STATE DROPS FIVE ROBBERY CHARGES

Baltimore Notebook

By MAX JOHNSON

Mr. Johnson, a regular member of the panel of the Maryland News Conference TV program, will be seen this Sunday over WBAL-TV at 5 p.m. This week's guest is Charles P. McCormick, chairman, Civic Center Commission. Mr. Johnson's column appears in this space every Friday.

While everybody seems to be waiting with bated breath to see what the new Mayor Phil Goodman is going to do in office — let's review briefly the administration of his immediate predecessor, J. Harold Grady.

The reminders here will be of the then Mayor Grady's activities in the area of human relations.

I very deliberately choose to do this for two reasons.

First — I am unable to say here with any degree of authority what Phil Goodman is going to do.

It's extremely doubtful that any newsman who has closely observed his activities over a period of years would care to go quite that far.

And I'm one — who isn't going to do so here.

SECONDLY — human relations accomplishments under the Grady administration are more meritorious than may seem at casual attention.

Let's review some of them.

Mayor Grady, early in his administration, commanded considerable community respect by naming for the first time a colored lady to the city's Board of School Commissioners.

She is Mrs. Elizabeth M. Phillips, vice president of this paper, and a mother with children in the public schools.

And when another vacancy occurred on this board, he further integrated it by naming J. Percy Bond, director of admissions and placement, Morgan State College.

This appointment of Mr. Bond gave the Board of School Commissioners more than one colored member — for the first time in its history.

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THE THEN Mayor Grady used this same policy in filling vacancies on a number of other city agencies' boards.

Notable among these are:

The Jail Board, where David T. Mason was the lone member of his race serving — until Mayor Grady named George L. Russell Jr., popular young attorney.

And the city's Equal Opportunity Commission Board, where Dr. G. James Fleming was the only colored member — until Grady named Judge Robert B. Watts.

Furthermore — it was due largely to the Grady Administration's firm backing and insistence that EOC was given enforcement powers.

This came when the public accommodations law was enacted for the city.

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HERE, AGAIN, was another Grady-backed and Grady strongly-supported measure.

The then Mayor Grady carried the advancement of human relations still further — certainly further than any of his predecessors in that office.

He integrated his own office staff by hiring Miss Sonja Reynolds as a clerk-stenographer — the first position above that of messenger ever held by a colored citizen in the Mayor's office here.

He then issued a strong directive to all city agencies—warning them against further racial discrimination in employment and upgrading of personnel.

As a result — several such agencies have now more than a token force of colored employees.

There remains much to be done in this area — but J. Harold Grady must be credited with spearheading the progress that has been made.

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FEW NEWSMEN, who have been associated with the now Judge Grady from his days in the office of State's Attorney through the Mayor's post, have ever seen him in a hurry.

He did nothing with the colorful zest that was so characteristic of the popular Tommy D'Alesandro or Teddy McKeldin — who reigned at City Hall ahead of him.

So it was with these advancements in human relations.

J. Harold Grady pushed them unhurriedly, without fanfare — but he got them accomplished.

There are several other notable advancements in this area attained during the Grady Administration — but space here prohibits citing them.

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I SAY again — I don't know what Mayor Goodman will do the next five months in office.

There are, however, two exceptions.

He will institute a periodic report to the people on business before the Mayor.

He will do whatever possible for the further advancement of human rights — because he just has such conviction.

But, now that J. Harold Grady is no longer Mayor—let's not forget his tenure of office too quickly.

He exhibited some faulty moments in office — and, certainly, most Mayors do.

But, in the area of human relations — his goodness far outweighs his faulty actions.

The way I look at it — J. Harold Grady served very well indeed as Baltimore's 40th Mayor.

Grady's last act is Transit Co. tax relief

One of Mayor J. Harold buses by Jan. 1, 1964.

Grady's last key official acts, prior to resigning Thursday, was his signing into law on Wednesday the controversial City Council ordinance granting the Baltimore Transit Co. tax relief over a seven-year period.

The new law provides that the Transit Co. shall replace the streetcars on its No. 8 and No. 15 lines with 101

And in exchange, the city is to give the company a special tax credit of $285,544 a year, beginning at that date and ending Dec. 31, 1970.

When the streetcar lines are abandoned, the city is to be given the company's right of way over the existing tracks and will be faced with

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New Shiloh leader for NAACP

Despite the recent illness of Dr. J. Timothy Boddie, pastor, the New Shiloh Baptist Church led in the last report of the NAACP membership campaign with 135 memberships.

Other churches making large reports on Tuesday night were Wayland Baptist, 41; Pennsylvania Avenue AME Zion, 38; Morning Star Baptist, 29; Douglas Memorial, 16; and Grace Memorial Baptist, 14.

Several other churches made smaller reports.

Zerrubbabel Masonic Grand Lodge, under the leadership of Grand Master Williams, and Dehorah Grand Chapter, O.E.S., led the fraternal organizations with 46 memberships.

The National Alliance of Postal Employees, under Raymond A. C. Young, was the leader in that division with 76 memberships. The individual with the highest report was Robert Bentley with 18 memberships.

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DESPITE THE FACT that the campaign was a lengthy one, the workers were very anxious to see that all gleanings would be gathered and brought into the office as soon as possible. Many of the workers also took more material because of promises they have for memberships.

Dr. Lillie M. Jackson, president of the Baltimore Branch, expressed thanks to every leader, captain, worker and well wisher of the 1962 campaign for their help, stimulant and unswervering support.

The Baltimore Branch will end the year 1962 far better than it would have had it not been for the support of these dedicated workers, she said.

CPHA asks mayor study fire laws

Only a master plan of housing code enforcement can prevent fires such as wiped out ten children in two Baltimore families in less than a year.

This was the point of a recent letter to Mayor J. Harold Grady from Mrs. C. W. Barnett, president of the Citizens Planning and Housing Association. Mrs. Barnett stated "the fire that took the lives of five children...recently ...emphasized the urgency for a thorough study of the multiple problems involved in the city's housing law enforcement program."

Mrs. Barnett reminded the mayor that her group, CPHA had urged that a study of the local housing codes and practices be made after a Eutaw Place fire in March 1962 claimed the lives of five children.

Mrs. Barnett emphasized the urgency of the requested study. "There is nothing we can do," she said, "about the five children who are now dead but there is a great deal we can do toward getting adequate housing law enforcement in the city to prevent another such tragedy."

Will rights commission reach Tawes too late?

Will proposed laws on fair housing, employment and equal accommodations reach Governor Tawes before the legislature convenes in January or will civil rights bills be stalled again this year?

This question is prompted by the similarity between last year's legislation schedule of the Maryland Commission On Interracial Problems and Relations and its present program.

Two weeks ago the Commission met and voted on civil rights legislation it will recommend to the governor.

Despite disagreement between Commission members the group finally decided to suggest that Governor Tawes push for enforcement powers for the Commission as well as laws banning racial discrimination in housing, employment and public accommodations.

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LAST YEAR, the Commission and the governor held off their meeting until the State Legislature had convened. This meant that civil rights legislation was lost in the final rush of bills to be considered by the lawmakers.

A similar fate may be likely for this year's proposals as well.

After the Nov. 23rd meet. of the Commission, its chairman William C. Rogers Sr. announced that he would push for a meeting with the governor in the first week of December.

This week, however, Mr Rogers said: "You can rest assured that as soon as we hear from the attorney-general we will go to the governor.

The attorney-general's office had been asked to rule on the legality of the recommended civil rights laws.

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ASKED HOW much progress his department had made, Thomas Finan, attorney general answered:

"You've got me. I've been on vacation. Bill Rogers had

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Mrs. Gwendolyn Hillen named personnel aide

Mrs. Gwendolyn E. Hillen, personnel management specialist in the personnel office of the Baltimore U. S. Public Health Service Hospital, has been promoted to the position of assistant personnel officer.

Mrs. Hillen is a career employee, having more then 16 years of government service.

In May 1962 she received a Sustained Superior Performance Award in recognition of the outstanding job she is performing.

This is the second time she has received such an award.

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IN HER NEW assignment Mrs. Hillen will share in the overall direction of the Personnel Management Program for the Public Health Service Hospital.

She is the wife of Charles G. Hillen, also a Federal employee.

He is a Revenue Agent in the Baltimore Office of the Internal Revenue Service.

PROMOTED — Mrs. Gwendolyn E. Hillen has been promoted to assistant personnel officer of the U. S. Public Health Service Hospital in Baltimore. She was formerly personnel management specialist.

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CONGRATULATIONS, MAYOR — Senator - elect Verda F. Welcome (4th D.) and Judge Robert B. Watts of Municipal Court, are shown here extending enthusiastic best wishes to Baltimore's new Mayor Philip H. Goodman at his swearing-in ceremonies Thursday. Scene shows some of the several hundred well-wishers who crowded the City Council chamber in City Hall for the affair. In the background (wearing glasses, is James D. Williams, assistant managing editor, Baltimore AFRO, and Max Johnson, AFRO political columnist.

Woman finds stolen purse in station

A cold and snowy Thursday morning was a dull day for most people.

But for Mrs. Eunice Nolan, 1411 Division St., it was her lucky day.

That morning, Mrs. Nolan had to make a business trip to Western Police station. While in the station, she happened to look into the property room.

And what did she see? Her leather handbag which had been snatched Sunday evening at Druid Hill Ave. and Mosher St.

She was lucky because the five youths who took her purse were only interested in the $6 in the purse.

All of her other important papers were found intact and undamaged by police.

City's 41st Mayor sworn in. pledges property tax relief

By MAX JOHNSON

"Although the city physically has undergone changes, there is one basic need which remains unchanged.

"That is, a broader tax base, to relieve the home-owner of some of the burdens of revenue.

"This will be given top priority during the remaining months of my tenure in the Mayor's office."

Philip Henry Goodman, Baltimore's 41st Mayor made this pledge Thursday in his acceptance speech, after he was sworn in office.

Mayor Goodman, 48, said he was "impressed with the magnitude of the job which faces me as Mayor of Baltimore."

"I feel that my public service," he said, "first in the City Council, then the State Senate, and recently as president of this City Council has done much to prepare me for the challenging tasks ahead."

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SEVERAL HUNDRED supporters and well-wishers, crowded in the City Council chamber and the outside corridors, watched and listened as the new Mayor took office.

Among them was the outgoing Mayor, J. Harold Grady, whose resignation automatically elevated Mr. Goodman to the city's chief executive post.

Mr. Grady is being sworn in today (Friday) as an associate judge of the city's Supreme Bench.

The scheduled 12 noon ceremonies got under way 15 minutes late, but were brief.

With William D. Schaefer, City Council vice president and now acting president, presiding, invocation was by Rabbi Abraham Shusterman.

Then the oath of office was administered by James F. Carney, clerk of Superior Court.

FOLLOWING PRAYER by the Rev. William K. Dum, the new Mayor delivered a short acceptance speech.

He said we are living in a "New Baltimore," and called attention to the physical changes taking place throughout the city, the problems of urban renewal, "human renewal," mass transit and water and sewerage.

"The most pressing business of the city at this time, in my opinion," Mayor Goodman then said, "is the planning of a comprehensive city legislative program for 1963.

"As we are all aware, the General Assembly meets next month, and much work remains to be done before that time."

It was at this point that he spoke of the need for a broader tax base, and pledged his efforts to that end.

"Your cooperation is needed," Mayor Goodman

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NAACP to hold final rally

A victory speech by the Rev. Clinton T. Coleman, pastor of Pennsylvania AME Zion Church and songs by his congregation's choir will highlight the final NAACP mass membership meeting on Dec. 9 (Sunday).

To be held at Sharp Street Methodist Church at 3 p.m., the meeting will conclude the NAACP membership campaign for this season. Dr. Lillie M. Jackson, president of the Maryland NAACP has extended an invitation to all "Members and friends."

During the meeting, campaign reports will be given by each leader, captain and worker.

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Lack of evidence frees him

Paul J. Whetstone, 22, 800 block Pearl St., confessed yoker, was freed in Criminal Court Thursday when the state dropped five charges of armed robbery due to insufficient evidence.

Whetstone, who had signed statements admitting the crimes, was arrested last summer by Western District police after an informer, "Little Bo," fingered him as one of several persons involved in a series of yokings and robberies in West Baltimore.

Last week, Judge Shirley B. Jones ruled his arrest illegal on the grounds that it violated Constitutional guarantees which forbid illegal searches, seizures and arrests.

Judge Jones issued the verdict on a motion of defense counsel George L. Russell Jr., who argued that the statements should not be admitted into evidence because the arrest was illegal making everything that followed, evidence and statements, equally illegal.

Earl Koger in 5th D. City Council race

Earl Koger Sr., well known insurance broker, has announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination to a City Council seat in the Fifth District.

He is the first of his race to file for the Council in this district, and is now launching a door - to - door campaign.

Mr. Koger wants to check the mounting real estate tax, better public transportation facilities in his district and stricter curbs on crime.

In 1959, he was an unsuccessful candidate for the City Council, though he polled a respectable vote.

He was a Republican then, but has since switched his affiliation to the Democratic party.

Mr. Koger is a member of the Urban League Board, the Masons, Shriners, the NAACP, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and the only member of his race in the Association of Insurance Underwriters of Baltimore and the National Insurance Brokers Association.

He is married and lives at 3605 Cedardale Rd. He and his sons operate an insurance agency bearing his name at 1836 W. North Ave.

30 register Dec. 3rd to 5, total 119,144

If you have not yet registered to become eligible to vote, you may now do so.

Who should register?

These persons over 21 years of age who have lived in Baltimore for one year or more and are not registered to vote.

Where to register — Supervisors of Elections, ground floor of People's Court Building, Gay and Fayette Sts.

Hours you can register — Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Total registered for Nov. 1960 election, 106,306.
Total registered for May, 1962 primary, 115,761.
Total registered for Nov. 1962 election, 118,869.
*Total registered Nov. 22-Dec. 1—195.
*Total to date: Dec. 5 — 119,144.

Monday	26	5	0
Tuesday	22	2	1
Wednesday	21	2	1

*AFRO weekly tabulations.

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THE WEATHER

For the next five days temperatures will average 10 to 12 degrees below normal. Only minor changes from day to day. Light snow possible Saturday night and Sunday. Normal highs 40 to 47. Lows 25 to 32.

FAMILY OF 7 DRIVEN OUT IN SUB-FREEZING WEATHER

EXCLUSIVE The 'Roads' Story

HEADQUARTERS FOR 3,500 WORKERS

Few jobs held in Roads agency

By RALPH MATTHEWS, JR.

The State Roads Commission's record on racial hiring patterns speaks for itself.

Out of a general office force of 600, there are perhaps 5 non - white clerical workers.

In an engineering division of 1400 workers there are possibly 12 colored workers.

As you move out of the Commission's handsome new office building in Baltimore and get into areas of its operation where the work gets rougher, the number of non-white employees rises.

Summarily, out of a total staff of 3,500 plus, perhaps 130 colored employees are in other than the traditional jobs available to them in this agency, in custodial work and the brawn - demanding work of highway maintenance and repair.

What makes all this very disturbing is the State Roads Commission is spending huge sums of both state and Federal tax money, and at the same time has only a limited number of skilled colored workers.

In 1963, this agency will have a budget of $124 million and of that total, some $30 million, according to officials, will come from Federal highway - aid funds.

"This is primarily an engineering unit," said William E. Bender, director of personnel at the Roads Commission. "The rest of our divisions are supplementary to the engineering department.

"I can honestly say within my experience we've never had a colored engineer approach us."

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MR. BENDER was explaining the complete absence of colored engineers from a department which employed 1400 people.

"We're after qualified engineers," he said. "We have some colored people in our technical personnel, not engineers."

Yet, he was later able to report that several non-white engineers worked for this agency. Perhaps he interpreted "non - white" to include certain foreign employees with this agency.

Walter Woodford, director of the Roads commission administrative division agreed with Mr. Bender that they had

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Ruling due on rights

By MOSES J. NEWSON

Baltimore has a public accommodations law banning racial discrimination by restaurants but a proprietor apparently still can refuse a customer service, because of his color, then have him arrested on a trespass charge.

For the time being this seems to be the picture:—If a restaurant owner refuses to serve a patron, reads the trespass act and gets a warrant, Baltimore police will arrest the patron.

The main unanswered question at this point is how hard it would be for a restaurant owner to get a warrant to have a patron arrested on a trespass charge?

However, Municipal Court Chief Judge T. Barton Harrington said this week there have been no applications for such warrants and he would not say what position would be taken until there is an actual case.

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JUST THIS past week briefs were filed in a test case brought by a restaurant owner and Superior Court Judge Edwin Harlan is expected to rule soon on the constitutionality of the city's public accommodations ordinance.

The whole question arose last week when a letter carrier, James Meeks, said he was refused service at a restaurant at Calvert and Mulberry Sts.

John White, president of

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U.S. Labor Department asked to look into DES practices here

AFRO writer Ralph Matthews Jr.'s series of articles on practices of the Department of Employment Security (DES) have been called to the attention of Secretary of Labor W. Willard Wirtz with the request hat he order an investigation of this agency.

The articles, published in this newspaper on Nov. 17, 24 and Dec. 1 described the agency's racial patterns of employment as is staff.

It was reported that there were no colored workers in

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What Do You Tell A Child When He Asks For Help...?

Mrs. Santa has answer

How do you tell a child there's no Santa Claus — for him?

Where do you find words that will explain it to a child who has seen Santa Claus stop by his house

As he silently watches other children romp and play with toys and enjoying goodies while hidden young hearts at Christmas, how can you tell him he's lucky if he gets something to eat?

These will be the heart-breaking questions facing hundreds of Baltimore families on Christmas morning.

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FOR FIVE years, with your help, the AFRO's Mrs. Santa has been making the Yuletide easier for many of these needy families.

Last year alone she distributed food, clothing, and toys to nearly a thousand needy families who not only faced a bleak Christmas, but couldn't bank on having food of any kind.

This year the need is just as great, if not greater.

Already Mrs. Santa and her helpers are swamped with pleas from destitute families for anything that will help Christmas seem a little more like Christmas.

Won't you please help Mrs. Santa to help them?

Pleas to Mrs. Santa started pouring in shortly after summer ended. To date, she is swamped.

In fact, no more letters can be accepted.

What's needed now is money. Mrs. Santa is urging you to rush your donation to:

Mrs. Santa Fund
AFRO City Desk
628 N. Eutaw St.
Baltimore 1, Md.

Your donation will be publicly acknowledged by Mrs. Santa. Please help, the need is great and the time is short.

If you or your organization church or business, would like

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Won't you help her to help these youngsters?

AFRO-Regent annual party will offer preview, top show

Boys and girls, Mrs. Santa has put together the best show she has ever held for the AFRO-Regent Annual Christmas party.

The party will begin at 10 a.m., Monday, Dec. 24, at the Regent Theatre on Christmas Eve. The Regent is located at 1627 Pennsylvania Ave.

Here's what Mrs. Santa has done just for you:

She and Henry Hornstein, who owns the theatre, have put their heads together to bring you a special treat — a sneak preview of one of he newest and best movies Hollywood has ever made.

What's more, you'll be the first to see it at the Regent. Nobody else will be able to do so until the next day. We can't tell you the name of the movie because Mrs. Santa wants to surprise you.

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WHILE YOU are watching the exciting movie, Mrs. Santa and her helpers will be back stage getting ready to bring on the live show when the movie ends.

And what a live show it will be, too

Leading off will be Jerome Scruggs and his famous House Rockers Band and they will be playing throughout the show.

Little Sonny Day and the Shyndels and Little "D" and the Love Notes will sing your favorite rock and roll tunes.

Phyllis Rogers, the pretty girl singer, is going to sing Christmas Carols. Charles (Fat Boy) Purvis and Penny Kearse, boy and girl singers with the House Rockers, will be singing your favorite hit tunes.

Of course you remember Harry (Doc) Young, who

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Boston strangler kills victim number seven

By BILL SLATER

ENGLEWOOD, N.J. —"Sophie was such a wonderful girl. She was a good child — poised, reserved and most considerate.

"She had such a bright future ahead of her. She was an excellent student. We have seven other children, but I know things will never be the same now that she's gone. I only hope she didn't suffer too much."

On the verge of tears, Mrs. Helen Clark of 175 Humphrey St., Englewood, spoke these words in the wake of funeral services for her daughter, Sophie, 20.

Sophie, a student and medical technician, was the seventh victim of a Boston stranger. She was found late last Wednesday in her Boston apartment with a stocking and petticoat knotted around her neck.

FUNERAL services for the

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'We've lost everything we had...'

ED. NOTE—Though the Jett Family has not officially asked for help from Mrs. Santa, she feels that they are deserving. If you would like to help them or any other deserving family, please call Mrs. Santa, Mulberry 5-6015.

"We've lost everything we've ever had."

There was deep grief in the voice of Mrs. Doris Jett, 22, Wednesday morning and

referred to included her home, furniture, household effects, and clothing for herself, her husband and their five children.

All these things were lost in a brief but fierce fire Wednesday afternoon that gutted a two-story home at 907 Whatcoat St.

The Jett family was forced out of the dwelling into the bitter sub-freezing weather.

Now the family faces the tremendous task of starting all over again — seven of them — on the $45 that Ervin Jett, 26, the father, husband and provider for the family brings home every week.

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THE YEARS of accumulating a few material possessions by the Jetts were wiped out in a few minutes by the fire.

On Mr. Jett's small take-home salary for a 44-hour work week, the Jetts managed to purchase a television set, a 42-piece chinaware set, some clothing for themselves and their children, and even a few luxury items such as goldfish and a fancy bottle opener.

Now they have nothing.

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FOR THE present the Jetts have moved in with Mrs. Jett's mother, Mrs. Rebecca Carter, 1377 Woodyear St., but this is at best only temporary.

Mrs. Carter already has five children living in the small house and only three beds.

To make matters worse: "I can't help them," said Mrs. Carter. "I'm on welfare. It is all that I can do to keep my own children fed and clothed."

However, Mrs. Carter, who is a diabetic, gave immediate aid to the Jetts because "they look out for my kids

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Roving reporter learns how others keep warm

The bitter cold wave sweeping the nation is everybody's concern. The main drive is trying to keep warm.

The AFRO's Roving Reporter interviewed some shoppers in the downtown section, Thursday, inquiring how they kept warm during the cold spell.

Here are their laconic and surprising answers:

JAMES PERCY, 32, 105 Edgewood St.: "The only way to stay warm is to stay in doors. If you go outside, you have got to stay cold."

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MRS. BEULAH WALLACE, 307 Dolphin St.: "Walking is an invigorating experience and a good way to stay warm."

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MRS. MELVA GOODE, 2416 Madison Ave.: "Just keep walking. Don't stop."

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JAMES COOPER, 48, 1719 Druid Hill Ave.: "Dress accordingly."

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