Thanksgiving brought no joy at 1705 Lamont Ave.

In Baltimore Thursday, as elsewhere across the land, it was a time for feasting and festivities.

Old acquaintances were renewed and long lost relatives embraced and talked of fond memories of yesteryear. Joy reigned everywhere . . . almost.

In a neat row house on a small street in East Baltimore there was no joy.

There was a family reunion at 1705 Lamont Ave. The only son was absent. He was in Viet Nam.

Twenty-four hours earlier, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Stewart Sr. had received a telegram. Their only son, Wilbur Jr., 20, was dead.

Thanksgiving was a time for mourning at 1705 Lamont Ave.

According to the Defense Department telegram, Sp4/C Stewart, a June, 1964, graduate of Dunbar High School, was killed Monday when his unit was ambushed by the Viet Cong.

His body is scheduled to arrive home within seven to 10 days, army officials told his mother, Mrs. Mable C. Stewart.

In his last letter home, received a week before Thanksgiving, young Stewart told his mother, "I will be home for Christmas."

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HE PINPOINTED the date as Dec. 1, and added that he would have arrived earlier, but he would have been forced to pay his way home once he reached the States, due to traveling technicalities.

The young soldier had been in Viet Nam since last December and enlisted for a three-year hitch last September, his mother said.

"He was looking forward to coming home for Christmas because he was anxious to get away from that place," she said sadly.

"He said it was terrible over there."

Her son had planned to open a small business after completing his tour of duty, Mrs. Stewart said, adding that he had sent all of his money home, keeping "only enough to get the things he needed."

Wilbur was a "quiet, nice boy who liked nice clothes and anything that is sweet," the mother reminisced tearfully.

His father, who operates an auto repair garage on Chase St. was, for the most part, silent during the interview.

Occasionally, he shook his head and said — as if talking to himself, "It's bad over there."

OTHER MEMBERS of the family gathered in the spotless, modest home included the soldier's three sisters: Mrs. Melton L. Artis, Misses Sonia and Patricia Stewart.

Before Wednesday, they were eagerly awaiting the arrival of Dec. 1. They are still waiting, but for a different reason.

It was obvious Thanksgiving Day they were wishing that, some how, Dec. 1 would never come. . . . GWC

Fire fatal to woman on Lanvale St.

A rapid - spreading house fire claimed the life of a 39-year - old woman in the 600 block of W. Lanvale St., Tuesday night.

Police identified the woman as Mrs. Lethia Seward. She was dead on arrival at Provident Hospital at 8:15 p.m.

The AFRO received numerous calls about the blazing fire, one of which described it as "flames shooting out all over the place. It may take half the block with it."

When firemen arrived they found the entire first floor ablaze.

After firemen could enter, they found Mrs. Seward unconscious and suffering from burns and smoke inhalation in a second floor bedroom.

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THE FIRE was contained to the first floor and only smoke damage was caused to the other floors of the three - story house, police said.

Capt. John Magruther, of the Fire Department Arson Squad, said the fire apparently started in an upholstered chair in the first-floor living room.

Mrs. Georgie Wyatt, 1900 block Mosher St., sister of the deceased, surveyed the wreckage of the house the next day and tearfully salvaged the last of her sister's effects.

Mrs. Wyatt said that their mother, Mrs. Lillian Taylor, and a brother, John Blick, also lived in the house. The mother was in Virginia visiting the oldest son, and Mr. Blick had gone to a movie, Mrs. Taylor said.

"But Mother is on her way back, she wouldn't stay down there after this happened," Mrs. Taylor stated.

She also said that she had passed the house just about an hour before the 7:30 p.m. time about when police said it broke out, "but all the lights were out, so I didn't stop in."

Mrs. Seward is survived by by seven brothers and three sisters. The funeral will be held Saturday in the family's home town of Lawrenceville, Va.

STILL CLIMBING At 87—Baltimore's oldest sign painter, Joseph Burley, has long been a familiar sight in the city. The AFRO'S Roving Reporter found him at work atop a ladder as he carried on the trade he started over 50 years ago.

Male slain; husband to stand trial

Sprawled on the bed in an upstairs bedroom and suffering from multiple gun-shot wounds, the 27-year-old wife and mother of a nine-year-old daughter was dead on the scene at her home in the 1400 block of Holbrook St. Monday night.

Upon their arrival, an ambulance crew pronounced Mrs. Peggy Peterson dead of gunshot wounds at 11 p.m.

Police have charged the victim's husband, John Peterson, 30, of the same address, with the homicide.

He was arrested at the scene.

Police also took a witness statement from Mrs. Peterson's nine-year-old daughter, who was present when the shooting took place.

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OFFICERS recovered as evidence a .38 cal. pistol and three spent cartridges.

When Central District police arrived shortly before 11 p.m. in response to a call for shooting, they found Mrs. Peterson with wounds in the left chest and stomach.

Her body, also with a laceration on the left arm, was lying across a bed, dressed in a blood-stained slip bearing powder burns, police said.

Mitchell sees 'racial overtones' in anti-poverty war fund slashes

"I feel this is a reckless kind of thing to do. It makes everyone start questioning whether there is a real, moral obligation to fight poverty.

"The government made an obligation to the poor and now it is starting to renege on it."

With those sharp statements, Parren J. Mitchell, director of Baltimore's Community Action Agency, expressed his concern and displeasure with congressional cutbacks in the anti-poverty program.

His statements on Wednesday came a day after Sargent Shriver, director of the Office of Economic Opportunity, warned that the slicing of $138 million from President Johnson's $1.75 billion request will have a "great and grave impact" on the program.

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UNLESS CONGRESS restores some of the funds during its coming session, Baltimore will get only $3.6 million from OEO instead of the $4.5 received for the current fiscal year. The cut would be felt starting July 1.

"It's a shell game being played with the lives of people," Mitchell declared.

He termed Viet Nam war costs "a phony issue" when cited as a reason for the cutback.

"I know it is costly, but if we can continue research and programs aimed at getting to the moon, we can afford the anti-poverty fight," Mitchell said.

Of the approximately $8½ million being used in the anti-poverty war here $4.5 million comes from OEO and the remainder from the Department of Labor for various training projects.

AT THIS point Mr. Mitchell is not certain how specific Baltimore programs would be affected if the Congress does not restore the cuts.

He left no doubt that he feels there is "racial overtones" involved in the slashes.

"I think it divides up into two slices. First there is the popular misconception that the poverty program is for colored and there is the fact that many colored officials are running the show in many places. There are many congressmen not sufficiently dedicated to this type of progress," Mitchell explained.

The other facet is that there are too many who want "to perpetuate the idea in this country that there really isn't any poverty. They like to say 'look about you. Everybody is doing okay,'" he said.

IN HIS statement to the press Shriver summed up the way the anti-poverty war will be hurt in three ways:

—The money available for local solutions to local poverty has been reduced by legislative earmarking of large sums of money for certain programs;

—Less overall funds have been provided for the War on Poverty than the "irreducible minimum" budget OEO had requested;

—Programs OEO did not ask for were added and additional funds to finance them were not provided.

AFRO ROVING REPORTER:

'I didn't want to work for someone else all my life,'—painter 50 years

Ten feet above the pavement, feet seemingly gened to the rung of his aluminum ladder, the heavily-clad sign painter deftly applied finishing touches to his work.

Chilly November winds forced him to pause, rubbing his hands together briskly.

With the last spot of color applied, the artist descended the ladder — brush in hand — unaware he was being observed.

This is how the AFRO's Roving Reporter met Joseph Burley, 87-year-old artist and sign painter.

The octogenarian has been wielding his brushes for more than 50 years — right in Baltimore.

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THE BURLEY family came to Baltimore from Annapolis when he was a mere lad.

"I went to the old school on Saratoga St., between Howard and Eutaw," he said.

A member of Metropolitan Methodist Church, Mr. Burley joined when it was located on Orchard St., one half century ago.

It was while working as head bellman at the Baltimore Country Club that he determined to become a sign painter and artist.

"I always liked art work — used to draw lots of pictures when I was a kid," Mr. Burley remembered.

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HE TOOK a correspondence course, studied hard, and developed his talent for art.

The certificate showing he completed the course — dated 1910 — still hangs on the wall of his shop at 1136 Pennsylvania Ave.

"I didn't want to work for someone else all my life so I thought I had better learn something," he explained.

It was 40 years ago Mr. Burley opened his first shop at 564 Dolphin St. He has been in his present location more than 15 years.

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HIS ART work paid for the house he lives in with his wife, Ethel, at 1327 W. Lafayette Ave.

"It has been nearly 50 years since I moved there," Mr. Burley recalled.

Among his regular customers are many of the long-established businesses in the city.

"Many of my customers have been with me for years," Mr. Burley said, displaying two customer books loaded with names, addresses and phone numbers.

AS HE thumbed through the books, page by page, names of Baltimore's most prominent churches also appeared on the list.

Despite his age, the artist works daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

He works alone, except during rush periods when he calls in some help.

"Usually I try to take no more work than I can handle myself," Mr. Burley said. "My customers wait for me — this one has been waiting over two months."

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HE WAS referring to the beauty salon in the 600 block of Schroeder St., where he was applying his skill.

Mr. Burley prefers to work in his shop, however, some jobs have to be done outside the shop.

Such jobs mean the artist must hire someone to drive his ladders and other equipment to the location — he doesn't drive.

A Prince Hall Mason and Past Master of his lodge, Mr. Burley takes pride in his work.

"I have never been bored with my work — I love it," he said. — STERLING PAIGE

Registration reopens today

The books are open again for voter registration at the Supervisors of Elections, People's Court Building, Fayette and Gay Sts.

They were opened today (Friday) and will remain so for registration until August 8 of next year, prior to the municipal elections September primary.

Change of addresses may now also be filed, and party affiliations can be changed up until March 7.

Tentatively, June 28 will be the final filing date for candidates in next year's city elections, according to Lloyal Randolph, acting chief clerk, Supervisors of Elections.

Office hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, except on Thursdays when hours are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Thanksgiving for teens in Md. school for boys

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

Five teenaged boys found guilty of car thefts in Juvenile Court Wednesday will eat Thanksgiving dinner away from home — at the Maryland Training School for Boys.

However, the 12-year-old ring-leader of the joy-riding crowd, the one who supplied the gang with the keys for the 8 cars they admitted taking "to go riding," is on probation under his parents and will eat turkey at home.

He may stand up at the table for the bird and trimmings, however. His parents promised the Juvenile Court master they'd give him a good spanking.)

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THE GROUP of youthful car-stealers, ages 14 and 15, all of East Baltimore, appeared in Juvenile Court on charges of stealing cars between Oct. 15 and Oct. 25 in the vicinity of Chester and Monument Sts.

Police officers apprehended three of them at 3 a.m. Oct. 25 in an alley as they were pushing the last of the cars. The red convertible had stalled unexpectedly. And, police, caught sight of it, unexpectedly.

The identification of the other cars the younsters had taken "because they liked to ride" came out in their testimony before the court.

Another of the youths was apprehended when the stolen car he was driving hit a police car after 11 p.m. and caused $300 damage. He also hit the car of a man driving in the area and racked up another $291 damage.

Before Master John O'Grady sent the 15-year-old boy to the institution, he asked his parents to make restitution totaling $98.

ODDITY OF the stolen car cases was that all the older youths testified they had obtained keys for the cars from the 12-year-old Juvenile Court master described as "the most darling, innocent-looking child you would want to see."

"I was never so shocked," the jurist said and added, "but, the little kid said he found the keys on the streets at various times.

"He was only charged with riding in the stolen cars so could not get him on the keys.

"It seems that he is the real culprit in all the cases.

"I let him go home with his parents who by the way, along with his grandmother, did not believe he was involved at all."

Master O'Grady inserted however, "We'll watch the 12-year old closely and perhaps the police will come up with something on where the keys come from later."

Before the court on charges of truancy from school were four 14 and 15 year-olds who were committed to the Department of Public Welfare for aid but allowed to go home for Thanksgiving.

Master O'Grady found they were unable to go to school because their parents had no money for clothes nor carfare.

Women fined as 'small' operators as numbers court starts up again

Two women were found guilty as "small lottery operators" in Criminal Court Wednesday as Judge James K. Cullen presided over the first numbers cases since the illness of the "numbers judge" Judge Joseph Carter.

Judge Cullen will preside the rest of the year in Criminal Court, Part 1, known as the "numbers court."

Meantime, the Police Commissioner's investigation of the "Case of the Missing Warrant" has nothing new to report.

The investigation was ordered by Judge Carter the Thursday before he became ill in October. It stemmed from the June 13 raid of the 1500 block Pennsylvania Ave.

Free on bail under Judge Carter's conviction of conspiracy in the "Missing Warrant Case" are James Beau Jack, Jackson; John Carter, 32, 2000 block W. North Ave.; Gladson Bond, 43, 1600 block Druid Hill Ave. and Alphonso Higdon, 36, 4000 Annellen Rd.

Also charged with lottery violation, the three African figures taken in the aid will appear at a Criminal Court trial sometime in January, when Judge Carter returns to the courtroom.

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JUDGE CULLEN'S first lottery convictions that came Wednesday morning involved a housewife and a 42-year-old woman who, according to her husband's testimony before the court, is a Department of Education Custodial officer at School No. 44.

The custodian, Mrs. Jean Lewis, 1900 block N. Castle St. was found guilty of lottery operation at her home on Aug. 29. Judge Cullen imposed a $150 fine plus costs.

Members of the racket squad testified they raided the Lewis residence after a stake-out of several days between Aug. 20 and Aug. 28. They reported seven persons going in the front door on Aug. 22 and nine going in the front door on Aug. 24 between the hours of 8:45 a.m. and noon.

During the raid, the officers confiscated slips with 70 numbers and $39.70 in

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FLASH FIRE — Mrs. Georgie Wyatt looks tearfully at the fire-wrecked house in the 600 block of W. Lanvale St. that took the life of her sister, Mrs. Lethia Seward, 39, Tuesday night.

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COP TO COP—Baltimore Police Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau greets Kingston, Jamaica deputy superintendent of police, Donald A. Powell, who is touring major American cities to study police techniques and equipment. Maj. William A. Harris, commander of the local department's Communications Relations Division, looks on

Santa Anonymous opens drive to help children

The Santa Claus Anonymous campaign, co-sponsored by the Junior Association of Commerce and the Junior League of Baltimore, began with a press reception Tuesday. Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin was guest of honor.

The purpose of Santa Claus Anonymous is to provide a merrier Christmas for the needy unfortunate children of Baltimore. This year the goal of Santa Claus Anonymous is $80,000 in order to provide 27,000 children with $3 gift certificates.

These certificates, which are sent to the parents of each child, may be used only to purchase toys or clothing at certain specified stores.

On Nov. 28, the Santa Claus Anonymous office will open its doors at 22 Light St., to all who wish to participate.

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GI With Asthma Writes From Viet Nam Asking Mother's Help

The agony of war which has brought messages of death to Baltimore with increasing frequency within the past weeks took an ironic twist this week.

A 24 - year - old army sergeant sent a plea to his mother to "do something" so he will not die of asthma in Viet Nam.

Sgt. Herman R. Jones Jr., a veteran of seven years service, told his mother, Mrs. Debarco Edison, "It is not so bad to be killed by the enemy, but I don't want to die from asthma."

In the letter dated Nov. 23 and received by Mrs. Edison on Nov. 28, Sgt. Jones said he can't get immediate medical treatment for his asthmatic condition certain night hours and is endangering the lives of his comrades.

Mrs. Edison, of 4021 Belle Ave., who told the AFRO she turned to the press out of desperation because she has been unable to get any information on her son, reported that he has been a victim of asthma since birth.

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COMPLETE TEXT of the letter follows:

"Dear Mom:

"I work so hard, and I am always taking medicine for my asthma. I am afraid I will die here if I don't take the medicine. I sure hope I am never captured because then I would not have it and would die for sure.

"I did not have it too bad in communications. But I'm in the Engineer Platoon now. I work hard chopping trees, lifting logs, digging dirt, and all sorts of hard work.

"I don't know if I can make it for five more months. I should not even be here.

"Myra (a friend last known to be living in Clarksville, Tenn.) has a permanent III Profile paper from the army doctors saying I am not to be anywhere that I cannot get immediate medical treatment.

"I can't get it here because it gets dark around 7:15 and stays dark until about 6:30 in the morning.

"Starting soon we will go on combat support. That means we will be in even worst shape than we are now. I don't mind Viet Nam so badly, or the work we do, but when I am short of breath they have no way to help me.

"All I can do then is to be a hazard to the men around me because somebody will have to help me. I never signed a waiver to come to Viet Nam.

"I have a permanent III Profile and have no right to be here.

"Mom write Myra and ask her to send you a copy of my profile. See what you can do.

"It's not so bad to be killed

—See Letter from GI, Page 2

AT DOUGLASS: RITES SET, IMAGE DEFENDED

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Minister Facing 'Pen' Bribe Rap

Mrs. Santa's 'Gospel Festival' Set Sunday At 5

Mrs. Santa, rapidly becoming a Baltimore institution at Christmas time, will make her 1966 debut 5 p.m. Sunday at the Masonic Temple, 1307 Eutaw Pl.

That's when no less than seven of the city's outstanding choirs and choral ensembles combine to stage a gigantic "Gospel Festival for the benefit of Mrs. Santa's annual "Food for the Needy" Christmas project.

Mrs. Santa will only make a brief appearance at the concert for she will be seen a plenty in the weeks to come. On Sunday, she, like other of the more fortunate among us, will be there to enjoy the beauty of voices blending in songs of praise and inspiration.

Mrs. Santa's decision to sponsor a concert of religious music this year, instead of a more gay form of entertainment came, when she decided that many of the persons who will benefit from proceeds derived from the Gospel Festival would greatly benefit from inspiration also.

That's why she is counting on churches, community, organizations fraternal groups and business firms to "sponsor" the attendance of needy adults and children at the concert by distributing "contribution tickets".

Admission to the Festival can be gained by these tickets available at the AFRO only.

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ALL PROCEEDS from the benefit songfest will be pooled with others contributed directly to Mrs. Santa by generous helpers in order that many of the families as possible appealing for food will not be forgotten at Christmas.

The extent of needy children and grown-ups is reflected in letters to Mrs. Santa, printed elsewhere in this edition.

Doug Douglass, popular host to the "Hour of Inspiration," heard each Sunday over Radio Station WEBB, will be master of ceremonies

—See Gospel, Page 31

Many children depend on Mrs. Santa for Christmas

At this point, it seems, not only will many Baltimore youngsters go without toys Christmas but they will also be forced to go without Christmas dinner.

According to the hundreds of letters in the AFRO's Mrs. Santa Mailbox, the parents of many underprivileged families are hoping against odds they will receive a basket.

"If only the kids could have a real good meal Christmas Day," they say. "They didn't have anything Thanksgiving," it is added.

Dozens of letters explain this condition by saying, "By the time we pay rent, buy a little food for each day, get some coal and wood and pay for gas and electric, there is no money left."

Most of the letters point out children of these families often don't have three meals a day.

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HAPPILY, HOWEVER, Mrs. Santa has part of the answer—that is if YOU or your organization will help this year.

Printed below are some of the letters Mrs. Santa has received.

Other letters appeared in Tuesday's edition of the AFRO. Each letter has a case number and explains the needs of each family. More letters will come each edition.

YOU CAN HELP

Here's what you can do to help Mrs. Santa.

1. Select a case or several cases you feel you can supply.

2. Call Mrs. Santa at the AFRO - Mu. 5-6015 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 a.m. Monday through Friday.

3. Give her the Case Number and she will tell you how to reach the needy

—See Letters to, Page 31

High school junior gets final rites

The Douglass High School flag flew at half mast today.

"I don't want to talk about it, but I'm not satisfied with anything that went on up there. I think it was a bad deal."

Lonnie Lesesane Sr., 2417 Lauretta Ave., was giving limited expression to his sorrow and anguish over the death of his son, Lonnie Jr., who will be given final rites 1 p.m. today (Friday).

Funeral services will be held at the Morton and Dyett Funeral Home, 1701 Laurens St., and burial will follow in the Arbutus Memorial Cemetery.

Young Lesesane, 16, an 11th grade student at Douglass High School, died early Monday evening at Lutheran Hospital more than six hours after he was injured in a fight with another student, Harvey E. Jones, 18, 2100 block N. Calvert St.

He died of a skull fracture and spine injuries, Northwestern District police reported, after he was slammed to the concrete floor of a hallway on the third floor of the school.

Jones, a senior and stellar player on the Douglass football team, has been charged with murder and is being held without bail pending action by the state's attorney and the grand jury.

The Lesesane youth, active "Lump" Williams, a Douglass honor student and "Go Go" dancer, was killed instantly.

Her dancing partner and classmate, equally pert and smart, Toni Barbour, was critically injured and is still convalescing.

Another youth, William Cox, 19, of Glen Burnie, a passenger in the car which collided with that in which the students were passengers, was also killed.

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THEN ON Nov. 8 Samuel Duckett, an 18 - year - old junior, dropped to the floor of the cafeteria with a bullet in his brain. He is still hospitalized.

Complete recovery — if ever — will be a long and agonizing process, according to his doctors.

Kirk Martin, a 17 - year-old student, was also struck in the neck. He was lucky. The bullet which lodged in

—See Pride of, Page 22

Douglass proud of history

By GEORGE W. COLLINS

The treasured image of Douglass High School has taken a terrific beating since Nov. 4.

That's when tragedy began stalking the student body. As of Nov. 28 it had snatched the lives of two young students and left two others permanently injured.

It all began early on the morning of Nov. 4 in an unlikely spot on the Baltimore Beltway near Route 20. Popular, pert and smart Catherine Lesesane, a senior at Douglass High School, is in jail charged with the murder of a classmate, Lonnie Lesesane, 16.

Speaking as if it required all the energy of his being, Mr. Jones, a construction worker and father of four continued quietly:

other school - aged children

"Nobody could ever think this would happen in school. No parents, including us, have the faintest idea that their child could be involved in something like this. I just don't know what to say."

Mrs. Jones, face resting sorrowfully in her hand, nodded her head in agreement and added some thoughts of her own.

"I know everybody will say that we are going to say that he is a good boy and that he has never been in any trouble.

"There is nothing else we can say. He worked after school, never hung on corners, and has never given us any trouble."

HARVEY JR., she said —

—See Parents of, Page 24

AFRO talks to parents of the accused student

LONNIE LESESANE

HARVEY E. JONES

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Cherry Hill liquor license partner dies suddenly; citizens file appeal

One of the owners of the controversial Cherry Hill Liquor store combine, Percy J. Simpson Jr., 35, 604 B. Cherry Crest Rd., died suddenly at home Saturday of a heart attack and hypertension.

Mr. Simpson, a nephew of well-known businessman William L. Adams of Baltimore, was listed as a minor owner in the business that has been bitterly fought by residents of Cherry Hill.

Retired Lt. J. Hiram Butler and service station operator William R. Brown are listed as other owners. The license was transferred to their names Oct. 27 from Mrs. Leah Volofsky.

MEANWHILE, the citizens continued their protest against the liquor outlet by appealing to the Baltimore City Court to cancel the transfer.

The petition filed Nov. 28 by Charles P. Howard, attorney for the Cherry Hill citizens directs the appeal action at the Board of Liquor License Commissioners.

Agrieved by the action of the Board in al ing the license to be transferred, the petitioners ask the court to review the case and reconsider.

The group of citizens headed by Mrs. Sarah J. Bundy, 601 Cheraton Rd., Cherry Hill, claim the action of the Board is illegal, capricious, arbitrary, totally unsupported by any substantial evidence, unreasonable, beyond the powers of the Board and against the interest of the public.

The order for the appeal was mailed to Louis Hoffman, 101 Light St., attorney for Messrs. Brown, Butler, Simpson and the Cherry Hill Liquors Inc.

Among those asking that the license be denied the group are Mrs. Bundy Shephard H. Burge Jr., the Rev. Rudolph E. Obey, Gladys Reed, Sherman Ellison, Ethel Ellison, Ruth McCray, David Murphy, Henry Bailey, George Winwright and Mrs. War Mobley.

MRS. DEBARCO EDISON READS LETTER FROM SOLDIER SON

McCourt again to push bill to help tenants in slums

By ROGER J. NISSLY

A bill to allow tenants' rent to be held in escrow until the landlord makes needed repairs will again be introduced at the regular session of the State Legislature, and its sponsor is optimistic over passage.

Sen. Harry Frank McCourt (D., Second, Baltimore) said Tuesday he would introduce in the Senate in January a bill similar to his proposal which was defeated in the House last year.

And, according to Mr. McCourt, the bill has a good chance of passing during the 70-day session, "but it will take a lot of work."

The proposed legislation, which the senator said will work within the framework of People's Court, comes after Rent Court judges seem to have stopped ordering money held in escrow for repairs.

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JUDGE Carl W. Bachara, influenced by a recent newspaper editorial question, has become as the first judge to order money held in escrow, said Monday that he will rule this way no longer "unless both parties (tenant and landlord) agree to it."

The question was settled apparently for good Tuesday when Supreme Court Chief Judge Dulany Foster ruled in mandamus action that People's Court judges have no authority to hold money in escrow for repairs.

Judge Foster made the ruling in City Court in the action brought by Jacob Klotzman and Co., Inc., against Judge Bacharach for $70 in the original rent strike case.

Tenants in the original case, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Wilson, who lived in a property of Mr. Klotzman's in the 1400 block Ashland Ave., have since been forced to move because of overcrowding.

Judge Foster, however, stated that the "escrow"

—See McCourt to, Page 2

Grand Jury to announce action today

Several criminal indictments were sought late Thursday against the Rev. Stuart C. Turner in connection with the lengthy investigation into the Penal System.

Deputy State's Attorney George J. Helinski took the cases before the panel in search of special indictments.

The Rev. Mr. Turner, classified as a correction specialist and administrative consultant to Vernon L. Pepersack, commissioner, Department of Correction, was named in presentments, charging among other things:

Extortion, bribery, false pretense, and malfeasance in office.

The Grand Jury is scheduled to announce its action 10 a.m. today (Friday).

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Dick Gregory to leave for N. Viet Nam

OLYMPIA, Wash. (UPI) — Nightclub comic Dick Gregory said Wednesday he has been invited to North Viet Nam to discuss entertainment of American prisoners of war during the Christmas Holidays.

Gregory said he will fly to London Monday and then to Paris where he plans to depart for Hanoi.

Negotiations for the trip began earlier this month in Paris under the auspices of English Philosopher Bert-

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