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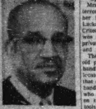

REV. HENRY HALL

The Upper Room Prayer Band of Buffalo, is preparing to make its annual visit to the Old Folks Home, at Alden, N. Y., January 1st, 1971, according to an announcement by Rev. Henry Hall, Overseer.

The Prayer Band brings cheer to golden aged men and women with cookies, fruits and other refreshments; Prayer, Bible reading and song services.

In order to fulfill this program, financial aid is needed. There are just a few faithful workers, who know that the project must go on and God has blessed them. They solicit more workers and more financial aid individually, or as a church or organization.

You, your Church, or organization will be given credit for every penny or dime you donate for this cause. Please don't let the [illegible] old fathers and mothers down, let them count on you.

You may send your checks or donations to Rev. Henry Hall, 46 Ada Place, or for further information call him at [illegible], as soon as possible, so that their shopping may be done in time.

Those desiring to make the trip to the Home are asked to meet at Antioch Baptist Church, Jefferson and Florida, January 1st, at 12 o'clock noon.

NATIONAL GOAL $10,000,000

$75,000 GRANTED TO UNCF BY BURLINGTON

New York — The Burlington Industries Foundation of North Carolina, recently granted $75,000 to the United Negro College Fund's 1970 national campaign, it was announced by Vernon E. Jordan, Jr., the College Fund's executive director.

Mr. Jordan, who accepted the check here, from Burlington's president Ely R. Callaways, Jr., stated that this grant was the largest unrestricted corporate gift to the College Fund in its history.

"This grant," said Mr. Jordan

RECEIVES GRANT

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BUSINESS WOMAN TERRORIZED

By STAFF REPORTER

Mrs. Mercedes Seriky, a terrorized robbery victim in her home on Ingham Ave., Lackawanna, N. Y., told The Criterion on Dec. 9th that she was still under the care of a private physician for back and face injuries.

The very attractive 49-year-old part-owner with her husband of Maxie's Restaurant located on Ridge Rd., said that she thought the two white bandits were professionals who slipped the Yale locks on two doors with special tools and surprised her as she was relaxing in an upstairs bedroom. They demanded money, in a hurry.

According to Mrs. Seriky, the two young men, both wearing gloves and one a ski mask, manhandled her, grabbing her from behind, bending her back, placing one hand over her mouth and nose, rubbing in such a manner as to scratch her face.

While this was taking place, the other thug ransacked the house and found a safe containing tax money, Spanish jewelry and papers.

After taking the contents, she said, they took a scarf from the top of the stereo and cut it into parts which they used to tie her hands and stuff in her mouth. They took her back upstairs and locked her in a closet.

Freeing herself in 20 minutes, Mrs. Seriky called the FBI, Lackawanna police and then her daughter, who arrived first, to finish untying her.

(PHOTO BELOW)

FORMER LEADERS WORKED FOR BETTER MINORITY JOB OPENINGS

This historical picture, taken in 1944, shows national and local leaders during a tour of the Buffalo Airplane Plant. Shown signing the register is former late Republican, Supervisor, Sherman L. Walker, who ably represented Negro Buffalo for fourteen years.

Mr. Walker, who died in a mysterious fire in his Funeral Home, Dec. 27, 1968, was the busiest Funeral Director in New York State.

Shown behind him is the late A. J. Smitherman, a Democrat, who founded and edited the Empire Star in 1934, died in June 1961.

Standing, with glass in hand, is 93-year-old Brigadier General, B. O. Davis, Sr., who died Nov. 26, 1970, in the Great Lakes Naval Hospital.

Directly behind him is the late former Mayor Kelley of Buffalo, a Democrat, who was helped to victory by the Walker forces.

Seated is President Tubman, of Liberia.

The national and international figures toured the plant, checking job assignments for Negroes at that time, as well as other business. The Criterion was represented by Zenobia A. Alexander.

A Memorial Service will be held for Mr. Walker, at Trinity Baptist Church, Sun., Dec. 27, at 3:30 p.m. The public is welcome.

A short history of General Davis will appear in the next issue of the Criterion.

N'T'L URBAN LEAGUE'S ON-THE-JOB TRAINING PROG. GETS $7 MILLION GRANT

Director of Program Operations, Adolph Holmes has announced that the National Urban League's On-the-Job Training Program has signed a new $7 million contract from the Manpower Administration of the Department of Labor to place an additional 5,422 disadvantaged persons in training slots in the next 12 months. Monies are committed to 29 League Affiliates already operating OJT programs.

"Even in these recessionary times when non-League programs are being rejected by employers due to layoffs, we expect to exceed our quota comfortably," said Adolph Holmes, in an interview recently.

Mr. Holmes cited the experience and dedication of League OJT staff, their proximity to trainee recruits and the community, the League's strong follow-up service, and the Program's excellent past performance record as reasons for his confidence.

As of the end of September OJT original two-year contract quota of 7,000 placements had been exceeded by nearly 100%, 31 participating affiliates having placed over 13,000 people in training slots distributed over numerous oc-

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FOR THE BEST BARGAINS, KINDLY PATRONIZE OUR ADVERTISERS.

DR. SANDY RAY NAMED "MAN OF THE YEAR"

President of Empire State Convention & Vice President, National Baptist Convention, Inc., U.S.A.

The Council of [illegible] of the City of New York, Brooklyn Division, honored the Rev. Dr. Sandy F. Ray as "The Man of the Year" at their 11th Annual Testimonial Dinner at St. George Hotel, Brooklyn, Thursday, Dec. 3d. Friends from far and near were present to witness this outstanding occasion.

Mrs. Mary J. Hackney, president of the Women's Auxiliary, and Mrs. Walterine Stribbling, president of the Young People's Dept., were present from Buffalo. A telegram from Rev. E. D. McNeely, Vice President-at-Large of the Convention, was read, along with many others from different parts of our country.

Mr. George E. Lawrence was dinner chairman. The Rt. Worshipful Lloyd S. Cochran, Deputy Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, was guest speaker.

MAKES HR REPORT

Father Kenneth S. Curry, former Rector of St. Phillip's Episcopal Church, the new Executive Director of the Buffalo Human Rights Commission, is shown giving his first report since his appointment to the post in November, at the December 10th, meeting in City Hall, as Chairman of the Board, Edward Kavinoky; Assistant Chairman, Rev. J. H. Monroe and former Acting Director, Penna, listen attentively. —Criterion Photo.

Rev. Dr. V. Simpson is the president of the Council.

That night, Dec. 3rd, also marked the third wedding anniversary of Dr. and Mrs. Ray. Mrs. Ray was presented a bouquet of roses. Dr. Ray responded in his usual gracious way, a bit of humor mixed with humility.

The benediction was given by Rev. Dan Potter, D.D.

Over 200 blacks and whites of all denominations and faiths marched out with glad hearts knowing that one God knows our dreams and holds tomorrow in His hands.

MINISTER FETED

A First Anniversary Banquet was given at the Holiday Inn, in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Samuel W. Williams, Jr., by the Presidential Club of the New Zion Missionary Baptist Church, in High St.

O. L. Tandy, publisher of the Herald, Indianapolis, Ind., was the guest speaker.

In the photo are: Rev. and Mrs. J. Peters, Assistants at New Zion; Mrs. Clara Glover, Program Chairman; Rev. and Mrs. Williams, Rev. Joseph Moore, President of the Baptist Ministers' Alliance; Mr. Tandy, and Rev. and Mrs. H. V. Reid, of Gethsemane Baptist Church. —Criterion Photo

EARTHQUAKES

"The Quaking Earth" has opened at the Buffalo Museum of Science. This multi-media show is a study of earthquakes and the means to analyze them. Sponsors

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NEW 1971 NEGRO HISTORICAL CALENDAR NOW AVAILABLE

The Joseph Schlitz Brewing Company, recognizing the current scarcity of competent textual materials dealing with the history and contributions of 25 million Americans, is making available the widely acclaimed Negro Historical Calendar;

—requesting schools, civic agencies, and non-profit organizations will be provided 25 calendars free of charge;

—requesting libraries will be provided 10 calendars, also free of charge;

—private individuals will be asked to pay the nominal sum of $1.00. Kindly mail requests to:

Schlitz Negro Calendar, P. O. Box 2379 Grand Central Station, New York, N. Y. 10017.

Additional calendars available at the bulk (25 or more) rate of 50c each.

FAST ACTION URGED ON ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Washington, D. C.—The National Business League, Berkeley G. Burrell, President, points out that the Family Assistance Program is a must! It is urgent with fast action and passage needed! His statement follows:

"It is clear that our current system of administering Welfare Assistance is at best demeaning to poor whites and poor blacks and other minorities. This Congress will render a great public disservice if it does not pass a meaningful Family Assistance Program before it adjourns.

"The important thing is that this Congress votes for a dramatic change. We ask that you send your Congressman and your Senator an urgent request to support or reject the Administration Bill but to ACT ON A BILL before they adjourn this session.

"The Black and the poor can wait no longer!"

RITES HELD FOR MRS. GARLINGTON

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Goldie Garlington Dec. 7th at Loguen Memorial AME Zion Church at 1 p.m., by the minister, Rev. Otis Vaughn.

Mrs. Garlington died Dec. 3rd, 1970, following a short illness. She lived at 325 Pratt St.

She is survived by her husband, Carl Garlington; daughters, Carla and Mrs. Peggy Heat; two granddaughters, Julia and Olna, all of Buffalo; four aunts, Mrs. Jannie McElrath of Woodruff, S. C., Mrs. Jessie Whittenburg of Washington, D. C., Mrs. Georgia Gray of Philadelphia, Mrs Betty Books of Chicago; an uncle, Donald Alexander of Youngstown, Ohio, and many other relatives and friends.

Roscoe C. Henderson, mortician, was in charge. Burial was in Forest Lawn.

PHOTO BELOW —

Pall bearers, headed by George Moore, are seen leaving Lougen Memorial AME Zion Church, in Genesee St., with the casket of Mrs. Goldie Garlington, who passed away recently in the Buffalo General Hospital. (Story on this page). —Criterion Photo

CHILD VICTIMS IN TWO OTHER CRIMES WERE FOUND DEAD

By STAFF REPORTER

Buffalo's third kidnaping case involving Negro children in the past few years ended on a happy note for the distraught parents—a direct contrast from the two other sensational cases.

Wednesday, Dec. 2d, three-year-old Kevin R. Reed was taken from a Head Start class in Perry Projects to New York City.

Five days later Buffalo and Brooklyn police took into custody two young women, one of whom is his aunt. They are Mrs. Carolyn A. Mackie, 20, of New York City, the boy's aunt, and Miss [illegible] Ella Gunn of Brooklyn.

The victim was picked up by his father, Charles Reed, 22, who resides in Buffalo with his wife, Virginia, at 15 Hayward St., from the 73th Police Precinct in Brooklyn. According to police, the aunt took her nephew to the station Saturday, Dec. 5th.

Mr. Reed flew to New York to identify his son and returned by bus for a happy reunion with his wife and two other sons, Keith R., 4, and Karl R., 16 months.

The two suspects were returned to Buffalo by Buffalo Detective Florian E. Landowski and Policewoman Ruth Cassel with warrants issued by City Court Judge Ann T. Mikoll. They are charged with custodial interference, a Class A misdemeanor. Maximum punishment on conviction is a fine of $1,000 or a year in jail or both. Miss Mackie is a former resident of Buffalo.

On April 14th, 1948 six-year-old Collie (Buster) Ramsey, Jr. Was kidneped from Spring and South Division Sts., and was found dead at the waterfront several days later. The case was not solved.

In 1951 little six-year-old Barbara Faulkner was kidnaped in South Buffalo while on the way to the candy store near Baraga St. one evening.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Faulkner, parents of ten children and cousin of Mrs. Edith Washington, she had been criminally assaulted and killed. Police solved this case with the arrest and conviction of the sex maniac who was committed to an institution.

TUTUSKA REPORT

Erie County Executive B. John Tutuska, reporting on his conference with Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller and other county executives in New York City recently, said that the Governor shared the concern of local government officials in providing needed public services.

"Eleven county executives and I met with the Governor and members of his staff for two and one-half hours," Mr. Tutuska related. Lt. Gov. Malcom Wilson also attended the conference, which was a result of our request to inform the Governor about the plights of those counties which are providing services on a countywide basis, and to seek his assistance.

"These counties, including Erie County, have soaring

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TONY BROWN, EXECUTIVE PRODUCER, NET BLACK JOURNAL

A pioneer in bringing the black experience to television, producer Tony Brown occasionally had to disguise his real intentions.

Three years ago, he produced a five-part series on black politics, culture, revolution, art and history for Detroit's public television station WTVS and titled it "For Whites Only."

"I used it as a trick," he explains. "In order to get it on the air, I had to go about the business that it was directed toward whites. There were really a lot of things on the air that whites could not understand."

Even more arcane was the title for another black-oriented show — "C.P.T." (Colored People's Time, — which was broadcast on the same Detroit station for 20 weeks starting in September 1968.

"Black Journal," which recently won an Emmy Award and a 1970 Russwurm Award (given by the National Newspaper Publishers' Ass'n, a black press organization), "has proven to the industry that a program for blacks produced by blacks can be a definite asset both to the black community and the white community because it narrows the gaps of misunderstanding between blacks and whites," Brown states.

Brown is not a man to compromise honesty for expediency. Following Detroit's racial disorders during the summer of 1967, Brown served as associate producer and moderator of a five-part television series scheduled for a com-

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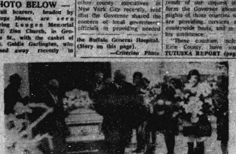
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