# New Renewal Project To Move 1,100 Families

## 87 acres to become all commercial

Another urban renewal project — designed for business and commercial interests in the Camden St. area — was approved by the City Planning Commission Wednesday, which will require the displacement of 1,100 families.

**This latest project is to be bounded by Camden St. on the north; Eutaw St. to the east; Ostend St. on the south, and portions of Pace, Russell and Hamburg Sts. on the west.**

This is an 87-acre tract, with 1,000 building structures, 900 of which are residential.

The Josiah Diggs Elementary School No. 162, a comparatively new million-dollar structure, is within this area at Barre, Warner and Lee Sts.

**THIS SCHOOL** will remain, though, the area's 1,100 families must be moved elsewhere, according to Robert Zimmerman, principal planning agent of the Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing Agency.

Mr. Zimmerman and a communication from the School Board said the school would probably be used sometime in the future as a repair shop for the Department of Education.

**This drew sharp criticisms from Dr. Robert C. Jackson, veteran commission member, and William Bonnett, First District, City Council representative on the commission.**

Both termed the erection of the school, and its new future a "waste of the taxpayers' money."

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**A SALVATION** Army building, a firehouse, a rubber heel factory and a Department of Traffic and Traffic terminal will also remain with some of the larger commercial buildings, Mr. Zimmerman stated.

**However, numerous small businesses, such as grocery stores, tailor shops and the like, will be razed.**

Oliver C. Winston, Urban Renewal director, said efforts to aid such up-rooted businesses to re-locate would be made, but to a lesser degree than the help given the families forced to move.

The area is designed to round out the southern end of the proposed Charles Center with commercial interests, with offstreet parking, loading and unloading spaces to facilitate the easy flow of traffic.

The area has numerous substandard dwellings, and is no longer suitable as a residential sector, Mr. Zimmerman stated.

'THANK YOU, SIR' — Miss Sheila Shields, the AFRO's Mrs. Santa, is thanking this gentleman for his gifts which on Christmas morning will make a needy youngster happy. Similar boxes have been set up throughout the city and if you would like to take a part in bringing happiness to others, drop a gift in one of them. A complete list of where these boxes are located is published in this edition.

## Collection points for Mrs. Santa

Here is a list of collection points at which you may leave your gifts for Mrs. Santa Claus.

These gifts will be collected and distributed to needy families.

**For large gifts, please leave them at the AFRO office, 628 N. Eutaw St., weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.**

**For gifts that you can not leave at a collection point or the AFRO please call the AFRO City Desk, Mulberry 5-4015 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays, for information on how these gifts will be picked up.**

Toys, clothing and canned goods are needed.

Here is a list of the collection points.

WILLIAMS PHARMACY, 1300 N. Caroline St.

CAPLAN'S DRUG STORE, 601 N. Carey St.

ROBINSON's DRUG STORE, 2139 Pennsylvania Ave.

REGENT THEATRE, 1627 Pennsylvania Ave.

STATION WEBB, 3113 W. North Ave.

AFRO - AMERICAN, 628 N. Eutaw St.

## A gift or a check

Bring your gift to the AFRO office, 628 N. Eutaw St. or any of the other collection points listed.

If you would like to contribute to the Mrs. Santa Claus project but haven't the time to shop, Sheila Shields will shop for you.

Send your check or money order to Mrs. Santa Claus, c/o the AFRO, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore.

Now that you have taught me what are you going to do with it?"

That, according to Mrs. Mary D. House of 1100 W. Lafayette Ave., was the return of

## Youth in check case is warned

Judge Watkins Jr., 23, 1600 block W. North Ave., a former AFRO teletype operator, was found guilty on charges of forgery and misrepresentation in Northwestern Police Court on Wednesday.

Appearing before Magistrate Linwood G. Koger Sr., Watkins was given a suspended sentence totaling four months in the Maryland House of Correction.

**Watkins received the three months suspended sentence for forging his name to a $53.96 AFRO paycheck belonging to another employee, Bernard Walker.**

The one month suspended sentence was given Watkins for falsely representing his identity in order to obtain a $50 U.S. Savings Bond, also the property of Mr. Walker.

Restitution on the $53.96 was made in open court as full payment for money Watkins received at the time he cashed the check.

A sum of $37.50 was placed in escrow to cover cash value of the savings bond although Mr. Watkins denied he had received the bond and U.S. Treasury Department authorities had been ordered to stop payment on it.

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**TESTIMONY** was that Watkins represented himself as Walker and was given the payroll check by an AFRO clerk, and cashed it at a Druid Hill Ave. tavern.

**Lee Stein tavern manager, testified he ordered Watkins' arrest after AFRO comptroller Howard H. Murphy informed him Walker's check had been falsely claimed at the AFRO office.**

Photostatic copies of Walker's and Watkins' signatures were made.

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**AT THE HEARING** Mr. Watkins was represented by Calvin Douglass, attorney, who entered a plea of nolo contendere (no contest) for the young man.

**However, Watkins did testify that he had not obtained a U.S. Savings Bond.**

**He stated: "I know nothing about the bond."**

In pronouncing sentence Magistrate Koger referred to young Watkins' previously clear record.

**He said: "This is a pretty serious case but I consider that you have a good record.**

**"I've got to give you a record here, however."**

Present in the courtroom were Watkins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Judge Watkins Sr., Mr. Stein, Mr. Murphy, Mrs. Edna Bankins, AFRO clerk, George W. Collins, teletype supervisor and Israel Rivers, owner of a Druid Hill Ave. tavern.

**SUPREME OFFICERS** of the Knights of St. John who gathered in Philadelphia to confer the fourth degree on a class of 50 members included Col. James Cosgrove, Philadelphia; Sgt. Harry Sclafford, Atlantic City; Col. Bernard C. Johnson, Washington, D.C.; Lt. John Barnes, Washington, D.C.; Major Andrew R. Edelen, Washington, D.C.; Col. Thomas Ryan, Philadelphia; Col. William A. Brown, Maryland; Brig. Gen. Clarence J. Chew, Indiana; Lt. Charles W. Harper, Washington, D.C.; Col. John Wickman, Philadelphia; and Capt. George W. Gant, Washington, D.C.

## Where is this mother of four??

Police authorities are still searching for a young mother said to be about 20 years of age who left her four small children deserted on Thanksgiving Day.

According to police officials, no trace has been found of the young woman nor have they any clues to her whereabouts.

**The four children whose ages range from six months to five years were found alone in a 1200 block Gay St. second floor room early November 27.**

**A Discovery was made after police were directed to the home by the five-year-old boy whom they met on the way to the store to "exchange" empty soda bottles for soda crackers.**

He said he was buying food for the younger children.

Two of the children under two years of age were taken to City Hospitals while the three-year-old child and the five-year-old boy were taken to Pine Street Station until an aunt arrived and took them to her home for care.

## Knights of St. John confers fourth degree on 50 members

PHILADELPHIA

The supreme officers of the Knights of St. John and the fourth degree ritualistic team visited Philadelphia on Nov. 22 and 23 to confer the fourth degree on a class of 50 members.

The exemplification was held at St. Boniface's Church, Hancock and Diamond Sts., on Nov. 23rd.

The officers and candidates were honored at a reception at St. Boniface's Commandery Hall, 2139 N. Front St.

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**THE CANDIDATES** were from Atlantic City, Baltimore, Washington, D. C. and Philadelphia.

The candidates from Philadelphia were: James Thmon, Charles Weaver, John Rinker, Joseph Lange, Kenneth Boker, Edward O'Neill, Edward Burgert, Kenneth Carroll and Major Barrett.

Those from Washington, D.C. were: George W. Gant, Robert Hall, Andrew Edelen, Col. Bernard Johnson, John F. Barnes and George Washington.

The candidates from Maryland were: George Plater, McKinley Winner, James Wood, Joseph Woodward, George Brown, John Brown, Joseph Brown, James W. Butler, James E. Davis, Richard Groves and Col. William Brown.

**Those from Atlantic City were: Joseph Guss, Stanley Thompson and Harry Stafford.**

The ritual staff who conferred the degrees were: Col. John Bittner, grand master of the Holy Cross Degree; Grand Master Emil Eckert; and the director of Degrees, General Clarence J. Schu, supreme secretary.

The Knights of St. John is a society of Catholic men organized in the United States in the middle of the 19th century by banding together a number of uniformed Catholic semi-military societies under the title "Roman Catholic Union of the Knights of St. John."

It was incorporated by a special act of the legislature of the State of New York and the title was later shortened to "Knights of St. John."

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**THEIR OBJECT** is to create and foster a feeling of fraternity and fellowship among the various Commanderies; to improve their moral, mental and social condition.

Also to aid, assist and support members and their families in case of want, sickness and death and to promote the welfare of the Roman Catholic religion.

The Knights of St. John is the most prominent semi-military Catholic organization in the country.

## Strike at laundry in sixth week

A strike by 16 women, former employees in the folding room of a laundry in the 1200 block W. Fairmount Ave. is in its sixth week.

**Both Nu Dy-Per Service Laundry and Local 374, chartered this past June by the Laundry Workers International of the AFL-CIO, told the AFRO negotiations have reached a standstill.**

The striking women, who have gained the support of various other Baltimore unions, are seeking shorter work hours, better pay and such other benefits as hospitalization and insurance coverage, among other things.

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**HOWEVER**, Joseph and Reuben Warnich, brothers who own the laundry, said the only complaint with any validity is that one regarding hospital and insurance benefits and that such a program is now being developed.

The Warnich brothers, whose attorney is former Congressman Thomas D'Alesandro, say they were the first here to do diapers for colored customers. Most of the company's 45 workers are colored; the bulk of them in the folding room.

One woman employee works in the office and one man is part of the two-member washing room team.

**The company also denies a statement by Morris Levine, business manager of Local 374, who told the AFRO that many present company provisions, such as pay rates, hours worked and coffee breaks, have been instituted since the union entered the picture.**

John Alden, president of local 738, United Automobile, Aircraft and Agricultural Implement Workers, told the AFRO his union is among those cooperating with the striking local.

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**MR. ALDEN** said the two large steel workers' locals here are contributing $50 each a week in support of the strikers and that others are also giving financial support. The strikers reportedly received $15 a week.

Mr. Levine said this is one of the first attempts at organizing the laundry industry here since the International's reinstatement in the top councils of labor.

## 'He did not play a husband's part . . .'

House was willing to give the other woman up. But, according to the wife he said "No!"

"After that we just lived in the same house for almost a year, but he did not play a husband's part," said Mrs. House. She added that there after she left. She was granted a divorce.

The couple was married in 1938. The marriage ended in 1956. His address was given as 1200 W. Lanvale St.

## Woman dies in crack-up on icy road

Thrown from her husband's car, Mrs. Dorothy Ward, 42, 2100 block Dukeland St., received fatal head injuries Wednesday when she slid 35 feet into the path of an oncoming truck.

**Two others were injured in the seven-car pile-up on steel-covered U.S. 40 over the Patapsco River Bridge.**

They were James Smith, 53, 700 block Cold Spring Lane, bruises and an ankle injury, and Robert Brown, 29, 3900 block Quarry Ave., bruises and shock. Both were reported in good condition in Lutheran Hospital.

**PATROLMEN** Douglas Wink and Herbert King reported the collisions started when an unidentified eastbound motorist slid on the ice and hit a truck, turning it so that it partially blocked the east lane.

The patrolmen traveling east when ordered to investigate, also slid when they turned around and their car struck the stalled auto.

**The Wards, following the cruiser, apparently tried to stop their auto when they saw the car ahead slow up. It went into a violent spin and Mrs. Ward was thrown out.**

After the truck struck her it went on for rare a vehicle already involved in the multiple collision.

Officers said the road was covered with a thin layer of ice and a mixture of snow and sleet was falling at the time of the accident.

No charges were immediately placed.

## School Lunch Menu

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

Monday, December 8 — Frankfurter on buttered roll; baked beans; buttered cabbage; apple sauce; half pint milk.

**Tuesday, December 9 — Meat loaf; mashed potatoes and gravy; fresh spinach; collards; bread and butter; cake with peanut butter icing; half pint milk.**

Wednesday, December 10 — Turkey fricassee on biscuit; buttered peas; 1 biscuit and butter; rice and raisin custard; half pint milk.

Thursday, December 11 — Special menu composed of students' favorite dishes.

### VISITS ILL MOTHER

John L. Marche, 2535 13th St., NW, John E. Digges, Winshrop Digges, Baltimore, Md., and Peter Lozando, also of Baltimore, motored to Youngstown, Ohio, last weekend to see John E. Digges' mother, Mrs. Lucy Digges who is ill.

**550 A WEEK — that's the amount the AFRO has available each and every week for news tips and newsphotos. If you have a tip, simply call MUL. 5-4015 or MUL. 5-1817 and say 'I have a newstip.' If no answer call, LAF. 3-3024. Bring your newsphotos to the AFRO City Desk, 628 N. Eutaw St.**

## Court grounds evasive motorist for 51 months

When James Walter McRae, 22 of the 700 block N. Carey St., entered Central District Police headquarters Monday, it was like old home week — a lot of people were glad to see him.

**After greetings and salutations were exchanged all around, McRae was sentenced to four years and three months in jail for violation of 23 traffic violations.**

The sentence given by Magistrate S. Robert Leverton, was the longest term handed down in Traffic Court in over three years.

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**THE CHARGES** against McRae, some of which dated back to December, 1956, involved changing addresses, avoiding trial, no registration in possession, and making a prohibited left turn.

Also, having no operators license, failing to stop at a stop sign, operating on a revoked license, displaying a license not his own, operating an uninsured automobile without having paid a fee, and obtaining a license by misrepresentation.

**So rapidly were charges unearthed and new fines imposed against McRae, that the court's clerical staff was momentarily thrown into a state of confusion.**

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**ACCORDING** to three traffic division officers, when McRae drove past headquarters and acted like the proverbial "shrinking violet," he automatically attracted their attention.

Sgt. Woodrow Bates, Patrolmen Thomas Coppinger and Marland Burns said they were sitting in a prowl car when McRae passed and tried to hide his face behind his hand.

**After trailing him for about a block the officers took McRae into custody and carried him into Traffic Division for questioning.**

One of the first to recognize the up-to-been evasive motorist was Patrolman Nerwin Schaeffer who exclaimed:

"Where in the — have you been. I have been looking for you since October"?

It was brought out at McRae's hearing that he had at one time used the name "McCray" to apply for a license. He had listed addresses in the 1500 block of N. Caroline St. and the 2500 block of Sycamore, St., on other occasions.

## Having a wedding or party soon?

If you are, giving a party or planning a wedding, and you'd like the AFRO photographer to drop in, do let us know it **ahead of time.**

Call the AFRO at the same time you engage your caterer so we can plan head with you.

The AFRO will be happy to cover your party, wedding or other civic events, but we have to know far enough in advance so we can plan to serve you best, or arrange with another photographer to make your photos for you.

The AFRO makes no charge for publishing news and photos. Just call City Desk, MUL. 5-4015 and let us know your plans. If no answer call LAF. 3-3024.

**APPROVAL WAS** granted Radio Station WWIN to broadcast the Patterson Park vs. Towson Catholic game, Jan. 9; the Southern vs. Patterson Park game, Jan. 13; the Southern vs. Poly game, Feb. 24, and the City vs. Poly game, Feb. 27.

Other actions included the appointment of Ronald C. Watts as secondary school teacher of art, Mesdames Eugenia D. Douglass, Mae E. Hiranaka, Ercell Margie, Margaret W. Rappersberger, Elizabeth H. Sakers, Sonya H. Salter, Frances R. Stewart and Gladys H. Taylor, elementary grade teachers;

**Michael W. O'Dwyer, A. Frank Holston and Mesdames Beulah B. Dale and Wilhelmina S. Funderburk, secondary school teachers;**

Lee Woolf, secondary teacher assigned to guidance; Mrs. Donna J. McBride and Rhea B. Mermelstein, speech correctionists; Jerald A. Malin, teacher of deaf and hard of hearing, and Mrs. Anna Grandolsky, teacher-librarian.

## Mrs. Brackett going to School No. 74

The Baltimore School Board of Commissioners at its regular meeting on Thursday promoted a vice principal to full principal, transferred two principals and two vice principals and appointed two vice principals.

**They also approved a request by a local radio station to broadcast four high school basketball games.**

One of the major changes was the transfer of Mrs. Pearl C. Brackett, principal of Beale Elliott Elementary School No. 108, Gilmor and Pressman Sts., to the principalship of the Oliver Cromwell Elementary School No. 74, 22nd St. and Homewood Ave.

Delmas Milbourne, vice principal of James Mosher Elementary School No. 144, Mosher St. at Wheeler Ave., was named principal of Elementary School No. 126, Sharp St. near Montgomery St.

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**IN THE** other principalship shift, Mrs. Mabel Booker, of Elementary School No. 126 was appointed to the top post at School No. 108.

The shifts in vice principals saw Mrs. Rosalind M. Allen, of Carter G. Woodson Elementary School No. 160, Cherry Hill Rd. and Seabury Ave., moved to a like post at School No. 144.

**And Mrs. Ruth E. Bugan of Robert Poole Elementary and Junior High School No. 56, 36th and Sinclair Lane, moved to Sinclair Elementary School No. 240, Sinclair Lane and Chesterfield Ave.**

Mrs. Irma Daney, elementary specialist, was approved as vice principal of Elementary School No. 116, and Mrs. Blanche Stark, as vice principal of School No. 56.

All changes are effective on Jan. 1, 1959.


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## Yule wedding in France

MISS BERNICE HOLLOMAN
*Wedding in Paris, wedding breakfast at in-laws' villa in Spain*

GERALD POCHONET
*Scion of wealthy Paris family to wed Baltimore girl*

## Local girl to marry Frenchman

By Elizabeth M. Oliver

An ancient Roman Catholic Church in a small village just outside Paris, France will be the scene on a 1944 Douglass High School graduate and popular Baltimore beautician is wed to the son of a wealthy, socially prominent French family.

**On Dec. 27, petite, five-foot tall, 33-year-old Miss Bernice Holloman, 1604 W. North Ave., owner of the Salon Holloman, will be married to Gerald Pochonet, 34, the only son of divorced parents, Mme. Renee Marcoux, an oil and ship-building heiress and socialite, and M. Pierre Pochonet, millionaire owner of the French National Soccer Association.**

The groom to-be is a distinguished musician, owner of a French jazz band, a graduate of University of Paris in drafting and art and is a writer on the staff of a famous

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## Front Royal pupils in D.C. schools

WASHINGTON

Eighteen children from closed Warren High School in Front Royal, Va., were registered in District schools this week.

The group was brought to Washington by local citizens comprising the Front Royal Educational Fund Committee.

**"We have had wonderful cooperation from the schools here and wonderful understanding from the homes in which the children have been placed," said Mrs. Burma Whited, a member of the committee.**

A press conference was conducted Wednesday by Mrs. Whitted, Prof. Frank Coleman and Mrs. James E. Scott, also committee members, along with the children at the National Federation of Colored Women's Club, 1601 R St., NW.

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**CONDITIONS AT** the jim crow school in Manassas were described by Faye L. Coleman, 17, a student in the group.

There were 26 of them who boarded at the segregated school at a distance of 50 miles from home for many.

They were admitted to Warren High by Federal District Court order. Governor Almond closed the school under so-called massive resistance laws.

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**"IT WAS** a very old and very cold building," the attractive dark-haired girl said of the dormitory. "We had to stay there all the week without going home."

Mrs. Whitted said four other students will be enrolled in Washington schools, making a total of 22.

The other four are already in schools in Pennsylvania and New York.

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**COST OF** schooling the chil-

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## Br-r-r-r it's homemade soup time

**Thermometer dips to lowest for December, chance of snow.**

**FRIDAY**, clearing, windy, cold, low in the 20's.

**SATURDAY**, fair, colder.

**SUNDAY**, continued cold.

**MONDAY**, clear, crisp, cold.

## Mrs. Santa learns that people believe in helping others

When you get right down to it, people are rather wonderful.

And as corny as it may sound to the hard of heart, the AFRO's Mrs. Santa Claus knows that this is true.

**She couldn't very well believe otherwise in view of the support her project to help needy families has received.**

(See photos and other stories on pages 24, 22)

In her project, Mrs. Santa publishes in the columns of the AFRO letters from readers who need help at Christmas time.

Some of the grammar may not be the best, but the letters are from real people and their need for help is real.

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**THE PUBLIC** is invited to help these families by providing clothing, toys, food or money — all of which go directly to the families.

**Already the response has been gratifying and in this edition is published a list of some of the people who have already contributed.**

They come from all walks of life and from every part of the city.

In the list is the name of the reader who came into the AFRO office and brought $2 to the City Desk with the request that it be used to make a child's Christmas happy . . . And it will be.

The list also includes the name of the Manning - Shaw Real Estate firm which will give $25 a week to a needy child for ten weeks, and 225 to ten other needy children, for a grand total of $500.

In it you will find the name of the Mitnick Brothers Furniture Co. which gave a dazzling array of clothing and toys.

Not satisfied with this, Howard Mitnick asked for a list among his business associates asking them to help Mrs. Santa.

Not included in the list unfortunately, is the youngster who came into the office and dropped 17 cents in Mrs. Santa's container, and left without leaving his name.

There are many, many more and Mrs. Santa thanks each and everyone of them.

The important thing in project of this kind, is not so much the size of the gift, but the fact that you care enough for your fellowman to give.

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**THE LETTERS** from the needy families that are published in the AFRO are all numbered so that if a person desires to help a particular family, he can write here, at the AFRO, Mulberry 5-6015, give the number of the case and he will be given the name and address of the family.

When you call, please call weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and on Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The service is also available on Sunday from noon until 6 p.m.

For those of our readers who do not have the facilities to transport their gifts to the families, a pickup service has been arranged through the cooperation of the 231st Truck Transportation Battalion of the National Guard.

**If you have food, clothing or toys that you want picked up for delivery, please call during**

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## Here's how to write Mrs. Santa

If you know a needy family, or if you are a member of such a family, write a letter to Mrs. Santa Claus, AFRO - AMERICAN, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore.

In it, please tell the circumstances of the family, what they need, the ages and sizes of the children in the family and the address.

The most deserving letters will be published and tickets sent to the family for the Christmas Eve party at the Regent Theatre.

Please do not phone the AFRO office to make requests for help to Mrs. Santa. Please write a letter.

SOME THINGS NEVER CHANGE — Christmas and toys have linked together for quite a few years and while the toys of today may be more complex, the younger generation still thinks they are an important part of the holiday season—just as past generations have done. Joseph Jones, 9, 2012 Etting St., is our choice of a subject to prove some things never change. Christmas and toys—they just naturally go together. Remember there are only 10 shopping days until Christmas. Check the AFRO ads for tips on where to shop.

## 'I know I've done something wrong and I am sorry . . .'

"We were talking about going to this drug store and holding up the man . . . He (Charles Richardson) said he had stocking caps to cover our faces."

"I started thinking then I would take his place as a leader, because it would hurt Charles more than me. If he had the gun and something went wrong."

**A 17-year-old Carver Vocational High School girl was confessing in Criminal Court Tuesday, telling how she acted as gun moll for her young boy friend and two male companions on October 2.**

When the trial was over the girl and two of her male companions, whose ages totaled 55 years, found themselves sentenced to a total of 56 years in prison.

The terms were imposed on: Miss Doris Elizabeth Dyson, 17, 1500 block Brunt St., 18 years in the State Reformatory for Women; Charles F. Richardson, 18, 2200 block Druid Hill Ave., her confessed boy friend, 18 years in the penitentiary, and Isaac Christopher Wall's, 21, 600 block Pennsylvania Ave., 20 years in the penitentiary.

The trial of a third youth charged in the case, Raymond L. Johnson, 17, 3700 block Braddish Ave., was postponed because he was ill and unable to appear in court.

**THE TEENAGE** girl maintained a serious expression throughout the trial, and talked quickly, without swagger, to the stand when called to testify.

She gave her testimony in a matter-of-fact tone, and concluded with this statement:

"I know I have done something wrong, and I am sorry for it."

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**EVEN THOUGH** the girl confessed she aided a gun moll in the robbery to protect the youth she loved, she also admitted double-crossing him and her other accomplices, by holding out $250 of the loot, without their knowledge.

**The girl, approximately five feet, six inches tall and weighing about 130 pounds, has plain features and looks to be every one of her 17 years in age.**

JUDGE MICHAEL J. MAN-

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## Who killed lady found in yard?

"Mae had a lot of friends. She was the kind of person who liked to have a good time."

"It's a shame the way she met her death."

**"She must have put up a struggle because no one took advantage of her."**

Those were the comments of friends and neighbors of Miss Mae Hall of 1227 E. Chase St., Johns Hopkins Hospital employee, who was found strangled to death Tuesday at 8 a.m.

She was described by one neighbor as a "well-liked person, known all over East Baltimore."

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**THE NEAR-NUDE** body of the 159-pound woman was discovered in the 30-degree weather in the rear yard of a house in the 1300 block E. Eager St.

**The discovery was made by Irvin Curtis when he took out the trash at the home of his mother, Mrs. Lavina Curtis.**

Mr. Curtis told the AFRO he had been with Miss Hall before in the neighborhood and added he heard no unusual noises during the night or the early morning hours.

Northeastern District police reported that on their arrival they found Miss Hall lying on her back with her head resting

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## Hearing told how Ala. limits voters

By MARY STRATFORD
AFRO Staff Reporter

WASHINGTON

A chaplain holding a Ph.D. degree was disqualified to vote in Macon County, Ala. because he did not "pass" a reading examination.

A retired school teacher in Dallas County, Ala. has tried to qualify for voting 12 times since 1955 but he does not meet the county's standards.

A farmer in Bulbour County, Ala., who was in actual combat during World War-II lacks the "influence" needed for voting.

A farmer in Bullock County, Ala., tried six times to register and once was told by an exasperated white man, "I told you to get the hell out of here."

In Wilcox and Lowndes Counties in Alabama, there are no colored voters.

**THE CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION** inquiring into charges by colored citizens that they have been denied the right to vote in six Alabama counties heard these assertions Monday and Tuesday from 31 witnesses.

Complaints who said they did not qualify to vote were a college professor, a college chaplain, a pastor, a student, three housewives, four nurses, eight farmers, two secretaries, two teachers, a dietitician, an architect, a nurse's aide, a retired teacher and a tailor.

The remaining three complaining witnesses told the fact-finding body they were voters. One became registered after suing the county. The other two, a man and his wife, became voters in the early 1940's.

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**OF THE** 31 witnesses, three have been awarded Ph.D. degrees.

Eight have a high school ed-

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## 100,557 DOWN, 43,659 TO GO

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| Colored persons over 21 eligible to vote | 144,216 |
| Registered January 1, 1956 | 77,373 |
| Registered as of Nov. 4, 1958 General Election | 100,211 |
| Registered November 20-29, 1958 | 219 |
| Registered December 1-6, 1958 | 127 |
| Total to date | 100,557 |
| Still unregistered | 43,659 |

There are 43,659 colored persons in Baltimore over 21 years of age who are still not registered to vote. Registered as of December 6, 1958 were 100,557.

**If you are not a registered voter and you desire to vote in the Primary Election of March 9, 1959, you must register by JANUARY 31, 1959.**

In the Primary Election, registered Democrats and Republicans will select the candidates for Mayor, comptroller and city council who will oppose each other in the General Election on Nov. 5, 1959.

**Who qualifies to register:** Any resident who has become 21 years of age. Any new resident of the state who has resided here a year, or will have been here a year by election time.

**Where to register:** At the Supervisors of Elections office, People's Court Building, Fayette and Gay Sts., daily 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturdays 9 a.m. to noon.

**Independents:** Those citizens already registered as independents or not affiliated with either party — are permitted to change to either Democratic or Republican before registration closes on Jan. 31, 1959.

**Remember:** If you are not affiliated with either Party, you can not vote in the March 9th Primary, only in the General Election.


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## Barbara Jean's last words: thank you

BULLETIN

**Barbara Jean Brown died at 9:30 p.m. Thursday. Franklin Square Hospital authorities told the AFRO today (Friday) "We did more than everything for her, but we could not save her."**

**One of the last persons to see Barbara Jean alive was an AFRO reporter who visited her Thursday morning and told her readers had donated blood for her. She said, 'Oh, thank you.'**

**Capt. Frank Battaglia, Southwestern Police District told the AFRO today: "Our there will probably be action against juveniles who set the fire which caused Barbara's death.**

**"We are now taking it up with the Juvenile Court authorities and the homicide squad to decide just what course to take," he said.**

Barbara Jean Brown, six-year-old first grader of 405 N. Stricker St., remains in critical condition at Franklin Square Hospital, where she has been confined since Nov. 21 with severe burns over two-thirds of her body.

**AFRO readers who learned of her fight for life in Tuesday's AFRO, have volunteered blood and skin, but the hospital said on Thursday that should the small child survive this next week's treatment, she will need many more pints of blood and must undergo numerous operations.**

"Thank all the people who responded, so very well," was the way 66-year-old attending physicians put it. He added: "We took 20 pints of blood the first day, but she will be using one pint a day.

"We need more blood because the infection destroys the blood and it must be replaced."

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Of the skin AFRO readers volunteered to donate, the hospital said on Thursday "Right now, we are not sure about the skin donors.

**"After a last-minute conference with the plastic surgeons, it was decided she is not ready for skin grafting at**

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## 'NOT UNTIL I HAVE READ MY AFRO'

*Mars, Venus or the moon, our intrepid space explorer isn't moving until he finds out what's happening back home. Yes, he can keep posted by reading your AFRO. For home delivery call:*
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## $300,000 Student Union at Morgan honors McKeldin

**Chief Executive will speak at dedication on Wednesday at 11 a.m.**

Governor Theodore Roosevelt McKeldin, already a "distinguished alumnus" of Morgan State by having received the honorary degree from the institution, becomes a permanent part of the college on Wednesday, December 17.

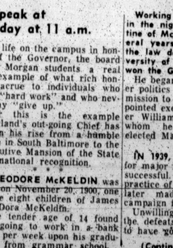
By action of the board of trustees, the student union building will be publicly named in honor of the popular Chief of State.

In making the building which is to serve as the hub of student life on the campus in honor of the Governor, the board gave Morgan students a real life example of what rich honors accrue to individuals who love "hard work" and who never say "give up."

For this is the example Maryland's out-going Chief has set in his rise from a humble home in South Baltimore to the Executive Mansion of the State and national recognition.

**THEODORE McKELDIN** was born on November 20, 1900, one of the eight children of James and Dora McKeldin.

The eldest age of 14 found him going to work in a bank at $5 per week upon his graduation from grammar school.



McKELDIN

**Working in the day, studying in the nights became the routine of McKeldin's life for several years until he received the law degree from the University of Maryland, which he won the Gold Honor Key.**

He began seriously to consider political shortly after his admission to the bar, and was appointed executive secretary after William F. Broening for whom he campaigned was elected Mayor.

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**IN 1939**, Mr. McKeldin ran for mayor himself, but was unsuccessful. He went back to the practice of law and three years later made an unsuccessful campaign for the governorship.

Unwilling to give up despite the defeats, McKeldin is said to have gone back to work to

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