

## New pastor comes to Shiloh

Evangelist Dorothy Johnson of Brooklyn, N.Y., will pastor Shiloh Apostolic in Old Town beginning Feb. 19.

Evangelist Johnson is a native of Winston-Salem who has lived in New York since 1959.

She is a licensed nurse in New York and has preached throughout the New York area. She and her husband, Benjamin, have five children.

## New Faith Chapel Holiness Church to host District Quarterly Assembly

The District Quarterly Assembly of New Faith Chapel Holiness Church will convene through Feb. 19 nightly at 7:30 at the church, which is located at 1419 Woughtown St.

The speakers for the week will be Thursday, Minister Lee Faye Mack, founder Back to Life

Center; Friday, Larry Richardson, pastor of Back to Bible Holiness Church; and Sunday, at 4 p.m., Dr. Lawrence S. Tate, founder and general overseer of New Faith.

Elder Tony D. Williams is the presiding officer.

The host pastor is Dr. Lawrence S. Tate.

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board you have no written report, you come here and talk off the top of your head," Burke told Clayton.

On behalf of the committee, Burke asked Clayton to present an employee handbook to help the city better understand how his company works and how he communicates with his workers. Clayton said Blue Bird doesn't have an employee handbook.

"We have a lot of papers that we go over with them that list off their duties," Clayton said in an interview, adding the drivers are required to sign those checklists.

Public Safety Committee members became concerned with the operation of the city's taxi service last month when a driver's taxi permit was stripped because he was addicted to alcohol, said Alexander Beatty, a city manager.

"The taxi driver reported to work after consuming what he said was a couple of beers, two or three, and the taxi inspector, a member of the police department, happened to be there," Beatty said. "He (the driver) said something implying he was addicted to alcohol and the inspector took his permit."

The driver went to the alderman asking that his permit be reinstated.

"The city required him to be tested to determine whether he was an alcoholic dependent and he wasn't," Clayton said.

Alderman Martha S. Wood asked Clayton what his company's policy is concerning drivers thought to be using alcohol or drugs.

"We discharge them," Clayton responded.

"Is there any written policy as to the rules and regulations pertaining to drivers who drink or use drugs?" Wood asked.

Clayton dodged the alderman's question saying the city taxi driver permit test and application outlawed drug or alcohol use on the job. He admitted Blue Bird has no written policy on the matter because it's common knowledge that users will be immediately dismissed.

He admitted he isn't satisfied with the service his company is providing to city residents. Offering a remedy, Clayton said the city

should allow individuals to purchase their own vehicles to use as taxis, "... and let them be put in business themselves. I think we'd end up with much better people," Clayton said.

"If all cabs are owned by individual drivers what would be your function?" asked Alderman Lynne S. Harpe.

Clayton said he would operate as a dispatcher, directing vehicles to taxicab patrons.

According to the city ordinance adopted June 18, 1984 any individual or partnership can operate a taxi service if the entity has a certificate of title, granted by the Board of Aldermen, to engage in vehicle for hire businesses and an ownership title.

The ordinance created the office of taxicab inspector, who is appointed by Police Chief G.L. Sweat. Clayton complained to the aldermen about being limited to four times a week during which applicants can take the taxicab driver permit test. Those appointments are set for 9 a.m. or 11 a.m. on Tuesday or Thursday.

"I don't think they allow enough time," Clayton said. "That needs to be addressed. I think there's going to have to be some changes made to get more taxis on the street. It's (taxi driving) not something people desire to do in this day and time."

Because the inspector has other duties, it's difficult for him to spend a lot more time handing out taxicab driver permits, Sweat said. However, he will talk to Clayton to determine if other times will better suit applicants' schedules.

The rugged and untidy appearance of some taxi drivers could cause patrons to hesitate about accepting rides, Harpe said.

"A lot of drivers look like ... not the type of drivers that I would put confidence in," Harpe said, asking Clayton why drivers are not required to wear uniforms.

Drivers are given one free hat with the Blue Bird logo and are asked to wear it while on duty, Clayton said. They also are asked to wear a blue or white shirt and a light weight jacket is available for

drivers to purchase. However, no uniformed dress is required. The city ordinance does not require a uniform, but states that "Drivers of vehicles for hire shall be clean in dress and in person."

"I think that's a good idea. We probably need to instigate that, have some resemblance of a uniform," Clayton said.

Clayton said he expected his company to provide better service because of a new \$180,000 computer system which will dispatch drivers to designated locations.

"Before it was a dispatcher's voice telling drivers where to go. He was giving them the trips and sometimes his tone created animosity between the dispatcher and the drivers," Clayton said. We don't have that problem now and I think we'll have better morale.

The committee directed Beatty to conduct a study of taxi service in other cities to determine if the city had enough taxicabs to service the area.

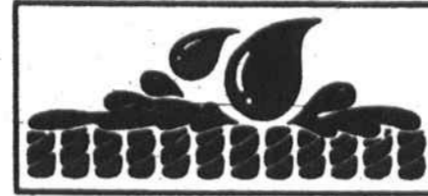
"I don't think it's a matter of the numbers of companies, but how many cabs," Beatty said.

"Today we have enough units to serve the city," Clayton said Tuesday. "On the average we do have enough, it's just on the evenings or the weekends when we have a high demand and a lot of people have to wait for service."

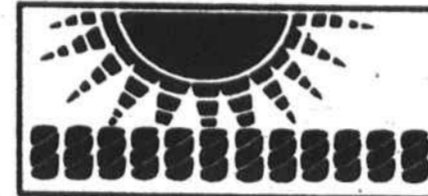
"Blue Bird has been the only major taxi service company in Winston-Salem. The company has operated in the city since 1928, Clayton said.

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