



REV. SAMUEL BILLY KYLES
...Mayfield Memorial speaker

Rev. Kyles Will Lead Revival Here

Rev. Samuel Billy Kyles, pastor of Monumental Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee, will be the guest speaker for the Annual Spring Revival to be held during Holy Week at Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church. The revival will be held nightly, beginning March 20, with prayer service opening at 7:30 p.m. each evening.

Eastside Club

Meets With Mrs. Carinne Sealy

Mrs. Carinne Sealy was hostess for the February meeting of the Eastside Literary Club. The theme of the meeting was "Brotherhood Month" and a beautiful poem about Sojourner Truth was read by the president, Mrs. Rose Ingram.

Plans for a trip to the mountains later this year were also discussed.

Others present at the meeting were Mrs. Lutisher Curton, vice-president; Mrs. Ola Jenkins, Secretary; Mrs. Lemue Turner, assistant secretary and the following members: Mesdames Mary Flowny, Otis Ellis, Minnie Garrity, Mary McClaine, Minnie Heathington, Aldriche Ross, Cornelia Snow, Annie Youngblood, Essie Chambers, Geraldine Brown and Essie Davidson. Mrs. Eloise Rorie was a guest.

Refreshments were served by the hostess following the meeting.

Fish Fry

The Committee to Elect Vivian Galloway, Sheriff, will sponsor a fish fry Friday, March 17, from 6-11 p.m. and Saturday, March 18, from 12 noon to 11 p.m. at 142 South Smallwood St.

Ms. Galloway is a democratic candidate for sheriff of Mecklenburg County.

Black Press To Enshrine Five Distinguished Publishers

Washington (NNPA)—Five distinguished black newspaper publishers, whose journals were launched during the 1866-97 era, will be enshrined here in the Black Press Archives and Gallery at Howard University by the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) on Friday, March 17.

The ceremony enshrining the distinguished publishers will be held in the National Press Club Ballroom during a Black Press luncheon. The speaker will be William O. Salker, editor and publisher of the Cleveland Call and Post and dean of the Black Press.

During the ceremony at the National Press Club, NNPA President Carlton B. Goodlett editor-publisher, San Francisco Sun Reporter, and First Vice President Jerrel W. Jones, Milwaukee Courier, will present for enshrinement plaques of the honorees to Dr. Michael R. Winston, director of the Moorland-Sprinsarn Research Center at Howard University where the archives have been established. Frank Aukofer of the Milwaukee Journal, president of Howard University, will bring greetings. Following the ceremony at the Press Club, a reception will be held, 3-5 p.m. at the archives.

The five elected by the NNPA membership for enshrinement this year are: Mrs. Ida B. Wells Barnett, publisher of the Memphis Free Speech whose plant was burned by a white mob in 1892 because she protested the unjust treatment of blacks. She barely escaped with her life and joined T. Thomas Fortune, Editor-Publisher of the New York Age. She was a Chicago journalist and activist against lynching during the last 30 years of her life which ended in 1931. She was born in Holly Springs, Miss., in 1869.

Timothy Thomas Fortune, outstanding printer and journalist, joined the New York Age in 1892 and developed it into a major voice for blacks throughout America. Previously, he had worked for the New York Evening Sun both as a printer and a journalist. And had also been part owner of several black weeklies, including the Rumor, the Globe, and the New York Freeman. After selling the Age to Fred R. Moore in 1905, he joined the staff of Booker T. Washington's National Business League at Tuskegee where he remained until his death in 1928. He was born in Marianna, Fla., in 1856.

John Mitchell, Jr. was editor-publisher of the Richmond Planet which he took over in 1884 and made into a powerful force in the southeastern part of the United States. Although threatened many times, he crusaded vigorously against lynching. He was vice president of the National Black Press Association and was elected to the Richmond City Council in 1888. His paper merged with the Richmond Afro-American in 1938. He was born near Richmond in 1863.

John H. Murphy, Sr., bought a Sunday School journal with a \$200 loan from his wife in 1892 and converted it into the Baltimore Afro-American which has developed a chain that dominates the Atlantic Seaboard from New Jersey to the Carolinas. Even during his lifetime, the Afro became the major black newspaper east of the Appalachians and had a staff of 138. He was born a slave in 1840 and died in 1922.

Christopher J. Perry, Sr., created the oldest continuously published commercial black newspaper in America, the Philadelphia Tribune, which he founded in 1884 and served as its editor-publisher until his death in 1921. The 94-year-old Tribune continues to be one of the most widely circulated black newspapers in the East, and is one of six black semi-weeklies in the country. Perry was born in Baltimore in 1854.

Last year the first five publishers were enshrined in the Black Press Gallery for the 1827-65 era. They were: The Rev. Samuel E. Cornish and John B. Russwurm, Freedom's journal, the first black newspaper in the U. S.; Philip A. Bell, the Colored American; Dr. Martin T. Delany, the Pittsburgh Mystery; and Frederick Douglas, the North Star.

Next year's election to the gallery will be for publishers who launched their papers between 1897 and 1920.

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