For her God

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Snead, a nurse, and the late Jesse Snead.

Mrs. Snead remembers that when her daughter was born it seemed that there was something special about the child.

"She only weighed five pounds and I was looking at her when I heard a voice say 'one day you will be proud of her.'"

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THERE CAME a time in Shirley's life when she was ready for school. The one that was chosen was St. Francis Academy, a Catholic School, operated by the Oblate Sisters of Providence on E. Chase St.

After a year there, the youngster became a Catholic. As her mother recalled Shirley during her school days she said:

"She was very witty and gay and everything she did she excelled in."

To illustrate what she meant Mrs. Snead searched through her papers and found one of her daughter's report cards. The only thing on the report card were "A's." Straight. A's all the way across the card.

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IT WAS ONLY natural that when Shirley was graduated from St. Francis in 1949, she was the valedictorian. She left behind her the record of having won the school's general excellence award three times.

Everyone was proud of Shirley and that included her classmates who had this to say about her in the yearbook:

"Tiny" is the bluestocking in our class. She knows only one letter of the alphabet 'A.'"

"Shirley's intellectual abilities do not make her staid or gloomy for she has a hidden spark that always lights up at the right time."

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BUT NOW that school was over, there was the future to think about and Shirley made her decision.

"I didn't know until she was just about through school what she wanted to do," recalled Mrs. Snead.

What Shirley had chosen for herself was the strict life of a cloistered nun where she would live in "poverty, chasity and obedience," spending her time in meditation and prayer.

She would live alone in a single room in the monastery in Concord, N.H., with a table, a chair and a bed made of two wooden boards on trestles with a strawed mattress. She would have a plain wooden cross.

She would be behind the walls of the monastery for life praying for the world and serving her God.

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SHIRLEY WAS 18 when she went into the monastery, one of the youngest to enter.

The next four and one-half years were spent as a novice and there were a number of other novices who fell along the way.

But Shirley did not fail and last month there came a day when she changed her white veil for the black veil of the professed Carmelite nun. She now belonged to the church and her name would forevermore be Sister Josepha.

At the profession ceremony, a fitting note was added as the sermon was delivered by the Rev. Edward V. Casserly, now rector of the Josephite Major Seminary of Washington, and former rector of St. Peter Claver Church here in Baltimore, which the family attends.

He was Sister Josepha's spiritual advisor before she entered the monastery.

Also in attendance at the ceremony were her mother, and her grandmother, Mrs. Pearl Catlin, 1911 Division St., and her aunts, Mrs. Lillian Ingran, 2020 Ruxton Ave. and Mrs. Pearl Matthews, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Mrs. Mildred Woodland, 2220 N. Monroe St., and Mrs. Rolline Evans, Boston, Mass.

THE FACE OF Sister Josepha was seen when she entered the monastery, again when she took the black veil, and will not be seen again by the world until she has spent 25 years in the Carmelite Community.

Her mother, however, has the right to visit her, but to the world she has passed into the secluded life of a nun.

Mrs. Snead is an honest person and she admits that it was not easy to see her daughter leave her forever, but she had the remedy.

"I just had to keep praying because we were very close. But through continued prayer and church it gave me the understanding that I needed."

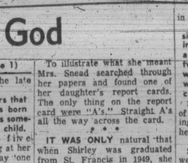
IT WAS growing late now and Mrs. Snead had almost finished talking. She had just recently come from a stay in the hospital and there was just a touch of weariness in her voice as her hands picked up a rosary.

Her eyes seemed to be fixed on some distant object, perhaps it was the face of her daughter.

Mrs. Snead smiled, as if to herself, and her words sounded softly in the room.

"I now know that she did the right thing".

And then she smiled again and there was no room for doubt that she is proud of her daughter — Sister Josepha.



SISTER JOSEPHA
Former Baltimore honor student renounces the world

Bill Worthy hailed as 'World Citizen'

About two weeks ago it looked as though William Worthy, special correspondent for the AFRO - AMERICAN newspapers, might become a man without a passport as a result of his trip into Red China.

This week, however, the picture has changed considerably, and Mr. Worthy is on his way into Hungary with his original U.S. passport.

In addition, a "World Passport," issued by the World Service Authority (with headquarters at 707 United Nations Plaza, is awaiting him upon his return to the United States.

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THE "WORLD PASSPORT," was received this week at the offices of the AFRO with a covering letter which stated:

"It is a pleasure herewith to hand to you a World Passport issued by the World Service Authority and which we trust it may be your pleasure and good fortune to use on various occasions of your entry into and your exit from foreign countries around the world.

"This document, customarily issued upon formal application of World Citizens, is presented to you as a token in recognition of your world right to travel freely as you will and, further, as evidence of your reliance on the first amendment to the Constitution of the United States which, in guaranteeing a free press, is a guarantee of freedom in acquisition of newsworthy facts equal in kind and in value to its concurrent guarantee of freedom of utterance and distribution of news-worthy material."

The letter bore the signature of Dr. Isley Boone, listed as American Consul for World Citizens. The organization's letterhead lists Garry Davis as its founder and first president.

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EDITORS OF THE AFRO - AMERICAN said that they had been informed that Mr. Worthy's is the fifth such passport issued to a "world citizen," and that it will be forwarded to him upon his return to this country.

They declined comment or speculation, however, on the validity of the "World Passport," for foreign travel.

—320 years

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200 block E. Lafayette St., 85 years for four cases of armed robbery.

Phillip R. (Fat Phil) Rice, 30, 1200 block Laurens St., 60 years for three charges of accessory to armed holdups.

ALL OF THE gang members had previous criminal records.

Jones had been out of prison less than a month when he was rearrested after participating in the armed holdup of the Pelovitz Store, 700 block Aisquith St., on Sept. 13.

A customer, Ernest Cureton, 835 Aisquith, was shot and wounded as Jones and a companion, both displaying weapons, robbed the store.

Mr. Cureton was shot when another customer, Mrs. Bernice Johnson, 1217 E. Madison St., grappled with Jones' companion for possession of a sawed-off shotgun, according to testimony.

Judge Carter discounted Jones' alibi that he was attending a birthday party at the time of the Pelovitz robbery.

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AS THE jurist advised Jones of the possibility of a parole, the defendant nodded his head in affirmation.

"If you conform to regulations and behave yourself properly you may be out after a time," said Judge Carter.

"If you don't you're going to be there the rest of your life."

The jurist also gave this advice to the other long - termers.

However, on Jan. 4 after Hall was convicted of the fourth armed holdup he and Dobson leered at the jurist as he attempted to explain to them the possibility of a parole.

"I'm just not going to worry about when they'll get out," Judge Carter said in resignation at that time. "I'll let the Parole Board handle that. Perhaps when they get older, they'll come to their senses."

The Parole Board has the authority to grant parole when it feels an inmate is sufficiently rehabilitated, regardless of the length of sentence.

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JONES WAS convicted on the lesser charges on Oct. 8. However, disposition of the cases were help up when officers learned of the defendant's part in the Pelovitz holdup, according to Edward Borgerding, assistant State's attorney.

Dobson pleaded guilty to the seven armed robbery charges on Dec. 14. Rice was convicted of the accessory charges at that time, and Hall was found guilty on three charges of armed robbery.

It was at the end of the second Hall trial that Dobson told Lt. Lawrence Cooper, "I'll kill you if I ever get out." The lieutenant was in charge of the investigation that cracked the robbery ring.

Mr. Borgerding said the holdup-men kept their weapons and clothing at the home of Rice. According to the prosecutor, after the men committed a robbery they would go to the 1200 block Laurens house and clothe to get rid of firearms.

Sgt. J. Hiram Bullet testified that when he arrested Rice a "small arsenal" of shotguns, rifles and revolvers were uncovered at his home.

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JOSHUA PELOVITZ, operator of the Aisquith St. store, said Jones struck him on the head with the butt of a revolver when he was slow about opening an electrically operated cash register.

"Were you knocked out?" inquired Judge Carter.

"I was stunned," replied Mr. Pelovitz. "I was more scared than hurt."

Jones was identified as one of the defendants by Mr. Pelovitz, his son, Norman Pelovitz, and a clerk boy, Thomas Johnson, 17-year-old Dunbar High School senior, of 1204 E. Madison St.

Young Johnson said when the unidentified shotgun wielding bandit grabbed a $10 bill from Mrs. Johnson the matron grappled for the weapon and it was discharged.

Jones was arrested six hours after the Pelovitz holdup when police chased him in a stolen car, according to Officer James Colvin. Two other unidentified men escaped at that time.

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IN DESCRIBING how he was shot and wounded, Mr. Cureton, who said he had been drinking at that time, stated:

"I walked over there to get a pack of cigarettes. He (Norman Pelovitz) gave me the cigarettes but he didn't give me no change. When I looked around he had his hands up."

Mr. Cureton said he was then attracted to the struggle between Mrs. Johnson and the unidentified robber for the gun.

"Every way I turned it (the gun) was pointed on me. The had went off and hit me in my left hip."

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Ask liquor board

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Sausage Co., Claude (Buddy) Young, Colt executive; Charles Tilghman, and Algernon Prestwidge, both executives of the Sphinx Club; and Carlos Hutchins, local sportsman.

Mr. Koger read a prepared statement to the board in which he said that he had spent most of his life fighting liquor places, "but here we have a good place and we need more good places. This would add to Pennsylvania Ave. . . ."

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MR. KOGER emphasized that colored people "would suffer if the relocation application is not granted."

"It was one of the few places colored people could go and get good services," he said.

He told the board that most of his adult life had been spent in community activities, and much of that "before the Liquor Board opposing persons wanting to locate taverns in residential sections.

"I have opposed them because they (the taverns) are breeding places for crime, threatening to home security and they reduce property values when they are in residential areas.

"However, today, we favor the applicant because she is asking permission to put her place where it should be located — out of the residential areas and into the business sections," he said.

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MR. JACKSON told the board that the NAACP has previously opposed liquor establishments in residential neighborhoods, but in this case the 1017 establishment does not add to the number of liquor outlets in this zone.

He explained that 1017 at its former Madison Ave. location was in a residential area, and the move to the Pennsylvania Ave. spot would be in an already commercial area "where all these places should be."

It was brought out through Buddy Young that he was on the Colt team when the group dined at the Lord Baltimore he was refused service. Later, the entire team left the hotel and dined at the 1017.

Mr. Young said that "Baltimore needs a good restaurant such as she proposes."

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MR. TILGHMAN and Mr. Prestwidge, licensees for the Sphinx at 2107 Pennsylvania Ave. described their semi - private club as one which caters to a select clientele.

They said "we need more first-class places like ours."

Mr. Hutchins, a well-known Avenue figure, discredited the protest petition which had been filed by 48 persons.

He told the Board that he had visited 44 of those persons on the list. After advising them that the applicant planned a first-rate restaurant, he said 23 of them signed the applicant's petition urging the license be granted.

City Councilman Sol Liss (D-4th) appeared as counsel for the protestants.

Among the 50 persons seated in the hearing room during the hour-long discussion were: William B. Dixon, Willie Diggs, Chandler Wynn, Harry Gail, Bernard Rusk, James T. Dorsey, James Wood, Lawrence Mapp, Billy Chase, William Mumby, Jesse Thomas, Mrs. Violet Stweart and William Murphy.

—Find infants

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under the "black light" but there were no laundry marks distinguishable. We got no clues from them," he stated.

Dr. Weitz said the babies were normal, had no distinguishing marks.

Dr. E. C. D. Schmidt, Easton Memorial Hospital pathologist, performed the autopsy, assisted by Dr. Russell S. Fisher, Maryland State Medical Examiner, who was visiting in the area at that time.

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—Frozen lady'

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said, and he ordered her to a hospital.

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MRS. BURTON has lived alone since the death in 1925 of her husband, Eugene. He was a farmer.

She told the AFRO she was born in Howard County "so long ago" she is unable to remember her birthday.

Her parents were Essex and Martha Shipley Morgan.

Her father, also a farmer, moved his family to Ellicott City and then to Washington when his children were young.

She has a sister, who is now Mrs. Rachel Robinson. She lives in Washington. Mrs. Burton thinks that she has many cousins and relatives in Howard County since her parents both came from large families.

Her Catonsville home, which she owns, was once a landmark.

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—Bill Worthy

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day morning.

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Howard Bland is paroled; got 18 years for killing his bride

Among those released on parole during January was Howard A. Bland, 48, convicted on a second degree murder charge in December 1950 and sentenced to 18 years in the penitentiary.

Although the state asked for a first-degree murder conviction, an all-male jury found Mr. Bland guilty of second-degree murder in the slaying of his bride of three months, attractive, 22-year-old, Mrs. Vera Bland.

Judge J. Howard Murray of Baltimore County Circuit Court imposed the maximum second-degree murder sentence.

Mrs. Delores Robinson, sister of Mrs. Bland, testified in court that after her sister had fallen to the floor (on October 31, 1950), Bland had calmly fired two more shots into her body, a total of four bullets at close range, while Mrs. Mary Taylor, their mother, rested in an adjoining bedroom at the home in the 200 block Collington Ave., Turner Station.

THE DEFENSE by State Senator John G. Turnbull and Dan Brewster did not deny the shooting, but contended that the state failed to establish premeditation necessary for a first-degree murder conviction.

Mr. Bland, a painter, was on vacation when the shooting occurred. Among the 33 others released on parole during January are:

Thomas E. Brown, larceny, Calvert, 6-56, 15 mos.; Walter Brown, Jr., perjury, BCC, 10-56, 15 mos.; Roy J. Coleman, murder conf. deg., Balto. Co., 3-51, 15 yrs.; Jesse R. Corbin, manslaughter, Wicomico, 11-45, 9 yrs.

Others are: William Dickerson, bastardy, BCC, 6-52, 10 yrs.; William A. Dilly, B and E, St., Mary, 4-54, NMT 9½ yrs.; Leon Doughty, assault, Worcester, 7-56, 18 mos.; Floyd C. Finley, Asit. w/i to kill, A.-A. Co., 10-54, 9 yrs.

Also, Richard A. Gough, larceny, BCC, 4-56, NMT 28 mos.; Nathaniel Hairston, robbery, BCC, 4-56, 2 yrs.; Oliver Henderson, burglary, 2 ct., BCC, 8-56, 15 mos.

OTHERS RELEASED are: Edward P. Houston, V/P larceny, BCC, 8-56, 1 yr.; Clifton R. Johnson, B and E and Larceny, A.-A. Co., 5-56 NMT 18 mos.; George Johnson, lottery, BCC, 9-56, 1 yr.; Roger Johnson, grand larceny, Wicomico, 8-55, 6 yr. pen. to 4 yr.;

Also released are: Leroy Jones, robbery, Balto. Co., 5-54, 5 yrs.; Mae Mason, manslaughter, Mont. Co., 11-55 NMT 3 yrs.; John W. McCray, V/P larceny, BCC, 3-56, NMT 2yrs.; Lee Grant Mines, burg., 3rd and 4th ct., VCC, 8-56, NMT 1 yr.

Also, Milton Moore, carnal knowledge, BCC, 5-56, 18 mos.; Hazel Morrison, larceny, BCC, 1-5, NMT 2yrs.; Alonzo R. Myers, lottery, BCC, 9-56, 2 yrs.; Russell Myers, lottery, BCC, 9-15 yr.; Edward Orkney, assault and robbery, Talbot Co., 2-56, NMT 3½ yrs.

Others released are: Raymond E. Puller, arson, Prince George, 11-51, 10 yrs.; James Stewart, perverted practice, St. Marys, 3-56, NMT 18 mos.; Earl C. Sykes, burglary, BCC, 3-55, NMT 3yrs.; Earl Fox Terry, robbery, Earl C. Sykes, burglary, BCC, 2-55 NMT 3 yrs. BCC, 12-53, NMT 5 yrs.

Ernest Thomas, burglary, BCC, 8-48, 20 yrs.; Herbert L. Thomas, housebrk. and V/P, A. A. Co., 5-55, NMT 6 yrs.; Monroe Urquhart, robbery 2nd ct., BCC, 11-55, NMT 3 yrs; Walter Young, murder, 2nd degree, Wash. Co., 3-47, 15 yrs

Young Lucky Circle winner will buy records

"My last favorite story in the AFRO was the one about the groundhog. I tried to understand it and I read it over twice. Once last week, and once as I was coming down here."

Young Ricco Grimes, 10, summed up his observations regarding the AFRO during his visit to the City Desk Wednesday afternoon.

He came by to collect his LUCKY CIRCLE prize.

Ricco is a student at P.S. 103 and was snapped by the AFRO staff photographer as he left the funeral services for one of his teachers several weeks ago.

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HE IS a pupil in the fourth grade and the son of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Garnes, 1411 Division St.

About his prize money, Ricco had this to say:

"I am going to shop around for some records that I want and then I shall buy stamps at school with the money that is left over."

AFRO readers collect prize money every week from the LUCKY CIRCLE awards. Just look through your paper; if your picture is circled, you have a check coming to you.

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Before sentencing Mrs. Mattie Johnson, 600 block Perkins Ave. Judge Warnken warned that people who are in the numbers racket are gambling with their freedom.

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A CODEFENDANT, Richard Griffin Jr., 26, of the Perkins Ave. address, was acquitted of the numbers charge. Mr. Griffin was present when Racket Squad members, armed with a search and seizure warrant, raided the house on Dec. 14.

Mrs. Johnson pleaded for leniency and told the court her mother had died in Philadelphia since her arrest.

She said she had gone into the numbers business on a part-time basis to earn enough money to visit her ailing mother.

After the jurist imposed sentence, Mrs. Johnson screamed out, and had to be led from the courtroom.

Joseph Koutz, assistant state's attorney, produced evidence indicating that officers had Mrs. Johnson's house under surveillance for about ten days before the raid.

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SGT. ANTHONY Bova testified that Mrs. Johnson arrived at the house a half hour after they entered and "she had a good amount of numbers which she turned over to us from the bosom of her dress."

Sgt. Bova said officers recovered 176 numbers slips, representing collections from 12 stations, with $1,223.89 in play.

"She was sleeping on them," said Mr. Koutz in a reference to a number of old lottery slips found secreted in the matron's mattress.

Petit jurors for February

NUMBERS FINE.

The following 15 persons are among the Baltimoreans selected to serve on petit juries during the month of February:

Mrs. Margaret L. Tunstall, housewife, 1817 Riggs Ave.; Mrs. Mary Randolph, housewife, 3201 Gwynns Falls Pkway.; James C. Thomas, machine operator, 1910 W. Fayette St.; Mrs. Mattie A. Jones, presser, 2022 Clifton Ave.

Mrs. Mary E. Bond, beautician, 1637 Edmondson Ave.; Isaac E. Mitchell, civil service, 2804 Presbury St.; Mrs. Nellie L. McCoy, machine operator, 2310 Longwood St.; Mrs. Ruby G. Grant, beautician, 1322 Fulton Ave.

Mrs. Nellie M. Mills, presser, 1138 N. Longwood St.; Lloyd P. Sharp, salesman, 2719 Lauretta Ave.; Agnes Henson, domestic, 606 N. Fremont Ave.; Clarence L. E. Moore, Morgan State College teacher, 2267 Madison Ave.

Mrs. Sadie B. Gordon, examiner, 2635 Rayner Ave.; Mrs. Fannie L. Newton, housekeeper, 2431 Woodbrook Ave., and Mrs. Mahalia G. Parrish, housekeeper, 1132 N. Fulton Ave.

THERE'S A LUCKY picture in this and every edition of the AFRO. Look for it. If your head is circled, you can collect $5 cash by calling at the AFRO City Desk before the next edition is out.

Birth record meet Feb. 12

The next regular meeting for the correction of birth records will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 13, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Bureau of Vital Records on the first floor of the Municipal Building, Holliday and Lexington Streets.

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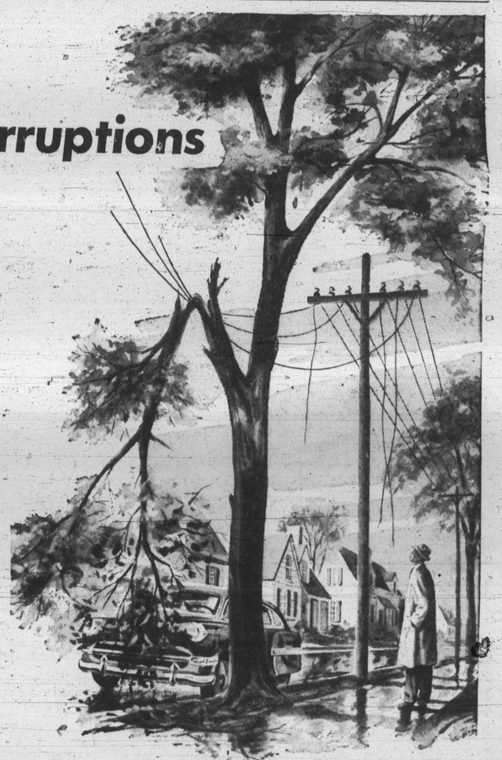

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THE TREES BENEFIT because corrective pruning makes them sturdier and improves their appearance. An average mature tree can be trimmed back 10 to 15 feet in height without any loss of symmetry or beauty . . . and such "storm-proofed" trees are much less likely to be broken by wind or sleet.

In order to operate efficiently, the work of our tree trimming crews must be scheduled months in advance. During the course of the year they visit all sections of the city and surrounding areas and will be glad to render this service next time they are in your neighborhood.

If you have trees that you feel need immediate attention, please telephone us and we will endeavor to make special arrangements to take care of them. Call MUlberry 5-0123.

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