Comedy Club On Auction Block--No Bidders

71 officers join dept.

Eight policewomen und 63 patrolmen were sworn in Thursday as members of the Police Department. The new policewomen area:

Lorraine Burrell of 2330 Oca la Ave.; Patricia Allen, 3969 Brooklyn Ave.; Helen Bosley, 1206 Lakeside Ave.; Phyllis Hearing of Sykesville; Irene Dorr of Timonium; Joan Fox, 2035 Kelmore Rd.; Luella Garrettson, 900 Clifton Park Terr. and Mary Reinhardt of Glen Burnie.

Among the new patrolmen sworn in were: Stephen Faulkner of 705 Newington Ave.; Henry C. Goodman, 3027 Windsor Ave.; Lawrence L. Griffin, 1510 Holbrook St.; Charlie Stanford Moore, 302 S. Dallas Ct.; and R. P. Parker of 912 N. Broadway.

The probationary officers heard an address by Chief Inspector Oscar L. Lusby.

In his talk at the War Memorial Building, Inspector Lusby told the group that in order "to be a successful police officer, you must have the support of the people and that must be earned by integrity, intelligence and service."

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INSPECTOR LUSBY advised the class to avoid corruption and warned "don't try to keep up with the Jones's, you have got to live within your means."

He called on the officers to avoid "doing anything that would disgrace their uniform, your family and yourself."

Following the address, the class was taken to the Courthouse for the swearing in ceremony.

Thursday's appointments raised the number of patrolmen in the department to 2,302. The Police Department is 100 patrolmen below strength.

With the addition of the eight women, the number of policewomen in the department was raised to 46.

Youth's mother weeps as she hears son convicted in death

"He is my son and a good boy. He worked hard to help me at home since we have to depend on him. His father has not been with us in nine years and we needed my son's help."

Mrs. Flossie Dennis, 2511 W. Pratt St., mother of Jerry Dennis, wept audibly as she made the above statements Tuesday during the hearing for her 18-year-old son.

Awaiting the decision of the jury, the grieved mother could not control her tears as she recalled:

"He was christened at Sharp Street Methodist Church and went to Sunday School regularly when he was growing up.

"Then he went in the Army in 1957. He was honorably discharged in 1958 and then he took up paper hanging to help us make out at home.

"I feel so badly about it I wish it had not happened to my boy."

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SHORTLY AFTER Mrs. Dennis spoke, a jury of three women and nine men, including Richard L. Malone, 5512 Dennlyn Rd., a Western Electric utility machine operator, returned a verdict of murder in the first degree against Dennis about 4:30 p.m.

All members of the jury affirmed the decision but recommended "without capital punishment."

Sentence was deferred by Judge Edwin Harlan pending Dennis' attorneys', motion for a new trial.

Hearing the decision, Mrs. Dennis' face was bathed anew in tears and she sobbed aloud in the courtroom and left through the doorway alone. She has 11 other children.

Dennis was charged, along with three other youths, with the Aug. 7 murder of Lawrence D. North, 66, 2300 block W. Baltimore St., a television repairman. The attack took place at Smallwood and Baltimore Sts.

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PLEADING NOT guilty, the youth said he struck the man one blow on the chin after he North had called him a vile name after he bumped into him on the sidewalk.

First of Dennis' companions to be tried was Richard Gross, 17, 1400 block W. Lexington St., who was also convicted of first degree murder.

The other two youths awaiting trial are Eddie L. Taylor Jr., 20, 1200 block Argyle Ave., and John F. Ledbetter, 19, 1600 block W. Fayette St. They were granted separate trials.

Albert H. Frankel and Marvin L. Frankel were attorneys for young Dennis.

CUTE AS BUTTONS is the way to describe these young ladies. They are Gloria Jackson and Faye Armstead, both seven years old. The step they are doing is from the dance they will perform on Christmas Eve at Mrs. Santa's Party at the Regent Theatre. Mrs. Santa is sure that the audience will love them, and who wouldn't!

History students skip Coppin class

"I am unable to say just what the problem was. I am now investigating it."

Dr. Parlett Moore, president of Coppin State Teachers College made the above statements on Thursday when asked to comment on reports that students boycotted a history class.

AFRO tipsters advised that all students in a U.S. History class at the college were absent because of what they called "disparaging remarks," made by a professor.

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DR. MOORE confirmed the fact that the U.S. History class 401, composed of 20 Junior and Senior students, assembled for class with Dr. Samuel Chambers on Monday at 10 a.m. but failed to return for class at 10 a.m. Wednesday.

He said: "It was not a walk out. Some students in the class cut the class Wednesday, some may have been absent because of illness.

"There were 20 students absent on Wednesday."

Coppin students will leave the campus today (Friday) at 5 p.m. for the Christmas holiday period, and will return on January 4.

Dr. Chambers who is a native of Baltimore has been instructor in history at Coppin two years.

He earned a Ph.D. and a master's degree in history from Georgetown University and a bachelor's degree from Johns Hopkins University.

On Thursday, Dr. Chambers confirmed the report that all students cut his class on Wednesday. He told the AFRO:

"The incident you refer to came out of a disciplinary problem—one girl talking out of turn, talking too much, not being a good influence on the class.

"In Baltimore we have pretty good racial relations and we want to keep it that way.

"We have a nice bi-racial faculty at Coppin. We are teaching students for the teaching profession. We have to have discipline.

"Any flurry that arose came over a disciplinary matter."

Interest shown in fixtures

A blue sky, flaked with lazy, white fleecy clouds . . . pleasant, high 50 . . . degree brightness, warmed by a spring - like sun . . . Wednesday morning in Baltimore, a cheery day for many citizens— a dark, gloomy day for many others.

Such was this day of contrast— a day of two contrasting funerals.

There were services for George C. Grant, widely known and beloved Morgan College dean, whose sudden death shocked thousands.

Then— there were these last rites for the Comedy Club, nationally known city entertainment spot, whose death many also considered untimely.

Two contrasting funerals— a dark prelude to a merry Christmas.

At 10:50 a.m. Wednesday, a man stuck a red auctioneer's flag on the Comedy Club's front in the 1400 block Pennsylvania Ave. Inside, a small group of men moved around restlessly, looking coldly at fixtures and appointments.

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SHORTLY AFTERWARDS, an auctioneer stood before the men in the club's lounge— a lounge that had seen the top names in show business, entertaining top citizens— and tried unsuccessfully to sell the place.

He did not get a bid. The auctioneer said later the men were interested in the furnishings alone, and that the place would be held intact for a private sale.

At 11:40 a.m., they took the red auctioneer's flag down, and the men drove away, leaving one customer and one sitter in the still open bar.

Up the street in the next block, a man— Oliver (Ollie) Wise— who had managed the club when it was the toast of the East and had been an inseparable friend of the owner, the late Isaac (Ike) Dixon, went about his chores at partner of another entertainment spot.

They did not sell the Comedy Club Wednesday—but they unmistakably held a funeral.

Harlem Park school site work launched

"Our main purpose will be to improve or repair and preserve the fine old houses which are already here, and to bring them up to present - day standards of comfort and safety.

Mayor J. Harold Grady was speaking Tuesday morning at ceremonies launching the demolition of some homes in the Harlem Park area where two schools are to be built.

Mayor Grady pointed out that the project serves a dual purpose, in that it forwards educational facilities, and is the launching of the Harlem Park Urban Renewal rehabilitation program.

The site covers three square blocks. Two of these, the 1400 and 1500 blocks of Harlem Ave. face the park, a sector of which will be used as a play area for the students.

The other square block is directly to the north and is bounded by Lafayette Ave., Calhoun, Latvale and Stricker Sts.

A junior high and an elementary school are to be erected on the site.

Employment Security to move

Beginning Monday, the **Department of Employment Security will operate from its new $5,135,000 building in Mt. Royal Plaza up from the Fifth Regiment Armory at 1100 N. Eutaw St.**

The move consolidates this agency's offices formerly located at 29 Hopkins Pl., 9 W. Baltimore St., and at 6 N. Liberty St.

The offices at 39 Hopkins Pl are being moved today (Friday), and the clerical and professional employment office on Baltimore St. are to be moved Saturday.

OFFICE HOURS will be changed to 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., except the administrative offices (where the hours will remain 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Baltimore Transit Co. buses Nos. 19 and 21 stop in close proximity to the new building. No. 5 buses stop a bit further away at McCulloh and Dolphin, Sts. and Druid Hill Ave. and Dolphin.

The six - story building is of modernistic design with latest equipment, including a basement employees' cafeteria.

Among the top Employment Security employees are:

David Mason, attorney, appeals referee; Frank Owens, supervisor; Joseph Amphrey, claims specialist and Mrs. Elizabeth Phillips, Mrs. Sarah Browne, Mrs. Veronia Greene and Mrs. Louise Kerr Hines, claims specialists.

Exams slated for teaching scholarships

The State Department of Education has announced plans for conducting the examination for the Teacher Education Scholarships and the State Senatorial Scholarships on Saturday, Feb. 27, 1960, for the 1960-61 scholarship awards.

This year, by agreement with the participating colleges, one examination will be held for both scholarship programs. A student who wishes to become a candidate for either a Teacher Education Scholarship, a Senatorial Scholarship, or both, must take the examination on Feb. 27 in any one of the 24 local test centers.

Test centers will be located in each county and in Baltimore City.

Application forms and further information concerning the two scholarship programs will be available at the local public and nonpublic secondary schools and participating colleges early in January.

No new board yet at EEOC

Mayor J. Harold Grady at AFRO press time had not appointed a new board at the city's Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, to replace the nine members whose terms expired several weeks ago.

Also, the mayor's promised commission to study and report on the civil rights situation about the city had not been formed by him.

Mayor Grady said more than six months ago he would appoint such a commission. As a result, Walter T. Dixon, Fourth District councilman, withdrew a civil rights ordinance from the City Council.

Also withdrawn at the time was a counter ordinance to abolish EEOC. Both ordinances have since been again placed before the council and are now in a committee and EEOC.

Board penalizes city firefighter

A fireman who drove a taxicab on his day off was penalized by the Fire Board Tuesday.

Firefighter Jerome L. Moore of Engine Company No. 28 was ordered to go on continuous duty for two days.

Moore was charged with violating a departmental rule that prohibits firemen from working on other jobs while off duty.

The Board also approved on Tuesday a plan to assume responsibility for measuring radioactive fallout should a nuclear explosion occur.

Miss Anderson, 39, telegraph clerk, dies

Funeral services were held on Thursday afternoon for Miss Mary Sophronia Anderson, 39, 713 Dolphin St., longtime clerk and telegraph operator at a Pennsylvania Ave. drugstore.

Miss Anderson died unexpectedly on Saturday at University Hospital after a brief illness.

The Thursday funeral was at Sharp St. Methodist Church where Miss Anderson was a lifetime member. She was active in the Young People's Institution, a member of the church's courtesy committee.

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THE REV. EDWARD G. CARROLL, pastor of the church, officiated at the services.

He recalled that Miss Anderson "was always interested in youth activities."

She belonged to the church's old Epworth League and regularly attended the seminars for young people at Morgan each year. She held membership in a group composed of seminary students who call themselves The Instituters.

Miss Anderson was a product of Douglass High and the Cortez Peters Business School.

She became the first telegraph operator to run a Western Union machine when she was hired in that capacity in 1942 by the Penn - Dol Pharmacy at Pennsylvania Ave. and Dolphin St., where she was still employed up until her last illness.

Miss Anderson was the daughter of Mrs. Sarah Anderson, the late John E. Anderson.

A brother, James L. Anderson, died six months ago.

IN THE DOORWAY to church formerly known as the Baltimore Tabernacle, the Rev. Edward M. Revels, center, pastor of the St. Paul Christian Community Church, which was taking over the building, is greeted by the departing minister, the Rev. G. E. Lowman. The Rev. Hiram Smith, left, handled the real estate transfer.

Against searches without warrants

An effort to invalidate the City Code providing penalties to a citizen who denies entry to a health officer without a warrant has been made.

The Maryland State Society, United States Daughters of 1812 has called upon the General Assembly and the City Council to enact legislation abolishing the established penalties.

The Supreme Court upheld the City Code in the case of Aaron D. Frank vs the State of Maryland on May 4.

However, in another recent case, a woman convicted of lottery in a case where a policeman gained entry to her home after a sanitation officer first went in, was freed when she appealed her conviction.

City Council studies budget

The City Council is expected to go into closed session today (Friday) to continue deliberations on the city 1960 budget.

Public hearings have been held since Thursday of last week, with the various city agencies appearing in protests to further cuts.

Appearing also were representatives of the savings and loan companies, to argue against a proposed tax on such deposits.

The City Council is empowered to cut the budget, but not add or restore items cut by the Board of Estimates.

Hamm's Beer to take over Gunther plant Jan. 1, start improvements

The Theo. Hamm Brewing Co., one of America's foremost brewers, has bought the plant and other assets of the Gunther Brewing Co. of Baltimore.

Hamm's will take over the plant Jan. 1, and start at once **on a planned $10 million program to improve and expand the brewery's facilities over the next five years.**

In announcing the purchase, William C. Figge, Hamm's president, said the new building program is in addition to about $7 million that has been invested in improving the plant during the past five years.

Purchase price of the brewery was not disclosed.

The Baltimore plant is the first eastern brewery acquired by Hamm's in an expansion program designed to attain ultimate national distribution for the Hamm's brand.

Hamm's other breweries are in St. Paul, Los Angeles, and San Francisco.

BOTH THE improvement of production facilities here and the initial brewing process will be under the personal direction of Figge, known in the industry as one of the nation's leading master brewers.

The Hamm's building program is aimed eventually at doubling the Baltimore plant's capacity.

Mr. Figge said a number of important additions and changes in the plant will be started at once— in order to meet Hamm's exacting quality standards and help make the beer brewed in Baltimore identical with the Hamm's produced elsewhere.

First major expansion project will include installation this year of one - third of the new glass - lined steel aging and fermentation tanks eventually planned.

New racking equipment for handling draft beer, new capacity for raw material storage, new yeast culture apparatus and other improvements will be among projects scheduled during Hamm's first year of operations.

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THE NEW yeast apparatus for the culture of Hamm's own "pedigreed" strain of yeast, first propagated from a single cell in 1898 and carefully nurtured since that time.

The refrigerated yeast culture will be flown to Baltimore from St. Paul on a regular schedule until the new apparatus is installed in the plant here.

Explaining that it is company policy to produce only a single brand of beer, Mr. Figge added:

"When we purchased our plants in California, we brewed only Hamm's. And our Hamm's formula and flavor have been so well received that today Hamm's beer is the largest selling brand in Los Angeles, even though we opened our first California brewery only five years ago.

"We are sure that Hamm's unique formula will appeal to the Baltimore area just as well."

Hamm's is the seventh largest brewery in the United States, having climbed from fifteenth place in the past ten years, and is the top selling beer in the western half of the United States.

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NEW FACILITIES in Baltimore will lift Hamm's total brewery capacity to more than four and half million barrels a year.

Starting from St. Paul, Hamm's opened its first California brewery in San Francisco in 1954. Public acceptance of Hamm's in California was so enthusiastic, Mr. Figge said, that production could not keep up with demand.

As a result, a second Hamm's plant was opened in Los Angeles in 1958.

"We purchased a brewery in Baltimore after three years of careful study and market research to find the ideal location for Hamm's first eastern facilities," Figge said.

"We selected this brewery with a modern physical plant, strategically located, serving the fastest - growing area in the East.

"The area has more than eight million population with four and a half million people living within a 50-mile radius of the brewery.

Mr. Figge emphasized that this area is exceeded in rate of growth only by California.

The property Hamm's has acquired includes the brewery facilities at Conkling and O'Donnell Streets in Baltimore, plus distributing and warehouse terminals throughout the trade area.

Mr. Figge said, "It is the aim of Hamm's to retain as many present employees as possible and eventually add to the staff through expansion of business."

During the changeover period, Mr. Figge added, every effort will be made to continue employment. If this is not possible, employees may schedule their vacations during this period. At the same time, key employees also will be retained in Hamm's exacting brewing methods.

Management personnel of the Baltimore plant will be announced later.

PRESIDENT OF the Theo. Hamm Brewing Co. is William C. Figge. The company had purchased the plant and other assets of the Gunther Brewing Co.

Barrett School board elects Mrs. Williams

The Board of Managers of the Barrett Training School for Girls in Glen Burnie this month elected Miss Anita R. Williams as president and the Rev. George Frey as vice president.

Mrs. Lillian Lottier was named secretary.

Members of the board are chairmen of various committees.

These include:

The Rev. Mr. Frey and Mrs. Bertha Hunston, religion; Mrs. Bernard Harris, cottage life; Dr. Bourne Jr., medical; Miss Charlotte Mehane, education; Theodore Kess, farm; Mrs. Annie Spencer, recreation, and Mrs. Winston, personal.

MRS. WINSTON presented to the school two portable electric sewing machines given by the Young Matrons of Wayland Baptist Church. Mrs. Grace Adams, president.

The same organization is also giving $100 gifts to the school for Christmas on Dec. 20.

The school holds its annual Christmas Party on Dec. 22 at 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Viola Lincoln, superintendent, reminds that the public is invited to the Christmas party.

Last minute rush expected on Ave.

Hundreds of multicolored lights, strung across the 1600, 1700 and 1800 blocks of Pennsylvania Ave. have created an atmosphere of Christmas along the busy street.

The foot traffic of pedestrians is heavy, and members of PALMA (Pennsylvania Avenue Lafayette Market Association) interviewed by the AFRO Wednesday agreed that their customers will stage a last minute "Christmas shopping rush."

Merchants agreed that Thursday, Christmas Eve, will be a big day.

Said Herman Katkow of the Beverly Shop:

"There seems to be a pattern of last minute shopping every year.

"We are looking forward to a big shopping splurge just before Christmas Day."

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SHOPPERS queried on their preference in a Christmas gift gave the following answers:

Miss Marion Conway, 1820 McCulloh St.;

"I would like to have a television set, not necessarily a big screen or color, just a television set."

Miss Phyllis Randall:

"I would like something simple, like a nice diamond about a carat."

Miss Mary Knuth, 1820 McCulloh St.:

"I would like to have a typewriter."

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MISS ETTA CHASE, 1814 Eting St.:

"I want a college education more than anything."

Mrs. Ina R. Lewis, 532 Lawrence St.:

"I would ask the Lord to clean up America. It's a shame to celebrate a holy birthday with all this sin and wickedness."

Miss Sheila Battle, 508 Mechen St.:

"I would like to have a record player."

Miss Shirley Sorrell, 550 Mechen St.:

"I want a racoon coat."

Miss Betty Williams, 1600 Division St.:

"It's so hard to decide, I want a portable radio."

Miss Joan Williams, 2051 Division St.: "I want a wrist watch for Christmas."

Lewis Dobbins, 2303 Edgemont Ave.: "For myself, I would like to have a shotgun."

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'Thanks' Says AFRO's Mrs. Santa

YOU CAN WIN $100

guess the score

That's right, $100 is yours. Read how you can win—

Mail immediately your prediction on the outcome of Sunday's championship football game between the Baltimore Colts and New York Giants.

Your entry should contain a guess as to the winner of the game, and the score. It should also include the names of two players you think will serve to be the most outstanding offense and the one who will be best on defense.

The AFRO will have Joe Labrum of the NFL Commission staff, pick the game's two top players. You must try to match his selections as well as guess the winning team and score.

In case of ties, the earliest postmark BEFORE 10 p.m., SATURDAY, will be declared the winner. Mail your entry to Contest Desk, Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN, 628 N. Eutaw St.

'O Come, All Ye Faithful...'

YULE CAROLERS—These carolers signify the yuletide season. They are members of Grace Memorial Baptist Church Sanctuary Youth Choir. Left to right are Miss Sandra Lyles, George B. Guest, Miss Barbara Kimbrough, Webster S. Lewis, Miss Audrey R. Allen, Lewis B. Knight, Miss Eursella M. Grove. The group appeared in concert recently sponsored by East Baltimore Churches, Khoir Presbyterian, Faith Baptist and the Grace Church.

Readers help her aid needy

"Thank you, thank you, thank you."

There aren't but so many ways in the English language that you can express sincere thanks.

Mrs. Santa has been trying to find just the right words to tell what she means.

And so she has lined up the most heartfelt, all encompassing words of thanks she knows means every one of them from the bottom of her heart:

"Thank you, thank you, thank you."

The thanks go out to the many, many people and organizations who have been touched by the plight of families who have appealed to the AFRO's Mrs. Santa for help.

These Angels of Mercy have been so moved that they have provided these families with food, clothing and toys, and sent for the AFRO a total of $326 (at presettime) to make Christmas merry for others.

They have asked no thanks for their good deeds, and wanted no medals. They gave in helping hand because they felt it was the thing to do.

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TAKE THE case of Mrs. J. Logan Jenkins of Morgan Park, who every year reads through the letters published in the AFRO and then goes to work.

This year the family she selected needed help in the worse possible way. The father is asthmatic and can not work. There are nine children and one of them is continually in the hospital.

Mrs. Jenkins gave them food and clothing and shoes. . . and what is equally important she gave them the feeling that the world had not forgotten them.

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By 11 points

By SAM LACY

The Baltimore Colts will capture their second consecutive NFL title Sunday afternoon at Memorial Stadium. The AFRO choice is the Steels by 11 points.

Stage set for Colt-Giant go

By SAM LACY
AFRO Sports Editor

The long awaited playoff for the championship of pro football gets under way Sunday afternoon before a sellout crowd of 57,557 at Memorial Stadium. Kicking time is 2:05 p.m. and the Weatherman has promised crisp football weather with a few snow flurries.

The Baltimore Colts, winners of the Western Division title, play hosts to the Eastern Division kingpin, the New York Giants.

It is as though the National Football League were going all out in its determination to produce good theatre. The oldest rule in the book of entertainment promotion is to take a bow when the act has been a good one.

Last year, the NFL presented the Colts and Giants in a game described by many as "the best ever played." On Sunday, the same cast of characters is back for the encore.

That it promises to build into another "dream contest," may be foregone conclusion, what with supporters of each team contending theirs is the finest ever assembled.

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BALTIMORE ROOTERS were given powerful backing by the odds makers the team — two games behind the lead at the halfway mark—won six straight games, all of which had to be won. They polled to this as the mark of a champion.

By the same token, New Yorkers contend that no team, unless it possessed the mark of a champion, could turn aside the threats represented by the Cleveland Browns, Philadelphia Eagles and Pittsburgh Steelers

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$50 for News Tips

There is a total of $50 available each week for news tips and news photos if you have a tip or a newsworthy photo call AFRO City Desk, MU. 5-6015 and say "I've got a news tip." Bring photo to City Desk. If no answer, call LA. 3-3624 or WI. 5-2222.

Nab suspect in $830 bank holdup try

Although he reportedly explained, "I'm looking for a bank robber," when an FBI agent saw him partially hidden beneath a car, Willie J. Anderson, 23, a Washington painter, was arrested Monday night as a hold-up suspect.

Anderson, who gave his address as 461 Benning Rd., was arrested after he failed to answer when the agent asked: "And how did you know there was a robbery?" it was reported.

The suspect was taken before U. S. Commissioner H. Allen Mezger for a brief arraignment and was charged with robbing Union Federal Savings Loan Association at Howard and Fayette Sts. of $830.

Agents said $620 was found in possession of the suspect and witnesses reported the suspect dropped $210 in 20 bills which were picked up and returned to the bank by onlookers.

A preliminary hearing is set for Tuesday.

Anderson pleaded not guilty before the commissioner and was held in $10,000 bail.

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Still time to help answer these last-minute appeals

For the past few weeks the AFRO's Mrs. Santa has published a number of letters from deserving needy families.

With this, our last newspaper before Christmas, Mrs. Santa concludes the publication of these pleas for help.

Because of the large number of requests received by Mrs. Santa, over 2,000, she has had to limit the letters because of space.

The cases published in today's edition of the AFRO will have no Christmas at all unless someone steps forth to help them.

As you read these pathetic letters, please remember that Mrs. Santa is at Mulberry 5-6015 for the name and address.

Please remember that Mrs. Santa also has a number of other cases that have not been published and she will be more than glad to give you information on these.

If you would like to make a cash donation to the project, you may visit Mrs. Santa here at the AFRO office, 628 N. Eutaw Street.

Time is growing short . . . Christmas is only one day away so if you want to help, please do it now.

Listed below are the last of the needy cases to be published this year:

300.—Dear Mrs. Santa,

I have three little girls who need many things. They are 6, 4 and 2.

I am 320 behind in my rent and the children need clothes and food.

Please help us.

301.—Dear Mrs. Santa,

I have six children. The boys are 12 and 11, and the girls are 14, 10, 8 and 4.

Please send us a basket or anything you have because we are so very much in need.

I have worked as much as six days a week, and now the only work I can get is for two or three days. I have a bad heart which also keeps me from working as much as I would like to.

My oldest son sells papers to help out. He has developed arthritis in his knee and can't go out all the time.

AFRO broadcast

Some little known history and unusual customs involving the Yuletide, taken from throughout the world, will be woven into the AFRO-AMERICAN's third annual Christmas musical.

The hour-long program, again featuring the famed Baltimore Singers and the Philharmonic Choir, with Gerald Burks Wilson directing, will be broadcast over Radio Station WITH (1220 on the dial) at 9:05 Christmas Eve night. (Thursday).

In keeping with the theme, "The Customs of Christmas," the program includes carefully selected songs from various countries as well as the traditional and more modern carols.

Group numbers will be rendered a cappella and solos will be contributed by Mrs. Gloria Waller, Mrs. Delores Cruz, Time magazine, Revolt at Fort Laramie," and it is just chock full of shooting, riding, action, and hooting.

That in itself would be enough to delight the heart of any youngster, but there's a lot more to follow.

There's a top notch show lined up that will feature a million dollars, more like two million.

It couldn't be otherwise, not when you have such people as "Hot Rod" Hulbert, who will serve as master of ceremonies.

Long one of Baltimore's top radio personalities, Hot Rod will bring along some of his patented fast line of chatter that never fails to delight.

For singing there will be the lovely Miss Ethel Ennis, the Theatre, has donated a first run film, "Revolt at Fort Laramie," and it is just chock full of shooting, riding, action, and hooting.

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AFRO ALMANAC

2 more days until Christmas

Today, Wednesday, Dec. 23, the 357th day of the year.

The 12th and last month of the year.

8 more days in 1959

Winter arrived yesterday, Tuesday, Dec. 22 at 9:35 a.m.

60 more days until the arrival of the robin, the first sign of Spring.

8 more days until Leap Year, 1960 arrives.

WEATHER: Wednesday, cold, snow flurries possible with high about 44, low below freezing, 31; Thursday, continued cloudy, high about 42; Friday, continued cold; some snow or rain expected Saturday.

Good fishing days, Dec. 23 through Dec. 26

WINTER WEATHER ahead for 1960 according to weather prophets will see an overall above-normal temperature although January is said to be blustery, February with 29 days may bring sleet, snow, blizzards. March will continue unsettled, cold, with snow storms ending mid-month. Signs of spring arrive early.

WISDOM FOR THE HOUR: At Christmas, play and have good cheer, for Christmas comes but once a year.—Thomas Tusser, 1557.

MEMORABLE DATES from history. Dec. 25, 1943, Dorie Miller became the hero of World War II as newspapers announced that he, a messman, had downed four Japanese planes with his machine gun as they raided Pearl Harbor.

Blast off time is 10 a.m., Thursday, Christmas Eve morning.

That's when the super charged AFRO - Regent Yule Party begins and before it is over some 1,500 youngsters will have seen a show that many of their elders would probably give their eye teeth to view.

But they won't be able to; not even for eye teeth, because the show has been designed strictly for the younger generation and the admission is absolutely nothing.

It's the AFRO's way of providing holiday enjoyment for boys and girls who might otherwise not have any Christmas pleasure at all.

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AND WHAT pleasure there will be.

First of all, Henry Hornstein, owner of the Regent

'Fabulous' is the word for AFRO-Regent Party

TWO CHEERFUL GIVERS got together this week when Marilyn Stratton, 5, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Stratton of 2662 Flora St., with her savings and help from a friend, brought Mrs. Santa $10 and in return took along a few gifts to drop off at homes of needy persons.

Veteran fan, 84, has no doubt about Colts

Among a whole town full of Colt roosters, probably the most ardent one who "loves them Colts" is Mrs. Marion Beasley, 84, 1938 McCulloh St., who predicts they'll win by a score somewhere in the 30's.

A full week ahead of time, Mrs. Beasley who is Baltimore's unofficial poetess laureate admitted she had reached a peak of excitement "not good for my heart" and had penned a poem for "my team."

Proudly proclaiming the Colts as the champions long before the game Sunday, Mrs. Beasley, shook her fist, pounded her dining room table and announced:

"I don't have a doubt in my mind about the Colts getting the championship — Giants or no Giants.

"They'll win, all right, just you wait and see. I have that feeling and being a poet, I go on my feelings.

"When it comes to the Colts, I'm not wrong. They'll win