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'Can't cut the kids short,' says vet who wants job for Christmas

Have you got a job for this man? A young Korean veteran who lives in the Wilmot Ct. appealed to the AFRO'S Santa Claus this week for a job.

Mr. H. J. suffered a disability while in the service and as a result has a knee injury that prevents him from doing hard labor.

However, most of all for Christmas, he wants a job so that he can support his wife and two boys.

One is 14 months, the other two months. They both "eat like horses," Mr. H. J. points out.

THE YOUNG veteran attended clerical school while in the service and worked with the Housing authority as a clerk until a few months ago.

He has good references and is willing to do anything that is honest and within his ability to support his family.

If you have or know of a job opening for this veteran, please help the AFRO's Santa Claus make this truly a Merry Christmas for him. He told the AFRO:

"My wife and I can go it, but the kids, you can't cut them short." To help Mr. H. J. call MU. 5-6015, and ask for Play Santa.

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Hodge Podge

By BOB MATTHEWS

Realize that it's impolite to eavesdrop, but when there's a flock of kids around the house holding conversations at the top of their voice, you just can't help it.

You never have to wonder when Christmas is near around Madhouse Menagerie. For weeks now, ol' Hodge has been deluged with clippings and memos on what the kids expect to receive.

No hearsay evidence for them—they put everything in writing, and enclose a clipping with a picture of the item.

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THE OLDEST kids have outgrown the Santa Claus business, but Number Two daughter was still just a wee bit "on the fence." At least she was up until this week.

There was a whispered conversation going on up in the bedrooms (at a time when they should have been sleeping, I might add) Heard Number Two daughter ask:

"Is there really a Santa Claus?"

"Naw," chorused the older two kids, "your Mother and father get all the presents for you."

That was kinda difficult for her to digest, "Course she had suspected it all along, but no one had put it in plain, bold words before.

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NUMBER ONE SON realized that perhaps he had made a tactical mistake and perhaps hurt her feelings. He attempted to smooth things over.

"Well," he said sympathetically, "don't worry about it too much. If they think you believe, you'll get more stuff. I know because I did it for two years."

Now my problem is whether to act like I didn't hear the conversation or to confront her with the facts. Like I say, eavesdroppers never hear any good.

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Brother of man killed by cop gets 5 years

"But for the unfortunate killing of Boyd, this case would have been treated as any other disturbance and disposed of in the station house. We respectfully submit to your honor that in any sentence you impose temper justice with mercy."

Dallas Nicholas, attorney, was making a final plea to Judge Joseph L. Carter Friday morning on behalf of three young men, one of them the brother of police victim Harry (Sonny) Boyd, up for sentencing on charges of assault to murder.

In imposing sentences totaling 16 years on the trio, Judge Carter said:

"This is the kind of case that simply doesn't make sense. For no apparent reason these men jumped out of a car and assaulted some people on the street.

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"THE FACT that one of their number was killed is unfortunate, of couse . . . They are the ones who instigated the whole affair . . .The case isn't based upon the killing."

The jurist and the defense lawyer were making reference to Claude Alston, 22, 1419 N. Bradway; Carrell B. Boyd, 23, 1417 N. Broadway, and John Gist Jr., 27, Coatsville, Pa.

They were found guilty by Judge Carter on Sept. 25 of two counts each of assault to murder. Alston was found guilty also of possessing a deadly weapon.

The two younger men were sentenced to not more than five years each in the Reformatory and Gist was given a five-year term in the Penitehtiary. These sentences were ordered served consecutively. Alston was given an additional year for the weapon's conviction which is to run consecutively with his other term.

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THE SUPREME Bench denied a neg trial motion for the three men on Nov. 3.

Sonny Boyd, 27, was fatally shot by Officer Charles Fennell, of the Northeastern District, during a street disturbance at Patterson Park Ave. and Fayette St. on June 24.

Testimony at the trial disclosed that the hassle was the outgrowth of a dispute between the men occupying the car driven by Alston and another motorist.

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The defendant, wearing a light brown suit, said he and Stepney went outside to settle a dispute after he stopped at

WEATHER
Friday, rain ending early—followed by clear and milder weather by afternoon and night. Saturday, clear and colder.

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30-Month 'Gift' To Wedding Guest

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'Graveyard Love'

Wedding guest gets a 'gift'

"I have nothing to do in the matter but find him guilty. And I find him guilty of manslaughter. It's a low - grade manslaughter.

"This is not the kind of case in which we give probation."

Thus spoke Judge E. Paul Mason in Criminal Court Wednesday in sentencing the defendant in the Whatcoat St. wedding slaying to only two years and six months in prison.

The 30-month term might well be considered a Christmas gift in view of the fact that the defendant would have gotten 10 years. He will be eligible for consideration for parole by Christmas 1957 after he serves one-third of his term.

Alvin Sellman, defense attorney, reminding the jurist of the approaching holiday season in his final argument, said, "It would be terrible to send a man to jail when we aren't certain of his guilt."

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CARDS, CARDS, CARDS—Just what seven-year-old Carl Smith asked for when he appealed to AFRO readers. In addition the young cancer victim's hospital room has been filled with toys, clothes and money sent by AFRO readers who read he may not live until Christmas. Nurse Joan Weitz of the Hopkins Hospital staff reads a card with Carl, while he holds a new guitar. Note his cowboy hat, gift of another reader.

Carl, cancer victim, happy with

HAPPY XMAS:

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GAS CHAMBER:

Kier says, 'I'm ready to go....'

By C. M. HAMPTON

"Yes, I am putting myself in the hands of the Lord. It's the best I can do. If they can't reduce my sentence to life, I'm willing to take what they give me . . . I'm willing to go . . ."

A slightly-built, quiet, brown-skinned boy with clear, deep eyes, in a tone of quiet resignation, gave this reaction to the AFRO in an exclusive interview Thursday.

Just a few minutes before, Carl Daniel Kier, 21, was sentenced to death in the gas chamber for the June 12 slaying of 48-year-old Mrs. John H. Boppt, a prominent Charles Street Ave. matron.

"I don't know why my mother was not in court today," the solemn youth continued. "She

'He loved her better than life'

"He said he loved her better than life.

"I heard her tell him, I don't want you anymore'."

These were the remarks of an angry young man as he talked about the death of his girlfriend Wednesday.

A cigarette dangled from the lips of William Galloway as he

(See photo on Page 29)

sat and talked in the living room of his home in the 1700 block Presbury St.

He blamed the death of Miss Rosa Bell Turner, also of the 1700 block Presbury St., on a jealous suitor.

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THE 22-year-old barmaid who moved to Baltimore five weeks ago from Washington was shot and killed Tuesday night while on her way home from work in a neighborhood bar.

Less than an hour after she was pronounced dead on arrival at Provident Hospital from a gunshot wound behind the right ear, a 47-year-old Washington man walked into the Northwestern District station house, handed police a 7.65 caliber automatic pistol from his belt and

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