WHEN YOU FINISH READING YOUR AFRO PASS IT ALONG TO A FRIEND

2 Self-Confessed Killers To Learn Fate Today

Says he left wife with cause

Charging that Mrs. Elsie Mae Davis of 1634 Edmondson Ave., told him that the next one she would bury would be him, Logan Davis divorced her, this week.

Mr. Davis of 704 N. Gilmor St., won the divorce on grounds of constructive desertion, after testifying that he left his wife, but with a cause.

"My wife drank extensively and when I told her about it, she cut me," said the husband.

He added that Mrs. Davis also told him that she didn't want to live with him.

The Davises were married in Norfolk, Va. in 1927 and lived together until Jan. 3, 1946, the husband testified.

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ALSO WINNING a divorce on grounds of constructive desertion was Mrs. Mary Louise Gill of 1739 Poplar Grove St.

She said that she left William Gill because he beat her and threatened her life.

Their six-year-old daughter was given into custody of the mother and Mr. Gill ordered to provide support for the child.

The Gills were married in Warrenton, N.C. in 1949 and separated in 1956, the wife testified.

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BECAUSE THERE was continuous bickering and he didn't want their children reared in such an atmosphere, he and Mrs. Dalsel M. Cuffee agreed to separate, Miles Cuffee of 1037 N. Fulton Ave., testified.

He was granted a divorce, this week, and the wife given custody of their two sons. Mr. Cuffee agreed to provide $28 semi-monthly for the children's support.

U. Theodore Hayes was attorney for the husband.

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A DIVORCE went to James T. Hargrove of 14 E. Lafayette Ave., who said the Mrs. Hattie Hargrove moved out of their home on May 11, 1956, while he was at work. The couple was married on May 28, 1952.

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HIAWATHA BANKS is to pay Mrs. Maxine Banks $25 per week for the support of their three children.

The order was passed along with a decree granting her a divorce on grounds of desertion.

Married on Nov. 18, 1950, the wife said that on Feb. 7, 1957, Mr. Banks walked into the home and began packing.

He told her, she said, that he didn't want to live with her and the children any longer and he gave her address as 915 McAleer Court, and his as 717 E. 21st St.

William N. Toadvine was attorney for Mrs. Banks.

COMMITTEE HEARING—This was the scene in the City Council chambers Monday afternoon when spectators gathered to hear opponents of the Dixon Civil Rights Bill air their views. Opposition was voiced by hotel, restaurant, and movie representatives. Later in an executive session, the Council junked the bill, Ordinance No. 1653. In its place they substituted a "watered down" resolution. Councilman Walter T. Dixon, who introduced the bill, and Josiah Henry, attorney, are on the front row. In the second row at the left is Lloyal Randolph, hotel owner. Third from the left is David Glenn of the Urban League. See story on Page 16.

Forced victim on death ride

Two self-confessed murderers who were wearing clothes which belonged to their victim when arrested last February were scheduled to learn their fate today (Friday).

Judge Rueben Oppenheimer decided on Wednesday at the end of the Criminal Court trial for Lester Rory, 30, 2100 block N. Pulaski St. and John R. Banks, 24, 1300 block N. Fulton Ave. that he would determine the degree of murder and fix punishment today.

Banks and Rory entered guilty pleas in the shotgun killing on Feb. 5 this year of Joseph Nathaniel McElveen, 600 block W. Franklin St., an unemployed construction worker and churchman.

They also entered guilty pleas to charges of attempted robbery and assault with intent to kill Steven Brown, 2800 block Brighton St., owner of a snack-bar at Poplar Grove and Baker Sts.

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MR. McELVEEN, a deacon at the New Hope Baptist Church, was forcibly kidnapped in his car by the duo as he waited for his wife to come out of a typing class at Booker T. Washington Junior High School.

His body, twice blasted with a sawed-off barrel shotgun, was found the next afternoon in a muddy gravel pit in the 1600 block of Cherry Hill Rd.

Sgt. George Williams arrested Rory, wearing Mr. McElveen's overcoat, after spotting the two men in the stolen automobile at Pulaski, St. and Windsor Ave. two nights after the slaying.

Banks, when arrested later, was wearing the dead man's shoes. He also tried to pawn himself off as Mr. McElveen when police first asked him what his name was, according to Lt. Paul Aires.

At the trial on Wednesday Mr. McElveen's widow, Mrs. Thelma McElveen, broke down in sobs as she appeared on the witness stand to identify her husband's clothes.

Another witness, the Rev. William Stokes, pastor of the New Hope Baptist Church, testified that Mr. McElveen had opened prayer service at the church and been in worship before leaving to pick up his wife.

Following is most of the statement police said was given them by Banks after his arrest. It was read during the trial.

* * *

Q.—I WANT to ask you some questions about the body of a deceased man found in the wooded area of 1401 Cherry Hill Rd. identified as Joe Nathaniel McElveen. Do you know how this man met his death?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Tell me what you know about this crime, who was with you at the time, and for what reason you committed it.

A.—Wednesday about 10 minutes of 7 in the morning, Lester left out of the house and he went to price a shotgun for me. He came back and told me he made a deal with a guy at the pawn shop.

The rifle would cost $5.95, and I borrowed $15 from my wife. Between 2:30 and 3 in the afternoon of the same day, me and Lester left out of the house.

We went to Bookers pawn shop on Pennsylvania Ave. up from the Biddle St. We went in and Lester called the man and told him he remembered him and he wanted the gun for $5.95.

I looked at the gun but it was broke. The man then showed me another gun for $9.95 and I bought that.

Lester took the gun and we walked up to Greenwillow St. and there we met an unknown man and I asked him where we could buy some shells and he took us to the pawn shop next to where we bought the gun. I bought five shells there.

We caught a cab and went to my house at 1309 N. Fulton Ave. When we got home we got something to eat and while we were eating, I sawed the front off the gun and Lester sawed the back part off.

We were fixing the gun to hold up a place. After dark Lester and I left the house. Lester had the gun under his coat and he also took a wrench and put it in his pocket to take along.

It was about 10 to 10 when we got to the corner where the car was parked. Lester and I went up to the car and I asked the man if he would run us over to Cherry Hill. The man said he was waiting for his wife but get in and when she comes out he would take us down there.

HE OPENED the door to the car. I got in back and Lester got into the front. Lester pulled out the gun and told the man to move over next to him. I then got up front behind the wheel. I drove the car up to Winchester St.

I parked the car on the lot in back of the laundry on Winchester St. then Lester made the man take off his coat. He searched the coat and then sawed the money up to the front.

I took the wallet from the coat pocket then I got out of the car and went into the store and got the liquor.

When I came back Lester said "Hold this gun. That sob scratched me." I took the gun. They was fighting and the man broke out of the car.

I grabbed to hold him by the belt then Lester came out of the car. Then the man hollered and I hit him with the butt of the shotgun in the forehead.

The man then got back into the car in the back seat and Lester got on behind him and I got in and drove up to Retreat and parked the stolen Buick. We opened it and the man got out. Not drink some.

We each took a shot and set the bottle down in the back and I fell out and ran out. Then I drove down Monroe St. hit North Ave. and then went down Monroe St. to Mount and got up again. Then we went to a lot in the rear of a building off Baker St. past the Dunbaugh Milk place.

They were still scuffling and the gun went off. Less said I ought to kill the sob. I said yes, he almost shot me in the head. Then we pulled out. Less then showed me where to turn directing me down Monroe St. to the Speedway and we got to Lansdowne. We turned around and went back on the Speedway and he directed me to Cherry Hill.

We ran out of gas before we got there and I walked two blocks to the Esso station and bought gas. We then went to Cherry Hill Rd. Then we pulled onto the lot. He said what are we going to do now? Less got out on the side of the car and drug him out of the car.

I hit him on the head with the shotgun shell and he said stop. I walked to the side of the man and then Less shot him in the head again.

I went back to the car and Less came. I asked him if he got the shell and he said no. I went back to the place and got the shell. The other shell was still in the gun.

I got behind the wheel and Less got in beside me and we drove on to town.

Q.—John, Lt. Aires now shows you a man's brown leather wallet taken from under your bed in the first floor front room. Do you know where the wallet came from and who owns it?

A.—It belongs to Joe, the man who I shot. I took it from out of his coat pocket and I put it under the mattress.

Q.—Did you look at any of the papers in the wallet?

A.—Yes. I looked at the license in the wallet.

'I only meant to scare him'

"I only meant to scare him. I didn't intend to do him any harm.

"It was almost a forced relationship.

"He told my husband he was going to buy a shotgun and kill up some people about his woman."

That was the testimony in Criminal Court Tuesday of a former Ft. Meade Hospital dietician who was convicted of second-degree murder.

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FOR THE death of Fred Johnson, 41, of the 1000 block Argyle Ave., Mrs. Alma Inez (Honey) Miller of the 1700 block W. Lexington St., was sentenced to eight years in the Reformatory for Women.

Burleigh Jerkins, 28, of the 700 block W. Redwood St., who had a room in the Miller home at the time of the slaying, was given four months in the City Jail.

Mr. Jenkins was convicted on a deadly weapons charge after testimony before Judge Anselm Sodaro was that the gun used in the slaying was owned by him.

An accessory after the fact charge against Jenkins was dropped by the state.

MRS. MILLER, who said she separated from her husband, Howard, shortly before the slaying, testified recently at Gallagher, Tenn.

Dr. Gill is a member of the executive committee of the membership committee of the Association.

"I didn't believe I had shot him.

"When I asked him was he shot, after he grabbed his stomach, he said 'you shot me.'"

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MRS. MILLER said that she and the deceased disagreed because he wanted her to move to another apartment with him.

She added that Mr. Jenkins was asleep in another room when she took his gun with the intention of hiding it.

She also testified that the slain man "wanted me to leave my husband. He didn't respect him at all. He walked all over him.

"Sometimes he (Johnson) would be standing in the hall in the dark and my husband would bump into him.

"My husband was absolutely afraid of him" Mrs. Miller stated.

Defendant in slaying gets 12-year term

Vance Davis, 41, of the 800 block W. Fayette St., was sentenced to 12 years in the Maryland Penitentiary Tuesday for second-degree murder.

In Criminal Court, Mr. Davis pleaded not guilty to stabbing William Austin, 45, of the 600 block W. Lexington St., on July 30th.

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TESTIMONY before Judge Reuben Oppenheimer was given that the slaying occurred following a dispute between the two men over a woman at Pine near Saratoga Sts.

The court was told that after he was stabbed in the chest, Austin walked to a police call box at Josephine and Pine Sts. and reported the incident to Patrolmen James Thompson and Robert McFann who were just coming on duty.

Miss Love McMahon, 42, of the 600 block W. Fayette St. testified that she was with Austin waiting for a truck when Davis struck at her and then at the deceased man.

Davis was defended by court appointed attorney Charles P. Howard Jr.

SHOPPING WEEKS LEFT
BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS
HELP FIGHT T B

Hospital for Towson

Plans for a new medical center in Towson, to be operated on a non-discriminatory basis were announced on Tuesday afternoon by the Hospital for the Women of Maryland and the Presbyterian Eye, Ear and Throat Charity Hospital.

The medical center will be built by 1964 on the same 35 acre site or land on which the Sheppard and Enoch Pratt Library Hospital is now located.

This hospital is contributing the land for the facility and it will continue to occupy its own existing facilities.

The $10,000,000 medical center will house the new general hospital's Presbyterian and Women's Hospital divisions with these two institutions moving from their downtown sites to Towson.

The new institution will have a combined total of 600 beds or 200 more than all three presently offer.

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AN OVERALL name for the medical center at Towson has not yet been selected.

Each of the three units of the center will retain its name, managing boards, physical identity and years-long effort on its own endowment funds and staffs.

The $10,000,000 needed for building the new general hospital facilities will be raised during the five-year period, beginning next year.

Presbyterian downtown property on the Baltimore St. will continue in use as an outpatient clinic after the move is carried out.

There are no plans, at present, for disposing of the Women's Hospital block long Lant in Mt. Royal, according to Dr. John Z. Savage, chief of the hospital staff.

The medical staff of the center, will total about 400 physicians, and dormitory facilities for resident physicians and nurses will be constructed.

Also to be built will be doctors' offices, adequate parking for patrons of the center, and a research area.

The new buildings will have direct access to roads into the new Baltimore Beltway and public transportation lines.

Takes 15,000 votes for the City Council

Results of the May 3, 1955 General Election for City Council in the 4th District show that three candidates were elected to office by just 15,000 votes.

The 1955 vote for councilmen was as follows:

Walter Dixon, D., 13,775
Solomon Lieb, D., 13,729
Walter Albert, D., 15,032
Linwood Koger Sr., R., 9,938
E. Gaines Lansey, R., 9,652
Shirley Brenfield, R., 7,809

The total vote cast in the district was only 26,323.

Should Theodore McKeldin become a candidate in the 1959 election and run against Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro for that office, it is safe to assume at least 30,000 votes will be cast. Political "know-alls" say it's assured it will be D'Alesandro, vs. McKeldin.

And, in order to win next year, a councilmanic candidate would need to garner at least 15,000 votes.

Candidates for mayor and city council have until December 23 to file their intentions at the Supervisor of Elections office.

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WORD IS that State Senator Harry A. Cole (R-4th) is defeated in his bid for re-election early this month, is considering running for city council.

It has been suggested that because the majority of voters in the District are registered Democrats that he could make a successful race if he leaves the Republican Party.

Also mentioned as possible council candidates: Mrs. Victorine Adams, head of the Colored Women's Democratic Club and executive secretary of **Womanpower, a non-partisan group of 1,000 women.**

And, Robert B. Watts, also a Democrat, whose term as commissioner in traffic court comes to an end when Gov. McKeldin who appointed him goes out of office in January.

A TOTAL OF 54,172 voters are registered to vote in the 4th Councilmanic District, 12,593 of whom are colored Republican and 17,456 of whom are colored Democrat.

Of the District's 54,172 voters, 30,696 are colored and 23,476 are white.

The Councilmanic District covers the same area as the 4th Legislative District except four additional precincts are added.

The District takes in all precincts of the 13th, 14th and 17th wards, the 1-42 precincts of the 15th ward and precinct 3 of the 4th ward, and precincts 1, 2 and 3 of the 16th ward.

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IN THE 4TH Councilmanic district are 37,239 registered Democrats of which only 47 per cent or 17,456 are colored. At least 1,400 more colored Democrats must be registered if colored people are to have the controlling vote in the coming March 9, 1959 primary election.

The office of the Supervisors of Elections in the People's Court Building, Fayette and Gay Sts., is open daily to permit registration of new voters.

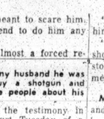
The table herewith shows total registration for the 4th Councilmanic District by parties and wards.

4th LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT	Total Registered	Total White	Total Colored	Colored Republ.	Colored Dem.	Total Republ.	Total Dem.
4th COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT (Includes the following four precincts-split 4th Legislative District)	51,579	23,444	28,135	11,364	16,167	14,521	35,922
Ward Precinct							
4 (324 N. Pine St.)	1,430	905	525	130	291	130	295
6 (1147 W. Carrollton Ave.)	1,234	578	656	364	277	364	285
13 (Riggs & Carrollton)	1,379	779	600	385	361	385	371
18 (1134 Stricker St.)	1,128	906	222	352	360	352	366
TOTAL 4th COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT	54,172	23,476	30,696	12,593	17,456	15,752	37,239

Harry A. Carpenter, Sr. found dead by workmen

Harry Albert Carpenter Sr., 73, 1818 N. Mount St., long active in business and musical circles, was found 5 dead on Tuesday.

Workmen helping to build a Carpenter summer home in Anne Arundel County, Md., on the Queen Town Rd. discovered the body about 10 a.m. when they reported for work.



Mr. Carpenter

Reynolds Gentry, 3200 block E. 43rd St., contractor, said that when he and his workmen reached the home, located near Severna Park, they found Mr. Carpenter lying face up in the front of the house.

Anne Arundel police were summoned to the scene and Mr. Carpenter was pronounced dead. Death was attributed to a heart attack. Mr. Carpenter had suffered a heart ailment.

Mr. Gentry said that work had been in progress for several months on the home and Mr. Carpenter liked to visit the site to see the progress of the work.

Funeral services for Mr. Carpenter will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at Sharp St. Methodist Church, Dolphin and Etting Sts.

The body is resting at a Brantley Avenue funeral home.

A NATIVE of Baltimore, Mr. Carpenter was the last surviving member of his immediate family. He was one of six children of the late Rufus and Arena Hall Carpenter.

He was educated in the Baltimore schools and graduated from Dover State College, Dover, Del.

Until his retirement 10 years ago, Mr. Carpenter for 46 years was an agent with the Mutual Benefit Society.

He played cornet and violin in the old Commonwealth Band and later directed the group. He also played and directed the Baltimore Colored City Orchestra, until he retired from active participation in 1948.

Mr. Carpenter in 1923 built and operated the New Albert Hall in the 1200 block Pennsylvania Ave. For 20 years, it was operated as a sports and amusement center.

In September 1943, the hall was coverted into what is known today as the New Albert Theatre.

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IN AUGUST 1915, Mrs. Carpenter was married to the former Miss Mary E. Watkins, who survives.

For 45 years the family made its home at 1221 Argyle Ave. Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter moved to their Mount St. address two years ago.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Carpenter is survived by a son, Harry A. Jr., teacher at School No. 145, and master of Joseph L. H. Smith Lodge of Prince Hall Masons; a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Leola Carpenter; two grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Attended meeting

Dr. Robert L. Gill and Dr. Alexander J. Walker, professors of political science at Morgan State College, attended the 29th annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association held recently at Gatlinburg, Tenn.

Dr. Gill is a member of the executive committee and the membership committee of the Association.

Mrs. Lillie M Jackson elected for 23rd year as NAACP prexy

The annual election of officers of the Baltimore branch NAACP was held Tuesday night at Sharp Street Methodist Church Community House.

Mrs. Lillie M. Jackson was re-elected president of the group for the 23rd year.

Vice presidents also re-elected are: Mesdames Augusta Chissell, Sarah Diggs, and Mary Hawkins; the Revs. J. R. Butler, and L. Tilley, A. J. Payne, M. G. Woods, W. W. Payne, Harrison J. Bryant and Henry U. Ayers.

The Rev. H. Octavius Graham was re-elected secretary while Dr. Charles E. Watts was re-elected treasurer and Dr. W. O. Bryson Jr., re-elected auditor.

Six newly elected members of the executive committee were added to the original executive committee all of whose members were re-elected.

The six new members are, the Revs. George Crawley Jr., and Joseph Culp; Mesdames Lena Patterson, China Deane, and Messrs. John Widgeon and Thomas J. Smith.

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NEWLY elected members added to the original finance committee are:

Osborne Carroll, James Mosely, Charles Michael and Mrs. Gladys Taylor.

Mrs. Annie Hancum is chairman of the social committee and Albert Henderson is Youth Advisor.

Dr. William H. Watts is chairman of the Life Membership Committee.

The meeting also heard reports on the current membership drive. A total of 12,000 new members is reported. The goal is 15,000 members.

With a record number of members expected, the group also offered prayer for the swift recovery of Dr. Carl Murphy, president emeritus and founder of the NAACP legal redress committee of the local branch, and a member of the national NAACP board.

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Car taken for short spin kept 23 days

"He loaned me his car for a half hour. I kept it for 23 days."

"I wound up in North Carolina broke. I figured that after I made some money I would come back."

Those were the comments of Nick Anthony Jr., of the 1500 block Eutaw Pl., in Criminal Court Monday after he pleaded guilty to larceny after trust of an automobile.

Judge Reuben Oppenheimer placed the 30 year old father of three on probation for three years on condition that he pay for the use of the car.

THE OWNER, William Hort of the 1000 block Edmondson Ave., testified that after Anthony borrowed his automobile last month, he waited three days before filing a warrant for his arrest.

Mr. Anthony testified that after driving a friend to Washington, he drove to North Carolina where he ran out of money while visiting his sick father and his children.

School Lunch Menu

Monday, Dec. 1 — Grilled spiced ham; macaroni and cheese; buttered green beans; bread and butter, sliced peaches; half pint milk.

Tuesday, Dec. 2 — Meat ball stew; mashed potatoes; cole slaw; hot roll and butter; cake with chocolate icing; half pint milk.

Wednesday, Dec. 3 — Barbecue on buttered roll; buttered kale; corn custard, fruit cup; half pint milk.

Thursday, Dec. 4 — Special menu composed of students' favorite dishes and a surprise dish added.

Friday, Dec. 5 — Salmon loaf; oven browned potatoes; buttered peas; bread and butter; chocolate pudding with marshmallow bits; half pint milk.

14th anniversary

The Eastside Community Committee will hold its 14th anniversary celebration Dec. 7 at the St. Paul Baptist Church, Lanvale St. and Guilford Ave., 5 p.m.

Susan King, 8, spent a happy Nov. 27 at home

Susan King, 2317 Poplar Grove St., the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William King, is now eight years old and spent a happy Thanksgiving at home with her family.

However, when Susan was two years old, physicians said she suffered an incurable brain disease, and announced that she would not live over five weeks.

That was in October, 1953. When Thanksgiving Day came that year Susan was dazed but in critical condition.

PRIOR TO that time on Nov. 4, her third birthday, Susan was thought to be celebrating her "last" birthday.

On Wednesday, Thanksgiving Eve, Mrs. King, her mother, told the AFRO: "Yes, Susan is eight years old now."

"She is happy and healthy and a typically active little girl of her age.

"We will always be thankful she recovered in such a miraculous way."

WHEN Mrs. King talked to the AFRO she turned aside to Susan and asked her to please be quiet. The youngster and her brothers, William, 6 and James, 12, and her sister, Marcia, 3, were romping about the house, laughing and talking the way children do after school.

Mrs. King confided: "You hear that noise, don't you?

"Well, that's the reason Susan and the rest of the children will have to spend Thanksgiving at home.

"Her grandmother says she is too old now to take the noise."

Mrs. Marcie Waddell, 130 Aisquith St., is Susan's grandmother.

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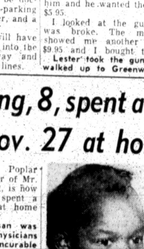
SUSAN IS in what is called the first term at the William S. Baer School, a school for children who need special training.

According to her mother: "Susan is pretty mischievous, likes to talk and play in school, but her teachers says she is doing fine.

"She reads and writes well and does her lessons just like she should."

Although Mr. King is a sailor and is in South America his family expects him home this weekend.



SUSAN KING
plenty turkey and a happy day

Suspended fine for Carl Robinson

Carl Robinson, 40, 2000 block Madison Ave., received a $15 suspended fine Saturday in Northwestern Police Court for disorderly conduct.

The fine was suspended by Magistrate Linwood G. Koger.

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Rescue 11 Kids

Cite Heroes Of Near-Fatal Eden St. Fire

(SEE STORY IN COLUMN 1)

THREE-YEAR-OLD VONZELLA BALL
With many more days of waiting to get well, she would like some comic books for Christmas.

Find bullet caused her headache

"Only God saved my child. But for him she would have been dead.

"I'm thankful she's living. I want people to know about what happened at the hospital."

Those were the comments Thursday of Mrs. Henry Pitts of the 2300 block Lauretta Ave., as she talked about her daughter's brush with death.

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MRS. PITTS told of how her 22 year old daughter, Janice, had unknowingly gone for almost 48 hours with a .22 caliber slug lodged in her skull.

The attractive young woman was one of three persons wounded last Saturday in a shooting if the 2900 block of Forest Park Ave.

At Lutheran Hospital, Miss Pitts was treated for a bullet burn wound of the head and released.

On Monday she arrived home early from her job suffering with a severe headache and a swollen face.

Her mother rushed her to a private physician who took an X-ray and found the slug resting

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'They deserve a special medal'

"The flames were leaping everywhere.

"I started up the stairs to try and save the kids but the blaze drove me back.

"One of the mothers was so frightened that it took two men to hold her.

"Nobody really knows what happened. The kids were all in there alone.

"My son-in-law (Charles Hockaday) carried three of the children out. He covered himself with a blanket and crawled under the flames. Just as he left the room with the last child, a stairway collapsed."

Mrs. Alma Johnson of 1230 N. Eden St., was describing the near-tragic fire which gutted two apartment houses in her block Wednesday afternoon.

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QUICK THINKING by heroic policemen, neighbors and firemen saved 11 children who were alone in two apartments at 1200 and 1202 N. Eden St.

The children ranged in age from three weeks to 10 years.

Eyewitnesses were lavish in their praise of rescuers who formed a chain to reach the second-floor window of the three-story brick building at 1202 down to the ground.

As the children were found, they were passed through windows to the men on the ladders and on down the line to safety.

One eyewitness, with tears in her eyes, described the rescuers as real heroes . . . they really forgot about personal danger. They deserve a special medal."

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THREE OF the near victims who were in the second-floor apartment at 1202 occupied by James and Corrine Bell were unconscious when rescuers reached them.

They were: Janice, 2; Cath-

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Here are the 11 children saved

Here are the names of the 11 children who were rescued Wednesday when fire damaged apartment houses at 1200 and 1202 N. Eden St. They are:

Janice, 2; Catherine, 3; Patricia, 4; Ernest, 6; Carolyn, 9; James Jr., 10; Ronald, one; and Keith Bell, three weeks.

Their parents are Mr. and and Mrs. James Bell of 1202.

Also, Michael, 2; Lloyd Jr., 4; and Johnathan Johnson, 5, who are the children of Mrs. Veronica Johnson of 1200.

Pearl Harbor was 17 years ago Sunday

December 7, 1941 — where were you on that tragic day 17 years ago when Japan pulled its sneak attack on Pearl Harbor?

THE AFRO edition of December 13, 1941 —the first issue after Pearl Harbor had these headlines 'Army plans new division,' and the story quoted officials as predicting the jim crow policy of segregated troops on a racial basis would continue. Time has proved this prediction wrong.

A page one headline read, 'fear for safety of local men in war zone.'

Among those listed in 'Naval Reserve units then in the Patuxent Harbor area were: Stanley M. Taylor, then of 530 Laurens St., Martin J. Brown, 935 Bennett Place; Irvin E. Travers, 38 S. Bond St., George Smith, 1104 Woodycrest St., and Artis M. Brown, 933 Bennett Place.

ALSO CHARLES H. DAVIS, 309 Schroeder St., Charles A. Pye, 1530 Druid Hill Ave., Ernest Biggs, 813 Harlem Ave., Wilmore E. Myers Jr., 1324 Druid Hill Ave.

They were all reported serving aboard the USS Turquois and the USS Elda.

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THE AFRO was able to locate Ernest Briggs who is now 37 years of age and is employed at the Post Office. A bachelor, Mr. Briggs still resides at the 813 Harlem Ave. address with his mother, Mrs. Lelia Brown.

Mr. Briggs entered service with the Navy in 1941 and was honorably discharged five years later in 1946. Prior to his appointment to the Post Office in November this year, Mr. Briggs was engineer at Dunbar High School.

Charles Davis, formerly of the 500 block N. Schroeder St. is now living in California, neighbors report.

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OTHER PAGE ONE stories in the AFRO seventeen years ago said: 'Sheppard Pratt, Navy still won't take colored.' And, "Baltimore Red Cross refuses blood donors at Guilford Ave. headquarters."

In this story, a volunteer worker reportedly advised colored donors to go to Provident Hospital, but a Red Cross official called her instruction 'a

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$50 for News Tips

There is a total of $50 available each week for news tips of big name photos. If you have a tip or a newsworthy photo call 'AFRO' City Desk, MU. 5-6015 and say "I've got a news tip." Bring your tip to City Desk if no answer, call LA. 3-3024

No romance—Sallie

Singer says N.Y. column item not true; she and congressman are just old friends

NEW YORK — "There is absolutely no romance between Mr. Powell and myself. He has known me since I was a little squirt, and the relationship between us is one of pure friendship."

Sallie Blair, stunning young singer from Baltimore, thus denied the implication contained in an item by a New York columnist last week.

Miss Blair was interviewed by the AFRO on the eve of her departure for London and Paris, where she will fill engagements over the next two weeks. The curvaceous, 5-foot-3 actress explained Thursday from Idlewild Airport.

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HER FIRST ENGAGEMENT is scheduled for the London Palladium Sunday. She then goes to Paris for an appearance and then back to London.

Miss Blair is due back in the States in time for the Christmas holidays.

Columnist Dorothy Kilgallen said in her Thanksgiving Day syndicated article: "If'll be quite a spell before they forget about Adam Clayton Powell's most recent visit to the African Room.

'His date was vivacious Sallie Blair, who got into the floor show, kicked off her shoes and wailed with the native drummers for over an hour.'"

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MISS BLAIR'S full comment on this was:

"I was at the African Room. I did go there with Mr. Powell and other friends of both his and mine. I did dance and I enjoyed myself.

"There is absolutely no romance between Mr. Powell and myself. He has known me since I was a little squirt of 15 years, and the relationship be-

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MISS SALLIE BLAIR
'There is absolutely no romance . . . he has known me since I was a little squirt'

219 new voters register; total now 100,430 here

There is still time to register to vote in the March 3, 1959 primary elections.

The deadline for registering is January 31, 1959 — that's 49 days away — but if you're not qualified to vote, don't wait until the last minute, do it today.

Already, a total of 351 citizens have registered to vote since Nov. 20th when the Supervisors of Elections office opened its books for new registrants.

Of this number, 219 were colored, which brings the total number of registered colored voters in the city to 100,430.

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IN THE coming spring elections, residents of Baltimore's Fourth Councilmanic District have an opportunity to elect qualified colored candidates to the Council, if more colored Democrats register in this district so that colored voters have the controlling vote.

At the present time, there are 54,172 voters registered in the District. Of this number, 30,696 are colored and 23,476 are white.

But colored Democrats are only 47 per cent of the total. Of 37,239 Democrats, only 17,456 are colored. To nominate colored candidates in the Democratic primary, more Democrats must be registered.

The Supervisors of Elections office is open daily to accept and register new voters from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon. The office is located in the basement of the People's Court Building, Fayette and Gay Sts.

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THE FOLLOWING table shows how many new voters registered, the parties they affiliated with for the eight-day period Nov. 20-29, 1958.

Note the largest number of voters, 99, signed up on Nov. 20, the first day the books were open since the Nov. 4th general election:

Date	Total	Col.	White	Col. GOP	Col. Dem.
11.20	99	64	35	8	56
11.21	61	34	27	9	25
11.22	14	12	2	3	9
11.23	67	41	19	7	34
11.25	41	18	23	6	12
11.26	27	18	9	3	15
11.28	36	29	16	1	19
11.29	10	9	1	1	8
Nov. Total	351	219	132	40	179

Total colored voters registered before Nov. 4th general election 100,211
Registered Nov. 20-29 219
Total to date 100,430

Vonny, 3, is hoping for Santa

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

Three-year old Vonzella (Vonny) Ball, 1011 Caroline St., the daughter of a 26-year-old cabinetmaker, Robert Ball and his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Ball, 24, has been confined to Johns Hopkins Hospital for 169 days.

Vonny may not be able to go home for Christmas and Christmas in a hospital can be unhappy when a little girl would rather be home with her family.

But Vonny has serious damage to her tummy, which must be repaired and healed before she can leave the hospital.

Meantime she spends her time in her crib looking at picture books which are now well-worn and somewhat 'old hat.'

She has no dolls to play with.

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HOWEVER, WITH Christmas approaching, Vonny hopes and prays Santa Claus will not forget her just because she has been away from home so long.

She would like to have some new books, a teddy bear, a soft toy dog and just any kind of pretty play things.

Perhaps AFRO readers would like to play Santa Claus for Vonny. Gifts may be sent to Vonzella Ball, Halstead-3, Johns Hopkins Hospital.

But first, why has Vonny who

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Mrs. Santa calling....

Here's how you can help AFRO's Mrs. Santa make many hearts glad at Christmas

How about giving a helping hand to Mrs. Santa?

If the front office is any indication, the lady will really need the help of every reader this year so that needy families may have a Merry Christmas.

Perhaps it's because of the present economic situation, but whatever the reason, Mrs. Santa knows that the requests for help are pouring into this office at an unprecedented 78%.

Every year the AFRO's Mrs. Santa conducts a project in which readers are asked to contribute gifts of food, cloth ing and toys to the less fortunate.

This year she's back at the old stand trying to help these families in this 'most festive of holiday seasons.

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MRS. SANTA reprints as many of the letters asking for help as possible and readers are invited to select the family they would like to help.

While the names and addresses are not listed in the story, they may be had by calling the AFRO office at Mulberry 5-6015 weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and on Saturday from 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Each of the letters has a number so give that number to the operator when you call and she will give you the name and address of the family.

For the readers who won't be able to distribute their gifts themselves, special Mrs. Santa cases have been placed throughout the city and donors may drop their gifts in these boxes.

Some of these places accompanies this story.)

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LARGER GIFTS may be left at the AFRO office, 628 N. Eutaw St., weekdays, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., or call the AFRO office during the hours and arrangements will be made to pick up the gift.

For readers who might not have the time to pick up a gift, a special fund has been set up to which contributions may be made.

This money will be used to aid the needy families. Checks should be sent to the Miss Sheila Shields, Toy Chest here at the AFRO.

Now here are the first group of letters from needy families who want a visit from Mrs. Santa . . . WILL YOU HELP?

CASE 1: Dear Mrs. Santa, I am trying to please Santa the favor of that lives down the