Police Probe Two Eastside Strangulation Cases

Tavern keeper slain; woman dealt death blow

The remote chance that death would take a holiday this preyuletide season was marred this week with the murder of two persons.

Early Thursday, a tavern keeper lost his life when violence flared in the 1800-block of E. Lanvale St.

Later in the day, in Homicide Court, a 39-year-old laborer was charged with murder after a medical report disclosed that his girl friend had died from a blow about the neck.

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THE DEFENDANT, James Henderson of the 1200 block St. James St., was ordered held without bail pending a hearing to be set by the state's attorney's office.

Mr. Henderson was charged with causing the death of Miss Mary Rankin also of the 1200 block St. James St.

Northeastern District police reported that the 33-year-old woman died from a cerebral hemorrhage on Sunday.

Two days prior to her death, Miss Rankin had been operated on for a stroke at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

An autopsy disclosed that she had been struck on the left side of the neck.

Police said that earlier in the week, neighbors had overheard the deceased woman pleading with someone not to "hit me anymore."

The following day, Miss Rankin was allegedly overheard complaining about a dizzy spell.

Investigators also said, they were told that Miss Rankin had collapsed and struck her head against a stove while reading a comic book.

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FUNERAL SERVICES for Miss Rankin were held Thursday at an E. Preston St. funeral home.

She is survived by her father, George Rankin, two sisters, Mrs. Rachel Waters and Mrs. Margie Braxton, and a brother, Gaither Rankin.

Burial was in Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

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THE SECOND murder was reported shortly after 1 a.m. Thursday when two men entered the W. Lanvale St., tavern, shot the owner, Christopher R. Arsenis, 64, and escaped with $400.

In connection with his death, Northwestern District police are holding three men for questioning.

Youth, 19 given life for attack

A 19-year-old youth, Jerry Cooper, 300 block N. Calhoun St., was sentenced in Criminal Court Thursday to life in prison for attempting to criminally attack a 72-year-old matron.

Judge Michael J. Manley, in line with recommendations in a medical report on the youth, ordered him sent to Patuxent Institute for observation.

The youth was accused of forcing his way through a kitchen door of the home of Mrs. Edith Malone, 1300 block W. Fayette St., the past March 23, and attempting to attack her.

HER SCREAMS brought her son, also in the house at the time, who caught the youth and held him for police.

Prior to his trial in September, the youth was sent to Crownsville State Hospital in May.

He was later released from there with the report that he was of low mentality but a responsible person, according to court records.

Young Cooper had previously been sent to Boys Village in 1954.

Funeral home okayed for Laurens St.

The City Planning Commission on Wednesday approved a proposed ordinance, changing from residential to first commercial a vacant tract of property at Laurens and Mount Sts.

The ordinance — NO. 2406 —was proposed to allow the erection of a funeral home. The commission's approval carries the provision that no other use be made of the property.

The funeral home in question will be moved from its present location in the 800 block Madison Ave., which is in the path of the proposed East - West Expressway.

Dr. Robert L. Jackson, veteran commission member, first approved the zoning change in this instance, after an inspection for the commission. However, a question of spot-zoning delayed for several weeks the final approval that came Wednesday.

The ordinance goes to the City Council for final approval or rejection.

Zoning Board holds action on 2 homes

The Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals on Tuesday postponed until December 30 action on requests to house three families at 1937 Madison Ave. and at 2107 E. Madison St.

Also scheduled for hearings on that date are requests to locate a boarding house at 2405 Raslyn Ave., and to house three families at 1127 N. Fulton Ave.

The Zoning Board will suspend its regular weekly hearings this coming Tuesday.

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109 new voters register

During the week of Dec. 8-13, 1958 a total of 109 colored persons registered to vote, bringing the total to 100,666.

Of the 109 new voters who added their names to the registration list during the week ending Dec. 13, 87 registered as Democrats, 20 registered as Republicans and 2 declined to designate a party.

The two declined voters will not be able to vote in the March 3, 1959 Primary election, thus will not be able to help select the men who run in the General election May 5, 1958. They will be able to vote in the May 5 election.

However, all persons presently registered as declined may change to the Democratic or Republican party by Jan. 31, 1959.

Jan. 31, 1959 is also the final date on which any unregistered person may qualify to vote in the March 3 Primary or the May 5 General Election.

The office of the Supervisors of Elections, in the People's Court Building at Fayette and Gay Sts., is open daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and from 9 a.m. until 12 noon on Saturdays.

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FOR THE PERIOD Nov. 20-29, the first time the books were opened for registration of new voters since the Nov. 4 General Election, 219 colored persons signed up.

From Dec. 1-6, a total of 127 more signed up.

The following table shows how registration of new voters went for the period Dec. 8 - 13, 1958:

Date	Total	Col.	White	Col. GOP	Col. Dem.
12 8	36	26	10	2	22
12 9	33	24	9	6	18
12 10	40	25**	15	3	20
12 11	22	16	11	5	11
12 12	25	14	11	1	13
12 13	5	4	1	1	3
Total	166	109**	57	20	87

**Total includes two persons who declined party affiliation.

Total voters registered before Nov. 4, 1958 general election 100,211
Registered Nov. 20-29 219
Registered Dec. 1-6 127
Registered Dec. 8-13 109
Total to date 100,666

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 — not affiliated with either party — are permitted to change to either Democratic or Republican before registration closes on Jan. 31, 1959 and qualify to vote in the Primary Election.

Remember: If you are not affiliated with either Party, you can not vote in the March 3th Primary, only in the General Election.

3rd District register, vote drive progress

Marshall W. Jones, Jr., president of the Voters' Council of the Third Legislative District announces that the organization opened its register-to-vote drive on Dec. 13 with encouraging results.

Friday's door-to-door canvass disclosed many citizens have not registered to vote.

Twelve persons were taken to the Supervisors of Elections office where they became registered voters, he said.

The council's register to vote campaign will continue through Jan. 31, 1949.

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THE DOOR-TO-DOOR canvass also continues in precincts 10 to 14 of the 12th Ward which is in the East Baltimore area bounded by E. Preston St., Calvert St., Guilford Ave., 25th St. and Greenmount Ave.

Each Thursday at 1 p.m. and Saturday at 10:15 a.m. free transportation will be provided to the Supervisors of Elections Office, Fayette and Gay Sts.

Transportation will be available at 401 E. Federal St. and 2008 Barclay St.

For information, call CH. 3-4884, LE. 9-3086 or VE. 7-2619.

Other officers of the council are Charles Harriday, chairman; Mrs. Emma Rice and Mrs. Ida Petty, co-chairmen.

Gets 15 years

A 15-year penitentiary term was given in Criminal Court Thursday to Clyde Wilbur Johnson, 18, 1900 block Eutaw Pl., for the Nov. 5 armed robbery in the 900 block Shields Pl. of this city.

James Dallis, of the 1600 block Perkins Ave., was accidentally shot and wounded by police chasing a suspect, as he was about to enter his home.

IS THERE A SANTA?

PHYLLIS ELIZABETH BUTLER
Twelve-year-old keeps Santa Claus story alive . . .

Christmas is for children

Christmas is for children. But what about children who live in this jet age— who can read and understand things — and watch television?

Do they believe in Santa when they get to be 12 years old and in the sixth grade, almost ready for junior high school?

Let Phyllis Elizabeth Butler, tell you. She says: No, I don't believe in Santa Claus. It's the spirit of Santa Claus.

"The name came about a long time ago when this man (I've forgotten his name) wanted to do something for the poor, so he settled on Jesus's birthday.

"I know there is no Santa Claus but I believe in the spirit.

"I teach my small brother about Santa. I read to him about the night before Christmas and how Jesus was born.

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WHAT ABOUT Christmas presents? Phyllis wants Santa or his spirit, to bring her a record player, games and clothes. Her brother Reginald (she calls him "Reggie") is looking forward to a record player and airplane and other things too.

Phyllis and her brother lives at 1705 Ruxton Ave. They are children of Mr. and Mrs. George Butler (Elizabeth). Their father is a postal employee.

The family attends St. Gregory Catholic Church. The photo of Phyllis, which appears here was taken there last month when she was confirmed.

Phyllis is wearing a white dress with a white skull cap. The ring is her mother's high school graduation ring.

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PHYLLIS ATTENDS Sunday school and church regularly, was absent last year only on account of illness. So far this year she has not been absent at all.

She is a sixth grade pupil at the Robert Coltman Elementary School No. 142.

For recreation, Phyllis likes to make pot holders, study the solar system and knit.

If Santa delivers the record player she wants for Christmas, she hopes there are some Pat Boone records with them. He is her favorite singer.

Both found dead within five days

Is there a strangler on the prowl in East Baltimore?

Were the two women, who were strangled five days apart, murdered by the same man?

That was the question uppermost in the minds of a number of people this week, as police continued their investigation into the violent deaths of Miss Mae Hall and Mrs. Lottie R. Kight.

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THE TWO MURDERS have much in common.

Both victims were strangled, the body of each was found in an areaway in the same community, and both slayings occurred during the early morning hours.

The first death, that of the 31-year-old Miss Hall of the 1200 block E. Chase St., occurred on Dec. 9th.

Her body was found in the rear yard of a house in the 1300 block of E. Eager St.

The upper part of her body was bare, her coat was off, and one leg of the men's trousers which she wore had been removed.

On the right side of Miss Hall's neck, police found a bruise.

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LAST SUNDAY, the body of Mrs. Kight, a 60-year-old blonde widow of the 900 block E. Preston St., was found in an areaway two doors away from her home.

In the Kight case, police found a trail of blood leading from the body onto the sidewalk.

There are also indications that Mrs. Kight was accosted while sweeping the sidewalk in front of her home.

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IN CONNECTION with her death, police are working on the theory that her assailant was injured before he strangled her to death.

On Wednesday, a 41-year-old man was given a lie detector test in the Kight case, but was later released.

A second man was being held for questioning on Thursday.

More than a dozen persons have been questioned since the death of Miss Hall.

At present, two men are being held for questioning by Northeastern District police in connection with the Hall death, but say they have exhausted their leads in both cases.

In addition to the Hall-Kight murders, investigators are still working on the death of a third woman who was strangled to death in Clifton Park last summer.

$49,000 bail set for seven in gang yokings

"It's impossible to determine how many people were yoked." "Some of the cases were not reported."

In Northwestern District police court Wednesday, a police officer made those remarks after four men and two women had pleaded not guilty to yoking two men.

On Thursday, a seventh member of the gang, who was in jail serving a 30 day sentence for disorderly conduct, also pleaded not guilty before Magistrate Linwood Koger.

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TOTAL BAIL for the group was set at $49,000. The defendants were:

Melvin Williams of the 1000 block Rutland Ave.; Miss Hilda Nicholson, 21, 2200 block W. Westmont Ave.; Miss Jean Thompson, 20, 900 block Somerset St.; and James Wilson, 17, of the 500 block Johannsen St.;

Also, Samuel Yates, 35, of the 1100 block Pennsylvania Ave.; William Smith Jr., 16, 600 block Hoffman St.; and Alfred Davis, 17, of the 1000 block W. Fayette St.

All were charged with assault and robbing Sherman Abraham, 18, of the 1300 block Madison Ave., and Willie Ernest McKnight, 35, of the 1900 block Etting St.

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TESTIMONY WAS given that on Dec. 15, the gang took a watch, a topcoat, sport coat and $12 away from Mr. Abraham after they had attacked him from behind at Lanvale St. and Norris Alley.

Approximately 15 minutes later, they relieved Mr. McKnight of $3 in the 600 block of Eutaw Pl., it was testified.

Six members of the gang were arrested an hour later when McKnight identified them for police at McMechen and Linden Ave.

The seventh person who escaped at the time, was later implicated by the gang, police said.

Main P.O. window open Christmas as special service

The Executive Division, Accounting Division, Main Office Windows Services, Office of the General Superintendent of Mails, Inquiry-Claims Section, Parcel Post Counter, Postal Patrons Service and all classified and non-carrier stations and branches of the post office will be closed all day Christmas Day.

The Registry Window at the Main Office will be open for the sale of stamps, acceptance of special delivery, special handling, air mail, air parcel post, registration of mail, and emergency mailing of medical supplies at all hours.

First class mail can be dropped in the mail slot in the lobby at the Main Post Office at all hours. Lock boxes at the Main Office will be accessible at all hours.

There will be a city-wide collection at 5:00 p.m.

Barbara Jean's mother says, 'God bless you'

In a letter to the AFRO, this week, Mrs. Viola McDonald, 405 N. Stricker St. sent thanks to AFRO readers who aided her when her daughter was fighting for her life.

Mrs. McDonald is the mother of 6-year-old Barbara Jean Brown the first grader, who died Dec. 11 of burns sustained in a brush fire and explosion set by a group of boys near her home on Nov. 21.

The mother's message said: "God bless you.

"I want to extend warmest thanks to all the friends and neighbors who came forth with assistance at the time of disaster."

Barbara Jean was a pupil at Elementary School No. 140 at Carrollton Ave. near Lexington St.

She suffered second and third degree burns over two - thirds of her body after small boys set fire to brush in a vacant lot where they were playing.

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MORE THAN 80 AFRO readers responded with offers of blood and skin while the child was in critical condition at Franklin Square Hospital.

Surviving Barbara are her two brothers, Joseph, 10, and Bernard, 8, and a sister, Victoria; age 5; all of whom are due a visit from the AFRO's Mrs. Santa Claus.

According to Mrs. McDonald "who receives public assistance, the children need "everything" including shoes, coats, trousers, and dresses.

Another child expected to arrive in January will need a layette, crib and blankets, the mother said.

On Thursday, Mrs. Verda Welcome, delegate - elect to the Maryland House of Delegates told the AFRO that she would aid Mrs. Santa in supplying the family's needs.

BARBARA JEAN BROWN
Six-year-old fire victim's mother says 'God bless you' to AFRO readers who gave blood in unsuccessful effort to save her life.

AFRO Lonesome Hearts couple wed 11 years

The Rev. and Mrs. William A. Henson, 1029 N. Fulton Ave., a couple who met through the AFRO Lonesome Hearts columns, will celebrate their 11th wedding anniversary Saturday, Dec. 20.

Mrs. Henson, a missionary, is assistant pastor at the St. Paul Institutional Baptist Church where the Rev. O. E. Miller is pastor. The Rev. Mr. Henson is pastor of the Longridge Baptist Church, 1820 N. Spring St., where the couple said their vows at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, 1947.

The Rev. and Mrs. Henson met through the AFRO's Albertine Ashe on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27, 1947.

Mrs. Henson's missionary work includes provision of food and clothes for unfortunate persons.

Laurel lot owners sue for $100,000

A total of $100,000 in damages was asked in five suits filed Thursday in Superior Court, charging the desecration of relatives' graves in Laurel Cemetery on Belair Rd.

Mesdames Annie E. Wells, 2800 block Rayner Ave.; Beatrice E. McArthur, 1100 block N. Fulton Ave.; Bell Stewart, 1000 block W. Fayette St.; Etta Spencer, 500 block N. Gilmor St., and Florence Gallaway, 400 block N. Arlington Ave., are plaintiffs in the suit.

Named as defendants are: McKamer Realty Co. Inc., Edward A. Anderson, trustee, for the New Laurel Cemetery, Belair Road Enterprises Inc., and the Elsworth Armistead Funeral Home.

Lawyer's suspension upheld

The disciplinary action brought against J. Franklyn Bourne, an attorney, by the Committee on Admissions and Grievances of U.S. District Court, was upheld Thursday by the U.S. Court of Appeals.

Mr. Bourne had appealed a 20-day suspension which the committee had imposed upon him as punishment for failing to file a written answer to charges of professional misconduct alleged by a former client.

The committee dismissed the client's charges after a hearing, but concurred in Mr. Bourne should have answered the allegation.

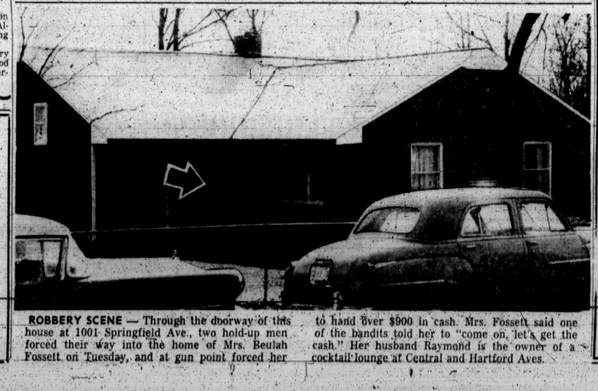
Shore woman perishes as flames block son

ST. MICHAELS — Mrs. Catherine Thomas was fatally burned in her home here Monday as her son James, who lives next door, was thwarted by the intense flames and heat in repeated rescue attempts.

The elderly woman perished in the hallway of the house, between the kitchen and the living room. Neighbors said the house went up like "a tinder box."

Cause of the fire in the two-story frame house on the eastern edge of St. Michaels was undetermined. Volunteer firefighters, hampered by water from the hoses turning into ice, took two hours to extinguish the fire.

The elderly victim resided alone in the house. Its interior was heavily damaged from the roof to the cellar.



ROBBERY SCENE — Through the doorway of this house at 1001 Springfield Ave., two hold-up men forced their way into the home of Mrs. Beulah Fossett on Tuesday, and at gun point forced her to hand over $900 in cash. Mrs. Fossett said one of the bandits told her to "come on, let's get the cash." Her husband Raymond is the owner of a cocktail lounge at Central and Hartford Aves.

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College sweethearts in Yule wedding

YULE WEDDING on Sunday at Morgan Christian Center united two Morgan grads, Miss Loretta Lucinda Warren of Jessups, Md., and Hubert Edward Barnes of Raleigh, N.C. The Rev. Howard Cornish, director of the Christian Center, officiated. (For more of their pretty wedding, see social news page

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2 SLAIN ON YULE

'Knew he was going to die that way'

"When you're in bad company you can expect anything but there's nothing we can do now."

"His mother is here now from Newport News, Va. I expected her to be sad, but she said she knew he was going to die that way."

This was the comment of Mrs. Alberta Bryant of the 700 block Druid Hill Ave., as she spoke of the death of her nephew, John Early, 29, 700 block W. Dover St.

Mr. Early was one of two men to die violent deaths on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

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THE SECOND victim was Elmer Frazier, 56, 1128 N. Bond St., who died within 15 minutes after he was admitted to St. Josephs Hospital around 1:30 a.m. Christmas Day.

The death of Mr. Frazier who was a bartender at the Elks Club in the 1000 block N. Bond St., for more than 15 years was attributed to a stab wound of the left shoulder.

In Pine Street Police Court Friday morning Miss Ethel Mae Green, 30, also of the 1100 block N. Bond St., was arraigned in connection with the death of Mr. Frazier.

Miss Green was ordered held without bail pending a hearing to be set in homicide court.

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PATROLMAN James Geslen and William Colburn of the Northeastern Police Station testified that when they arrived at the Frazier home they were met by a woman who told them "there's a sick man on the second floor."

The officers said the woman accompanied them to a second floor front apartment where they found Mr. Frazier lying on his stomach on the floor, bleeding from a stab wound of the upper left shoulder.

Police reported that the dying man wore only his underclothing and socks.

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ACCORDING to neighbors a violent argument was heard in the Frazier apartment minutes before police were summoned.

In the apartment police said they recovered a blood stained butcher knife in bread box and a bloody blood stained face cloth which had been recently washed.

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AS a result of their investigation police took Miss Green and her four-year-old son to Pine Street Station. They were accompanied by the family's pet, a small dog.

According to police the slaying occurred following a dispute over the Christmas gift.

Mrs. Irene Frazier, 56, 1300 block Holbrook St., estranged wife of the dead man, described her husband as a man "not the kind to fight." She said he had a "nice disposition."

Mrs. Frazier stated that "the man (Mr. Frazier) had been assaulted two or three times before. Whenever it happened he would tell me about it.

"I always told him he would have to take the consequence."

Mr. Frazier, whose body was identified at the City Morgue by his wife, is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Shirley Griffin, Mrs. Katherine Miller, and eight sons.

They are Edward, Ferguson, Sylvester, Leo, Robert and William, twins: Bernard, Augustus, and Milton Frazier.

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IN CONNECTION with the Christmas Eve slaying of Mr. Early a box company employee, police said he was found dying in a second floor apartment in the 200 block S. Fremont Ave., around 6:30 p.m.

Southern District police reported that upon their arrival they found Early sitting on a chair bleeding from the left side of the head.

One officer described his face as a "bloody mess."

Mr. Early was taken to University Hospital where he died 25 minutes later.

Death was attributed to shotgun wounds of the face and head.

John Alston, 29, a tenant in the Fremont Ave. home where Early was found, was charged in connection with the shooting on Wednesday in Central police court.

15 years for 4th youth in robbery

"This case is a bit different, because he did plead guilty."

Judge Michael J. Manley offered this comment in Criminal Court Monday, and then sentenced Raymond L. Johnson, 18, 1700 block Braddish Ave., to 15 years in the State Reformatory on an armed robbery charge.

Johnson was accused of accompanying three other young people, one a 17-year-old Carver Vocational High School girl, in the holdup of a Greene St. store proprietor and his clerk on October 2.

The other three, whose ages totaled 55 years, were convicted in a trial two weeks ago before Judge Manley, and sentenced to a total of 56 years in prison.

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HERE ARE Johnson's companions in the robbery, and their sentences:

Miss Doris Elizabeth Dyson, 17, 1500 block Brunt St., 18 years in the State Reformatory for Women; Charles F. Richardson, 17, 2200 block Druid Hill Ave., her confessed boy friend, 18 years in the penitentiary, and Isaac Christopher Wally, 21, 400 block Pennsylvania Ave., 20 years in the penitentiary.

Illness, caused by some dental work, prevented Johnson from facing trial with the others.

The four were accused of taking $75 worth of whiskey, two watches, a diamond ring,

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Beautician's marriage to Frenchman may be delayed

Miss Bernice Holloman, 1000 W. North Ave. popular Baltimore beautician flew to Paris, France on Christmas eve for her marriage to Gerard Pochonet, noted jazz musician and only son of a wealthy French ship building family.

For the trip aboard a jet-stream airliner Miss Holloman was smartly dressed in a beige cashmere, belted short coat with matching doe skin slippers, set off by leopard slacks and tam. Her luggage was beige leather.

She arrived in Paris shortly before noon Christmas Day and was met at the airport by the groom-to-be and his father, Monsieur Pierre Pochonet, millionaire owner of the French National Soccer Association.

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A PRE - WEDDING breakfast was scheduled at an estate just outside Paris in the village of Vaucresson and included members of the family.

The villa belongs to Monsieur Pochonet's mother who is Mme. Renee Marcoux wife of Mario Marcoux, president of a shipbuilding and oil firm.

She is also considered a social leader in France.

The wedding is scheduled to take place on Dec. 27 with a civil ceremony at the Paris city hall and high nuptial mass at the ancient Vaucresson St. Denise Catholic Church.

Attendants will be Miss Hazel Scott, noted pianist and well known musician Mezz Mezzero.

For the wedding breakfast the wedding party will fly to Mme. Marcoux estate in Spain in the Provience of Gerone on the Mediterranean Sea.

However, on Thursday Ollie Stewart, the AFRO's Paris correspondent stated that the marriage may be delayed to await completion of Miss Holloman's civil papers which were not in order at the time she visited the Paris city hall.

The cable said: "Miss Bernice Holloman will marry Gerard Pochonet when all her papers are in order; date not fixed yet."

Miss Holloman and M. Pochonet met when she was on vacation in 1957 in Paris.

Since their engagement early in 1957 Miss Holloman has crossed the ocean four or five times. She returned from a Labor Day visit with her fiance late in November.

M. Pochonet is a graduate of the University of Paris in drafting and art and is an accomplished drummer and a recording star. His jazz combo is one of the most popular in the Paris area.

Colts face biggest test in history

By SAM LACY

NEW YORK — The biggest test they have faced in their six years of National Football League play awaits the Baltimore Colts in Yankee Stadium here Sunday.

Coach Weeb Ewbank and his charges will undergo a head-on clash with the New York Giants for the royal robe of the professional gridiron before a throng of more than 70,000 cash-on-the-line customers.

BALTIMORE WAS established as the cream of the Western Division of the NFL three weeks ago. New York attained similar stature in the Eastern Division last Sunday when the Giants outplayed the Cleveland Browns, 10-0.

The Colts are striving mightily to give Monumental City fans the first major league sports title they've ever had, and this is the nearest they have come.

But straddling the path in front of them are the rugged Giants with some highly important psychological factors as allies. That is why the task of the Colts is a big one.

THE AVERAGE sports fan remembers the Eastbank aggregation for its performance of early November when the Colts were stampeding the opposition in their division. His recollection of the Baltimore

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AFRO $25 WINNER

RICHER BY $25 is Mrs. Beulah Coleman, 1758 E. North Ave., the winner of the AFRO's Snow Contest. Out of 2,500 contestants, Mrs. Coleman, shown here with her husband, came closest to guessing the exact time the first measurable snow would fall on Baltimore this season. For the record, the snow came at 10:30 a.m. on Dec. 14. Mrs. Coleman was less than an hour off with her guess.

Cole, Dixon, 10 others file for City Council seats

By MAX JOHNSON

Fourth District City Councilman Walter T. Dixon filed for re-election at noon Tuesday—12 hours before the deadline—and found himself leading a field of ten other candidates of his race toward the March 3 primary for City Council nominations.

These candidates have filed from the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Districts.

All are men, and four of them are attorneys.

Also included is Truly Hatchett, Democrat and out-going House of Delegates member.

Mr. Hatchett was defeated in the primary in his bid for re-election to the General Assembly.

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STATE SENATOR Harry A. Cole, who was unsuccessful in his bid for re - election last past November, was among the late fliers for a City Council seat from the Fourth District, as a Republican candidate.

Howard D. Dixon, bail bondman and Republican, who was an unsuccessful candidate for the House of Delegates in the past general election, was another late filer for a council seat from the Fourth District.

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HERE are the candidates who have filed:

SECOND DISTRICT

Tucker R. Dearing, attorney, Democrat, 50 N. Eden St.

THIRD DISTRICT

Paul Cockrell, Attorney (Dem.) 1402 N. Montford Ave.

FOURTH DISTRICT DEMOCRATS

Walter T. Dixon, incumbent, 1933 McCulloh St.;

Truly Hatchett, 2026 Druid Hill Ave.;

Ernest D. Young, attorney, 1603 Gwynns Falls Pky.;

William Roberts, 2016 Walbrook Ave.

REPUBLICANS

William L. Randall, 2213 Whittier Ave.;

Raleigh Jones, 1700 Gwynns Falls Pky.;

Joseph Drumwright, 1711 Gwynns Falls Pky.

FIFTH DISTRICT

Earl K. Koger, insurance broker (Rep.) 2409 Ellamont St.

SIXTH DISTRICT

William H. Murphy, attorney, (Dem.), 3217 Round Rd., Cherry Hill.

These candidates, with the exception of Mr. Dixon, will run for nominations against incumbents in their districts.

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HIGHER UP in the Mayoralty campaign, office-seekers have posed another interesting situation among the Democrats, as usual, creaking the interest.

J. Harold Grady, state's attorney; Dr. Walter Graham, comptroller, and Phillip H. Goodman, re-elected State Senator from the Fifth District, have united under a joint ticket tag — the "three Gs" — to run for mayor, comptroller and Council president, respectively.

This team is seeking to wrest from Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro, who is running for a fourth term; Joseph L. Manning, for comptroller, and Leon Abramson, City Council president, seeking re-election.

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Mrs. Santa Came To Town

The AFRO's Mrs. Santa Claus came to town this week.

And for the first time in the long history of this newspaper the response of the public to an appeal for help for the needy was so great that even veteran reporters sat down and wept with happiness at the goodness of people.

From every section of the city and from every walk of life the people of Baltimore opened their hearts and pocketbooks to help the less fortunate.

They sent clothes, food, toys and money, and their only request—God bless their hearts—was that it go to someone who really needed it.

Acting as representative, the AFRO's Mrs. Santa did just that.

She took their gifts and she saw that they went to the places where they were needed the most.

There were the wives without husbands, the elderly people who had no place to turn, the destitute without a shred of hope, the jobless fathers who dreaded the coming of Christmas because there was nothing they could give their children.

The AFRO's Mrs. Santa visited them and received in return one of the most precious gifts of all—a smile of thanks.

Then, not satisfied with this, Mrs. Santa, with the marvelous assistance of the Regent Theatre, staged a party on Wednesday morning for the children of needy families—2,500 of them.

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They saw a moving picture and then the best entertainers in Baltimore went on the stage and worked their hearts out for free.

The entertainers sang and danced and made jokes, just for the children.

When the children left the Regent they had seen a show that money couldn't buy, and there were bags of candy for them to take home.

Then, on Christmas morning many of them awoke to find that the AFRO's Mrs. Santa had not forgotten them.

They could smile and laugh because somewhere in this wonderful city the readers of the AFRO had kept the true meaning of Christmas.

"It is better to give than to receive."

1,000 get $$, clothes . . . .

"I have a small contribution I'd like Mrs. Santa to have," said Thomas Campbell, 3316 Clifton Ave.

Standing in the midst of "small contributions" from others that were steadily mounting toward the ceiling Tuesday night at the AFRO office, Mr. Campbell, a claims authorizer for Social Security, thrust fourth $15 — his "small contribution."

A quiet-spoken person, Mr. Campbell reluctantly answered questions about himself, saying, "I don't want any credit for this. I didn't come in here for that. I just want to help

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2,200 at movie, show . . . .

Mrs. Santa Claus was officially ushered into town Christmas eve at one of the many parties ever staged in Baltimore.

A total of 2,200 happy children were present at the Regent Theatre as the gracious lady arrived to wish them a merry Christmas.

Sponsoring Mrs. Santa were the management of the Regent Theatre with Henry Hornstein, owner, and the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers as hosts.

Tickets for the show were mailed to the kiddies from AFRO offices before the date. Dec. 24, along with free transportation tickets donated by the

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100,774 DOWN; 43,442 TO GO

Colored persons over 21 eligible to vote	144,216
Registered January 1, 1956	73,373
Registered as of Nov. 4, 1958 General Election	100,211
Registered November 20-29, 1958	219
Registered December 1-6, 1958	127
Registered December 8-13, 1958	109
Registered Dec. 15-20, 1958	108
Total to date	100,774
Still unregistered	43,442

There are 43,442 colored persons in Baltimore over 21 years of age who are still not registered to vote, Registered as of Dec. 20, 1958, were 100,774.

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 — not affiliated with either Party — are permitted to change to either Democratic or Republican before registration closes on Jan. 31, 1959, and qualify to vote in the Primary Election.

Remember: If you are not affiliated with either Party, you can not vote in the March 3th Primary, only in the General Election.