—Mother of four

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2 years; Marlene, 7 years; Juanita, 4 years; Martin, 10 months.

(2.) Addiction to alcohol and consequently an unfit mother.

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FOR ENDLESS moments, the courtroom was silent except for the mother's pathetic sobs. They penetrated the thick, closed doors and echoed down the marble halls of the courthouse.

Within the room the extent of her agony was viable to all by a puddle of tears on the trial table.

Reaction upon those present followed in a flash.

Judge Moylan's calm countenance that somehow holds both sterness and compassion, charred visably to profound pity.

Somewhere in the silence, a woman was heard to choke back her tears.

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MRS. REBECCA JOHNSON, the DPW social worker on her first case, a blond who was neatly dressed like a college senior, broke the silence.

Her handerkerchief was to her nose and there was little doubt that she was shaken with concern. She muttered something no one could understand.

Unable to comprehend the words through her tears, Judge Moylan asked Mrs. Johnson to mount the witness seat.

After she gained her composure, Mrs. Johnson revealed the following facts:

"Mrs. Cure has a grandmother, the Rev. Mrs. Myrtle Lindsay, and an aunt, Mrs. Geneva Smith, who have a nice home and are willing to take her to live with them."

Still holding her nose, she crowded in more words, "before you sentence her, Your Honor, her grandmother is a minister. She will straighten her out."

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AS IF suddenly seeing this as a ray of sunshine behind dark clouds, Judge Moylan followed through to end the court room trial quickly.

He said:

"I find the children neglected and commit them to the Department of Public Welfare.

"The children, the oldest of whom is seven years of age, deserve a break.

"The Department of Public Welfare (meaning young Mrs. Johnson) deserves a great deal of credit for interest and devotion.

"The one-year sentence is suspended on condition Mrs. Cure lives with her grandmother and aunt and listens to them."

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THE PARTIALLY happy ending, although drenched in more and more tears from everyone who had teamed up on Mrs. Cure's side, became more evident. The welfare worker, the grandmother, aunt and other relatives (all crying) surrounded Mrs. Cure (still crying) and took her from the courtroom into the hall.

Following closely behind neighbor who discovered were the policewoman; the children and called police; Mrs. Cure's estranged husband and father of the children.

All their testimony had been damaging to Mrs. Cure.

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POLICEWOMAN Naomi Reichett, Northern District, told the court:

On Jan. 21 about 6:45 p.m. we found four children in a 3rd floor apartment in the 2100 block Callow Ave., neglected, in need of medical care.

The children are Cheryl, 2 years; Marlene, 7 years; Juanita, 4 years and Martin, 10 months.

Martin was nude, the other children scantily clad in dirty clothes.

The toilet looked unflushed for weeks. In the bathtub were soured clothes.

We put the children in Provident Hospital.

Juanita had a fever of 101.8; Martin, a fever of 103.4; Cheryl, a fever of 102.8 Martin, the baby, is still in the hospital suffering severe malnutrition.

We knew the children had to have medical attention when we took them out in the ambulance.

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THE HUSBAND is separated from the wife and is paying support through probation.

A woman on the 2nd floor was feeding the children.

The house was alive with roaches this long. (She measured about 1½ inches with her fingers).

When I went to get the hospital record of the children, the roaches threatened me and I was scared to death.

The blankets on the bed were burned. The place smelled with filth. The food in the refrigerator was dried.

The mother was not home. No one was there with the children.

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MRS. SHIRLEY GROVES, the tenant on the 2nd floor, testified:

I have been feeding the children. I was threatened by Barbara. I met them the first time in January and knew them a month.

I brought the children down and even put them in my bed. When Barbara came in, I told her: I have your children. I told her that when she left them all day it wasn't right. We argued and I was tempted to hit her with a cane.

The children said when their mother got her next check she was going to leave them and go to New York. She was out every day and when she would get back she'd yell, open this G—D— door.

One time she brought in four fellows. Every time she came in she broke the lock on the front door. I never saw her sober.

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Mrs. Cure (through tears and weeping)

Judge, I drink but I'm no alcoholic. A girl friend was supported to have been there with the kids. She left. I didn't go leaving my kids alone. I love my children. I don't want them taken from me.

Please, please, don't take my children from me.

Here she collapsed.

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BERNARD CURE, 100 block North Ave. (The estranged husband), gave his testimony:

Yes, I am married to her.

I asked her why she didn't stop drinking. She said she couldn't. I asked her to put the children in a foster home. I know what she does. She runs the street. She loves to be in bears. As her husband I know. She runs week ends and comes in at 4 and 5 and I had to baby sit.

She'd say she had been at her grandmother's but I had to get her myself from the bars.

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THEN THE judge had ruled and victory was not total for any party.

But for mother and children the court's decision could be the merciful stop where they all get off a merry-go-round that was leading nowhere.

THE REV. MRS. LINDSAY is an Evangelist of the Pentacostal World Assemblies. Her husband, also an Evangelist, is the Rev. Henry Lindsay.

Mrs. Cure's aunt, Mrs. Smith, is the wife of the Rev. McClellan Smith, also an Evangelist. According to an AFRO story, July, 1964, the Rev. Mr. Smith is a US government Civil Service employee of 18 years. Stationed at the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard, he is the only one of his race emmloyed as a teletype technician. At the New York World's Fair he was honored as a representative of the Shipyard with a life size photograph on display at the Fair.

"Tribute to King

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address at the Cotton States Exposition in 1895.

Dr. King, currently deeply engaged in a new and militant phase of the racial revolution, returned to Atlanta Tuesday from Selma, Ala., to prepare for the event honoring him.

Dr. King pledged to continue his fight to end every facet of racial segregation and pledged it would be done non-violently. And he added, "We still have a long, long way to go before racial justice is a reality for the black man".

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DR. KING, who has fought the battle against southern racial traditions said the greatest period of social transition "was not the vitriolic words and the violent actions of the bad people but the appalling silence and indifference of the good people.

He said his people's aim "must never be to defeat or humiliate the white man, but to win his friendship and understanding. We must not seek to substitute one tyanny for another. A doctrine of black supremacy is as dangerous as a doctrine of white supremacy," he said.

"I am so used to falsehoods being disseminated to discredit my integrity, I have known very few quiet days in the last few years.

"A day seldom passes that my family and I are not the recipients of threats of death. I have had to stand so often amid the chilly wins of adversity."

By his side were his wife and children.

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DR. KING said the south for years has been haunted by the problem of race.

"Like a montrous octopus, it has projected its nagging prehensile tentacles all over our region," he said. "We are harried by agonizing guilt feelings because of the legacy of slavery and segregation."

Dr. King said the mighty challenge of today in the south is "to rise from the sins of a dark yesterday to the positive achievements of a bright tomorrow."

The banquet got off to a shaky start for lack of civic backing. But once the ball got rolling, sponsors were swamped with ticket requests at $6.50 each and finally turned away more than 500 applicants. Mayor Ivan Allen led the list of sponsors for the event.

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THE AUDIENCE included Protestant, Catholic and Jewish religious leaders who joined with professional and business executives in backing the event.

To do it, they overcame strong feelings among some of the city's top planners because of Dr. King's activities. He recently led a strike against the Scripto Company here, one of the city's major industries.

Dr. King said that the major religious denominations still practice segregation in their churches, hospitals and schools.

He said it would be a tragedy of history if it is recorded that "At the height of the 20th century the church proved to be one of the greatest bulwarks of segregated power."

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DR. KING said that mankind must "learn the practical art of living together and I pledge to you that I will work even harder to make peace and brotherhood a reality."

"I still have faith in America and in the south," King said. "I am convinced that we are developing a coalition of conscience on the question of race that will one day transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood.

"I believe that wounded justice, lying prostrate on the blood-flowing streets of our nation can be lifted from this dust of shame to reign supreme among the children of men. I still believe that we shall overcome," and said much progress had already been made. Dr. King concluded his prepared address with the words of a preacher: "Lord, we ain't what we ought to be;

"We ain't what we want to be;

"We ain't what we gonna be;

"But thank God, we ain't what we was."

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FAMILY AFFAIR — Mr. and Mrs. James Edward Bridgeforth, left, and their twelve-year-old daughter, Cassandra Ann of 2344 W. Lexington St., persons confirmed at Holy Trinity were among 41 persons confirmed at Holy Trinity P.E. Church on Sunday. In the group were eleven family units. Father Robert M. Powell, vicar, is at right.

11 family groups are confirmed

Eleven family groups were among the 41 persons confirmed on Sunday at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church by the Right Rev. Harry Lee Doll, Bishop of Maryland.

Included were four brothers in one family, parents and two children, and a husband, wife and daughter in another.

They were the Davises, Monterey Elizabeth, 14; Chester Owen, 13; Walter Caldwell, 15; and Gregory Lockwood, 10.

George Edward Mooney Sr., and his two adopted daughters, Barbara Patricia Klah, 14; and her sister, Laketha Gregory, 12.

Also, Mr. and Mrs. James Edward Bridgeforth (Bernadine), and daughter, Casandra Ann, 12; Mrs. Betty Pearl Watkins and son, James Douglas, 15; Mrs. Viola Alberta Hill, and daughter-in-law, Mrs. Naon Crafton Juan Hill; and her mother, Mrs. Geneva Fergerson Brown. (Insert 6 pt names)

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HOLY TRINITY, located at Lafayette and Wheeler Ave., is a small chapel which seats just 300 persons. All available seats were filled when the confirmation service began promptly at 11 a.m. Over 50 persons stood at the entrance and lined the walls.

Father Robert M. Powell, vicar of the church, assisted Bishop Doll in the ceremony of confirmation, sometim's called 'Laying On Of Hands.'

In his sermon, Bishop Doll said confirmation makes aware for us the power of the Holy Ghost, but we have to be willing to accept Him and to serve.

Bishop Doll saw membership in church as more than paying dues or singing on the choir.

More important, he suggested, is hammering out in study classes what the church's attitude is on current issues, and community problems, and finding out what to do about them.

The church choir, directed by Norman Ross, organist, provided music.

Although the choir has only five male voices and nine female voices, it gave a very beautiful rendition of Bach's 'Blessing, Glory and Wisdom.'

Instrucors for the confirmation class were Mrs. Bernice Turner and Harold Macklin. B. M. MOSS

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Other family groups included Lance Alan Dorsey, 11, and his mother, Forest Reed, 13; Tyron Donnell Fulton, 10, and his brother, Troy Edward, 16; Patricia Lynn Steven, 19, and her brother, William Steven, 16;

Also, Joan Robert Wood, 14 and his brother, Garry Grillette Wood, 16, and Sandra Antoinette Wilson, 15, and her twin brother, Cecil Anthony Michael.

Other children confirmed were Rae Patrice Bernard, 12; Karen Lynn Bruce, 11; Bruce Wayne Griffin, 11; Denise Edelyn Hughes, 11; Denise Irene Lucas, 11; Sharon Ann Moore, 13; Brenda Joanne Samuels, 14; Vendella Mae Stokes, 14; Wendell Kent Sutton, 13; Gwyvette Tucker, 11; Clarita Dunning Adams, 12, and Adrienne Courtney Fields, 10.

Other adults were Miss Marlette Lorraine Cooke, Mrs. Delois Kelly Latimore, Mrs. Dorothy Rebecca Claybourne and Mrs. Gladys Todd Rice.

U.S. Marine Academy nominees announced

Robert L. Pettigrew, 18, 4733 Kimberleigh Rd., and James N. Williams Jr., 17, 2110 W. Saratoga St., are among ten young men nominated to the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.

The nominations were announced this week by Congressman Carlton R. Sickles. The Academic Board of the Academy will select one from the ten.

Both young Pettigrew and Williams are Poly seniors. The former is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Pettigrew, the oldest of two children and his dad is an electrical engineer. He is a member of Macedonia Baptist Church.

Young Williams, next to the oldest of six children of Mr. and Mrs. Williams Sr., is on the cross country track team at Poly, a member of Faith Baptist Church and his father is employed by a soap manufacturing company.

Mt. Olive Choir has post holiday event

The No. 2 Choir of the Mount Olive Free Will Baptist Church, Fremont and Saratoga Sts. celebrated an after-holiday event with a dinner party at the Elnore Ave. home of Mrs. Sarah Jones.

Highlight of the evening came with the exchanging of gifts. Guests included Mark Wilkerson, Hampton Alfred and others.

Members present included Medames Anna Ray, Mary Trafton, Christine Curps, Misses Susie Stewart, Juanita Jarner and Adell Bonds.

Officers are Miss Rachel White, president; Mrs. Mary Carter, vice-president; Mrs. Ruth Jefferson, secretary; Mrs. Dasie Harris, financial secretary; Mrs. Marie Alfred, treasurer, Willie Jefferson, missionary; Mrs. Bertha Best, business manager; the Rev. Leo K. Caesar, pastor.

$3,000 FOR PROVIDENT — George L. Russell Jr. left, newly named vice president of the Provident Hospital board of trustees and co-chairman of the development fund for the hospital, received substantial contributions this week from, left to right: Kenneth O. Wilson, AFRO vice president in charge of advertising; $2,000; the Rev. Clarence Jones and advertising department, $500 each. George L. Jude, of the AFRO national The donors agree the new Provident will place Baltimore among the leaders in medical care and service. The three said the project demonstrates the willingness of the colored community to accept responsibility.

DIVORCE LITIGATION

Mrs. Eugene Mosby asks court to protect joint property rights

Mrs. Gertrude Mosby, of 4037 Boarman Ave., who on Jan. 7, filed a petition for divorce from Eugene Mosby, this week asked the court to protect her interest in their joint real estate holdings.

Mrs. Mosby has charged that her husband treated her with such cruelty, harshness and brutality that her health is endangered;

And, that his conduct has made it impossible for her to continue the marriage with safety, health and self-respect.

IN HER LATEST action, the wife says that she agreed to add her wages to his approximately eight years ago, for the purpose of investing the money in real estate properties.

As a result they purchased properties at 1806 and 1808 Bolton St., 3235 Dorithan, 2127 N. Pulaski and 4029 and 4050 Edgewood St.

All properties, except two on Edgewood, are, she says, in their joint names. These two are in his name.

All have mortgages and indebtedness against them, but, with exception of the Dorithan St. proprty, all are income producing and bring in excess of $225 per month, the wife says.

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MRS. MOSBY charges that Mr. Mosby refuses to account to her as to the income received or to make any other accounting to her.

She asks that all of the properties, including those on Edgewood, be declarer a partnership in which she is entitled to an equal half partnership with Mr. Mosby.

She also asks that he be made to give a full account of management of the property.

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MRS. MOSBY has also asked that a trustee be appointed to collect the rents and manage the properties in order to preserve the assets, and,

That Mr. Mosby be enjoined from disposing of the assets until a decision of the court on the merits of the case.

The action was filed in Circuit Court No. 1, and a show cause has been issued calling for an answer before the first Monday in February.

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THE MOSBYS were married on June 2, 1938, and are parents, of four children, three of whom are adults. A 16-year-old daughter is in custody of the mother.

According to records, the marriage ended on December 30, 1964.

Mrs. Mosby has not only asked for permanent custody of the daughter, but for support for the child, temporary and permanent alimony for her self nad fees for her attorneys.

The wife is employed by a downtown department store, while the husband is a waiter at a Pimlico hotel, where, she says, he earns in excess of $100 per week.

JAN. 30

The Anti-Poverty Action Committee will hold its meeting at 10:30 a.m. at Emanuel Christian Community Church, Lanvale St., and Carrollton Ave. All organized groups of the community are asked to send representatives. The Rev. Frank Williams is acting chairman of the Action committee; the Rev. John L. Tilley is chairman of the sub committee.

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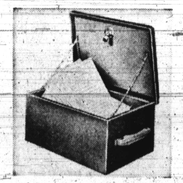

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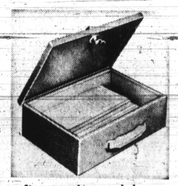

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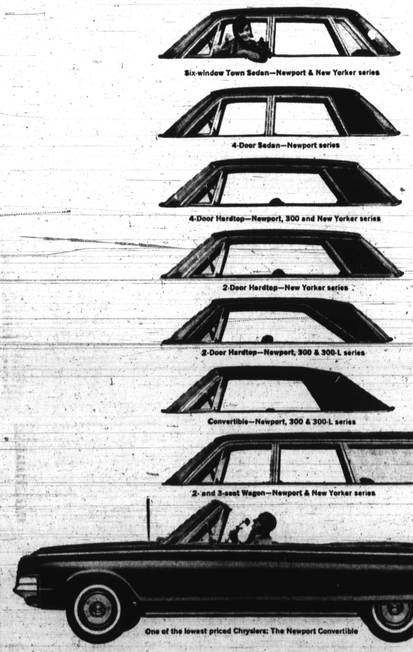

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