



**Dr. Charles H. Wesley**



**Dr. Wyatt T. Walker**



**Mayor Andrew Young**

Alexander Pushkin, Russian poet, novelist.

A. Philip Randolph, founder and first president, International Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

Charles B. Rangel, U.S. Congressman from New York.

Charles L. Reason, poet, first principal of the Institute for Colored Youth (now Cheyney University).

Paul Robeson, lawyer/actor/athlete.

Sugar Ray Robinson, mid- and light-heavy boxing champion.

Calvin W. Rolark, president, United Black Fund.

Arthur A. Schomburg, collector of African and Afro-American books, etc.

Noble Sissle, orchestra leader.

Carl B. Stokes, first Black elected mayor of Cleveland, Ohio.

Louis Stokes, U.S. Congressman from Ohio.

Samuel Coleridge Taylor, first modern Black to achieve worldwide fame as a composer.

William T.S. Tubman, former president of Liberia.

Wyatt Tee Walker, minister and civil rights activist.

Booker T. Washington, educator, founder of Tuskegee Institute.

Aaron O. Wells, physician.

Egbert Austin "Bert" Williams, actor and comedian.

Daniel Hale Williams, physician and surgeon.

Harry A. Williamson, author and Masonic historian.

Andrew Young, former mayor of Atlanta, Georgia.

Whitney M. Young, former executive director of the National Urban League.

### Prince Hall Masons and Community Building

**F**ROM its inception, Prince Hall Freemasonry attracted members who actively engaged in community endeavors. The education of Black children was a special concern of the free Blacks who became members of the various Masonic lodges. As early as 1786 Prince Hall, Lancaster Hill, Nero Brewster and other Black Masons peti-

tioned the legislature of Massachusetts for schools for Black children. Their untiring efforts opened the first Black public school in Boston in 1789. Prince Saunders, secretary of African Lodge No. 459, became the first teacher of this school.

Masonic *Landmarks* forbid the introduction of partisan politics and sectarian religion into the lodges. This prohibition has been rooted in the fear that such public controversies would cause division in the order and render null and void its claim to universality.

Conservative Masons or traditionalists have given a literal interpretation to this prohibition and have refused to make any modifications in their point of view. They have extended this interpretation not only to politics and religion, but also to economic and other community-building projects. While they believe that concern for the Black community is important for the individual, it should not be a concern of the Masons as a body.

Progressive Masons interpret the prohibition to refer only to "partisan" and "sectarian" matters and not to the general problems of the Black community.

Throughout the 20th century, changes in the Black community as a whole have created far-reaching challenges to Prince Hall Freemasonry. In each of the ensuing battles, such as insurance plans, old age homes, investment in business and civil rights, the traditionalists have been threatened with the demise of the order if they refused to modify their stance.

Believing that Prince Hall Freemasonry had a duty to be the vanguard in the fight for equality for Black people in this country, in 1951, the Conference of Grand Masters, at the suggestion of Brother Thurgood Marshall, created the Prince Hall Masons Legal Research Fund under the control of the NAACP. At that time, the president of the Conference said: "We have assumed a place of leadership unequalled by any other organization. We have moved out of the seclusion of our halls,, into the community to save the country, the race [and] the community. Marshall has often said that without the financial support of the Masons, many of the cases that were won before the U.S. Supreme Court could not have been fought. "Whenever and wherever I needed money and did not know of any other place to get it," Marshall said, "Prince Hall Masonry never let me down."

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## Watch For The PROUD LADY



This is the identification symbol on the package of every fine hair care and beauty aid product manufactured by a leading Black-owned company. Not only does it tell us that the excellent products are made primarily for our unique needs...but also it lets us know that when we spend our dollars for these products, those dollars go much further in terms of "community-building" for us than generally is possible any other way.

Additionally, almost all AOIP-cooperating organizations have agreed to priority support for these and other deserving Black-owned businesses, nationally and locally. Since it has been so difficult to identify these products of Black-owned manufacturers in the past, their trade association—the American Health and Beauty Aids Institute (AHBAI)—developed this "Proud Lady" symbol for your convenience.

So whenever you feel the need to buy the finest products made primarily for our unique needs, look for the "Proud Lady" on the package. It helps you and helps build Black America. Some of these products are as follows:

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| 1. Alaion Products<br>Fulla Wave<br>Everlasting Curl   | Precise (and others)   |
| 2. Amer. Beauty Prods.<br>American Beauty<br>Donnie's Rejuvenation<br>Black Magic  | 12. Kelly Chemical Co.<br>Gentle City Lites<br>Gentle Relaxer<br>Gentle Quadrabrom<br>Conditioner<br>Gentle Moisture<br>Solution Condition                             |
| 3. Amer. Caribbean<br>Beauty Products<br>Amer. Caribbean Multi-<br>Purpose Conditioner<br>American Caribbean<br>Conditioning Relaxer<br>American Caribbean<br>Activator<br>American Caribbean-<br>Cold Wave System     | 13. L & M Products<br>Spring Curl<br>Spring Perm<br>"The Juice"<br>Mr. Puff  |
| 4. Barrett Products Co.<br>Hollywood U.S.A. Curls<br>Hollywood USA<br>Relaxers<br>Hollywood USA Waves  | 14. Luster Products Co.<br>Luster's Oil Moisturizer<br>Hair Lotion<br>S-Curl Products<br>Designer Touch Profes-<br>sional Salon Products                               |
| 5. Bronner Brothers<br>Cosmopolitan Curl   | 15. M & M Products<br>Sta-Sol-Fro<br>Sol-'N-Free<br>Moxie<br>Curly Perm  |
| 6. A.W. Curtis Labs<br>Curtis Rubbing Oil<br>Curtis Hair & Skin<br>Care Products   | 16. Madame C.J. Walker<br>Manufacturing Co.<br>Madame C.J. Walker<br>Hair & Skin Care<br>Products  |
| 7. Dudley Products Co.<br>Dudley's Hair & Scalp<br>Conditioner Plus<br>Vitamins A, D & E<br>Dudley's Scalp & Skin<br>Antiseptic Conditioner<br>Dudley's Hair Rebuilder<br>Dudley's Placenta &<br>Panthenol Cond. Pkts. | 17. Pro-Line Corp.<br>Pro-Line<br>Curly Kit<br>Kiddie Kit<br>Kiddie Kare   |
| 8. Ellis & Sons Co.<br>Good Fred<br>Handsome Dude<br>My Johnnies   | 18. Sir Charles, Inc.<br>Sir Charles' line of hair<br>care products  |
| 9. Hairlox Company<br>Capital Curl<br>Curly Care<br>Afro-Perm<br>Root  | 19. Soft Sheen Products<br>Soft Sheen Hair & Scalp<br>Conditioner<br>Care Free Curl<br>Miss Cool hair products   |
| 10. J.M. Products, Inc.<br>Style Crest<br>Isoplus<br>Another Curl<br>Pineapple Wave  | 20. W & W<br>Pharmaceuticals<br>X-ception 3 N 1<br>Activator Moisturizer<br>& Conditioner  |
| 11. Johnson Products Co.<br>Ultra Sheen<br>Gentle Treatment<br>Classy Curl   | 21. Worlds of Curls<br>Worlds of Curls Prods.<br>Blue Satin Conditioning<br>Creame Relaxer<br>System<br>Simply Satin Cosmetics<br>Highlights Transpaant<br>Gel Colours |

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