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Puttin' on the Ritz

Young men make 'society' debut

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Come Feb. 14, 1992, several of the area's young men between the ages of nine and 19, will be stepping out in their tuxes, top hats and tails, to make their societal debut.

The event will take place as a part of St. Peter's World Outreach Center's first annual Beaux-Tillion. Unlike the familiar 'cotillion,' which has become more of a tradition with young women, the Beaux-Tillion will be strictly 'Men Only.'

"What the Beaux-Tillion is, it's an opportunity for young men who might ordinarily drop out of school or be at risk in any way such as drugs, school problems, home problems; to get involved into a project whereby they would be exposed to workshops. They will be exposed to seminars. They would be exposed to big brothers working with them. They would also be exposed to an awful lot of positive things which would encourage them to go and have productive futures," said Gwendolyn Armstrong, the general overseer of the formal affair.

J.R. Gorham, chairman of the Beaux-Tillion Steering Committee, agreed saying the Beaux-Tillion will be "showing them a different alternative that might be available to them other than drugs." He added that it will also show that there is more to life than selling and using drugs and making other mistakes which could lead to teen pregnancies. Those issues will be addressed in the workshops, which will be scheduled sometime during the fall, before the main event will take place.

They will include sessions on motivation, education, careers, financial planning, family focus, public speaking and ministerial. Following the public speaking workshop, each participant between the age of 17 and 19, will have the opportunity to compete for scholarship money during an oratorical competition. The scholarships will be funded through proceeds from the Beaux-Tillion.

During the Beaux-Tillion, the participants will be divided into three groups. The

young men between the ages of 17 and 19 will be the 'Beaux.' According to Armstrong, "Those are the ones that will really be introduced into society." The second group will be the 'Marshalls.' They will consist of young men between the ages of 14 and 16, who "will be observing, working with workshops, sort of like parttime participation in preparation for the follow-

will be responsible for the cost of the participant's tuxedo and any fees incurred by the participant.

Parents are also strongly encouraged to participate in the Beaux-Tillion project as well. Armstrong said that because many children live in households with only one parent, usually the mother, and do not have good male role models, St. Peter's is trying

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ing year of the coming beaux," she said. The final and youngest group will be the 'Heralds,' who are between the ages of nine and 13. "They are the little ones in order for us to really begin early with them, encouraging them to stay in school, to develop sound values, to look at their careers, to really take a look at themselves, and hopefully to really make decisions about what they want to do at a young age about their lives along with their parents," Armstrong continued.

Gorham also stated that each year the 'Heralds' and the 'Marshalls' will move up to the next level until they become 'Beaux' themselves. "It's kind of a long-term investment," he said.

Michael McCoy, nine, who will be a 'Herald' in the Beaux-Tillion says although is nervous about his upcoming debut, he looks forward to it as well as the workshops. "It will make me learn how to be a man and stuff," he said.

19-year-old Sean Gibson, a 'Beaux,' says "I think it's very good. I feel fortunate to be a part of it."

Individuals and community organizations are encouraged to take part in the project by sponsoring a young man who would like to be in the Beaux-Tillion. A sponsor

to help fill that void. "We'd like to provide positive male role models for these young men. We'd also like to counsel the families," she said.

Gorham said "What we are trying to do is reach the whole man — spirit, body and soul." He also stated that the ultimate goal of the Beaux-Tillion and other projects of St. Peter's is "to lead souls to Christ."

Both Armstrong and Gorham agree that it is important for the church to become more involved in the community. "The church is one of the largest bodies that you can get people together in. And I think the church is going to have to play a larger role in addressing the needs of society, and St. Peter's is doing that," stated Armstrong. Gorham said that they also hope that other churches in the area will develop their own projects to reach the community or either join in the efforts of other churches such as St. Peter's.

If any young man is interested in getting involved in the Beaux-Tillion, it is open to anyone in the community, regardless of race, between the ages of nine and 19. Applications have been sent out and are located at St. Peter's World Outreach Center and some other area churches.

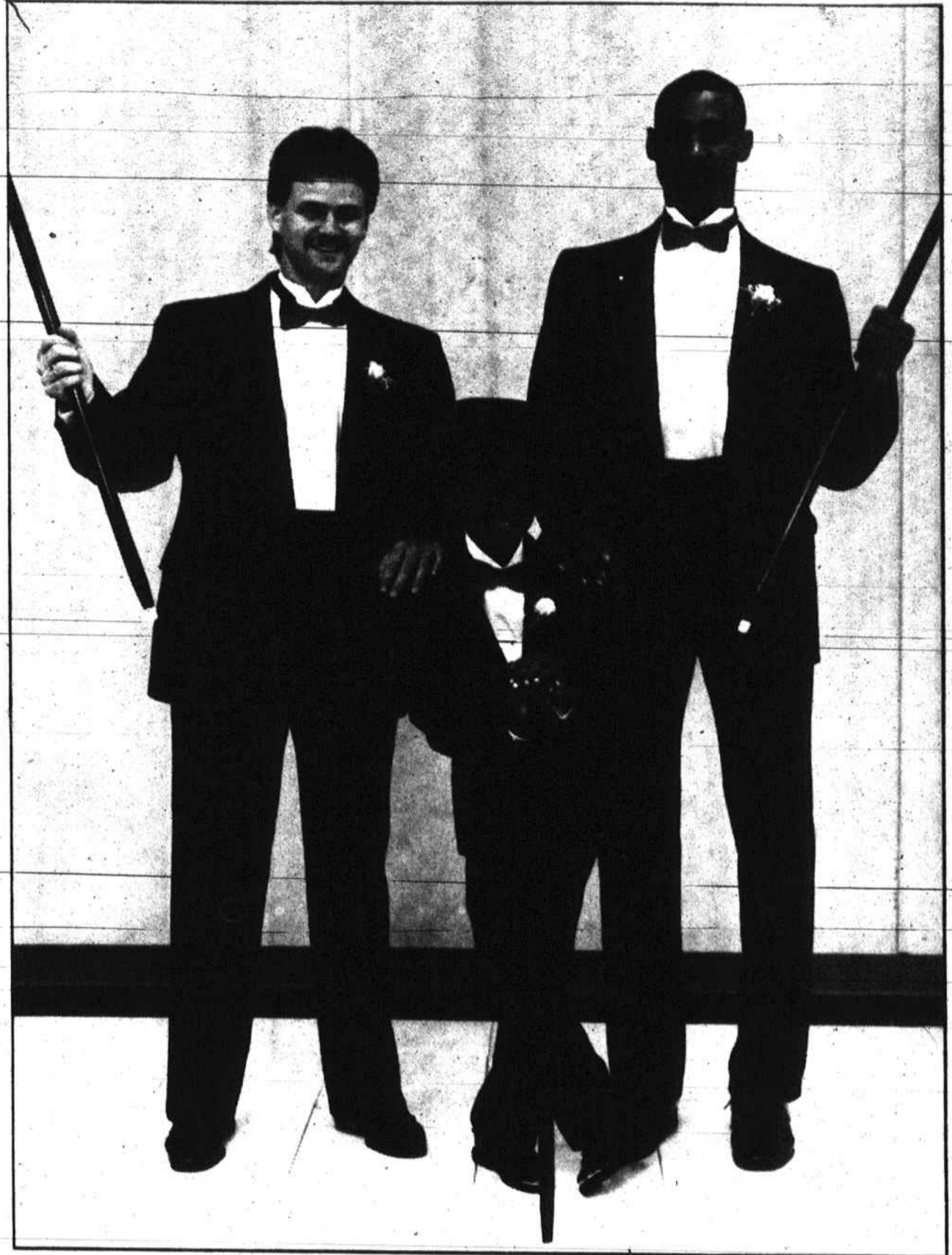


Photo by Mike Cunningham
Robin Stanley (left), Sean Gibson (right), and Michael McCoy (center) look forward to their debuts to society at St. Peter's Beaux-Tillion next year.

The applications should be submitted by the end of July. Armstrong says currently there are about 12 young men who plan to participate in the Beaux-Tillion and she hopes to have at least 25 participants in each group. Although the Beaux-Tillion is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 14, 1992, a location for the affair has not yet been deter-

mined. Gorham said however, that the steering committee is conducting a search for a location that would be suitable for the occasion. To request an application or for more information, contact Gwendolyn Armstrong at St. Peter's Outreach Center, 3683 Old Lexington Road or call (919) 650-0200.

Beulah Baptist gets new pastor

The Rev. Lindsey B. Ford has been appointed as the new pastor of Beulah Baptist Church, 1352 North Trade Street. He will assume his new position at the church Sunday, July 7 at the 11 a.m. service.

The Rev. Ford is a former member of Phillips Chapel Baptist Church, where he served as an associate minister. He also served as an associate minister and supply pastor for Prince of Peace Baptist Church in Winston-Salem. He has conducted revivals in and around the vicini-

ty. The Rev. Ford attended Shaw Divinity School in Raleigh, and Piedmont Bible College in Winston-Salem. He is currently participating in the Cape Program at Shaw University in High Point. He attended public school in Robeson County and graduated from Fairmont High School in Fairmont, N.C.

The Rev. Ford is a native of Marietta, N.C. His parents are Starks and Beatrice Ford. He has

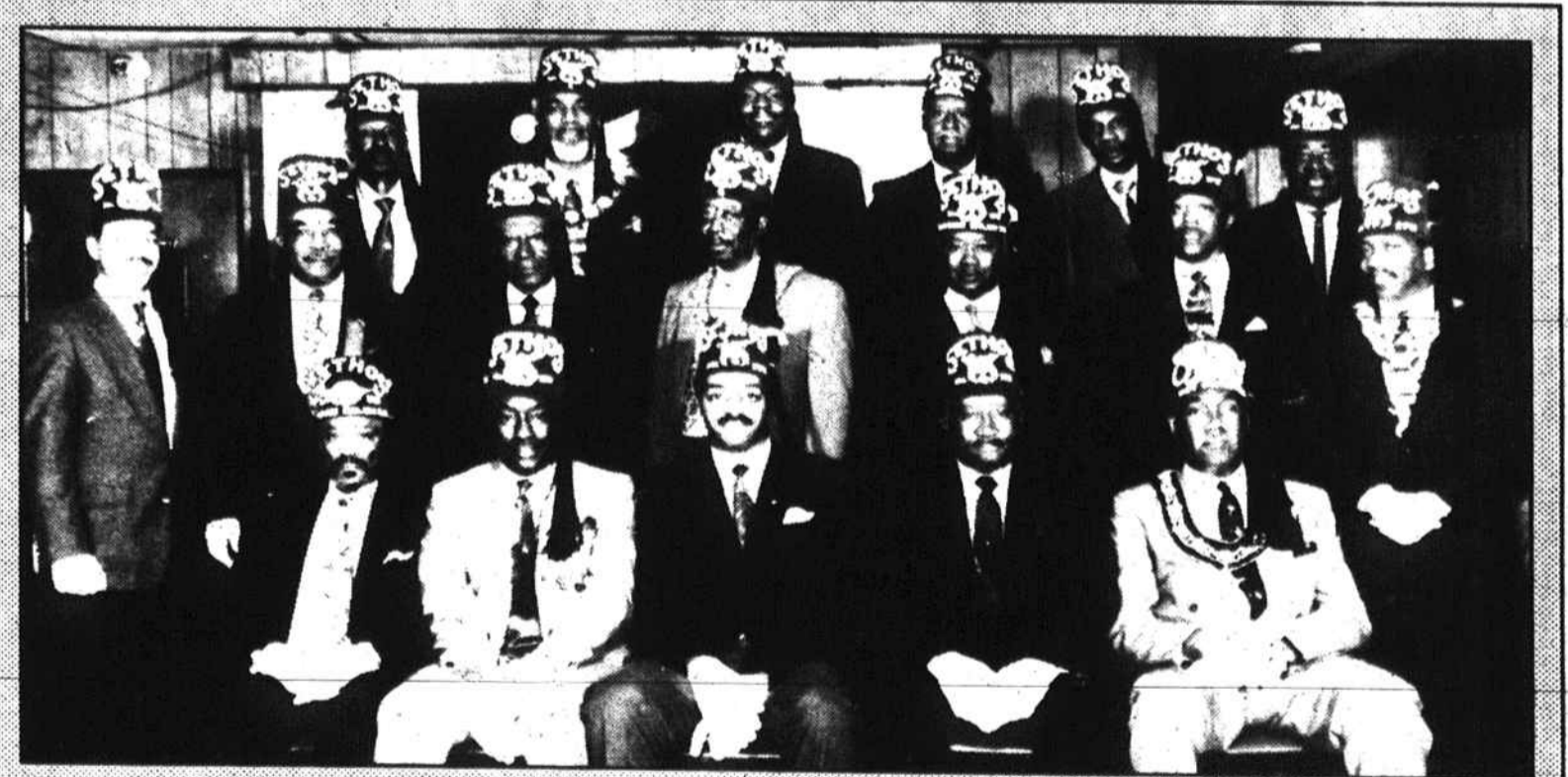


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one daughter, LaDonna S. Ford.

The Rev. Ford has been licensed to preach for eight years, and was ordained under the Rowan Association. His professional affiliations include the Rowan Association, the High Point Association, the Baptist Ministers' Conference and Association of Winston-Salem and Vicinity, and the National Baptist Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress.

The Rev. Ford's hopes to aid in the spiritual progress and physical growth of the church.



Members of Sethos Temple No. #170 of Winston-Salem

Temple celebrates Jubilee Day

Sethos Temple No.#170 of Winston-Salem, celebrated their Jubilee Day at Union Mission Holy Church where Elder Fred T. Jones Jr. is pastor, on Sunday, June 16. This celebration commemorates one of the most important events in the history of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles Mystic Shrine. In 1914,

another race of Shriners questioned their right to work and act as Shriners.

They sought to deprive them of the privilege of practicing their ancient mysteries and brought suit against them in the Courts of Texas. If the orders issued by the Courts of Texas had been allowed to stand, they would have been

destroyed. However, the Nobility girded themselves for battle and laid their cause in the hands of the Supreme Court. After 15 long years of litigation, the Supreme Court, on June 3, 1929, affirmed and confirmed their right to work as Shriners. The Illustrious Potentate for Sethos Temple is Noble Hessie Smith.

Mt. Pleasant revival services set

Annual Revival Services will be held July 8-11th, 1991 at the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, 795 NW Crawford Place, where the Rev. Douglas E. Summers is the pastor. Nightly services will begin at 7:00 p.m.

The guest preacher for the week will be the Rev. Dr. Charles E. Booth, pastor of Mount Olivet Baptist Church, Columbus, Ohio. Dr. Booth has been to our city to conduct revivals not only at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, but also at

Mount Zion Baptist Church.

Dr. Booth received the Bachelor of Arts degree from Howard University, Washington, D.C.; the Master of Divinity degree from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Pa.; and received the honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Virginia Seminary, Lynchburg, Va. He also received a Doctor of Ministry degree at United Theological Seminary of Dayton, Ohio.

His involvements are many. Just to mention a few, Dr. Booth is serv-

ing on boards such as Columbus Urban League, Ohio Council of Churches, and Executive Board, Hampton Ministries Conference. He has taught and has been listed in Who's Who Among Black Americans of the Bicentennial Era. He has published articles in journals, magazines, and has had sermons appear in Outstanding Black Sermons. He has received numerous awards and recognitions, and has been invited as an evangelist to preach the Gospel throughout this country and abroad.



Dr. Charles E. Booth

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JULY 6

• The Usher Board of Christ Rescue Temple Apostolic Church, 1500 Dunleith Ave., will hold a Bargain Day Sale in the church parking lot, starting at 7 a.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 7

• Greater United Progressive Baptist Church will hold an evening service at 7 p.m. at which Mr. Donald Hill will preach. An ordination service will also be held for Deacons Tony Jarrett, Pernel McGriff, and Ronald Westbrook.

• St. Mark's Baptist Church, 1100 Manley St., will celebrate its 37th anniversary at 4 p.m. Bishop J.J. Johnson of Mt. Nebo Holiness Church will be the guest speaker.

• St. Stephen Baptist Church will celebrate the church's 56th anniversary and the Rev. J.R. Samuel's 33rd pastoral anniversary with 4 p.m. services. The Rev. Dr. Drayton and the New Bethel Baptist Church congregation will be the guests.

REVIVALS

• St. Mark's Baptist Church, 1100 Manley St. will hold a revival through July 5. The Rev. B.J. Gordon of the Bethlehem Baptist Church will be the speaker.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

• Piney Grove Baptist Church, 4715 Indiana Ave., will hold weekly prayer services and Bible study classes every Wednesday night at 7 p.m.