

# Onedia Branch To Be Honored

Onedia Branch, affectionately called "Mother," will be honored for her many contributions to the East Palo Alto community and the Bay Area on Saturday, December 1, 1990, 7:00 p.m. at the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, 543 Hamilton Avenue, East Palo Alto with Rev. Spencer, host pastor and Bro. Jimmy Wilson, of 325-4121, appreciation chairman.

Sis. Branch, widow of the late Rev. James Branch, with whom she co-founded the existing St. John Baptist Church of East Palo Alto, and, who, most recently, was elected president emeritus of the Women's Auxiliary of the California State Baptist Convention, has for over 37 years been an ardent laborer in Bay Area and East Palo Alto communities, having organized *the United Flame, an impetus for*

many community service programs; was the guiding spirit behind Mothers For Equal Education, and has served on the Charles Drew Health Center board of directors.

An altruistic woman, Mother Branch has, for over 35 years, organized, directed and daily works with the East Palo Alto Community Service Center, which serves all ethnics, regardless of their color, creed denomination or intensity of need, without county, state or federal funds.

Very active in her church, locally, state and national levels, Sis. Branch is an exceptional role model, proving that one person in a community can make a difference with Jesus Christ as her guide and daily lives her slogan: "You are not really living until you live for others."