

Church News Briefs

Sister Mary Loretta Francis Honored For 50 Years Of Service

by Hoyle H. Martin, Sr.
Post Staff Writer

"I had an unselfish spirit to give to others and that's a vocation that doesn't come from man but from God." These are the humble and yet characteristic words of Sister Francis, a 71 year old Cuban native and third grade teacher at Our Lady of Consolation School.

Sister Francis says that teaching the "little ones" these 47 past years as a member of Oblate Sisters of Providence, a teaching order, has been the joy of her life. She has taught at Our Lady for the past 5 years.

These comments came in the wake of a special jubilee mass and reception attended by over 350 parishioners, parents, students, friends and sisters in honor of Sister Francis' 50 years of Christian service which, in her own words, has brought her "great joy and satisfaction."

One of 12 children born to urban architect Jose and Delores Carensoltas Sosa, Sister Francis, then known as Placida, Sosa, was born in the city of Camaguey, 350 miles east of Havana.

Placida Sosa attended a school in Camaguey operated by the Oblate Sisters of Providence of Baltimore, Maryland. Impressed by the spirit of dedication of the Nuns at the school encouraged Placida to later journey to Baltimore to receive a Christian education. On March 9, 1929, Sister Mary Francis Sosa was "professed" a sister at St. Francis Convent Baltimore, Md.

Subscribing to the view that "I always believed God Meant for me to have many children without being married," influenced Sister Francis to return home to teach in the Oblate schools in Cuba where she shared her spirited smile and affectionate manner with thousands of youths between 1933 and 1961, the year Fidel Castro closed all six Oblate schools in Cuba. Nevertheless, Sister Francis said some of her most memorable years were spent teaching in Cuba after Castro rose to power in 1959.

In addition to teaching in Cuba, Sister Francis has **Independence**

To Offer

Adult Classes

"Adult Education courses are again beginning at Independence Senior High. Classes are held in conjunction with CPCC on Tuesday and Thursday evening from 7-9 p.m. Pre-registration will be held on March 30 and April 1. Registration will be held on April 6 and 8 and again on April 13 and 15. Classes begin on April 6.

Classes will be offered in High School Completion, Personal Typing, Sewing, Photography, Cake Decorating, Exercise and Weight control, Needlepoint, Crocheting, and Flower Arranging.

Famed Don DeGreat

Singers To Appear

Here Sunday
The Don DeGreat Singers of Kannapolis, N.C. will render a gospel singing program at St. Lukes Baptist Church, 1109 Roddey Ave., Sunday March 28, at 7 p.m.

The program is sponsored by Dr. Roy Anderson Jr. and Mrs. Ida Dunston. The public is invited to attend.



Dr. N.C. Calhoun

New Emmanuel pastor taught in the states of New Jersey, Florida, Louisiana, South Carolina and the District of Columbia before returning to Charlotte in 1971 after having taught here in 1968-1969. Part of Sister Francis' Christian service in Louisiana involved working with the poor and homeless in the city of New Orleans.

Sister Francis received her teacher training at the State College and Villanova College in Havana and at Loyola and St. Agnes Colleges in Baltimore and at Rosary College in Chicago.

NEW EMMAUUEL CONGREGATIONAL
Dr. Calhoun, pastor and members of the New Emmanuel Congregations Christian Church are planning a full day of activities for Sunday, March 28.

Beginning with the 11 o'clock worship service when Dr. Calhoun will deliver the gospel message and the Young Adult Choir furnishing the music, the day's activities will be highlighted at 3 p.m. when Rev. Marcus Pride, pastor of St. Peter's Baptist Church and his congregation and choir will join the service.

This program is sponsored by the Deacons and Deaconess Boards of the church. Don Caldwell is the board chairman.

Prior to the 3 o'clock service, Ms. Queen Estelle Thompson will be honored with a special appreciation service. She is a member of New Emmanuel and operates the Helping Hand Maid Service and Joy Land Day Care Center. An active community worker, Ms. Thompson is president of the Pastor's Aid of New Emmanuel church.

According to a church spokesman, "many leading choruses, spiritual and gospel choruses will appear at New Emmanuel throughout the day."

Rev. Calhoun invites "all music lovers, saints, sinners,



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racers, colors and creeds to witness this great event.

LINCOLN STREET
Two programs have been planned to help Lincoln Street Church of God of Concord construct a new educational

building.
Work on the building has begun and completion is expected in 30 to 60 days. The church is located at 257 Lincoln Street.
It will have a "Faith Rally"

Sunday, April 24 to help raise funds for the expensive building project. A "Great Fellowship Meeting" has been planned for Sunday, May 29.
The Rev. Lester T. Staton is pastor of the church.

Early Childhood Expert To Speak

One of the nation's leading authorities on child development and early childhood education since 1934 will speak here twice next week.

Dr. James L. Hymes Jr. of Carmel, CA, a consultant, lecturer and author in early childhood education, will speak at 7:30 p.m. Thursday,

April 1, in Pease Auditorium at Central Piedmont Community College. His topic will be "For Today's Young Children—Some Marks of a Good Education."

On Friday, April 2, Dr. Hymes will speak from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the Board Room of the Education Center on the topic, "Teaching Reading—And All Else Young Children Need To Know."

Both talks are open to the public at no cost.

Rev. Morgan Tann Typifies

The Liberated Minister

by Abigail L. Flanders
Post Staff Writer

Exciting...Inspirational... Augmenting his congregation to new and greater spiritual heights as he delivers his messages to Clinton Chapel, A.M.E. Zion Church is Rev. Morgan Tann. Born in Omaha, Nebraska and raised in both St. Louis, Missouri and Chicago, Illinois, Rev. Tann has been a part of the Charlotte ministry for only eight of his twenty-five years in the ministry, but they have been eight very productive years for both minister and congregation.

Unlike many of his colleagues, Rev. Tann does not feel infringed or inhibited by the old taboos and myths concerning black ministers... Instead, he uses his position and his church as a catalyst toward the growth of religion for all oppressed people.

"The black church is one of the freest pulpits in America because the origins of the black ministry gives reason to speak out forthrightly on the issues," the articulate Rev. Tann explained. "We are better able to identify with the oppressed because of our concern with the human liberation of all kinds of bondage—not just spiritual bondage," he said.

The black church is strengthened by ministers like Rev. Tann who is in this, our bicentennial year, attempting to show the pride in the tradition of the black church. "Last Sunday, my whole congregation dressed in their early American bicentennial attire, similar to the old slavery outfits... And I was dressed in my fancy early American ministerial attire," Rev. Tann proudly stated. "You see, Clinton Chapel, A.M.E. Zion Church is



Rev. Morgan Tann

...Much deserved salute the oldest black church in Charlotte. As far back as 1864, slaves worshipped together at Clinton Chapel, sometimes in conjunction with their white slave owners," he said. This idea to dress up in bicentennial garb was stimulated by this bit of American History.

Rev. Morgan Tann has lived in many different parts of the country and met a variety of people from all walks of life. After his graduation from the University of Washington in Seattle, Morgan Tann decided that the ministry was his calling. He then attended the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, California. He also studied at the Hood Theological Seminary in Salisbury, North Carolina. Since then, Morgan Tann has pastored four churches. He was transferred in 1968 from Logan Temple, A.M.E. Zion Church in San Diego, California to Clinton Chapel, A.M.E. Zion Church, located on Rozzells Ferry Road, here in Charlotte.

His ambitious effort to more totally involve his congregation in the church and its messages has served as a

great reward for the marriage between Rev. Morgan Tann and his congregation, and now for the new home he has found in Charlotte.

Mayor John Belk, paying tribute to both Rev. Tann and his church has proclaimed Sunday, March 28th as Clinton Chapel Day for all Charlotteans...a much deserved salute to the liberated minister.

Dudley Flood

To Speak To

Myers Park PTA

How well North Carolina and Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools are doing their job will be examined at a special meeting of the Myers Park High School Parent-Teachers-Student Association at 8 p.m., Wednesday, March 31, in the school's auditorium.

Dudley E. Flood, assistant state superintendent for human relations and student affairs, will talk about progress at the state level. Alan Wolfe, a Myers Park senior and Morehead scholarship winner, will talk about progress at the local level.

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education Chairman William W. Poe will also make brief remarks.

In another part of the program, Myers Park High art instructor Dean Barber will preview a slide presentation, "Sunrise Special," a showing of Myers Park students' art work which will be presented at the National Art Convention in St. Louis, Mo., in April.

The public is invited to attend the meeting.

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<p>Clinton Chapel A.M.E. Zion Proudly Presents THE 20TH ANNUAL CALENDAR TEA at the Charlotte Civic Center Sunday March 28th 3P.M. "A BICENTENNIAL SALUTE TO BLACK AMERICANS" A Beautiful Afternoon of Entertainment & Food Adm: Adults \$3 Children's Tickets available at the door \$1.50 Phone 333-9903</p> <p>Pastor Morgan W. Tann Hattie W. Clark - Chairperson</p>	<p>MT ZION HOLINESS CHURCH 2800 Tuckaseegee road BISHOP W. J. DAVIS-PASTOR</p> <p>Sunday School-10 A.M. Morning Worship-11:15 A.M. Young People Willing Workers-6 P.M. Evening Service-7:30 P.M. Monday-Bible Study-8 P.M. Sister of Charity-Wednesday-Mid Week Service-7:30 P.M.</p>
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