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Rev. Waldo White Extends A "Church Without Walls"

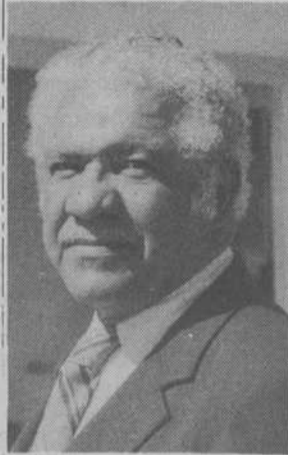
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SENTINEL Church Reporter

Rev. Waldo White was born in Grand Ledge, Michigan to Edward C. White and Thelma W. Neff White back before the Great Depression. He is the child of a mixed race marriage from a time much more difficult than today. His two sisters, who are older, had another strange or unusual situation for a Black family in that time. They were well-to-do.

Rev. White spoke shyly about his background, because of a fear of coming across in an arrogant manner. In fact he was quite the opposite, almost apologetic. Edward C. White was a Doctor, an Eye, Ear and Throat

Specialist. Thelma Neff White was a Registered Nurse.

The old adage that "wealth does not bring happiness," comes home again in the history of the White family. "What did I do as a kid? Well, I fought a lot. We were the only Black family in



Rev. Waldo White

The Mt. Ararat Baptist Church is sponsoring a trip to Magic Mountain on Saturday, June 8. This is on behalf of their building fund drive. For more information call Mrs. Rosa Lee Bell or Mrs. C. Johnson at 649-1855.

Rev. E.B. Johnson

The Original Five Blind Boys will be in concert at the Greater Calvary Baptist Church Sunday, May 26 at 3 p.m. For more information, contact any member of Calvary Church.

Rev. M.L. Carroll, Pastor

The Black graduates of Greater Las Vegas enjoyed a dynamic graduation service last Sunday. Congratulations to B-CON for a job well done!

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received his Bachelor's Degree in Sociology from Wayne State University and a Bachelor of Divinity and a Master of Sacred Theology from Eden Theological Seminary in Webster Grove, Missouri.

Rev. Waldo White became the pastor of First AME Methodist Church in 1983, following several difficult situations at the local church. He has hopes of increasing the membership and the devotion of the present members to the church. He was assigned to the church by the Bishop of the 5th District which comprises 16 states of the AME conference. He commutes to his home in Tucson, Arizona approximately twice a month where his wife Lorraine of 36 years, resides. Because of the closeness to their home, Mrs. White decided to maintain their residence, and her positions as psychiatric Social Worker and Lecturer at the University of Arizona, and Instructor at Pima College.

The Whites are parents of four children, two boys and two girls. Tragedy is still with this father who lost his youngest son on the day after Christmas 1984. He was buried during the New Year week, 1985. Pain was in his voice as he spoke of the car accident that took his son's life.

Rev. White has undergone open heart surgery several years ago, but has recovered well. He has taken good care of himself. Finally Rev. White came to the Methodist Church

out of a racial incident that few of us who are in the church have experienced. He grew up as an Episcopalian, but left after the members of the congregation refused to allow the Priest to confirm him and his siblings in a service along with whites. The word was, "if you con-

firm those niggers with our children, we will leave." Needless to say, the Priest didn't. Whites from the Methodist Church came to their aid and he has remained in that faith ever since.

"A church without walls" is this pastor's philosophy,

for if you can't reach out to the community, you have surely already failed.



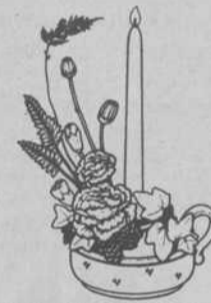
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