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

'Nothing To Cry About,' Says Blinded Mother

Disorderly Point policeman 'is no longer an employee'

"He is no longer an employee of the company . . ."

This is the word which came from the police relations office of the Bethlehem Steel Co., Thursday, concerning a member of the police force who was convicted of disorderly conduct in a Baltimore city police court.

The spokesman, who asked that his name not be used, confirmed however, that Patrolman George F. Chamberlain was a member of the Sparrows Point police force before his conviction on Saturday but is not a member of the police force at this time.'

Patrolman Chamberlain, 30, 137 N. Bradford St., was fined $50 and costs and given a 30-day jail term which was later suspended following a hearing in Eastern Police Court on Saturday morning.

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MAGISTRATE John A. Janetzke convicted the blond officer after he admitted that he had been drinking, that he brandished a service revolver and arrested a colored couple driving in front of him at Kresson and Lombard St.

Charles L. McLawhorn, a Pt. Meade worker, and his wife, Mrs. Desiree McLawhorn, a city nurse, testified that they were startled when Patrolman Chamberlain ordered them to pull to the side and said he was arresting them.

In convicting the officer, Magistrate Janetzke told him: **"You better find out how far your authority cases and when it begins. This could have ended very seriously, especially since you admitted you had a gun and a few drinks.**

"You are responsible only for what goes on at Bethlehem Steel — your authority ends there, and to disturb the peace and stop this man is wrong. I hope this will be a lesson to you about using your authority . . ."

NAACP to fight changed zoning law

The City Council on Monday evening passed Ordinance 1612 authorizing spot - zoning in the 500 block Wilson St., by changing from residential use district to second commercial use district the property on the northeast side from 511 to 519, formerly a garage.

The ordinance was bitterly opposed in a recent public hearing before the Council's Zoning Committee by the NAACP, the Northwest Residential Protective Association, Homeowners Association of the 1600 block and residents of the area.

Only votes and protests voiced against the ordinance Monday were those of Fifth District Councilmen Michael J. Hankin and William D. Schaefer.

Councilmen Hankin and Schaefer protested the ordinance a week ago at the public hearing before the Zoning Committee, of which Fifth District Councilman Jacob J. Edelman is chairman.

The zoning change will become effective after signed by Mayor D'Alesandro.

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THE EXECUTIVE Board of the NAACP, at its meeting Wednesday, voted to urge Mayor D'Alesandro and or the Acting Mayor not to sign Ordinance 1612.

The Board further authorized the NAACP's Legal Redress Committee to pursue further legal action to invalidate the ordinance, if pleas to the Mayor fail.

Mrs. Juanita Jackson Mitchell, attorney, had this to say about this action:

"In expressing disapproval and disappointment of the unanimous vote by the Fourth District Councilmen for this ordinance, I believe this vote reeks of a political deal.

"We are deeply grieved that Councilman (Walter T.) Dixon voted against his own colored constituents."

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MRS. MITCHELL praised Fifth District Councilmen Michael J. Hankin and William D. Schaefer, who voted against the ordinance.

She pointed out that in 1951, the Zoning Board had disapproved the zoning change, and that residents of the area have fought for years to protect the sector from deterioration. The City Planning Commission, she said, had disapproved the zoning change.

Mrs. Mitchell pointed out that Mrs. Florence Snowden, president of the Northwest Residential Improvement Association, had declared that many citizens had not gone to the "Gold Coast," but are remaining in their neighborhoods, trying to help the city preserve them.

The letter to the Mayor, Mrs. Mitchell said, was signed by Mrs. Lillie M. Jackson, president of the NAACP; the Rev. H. Octavius Graham, secretary, and Dr. Charles Watts, treasurer.

The ordinance was brought to the City Council by Fourth District Councilmen Maxwell Alpert, Walter T. Dixon and Solomon Liss to allow a mattress factory to move there from the 100 block S. Eutaw St.

The City Planning Commission had previously disapproved the zoning change request.

In other action Monday, the City Council received resolutions requesting:

1. The Board of School Commissioners to consider the establishment of a special high school for instruction in scientific education which was referred to the Council's Education Committee for study and recommendations.

2. The Council's Judiciary Committee to make a study of the wire - tapping activities alleged by the Police Department in the recent police probe before the Grand Jury, in which no action was taken, and Councilman Liss, committee chairman, announced that hearings would be held in January on this matter.

Mail those cards today-not tomorrow

"The time to talk about 'Mailing Early for Christmas' has passed," Acting Postmaster William F. Laskaris said today, "but you can still help us to avoid a tremendous last minute pile-up of Christmas mail if you'll send all your gift packages and Christmas cards right now."

To the inevitable last minute mailer, he suggests that they use Air Mail for every Christmas card or gift going to distant places out-of-town.

He points out that even a few hours delay at this critical time may mean disappointment for your friends and loved ones on Christmas Day.

Charles Morris, bridegroom of 2 weeks, killed by car

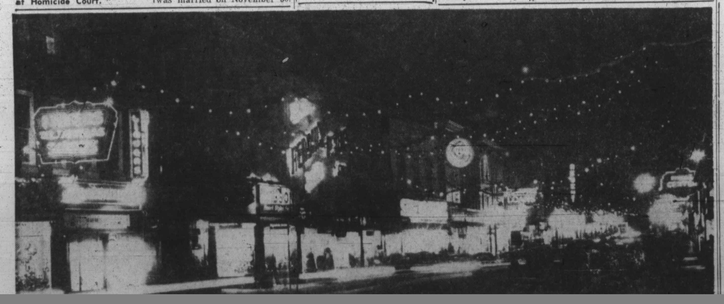
Charles Morris, 45, 1345 Stockton St., died at Provident Hospital Tuesday morning of injuries suffered when he was struck by a station wagon about 11:15 Monday night.

James Thomas-Sheldon, 59, 2900 block Poplar Terr., has been charged with automobile manslaughter in the death. He is free on $1,000 bail posted at Homicide Court.

Mr. Morris, a bridegroom of two weeks, was struck on North Ave., about 12 feet west of Retreat St. He was walking across North Ave.

The body is at the George Kelson Funeral Home where funeral services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m.

Surviving Mr. Morris is his brid, Beatrice, to whom he was married on November 30.



10 Police killings in Baltimore area

APRIL 19, 1956—Robert McLain, 14-year-old Dunbar High School student of 404 E. Chase St., shot while running away from a stolen car at Madison and Fallsway by Officer Donald E. Mitchell of the Central District Magistrate Meyer Cardin exonerated the policeman.

JUNE 25, 1956—Harry Boyd Jr., 27, 1417 N. Broadway, shot in the back by Northeastern Patrolman Charles Fennell; who arrived on scene after a street fight. Magistrate Meyer Cardin ruled the officer acted in line of duty and the killing was justified.

JULY 7, 1956—Robert O. Harper, 34, 1614 Barclay St., shot in leg and bled to death following shooting by Southwestern Patrolman Walter Mina Jr., who told superiors he was breaking up a disorderly crowd. Officer Mina was exonerated of the killing by Magistrate Meyer Cardin, who ruled he acted in the line of duty.

AUGUST 15, 1956 — Frank J. Williams, 24, was shot and killed by Sgt. Albert Heck as a suspect in two holdups and the non-fatal shooting of a tailor shop proprietor. Sgt. Heck was exonerated of the killing in Central Police Court by Magistrate Meyer Cardin.

SEPTEMBER 19, 1956—Donald Jackson, 22, 971 Ellicott Dr., shot in the arm and chest by Southeastern Patrolman Benjamin Ledden. Ledden said he shot the man "in defense of my life." In the unit block Gilmor St. Patrolman Ledden was exonerated of the slaying by Magistrate Cardin.

OCTOBER 15, 1956 — Benjamin Brown, 14-year-old patient at Rosewood Training School was shot and killed by Northwest Patrolman Marshall V. Brewer with rifle he "didn't know was loaded." Magistrate Meyer Cardin dismissed the shooting charge after State's Attorney Jack Weiss said the State could not make out a homicide case against the officer who said the shooting was an accident.

NOVEMBER 7, 1956—James H. Duggan Jr., 28, white city sanitary department worker, killed by a policeman answering cries for help. Central District Patrolman Joseph Bosse was exonerated by Magistrate Meyer Cardin.

NOVEMBER 24, 1956—Clarence Wilkerson, 39, 1304 Harlem Ave., shot and killed by Baltimore County Policeman while getting out of a car as ordered. Officer Louis DeManns was charged with homcide by State's Attorney Frank Hewell. On Monday, Dec., 10 a Baltimore County jury failed to indict officer DeManns. He was returned to the force with no official punishment.

JANUARY 21, 1957 — James Kenneth Robbins, 17, 1800 block Jackson St., was shot and killed after a robbery assault. Southern District Patrolman Melvin Kearns said as he fired a warning shot, he slipped on the ice. A bullet struck the youth in the back of the head. Patrolman Kearns was exonerated by Magistrate Meyer Cardin who declared that the shooting had occurred in the line of duty and was accidental.

MIN WARD, 19, 281 N. Exeter when he reportedly lunged at Officer Isiah Pressey when the policeman attempted to question him about a stolen battery. Patrolman Pressey was exonerated by Chief Magistrate Stanley Richardson who declared the officer was acting in the performance of his duty.

Two fires just one too many

Robert Word, 37, of 808 Shuter St., was ordered held without bail in Northeastern Police Court Monday on an arson charge.

Lt. John McGruder of the arson squad, testified that two fires occurred in Word's home within 20 minutes of each other Saturday.

The lieutenant stated that when firemen arrived at the house the second time they discovered that two chairs and a sofa had been saturated with kerosene.

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POLICE SAID they became suspicious of Word when he asked one officer "who should see about the insurance on my furniture."

Word, who testified that his furniture was covered by $1,500 insurance policy, stated, "I might have started the first fire because I was smoking a cigar on the sofa, but I don't know anything about the second."

Lt. McGruder stated that at the time he questioned Word, the suspect's shoes were soaked with kerosene.

Motorist in chase jailed for assault

A 25-year-old motorist captured after a 100-mile-an-hour chase through E. Baltimore was sentenced to six months in jail Wednesday for assaulting an officer with an automobile.

The sentence was imposed on Thomas J. Johnson, 1200 block Decker Ave., by Magistrate John A. Janetzke in Eastern Police Court.

Officer William S. Church was knocked uninjured to the ground when Mr. Johnson backed his vehicle in the path of the patrolman after he was temporarily halted by a passing freight train, the court was told.

THE DEFENDANT still faces five traffic violation charges.

Officer Church and his partner, Officer Earl Kuehne, both of the Traffic Division, reported they attempted to halt Mr. Johnson when they observed him going through a red light at 1 a.m. Wednesday at the intersection of Boston St. and Broening Highway.

Mr. Johnson sped away with the officers in hot pursuit, according to testimony. Four shots were fired during the high speed chase, which ended when the motorist crashed into a dirt embankment.

Moonshine still closed for Christmas

Chief Judge Roszel C. Thomsen in U.S. District Court Tuesday acquitted one man and gave suspended sentences, ranging from two days to six months, to three others on charges of possessing a 180-gallon moonshine whiskey still a wooded area near Fort Meade.

The accused and their dispositions are:

Raphael O. Jones, 29, 400 block W. Fayette St., acquitted; Daniel W. Spriggs, 33, 700 block W. Fayette St., two days imprisonment; Lacy Johnson, 28, 500 block Moore St., three months, and Foster W. McMillan, 44, a blond of the 1200 block Haverhill Rd., six months imprisonment.

Deputy U.S. Attorney John R. Hargrove produced testimony which revealed that the men were arrested by Federal alcohol and tobacco tax agents about 2 a.m. on November 10, in the Fort Meade area used for military maneuvers.

Further testimony indicated that the men were arrested while attempting to flee in an auto from the scene of the still, with the exception of Mr. Spriggs, who was arrested about three quarters of a mile from the still seated on top of seven cases of moonshine whisky.

NO TEARS — Although blinded in both eyes as a result of being stabbed on top of the head with an ice pick, Mrs. Carrie Lewis of the 200 block N. Montford Ave., plans to shed no tears over her condition. Accompanied by her 15-month-old niece Evelyn she declared this week, "I'll take life as it comes."

Housewife charged with manslaughter

The case of a young housewife who allegedly struck and killed a pedestrian last October when she lost control of her automobile at Maryland Ave., near 29th St., was sent to the grand jury on Friday.

Mrs. Dorothy Wall of the 1500 block Clifton Ave., was released on $1,000 bail in connection with the death of Paul Albert McCoy, 24.

At a preliminary hearing at Central, Patrolman Joseph Sullivan of the Accident Investigation Division testified that Mrs. Wall lost control of the automobile when a door swung open as she was about to make a right turn.

The officer said that he was told that before the driver could stop, her car struck a bus stop sign and the sign struck McCoy who was on the sidewalk.

Patrolman Sullivan added that Mrs. Wall did not have a driver's license or a learner's permit at the time of the fatal accident.

The court was told that she was accompanied by her husband, Joseph Wall, who was teaching her how to drive.

Court of Appeals affirms conviction of Charles Cornish

ANNAPOLIS — The Court of Appeals on Monday affirmed the lottery conviction of Turner Station sportsman Charles W. (Charlie) Cornish, sentenced last April 18 to a year in the House of Correction and fined $1,000 and costs.

Mr. Cornish, 100 block Eden Ct., appealed the conviction last June, contending that his apprehension by "overzealous" county policemen for a traffic charge constituted an illegal arrest. He was arrested in March with numbers paraphernalia in his possession, according to testimony.

In handing down the opinion the high court jurists held:

"It may well be that if the arrest had preceded the knowledge of the revoked operator's license and of the possession of the lottery slips, it still would have been lawful on the theory that the police had reasonable grounds to believe that a misdemeanor had been committed. . . ."

'My Christmas will be beautiful'

By HERB MANGRUM

"There's nothing to cry about. I'm glad I'm living.

"I haven't cried and I'll take life as it comes.

"My Christmas will be beautiful. I'll have my children and my friends."

Those were the words that came from the lips of a young mother who was blinded a month ago when she was stabbed on top of the head with an ice pick.

At her home in the 200 block of N. Montford Ave., Mrs. Carrie Lewis was in a happy frame of mind Wednesday as she talked about her escape with death.

Two days earlier in Northeastern District Police Court, she had testified against John Elmer Butler, the man who police described as her "boyfriend."

Butler, a resident of the 1800 block Orleans St., was charged Monday with stabbing Mrs. Lewis in the head, chest, back and left hand following a disagreement in his home.

Specifically, the 38-year-old tire firm employee was ordered held without bail for action of the grand jury on an assault to murder charge.

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AT THE preliminary hearing before Magistrate Milton Talkin, Mrs. Lewis testified that Butler, without warning, stabbed her as she slept in his apartment last November 16.

She told the court: "I went to sleep and when I woke up the next morning he told me he wasn't going to work.

"The next thing I knew he had an ice pick in his hand and was coming down on my head.

"I felt something go through my head and I yelled. He stopped for awhile and started stabbing me again. And that's all I remember."

The accused was arrested by Northeastern District police last Sunday at a house in the 1500 block of N. Wolfe St.

The only comment made by him at the hearing was: "I hit her with a stick."

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AT JOHNS HOPKINS HOSPITAL where she was a patient for 27 days, Mrs. Lewis was given a 50-50 chance when she was admitted to the emergency room.

During one stage of an operation on her chest doctors had to massage her heart for five minutes.

At Hopkins, the recovery of Mrs. Lewis has been described as "a miracle."

She has a 22-year-old daughter and an 18-year-old son.

To the youthful looking young woman who is unable to distinguish between night and day, the loss of her sight has not meant "the end of the world."

"They say that it's not impossible for me to regain my sight. Right now everyting is cloudy and blurred.

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"AT THE HOSPITAL they were a long time in telling me that I would be blind, but I knew that it was coming on all along.

"At first I didn't realize I was blind. I thought it was the color of the room I was in.

"One day they brought in a chart and asked me to count some numbers. I said, "Dod, I know what you're looking for.

"My room looked funny all the time. I thought it was an optical illusion.

"I told my daughter how bad it looked and she said, "Mother, it's a beautiful room.

"When they moved me into another room a nurse asked me did I like it. They still told me I was going blind. I said it looks like any other room to me.

"When they finally got around to telling me they asked my daughter could I take it.

"She told them, 'Mother can take anything.' One of the doctors said 'good because we have a lot to tell her'

"After they finished the operation on my heart another doctor asked me "What do you think of this?

"I answered, 'Doc, I'm glad that you know how to start the old ticker to ticking again.'"

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IN RESPONSE to a question about how she felt about losing her eyssight, Mrs. Lewis added:

"I'm not upset. I haven't cried and I haven't worried I talk about it all the time. I haven't felt like crying.

"I feel sorry for the man who did this but I'm not mad. I've never been able to get mad at anyone.

"He sent me a letter in the hospital. A friend read it to me although I told her at first that I didn't want her to.

"In it he apologized and even said that he would give me one of his eyes if that would help.

"How can you figure out a person like that? I think that the boy is sick.

"It's a mystery that he could get letters to me but the police couldn't find him.

"I'm not upset because I'm blind. I'm glad that I'm living. There's nothing to cry about. When you are blind all your feeling goes to your hands.

"I can get around home o.k. and I can button my clothes. My little niece Evelyn who is 15 months old helps lead me around the house.

"There is one thing I have discovered since this happened; I never knew that I had so many friends. Maybe I need to cry."

Officers told to beware of Santa

Officers in the probe of Baltimore Police Department were warned Wednesday to beware of Santa Claus.

This, in effect, is the sense of a general order read at roll call advising officers they must report in writing to Commissioner James M. Hepbron all gifts received from business establishments.

Failure to abide by the department regulation relating to the accepting of gratuities could lead to dismissal from the force, the men in blue were told.

The commissioner pointed out that the department does not approve of officers accepting gifts from businesses of questionable repute because it does not want them to be obligated to the owners.

Federal jury

Among persons currently serving as petit jurors in United State District Court are the following:

Harold J. Jennifer Jr., 3201 Carlisle Ave.; Mrs. Josephine H. Murray, 2504 Chelsea Terr.; Theodore C. Tayley, 1724 Ashburton Ave.; Miss Mildred E. Aaron, 2201 Guilford Ave.; Mrs. Lavania E. Booth, 2806 Bookert Dr.

Also, Mrs. Stella R. Moses, 3607 Menlo Dr.; Alexander Brown, 500 Seagull Ave.; Mrs. Veronica S. Westcott, 2100 McCulloh St.; and Mrs. Margaret M. Addison, 4111 Boarman Ave.

How to keep Christmas merry in your homes

Fire Chief M. H. Sutton again issues his appeal for a fire safe Christmas. The following do's and don'ts will help cut down on the Yule fire toll:

Be sure that Christmas decorations used in the home or place of business are flame - proofed, especially the cotton often used under or around the tree and also highly flammable plastic floral decorations.

Check lighting sets before using for defects such as frayed wires, loose connections, and broken sockets.

Don't use open-flame lighting, such as candles, under, or around the tree.

Mechanical toys that use a flammable liquid for a power or heat source are very dangerous. Children using these mechanical toys should be under the supervision of an adult.

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DON'T LET Christmas wrappings accumulate in the home; place them in metal trash cans with covers or burn them in your incinerator as soon as possible.

The following tips are offered on care of your Christmas tree, which is the biggest problem for firemen:

1. Make sure the tree is not dried out when purchased.

2. Keep it outdoors until you are ready to put it up.

3. Saw the butt diagonally an inch or more above the end.

4. Stand it in a container of water immediately, keeping the water level above the cut all the time the tree is in the house.

5. Remove the tree from the house as soon as possible after Christmas or when the tree becomes dry and starts to shed.

6. Don't put the tree near heating appliances or where it could possibly block the way out of any room or from the house in case of fire.

7. Support the tree well with an inconspicuous wire.

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Hunt 'Strangler'

SENATOR AND MRS. HARRY COLE
Maryland Legislator takes school teacher as his Christmas bride

Shoots his wife, then kills self

"I love Louise."

These were the last words uttered by George Butts, 31, 2525 E. Chase St., on Monday afternoon after he shot his estranged wife three times, fired at an officer and then turned his gun on himself to snuff out his own life.

Shot in the left shoulder, left arm and left hip the wife, Mrs. Louise Butts, 28, 1700 block E. Federal St., is being treated at Johns Hopkins Hospital where she is reported in a fair condition.

THE SCENE of the shooting was an area behind the Steel and Tin Products Company at U.S. Route 40 and Todds Lane in the Fullerton area where Mrs. Butts is employed.

According to Cpl. Marvin Gonce of the Baltimore County Police the first indication of trouble came at 12:15 p.m. Monday when he and Sgt. Walter Jehnert were notified that a man was threatening his wife with a gun.

Corporal Gonce said that when they reached the scene

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NICHOLS VS. WRIGHT

AME unit in session

CLEVELAND — Black-robed members of the Judicial Council filed into an improvised courtroom in the downtown Hollenden Hotel Friday morning for the second meeting of the year.

This is the highest judicial body of the AME church. Excitement is in the air.

Presiding is Perry B. Jackson of the Cleveland Municipal Court. He rapped his gavel for silence. Two AME Bishops face each other.

It is the case of the Bishop D. Nichols vs. Bishop R. R. Wright, who will be 80 on his next birthday.

Bishop Wright was the pre-

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News In Brief

The Happiest News Of The Week

HOUSTON, Texas — Descendants of Ino Hudgins, who was brought from Africa in chains, can now thank him for his foresight. He bought 300 acres of land and through the years they have refused to sell it. Today it is the sight of one of the biggest oil booms in Texas history and Mrs. Mathilda Scott, 73, Bert Alexander, 63, and Mrs. Lily Williams, 79, are cashing in on lucrative mineral rights leases.

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NEW YORK — Miss Althea Gibson, who this year became the first of her race to win the Wimbledon and Forest Hills Tennis championships, was ranked No. 1 in women's singles for 1957 by the United States Lawn Tennis Association. She and Miss Darlene Hard were ranked No. 2 in the women's doubles.

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E. ORANGE, N.J. — Phillida Ragland, a freshman from Plainfield, N.J., reigned last week as "Gazette Girl" at the 8th annual winter carnival dance at Upsala College, the first of her race to be elected for this honor. She's a psychology major.

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CHICAGO — Jim Pace, U. of Michigan All - American halfback, was voted the Big Ten's "Most Valuable Player" for 1957. He won out by a one-point margin over Dan Currie, Michigan State center, in the closest balloting in 28 years.

NEW YORK — Justice Darwin W. Telesford, who was elected to a full 10-year term in Harlem's 10th Municipal court last month following his appointment in November to serve the unexpired term of former Judge Carson Baker, was sworn in in ceremonies held Friday.

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ST. LOUIS — Sporting News, a baseball weekly, announced last week that Willie Mays of the San Francisco Giants was the only unanimous choice on a 1957 all-star fielding team of sportswriters polled by the publication.

They Said It: "Quote And Unquote"

LITTLE ROCK — "I am gratified that so many more Guardsmen can go back to their normal pursuits . . . a lot of them have served at a personal sacrifice, but of course, they had no choice."—GOV. ORVAL FAUBUS, commenting upon the removal of 432 of the 950 remaining National Guardsmen from Central High School.

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MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — "If civilization is to survive and progress, superiority in the

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Find body of mother he choked to death

The holiday plans that Mrs. Floretta Forrester, a 37-year-old mother, made for her youngster ended for her on Christmas Eve when she was strangled in the living room of her modest home at 1139 Brewer St.

While the strangler was choking off her life police said that her son, Gregory, 2, was playing in the basement although completely unaware that a crime was being committed on the first floor.

Police said that several neighbors had been questioned but that they had not heard any sounds of a struggle in the house nor had they seen anything to arouse their suspicions.

However, it has been reported that as a result of the investigation police are seeking a suspect in connection with the death.

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THE VICTIM was discovered at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday lying on a day bed. She was wearing a brown and green print house coat. On the floor was a plastic woven red and white cord with a metal clasp.

There was no evidence of a struggle which led to speculation that the slayer was probably known to the dead woman.

The police were actually summoned to the house by a neighbor, Mrs. Catherine Jones, 1141 Brewer St., who said her attention was called to Mrs. Forrester's home when two youngsters told her they had gone there to get tickets to

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Note to parents: measles cases in city on increase

An increase in cases of measles during the next several months has been forecast by the City Health Department.

The upswing started during the week ending Oct. 31 and was noted in the Eastern and Cherry Hill areas of the city the Department said.

The disease now appears to be spreading into the Northwestern section of the city.

Parents have been advised that measles in children under three years of age can be a serious illness and may result in death.

It has been recommended that any child between the ages of six months and three years who comes in contact with a person who has measles should be taken to the family doctor or a clinic as soon as possible after exposure, and at least not later than five days after exposure.

Grapes are fatal to child, 3

"When I reached to get the grapes from him, he threw them in his mouth and got strangled.

"I grabbed him by his feet and shook him. He started to turn purple and I cried, 'Oh my God, somebody come and help me.'

"I brought him downstairs and my husband met me and he tried to shake them out. Then they took him to the hospital."

That's as far as Mrs. Anselina Horne, 1836 W. Saratoga St., could go in telling how her young son died Christmas Eve night, after choking on some grapes, before she was overcome by her grief.

The tears rolled down her cheeks and her voice broke and Mrs. Horne could only say, "I just don't know how it could have happened."

What she had not been able

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Md.'s Senator Cole takes Christmas bride

By LULA JONES GARRETT

The bride was a bit superstitious. She awoke early, took one look and wailed "Oh, look at the sun shine!"

But later, the best man had some pertinent advice. "What takes place on the outside is of no consequence whatever. What takes place on the inside is all that matters," he said.

The bridegroom's voice faltered once during the ceremony, but his hand was as steady as a rock as he placed a wedding band of original design) of alternated gabuette and rows of round diamonds upon her finger.

She was calm, firm - voiced and smiling.

AND SO Mrs. Doris Irene Freeland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Freeland, and a member of the faculty of the Thomas G. Hayes School No. 102, became the bride of State Senator Harry A. Cole, here, Thursday at high noon.

Until the marriage he had been dubbed Maryland's most eligible bachelor.

The ceremony was read by Methodist Bishop Edgar A. Love, in his home in Morgan Park. The Senator had as best man Dr. Carl Murphy, president of the AFRO-AMERICAN Co.

Mrs. Freeland was attended by Mrs. Robert Watts.

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THE BRIDE wore a greige wool dress in the new blouson design, with the supplement belt edged in crossed tabs at the front.

Her half hat of soft pink mauline was worn with a brief flirtation veil.

Pink gloves, delicate

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SPECIAL NOTICE!
Next Week's
FIVE STAR
(Tuesday's AFRO)
will be published on
Monday, Dec. 30th
The Editors

Yule dinner in death cell for Braxton

Alvin (Butch) Braxton, 17-year-old Baltimore youth who is scheduled to die in the Maryland gas chamber sometime next month, spent Christmas Day in his death row cell at the Maryland Penitentiary.

For Christmas dinner he was served the regular meal given all inmates.

This included roast turkey, giblet gravy, dressing, mashed potatoes, peas, lettuce and tomato salad, cookies, oranges and apples.

According to the Rev. Edward Weglein, Protestant prison chaplain, who is his constant companion and consultant, young Braxton is as well as can be expected with but three weeks to live.

On Thursday, the day after Christmas, the Rev. Mr. Weg-

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to the first baby born in 1958 — that's right — the AFRO will give the cash to the first baby in the Baltimore area who arrives in the New Year. Only one requirement: You must notify the AFRO. Phone: MUL. 5-6015, if no answer, call LAF. 3-3024. For details about the first baby of 1957 see story Page 6.

Warns Grace's followers about 'hubbub' in courtroom

By MARY STRATFORD

WASHINGTON

Federal Judge Alexander Holtzoff threatened to oust followers of Bishop C. M. (Daddy) Grace, leader of the House of Prayer from his courtroom and also from the District Court building, Monday.

Following several outcries from the audience during the hearing for maintenance, Judge Holtzoff asserted:

"Spectators must remain quiet. There must be no hubbub, either in the court or in the halls. There must be no exclamations."

THE JURIST also ordered Bishop Grace to refrain from addressing his followers in the corridors because "that leads to exclamations."

"If there are any more outbursts, they (the audience) will be excluded, not only from my courtroom, but from this building," Holtzoff warned.

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MONDAY'S sole witness was Mrs. Mamie Jones, of Waycross, Ga. Her sister is Mrs. Lolivenia Royster, a Waycross, Ga., schoolteacher who claims she married Bishop Grace, who was then known as John H. Royster, 34 years ago in New York City. Bishop Grace denies being the man she married.

Mrs. Royster, who began testifying last Friday, interrupted her testimony to allow out-of-town witnesses to appear because of the Christmas holidays.

However, Judge Holtzoff recessed the case until Jan. 2, after only one out-of-town witness, Mrs. Jones, was queried.

MRS. JONES, 51-years-old, gave an exhaustive account of

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YMCA race barrier mars traditional Yuletide spirit

By EDWARD PEEKS

WASHINGTON

The YMCA of Metropolitan Washington threw cold water on the Christmas spirit and its meaning when a committee working for integration withdrew last week before the big guns of racial segregation.

"This action of the Metropolitan Washington Board of Directors is a tragic denial of the spirit and meaning of the Christmas season. It is a tragic denial of the Christ we profess to follow. It is a tragic denial of the brotherhood," said Dr. Edward C. Mazique, chairman of the 12th Street Y committee.

The withdrawal was made last Monday at the annual membership meeting of the Central Branch YMCA. The committee worked three years to end the "shameful practice" of racial segregation in the YMCA, which was founded in London in the beginning of the end of the Roman Empire and the downfall of a once proud, haughty, all-powerful people," Dr. Mazique told the body.

He likened the satellite age unto the birth of Christianity, saying that "science has created a world in which the

HE NEVER WALKS ALONE — Bishop C. M. (Daddy) Grace, left, is shown with his attorney, Franklyn Yasmer, at his trial in Federal court last week. At right is Franklyn Yasmer, attorney for Bishop

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