



History Making Scenes of Area Church

The solemnity in minority church achievements recently took place in the lesser city. On left, the Criterion photographer snapped this scene as Pastor Roman W. Smith and Mrs. Rufus McCarty prepare to light a match in the \$250,000 mortgage bonding ceremony of the St. John Baptist Church, Michigan and Grand St., Sunday, Sept. 9th.

Others in the photo are: Curtis Johnson, Chairman of the Finance Board; Rev. Ralph Abernethy of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, guest speaker for the day; Mrs. B. C. McCarty, wife of the late founding pastor; Rev. B. C. McCarty; Charles Locks, Chairman of the Deacons Board; and Ben Washington, who has served in several capacities.

The Bethel AME Church, Michigan and Ferry St., on Sept. 1st, dedicated its newly constructed \$100,000 lever church, the E. L. Witham Progressive Center and sanctuary. Bethel, reported to be the oldest Negro organ in Buffalo, had an all-day observance.

Tommy Kamblich, Rev. John Caves, of DeLaine Waring Church; Rev. Jacob Ruffin, President of the Ministers' Council and pastor of St. Paul AME Zion Church; Rev. J. H. Hightower, Gateway CME Church; Rev. and Mrs. G. Grant Casaway, host and hostess; Rev. C. B. Barner, Presiding Elder; and Bishop E. L. Hickman, Jr.

Among those in the photo, taken by Clarence Strady, are...

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Annual Convocations
The 53rd annual Convocation of God In Christ Convocations of Indianapolis No. 1 and No. 2, were held in August and brought about 1,000 worshippers to the city.
The top picture was taken at Delaware Temple, 704 Wilson



St. Rev. Linwood Williams, pastor. Bishop Charles McKay presided over Jurisdiction No. 2.
The lower scene took place at the State Theater, Grandview and Purdy Sts., during Jurisdiction No. 1 meeting. Bishop LeRoy Anderson presided. Eldor A. Bell, was host pastor.



Wilkins Attends Annual Sol

Rev. William Wilkins, Executive Director of the National Urban League, address one of the hosts of outstanding Black Americanism convocation by the Old Taylor Business Complex.
Representatives of the League are displayed at many of the nation's colleges, schools and civic institutions.



ENDS SEPT. 9th

Freeman, Robinson — Bahamas Goodwill Summer '73, featured a great deal of entertainment for children, and visitors ranging from the "Grand Banks, 1964." Show a dramatic recreation of significant moments from the island's long and colorful history, ended Sunday, Sept. 16th.



Wedding Scene of Right

A beautiful interracial marriage took place August 19th, in the Rose Garden of Delaware Park. The newly-weds exchanged vows according to the Bible's World Faith, which has a goal of one Universal Faith.
The newly-weds are Mr. and Mrs. Denise Smith. The bride is the former Miss Laguerre Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Thompson, of Chicago St.
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Nurses To Sponsor Annual Awards Night
The Practical — Registered Nurses Association, a local Black nursing organization, is sponsoring their Annual Awards Night, Saturday, Oct. 13th. This year, awards will be given to a Licensed Practical Nurse, who has demonstrated outstanding performance in at least one of the following areas: Leadership, Public Relations, General Excellence and...
The public is invited to contribute a Letter of Appreciation for this contest award. By submitting a written biography of their favorite Licensed Practical Nurse.
Send all nominations to Mrs. Marilyn Johnson, 119 Debra Lane, Buffalo, N. Y. 14207, or telephone 676-7867.
A panel of distinguished judges will select the winners from among those nominated. The deadline for nominations is Sept. 30th.

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Competitive Extension

How To Outfox The Cash Register
Compare notes of different brands of the same brand of different brands of the same food (fresh, frozen, dried, canned, etc.) of the same brand in different stores of similar brands (checkers versus fish, peas versus peas, etc.) and of ready-to-use foods, versus ready-to-use foods. This takes time, but it's what really saves you money.

A CHURCH SERVICE
You are invited to attend services at the New Star Light Chapel, 828 Geneva St., Buffalo, Sundays at 8 p.m. Rev. Teje to be charge.

A Real test in being conducted at Peace Haven Church, 140 Sagamore St., by Rev. J. Barren, of Second Baptist Church, Lackawanna, from Sept. 14th, at 7:30 p.m.

GM To Improve Hiring Practices
Says Firm Is Making Progress
Washington — General Motors is making progress in achieving equal employment and advancement opportunity for all its minority employees, but "the effort is hard, and progress does not come easy," GM Chairman Richard C. Greenberg said recently.
"But it is worth the effort," he told the National Urban League Conference here. "The minority American in General Motors is raising his way to economic equality."
"The growing number of minority Americans are now in top positions. Blacks are more than just blue collar and GM [see page 2]."
Gordon Party
The Elliott District United Way, Kick-off Gordon Party, will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William V. Callahan, 42 Johnson St., Callahan, Sept. 22, from 2 to 4 p.m. Volunteers are eagerly needed and welcomed.

Rat Control
Rats can be effectively controlled effectively. Better new about the Rats control device called "Rat-X."
Mortons to prove the value of the machine on shows daily at South Central, 422 William St., corner of Mortimer. Stop in an easy "George O'Neil, at call 885-3312.



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