Late Religious Leaders & Their Work

REV. BURNIE C. McCARLEY WELL-KNOWN MINISTER PASSES AWAY

The founder and pastor of St. John Baptist Church in Goodell St. at Michigan Ave. one of the largest black churches in Western New

York, died March 10, 1972 in Roswell Memorial Park Institute. The Rev. Burnie C. McCarley, 77, established St. John Church in 1927 at 857 William St., a storefront, with four members and was its pastor since that time.

Rev. McCarley resided at 248 Humboldt Pkwy.

Rev. McCarley, a native of Camden, S. C. and a graduate of the Buffalo Bible Institute, was ordained in Buffalo in 1924. Under his leadership, his membership grew to 2,000.

He and Mrs. McCarley, the former Alice Neal, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1965. Among his many participations, he was a member of Buffalo Council of Churches, Paramount Lodge 73, Prince Hall Masons, past grand chaplain of Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of New York. Rev. McCarley was also moderator of Gain-All Baptist Association and founder of the Great Lakes Baptist Association.

The Criterion was represented at the first service held by St. John Church at 82 Monroe St. in 1927, as well as the other two locations later — Sycamore and Spruce Sts., and Michigan and Goodell.

Likewise, in 1961, when the Criterion moved to its present location, Rev. McCarley soon afterwards, spent a leisurely visit at the Criterion office and plant, offering words of encouragement.

Besides his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Mrs. King W. Peterson and Mrs. John W. Savage; a son, Thomas J.; eight grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Janie Watts of Camden; and four brothers, Blakely and Jack of Camden, and Belton L. and Moses.

Funeral services were held at St. John with more than 200 pastors from Eastern New York in attendance. Interment was in Forest Lawn Cemetery.

RITES HELD FOR SENIOR DEACON

Funeral services were held recently for John Wesley Jacobs, Deacon Emeritus, at First Shiloh Baptist Church, 15 Pine St., Rev. Elijah J. Echols, Minister.

Mr. Jacobs, son of Chris and Martha Jacobs, was born June 15, 1883 in Orangeburg, S. C., and departed this life after a lengthy illness.

He was united with Cedar Grove Baptist Church in Norway, S. C. On Nov. 28, 1906, he was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Johnson in Savannah, Ga. and before her passing in 1952, three children were adopted into this family.

After moving to Buffalo in 1917, they became members of the First Shiloh Baptist Church where he served variously as president of the BYPU and Adult Choir. He helped to organize the Echols Progressive Club, and was active in the Sunday School and was church Treasurer for many years.

On Mar. 21, 1959, he married the former Miss Alma Kelly from which union a son was born.

Mr. Jacobs leaves to mourn his passing, a devoted wife, a daughter, Mrs. Emma Sprengle; three sons, Wesley Schaffer, Nicholas Gene and John Wesley, Jr.; four sisters, Mrs. Cornelia Webb, Mrs. Cora Wright, Mrs. Ella Johnson and Mrs. Julie Mays; three brothers, William, Charles and Andrew, nine grand children, many nieces, nephews, other relatives and a host of friends.

Interment was at Forest Lawn Cemetery with Wardner Jones Funeral Home in charge.

BISHOP JOHNSON DIED SUDDENLY

CHIEF EXECUTIVE BISH-

OP BRUMFIELD JOHNSON, D.D., Founder of The Mount Calvary Holy Church of America, Inc., departed this life on February 15, 1972 in Buffalo, New York. At the time of his death he was engaged in services and had just finished delivering a message and sat down, and went to his blessed rest.

The Mount Calvary Holy Church of America, Inc., was the church he founded in 1928 in Summit, N. J., and it was chartered in Boston, Mass. in 1929.

Bishop Johnson founded and pastored many churches. At the time of his death he was pastoring the following churches which he founded:

Headquarters Church, 9-15 Otisfield Street, Dorchester, Mass.; Winston Salem, High Point, and Pine Grove, N. C.; Buffalo and Huntington, N. Y.

As Senior Bishop, he served over 80 churches in the United States, as well as churches in London, England; Monrovia, Liberia; Jamaica and Barbados, West Indies, along with Mission work in the Republic of Haiti.

Bishop Johnson's work required that he travel extensively [illegible]hout the United States [illegible] the Islands of the S[illegible]ting and Evangelizing.

As a Spiritual Leader he was ever mindful of the needs of God's Little Ones and he fully exemplified the command of His Lord by attending to the needs of the widowed and orphans, the sick and afflicted and the poor and needy, and channelled much of his efforts for the State Home for the Aged, Home for the Destitute, Home for Unwed Mothers and their Offspring.

He was also concerned about the children and youth, and they loved him deeply. He was ever encouraging them to be at their best and encouraged them in every way possible to higher degrees of attainment. At the time of his death he was the foster parent of a child in Leprosy Village, India; in Indo-China, and Boys' Town, Nebraska.

His vision reached out into the "other parts of the world" by the establishing of churches in Monrovia, Liberia; London, England; Barbados, Jamaica, West Indies, and the promoting of a school and nutrition center in the Republic of Haiti.

His interest was very deep in education and he was continually seeking the best for his many children. He wrote extensively in that he was editor-in-chief of the Young People's Holiness Association Manual, which was used throughout the churches, as well as the church's official paper, Spiritual Voice.

He was honored and awarded the following degrees and citations:

Doctor of Divinity, by the American Bible College, Chicago, Ill.; Doctor of Canon Law, by Pilar of Fire College and Pentecostal Seminary of York, England; his most recent, Doctorate of Sacred Scriptures. He was also serving as Chancellor Emeritus of the Pillar of Fire Seminary, York, England (American Convocation).

At the time of his death he was serving on the Advisory Board of Friends for Missions, Inc., Pittsburgh, Pa., and was president of the Board of Directors of the Institute of Christian Education, Inc., Boston, Mass.

It is interesting to note that even the members of his immediate Cabinet and Official Staff are those whom he reared from an early age.

Bishop Brumfield Johnson was one of three sons born to the late Alfred and Carrie Belle Johnson in Charlotte, N. C., on March 2, 1901. He was preceded in death by a brother, Abraham.

Bishop Johnson, whose church was located at 177 Hickory St., was the first church to initiate weekly Sunday broadcasts in the Ellicott District, beginning in 1939.

He also held monthly forums in conjunction with the Buffalo Civil Rights League, Inc., the late Judge J. D. Carr, founder.

Among the speakers were Sugar Ray Robinson, Finley Wilson, Grant Reynolds, Rev. Sandy Ray, Congressman Powell and other leaders.

He is survived by a wife: Mary Louise Johnson: seven children: James, Jr., of Buffalo, Rev. Nathaniel of Washington, D.C., Mrs. Tryphenna Faulkner of Buffalo, Rev. Mrs. Mary Montgomery of Fayetteville, N. C., Mrs. Ellsabeth Green, Mrs. Priscilla Clark of Washington, D. C., and brother, Alfred Johnson, Buffalo; two sisters-in-law: Rev. Mrs. Georgetta Johnson and Rev. Mrs. Edna Johnson; 40 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends and a host of adopted children who are leaders, pastors, state officials in the national organization, and many followers.

Services in Buffalo were held at Bethel Tabernacle, Clinton and Watson Sts., Feb. 18th.

Final services were held at Mt. Calvary Headquarters Church, 9-15 Otisfield St., Boston, Mass.

REV. BROWN ORGANIZED CHURCH

Funeral services were held Friday, March 17, 1972, for Elder Talma Savage Brown, at Prince of Peace Temple, Church of God In Christ, 1351 Jefferson Ave., Bishop LeRoy R. Anderson, Pastor.

Elder Brown was pastor and founder of Community Holiness Church, Johnson at Genesee, but was affiliated with Jurisdiction No. II, of the Church of God in Christ.

He was one of the four ministers formerly associated with the late Rev. Mother Mary Tokio, who founded St. Elizabeth Holy Church.

Interment was in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Meadows Brothers Funeral Home was in charge.

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R. M. DANIELS, NEPHEW OF FRANK MOORE PASSES AWAY

Raymond M. Daniels of Houston, Texas, passed Mar. 14, 1972 and funeral services were held March 21 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church by the Rev. Gransville V. Peake, Sr., Rector. He was 44.

Mr. Daniels was a nephew of Mr. Frank Moore, 279 Perry St. His mother, Mrs. Sarah Daniels Thompson, the sister of Mr. Moore, has visited here on several occasions.

Mr. Daniels' main interest was in sports. In 1952 he received the B.S. degree in physical education from Wiley College and in 1960, he earned the Master of Science degree in physical education from Texas Southern University. He was a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. His military service was with the U. S. Army 1952 to 1954, among his numerous activities.

He was active and tirelessly involved in the community as Water Safety and First Aid Instructor Trainer for Harris County Chapter of the American Red Cross, and a dedicated YMCA worker. Among his other services were:

Consultant for the "President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports", Program Coordinator for "Project Go", Director of Operation Champ, Physical Director for Julia C. Hester House, Swimming Coach, Athletic and Recreation NCO as well as Boxing Trainer for the 49th Bn. in Germany.

A past president of Gulf Coast Physical Education Teachers and Coaches Association. He was also a member of Texas State Teachers Association, National Education Assn. The Texas Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation, Parent-Teacher Assn.

Survivors are his wife and two sons; mother: Mrs. Sarah Thompson; brother: James Daniels, Jr.; nieces and nephews; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. A. E. Bowie.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of the late Mae Whitefield, who passed away suddenly, March 16, 1972, in Chicago, Ill., wishes to thank relatives, friends and neighbors, for their kindness and thoughtfulness during our recent bereavement.

Special thanks go to: The Wesley Chapel CME Church, Rev. M. D. Pugh, Mrs. Viola Williams, Mrs. Blake and Family, Mrs. Mary Davis and Son, Mrs. Lois Johnson and Family, Lary Henderson Lodge No. 18, Mrs. Leah Hodges, Mrs. Lola McDowell, all of Buffalo.

Cannan Baptist Church, and United Voices (Chorus), Fayette, Alabama.

Rev. Jones, pastor of the Ray Field Baptist Church, 1217 W. 72nd St., Chicago, Friends in Pontiac, Michigan.

Also other friends in Ensely, Alabama; Fayette, Ala., and Seale, Ala.; and Buffalo, New York.

All of our hearts ache with sadness, our eyes shed many tears.

God only knows how much we will miss her, and wish she was here.

Some may forget her: now that she is gone, but we will always remember her.

In many loving ways, no matter how long.

Life on this earth, and life in heaven, forms one endless chain.

And in God's great chain, we shall meet again.

Sadly missed by:
Husband, Daughter, Sisters
Brothers, Nieces and Nephews
Dorothy Emmons and Family

APRIL 17-21, IS "MEET YOUR CUSTOMER WEEK"

The week of April 17-21 has been proclaimed "Meet-Your-Customer Week" in the Eastern Region of the U.S. Postal Service, it was announced recently by Postmaster Joseph D. Sedita.

"During that week, members of my staff and I will visit local business houses that deposit large quantities of mail to show them how to obtain the best possible service from their post office," he said.

Postmaster Sedita said there were several ways businessmen could speed the mail on its way and it was his intent to discuss how the proper preparation and timing of their mailings can pay substantial dividends.

"By focusing on the mailing problems of one customer at a time," Postmaster Sedita said, "we can find solutions that are tailor-made to his needs. I believe the result will be an overall improvement in the postal service for this city.

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ORDER OF SERVICE
Morning Worship ..... 11:[illegible]
Evening Worship ...... 7:[illegible]
Tues. Prayer Service .. 8:[illegible]
Thurs. Missions .... [illegible]
Friday Pastorial Night . 8:[illegible]
Sunday School .... 10:[illegible]

MRS. M. J. TIDWELL PASSES

Funeral services for the late Mary Josey Tidwell, were held Friday, Jan. 14, from St. John Baptist Church. She passed away Monday, Jan. 10, 1972, at the Buffalo State Hospital.

Mrs. Josey was born Dec. 25, 1899, in Kershaw, South Carolina.

In 1917, she was joined in holy matrimony to James Alexander Josey, and in 1920 moved to Buffalo, where she joined St. John Baptist Church, under the posterate of Rev. B. C. McCarley.

She was remarried in 1957 to Rev. Fenix Tidwell also of Buffalo. This union of 12 years terminated with the death of Rev. Tidwell in 1969.

Mrs. Tidwell was quite religious and embraced a part of the ministry and was happy sharing her life reaching out to others. A mission known as The Nazareth Baptist Church, 125 Sycamore St., was founded by Rev. and Mrs. Tidwell.

Later, Mrs. Tidwell placed her membership with the Blessed Four Spiritualist Church, at Jefferson and High St., where she worked untiringly until her health began to fail.

She is survived by three sons: James W. of Elmira, N. Y.; Thomas of Buffalo; and Zack Josey of Akron, N. Y.; one brother, Otis Beckham; three sisters: Mrs. Connie Copeland, Mrs. Elizabeth Hughes and Mrs. Eva Williams; two sisters-in-law: Mrs. Lillian Beckham and Mrs. Caroline Beckham; three daughters-in-law: Mrs. Bertha Josey, Mrs. Cora M. Josey and Mrs. Harriet Josey; 14 grand children; 15 great grand children and a host of relatives and many friends.

Rev. S. C. Easley, officiated.

Pall bearers were: Mr. Robert Hardy, Mr. Lucky Allen, Mr. George Smith, and Mr. Howard Grimes.

The Roscoe Henderson Funeral Home was in charge of the remains. Interment was in Forest Lawn Cemetery.

MOTHER BURGAN EXCELLED IN SPIRITUAL WORK

The late Rev. Margaret Burgan, who passed away in the fall of 1971, was perhaps the leading minister of color in Spiritual Ministry here, and ordained several ministers, who are now active.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Mildred Coleman, and a son. The Criterion covered many of Rev. Burgan's services and broadcasts over the years.

REV. ROBERTS WAS ACTIVE IN BUSINESS AND RELIGION

The late Rev. Mitchell H. Roberts, 87, who passed away March 12th, 1972, was one of the first businessmen and clergymen of color in Buffalo. He operated an ice and coal business in the late teens and founded the Power House Church of God in Christ, 1418 Fillmore Ave. This picture was taken from the Criterion file of 1947.

Services were held March 16, at Holy Temple Church of God In Christ, Bishop E. F. McClellan, pastor.

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Pastor

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Sunday School ... 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 12:30
YPWW .... 7 p.m.
Evening Worship . 8:30 p.m.

ST. JAMES BAPT.

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Rev. William Holley, Pastor

Order of Service
Sunday School .... 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship ... 11 a.m.
Evening Service .. 7:30 p.m.
Monday
Jr. Choir Rehearsal . 7 p.m.
Wednesday
Prayer Meeting ..... 8 p.m.
Senior Choir Rehear. 8 p.m.
Thursday
Missionary Meeting ... 7:30

The Missionary Society stands ready to come into your home anytime. For information contact Mrs. Mable Hart, at 882-1405.

The Heavenly Stars will appear on program at St. James Missionary Baptist Church, 1185 Jefferson Ave., Sunday, May 14th at 7:30 p.m. The public is welcome.

Mutual sponsor, Sister Sarah Holland; mutual director, Sister Z. Bennett.

HERB BELLAMY REPORTS ON TRIPS

Herbert Bellamy, a fast-rising young businessman, and activist in the political field, has been busy in travel during the early part of April.

Mr. Bellamy, owner of a liquor store and grocery business, is also President of the 1490 Jefferson Ave. Service Center.

He and his family motored to Wilmington, N. C. to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Prince Bellamy, and other relatives.

He accompanied Mayor Sedita and the Common Council members to Cincinnati, Ohio, to inspect the new Civic Center there, in order to make an appraisal on securing a center similar for Buffalo.

Mr. Bellamy returned Tuesday, from a Democratic Party Fund Raising Cocktail Party, held Monday, in New York City.

SHOW SET FOR UB

Buffalo's First Transcendental Fine Arts Festival, presented by U. B. Krishna Yoga Society, the New York Radha Krishna Theatre troupe, will present a play. Toronto Vadie Rock Opera will be performed and will be feasting and chanting.

It is free and open to all, Thursday, April 27, 6 p.m., in Norton Union Haas Lounge at U. B.

AFFAIR SLATED FOR URBAN CNTR.

The State University of New York Urban Center is giving a dance, in conjunction with their Open House Festivities. The school will be open for tours from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday, April 21st Learn of the wonderful educational Opportunities available to you at no cost.

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