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~ Banquet Program ~

Introduction of Mistresses of Ceremony  
Ms. Caroline Hoffman

Mistresses of Ceremony  
Mrs. Mary Randolph  
Ms. Rose Castro

Welcome Selection  
Miss Tiana Stenhouse  
Miss Juliette Jones  
Miss Beverly Abram

Invocation  
~ Dinner ~  
Ms. Rose Castro  
Dr. Cels Tisdale  
Mrs. Mary Randolph  
Ms. Rose Castro

Occasion  
Tribute to Honorees  
Presentation of Honorees  
Honorees:  
Alice Davenport  
Charlotte Lewis  
Jessica Johnson

Genora Allen  
Mary Chappelle  
Duez Harris

Selection  
Remarks  
Remarks  
Benediction  
Dr. Jackie Peoples  
Mrs. Sharon Stenhouse  
Mrs. Charlene McKinn  
Rev. Richard Stenhouse

Music & Dancing



#### Oldest Members of Oldest Negro Church

Taking part Sunday in services marking the opening of the new home of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church were the oldest man and woman members, left, John W. Wright, 81; right, Mrs. Lou Ross, 89. In center is the Rev. Harry J. White, pastor of the church. Impressive new home is at Michigan and East Ferry.



#### Fans Help at Church Ceremony

Fans with religious decorations were passed out at first services in the new church by ushers of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church. John Bethel here uses one.

-- MENU --

Fruit Cup  
 Half Broiled Chicken  
 Green Peas  
 Dressing Cranberry Sauce  
 Potatoes Au Gratin  
 Chef Salad  
 Hot Rolls Butter  
 Tea or Coffee  
 Ice Cream

P R O G R A M M E

Toastmaster - Mr. Jonas Waits, Jr.  
 "Lift Every Voice" - Audience  
 Invocation - Rev. Carl Robeson

D I N N E R

Presentation of Cancelled Mortgage  
 (Parsonage)  
 Mr. Corning Townsend, Jr.  
 Bank Of Buffalo  
 Presentation of Cancelled Mortgage  
 (Church)  
 Dr. Robert S. Steen  
 Presbytery of Western New York  
 Solo - Miss Theresa White  
 INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER  
 Address - Rev. Rembert Stokes, D.D.  
 President, Wilberforce University  
 BENEDICTION

Saturday Evening  
 April 7, 1962

HOTEL WESTBROOK  
 (Sapphire Room)

8:00 O'clock

B A N Q U E T

BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH

Anniversary

One Hundred Thirty-first

Rev. Harry J. White - Ex-Officio  
 Mrs. Raymond Dubard  
 Mrs. Garnet Wallace  
 Mrs. Alberta Nelson

PROGRAM

Mr. Eugene Richards  
 Mr. Rudolph Laster  
 Mrs. Beulah Jones

WAYS and MEANS

Mr. Alex Harrison  
 Mr. Jack Glass  
 Mr. Issac Reid  
 Mrs. Ethel Holmes

FINANCE

C O M M I T T E E S

## Church Makes Final Payment

Completion of mortgage payments on Bethel AME Zion Church, 1525 Michigan Ave., four years ahead of schedule was announced yesterday by the Rev. Harry J. White, minister of the \$120,000 church.

The Rev. Mr. White said formal mortgage burning ceremonies would be scheduled for some time next spring to coincide with an expected visit here by Bishop George W. Baker of Philadelphia, presiding bishop of the First Episcopal Diocese of the church.

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## BETHEL CHURCH PLANS TO PAY OFF MORTGAGE IN YEAR

A target date in November 1961 for the clearing of all indebtedness on the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church was announced today by the pastor, Dr. Harry J. White, after a successful Fall Mortgage Rally.

Dr. White said a total of \$10,101.66 was raised in the special campaign. Of that amount, he said, \$5500 was turned over to the Presbytery of Western New York, thus reducing the mortgage to \$7000.

The church building at 1525 Michigan Ave., formerly the Covenant Presbyterian Church, was purchased under a mortgage loan from the Presbytery.

Dr. White said the balance of the money raised in the special campaign will be used for benevolences and regular church expenses.

If the November 1961 target date can be met successfully, Dr. White said, the mortgages to both the church and the parsonage will be burned in a special ceremony in June 1962.

## Library Room Dedicated To Serve Church

A new library room to serve Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church and the community was dedicated yesterday in the church building at 1525 Michigan Ave.

The library was named after the Rev. Harry J. White, pastor of the church. The Rev. Mr. White said the honor was one of the outstanding milestones in his ministry.

Others who participated were the Rev. Harlan M. Frost, executive secretary of the Council of Churches of Buffalo and Erie County, and ministers of several neighboring churches.

The library will be open Wednesdays and Fridays from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Sundays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. The librarians are Mrs. Jean Kidd, Mrs. Ellen J. Sloan, Dolores Durant and Marie Washington.

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Church News

## Church That Hid Slaves Observes Its 125th Year

A NEGRO church which once served as an underground-railroad station for slaves fleeing from the South to Canada will celebrate its 125th anniversary tomorrow.

Historic Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church at 1525 Michigan Ave. is the oldest Negro congregation in Buffalo. Its original meeting place was on Washington St.

Anniversary services will be held in the present church at 1525 Michigan Ave., which the congregation purchased in 1953. The property formerly was owned by Covenant Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Harry J. White, pastor, will preach at 10:30 o'clock on "Christ, the Chief Cornerstone." Church organizations will sponsor a tea from 4 to 6:30 o'clock. A musical program will be given at 7:30 o'clock by the Evening Choir. Mrs. Alberta Nelson will direct the group and speak. Lay people participating in morning and evening services have been members of the church for 25 years or more.

A small frame building at Washington and Carroll Sts. was the first meeting place of the congregation. In 1845 the congregation moved to a brick edifice at 17 Vine St.

Both buildings were used as underground-railroad stations before and during the Civil War. Negroes coming North were brought in from Rochester and hidden in the church cellar. After dark small groups were taken down to the foot of Ferry St. where sympathizers rowed them to the Canadian shore.

Bethel members worshipped in the Vine St. church until 1928 when the building was razed for the William St. extension. Before moving to its present site, the congregation met at 551 Eagle St.

Bethel Church was organized April 29, 1831, the year before Buffalo was incorporated as a village. The AME denomination, which today has a membership of about 1,200,000, was started in Philadelphia in 1816 by a former Negro slave, Richard Allen.

Since Dr. White became pastor four years ago, Bethel has received 500 members and raised \$185,000 for all purposes. There are 1200 members. A \$125,000 mortgage on the new property has been reduced to \$45,000.

Under Dr. White's leadership five new organizations have been started — Young Matrons Club, Evening Choir, Children's Choir, Brotherhood and President's Council.

MORTGAGE BURNING CEREMONY (Parsonage)  
April 8, 1962  
(Fellowship Hall)

MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES

It is appropriate and highly significant that the mortgage on the parsonage our Ministers home should be burned in connection with the mortgage burning of the Church and the observance of our 131st Anniversary. Certainly God has wrought great things in our midst, April 8, 1962 should be a day long remembered by the faithful of Bethel. This is a day of rejoicing; for after many years of burdensome payments on principal and interest the mortgage on our property at 52 Eaton Street has been retired. Few churches ever live long enough to tell the story of a double mortgage burning. We believe that this note-worthy accomplishment points up the kind of progressive leadership that Bethel has been blessed with for the past ten years. Ladies and Gentlemen, I give you the Pastor of Bethel, Rev, Harry J. White.

PASTOR WHITE

Members of Bethel throughout the almost 30 years of my ministry I cannot recall any occasion that has afforded me more real pleasure and deep seated satisfaction than the two very significant occasions of this day namely our Mortgage Burning Ceremonies. It is true that a church seldom rises above its leadership and where there is no vision the people perish, but it is equally true that good leadership is doomed to failure unless it strikes a responsive cord in the hearts of the followers. When Pastor and people work together with a common objective namely the good of the church, all things are possible. I am happy to present to you at this time a wonderful group of people; The Trustee Board Of Bethel.

TRUSTEE BOARD

Almost 10 years ago God sent to us a Moses with orders to lead his people (Bethel) to the promise land. We feel that the most unbelieving among us must admit that under the matchless leadership of Pastor White we have come to the land that flows with milk and honey. We the trustees know full well the weighty responsibilities of our office and here-with pledge that we will continue to work primarily in the best interest of our beloved Zion. We pray that as the torch is set to these papers there will also be kindled within us new zest and a greater love for the cause for which the Master of men gave the last measure of his devotion; Even His Life.

MORTGAGE BURNING, *Fred Bell, Beulah Jones, Virginia Means + Muriel Glorak.*

SELECTION - Youth Choir - We Have Come This Far By Faith

MISPAH -----Social Hour

MORTGAGE BURNING CEREMONY (Church)

April 8, 1962  
(Sanctuary)

SELECTION- All Hail The Power (Congregation Standing)  
#3 AME HYMNAL

STEWARD BD. *Read by Alberta Nelson*

The Steward Board of Bethel Church being the spiritual custodians of the church, and the immediate lay helpers of the Pastor is happy to share in this challenging and momentous hour. We are sure that this milestone in our long and colorful history will tend to deepen the roots of our spiritual life and extend the reach of our faith. It is with a sense of deep humility that we place our approbation upon these proceedings and say to the Pastor and people alike "well done".

SELECTION- All Hail The Power Second Verse

MINISTER TO TRUSTEE BOARD

My Bretheren, God through his grace has brought us to this hour. Many of our loved ones who were here with us in times past would have rejoiced to witness this occasion but they died without the sight. God grant us the courage to go forth from this hallowed spot with renewed courage to do even more for the Master with each succeeding day. As your Minister I am deeply grateful for the encouragement and cooperation that you as a Board of Trustees have given me. Certainly we



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TRUSTEE BOARD *Read by Rudolph Lane*

Pastor White and members of our beloved Bethel: the Trustee Board recognizes the deep significance of this all important milestone in the life of our Church, and take due cognizance of our continued responsibilities, as custodians of the properties of the visible body of Christ. We herewith pledge our full support to the program of the future and move forward from this hour with resolute determination, and fixed purpose. It is therefore in this spirit that we light a flame to these papers which in times past represented a measure of bondage. As they are transformed into ashes may we be liberated from all that symbolize bondage or fear, and face the future with faith in God, untrammled and unafraid.

MORTGAGE BURNING - *Rudolph Lane, Ethel Holmes, Jefferson Cayton*

SOLO "Bless This House" - Mrs. Alberta Pinkard

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow (Congregation Standing)

April 8<sup>th</sup> 1962.



**FASHION SHOW COMMITTEE**

Seated, left to right: Mesdames Alice Davenport, Ruth Jackson, Claudia Thompson, Cora P. Maloney, Carrie Carr, Matilda Briscoe and Virginia Means. Standing, right to left: Mrs. Emily Whittiker, Miss Evelyn Durant, Miss Marie Washington, Mesdames Keturah Brown, Beulah Jones, Vera Battles, Pearl Echols, and Miss Lulu Brown.

## Local Pastor Is Elevated To Bishopric

**Rev. D. O. Walker Is  
Recipient of Honor**

*Special to The Courier-Express*  
Kansas City, Kan., May 14.—The Rev. Dougal Ormonde Walker, pastor of Bethel AME Church, 551 Eagle St., Buffalo, today was named a bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church at the faith's quadrennial conference here.

The Rev. Mr. Walker was elevated to one of six vacant bishoprics on the first ballot. Two other clergymen, the Rev. L. H. Hemingway, Washington, and the Rev. Joseph Gomez, Cleveland, also were made bishops.

Out of a total 1,846 ballots cast, the 57-year-old Buffalo churchman received 958, or 34 more than the 924 required for election.

Bishop Walker, married and living at 227 Cedar St., is well known in the Queen City for both his religious and political activities. In November of 1945 he made a determined but unsuccessful bid for nomination as a coalition candidate for councilman in the Ellicott District.

Prior to this, he had served on the Buffalo War Council and the Housing Authority Advisory Committee. Born in Layou Vincent, British West Indies, Bishop Walker entered the United States in 1908.

He was naturalized in 1930. A graduate of several colleges, he is a past president of Wilberforce (Ohio) College and has a law degree.

## Bishop D. O. Walker; Pastor Here 1942-48

*Special to The Buffalo Evening News*  
WILBERFORCE, O., July 2.—Funeral services for Bishop Dougal Ormonde Walker of the Fifth District, African Methodist Church, will be held Thursday on the campus of Wilberforce University, where he served as president from 1936 to 1941.

Bishop Walker, who died Tuesday in Kansas City, Kan., was pastor of Bethel AME Church, Buffalo from 1942 to 1948, when he was elected to the episcopacy. His territory covered all states west of the Mississippi. All bishops of the church, except those abroad, are expected to attend the funeral.

In 1945 Bishop Walker made a determined but unsuccessful bid for nomination as coalition candidate for Buffalo's Ellicott District councilman.

He called for city-state-federal teamwork to clear up the area by whole neighborhoods. He also was in the forefront of efforts to get more educational and recreational facilities in the district.

He served on the Buffalo Housing Advisory Committee and the Buffalo War Council. Sunday-afternoon civic forums in his Buffalo church attracted large crowds.

Born in Layou St. Vincent, British West Indies, Bishop Walker came to the U. S. in 1908 and was naturalized in 1930. He held honorary degrees of doctor of divinity and doctor of laws.

Surviving are his wife, Eva; daughter, Mrs. Yvonne Roberts of Kansas City, and several brothers and sisters.

Dr. Harry J. White, pastor of Bethel AME Church, said Bishop Walker, while in Buffalo, established the building fund that made possible the purchase of the new Bethel Church at 1525 Michigan Ave. two years ago. The church formerly was located at 551 Eagle St. He lauded Bishop Walker as a great educator and champion for minority rights and said the Fifth District showed "unprecedented growth" under his leadership.



## Becomes Bishop



**DR. D. ORMONDE WALKER,** pastor of Bethel AME Church, 551 Eagle St., was elected a bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church at the 33d quadrennial conference of the church Saturday in Kansas City. He and five other bishops were consecrated Sunday. Dr. Walker formerly served on the Buffalo War Council and the Housing Authority Advisory Committee. He was formerly president of Wilberforce (O.) College.

CHAIRMAN and QUEENS

Sept. 1965



MRS. MATILDA D. SEAMSTER, Chairman of the Crown Jewels

MRS. ALICE DAVENPORT — Crystal Diamond

MRS. BEULAH JONES — Blue Sapphire

MRS. VERA GLADDEN — Red Red Ruby

Sept. 1965



Seated from left to right: Mrs. G. G. Crumpley, Rev. G. G. Crumpley, Mrs. Matilda D. Seamster, Chairman.

Standing: 1, Mrs. Lula Peoples (Chairman, Afternoon Program); 2, Mrs. Alga Day (Music); 3, Mrs. Ellen Sloan (Publicity); 4, Mrs. Pearl Richardson (Chairman of Finance); 5, Mrs. Carolyn B. Thomas (Co-chairman).

(Not shown): Mrs. Grace Pennington (Business Manager).

# DAUGHTERS OF ALLEN Of Bethel AME *Feb 12<sup>th</sup> 1963*



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Photo By Ira Dixon

Left to Right:  
 Mrs. Viola Lewis, Mrs. Sadie Jeffers, Mrs. Bessie Knight, Mrs. Clara Wright, Mrs. Gladys Hamilton, Mrs. Odessa Williams, Mrs. Bessie Montgomery, Mrs. Grace Terry, President; Mrs. Harriett Hinckle, Mrs. Beulah Jones, Mrs. Sadie Williams, Mrs. Della Pope, Rev. Harry J. White, pastor; Mrs. Lottie Payton, and Mrs. Sallie Hearn.



Mrs. Peoples                      Mrs. White                      Mrs. Harris

**CHURCHGOING TRIO**—Mrs. King Peoples of 52 Peckham St., Mrs. Harry J. White, wife of the minister, and Mrs. Aloma Harris of 17 Morley St., attend services conducted by Dr. Harry J. White, minister of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Michigan and E. Ferry. *C-E Photo*

*Easter Sunday 1955.*



## BETHEL AME CHURCH

The 15th Annual Chocolate Hour was held at Bethel AME Church, Rev. Harry J. White pastor, Sunday. *Feb 12<sup>th</sup> 1963*

The program was sponsored by the Daughters of Allen, as part of their Negro History program. Mrs. Grace Terry, president, Challenger Senior Editor, Garfield Hinton was principal speaker. Mr. Hinton highlighted the life of Frederick Douglass.

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# A Conversation With:



## The Rev. Dr. G. Grant Crumpley

The Rev. Dr. G. Grant Crumpley is a candidate for bishop in the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church. He is pastor of Bethel AME Church, 1525 Michigan Ave., which is the first black church founded here. That first congregation, which was organized on April 28, 1831, a year before Buffalo became an incorporated village, was started with a "handful of members." The membership is now about 2,000.

**C-E—How long have you been the pastor of Bethel AME Church?**

Dr. Crumpley—I have been pastor of Bethel since 1965. Prior to that time, I was pastor of three other churches during my 28 years as a minister. Immediately before being assigned here, I pastored the Macedonia AME Church in Flushing for 17 years.

**C-E—How are bishops elected, and when will the election be held?**

Dr. Crumpley—Bishops are elected in the AME Church by the electorate, composed of about 1,500 delegates from the annual conference. Those delegates consist of 20 bishops; all the general officers; AME college presidents and college deans and active AME chaplains in the U.S. Armed Forces. The election will be held in June of 1976 in Atlanta, Ga.

**C-E—When did you become a candidate for bishop and how often are elections held?**

Dr. Crumpley—I announced my candidacy in 1968. Since that time, I have campaigned in seven South African nations, around the Gulf of Mexico and the West Indies. Before the 96th AME Annual Conference next year, I expect to visit all 50 states of this nation. The elections are held every four years.

**C-E—How many vacancies will be filled at the time of the election, and are there any other local candidates?**

Dr. Crumpley—There will be seven slots to

be filled. Presently there are about 25 candidates for the positions. None of the candidates is from this area. However, there are four other candidates from New York State. This will be the first time for all of the other four candidates from New York State to compete for the position of bishop.

**C-E—Are bishops elected for life terms?**

Dr. Crumpley—No. However, up until 1972, when the bylaws of the AME Church were changed to require bishops to retire at the age of 75, bishops had been elected for life terms.

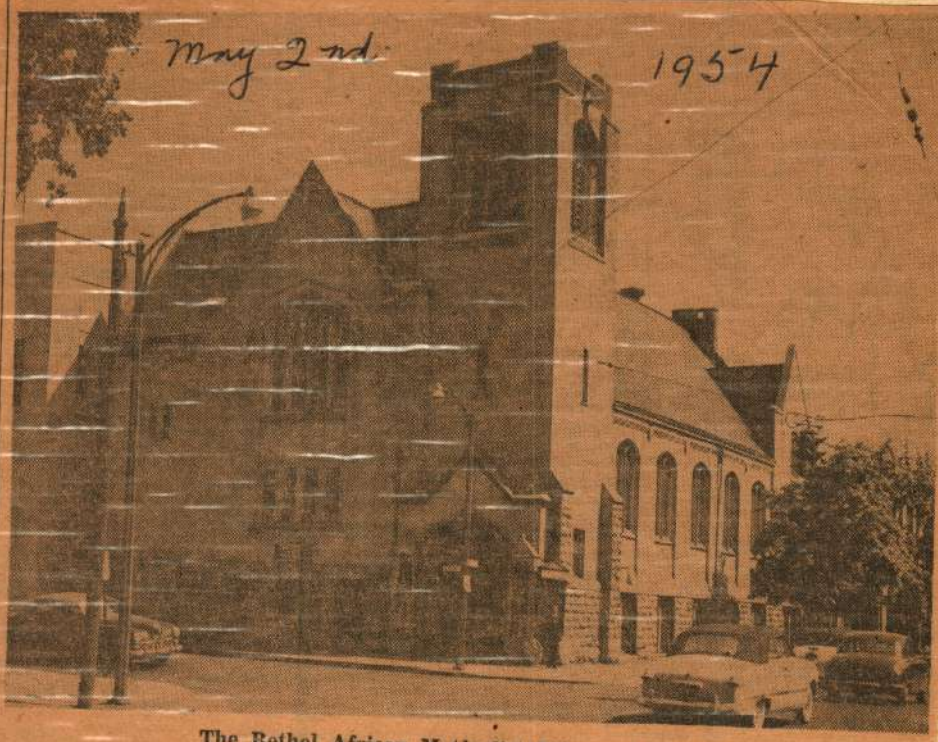
**C-E—On the celebration of your congregation's 144th anniversary on Sunday, what do the special programs include?**

Dr. Crumpley—The 10:30 a.m. worship service will feature Dr. W. D. Johnson of Atlanta, Ga. He is editor-in-chief of the AME Review, the official quarterly publication of the AME church.

City Court Judge Samuel L. Green will speak at 4 p.m. in the church during the afternoon program. At this program, about 20 parishioners of the church will be honored for their contributions to the church for more than 50 years each.

An evening program, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the church, will feature the church's music department presentation of a cantata. Musical selections from songs from the present time, and dating back before the turn of the century, will be sung.

Courier Express Tuesday April 22nd, 1975



The Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church  
... congregation growing in new home.

# Bethel AME Church Recounts Progress

After only 11 months in its new location the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Michigan and East Ferry St., has increased the size of its congregation by almost one-third.

The oldest Negro church in Buffalo, the Bethel congregation has moved its location three times since it was founded 123 years ago. Its first location in Vine Alley was used as one of the "stations" of the "Underground Railway" which helped escaping slaves prior to the Civil War.

The congregation moved to a church in Eagle St. about 30 years ago. Last July they moved to their new location, formerly the home of the Covenant Presbyterian Church. It is located adjacent to Offermann Stadium.

Rev. Harry J. White, pastor of the church, announced yesterday that 180 new members had been added to the church membership

since moving to the new location. He stated there were 32 active organizations within the church. Among the attractions offered are four bowling alleys, a dramatic stage and a gymnasium.

During the past year the group raised approximately \$51,000 for the church. The purchase price of the church was \$120,000 with a 50 per cent down payment and a 12-year mortgage. The money collected this year will be used to carry on the church activities, to finance a \$6,000 interior and exterior beautification program starting in June, and to reduce the mortgage. Rev. White said if contributions continue at the present rate, the debt may be retired several years before it is due.

Among the special activities carried on by the church are a Well Baby clinic sponsored by the Erie County Health Department, fashion shows and plays, and an employment

agency for congregation members. Many of the church activities are inter-racial. Rev. White commented that many of the old time white residents of the area come into the church occasionally to worship.

Rev. White, who came to Buffalo two years ago, is a graduate of Wilberforce University, the oldest Negro college in America. He is presently planning for a vacation Bible School to be held in the church this summer. He explained that during the hot weather the bowling leagues cease operations, but that he wants to always have some attraction going on to keep the children off the streets. He has been promised help from the City Recreation Department.

The future looks bright for the church, Rev. White thinks. He is much encouraged by the fact more Negroes are moving into the Masten District, and the enthusiastic support he has received in this first year in the new location.

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# Bethel A. M. E. Church

1525 MICHIGAN AVENUE

REV. HARRY J. WHITE, SR., MINISTER  
52 EATON STREET



OFFICE: TT 6-165  
RES. TT 2-724

BUFFALO 9, NEW YORK

November 7, 1961

My Dear Member & Special Worker:

As your Minister I take justifiable pride first of all in commending you for a job well done, and secondly in placing you in the chosen category of a blue ribbon member of your Beloved Bethel.



Whenever we think of awarding a blue ribbon we necessarily think of a champion, of a winner, of someone who dared to stay with the task until it was completed. This is certainly a vivid description of you. Your fidelity to the cause of Christ in general and to the more immediate needs of the kingdom in this part of the Master's vineyard is heart-warming to say the least.

These are days when the Church desperately needs a champion. The divine inquiry has been made "Who then will consecrate himself unto the Lord today?" It is heartening to know that God still has a remnant - a chosen few who are willing to set their sails toward the distant horizon and pilot their tossing barks through the treacherous waters of life's unchartered sea, till the voyage is ended and we reach our desired haven.

May I offer my humble thanks for your loyalty to a worthy cause?

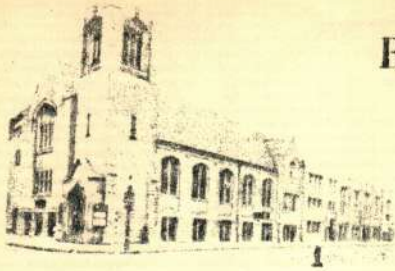
Faithfully yours,

BETHEL A. M. E. CHURCH

  
  
Rev. Harry J. White  
Rev. Harry J. White, Minister

HJW/stm





## BETHEL A. M. E. CHURCH

1525 Michigan Avenue  
Buffalo, New York  
Telephone - SU.1650  
Harry J. White, Minister

RESIDENCE:  
52 Eaton Street  
Tel. EL.7241

November 13, 1960

Dear Member and Special Worker:

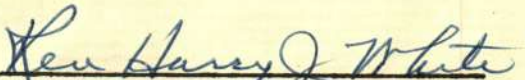
One of the largest and most successful rallies in the long and colorful history of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church has just come to a close. Grand total raised including last Sunday - \$10,223.66.

First of all, we bow our heads in heartfelt thanksgiving to God from whom all blessings flow. Secondly, the Pastor and members of Bethel wish to express to you their sincere appreciation for your distinct contribution in helping to reach and go beyond our desired goal.

We felicitate you and pray heaven's richest blessings upon you, that you may continue to prove equal to the many and varied tasks that may be yours in the years that lie ahead.

Faithfully yours,

BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH

  
Rev. Harry J. White, Minister

HJW/avb



Buffalo News/Sunday, January 2, 1983



**PPY DAY** — The choir of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church at 1525 Michigan Ave. sings at an Emancipation Day Service sponsored by the church to commemorate

President Lincoln's freeing of slaves. The services included hymns, prayers and a reading of the proclamation by Dr. Monroe Fordham.

—News Staff Photographer Dennis Eisner

## Bethel's Honoree For Council Dinner

Mrs. Alexander, affectionately known to all Bethelites as "Carrie" the helpful one, is so called because she helps so many persons in so very many places and on all kinds of occasions. She serves as Treasurer of the General Missionary Society, "old reliable" for her Usher Board #2, and Chairlady of fund raising for the "here Am I" Unit of Missionary Women. She stands by the program of the church.

She is at home in the kitchen of her beloved Bethel Church; visits and cares for the sick and shut-ins; is active in the community; and yet she does not neglect her family, because she is busily encouraging all of them, including her in-laws, to get involved in the church work too.

On Tuesday, March 10, 1987 Mrs. Alexander, honoree, was given a plaque at the Annual Council of Churches Awards



Mrs. Carrie Alexander

Dinner, held at the Hyatt Regency.  
We salute Carrie Alexander, Lay Worker!

## Over A Century

Bethel Church salutes a wonderful mother and grandmother. On January 28th, 1986, Mrs. Cora Lee Lowe celebrated her 102nd birthday. She had been a resident of Egg Harbor City for 85 years before coming to Buffalo to reside with her daughter, Mrs. Josephine Peoples of Loring Avenue.

Mrs. Lowe had been an active member for 95 years of St. Luke African Methodist Episcopal Church, and was Secretary of her Stewardess Board.

The Atlantic City District Alliance conferred many awards to her for a devoted and faithful service to her church. The Mayor of Egg Harbor City also presented an award for a distinguished civic contribution that enriched the community.

She is the mother of 10 children; 8 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren and 20 great, great-grandchildren. May God bless you Mrs. Lowe!

"Your hands were hands that helped the needy, the sick and ill at ease; they



Mrs. Cora Lee Lowe

were hands that were always ready to try to serve and please. They were hands that got things accomplished, no task was too great or too small. With a grip of determination, your hands tackled them all."

— Mrs. Beulah L. Jones



# Certificate of Recognition

This certificate is awarded to

Mrs. Beulah Jones

by Bethel A.M.E. Church

of Buffalo, New York in

recognition of Faithful Service rendered

which entitles the recipient to

Honorable Mention

Date Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> 1962

Rev. Harry J. White

Minister

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# National Association for the Advancement of Colored People



DANIEL R. ACKER

*President*

*Buffalo, New York Branch*

JULY 1974

## N.A.A.C.P. LIFEMEMBERSHIP NEWS



Above, left to right is Mr. Rufus Frasier, Buffalo Branch N.A.A.C.P. Life Membership chairman, with Mr. Andy Davis, Plant Manager of Allied Chemical Co. (River Road Plant) accepting the Plant Life Membership Plaque from Ms. Muriel S. Outlaw N.A.A.C.P. National Membership Secretary Plant Crumpley, Minister of Bethel A.M.E. Church. Outlaw is Rev. G. Frasier. They received their life membership plaques at the Buffalo Branch N.A.A.C.P. Annual Dinner, July 9, 1974.