A SURE SIGN OF CHRISTMAS is the evidence made obvious by downtown shoppers loaded down with colorfully packaged goods just purchased from several of the city's larger merchandisers. Caught here by the roving camera of AFRO photographer I. Henry Phillips are (l to r) Mrs. Paullett Gaither; Mrs. Edna Hazel and Miss Vilme Phillip all of whom were waiting for transportation back home after having gotten some of their shopping done eary.

Lawyer presses segregation end for HC prisoners

"What we want now is a hearing as soon as possible," Michael Milliman told the AFRO after officials at the Maryland Penitentiary turned down his plea that 65 penitentiary the House of Correction) be inmates (transferred from released from segregation units and transferred to other institutions before Christmas.

Mr. Milliman, a Legal Aid attorney, represents the prisoners who are accused of having been involved in the September "distrubance" at the House of Correction.

On behalf of the prisoners he has filed a civil action complaint against the prison administrators.

Officials offered a kind of compromise in which they agreed to release the inmates to the general penitentiary population but most of the men rejected the idea.

Mr. Milliman had hoped to have the men transferred temporarily to another institution such as Hagerstown or the House of Correction while the suit is pending in court.

Named in the 21-page civil action complaint filed by the prisoners are Joseph Cannon, Commissioner of Corrections; his deputy, James Jordan; Ralph Williams, warden, Maryland House of Correction and Preston Flitsberger, warden of the penitentiary.

The prisoners claim they are "presently suffering loss of liberty and arbitrary and vindictive, cruel and unusual punishment, with-

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School Board ends year on a confusing note

BY PAUL EVANS

The final session of the Board of School Commissioners for the year at the University of Baltimore's Langsdale Library Auditorium last night was confusing, without any clear decisions being made on any of the items on the agenda.

The usual conservative-liberal conflict was not as apparent as usual because many of the measures presented to, and discussed by the Board, were either so minute that little time was devoted to them, or those matters discussed were so confusing to many of the Board members that no concrete resolves could be made.

After a discussion of the approval of two November minutes, it was noted by Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy Moss and other members that the method for approving minutes could be updated.

She noted that the board approved minutes for July July and August meetings only very recently.

Board business carrying over from previous meetings included the naming of another student, Richard Moore, by Dr. Sheldon, to qualify to serve as an aide to Mr. Griffin.

Two other aides are performing their duties for Commissioners: Moss and Gibson, begin approved at a previous meeting. Aide for Mr. Daniels has not been selected yet.

due on the Commission for

Although a report was the Revision of the Social Studies Curriculum, Mr. Griffin said that none would be made, as of last night.

Approval was given to the school calendar for the next academic year, and then it was on to the more informative audience hearings.

The audience hearings, at this meeting, as well as the last meeting proved to be

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2 deaths in garage 'accident'

"A freak accident" has been ruled the cause in what had appeared a double homicide in the deaths of James Andrew Jackson, 48, and his blonde companion, Jean Marie Ridenour, 29.

The bodies of the two were removed from the front seat of a burning automobile early Tuesday morning after what one witness described as "an explosion" was heard.

William Powell of the

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Bernard Tabbs, former detective begins sentence

Bernard Linden Tabbs, 26, 1700 block Appleton St., a former Narcotics Squad detective, submitted to the sheriff Tuesday to begin serving a two-year term for malfeasance in office and embezzlement.

He was convicted by a jury in 1968 of keeping for his own use $80 of the money he had confiscated on Jan. 30, 1968 from a "narcotics peddler" he took off a Greyhound Bus in the Baltimore station.

Police Department agents had "planted" the man on the bus with marked money after suspecting the detective of previously embezzling money from suspects under arrest.

Tabbs was free while awaiting results of the case his attorney, Milton B. Allen, had taken to the Special Court of Appeals.

On Aug. 13 this year, the appeals court affirmed the jury's decision and Judge J. Gilbert Prendergast's two years concurrent sentences on each count of embezzlement and malfeasance

The Court of Appeals refused to review the case on Nov. 10 this year.

According to Mr. Allen's statement to the court, on Oct. 2, Mr. Tabbs had led an exemplary life since dismissal from the police force in 1968 and should have been eligible for a suspended sentence.

In his defense, the attorney argued that there was no evidence legally sufficient to show an embezzlement ever occurred.

The state argued that the "plant," a special agent who Tabbs took off the bus, had $1,512 in marked money but when he reached Central District booking he had but $1,432.

Bill will insure landlords pay water bill

City Councilman Emerson R. Julian introduced an ordinance which if passed would stop the increasing practice by landlords of billing their tenants for water charges against their property.

The Ordinance, introduced into the City Council Monday, comes in the wake of tenant complaints to Dr. Julian and the Consumer Account Division of the Bureau of Customer Services that water bill charges were being transferred to them without their knowledge.

Dr. Julian told the AFRO: "The essential thing is, I want to make sure that the tenant is freely aware that he is being billed. There must be a written agreement between the two parties and this must be presented to the Department Customer Accounts Division.

"This Ordinance merely clarifies procedures and protects the little man who is often taken advantage of in this high money society."

Clifford Mackay, chief of the Bureau of Consumer Services, told the AFRO: "We have a rule which became effective on Monday that we no longer will change billing from landlord to tenant in the absence of a written statement signed by both the landlord and tenant.

"Only the landlord is responsible for the water bill. In the event the water bill is unpaid, a lien is placed against the property and this effects the owner not the tenant.

Advance Federal hit again

Two robbers escaped with an undetermined amount of cash from the Advance Federal Savings and Loan Association located in the 1600 block W. North Ave. yesterday, but according to company authorities no one will lose his Christmas money.

"We're covered by the Federal Savings and Loan Corporation which is federally insured," Dr. W. O. Bryson Jr., president of the bank, told the AFRO.

The AFRO learned that this was the fourth time Advance Federal has been robbed and on this occasion there was an armed guard on duty, but who, according to witnesses, "never had

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Panther's white lawyer wants to get out on bail

Judge Basil Thomas will hear the writ of habeas corpus petition for the Black Panther Party's white New York attorney on Dec. 23 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 636 in the Courthouse.

The 27-year-old lawyer, Arthur Turco, a member of the New York bar, is indicted and lodged in City Jail here for murder in the case of Leroy Eugene Anderson.

Anderson, a Cherry Hill resident, was tortured and murdered, according to police, after Baltimore Panthers thought he was the member "leaking" infor-

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THE FRED BAILEYS OF BALTIMORE even their pet cat joins the family festival on Christmas Eve

CHRISTMAS TRADITION

THE TRIMMING OF THE TREE

The Fred Baileys lived in many lands when he was employed as electronics technician for the Martin Company. He is now branch manager of the Maryland National Bank's 227 N. Calvert St. office in the heart of downtown Baltimore.

This year, as usual, they select a fresh evergreen for their family Christmas tree and get together the night before the holy day for the old American ritual, The Trimming of the Tree.

Highlighting their collection of balls and other decorations, is a set of ornaments made from snail shells by the children of Christ the King Catholic Church in Okinawa. The Baileys and their children, Mike, 16, Linda, 14 and Kenneth, 8, lived on Okinawa four years.

* * *

The family scene in the Baileys' living room (above) will be duplicated in millions of homes around the world in a few days. No matter what goes on the Christmas tree, the loving care from hands that decorate, make it a thing of beauty, aglow with a mystical light.

The Baileys start with the top and decorate each limb down to the bottom. The lights are usually placed on first and the tinsel last.

A vessel at the bottom of the tree trunk holds water hopefully to keep it fresh and green throughout the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Bailey open their personal gifts on Christmas Eve. The children get up early Christmas morn "to see what Santa left them." Christmas breakfast follows with dinner shared by inlaws and grandparents.

Christmas is almost here. As the year turns the corner to mark the last and most joyous Christian holiday of 1970, take a look back almost 2,000 years to learn what is the history of the occasion. Also, what are the traditions of this most holy of holy days?

The Gospel says nothing as to the day of Christ's birth and the early church did not celebrate it.

In time, however, the Christians of Egypt came to regard Jan. 6 as the date of the Nativity and the custom of celebrating the birth of the Saviour on that day gradually spread until by the 4th Century it was universally established in the East.

By the end of the 3rd Century, the Western church adopted the 25th of December as the true date and in time its decision was accepted by the Eastern church.

THE WHY OF CHRISTMAS

Why did the church institute the festival of Christmas? One writer tells it quite frankly.

It was a custom of the Egyptians and Syrians to celebrate on Dec. 25 the birthday of the Sun at which time they kindled lights in token of festivity. In these celebrations, Christians also took part.

Paganism and Christianity were rival faiths. The issue between the two hung long in the balance. In time Christian fathers met and decided to celebrate the birthday of Jesus on Dec. 25 in order to transfer the devotion of the heathen from the Sun to Jesus who was called the Son of Righteousness. Astarte, the Egyptian Goddess, who conceived and bore a son on that day became the Virgin Mary.

HIS BIRTHDAY

According to St. Matthew, prophets told of the coming of Jesus long before his birth in a manger in Bethlehem. Joseph and Mary were there as were all other persons, to pay taxes.

After the journey from their hometown in Galilee, they found no room in any inn. So, Mary brought forth her firstborn son in a stall in a barn and wrapped him in swaddling cloths.

Shepherds watching their flocks by night in a field were told by angels, "We bring you tidings of great joy for all people. Unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Saviour which is Christ the Lord."

Three wisemen also learned of the King.

ORIGIN OF GIFTS

A brilliant star in the East led them to the new born babe and they took to him precious gifts. Bowing before the Saviour, they opened their treasures and presented Him with gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Thus, through the ages Christmas has been celebrated with lights, gleaming stars, stories of the wondrous birth and varied interpretations according to the traditions of the lands of the world.

The giving of gifts follows directly the presentations made by the Three Wisemen. The visit of St. Nicholas or Santa Claus, a custom of persons of German descent, has caught the fancy of all the world and delights children everywhere.

Santa Claus has done a lot down through the years, whatever his origin, to bring happiness to young hearts. He has also expanded the spirit of giving and sharing. He has helped to spread the spirit of Good Will on Earth, Peace to All Men, which may, someday, become a reality.

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the little cookbook column

Hello, I'm Esther Coley, Home Economist for Hunt-Wesson Foods. If you've been reading my column these past few weeks, we've gotten to know each other pretty well. Well, this is my last Little Cookbook Column for a while. I know I've enjoyed answering your questions. And I hope I've helped you get things together in the kitchen. We've been good for each other. Neighbors always learn from each other when they get together. We'll meet again, I know.

This week's tip:
I've got two for you this time. When cooking cabbage or chitterlings, put a piece of bread on top of the cover, it absorbs the odor.
A few drops of vinegar or lemon juice added to the ice water will make your pie crusts flakier.

Hunt's Handy Hint:
To make a quick sauce for baked or broiled fish, combine equal parts Hunt's Ketchup and mayonnaise . . . season to taste with minced onion and horseradish or hot mustard.

Dear Esther:
Can the protein content of peanut butter be compared to the protein in meat?
Mrs. Bennie White, Dallas, Texas

Because of its high quality protein, peanut butter can be considered a very good substitute for meat. Two tablespoons of peanut butter in a sandwich furnishes the same amount of protein as one ounce of sliced cooked meat.

Dear Esther:
I just got married. My husband and I like chicken a lot. But we can't eat a whole one. I always wind up throwing out the back and neck. Is there anything I can do with them?
Alice L. Reagin, Cleveland, Ohio

Yes, there's something good: chicken soup. Let the back and neck simmer in 1 quart water along with 1 can of chicken broth, some celery, an onion, carrots and about ½-teaspoon thyme for 1 hour. Remove the meat from the bones. Season with salt and pepper. Add some peas and tomatoes, if you like, and cook for 5 more minutes. That chicken will be saying something.

Dear Esther:
Which kind of orange juice is best for you? The kind that comes in bottles or the frozen kind?
Paula Tisdel, Berkeley, California

The important thing to notice is whether the product says orange juice or orange drink. Orange juice is as it says, the juice from fresh oranges. Either squeezed and frozen, or squeezed and bottled are equally good for you. Fresh frozen orange juice often costs less than fresh bottled or the fresh juice you would squeeze yourself, depending on the season of the year and cost of the oranges.

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