



REV. NEAL

### Rev. Geo. F. Neal to be Installed As Covenant U.P. Church Pastor

The Rev. George F. Neal was installed as pastor of the Covenant United Presbyterian Church during the morning worship services on Sunday, September 16. The sermon was delivered by the Rev. Harold A. Thomas, pastor of Linwood Presbyterian Church in Kansas City, Missouri. A charge of the pastor was rendered by the Rev. David Harmon, pastor of Lafayette-Clermont Presbyterian Church, Jersey City. The charge to the congregation was made by the Rev. Orval S. Wintermute, professor in the Duke Divinity School. The presiding elder is Dr. Ila Blue of North Carolina Central University.

entering the Princeton Theological Seminary. He graduated from Princeton in June 1967 and was ordained the following month. He subsequently served as a minister in Chattanooga, Tennessee and from January 1969 through June 1973 he was pastor of Memorial Presbyterian Church in Roosevelt, L.I., New York. Among the past affiliations are board of directors, Nassau County Red Cross; secretary of the board of governors, Long Island Council of Churches, chairman of the board, Roosevelt Economic Opportunity Council; camp director, NY Metropolitan Area Presbyterian Camps and Conferences Association. Mrs. Neal is the former Miss Eunice Este of Montreal, Canada. The Neals have two sons, Andrew and Phillip. The family resides at 5214 Peppercorn St. in the Old Farm housing development.

**EMMANUEL GOSPEL CHORUS TO CELEBRATE 75th ANNIVERSARY**  
The Gospel Chorus of Emmanuel AME Church, 2018 Riddle Road, will celebrate its 75th anniversary on Sunday, September 23, at 4 o'clock. On program will be the Lincoln Memorial Male Chorus, Zion Temple Gospel Chorus, Crutchfield Gospel Singers, and the Richard Allen Youth Choir of the church. Mrs. Evelyn Hill is president of the chorus. Mrs. Evelyn G. Roberts and Rev. James McKinnon are organists. The public is invited to share in the celebration of this anniversary of the Gospel Chorus at the Emmanuel AME Church of which the Rev. J.R. Crutchfield is the pastor.

### Last Rites Are Held Sunday For Benjamin Herndon Pettiford

Funeral services for Benjamin Herndon Pettiford, son of the late James William and Chestiana White Pettiford were held on Sunday, September 16, 1973 at 2:00 p.m. at Mount Zion Baptist Church. Dr. William H. Fuller officiated with the Eulogy. Dr. F.R. Cousin of St. Joseph AME Church read the scripture lesson and Rev. E. Whitley gave the prayer. Remarks were given by W.P. Faison, Chairman of the Deacon Board and acknowledgments and obituary were read by Mrs. P. Gilchrist. Born in Person County, March 20, 1882, Mr. Pettiford had a long history of faithful service as a Deacon at Red Mountain Baptist Church of Rougemont, and for the past thirty-six years at the Mount Zion Baptist Church of Durham. He also served as a member of the Mount Zion Male Chorus, Senior Choir, Mid-Week Prayer Service and the Dunstan Bible Class until his health declined. He was united in Holy Matrimony to the late Cornelia Frances Holman in 1922 in



Survivors include three children: Mrs. Vivian Pettiford McLaughlin and Holman T. Pettiford, Durham, and Benjamin M. Pettiford of West Philadelphia, Pa.; five grandchildren, Ronald and Gayle McLaughlin, Kenneth, Hedvah and Norma Jean Pettiford; four nieces, five nephews and a host of relatives and friends. Interment was in Glenview Memorial Park.

*Life is so wonderful, life such as thine,  
Death cannot end it, dear Father of mine;  
Morning will come again, yielding the trees,  
Spring notes will sound again,  
Sweet on the breeze.*  
*This is not dying, brave Father dear,  
Thou art but climbing up out of here,  
Out of the struggle and out of thy pain,  
Out there with Christ, life will flower again.*  
*So, then, goodnight Father, only goodnight,  
Turn thy dear face to the mansions of light,  
Life is so wonderful, life such as thine,  
Death cannot end it, goodnight, Father of mine!*  
SADLY MISSED, THE FAMILY

### Miss Perry, Ms. Pratt Women's Day Keynoters

Miss Joyce L. Perry will be the speaker for the 11:00 a.m. Women's Day Service at the Mt. Olive AME Zion Church, September 23. Miss Perry is a School Counselor at the W.G. Enloe High School, Raleigh. She is a member of the American Personnel and Guidance Association, The American School Counselor's Association, The Triangle Personnel and Guidance Association, The National Council of Negro Women, and The Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, serves as Vice-President for Secondary School Counselors of the N.C. School Association and a volunteer worker for Drug Action of Wake County.

She attended Lyon Park Elementary School, where she received the Winslow Medal, Whitted Junior High School, and Hillside High School. She was among the first Black Students to attend Durham High School. After graduating from Durham High School Miss Perry attended N.C. Central University, graduating Cum Laude. While at the university she was president of the Women's Government and Basileus of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. For outstanding leadership she received the Hamilton Watch Award. She was named to Who's Who of American Colleges and Universities.

Miss Perry has taught in Dunbar High School, Lynchburg, Va. and Somerset High School, Salisbury, Maryland. She received the Master's Degree in Education from North Carolina State University, Raleigh. She has the honor of serving as a General Electric Fellow at the University of South Carolina, Columbia.

This past summer she worked with the Upward Bound Program at Shaw University, Raleigh. A member of the Mt. Olive AME Zion Church she serves as a Church School Teacher, and a member of the Young Adult Choir and the Glee Club. She is the daughter of Reverend and Mrs. L.P. Perry. Reverend Perry serves as pastor of the Mt. Olive Church.

The guest speaker for the Women's Day Observance at the 4:00 p.m. service Mt. Olive AME Zion Church will be Mrs. Eva Merritt Pratt. Mrs. Pratt's early education was received in Philadelphia, Pa. and Durham. She attended Hillside High School and NCCU and received her A.B. degree from Shaw University. The M.A. Degree was earned at New York University and further study has been done at NCCU, UNC Chapel Hill and the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

Teaching experiences have been at the William Penn High School, High Point, Hillsborough High School, East End Elementary and George Watts School. She is presently teaching at the North Durham School.

Mrs. Pratt has held many positions in the educational organizations on the local, state and national levels. She has served as president of the Durham Association of Classroom Teachers and was local delegate to the NEA Convention of 1973 which convened in Portland, Oregon. She has also served as president of the East Piedmont District Association of Classroom Teachers, board members of the Directors of N.C.T.A. Classroom Teachers and Editor of the Newsletter of the National Classroom Teacher Conference. She is a life member of the NEA and ATA. Mrs. Pratt is affiliated with the national sorority of Phi Delta Kappa and is advisor of the Beta Zeta Chapter of Xinos.

A dedicated church worker of the First Calvary Baptist Church, she serves as president of the Senior Mission Department, Church Secretary and Advisor of the Junior-Youth Choir. She also serves as State Supervisor of the Youth Department of the Women's Baptist State Convention. Civic duties have consisted of Den Mother and Advisor of the Teen Group, Executive Committee of the United Fund, YWCA Committee on Administration and Chairman of Adult Activities Committee of YWCA.



SPAULDING

### Asa T. Spaulding Promoted to Chairman Of EEO Services

Asa T. Spaulding, Sr. who became a consultant of Boyden International Group, Inc. of Los Angeles last January 1, and subsequently a Vice President of its Equal Employment Opportunity Services Division, has just recently been designated Chairman of its Equal Employment Opportunity Services, with Headquarters at 260 Madison Avenue in New York.

In January 1970, Mr. Spaulding initiated a movement for qualified minority and women representation of the Boards of Directors of 109 of Fortune Magazine's list of Major Corporations. He was inspired to this action by his membership on the Board of Directors of the W.T. Grant Company of New York, having been elected to that Board in June, 1964 and is still serving.

Of the 109 companies written by Mr. Spaulding, 65 responded promptly and favorably. During the next three and one-half years, approximately 100 of the nation's leading corporations elected women and minority directors. Some of the black directors are serving on several Boards, with one serving on ten.

Recognizing that if one is behind in a race because of a late start, he has to run faster than the person who is ahead if he is to catch-up. Mr. Spaulding thought it would serve a very useful purpose if he could assemble these relatively new Directors on Major Corporation Boards for a working seminar, and an interchange of ideas and experiences.

He felt the sharing of information and experience by the more knowledgeable and experienced would accelerate the growth and development of the capabilities of the latter group for more effective service as directors.

### CARD OF THANKS

The family of the late Benjamin Herndon Pettiford, who died September 12, 1973 wishes to thank of our many friends and neighbors for the kind deed shown during the illness and passing of our loved one. The many cards, telegrams and floral tributes were a rich source of spiritual strength and comfort to us. Special thanks to our pastor, platform guests and members of Mt. Zion Baptist Church and St. Joseph AME Church. The sympathy shown to us will never be forgotten. May the Lord bless and keep all of you.

The Pettiford and McLaughlin Family

### Card of Thanks

(Mrs. Cleora Long)  
The families of the late Mrs. Cleora Long gratefully acknowledges all expressions of sympathy and deeds of kindness shown during the illness and death of their loved one. May God continue to bless each and everyone of you.

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### Open Letter to The Public

TO MY MANY FRIENDS, LOYAL SUPPORTERS AND "WELL-WISHERS":

Because of the tremendous encouragement I have received to become a candidate for Mayor of Durham, and the widespread promises of support from all walks of life: from the young, the middle-aged, and the older group, and from church groups and other organizations, it is with both great disappointment and deep regret that I had to announce: I would not be a candidate for Mayor.

On August 31, I wrote to my physician to ascertain if in his opinion there was any reason why I should not be a candidate for Mayor of Durham. An early reply was requested. Due to absences from his office, his reply was not received until Sunday afternoon, September 9.

He indicated that at this point in time he would hesitate to recommend that I undertake the rigors of a hard campaign or what could be rather rigorous and exacting duties and responsibilities of the office of Mayor if elected, and in view of the usual diligence with which I apply myself to any undertaking. Although I had not expected this, I feel that I should not ignore this feeling on the part of my physician.

To those who have written me, and who in telephone and personal conversations and otherwise urged me to be a candidate for Mayor, I want you to know that the encouragement and expressions of confidence given have been one of the most heart-warming experiences I have ever had - one I shall never forget!

Some of you have said you

### Mrs. Horne Mt. Vernon Guest For Women

Mrs. M.A. Horne, the Executive Secretary and Treasurer of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina will be the featured speaker for the annual

Women's Day observance of the Mount Vernon Baptist Church, to be held on Sunday, September 23 at 10:45 a.m.

The theme for the occasion is "With God's Help All Things Are Possible." Mrs. G.G. Clemons is Chairwoman for the occasion. Rev. Percy L. High is Minister-in-Charge.

A native of North Carolina, Mrs. Horne is a graduate of Winston-Salem State University and has served as a classroom instructor. Her religious training was received at Shaw University in Raleigh. Religious and civic activities include services as a member of the Board of Trustees of Shaw

were "pleading"; others, you were "praying" that I would be a candidate. I have also discovered many, many, new friends and well-wishers. Never before in my political career have I had such an outpouring of promises of support so early. The letters received will become a part of my permanent files, and the kind personal comments will be long and favorably remembered. And I shall always be grateful for your confidence, loyalty, and promises of support. May God bless all of you! Sincerely, A.T. Spaulding September 11, 1973

### FUNERAL SERVICES HELD FOR MRS. MABEL ALDRIDGE WATSON ON FRI.

Funeral services for Mrs. Mabel Aldridge Watson were held on Sunday, September 16 at 2:00 p.m. at Union Memorial United Methodist Church in Greensboro. Rev. Avery Robinson, the pastor, officiated.



MRS. WATSON

A daughter of the late Will and Ida Clark Aldridge, she was born in Guilford County. She died September 13 after becoming suddenly ill at her home.

Mrs. Watson received her early training in elementary and high school education at Bennett College. Her B.S. degree was earned at Winston-Salem Teachers College (now known as Winston-Salem State University) and the Master's Degree was earned from New York University.

She was married to the late Mr. Charles Watson of Columbia, S.C. Mrs. Watson taught in Guilford County a few years, after which most of her teaching career was spent in the Durham City School System.

She joined High Street Methodist Church (now Union Memorial United Methodist Church) at the age of 14 years. She was a loyal and devoted member and worked in many capacities in the church. After her retirement, she worked diligently in the church school with the youth.

While in Durham, she was affiliated with St. Joseph AME Church, where she continued her Christian endeavor. Survivors include: a sister, Mrs. Pearl A. Lee; nieces, Mrs. Alta Holiday, Betty Thompson, and Marion Hooper; and great niece, Patricia Hill, all of Greensboro; a great nephew, Wilbur Aldridge of Thiels, N.Y. and Mrs. Beatrice Brown, a wonderful friend of the home. Interment was in Piedmont Memorial Park.

Divinity School, member of the Board of Directors of the Central Orphanage, Oxford, Chairman of the Executive Board of the Lott Carey Woman's Auxiliary, member of the Board of Directors of the National Woman's Auxiliary, USA Inc. and serves on its Business and Finance Committee. Mrs. Horne is a former president of the Women's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina. She has also traveled extensively throughout Africa and Europe. The public is cordially invited to hear this inspirational speaker.

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