Abramson Must Quit EEOC Post Or House

City unit refuses to grant leave

"The City Service Commission has reaffirmed its previous position and denied Mr. Abramson a leave of absence," **Thomas J. Murphy, chief examiner and secretary, City Service Commission, made public this decision Thursday on a requested 90-day leave for Murray Abramson, assistant executive secretary, of the city's Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.**

Mr. Abramson, recently reelected to the House of Delegates from Baltimore's Fourth Legislative Dist., had requested the leave to assume his legislative duties, when the General Assembly convenes in Annapolis for a 90-day session in January.

Mr. Murphy stated that the decision of his commission meant Mr. Abramson must resign his EEOC post (salary $5,604 - $6,780), if he plans to continue as a House of Delegates member.

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MR. ABRAMSON gave no hint of his intentions, when he said Thursday afternoon:

"I am still considering the whole matter."

Should Mr. Abramson decide a resign the House of Delegates seat (salary $1,800), this vacancy will be filled by the governor, with a nominee furnished him by the Democratic State Central Committee.

This committee, according to Dr. Carl Everstine, director, Department of Legislative Reference, may make its lone selection from any member of Mr. Abramson's Democrat party, who was eligible to run for the same seat in the Fourth District.

Mr. Abramson requested and was granted a 30 - day leave of absence from his EEOC post last January, to attend a short session of the General Assembly.

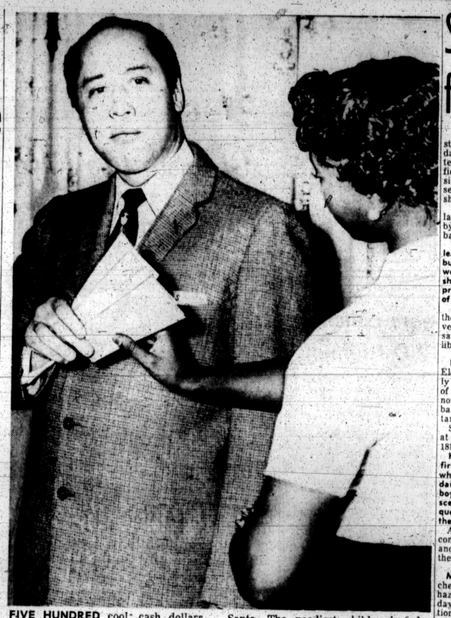
MR. MURPHY said Thursday that the City Service Commission granted the leave then because Mr. Abramson had been elected as a House member, prior to his appointment in September, 1957, to the EEOC position.

The commission decided then not to grant him further leaves of this nature, Mr. Murphy stated.

At a meeting Tuesday, the EEOC board members voted to grant Mr. Abramson the leave of absence by a three - to-two vote, with five of the nine members present.

Voting in favor of Mr. Abramson were Francis X. Gallagher, who is also an assistant city solicitor; Leon Sachs and Edward W. Dyughtery.

Opposition votes were cast by Richard W. Emory, board chairman, and Dr. G. James Fleming.



FIVE HUNDRED cool, cash dollars was the contribution of Manning-Shaw Realty Co., 1821 Eutaw Place, to the AFRO's Mrs. Santa project. Warren S. Shaw of Manning-Shaw, is shown above as he presents the checks to a representative of the AFRO's Mrs. Santa. The neediest child selected from letters to Mrs. Santa, will be recipient of $25 a week for 10 weeks! Ten other most-needy families will receive $25 each. How's that for a Christmas present?

Study new fire angle

Cause of the fire which destroyed School 129 on Saturday afternoon remained undetermined Thursday as fire officials swung around to the possibility that it might have been set in an old, unused ventilator shaft.

Earlier, it had been speculated that the fire was started by an electric motor in the basement.

Battalion Chief John S. Knoerlein said at mid-week that burned matches and debris were found in the ventilator shaft as officials continued the probe to determine the cause of the disastrous fire.

Despite the new disclosure, the Fire Department's fire investigation bureau still had not said that the blaze was deliberately set.

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BECUASE OF the fire at Elementary School 129, Ridgely and Barre Sts., the majority of the school's 512 students are now studying on a swing shift basis at Josiah Diggs Elementary School.

Some of them are studying at Houston Junior High School 181, Calhoun and Baker Sts.

Houston Junior High, had a fire scare of its own last week when a blaze did some small damage in the auditorium. Two boys were seen fleeing the scene and officials have been questioning boys trying to fix the blame.

Arson squad investigators continued to question children and adults in connection with the fire at School 129.

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MEANWHILE, a double check of all schools for fire hazards went through its third day yesterday and the inspection is expected to take a week or more.

No major hazards had been reported in the early stages of the investigation.

STILL NEEDS BLOOD—Jeffrey Billinger, 9, 1515 Myrtle Ave., still needs blood at the rare AB-RH positive type for open-heart-surgery. Doctors at University Hospital feel an operation will greatly help young Gregory, who is now often short of breath because of his heart condition. Donors may help toward the 15 pints of blood needed by presenting themselves to the Blood Bank on the second floor of the main building of the hospital, Greene St. at Redwood St.

Two given 35 years

"This is a crime of violence on one of our storekeepers, and one which we can't tolerate. . . The courts have the responsibility to protect decent people from these robberies with deadly weapons."

Judge Anselm Sodaro was speaking in Criminal Court Thursday, prior to sentencing two men to 15 and 20 years in prison for the armed robbery of a Pennsylvania Ave. liquor store proprietor.

Albert L. Tate Jr., 25, 1300 block Linden Ave., who had a prior record, was given a 20-year penitentiary term, and Herbert D. Edmondson, 21, same address, who had no prior record, was sentenced to 15 years in the State Reformatory.

They were accused of entering the store in the 1700 block Pennsylvania Ave. on the morning of October 29, and taking at gunpoint $142 from the pockets of Benjamin Englemann, the proprietor, and $243 from a cash register.

However, the men, in later statements to the police, said they got $102.

Both were arrested shortly after the robbery by Officers Leroy Moody and Stanley Jastrzemski, when they returned to their home.

Uncle committed on child's charge

A 38-year-old laborer was committed to Crownsville State Hospital Tuesday on an assault charge, involving the improper molesting of his eight-year-old niece.

The man, Detroit Mitchell, had been convicted in an earlier trial before Judge Reuben Oppenheimer. Disposition was withheld, pending a medical examiner's report.

Mr. Mitchell was accused of molesting the girl on May 10, when she came to visit her grandmother, at whose home he was then staying.

Police testimony was that the girl was molested but not criminally assaulted.

Bride-to-be goes free in lottery case

A 20-year-old babysitter who allegedly admitted an officer into her uncle's home to place a $1 bet on three numbers, was acquitted Thursday afternoon in Northwestern District Police Court.

Miss Regina N. Turpin of the 1200 block Madison Ave., engaged to be married soon to a serviceman, pleaded not guilty before Magistrate Linwood G. Koger Sr. to charges of maintaining a lottery.

Her uncle, James Martin, 30, filling station attendant, of the 5000 block Clifton Ave., pleaded not guilty to a similar charge and was released on $2,500 bail for action of the grand jury.

MILTON ALLEN, attorney, represented both and entered the pleas.

Officer Clarence McGhee of the Northwestern District plainclothes squad testified that when he was admitted to the Clifton Ave. address to place $1 on number 702, 207 and 270, Miss Turpin accepted the bet.

While placing the bet in the kitchen, Officer McGhee said that he observed two lottery slips on a tannister in a kitchen cabinet.

Later, on a signal given by the officer, Sgt. Joseph Judd, who heads the squad, in company with Sgt. Violet Hill Whyte and Officer Salvatore Corona entered the home and found other lottery slips, it was said.

Sgt. Judd testified that when he questioned Miss Turpin, who was then babysitting with two of her uncle's children, she said that the slips belonged to Mr. Martin and that she was only doing him a favor.

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FOLLOWING HIS arrest in the 2200 blk. Riesterstown Rd., Martin admitted that the lottery slips were his Sgt. Judd testified.

After the investigation arresting officers allowed Miss Turpin to remain with the two children until arrangements could be made for her to appear in court.

During his testmony, Sgt. Jud stated that he and fellow officers were of the opinion that Miss Turpin, whose marriage is impending, was innocent involved in the numbers writing business.

Hanukkah party

A Hanukkah Party will be held at Fellowship House, 21 W. Preston St. sponsored by Families for Fellowship, on Sunday, December 14.

Activities start at 4 p.m. Cantor Joseph Rosenfield of the Baltimore Hebrew Congregation and the Rev. Ellsworth Bruce of Grace Methodist Church will explain about the Hanukkah holiday.

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 5-6015 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, 2138 Pennsylvania Ave.

REGENT THEATRE, 1627 Pennsylvania Ave.

STATION WEBB, 3113 W. North Ave.

AFRO - AMERICAN, 628 N. Eutaw St.

Heart attack fatal to 550 pound woman

"She ate and eat. That's all she could do.

"If she could have gotten exercise she would have been all right.

"She always averaged around 200 to 500 pounds."

Those were the comments of the uncle of a 550-pound woman who died of a heart attack Wednesday.

Funeral services for the deceased 34-year-old Miss Mary Swift of 1834 Orleans St., have been postponed pending the construction of a special casket.

MISS SWIFT was taken to Johns Hopkins Hospital in an ambulance after suffering a fainting spell at her home around 1 p.m. She died a half hour later.

According to her uncle, Thomas Bailey, "Mary was always a big child. All she could do was stay around the house.

"Last year the people at City Hospitals said she would have to reduce," Mr. Bailey stated.

Miss Swift is survived by her mother, Mrs. Mary Freeman, a sister, Mrs. Carrie Mae Lewis and other relatives.

Here's how to write Mrs. Santa

If you know of 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 addresses.

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.

SNEAK PREVIEW — Brothers Julius (left) and Howard Mitnick of Mitnick Brothers Department Store at Pennsylvania Ave. near Pressman, give a sneak preview of some of the toys they are contributing to the AFRO Toy Chest for underprivileged children. In addition to the cowboy sets (including guns, spurs, vests, sherriff badge, gun belt and wrist bands), the brothers will contribute children's clothes.

School Lunch Menu

Monday, Dec. 15 — Knickerbocker soup, bologna sandwich, carrott and celery sticks, cheese cube, fruit cup, half pint milk.

Tuesday, Dec. 16 — Hot turkey sandwich, saurkraut, scalloped apples, bread and butter, peanut, butter and graham crackers, half pint milk.

Wednesday, Dec. 17; Thursday, Dec. 18; Friday Dec. 19 menues are planned by individual schools to use perishable foods before the cafeteria closes for the holidays.

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 Sheilds will shop for you.

Send your check or money order to Sheila Shields' Toy Chest, the AFRO, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore.

Parham heads real estate men

Clarence A. Parham was elected president of the Real Estate Brokers of Baltimore at the recent annual meeting.

Also elected were Roger J. Johnson, vice-president; Daniel W. Spaulding, corresponding secretary; Isaac Bristol, recording secretary; George A. Carroll, treasurer.

Added to the board of directors were J. Arnett Frisby and Linwood G. Roger Jr.

The group is a professional society which meets the second Tuesday of every month at 8 p.m. at 1323 Pressman St.

Lexington Terrace will get first families on Monday

Baltimore's newest housing project the $7,000,000 Lexington Terrace will be open on Monday, Dec. 15.

The first families scheduled to move in at 10 a.m. are Mr. and Mrs. Norman Tyler and their nine-year old son, and Mrs. Elsie Dorsey, a widow, and her family of five children.

Welcoming the long awaited event are many other future occupants who were displaced by urban renewal projects.

All persons whose present living quarters are considered below the standards of comfort and recency are also eligible to rent apartments in the project, officials state.

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THESE FAMILIES have highest priority in renting the apartments, urban renewal authorities announced.

Also eligible are persons over the age of 65 years who live alone or with other elderly individuals.

Housing officials state that all of the 816 dwelling units have not yet been rented to families.

The project is bounded by Fremont Ave. on the west, Mulberry St. on the north, Myrtle Ave. on the east, and Fayette St. on the south.

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THOSE WISHING to apply should call the housing office at MU. 5-2375 to make an appointment for a conference.

The housing application office is located at 813 E. Eager St.

Available are 81 one-bedroom apartments; 278 two-bedroom apartments; 193 three-bedroom apartments and 25 four-bedroom apartments.

They are located in four 11-story buildings, 25 low-story buildings and one 14-story building.

One 11-story building is ready for occupancy as of Monday, however, officials state that the other buildings are being prepared for tenants and may open soon.

The 11-story building is located at the southeast corner of Lexington Street and Fremont Ave.

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Lexington Terrace is the first housing project of its kind to be built in west Baltimore and the first to rise on the city's horizon since the Lafayette Court Apartments were built in East Baltimore in 1955.

Featured are elevators, individual apartment incinerators, basement laundry rooms with washers and stationary tubs.

Corridors on each floor of all high-rise buildings serve the purpose of a sidewalk, porch and passageway. Projecting from each corridor is a tot lot.

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THE AREAS are termed by housing officials as "playgrounds in the sky" which allow children to have outdoor recreation on the same floor where their homes are located.

Architectural features include aluminum stripping and the unusual curved wall of the high rise buildings.

Landscaping is not complete but will include walks, lawns and shrubbery as well as shade trees.

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FREMONT AVE. divides Lexington Terrace from the city's oldest housing project, the Edgar Allen Poe Homes which were completed for occupancy in October, 1940.

The Poe Homes project is also the city's smallest in respect to occupants.

The two projects will be under joint management of Warren Weaver as project manager.

Rents are determined by the size of the family and the income and is approximately one-fifth of the total income recorded by the family.

LEXINGTON TERRACE APARTMENTS shown above from Fremont Ave. and Fayette St., features bottom-rise (front) and 14-story high rise buildings (in background). When the fence comes down on Monday, families will move in around 10 a.m. to dress up their new homes for Christmas. Holiday lights will soon shine from the many windows and children will be seen playing on the tot lot balconies shown in center of high rise building above. The housing project cost the city $7 million.

Change in school site to Bloom St. area okeyed

The City Planning Commission on Wednesday approved the requested changing of a location for a new elementary school, proposed in the Pennsylvania Ave. sector.

The new site, asked by the School Board, covers 3.94 acres, and is bounded by Gold, Division and Bloom Sts. and Pennsylvania Ave.

A previously chosen site, approved February 20, 1957, was a 2.67-acre tract bounded by Bloom St., Druid Hill Ave., Pressman and Division sts.

SCHOOL BOARD officials stated that the new site is more desirable because it is larger, costs less to acquire and will displace fewer dwellings.

The new site, they said, contains 61 dwellings, and will cost $483,820, as compared to 78 dwellings in the first site, with an acquisition cost of $562,450.

When the change was first proposed three weeks ago, Dr. Robert L. Jackson and some other Planning Commission board members charged that the School Board "did not seem to know what it wanted," and said this board could not go on "disturbing people's homes."

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'My Children!'

'No one can help me now...'

Says mother who lost 3 kids in fire

"Oh my children. My children.

"No one can help me now. No one can get my children for me.

"There's nothing anyone can do now."

Mrs. Marjorie Henderson cried uncontrollably in the waiting room at Franklin Square Hospital on Tuesday afternoon.

Minutes before, three of her four small children perished in a two - alarm fire which gutted their first - floor apartment at 1312 W. Lexington St., while she was at a neighborhood store.

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FOR MORE than an hour, Mrs. Henderson sat in the hospital waiting for word on the condition of the sole survivor, her 10-month-old son, Dean Henderson.

Even when she learned that her infant son had suffered only superficial burns of the face and arms and a mild case of smoke inhalation, the tears kept streaming down her face.

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HER THREE children who died were:

James Henderson, 2; Rodney Henderson, 4; and their stepsister, Cathie Fawikes, 6.

All failed to respond to artificial respiration and were pronounced dead on arrival at Franklin Square Hospital located less than two blocks from their home.

All of the children suffered smoke on Tuesday afternoon when fire heavily damaged their three - room apartment at 1312 W. Lexington St. while Mrs. Henderson was going to a neighborhood grocery store to buy food.

The fourth and youngest child, Timothy Dean Henderson, born Feb. 8, survived.

Fire Department officials surmise that the infant, in his crib, was lying beneath the heavy layer of smoke.

Timothy, Mrs. Henderson said, was reportedly "doing nicely" in Franklin Square Hospital.

The young mother said she is planning to have the funeral

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ONLY ONE CHILD LEFT—Mrs. Marjorie Henderson, left, mother of four who lost three of her children in fire at her home, 1312 W. Lexington St. Arrow points to first floor apartment where firemen found children's bodies.

THE AFRO'S MRS. SANTA paid a visit to the Samuel Coleridge Taylor Elementary School No. 122 this week and this young lady was on hand to shake hands with the visitor. Mrs. Santa has been busy preparing Christmas surprises for needy families. If you would like to help, please read the story about Mrs. Santa in this edition.

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Mrs. Santa gets bundles of letters—all need some help

Here's how Mrs. Santa works

Here's how the AFRO's Mrs. Santa Project works.

1. Needy families write to Mrs. Santa (over 1,000 of them already have) here at the AFRO telling of their problems and the help they need.

2. The most deserving letters are published and readers are asked to help the families. They may aid specific families or they may give their gifts of food, clothing, toys or money to the AFRO's Mrs. Santa and they will be sent to a needy family.

3. The AFRO and the Regent Theatre have joined together to present a Christmas Eve show at the Regent for the children of families who have written Mrs. Santa.

4. Further details will be found in this edition and readers may call MUlberry 5-6015 for additional information. If no answer call LAfayette 3-3024 or Wilkens 7-4244.

For the past week the AFRO's Mrs. Santa Claus and her helpers have been like machines in perpetual motion keeping up with the steady flow of requests for help from needy families and the offers of such assistance from our readers.

Over 1,000 letters have been received, read and catalogued

(Volunteers are need to help Mrs. Santa pack baskets and take care of the children at the Christmas Eve Party. If you would like to help, call MUlberry 5-6015 and ask for Mrs. Santa.

by the ever busy Mrs. Santa and her invaluable helpers.

Collection of gifts have been made from the various collection boxes set up around the city by Mrs. Santa.

Other gifts have been received here at the AFRO office and trucks have covered every area of the city making collections at the homes of kind-hearted donors.

It has been a 24-hour a day job for Mrs. Santa and her friends but they have derived satisfaction from the knowledge that their efforts will help make Christmas a happier day for other people.

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

For this service please call the above number at the hours indicated.

The AFRO's Mrs. Santa has also set up a number of collection boxes throughout the city where you may leave your gifts. A complete list of these places appears in this edition.

For those of our readers who would like to contribute to the project but haven't the time to shop, Sheila Shields, one of

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BASICALLY, the Santa Claus Project is one in which needy families write to the AFRO's Mrs. Santa telling of the problems they face and the things they need.

The most deserving of the letters are published and the readers are invited to help these families.

All letters are numbered so that if a reader wishes to aid a specific family he can call the AFRO office and tell the name and address of that family will be given him.

In addition, with the cooperation of the Regent Theatre, the AFRO is giving a party on Christmas Eve morning at the theatre.

Guests will be the children from the needy families who have written to Mrs. Santa.

With Christmas just five days away, Mrs. Santa urgently needs more contributions if she is to take care of all those who are deserving.

Food, clothing, toys and money are needed and needed at once.

The response to date has been overwhelming, but so have been the requests.

If you want to help someone less fortunate than yourself, Mrs. Santa would appreciate your help.

LISTED BELOW are a number of the cases. If you see one that interests you, or if you have seen a family in an earlier edition of the AFRO that you want to help, please call the AFRO at MUlberry 5-6015.

Give Mrs. Santa the case number and she will give you the name and address of the family.

When you call, please call weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 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.

If there is no answer at MUlberry 5-6015, please call LAfayette 3-3024 or Wilkins 7-4244.

If you desire, Mrs. Santa will select the family to receive your gift.

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No more letters for Mrs. Santa

Mrs. Santa is simply swamped with letters.

For that reason, as much as she regrets it, she can accept no letters that are not postmarked by midnight tonight (Friday, Dec. 19).

Mrs. Santa also wants to say thanks to the people who have already contributed to the project and to those who will contribute in these last few days before Christmas.

A mother shops for her children for the last time

By MOSES J. NEWSON

At 10:30 a.m. Thursday, a week before Christmas Day, a young mother, sat in an unheated living room with the collar of her overcoat turned up, and spoke softly of going shopping for three of her four children — for the last time.

Mrs. Marjorie Henderson, who at 20 has had the cruelest of blows dealt her at a season when mothers and children usually enjoy great happiness, brushed away the tears and let the words fall gently:

"I have to buy all their clothes.

"I'm going to get the little boys some black or blue suits and black shoes tonight.

"I was so excited last night I bought Catherine a red dress, but I'm going to get her a white dress and black shoes."

The children — Catherine Fowlkes, 5; Rodney Henderson, 3, and James Henderson, 2 — will be buried in the new clothes Saturday afternoon.

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THEY WERE overcome by interested, she thinks it will snow again this Saturday.

OF THE 2,000 entries, only five others postmarked before Dec. 14 picked that day.

Runner-up in the contest was Robert A. Smith, 2701 N. Rosedale St., who guessed 2:30 p.m.

Robert A. Watts, 2521 Madison Ave., and Mrs. Bernadine Hughes, 2429 Reisterstown Rd., each guessed Dec. 14 at 7 a.m., a bit too early.

Mrs. Harriet B. Wright, 2732 W. Lafayette Ave., thought it would be Dec. 14 or 15 but she didn't bother to guess at the time.

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THE OTHER Dec. 14 candidate, who likewise failed to of-

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Snow contest winner forecasts more snow

"I don't know what to say. I've been wondering who won

"Oh, I'm so glad."

The words came in a happy rush Wednesday night when the AFRO's Snow Editor informed Mrs. Beulah Coleman, 3758 E. North Ave., that she was winner of the $25 in the "Guess when it will snow contest."

"You know I had forgotten just what day I sent in. I was afraid I said the 17th. I don't know how I guessed it."

Mrs. Coleman, 24 - year - old Baltimorean of less than seven months, guessed that the first measurable snow would start falling here at 11:20 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 14.

Her letter was postmarked at 1 p.m. Nov. 18, almost a month ago.

On Monday the Weatherman at Friendship Airport told the AFRO that officially, the snow started falling at 11:20 a.m. and ended at 4:20 p.m.

So Mrs. Coleman missed it by less than an hour, which was pretty good.

Mrs. Coleman says she has no idea how she guessed when it would snow but if anyone's

Joe Black Nats scout

PLAINFIELD, N.J. — "We are agreed on just about everything, and I guess you can say I'm as happy as a man can be."

That was the reaction of Joe Black late this week when the AFRO reached him at his home here, to obtain confirmation of a Washington Senators' announcement that he will scout for them next year.

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BLACK, a former pitching star with the then Brooklyn Dodgers and later a member of the Cincinnati Redlegs and Senators, was one of nine new scouts signed on a full-time basis by the Washington Club this week.

Currently a teacher of physical education and assistant baseball coach at Plainfield High School, Joe will not be required to lose any time from his school post as the Senators have assigned him to cover the

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Hat's in ring

Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro announced Wednesday he would seek a fourth term as chief executive of Baltimore, and immediately received blessings from governor - elect, Millard Tawes, Maryland's top Democrat.

Weekend will be cloudy, cool

FRIDAY, variable cloudiness, no rain or snow is expected, high in the 40's with low in the mid 20's.

SATURDAY, partly cloudy and somewhat cooler, high in upper 30's.

—SUNDAY, rather mild, some cloudiness.

MONDAY, lower temperatures, cooler.

Mrs. Jennie White dies suddenly

She was sitting there eating her dinner, and she just slumped over the table. . . .

Mrs. Ruth Lighston, Dunbar High counselor and wife of Dr. Reynold B. Lighston, was speaking of the sudden death of her mother, Mrs. Jennie White, 76, 2129 Druid Hill Ave.

Mrs. White died while at dinner at the Lightstons' home at 501 Cherry Hill Rd. Her daughter,

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'NOT UNTIL I HAVE READ MY AFRO'

If first things come first, the device finds that it is more important to keep abreast of what's happening by reading his favorite newspaper. You too can keep well informed by reading your AFRO.
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FLASH

10 children left homeless in fire at 811 Vine St.

A 34-year - old father, Ronnie Atkinson, went home yesterday afternoon (Thursday) to find his wife and children standing outside their home at 811 Vine St., and firemen attempting to salvage the family's furnishings.

"I was out looking for a job, and when I came home, that's what I found," he said.

"My wife told me she was in the kitchen cooking and smelled smoke upstairs. She went upstairs in the baby's room and found fire. She just grabbed the baby and ran to get the other children out of the house.

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MR. ATKINSON and his wife, Mrs. Marie Atkinson, have ten children ranging in age from one month to 11 years and they are now staying with a relative in a small apartment at 812 W. Fayette St. where there are already five children.

Why not help them for Christmas? You can do so by sending a check or gifts to the AFRO's Mrs. Santa earmarked for the Atkinson family.

WARNING!

Afro's Mrs. Santa has no solicitors!

The AFRO has no persons authorized to solicit funds or clothes or food for its Mrs. Santa Claus project.

All contributions to Mrs. Santa are voluntary and will be welcome, but readers are urged to pay no money to persons who approach them in their homes or on the street. Donations for the AFRO project are being accepted at the AFRO office, 628 N. Eutaw St. and at the various sub-stations listed in this edition.

A McCullon Homes resident reported to the AFRO on Thursday that she lost cash and personal belongings to a man who identified himself as a solicitor for the Mrs. Santa project.

WITH will air AFRO's 2nd annual Christmas Eve show

Christmas music from around the world will be featured on the AFRO's second annual Yule radio show to be aired over Station WITH (1230 on your dial) Christmas Eve from 9 to 10 p.m.

The program will feature music by the Baltimore Singers and the Philharmonic Choir, directed by Gerald Burks Wilson.

Soloists will be Mrs. Gloria Waller, Mrs. Theresa Tate, Wendell Wright and Randolph Tate.

The Rev. N. B. Carrington, pastor of Union Memorial Methodist Church, will bring the Christmas message entitled "The Paradox of Christmas." Chuck Richards will emcee the program.