



GARBAGE AT MUSIC, ART FAIR-White Lake, N. Y.: Garbage mounts and overflows its receptable at the Woodstock Music and Art Fair as some of the hundreds of thousands of rock fans tune in on the music here August 17. The concert ended about 10 a.m. August 18 and the last of the spectators -- who at one time numbered 450,000 -- began their exodus, tired from three solid days of mud, music and frustration. (UPI)

AME Church's Connectional Lay Meet Is Held In Memphis

BY MRS. BESSIE P. HALL

The Eleventh Biennial Session of the Connectional Laymen's Organization of the African Methodist Episcopal Church was held in Memphis, Tennessee at the Sheraton-Peabody Hotel, August 4 through 9. St. Andrew AME Church was the host church and the Rev. Elmer Martin was host pastor. Rev. F. G. Garrett was host presiding elder.

The theme was "The AME Laymen In An Era Of Transition - Face Lift or Heart Transplant."

The Connectional President, is Mr. J. D. Williams. Two people from the Raleigh District were among the more than three thousand who attended the meeting. They were Bryant W. Be-thea, Raleigh, Western North Carolina Conference president; and Mrs. Bessie P. Hall, Raleigh, Western North Carolina Conference Corresponding Sec-

retary, and also conference delegate. Other delegates attending from the Greensboro area were Miss Gertrude C. Judd, delegate; Mrs. Odessa Norris, delegate and Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Carr, first vice president, Charlotte; Mrs. Cassie Batey of Winston-Salem, Western North Carolina Chaplain and Mr. Vernon D. Cowan, second Episcopal District delegate.

Over 540 laymen responded to the call of the ministers and took Holy Communion on the second morning of the meeting.

Another inspiring item on the program was the prayer breakfast on Wednesday morning on the skyway of the hotel. This was a very inspiring hour and the prayers that were offered by ministers of various denominations were very elat-

ing. The young people made their contributions on Wednesday night during their Youth Night Program at Saint Andrews Church.

The Daily Workshops were under the conduct of Miss Christine L. Brogdon, Connectional Director of Lay Activities and Mr. Joseph C. McKinney, coordinator and second Episcopal District President.

The AME Laymen were taken on a tour of Memphis, which covered more than thirty miles. The tour included many government and city building, many of Memphis' beautiful parks, the Veterans, Methodist, Children and Jude Hospitals, the Airport which is one of the largest of the South, the W. C. Handy Memorial Park, the Minimum Salary AME Building; the Chezy-etta Housing Projects which is sponsored by the AME Church; the Mahalia Jackson Enterprise and the Lorraine Motel, the scene of Dr. Martin Luther King's death.

On Wednesday, presentations

were made from the major operational departments of our church. They were as follows: Bishop Joseph Gomez, church policy; Rev. J. M. Grandberry, pension department; Rev. Frank Cummings, Church extension; Rev. S. L. Greene, Jr., educational institutions; Rev. H. Ralph Jackson, minimum salary; Rev. Andrew White, Christian education; Mr. A. G. Gaston, finance department; Mr. Howard D. Gregg, historiographer; Rev. Theron Cobb, religious literature.

On Thursday afternoon, many presentations were made on "The Role of the Church and Government Agencies and Housing Problems and Programs. Speakers were Mr. Samuel Jackson, U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Washington, D. C.; Mr. Louis D. Malotky, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. and Mr. L. J. Washington, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Farmers Home Administration, Washington, D. C.

The Hour of Prayer on Thursday was inspired by a Laymen message by Mr. Timothy Johnson.

A banquet was held on Thursday evening with Cornell Wells, presiding. Special awards were presented to Mr. Milton T. Galloway, a layman for more than sixty years. An address was given by Mrs. Julia Brogdon Purnell, professor of education, Southern University, Baton Rouge, La.

All laymen attending worked on one of the various committees and also took an active part in the workshops which were held daily.

The AME Church is America's oldest Black Church organization. Its members have contributed much to Negro history and the Civil Rights Movement. It is still a growing organization. The next Lay Connectional Meeting will be in Birmingham, Ala., in 1971. The meeting closed with the laymen highly elated with the spiritual lift that they received during their stay that gives them the courage to have the heart transplant instead of continuing to face lift.

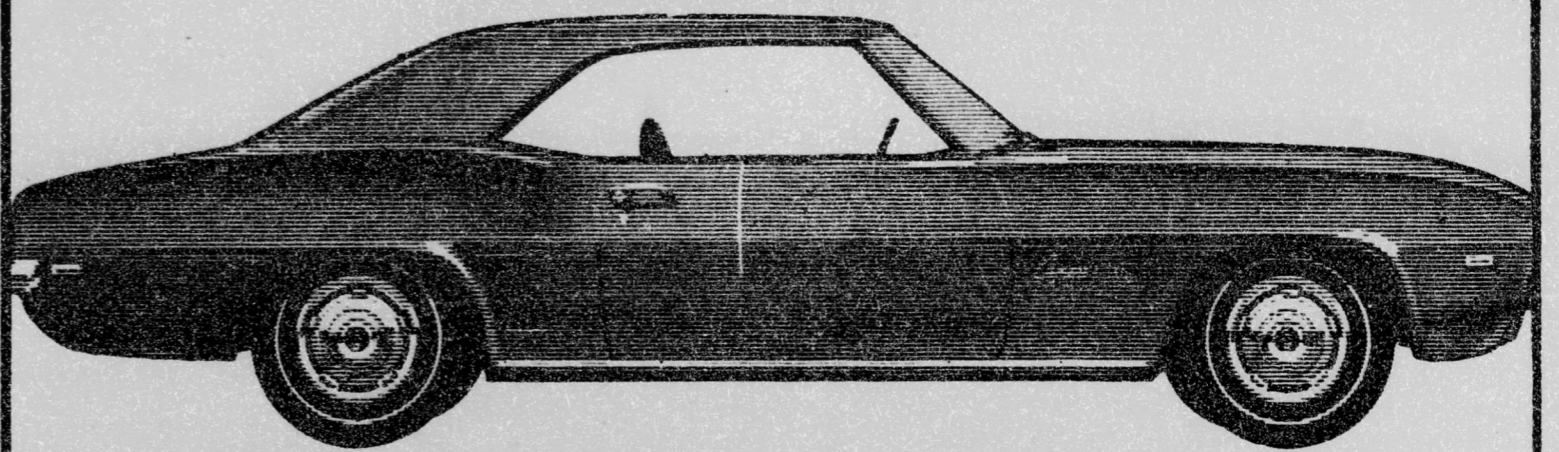
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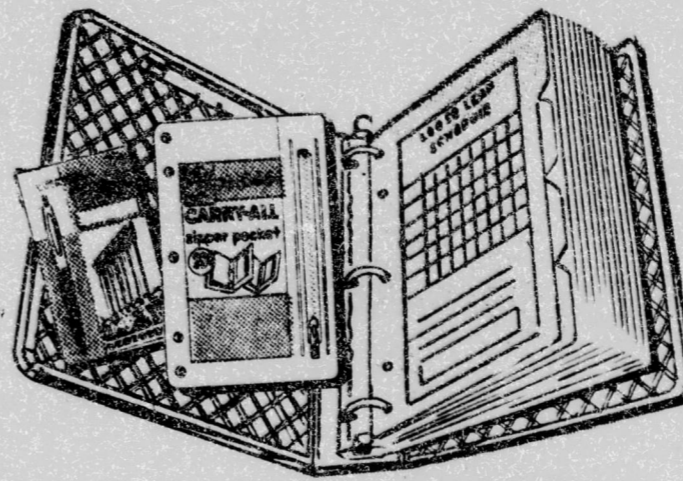
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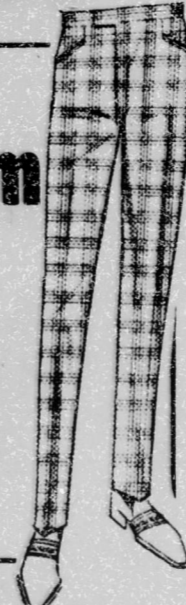
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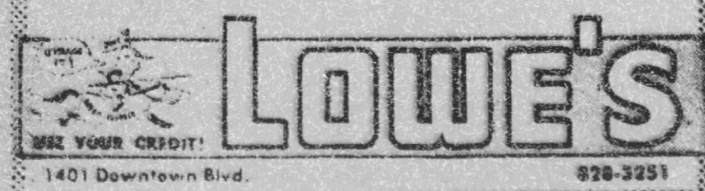
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