforts will be put forth to eclipse previous demonstrations. The Capital City Guards of Washington will attend. Among the many prominent speakers will be Hon. H. Clay Naill, Charles W. Miller, Charles E. Swann, John C. Purdy, Hon. C. F. Markell. The fair grounds will be the head quarters for the day and a grand parade will be another of the attractions.

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THE EMANCIPATION CELEBRATION

The Emancipation celebration of the colored people of this city and county is going off very successfully in every way. There are several thousand persons participating with all the elements of a grand jubilee, and among them are organizations from Urbana, Wolfsville and other portions of the county, from Washington, D. C., and Baltimore. The parade was a highly successful feature, but was not participated in by the Washington contingent, who came with the National Rifles, a crack and well drilled military company from the National Capital, they not reaching here until after 12 o'clock. This afternoon the fair ground is the scene of the festivities and speeches are being made indicated in THE NEWS of yesterday.

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EMANCIPATION DAY

A general meeting of Marshals of the Frederick County Emancipation celebration association will be held in Odd Fellow Hall this evening and the association proper will hold a business meeting at the same place tomorrow evening.

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EMANCIPATION CELEBRATION

Thomas Miller, chairman pro-tem of the Emancipation Celebration, has called a meeting to be held at the Black Horse Hotel at 8 o'clock tomorrow night. It is desired by those interested that all colored people in the city and county come together harmoniously and work in concert and make the celebration a grand success.

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COLORED EMANCIPATION CELEBRATED

Wilkesbarre, Pa. Aug 2 - The anniversary of Lincoln's emancipation proclamation was celebrated by the colored people of northwestern Pennsylvania at West Side Park yesterday. Mayor Nichols of this city, delivered the principal address. There were also addresses by Rev. D. S. Bentley, D. D. and Rev. J. Harvey Anderson, Miss Ruth Bevels, of Stroudsburg, read Lincoln's emancipation proclamation and Miss May Cora Tucker of this city, read the Declaration of Independence.

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TWO EMANCIPATION PICNICS

Two emancipation picnics are announced for next month. One will be held by the Afro-American Club at the fair grounds on August 6, and the Patriotic Emancipation Association announces that it will hold one at the same place on August 13.

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EMANCIPATION TOMORROW
A Very Large Colored Celebration
Expected at Fair Grounds.

The forty-eighth annual Emancipation celebration of the colored citizens of Frederick county will be held at the fair grounds tomorrow. The affair promises to be a big one and delegations are expected from various sections of the county.

The crowds will assemble at headquarters on West All Saints street in the morning where a line of march will be formed for the parade to the fair grounds. The Hopeland, Bartonsville and New Market Bands and Dorseys Drum Corps are expected to be in line.

At the grounds Rev. James F. Lee, of Hopeland, will be master of ceremonies. Rev. M. Morsell will be the orator of the day. Other speakers will be R. H. Hill, of Wilmington, Del., Pres. Crippon, Rev. L. J. Valentine, and Rev. J. W. Townes.

There will be a number of attractions on the grounds, including an exhibition drill, band contests, baseball, and other sports. At night the lantha Orchestra will play at Nazarite Hall. At the conclusion of the exercises at the park there will be a parade to headquarters on West All Saints Street.

The officers are: J. H. Bruner, President; Charles H. Smith, secretary, and J. L. Murdock, general manager.

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EMANCIPATION DAY
*Annual Ceremonies Held at
Frederick Fairgrounds*

More than 500 persons from every section of Frederick and adjoining counties attended the annual Emancipation Day ceremonies at the Fair Ground Thursday. The program was featured by an address by Bernard Ades, Baltimore attorney who spoke tolerance. He referred to the Euel Lee and Scottsboro cases and commented on the fight between capital and labor.

In the athletic events, the speedball game was won by the F.I.C., which defeated the Owls, 14-13. The 100 yard dash was won by John Davis, with R. V. Bowins, second. Tony Wagner and Arthur Bryant tied for

first place in the half-mile run and split the prize, R. V. Bowins was next. The games were under the direction of William Jones. Rev. W. I. Snowden was master of ceremonies.

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THE GREAT FREDERICK COUNTY

THE GREAT FREDERICK COUNTY "Band Day" at the Fair Grounds yesterday was one of the most unique affairs ever held in the county. Ten bands were in attendance and a tournament, four horse races and other attractions were held. About 7,000 people crowded in the bandstand and along the quarter stretch. This is Emancipation Day and excursions came from various points. The grand parade was held at 10:30 a.m. and there were a number of attractions at the Fair Grounds. A dance will be held tonight.

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FOR SALE

FOR SALE - THE EMANCIPATION building. 160-160-A w. All Saints St. Apply to C. E. Holland, 116 W. All Saint St. 2-6,8,11de3t.

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PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Emancipation Association, Inc. to Lemoyne Goe and wife, city,
\$4,600.

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News On All Saints Street
*A Glimpse of the way it was for
African Americans in Frederick County*
September 2008

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FROM THE PAST NEWS ON ALL SAINTS STREET

TO BUILD NEW CHURCH

Asbury M.E. Trustees Buy Property
With That End in View

COR. ALL SAINTS AND ALLEY

Erection of New Building Will
Mean Great Improvement

The purchase of the Welty property on West All Saints Street by the trustees of Asbury M.E. Church, as was announced in the News Saturday, will mean a great improvement to West All Saints Street and Brewery Alley.

The church brought the property for the purpose of erecting a new building on the site and already plans are being looked into by the pastor Rev. L.J. Valentine, and the church officials, with the hope of being able to go forward at once with the new church.

Several years ago the church purchased a vacant lot on South Bentz Street near the intersection of West All Saints Street with a view of erecting a church there, but when the Welty property came into the market, the pastor suggested the purchase of the property and his suggestion was carried out Saturday.

Rev. Valentine stated this morning that some of the members were inclined to wait until later for the building of the church, but he has advised them to "Strike while the iron's hot," and go forward with the plans at once. The church on East All Saints Street is in need of repairs, and it is thought best to use that money which would be expended in making the repairs toward the cost of the new building.

The building of a church on the site will be hailed with delight by the residents of West All Saints Street, as it will remove several houses on Brewery Alley, which have a very bad reputation. Several months ago an effort was made to rent the property on the corner of the alley for a saloon, but a protest was made by the more respectable colored residents of the neighborhood, and Mr. Welty refused to rent the property for a saloon.

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NOTICE

Application has been made to the undersigned by
SAMUEL S. JENKINS AND
EARLSTON E. WANSEL
For a license to sell beer at the premises known as
No. 118 WEST ALL SAINTS STREET
FREDERICK, MD

The said license to be known as an ON SALE license, which would permit the licensee to sell the aforesaid beverages at retail at the place therein described for consumption on the premises or elsewhere.

The application is made in accordance with Chapter 2 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland. Special Session of 1933. And is on file in this office. Any exception to the issuance of the license must be filed with the undersigned within a period of one week from the publication of this advertisement, otherwise the license applied for will be issued. The manner of filing exceptions is described in the act, a copy of which is on file in the Clerk's office.

ELI G. HAUGH

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A BUSINESS MEETING

The Young men's Republican Club held a business meeting last night in their rooms on Court Street to make arrangements for today's work. The doors were closed to the press. A delegation was sent to the colored Republican meeting on West All Saint Street.

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A COLORED REPUBLICAN MEETING

West All Saint Street was ablaze with torches and Chinese lanterns last night. The children of Ham who claim the Republican party as their mother rallied in large numbers to hear their favorite doctrines explained by Hon. Milton Burner, Capt. J.S.B. Hartsock, and Charles E. Swann and John E. Purdy, orators of their own color. The attendance was large and the audience was most enthusiastic. The Young Men's Republican Club sent a delegation to the meeting headed by the G.A.R. drum corps. Before the meeting the colored Republicans had a torchlight procession which passed through the principal streets of our city. The usual number of young "coons" completely encircled the procession during the parade, drawn together from all parts of the city by the inspiring strains of the G.A.R.,

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PURELY PERSONAL

Miss Hattie Wilcoxon, of West All Saint Street, has returned home after a pleasant sojourn with friends in Baltimore.

Mrs. Ida L. Chew, East All Saint Street, returned home Saturday evening from a ten day visit to friends in Baltimore.

Mrs. Peter Kreh, West All Saint Street, returned home Saturday from a two week visit to her daughter, Mrs. Geo. Yors, in Baltimore

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Mrs. Frank Waite, of Washington, D.C., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Luther Frazier, West All Saint Street.

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Misses Allie Young and Minnie Young, of Baltimore, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Davis, West All Saint Street, for the past two months, have returned much pleased with Frederick.

Chas. E. Patterson, of Baltimore, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Davis, has returned home.

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AT REST

The funeral of Flora Matthews took place yesterday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, from her late residence, 89 Ice Street. The services were held in the M.E. Church. Rev. Osborne Ingle of All Saints P.E. Church, assisted by Rev. Mr. Carroll, conducted the services. The pall bearers were James Stanton, Clinton Nailor, John Williams, Robert Campbell, Wm. James and Samuel Taney. Interment in Workingmen's Cemetery. A.T. Rice & sons, undertakers.

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PROPERTY SALES

The house and lot situated on West All Saints Street, opposite McMurray's canning factory, and occupied by John C. Gant, was sold at the Court House this morning by Wm. D. Bowers

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RUMMAGE SALE

Friday, Dec. 2nd, 7 P.M. to 9. Saturday Morning, 9 A.M. Until.

BAPTIST CHURCH BASEMENT

West All Saint Street

Benefit DeMolay Boys

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SERENADED

The Frederick Cornet Band was out last evening in all their glory with a full attendance. They serenaded the family of Leonard Notangle, on West All Saint Street, and were taken in and treated hugely. Robert Thomas, on South Market Street, was not forgotten for services rendered some time back, and was also kindly remembered. The music was fine, the rare condition of the atmosphere added considerably to the harmony in the music. They forgot the printer.

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“HANGMAN FOOTE”

[Ben: Perley Poore]

Senator Foote, of Mississippi, was what the Virginia darkeys used to call a “puddin’-stick,” never letting an opportunity pass for stirring up angry passions. On one occasion, when Senator John P. Hale, of New Hampshire, had dared to advocate emancipation in the District of Columbia and elsewhere, Mr. Foote said: “If the senator from New Hampshire will visit the good state of Mississippi, where I have the honor to reside, he will be received with hosannas and shouts of joy. I invite him there, and tell him in all honesty that he could not go ten miles into the interior before he would grace one of the tallest trees of the forest, with a rope around his neck, and, if necessary, I would assist in the operation.” This won for him the sobriquet of “Hangman Foote.”

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EMANCIPATION DAY

The colored citizens of Frederick county will hold their twenty-first annual emancipation celebration in this city on Wednesday, August 27th. They always have immense crowds to witness the observation and this year redoubled efforts will be put forth to eclipse previous demonstrations. The Capital City Guards of Washington will attend. Among the many prominent speakers will be Hon. H. Clay Nail, Charles W. Miller, Charles E. Swann, John C. Purdy, Hon. C. F. Markell. The fair grounds will be the head quarters for the day and a grand parade will be another of the attractions.

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EMANCIPATION ECHOES

It Was a Big Day For the Colored People and They Enjoyed It

It is estimated that about 3,000 persons were present at the Emancipation celebration yesterday. This is the only place in the State where the day is celebrated. Addresses were delivered by A. J. Reed and W. Ashbie Hawkins, of the Baltimore bar, the former speaking on the past, present and

future of the colored man in America. Hawkins discussed slavery and the emancipation. At the close of the exercises and amusements at the Fair grounds a line of parade was taken up from the Fair grounds to the city, and the various streets were traversed.

The line of parade was formed as follows: The chief marshal and his aids, 10 in number; Jenkins' Band, the Frederick City Guards and the Eagle National Guards of Baltimore, a band from Baltimore, The Baltimore Rifles, the Royal League Social Club, Baltimore, which performed many manoeuvres during the parade; the Nazarite Band, Baltimore; carriages containing colored clergymen and guest, two drum corps, one from this city and one from Baltimore. There was a juvenile colored drill corps of this city in line which performed very creditably many evolutions during the parade. One of the features of the parade was a wagon containing the Goddess of Liberty and children representing the States. The whole was very creditable and the behavior along the route of the parade was very orderly. Among the visitors yesterday were several colored bicyclists.

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REGIONAL

In conjunction with Black History Month, Harpers Ferry National Historical Park will exhibit "Abraham Lincoln at Cooper Union: Prelude to Emancipation" focusing on Abraham Lincoln's 1860 speech against the expansion of Slavery. Exhibit will be on the second floor of the John Brown Museum on Shenandoah Street in Harpers Ferry, W Va. 304-535-6029.

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AFRICAN-AMERICAN TOURISM BROCHURE UNVEILED ON 145TH ANNIVERSARY OF EMANCIPATION CELEBRATION

Contributors and members of the Tourism Council of Frederick County gathered along Carroll Creek on Monday to commemorate the 145th anniversary of a local celebration of Emancipation Monday, as well as unveil the new African American Heritage Brochure.

The Asbury United Methodist Church Mass Choir was on hand to perform songs sung at the original Emancipation festival in Frederick.

The tourism council brochure is an updated version of the one completed in 2001, and includes more illustrations and five new sites of interest

related to local African-American history.

They include: the Best Farm at Monocacy National Battlefield, once the site of a slave village for Frederick County's second largest slave population; the Needwood estate of Thomas Sim Lee, where 200 slaves were kept at one time and around which freed slaves established a settlement; and Frederick's Community Bridge Mural and the William O Lee Unity Bridge, both in Carroll Creek Park, are others.

The brochure also has a suggested walking tour itinerary for sites in Frederick, while county locations are listed by themes, including "communities and churches" and "industry."

"I'm excited this is happening," said Kevin Lollar, a member of the project's advisory committee and director of development for the Housing Authority for the City of Frederick. "Frederick is leading the way when it comes to addressing inclusiveness."

In a statement at the event, Lollar said thousands of African-Americans gathered in an area known as "Howard's Woods" on Aug. 23, 1865, to celebrate Emancipation in the state, first declared in November 1864.

In 1867, between 5,000 and 8,000 people attended another Emancipation event in an area north of Frederick known as "Worman's Woods," he said.

The celebration became an annual affair until 1939, and often included train excursions, picnics, parades and a variety of other entertainment, he said.

Tourism in the county related to African-American history is a long held tradition, and Lollar said the brochure helps shed light on that tradition and adds context to the area's larger history.

Christopher Haugh, scenic byway and special projects manager for the tourism council, collected information for the brochure and wrote the final draft.

He said new findings, like the slave village at Best Farm, are adding important information to the story of blacks in Frederick County.

He hopes people researching their own heritage, who also have helped with the brochure, will continue to share their information with the broader community.

"We've got so much to offer here for visitors and residents of Frederick County," Haugh said.

Belva King, a local historian, said she was ecstatic to see her grandfather, Walter Bowie, and several cousins and uncles in the photograph on the front page of the brochure.

The image, of a marching band in front of a local church, reminded King of watching her relatives perform in local parades in the 1950's.

"I think it's wonderful," she said.

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The following stories were written by three well know historians. Mrs. Kathleen Snowden, Mr. Charles Brooks and Mrs. Agnes Cullen, who are very well known historians. Please enjoy.

Belva King

Belva's Old News Letter

The news articles are about
The Older African American Founder
from the 1912 to 2002

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A FINE FAMILY OF PHYSICIANS

In 1996, the Community Foundation of Frederick County launched an endowment fund in Memout of Dr. Ulysses Bourne Jr.

Dr. Ulysses Bourne Jr. was a graduate of Stonier College in Harpers Ferry, W. Va; Lincoln Universty in Oxford, Pa, and Meharry Medical School in Nashville, Tenn.

He was an active member of his church, the community and was a member at large of the Frederick City Hygiene Commission and on the advisory committee of the Frederick County Board of Education. He practiced medicine for 46 years before retiring in 1980. He died in 1983.

Dr. Blanch Bourne Tyree, a graduate of Howard Universty College of Medicine, chose pediatics as her specialty field.

After private practice, she was appointed deputy director of public health for the District of Columbia; was a professor at Howard University, and worked at the former department of Health, Education and Welfare.

After retirement, she chose to move back to Frederick and has remained active in the community.

She is the host of a program on Channel 10 geared to senior citizens, is on the board of associates at Hood College and serves on many other charitable and community organizations. She and her husband, Chris Tyree, reside in Crestwood Village.

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FREDERICK ODD FELLOWS ATTEND MEETING AT MOUNT AIRY LODGE ONE OF LARGEST IN STATE

Mr. Walter Hutchison, Noble Grand had charge of the meeting and introduced the various speakers. Grand Warden F. G. Dorsey, represented the Grand Lodge of the State of Maryland. Addresses were made by the following persons: Grand Warden Dorsey, ex-judge Glenn H. Worthington, A. D Willard, W. H. Beall, Justice C. H. Eckstein, Eli G. Haugh, Charles Strokes and Charles Miller.

At conclusion of the regular session of the lodge the members and vistors were served a banquet in the hall provided for that purpose.

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CARDS OF THANKS

I would like to thank Shapiro, Dr. Miller, nurses, aides and orderly for the kindness and care during my time at the hospital. With the deepest appreciation for my Rev. John T. Ford and Asbury Church, and friend and relatives for cards and flowers

**GOOD BLESS YOU ALL
EMMA DUCKETT**

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FREDERICK WILL HONOR MOTHERS

The mothers of seniors on the Frederick High School basketball team will be honored tonight before the Catoclin-Frederick game at TJ.

The mothers include Mrs. Anna Ambush (mother of Donnie Ambush), Mrs. Alma Hall (mother of Kirk Hall), Mrs. Constance Hill (mother of Monte Hill), Mrs. Katherine Swann (mother of Ralph Swann), Mrs. Shirley Fritz (mother of Richard Fritz) and Mrs. Ann Maples (mother of John Maples).

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A BLACK CITIZEN'S REFLECTIONS ON SCHOOL AND THE COMMUNITY OPINION/COMMENTARY

The present status of educational opportunities in the public schools of Frederick County was addressed by the Political Umbrella Group of Frederick County (PUG) on Jan. 7, 1987, at the regular meeting of the School Board. We drew attention to the reality that black youth are poorly served by their current placement in the educational system as regards instructional levels and academic programs. We noted, further, that the Vo-Tech Center includes few black youths in its vocational training programming which might lead to responsible jobs after high school

Warren Dorsey

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DAMASCUS DOT SURVEY MAY NOT HAVE ADDRESSED SPECIAL NEEDS OF AREA

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HEALTH DEPT. IS SUPER

Many thanks to the Frederick County Health Department for the Breast Cancer Bosom Buddy Bash.

Recognizing and conquering this disease was emphasized with much useful information. Even though men account for just 1 percent of the morbidity, the significance is as great for those men affected as it is for the women.

M. ALFERNIA DAILEY
FREDERICK

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NOMINATIONS MADE FOR SCHOOL BOARD

The local units of two political parties have presented their nominations to Gov. Harry Hughes for two positions on the school board, open as of July 1.

The terms of Rita S. Gordon, board president and William B. Barnes, who has served since 1970, draw to a close this year.

The Frederick County GOP Central Committee has nominated Claude Delauter and Ann Burnside Love for appointment to the county board. Mrs. Margeret Lee Brown has been nominated by the Democratic Central Committee and Mrs. Gordon has been recommended for reappointment.

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QUINN A.M.E.

Annual Woman's Day will be held at the Quinn A.M.E. Church, 108 E. Third St., Sunday, Oct. 20. Morning services will be held at 11 a.m. followed by a dinner to be served to the congregation and guests.

A pageant will be held at 11 a.m. followed by a dinner to be served to the congregation and guests.

A pageant will be held at 7 p.m. President of the activities is Mrs. Pearl Simpson, with vice-president Mrs. Minyon Brown, Mrs. Fancis Robinson, Miss. Freda Thompson and Mrs. Ruth Onley. Secretaries are Mrs. Virginia Smith, Mrs. Mary Mason and Mrs. Marie Monroe. Program chairman is Mrs. Eliza Duckett. The pastor, the Rev. M. B. Simpson invites the public to attend.

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OFFICIALS PRAISE NICKENS LAW, ORDER WARNING

Local elected and law enforcement officials today praised the statement from the local NAACP's president warning troublemaker's to obey the laws.

Among the comments obtained on Lord Nicken's statement were praise from two county commissioner's, the city's first black alderman, the mayor, and a city and state police spokesman. None of the officials contacted expressed anything but praise for Nickens' stand.

The following responses were obtained from area officials:

Delgate Julien P. Delphey responded: I heartily agree that we have to have law and order. If the youth, black or white, do not respect our police then they will have to suffer the consequences. I'm a firm believer that continued, "not to overreact" but it is important that there has now come a recognition among the blacks that their own house can and must be cleaned up."

Alderman Delauter, a prominent black leader of the city, asserted, "It is time they (the trouble-making youth) are told that they are wrong. They certainly are wrong."

He said activities of a few youngsters must not be allowed to give "a wrong connotation" of what "we Afro-Americans" stand for. "We are equal

Americans. But this (efforts for black progress) is being used in a negative way. It is being taken out of context.

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MASONS CELEBRATE

Fredericktonian Masonic Lodge #12 celebrated its 30th annual ball on May 25. Left to right are, seated, Cornelius Williams, John Richards, Herman Williams, Thomas Ambush Sr., James Ambush, Claude Delauter Jr.; middle row, Ellis Hackett, Austin T. Bowie, Kenneth Thompson, Gerald Bowie, Paul Haynesworth, Paul Sims, Kenneth Parker, James Hill; back row, Louis Holland Jr., Joseph Smothers, Richard Weaver, Richard King, Willie Wright, Frederick Bryant and Thomas Ford. Members who organized the first ball in 1960 included Past Master Austin Bowie, Thomas Ambush Sr., James Ambush, Ellis Hackett and Claude R. Delauter Jr.

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POST ELECTS

At a recent meeting of the William P. Larkin Post, No. 12 of the American Legion, this city, officers for the coming year were elected as follows: Commander, Herman Daley; first vice commander, James Jefferson; second vice commander, Lawrence Thomas; finance officer, John Foreman; historian, Eldridge Lee; sergeant-at-arms, Warren Daley; Chaplain, Stanley Sewell.

Reyner Fisher, Herman Daley, Herman Brown, and Lawrence Thomas were elected as delegates to the American Legion convention to be held in Cumberland August 14-17.

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BLACKS, HIRING AND THE FREDERICK COUNTY SCHOOLS

Editor's note: On Wednesday the Political Umbrella Group of Frederick County addressed the Frederick County Board of Education on the issue of blacks in the school system. The following is complete text of the group's statement. The organization's governing board consists of Warren G. Dorsey, Chris Tyree, Earl H. Robbins Jr., William O. Lee Jr., and George E Dredden Jr.

The Political Umbrella Group of Frederick County appreciates this opportunity to air its concerns for the quality of education presently provided to the low socio-economic student group which includes the vast majority of black students. We are equally concerned about the low instance of hiring of black professionals-especially those who staff the classrooms. We are a non-partisan community-based group of citizens with diverse economic, educational and work experience backgrounds. Our binding force is our dedication to pursue courses of action intended to secure rights, privileges and opportunities for all citizens of this county which are presently available, without impediment, to the more privileged segment of the community.

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MORE DRAFT NUMBERS AND NAMES DRAWN ON TUESDAY

Additional names drawn in the draft Tuesday are given below. Order numbers are listed first, then serial numbers, names and addresses. The order numbers are unofficial

Draft Board One

Order

No.	Serial	Name--Address
398	3123	James Roberts Jackson, colored. 109 St., Frederick
399	3835	Clarence William McGaha, Burkittsville
415	678	Earl Monroe Winpigler, Route 2, Frederick
416	1930	<u>Rueben Burnett</u> , Colored, Buckeystown
417	78	Marshall Columbus Baker, 217 E. Patrick St. Frederick
418	3347	Thomas Elsworth Bowie, colored, 482 W. Patrick St. Frederick

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BANK OF BRUNSWICK ELECTS DIRECTORS, OFFICERS FOR 1979

The annual meeting of stockholders of The Bank of Brunswick was held Tuesday, Jan. 23, at which time the following directors were elected: David J. Arnold, Berkeley B. Baker, M. Roland Biserk, Emory V. Frye, Charles A. Gross, Dixie D. Kilham, Robert K. Moler, W. Carlos Myers, Millard S. Smith Jr., Paul W. Shafer and Robert G. Hooper. Hooper, a new member of the board, is associated with Baker Watts and Co., investment bankers, Frderick. He resides in the Jefferson area.

The board appointed Vicki Cooper, head teller; Marie Pentoney and Dale McAllister, tellers; Thelma I. Grams, clerk-teller. Alice R. Baker was appointed head bookkeeper. Other bookkeepers appointed were Martha E. Carmack, Betty Stauffer and Betty Best Gaither. N. Virginia Hartman was named loan service officer and Agnes Smallwood was appointed custodian.

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FREDERICK COUNTY MEN HAVE PASSED PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS

Twenty men were on the lists of the two local Draft Boards Tuesday as available for immediate military service at the time of the next call for draftees. The men have passed their physical examinations and there are no dependency barriers to keep them from service. The next call is expected soon.

Draft Board One has sixteen men on its list and Draft Board Two has four men. The latter list will be increased after Thursday's physical examinations at which time fourteen registrants have been ordered.

Draft Board Two

Order

No.	Serial	Name--Address
454	2135	<u>Leo Randolph</u> , colored, Ijamsville

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FORMER LINCOLN SCHOOL FACULTY HOLDS REUNION

Members of the faculty of the former Lincoln School held a reunion recently with visitors coming from as far as Akron, Ohio; Detroit, Mich.; and Philadelphia, Pa.

In the years before integration, Lincoln was only the black school in Frederick. The current South Frederick, B Building is where Lincoln School--high and elementary--located.

Among the activities was a banquet at the Quality Inn with a speech by Duval Sweadner, a former supervisor; a tour of Frederick led by Alderman William O. Lee and a memorial breakfast with the Rev. Leon Frisby, a former shop teacher at Lincoln and now a Philadelphia minister, giving the address.

The committee for the reunion consisted of Ellain McGhee Brooks of New Jersey, Barbara Southall Lee of Philadelphia, Margaret Lee Brown, Ruth Collins Dredde, Gwendolyn Henson Swann, Edith Addison Alford, Nicholas E. Leakins and William O. Lee, all of Frederick.

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DAMASCUS DOT SURVEY MAY NOT HAVE ADDRESSED SPECIAL NEED OF AREA.

The funding of the Damascus Transportation Survey, which was released on May, 28, has been given Montgomery County officials a clearer picture of commuting patterns but may have failed to address the transportation needs that got the survey started.

Some members of the Damascus Transportation Task Force said that the survey failed to address the needs of the poor, elderly, minorities or handicapped people, many of who have no cars.

In February the task force was set up by county transportation officials, after Inez MaCabee, who is on the board of directors of HELP, a community action agency, asked for help in meeting the special needs of people who have no cars and public transit system.

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CULTURAL CELEBRATION BEGINS WITH KWANZAA

Almeretta Gray, of Ijamsville, displays the Kwanzaa cards she purchased in preparation for the holiday that begins today. She was joined by her daughter, Joni Gray, left, and granddaughter, Nicole Millberry.

Many African-Americans here will be focusing on family and cultural heritage for the next seven days as Kwanzaa gives them a chance to celebrate.

Although the celebration is only 30 years old, Kwanzaa is all about history and principles deeply rooted in traditional African communities.

The celebration was started in 1966 by Maulana Karenga, a California educator, who wanted to keep the African culture and principles intact in America.

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JULIUS CAESAR

On Sept. 20, 2012 my cousin Carol wrote in about her grandfather and grandmother. She has some questions she would like to get some answers to. Is there any one out there who could help her?

EMANCIPATION JUBILEE

Our colored brethren throughout the county and city are making extensive preparations for their annual emancipation jubilee. It will occur on August 12th and will be marked by a procession in the morning, with Julius Caesar as Chief Marshal, and a picnic at Fair Grounds in the afternoon. Address will be delivered by prominent colored speakers. Among the visiting organizations which will participate in the parade will be the colored Cadet Corps, the Capital City Guards and the Butler Zonaves of Washington, D. C., and the Baltimore Rifles, the Grant Memorial Guards and three other companies from Baltimore.

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STAGE FRIGHT AMONG SUPES

Julius Caesar at the Duke of Meiningen's was due to the perfection of the disciplines among the number of characters. Here when we have a Roman spectacle it is tough to make the supes "Look like Roman citizen".
Philadelphia Times July 17, 1884

The Frederick City Guards is an institution of the people, by the people, for the people. - Captain Julius Caesar

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We had a better behaved crowd at our Emancipation celebration yesterday than ever before, and made out better in every way. Capt. Julius Caesar.

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C. L. S. C. a pleasant meeting of Chantauga Circle was held on Thursday evening of the residence of Miss Mamie Dill. The time was devoted to the reading of Shakespear's Julius Caesar in which all the member were exceedingly interested and the hours aped rapidly as they always do at these delightful gathering. The next meeting will be held at Deaf and Dumb Institute on Thuesday evenings, May 4.

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The annual excursion and reunion of the Knights of St. Augustine, of Baltimore, Frederick and Washington, will take place at Island Park, on August 2, next. A train will leave this city at 7:30 a.m., on that day and the fare for adults will be 65 cents, that for children 35 cents. The committee on arrangements at this end of the line are: Julius Caesar, Samuel Stanton, Jesse B. Williams, Wm. Hill, Thos. Jones, Jos. Weeden and Geo. McCormick

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TO ISLAND PARK

The knights of St. Augustine of this city left here in a body this morning over the Baltimore and Ohio railroad for Island Park, where they were joined by orders from Baltimore and Washington, The number of tickets sold from this city was 205. The following gentlemen composed the committee of arrangements: Geo. McCormick, Thos. Jones, Jesse B. Williams, Wm. Hill, Joseph Weedon, Samuel Stanton and Julius Caesar.

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GONE TO HAGERSTOWN

The Frederick City Guards, Captain Julius Caesar, with Jenkins Cornet Band left this morning over the B & O for Hagerstown, accompanied by about 75 excursionists. They went to help celebrate the first anniversary of the Lone Star Club. There will be a game of baseball between a Hagerstown and Frederick team.

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Belva, this article was found in the Frederick News-Post Archives dated 19 November 1881. Owen Diggs was my maternal great grandfather.

In the Republican parade on Friday evening last among the transparencies was one as follows: "Packet Boat for Salt River", David Caesar, Captain, John Taylor, 1st mate, Owen Diggs, 2nd mate, Lewis Weeks, cook, John James, bootblack, John Clark, scrub, Wm. Tonsell, dishwasher, and Wilson Neal, hostler. On Saturday evening last, David Caesar and John James waiting on Thomas Mills, who, it seems, was the instigator of the

banner, and asked for an explanation as to why their names should be used on a banner of this kind, and Mills not giving the necessary whys and wherefores. Caesar and James proceeded to the front of the house where the banner was standing and cut the transparency to pieces.

THE FREDERICK ASSOCIATES HOLD ITS 31ST ANNUAL CELEBRATION

The Frederick County Emancipation Celebration Association held its thirt-first annual demonstration in this city today, the event being a success in every particular, with fine weather for it and every arrangement carried out without a flaw. Excursionists from Baltimore, Washington, Hagerstown, Martinsburg and other points arrived on early trains over the Baltimore and Ohio and Pennsylvania Railroads, and many came in vehicles of every description from many points in this and adjoining counties.

At 10 o'clock a parade was formed on West All Saints street, where a handsome evergreen arch was erected, and moved from there to Market street, countermarching on West Patrick, to the Fair grounds. It was headed by Jenkins' Cornet Band, of Frederick, followed by Kilpatrick Post, G. A. R., of this city, the Frederick City Guards, Capt. Julius Caesar; the Skids, a local social club; delegations from the county districts, including a large bus in which rode a number of young ladies dressed in red, white and blue, each representing a State of the Union, while in the center sat Miss Columbia, holding the sceptre and the flag of the Republic. The rear was brought up by the visiting delegations, Viz.: Capital City Guards, Washington, D.C., the Banneker Club, Guy and Lincoln Posts, G. A. R., Silver Springs Social Club, Nazarite Cornet bands, Capt. Frank Johnson, leader' Silver Springs band, Chas. Hill, leader' National Guard Drum and piccolo band, Maj. Archie Washington, leader; Terra Cotta band, Gaithersburg band, David Stewart, leader' Winchester Cornet band, W. Harris, leader and a number of social clubs, baseball nines, beneficial orders, etc. At the fair grounds the parade disbanded and the excursionists enjoyed themselves in many ways. At 3 p.m. there were base ball contests between Cambridge, Washington, Baltimore and Frederick nines, at 4 p.m. a drum corps contest, and at 5:30 p.m. the parade reformed and marched to East street, to Second, to Market to Fourth, to Middle, to Fifth, to Market, to West Second to Record, to Church, to Court, to Patrick, to Bentz, to West All Saints, where it disbanded. This evening there will be a ball and festival in Nazarite Hall,

and at a late hour the excursionists will leave on special trains for home. In addition to the festivities at the fair grounds this afternoon there was mere solid entertainment for those who were inclined that way in the form of speeches of an appropriate and eloquent character by C. E. Nichols of Frederick, master of ceremonies; Geo. McLane, of the Baltimore bar, and others.

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Belva, I found 3 census' for Julius Ceaser. All 3 indicated he lived in Frederick at 417 East Street. In 1870, he was a coachman with \$700 in property. He was married to Sarah A. Brown, born abt. 1841. They had 4 daughters, Gertrude, Alice, Mary E., and Louisa. Sarah's mother, Cecilia Brown lived with them and worked as a domestic servant. By 1880, they had 4 more children, Frances, Marrie, Sebastian, and Maude. Cecilia was still living with them. Julius was now working as a waiter in a hotel. By 1900, Julius was a widower and 2 children were still living at home, Alice and Augustus. Cecilia was still hanging on. Julius was now working as a janitor at the Farmers' and Mechanics' National Bank. He owned his home. It's possible Julius may have come to Frederick from Loudon County, Virginia. I found an article in the archives about a colored couple named Mr. and Mrs. Julius Caesar who lived in Middletown. A man invaded their home and stabbed the couple. Mrs. Caesar did not survive the attack and died from her wounds. This happened in 1890, so it could have been the same Julius Caesar. That's something you can research. Julius was active in several organizations during his lifetime. I found articles to verify that he was involved with a group called the Knights of St. Augustine and another group called Frederick City Guard. He was instrumental in organizing festivities for Emancipation Day and sponsored trips to other cities with bands who competed in parades. All these activities are documented in the archives of the Frederick News and Post. Julius died in 1905 as a result of complications from a disease. He was 65 and was still employed by the bank as a janitor. He was well respected in Frederick. He died at Montevue hospital and buried at St. John's Cemetery in Frederick. After his death, Julius' son David tried to fill his father's shoes, but he was not quite the chip off the old block. The archives were sprinkled with stories of him being arrested for one thing or another. David even had a position at the City Jail, but he was fired for losing his temper. His brother Augustus was sentenced to 5 year in prison for assaulting a man.

Carolyn Davis

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Belva's Old News Letter

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Civil War Slaves

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MRS MARIAH CARPENTER

Graveside funeral services took place at St. John's cemetery on Tuesday at noon for Mrs. Mariah Carpenter, colored, whose death occurred last Friday evening at the home of the Little Sisters of the Poor, Baltimore, where she had been a resident for the past eleven years. "Aunt Mariah", as she was familiarly known locally, was the last of her family and her age was said to be close to a hundred years. She was one of the last of the pre-Civil War slaves in this locality, and was employed as a domestic during her lifetime by several old Frederick families. Her funeral Mass took place at the convent chapel in Baltimore Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock and the body was brought to Frederick where final services were conducted by Rev. John F. Hogan, pastor of St. John's Catholic church.

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OLDTIMER HAS PLENTY TO DO

Ike Ward, of Seville, Florida, celebrated his 111th birthday at Christmas. The former Civil War slave attributes the way he eats to his long life. "I eat just about anything anytime," he says. When not cooking, he is either cutting wood for the stove, gardening, or harvesting sugar cane and making it into syrup.

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EARLY ABOLITIONISTS TRIED IN FREDERICK

In Maryland newspapers before the Civil War, slaves were advertised for sale along with other farm and household equipment. According to T.J.C. Williams in his History of Frederick County, "There were slaves in every house and it was within the power of the negroes to destroy their owners by poison, by fire or by murdering them while asleep"

During the same period the Methodist Episcopal Church opposed slavery. It favored gradual abolition and no Methodist minister was allowed to own slaves. One such preacher from Pennsylvania gave a sermon from a parked wagon in the summer of 1818 in Washington County, Maryland to a crowd of 3,000 including about 400 Negroes who listened from behind the wagon.

In an emotional appeal the minister denounced slavery: “We live in a free country; and that all men are created equal and have inalienable rights, such as life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, we hold as inalienable truths. But there are slaves in our country, and their sweat and blood, and tears declared them such. The voice of our brother’s blood crieth. Is it not a reproach to a man who hold articles of liberty and independence in one hand, and a bloody whip in the other, while a Negro stands and trembles before him, with his back cut and bleeding?”

This sort of talk was considered inflammatory, especially since the audience was racially-mixed and was not the sort of talk often heard by the slaveholding audience. Some were sufficiently shocked by Gruber’s sermon to have him arrested.

He was charged with inciting slaves to “commit acts of mutiny and rebellion in contempt and in open violation of the laws, good order and good government of this State, and to the evil and pernicious example of all other in like case offending and against the peace government, and dignity of the State.”

He was brought to the court in Frederick where he requested his trial be held, possibly hoping that the news had not reached town, and knowing he would get a hostile jury in Washington County. The jury, nevertheless, included several slaveholders.

Roger Brooke Taney, who later, as Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, returned a runaway slave to his owner in the “Dred Scott Case,” was the lawyer who defended Gruber against the angry and frightened slave owners. Taney was, surprisingly, opposed to slavery. He had freed his own slaves and favored their gradual abolition.

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BLACK HERITAGE PANEL NOMINATES 20 ITEMS OF HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE

A list of sites, persons and organizations of black historic significance has been completed by the Frederick County Black Heritage Committee. One of them will be honored with an historic marker.

The heritage committee, composed of a dozen local black historians, was commissioned in July by the county government to arrive at a single person, place or organization that would best be representative of local black achievement.

The Committee on Afro-American Heritage in Maryland encouraged the Frederick County Board of Commissioners to select a landmark or appoint a group to do so. The Afro-American group was commissioned by Gov. Harry R. Hughes to designate a landmark in each of Maryland's 23 counties.

The local group first met Aug. 27, deciding to accept the challenge of the governor and the Baltimore-based Afro-American group. The list was made available Thursday by Peter Eckel, county administrative assistant who saw the project through its research phase.

Lord D. Nickens, president of the local chapter of the NAACP, said in a Monday evening phone interview he had not yet picked any person, organization or place because "there are so many good ones."

Nickens, who chaired the local Heritage Committee through two meetings, said Monday, if he were forced to vote then, he would have to draw a name from a hat.

The nominee list, composed of seven persons, five sites, and eight organizations, will be mailed to the Afro-American committee sometime this week. Eckel said. The winning place, organization or person will be sent to the Baltimore group after one is chosen by the local group at its Oct. 14 meeting.

A vote will decide which of the following nominations becomes the marker:

People:

- William Grinage operated an art studio on West All Saints Street, where he was a photographer, artist and portrait painter. He was famous for two paintings of Christ, one of which hangs in the rectory of Asbury United Methodist Church.

- John Bruner was one of the county's most outstanding educators. He served 41 years in the county school system, 30 of which were served as supervisor of Negro schools. He was the first black to serve in such a capacity on the Western Shore, outside of Baltimore. He was instrumental in establishing the first high school for blacks in the county in 1921. The original one-room limestone school was on West All Saints Street.

- Charles E. Henson was an educator and civic leader from 1938 to 1965, who served as principal of Lincoln School and was supervisor of black schools in the county. He was very active in the Frontiers Club of America and in Asbury United Methodist Church, where he directed the choir.

- Benjamin F. Dailey was born December 29, 1833, in Rockville. He moved to the county as a young boy. Three days before his 30th birthday, he shipped out as a handyman aboard the USS Eutaw, under Lt. Com. Homer C. Blake. The ship was attached to the North Atlantic squadron, under Rear Admiral David D. Porter. It was engaged chiefly in the blockade of the North Carolina Coast, and also the bombardment of Howlett's battery on the James River. His special duty was to get supplies from Newport News, Va. He was discharged Sept. 15, 1865.

- Harry Charles Wolf was born on May 12, 1868, in Pittsburgh, Pa., and moved to the county as a youngster. During his life he was a county school teacher, farmer, lumber mill operator, owned and operated a fish hatchery-now known as Lily Pons-and worked as a road surveyor and building contractor. He ran for the Maryland House of Delegates on the Republican ticket in 1950.

- Dr. Ulysses G. Bourne and Dr. Charles Brooks were general practitioners and provided many services to the black community. They owned and operated a hospital for blacks at 181 West All Saints St. because they could not be admitted to Frederick Memorial Hospital. They were ardent churchgoers and also chartered the Frederick County Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Dr. Bourne once ran on the Republican ticket for the Maryland House of Delegates.

Places

- Bartonsville. Named after a black ex-slave named Greensburg Barton, the unincorporated town is three miles east of the City of Frederick. The ex-slave bought land from a man named Miller and sometime before 1865, built a house there.

- Clagett Center and stone graveyard. The old graveyard with its tumbled down walls is a secluded place on a knoll in the middle of a field. It is near what may have been the site of the original Buckingham house. The owner of the plantation owned three slave families and two bachelor males.

- First Missionary Baptist Church, 141 W. All Saints St. The church was built in 1773, on land leased from John Gilhart. The church was constructed of limestone. The stone was quarried in Frederick. It also had a thatched, four-cornered roof. The church catered to a few free blacks, while most of its members were white. In 1861, separate church services were held for blacks and whites. Blacks have been worshipping at the church for 108 years.

- Sunny Side (Mountsville). The area, a few miles to the northwest of Licksville, was a slave transport point to the south at the end of the Civil War. Many slaves settled on land which they purchased, which was located on the sunny side of Catoctin Ring mountain. One of the last survivors was John McKenley.

- Quinn Chapel African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church. The basement of the church was used as a machine shop, and during the Civil War, was a hospital for soldiers wounded in the Battle of Monocacy. It is believed that, after the war, the first school for Frederick's blacks met in the basement.

Organizations

- Asbury United Methodist Church. Methodism had its beginnings among blacks in Frederick in 1818. The building, erected on East All Saints Street, originally was known as the Old Hill Church. In 1912, the church moved to its present location at the corner of West All Saints and Court Streets. Asbury has been a pillar of leadership in the black community during its 167 years.

- County Masonry began sometime before 1776, according to known history, when the lodge of Free-Masons in Western Maryland was located near New Market. At present, there are two black Masonic lodges in the county - James E. Steuart No. 49 in New Market and Fredericktonian Lodge No. 12 in Frederick.

- Lincoln High School on Madison Street served the county's black students from 1928 until 1962. The building now houses Frederick Elementary School.

- The Afro-American Speaker was published in the 1880's at two locations in Frederick, at the southwest corner of South and Center Streets and at 29 W. Fifth Street. Baltimore's popular Afro-American grew out of the Frederick publication.

- The Emancipation Association was composed of blacks and fostered encouraged education. literary and charitable pursuits and vocations. The organization was at 158 West All Saints St.

- The Joint-Stock Company was established in 1900 for the purpose of purchasing, selling, leasing, improving and disposing of , or dealing in, Maryland land for the loan of money on real or personal property. It was also a savings institution.

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COUNTRY THAT SUPPLIES SLAVES APOLOGIZES

RICHMOND, Va. Officials from the West African nation Benin apologized during a ceremony here for their country's role in once selling fellow Africans by the millions to white slave traders.

The group is making several stops in Virginia and Washington, to publicize President Mathieu Kerekou's recent apologies for his country's participation in the slave trade.

"We cry for forgiveness and reconciliation," said Luc Gnacadja, minister of environment and housing for Benin. "The slave trade is a shame, and we do repent for it."

Benin, a county of 4.7 million people, was called Dahomey in the 17th century, when it was a major supplier of slaves for white exporters shipping from what was called the Slave Coast. Some accounts say Dahomey rounded up more than 3 million people for sale to slave traders.

Mr. Gnacadja spoke Saturday at a James River Dock where, before the Civil War, slaves were shipped into Richmond, unloaded and marched across a bridge to downtown holding pens to await auction.

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JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

Juneteenth Celebration, will be held at the Silver Spring Library on June 18 at 10:30 a.m. Free event is presented by Montgomery County Public Libraries. Program includes storyteller Diane Macklin, who will perform Slave-era tales; Kamnah Bunn, of Project "If Not Us," who will give an historical overview of the informal tradition of Black adoptions; and Anges Kane Callum of the Maryland Humanities Council, who will lead a genealogy workshop on "How to Trace Your Roots." A film short on the life of freed slave and abolitionist Oloudah Equiano will also be screened. Juneteenth, an African American holiday of interest to all, celebrates the end of the Civil War. Slaves in Texas first learned of their freedom on June 19, 1865, two years after President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation. Located at 8901 Colesville Road.

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The news articles are about
Bowie and Thomas Reunion and
Bartonsville Band
Part 2

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Belva's Old News The 50th Bowie and Thomas Reunion



BARTONSVILLE CORNET BAND
Walter Bowie, 86, top right, is the only surviving member of this aggregation of the Bartonsville Cornet Band organized January 4, 1911. Mr. Bowie, father of 12 children, lives in Bartonsville with a son, William, and his family. He is retired from Fort Detrick. A life long member of St. James AME Church, he has taught music to many young people. Others in the band, left to right, were, front row - Willie Brooks, Willie Davis, Jim Diggs, Earl Davis, Wilson Hall; back row, Dick Ross, Bub Ross, Edmund Davis, Roy Bowie, Don Ross and Walter Bowie.

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African American Tour brochure awaits unveiling on August 23, Frederick County will unveil its new African American Tour brochure, and event that coincides with the 145th anniversary of the City of Frederick First Celebration of Emancipation.

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Note: I am very proud and honored that the Bartonsville Band has once again been selected to represent the County on the front panel of the new African American Tour brochure. I gathered a few of the events the band participated in. I hope you enjoy them. Belva

HAS TIES WITH FREDERICK

Lester Bowie, Jr. trumpeter for the Art Ensemble of Chicago and a back up musician for the likes of Jackie Wilson, Aretha Franklin, the Temptations and Gladys Knight and the Pips has ties to Frederick.

Bowie's father Lester, Sr. belonged to the Bartonsville Cornet Band an 11 member group. Three other members of the Bowie family, one of the largest black families in Frederick, also belonged to the Bartonsville Band.

According to an article in Esquire magazine several months ago on Lester Bowie, Jr. the musician still has a black and white photograph of the band prominently displayed in his home in Brooklyn.

With six record albums already issued under his name, Bowie is planning to use the Bartonsville Band picture on his next album cover.

Taken in 1911, it shows 11 black men holding tubas, trumpets, and French horns and surrounding a pass drum inscribed Bartonsville Coronet band reads the Esquire article. Three of Lester's uncles are in the picture when his father was just a boy at the time, but he joined the Cornet Band as soon as he was old enough.

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HELD FRIDAY AFTERNOON ARMISTICE DAY CELEBRATION

Since groups were listed several days ago as having accepted invitations other acceptances have been received and include schools, bands and cadets. In addition to the Frederick High School, St. John's Literacy Institute, The Maryland State School for the Deaf, and the Lincoln High School will participate. The Boys Drum Corps of Westminster also is expected and the Knights of Pythias will march the Harmony Band. Colored cadets from Frederick will March with the Bartonsville Band.

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BANQUET TO NEGRO YANKS

At 8 o'clock in the evening the colored services men will have a banquet at the Asbury M.E. Church. The Negro delegation of service men in line tomorrow will be headed by the Bartonsville Band.

The wearing of uniforms for the ex-service men in the parade is optional and those who care to wear them should not hesitate. The one main reason why the wearing of the uniforms is not compulsory is because many of the returned men wore their uniforms to work in and the thereby ruined them. Others have them packed away in the bottoms of trunks; while a number of the soldiers have already disposed of parts or all of their army clothes.

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NEGRO IMPACT ON AREA NOTED

Another early musical heritage would take us to the Marching Bands of Frederick, Hopehill, Bartonsville, and Oldsfield. Lester Bowie, a member of the Bartonsville Band and a teacher in the St. Louis school system is band director of one of the Midwest and has appeared on TV many times.

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RECOGNITION DAY HONORS MEMBERS

Walter Bowie a loyal member of the church retired from Ft. Detrick. He is a member of the trustee and steward boards of the church, was one of the organizers of the old Bartonsville Band, and continued as an active member of the band until its disbandment.

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ASHBURY S. S HAS OUTING

The picnic of Asbury Methodist Church was held yesterday at the fair grounds and was attended by a large crowd including a number from the surrounding country. The children enjoyed games and amusements during the day and the old time picnic dinner was served on the grounds. The Bartonsville Band was in attendance to enliven the occasion. *Reprinted with the permission of the Frederick News-Post and Randall Family LLC as published on August 23, 1912.*

QUYNN CHURCH PICNIC

The Quynn African Methodist Episcopal church held its annual picnic yesterday at the fair grounds and was attended by a large number of people. The Bartonsville Band paraded the streets in the morning and marched to the grounds at about 10:30 o'clock. The Rev Nicholas Gassaway and John Porter, pastor of the church were the principal speakers. During the day many games were enjoyed by the outers. *Reprinted with the permission of the Frederick News-Post and Randall Family LLC as published on July 18, 1913.*

SCHOLARSHIP AID FUND HONOR TO COMMITMENTS TO OTHER

Charles Bowie worked 32 years for Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Shuff and 28 years for the C & P Telephone Co. He retired in April 1979, but has kept busy helping people in the community.

He was a member of the Bartonsville Band, Elks band of Frederick, and it was his father who organized the Bartonsville Band in 1910.

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MISHAP ALMOST NIPPED CAREER OF LESTER BOWIE 45 YEARS AGO

The News Post recently featured an old photograph of the Bartonsville Band, noting that only one member who was pictured survived. That was Walter Bowie, Lester's oldest brother at 86. The band was started by their father Columbus Bowie who made sure all the children learned music.

Walter Bowie played an important part in Lester's choice of music as a career. The older brother was an outstanding musician. He in turn not only taught Lester to play the trumpet but taught many of Frederick's then young blacks to handle just about any musical instrument.

Lester recalls that after band practice or performances we all sat on Walter's porch and played music. Walter lived near Jug Bridge on US 40. We's sit and play every night. We just kept tootin till we got tired.

Graduating from Lincoln High School, Lester went to Hampton (VA) Institute where I was fortunate to study music under Dr. R. Nathaniel Dent and also with a German music professor.

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LOCAL MENTIONS - FESTIVAL

The Ijamsville AC will hold a festival Thursday evening, August 19th at Pearl Bargain House. Music by Bartonsville Band. If rainy following evening. Benefit the Ball Club. *Reprinted with the permission of the Frederick News-Post and Randall Family LLC as published on August 18, 1973.*

Belva's Old News Letter

The news articles are about
Buffalo Soldier and the
Lincoln Tailoring Company
on West All Saints Street
1951

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BUFFALO SOLDIER



Courtesy photos

Presentation on Buffalo Soldiers given

Frederick Wilson Ambush, right photo, sits astride his horse, Jolly Girl, in 1943. Ambush, a member of a calvary regiment in World War II, was among the men known as Buffalo Soldiers. Buffalo Soldiers is a nickname — legend has it American Indians coined the term — for several U.S. Army units created in 1866 that were comprised entirely of black soldiers, according to a website of the National Park Service. The nickname was applied to all-black military units through the early 1950s. Ambush, above right, now 85, of Washington, attended a recent presentation on Buffalo Soldiers at Rose Hill Manor Park in Frederick, that was given by Erwin Polk, above left, descendant of Thomas Elzey Polk a Buffalo Soldier. The free event was sponsored by The African American Resources and Cultural Heritage Society of Frederick County to generate interest in building a black history museum in Frederick County.



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Top Row, left to right: Mary Streams - Mildred Allen - Lenora Booth - "Shoe" Brown - Charles Hall - Mr. Watts - ? - Catherine Jackson Scott - Teresa Brown - Ricardo Hall (man up top) - Nettie "Tinker" Jackson Morris- Tessie Delauter - ? - Celestine Bowie Dixon - Alice Brown - Estelle Naylor Brown - Thelma Holland

Middle Row, left to right: Helen Thomas - Margaret Fletcher Rice - Margaret Harper - Etta Palmer - Alice Hill - Lillian Davis - Naomi Naylor - Charlotte Green - Amanda Bayton - Bernice Delauter - Evelyn "Sis" Johnson - Peggy Brown Hardy - Florene Wedge - Ada Ogle - ? - Catherine Snowden - Vivian "City" Holland - ? - Katherine Whiten - Dorothy Ambush

Bottom Row, left to right: Liz Thomas - ? - ? - Rebecca Saunders - Sarah Wallace - Marie Naylor - Edna Diggs - Claire Holiday - Mabel Wallace - Claire "Bugs" Hall - Della Gibson - Alberta Lyles - Rosaline Lyles - Console Henderson - Cecillia Holiday - Nellie Hill - Dot Jenkins - Anna Mae White - Veronica Davis - Lola Bowins - Peggy White

Frederick Tailoring about 1950. Later on it was named Sagner and was located on 4th Street. Black seamstress made the pants and white seamstress made the jacket for men's suits.

^ would like to thank Mrs. Lola Williams and Mrs. Beverly Ford for their help in identifying the ladies in the picture. If you know anyone in the picture, please call Belva (301-662-9035). I would like to mention my mom, Mrs. Edna Diggs, worked for the company for 30 years and 20 years at Fort Detrick. I would love to hear from you.

Belva

THE LINCOLN TAILORING CO.

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APPLY MONDAY FOR INTERVIEW

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TAILORING FIRM DINNER, DANCE

450 Attended Event Held At Braddock Heights Last Friday

Approximately 450 employees and guests of the Frederick Tailoring Company attended the 17th annual dinner and dance at the Vindobona, Braddock Heights, on Friday evening. The evening of entertainment marked the anniversary of 17 years of operations of the company in Frederick.

The dinner and dance was held under auspices of the social club with guests attending from Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore as well as Frederick. Toastmaster for the evening was Stanley Sagner, owner and manager of the plant.

Ten employees who became associated with the organization in 1935 were honored as new members of the "Fifteen Year Group"—those who have been with the company fifteen or more years. Employees who became members of that group this year are Frank James, John James, Sallie Crummitt, Hazel Harne, Helen Mullican, Mazie Specht, Zelda Harlow, Katherine Adams, Orville Holtz and Andrew Schiaffino. There are now 42 members of that group.

Introduced to the employees and guests were those who had been with the company since the first year of operations. They are Arthur Greenhut, Isidore Honikberg, Herman Kandel, Sidney Schwartz, Harold Torr, Arthur Rickell, Alice Bussard, Herschel Schwartz, Alta Darr, Helen Gaither, Carrie Moore, Ethel Pickett Crum, Hazel Simpson, Marie Sune, Pauline Dixon, Owen Hollenbaugh, Howard Mull, Sylvia Resiler, Edith Stewart, Blanche Toms and Samuel Sagner.

The Frederick Tailoring Company began operations in 1933 when the present owner, Stanley Sagner, came to Frederick and opened a sewing factory in the old Staley

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**LINCOLN
TAILORING
ASSOCIATION**

All Saints Street



Lincoln Tailoring Company employees in the early 1950's.
Standing left to right: Micleta A. Dailey, Eloise Robinson,
Supervisor, Julia ?, Virgie Wars, Kitty ?
Seated: Helen Thompson

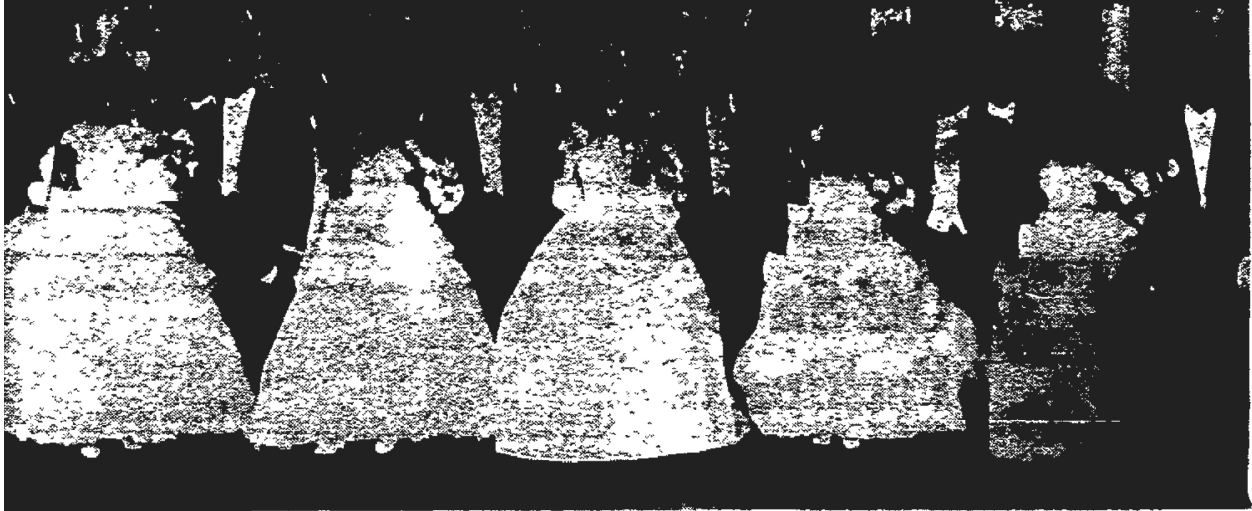
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Belva's Old News Letter

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Frontier Debutantes
and Frederick History

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FRONTIER DEBUTANTES

Some 500 parents, friends, and guests from as far away as Guadualara, Mex., sat in a double circle at the Armory last Friday and witnessed the Fourth Annual Debutante Cotillion sponsored by the Frederick Chapter of the Frontiers of America.

Eleven young ladies, in white floor length bouffant gowns were presented. The debutantes carried bouquets of white carnation, tied with a white satin ribbon. Each carried her bouquet as she executed the debutante's formal bow, after which a Quadrille was danced with her escort. Later in the evening each deb danced a waltz with her father.

Frontiersman Gilmore A. Bentley, first vice-president, served as master of ceremonies and president George E. Dredden Jr., offered greetings to the assembled group.

Miss Betty Proctor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claudie Proctor of Lime Kiln, and sponsored by the Hobby Club of Frederick, was crowned "Queen of the 1961 Debutantes." Her escort was Kenneth Thompson.

Second place honors went to Miss Janet Davis, daughter of Mrs. Ruth Davis of this city, and was sponsored by the Madame C. J. Walker Temple of Elks No. 509. Her escort was Claudie Proctor Jr.

The other debutantes presented were: Miss Yvonne Omega Owens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Owens, of Westminster, sponsored by the Robert Moton PTA, and escorted by Ernest L. Owens Jr., Miss Flora Mae Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kersey A. Jones of Mt. Airy, sponsored by the Frederick-Carroll Bowie Alumni Association: Miss Marlene P. Norris,

daughter of Mrs. Joyce Tucker of Westminster, sponsored by the Robert Moton School faculty: Miss Shirley Bogier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Sheppard of Skyesville, sponsored by the Service and Pleasure Club: Miss Gwendolyn Randolph, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Randolph of Hope Hill, sponsored by the Town and Country Garden Club and the Maplewood Civic Association of Frederick, Douglas Bowie, escort: Miss Joann Harris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Harris of Dickerson, sponsored by the Lincoln School PTA, Alfonso Lee, escort: Miss Joy Hall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James T. Hall of Frederick, sponsored by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Asbury Methodist Church, and St. Peter's Clavers Society, of Frederick, Dwight Hill, escort; Miss Sylvia Brooks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Bowman, sponsored by the Business and Professional Women, Lawrence Brown, escort; Miss Joyce Hill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Hill Sr., of Adamstown, sponsored by Queen Esther Chapter No. 2, Order of Eastern Star, Clyde Perkins, escort.

The Debutante Cotillion is presented in an effort to bring to the Frederick community another cultural outlet. It is also used as a means to promote closer friendship between adjoining counties and organizations. In addition, the young ladies selected, have the benefit of social grooming.

Also as a result of previous cotillions, contributions have been made to numerous charitable projects, some of which are the following: Educational scholarships, Viritigo Research, life membership in N.A.A.C.P., Frederick Memorial Hospital Building fund, Conservation of Sight, and United Appeal.

Officers in addition to Mr. Bentley and Dredden are William H. Garner Jr., second vice-president; David A. Shockley, recording secretary; Floyd C. Dixon, financial secretary; Nicholas E. Leakins Jr., treasurer; Herbert E. Fredericks, sergeant-at-arms; Charles E. Henson, committee coordinator.

Membership committee includes George P. Ambush, Robert S. Ambush, Thomas B. Ambush, Dr. U. G. Bourne Jr., Funston Collins, Claude R. DeLauter Jr., Charles E. Hicks III, John W. Lee, Roger Smith, Dr. G. J. Snowball, Dr. V. E. G. Thompson.

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FRONTIER COTILLION HELD AT FSK; MISS ROSE MARIE DORSEY IS CROWNED QUEEN

Miss Rose Marie Dorsey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Dorsey of this city, was crowned Queen of the 1963 Debutantes Friday at the sixth Frontier International Debutante Cotillion. Some 400 persons attended the ball, sponsored by the local Frontiers organization, held in the main ballroom of the Francis Scott Key Hotel.

Frontiersman George E. Dredden Jr. local president and Eastern Dirtrick secretary, extended greetings to the assembled body. William H. Garner Jr. served as master of ceremonies and read the order of the debutante presentation.

Nine senior high school girls from Frederick, Howard and Carroll counties, in white floor length bouffant gowns were presented. Each debutante carried a bouquet of pink and lavender daisies, tied with a pink ribbon. Each young lady carried her bouquet as she executed her formal bow indi-



vidually, and later when the debutantes assembled and bowed in unison. A quadrille was danced with escorts. The formal ball opened with the fathers waltzing with their debutante daughters.

Miss Dorsey sponsored by Madame C. J. Walker Temple of Elks No. 509, was escorted by Lanell Hill, Miss Fannie Mae Neal, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James G. Neal of Marriottsville, and sponsored by the Fred-Carroll Bowie Alumni Association, was runner up. Her escort was Mr. Ternel Millberry.

The Queen and runner up were awarded gift certificates in addition to charm bracelets inscribed with "Debutante 1963 Frontiers Cotillion."

The other Debutantes presented were; Miss Angalean Woodyard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Woodyard of Westminster, sponsored by Annie C. Smith order of Eastern Star, Wayne Costley, escort; Miss Maxine Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Thomas of Union Bridge, sponsored by Robert Moton P.T.A. of Westminster, Theodore Chase, escort; Miss Barbara Horsey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Horsey of Skysville, sponsored by Service and Pleasure Club of Westminster, Melvin Doweary

Jr., escort; Miss Belva Delores Diggs, Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Diggs, of this city, sponsored by Frontiers International, Ellsworth Hoy, escort; Miss Carol Francene Johnson, ward of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Scott, Adamstown, sponsored by Frontiers International, Henry Ambush, escort; Miss Bernice Delores Nelson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George T. Ambush, Urbana, sponsored by St. Peter Claver Society of Frederick, James Hall, escort; Miss Carol Ann Jackson, daughter of Mrs. Viola Jackson of this city, sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Henson, John Onley, escort.

The Debutante Cotillion is presented annually as one means of promoting close friendship between counties and organizations. It is further offered as another cultural medium to provide social grooming for the young ladies selected.

Previous Cotillions have made it possible to make liberal contributions to numerous projects, such as Vitiligo Research, National Project, life membership in the N.A.A.C. P., United Appeal, Frederick Memorial Hospital building fund, scholarships, conservation of sight, and the YMCA building fund.

Officers in addition to Frontiersman Dredden are Gilmore A. Bentley, vice president; David A. Shockly, recording secretary and state deputy; Charles E. Henson, financial secretary; Nicholas E. Leakuns Jr., treasurer; Herbert Fredericks, sergeant at arms; Claude R. DeLauter Jr., and Dr. V. E. Gladstone Thompson parliamentarians.

Membership in addition to Frontiersman Garner include Frontiersman George P. Ambush, Robert S. Ambush, Thomas B. Ambush, Dr. U. G. Bourne, Funston Collins, Floyd Dixon, Herbert Humphries, Charles E. Hicks, Lorraine Hill, John W. Lee, Theodore W. Stephens and Dr. G. J. Snowball.

The executive director and choreographer for the ball was Mrs. Bernice C. Monore of Baltimore. Music conductor was Richard Harp of this city.

A partial list of those present includes Mrs. Josh Cuilbreath, who recently returned from India with her husband, olympic star Josh Cuilbreath, who was an American specialist in athletics under the auspices of the State Department. Mrs. Cuilbreath is the former Betty Collins of this city and with her mother Mrs. Clarabell Collins wore authentic Indian Sans.

Others included Mrs. Sylvia Hymand, Mrs. Cifford Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fortune, Dr. and Mrs. Clarence Manore, Lt. and Mrs. Robert P. Collins, Edward Wright, Miss Iva Jean Dorsey, Mr. and Mrs. William Jack-

son, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kennedy, Mrs. Catherine Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Ishum Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Sheppard, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Mack, Keerseay Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Doweary, Mrs. Gladys Boyer, Miss Helen Butler, Author Neal, Miss Virginia Neal, Miss Edith Addison, Mr. Samuel Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brown, Mrs. Anna Ambush, Mr. and Mrs. William Lees, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Dorsey, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Duckett, Mt. and Mrs. Charles Hall, Mrs. Dorothy Thomas, Mrs. Pearl Bell, Mrs. Della Jackson, Charles Shern, Louis Smallwood, Mrs. Norine Goe, Miss Charlene Brown, Miss Wanda Moore, Miss Kay Palm, Miss Patricia Thomas, Miss Joy Hall, Mrs. Adelaide Hall, William Hall, Miss Patricia Hill, Thomas Hill, Mrs. Iva Davis, Mrs. George P. Ambush, Mr. and Mrs. George P. Onley, Mrs. Thomas B. Ambush, Mrs. U. G. Bourne, Mrs. Floyd Dixon, Mrs. William H. Garner, Mrs. Charles Hicks, Mrs. John W. Lee, Mrs. Theodore Stephens, Mrs. George Dredden, Mrs. David Shockly, Mrs. V. E. Gladstone Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. John Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bowie, Miss Minyon Cooper, Miss Rita Jackson and Alvin Jackson.

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Miss Minyon Cooper Crowned Queen at Frontier's International Cotillion

Miss Minyon H. M. Cooper reigned as Queen of the 1965 Debutantes at the eight annual Frontiers International Debutante Cotillion had recently at the Francis Scott Key Hotel.

Miss Cooper is the daughter of Mrs. Gladys Cooper of Frederick and Fairbanks Cooper, Milwaukee, Wisc.

More than 350 persons attended the annual affair, highlighted by the appearance of seven senior high school students from Frederick and Carroll counties. Debutantes presented were Miss Roberta Jane Palm, runner-up. Miss Jennifer Doweary, Miss Lynda Lee Weedon, Miss Darlene Ann Hill, Miss Blanche Diggs and Miss Gloria Ann Thompson.

Claude R. Delauter Jr., local club president, greeted guests and members attending the affair. Theodore W. Stephens, club vice president, served as master of ceremonies, introducing the debutantes and their escorts.

The queen was presented with a stereo phonograph and a transistor radio. All girls received a charm bracelet inscribed with "Debutante 1965 Frontiers Cotillion".

Dick Harp's orchestra provided music for the affair. Director and choreographer was Mrs. Bernice C. Monroe of Baltimore. Following the coronation of the queen and the Father's Waltz, Delauter made acknowledgments. Previous cotillions have made it possible for the club to contribute to numerous projects, among which are Conservation of Sight, YMCA Building Fund, United Appeal, Frederick Memorial Hospital Building Fund, Life Membership in the N.A.A.C.P., and National Health Research.

Patrons of the cotillion were: Dr. and Mrs. George J. Snowball, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold DeLauter, Mr. and Mrs. Claude DeLauter, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Charles DeLauter, Mr. and Mrs. Russell A. Dykes, Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Heard, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Meredith Mackley, Mr. and Mrs. Darl Hinkle, Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. MacDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Reid, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Bowie, Mrs. May Rose Williams, Mrs. Gladys Wolf, Mrs. Ida Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Ambush, Stanley Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Tibbs, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gant, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jackson, Joseph Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Hackett, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Duckett, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Nicken, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Ambush, Princeton Shoe Store;

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Bowie, Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Ambush, Mrs. Cora Duckett, Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Ambush, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. David Duckett, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Spriggs, Gilbert Johnson;

Null's Auto Service, Boyer Ins. Co., Fashion Shop, Mr. and Mrs. I.

Eshleman, Peoples Drug Store, Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Neustadter, Dr. and Mrs. Bernard H. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pilgrim, Rev. and Mrs. M.J. Brockett, Mr. and Mrs. William Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence A. Dockens, Julian Garfield

Dr. and Mrs. Paulett Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Clement Matin, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Jones, Dr. and Mrs. James S. Burke, Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Gray, Charles Creembly, Dr. and Mrs. Leo Klien, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent A. Magruder, Mrs. Rebecca Saunders and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Brightful, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Onley, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Gaithers, Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Lunsford;

Mr. and Mrs. W.B. Larkins Mr. and Mrs. Nevin T.R. Waskey, Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Smith, Charles Riddlemsoer, Mrs. Dorothy Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Ogle, Mrs. Margaret Brown, Mrs. Ferlene Bentley, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Clipper.

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Here are some interesting web site links about black history:

A chronicler of black history looks back - and ahead - Philly.com

The Slave Dwelling Project | ~ Developing Resources to Preserve African American Slave Dwellings~

Low Country Africana - Do you belong to Priscilla's Family? Take a Journey Through Ball Family Records to Find Out

Click on links are at Reeniej@aol.com

Belva's Old News Letter

The news articles are about
L'Hermitage Best Farm

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HISTORIC IMPORTANCE OF THE MONOCACY BATTLEFIELD SITE

A number of articles and letters over the past year, both in *The Frederick News-Post* and *The Washington Post*, have openly debated the purchase of additional property for the Monocacy Battlefield. One of the parcels currently under consideration is a 294-acre tract directly north of the Monocacy River known locally as the Best/Trail farm. The numerous historic associations of this particular site make it a desirable acquisition for preservation purposes above and beyond any connections it has with the Civil War.

The Best/Trail farm, also known as the Hermitage or South Hermitage Farm, has been well-known to archaeologists as the location of ancient Indian settlements, to Civil War buffs as the site of Best's barn on the Monocacy Battlefield, to architectural surveyors as a collection of historic structures dating from the 18th to the 20th centuries, and to Washington commuters as the farm with the unusual barn. It seems appropriate that this farm should hold so many associations for various groups today. Throughout its history, the land on which the present-day farm sits has held different meanings for the aboriginal Woodland Indians, English, Germans, French, Africans, and Americans who, each in their turn, influenced the shaping of this distinctive tract of land. It is no less ironic that an area patented by colonial land speculators should in its turn be threatened and potentially destroyed by modern land speculators. The individual history of the Best/Trail farm is a microcosm of the history of Frederick County's Monocacy River valley over the past few centuries. Whatever can be said to be the general history of Frederick County and the western Mid-Atlantic region has direct parallels in the history of the Best/Trail farm. The property is important as a site of immigrant Indian interaction, as an example of European building traditions and of immigrant acculturation, as a representation of female land ownership, and as a measure of current attitudes toward the preservation of our local history.

Archaeologists uncovered three Woodland Indian sites on the property: two transient villages and a probable battle site. Although the only pottery found at the site consisted of coarse, heavy ware and part of a soapstone vessel, the area yielded hundreds of arrow and spear points, drills, axes (grooved and ungrooved), ceremonials, and hammerstones. Considering the lack of a history of Indians in Frederick County, all such sites are valuable for the artifacts they surrender.

The oldest extant building on the Best/Trail farm is a two-story timber over stone dwelling that shares a number of traditional Germanic folk building characteristics with other Frederick County (and central Pennsylvania region) houses of the same period: sturdy, overbuilt foundations and framing structures; massive scaling; central chimneys; asymmetrical facades, cellar vaulting; two-room plans; narrow spiral stairs; and gable-end roofs. Like many of our late 18th century small county houses, this dwelling is in need of immediate repair. Local county agencies and private individuals have protected many of the larger, mansion-sized historic buildings, but the small-to-mid sized houses that represent the average man and woman have generally been neglected. Even Mill Pond House, an 18th century Germanic building that exceeded Schifferstadt in historic archaeological importance, was allowed to rot in a field until it was leveled in the 1950's. Frederick County has a proud three-decade record of protecting its architectural heritage; the eight historic structures on the Best/Trail farm could form the nucleus of a superior outdoor museum representing the history of county building.

A third historical association represented by the site combines French ethnicity with feminist studies. From 1798 until 1827, the farm was owned by Victoire de la Vincendiere. Her family fled France and Haiti during the French Revolution, immigrated to Baltimore, and then joined other French/Haitian immigrants who followed the Jesuit priest John Dubois to Frederick County. During the next 50 years Victoire Vincendiere competed successfully with dominant male English and German land owners; with her purchase of the Best/Trail farm, other county farms, lots and townhouses in Frederick Town, and property in Ohio, Victoire Vincendiere became a landowner of some consequence. Hers is one of a very few female names in the Frederick County land records of this time. The site is thus particularly revealing because it attacks a deep stereotype as well as encodes a unique narrative. The property is also significant as the childhood home of Victoire's nephew, Enoch Lewis Lowe, Governor of Maryland from 1851-1854. Additionally, the site is associated with the history of Africans in Frederick County; when the Vincendieres arrived in Frederick, African slaves comprised 11 percent of the total population (compared to 33 percent of the total population in Maryland). Although the Vincendieres brought their personal slaves to Maryland from Haiti, and the county land records register their purchases and sales of African slaves, Victoire followed the county trends in slave manumissions. Frederick County experi

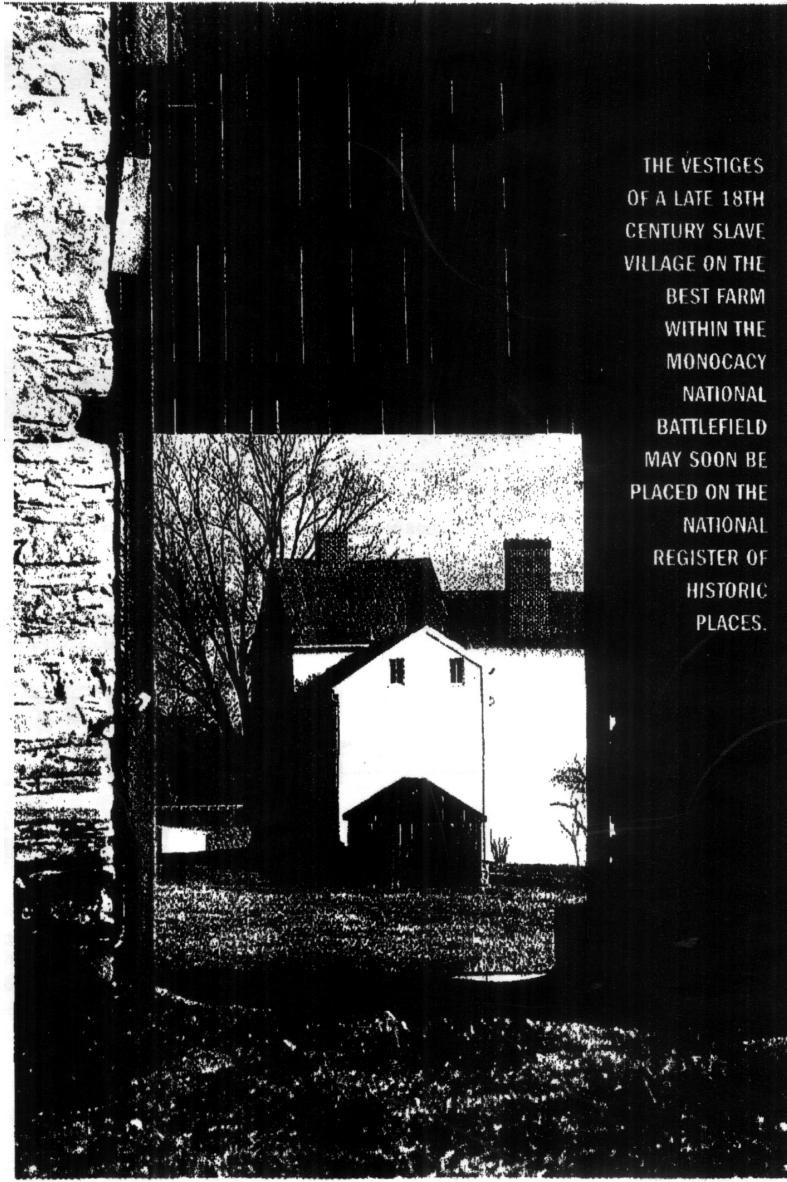
enced five major waves of slave manumissions between 1790 and 1835; the last wave from 1821-1833, saw whole families manumitted.

Much has already been printed about the importance of the Best/Trail farm to Civil War history. Concern for the property dates to at least 1927, when the Monocacy Battlefield Association was originally formed by local citizens. The Association was successful in having bills passed to memorialize the site (H. R. 7982 and S 3239 of the 73rd Congress, Second Session, signed by President Roosevelt). As a result of these identical bills, the Battlefield of the Monocacy was established by Congress as a National Military Park. Interest in expanding and protecting the park continued through the 1930's and '40s. Both the late Sixth Congressional District Representative Goodloe E. Byron Jr. and our current representative, Beverly Byron, have lobbied on behalf of the national park for many years. Today, a National Park office is located across the road from the farm.

One recent letter to the editor stated (and I paraphrase euphemistically rather than verbatim) that we cannot save every tree under which a Civil War soldier once stood. The Best/Trail farm, however, is one of the few remaining examples of native and immigrant settlement and acculturation in the Monocacy River valley. A Bach and Associates calendar included the farm's hip roof barn as one of 12 endangered county barns considered to be integral parts of the area's cultural and architectural heritage. One historic preservation option is to protect the core structural area of the Best/Trail farm as a representative site that typifies other sites of its period and focuses on a period of history or way of life. Establishing parallel experiences between the Indian, English, German, French, African, and American people who contributed to the creation of the Best/Trail farm would allow modern residents to see the county as more than just an Anglo-German meld. More importantly, such research would contribute to our knowledge of common experiences and the forces incumbent on human adaptation in the area. The Best/Trail farm should be purchased as part of the National Park and allowed to survive as a testimonial to the three centuries of men and women of our county whose stories it represents.

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HONORING HISTORY



THE VESTIGES
OF A LATE 18TH
CENTURY SLAVE
VILLAGE ON THE
BEST FARM
WITHIN THE
MONOCACY
NATIONAL
BATTLEFIELD
MAY SOON BE
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PLACES.

Discovered in 2003 by a group of archaeologists working at the battlefield, the village was part of a 748-acre plantation called L'Hermitage.

At its peak, L'Hermitage had 90 slaves, said Joy Beasley, cultural resources manager for the National Park Service at the battlefield.

The plantation's owners, the Vincendieres, a French-Catholic family, fled a growing slave revolt in Saint Dominque (now Haiti) in 1793. By 1800, they were the second-largest slaveholders in Frederick County.

For the crops the farm was producing, grains instead of staple crops like cotton or sugar, this was approximately 10 times the usual number of slaves.

The circumstance did not sit well with the local English and German population, Beasley said, many of whom were equally bothered by the flagrant torture and cruel treatment at L'Hermitage.

A designation on the National Register would not provide extra funding for excavation, scheduled to resume in 2010, Beasley said. Nor would it give any additional protection as part of the Civil War battlefield.

The advantage is the honor it would bring, Beasley said.

Beasley said National Park Service workers also completed a nomination to have the village listed on the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom.

The network consists of public and private sites. Organizers work to help people understand how the Underground Railroad, or places that had a history of people trying to secape slavery, operated.

Archaeologist have documentation of slaves trying to escape, some successfully, from L'Hermitage, Beasley said.

The National Park Service is also finding ways to broaden the context of events that led to the battle in 1864, she said.

Exhibits at the visitor center will highlight the social, political and economic influences L'Hermitage and the transportation routes surrounding it had on ante-bellum Frederick County.

Cruelty and money

The Vincendieres might have had so many slaves because it made sense to them. In Saint Domingue, the family grew sugar and indigo on large plantations, Beasley said. A large number of slaves was evidence of wealth and power.

According to an account by Julian Niemcewicz, a Polish diplomat who passed by the farm in June 1798, on his way to Frederick from Georgetown, "instruments of torture, stocks, wooden horses, whips, etc." had been used on several black slaves who were crippled.

"What was appropriate in Saint Domingue, was not appropriate in Frederick County," Beasley said.

In 1806, Victoire Vincendiere put an advertisement in a Frederick newspaper forbidding anyone from interacting with her slaves, Beasley said.

At least seven court cases were brought against the Vincendiere family by the state alleging slave cruelty - the denial of proper food and clothing, and unmerciful beatings, Beasley said.

At most, Beasley said, the Vincendieres received small fines for their transgressions. Beating slaves was not a crime in Maryland at the time.

In many instances, the witnesses against the family were also involved in separate cases that sought repayment of debts from the Vincendieres.

Victoire Vincendiere, the eldest unmarried daughter of the family, became the legal head of the family's 1,000-acre estates, which was very unusual in the United States at that time, Beasley said.

Because the father of the family lived in Charleston, S.C., and a man named Jean Payen de Boisneuf, described in one account as a "gangrenous aristocrat," took up residence at L'Hermitage, it is a possibility that he hid his money from many documented creditors under the Vincendiere name.

Whatever was going on at L'Hermitage was disturbing to people in area, Beasley said, and the complex interactions among the family, the community, and the slaves makes the site important to study.

After 1810, Victoire Vincendiere began to reduce her slave holdings. In the 1820's, she sold off 17 enslaved people at once to a dealer from Louisiana, Beasley said. Others were sold to local iron manufacturers, and a few escaped.

Later in life, Vincendiere liberated many of her slaves; she freed the remainder in her will.

Though excavation has been limited, Beasley said, archaeologists have found evidence of slaves' quarters-set apart from two houses and a barn that still stand-along with bits of ceramic pottery, buttons, coins and tobacco pipes.

Artifacts from the site may be the most important proof that the slaves existed, Beasley said. Through the ultimate fate of the Littermit-age slaves remains a mystery.

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SLAVE HOUSES UNCOVERED



National Park Service archaeologist Joy Beasley explains how some of the dwellings were found just below the surface at the largest known slave habitation site in the mid-Atlantic region at Monocacy National Battlefield in Frederick. The site is being excavated to learn more about the enslaved residents of the structures from 1794 to 1827

It is one thing to learn archaeological theories in the classroom. It is quite another to not only practice those theories but also employ them on a discovery of historic proportions.

Six students from four universities count themselves fortunate to be working on the largest known slave habitation site in the mid-Atlantic region at Monocacy National Battlefield in Frederick.

National Park Service archaeologists recently uncovered the remains of several dwellings as well as artifacts associated with enslaved occupations of the site from 1794 to 1827.

In the coming weeks, the team plans to use surface-penetrating radar, a remote-sensing technique that uses electromagnetic waves to detect buried features such as foundations.

Information from the surface-penetrating radar survey will help focus the excavation which are expected to continue until October.

“We are very excited about these discoveries and what they can tell us about the people who lived and labored at L’Hermitage,” National Park Service archaeologist and project director Joy Beasley said.

The site is associated with L'Hermitage, a plantation established in 1794 by the Vincendieres, a family of French planters who came to Maryland from Saint-Dominique, known today as Haiti. By 1800, L'Hermitage was home to 90 enslaved laborers, about 10 times the number of slaves that would be expected for the size of the plantation, according to a National Park Service news release.

This was the second-largest slave population in Frederick County at the time and among the largest in Maryland, Beasley said.

Located on the Best Farm property on the battlefield, the site was initially discovered in 2003. But with limited historic information, archaeologists needed to do more work to ensure they were on the right track.

"We spent the intervening years to find the money to explore the site, so it took a little bit of time,." Beasley said.

The student archaeologists are excited to be part of the project.

"This is a real momentous kind of project, and I'm really honored to be a part of it," Howard University senior and anthropology major Alex Brueggerman said. "I think I can say for everyone working on the project that it has taken over our lives, in a good way, and it has given us greater interest in archaeology in the site and in history."

The project is also meaningful to Howard senior Shayla Monroe, who is majoring in anthropology.

"We get to do something we feel connected to," Monroe said. "Even though we study these techniques in the classroom, a lot of students don't get to do the kind of hands-on (exploration) we are doing with this project."

Discovery of the slave habitat was fascinating to the students when they heard about it, Monroe said.

"And as each day unfolded our excitement has not waned. Each phase of the project has brought new things to be excited about," Monroe said.

Beasley said a new funding source - Youth Intake Program _ initiated by the secretary of the interior allowed the National Park Service to hire the students from Hood College, American University, University of Maryland College Park and Howard.

"We're real excited and real fortunate to have a good group of undergraduate and graduate students," Beasley said.

Beasley, who is also the park service's cultural resource program manager, said she hopes the discovery will broaden the battlefield's and

Frederick County's appeal to Civil War buffs as well as people who may not necessarily be interested in the war.

Excavation will continue through summer and fall. The project has funding for only one season of field work, which ends in the fall, Beasley said.

"We would like to use the information from the excavation to develop some new exhibits and interpretive programs about slavery and African-American experiences at Monocacy National Battlefield," Beasley said.

Whether the project gets more funding is a decision that is "not necessarily in our hands," Beasley said.

"We have some funding for next year but it will be used to complete the analysis of the data and produce a final report," Beasley said. "We would certainly be happy to have more funding, but as right now, I'm not aware of any available funding. We will do the best we can with what we have."

The site is relatively intact and there is a lot of information to be gotten out of it, Beasley said.

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DIGGING FOR HISTORY

Researchers explore slave village site at Monocacy battlefield

Kara Cotton majored in international business at Howard University before her curiosity, fondness for historical mysteries and sense of adventure led her to study anthropology.

On Tuesday, Cotton, along with five other Howard students, joined excavations under way at Monocacy National Battlefield, as part of a two-week-long field school.

Their goal is to help National Park Services archaeologist and interns broaden their understanding of an unusually large slave village once housed on a plantation called L'Hermitage, now known as the Best Farm.

Cotton sifted the first dirt layer on a section of what archaeologists believe may have been a garden plot or enclosure for small animals. The enclosure was kept behind a row of six dwellings used by enslaved people at L'Hermitage in the late 18th to early 19th centuries.

By lunchtime, she found a few bits of brick and other building materials.

"I love it," she said. "When you do figure something out, it's really rewarding."

Her experience was made somewhat bittersweet by Howard University's plans to discontinue the anthropology major by 2015.

Eleanor King, associate professor in Howard's department of sociology and anthropology said the field work at L'Hermitage was a first chance for students like Cotton to explore and become excited about what she considers one of the most enjoyable aspects of her work.

There are very few African-Americans in archaeology in the United States, she said.

"We are trying to encourage our students to go into this career because there are many opportunities for them and also because we desperately need their voices to help us reconstruct the past," King said.

Closing the anthropology major at Howard will make it much more difficult for these students to take advantage of such opportunities in the future, she said.

Lingering questions

Joy Beasley, cultural resources manager for the National Park Service at the battlefield, conducted initial excavations at L'Hermitage in 2003, and oversaw work there last summer.

The Vincendieres, a family of French planters who fled Saint-Domingue (Haiti) in 1793 amid rumblings before the Western Hemisphere's first slave revolt, established outside of Frederick what grew into a 748-acre plantation at its peak.

By 1800, the Vincendieres had amassed about 90 slaves, making them the second largest slaveholders in the county.

At the time, his family was known locally for their cruel treatment of their slaves.

Last summer, Beasley's team delineated the foundations of six houses associated with the slave village and the enclosure.

This summer, her team plans to fully excavate one of the roughly 700-square-foot dwellings, the enclosure and a second refuse heap or midden, Beasley said.

She is hoping to uncover some of the mysteries about those who lived as slaves on L'Hermitage, including why the Vincendieres held many more slaves than typically used for the sort of grain farming done on the plantation.

Beasley is also working in parallel with a genealogist to track down what happened to the enslaved people who lived at L'Hermitage and their ancestors.

They have already learned some of L'Hermitage slaves had been baptized, Beasley said.

The Vincendieres were Catholic, and this may help explain why a burial site for the plantation's slaves has yet to be discovered - perhaps they were buried on consecrated ground elsewhere in Frederick, she said.

Researchers also found more advertisements requesting information on the whereabouts of slaves who had fled L'Hermitage, bringing the known number of runaways to four or five, she said. These advertisements can also provide valuable information about these people, including their names and other descriptions.

Beasley said the Vincendieres brought 12 slaves with them from Haiti, but does not know where the rest were purchased.

L'Hermitage is a sort of microcosm encompassing some of the tensions that spawned the Civil War, she said. Yet answers to some of the questions about the site and the people who lived there, like pieces of a puzzle lost to history, may never be found.

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Belva's Old News Letter

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African Americans in
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Churches Celebrate Black History Month

Frederick County African Methodist Episcopal churches will hold events in late February in honor of Black History Month.

The African American Resource and Cultural Heritage Society of Frederick County and the Quinn Chapel African Methodist Episcopal church of Frederick City will host a talk by Ronald D. Palmer and Cheryl LaRoche.

Palmer, who was an ambassador to Togo, Malaysia and Mauritius, will speak about the life of William Paul Quinn, one of the first bishop's of the AME church.

Quinn helped spread AME churches by riding on horseback throughout the East Coast and into the Midwest, Palmer said. Quinn first stopped in Frederick in 1817.

Quinn opposed slavery, supported the underground railroad and participated in the Prince Hall Masons, a black group established during the Revolutionary War to educate slaves and poor blacks, Palmer said.

The Quinn Chapel, named in his honor, became a stop on the underground railroad. With Quinn's assistance, the church established schools in other AME churches to educate freed blacks throughout Frederick County, which was forbidden by law until after the Civil War.

"Quinn clearly left a mark on the Frederick congregation," Palmer said.

Palmer said he will speak at Quinn Chapel for about 30 minutes, and then entertain questions from the audience with the help of Cheryl LaRoche, who is helping him write a book on black history.

The St. James AME Church will sponsor a Black History Month gospel celebration in the Frederick High School Auditorium.

Terrence Boyce, minister of music for St. James AME Church, said gospel groups from Virginia and Washington will be singing and someone will perform liturgical dance.

Also, The National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. will hold its ninth-annual African-American community fair at Gov. Thomas Johnson High School.

Black-owned businesses, organizations and churches will be highlighted at the event, said Earlene Thornton, publicity chairwoman of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc.

Singers, dancers, choirs and a band will also perform at the fair, Thornton said.

It's a nice way for people to get to know what's happening in the African-American community", she said.

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A DVD of Ronald Palmer

A DVD documentation of former U.S. Ambassador Ronald Palmer presenting the History of Bishop Quinn, for whom the Quinn AME Churches are named, is now available for a minimum donation of \$20.00.

Please contact Belva King at 301-662-9035 or email her at beldking99@aol.com.

Here is some fun information.

Join Ripley's Gimme Five Food Drive and get a ticket to any Ripley's Baltimore Attractions for only \$5 from November 5-24, 2013.

Join Ripley's Believe It or Not! from Monday, November 5 through Sunday, November 24 for Ripley's 2nd annual Gimme Five Food Drive. Guest who bring a donation of five (5) non-perishable food items can get a ticket to Ripley's Believe It or Not! Baltimore Odditorium, Mirror Maze or 4D Moving Theater for just \$5 (regular adult ticket price is \$17.99). Guest are able to add on additional attractions with an additional five (5) food items and \$5 per attraction (maximum of 15 food items and \$15 per person).

The Work of Death

Sebastian Hammond, generally known as "Boss Hammond", a venerable and much respected colored citizen, died at his home near Newport, a colored settlement in Liberty district, early on Friday morning last, at the advanced age of 105 years. His funeral services and interment took place at Fairview A. M. E. church, near Franklinville, Carroll county. "Boss Hammond" was the oldest colored man in the county, and one of the most widely known. He has always had the respect of those around him - both white and colored. He was more than ordinarily intelligent and ingenious, and was for many years a stone dresser and epitaph engraver which he executed with remarkable skill. Some of his work may yet be seen in the old cemeteries. He invariably used one kind of stone, known as "Blue State", which is immarcescible, - and in the shape and style of his tombstones, he conformed strictly to one pattern. His funeral services were attended by an unusually large concourse of people, both white and colored, who listened to an able discourse by Rev. Sawyer, who recapitulated the remarkable history of the aged deceased, in his usually impressive style.

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Integration Here Is Nearly Completed

The Frederick County School Board announced Wednesday that, with the exception of the Doubs school, all schools in Frederick County will be completely integrated at all levels as of September 1.

The school at Doubs, a two-room facility containing 59 Negro children will continue as a Negro school until the additions to the Adamstown school are completed. When the additional rooms at Adamstown are finished, the Doubs school will be consolidated with Adamstown and the program of integration for Frederick County Schools will be complete.

Adamstown school will be integrated to the extent that Negro children from the former Buckeyestown school district in grades one through six will be enrolled there.

1,360 Negro Pupils

Dr. James A. Sensenbaugh, superintendent of schools, said that at the present time there are only 435 Negro children attending all-Negro schools. In addition to the 59 children at Doubs, there are about 60 children in the old New Market elementary school's two rooms. The remaining children attend Lincoln School, grades one through six and grades 11 and 12.

"So far in the integration program," Dr. Sensenbaugh said yesterday, "there have been no serious incidents in the integration program. No great controversy has come up at any time from either side."

There are about 1,300 Negro children now attending both segregated and integrated schools in Frederick County.

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Information Requested By Michelle Duncan-McDuffie

My name is Michelle Duncan-McDuffie and I am looking for information for my mother Pinkie Satterfield Duncan about her grandmother Estella Holland Brown Lawrence. This year mother will turn 82 years old and she is interested in knowing a little bit more about her family.

My great-grand mother is Estella Holland Brown Lawrence was married to James Brown (no year), then she married my great-grandfather, Rev. Lymous (Limos) M. Lawrence, Sr. and had 10 children: Alexander Lawrence, Celica Smith, Jessie Downing, Theresa Hyman and my grandmother Ernestine Lawrence Satterfield. The other 5 children are Mary, John, Richard, Limos and Kinsey we are not sure if they are from first marriage or from 2nd marriage.

My grandmother Ernestine was raised in Norfolk and Suffolk, VA, born November 12, 1909. My grandmother married Rev. Herman M. Satterfield in 1926. Out of their union were 5 children: Clementine Ray (deceased), Josephine Satterfield (deceased), Ernestine Johnson (deceased), Estella Satterfield (deceased). My mother Pinkie Duncan is the only one remaining.

In also connecting the family tree I could use some information on the following persons: John W. "Pop" Hammond (1898-1995), born to Lewis and Rosalee Ryan Hammond. John was married 5 times and had no children. My mother called him Uncle John.

Another person that we need information about is Sarah Franklin Jones (1897-1996), born to Charles and Rosa Diggs Holland. Sarah was one of 13 children. She married Harry Jobes in May 1939 and later married her 2nd husband, Clarence Jones in March 1954. My mother remembers her as Aunt Sarah. But as you can see in the above description that there was no Aunt Sarah and John Hammond to my mother's knowledge was not part of the 10 children that Lymous and Estella raised.

If anyone has information in connecting the dots please let me know. I can be reached at 301-378-2670.

In Loving Memory

of



John W. Hammond

1898 - 1995

Wednesday, November 1, 1995

Funeral: 1:30 p.m.

In the Chapel of

March Funeral Home - West

4300 Wabash Avenue

Baltimore, Maryland

Obituary

JOHN WADSWORTH, son of the late Lewis and Rosalee Hammond, was born on August 14, 1898 in the United States. He departed this life on October 29, 1995 after a brief illness.

John was for the most part raised and educated in Frederick County, Maryland, in or around Mt. Airy, Maryland. John worked in a number of capacities during his lifetime, including the Chessie System of B & O, farming and herb studies.

John survived five marriages, having no children as a result of any. He was a very active and fun-loving man. He spent his last eight and a half years in Randallstown with Minnie and Henry Robinson and family. He was lovingly known as great uncle to Henry and Minnie and great-great-grandfather to all the children and grandchildren in the family. His most favorite pastime was singing, playing the guitar and telling stories giving important family history.

John was called "Pop" by all who knew him. Over the years he became familiar with other family members as Hollands, Lawrences, Robinsons, Masseys, Andersons, Wards, Cornishes and many others too numerous to mention by attending and participating in many family reunions. He leaves to mourn Minnie Robinson and her children, Althea Ray, Henry III, Kevin, Riccardo, Michael, Toyia, Kimberly, David and Tammy Robinson and their children; the Anderson family, Marcella Elerby, Christine Sullivan, Bertha Layton, Pathena, Azaria, Joseph, Tikisa and Mary Anderson and their children; and a host of other relatives and friends.

*A fond farewell to you, "Pop", until we meet again;
You are constantly in our thoughts and prayers—
May you be in the memory of Jehovah as well.*

Age: **1**
 Birth Date: **Aug 1898**
 Birthplace: **Maryland**
 Home in 1900: **Woodville, Frederick, Maryland**
 Race: **Black**
 Gender: **Male**
 Relation to Head of House: **Son**
 Marital Status: **Single**
 Father's Name: **Lewis Hammond**
 Father's Birthplace: **Maryland**
 Mother's Name: **Rosa Hammond**
 Mother's Birthplace: **Maryland**
 Occupation:

Household Members:	Name	Age
	<u>Lewis Hammond</u>	30
	<u>Rosa Hammond</u>	28
	<u>Leedillworth Hammond</u>	5
	<u>Lewis A Hammond</u>	13
	<u>John W Hammond</u>	1

Name: **John Hammond**
 Age in 1910: **12**
 Birth Year: **abt 1898**
 Birthplace: **Maryland**
 Home in 1910: **Freedom, Carroll, Maryland**
 Race: **Black**
 Gender: **Male**
 Relation to Head of House: **Son**
 Marital Status: **Single**
 Father's Name: **Lanis Hammond**
 Father's Birthplace: **Maryland**
 Mother's Name: **Rose Hammond**
 Mother's Birthplace: **Maryland**
 Neighbors: [View others on page](#)
 Household Members:

Name	Age
Lanis Hammond	40
Rose Hammond	34
Lee Hammond	16
Arch Hammond	13
John Hammond	12
Richard Hammond	8
Pompey Hammond	6

Name: **John W Hammond**
[John W Harmond]

Age: **21**

Birth Year: **abt 1899**

Birthplace: **Maryland**

Home in 1920: **Franklin, Carroll, Maryland**

Race: **Mulatto**

Gender: **Male**

Relation to Head of House: **Son**

Marital Status: **Single**

Father's Name: **Lewis Hammond**

Father's Birthplace: **Maryland**

Mother's Name: **Rosa Hammond**

Mother's Birthplace: **Maryland**

Neighbors:

Household Members:	Name	Age
	<u>Lewis Hammond</u>	53
	<u>Rosa Hammond</u>	47
	<u>Lee D Hammond</u>	26
	<u>Lewis C Hammond</u>	23
	<u>John W Hammond</u>	21
	<u>Dennis R Hammond</u>	20
	<u>Arthur G Hammond</u>	15
	<u>Sarah Hammond</u>	21

Source Citation: Year: 1920; Census Place: *Franklin, Carroll, Maryland*; Roll: T625_669; Page: 12B; Enumeration District: 77; Image: 1147.

1940 United States Federal Census

Name:	John Hammond
Age:	41
Estimated Birth Year:	abt 1899
Gender:	Male
Race:	Negro (Black)
Birthplace:	Maryland
Marital Status:	Married
Relation to Head of House:	Head
Home in 1940:	York, York, Pennsylvania
Map of Home in 1940:	
Street:	Simpson
House Number:	321
Farm:	No
Inferred Residence in 1935:	York, York, Pennsylvania
Residence in 1935:	Same Place
Resident on farm in 1935:	No
Sheet Number:	7A
Number of Household in Order of Visitation:	116
Occupation:	Hod Carrier
Attended School or College:	No
Highest Grade Completed:	Elementary school, 6th grade
Hours Worked Week Prior to Census:	40
Class of Worker:	Wage or salary worker in private work
Weeks Worked in 1939:	25
Income:	300

Income Other Sources: **No**

Neighbors:

Household Members:	Name	Age
	<u>John Hammond</u>	41
	<u>Marie Hammond</u>	66
	<u>Rose Hammond</u>	67

Homegoing Service

for



Sarah F. Jones

1897 - 1996

Tuesday, November 26, 1996

Wake: 11:00 a.m.

Funeral: 11:30 a.m.

St. Peter Claver Roman Catholic Church

1546 N. Fremont Avenue

Baltimore, Maryland

Obituary

SARAH FRANKLIN JONES was born in Frederick County, Maryland on October 23, 1897. She was one of thirteen children born to the late Charles and Rosa Holland. She departed this life on November 21, 1996.

She received her elementary education in the schools of Frederick County. In her early adulthood her family moved to Baltimore where she met and married Harry Jobs in May, 1939. They spent ten happy years together until his death in 1949. During her working career in domestic care, she met and married her second husband, Clarence Jones in March, 1954. She was widowed again in 1966.

While employed, she traveled to several states along the east coast caring for children. Though Sarah never had children of her own, she nurtured many siblings and other family members, and raised her great-nephew, Ronald Evans. She was affectionately known as "Aunt Sarah" to everyone and was loved by all in her neighborhood.

Her love for the Lord enabled her to be a faithful Catholic, having attended St. Peter Claver Church for approximately fifty years.

Watching The Wheel of Fortune, Jeopardy, working crossword puzzles and reading were her favorite pastimes. She was also a longtime Oriole fan.

Sarah leaves to mourn: a sister, Bernice Stokes of Washington, D.C.; a godson, Joshua Gilmore Stokes of Rochester, New York; a dedicated great-niece and great-nephew, Sandi Nelson and Ronald Evans; other nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and other relatives and a host of friends.

Dear Loved One,

*Sleep on and take your rest,
We love you, but God loves you best.*

*Lovingly submitted,
The Family*

Name: **Sarah F. Jones**
SSN: **217-30-2587**
Last Residence: **21217 Baltimore, Baltimore City, Maryland, USA**
Born: **23 Oct 1897**
Died: **21 Nov 1996**
State (Year) SSN issued: **Maryland (Before 1951)**

Belva's Old News Letter

The news articles are about
Frederick History

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Chief Justice Taney's home delights visitors

A tour of the Roger Brooke Taney home on South Bentz Street will probably impress the visitor with its serenity and quiet country charm.

In that respect the country home of the late Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court tends to present an impression of the jurist quite different from the image of the man presented in most accounts of the Dred Scott decision.

Although its location today in downtown Frederick makes it a bit hard to imagine, the Taney home was fringe of Frederick City in 1799 when the 22-year-old Taney, recently admitted to the Maryland Bar, was a member of the House of Delegates.

But Taney himself did not move to Frederick to begin the practice of law in this county until 1801. He was residing here in 1806 when he married Anne Phebe Charlton Key, sister of his life-long friend, Francis Scott Key, author of the "Star-Spangled Banner".

A look at the modest dimensions of the living quarters of the Taney home may impart upon the visitor an impression that the man who was to become a famous figure in the stormy years preceding the outbreak of the great American rebellion placed a premium on simplicity and comfort.

The coats-of-arms of the Taney and Key families seen above the mantel of the fireplace in the drawing room, however, indicate that Taney was aware of his social status as an early American aristocrat and that there was some awareness on his part of the responsibilities such a status implied.

Throughout the house are reminders that Roger and Anne Taney lived with the trappings of aristocracy: silver coffee pot and silver tea pot in the drawing room; a winecellar, and slave quarters.

Although it is known that Taney spent much time in Baltimore, Washington, and Annapolis, a look at the Taney country house with its cozy dimensions seldom found in the plantation mansions of the Southern aristocracy of the times and the numerous artifacts displayed there indicate that this was a relatively informal haven for the Chief Justice - a place for relaxation.

It was at this country home that Taney may have resided during his youth as a lawyer.

It is quite likely that the house on South Bentz Street took on a nostalgic significance for the Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court in his later years.

In the dining room of the house the visitor will find a robe worn by Taney during his 28 years as Chief Justice. The man inside that robe swore seven Presidents in to office, more than sworn into office by any other Chief Justice.

It will also be recognized by the visitor to the Taney Home that the home commemorates Francis Scott Key as well as Taney. This, too, is fitting in that the men were lifelong friends.

In the upstairs museum the visitor will find holograph poems and letters and other mementoes of Francis Scott Key and Key's bookplate is to be found in the large law book in the museum.

The visitor will also find in the glass case a magazine published in 1814 containing the first printing in book form of "The Defense of Fort McHenry", the poem now known as the "Star-Spangled Banner".

The Taney home will be open to public tours during Bell and History Days and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. June through Oct. 1.

(Ed. Note. Surprisingly, there is no record that Taney ever lived in the Taney Home, although he did own it. Judge Edward Delaplaine has found recorded an advertisement that would lead one to believe that Taney lived somewhere on South Market Street in 1820. For an earlier period, there is no record that Taney did not live in the Bentz Street home, however.

The Taney home was privately owned until 1929, when a corporation was chartered by Delaplaine, Hammond Clary and several others to preserve the home of the Chief Justice. Incorporated as the Robert Brook Taney Home, Inc., tis group opened the home to public tours in 1930.

Frederick's citizens and tourists alike have been able to enjoy access to the property since that date, although the home was deeded to the Historical Society of Frederick County in 1946, which, in turn, relinquished the title to the Francis Scott Key Memorial Society, which has been caring the building and grounds since 1968.) **Reprinted with the permission of the Frederick News-Post and Randall Family LLC as published on June 10, 1975**



Chief Justice Taney house in Frederick, Maryland

Historic Steiner House - Home of Frederick Woman's Civic Club

In the early 1800's, West Patrick Street was little more than a dirt road. Its only traffic was men on foot or on horseback, and an occasional horse-drawn vehicle. In the distance, a panoramic view of the blue and hazy Catocin Mountains was unobstructed. The population of the unincorporated town of Frederick in 1810 was 2,952, of which 346 were slaves and 126 were free Negroes.

Such was the scene when the home of Stephen Steiner, prominent citizen of 19th century Frederick, was being constructed in 1807.

Since 1962 the Steiner House, which stands at the southeast corner of West Patrick and Jefferson Streets, has been the headquarters of the Frederick Woman's Civic club. Club members are aiding in the preservation of its long and interesting history.

The Steiner House was built in 1807 on 2 lots of ground lying in Bentztown in Frederick county, conveyed on April 24, 1799 to Stephen Styoner from George Ramsburg and his wife, Catherine, for 150 pounds current money. (Note the different spellings of Stephen's surname. Such irregularities in spelling are not uncommon in records of the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. The confusion arises from the scrivener not being consistent in the use of either the English Stoner or German Steiner spelling in the deeds.) The lots were part of a tract of land called "Long Acre" which was part of another tract called "Tasker's Chance".

Bernard Christian Steiner, the first ancestor of Stephen Steiner to settle in Frederick County, arrived before 1736.

Stephen Steiner, a contemporary of Roger Brooke Taney and Francis Scott Key, was a prominent Frederick architect. He designed and built the colonial spire on Trinity Chapel, as well as many of the homes of this period in Frederick. Steiner was also a banker and assisted in the foundation of one of the first local banks.

In 1814, Col. Steiner raised the first company of volunteers in western Maryland



Steiner House-front view, W. Patrick

and later became Commander of his regiment. It has also been said that when 14 years old, he was one of the guards over the Hessian prisoners at the old barracks at the Maryland School for the Deaf.

Stephen Steiner died September 5, 1829, without a will. He left his widow, Elizabeth Steiner, and two children. John Nelson was appointed trustee of Steiner's extensive estate, and sold the property on which was located Steiner's dwelling to Elizabeth Steiner on Dec. 11, 1829, for \$2,105. It was not until almost two years later that the sold property was conveyed to Elizabeth on Oct. 28, 1831.

By a deed dated Dec. 27, 1837, the property was conveyed to Horatio Wilcoxon from Elizabeth Steiner, deceased, for a consideration of \$2,600. At Wilcoxon's death, Grayson Eichelberger was appointed trustee to make the sale of the property. At Keefer's City Hotel on Tuesday, March 28, 1848, he sold the lot and dwelling "at the fork of the Hagerstown and Harper's Ferry Turnpike Roads to John Lipps for \$1,600. Lepps' family and their descendants resided there for nearly a century.

In connection with the bicentennial of the founding of Frederick in 1945, the property was acquired by the Historical Society of Frederick County. Miss Mamie Lipps, granddaughter of John Lipps, who lived at the Steiner House at the time of sale, signed the deed of conveyance. The acquisition of the building was made possible through the generosity of Mrs. William Bradley Tyler Belt of Omaha, Nebraska. Steiner House was the headquarters, museum, and library of the Historical Society for over 15 years.

The house was purchased from the Historical Society by the Frederick Woman's Civic Club, Inc., on June 14, 1962, and now serves as the club's headquarters. The club's major aim is that the house will be an educational and cultural center.

The Steiner House is one of the most impressive buildings in Frederick. It is characteristic of Frederick architecture in that it is constructed of brick and is flush with the sidewalk without any grassy space facing the street. The brick is laid in the Flemish Bond style (with rows of bricks laid alternately with the sides and ends facing the street.)

The original seven foot elliptical heading over the doorway is very unusual. A fan glass displays leaded glass tracery decorated with flowers and tiny pineapples, symbolic of hospitality, and is supported by two Doric columns, to the sides of which is other tracery. Before the doorway are the original marble steps.

The colonial hallway is enhanced by a graceful stairway of mahogany and maple extending to the third floor. All the floorboards in the house are original, as are the fireplaces found in every room.

The dining room and kitchen of the house, due to a difference in design, are speculated to be the oldest portion of the dwelling. The more elegant parlors are believed to be latter additions.

The kitchen is perhaps the most interesting room in the house, with its large fireplace where the cooking was laboriously done. There is a narrow and winding back stairway, one of the three staircases in the house, that leads from the kitchen to the upper rooms.

Some of the furnishings presently in the house were used by members of the Steiner family. Other pieces were donated by Civic Club members or generous citizens, such as the acorn post bedroom set from the DeLashmutt estate.

A lovely garden and patio behind the house was designed and constructed by the

Garden Club of Frederick. A small building, possibly once a workshop, is in the process of being restored.

The Steiner House will be open to the public June 1 through October, Tuesday through Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Kemp Hall - Historic building still in use

Maryland is often referred to as the Free State.

The decision to keep Maryland free was made in April, 1861 during an “extra session” of the Maryland Legislature. This extra session, ordered by Governor Thomas H. Hicks, was held in Frederick because federal troops occupied Annapolis and threatened to disrupt the meeting.

On the first day of the session, April 26, 17 senators and 53 delegates met at the Frederick Court House, as had been ordered by Hicks.

However, the Senate and House of Delegates decided to hold their following sessions at Kemp Hall, located on the southeast corner of East Church Street at North Market Street. The building was owned by the German or High Dutch Reformed Christian Church and at the time was occupied by the Chippewa Tribe 19, Improved Order of Red Men.

The feeling of the Legislature was so uneasy that no American flag flew atop Kemp Hall until June 7, and the flying of the flag was not approved by the House until July 31. The flag was raised, however, in advance of the action taken by the legislature supporting the Union.

A resolution, sparked by the arrest of Baltimore City Delegate Ross Winans, favoring secession, was passed by the House of Delegates by a 41 to 8 vote and sent to the Senate. Winans had been arrested by federal troops while on the way home from a session in Frederick. He was held in custody at Annapolis and Fort McHenry by an order issued by the President of the United States.

When the General Assembly adjourned on Aug. 7, 1861, other members were arrested, but it was decided to meet again in September.

Just before commencement of the September session, Simon Cameron, secretary of war, wrote to Major General George B. McClellan:

“The passing of an act of secession by the Legislature of Maryland must be prevented. If necessary, all or any part of the members must be arrested. Exercise your own judgment as to the time and manner, but do the work effectively.”

On Sept. 17, when the roll was taken, there was no quorum present and the House of Delegates decided to adjourn and meet the next day at 10 a.m. However, before that session had adjourned, Kemp Hall was invaded by the Union Army and all members who were thought to favor secession were arrested and sent to Annapolis.

Frederick County Delegates William E. Salmon, Andrew Kessler, Jr., and Thomas J. Claggett were among those captured.

The Senate, which met on the second floor of Kemp Hall, could not meet Sept. 17 because there were only three senators left and they were Unionists.

According to Frederick historian C. Lease Bussard, a survey of secessionists in the two Houses showed 15 secessionists out of 22 members in the Senate, and 50 secessionists out of 73 in the House, indicating the possible outcome of the Sept. 17 meeting had it been held.

Although the building where the General Assembly met in Frederick is known as Kemp Hall, it was never owned by the Kemp family. The building was named by the consistory of the Evangelical Reformed Church of Christ in honor of Abraham Kemp, "to show appreciation for this many years of generosity of time and money," after the church purchased the building in 1761.

An original 17th century document owned by Elmer I. Eshleman, agent for Kemp Hall, reads: "Stephen Ramsburg and Henry Shover for the use of the Reformed Congregation Acquired the 1/4 part of lots 61 and 62 beginning at the North West Corner of the said lots pointing toward the Court House and running from thence along the street that leads towards the Mincocy (Monocacy) across said two lots then with the line that runs on the East of South East side of said lott or lotts exactly on fourth part of the depth of said lott or lotts from thence to the westward by a straight line right across the said two lotts then with this line of the street to the beginning being one-fourth part of said two lotts."

Eshleman reported that a survey shows the deed described above to include 95 feet, nine inches facing North

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—Photo by Neil Sandler

Kemp Hall as it looks today

B&O Terminal- Its most historic moment belongs to President Lincoln

The road where the historic tracks once ran is not smoothed over with macadam.

The building where the train once stopped to pick up passengers is now a bustling community center.

Gaily colored paintings now decorate the places where train schedules once were posted.

And under the awing where passengers once waited for their trains, old and young black folk now stand and socialize.

But the history of the old place is still there. It will always be.

The famed red brick building at the intersection of South Market and All Saints Street, where President Abraham Lincoln once gave a speech some claim was more stirring than his Gettysburg Address, is still there.

It's most historic moment belongs to Lincoln in 1862.

The Baltimore and Ohio library records this historic occasion:

Two days after the Battle of Antietam, President Lincoln and General George Brinton McClellan arrived at the B&O Station. They went by horse-drawn ambulance to Sharpsburg, where they visited both Union and Confederate wounded soldiers. This was the bloodiest battle of the Civil War, leaving 11,500 northern soldiers and 9,000 Southerners killed and wounded.

Returning to Frederick, Lincoln was filled with emotion.

"A vast concourse of people had assembled at the railway station at Frederick," the B&O historian writes, "and the President had no sooner got away from those who rushed to shake hands with him, and reached the train, than loud cries brought him to the platform of the rear carriage to show himself and speak to his friends. This is the moment seized upon and illustrated by our artist. (The accompanying drawing is the original of this B&O drawing)

Lincoln stood on the back of the train and made the following extemporaneous speech in his usual cogent style:

"I am surrounded by soldiers and a little further off by the citizens of this good city of Frederick. Nevertheless, I can only say as I did five minutes ago it is not proper for me to make speeches in my present position. I return thanks to our good soldiers for the services they have rendered, the energy they have shown, the hardships they have endured, and the blood they have shed for this Union of ours, and I also return thanks, not only to the soldiers, but to the good citizens of Frederick, and to the good men, women, and children in this land of ours, for their devotion in the glorious cause, and I say this with no malice in my heart towards those who have done otherwise. May our children and our children's children for a thousand generations continue to enjoy these benefits conferred upon us by a united country, and have cause yet to rejoice under these glorious institutions, bequeathed to us by Washington and his compeers. Now my friends, soldiers and citizens, I can only say once more farewell."

We are able to give such an accurate account of this speech due to the fact that Frederick Schley, editor of The Examiner, was present at the time of the speech and reported it verbatim.

The history of the actual B&O station closely follows the history of the B&O Railroad "Main Line" to Frederick and the spur route to Frederick City.

The spur route to Frederick City came about through an agreement made between the city and railroad on December 5, 1834.

This agreement, recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Court on Dec. 2, 1834, at the request of the city of Frederick with the B&O railroad Company, reads in part:

"Whereas there has been heretofore constructed by the (City of Frederick) hereto a railroad from the Depot of the (B&O Railroad) in (Frederick City),

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Sketch of Lincoln's visit to Frederick

Here are some interesting web sites about black history.
Click on links are at Reeniej@aol.com

A chronicler of black history looks back - and ahead - Philly.com

The Slave Dwelling Project ~ Developing Resources to Preserve African American
Slave Dwellings~

Low Country Africana - Do you belong to Priscilla's Family? Take a Journey Through
Ball Family Records to Find Out

Belva's Old News Letter

The news articles are about
Lincoln High School Reunions
and the B&O Railroad Station

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Lincoln High Class of 1963, school's last, to hear Lee

William O. Lee, Jr., retired principal of West Frederick Middle School, will be the guest speaker for the 20th anniversary of the Lincoln High School Class of 1963.

Lee had taught at Lincoln High for many years in physical education. The Class of '63 was the last at the former Negro school, now part of the South Frederick Elementary School.

The reunion scheduled for 12 noon Saturday, June 18, at Huskey Park, will bring together former teachers and students of "Old Lincoln" from 1951-1962.

In 1962, Lincoln was closed and made into an elementary school with Washington Street School, and these now make up South Frederick Elementary. Lincoln students had to spend their senior year at a different school to graduate as the Class of '63.

It is this last class, said Ms. Belva King, that will be reunited - originating as it did from Lincoln High.

The reunion will include a class picnic, special program, door prizes, and events honoring the Class of '63.

"Bill" Lee has been a distinguished educator, coach and adviser, honored by numerous groups for his outstanding service to youth and the community. He recently received the "Service to Mankind Award" from the Frederick Sertoma Club and later was named the winner of the same award from Sertoma's Capital District.

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Lincoln High Class of '63 reunion

Members and teachers of the Lincoln High school Class of 1963 - the school's last class at the time of intergration - gathered June 18 at Husky Park, Frederick, for their 20th-year reunion. Pictured left to right are: front row - Sandra Makel, Ronald Jenkin, Gloria Millberry, Thomas Hill, Vivian Bowie, Dickie Brown. Second row - Carol Green, Jackie Hill, Theresa Randolph, Joann Rollins, Gloria Lyles. Third row - George Frederick, Charles Brown, Sylvia Bowins, Kenneth Wars, Bruce Harris. Fourth row - Fred White, Paul Hill, Carol Jackson, Rose Chaney, Ann Rollins, Belva King, Sandra King. Fifth row - Dennis Jackson, Joanne Clayton, Dorothy Boyd, LeRoy Thompson, Bernice Brown, Charles Jackson and (hidden) Ellsworth Hoy. attending but not pictured are Thelma Dorsey, Phyllis Timpson, George Young, Gilmore Brown, Anita Harris, Phyllis Green, Carol Summers, Margret Lawson, Gerald Jackson, James Naylor, Robert Crampton. Among teachers attending, William O. Lee, Jr., the speaker, was honored with a plaque in appreciation of his services to the Class of '63. Other teachers included Miss Eunice C. Hutchins, home economics; Mrs. Gwendolyn Swann, music; Kenyon Parker, metal shop; Cornelius Turner, typing; Mrs. Elizabeth Browne, first grade, and Mrs Edna Dykes, third grade. "Everyone enjoyed the reunion." said Belva King, "and the feeling was to plan for another reunion."

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Lincoln High Class of '63

The Lincoln High School Class of 1963 will hold a disco for its 30th class reunion 9 p.m. - 1 a.m. Friday, Aug. 27 at American Legion Post #11, 1450 Taney Ave., Frederick. The \$10 cost included one free drink with which to toast the class. There will be a cash bar and door prizes. Music will be by C.J. (Charles Jefferson).

The public is invited. For tickets and further information, call Jackie Goe at 695-6076 or Kenny Wars at 663-0927.

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Miss Hutchins Bids Goodbye To Lincoln High After 36 Yrs.

MOVING DAY - Dean of home economics teachers in Frederick county, Miss Eunice C. Hutchins, completes 36 years of teaching at Lincoln High School by packing up equipment to be transferred to other schools in the county. Next fall she will teach at Elm Street Junior High and at Thurmont High School. Belva Diggs, left, and Areitha Thomas, right, were just two of her pupils who came back voluntarily after classes ended to help with the dismantling of the home ec lab. From breaking up at Lincoln she will go on to the task of opening up her home at Chestertown for the summer, following a two-week workshop in home economics at the Board of Education offices. During the school year she resides with Mrs. Elinor M. Brooks, 106 South Bentz Street.

“It was no hardship. It wasn’t just like a job. You have to be interested in your work.” When you hear her say it you understand how Miss Eunice C. Hutchins has been able to turn 36 years of teaching home economics at Lincoln High School into a career unparalleled in Frederick County.

You understand, too, how hard it is for her to say goodbye to the only school where she has ever taught - and to step out in September to a divided teaching position at Elm Street Junior High School and Thurmont High School.

The split teaching assignment is necessary because, with the closing of Lincoln, there are presently no openings in the county school system for a full time home economics teacher.

As Only She Has Seen It

This is the sort of thing that comes about inevitably as schools are reorganized and “new occasions teach new duties.” Miss Hutchins is the first to recognize this yet for her there is a particularly unique nostalgia as she watches the passing of the only school where she has ever taught and its emergence as the south section of the new South Frederick Elementary School.

High school education for Negroes in Frederick county had been in existence only six years when Miss Hutchins came here in September 1926.

French and History Major

The young girl from Chestertown, just graduated from Morgan College, was certificated in French and history but Lincoln had additional needs and there were only five teachers. That first year she taught all the history courses, civics and home economics. It was four years before she got to teach any French.

When she saw her pupils' need for home economics training and the possibilities inherent in it, Miss Hutchins set her course toward certification in that subject, too. Summer after summer she attended sessions at Morgan, Hampton Institute, Virginia State College, West Virginia State College, Cornell and Temple Universities.

They Called It A "Lab"

Her first home economics lab was something to write home about. It was equipped with two sewing machines (one that worked), two long benches and a teacher's desk.

She talked the situation over with the late G. Lloyd Palmer, then superintendent of schools, and he saw to it that some essential equipment, including chairs with writing arms, was provided.

Lunch Program

Classes were small, only eight or ten girls. Under Miss Hutchins the girls started a small lunch program two or three days a week. Gradually it increased to five days.

The girls did all the purchasing, all preparations and serving, but always the work was a direct outgrowth of their foods class. They kept it up until a staffed cafeteria was installed in 1951-52.

Craft and Culinary Club

"We had clubs. I'm real proud of our Craft and Culinary Club," Miss Hutchins reminisced. Boys and girls alike learned to use the sewing machine, to cook and also craft work, like soap carving.

She laughed as she recalled the year one of the boys won first prize for his apple jelly at the Frederick Fair - much to the chagrin of the girls.

A lot of those boys are now employed in responsible positions in hotels and restaurants in many cities, she recalled, and it wasn't hard to conclude how much table fare and home life in Frederick County have been improved by what she taught.

Meet Famous Pupil

Her most famous pupil was the late Alice Palmer, who went directly from her home ec training at Lincoln to Hyde Park, N. Y. There she met the world's great as she took charge of all meal planning, preparation and serving for Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt.

There have been other girls of whom she is justly proud, among them, Joan Whiten, national president, and Beverly Hill, national vice president of the New Homemakers of America.

In 1945 Miss Hutchins organized the Lincoln chapter of NHA and it has been her special interest ever since. NHA is the Negro girls' equivalent of Future Homemakers of America.

State Honor

Last month, when the annual state meeting was held at Bowie State Teachers College, a silver bowl was presented to Miss Hutchins by the other NHA local advisors in Maryland in recognition of her outstanding service.

She initiated the Junior Red Cross Program at Lincoln in the early 1930's. Girl Scouting was another major interest, to which she gave 15 years of active leadership, organizing the Senior Scouts in 1944.

A Study in Culture

The cultivation and transference of culture have been her aim. "I have tried to expose them to the best," she says, and from her quiet voice, gentle smile and serene manner one senses how fortunate have been those who studied under her.

There have been a lot of changes. In the early days she used to help the girls make their graduation dresses - all alike. "Some times they were right glamorous patterns," she smiles remembering, "but naturally, because this was a big moment in their lives." Now she teaches their daughters.

Esprit de Corps

But despite the changes there has been a lot of continuity, solidarity and coherence in her work at Lincoln. This esprit de corps is reason for much of her nostalgia.

When the addition to Lincoln School, built in 1939, produced a sizable lab with uncovered hardwood floors that were not easy to keep presentable, the youngsters decided to raise the money to buy linoleum - \$310 worth.

Many a Saturday they came back and waxed the floor. "It was no hardship. There was no frowning." Instead there was always perfect harmony with pupils and faculty.

Cleanliness and Order

"First you have to teach cleanliness and orderliness," she emphasizes. Care of property, too. Recently two plates were broken - that the pupils had been using since 1955. Otherwise, there has been practically no breakage to account for as she had gone over the inventory and sorted out the equipment to be transferred to other schools. One mixer, bought at the beginning of World War II is still working.

The diminutive lady with the longest record of teaching at Lincoln and longest current record of teaching home economics in Frederick county had hoped she might spend her remaining few teaching years at Lincoln. "The greatest year in my life would have been to have retired from the school where I started."

Family Life Program

She and others in the school system gave a lot of thought to including a family life program in the elementary curriculum which will prevail at the new South Frederick School in September.

Third, fourth, fifth and sixth graders will be housed in the Lincoln building but there are so many of them it won't be possible to keep the home ec lab or institute the new course under existing conditions.

Pupils All Ages

The different age group would not have phased Miss Hutchins. She has already been conducting sewing classes after hours for fourth, fifth and sixth grade girls who pleaded with her for instructions. She has found them apt pupils, too.

Now she will tackle a new problem, of teaching in two strange schools and commuting the 15 miles between them.

Ironically enough, in 1945 the superintendent of Kent county schools asked Frederick County to release Miss Hutchins to return there to teach. She remained loyal to Lincoln, however. Otherwise, today she could be teaching in her home town and walking to school.
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Lincoln High Class of '63

The Class of 1963 of the former Lincoln High School will be celebrating the 40th year class reunion, and would like those in the class including teachers to participate. There is a meeting every other Monday at the Elks Lodge on All Saints Street, call Belva King for more information regarding the meetings at 301-662-9035. If interested in helping to plan for the reunion call Lanell Jackie Goe at 301-663-4538, Carol Ann White Green at 301-669-1869, Dennis Jackson at 301-662-7998, Thomas Hill at 301-662-2563 or Carol Johnson Proctor at 301-874-5187.

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Old B. & O. Station Sold To Local Men

Francis Petrott And A. I. Ellin Purchase Property On South Market Street
Negotiations have been completed for the sale of the former Baltimore and Ohio passenger station on the southeast corner of South Market and All Saints street from the railroad company to Francis Petrott, Frederick attorney and A. I. Ellin, local merchant, it was learned today.

The building, not far from being 100 years old, was abandoned as a passenger station by the railroad March 13, 1948 in connection with a city street widening program and all business, passenger and freight, transferred to the Carroll street terminal.

Since that time, a considerable part of the main building on All Saints street has been operated as a farmers' market by R. C. Boyer, while the Crawford Transportation Company maintains an office on South Market street. Alvie T. Stevens has an apartment on the second floor.

It is understood that possession will be given the new owners as soon as the necessary legal documents are completed. The purchase price is reported to be in the neighborhood of \$30,000.

Mr. Petrott and Mr. Ellin, who are making the purchase as an investment, are understood to have negotiations under way with certain interests, including several oil companies, looking to a possible re-sale.

The property has a frontage of approximately 180 feet on All Saints street and 63 feet on South Market street. It is a brick structure, to which repairs have been made from time to time since its construction. It was painted in recent years. There are a number of rooms.

The land on which the station is located was acquired in 1853-54, it is understood. Although the exact date of the original construction is not known, the building appears on an artist's reproduction of Frederick in 1854 as the "new" railroad depot.

The old depot was the hub of Frederick in the early days, when virtually everyone of any importance who came to the city traveled by train. Outstanding personages were frequently met at the station by bands and escorted in parade fashion through the city. President Abraham Lincoln came into the station in 1862 to visit McClellan's Union Army. And a number of other presidents, governors, senators and leading national figures at one time or another stepped off the train there. Troops off to participate in at least three wars have waved farewell to relatives and friends at the old depot.

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Information Requested By Michelle Duncan-McDuffie

My name is Michelle Duncan-McDuffie and I am looking for information for my mother Pinkie Satterfield Duncan about her grandmother Estella Holland Brown Lawrence. This year mother will turn 82 years old and she is interested in knowing a little bit more about her family.

My great-grand mother is Estella Holland Brown Lawrence was married to James Brown (no year), then she married my great-grandfather, Rev. Lymous (Limos) M. Lawrence, Sr. and had 10 children: Alexander Lawrence, Celica Smith, Jessie Downing, Theresa Hyman and my grandmother Ernestine Lawrence Satterfield. The other 5 children are Mary, John, Richard, Limos and Kinsey we are not sure if they are from first marriage or from 2nd marriage.

My grandmother Ernestine was raised in Norfolk and Suffolk, VA, born November 12, 1909. My grandmother married Rev. Herman M. Satterfield in 1926. Out of their union were 5 children: Clementine Ray (deceased), Josephine Satterfield (deceased), Ernestine Johnson (deceased), Estella Satterfield (deceased). My mother Pinkie Duncan is the only one remaining.

In also connecting the family tree I could use some information on the following persons: John W. "Pop" Hammond (1898-1995), born to Lewis and Rosalee Ryan Hammond. John was married 5 times and had no children. My mother called him Uncle John.

Another person that we need information about is Sarah Franklin Jones (1897-1996), born to Charles and Rosa Diggs Holland. Sarah was one of 13 children. She married Harry Jobes in May 1939 and later married her 2nd husband, Clarence Jones in March 1954. My mother remembers her as Aunt Sarah. But as you can see in the above description that there was no Aunt Sarah and John Hammond to my mother's knowledge was not part of the 10 children that Lymous and Estella raised.

If anyone has information in connecting the dots please let me know. I can be reached at 301-378-2670.

Belva's Old News Letter

The news articles are about
Old Stories
and
Fredericktonian Lodge 12
also
Who is Lord Nickens by
Miles Ward

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HIT BY A HOG

Daniel Dean, colored, died at his home on West South Street, Wednesday night last, at 10 o'clock from lockjaw caused by a hog bite. He was aged about 50 years. On Monday, 15th instant, he helped to butcher the hogs of Mr. William Chew, West All Saints Street, and while pulling one of the hogs from the pen another one ran towards him, and to frighten it back he threw out his right hand, which the hog grabbed and nearly bit one of the fingers off, besides badly lacerating the hand. The wound was bound up at the time, and as he said it did not pain him he finished his work. The same evening he visited a physician who gave him an ointment for the wound and advised him to be careful with his hand. Later on he caught cold in the wound, which finally terminated in lockjaw and death after terrible suffering. Sandy Dean, the name he was familiarly known by, was born on the Manor and was owned by a Mr. Richardson, and for a number of years past was a regular employee on the Louis McMurray sugar corn farm

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TRIPLETS

Last Sunday, the wife of David Noland, colored, of this city, gave birth to triplets, all girls, they are all doing well. Noland is a dray driver and an industrious, hardworking man, and if such a large increase in a man's family is anything to be proud of, he is the proudest man in town.

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LOCAL NEWS

Who can Beat it. On Sunday night last, the wife of David Noland, an industrious and polite colored man of this city, gave birth to triplets, all girls. We would call that inflation with a vengeance. Dr. Smith informs us that the little ones are doing well. Several instances of the same kind have occurred in this city, though a number of years ago.

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UNKNOWN 1916 GRADUATE

Do you know anything about this graduate?

QUYNN CHURCH PICNIC

The Quynn African Methodist Episcopal church held its annual picnic yesterday at the fair grounds and was attended by a large number of people. The Bartonsville Band paraded the streets in the morning and marched to the grounds at about 10:30 o'clock. The Rev. Nicholas Gassaway and John Porter, pastor of the church, were the principal speakers. During the day many games were enjoyed by the outers.

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A TEA PARTY

There was a very pleasant tea party given by Miss Mary Kenny on All Saints Street last evening at which the following ladies and gentlemen were present. Misses Martha Davis, Nettie Bowie, Rachel Bowie, Kate Jackson, Martha Tyler and Messrs. Wm. Taylor, George Walker, James Graham, Howard Chase and Wm. Brown. Those present return heartfelt thanks to Miss Kenny for her kind treat.

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CORROBORATIVE EVIDENCE

"I see in yesterday's paper you make mention of a colored man in Columbia undergoing a change in color," said Judge William Hilton, the venerable cobbler who has worked at the bench for sixty-seven years, to a News representative last night. "Now I was an eye witness to just such an event in 1820. The colored man's name was Aaron _____ and he was one of a hundred slaves owned by old Ben Johnson who owned a glass blowing furnace across the county from Bartonsville, near Bush Creek in years long gone by. The tips of Aaron's fingers began turning white when he was about fifty-eight years old and by the time of his death two years later he was spotted white all over. The spots were the size of a silver dollar and a good deal whiter than your flesh and I wager had he lived two years longer he would have been a 'white' man - at least in color. No he didn't die a natural death. He "fell out" with his master and shot himself. I saw him when he committed the act. He walked to the bank of a stream in the meadow, placed the muzzle of the gun he was carrying under his left jaw, pulled the trigger with his toe and blew the side of his head off."

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COLORED G.O.P. ORGANIZES

A well-attended meeting of colored Republicans was held Wednesday night at the home of Bertron Hill, Bartonsville, when the Bartonsville Colored Republican Club was organized. Officers elected were: Bertron Hill, president; Earl Davis, vice president; Edna Brown, secretary; John O. Davis, assistant secretary; William Brooks, treasurer. Talks were made by E. Austin James, Dr. David G. Everhart, Emmert R. Bowlus, Jacob R. Ramsburg and C. Fred Knock, this city, and Joseph B. Payne, Brunswick. Refreshments were served.

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WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR ANCESTORS?

Are you interested in your family history? Finding out how your ancestors fit into world events is part of the excitement of investigating your family's past. Learning about your ancestors will teach you a lot about the past, and help you understand the history of the time in which your ancestors lived.

Think about each piece of information you have - a photo, a public record, or a family story - as a part of a larger puzzle. Remember that one little piece of information isn't the whole picture. You may have to go to the library and do archival work, as you try to document your family's existence at least back to 1870, the first year in which formerly enslaved African Americans were listed by name in the Federal Census. One of the challenges in researching African-American genealogy is that many vital records are segregated from white records. When you visit archives, make sure to request that the clerk search both sets of records.

Information can also be found in churches, cemeteries and fraternal organizations. The records kept by these institutions can be invaluable, in researching the latter half of the 19th Century and the Jim Crow period, when African Americans were underserved by public institutions.

A NEW RERQUEST

The Fredertonian Lodge 12 is one of the oldest African American Organization here in Frederick, Maryland.

If you have a subject that you would like for me to look up call me at 301-662-9035 or email beldking99@aol.com.

I hope you enjoy!

THE FIRST OF THE SEASON

The Fredericktonian Lodge, No. 12, of Free and accepted Masons, of this city, will have an excursion to Washington, to the dedication of Union Bethel church, on Sunday, May 30th. Tickets are good for two days.

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THE WORK OF DEATH

Hilleary Jones, a well known colored man of this city who formerly belonged to the Markell family, died at his home on Ice street yesterday afternoon at 12:30 o'clock, of heart failure, aged about 64 years. The deceased was a trustee for Asbury M. E. church and a member of Fredericktonian Lodge, A. F. & A. M. The funeral will take place tomorrow at 3 p. m. Interment will be made at Greenmount cemetery.

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MASONIC ENTERTAINMENT

There will be a grand Masonic entertainment at Groff hall to-night, under the auspices of Fredericktonian Lodge of Free Masons. Jenkins band will furnish music and refreshments will be served.

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BIG DAY AT LIBERTY

The masonic reunion and parade at Liberty yesterday was quite a success. Previous to the parade the colored members of the Masonic order, under whose auspices the affair was held, met at their hall in Liberty and at 12 o'clock, under the marshallship of Mr. E. Jenkins, marched through Main street and thence to the grove of Dr. Sappington, a short distance from the town. Addressess were delivered by W. M. Nicholas Penn; S. V., Mr. Jones, J. V., John Keys, and others. Later in the afternoon Captain Jenkins and his company arrived. The day was pleasantly spent in the grove. Two bus loads of members of Fredericktonian Lodge No. 12 and their friends were in attendance. Conspicuous among the vistors were, M. W. M., Samuel T. Dixon, C. H. Young, Caleb E. Nichols, Rev. Young, Richard Walker, P. Larkins, Thos. Hall, G. Goins, Wm. Downs and Marshall Jenkins. The exact numbers in attendance from this city was 51. Music was furnished by Unionville band and at 4 p.m. the procession returned to the hall, headed by the band while the Frederick Lodge and friends were treated to all the delicacies of the season, which they enjoyed very much. The members of the Frederick Lodge returned to this city at 10 o'clock last evening.

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FREE MASONS CELEBRATE ST. JOHN'S DAY

Fredericktonian Lodge No. 12, of Free Masons, celebrated St. John's Day at Nazarite Hall last night; in quite elaborate style. It brought out the largest seated assembly ever witnessed at the hall. Over three hundred persons responded to invitations, being a most affable and dignified audience. Speeches were made by Revs. J. T. Owens, Frederick; L. A. Carter, of New Market; T. O. Carroll, Rockville, and W. Master, Jas. N. Davis. The exercises throughout were of a very entertaining and interesting character, reflecting great credit upon the lodge.

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WILLIAM COLE

William Cole, colored, died yesterday at noon at Montevue Hospital, aged about 50 years. He was a member of the Fredericktonian Lodge, A. F. and A. M., of this city. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from his late home in Paradise Row and interment will be made in Greenmount cemetery. Thomas P. Rice has charge of the funeral.

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FUNERALS

Marshall E. Jenkins

The funeral of Marshall E. Jenkins, colored, took place on Sunday at 1:30 o'clock at Asbury M. E. church. A large number of people attended. Rev. J. E. Dotson, assisted by Rev. E. T. Addison, and Rev. J. W. Townes officiated. Special hymns were sung and resolutions read. Chief Judge Hammond Truner, who was present, paid a splendid tribute to the deceased, as a citizen, churchman and a fraternal member of the lodges to which he belonged. Lodge of Mason Garrett Lodge, Masonite Ruth and Ruth Court of Nazarites held services. Queen Esther Chapter, Eastern Star also attend. There were many beautiful floral emblems presented. The pallbearers were: William Diggs, Albert Johnson, Frank Holliday, Issac King, Lee Whiting and William Carroll of the Mason's. Interment in Fairview cemetery. Thomas P. Rice, funeral director.

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EDWARD B. ORAM

The funeral of Edward B. Oram, colored, took place from the late home in New Market, Sunday at 11 o'clock with further services at Simpson's chapel by Rev. E. B. Carrington, assisted by W. O. Tyle, Gettysburg. Services were in charge of Fredericktonian Lodge, No. 12, F. A. M. assisted by James R. Stewart Lodge, No. 49 New Market. The pallbearers: William H. Carroll, William J. Diggs, Alfred Thomas, William Hopkins, Reginal Snowden, Calvin Hoy. Interment in adjoining cemetery. W. E. Falconer, funeral director.

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THOMAS H. CLARK

The funeral of Thomas Henry Clark, colored, who died Monday afternoon took place with brief services at his late home 311 Madison Street Thursday afternoon at 1:45 o'clock thence to Quinn A. M. E. Church where final services were held at 2 o'clock. Rev. Dr. G. A. Hawkins, assisted by Rev. William A. Harris, pastor of the church officiated. Members of the House hold of Ruth No. 903 G. C. O. of O. F. of which the deceased was a member conducted ritualistic services in the church. The funeral was largely attended and there were many beautiful floral emblems. Pallbearers members of the Fredericktonian Lodge No. 12 A. F. and A Masons which conducted mualistic services at the grave and the deceased was a member were George P. Ambush, Gilmore A. Bentley, Theodore P. Ambush, Samuel A. Whiten, John W. Summers, George Flippins. Interment in Fairview Cemetery. M. R. Etchison and Son, funeral directors. **Reprinted with the permission of the Frederick News-Post and Randall Family LLC as published on August 14, 1942**

DR. ULYSSES G. BOURNE

Funeral services for Dr. Ulysses G. Bourne Sr., well-known physician, 235 West South street who died at Frederick Memorial Hospital Sunday evening, were held at Asbury Methodist church, Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. E. F. Williams, a former pastor of the church, assisted by Rev. C. A. LaGrange, pastor of the church, Rev. J. A. Williamson and Rev. W. I. Snowden officiated. The services were largely attended and there was a profusion of floral emblems. Henry U. Ayres, Grand Lecturer of the Masonic Lodge of the State of Maryland conducted Masonic services at the church and grave. Pallbearers, members of Fredericktonian Lodge 12 A. F. and A. Masons of which Dr. Bourne was a member were: Claude Delauter, Ulysses Dailey, Paul Reid, Henry Brown, Austin Bowie and Samuel Stroud. Interment was in Fairview cemetery. M. R. Etchison and Son, funeral directors. **Reprinted with the permission of the Frederick News-Post and Randall Family LLC as published on July 10, 1954**

TO URGE VOTER REGISTRATION

Leaders from local civic organizations met with the Mayor of Frederick, Thursday, to have the first week in August proclaimed, "Voter Registration Week in Frederick." Participating, were Sherman Mason, worshipful master of the Fredericktonian No. 12 Prince Hall Masons; Mrs. Helen Alexander, chairman of the registration drive and of the League of Women Voters; Leonard Green, chairman of the pre-rally caravan for the NAACP; Louis E. Eichelberger, city treasurer; Rev. H. J. McDonald, NAACP chaplain and pastor of the Asbury Methodist Church; Claude R. Delauter, president of the Frontiers, Mayor E. Paul Magaha; Mrs. Eleanor Brown, vice president of the Business and Professional Women and Miss Rachel Lee, temporary secretary of the NAACP and the first new voter registered as the result of the campaign. **Reprinted with the permission of the Frederick News-Post and Randall Family LLC as published on July 3, 1964**

CAPTAIN JACKSON REASSIGNED

Capt. Norwood E. Jackson, Provost Marshal at Fort Detrick since December 1962 will leave for a new assignment Monday, July 26, with the Student Detachment, Provost Marshal General School, Fort Gordon, Ga.

Capt. Jackson has been selected to attend the nine month military Officer Career Course, after which he will be assigned to duty in Germany.

During his tour of duty here, Capt. Jackson has been active in a number of Post activities. He has captained several Post bowling teams and is a member of the Executive Committee of the Western Maryland Bowling Association.

As a Master Mason, he is a member of the Fredericktonian Lodge Number 12 and of the Western Maryland Shriner Club, Jerusalem Temple Number 4, Baltimore.

Capt. Jackson graduated with a B.A. degree from Central State College, Wilburforce, Ohio, in 1957, where he was a tower of strength in their football lineup each season while he was there.

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MASONIC DEDICATION

The dedication of the Fredericktonian Lodge 12, Free and Accepted Masons, was held Sunday afternoon in Frederick. First row, from left, are Thomas Ford, Kenneth Thompson, Kenneth Parker, Herman Williams and Austin Bowie. Second row, from left, are Cornelius Williams, James Ambush, Mack Dandridge, Luther Holland, Ellis Hacket, John Richards, James Hill, Thomas Ambush, Louis Holland, William O. Lee and Charles Bowie.

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FREDERICKTONIAN LODGE 12

The dedication of the Fredericktonian Lodge 12, Free and Accepted Masons, was held Sunday Afternoon in Frederick. First row, from left, are Herman Williams, Kenneth Parker, Lavern Parker, Charles Bowie III and Kenneth Thompson. Second row, from left, are Alice Hill, Emily Snowden, Edna Dykes, Cynthia Lee, Noreen Goe, Mary Holland, Faye Williams and Austin Bowie. Third row, from left, are James E. Dupuy, Luther Holland, Dorothy Bowie, Anna Smothers, Patrice H. Gaither and William O. Lee.

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EXPRESS THANKS

Mrs. Evelyn Holland, widow of Louis O. Holland Sr., and children want to express their appreciation for the thoughtfulness of friends and relatives following Mr. Holland's tragic death. He was killed in an accident May 13 at the PEPCO railroad yard in Dickerson.

"We wish to express our sincere thanks to the Fredericktonian Lodge No. 12, the Rev. David Sparrow of the Knoxville AME Church, the Dickerson PEPCO employees and all the other wonderful relations.

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MASONRY BICENTENNIAL BANQUET

Three Frederick men were among 52 outstanding Marylanders honored at the Prince Hall Masonry Bicentennial Banquet Sunday at the Baltimore Hilton by the commanders of the Rite 33rd Degree and the Prince Hall Scottish Rite Masonic Bodies. Over 1,400 members and guests attended.

They were Frederick Alderman Claude R. Delauter Jr., retired educator, John T. (Jack) Griffin, local and USA olympic track coach; and Mayor Ronald Young.

Over 40 Prince Hall Masons, their wives and guests attended from the Western Maryland area, including Howard B. Thomas, area chairman and commander of the Western Maryland Consistory 33rd degree; James M. Thomas 33rd, committee member; Frederick Mayor and Mrs. Ronald N. Young; Fredericktonian Lodge 12 Past Master Austin Rollins 33rd and Mrs. Rollins; Lodge 12 Past Master John Williams and Mrs. Williams; Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Brown of Hope Hill; Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Parker of Flint Hill; Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Brightful; Mr. and Mrs. James L. Brown, James Edward Ambush Jr., all of Frederick, The Rev. Geraldine

David and Mrs. Alice Hill, both of Bartonsville; Mr. and Mrs. Merle Lyles of Urbana, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Addison of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Merton P. Hammond of Union Bridge, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur High, Mr. and Mrs. James Gregg, Rockville; Andrew Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Hopewell, all of Hagerstown.

The banquet marked the 200th anniversary of Prince Hall Masonry and honored those who have contributed significantly to the advancement of mankind as inculcated in the work of the Masonic bodies.

Presiding was Illustrious Leon B. Holsey, president, Commanders of the 33rd Degree, Maryland.

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CORNERSTONE LAID

Members of the Fredericktonian Lodge 12, F & AM, performed cornerstone-laying ceremonies for the Mount Olivet Baptist Church in Brunswick Saturday afternoon. The church was built in 1905 and rebuilt in 1975. Those who attended was John D. Williams, past master; James R. Smith, grand treasurer; Vincent Dodson, grand marshal; John H. Jones, district deputy grand master; James M. Thomas, senior warden; Richard C. King, past master; George C. Hardy, past master, and Austin T. Bowie, past master and secretary. Also during the ceremonies, numerous F & AM documents were laid beneath the cornerstone to be sealed in.

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LODGES MEET

The 17th annual Civic Achievement Award banquet for the Merry Men of Mountain City Lodge 382 was held this past weekend. Ida Wilson was the recipient of the Distinguished Elk award, and the Rev. John L. Ford of Asbury United Methodist Church, recipient of the Civic Achievement Award. Also this weekend, Fredericktonian Lodge 12 F&HA dedicated its new annex on West All Saints Street.

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MRS. FLORENCE LARKINS SPRIGGS

Funeral services for Mrs. Florence Larkins Spriggs, 101 S. Bentz St. Frderick, who died Monday, Nov. 3 were held at 11 a.m. Saturday Nov. 8 at the First Missionary Baptist Church, Frederick.

The Rev. Wallace Poole, pastor, officiated, assisted by the Rev. James H. Jones, New Bethel Baptist Church, the Rev. Ernest T. Huston, Bethesda Baptist Church, and The Rev. Grant Coffman, Comody Hill Baptist Church, Seat Pleasant. A solo was sung by Sherman Mason Jr. and the organist was Earl Weedon.

Bearers were members of the Fredericktonian Lodge 12 of the Masons, and were Nelson L. Warfield., William O. Lee Jr., Melvin S. Addison, Richard C. Watford, James E. Ambush and

Thomas B. Ambush. Interment was in Fairview Cemetery, Frederick. Mrs. Spriggs was the mother of James Francis Spriggs, of Silver Spring.

Arrangement were made by Hicks Funeral Home, 263 W. Patrick St., Frederick.

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FREDERICKTONIAN MASONIC LODGE 12 . . . SERVING MANKIND SINCE 1857

Fredericktonian Lodge No. 12 was warranted by the Most Worshipful Union Grand Lodge of State of Maryland on Sept. 6, 1859. On Sept. 12, 1876, it was rewarranted by the Grand Lodge Officers under the seal for State of Maryland as Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Baltimore City, with the following officers presiding; Worshipful Master William Jones, Senior Warden Charles Tasker, and Junior Warden Hillary Countee.

The Grand Officers were; James A. Hardy, grand master; Cousman W. Gaines, deputy grand master; William H. Brown, senior grand warden; Walton S. Oriel, junior grand warden; John T. Brown grand treasurer; and William L. Wilks, grand secretary.

Fredericktonian Lodge No. 12 held its meetings at the Pythian Castle, located on West All Saints Street, Frederick, from 1859 to 1954. In 1925 there was a fire in the building, destroying records previous to 1925. On Nov. 4, 1854, Fredericktonian Lodge purchased a building at 110 W. All Saints St., Frederick. The purchase price was \$5,400. Each member was assessed \$25 toward the purchase of the building.

The building was rented for a number of years, the top two floors as an apartment and the basement a beauty shop. The building was paid in full within seven years. Soon after, Fredericktonian Lodge No. 12 decided to use the building for regular communications. To the present day, the Fredericktonian Lodge still owns and occupies this building. The initiators for the purchase of this building were Worshipful Master Frank W. Penn, Secretary Henry Brown, Treasurer James E. Ambush, Senior Deacon Claude R. De Lauter and Junior Warden George Hardy.

Past Masters of Fredericktonian Lodge No. 12 include:

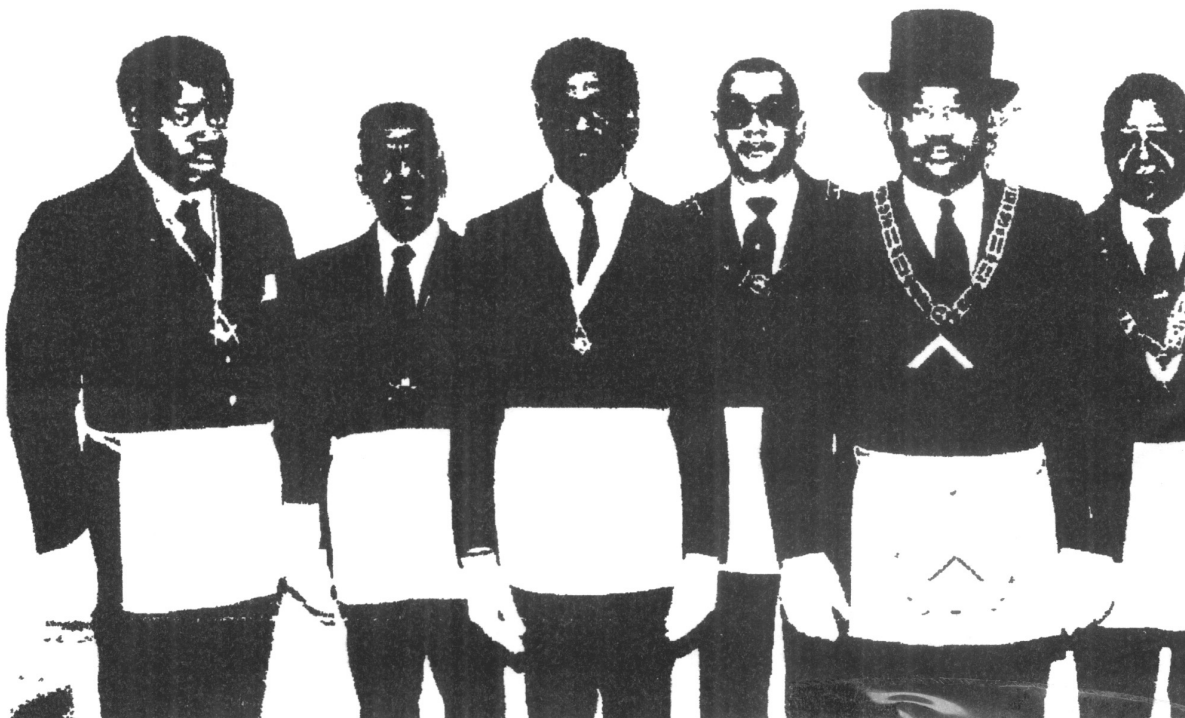
C. Holland	1925-1932
J. W. Townes	1932-1935
Richard Walker	1935-1939
James Turner	1939
Robert Henderson	1939-1941
William Summer	1941-1942
Samuel Whiten	1942-1944
Carter Reid	1944-1947
James Spriggs	1947-1949
Frank Penn	1949-1955
George C. Hardy	1955-1958
Clarence Lawson	1958-1960
Austin Bowie	1960-1962
John Smith	1962-1964

Belva's Old News Letter

The news articles are about
Honoring
Black History Month
William O. Lee Jr.

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OFFICERS, FREDERICKTONIAN LODGE



New officers of Fredericktonian Lodge No. 12, Free & Accepted Masons, Prince Hall Affiliation, include, from left, William C. Ethridge, junior deacon; Charles D. Bowie III, marshal; Cornelius Williams, senior deacon; Herman T. Williams, junior wardern; Kenneth W. Parker, worshipful master; Austin T. Bowie, financial secretary; Nelson L. Warfield, recording secretary. Not pictured are Kenneth W. Thompson, senior warden; William O. Lee, Jr., treasurer; Louis Holland Jr., steward; James Moore, steward; James E. Ambush Jr., tiler; and Thomas Ambush, chaplain. (Photo by Richard T. Meagher)

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FOR ALDERMAN The "We Are The People" Candidate



William O. Lee, Jr.

I am a candidate for alderman because there is a need for someone to provide responsive representation to all the people in the halls of local government. I pledge to you all my energies in providing such representation.

Government has not been in the past, is not now, and should never be on entity unto itself. Government exists at the consent of the people and for their common good. The slogan of the government should be always, "We are the People". To this and I will be an effective and aggressive voice of the people. I could have no more humble calling than to serve the people; I could aspire for no more noble task than to translate your mandate into fair, impartial and prudent actions.

The major focus of my adult life has been directed toward attending to the needs of the people by molding the futures of our most precious treasures-our children. I have been a student, a teacher, and an administrator in the local schools. I have been successful in welding together the needs of the students, the aspirations of the parents, and the directives of the board. I have listened prayerfully to all three and I have acted in the interest of students; with due

recognition of parent concerns, and with disciplined regard for board policy. I have served 20 years as chairman of the City Housing Authority, and 10 years as the financial director of my church, with the same resolve.

As your alderman, my approach to serving the people will feature similar elements of planning and execution. I will seek your ideas and counsel on all matters vital to your interests. I will translate your input into governmental actions, with your interest as my primary guide. I will hold myself up for your examination on all matters for which I have been the responsible initiator.

As your alderman, I will be affirmative in pursuing all matters that come before the City. I have selected three issues vital to you.

1. Prudent fiscal responsibility. Can government make more effective use of you tax dollar?
2. Openness in government. Do you know the details of government actions?
3. Equal opportunity in employment and appointment to Commissions and Committees. Is government encouraging participation by all citizens?

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MR. WILLIAM LEE JR.



William Osborn Lee Jr., affectionately known as “Sonny” to family and friends, died Jan. 11 at his residence.

Born May 7, 1928, in Frederick, he was the first son of the late William Osborn Lee Sr. and the late Vivian Bernice Lee.

Also called “Bill,” he was the husband of Cynthia Francis Bayton Lee, his wife of 55 years.

Mr. Lee was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church where he was the history and archives chairman and served on the administrative board, board of trustees. United Methodist Men, and was previously a Sunday school teacher. He also was a member of the Commission on Finance, Pastor Parish Committee and United Methodist Men.

After graduating from Frederick’s Lincoln High School in 1945, Mr. Lee served in the U.S. Navy until 1948. From 1948 through 1954, Mr. Lee attended Howard University, receiving a bachelor of science degree in physical education with post-graduate work at University of Maryland and Western Maryland College.

Between 1954 and 1970, Mr. Lee was a teacher of physical education at Lincoln High School and West Frederick Junior High. Until he retired in 1983, he was associate principal of West Frederick Junior High, then principal of West Frederick Middle School.

In addition to being an alderman for the County of Frederick from 1986 through 1994, Mr. Lee was a lifeguard, swimming and physical fitness instructor.

He was a member of the Fredericktonian Lodge 12 and was past worshipful master, treasurer, assistant district deputy grand master Prince Hall, Districts 2 and 3. He was also a member of the Queen Esther Chapter 2, Order of the Eastern Star.

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CAGERS HONORED

Members of the Lincoln High School class C 1961 state champions were honored at a special 20th anniversary banquet Sunday at the Elks Lodge 382 in Frederick. The banquet was sponsored by the Frederick Athletic Association. Shown above (l-r) are coach William O. Lee, John Onley, Mrs. Bloise Robinson (standing in for Charles Robinson), Robert Onley, Gene Snowden, Wayne Brown, Charles Patterson and Kenneth Thompson.

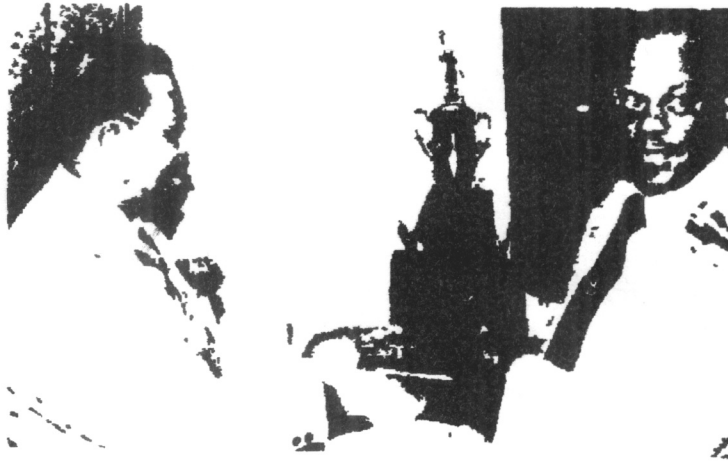
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TRACK REUNION

The Lincoln High School track came in second in the state first intergrated class C track meet in 1961. The team was honored Sunday at a banquet sponsored by the Frederick Athletic Association and held at the Mountain City Elks Lodge in Frederick. Shown above are (l-r) coach William O. Lee, Earl Collins, Wayne Brown, Douglas Herbert, Clyde Perkins, Kenneth Thompson, Charles Brown and John Onley

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Lee honored

LEE HONORED

Reverend Brown, a member of the board of directors of the Frederick Athletic Association, presents William O. Lee (left) with a trophy for coaching sports at Lincoln High School from 1954-1962. The presentation was made at a special banquet Sunday honoring two Lincoln teams.

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YOUNG RE-ELECTED WITH 56% OF VOTE

Kreissing, Lee lead alderman in slate, Murphy, Ford, Phillips also win.



RUSH FOR THE RESULTS

Anxious candidates, their supporters, and the news media made a bee line for Laura Offutz, second from left, of the Board of Election Supervisors as she appeared in the third floor county commissioners hearing room in Winchester Hall with final election results Tuesday night. Among those getting results are, from left, Charles Poindexter, William O. Lee, a newly elected alderman, Buck Sulcer, Doris Moseburg, Jon F. Kreissig, a newly elected alderman, and Buell P. Floyd, husband of new alderman Betty Floyd (Photo by Sam Yu)

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Frederick voters retained their three-term mayor and two of the four aldermen who ran for re-election Tuesday, according to unofficial results released last night.

Republican newcomers Jon F. Kreissig and William O. Lee Jr. received the most votes for aldermen in the unofficial results.

Democratic Mayor Ronald N. Young was elected to serve a fourth four-year term. He defeated GOP opponent Donna J.R. Lane in the unofficial totals with 2,795 votes to Lane's 2,171 votes, 56.2 percent to 43.7 percent.

About 200 absentee ballots remain to be counted. Of the 15,794 people registered, 5,178 voted in Tuesday's rainy weather, about 33 percent.

Democrats still dominate the board of aldermen, with incumbents James M. Murphy and C. Arlene Phillips recapturing their seats, Murphy for a third term, Phillips for a second.

Belva's Old News Letter

The news articles are about
Bowie - Thomas Reunion

Celebrating the 50th Annual
Bowie -Thomas Reunion

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BOWIE-THOMAS 50TH FAMILY REUNION

ARE YOU READY FOR FUN???

Bowie-Thomas family gears up for 50th family reunion.

Our reunion will be held August 24, 2013 at Urbana District Park, 3805 Urbana Pike, Frederick, Md 21704.

Bring your picnic baskets for your family & friends. We will have free hamburgers, hotdogs & fries. While it lasts.

Directions to park:

Take I-270 South to exit #26 to Fingerboard Rd. (MD 80).

Bear right off the exit.

Take MD 355 North (Urbana Pike).

Park is just after Urbana Elementary School on the right.

ACTIVITIES

FRIDAY - AUGUST 23, 2013

"MEET & GREET"

Where: Saint James AME Church,
Bartonsville Rd, Frederick, Md 21704

Time: 7:00pm-9:00pm

SATURDAY, AUG 24, 2013

FAMILY CHURCH SERVICE

Where: Saint James AME Church

Time: 11:00am

Speaker: Rev C Michele Langston

FAMILY PICNIC SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Where: Urbana District Park

REUNION DUES

Ages: 0-16 FREE

Ages: 17-Over \$5.00

Please pick one designated family member to collect & hand in dues between now & day of reunion.

Please see Peggy Bowie or Michelle Dorsey

Events @ reunion: 50/50 Raffle, Six (6) Baskets of Surprises Raffle, Bingo w/prizes, Cake Walk, Kids games, Moon Bounce, Family History moment, Photos by Stan & Michael, DJ, Candle lighting ceremony "In Memory of Love Ones"

Committee members

President: Lynne Duckett, VP: Harold Williams Jr, Treasurer: Peggy Bowie/Michelle Dorsey, Secretary: Linda Duckett, Activities: Shelia Ray, Welcome: Wickie Bowie, Photo: Michael Bowie, Fundraiser: Ellen Ray, History: Belva King other members Betty & Gilbert Bowie, Edna Diggs & Celestine Dixon



T-SHIRT ORDERS

\$5 for youth

Sizes child small-child XL

\$10 adult sizes small - XL

\$12 adults 2X - 3X

Color is Gold w/Black writing

Contact Peggy Bowie pegbowie4u@aol.com or

Michelle Dorsey chelleknot@verizon.net

2013 BOWIE-THOMAS FAMILY REUNION SURVEY FORM

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT YEAR 2014:

- ACTIVITIES
- BREAST CANCER AWARENESS DANCE
OCTOBER 2013
- CHURCH PROGRAM
- FRIDAY NIGHT DANCE (DAY B4
REUNION)
- KIDS LOCK-IN FRIDAY NIGHT (ADULTS
CHAPERONES)
- PRAISE BREAKFAST
- RAFFLE BASKET DONATIONS
- REGISTRATION/WELCOMING
- SELL RAFFLE TICKETS
- SET-UP/DECORATING FOR PICNIC &
DANCES

WOULD YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ATTEND THE NEXT FAMILY REUNION?

- YES
- NO
- DON'T KNOW

HOW LONG SHOULD THE REUNION BE?

- SATURDAY AFTERNOON
- FULL WEEKEND (FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY)

ACTIVITY IDEAS

- ADULT DANCE
- KIDS LOCK-IN (SLEEPOVER)
- BALLOON TOSS
- CRAFT TABLE FOR KIDS
- TALENT SHOW
- SKATE PARTY

2014 Reunion Color (s) Suggestion

NAME

FULL ADDRESS

CONTACT NUMBER

EMAIL ADDRESS

Please plan early!

Thank you for your input. We truly appreciate it.

All suggestions will be considered.

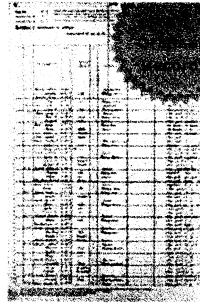
Name:	John Thomas	
Age:	45	
Birth Year:	abt 1805	
Birthplace:	Germany	
Home in 1850:	Frederick, Frederick, Maryland	
Race:	Mulatto	
Gender:	Male	
Family Number:	501	
Household Members:		
	Name	Age
	<u>John Thomas</u>	45
	<u>Ellen Thomas</u>	43
	<u>Henry N Thomas</u>	21
	<u>Martha A Thomas</u>	18
	<u>Amelia Thomas</u>	17
	<u>Jemima Thomas</u>	13
	<u>John N Thomas</u>	9
	<u>Mary E Thomas</u>	7
	<u>Jonas Thomas</u>	2
	<u>Joseph L Thomas</u>	1

Source Citation: Year: 1850; Census Place: Frederick, Frederick, Maryland; Roll: M432_292; Page: 102B; Image: 210.

Name:	John Thomas	
Age in 1870:	60	
Birth Year:	abt 1810	
Birthplace:	Maryland	
Home in 1870:	Frederick, Frederick, Maryland	
Race:	Mulatto	
Post Office:	Frederick	
Value of real estate:		
Household Members:		
	Name	Age
	<u>John Thomas</u>	60
	<u>Ellen Thomas</u>	61
	<u>Nelson Thomas</u>	38
	<u>Jonas Thomas</u>	22
	<u>Joseph Thomas</u>	21

Source Citation: Year: 1870; Census Place: Frederick, Frederick, Maryland; Roll: M593_586; Page: 181B; Image: 367; Family History Library Film: 552085.

Name: **Jonas Thomas**
 Age: 50
 Birth Year: **abt 1830**
 Birthplace: **Maryland**
 Home in 1880: **New Market, Frederick, Maryland**
 Race: **Black**
 Gender: **Male**
 Relation to Head of House: **Self (Head)**
 Marital Status: **Married**
 Spouse's Name: **Elizebeth Thomas**
 Father's Birthplace: **Maryland**
 Mother's Birthplace: **Maryland**
 Neighbors: [View others on page](#)
 Occupation: **Laborer**
 Cannot read/write:
 Blind:
 Deaf and dumb: [View Image](#)
 Otherwise disabled:
 Idiotic or insane:



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Household Members:	Name	Age
	Jonas Thomas	50
	Elizebeth Thomas	40
	Mary E. Thomas	6
	Arthur Thomas	4
	Catherine Dean	60

Name: **John Bowie**
 Age in 1870: **45**
 Birth Year: **abt 1825**
 Birthplace: **Maryland**
 Home in 1870: **New Market, Frederick, Maryland**
 Race: **Black**
 Gender: **Male**
 Post Office: **Urbana**
 Value of real estate:

Household Members:	Name	Age
	John Bowie	45
	Nettie Bowie	45
	William Bowie	10
	Josias Bowie	8
	Rachel V Bowie	3
	Emory Bowie	10/12
	Emily Bowie	21
	Thomas Bowie	6
	Franklin U Bowie	2
	Resin H Bowie	5/12
	Hilleary Denmark	23
	Mary E Denmark	19

Source Citation: Year: 1870; Census Place: New Market, Frederick, Maryland; Roll: M593_587; Page: 401B; Image: 191; Family History Library Film: 552086.

Bowie-Thomas Reunion
AUGUST 29 - 3 P.M.
At St. James A.M.E. Church
Picnic At Frederick
Fair Grounds

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BOWIE-THOMAS REUNION HELD

The Bowie-Thomas family recently celebrated its 26th reunion the weekend of Aug. 25-27.

A banquet was held Aug. 25 at Dan-Dee Restaurant honoring the immediate descendants of the late Emory Columbus and Mary Ellen Thomas Bowie.

Those honored were the surviving immediate descendants Edna B. Dykes, W. Lester Bowie Sr. and Austin Bowie.

Church service was held Aug. 26 at St. James AME with Bonnie Sanders as mistress of ceremonies.

Elder Roger Rollins of Thomas Tabernacle was the guest speaker of the day and his sermon was enjoyed by all.

Following the church service everyone attended festivities at Pinecliff Park. Two hundred family members participated in this annual affair.

Sunday evening Aug. 27 family members joined together for an afternoon swim at Diggs Pool located in Mullinix Park, Frederick.

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BOWIE, THOMAS FAMILIES HOLD ANNUAL REUNION AT PINECLIFF

The 16th annual Bowie-Thomas family reunion was held the weekend of Aug. 24-26.

A banquet was held Friday, Aug. 24 at the Dan-Dee Restaurant in honor of the immediate descendants of Emory Columbus and Mary Bowie. Those honored were Mrs. Mamie Davis, Walter S. Bowie, Mrs Edna B. Dykes, Lester Bowie, Austin Bowie, Mrs. Thelma Allen and Mrs. Beatrice Jackson.

Church services were held Saturday, Aug. 25 at St. James AME Church with Mrs. Alice Hill serving as mistress of ceremony. Singing heart warming selections was the gospel group, "Souls on Fire" of the Asbury United Methodist Church. The Rev. Luther Brown delivered a sermon of reminiscence, assisted by the Rev. Don P. Leak, pastor of St. James AME.

Memorial services were conducted during the service for deceased family members Moses Brown, Wilma Davis, Lillian Gary, Spencer Bowie and Perry Goines. Following the church services everyone attended festivities held at Pinecliff Park.

Saturday evening, a Disco was held at Brodbeck Hall, Hood College, with music provided by Bill Jackson and Tim Hall.

Sunday evening, Aug 26, family members and friends attended an evening of roller skating at Skatehaven Roller Rink.

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BOWIE-THOMAS FAMILY HOLDS 35TH REUNION

The 35th annual Bowie-Thomas family reunion was held recently starting with dinner at a local restaurant in Thurmont followed by a picnic the next day in Pinecliff Park and a Sunday church service at St. James AME Church, Bartonsville Road.

Seated at the head table at the dinner were Lester Bowie, one of the oldest family members, and others representing the various branches of the family including Charlotte Dairs for the Maime Dairs line, Catherine Haynesworth for Walter Bowie, Grace Morgan for Elizabeth Brown, Steve Allen for Thelma Allen, Elder Roger Rollins and wife Rosalind Rollins and Joseph Bowie, president of the Bowie-Thomas reunion and father of Lester Bowie.

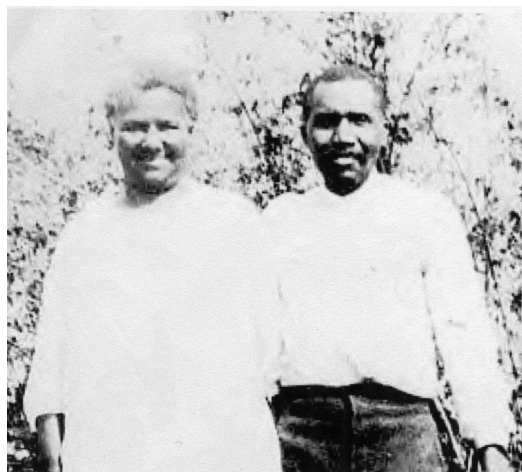
Other family members were descended from Austin Bowie, Roy Bowie, Beatrice Jackson and Edna Dykes.

The church service featured the Rev. Roger Rollins of Thomas Tabernacle Holiness Church in Frederick. The Rev. Luther Brown had served as speaker for 35 years.

Nearly 300 attended the picnic. Photographs were organized for a family portrait book.
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**Jonas and Elizabeth Thomas
Mary Ellen's Parents**



**Mary Ellen
and
Emory Columbus Bowie**



Mrs. Alice Hill
Age 92



Family House on
Bartonsville Road



Arthur Thomas
Mary Ellen's brother



Mamie
Davis



Walter
Spencer Bowie



Elizabeth
Brown



Rev. Roy
Bowie



**Thelma
Allen**



**Beatrice
Jackson**



**William Lester
Bowie**



**Rev. Luther Brown
Age 91**



**Austin
Bowie**



**Edna
Dykes**

**OUR SENIOR FAMILY MEMBER ARE VALUED GEMS
DIAMONDS 90'S YEAR OLD FROM PENNSYLVANIA**

Mrs. Clarice Reed
Mrs. Grace Morgan
Mrs Alice King



Alice Farnace King - 93 years old.

*I am a great-great granddaughter
of John and Violeta Bowie.*

*Emily my great grandmother was
their daughter. Emily married
a Hoens one of their children
was Lillie my grandmother.*

*Lillie married a Farnace one of
her daughters Gertrude was my
mother my father was Giles Hall.*

*The family moved to Coatesville
Pa. when I was a baby. I grew up*

Ga. when I was a baby. I grew up
and graduated from High School.

I moved to Wayne, Ga. to work for
the Chedwick family. While with
them I met and married John King.
and went to Penn Business school.

John and I had two sons, John Jr.
and David. When David became school
age I went to work for B. Altman
Co. as Dept Head until they closed.
Then I went to Hallmark and
retired at eighty.

John died seven years ago
at Eighty Eight. I sold our
home and moved to Berwyn, Pa.
my present home.

I I have three grand Children
Sean, Bryan and Laticha
Three great grands - Jamil, Xavier
and Isaiah.

Please call and let me
know if you received this

THE BOWIE AND THOMAS SENIORS ARE LIKE GEMS.

DIAMOND'S 90'S YEAR OLD

Mrs. Clarice Reid
Mrs. Grace Morgan
Mrs. Alice King

RUBY'S 80'S YEAR OLD

Mrs. Edna Diggs
Mr. Paul Bowie
Mr. Gilbert Bowie
Mrs. Celestine Dixon

EMERALDS 70'S YEAR OLD

Mrs. Ellen Ray
Mr. William Bowie
Mr. Burt Hill
Mr. Vincent Hill
Mrs. Rosalind Rollins
Mr. Ottis Morgan
Mrs. Arlene Carter
Mrs. Sylvia Cleckley
Mrs. Sylvia George
Mr. Douglas Bowie
Mr. Jim Bowie
Mr. Ronald Bowie

Ja'Von William Robinson
Youngest Baby

Long Distant - Joe Bowie
Netherland

Mr. & Mrs. Kwame Lovell
Youngest Married Couple

Belva's Old News Letter

The news articles are about
Civil War Slaves

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MANY TRAGEDIES AT ENGLISH HOME

Building Was Used As Exchange of Runaway Slaves Is Report

The shooting of Arthur English by his wife, Mrs. Eloise Young English on Saturday, was not the first scene of violence that has occurred in the lonely mountain cottage nearly at the top of the first Catoctin ridge half a mile west of Indian Springs. About forty years ago, so the neighborhood relates, a woman - thought to be insane - killed a man in the same cottage in which English was slain. Violent homicides are infrequent in Frederick county and the killing of a man by a woman is nearly unknown, that two such tragic incidents have occurred in the same house within a space of fifty years is remarkable.

The first purpose served by the lonely mountain cabin and the reason for its construction was as a hiding place for slaves, just prior to the Civil War. Slaves were induced to leave their masters, brought to the isolated mountain spot and forced to work there until they could be sold back into slavery again.

About 75 Years Old

The building is understood to have been constructed about three-quarters of a century ago and is today, practically the same structure it was then. The walls were unusually thick of heavy stone hewed from the very mountain side under the very eaves of the roof were several hiding places that were nothing more than solid stone coffins, in which the slaves were hid at any time that any danger of their discovery existed.

These hiding places were in the walls and were the size of a full grown man, their length being horizontal, large stone coverings were placed conveniently beside these openings and, when necessary, the negroes were placed in the openings and covered up. From the exterior the walls presented a solid appearance and it would have taken close observation to discover them

Built by Morgan Bros.

The house was planned and built by Morgan Bros., who conducted the slave exchange there until after the close of the Civil War. It is related that they had one slave, a fellow of powerful physique and untiring endurance whom they kept at work for them about the house. Around this fellow's neck was a string of bells which he wore continually, he was sent into the mountains to work and whenever the bells were not heard ringing

his masters would search for him and whip him unmercifully, it was impossible for him to escape from either the bells or his guardians, although it is understood that several times he made such an attempt.

After the Morgan brothers left the place it came into the hands of the Fox family from which it was given the name of the "Fox Den," a name which it bears to the present time. It was during the occupancy of the Fox family that the woman thought to be insane, killed a man; the identity of these two is swallowed up in the mountains's secrets; there is no doubt of the occurrence, however, for Mr. and Mrs. Fox who are now dead, remembered attending the funeral and reported it to the neighborhood.

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EARLY ABOLITIONISTS TRIED IN FREDERICK

In Maryland newspapers before the Civil War, slaves were advertised for sale along with other farm and household equipment. According to T.J.C. Williams in his History of Frederick County. "There were slaves in every house and it was within the power of the negroes to destroy their owners by poison, by fire or by murdering them while asleep."

During the same period, the Methodist Episcopal Church opposed slavery. It favored gradual abolition and no Methodist minister was allowed to own slaves. One such preacher from Pennsylvania gave a sermon from a parked wagon in the summer of 1818 in Washington County, Maryland to a crowd of 3,000, including about 400 Negroes who listened from behind the wagon.

In an emotional appeal the minister denounced slavery; "We live in a free country, and that all men are created equal and have inalienable rights, such as life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, we hold as inalienable truths. But there are slaves in our country and their sweat and blood, and tears delcared them such. The voice of our brother's blood crieth. Is it not a reproach to a man who hold articles of liberty and independence in one hand, and a bloody whip in the other, while a Negro stands and trembles before him, with his back cut and bleeding?"

This sort of talk was considered inflammatory, especially since the audience was racially-mixed, and was not the sort of talk often heard by the slaveholding audience. Some were sufficiently shocked by Gruber's sermon to have him arrested.

He was charged with inciting slaves to “commit acts of mutiny and rebellion, in contempt and in open violation of the laws, good order, and good government of this State, and to the evil and pernicious example of all other in like case offending, and against the peace, government, and dignity of the State.”

He was brought to the court in Frederick where he requested his trial be held, possibly hoping that the news had not reached town, and knowing he would get a hostile jury in Washington County. The jury, nevertheless, included several slaveholders.

Roger Brooke Taney, who later, as Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, returned a runaway slave to his owner in the “Dred Scott Case,” was the lawyer who defended Gruber against the angry and frightened slave owners. Taney was, surprisingly, opposed to slavery. He had freed his own slaves and favored their gradual abolition.

After witnesses from both sides testified on what Gruber had said in his speech, Taney concluded with an eloquent summation. He pointed out that since the slaves had been forced to listen to the minister behind the pulpit, it was only to the white audience that he spoke directly. The possibility that Gruber’s sermon may have been inflammatory, he said, was not under question. Criminal intent had to be shown. Except for that, Gruber was protected by the “civil and religious rights of free speech.”

That he was merely expressing an opinion without an intent to incite to violence was evidenced by the view of his denomination; its belief in the gradual and peaceful abolition of slavery.”

Taney continued; “Their preachers are accustomed, in their sermons, to speak of the injustice and oppression of slavery. The opinions of Mr. Gruber on the subject no one could doubt, and, if any slaveholder believed it dangerous to himself, his family, or the community to suffer his slaves to learn that all slavery is unjust and oppressive, and persuade himself that they would not, of themselves, be able to make the discovery, it was in his power to prevent them from attending the assemblies, where such doctrines were likely to be preached. Mr. Gruber did not go to the slaves, they came to him. They could not have come if their master had chosen to prevent them.”

Taney concluded his summation to the jury: “There is no law which forbids us to speak of slavery as we think of it. Any man has a right to publish his opinions on that subject, whenever he pleases. It is a subject of national concern, and may, at all times be freely discussed.

“Mr. Gruber did quote the language of our great act of national independence, and insisted on the principles contained in that venerated instrument. He did rebuke those masters, who, in the exercise of power, are deaf to the calls of humanity, and he warned them of the evils they might bring upon themselves.

“He did speak with abhorrence of those reptiles, who live by trading in human flesh, and enrich themselves by tearing the husband from the wife, the infant from the bosom of the mother, and this, I am instructed, was the head and front of his offending.

“Shall I content myself with saying he had a right to say this? That there is no law to punish him? So far is he from being the object of punishment, in any form of proceeding, that we are prepared to maintain the same principles, and to use, if necessary, the same language here, in the temple of justice and in the presence of those who are the ministers of the law.”

Taney continued, repeating Gruber’s sentiments as his own: “A hard necessity, indeed, compels us to endure the evil of slavery for a time. It was imposed upon us by another nation, while we were yet in a state of colonial vassalage. It cannot be easily, or suddenly, removed. Yet, while it continues, it is a blot on our national character; and every real lover of freedom confidently hopes that it will effectually, though it must be gradually, wiped away, and earnestly looks for the means by which this necessary object may be best attained. And until it shall be accomplished, until the time when we can point without a blush for the language held in the Declaration of Independence, every friend of humanity will seek to lighten the galling chain of slavery, and better, to the utmost of his power, the wretched condition of the slave.”

“There was a great crowd, great curiosity and great excitement at the Court,” according to the History of Frederick County. After short deliberation, the jury returned with a verdict of “not guilty.” Gruber was free to continue worrying the slaveholding population. The next day he used his newly protected freedom of speech to repeat his beliefs in a letter to the editor of a Frederick newspaper.

“I hope,” he wrote, “while I keep my sense, I shall consider involuntary perpetual slavery miserable injustice: a system of robbery and theft.”

NEGROES WANTED

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May 25

MILESTONES

1761 - The Rev. Thomas Bacon, an Englishman, opened a school for blacks in Frederick.

1773 - By this date, the Baptist Church in Frederick had several black members.

1807 - Willaim Ware, a black man from Pipe Creek near Union Bridge, nearly precipitated war between the United States and Great Britain. During this time, England ruled the waves and was stopping American vessels to find deserters from the British Navy. In stopping the American ship "Chesapeake" on the high seas, they found one such deserter and executed him but they also took three American seamen, including Ware, and forced them to work on the British ship. Such violations of the sea laws raised a furor in the United States and eventually led to the War of 1812.

1859 - A Frederick delegate to a Baltimore slave-holders convention suggested restrictive legislation to limit the number of free blacks coming to Maryland.

1878 - The Fairview Free African School was incorporated beside the Fairview A.M.E. Church, between Liberty and Taylorsville. As the trustees of the school were black this may have been an independent school established by blacks.

World War II - Mrs. Lynwood Frazier may have become the first black women in Maryland to join the Women's Army Corps, where she served during the war.

FOR SALE

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THE KLAN

This is in response to Frank S. Robinson's and Franklin E. Reed's letters regarding the facts about the Klu Klux Klan.

The Klan was formed in 1865, only nine months after the surrender by Robert E. Lee. Almost from the very beginning, its purpose was to intimidate, threaten and violate black people in the South. This organization performed the same function after the Civil War that slave owners did before the war - control black people by any means it wished.

Although one of its original founders attempted to disband it in 1869, this did not end the violence. Multilation, floggings, lynchings, other murders

and shootings by the KKK were widespread in the South until the mid-1870s when white southerners regained control of the state legislatures and passed the Black Codes. These laws took away the rights which black people had won during Reconstruction. The result was a system of segregation which was the law of the land for more than 30 years. Its effects still haunt us today.

The Klan has had two major resurgences since then. In 1915, William J. Simmons gathered 15 friends, drove to Stone Mountain, Georgia, from Atlanta, burned a cross and started the KKK of this century. By 1925, it reportedly had recruited five million members and had expanded its victims to include immigrants, Jewish people and anyone it considered involved in any "scandalous" behavior.

The most recent resurgence was in the late 1950's and early 1960's, as a response to the Civil Rights Movement. Churches were bombed, houses burned, black people and other civil rights workers were murdered and tortured by the Klan.

For example, in 1957 Klansmen in Alabama abducted Judge Aaron, a black man from Birmingham, castrated him and poured hot turpentine into his wounds. Black and white freedom bus riders were viciously beaten in Birmingham, Montgomery and Anniston. On June 21, 1964, Andrew Goodman, James Chaney and Michael Schwerner, civil rights workers in Mississippi who were assisting with voter registration, were murdered. Their bodies were bulldozed over and not located for almost two months.

Between 1956 and 1963, 138 bombings of homes and churches were reported, among them the home of Martin Luther King Jr. The most outrageous such incident occurred on Sept. 15, 1963 when a bomb ripped apart the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham killing four young girls. Klansmen perpetrated many of these crimes and created an atmosphere which encouraged others to commit the rest.

The Klan won't tell us about this history. It may even claim it is a non-violent political organization. They won't tell us about the Klansmen who lynched Michael Donald in 1961 in Mobile, Alabama, just for publicity. (His mother, Beulah Mae Donald, sued the KKK. The case finally went to trial in 1987 and based upon the testimony of a Klansman who confessed and begged Ms. Donald's forgiveness in open court, the jury returned a verdict of \$7 million against the Klan as an organization.)

They won't tell us about the people who run paramilitary training camps for Klansmen and youth. They won't tell us they hold national re

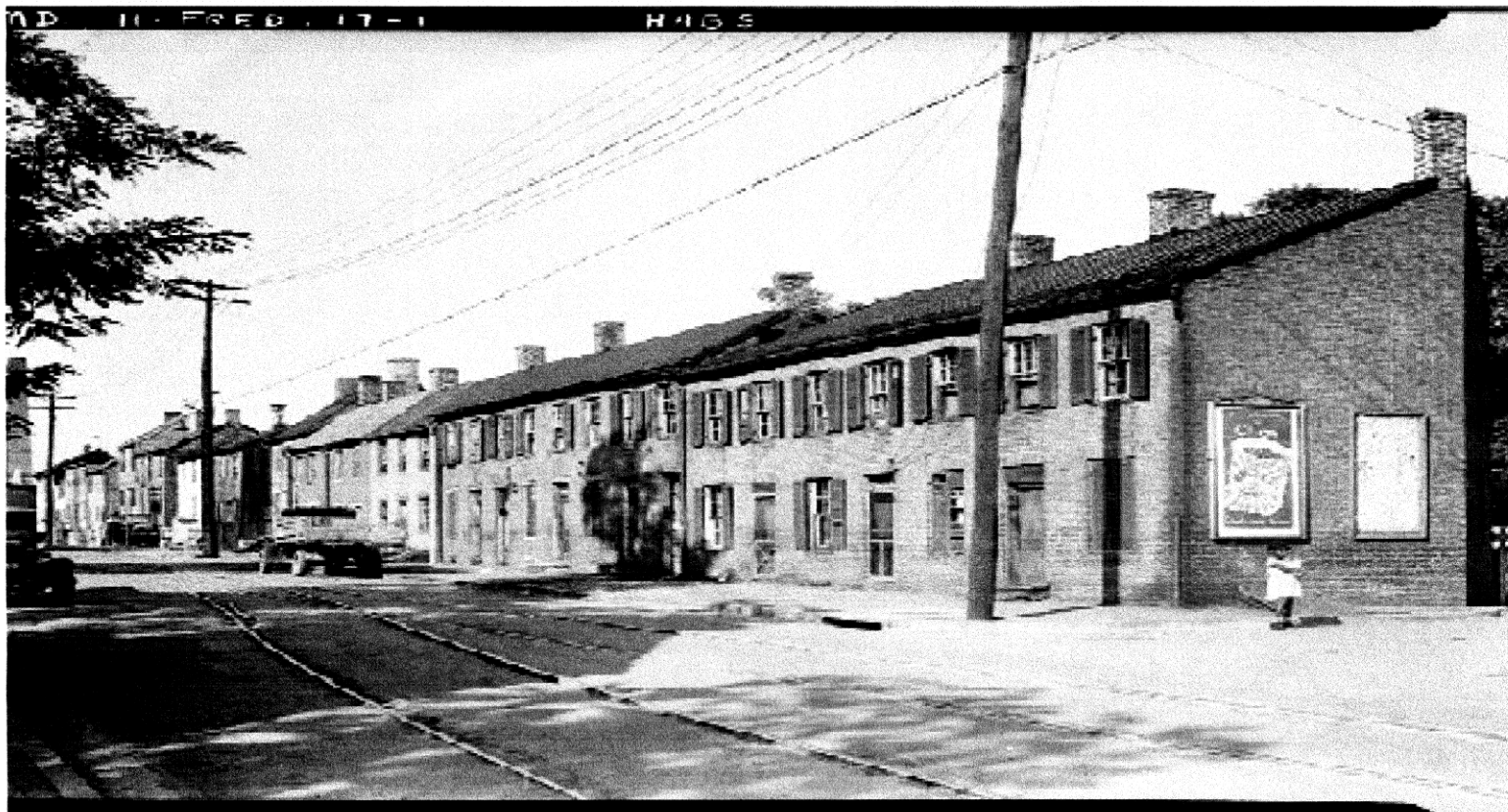
treats with Nazis, Skinhead and Aryan Nations, which advocate all-out race war.

They won't tell us of the cross burning in the yard of a black family in Hagerstown this past spring. They won't tell us that when they come to our towns to exercise their "free speech" that this means only hateful words and vile descriptions of black and Jewish people and others. Instead, they come into our towns claiming to "support the local police" or to "oppose drugs."

Is this enough to make an "informed" decision about the Klan? If not, judge the Klan's behavior over the last 120 years, not its literature, If not, obtain the facts yourself from Klanwatch, a national non-profit organization which monitors Klan activity and that of other terrorist groups.

Klanwatch, 400 Washington Ave., Montgomery, Ala. 35104

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Belva's Old News Letter

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County First Black Physicians
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Dr. Blanche Bourne-Tyree

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COUNTY FIRST BLACK PHYSICIAN HONORED

Student efforts to gain recognition for Dr. Ulysses Grant Bourne lead to placement of bust in main lobby of FMH

When Dr. Ulysses Grant Bourne arrived in Frederick in 1903, he was not permitted to treat patients at Frederick City Hospital because he was black.

Tuesday, a permanent memorial of Frederick's first black physician was unveiled at Frederick Memorial Hospital.

And it all started with a fourth-grade essay assignment.

Ballenger Creek Elementary pupil Sam Williamson chose Bourne as his essay subject two years ago. He met Bourne's daughter, Dr. Blanche Bourne-Tyree, whom he now calls "Grandma Blanche."

But for Sam, writing an essay wasn't enough.

"I thought everyone should know about him, since he was the first black doctor in Frederick" he said.

Sam and his family began scoping out locations for a permanent Bourne memorial. The hospital jumped on board, and the family began a letter-writing campaign to raise the money.

Within five months, they had raised more than \$25,000 for the bust, unveiled Tuesday in the hospital's main lobby.

Attending the unveiling was Dr. Frank Nisenfeld, who met Bourne's son, Ulysses Jr., when he brought his orthopedic practice to Frederick in 1977. When he got Sam's letter asking for a donation, he said he and his colleagues at the Mid-Maryland Musculoskeletal Institute were more than happy to help.

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MELVIN WORTHINGTON III



Melvin Worthington III was recently selected by the Frederick Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity to receive the Dr. Ulysses G. Bourne Scholarship. A graduate of Frederick High School, Worthington will attend Morehouse College.

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A FAMILY OF DOCTORS BREAKS COLOR BARRIERS



Dr. ULYSSES BOURNE SR.

Getting through medical school and then treating patients in the complex world of medicine is hard enough without fighting discrimination and prejudice as well.

But for one Frederick family, the health of the inhabitants of the community came first.

When Dr. Ulysses Bourne Sr opened his practice at 30 W All Saints St in 1903, he was one of only 18 black physicians in Maryland.

He was an inspiration to many, including his son, Dr. Ulysses Bourne Jr and daughter, Dr Blanche Bourne Tyree, who followed in his footsteps of providing health care.

Dr. Bourne Sr. grew up on a farm in Calvert County and, in 1902, graduated from Leonard Medical College in North

Carolina. Opening up his office, Dr. Bourne found both blacks and whites waiting for medical attention. He made house calls, often to remote areas of the county, by horse and buggy or sled, and was often paid in vegetables, meats, butter or eggs by thankful patients who had no money.

Black residents at that time were not admitted to the Frederick Memorial Hospital, so Dr Bourne and Dr. Charles Brooks opened their own hospital at a building on West All Saints Street that now houses the Elks Club. Two years later, black patients were admitted to Frederick Memorial Hospital.

Dr. Bourne and other black residents also faced discrimination and prejudice from businesses, theaters and other residents.

Dr. Bourne was a leader not only in the medical field, but was a founder of the Frederick Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in 1931 and in 1940, helped found and became the first president of the Maryland Negro Medical Association.

A Republican, Dr. Bourne was the first black to run for the Maryland House of Delegates from Western Maryland.

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DR. BOURNE RESPECTED CRUSADER FOR CIVIL RIGHTS

(Editor's note: This is one in a series of stories on the history of Frederick County as it celebrates its 250th anniversary this year.)



Dr. ULYSSES BOURNE SR.

Among Frederick's many heroes, Dr. Ulysses Bourne Sr. was a unique lifesaver. During a time when black residents were not admitted to Frederick Memorial Hospital, he opened his own.

But Dr. Bourne wasn't just a caregiver, he was a crusader for civil rights whose integrity earned him the respect of men and women on both sides of a segregated society. He was "a gentleman with dignity and pride in his bearing," in his daughter's words.

During the half century that Dr. Bourne practiced medicine in Frederick, he inspired and influenced many, including his own children. His son, Ulysses Bourne Jr., and daughter, Blanche Bourne-Tyree, both became doctors.

"I did not know anyone more respected in Frederick than Dr. Ulysses Bourne," former Frederick city police chief Charles Main said in a previously published report. He was "the most honest and beloved person in the community."

Lord Nickens, past president of the local NAACP chapter that Dr. Bourne helped found, said he was "greatly inspired" by the man. "He was a man of humanity, with the concerns of black people in his heart," Mr. Nickens said. "Dr. Bourne was a man you could not help but admire."

Dr. Bourne was born in Calvert County in 1873. He was the ninth of 10 children and his father was a farmer. "He always had a love of the earth, which showed in his love of plants and his vegetable and flower gardens," Dr. Bourne-Tyree said.

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WOMAN DOCTOR DIDN'T SET OUT TO BE PIONEER OR ROLE MODEL

BLACK WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE

THIS IS ONE IN A WEEKLY SERIES OF STORIES DURING BLACK HISTORY MONTH SALUTING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF LOCAL BLACK WOMEN.



Blanche Bourne Tyree, 78, still has projects to complete

Blanche Bourne Tyree is a renaissance woman still looking for new ways of expressing herself. But she would chuckle at that description, just as she does terms like “pioneer” or “role model.”

“I never thought of myself as a role model,” says Dr. Tyree, 78, the first Frederick County woman to become a medical doctor.

She shakes her head. “One of my students called me a pioneer. I guess I was, I never thought about it. I never felt pressured. I did it because I wanted to.”

She was the daughter of physician Ulysses G. Bourne Sr. and Mary Frances Bourne, homemaker whose father was a minister. Dr. Tyree was born in Frederick at 30 W. All Saints St., the family home now replaced by a seven-unit apartment building. She describes her childhood as “happy and uneventful,” despite the presence of racial segregation.

“My parents brought us up with no feelings of inferiority. I grew up with a very good sense of myself.”

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FUND ESTABLISHED TO HONOR SERVICE OF FREDERICK DOCTOR

The Dr. Ulysses G. Bourne Endowment Fund at the Community Foundation of Frederick County has been created by Dr. Blanche Bourne-Tyree in memory of her father's many years of dedicated service to the Frederick community.

"I wanted my father's name to be remembered in the town he loved so dearly," Dr. Bourne-Tyree said in announcing the fund. "This endowment fund will keep my father's memory alive and will benefit the community now as well as in years to come." Future grants made from income earned on the donor-advised fund will focus on the special needs of Frederick County children.

A graduate of Leonard Medical College in North Carolina, Dr. Bourne settled in Frederick County and began his medical practice on West All Saints Street in 1903. He maintained an active practice until his retirement in 1953.

According to his daughter, Dr. Bourne was drawn to the area because he saw unlimited opportunities for a general practitioner. His medical practice quickly grew.

Dr. Bourne's primary concern was for the welfare of his patients, she said. "When father got a disturbing case, he would pull out his medical books and journals and then he would read. He was a physician in the true sense of the word, totally dedicated to healing his patients. Often he expected and received no fee." However, many times payments took the form of eggs, butter, hams, fruits or vegetables, she said.

Because of the sincere interest he had for his patients, Dr. Bourne and Dr. Charles Brooks opened a 15-bed hospital on West All Saints Street in 1919 to bring better medical care to the black community. The hospital remained open for two years until blacks were allowed admittance in Frederick Memorial Hospital. He also was instrumental in bringing a public health nurse into the area.

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DR. ULYSSES BOURNE JR., LOCAL PHYSICIAN, DIES



Dr. Ulysses G. Bourne Jr., 77, well-known physician, of 226 W. South St., Frederick, died Saturday, May 14 at Frederick Memorial Hospital. He was the husband of Yvonne Duckett Brown.

Born in Frederick on Aug. 23, 1905, he was the son of the Late Dr. Ulysses G. and Grace Lane Bourne Sr.

Dr. Bourne received his high school education at Storer College, Harper's Ferry, W. Va; earned his A. B. Degree at Lincoln University, Oxford, Pa. in 1928; and earned his Medical Degree at Meharry Medical School, Nashville, Tenn. in 1932. He served his internship at Provident Hospital, Baltimore.

Dr. Bourne practice medicine in Frederick for 46 years before retiring in 1980. He was a member of the Frederick County Medical Society, elected to active membership in the American Academy of Family Physicians

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GOSPEL JAMBOREE SET SEPT. 21

The Frederick Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi and Burton Mack with the Voices of Joy will sponsor a Gospel Jamboree on Wednesday, Sept. 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the Frederick High School auditorium.

Participating in the program are The Voices of Joy of Buffalo, N.Y., The Quinntones and the Gospel Travelers of Frederick. The Jackson Southernaires from Jackson, Miss. will be featured.

Tickets may be obtained from Grayson Williams (371-5810) or Burton Mack (848-4812).

From the proceeds of the Gospel Jamboree, the Frederick Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi will establish the Dr. Ulysses Bourne Jr., scholarship fund in honor of the late Dr. Ulysses Bourne Jr. The scholarship will provide financial assistance to outstanding high school graduates from the Frederick community who plan to attend college.

Dr. Ulysses Bourne Jr. was a resident of Frederick County for 78 years. Dr. Bourne practiced medicine in the Frederick community for approximately 50 years. He also was involved in community organizations.

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BROTHER AND SISTER PHYSICIANS

Dr. Ulysses G. Bourne Jr. and Dr. I Blanche Bourne - will be honored by Asbury United Methodist Church this Sunday, April 17, for their dedicated service and contributions in the field of medicine.

The doctors are the children of the late Dr. Ulysses G. Bourne Sr. who practiced medicine in Frederick for 50 years. Their step-mother, Mrs. Laura H. Bourne, still resides in Frederick, and there is a sister, Mrs. Gladys Thornton.

Delivering the welcome at the program slated for 2 p.m. Sunday will be Alderman Claude R. DeLauter Jr. Both doctors will deliver brief addresses during the ceremony which will include numerous musical selections from the church choir and the Souls on Fire Gospel Choir.

The invocation will be offered by the Rev. Robert A. Walmsley, pastor. Mrs. Adelaide Dixon Hall will introduce Dr. Blanche Bourne, and Edward N. Leakins will introduce Dr. U. G. Bourne Jr.

Dr. Bourne was an active member of the National Negro Medical Association, also a Pythion, Elk and Mason. For many years he served on the Board of Directors of the Henryton State Hospital. He worked throughout the Frederick Community. He was a member and trustee of Asbury Methodist Church for 50 years.

Dr. Ulysses G. Bourne Jr. was born in Frederick. His secondary schooling was done at Storer College in Harpers Ferry. He is a graduate of Lincoln University and Meharry College of Medicine.

Dr. Borne has been deeply committed to the practice of medicine for 40 years in this community.

His affiliations and services to the community have been many. He is presently serving on the Board of Directors at the Thurmont Bank (local branch) and also on the Board of Directors of the Citizens Nursing

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DR. ULYSSES BOURNE SR. EXEMPLIFIED INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT, EXCELLENCE

To be remembered over the years as an individual who achieved status through the portrayal of excellence in a endeavors is an honor bestowed only a few. The life and legacy of Dr. Ulysses G. Bourne, Sr., exemplifies this tribute.

His career began in 1903 with his graduation from Leonard Medical College in Raleigh, North Carolina, and subsequent license in 1903.

It continued in Frederick, Maryland, until his retirement in 1953, spanning a period of fifty years, a half - century of outstanding service to his community and his purpose.

Special professional achievements included - Helping to organize the Maryland Medical Society and being its first president; and serving on the Board of the Henryton State Hospital.

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Belva's Old News Letter

The news articles are about
Frederick's Emancipation
Celebrations

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THE EMANCIPATION CELEBRATION

The Emancipation celebration of the colored people of this city and county is going off very successfully in every way. There are several thousand persons participating with all the elements of a grand jubilee, and among them are organizations from Urbana, Wolfsville and other portions of the county, from Washington, D. C., and Baltimore. The parade was a highly successful feature, but was not participated in by the Washington contingent, who came with the National Rifles, a crack and well drilled military company from the National Capital, they not reaching here until after 12 o'clock. This afternoon the fair ground is the scene of the festivities and speeches are being made indicated in THE NEWS of yesterday.

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EMANCIPATION JUBILEE

Our colored brethren throughout the county and city are making extensive preparations for their annual emancipation jubilee. It will occur on August 12th and will be marked by a procession in the morning, with Julius Caesar as, Chief Marshall, and a picnic at Fair Grounds in the afternoon. Addresses will be delivered by prominent colored speakers. Among the visiting organizations which will participate in the parade will be the colored Cadet Corps, the Capital City Guards and the Butler Zouaves of Washington, D.C. and the Baltimore Rifles, the Grant Memorial Guards and three other companies from Baltimore.

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Correction - Mr. Julius Ceaser is President of the Emancipation celebration, which takes place in this city on August 12th, and not chief.

EMANCIPATION

A union emancipation will be held at Harper's Ferry tomorrow. The programe states that never perhaps since the days of Abraham Lincoln was there an event presenting so much race pride and patriotism as that which will take place on this occasion. The train will leave this city at 7:30 a.m. and the fare for the round trip will be only 50 cents.

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EMANCIPATION DAY

Last year's Emancipation celebration committee met at the residence of Alex Davis, on West All Saints Street last night and disbanded. Another meeting to organize for this year's celebration will be held on Thursday night of next week at the same place. James Davis is acting president pro tem in the interim. The colored Republican club No. 2 of this city disbanded last night. Another club will be organized between now and the commencement of the fall campaign work.

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EMMANCIPATION TOMORROW

A Very Large Colored Celebration
Expected at Fair Grounds

The forty-eighth annual Emancipation celebration of the colored citizens of Frederick county will be held at the fair grounds tomorrow. The affair promises to be a big one and delegations are expected from various sections of the county.

The crowds will assemble at headquarters on West All Saints street in the morning where a line of march will be formed for the parade to the fair grounds. The Hopeland, Bartonsville and New Market Bands and Dorseys Drum Corps are expected to be in line.

At the grounds Rev. James F. Lee, of Hopeland, will be master of ceremonies. Rev. M. Morsell will be the orator of the day. Other speakers will be R. H. Hill, of Wilmington, Del., Pres. Crippon, Rev. L. J. Valentine, and Rev. J. W. Townes.

These will be a number of attractions on the grounds, including an exhibition drill, band contests, baseball, and other sports. At night the lantha Orchestra will play at Nazarite Hall. At the conclusion of the exercises at the park there will be a parade to headquarters on West All Saints Street.

The officers are: J. H. Bruner, President; Charles H. Smith, secretary and J. L. Murdock, general manager.

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THE ANNUAL EMANCIPATION

The annual Emancipation celebration of the local colored people is being held today at the Fair Grounds. The big parade through the city will take place at five o'clock.

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EMANCIPATION DAY

*Annual Ceremonies Held at
Frederick Fairgrounds*

More than 500 persons from every section of Frederick and adjoining counties attended the annual Emancipation Day ceremonies at the Fair Ground Thursday. The program was featured by an address by Bernard Ades, Baltimore attorney who spoke tolerance. He referred to the Euel Lee and Scottsboro cases and commented on the fight between capital and labor.

In the athletic events, the speedball game was won by the F.I.C., which defeated the Owls, 14-13. The 100 yard dash was won by John Davis, with R. V. Bowins, second. Tony Wagner and Arthur Bryant tied for first place in the half-mile run and split the prize. R. V. Bowins was next. The game were under the direction of William Jones. Rev. W. I. Snowden was master of ceremonies.

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MULLINIX PARK LEAGUE

**Speedball Game Feature Of
Emancipation Day Program**

Bunching most of its hits for its runs In three innings Mullinix Park defeated Asbury in a Mullinix Park Speedball League game played at the Fair Grounds Thursday afternoon as the feature of the Emancipation Day program. The score was 13-8. H. Brown and Proctor led the batting attacks.

The lineups:

Mullinix Park - Davis, second base; Wagner, shortstop; H. Brown, first base; Tilghman, pitcher; Proctor, third base; Armstead, centerfield; Dixon, left field; Harmond and C. Brown, right field; Johnson, catcher; Frederick,

catcher. Asbury-Thompson, centerfield; Carroll, third base; N. Tilghman, second base, Crampton, . rightfield; Mason, shortstop; Lee, first base; C. Gray, leftfield; Keys, catcher; J. Hall, pitcher; R. Gray, pitcher.

MULLINIX PARK SPEEDBALL LEAGUE

Yesterday's Results

Mullinix Park, 13, Asbury, 8

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IT IS ESTIMATED THAT ABOUT

3,000 persons were present at the Emancipation celebration yesterday. This is the only place in the State where the day is celebrated. There were several speeches at the Fair Grounds followed by amusements and a parade back to the city. Fakers were busy selling their ware, and the watermelon trade was brisk, selling at 5 cents a slice.

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THE GREAT FREDERICK COUNTY

“Band Day” at the Fair Grounds yesterday was one of the most unique affairs ever held in the county. Ten bands were in attendance and a tournament, four horse races and other attractions were held. About 7,000 people crowded in the bandstand and along the quarter stretch. This is Emancipation Day and excursions came from various points. The grand parade was held at 10:30 a.m. and there were a number of attractions at the Fair Grounds. A dance will be held tonight.

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FOR SALE - THE EMANCIPATION building. 160-160A w. All Saints St. Apply to C. E. Holland, 116 W. All Saint St. 2-6,8,11d3t

PROPERTY TRANSFER

Emancipation Association, Inc. to Lemoyne Goe and wife, city \$4,600.

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Belva's Old News Letter

The news articles are about
John Hanson

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Dear Reader,

Last Saturday I received a call from a Lady who lives in Westland, Michigan. She wanted to know more about the history of John Hanson, the first of seven Presidents that served prior to the signing of the Constitution of the United States of America. I have found the articles in the attached Belva's Old News Letter.

Another interesting source of information regarding John Hanson is Peter H. Michael, author of the book "Remembering John Hanson: A Biography of the First President of the Original United States Government". Mr. Michael is located here in Frederick, Maryland.

COMING SOON: I will be adding several more photos of Belva's Wall-Less Museum displays to my web site.

Belva D. King

Belva D. King
President, The Belva D. King African-American Historical Society

FOUNDATION SEEKS FUNDS TO RESTORE JOHN HANSON HOUSE IN FREDERICK

The Frederick County Landmarks Foundation of Frederick, is raising funds to restore the only existing home of John Hanson, first president of the United States in Congress Assembled.

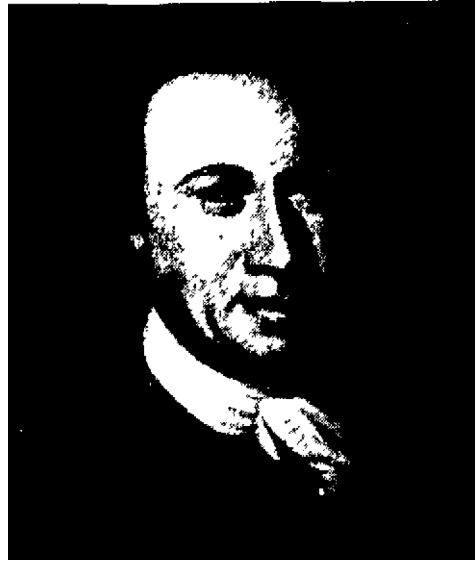
The structure, on West Patrick Street, bears only little resemblance to the house Hanson knew. It was on the route by which wagon trains went west to supply General Braddock and young George Washington during the French and Indian War. Later, Conestoga wagons by the thousands would pass, for Patrick Street is the famous National Pike which took settlers west through Cumberland.

The street hasn't changed much since Stonewall Jackson came into Frederick along Patrick Street, paying his respect, the story goes, to Barbara Fritchie a couple of blocks west.

Numbers 108 and 110 West Patrick, that once were homes of John Hanson and his son-in-law, Dr. Phillip Thomas, respectively, may look as they did in Civil War Times. They are three - story, square - roofed Victorian appearing structures, with a common wall between. Until condemned, they had apartments on the upper floors and stores on the street floor.

Architects and historians from the Maryland Historic Trust examined the buildings, and found they originally had v-roofs, probably with dormer windows. While enough of the basic structure remained to verify them as pre-Revolutionary houses, both had been remodeled about 1835.

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FACTS, FIGURES ABOUT JOHN HANSON

BORN: Mulberry Grove, Charles County, Maryland on April 15, 1715

OCCUPATION: Landed proprietor and tobacco planter.

MARRIED: Jane Contee of a Prince Georges' family, who presented him with eight children.

POLITICAL CAREER: Was burgess in the colonial legislature from Charles County for 16 years (1757-1733); from Frederick County (1773-1781); Continental Congress (1779-1781); President of the United States in Congress Assembled 1781-1782.

LATER HOME: Frederick, Maryland, from 1773-1783.

DIED: Oxon Hill Manor, Prince Georges County, November 22, 1783.

HIGHLIGHTS OF CAREER BEFORE REVOLUTIONARY WAR HOSTILITIES:

- Chaired a meeting at which Frederick County became the first to vote a blockade on trade with England.
- Played major role in organizing the Association of Freemen of Maryland-the first to approve use of force against British troops.
- Organized men and supplies sent north when war broke out.

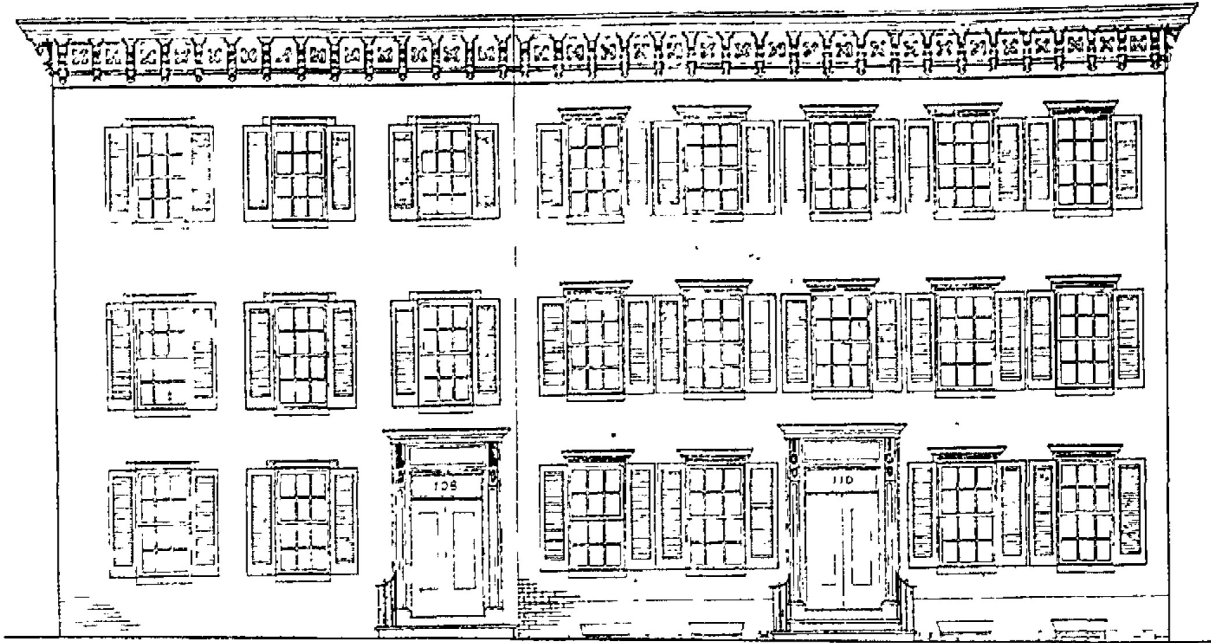
Highlights of Career as President:

- Established a uniform federal currency.
- Arranged for Federal military uniforms instead of State uniforms.
- Created several federal offices; post office, judiciary system, a Department of Foreign Affairs (now State Department), and Superintendent of Finance (Treasury Secretary), Bank of North America (first national bank).
- Floated the first foreign loan.
- Adopted the flag and the Great Seal of the United States.
- Proclaimed last Thursday in November to be Thanksgiving Day.
- Recommended establishment of a federal mint.
- Took steps leading to the first U.S. Census.

GREATEST CONTRIBUTION: Held out against Maryland signing the Articles of Confederation until it was agreed that the United States would decide western boundaries of states, without which four states would have vast holdings and new states would not be formed.

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JOHN HANSON HOUSE IN FREDERICK



Proposed Facade Elevation of John Hanson House On W. Patrick St.

ANSWERS ABOUT HANSON, HOUSE

Why not call Peyton Randolph of Virginia our first President ?

Randolph was first president of the Continental Congress, and there were seven such others before Hanson, it is true. The Declaration mentions United Colonies, but firmly declares each to be sovereign state, PERIOD. The United States, as an organized government operating under a constitutional code, did not come into being until the Articles of Confederation were ratified. Our Constitution, which replaced the Articles, didn't dissolve the existing union, but made it "more perfect." It was so intended.

How many Presidents before Washington?

Seven Well worth a school boy's study - such as the second president, Elias Boudinot of New Jersey, if only for his namesake who was important in the Cherokee Nation. But go to New Jersey and Oklahoma for that story. In Maryland we promote the story of John Hanson.

Hanson - Our first President was Scandinavian?

Yes, but in this case the name is English. Back in the fourteenth century when surnames were coming into being, a Yorkshire family chose Hanson, meaning son of Henry. A descendant married a granddaughter of the famous Swedish king, Gustavus Vasa. Four brothers of these royal - descended Swedish Hanson, several generations later, were aboard the expedition that founded New Sweden, now Delaware. John Hanson's grandfather was one. The Hanson brothers went on the Maryland before the Dutch took over New Sweden. John's grandfather, also named John, went to Charles County.

Our first President lived in a log cabin, pioneer-style?

If so, not for long. But it makes a good story. This Swedish colony introduced the log house to America. English, Dutch and Germans knew nothing of building with logs before then. They built structures of timber, filled them in between with mud and wattles, now called the Tudor house. The royal - blooded Hanson mingled with the Calvert - ennobled manor lords right from the start, established Mulberry Grove at Port Tobacco, where John Hanson was born and spent much of his life. But since the log cabin is considered an all-American institution, it might be fair to say our first President's grandfather helped build the very first one on American soil.

Why not Mulberry Grove as our first President's home?

His home at Mulberry Grove burned down, and Oxon Hill Manor where he died is also gone. The house he built in Frederick just before the Revolution, the home he maintained while President and to which he returned, is the only existing home of John Hanson. During 1781-1782 as President, he lived in Philadelphia, then the seat of government, in an Executive Mansion established for him by Congress. It, too, is gone.

How long did he live at Mulberry Grove?

He moved to Frederick during his fifties.

What would a nice guy like that be doing in Frederick?

Good question, and we wish we could give you a clear answer. It might be that he wanted to be near his daughter and son-in-law, Dr. Phillip Thomas. Letters indicate that he was very close to them, in fact, he was fond of all his relatives.

Another reason could be that Frederick was a better place to work against British misrule. It was a frontier town and a hotbed of revolutionary activity.

Did he keep right on with political activity in Frederick?

This he did-right on- Right from the start, as burgess in the colonial assembly. But, as pointed out on the fact sheet, most of the activity was in Frederick itself. The meeting in which the county voted to blockade British goods, for instance. The Association of Freemen of Maryland was generated in Maryland, but it was a statewide movement. The raising of two companies of trained riflemen was done energetically and quickly. The Maryland troops were some of the best, and continued to be in the fighting from Massachusetts to South Carolina.

What was his personality?

Guess work is required. He left little but public correspondence-no diaries, no image markers, as Washington and later presidents had. We can envision a portly man, of few words but very forceful. An example is his comment on resolutions asserting that Maryland stand by all colonies, at the Provincial Convention on the eve of the Revolution. He said merely "these resolutions ought to be passed and it is high time," then sat down and folded his arms. The resolutions were immediately and enthusiastically adopted.

Why was his holding out on signing the Articles so Important?

Four of the thirteen states had far-reaching land claims from long-gone kings to colonial proprietors. James I had given the London company lands from "sea to sea." Charles II gave Connecticut grants for most of

Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Michigan. New York had royally - granted holdings in Ohio and Kentucky. William and Mary gave Massachusetts holdings in Michigan and Wisconsin. The Carolinas could make “sea to sea” claims.

These grants overlapped, and they claimed lands that were Spanish. Obviously, chaos would result, if Maryland’s concept of western boundaries had not prevailed. The infant nation could not have survived.

Did politicians from these large-claim states possibly have other motives?

Possibly. George Washington and others had formed an Ohio Company to get a royal grant of 500,000 acres of western land. Benjamin Franklin and others formed the Walpole or Vandalia Company, asking for 2,500,000 acres. To confuse the thing, Washington and others formed a Mississippi Company for the same purpose. These grants had not been signed when the Revolution broke out, but it is likely states would have made the western grants, since Washington and Franklin and their friends had powerful political clout.

Was, then, Washington a political enemy of Hanson?

No likelihood. Washington’s diaries contain complimentary accounts of Hanson’s visits to Mount Vernon. Mulberry Grove was only a “whoop and a holler” across the Potomac, and most travel then was by boat along the river. Washington made reports to Hanson, addressing him as Your Excellency, and clearly recognized him as top of the chain of military command. Washington was apparently the ideal military man, who recognized the need of civilian authority in a democracy. He didn’t do any politicking in wartime, except of course, for more troops, more rations and more pay for the men.

Do Hansonites suggest there might be a rift?

No, they recognize the personal friendship and recognize that the reverence of Washington was deserved on the public’s part. But there are some interesting angles. Seymour Wemyss Smith, his principal biographer, clearly had a bias against Alexander Hamilton, prime mover of the Federalists, when political parties raised their ugly heads. Mainly, however, he suggests that the new Constitution was a piecemeal affair

designed to cover the real aim of the wealthy Federalists. They wanted to knock out the taxing power of the Confederation on land, spelled out in the Articles, and to ensure that the Federal government could not levy direct taxes against individuals. This they accomplished - and it boomeranged. Stuck with only revenue from tariffs and land sales and possible excise taxes, Hamilton had to issue an excise tax against whiskey, mainstay of frontier farmers. It caused the Whiskey Rebellion, which the Administration won, but which ended Federalist power in another few years. Hamilton's prohibition against personal levies lasted until the desirable public land ran out in 1909. Then came the income tax amendment, Article XVI.

Was this a plus for John Hanson?

Yes, The fact that there were public lands for sale to keep the U.S. in business all that while was a result of his adamant holding out for reasonable western frontiers for states, and the west being held by the federated government. He may have foreseen this, but it wasn't his angle. Hanson saw that any possible western frontier was already claimed by one or another of the thirteen states. The land - rich states could sell their seemingly endless land for revenues, thus levy incredibly low taxes, attract industry and population from landpoor states thus impoverishing the latter forever.

This much foresight, lacked by the land - grant rich states, and his arms - folded stubbornness for two whole years against an irate Continental Congress are to his credit and are our heritage. Those western lands ensured the continuity of the United States for a century and a quarter.

Do Hansonites have other suspicions?

Yes. George Wahington's voluminous diaries are missing for the period of John Hanson's administration. Hansonites imply the possibility of foul play by Federalist image makers. It is an intriguing idea.

Any merit to the idea?

Well, Washington's best image-makers rose when the young republic was in real danger and needed him most. That was in 1794, when the Jacobins were active, especially in the west; when Mad Anthony Wayne

was trying to settle the British question by settling the pro-British Indians down while cut off from supplies by the Whiskey Rebellion. The apolitical Washington could have made statements back in 1782 that would have damaged the cause. But this is a far - fetched idea.

Would so important a man in Maryland have lived in so small a house?

That question has been asked before. With a grown family he could have needed no bigger house. With leadership of his movement in a frontier like Frederick, he would have wanted a democratic low profile, as we say nowadays. The basic structure of the house appears to be of the 1770's. If a larger house were there, it would be absurd to think it would have been torn down to build a smaller one.

Is it likely that Washington image-makers led to his obscurity?

Unlikely, more probably. After all, he was the ninth President of the Continental Congress, and there were six more Presidents of the United States in Congress Assembled before Washington. They served one year only, and couldn't be reelected before two years. They weren't elected by popular vote. Neither were the early Presidents under our Constitution, it is true. But the first was George Washington, a great national military hero. It didn't take much image-making to make all those who had gone before forgotten.

Is it true John Hanson didn't wish to be President?

So he said, and it is very true he wanted to be replaced during his incumbency when he became ill. A vice-president was suggested. Congress wouldn't hear of his replacement. Daniel Carroll, his Maryland associate, acted during his illness, but all documents had to be signed by Hanson.

Where is he buried?

No one knows. He never fully recovered from his illness. He died at Oxon Hill Manor on a visit to relatives, where he hoped to recuperate. The November weather was too inclement to return his body to Frederick. The

funeral service was simple and private. There is no record of where he may be buried. Searches have been made at Oxon Hill, to no avail.

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Thanks, Belva. I was not aware of the News-Post article from 1973.

Pete

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Belva's Old News Letter

The news articles are about
Simpson United Methodist Church

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Dear Reader,

I was ask to research the founding of the Simpson United Church in Howard County. Due to it's location outside of Frederick County, my usual area of research, it was a bit of a challenge and I even had to use Bing.com to find one of the articles. A special thanks to Ms. Marilyn Veek, a volunteer at the Frederick County Library's Maryland Room who was very helpful and found some interesting articles related to the Church. Mrs. Lucille Dorsey I hope this will answer your questions.

I would also like to take a moment to thank the Maryland Room of the Frederick County Library for assisting a Lady, I referred to them and whose request for privacy is being respected, to find historical information regarding a person of interest to her.

Peace and Happiness,

Belva D. King

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July 10, 2013

Belva King
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Dear Ms. King:

This is in response to your recent request for information about Simpson's Church, Mt. Airy/Poplar Springs. Based on this, I assume that the church of interest is the Simpson United Methodist Church at 1200 Saint Michaels Road, Mt. Airy (actually in Howard county, just off of highway 144 west of Lisbon.)

I reviewed Frederick and Howard county history books, and found one reference to Simpson United Methodist Church (enclosed). The reference says that the church was built on a plot of land allotted to them from the old Christopher D. Thiernau farm. According to census records, Mr. Thiernau was born in Germany about 1850, and lived in Howard county until at least 1910. The website findagrave.com also includes some brief information about the history of this church, see the enclosure.

I also searched the Frederick News and News-Post. Some newspaper stories and obituaries mentioned a Simpsons Methodist Church in New Market (see enclosed article from 1915). This church is apparently currently called the Simpson Community Christian Church, at 20 E. Main St., New Market.

I hope this information is useful to you. If you have additional questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Veek
Research Volunteer

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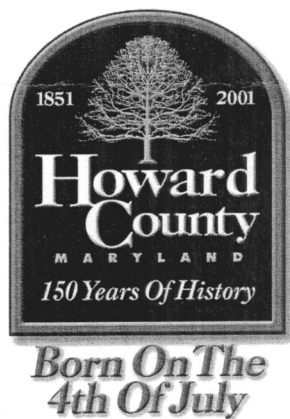
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The remaining encased Poplar-Spring on Watersville Road.

wife was Sarah Dorsey, daughter of Caleb and Rebecca Hammond Dorsey. The Lawrence family was known to have come to America from north of Manchester, England not far from the border of Scotland and were descendants of Sir Robert Lawrence of Ashton Hall, Lancashire, England, who was a knight serving under King Richard the Lion-Hearted.

Celia M. Holland of Lisbon and Catonsville in her book, Old Homes and Families of Howard County, Maryland, dated 1987, writes "Tradition has it that long before white settlers arrived, the springs, surrounded by Poplar trees were frequented by the Indians who inhabited the area." (Indian artifacts uncovered indicate the area was used primarily for hunting and fishing.) "When the Old Frederick Road was opened, it was a 20-foot-wide packed-earth byway that followed an old Indian path." "It became the first road traversing all of Upper Arundel, from Baltimore County to Frederick County." In 1839 Howard District of Anne Arundel County was created and in 1851 Howard became a separate jurisdiction.

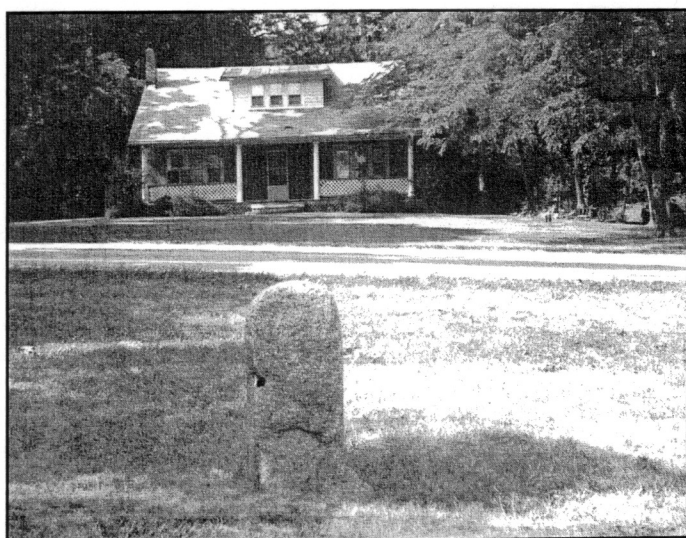
White settlers moved into the area near the mid-seventeenth century, and travelers between Elkridge Landing (a port that rivaled Baltimore in the mid-1700s) and Fredericktown stopped at the springs to drink of the pure water. With the increase in traffic after the Revolutionary War, a roadside tavern with stables was built by John Gillis (on Old Frederick Road). This tavern later passed to Allen Dorsey, then to his son, also Allen Dorsey, who erected a newer tavern/hotel along the Old Frederick Road on the corner property of the current Poplar Springs United Methodist Parsonage. That hotel remained in Dorsey hands for many years.

A Village Is Created: The village of Poplar Springs was originally created to serve travelers going west. It provided lodging, food, a general store and post office, as well as blacksmith services for horses, and wagons. It was considered to be a health spa where the waters of the cool springs were believed to have healing powers and the cool, clear air was a

way to escape the heat of the city in the summer. With the coming of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad in the 1830s, and nearby stations at Woodbine, Watersville, and Mount Airy, it became a favorite summer resort for vacationers from the Baltimore and Washington areas. Travelers were transported from the railroad stations to the hotels in horse-drawn buggies by some of the local farmers. Here Samuel F.B. Morse, inventor of the telegraph, was said to have spent the summers of 1843 and 1844 perfecting his invention and petitioning congress for funds for the first line from Washington to Baltimore.

In 1852 there were a total of thirteen principal villages in Howard County, and Poplar Springs was one of them. An 1888 Atlas map of railroads and towns in Maryland and Delaware published by George F. Cram of Chicago gives the town proper a population of 48. The nearest railway station to Poplar Springs was Woodbine, about a mile and a half distant, having just 8 town residents recorded. The nearby railroad towns of Watersville, two miles away, listed 51 residents and Mount Airy, about three miles distant, listed 332.

On an 1878 map, the village of Poplar Springs consisted of a number of homes, a combination store and post office, a blacksmith shop owned by James B. deLauder at the cross-roads of Old National Pike and Old Frederick Road, a two-room school that stood on the west end of town along The Old National Pike and Beetz Road, the Poplar Springs Hotel at the crest of Hood's Hill, and two churches, Poplar Springs Methodist (original building on land deeded by Allen and Ann Dorsey in 1870), and Simpson United Methodist Church (built on a plot of land allotted to them from the old Christopher D. Thiernau farm). (He is buried in the Poplar Springs Cemetery). Today we have five churches with the addition of St. Michael's Catholic (1880) on land given by the Kuhns, St. Paul's Episcopal (built on a half acre of farmland deeded by Elias Green Selby and his wife, America M. Selby in 1885), and the Lisbon Bible Church, now renamed Mount Airy Bible Church and Christian Academy



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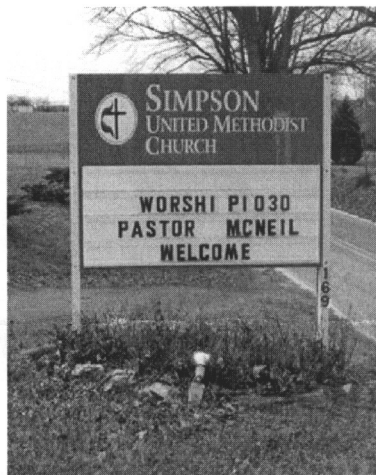
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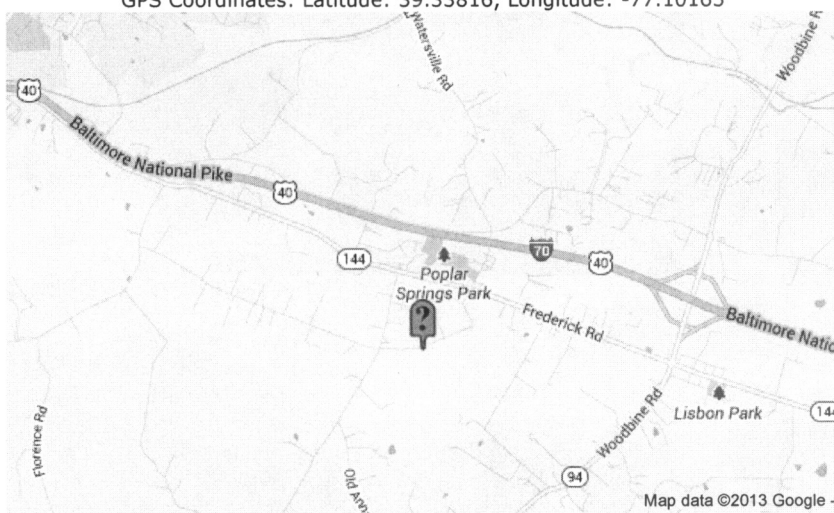
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HARVEST HOME AND REUNION

Under the auspices of Simpson Methodist Episcopal church a Harvest Home and reunion will be held at New Market, September 17, 18 and 19. Friday evening there will be an Old Folks Concert under direction of the Young People's Working Club. Saturday evening dramatic and musical recital by the Dramatic Club and Troubadours of New Market. Sunday's program will be: Special sermon by Rev. S. R. Hughes, D D., of Baltimore, 11 a.m.; sermon by Rev. W. A. English of Frederick, 3 p.m.; Rev. Bradley Johnson, of Mt. Airy, 7:30 p.m.

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COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE AT SIMPSON UM

Simpson United Methodist Church, the little church along the side of the road, (on Md 144 in New Market) will celebrate Thanksgiving with a service at 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 25.

Speaking will be the Rev. Robert Waters of Pleasant Grove Community Church, Purdum.

This will mark the fifth year year that services have been held under auspices of the following ecumenical churches and their pastors;; the Rev. Luther O. Brown, Pastor and congregation of Sugarloaf Mountain Christian Community Church; the Rev. Akinco Graham and assistants, along with congregation of Pleasant Grove Community Church; and the Rev. Floyd N. Lyles, officers and members of Centerville-New Market Charge. The Rev. Geraldine Davis is hosting the service.

Simpson United Methodist Church was dedicated in 1948. The first sermon was delivered by the Rev. R.H. Jackson, and the Rev. A. A. Thompson gave the second message July 17, 1949.

Simpson's Chapel was named after the father of Billy Simpson. The old church once stood on Md. 75, or what was also known as New London Road.

Charles R. Brooks recalls the first minister during his time was the Rev. John W. Langford. The parsonage was located near the site of the present church and has since been demolished.

Names of some of the families who were members of Simpson Church, most now deceased, include Dorseys, James, Peach, Oram, Dewell, Wade, Fossett, Wineberry, Williams, Thomas, Brightwell, Davis, Simpson, Tyler and Hall. The Rev. Floyd N. Lyles followed the Rev. A. A. Thompson as pastor.

The church cemetery is on the site of the old church, and the new church was built for \$6,000, according to recollections of early members. Reprinted with the permission of the Frederick News Post and Randall Family LLC as published on November 20, 1982

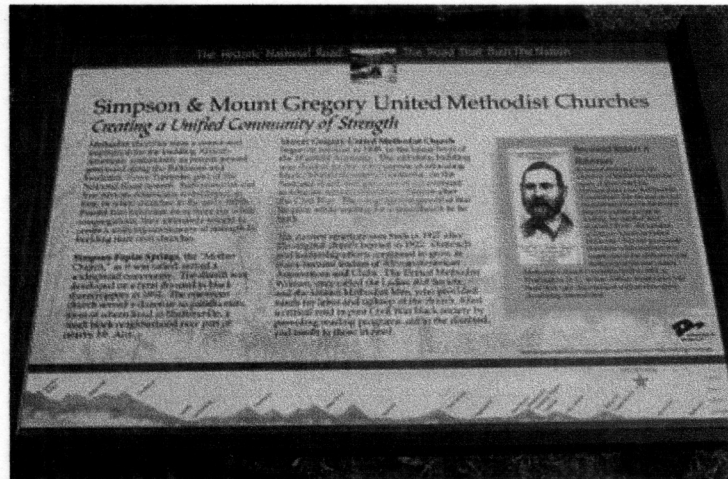


"Bite-Size Bits of Local, National, and Global History"

Poplar Springs in Howard County, Maryland — *The American Northeast (Mid-Atlantic)*

Simpson & Mount Gregory United Methodist Churches Creating a Unified Community of Strength

Inscription. Methodist churches were a source and inspiration for the budding African-American community as people moved westward along the Baltimore and Frederick-Town Turnpike, part of the National Road system. Both enslaved and free African-Americans worshipped, at first, in white churches in the early 1800s. Forced into balconies away from the white congregations, they ultimately sought to create a unifying community of strength by building their own churches. Simpson Poplar Springs, the "Mother Church," as it was called, served a widespread community. The church was developed on a farm donated to black sharecroppers in 1893. The one room church served a dozen or so parishioners, most of whom lived in Shaffersville, a small black neighborhood now part of nearby Mt. Airy.



By Christopher Busta-Peck, February 24, 2008
1. Simpson & Mount Gregory United Methodist Churches Marker

Mount Gregory United Methodist Church began its services in 1898, in the lower level of the Warfield Academy. The old stone building was deeded for the sole purpose of educating black children in nearby Cooksville, on the National Road, and grew out of a movement to educate African-American children after the Civil War. The congregation stayed at this location while waiting for a new church to be built.

The current structure was built in 1927 after the original church burned in 1922. Outreach and leadership efforts continued to grow as many became leaders of African-American Associations and Clubs. The United Methodist Women, once called the Ladies Aid Society, and the United Methodist Men, who provided funds for labor and upkeep of the church, filled a critical void in post Civil War black society by providing reading programs, aid to the disabled, and meals to those in need.

(Sidebar)

Reverend Robert H. Robinson

Reverend Robinson was the pastor of 19 Methodist Churches, many of them along the National Road from Baltimore to



By Christopher Busta-Peck, February 24, 2008
2. Marker at Simpson United Methodist Church

Cumberland. His life and service demonstrated the role Methodist itinerant pastors played in meeting the needs of their dispersed flock. The creation of African-American United Methodist Churches as separate from their white brethren was largely due to his dedication and leadership at the first United Methodist Colored Convention held in 1861, in Washington, D. C. At last, African-Americans could build their own churches and support their newly developing communities.

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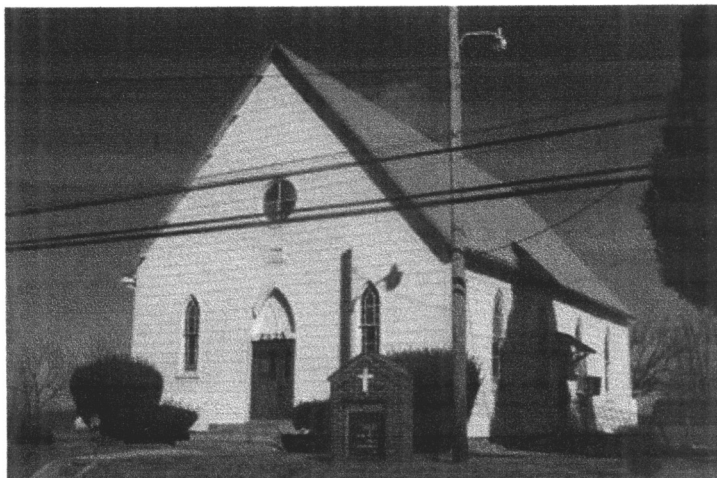
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By Christopher Busta-Peck, February 24, 2008
3. Simpson United Methodist Church

More about this marker. In the sidebar is a portrait of Reverend Robert H. Robinson. The background of the marker is "National Road at Fairview Inn" which is the standard for markers in this series. An elevation diagram of the national road is displayed on the bottom of the marker's face.

Also see . . . Simpson & Mount Gregory United Methodist Churches. PDF version of the marker. (Submitted on March 12, 2008, by Christopher Busta-Peck of Shaker Heights, Ohio.)



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4. Mount Gregory United Methodist Church

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Belva's Old News Letter

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Mt. City Lodge 382
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90 YEARS THIS YEAR

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A request from Pat Blackwell from Northern Ca.
Mt. city Lodge 382
1928 to 1988

Correction - The Mt. City Lodge 382 is celebrating 90 years this year and not the Fredericktonian Lodge 12.

Enjoy

Pat

PROPERTY DEEDED

Afro-American Building Improvement to Joseph D. Baker, city, \$10.

Mt. City Lodge, No. 382 B. P. O. E. to Joseph D. Baker, city, \$10.

Evan L. Brighton and wife to Joseph D. Baker, city, \$10.

Ida Elizabeth Goings equal to Joseph D. Baker, city \$10.

Harry D. Winpager and wife to Thomas S. Nusbaum, county, \$700.

John W. Smallwood, adms, to Joseph R. Smallwood and wife, county, \$800.

Lester B. Birdy and wife to Tobias S. Fike and wife, Thurmont, \$10.

William E. King to William Henry King and wife, city, \$3.

John S. Jamison and wife to Frederick Fraternal Home Asso., Inc. city \$10.

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300 DELEGATES EXPECTED TO ATTEND CONVENTION

An estimated 300 delegates from Maryland, Delaware and the District of Columbia will begin arriving Sunday for the opening of the 23rd annual tri-state convention of the I. B. P. O. Elks of W. to be held here June 25 to 28. Mt. City Lodge No. 382 West All Saints street of which Staley S. Davis is Exalted Ruler, will act as host.

H. Donal Bayton, chairman on arrangements has announced that the gathering will be highlighted by a large parade Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock to be followed that night by the grand ball. A boxing contest at McCurdy Field Monday night and a baseball game are also included on the schedule.

The organization, which has a membership of 200,000 in the U. S. England and the Virgin Islands, sponsors the purchase of the John Brown farm at Harpers Ferry as a national shrine. They have also established a camp for boys and award a scholarship for advanced education.

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MULLINIX PARK CONCERT

The colored Elks Band of Mt. City Lodge No. 382, James Jefferson, director, will give a concert in Mullinix Park this evening at 7:30 o'clock, sponsored by the Frederick Recreation Commission. Details are in charge of Lewis K. Hall, treasurer of the colored Elks band. The concert was scheduled to be held Aug. 22 but was postponed because of rain.

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CRAB PICNIC

Friday night, Sept. 14th from 6 until (?) West All Saint St. Plenty jumbo crabs and ice cold beer. Benefit Elks band Mt. City Lodge 382 of Frederick.

John A. Jones
Chairperson

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I WANT TO THANK

Members of Mt. City Lodge No. 382 and members of Madam C. J. Walkers temple No. 509 and doctors and nurses of Frederick Memorial Hospital and those friends who showed their kindness and helpfulness during the illness and death of my wife, Laura May Hackey.

MR. ALONZA HACKEY

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ELMER LEROY DIXON SR.

Funeral services for Elmer L. Dixon Sr. of 116 Ice Street, who died Tuesday at Frederick Memorial Hospital were held Friday at Hicks Funeral Home, West Patrick Street.

The Rev. Oscar B. Jackson, officiated, assisted by Rev. Harry J. McDonald, pastor of Asbury Methodist Church.

Honorary bearers were members of Mt. City Lodge No. 382 of Elks Active bearers were Lawrence Brightful, Roscoe Duckett, Franklin Saunders, Giles Hall, Charles Wars and Melvin Spriggs.

Burial was held in Fairview Cemetery in Frederick.

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REV. R. L. NICKENS JR.

Rev. Reuben Lawyer Nickens Jr. of 142 West All Saints street, died at his residence Tuesday evening after a lingering illness.

He was 107 years of age and the son of the late Reuben L. and Jane Wells Nickens.

He was a member of the Northern Virginia Baptist Association, serving as moderator. He was pastor of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church of Lucketts, Va., for 49 years; Zion Baptist Church of Mountville, Va. for 22 years, and organizer of many other Baptist Churches in the Va. and W. Va. area.

He was a member of Mt. City Lodge of Elks 382 having served at most of the stations. He was one of the founders of the club.

He also served as Chaplain of the Western Maryland and Virginia P. E. R. C. of Elks.

Surviving are these relatives. six daughters: Mrs. Rachel Barton of Philadelphia; Mrs. Anna Bell Jackson, this city; Mrs. Rose Brown of Baltimore; Mrs. Pearl Bowins, this city; Mrs. Louise L. Davis of Rockville; and Mrs. Iona Hill of Flint Hill. Six sons, Vernon S. of Baltimore; James A, this city; Charles H. of Washington, D.C., Lord D. of Flint Hill; Osborne of New Market; and Clarence J. Nickens, this city; two brothers John T. Nickens of Montclair, New Jersey and Roosevelt Nickens of Florence, Va.; two sisters; Mrs. Rosie Jackson of Warrenton, Va., and Mrs. Josephine Corum of Herndon, Va. 40 grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild, and a number of nieces and nephews, also survive.

Friends may call at the family residence on All Saints Street. Funeral services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. from the First Missionary Baptist Church, this city. Interment will be made in Chantilly, Va. C. E. Hicks III, funeral director.

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DEBUTANTES TO BE PRESENTED AT COTILLION

Ten young debutantes will be presented at the Frontiers International Annual Cotillion to be held in the ballroom of the Francis Scott Key Hotel May 6 at 9 p.m.

Dick Harp's Orchestra will provide music for the annual affair and Kenyon Parker will preside as master of ceremonies during the evening festivities.

The ten debutantes and their escorts are: Miss Lelia Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Thomas of Frederick, escort Marvin Brooks; Miss Patricia Thomas, ward of Mrs. Joan Lyles of Frederick, escort William O. Lee; Miss Angela Holland, ward of Mrs. Maude B. Smith of Frederick, escort Russell Millberry.

Also, Miss Marlene Snowden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Snowden of Frederick, escort Richard Foreman; Miss Janice Ambush, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Ambush of Dickerson, escort Phyllip Terrell; Miss Carol Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee of Frederick, escort Reginald Hall.

Also, Miss Yolanda Neugent, ward of Miss Helena T. Gaither of Glenwood, escort Ronald Miles, Miss Carolann Saunders, daughter of Mrs. Rebecca Saunders of Frederick, escort Robert Patterson.

Also, Miss Karen Hall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James T. Hall of Frederick, escort, Francis Foreman; Miss Carolyn Robinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Robinson of Frederick, escort Roger Naylor.

The committee in charge of the cotillion is: Charles E. Henson, chairman; Kenyon Parker, Claude R. Delauter, George E. Dredden, Nicholas E. Leakins, David Shockly, Edward Ambush, Gilmore Bentley, Bruce Gray and George P. Ambush.

Theodore Stephens is president of the club.

The following are sponsors and representatives; Mr. and Mrs. Claude R. Delauter, Frederick, Carroll Chapter of Bowie Alumni, Mrs. Florence Awkard, Hobby Club, Mrs. Grace Ambush, Mt. City Lodge No. 382, Barnard Ambush; Negro Business and Professional Womens Club Inc; Mrs Shirley Snowden; Madam C. J. Walker Temple No. 509; Mrs Bernice Delauter; American Legion Post 112; Women's Society of Asbury Methodist Church; Mrs. Dorothy Bowie, Amvets Post No. 5; Columbus Bryant Commanding Officer; Mt. Gregory Methodist Church; and Mrs. Mildred Cook.

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APPEARING HERE

The Harmonizing Four of Richmond, Va., will make their appearance in Frederick Nov. 6, 8 p.m., at the Asbury Methodist Church, All Saints and Court Streets. The vocal group, which has appeared on radio and television and made records, will present a gospel concert. Tickets are available at Henderson, Hill and Lyles barber shops, the B and T. Record Co. and the Mt. City Lodge of Elks, 382.

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OSCAR HENDERSON

Oscar Henderson, 109 West All Saints Street, died Friday at the Frederick Memorial Hospital after a lingering illness. Aged 77, he was the son of the late John and Mamie Murdock Henderson of Frederick County. He was a veteran of WWI and a charter member of the Mt. City Lodge of Elks 382, having served as exalted ruler. He was also the holder of most offices in the lodge. For a number of years Mr. Henderson was owner and operator of the Henderson's Pool Hall and Lunch Room on the corner of Ice and West All Saints Street.

Surviving besides his wife, Mrs. Nettie Harris Henderson, are two daughters, Mrs. Theresa Ambush and Mrs. Pamela Campbell, both of Frederick, four grandchildren, one great grandchild, two sister, Mrs. Esther Banks and Mrs. Julia Whiten, both of Frederick, two brothers, Robert Henderson, Frederick, Gorge Henderson, Brooklyn, N.Y., and a number of nieces, nephews and cousins.

Friends may call at the Hicks Funeral Home, 263 West Patrick Street, Monday from 6 to 9 p.m. Funeral services will take place from the funeral home Tuesday at 11 a.m. Interment will be in Fairview Cemetery.

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JAMES EDWARD HOWARD

Funeral services for James Edward Howard of Frederick, who was shot by an unknown assailant while hunting near Lily Ponds on Saturday, were held on Wednesday at Hicks Funeral Home, 263 W. Patrick St. The Rev. Thomas L. Phillips, associate pastor of St. John's Catholic Church, officiated at the services.

Honorary bearers, members of the Mt. City Lodge 382 of Elks were Robert Stanton, Lindsey Patterson, Wesley Ross, George E. Bowens, Lindsey Ambush and Eldridge Lee. Active bearers were Richard Ferguson, Garfield Hoy, Franklyn Saunders, Charles Wars, George Goines, Alvey Jackson, Floyd Brown and George Barnes, all members of Mt. City Lodge No. 382 of Elks. Interment was held in Fairview Cemetery.

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MS. SNOWDEN TO RECEIVE ELKS AWARD

Ms. Kathleen I. Snowden, who in 1969 became the first black woman ever elected to a municipal governing body in Frederick County, will be honored this Sunday with the annual Civic Award of the Merry Men of Mountain City, the Mt. City Lodge 382, IBPO Elks of the World.

Ms. Snowden, wife of Kenneth Snowden of New Market, will receive one of two awards at the Elks annual awards banquet at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at the Elks Home on West All Saints Street. The second award, to be announced at the affair, will honor the "Outstanding Elk of the Year."

Guest speaker for the banquet will be Ms. Neil R. Pendleton of Washington, D.C., a research chemist in biochemistry at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and a noted leader in the cause of equal employment opportunity for minorities, especially women.

Kathleen Snowden now serves as the assistant unit head of the Germfree Section, DRS, National Institutes of Health at Bethesda. She also operates the popular Afro-American Specialty Shoppe in New Market.

Ms. Snowden also collects and displays items of black history and culture, and works with legal defense funds for blacks. She also lectures on "Black History and Culture" and on race relations.

She has been an equal employment specialist and counselor for the U.S. government, served as a special adviser on race relations and black employment, has designed and conducted race seminars, and is an active member of many civil and human rights organizations.

Numerous honors and awards have been conferred on Ms. Snowden for her work. She is also listed in "Who's Who."

The Elks note that "all of her work is volunteer in nature, which is the living evidence of her concern for her fellow man."

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BRUNNER SPEAKER FOR AWARDS DINNER

Former Fredericktonian, Kermit E. Bruner Jr. will be the guest speaker for the Merry Men of Mt. City's Annual Awards Banquet to be held at Mt. City Lodge 382, I B P O E of W., Sunday, March 28, beginning at 2:15 p.m.

Bruner, the son of Kermit and Gertrude Bruner, is the grandson of Prof John W. Bruner and Jeanette C. Bruner, both outstanding Black educators of Frederick City and County for over 30 years.

He attended Lincoln Elementary and Lincoln High Schools and was graduated in 1952. He went to Maryland State College at Princess Anne (now the University of Maryland Eastern Shore) where he received degrees in Health and Physical Education and Social Sciences.

He served two years in the United States Army during which time he played and coached basketball, baseball, football, golf, and swimming.

Upon his discharge in 1959, he was appointed to the Public School System of Bridgeton, N.J. where he taught History and Government and coached track. After eight years of teaching a "self-contained" class in Vineland, N.J., he returned to teaching and coaching at the varsity level. He has coached in the City Recreational League for over five years.

Bruner has been the Regional Director of Headstart during which time he supervised over 400 professionals, 1800 students and managed a two and one-half million dollar budget. He has taught Adult Basic Education Classes for the New Jersey State Department of Education. He has been a learning Lab Specialist for Reading, Summer Director for the E.O.F. Developmental Program at Glassboro State College, where he established the first "Reading Laboratory" to be set up on a college campus in the State of New Jersey, and he was "adjunct staff" at Glassboro State College until 1974.

He founded the NAACP Youth Council of Vineland, N.J. and served as its adult advisor for four years.

He is a member of the Union Baptist Church of Bridgeton a member of the Young Adult Choir, and Past Church Clerk.

He is a Past Master of Ionic Lodge No. 40, Free and Accepted Masons of Bridgeon; a Past High Priest of Royal Arch Masons; a Past Thrice Potent Master of the Lodge of Perfection; a Past Most Wise and Perfect Master of the Knights of Rose Croix; a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason; a noble of the Mystic Shrine; the Right Worshipful Grand Orater for the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, State of New Jersey, and has held many other offices.

Brunner has been honored for being the designer of decals and commemorative medallions announcing the 200th Anniversary of the beginning of Freemasonry among Black men in America. He was the recipient of one of the Bicentennials Awards given by the Scottish Rite Bodies of Maryland, for his outstanding contributions to Freemasonry in general and Prince Hall Masonry in particular. On July 11, 1975, Mr. Bruner was cited in the congressional Record of the United States Congress for his historical dissertation on Prince Hall and Prince Hall Masonry.

He has recently completed his internship in Public School Administration and will soon receive his Master's Degree in Education and his Principal's certificate.

He is married to Margaret Cofer Bruner, formerly of Philadelphia and Easton. They have two daughters, Pamela, 17, a junior, and Paula, 15, a sophomore at Vineland Senior High School. The Bruners reside in Vineland, N.J.

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OFFICERS OF MT. CITY LODGE 382

The 1984-85 officers of Mountain City Lodge No. 382 IBPOEW are Charles Grooms Sr. inner guard; David Sappington, recording secretary, Robert Hill, esteemed lecturing knight, Bernard W. Brown, exalted ruler; Harrison Jefferson, chaplain, Robert McCoy, loyal knight, Essex Wilson, tiler, Giles Hall, esquire, Eugene Peeks, entertainment chairman, and George Goines, financial secretary, John Gaither, chairman of trustees .

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Black history ...a chronicle of achievement-Part 3

MOUNTAIN CITY LODGE IBPOEW -serving community since 1923

This is the third in a series of articles about local organizations and individuals in observance of Black History Month 1985. It is a brief history of the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World and Mountain City Lodge No. 382, IBPOEW, Frederick. Bernard W. Brown, exalted ruler.

Largest black fraternal organization in the world with over 450,000

members, the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World was founded in 1898 by Attorney Benjamin Franklin Howard in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Shortly after the founding, the ritual of the IBPOEW was copyrighted by Arthur J. Biggs on Sept. 28, 1898. In June 1899, the first Charter and Articles of Incorporation were granted.

The purpose of the organization is: "That the welfare and happiness of its members be promoted and enhanced, that nobleness of soul and goodness of heart be cultivated, that principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity be inculcated, that its members and families be assisted, protected, that the spirit of patriotism be enlived and exalted."

The order is known best for its Department of Education, which for the past 50 years has given over two and a half million dollars in scholarships to the youth of all races, and its civil liberties department, which since 1926 has fought all forms of injustice against any racial group. Local lodges from coast to coast have made financial contributions to civil rights movements and organizations.

In Frederick, Mountain City Lodge No. 382 received its charter on June 19, 1923. The first officers elected were as follows: Roy Hallman, exalted ruler; M.E. Norris, esteemed leading knight; Roger Boyd, esteemed lecturing knight; Dr. Charles Brooks, esteemed loyal knight; William Whiten, esquire; John Sewell, inner guard; Roy Hurd, tiler; Roy Walker, financial secretary; Frank Holliday, treasurer; and Dr. U.G. Bourne Sr., medical adviser.

Since Charter Exalted Ruler Roy Hallman, these Elks have served with distinction in the high leadership post: Dr. Charles E. Brooks, Carlos Chase, Thomas Strawder, Robert Onley Sr., Donald Baton, Staley S. Davis, Paul Lee, Harry H. Hill Jr. LeRoy O. Thompson, Fred White, John Smith, Arnold Ambush, George P. Onley and incumbent Exalted Ruler Bernard W. Brown, who has served in this exalted chair since 1886.

Charter members of Mountain City Lodge 382 include: Elijah Ball, Donald Bayton, George T.C. Bell, Alexander Bowie, James Brown, Fred Bruce, Everett Cain, Hunter Campbell, Lester Diggs, Williams Diggs, Albert Dixon, William A. Foreman, John Grey, Robert Heard, Samuel Jenkins, Archie Johnson, John R. Johnson, Daniel Luby, Dorsey Makel, Robert McIntyre, Raymond Snowden, Robert Spriggs, Samuel Strickland, Arthur Tilghman, Duvall Walker, Edward Walker, William Wansel and the Rev. J.N. Yearwood.

Grand officers at the time of chartering the Frederick lodge were: J. Finley Wilson, grand exalted ruler, Charles F. Walker, grand district deputy,

and H.E. Bates grand secretary.

Among Mountain City Elks who have served Elkdom in high offices beyond the local lodge are:

BOISE DAVIS, past grand exalted ruler, who resides on Washington Street, Frederick

RAY BRIGHTFUL, past grand exalted ruler, who after serving from 1966-88 on the House Committee of Mountain City Lodge, has been active in the leadership of the Blue Ridge Council of Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia, serving now as the Council's First Scribe; the Tri-State Elks of Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia, now financial secretary; and now also the assistant grand secretary of the worldwide jurisdiction of IBPOEW.

Mountain City Lodge has played a major role in assisting many local students to further their education with the lodge's scholarship program. Many local charitable organizations have benefited from Mountain City's liberal charity fund. Mountain City also recognizes persons who at some time have had an impact on the lives and development of local individuals through its annual awards program and banquet.

Present officers of Frederick Lodge No. 382 are: Bernard W. Brown, exalted ruler; Harry Emmons, leading knight; Robert McCoy, lecturing knight; Robert Hill, loyal knight; Giles Hall, esquire; Harrison Jefferson, chaplain; Essex Wilson, tiler; Charles Groomes Sr., inner guard; David Sappington, recording secretary; George Goines, financial secretary; Maynard Hurd, chairman of the House Committee; John Gaither, chairman of the Trustee Board; and Eugene Peeks, chairman of the Entertainment Committee.

"In summary," said Exalted Ruler Bernard Brown, "Mountain City Lodge of the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World (IBPOEW) is dedicated to make the local community and the world a better place in which to live because equal opportunity is guaranteed all irrespective of race, creed or color."

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MRS. MARJORIE MARY JEFFERSON

Mrs. Marjorie Mary "Sweetie" Jefferson, 79, of 4038 Buckeystown Pike, Frederick, died Wednesday, Aug. 10, at Frederick Memorial Hospital. She was the wife of the late Walter Thomas Jefferson.

Born Jan. 12, 1909 in Monrovia, Mrs. Jefferson was a daughter of the late Adephus Thomas and Mary Sewell Thomas.

Mrs. Jefferson was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church, Frederick. She was also a member of the Frederick Senior citizens, Madam C.J. Walker Temple 509, Daughters of IBOE of W. and the AARP.

Surviving are three children, Patricia Fowler, Carolyn Dunnock, both of Frederick, and Janice Dowridge of Detroit, Mich.; one sister and brother-in-law, Vera C. Jefferson and Raymond M. Jefferson Sr. of Abingdon; another brother-in-law, Harrison P. Jefferson of Frederick; sister-in-law Louise Jefferson and Matilda Jefferson, both of Frederick; a number of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Friends may call from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m Friday, Aug. 12, at Stauffer Funeral Home, 1621 Opossumtown Pike, Frederick. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Friday from 7-9 p.m. On Saturday, Aug. 13. Mrs. Jefferson will be taken to Asbury United Methodist Church, 200 W. All Saints St., Frederick, where friends may call from 1 p.m until time of services at 2 p.m. The Rev. Maurice Moore will officiate. Interment will be in Fairview Cemetery, Frederick.

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Belva's Old News Letter

The news articles are about
Prince Hall Masonry

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BIG DAY AT LIBERTY

The Masonic reunion and parade at Liberty yesterday was quite a success. Previous to the parade the colored members of the Masonic order, under whose auspices the affair was held, met at their hall in Liberty and at 12 o'clock, under the marshallship of Mr. E. Jenkins, marched through Main street and thence to the grove of Dr. Sappington, a short distance from the town. Addresses were delivered by W. M. Nicholas Penn; S. V., Mr. Jones; J. V., John Keys, and others. Later in the afternoon Captain Jenkins and his company arrived. The day was pleasantly spent in the grove. Two bus loads of members of Fredericktonian Lodge No. 12 and their friends were in attendance. Conspicuous among the vistors were, M. W. M., Samuel T. Dixon, C. H. Young, Caleb E. Nichols, Rev. Young, Richard Walker, P. Larkins, Thos. Hall, C. Goins, Wm. Downs and Marshall Jenkins. The exact number in attendance from this city was 51. Music was furnished by Unionville band and at 4 p.m. the procession returned to the hall, headed by the band, while the Frederick Lodge and friends were treated to all the delicacies of the season, which they enjoyed very much. The members of the Frederick Lodge returned to this city at 10 o'clock last evening.

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HOST TO CONVENTION

GRAND LODGE OF COLORED MASONS MEETING IN FREDERICK

The Fredericktonian Lodge, No. 12, A. F. and A. M. colored, host to the ninety-second annual communication of the Most Worshipful United Grand Lodge of Maryland which is being held in the Asbury church, this city, August 20, 21 and 22.

The convention opened with memorial services at the church on Sunday evening at eight o'clock. This evening there will be a public meeting with welcoming addresses by Mayor Lloyd C. Culler and Leo Weinberg.

One of the highlights of the convention will be the parade this evening at 7 o'clock headed by colored Knights Templar of Baltimore and Elks, with a band and several hundred visiting colored Masons and friends.

Robert D. Henderson has been general chairman of arrangements. W. W. Allen, of Baltimore, is Grand Master and Alvan Stantly, also of Baltimore, is the Grand Secretary of the Maryland lodge. Local officers of the Fredericktonian Lodge are Richard Walker, Worshipful Master, Roy Boy, secretary, and C. E. Holland, treasurer.

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CARDS OF THANKS

I wish to express my thanks and appreciation to the doctors, nurses, nurses aides, and orderlies, for their kindness during my stay at Frederick Memorial Hospital. Also visits from Rev. McDonald, members of the Fredericktonian Lodge No. 12, F. & A. M., relatives and friends

for cards and flowers.

CHARLES D. BOWIE III

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FUNERALS

PAUL M. DUCKETT

Funeral Services for Paul M. Duckett of Frederick who died Thursday at Frederick Memorial Hospital were held Monday at Quinn A.M.E. church on E. Third St. The Rev. Emanuel G. Terrell the pastor officiated, assisted by the Reverends Oscar B. Jackson, Harry J. McDonald, John Leeks, Joseph Ogle, Howard Whims, Luther Brown and Mrs. Eliza Whims.

Masonic rites were held at the church and grave side by members of the Fredericktonian Lodge No. 12 A.F. and A.M.

Military Honors were accorded at the grave side by military personnel of Fort Detrick.

Burial was held in Fairview cemetery.

Bearers all members of Fredericktonian Lodge No. 12 A.F. and A.M., were Charles Jackson, Austin Rollins Jr., James C. Hardy, David Offutt, Ulysses Dailey, Frank Penn, Floyd S. Brown, Roland Thompson and Maynard Heard Jr.

Honorary bearers were members of Mountain City Lodge of Elks No. 382.

Hicks Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

JOHN MITCHELL

Funeral services for John Mitchell, husband of Mrs. Jane W. Creighton Mitchell who died at the University Hospital in Baltimore on Friday were held at the M. R. Etchison & Son, funeral home, 106 E. Church St. on Monday at 11 a.m.

The Rev. Donald W. Bracken, pastor of the United Presbyterian Church officiated.

Pallbearers were: Harry William LeGore Jr., Elmer H. Baker, P. L. Tollison, T. B. Campion, H. J. Wilson and Paul Graham.

Burial was in Mount Olivet Cemetery.

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PRINCE HALL MASONRY BICENTENNIAL BANQUET

Three Frederick men were among 52 outstanding Marylanders honored at the Prince Hall Masonry Bicentennial Banquet Sunday at the Baltimore Hilton by the Commanders of the Rite 33rd Degree and the Prince Hall Scottish Rite Masonic Bodies. Over 1,400 members and guests attended.

There were Frederick Alderman Claude R. Delauter Jr., retired educator, John T. (Jack) Griffin, local and USA olympic track coach, and Mayor Ronald Young.

Over 40 Prince Hall Masons, their wives and guests attended from the Western Maryland area, including Howard B. Thomas, area chairman and commander of the Western Maryland Consistory 33rd degree; James M. Thomas 33rd, committee member; Frederick Mayor and Mrs.

Ronald N. Young; Fredericktonian Lodge 12 Past Master Austin Rollins 33rd and Mrs. Rollins; Lodge 12 Past Master John Williams and Mrs. Williams; Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Brown of Hope Hill; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Parker of Flint Hill; Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Brightful, Mr. and Mrs. Amos L. Brown, James Edward Ambush Jr., all of Frederick; the Rev. Geraldine David and Mrs. Alice Hill, both of Bartonsville; Mr. and Mrs. Merle Lyles of Urbana, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Addison of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Merton P. Hammond of Union Bridge, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur High, Mr. and Mrs. James Gregg, Rockville; Mr. and Mrs. Lenzlea F. Mosby Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Russell Snively, Mr. and Mrs. T. Andrew Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Hopewell, all of Hagerstown.

The banquet marked the 200th anniversary of Prince Hall Masonry and honored those who have contributed significantly to the advancement of mankind as inculcated in the work of the Masonic bodies.

Presiding was Illustrious Leon B. Holsey, president, Commanders of the 33rd Degree, Maryland.

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Lorraine Brown and Honorees Mr. & Mrs. Claude R Delauter, educator, alderman



Honorees Mr. & Mrs. John T. (Jack) Griffin, track coach USA; Mrs. Ronald N. Young and Mayor Young



Gen Edward Warfield, commander, MD. National Guard, receives award from Col. William A Harris



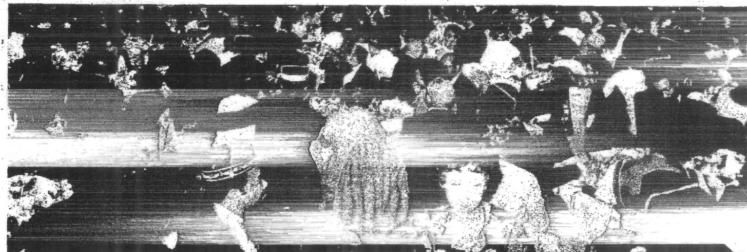
Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm receives public service award



Baltimore Mayor William Schaefer welcomes Prince Hall Masons, guests



Leon D. Holsey, president, Commanders of the Rite 33rd

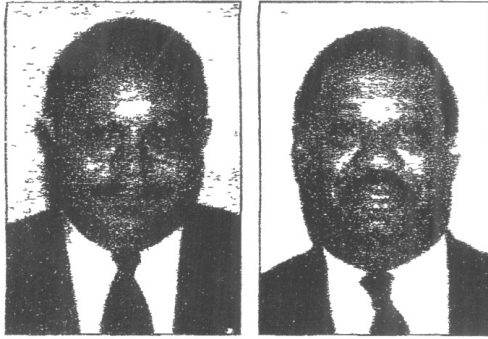


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HOY, ROBERTS NAMED TO ELKS POSITIONS IN PA.



SHERMAN W. HOY KEITH C. ROBERTS SR.

Sherman W. Hoy of Gettysburg, Pa., a Frederick native, was recently installed as exalted ruler of Lincoln Lodge 145 of the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World in Gettysburg.

Keith C. Roberts Sr. of Walkersville, a past exalted ruler, was recently appointed assistant to the Honorable James P. Black, Pennsylvania state president.

Mr. Hoy was born in Frederick County in 1950 and attended several schools in Frederick, graduating from Gov. Thomas Johnson High School in 1968. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and after basic training and tech school was stationed at Clark Air Base in the Philippines with the First Mobile Communications Group for 18 months. His service there took him throughout Asia, including Vietnam.

Upon returning to the United States in 1970, Mr. Hoy was assigned to Elmendorf Air Force Base in Anchorage, Alaska, until his separation in 1972.

Mr. Hoy was a member and president of The Friends for Neighborhood Progress in Frederick in the mid 1970's. He is associated with the Fredericktonian Lodge 12 and the Frederick Noon Sertoma Club. He coached T-ball, Little League baseball and refereed flag football in Frederick.

Mr. Hoy retired from civil service after 25 years at Fort Detrick where he worked as an electronic and pneumatics technician. He also served as chief shop steward of Local 174.

Mr. Hoy is a certified factoring specialist and president of Wilson Funding, a brokerage company in Gettysburg.

Other new lodge officers are David Williams, esteemed leading knight, Eldridge Moses, esteemed loyal knight; Joseph Morris, esteemed lecturing knight; Rogers T. Smith, secretary; Ronald VanBrakle, treasurer; Ricky Turner, esquire; Calvin Lovett, chaplain; Garret Gilbert, inner guard; Ulysses Winston, tyler; Elton Shelton Jr. trustee chairman and James Jones and Gary Mauston, trustees.

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FREDERICKTONIAN LODGE 12 PLANS OPEN HOUSE AT ANNEX ADDITION

The Fredericktonian Lodge 12 F&A.M., Prince Hall Affiliation will hold a dedication and open house for the new addition of their annex at 110 West All Saints Street, 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 12.

The keynote speaker will be the Special District Deputy Grand Master R.W. Sheldon Reddon State of Maryland. Refreshments will be served after the program.

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Belva's Old News Letter

Happy Retirement
Rev. Sherman Mason

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SCHOLARSHIP AID FUND HONORS FOUR FOR SERVICE



Mr. and Mrs. J. Sherman Mason



Rev. Luther O. Brown, Mrs. Edith Wars



Charles Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Brown Jr.

The Frederick County Scholarship Aid Fund, marking its sixth anniversary year in offering educational aid and assistance to area youth, honored four citizens Saturday night for their outstanding service to the youth of the community.

-Charles R. Brooks, president and one of the founders, presented award plaques to the following, who join a distinguished list of recipients over the life of the program.

-Herman M. Brown Jr., for his efforts toward the group home on West Third Street. He also received a carnation, pinned on by his wife, Rosalie. The Browns own and operate Browns Liquors & Grocery on East Patrick Street.

-Charles E. Hicks III, for his long and continued support and encouragement of black and poor youth in the community. Mr. Hicks, Frederick's first black mortician and a third generation in the business, operates Hicks Funeral Home on West Patrick Street. (He was out of town and unable to attend the banquet.)

-The Rev. Luther O. Brown, pastor of Sugarloaf Community Church, for a lifetime of service to the church, the community and youth. He is the father of nine and has 20 grandchildren. Mrs. Brown was unable to attend. He was presented a carnation by Mrs. Edith L. Wars, a member of the Scholarship Aid Fund.

-J. Sherman Mason Jr., safety supervisor and deputy Equal Opportunity Employment officer for G.A. & F.C. Wagman Inc., York, Pa., who has been one of the county's outstanding black leaders for many years. He was presented a carnation by his wife.

Sherman Mason's response was most unique. When nominated for the FCSAF award, Brooks said he declined, asking, "Why Me?" His long list of service and contributions were presented.



Rev. 'Luke' Brown receives award from Charles Brooks, Scholarship Aid Fund president



Miss Lynn Townsend, singer

His response was in song, a moving rendition of the hymn, "If I Can Help Somebody." John Onley, who had provided piano accompaniment by Miss Lynn Townsend, who sang several gospel selections, picked up on the accompaniment for Mr. Mason.

The guest speaker was Ms. Dixie Miller, head of continuing education at Hood College, and remarks and benediction were by the Rev. Willis Wilson, the new pastor of Quinn AME Church.

Officers of the Scholarship Aid Fund serving with President Brooks include: Mrs. Mable E. Ambush, vice president; Ms. Judith Maire Holland, secretary; Willia B. Hill Jr., treasurer; Mrs Catherine Grace, Mrs. Rosa Lee Johnson and Jay D. Kline, directors and Thomas Van Pelt, Maynard M. Hurd, Mrs Edith L. Wars and Sherman Mason, members.



Ella Bowins congratulates Sherman Mason



Nina Brown, 92, meets Rev. Willis Wilson



HONORED FOR SERVICE TO YOUTH

The Frederick County Scholarship Aid Fund Saturday night honored four individuals for outstanding contributions to the advancement of youth in the county. Honored were J. Sherman Mason Jr., left; the Rev. Luthern O. Brown, right; Herman M. Brown Jr., back row right; and Charles E. Hicks III, who was out of town. Ms. Dixie Miller, second from left, dean of continuing education at Hood College, spoke on the need for citizens of all ages to "Keep Learning." The Rev. Willis Wilson of Quinn AME Church, second from right, commended the work of the group and the need for continuing

education, noting that it helps dispel the myth about aging and that “our elders are putting down their rockers and canes and are doing many new things.” Charles R. Brooks, back row, center, president of the Scholarship Aid Fund, was toastmaster for the well attended sixth anniversary scholarship banquet at Betty’s Restaurant. Miss Lynn Townsend sang and accompaniment was by John Onley.

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PEOPLE IN PROFILE: SHERMAN MASON, JR.

Today, the young, dissatisfied Negro, whenever he faces the massive capitalistic and social structure of the American way of life, has before him two principal possibilities in order to confront it. He can set out to upset the economic structure by boycotting the white merchant, either by not buying from his concern or by not utilizing his facilities, or he can disrupt that social structure by riots, destruction of property, and criminal violence.

There is a third possibility, however, which is one avenue that might be considered too conservative by some Negroes, but its primary aim is to work within that social structure, not outside of it, in order to change it gradually, (but not too gradually) and that organization is the NAACP.

The NAACP is an organization that hopes to be able to function within the society in which both the white man and the black finds himself today, and through patience and intelligence, (it is hoped) establish a sort of dialogue within the community between the two races, who have not dscoursed together since the beginning of the Negro’s history when he was brought here in bondage to these shores.

Recently, in December, a thirty-three-year-old member of the Frederick organization was elected president and his name is Sherman Mason, Jr.

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THE MAN WITH A MISSION

Recently, Sherman Mason, Jr. was elected president of the local NAACP. His mission is to bring both the white and black community together in order to discuss both the problems and aims of the Negro in our community. Through the NAACP, he hopes to begin to solve them.

Sherman Mason lives with his wife and three children in a small house which is painted white on the outside and the shutters and trim are apple green. Whenever the Masons come out of their front door, they face on the right, a section of Mt. Olivet Cemetery. To the left is a winding street dotted on each side with middle class houses.

Inside the Masons' home, the walls are painted a pale green, a thick, gold-colored wall-to-wall carpet covers the floor. On one wall is a picture of Martin Luther King, framed in gold, with a small light at the top for illumination.

Sherman Mason is stocky, gives the appearance of not being the five feet seven and a half that he says he is, has two friendly but cautious brown eyes, and an intensity that comes and goes, depending on what he is discussing. He smokes frequently.

After observing him and listening to him speak, I made the comment that obviously he was not from Frederick.

"What makes you say that?" he asked me, suddenly alert. Well, as a matter of fact, I asked myself, what did make me say that? Of course, what made me say it was the fact that Sherman Mason was more aggressive, more ambitious than a great many Negroes seem to be in this area. He also spoke without a Southern accent, and he looked a little more hopefully towards the future.

“I was born in Fountain Mills” he told me, leaning forward on the couch he was sitting on. “I was born and reared in Frederick County. I went to school in New Market for seven years. The school I went to had only two rooms. I went to Lincoln High School here in Frederick for five years and left in 1953.”

“I suppose I was very fortunate, in a way, because of my parents. My father was a Methodist minister, and both he and my mother taught me not to always want to take, but to want to give. Also, I was exposed to poverty early in life because of the many poor people, mostly Negroes, who came to my father for help.”

Today, Sherman Mason works for the Federal Stone Corporation up in Thurmont, as an operational chief. “We make crushed stone for around swimming pools,” he explains.

“Is that what you wanted to be?” I ask.

After a few moments of hesitation, he said no, it wasn't. “What I wanted to be, when I was younger, was a mortician, because I wanted to meet people, wanted to help them and when there is a death, they need help. But a Methodist minister isn't always in the position to send his son to a mortician school.”

“Do you think the establishment of the Frederick Businessmen's Association is going to help in this community?” I ask him.

“To tell you the truth,” he says, “I am very encouraged by it. You see, there are many white people who don't believe in discrimination. Who aren't afraid that we are going to take away their jobs. Who, if they were able, would try to help us in our poverty. But they are afraid. I guess they are afraid of what other people will think or say about them. ..so what do they do? They remain aloof. They are sympathetic but they remain aloof. They look the other way. They are afraid to commit themselves in our direction. That's why this new organization is encouraging to us. The businessmen within the community are making the first move. They are putting their future on the line with us. They want to help, to try and understand what our grievances and problems are, and they want to help us do something about it.”

“In the meeting that you had last week,” I point out, “there was mentioning of the fact that the local banks would not lend money to Negroes in order to help them start businesses. Well, both you and I know that the reason banks won't lend money to the Negroes is not because a man is a

Negro, but because he is poor. Banks won't even lend money to white people to start a business if they are poor. Don't you think the main issue now, between the white and black people, is a matter of economics?"

"Yes, I do think this is the main problem" says Mason. "The white man lives in a materialistic world. He spends his whole life accumulating money, and as things are now, he owns the system for making money. He controls it. For the Negro to make any impression on the white man, he must hit him where he lives. And that is in the world of economics. If we don't have money, we can't improve our living conditions. If we don't have money we can't send our children to decent schools or colleges. And of course, the white man knows this. It is one way he has been able to keep us out of the economic picture. Without money, we are no threat. So, the only defense we have economically right now, is the boycott."

I mention the fact that last year I went down to Resurrection City, and what had astonished me most of all, was the naked, obvious hatred that these Negroes down there felt towards the white man. In Washington there was no reason for them to hide their true feelings. I wondered if they hated us so much, how anything could be accomplished.

"Well of course, there are extremist groups who want a little action now," he explains. "But the NAACP is more conservative. We would rather work together within the society in which we live."

"I read the Autobiography of Malcolm X," I tell him, "and in it, he proposes that the Negro separate himself from the white community entirely. That they finance their own business and take care of themselves without the help of the white community. What do you think of the feasibility of this suggestion?" I ask.

"Malcolm X was a remarkable man" he admits, "but I don't think that is the answer. I think both the white and black communities have to work this problem out together."

"During the riots last year in Washington, Mayor Washington made the reply to a question about why didn't the middle class Negroes who had made it, so to speak, at least economically, ever make an effort to turn around and help the less fortunate Negro, who is still down there in the poverty area. Washington said that they couldn't help because they weren't that secure."

"Well, what happens when a Negro is successful?" says Mason. "He moves up into another world. He flies all over the place. He meets different people. His problems are not the same as the poor Negro. I guess he just forget us."

“Malcolm X also said that the NAACP was partially financed by white men, and that because of this , they controlled what happened within the organization. In a sense, they make it less effective. Do you think this is true?”

“There is white money in the NAACP” he admitted. “But the money is put in there by white men who realize the problems facing them and their community, and they want to help.”

And too, I thought to myself, they would much rather help an organization that wants to work problems out together, rather than cope with the more active, extremist groups.

Sherman Mason, as the president of the local NAACP, does not have an easy role to play. There must be conservative elements within the Negro community who find even the NAACP to be extreme. There is a tendency for the older Negroes to not want their boat rocked, regardless of how uncomfortable it is.

Then he must face the younger, more volatile members of his community, who haven't got time for negotiations, or dialogues, or the slow torturous processes of trying to reach an understanding between groups that have been exploiting each other for decades.

In the white community, Sherman Mason and his role in the NAACP must be explained. I did not see hatred in his eyes, nor in the expression on his face. There was a genuine concern for understanding, and a desire to want to find a way to improve the relationships in regards to the black and white members of the Frederick Community. The NAACP could not have found a more reasonable, but certainly not soft man for the job.

“All my life I have wanted to give,” he had said, “not take.”

It must be very discouraging for any man, or for any group, who want and have something to give to a community, to discover that the community does not want or care about what it is he or they have to offer.

There is little doubt that Sherman Mason Jr. will find a way, through the NAACP, to show them what it is the community has been missing.

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Belva's Old News Letter

The news articles are about
William R. Diggs

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Thanks, Belva. I was not aware of the *News-Post* article from 1973.

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Photo of a Local Icon is Donated to Belva's Society

Mr. Chris Krantz recently found a rather old photograph of a young African-American man in the attic of his recently purchased home on Fifth Street. After doing some research, Mr. Krantz found that he had a photograph of William R. Diggs who worked for Mr. Baker from whom Baker Park is named. He also found that Mr. Diggs was part of the group that formed Fairview Cemetery and was the first African-American Foster Parent in Frederick County. However, Mr. Diggs is best remembered when people think of going to relax at the William R. Diggs Swimming Pool at Mullinex park. Mr. Krantz, after doing some additional research, decided to donate the photograph to Belva's Wall-Less Museum. The Wall-Less Museum will be on display this fall at a time and venue to be determined.

MAN FINDS TREASURE IN HIS ATTIC

FREDERICK - Chris Krantz loves to watch the television show "If Walls Could Talk", which highlights unusual treasures discovered in old buildings. When he bought his first home - a historic Fifth Street rowhouse - in October, he hoped he would be as lucky.

He was pleased to uncover a wheat sickle, a horseshoe and several whiskey bottles while working in the cellar. It turns out a bigger treasure awaited him upstairs.

Two weeks ago, Krantz climbed into his attic to look for storage space while he renovates the first floor. He spotted what he thought were two dusty frames and handed them to his girlfriend, Jessica Stephenson.

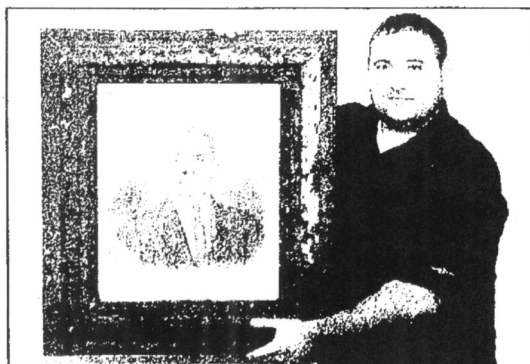
Moments later, Stephenson was yelling that one was actually a charcoal portrait of a young black man.

Krantz came down for a look and realized he might be holding his own entry for the television show.

He believed the portrait was of the house's first owner, William R. Diggs. Diggs was the man for whom the pool in Mullinix Park is named.

"Not just anybody has a pool named after him," Krantz said.

Diggs was honored with the structure in 1948, when segregation was practiced and black



Staff photo by Skip Lawrence

Chris Krantz shows the portrait of William R. Diggs he found in the attic of the Fifth Street rowhouse he bought in October.

residents were struggling against oppressive restrictions.

The family of Joseph Baker gave the pool to Frederick and named it after Diggs. He was employed by the Bakers for more than 50 years, according to old newspaper articles.

Diggs also was active in the community. He helped establish Fairview Cemetery and was among the first foster parents for what would eventually become “Frederick County Department of Social Services. He died in 1949, according to data from the Historical Society of Frederick County.

Krantz knows a little about local history. His family has lived in Frederick County since the mid 1800’s.

He showed the portrait to his aunt, a history aficionado, and people who knew Diggs. They confirmed his hunch was accurate, Krantz said.

The portrait is of Diggs at about age 17. Krantz is amazed it has remained untouched for so many years.

“So many different people have been living in the house since he sold it (around 1938),” Krantz said.

He might donate it to the historical society. Diggs was well respected and the portrait should hang where many people can enjoy it, Krantz said.

“I don’t feel I will do it justice hanging it on my living room wall,” he said.

The other soot covered item turned out to be a mirror.

“I was a little disappointed by that,” Krantz laughed.

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Belva's Old News Letter

The news articles about Frederick's
black churches
from the 1880's to 1900

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St. Paul AME Church

Ambush - Barton

A very pretty wedding took place Thursday evening, May third, the prime actors in the delightful ceremony being Miss Aggie Barton, of Licksville, and Joseph Ambush, of Della, this county. The bridal party left the residence of the bride at 11 a.m. and drove to Frederick city, and were united in the bonds of wedlock by Rev. Father Emry, promptly at 3 o'clock. Miss Barton was attired in a very pretty and becoming costume of sky blue silk, trimmed in white lace, with hat to match, and carried a bunch of bridal roses. The groom wore a suit of the usual black. Miss Barton's maid of honor, Miss Margaret Newman, was attired in cream cashmere with cream lace and carried a bunch of Marechal Nell roses and wore a wreath of the same. Mr. Benjamin Higgins acted as best man. The happy party returned at 6 p.m., where they were met by Mrs. Mary Barton, mother of the bride, and entered the house to the strains of Mendelssohn's March played by Professor Joe Day. There the bride and groom received many congratulations. The bride received many costly presents. A grand reception was held at the home of the bride, the reception room being beautifully decorated with ferns and lilacs. The table was decorated beautifully, a great deal of artistic taste being displayed, and was laden with everything the season could afford. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Harris, Jr., sister of the bride, she being attired in cream silk, with lace; Mrs. Mary Barton, mother of the bride, brown silk; Mrs. Ellen Ambush, mother of the groom, black silk; Mrs. Richard Harris, Sr., black henrietta cloth, with jets; Mr. and Mrs. John Day, of Boston, Mass. - Mrs. Day wore an Empire gown of brocade satin, trimmed in ribbon and lace, with diamonds; the Misses Harris, Point of Rocks; Miss Birdie Day, Mrs. Charles Costs, Mrs. John Harris, Doubs; Miss Nellie Ambush, Barnesville, Montgomery county; the Misses Spencer, Della; Miss Martha Carey, Washington, D.C.; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Naylor, Della; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chase, Adamstown; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ambush, Della; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ambush, Della; Mr. and Patrick Ambush, Adamstown; Mr. and Mrs. Bean Hallman, Della; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Herd, Licksville; the Misses Brooks, Licksville; Mrs. Wm. Boenl, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Crampton, Licksville; Miss Birdie Ambush, Della; Miss Daisy Russell,

Adamstown; Mr. and Mrs. Jaret Newman, Della; Mrs. Lemuel Stepherson and Miss Bertie Stepherson, Licksville. The young gentlemen present were: Angustus Harris, Lucian Shepard, Robert Thomson, Walter Crampton, Glen Washington, Chas. Page, Thomas Spencer, the Messrs. Price, Edward Barton, Chas. Day, Andrew Boen. Music was rendered by Mrs. John Day, of Boston, and Prof. Joe Day, of Della. Some very fine vocal music was rendered also by Mrs. Chas. Coats, Thomas Spencer and John Day. The guests, overjoyed with this evening, retired at a late hour for their houses. The bride and groom will remain at their future home in Licksville. Reprinted with the permission of the Frederick News-Post and Randall Family LLC as published on May 9, 1894

Holy Week

Good Friday services for the Mount Pleasant Circuit will be held at 7 p.m. at St. James AME Church. The Easter Sunrise service will be held at 6 a.m. at St Paul AME Church, Della. Breakfast will be served following the service.

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Rev. Rollins Will Speak

The Rev. Adam Rollins, Baltimore, will be the guest speaker at 3 p.m. Sunday at the St. Paul AME Church in Della. Also featured in the program will be the Five Stars Gospel Singers of Baltimore. Following the services, dinners will be served. Chairmen for the day are Mrs. Eleanor Bell and Mrs. Shirley Ambush. The services are open to the public.

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St. Paul AME

On June 20, the Della Youth Choir of St. Paul AME Church, Della, is holding a Youth Day. At the Worship Service, 11:30, Mr. Claude Delauter, prominent educator of Frederick County, will present the morning address. The Junior Choir of Clarksburg Methodist Church will sing for this service.

At 3 p.m., the Quintones of Quinn Chapel, Frederick, Maryland and the Drayton Singers of Baltimore, will present the sermon in song. We are extending a welcome to everyone to come.

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St. Paul's

Sunday, May 29, Friends Day will held at St. Paul AME Church, Della. The Rev. Ernest Ambush, of Baltimore will speak at the 11 a.m. service. The St. James Gospel Chorus of St. James AME Church. Bartonsville will render the music.

The Rev. James Gibson of Quinn AME Church, along with the Quintones, will conduct the 3 p.m. services.

Charley Naylor, chairman, and the Rev. Noah Melvin, pastor, welcome everyone.

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Alan Ambush to give recital

Alan Ambush, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Ambush of Dickerson, will present a recital of piano music at the Parish Hall of Calvary United Methodist Church in Frederick, Sunday, June 25 at 4 p.m.

Piano masterworks to be performed by Mr. Ambush are Invention # by J. S. Bach, F Minor (Boun) Sonata by Beethoven, Waltz in C# Minor and Noeturne in G Minor by Chopin, Hungarian Etude by MacDowell, Clair de lune (from Suite Bergamesgue) by Debussy, and Valse by Durand. The public is cordially invited.

Alan Ambush is a 1977 graduate of Frederick High School, and is presently a sophomore at the University of Maryland where he plans to pursue a piano major. He has studied piano for five years, and is presently a student of Robert Freed. Alan is an organist for the St. Paul AME Church. A versatile musician, Alan is also interested in jazz piano, and has attended jazz workshops with Ron Elliston at UMCP.

There is no admission charge for this recital.

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Sonya Ranai Lee

Sonya Ranai Lee, Rt. 1 Dickerson, who resides with her grandparents and is attending Bowie State College. Ms. Lee is a graduate of Frederick High School, made the honor roll 3 times, the National Honor Society, and was a participant in the Frederick Junior Miss Contest. She loves volleyball, basketball and music. Sonya is a member of the Della Youth Choir and St. Paul AME Church. She was a work-study student and clerk typist, and answered telephones while a student at Frederick High her senior year.

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Bass guitarist Scott Ambush plays for Fame with Spyro Gyra

He travels the world but it's always nice to come home again.

For Scott Ambush, bass guitar player for the legendary jazz band Spyro Gyra, Frederick is home.

More specifically, home is the family place on Flinthill Road near Adamstown where Ambush grew up and where he touches base between trips with the band to St. Croix and places like Jakarta on the Island of Java in Indonesia.

"I'm just starting to make it," said the 32-year-old Ambush, who had no definitive plans when he graduated from Frederick High School in 1978.

He began playing the bass in elementary school.

"I wanted to be a drummer," recalled Ambush, when childhood friends Bryan and Kenny Parker were starting up a band, The Changes. They already had a drummer he said but needed a bass player.

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Ambush family holds gathering

More than 200 descendants of Robert and Matilda Ambush recently celebrated their 14th family reunion. The theme for the celebration was "Walk that Ambush Walk". Robert Ambush was born a slave in Virginia in 1803 and died in Adamstown in 1905.

The celebration included a wellness walk, a dinner dance, a family worship service and a picnic.

On Aug. 26, family members walked a 15K route. After the walk they attended a family-sponsored health fair where they had blood pressures taken and received information pertaining to African-American health issues.

On Sept. 8 a dinner-dance was held at the Cracked Claw Restaurant in Urbana. A family worship service and picnic were held on Sept. 9 at Fort Detrick.

Greetings were given by Shirley Ambush, a prayer for the family was given by the Rev. Robert Ambush and guest speaker at the dinner dance was noted black archaeologist, Cheryl LaRoche who is currently researching the routes of the Underground Railroad. The Rev. Christine A. Moore, pastor of St. Paul AME Church in Dickerson, gave the family sermon during the worship service.

Awards were presented by Dorothy Lewis. Some awards given were.

Longest married couple Garland and Dorothy Makel, 56 years, most recent married couple, Vincent and Hee-Young Kim Gray; oldest male, Thomas Ambush 83, oldest female, Anna Howard, 88, most children and grandchildren, Margaret Ambush with 11 children and 26 grandchildren.

Reunion committee members were Debra Ambush, Pamela Ambush, Shirley Ambush, Taja Ambush, Marquice Franklin, Dorothy Lewis, Elizabeth Morris, and Carolann Ambush-Wright.

Copies of the 2000 Family Reunion booklet are still available from Shirley Ambush.

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Gospel Jazz concert set June 19

St. Paul AME Church Missionary Society, and pastor, the Rev. Christine Moore, present a Scholarship Benefit Gospel Jazz Concert, featuring Scott Ambush of Spyro Gyra, The Knight Brothers, Allen Ambush, Iva Ambush, Kim Jordan, Marshall Keys and Scott Moore, Saturday, June 19, from 6-8 p.m., at Maranatha Community Church of God, 123 Byte Drive, Frederick. Donation in advance, \$10; at the door, \$12. For tickets call, Shirley Ambush, 301-874-5631; Ann Hooper, 301-874-2411; or Debbie Williams, 301-662-5734. Tickets can also be purchased at Duet With Music Inc., in the Francis Scott Key Mall, call 301-695-3838.

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Sugarloaf Mountain Community Christian Church Rev. Luther Brown

John R. Johnson

Largely attended funeral services for Mr. John R. Johnson of Buckeystown, who died Thursday, Feb. 7, were held Monday, Feb. 11, at the Buckeystown United Methodist Church

The Rev. Homer Bullett, the pastor, officiated assisted by the Rev. George Davis, retired Methodist minister, the Rev. Luther Brown, pastor of Sugarloaf Mountain Community Church, Purdum, the Rev. W. M Clayburn, pastor of the Mount Moriah AME Church, Weaverton, and the Rev. Father Abraham XXXXXX pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic Parish, Buckeystown.

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Sugarloaf Mt.

On Sunday, Sept. 5, the Sugarloaf Mountain Community Church will hold Sunday school at 11 a.m. followed by a special Communion service, conducted by the Rev. Luther O. Brown.

At 3 p.m., the "B-B Specials," will render a program. Rev. Brown invites the public to attend.

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Negro BPW Club will honor three area ministers Sunday

The Frederick Negro Business and Professional Women will honor three local ministers at their Founder's Day Observance this Sunday, May 21 at the Holiday Inn.

Honored will be Rev. Floyd N. Lyles, Rev. Thomas J. Andrews and Rev. Luther Brown.

Rev. Lyles, native Frederick countian and pastor of the New Market charge United Methodist Church, began his ministerial training in 1961

while still employed at Fort Detrick.

Since his retirement from civil service, he has become well known in the area for his many services to community groups, the ill and bereaved, and individuals in need of counseling. He and his wife, the former Edna Lee, are the parents of two daughters and two sons.

Rev. Andrews, a native of Waco, Texas, and presently a resident of Washington, D.C., is further claimed by the parishioners of the First Missionary Baptist Church on West All Saints Street in Frederick.

When Rev. Andrews came to this area in 1964 - on a temporary basis - he brought with him an impressive background of involvement in social concerns as well as many and varied experiences as a minister.

Rev. Luther Brown is well known in the Frederick area, having grown up in Bartonsville, attending local schools, and settling here to work and raise a family.

Prior to becoming a minister eighteen years ago, Rev. Brown was an ardent lay-worker and Sunday school superintendent at the Jackson Chapel United Methodist Church. He is currently pastor of the Sugarloaf Community Church, Comus.

Married to the former Ida Snowden, Rev. Brown divides his time between his family of five sons and three daughters - and grandchildren - and volunteer service in the community.

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Scholarship Aid Fund honors four for service



Rev. Luther O. Brown and Mrs. Edith Wars

The Frederick County Scholarship Aid Fund, marking its sixth anniversary year in offering educational aid and assistance to youth, honored four citizens Saturday night for their outstanding service to the youth of the community.

Charles R. Brooks, president and one of the founders, presented award plaques to the following, who join a distinguished list of recipients over the life of the program:

-Herman M. Brown Jr., for his efforts toward the group home on West Third Street. He also received a carnation pinned on by his wife, Rosalie. The Browns own and operate Browns Liquors & Grocery on East Patrick St.

-Charles E. Hicks III, for his long and continued support and encouragement of black and poor youth in the community. Mr. Hicks, Frederick's first black mortician and a third generation in the business, operates Hicks Funeral Home on West Patrick Street. (He was out of town and unable to attend the banquet).

-The Rev. Luther O. Brown, pastor of Sugarloaf Community Church, for a lifetime of service to the church, the community and youth. He is the father of nine and has 20 grandchildren. Mrs. Brown was unable to attend. He was presented a carnation by Mrs. Edith L. Wars, a member of the Scholarship Aid Fund.

-J. Sherman Mason Jr., safety supervisor and deputy Equal Opportunity Employment office for G.A. & F.C. Wagman Inc., York, Pa., who has been one of the county's outstanding black leaders for many years. He was presented a carnation by his wife.

Sherman Mason's response was most unique. When nominated for the FCSAF award, Brooks said he declined, asking, "Why me" His long list of service and contributions were presented.

His response was in song, a moving rendition of the hymn, "If I Can Help Somebody." John Onley, who had provided piano accompaniment for Miss Lynn Townsend, who sang several gospel selections, picked up on the accompaniment for Mr. Mason.

The guest speaker was Ms. Dixie Miller, head of continuing education at Hood College, and remarks and benediction were by the Rev. Willis Wilson, the new pastor of Quinn AME Church.

Officers of the Scholarship Aid Fund serving with President Brooks include; Mrs. Mable E. Ambush, vice president; Ms. Judith Marie Holland, secretary; William B. Hill Jr., treasurer; Mrs. Catherine Grace, Mrs. Rosa Lee Johnson and Jay D. Kline, directors; and Thomas Van Pelt, Maynard M. Hurd, Mrs. Edith L. Wars and Sherman Mason, members.

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Sugarloaf Mt. Church

The Sugarloaf Mountain Community Church will hold Easter sunrise services at 6 a.m. Sunday. Sunday school begins at 10 a.m. with worship at 11 a.m. The Easter program will be held during the worship.

The Rev. Luther Brown is pastor.

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Jackson UM

Jackson United Methodist Church will observe Homecoming during the 11 a.m. service Sunday, Aug. 17, with the Rev. Luther O. Brown, congregation and choirs of the Sugarloaf Mountain Community Church as guest. At 3 p.m. lay speaker Glen Taylor and the Taylor Singers will render the service.

The Rev. Floyd N. Lyles is pastor.

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Sugarloaf Mt. Community

The Sugarloaf Mountain Community Church will observe Youth Day at 2 p.m. with the Rev. R. J. Jackson as guest speaker. For further information, call 662-3953. The Rev. Luther Brown is pastor.

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Rev. Luther Brown Caring For Lawns and People

On Sunday's, the Rev. Luther Brown ministers to a congregation, but the other days of the week, lawns and gardens receive his tender mercies.

A slim man with an ear-to-ear kind of smile, Mr. Brown, 77, continues to clamber up ladders - pruning shears in hand - working for about a dozen Frederick families.

"It keeps me going," said the Madison Street resident, who has been pulling other people's weeds, clipping and mowing for the past 35 years. "I like this kind of work, I couldn't just sit."

He gave a soft chuckle, calling himself "a handyman, a jack of all trades and master of none."

Working one recent morning at a house in Monocacy Village off East Street, Mr. Brown had his red pickup truck parked out front, the back end opened to rakes, hoes and a lawn mower. He uses all his own equipment when he's on a job.

Like a surgeon's tools laid out for a delicate operation, three sets of hedge trimmers - electric as well as a model powered by hand and wrist motion - were lined up beside the bush he was working on. Orange extension cords coiled at his feet and a ladder was standing ready for reaching

overhead branches.

Mr. Brown was dressed in the gray drab usually worn by mechanics and others who work with their hands, the trousers held up by blue suspenders. As a double shield against the sun, he wore both a cap and a visor. Gloves protected his hands.

For this particular job, 25 bushes demanded his attention for their once-a-year trim into neat-looking globes. The ones waiting to be dealt with had the appearance of giant green heads, the new growth sticking out like tendrils of hair.

“You’ve got to be exact, or they tell you about it. People are very particular,” Mr. Brown said, his clippers making a whirling sound as he got rid of the stragglers.

During the years, he has modernized the operation - like using electric clippers. “These are real time savers,” he said. If he had to depend only on the non-motorized kind, “I don’t know when I’d get done.”

Sometimes, though, new technology isn’t always the best. A second-hand riding lawn mower that he bought this summer, dumped him. He laughed sheepishly, reluctant to re-tell the tale, except to say that he wasn’t hurt.

Mr. Brown’s lawn service is a one-man operation, although sometimes a grandson lends a hand. “He’s a pretty good lift to me.”

Most of the work is trimming, raking and mowing. At some houses he also cares for flowers.

“Roses would be about the hardest,” he said, when asked which flower was the most difficult to grow. “Ferns, too, are hard.” They need shade and water, “but you can’t put water right on top of them in hot weather, it burns them up. A lot of people don’t know about that.”

Despite caring for other people’s yards, Mr. Brown still has time to putter around in his “small piece” of a vegetable garden. He said, “There’s no special time I start, no special time I quit,” but most days he’s on the road before the sun gets too hot, sometimes going back out when the evenings turn cooler. On rainy days, there are tools to clean and oil.

“There’s always something to do,” is his theory.

Mr. Brown’s love of the outdoors and plants often gives him fodder for his Sunday sermons at Sugarloaf Mountain Christian Community Church in Comus.

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Belva's Old News Letter

The news articles about Frederick's
County Schools
from the 1880's to 1900

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Equalizing the School Tax

Senator Bowlus intends to introduce a bill before the legislature to amend the law governing the apportionment of the State school tax so as to equalize its distribution among the white and colored people. At present, he said, the amount apportioned to the colored schools is calculated on the number of colored inhabitants only, whereas the amount to the whites is based on the total number of inhabitants, including colored. It was referred to the committee on education.

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Arraigned for Punishing a Pupil

John Dorsey, father of the young girl who was punished by John B. Washington, principal of the colored school on West All Saints' street, by being struck on the hand with a stout stick, had a warrant issued for the arrest of Washington, who appeared before Magistrate Turner this morning. There were about nineteen witnesses summoned by the state, some of who gave very unsatisfactory evidence. One testified that the teacher did not give the girl enough; another that he did not strike her at all, while another one said that the girl picked her hand with a shawl pin, while some acknowledged the case to be as serious as represented. A stout stick about a foot long with a two-foot leather thong fastened to one end was produced with which it was said the whipping was done. The school commissioners were present and held a conference admonishing the teacher against using such a mode of punishment. The case was dismissed. M. G. Turner, Esq., appeared for the defense.

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Miss Lizzie Philpot, who has been a teacher in the West South street public school, left for her home in Knoxville today.

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Colored School No. 2

The closing exercises of the colored public school No. 2, on South Bentz street, were held yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock in the schoolroom. The exercises were well attended, notwithstanding the inclement weather, and the children taking part did credit to the occasion. The program rendered consisted of declamations, essays, select readings, recitations, interspersed with solos, duets, quartettes, full chorus with organ accompaniment. Among those present at the exercises were Rev. C. H. Young, pastor of Quinn A. M. E. church; Rev. R. P. Lawson, pastor of Asbury M. E. church; Howard E. Young, teacher of Middletown school; James N. Davis, Aaron Taneyhill and Henry Scott, trustees of the school, and many others. The visitors were well pleased with the manner in which all acquitted themselves. John H. Griffin, principal; Calverta Naylor, assistant, have charge of this school. The enrollment for the fractional term ending May 15th, was 108. The average attendance during the last week of the term was 64.

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Teachers in Colored Schools

Supervisor of colored schools, John W. Bruner, today announced the appointments of colored teachers and the opening of the colored schools. The colored schools will open on Monday, September 1, promptly at 9 a. m. and every parent, Supervisor Bruner stated, is urged to have their children in on that date and to keep them in every day in accordance with the compulsory school law of Maryland.

With one or two exceptions, each colored teacher in Frederick county has pursued special courses at a standard summer school during the past two years. Supervisor Bruner attended the summer school at the well known Hampton Institute, during this summer, where he specialized in School administration and Principles of Teaching, under experts from Harvard University and other famous institutions.

Contracts for about three colored schools have not been returned to the office to date, but are expected to come in before the date of opening. The appointments follow:

Point of Rocks, Mrs. Nannie Whalen.

Buckeystown, Mrs. Laura B. Snowden

Pleasant View, Nettie E. Jones.

North Frederick, Mrs. M. Priscilla Butler, Principal; Mrs. Esther W. Grinage, assistant; Mrs. Jeanette C. Brunner, assistant.
South Frederick, James M. Weedon, Principal; Mary H. Evans, assistant; Mollie E. Wise, assistant; Emily Taylor, domestic science teacher.
Middletown, Martha J. Russell.
Hopeland, Yaitsy Kenney, principal; Ella A. Jones, assistant.
Ebenezer, Marguerite Jones.
Della, Miriam Calvert.
Comstock, Lillian M. Proctor.
Libertytown, Helen L. Loud.
New Market, Mrs. Adelaide Oram.
Bartonsville, Gladys N. Davis.
New London, (Open).
Fountain Mills, (Open).
Petersville, C. Nicie Gross.
Knoxville, Mrs Lavinia O. McDaniel.
Mt. Pleasant, Fannie M. Brunner.
Sunnyside, John W. McKinnery.
Oldfields, Lillian M. Armwood.
Horsey's, Geroge A. Whalen.
Burkittsville, Mollie L. Brunner.
Brunswick, Robert E. McDaniel.
Walkersville, (Open).

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NEGRO SCHOOLS GAIN

Attendance Increase Shown by Figures for 1923

Index numbers for 1923, just issued by the State Board of Education, show appreciable gains in four items, which contribute in computing the index number for State colored schools.

In average days attended by each child over 5 and under 18 years old the index number for colored schools is 43.7, a gain of 4.9 over the figure for 1922. The index number for the average days colored schools were kept open is 81.3, a gain of 7.8 days over 1922. The total expenditure per teacher and principal in colored schools was \$35.60. This amount is

\$4.50 above the figure for last year. The average monthly salary per teacher in State colored schools for 1923 was \$44.50, \$4.70 more than the average monthly salary paid last year.

Albert S. Cook, State Superintendent of Schools, said the index numbers for 1923 are a pleasing indication of the work that has been accomplished by State colored schools during the past year.

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Declamation Contest

By Colored Schools Sunday - Close May 2

The fifth annual county Declamation-Recitation contest of the colored schools of Frederick city and county will be held at the Opera House Sunday, May 4, at 1:30 p.m.

This is a competitive speaking contest and prizes will be awarded to the six best speakers, three boys and three girls. The best speakers will be sent to Annapolis May 9 to compete in the State contest of the colored public schools.

About 45 pupils who have completed the 7th grade of the public schools will be awarded certificates by Superintendent of Education G. Lloyd Palmer at the Opera House Sunday. The prizes will be presented by Rev. E. M. Mitchell, pastor of Asbury M. E. church, who will also deliver an address to the seventh grade graduates. The judges are: Rev. E. M. Mitchell, Rev. A. T. Middleton and Dr. U. G. Bourne. Music will be furnished by the Pythian Cadets' Orchestra.

Prof. J. W. Bruner, county supervisor of colored schools will preside and have charge of the program. The colored schools will close Friday, May 2.

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The news articles about Frederick's
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from the 1882 to 1993

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Belva. Old News Letter

The First of the Season

Mrs. Catharine Eader, of East St. is the recipient of a box of fine peaches sent to her by her son, John of Brownsville Tenn. Mr. Eader is an extensive fruit and cotton grower of that section.

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Off The Track

In shifting cars Wednesday night at the P. R. R., on East Street, one car not being controlled by the brakes, ran off the end of the switch track near Patrick Street, and broke up the sidewalk for a rod or two. No other damage was done, and yesterday morning the car was again placed on the track and taken away.

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Georgia Truman

Miss Georgia Anna Truman, colored, of East Street, died this morning at 5 o'clock, of heart disease, aged 27 years. The funeral will take place from her late residence at 3 o'clock p.m. today. Interment will be at Greenmount Cemetery.

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Murdered Missionaries Avenged

London, Nov. 12 - The mails from Sierra Leone, West-Africa bring news of the hanging at Kwelllu of 13 murderers of American missionaries, members of the United Brotherhood of Christ in the Sherbro District of Sierra Leone last May. The massacre of the missionaries grew out of the dissatisfaction of the natives with the local hut tax. A number of chiefs rebelled and the insurrection spread through the Sherbro district where the headquarters of the missionaries of the United Brotherhood of Christ were located. The insurgents burned the mission houses and murdered six missionaries including three women.

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About a year ago, the Northern Central Railroad tried to purchase some of the property on East Street, in the section known as Shab Row. When it was found the railroad was after the property, it is claimed values were inflated to such an extent that the purchase of the property was abandoned. At that time it was stated this property was wanted upon which to erect a freight station, and to put down additional track facilities.

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The Good Work of Auntie Norris

Halfway up Shab Row, on the west side, lives Aunt Sophia Norris and her husband, John. For the last four years Aunt Sophia has been conducting a place of refuge for small colored children which would be left in her charge, and hearing of her good work a news reporter stopped at the asylum this morning to pry into the secrets of the institution. On knocking at the door it was opened by the aged matron and the newspaper man was invited in and proffered a seat. The object of the visit was soon explained and the good woman unfolded the mysteries of her work to the wondering listener, who like many others, was ignorant of such as institution existing in the city.

“About four years ago,” said Aunt Sophia, “I started my work of charity (indeed that is all it is, for I do not get enough to repay me for the care and worry these children you see around me, bring with them) and have been getting along tolerably well ever since. As soon as I announced my intention of keeping such a house I had my hands full, which is the case at present but I could take care of more if I had them.”

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Hold for Theft of Buns and Doughnuts

Said by officers to have been detected in the theft of a quantity of buns and doughnuts from one of the Peoples Drug Stores. August Hurd about 45, colored, was taken in custody at seven o'clock this morning by City Officer George Hoffman. He was committed to jail for a Police Court hearing tonight.

The goods were described as having been delivered from a bakery. Several other previous thefts of bread and bakery goods at local doors had been reported recently.

Two drunkenness arrests were reported. Edward Shelton was taken in custody by Officer Lawrence Fagan: Spencer Bailey, colored, by Officer Robert Staley. Each went to jail for lack of \$2.50 collateral.

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Frederick V. Beaner

The funeral of Frederick Vincent Beaner, colored, 136 East Street, who died at the Frederick City Hospital Monday morning took place from the funeral home 106 East Church Street, Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock. Rev. William F. Saver, pastor of St. John's Catholic Church, officated. Pall bearers were: John A. Johnson, Charles B.

Dulin, Harrison Middleton, Arthur M. Luby. Interment in St. John's Cemetery. M. R. Etchison and Son, funeral directors.

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Mrs. Roosevelt's Kitchen Is Run By Former Fredericktonian

MRS. ROOS



Mrs. Alice Palmer Freeman

Alice Palmer (she married Nathaniel Freeman about four years ago) is a "middle" child in the big family of Charles David and Martha Louise Palmer. She was born and grew up at 112 East Street, in the block between Church and Second Streets where substandard housing conditions long have concerned public health authorities. Alice's emergence from "slum" environment to substantial citizenship is in the Palmer family tradition for each of her seven brothers and sisters is doing well.

Counting off his children, Charles names them: Beatrice who is a housemaid in Washington; Charles, John and Robert all holding good government jobs in Washington: Alice, who has been written up in a national magazine by reason of her responsible place with Mrs. Roosevelt: Etta, who in addition to being a housewife and mother, teaches in a sewing school: Maynard World War II medi-

cal Corps veteran who plans to study x-ray technique at Johns Hopkins Hospital: and Ralph, also a veteran just came home.

It was her older brother John who got Alice her chance with the Roosevelts. She had just finished high school when John himself in the employ of E. R. Miller, a former presidential bodyguard heard that Mrs. Roosevelt was looking for a capable maid. John suggested his sister and she went to Hyde Park.

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18 Week-End Arrest Made By Frederick Policemen

Of the eighteen arrests listed by city police over the week-end, nine were gathered in at one time shortly before three o'clock Sunday morning.

When police descended upon the reported East Street disturbance they returned with John Hughes, Mildred Tigney, Hattie Naylor, Vernon Hackey, Oliver Disney, James Weedon, Donald Ormes and William Jordon, colored, and Allen Tyeryar. Peace disturbance was the laconic docket entry and the collateral in each instance was \$5.

Listed on charges of imbibing too freely were Ezra Ely, \$5: John W. Smith, \$5 George Crummitt, Route Two, \$10, Elmer Frank McDowell, Jefferson \$2.50: Robert Jackson, colored, Comus. \$100 who is understood to have put up an argument.

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Kelly Bear, Frederick, reported catching 27 carp, with a 16 pounder topping his string. Harry Orem and a companion, fishing near Gas House Bridge, caught 16 carp, the biggest was a heavyweight that went 27 and half pounds. They caught 30 catfish, too,

on grasshoppers and Mepps Spinners.

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Clark A. Orem candidate for Frederick mayor post



Clark A. Orem

Though some citizens had speculated Mayor Ronald N. Young might be unopposed in the city election, that possibility has ended as another city resident has thrown his hat into the ring for the mayoral post.

Clark A. Orem, a 43-year-old construction worker, filed Thursday for mayor on the Democratic ticket.

A resident of the Fourth Election Precinct (Route 10), Orem presented a statement to the News-Post citing his platform as "for a clean honest government, a government in which the people can put their trust. . .until this is done, our fair city will remain in a poor condition.

"If the city has a project, it should pay for it and not the people. We are in need of rent control ... and we should hold taxes where they are until we have a greater economy.

Clark Orem First Black To Run For Commissioner

Pledging to work for better housing and for all of the people, Clark A. Ore, 43, a native of Frederick, Friday became the first black to file for the office of County Commissioner

He seeks the Democratic nomination for one of five seats.

Orem, an equipment operator for D & K Excavation, said that "In seeking a seat as County Commissioner I have two specific desires in which I shall actively pursue if elected. They are: (1) To work for better housing in Frederick County and (2) to speak and work diligently for all county residents".

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Mrs. Jessie Johnson, 47, of 335 East Church Street was the first black woman to start a new job at the Frederick post office as a result of Human Relations Council charges made in May 1972 that the Postal Service was not hiring enough minority persons. "This job is a dream I've had for a long time. To be employed by the government. To prove that age is no barrier." Mrs. Johnson said.

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Everedy Square no longer shabby

Long a favorite with tour groups, the trendy commercial development called Shab Row or Everedy Square is the largest concentrated commercial development in

downtown Frederick, according to Bert Anderson, the developer of the project.

The two-and-a-half square block area houses 61 commercial tenants, 40 of which are retail. An antique shop, flower shop, gift shops, restaurants, professional offices and specialty shops occupy buildings that were once the home of the Everedy bottle capping company.

Founded in 1920 by Harry Lebherz, the company marketed Lebherz's invention, a bottle capping device. Marketed to home owners, it was generally known that the cappers were used to seal bottles of "home brew", but because of prohibition, circulars were careful to depict only soda bottles in the ads.

They sold like hotcakes, and the company once employed several hundred people. Lebherz' two brothers, William and Robert joined him in running the company.

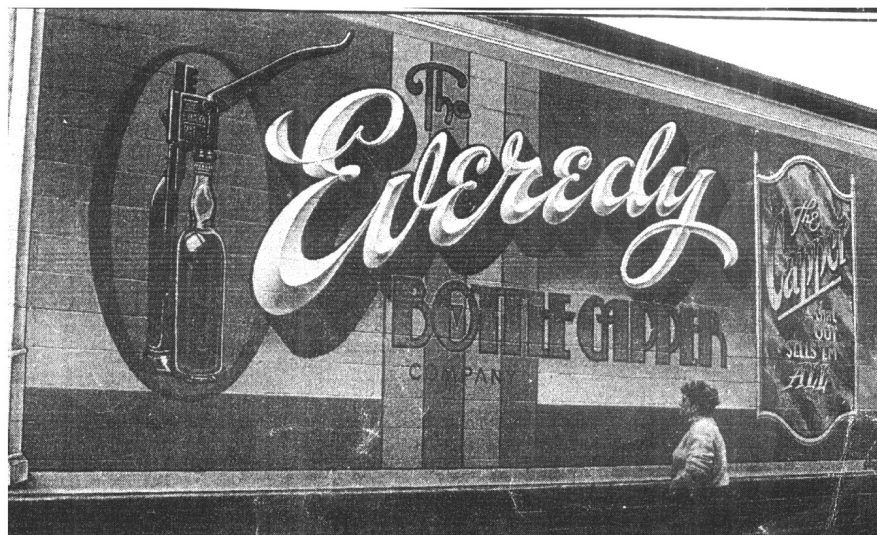
During World War II, the factory was converted to a war materials factory, and after the war, it produced a series of original kitchen, gadgets: the "Bacon-Egger", the "Tater-Baker" "Kake-Taker," and "Ovenole" were among the touted inventions. The factory closed in 1977.

A group of adjacent, freestanding buildings call Shab Row were once the shops of wheel-wrights, thinkers, and other tradesmen who catered to stagecoach lines and other travelers on the National Road, now known as Rte. 40.

The area was an eyesore and a slum in the 1970's, when local businessman Bert Anderson saw potential in the charming old structures and developed them for commercial use.

He began in 1973 with the west side of East Street, where his 20,000 square foot Antique Imports is located. From 1977 to 1980, he developed the Shab Row houses, some of which are among the oldest buildings in Frederick. He developed the Everedy Square area in 1984.

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Dorsey United Methodist

Sarah Dorsey

Sarah Dorsey, colored, died at her home near New London, Monday morning at 6 o'clock, aged 80 years. She is survived by the following children: Harry, Nimrod, Henry, Malinda, Lawrence and Marie Owens. Funeral from the home, Wednesday afternoon, with services at New London church, conducted by Rev. N. B. Carrington, New Market, assisted by Rev. T. G. Holden, Frederick. Pallbearers: Edward Pryor, Edward Oram, James Timpson, Vernon Davis, George Spriggs and Horace Williams. Interment adjoining cemetery. W. E. Falconer, funeral director.

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Moses A. Dorsey

Moses A. Dorsey died at his home, 970 Florida Ave., Washington, D. C., Wednesday night, aged 68 years, three months.

Funeral Sunday at 3 o'clock at Martinsburg church. Interment in the adjoining cemetery. H. M. Snyder, funeral director.

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Upton Dorsey

Upton Dorsey died at his home near Ridgeville, Monday, Aged 66 years, one month and 15 days.

Funeral Thursday at New London church. Interment in the adjoining cemetery. H. M. Snyder, funeral director.

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Mrs. Florence Disney, Correspondent

Mrs. Bernice Pryor, whose birthday was October 6, celebrated on October 19 by having as her guests, Mr. and Mrs. John Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Jackson, Miss Betty Naylor, Mr. Claude Proctor, Mrs. Violet Washington and Mr. Charles Lyles.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Johnson, Mrs. Elsie Demar, Mrs. Mary Ann Miller, Caroline and Sis Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Johnson and Joe, Mr. Robert Dorsey, Mr. and Mrs. Willie League, Mr. Thomas Hoy, Miss Anna Mae Zeigler, the Rev. Mrs. Geraldine Davis, Mr. Ulyssus Lyles and Mrs. Margaret Slangter.

Friends Day was observed at Dorsey United Methodist Church in New London October 18 with a variety of Gospel Groups making the day a success both spiritually and financially. The chairman of the program was Mrs. Florence Disney and her co-chairman was Miss Catherine Dorsey. The Program was for the benefit of the trustees treasury. The Following participated in the program. The Junior Markettes, Laurel; the Tri-Stans, Dorsey Church, New Market; The Silvertone Gospel Chorus, Kensington; the SIS, the Rev. Geraldine Davis, Pastor Floyd Lyles and the Travelers.

Mr. John Onley was pianist for the Tri-Stans, Mr. Joseph Watkins, director and pianist for the Junior Markettes and Mr. Dorsey was pianist for the Travelers. The committees in charge were most appreciative of the cooperation in making this so much of a success. Women's Day will be observed at the Dorsey United Methodist Church in New London on November 8 with the Rev. A. A. Thompson and his choir as guests for the 3 p.m. service. Dinners will be on sale in the social room. Chairman for the program is Mrs. Mary J. Pryor, co-chairman is Mrs. Carrie Dorsey. The pastor, the Rev. Floyd Lyles, invites the public to attend.

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Recording Artist Winfield

Recording Artist Winfield Parker and Praise will give a gospel concert at 3 p.m., Oct. 20 at Dorsey Christian Chapel Church. Mr. Parker's most recent album is "Have you Tried HIm." The theme of the progmr is "O Give Thanks Unto the Lord for He is Good."

The church is at 11851 Lime Plant Rd., near New Market. For more information, call 662-1053 or 831-9449.

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Dorsey Decatur: Won Medal of Honor At Battle Of Petersburg
By Charles R. Brooks
(Fourth In Series: “Black Portraits”)

The memory of the man who carried the colors that day on the battlefield at Petersburg, is enshrined this way in the Official Record of the Congressional Medal of Honor of the United States;

“DORSEY, DECATUR. Rank and organization, Sgt., Co. B, 39th U.S. Colored Troops, Place and date, At Petersburg, Va., 30 July, 1864. Entered service at Baltimore Co., Md. Birth, Howard Co., Md. Date of issue, 8 Nov., 1865. Citation, Planted his colors on the Confederate works in advance of his regiment, and when the regiment was driven back to the Union works, he carried the colors there and bravely rallied the men.”

That same official record states elsewhere:

“He who possesses the Medal of Honor is the holder of the highest military award for bravery in the United States.

This symbol of bronze, wreathed in green enamel and held by white starred ribbon of blue silk, bestows upon the man who has won it a great privilege - that of sharing the company of the few heroes honored by the award of the same medal he wears.

Congressman Benjamin G. Harris of Maryland thundered to the House of Representatives that it was a “degradation of the Nation and the flag to call upon Negroes to defend it.”

(The Congressman’s reaction to Dorsey’s winning of the nations highest honor as the bearer of that flag must have been interesting.)

But while the debate raged that winter, Dorsey and thousands of other Maryland Negroes stayed true to their goal, to become regular troops in the United States Army.

The Lincoln Administration’s determination to broaden the Union war effort and purpose now emphasized freedom for all Negroes (the Emancipation Proclamation was issued on January 1 of 1863) as well as the preservation of the Union.

This new emphasis was coupled with an official drive to recognize the Negro’s right and existing desire to fight for the cause that would free him, to recognize his ability in man - to - man confrontation.

In a very real sense, Dorsey and his fellows had two wars to fight; the real one against the South, but first the strange one against their white compatriots to prove they could fight against the Confederacy.

Of course, Negro soldiers had fought - and fought well - in the colonial wars, in the American Revolution and in the War of 1812. But black men had only been welcomed to arms in times of acute national crisis. They had never been a part of the permanent military establishment in any significant way.

That was until the Civil War and the examples of determined men like Decatur Dorsey. In that war, some 200,000 black troops swelled the ranks of the Union Army with 166 all - Negro regiments (broken down, this consisted of 145 infantry, seven cavalry, 12 heavy artillery, one light artillery, one engineer), as well as acquitting themselves heroically fighting within so called "all white" regiments. Sixteen Negro soldiers, including Dorsey, received Congressional Medals of Honor during the 1863-64. (In addition, one out of every four sailors in the Union Navy was black, and five black seamen are known to have received Congressional Medal of Honor during 1863-65.

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Local family commemorates Civil War hero

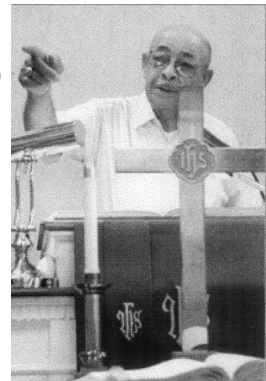
New Market - Lester Dorsey remembered his grandmother telling him battle stories about his great-great-uncle, Sgt. Decatur Dorsey, as a child.

They were stories of a man born into slavery who escaped to Baltimore and later joined the Union in the Civil War, winning the Medal of Honor in 1865 for bravery during the Battle of the Crater in Petersburg, Va.

Lester, 83, said for the most part, they went in one ear and out the other. That is, until World War II began and his nine brothers started signing up to join the Army.

"The stories started getting interesting then," he said.

Yet Decatur's medal was lost after his death in 1912, in part because he had no children to bequeath it to, Lester said.



Lester Dorsey talks about the Dorsey family's ancestor, Decatur Dorsey, who was awarded the Medal of Honor for service in the Civil War, during a ceremony held at the Dorsey Christian Chapel on Saturday.

On Saturday, members of the Dorsey family gathered at the Dorsey Christian Chapel to honor their heroic ancestor.

Lester lives in a home on New London Road outside of town, not far from where he grew up. The top of Dorsey Christian Chapel, which was once owned by Decatur's brother William, is visible from Lester's porch. A mile or so to the south is the place where Decatur was raised on what Lester described as a brood farm for slaves.

The surname of the owner of the farm was Dorsey.

About 10 years ago, about the time Army officials at Fort Detrick memorialized Decatur at the opening ceremony of a new barrack, Lester's brother Herbert Dorsey decided he'd try to have the medal replaced by the Army.

The idea, Lester explained, was to display the medal in Dorsey Christian Chapel.

Herbert, a 22 year Army veteran who served in Korea and Vietnam, said his efforts to bring the medal back to the family were difficult.

A letter from the Military Awards Branch of the U.S. Army explained that Medal of Honor issued during the Civil War are no longer manufactured. Also, regulations require that only next of kin, a relationship for which he did not qualify, are eligible to receive a replacement.

Additionally, the letter explained that a sample of the medal could be issued if it were to be presented in a public space beneficial to the Army. Dorsey Christian Chapel did not qualify.

Instead, the Army sent Herbert an official photograph of the Medal of Honor and a replacement Medal of Honor Citation in June.

"I'm just happy to get that," Herbert said.

Saturday, Dorsey family members traveled from throughout the country to attend the special service.

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Ebenezer AME Church

Ebenezer AME Brunswick

The Heavenly Echoes will render a program at Ebenezer AME Church, Brunswick, on Sunday, March 25 at 3 p.m.

It is sponsored by William Hardy. The Rev. Louis Bowie is the pastor.
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Ebenezer AME Church

A missionary program will be held at the Ebenezer AME Church in Brunswick on Sunday, April 21, at 3 p.m.

The guest speaker will be Mrs. Rebecca Barnes with music being furnished by the Mt. Olivet Baptist Church in Brunswick.

The public is invited to attend.

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Mrs. Lottie Ellen Hardy Onley

Mrs. Lottie Ellen Hardy Onley, 85, of 10 West I St., Brunswick, died Thursday, Jan. 11, at her residence. She was the wife of the late William Ernest Onley.

Born Jan. 27, 1893, in Brunswick, she was a daughter of the late Clarence and Frances Dykes Hardy.

Mrs. Onley was a member of the Ebenezer AME Church, Brunswick.

Surviving are one son, William James Onley, Point of Rocks; five daughters, Mrs. Lydia V. Christenson of Sweden, Mrs. Lottie G. Young of Detroit, Mich., Mrs. Anna C. Bowens of York, Pa., Mrs. Earnestine E. Harris and Mrs. Mary E. Holland, both of Brunswick; two brothers, William M. Hardy, Washington, D.C. and Benjamin Harrison, Frederick; four sisters, Mrs. Lydia Campbell of California, Mrs. Grace Drake of Cleveland, Ohio, Miss Bessie Hardy and Miss Dorothy L. Hardy, both of Brunswick; 30 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren; and a number of neices, nephews and cousins.

The family will receive friends from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14, and from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Monday, Jan. 15, at the Feete Funeral Home,

Brunswick. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16, at the funeral home. The Rev. Charles Whims will officiate. Interment will be in the Union Bethel AME Church Cemetery, Petersville.

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Mrs. Lottie Ellen Hardy Onley

Funeral services for Mrs. Lottie Ellen Hardy Onley, 10 W. I St., Brunswick, who died Thursday, Jan. 11, at her residence, were held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16, from the Feete Funeral Home, Brunswick. Co-officiating were the Rev. William Claybon and the Rev. Charles Whims of the Ebenezer AME Church, Brunswick. Bearers were William Young, Lewis Holland, Dana Holland, Kenneth Johnson, Raymond Onley and Curtis Onley. Interment was in Union Bethel AME Church Cemetery, Petersville. Mrs. Onley was the widow of William F. Onley.

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Mrs. Lee Hill Fletcher

Mrs. Lee Hill Fletcher, 75, of Baltimore, formerly of 1624 A Jefferson Pike, Petersville, died Saturday, Oct. 10, at Mercy Hospital, Baltimore. She was the wife of Frank B. Fletcher.

Born April 4, 1906, in Petersville, she was a daughter of the Rev. Daniel G. and Margaret Peck Hill.

Mrs. Fletcher attended elementary and high school in Baltimore, and received her teaching certificate from Coppin State Teacher's College, Baltimore. Prior to her retirement, she served as a teacher, vice principal and principal in the Baltimore City public school system. She had served as president of the Sunday School Council in the Hagerstown District, and as chairman of the Educational Department of the Allowadrick Missionary Society, Hagerstown. She was an active member of the Union Bethel AME Church, Petersville, where she served as Sunday school superintendent, choir director, president of the stewardess board, and church clerk.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Fletcher is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Esther Hill Isaacs, Washington, D.C., and Mrs. Grace Hill Jacobs of Braddock Heights; a brother, Joseph N. Hill, New York; a nephew and seven nieces.

Friends may call from 9 a.m. - 9 p.m Wednesday, Oct. 14, at the John T. Williams Funeral Home, 100 Petersville Road, Brunswick. Funeral services will be held at noon, Thursday, Oct. 15, at Ebenezer AME Church, Brunswick, with presiding elder Sherman Green and the Rev. Charles Whims, the Rev. Louis Bowie, the Rev. David Sparrow and the Rev. John Harvin officiating. Interment will be in Resthaven Memorial Gardens, Frederick.

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Sugarloaf Christian

On Sunday, Nov. 20, at 3 p.m., the Rev. Charles Seamley of Mount Zion Church, Knoxville, will deliver the message at Sugarloaf Mountain Christian Community Church. The program will benefit the church's building fund. The Guilding Lights will sing. The program is sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Reginaid Hall. The Rev. Luther Brown is pastor.

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Ms. Virginai Giles

Ms. Virginia Lee Giles, 50, of 1413 Key Parkway in Frederick, answered her Master's call to come home on Tuesday, March 20, 2007. Virginia was of Methodist faith.

Born August 28, 1956 in Frederick, the daughter of the late Henry C. Giles and Rosie E. Scott Giles.

She worked for Sheraton Inn and Sleep Inn in the domestic field for many years. Before becoming ill, Virginia worked for Hood College in the domestic field for the last six years.

Virginia loved people, especially her family, children and grandchildren.

Virginai was a dedicated mother, grandmother, sister, niece, cousin and friend.

She leaves to cherish her memory, three sons, Johnelle Giles, Andrew Giles and wife, Samaria Giles, John Curtis Giles and wife Suzanne Giles.

Public viewing will be held Monday, March 26 at Gary L. Rollins Funeral Home at 110 W. South St., Frederick, from 2 to 8 p.m. The family will

receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Funeral service will be held Tuesday, March 27 at the above chapel at 11 a.m., with Rev. Kay Coats officiating. Interment will be in Resthaven Memorial Gardens.

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First Baptist Church

The Coming Sunday-School Convention

Robt. L. Ruffin, State missionary of the Maryland Sunday-school Union, is in the city completing arrangements for the county Sabbath-school convention to be held in this city next Wednesday and Thursday. The public is invited to attend the sessions of the convention. The meetings will be held as follows: Wednesday 9:30 a. m. to 12 m. Allsaints' street Baptist Church; 2 to 5 p. m., Quinn Chapel, Third street; 7:30 p. m., Allsaints' street, M. E. Church. Thursday 9:30 a. m. to 12 m., Allsaints' street Baptist Church; 2 to 5 p. m., Allsaints' street, M. E. Church, 7:30 p. m., Quinn Chapel Third street.

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S. S. Convention

The final sessions of the Frederick County Colored Sunday-school convention were held on Thursday noon and night. The convention met at 2 p. m., in Asbury M. E. Church. Miss Susie Brown read an essay, on "A Teachers Influence," which was discussed by Revs. Wm. Alexander, Isaac Thomas, Rev. R. L. Ruffin and Mr. James Davis. Mr. Davis then read a paper on the "Duties of a Superintendent," discussion followed by Rev W. H. Weaver and Rev. T. O. Carroll. Miss Mary Kenny read an interesting essay on Sunday-school music. John B. Washington read paper on Nursery of the Church, Miss May E Gross read an essay entitled "Future of the Sunday-school girl after recitations by several of the Sunday-school girls, the convention adjourned. The convention reassembled at 7:30 in Quinn A. M. E. Church. Mrs. Delia Washington read a paper on "Our Mission" which was discussed by Revs. Ruffin, Alexander, Robinson, Weaver and J. B. Washington. Rev. Wm. Alexander opened the discussion upon the relation of the Sunday-school to the cause of temperance. He was followed by Revs. Ruffin, T. O. Carroll, J. H. Robinson, W. H. Weaver and J. N. Davis, Mr. George Walker delivered an address on "We Boys." The committee on resolutions presented resolutions of thanks to THE DAILY NEWS for publishing the proceedings of the convention, to the officers of the convention, to the pastors, officers and members of the different churches, to the Rev.

R. L. Ruffin for his work as missionary among the schools of the county; to Mr. and Mrs J. B. Washington for their untiring efforts in behalf of the convention, to the friends who kindly entertained the visiting delegates and to Rev. W. H. Weaver of Balto., for his assistance in the convention. The convention was then led in prayer by Rev. W. H. Weaver, when the hymn "blest be the tie that binds" was sung and the convention adjourned sine die.

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The County S. S. Convention

The convention reassembled at 9:30 this morning in All Saints' street Baptist Church. Rev. R. L. Ruffin opened the discussion on "the past, present and future of the Sunday-school," in which Revs. Weaver, Alexander and Carroll participated. Rev. Mr. Stevenson, of New Market, Rev. Mr. Ingle, of Frederick, and Rev. Mr. Riter addressed the convention and received a vote of thanks.

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Arrested for Maltreating His Sweetheart

Charles Watson, colored, was last night arrested by Policeman Bruchey, charged with maltreating his sweetheart, Clara Benson. The offense occurred at an entertainment which was in progress at Asbury M. E. Church, on East All Saints street. The prisoner was presented before Mayor Bartgis who imposed a fine of \$4 and costs or twenty days in jail. The prisoner had not the required cash and so went to jail.

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A Visiting Preacher

Rev. Dr. Hamlin a Baptist divine of Philadelphia, Pa and who has been on a missionary tour through the south over in Frederick and delivered and eloquent sermon in the Baptist church Sunday night

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Special Sermon

Captain Taylor pastor of the Baptist church, West All Saint street will preach a special sermon on Sunday night, the text from Daniel 5. All are cordially invited to attend

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A Welcome Contribution

The proceds from the Fourth street rink last night were given to one of the colored churches of the city. The Quinn Chapel and The Baptist Church gladly accepted the proffered aid. Owing to a slight misunderstanding between the management of the rink and the Asbury Church, that church has refused to accept any benefit. It is expected the two above churches will receive about \$30 each.

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Presentaton

The congregation of the West All Saints Street Baptist Church, visited their beloved pastor, Rev. Capt. Taylor, at his residence on West South street, Saturday evening, and presented him with a handsome donation of flour, groceries, etc., accompanied with their well wishes. There were about twenty-five members of the church present. The greatly surprised pastor and his wife received the offerings with a short speech of acceptance, which was responded to on behalf of the congregation by Madison G. Lee.

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Chair Sold

Mr. C. C. Carty, funeral directory, has sold to the First Baptist Church three handsome push chairs for the pulpit.

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Grand Promenade

A Grand Promenade under an auspices of the member and for the benefit of the First Baptist Church colored of this city will be held tonight at Groff House.

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Colored Church Services

Bishop Foster's Assignments for Tomorrow

The various members of the Washington M. E. Conference now in session here, have been assigned to conduct services tomorrow as follows:

Asbury M. E. Church

Preaching in Asbury church will be as follow: 10:30 a. m., Rev. G. W. Jinkins; 2 p. m. J. T. Moten; 7:30, Rev. J. H. Jackson.

Quinn M. E. Church

Services will be held in Quinn church East Third street, as follows: 11 a. m., Rev. R. Hawkins; 3 p. m. M. W. Clair; 9 p. m., Rev. W. H. Draper.

First Baptist

Services in the Baptist church, West All Saints' street, will be as follow: 11 a. m., Rev. W. F. Patterson; 3 p.m., Rev. S. A. Lewis; 8 p. m., Rev. W. A. Brown.

At City Hall

Love Feast at 9 a. m., conducted by Revs. James Thomas and W. L. Briggs. Immediately after love feast, Bishop Foster will ordain the newly elected deacons. At 10:30 o'clock Bishop Foster will preach. At 3:30 p.m. Rev. F. F. Wheeler, of Martinsburg, W. Va, will preach, and immediately after the services, Bishop Foster will ordain the newly elected elders. Services at 8 p. m. by Rev. W. R. A. Palmer.

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Anniversary

The First Baptist Church, West All Saints' street, will celebrate its twenty first anniversary tomorrow, September 20. The church will be decorated and a grand time is anticipated. Rev. W. H. Fax, of Asbury M. E. Church will preach at 11 a. m. Sunday School at 2 p. m. Rev. S. M. Johnson, of Quinn A. M. E. Church, (or substitute) will preach at 3 p. m.

Both of the reverends will be accompanied by their most excellent choirs. A general reunion of the church will take place at 8 p. m. A historical address will be delivered by Brother Licentiate C. H. Sprow, followed by short addresses by all present desiring to take part. Everyone will be invited to take part. Old members are invited to return from various localities. Heirs of the original congregation who worshipped there one hundred years ago are invited to attend and will be heartily welcomed. Rev. S. S. Crocket is the pastor

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First Baptist

There will be service in the colored Baptist Church, West All Saints' Street, in the morning. Rev. Mr. Fields, the pastor, will preach a sermon appropriate to the occasion.

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Perface

This news letter is a collection of items that appeared in The Frederick News-Post and provided through cooperation with the Randall Family LLC, owner of the newspaper. The racial appellation of the African-American race has changed over the century as noted in the timing of the various items. This is sad history but it is Frederick County Hiustory. Belva King

Corroborative Evidence

“I see in yesterday’s paper you make mention of a colored man in Columbia undergoing a change in color,” said “Judge” William Hilton, the venerable cobbler who has worked at the bench for sixty-seven years, to a News representative last night. “Now I was an eye witness to just such an event in 1820. The colored man’s name was Aaron _____ and he was one of a hundred slaves owned by old Ben Johnson, who ran a glass blowing furnace across the county from Bartonsville, near Bush Creek in years long gone by. The tips of Aaron’s fingers began turning white when he was about fifty-eight years old and by the time of his death two years later he was spotted white all over. The spots were the size of a silver dollar and a good deal whiter than your flesh and I wager had he lived two years longer he would have been a “white” man _____ at least in color. No he didn’t die a natural death. He “fell out” with his master and shot himself. I saw him when he committed the act. He walked to the bank of a stream in the meadow, placed the muzzle of the gun he was carrying under his left jaw, pulled the trigger with his toe and blew the side of his head off.”

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HE COWED THE LION

THE DARKY BELTED ALL THE FIGHT OUT OF MONARCH

Laughable Manner In Which the Big
and Ugly Circus Animal Was Returned
to the Showman After a Railroad Smash Up.

“It’s queer how animals will act in a railroad wreck,” said the boss canvasman. “Now there was th’ Saberlee wreck. Six cars wus in th’ ditch an half of’ th’ show’s dens wus under ‘em. There wus one cage o’ monkeys mashed flat that we knowed of, an a lot o’ th’ other animals had took t’ th’ woods, little animals, zebras an wolves an deer an such like. Nothin t’ do any harm exceptin th’ big lion, Monarch. His den wus bottom up in a little puddle o’ ditch water, with a hole stove in it big enough t’ let out a cow, an

Monarch himself was gone with the little animals.

“Well, it wus all off with makin th’ stand that day, so we put up th’ runs, got th’ cookhouse outfit down on th’ ground, had breakfast an started in t’ dig th’ stuff out o’ th’ ditch. Th’ railroad company’s wreckin crew come along t’ help us, an we’d got purty well under way when a tall, black buck darky come out o’ th’ woods an stood round rubberin.

“Nobody paid any attention t’ him fer awhile, but by’n’by Mack, th’ chandelier man, spoke t’ him, kind o’ kidded him about bein han’some, er some such guff. It wus Missouri, an he wus a real black buck. Didn’t have anything t’ say back-didn’t say anything at all, in fact, fer awhile. Jes’ shuffled round in his cowhide boots from one foot t’ th’ other an grinned bashfullike. By’n’by when he saw we didn’t roast him hard he kind o’ took courage.

“Did any o’ you gemmen losed a giraffe?” he says.

“Giraffe? Mack says. ‘No; we never owned no such thing with this trick. Why?’”

“Well, boss, Ah done foun’ somethin up in mah ‘tato patch this mawnin, an Ah ‘lowed as maybe hit ‘longed t’ you all.”

“Mack got interested. ‘Wot does it look like?’”

“Lawdy, boss, hit’s mos’ monstrous. Nevah did see no sech ole thing befoh, sah. Bit cat vahmint, with yaller eyes, an hit done come a-sushlin an a-spitten at me soon as Ah got out o’ baid.’

“Where is it?’ says Mack.

“Oh, Ah cawt hit all righty. Done put a rope roun’ hits neck an tied hit t’ mah cabin.’

“Go an git it an fetch it down here,’ says Mack. Then th’ wreckin crew got a tackle roun’ another den, an we forgot all about th’ darky.

“Maybe it wus 20 minutes, an maybe it wus half an hour when we heard a noise over on th’ road amongst th’ trees-a noise kinder like a nigger drivin a mule or like somethin bein driven. It come nearer an louder an louder an nearer. Everybody stopped work an listened, an th’ ole man himself come out o’ his car with his napkin hangin roun’ his neck.

“What is that?’ he pipes up in his snappy way. ‘Who is that out there? Go an see what that racket is, some o’ you boys. Hurry up, now.’

“Nobody paid any attention t’ him, and th’ noise got nearer an nearer. In a couple o’ minutes a cloud o’ dust sailed out from behind th’ trees. When it got within a hundred yards o’ th’ track, it cleared up a bit, an there wus that big, black nigger with a rope in one mit an a piece o’ fence rail in

th' other. On th' other end o' th' rope wus Monarch.

"Of all th' mean, sneakin, underhanded cat animals that ever traveled with a circus Monarch wus th' worst an a powerful fighter when he had any sort o' show. Sometimes we'd put our hands on th' canvas cover o' his cage when he had t' run over th' train, an there never wus a time, day or night, that he hadn't a slap ready fer you.

"Well, that darky wus a-lammin him with his chunk o' fence an talkin mule talk t' him wuss than anything you ever saw in th' south.

"C'm on 'long heah, you yaller eyed devil,' he wus sayin. 'Ah don' know what you is, but you ain' goin suahl ner spit at me, nohow. C'm on 'long theh, you big sassy vahmint,' an with that he'd lam him with his piece o' fence an let drive with his cowhide boot.

"An you kin bet your life Monarch wus a-comin. I never saw a critter so cowed as he wus. Why, when that nigger brought him right in amongst us there wus nobody that took th' trouble t' open up a gangway, an I reckon any young one could 'a' took him by th' scruff o' th' neck an turned him over on his back. He wus jest a great, overgrown pet tomcat, with all th' fight an meanness walloped out o' him.

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Deceased Member of Order Buried In Mt. Olivet Cemetery

The funeral of Arthur W. Trundle, formerly of Frederick county but lately of Baltimore, who died suddenly Monday evening, September 8, in Philadelphia took place Friday morning at 11 o'clock in Mt. Olivet cemetery.

Representatives of the Brotherhood of Trainmen, the Independent Order of Odd Fellow, and Ku Klux Klan were present and each group read the ritual services of the order. In the ritual read by one of the five members of the Ku Klux Klan from Brunswick, the deceased member made known his wish that no great honors be bestowed upon him, that his funeral be plain and simple, the he wanted not floral tributes except a cross of blood red flowers with the letters "K. K. K." in white flowers thereon, and that he wished to be buried with the hood of the Klan upon his head.

The members of the Klan from Brunswick came to this city dressed in plain clothes, but put on their robes with hoods without masks at the grave.

Mr. Trundle was born March 24, 1889, and was 55 years of age at his death. He was the son of Samuel Trundle and Alice Chiswell, formerly of Frederick county. He is survived by his mother, his wife, Mrs. Jennie Trundle, and one daughter, and two sisters, Mrs. Alice Shockary of Washington and Mrs. J. E. Myers, of New Cumberland, Pa.

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Klan stuns Thurmont

About 10 Ku Klux Klan members appeared for the first time in the history of this small northern Frederick County town Saturday, handing out literature and trying to recruit new members.

Residents were baffled by the handful of white-robed figures standing at the intersection of East Church and Main streets, calmly handing out their newspaper espousing racial segregation and white supremacy.

Thurmont Police Chief Herman D. Shook said several of the Klan members came to the town offices weeks ago, asking about a permit to solicit funds, but they decided not to register when they learned the fee would be \$5 a person.

"They knew they didn't have to have a permit to stand on the street corner and hand out pamphlets, anybody can do that under our Constitutional law," said Shook.

"The state police were notified they would be here," he said. "But things have run very smoothly - no problems."

"We're just here to let the people know what the empire is all about," said Sam Royer of Washington County, Grand Titan of the Maryland chapter of the KKK. Royer led rallies last summer in Braddock Heights "We've got to start somewhere, why not Thurmont?" he said

Royer said Bill Wilkinson, Imperial Wizard of a KKK faction from Denham Springs, La. would come to Frederick County for a membership.

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Mt. Zion AME Church

Rev. A. Eliza Virginia Whims

Reverend Anna Eliza Virginia Whims of Rt. 1, Adamstown, died on Tuesday, Feb. 25, at the Frederick Memorial Hospital after a brief illness. She was age 72 and was the wife of the Rev. Charles H. Whims of the home address. She was born in Knoxville, on June 25, 1902 the daughter of the late James Henry and Gertrude Hawkins Brooks both of Frederick Co.

Rev. Mrs. Whims was a member of the Mt. Zion AME Church during her youth in Knoxville, where she served as a Sunday School superintendent and teacher. After moving to Frederick she joined the Quinn AME Church and became active in the choir. She was a member of the Baltimore Conference Branch Missionary Society. Being devoted to the work of the missions she obtained her Missionary Evangelist license in the Baltimore Conference, where she also served as the president of Evangelism and also of the second Episcopal District.

Because of her devotion to the needs of the students at Kittrell College, Kittrell, N.C., regardless of race, creed or color, she was given the honorary title of "Mother Kittrell".

After the organization of the Washington Annual Conference she was a member of the Washington Conference Branch Missionary Society and the chairperson of the "Pass it on Box". Mrs. Whims was a member of the Washington, D.C., and vicinity Ministers Wives Council. She was elected assistant coordinator of Evangelism of the AME connection at the Evangelistic convention in Chicago in 1957.

Mrs. Whims was ordained a local elder in 1958 in the Washington Conference AME Church and served as pastor of Ceres Bethel AME Mission Church at Burkittsville for 19 years.

Surviving besides her husband are three daughters, Mrs. Frances Melviena Offutt, Bartonsville, Mrs. Eunice Virginia Tibbs, and Mrs. Eliza Rosetta Bowie, both of Washington, D.C. one sister, Mrs. Ruth Contee, Baltimore, one grandson, Deputy Sheriff Howard E. Whims, Bartonsville, three great-grandchildren, three sons-in-law, Rev. David B. Offutt, Bartonsville, Herman E. Tibbs and Charles E. Bowie, both of Washington, D.C. Several nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews

also survive.

The family will receive friends at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. David B. Offutt in Bartonsville.

Mrs. Whims will lie in state at the Quinn AME Church on Sunday from 6 p.m. until the time of services on Monday, March 3 at 1 p.m. Friends may call at the church and the family will receive friends from 8 to 9 p.m. Saturday.

The Rev. O. J. Hayman, presiding Elder of Hagerstown District of Washington AME Conference will officiate at the services on Monday. Interment will be in Fairview Cemetery.

Hicks Funeral Home 263 West Patrick St., is in charge of arrangements.

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Frederick County's largest denomination The African Methodist Episcopal Church

There are four other AME churches in the county, bringing the total to seven. These include the Union Bethel AME Church on Rt. 180, Petersville (whose minister, the Rev. Louis Bowie travels from Baltimore each week); Quinn Chapel AME Church, 108 E. Third St., Frederick, The Rev. Mack B. Simpson Sr., pastor, and the Rev. Joe Ogle, associate pastor; Mt. Zion AME Church, Rt. 478, Knoxville, the Rev. David J. Sparrow, minister; and Cears Bethel AME Church, Burkittsville, the Rev. Charles Whims, pastor.

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The Rev. Charles Whims

The Rev. Charles Howard Whims, 98, of Frederick, died Saturday, Oct. 12, at Frederick Health Care Center.

His wife, the Rev. Anna Eliza V. Brooks Whims, died in 1975.

Born Feb. 17, 1898, in Burkittsville, he was a son of the late George Francis and Frances Matilda Evans Whims.

He attended Sunday school and joined Ceres Bethel AME Church, Burkittsville, at an early age. He went to Knoxville to work on a farm where he met his wife. He worked on other area farms and was also employed with the B&O Railroad.

He also worked at Bernie's Car Shop and the farm of Harry Howard,

where he also lived while working there. He worked with Montgomery Ward's Auto Shop in Baltimore until his retirement.

He joined the Mount Zion AME Church, Knoxville, and served as a minister. After moving to Frederick, he attended Quinn Chapel AME Church.

The Rev. Whims was ordained a local elder in the Baltimore Conference. Following the division of churches, the Washington Conference was organized. He was appointed to pastoring in this conference at Bethel AME Church in Hancock. He also served as pastor at churches in Burkittsville and Brunswick for a number of years while continuing his regular work until his retirement.

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St. James A. M. E. Church

New Church at Bartonsville

The corner stone for a new African M. E. Church was laid at Bartonsville, this county, yesterday, the ceremonies being conducted in a very impressive manner by Fredonia Lodge, A. F. and A. M. of this city. Worthy Master W. H. H. Miles officiated and those who participated were Rev. John Collet and Rev. W. H. Brown. As soon as the church is completed the Rev. James Wooten will be placed in charge as pastor.

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Children's Day

Children's day at the M. E. church, on East Church street, this city, will be celebrated tomorrow. An elaborate program will be presented.

The anniversary of Children's Day will be celebrated in the M. E. church at Bartonsville, this county, tomorrow morning. It is expected that a large crowd will be in attendance from the surrounding county.

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Edna Dykes and Charles Books discuss Bartonsville's past.

Bartonsville was also home to the Working Man's Society, a fraternal organization that Brooks said functioned as an "insurance company," arranging for the burial of the town's residents. Black could not obtain life insurance from white insurance firms, he said.

The Working Man's Society provided the land on which St. James Church now stands. And "our grandparents built the church," said Mrs. Dykes, whose grandparents and great-grandparents are buried in a plot behind her home.



The Working Man's Society evolved into a group known as the Galilean Fishermen and erected the dance hall along Bartonsville Road that remained standing until last year.

Through its history, Bartonsville also served as home to several grocery stores, including the renowned Pearl Bargain House. "You could get anything there," said Mrs. Dykes.

But now the stores are gone and the dance hall is a pile of rubble. A one-room school where local blacks progressed through seven grades closed in the early 1940's and was torn down. The two churches are the only active black organizations in Bartonsville.

No official population estimates are available for the village, but St. James AME Church has 60 members on its rolls and Jackson United Methodist has 57. Residents estimate that there are at least as many white residents as black.

Charles Brooks, who left Bartonsville in the early 1930's but returned in 1967, said the old Gum Spring just south of the village along Hines Road holds a mystical property for Bartonsville's residents. "If you drink the water out of Gum Spring, you'll always come home," he said, pointing to his own case as an example and noting that the spring still supplies drinking water for some residents.

And perhaps because of the spring, Brooks believes Bartonsville will remain a cohesive black community. "It'll be here - I don't know what could pull it apart," he said.

Others, though, freely admit that Bartonsville has less than its share of younger black residents. But it's not for lack of desire.

"Those children who grew up here want to come back, but there's no room - no land." said Mrs. Dykes.

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Thomas Tabernacle

Historic Commission Approves Sign

The Historic District Commission has approved applications for a new sign at Connies, 151 N. Market St., and Thomas Tabernacle, 300 N. Market St.

In other business, the commission approved an application from Investor's Loan Company to remodel the exterior of the building. It also approved an application from attorney Richard E. Zimmerman for a canopy between 118 W. Church St. and 120 W. Church St.

The commission deferred action on a sign application for Fogles (formerly Cappello's) at 200 N. Market St.

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Holiness Church of God

The Holiness movement is intended to create a distinct separation from mainstream Protestantism. The religion is primarily a protest against birthright church membership and a Protestantism that settles into a religion of conformity and middle-class respectability.

The Thomas Tabernacle King's Apostle Holiness Church of God Inc was founded on May 12, 1972, when Elder Herman Thomas Lewis came to Frederick from King's Apostle Holiness Church in Hagerstown. While looking for a place of worship Elder Lewis held prayers in private homes in Frederick, Brunswick, and surrounding areas.

A three day Crusade for Christ at Frederick High School in March, 1973, gave the congregation the strength to acquire a building at the corner of Third and North Market streets in May, 1973. District Overseer Bishop Calvin Herbert dedicated the new church, which then had 10 members.

On Mother's Day, 1974, the church moved to 326 North Market Street, a building dedicated by Bishop Samuel Murray.

The church has grown rapidly and now has a 20 member choir, a missionary circle, and an active usher board. Every second Sunday church members visit the Rosewood Children's Hospital at 2:30 pm. In the words of Elder Lewis, "God has blessed our church with a prayer line for the sick

each Sunday (I am) looking for that day when God will raise the dead at Thomas Tabernacle. God is still healing today as he did in Jesus time”
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Thomas Tabernacle

Thomas Tabernacle holiness church of God, 326 N. Market St. announce that Sunday school week started on July 24, through Aug. 27.

Services are held every night at 5 p.m. and on Sundays at 2 p.m.

On Sunday, July 31, Sunday school begins at 10 a.m. and morning worship at 11:30 a.m. On Aug. 4, the Sunday school will hold their annual picnic, this year they are going to Hershey Park.

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Thomas Tabernacle

Thomas Tabernacle will hold Sunday school at 10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 30. At the 11:30 a.m. worship hour Bus Pool Day will be observed with Elder Bostic of Washington, D.C. as the guest speaker. All services are held at Frederick High School. At 3 p.m. Mother Cora Rollins, church mother of Thomas Tabernacle, will speak at Tobytown.

On Monday, Dec. 31, the congregation will hold a watch meeting and foot washing service at Simpson United Methodist Church, New Market, with the Rev. Geraldine Davis pastor.

For further information contact Elder H. Lewis at 662-2373 or 662-2410.

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Thomas Tabernacle

Thomas Tabernacle King's Apostle Holiness Church of God will end its missionary week, Saturday, Sept. 17 at 8 p.m. The speaker will be Elder Fancher from Baltimore, and the devotional leader will be Mother Core.

Sunday school will be at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 18, and morning worship will be at 11:30 a.m. The speaker will be Evangelist Penny Rollins and devotional leader will be Missionary Dorothy Bowie.

There will be a business meeting Monday, Sept. 19 at 8 p.m.

Joy night will be Tuesday, Sept. 29, at 8 p.m., with speaker Evangelist Melba Arrington and devotional leader, Missionary Mary Franklin.

Prayer and praise will be at 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22.

The Thomas Tabernacle congregation will go to Brandywine for service on Friday, Sept. 23.

The pastor is Elder Herman T. Lewis. The church is at Community Center, Winchester Street, in Frederick.

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Thomas Tabernacle

Thomas Tabernacle will hold services at the Community Building on Winchester Street, Frederick. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; morning worship, 11:30 a.m. Speaker will be Elder Herman T. Lewis. 4 p.m. service speaker will be Elder Lewis. A revival will be held Nov. 16-21. Speakers will be Elder Person, Evangelist McCoye from Florida. All are welcome. For more information, call 662-2373. Elder Herman T. Lewis, pastor.

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Thomas Tabernacle

Thomas Tabernacle King's Apostole Holiness Church of God, meeting in the recreation room on Winchester Street, Frederick, will hold Sunday school at 10 a.m. and worship at 11:30 a.m. Elder Whitney will be the guest speaker. At 4 p.m. Sunday, Elder Simmons will speak. Services will be held at 8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 11, through Friday, Oct. 15, at the recreation room. Evangelist Ames will speak on Oct. 11; the Thomas Tabernacle song service will be held Oct. 12; Evangelist Dixon will speak on Oct. 13; Elder Scott will give the sermon on Oct. 14, and Bishop Herbert will speak on Oct. 15.

Elder Herman T. Lewis is pastor.

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The Rev. Herman Lewis

The Rev. Herman Thomas Lewis, 65, of Frederick, died Monday, April 29, at Northampton Manor Nursing Home, Frederick.

He was the husband of Florence L. Stone Lewis.

Born Jan. 28, 1931, in Kearneysville, W. Va., he was a son of the late

Earnest D. and Maryanna Russ Lewis.

The Rev. Lewis was pastor of Thomas Tabernacle of the Kings Apostle Holiness Church of God, Frederick, for 24 years. He also devoted himself to his vision of a new church building.

He grew up in Campher Memorial Church of the Kings Apostle Holiness Church of God in Hagerstown. In 1972 he visited the Holy Land. A U.S. Army veteran, he served in Korea and received two Bronze Stars.

Surviving in addition to his wife are one son, Edward Thomas Lewis of Frederick; three daughters, the Rev. Vernia L. Rollins and husband Edward James Sr., Evelyn L. Rollins and husband Clyde A., both of Frederick, and Linda D. Smith of Hagerstown; five grandchildren, Edward J. Rollins Jr., Ti-Ron D. Rollings, Lateres D. Smith, Ikea J. Rollins and Christy Jackson; two brothers, Earnest Lewis of West Virginia and John Lewis of New York; and six sisters, Margaret E. Campbell, Georgia E. Burnett, Lelia Campher, all of Hagerstown, Sara Swaby of South Carolina, Grace Furgus of New York and Genevieve Taylor of Baltimore.

The Rev. Lewis was preceded in death by one son, Herman Thomas Lewis Jr.; one grandson, Darrien Thomas Rollins; one brother, James Lewis; five sisters, Frances Webster, Dora Abrams, Anna Shelton, Ella McDaniel and Evelyn Lewis.

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Wayman AME

A Visiting Bishop

Bishop A. W. Wayman, of the African M. E. church, preached an eloquent sermon in the Quinn A. M. E. church here last night. This morning he left for Hagerstown, where he will preach tonight. Bishop J. P. Campbell, presides over this district is suffering from a paralytic stroke and Bishop Wayman is visiting the charges in his place.

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Bishop A. W. Wayman

Bishop A. W. Wayman of the A. M. E. church preached in Bethel church in this city, yesterday evening to a large congregation.

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Baltimore Annual Conference

The Baltimore Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church will meet in Washington, D. C. on April 27. The meetings will be held at the colored Metropolitan church, on M street, between Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets. Bishop Wayman will preside. The limit of a pastor's stay at any one charge in the A. M. E. church is four years, but this limit is not often reached.

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A. M. E. Conference

The 70th session of the Baltimore Conference of the A. M. E. church convened at 9 o'clock this morning in the Metropolitan church, Washington. Bishop A. W. Wayman is presiding. This conference embraces in its territory the entire State of Maryland and the District of Columbia. It is divided into 3 districts, has 3 preachers, 8,930 lay members and probationers, 115 churches valued at \$390,262, with an indebtedness of \$87,524, also, 91 Sunday-schools, 550 officers and teachers, and 6,282 scholars.

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Quinn A.M.E. Church Speker

There was a large congregation at Quinn A. M. E. church last evening to hear Bishop Wayman, who telegraphed Rev. Collect that he could not fill his annual appointment. The congregation was greatly disappointed. After a short prayer meeting the congregation was dismissed

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The United Brethern

Routine Work and Special Business Transacted Today

Conference convened at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, Bishop Weaver in the chair. Rev. J. D. Freed, of the Pennsylvania conference conducted the opening exercises. The report of M. F. Pritchard, pastor of Deer Park mission, was then read and ordered to be passed. After the reading of this report the Revs. J. T. Schaffer and C. T. Stearn, of Pennsylvania conference, L. B. church, also Revs. M. E. Dudrear, of the M. E. Conference were admitted to advisory seats in the conference. Bishop Wayman, of the A. M. E. conference, was also admitted as an advisory member of the conference. Rev. J. Harp of the missionary committee, presented and read their report. At the conclusion of its reading, Bishop Weaver made some remarks upon the subject of the missionary work, and was followed by the Revs. C. T. Stearns, Bishop Wayman, J. Hill, W. W. Stinespring, Evers and Brane, who also made remarks upon the same subject. At the conclusion of their remarks, the doxology was sung, the benediction was pronounced and conference adjourned until 9 o'clock this morning.

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Royal Baking Powder



A cream of tartar baking powder. Highest in leavening strength. Government food report. Baking Powder Co. 196 Wall St., N. Y.

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Rev. Poulson and Rev. Waymen Take Part in the Convention

Rev. Thomas L. Poulson, of New York, made a short address. The audience joined in the singing of the doxology and the meeting closed with benediction by Bishop A. W. Wayman, of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Today's program of the convention includes devotional exercises by member of the W. C. T. C., discussion, etc., and a mass-meeting at night.
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News of the State

Events of Interest Here and There
Yesterday and Today

Dogs are playing havoc with sheep in Howard county.

Bishop Wayman visited the Hill murderers at Chestertown.

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Asbury U. M. Church

A Resident of Frederick Killed by the Cars at Lime Kiln

Mrs. Hannah Smith, colored, in company with several children, left this city Sunday morning on the early train for Lime Kiln, from whence she intended to go with a son living at that place to Hope Hill, where an all day's meeting was in progress. In stepping from the train at Lime Kiln she was struck by a freight engine and thrown over on the platform, and expired a few hours afterwards. She was sixty-five years old and had been residing with her daughter, Clara, on Brewer's alley. Before the late war she was the property of David Thomas, Esq., near Buckeystown, with which family she lived for a number of years after she was given her freedom in 1863. She is the mother of fifteen children. Aunt Hannah, as she was favorably known, was a member of the Asbury M. E. Church and also of the Daughter's of Samaria, which order stood the expense of the funeral. The remains were taken from Lime Kiln to Buckeystown next morning at 10 o'clock, where the funeral sermon was preached, and conveyed from thence to the cemetery, at Hope Hill, where the internment was made.

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Doings in Colored Circles

Rev. E. M. S. Peck, of Baltimore and Washington annual conference and presiding elder of Linganore district held his fourth and last quarterly conference Saturday night in the main audience room of Asbury M. E. Church. On Sunday morning he delivered an eloquent sermon from 14th Psalm 9th verse. In the afternoon he held a quarterly review of the Sunday school. At night he preached from 1 Cor. 10:4. "And did all drink of that same spiritual drink, for they drank of that spiritual rock that flowed there by and that rock was Christ.

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A Midnight Presentation

On Monday night at 12 o'clock about 75 members and friends of the Asbury A.M.E. Church disturbed the peaceful slumbers of their pastor Rev. T. O. Carroll at the parsonage on West All Saint Street and presented him with the following articles. A fine silver castor, half dozen table spoons, half dozen tea spoons, half dozen of knives, half dozen of forks, a revolving silver butter dish, fine glass fruit dish, beautiful glass sugar bowl and other glasswares.

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A Welcome Contribution

The proceeds from the Fourth street rink last night were given to one of the colored churches of the city. The Quinn Chapel and the Baptist Church gladly accepted the proffered aid. Owing to a slight misunderstanding between the management of the rink and the Asbury Church, that church has refused to accept any benefit. It is expected the two above churches will receive about \$30 each.

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Laid to Rest

Henry Ayres, who died at Bartonville on the 19 inst. of consumption, was buried at 2 o'clock today by the Independent Working-men at Bartonville. The Rev. Mr. Cook of the Asbury Methodist Church officated. The pall bearers were Chas. Diggs, David Randels, Geo. Temple and Milton Temple. C. C. Carty undertaker.

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Largest of the Season

The annual excursion of the Asbury M. E. Church and Sunday school of this city took place this morning, about 254 leaving here via the Baltimore and Ohio railroad for Island Park. Up to date this is the largest excursion of the season.

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Sunnyside Church

Carl W. Weedon

The funeral of Carl Walter Weedon, colored, took place from Sunnyside M. E. church, Mountville, Saturday morning at 10:30 o'clock. Rev. R. E. Winston, assisted by Rev. J. E. Dotson and Rev. Oscar Jackson, officiated. The pallbearers were Ernest Weedon, Clarence Whiteman, Lewis Weedon, Jr., Nelson Page, Elijah King and Robert Naylor. Interment in cemetery adjoining. M. R. Etchison and Son, funeral directors.

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Mrs. George Weedon

The funeral of Mrs. Pannie Weedon, colored, wife of George Weedon, took place Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the late home near Buckeystown, with services in Sunnyside M. E. church, Mountville, conducted by Rev. O. B. Jackson and Rev. J. L. Brown. Pallbearers were: Allen Rideout, George Proctor, Marion Johnson, Walter Whimbs. Interment adjoining cemetery. M. R. Etchison and Son, funeral directors.

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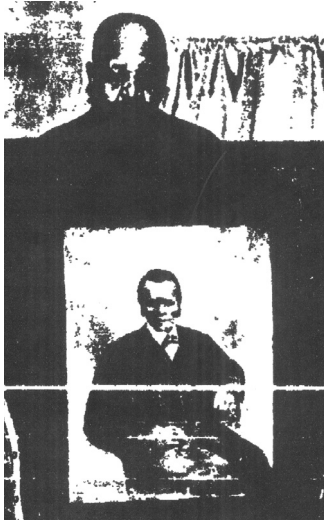
Buckeystown-Sunnyside Circuit

Rev. Irvin A. Moyer, minister. 11 a.m.-Worship at Pleasant View: Sunnyside, 9:30 a.m., church school: 1 p.m., worship.

Buckeystown-7:30 p.m., worship; holy communion will be served at each worship service.

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John W. McKinney Holds A Portrait Of His Father



The year was 1890. The U. S. mail was delivered to the post office at Mountville, but it was up to the citizens of the town to provide the local distribution. Door to door postal delivery was rare outside of Frederick in the latter part of the 19th century. Another sight, just as rare in Frederick's outlying communities was the scarecrow looming high amidst the cornfields.

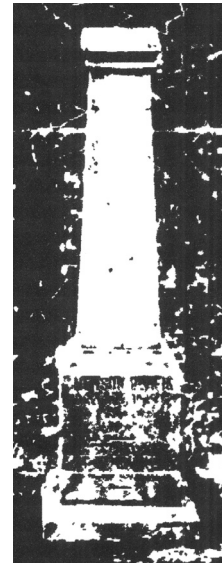
"I was five years old and living in Sunnyside, although it was called Mountville at the time." recalled John W. McKinney. "My father had made me a canvas bookbag to

wear over my shoulder and every afternoon I would go to the post office, put the mail in my bookbag and deliver it to the people in town.

I had always taken the shortest route to get from one house to the next, not only because it was the quickest way, but the Bridal Road (now Mountville Road) could get so muddy that it was impossible to walk on it. My mail route ran through people's backyards, farms and over fences.

"One day, I was delivering the mail and had just started to cut through the Diggs' cornfield when I saw that thing. It stood about eight-feet tall with five foot arms. It was about 20 feet away and looking dead at me. I was so scared. I couldn't move. I didn't know what to do. I knew that if I started to run, he'd catch up to me in about four steps.

"I don't know how long I just stood there staring at that thing in the field staring back at me. Finally, I eased away just a few inches and stopped. The thing didn't move. I eased away again, this time a few feet. It still just stood there glaring at me. All of a sudden, I just took off towards home, mail flying out of my bookbag. I don't think my feet ever touched the ground."



Although his hearing isn't what it used to be and arthritis has gnarled his hands into permanent half-fists, the mental capabilities of 94-year-old John McKinney are just this side of astounding. Childhood recollections and stories told to him by his father are recalled with the same degree of ease and accuracy as it take most people to remember what they had for lunch.

McKinney's parents, Jacob Marion (born Jan. 1, 1833) and Mary Ellen (born Jan. 12, 1846), had been slaves in Frederick County. His mother was owned by a family named Colliver.

The Emancipation Proclamation meant freedom for the thousands of slaves living south of the Mason-Dixon Line and those owned by pro-slavery landowners in the north. McKinney recalled the reaction of his father's owner to the declaration set forth by President Lincoln.

"My father told me that he was not one of the lucky ones after the Emancipation Proclamation," he began. "My father's owner didn't want to give up his property. The slaveholder made my father strip nude telling him that he was free to go, but not with clothes that didn't belong to him. My father was given the choice of either leaving the farm nude, or staying until he worked off the price of the clothes. He didn't have much of a choice. He continued to work as a slave until a law was passed forcing the owner to release my father with clothes on his back."

McKinney didn't know how long his father was forced to work after the proclamation, but a fair guess can be ascerting.

Lincoln's declaration freeing the slaves took effect on Jan. 1, 1863, however, the specific law forbidding slavery, resulting from the ratification of the 13th Amendment to the Constitution did not come into force until Dec. 6, 1863.

Marion McKinney continued working as a slave for almost two years after the issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation.

When the fighting was through, John returned to Licksville and got his wife and child. With the money he had saved, John took his family to Sunnyside and bought a piece of land, which made him the first Weedon in the community."

After the Civil War, many freed slaves chose to either stay at their former farm or move to another and work as tenant farmers and sharecroppers, giving a large share of their crop to the landowner in lieu of rent. Others elected to travel from farm to farm, carrying whatever belongings they had in a trunk, and work for meager wages in hopes of one day owning their own piece of land.

In the latter part of the 19th century, former slaves began cropping up in and around the city of Frederick.

McKinney recalled three such settlements. The first was located around West Patrick Street just beyond where the A&P supermarket stands today. The second settlement arose just west of Middletown. The third, where Jacob and Mary McKinney purchased land, was situated at the eastern base of Catoctin Mountain, seven miles southwest of Frederick.

Although these black communities were never given official names, the settlement west of Middletown was referred to as “Africa” by both whites and blacks. The area where the McKinneys moved, had its own special designation.

The largest family in Sunnyside, now and from the time of the Civil War, is the Weedons. They, too, can trace their Sunnyside heritage back to a Frederick slave.

The grandfather of Oscar Weedon of Frederick was the first of the Weedon Clan to settle as a free man in what was then known as Mountville.

“His name was John T. Weedon,” explained Oscar Weedon, “a slave working on a Frederick farm in the town of Licksville.”

According to history buff Nancy Bodmer, the town of Licksville was located in or around the village of Tuscarora. The complete economic mainstay depended on the sale of slaves brought into Maryland across Noland’s Ferry on the Potomac. The town consisted of solely hotels to accommodate the Maryland buyers, and auction blocks from which the slaves were sold. It was a rough town.

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Bartonsville Church

Bartonsville Points , December 15

Rev. W. Langford, colored, preached thrice on Sunday, in Jackson Chapel. - The Revs. C. H. Day and Harmond are conducting a protracted meeting at Mount Carmel Church. - Protracted meetings have also been begun in Jackson Chapel. - Rev. I. E. Saunders preached on Monday from St. John II. - School Comissioner D. T. Lakin is visiting the schools of this district. - The Lyceum of Jackson Chapel met on last Friday evening and carried out a programme consisting of a debate on the question whether the colored man or the Indian has under gone the more punishment. The programme for this Friday will consist of readings and a debate. A speaker from Buckeystown is expected. - There will be a Christmas tree and festival in Jackson Chapel on the evening of the 26th inst.

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Bartonsville Points, December 8

The services at Mt. Carmel Sunday-school were well attended yesterday; many of the scholars stayed to preaching. Rev. C. H. Day was present and read the twelfth chapter of Romans. The sermon was preached from Acts V. 31. - Mrs. Killie Skinner, (colored) aged 86 is lying very low and not expected to recover. - Mr. William Dorsey, colored, one of the class leaders in Jackson chapel, who cut his foot severely two months ago was able to hobble to church last evening. - Wes. Lockett, of this place was chased by a large bear last week, and only escaped by taking shelter in a neighbor's house. Several persons report having seen the animal in Mr. Millen's woods. - Daniel Rickets, aged eight years, who broke his arm a few weeks ago is running about again. - The colored children of this place are preparing for a Christmas tree to be gived by the teacher. - The Young Men's Lyceum (colored) met last Fri. evening in Jackson Chapel and organized. The discussion as to whether a dog or a gun is the more useful to man was decided in favor of the dog. - A programme of music, readings, etc., was fixed for the next meeting on the 12th inst. Contributions of books, etc. for the Lyceum are solicited.

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Bartonsville Buzzings

Rev. E. B. Oram, of New Market preached in Jackson Chapel, in this place yesterday. The discourse was much admired. - Rev. Roberson of Frederick preached to a body of Christians in the house of Mrs. Lizzie Thomas, yesterday. - The funeral of James E. England, aged 19 years, 5 months and 2 days took place today. Services were held in Jackson Chapel and were largely attended. Rev. J. E. Saunders officiated. The deceased was very much thought of. - Miss Alice Adams has returned home from Baltimore. - Miss Sinner Stultz will return from Columbia, Pa., the last of the month. - Miss Matilda Skinner, colored, of Frederick, paid us a visit yesterday. - The J. E. Saunders Lyceum met in Jackson Chapel last Friday. The meeting was very interesting. - Capt. Jenkins Band of Frederick will attend the school exhibition at this place on the 27th inst. - Mr. John O'Hara has purchased the property of Mrs. Dorsey in this place for \$250. - Great preparations are being made for the exhibition on the 27th inst.

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Bartonsville Bits

Mr. R. Timson, of Mount Pleasant and a prominent member of the J. E. Saunders Lyceum, died last Monday, and was buried on Wednesday. The funeral was largely attended, and conducted by Rev. R. Proby of Frederick. - Mrs. Alice Davis, child 6 months old fell out of a high chair Saturday morning on a very hot stove and received severe burns on the face and hands. - Rev. K. Sewil of New Market came to Bartonsville to preach in Jackson Chapel yesterday, but no previous notification having been given, the congregation failed to turn out. - Mr. Harry Myers is dangerously ill with consumption. - The fair in Jackson Chapel last Friday, under the direction of Mrs. Susie Bucher, and Mrs. Margaret Dorsey met with quite a success. Mr. Chas. Zimmerman is erecting an immense large farm as a proof of his belief in a successful year for farmers. - Our town was visited Friday night and Saturday by a heavy snow storm which caused the overcoats and heavy wrappings to put in their appearance again. - Now that the hooping cough has abated the mumps have taken its place and many are suffering. - The public school N. 2 will have a public examination on Wednesday (15) at the closing.

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Quinn A. M. E. Church

Rev. W. G. Alexasnder

Rev. W. G. Alexander, a former pastor of Quinn, A. M. E. Church of this city, who has been visiting some of his many friends here since Thursday last, returns for his home in Portsmouth Va., this morning.

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Decoration Day

Tomorrow is what is known throughout the country as "Memorial Day," a day set apart by the National government, at which time tribute shall be given to those who so nobly laid down their lives that the Union might be preserved. In the majority of the States it is a universal holiday but in Maryland it is not observed by the suspension of any business. The banks in this city will not close their doors and the post office will be closed only from two p.m. to six p.m. An extensive program has been prepared by the committee on the decoration of the dead heroes' graves. An address will be delivered at City Hall at two o'clock by Hon. William Lawrence, of Ohio, and a poem recited by Col. George W. F. Vernon, of this city.

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Delivered an Address

Charles W. Miller, Esq., last night addressed the Kilpatrick Post No. 34, G. A. R., at the Quinn A. M. E. church on East Third street. Mr. Miller's talk with the old soldiers was very interesting and well received.

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Service at the Quinn A. M. E. Church

Tomorrow is childrens day at the Quinn A. M. E. church and a special service has been prepared. Quarterly review as laid down in the Jubilee Gem will also be gone through with. The children's exercises will be very interesting. Seats free. Rev. Jos. H. Robinson, pastor. The church is situated on East Third street. Morning service commences at 11 o'clock'.

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The Coming Sunday-School Convention

Robt. L. Ruffin, State missionary of the Maryland Sunday-school Union, is in the city completing arrangements for the county Sabbath-school convention to be held in this city next Wednesday and Thursday. The public is invited to attend the sessions of the convention. The meetings will be held as follows: Wednesday 9:30 a. m. to 12 m. Allsaints' street Baptist Church; 2 to 5 p. m., Quinn Chapel, Third street; 7:30 p. m., Allsaints' street, M. E. Church. Thursday 9:30 a. m. to 12 m., Allsaints' street Baptist Church; 2 to 5 p. m., Allsaints' street, M. E. Church, 7:30 p. m., Quinn Chapel Third street.

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The County S. S. Convention

The Convention of colored Sunday-schools of the county resumed its sessions in Quinn Chapel at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon with Rev. Wm. Alexander presiding. Election of officers was proceeded with and resulted in the selection of Rev. J. Robinson, as president, Rev. T. O. Carroll vice-president, Miss Mary Gross, secretary, Miss Alice Hall, assistant secretary Mrs. Amelia Chase, treasurer. Rev. W. H. Weaver, of Baltimore, former State Missionary of the Maryland S. S. Union, spoke on the subject of "Our Sunday-Schools," which was discussed by Revs. Alexander, Carroll, Ruffin and Robinson. Sunday-school literature was able treated by Mrs. Ella Carroll.

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S. S. Convention

The final sessions of the Frederick County Colored Sunday-school convention were held on Thursday noon and night. The convention met at 2 p. m., in Asbury M. E. Church. Miss Susie Brown read an essay, on "A Teachers Influence," which was discussed by Revs. Wm. Alexander, Isaac Thomas, Rev. R. L. Ruffin and Mr. James Davis. Mr. Davis then read a paper on the "Duties of a Superintendent," discussion followed by Rev W. H. Weaver and Rev. T. O. Carroll. Miss Mary Kenny read an interesting essay on Sunday-school music. John B. Washington read paper on Nursery of the Church, Miss May E Gross read an essay entitled "Future of the Sunday-school girl after recitations by several of the Sunday-school girls, the

convention adjourned.

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Services at Quinn A. M. E. Church

There will be service at Quinn A.M. E. Church to-morrow at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. The pastor, Rev. J. H. Robinson, will preach in the morning and Rev. Samuel G. Griffin, P. E. of Washington Conference in the evening. Steward's day.

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Quinn A. M. E. Church

Bishop A. W. Wayman will preach at Quinn A. M. E. Church, East Third street tomorrow evening.

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Religious

The Rev. J. J. Keliy, the Indian preacher, is in the city, and will preach at the Quinn A. M. E. church, East Third street, Tuesday evening at 8 p. m. All are invited.

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An Interesting Lecture

Prof. Dickerson, of Philadelphia, had a fair sized audience Wednesday evening at Quinn A. M. E. Church, to hear him in his interesting lecture on Biblical history. The lecturer entertained those present for more than an hour with his graphic descriptions of strange and wonderful places and apt bits of amusing anecdote.

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Interesting Lecture

The Rev. J. J. Kelly, the Indian preacher, will lecture this evening in the Quinn A. M. E. Church, East Third street. His subject will be "The American

Indians,” and he will be attired in full Indian costume.

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Quinn A. M. E. Church

How It Stands at Present in a Financial Way

The Rev. John H. Collett, pastor of the Quinn A. M. E. church, East 3rd street, this city, has made his quarterly report, for the term ending Dec. 10, 1886, which is signed by Rev. W. H. Brown, P. E., secretary of the board of trustees, and Robert Ryan, secretary of the board of stewards.

The trustees report shows the total cash in hand to be \$136.08. The expenditures during the quarter amounted to \$127.14, leaving a balance of \$8.94. The present indebtedness of the church amounts to \$2,230.01. The stewards report shows amount of receipts from public collections and entertainments to have been \$151.80, amount received from classes, \$45.82. The amount of money expended during the quarter was \$197.62.

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Quinn’s A. M. E. Church on a Firm Legal Basis

A new certificate of incorporation of the Quinn’s A. M. E. church, East Third street, this city, has just been filed in the office of the clerk of the circuit court for Frederick County. The following synopsis of the certificate will give a comprehensive idea of the whole thing:

“Know all men by these presents, that, whereas, the members of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, of the City of Frederick, heretofore towit, on or about the 25th day of October, A. D., 1885, for the purpose of becoming incorporated according to the law of the State of Maryland, then in force, did adopt a constitution and plan for the government of said church, and did elect certain sober and discreet persons as trustees of said church, who acknowledged said plan before two justices of the peace of Frederick county, as of record will appear, and whereas doubts have arisen as to the true construction of certain portions of said constitution and plan and the legality of the same as a valid act of incorporation, and in order to relieve the same of all doubt and to make a more perfect plan, better suited to the wants of said church, the members of said African Methodist Episcopal Church, of Frederick, above the age of 21 years, did meet in their church building, on East Third street, in Frederick city, on Tuesday, the 12th

day of April in the year 1887. The minister in charge shall preside at such meetings and the votes shall be by ballot.” Sixth: “The trustees are to have control of all property belonging to said African Methodist Episcopal church of Frederick, Md. Quinn A.M.E. church, did at the time of the election of said trustees, when assembled as foresaid, also determine upon plans agreements and regulations for the future government of said body corporate.”
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