

36 Pastoral Changes at Del. Methodist Conference

New District Created at AME Conference

Rev. D. A. Wilson Presiding Elder of New 15-Church Capital District

BALTIMORE In line with Bishop L. H. Hemingway's program of streamlining and expansion of the AME Church, the 134th Baltimore Annual Conference approved a resolution, Thursday afternoon which will create a new district and a new conference in the Second Episcopal District.

The resolution, drawn up by the committee of presiding elders, recommended that eight churches be taken from the Potomac district, two from Baltimore, two from Hagerstown and two from the Centreville district to compose the new Capital district.

It was further recommended that the Baltimore Annual Conference be split into two conferences, namely, the Baltimore Annual Conference and the Washington Annual Conference.

The committee designated the Potomac, Capital and Hagerstown districts as the components of the Washington Annual Conference and the Baltimore, Easton and Centreville districts as parts of the Baltimore Annual Conference.

Sunday night, in his announcement of conference appointments, Bishop Hemingway appointed the Rev. D. A. Wilson, ex-presiding elder of the Hagerstown district, to head the new Capital district.

The Rev. H. R. Tomlin, who was pastor of the Berkeley circuit, was moved up to presiding elder of the Hagerstown district and the Rev. S. B. Drummond retained his position as presiding elder of the Potomac district.

In the Baltimore Annual Conference, the Revs. J. M. Cox and L. S. Penn remain presiding elders of the Baltimore and Easton districts, respectively.

In the Centreville district, the Rev. John M. Gibson, who was sent to Mt. Moriah Church in Annapolis, at his own request, was replaced as presiding elder by the Rev. J. E. Reese, who was pastor of Metropolitan Church in Washington.

The new Capital district is composed of Turner, Tee Bee, Frederick, Pilgrim, Ward, Kensington, St. Paul and Bladensburg Churches from the Potomac district; Elkridge and Mt. Pleasant from the Hagerstown district.

Two From Baltimore Parole, and Wayman (Good Hope) from the Baltimore district and Wayman and Davis Memorial Churches from the Centreville district.

The new Capital district is subject to final approval by the AME General Conference which will meet in Chicago in May, 1952.

Outstanding appointments went to the Rev. G. Dewey Robinson, who was transferred from Waters (Baltimore) to the big Metropolitan Church in Washington; The youthful Rev. Medford Camper of Mt. Nebo Church, who was transferred out of the conference to classic Ebenezer Church in Roanoke, Va.—he had been at Mt. Nebo two years and is a 1950 graduate of Lincoln University; and With the exception of Waters, the larger city churches retained their pastors. They are Bethel, the Rev. Harrison J. Bryant; Payne, W. P. Mitchell; Trinity, A. R. Powell; St. John's, I. M. Gray; Ebenezer, W. T. Holland; Allen, A. J. Felix; Swann Remains at Hemingway The New Hemingway Temple retained as its pastor the Rev. Melvin C. Swann, under whose administra-

Mrs. Jackson Buried in Va.

Was Chiroprapist, Pioneer Teacher

RICHMOND—Mrs. Kate Dabney Jackson former school teacher and chiroprapist and sister to the dean of newspapersmen, Wendell P. Dabney of Cincinnati was buried in Evergreen Cemetery Sunday.

The 87-year-old woman died Friday after a brief illness at her home, 103 E. Leigh St.

She was in the first group of colored women to start teaching in Richmond.

After her marriage she gave up school teaching and for the next 30 or 40 years was the only colored visiting chiroprapist in Richmond and a hairdresser.

She was the daughter of the late John and Elizabeth Dabney, native Richmonders and prominent caterers. Her brother, Mr. Dabney, published the Union in Cincinnati, O.

Mrs. Jackson for 55 years was a member of St. Philip P.E. Church here and just recently was honored for being one of its oldest members. Funeral services were held at the church, with the Rev. Thomas D. Brown of Osgood Memorial P.E. Church officiating.

Another brother, J. Milton Dabney of Newark is the father of Jack Dabney, mortician here.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Hazel D. Westray, Richmond; two sons, Dr. J. D. Jackson, Norfolk and Baxter F. Jackson, NYC; eight grandchildren, Miss Margaret Westray and Milton Westray, Richmond; Mrs. Laura W. Holland, Buffalo, N.Y.; Wendell Westray, NYC; Cpl. Baxter Jackson 3rd in Korea; Hugh D. Jackson, Washington; Joseph and Julian D. Jackson, NYC.

\$10,000 Sought for Son's Death

WASHINGTON Echoes of a New Year's Day auto collision in which six persons died resounded this week in District Court when Mrs. Nancy F. Hogan, mother of one of the fatally injured filed suit for \$10,000.

Mrs. Hogan, administratrix of the estate of John Young Beale, 19, of 638 L St., N.E., seeks damages from James H. Shay, 1014 1-2 Sixth St., N.E., a machine operator in the War Department.

The complaint states that Shay negligently permitted Cleveland Walker, 32, of 660 Callan St., N.E., or Vivian Short, 27, of 914 Third St., N.E., or both, to recklessly or negligently operate his (Shay's) auto. Beale was a passenger in this auto.

Shay's vehicle is reported to have collided with another driven by Dr. John H. Gross, 68, of Lansdowne, Pa., on the Washington-Baltimore Boulevard near Guilford, Md. All of the occupants of both autos received fatal injuries, according to Mrs. Hogan, who contends that her son's death was a pecuniary loss to her.

The two other white persons killed along with Dr. Gross were: Miss Marjorie B. Tobey, of Montclair, N. J., and Mrs. Kathryn Gross.

Seale is also survived by: step-father, father, brother, and sister-in-law. Walker left a widow and three children. Short was a World War II veteran.

Cupid Victor, Man, Wife Remarried

WASHINGTON Cupid won the separate maintenance case in District Court Wednesday when Mrs. Ophelia Swann and her husband, Merrill A. Swann, Taylor, also a Howard University graduate, agreed to ask the court to sever their connection as man and wife.

Mrs. Swann had filed for separate maintenance and petitioned the court to grant her \$12.50 a week alimony. Subsequently, her spouse filed suit for an annulment of their marriage.

When the Swanns, who live at 411 Oakdale Pl., N.E., appeared before Judge Matthew F. McGuire, Mrs. Swann testified that she was willing to return to her mate. Mr. Swann said he was willing to take her back and withdraw the suit for annulment.

The court dismissed the action without prejudice.

The Swanns were married in July, 1942, in Baltimore, Md. He is employed at the Government Printing Office. Mrs. Swann was represented in court by J. Franklin Bourne, of the law firm of Hayes, Reeves and Mitchell, 2002 11th St., N.W. Russell Morris represented Mr. Swann.

To Wed Kansan

Miss Helen Robinson, Howard University graduate, whose engagement to Thaddeus J. Taylor son of Mr. and Mrs. Claudine Taylor of Kansas City, Kans. was announced last week by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Robinson, Taylor, also a Howard University graduate, is attending American University in Washington, D.C.

Women Attend Annual Methodist Conference



Delaware AME's Meeting Peaceful

PHILADELPHIA In a session described by veteran churchmen as "the most peaceful" they had ever witnessed, four ministerial delegates and alternates were elected last week by the Delaware Annual Conference of the AME Church to the May, 1952, General Conference to be held in Chicago.

Meeting in Bethel Church, Wilmington, the conference, presided over by Bishop D. Ward Nichols, prelate of the First Episcopal District, honored the Rev. J. L. Link, presiding elder of the Wilmington District, with a unanimous vote as delegate.

Also elected, in an obviously coordinated landslide, were the Revs. A. Herman Hart, presiding elder of the Milford District; S. L. Greene, host pastor; and D. W. Tull, pastor of Asbury Church, Chester.

4 Alternates Elected Elected as alternates were the Revs. J. L. Mims of Murphy Church, Chester; Edgar L. Huff of Mt. Zion Church, Dover; C. W. Reid of St. George Church, Lewes; and J. W. Whalen of Slaughter Neck.

Lay delegates named were Dr. Oscar N. Smith, Mesdames Reba Mack, Lucretia Miller and Helen Paul; with Mesdames Bermuda Waton and Bertha Laws as alternates.

Senior Missionary Society representatives elected were Mesdames Beatrice Besselie, Alice Henley, Alice Showell, Cleo Tull, and Regina Brown.

The Youth Department will be represented by Misses Katherine Besselie, Dolores Maloney, Ruth West and J. E. Foster.

Almost \$17,000 Reported Visitors from other conferences of the First District, including Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, and New England, commended the Delaware District for its obvious harmony as well as its financial success.

Nearly \$17,000 was reported by the two districts in the conference; and the Sunday session was highlighted by the distribution of \$1000 to its mission preachers.

A \$2,000 allocation was approved for Wilberforce University; and \$1000 was appropriated for Payne Seminary. It was pointed out that the First District had contributed over \$500,000 last year for education and more than \$200,000 for supernumerary ministers and widows.

Major Pastorates Unchanged All major pastoral appointments remained unchanged at the close of the session. The conference admitted a Wilberforce graduate as minister, Horace A. Burton, and he was assigned by Bishop Nichols to the Clayton Circuit.

Special features of the four-day meeting included an oratorical contest, won by Misses Anita Watson and Dolores Maloney; a dinner honoring Bishop and Mrs. Nichols at the Y.M.Y.W.C.A.; a missionary tea honoring Mrs. Kay Bailey Nichols at the parsonage; and the annual Youth Night program.

Dignitaries Visited Dignitaries who visited the Conference included: Bishop Monroe H. Davis of the AME B'nai B'rith District; Bishop D. M. Harmon of the U.A.M.E. Church; the Revs. M. E. Jackson of Philadelphia, Wallace Wright of Dayton, Ohio, candidates for the bishopric; The Revs. F. D. Jordan of Los Angeles, H. Thomas Prim of New Orleans, A. Wayman Ward of Chicago, W. F. Ball of Miami, Fla., and E. C. Hatcher of Alabama, all candidates for the bishopric.

Dr. Fred Hughes, editor of the Recorder; Dr. J. E. Beard, secretary of the pension department; Dr. C. W. Abington, editor of the Journal of Religious Education; The Rev. P. C. Williams, manager of the AME Book Concern; Dr. S. S. Morris, secretary of Christian education; Dr. E. A. Adams, secretary of religious education and candidate for the bishopric; and the Rev. W. A. Crowe of Alexandria, La.

Appointments Listed The complete list of appointments follows: DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT (Appointments in Delaware, except as otherwise noted): BRIDGEVILLE—C. E. Kiah; BRIDGEVILLE CIRCUIT—H. T. Moore; CHESTERTOWN, Md.—C. H. Mott; CHESWOLD—H. R. Sneed; CLARKSVILLE—W. W. Brown; COLEMAN, Md.—J. W. Mickle; CRUMPTON, Md.—R. Bryant; DELMAR—R. A. Bolden; DOVER—Grant Shockey; FAIRLEE, Md.—O. S. Edwards; GALENA, Md.—R. Row; HARRINGTON—Thaddeus Hackett; LAUREL—F. S. Walker;

Chester Cleric Sent to Atlantic City

Dover Minister, Rev. F. D. Jones, Replaces Rev. Lyght at Charge

PHILADELPHIA Thirty-six changes in pastoral assignments, the smallest in several years, were announced Sunday by Bishop A. P. Shaw of Baltimore at the closing session of the Delaware Annual Methodist Conference, held at Tindley Temple Church, Broad and Fitzwater Sts.

The Rev. W. L. D. Lyght, for four years pastor of Saint Daniels Church, Chester, was transferred to Asbury Church, Atlantic City. Both are among the leading churches in the conference.

The Rev. F. D. Jones, Dover, Del., was assigned to Saint Daniel's Church, Chester. He is succeeded at Dover by the Rev. Grant Shockey, presently professor of religious education in Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, and former college pastor at Clark College, Atlanta.

Goes to White Plains The Rev. T. M. Booth goes from Haven Church in Wilmington to White Plains, N.Y., succeeding the Rev. W. A. T. Miles, who was sent to Elkton (Md.) The Rev. J. R. Russum, Newport (Del.) goes to Quinton (N.J.) in exchange with the Rev. W. H. Johns, who comes to Newport.

The Rev. M. L. McKenney, Merchantville (N.J.) comes to Haven, Wilmington. He is succeeded at Merchantville by the Rev. J. O. Coleman, Coleman, Md.

The only other Wilmington District change involved Pleasantville and Ocean City, N.J., where the Rev. C. W. Perry goes from Brooklyn, N.Y., having been transferred from the New York East Conference.

Dover District changes also included assignment of the Rev. J. H. Hubbard from Rock Hall, Md., to Seaford Circuit; the Rev. M. V. Hyland from Newark, Md., to Rock Hall; the Rev. G. E. Wilson from Fort Deposit to Still Pond; the Rev. J. W. Mickle to Coleman from Nanticoke, Md., where the Rev. T. L. Ross goes from Still Pond.

The Rev. O. S. Edwards goes to Fairlee, Md., after a year of retirement because of physical disability. The Rev. C. R. Bryant goes to Crumpton, Md., from Newark. W. D. Browne to Port Deposit from Ocean City, N.J.

Deacons, Elders Ordained The following persons were ordained by Bishop Shaw, assisted by the district superintendents in impressive services, Sunday afternoon: As deacons—Ezekiel Cooper, Roy Ennis, Grace Watts, J. Franklin Carr, Martha Bell, James Ward, Carrie R. Atkey, Milton D. Brooks, Annie L. Steeley, Omae C. Jones, Horace Fisher, Thomas Johnson, Marie F. Gibbs, Thomas Pendleton and E. H. Jackson. As elders—Lewis R. Jones, Hori W. Spencer, Samuel A. Bellamy, Commander R. Bryant, Harry R. Sneed, Fred Arnold, Frank Walker and Ernest Johnson.

Death Overtakes John A. Matthews

Mrs. Parrott's Father Buried on Sunday

BALTIMORE John A. Matthews, father of Mrs. Lillian Parrott who is the assistant to the superintendent of schools, died early Thursday at Ba-Wil-El Home where he had been a patient since Tuesday.

Nearly 80 years of age, Mr. Matthews of 819 Calhoun St. had been ailing since Easter.

Funeral services were held on Sunday morning at 10, with the Rev. J. O. Williams officiating at the Charles Law Funeral Home. The body was interred at Mt. Auburn Cemetery.

Native of Baltimore A native Baltimorean, Mr. Matthews spent most of his life here. He had retired two weeks ago from the E. P. Vogel Company, where he was employed for more than 20 years.

Besides Mrs. Parrott, his only daughter, close relatives surviving Mr. Matthews are Mrs. Ella Ovelton, 1700 Druid Hill Ave. and Mrs. Susie Howard, 3208 Auchtertonville Terrace, both sisters; and a granddaughter, Mrs. Jeanne Parrott Davis.

Mr. Matthews' wife, Mrs. Mary Derry Matthews, died in 1940. He was a member of the Sharp St. Memorial Methodist Church.

Militant Editor Buried in Newark

NEWARK Many newspaper men who he had trained, city officials and civic leaders mourned in common with the lowly masses he worked fearlessly to uplift at the funeral services for Fred R. Clark, 68, at 13th Ave. Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, April 25.

Other Tributes Paid The Rev. James C. Nelson said the noted civil rights crusader "lived in a house on the edge of a volcano." The Rev. R. P. Means eulogized him as "a well-known pioneer—Newark's most prominent citizen."

The Rev. B. F. Johnson emphasized that the editor-publisher of the old New Jersey Record (1929-1949) "was in love with his convictions." When the funeral cortege left the church it wended its way past what was formerly the veteran editor's office on W. Market St. as hundreds of spectators stood hushed in silent tribute on the street where he was a familiar figure for almost three decades.

Publisher's Relatives Attend Funeral Services



Mrs. Fred R. Clark, center, widow of the late publisher, is shown leaving 13th Ave. Presbyterian Church, last Wednesday following the funeral in Newark, N.J. Left to right, Mrs. Alease Taylor, daughter; Mrs. M. L. Glatton, nurse; Floyd Clark, brother,

Lansleys to Share Laundry Jointly

BALTIMORE In a will drawn 12 days before her death on April 16, Mrs. Josephine Lansley left the Druid Laundry jointly to her seven children, but decreed that Edward G. and William continue in full management of the business.

The laundry, formerly jointly owned by the late Henry J. Fratt Sr., and Mrs. Lansley's husband, Wallis Lansley, was established and run by the latter during his life. The sons have conducted the business since their father's death.

The will specified that Messrs. Edward and William Lansley make a full report to the other children annually.

Mrs. Lansley left her home at 1701 Druid Hill Ave. to her daughter, Josephine, who is to provide a home for two minors, Lincoln and Alfred Lansley.

The share of the estate of the latter are to be held, with exception of funds needed for the support and education, until they are 21.

GI Killed in Korea

RICHMOND Graveside services for Pvt. Carl Byrd, the first Korean war dead to be returned to Richmond, were held Friday at the Richmond National Cemetery.

Pvt. Byrd who was killed Nov. 11, 1950, was the son of Mrs. Allan Byrd of 2813 Nine Mile Rd.

His body arrived here Thursday by train with an escort, Cpl. Gabriel Phillips of Ft. Dix, N.J. Although the soldier has not been dead over five months, the casket could not be opened, Walter J. Manning, undertaker, stated.

Officiating at the simple rites was Alfred L. Pollock, white, chaplain at McGuire Veterans Administration Hospital.

BACK TRUMAN CHARLESTON, S.C.—The Interdenominational Ministers' Union of Charleston and vicinity recently sent a letter to President Truman asking him to stand in the Korean situation and approving his firing of General MacArthur.