Some Of The 1966 Events That Made News

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The year 1966 ended with the U.S. still striving to put a man on the moon. The year-end cost of living, however, beat the space program to the goal.

Like the proverbial cow, it has jumped clear over the moon.

Rent for ordinary row house apartments reached as much as $25 a week. An AFRO survey in July showed the humble potato, over 21 percent per pound beyond reason, was no longer a food the poor could afford as an economic way to feed the children.

In fact, in December, when the AFRO's Mrs. Santa received hundreds of letters from the needy, the one consistent plea was, "After we buy food and pay rent there is nothing left for anything else."

MIDDLE INCOME citizens fared none too well either.

Unprecedented high taxes, laid at the feet of the "war" in Vietnam made their life more difficult by shaving the edges off increased salaries.

An additional drain on the paycheck was Baltimore's own wage tax, something unknown here before.

With belts tightened 11 months and getting tighter, record cold and deep snows came before the Yule holidays, made the first White Christmas in years and increased suffering. (No money to buy extra fuel, etc.)

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ADDED TO the already dull, gray picture, the plight of the city's minority group, still struggling for equal justice and desegregated schools.

Sketch in the hooded figures of the Ku Klux Klan, boldly appearing in the heart of the inner city throughout the summer to put Baltimore on the world's front page, and you have it: "1966 — a year you can't forget."

HOWARD H. MURPHY
Relatives from six states attended last rites for Mrs. Catherine Murphy, wife of the AFRO comptroller, who died Feb. 5.

LT. JOHN T. MURRAY
Named to the Fire Department's Hose Co. No. 1 in downtown Baltimore in February, 1966.

RICHARD H. JOHNSON
More than 1,000 persons attended last rites at Sharp Street Methodist Church for District superintendent of the Baltimore Methodist Conference who died Jan. 2 at the age of 62.

MRS. FANNY E. GILLES
Order of Easter Star leader died at age of 83 on Jan. 3.

January

President Johnson was host to the National Newspaper Publishers at the White House during the group's mid-winter workshop.

Provident Hospital's campaign for funds for the new proposed $11 million facility passed the initial goal of $2,400,000 from public subscriptions.

Samuel M. Hecht, chairman, said rising cost required still more funds as a tavern owners association pledged $30,000.

Baltimore citizens joined protests against the war in Vietnam.

A bright note of human kindness came as citizens went to the aid of a despondent mother who, just before Christmas, tried suicide from a Guilford Ave. bridge.

CORE called for more policemen to be hired and promoted.

During the Fair Housing Crusade at the War Memorial Building, Lawrence Cardinal Shehan; the Catholic leader, was booed for advocating open housing.

A North Carrollton Ave. fire killed a mother and her two sons.

Among noted citizens who died were Dr. Richard Hanson Johnson, a district superintendent of the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Church; Mrs. Fanny Ellen Gilles, 83, wife of the Masonic leader and former Douglass High School engineer, Charles T. Gilles.

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CHERRY HILL citizens continued picketing the only liquor establishment that threatened to invade the community of 30,000 citizens.

Debate began on the Earnings Tax.

Ku Klux Klan members burned a cross at Morgan State College. Persons who saw it glowing in the night thought it was a Christmas tree.

1966 BLIZZARD
The snowstorm that hit this area of Maryland the first week in February, 1966, set a record ranked among the biggest blizzards of the Century, paralyzed Baltimore for three days.

50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY celeration for the James Emory Bonds took place April 18, 1966.

VERONICA TYLER
Noted Baltimore singer, one of five to win the Tchaikovsky International Music Competition in Russia was among guests at the White House honored by President and Mrs. Johnson Sept. 8.

25th Anniversary.

AME Bishop D. Ward Nichols was completely freed of all charges of misfeasance.

Wayland Baptist Church, formerly located at Monroe and Franklin Sts., announced through the pastor, the Rev. W. W. Payne, the purchase of the $400,000 buildings at Garrison Blvd. and Fairview Ave.

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Moss and J. Percy Bond were reappointed to the School Board for a second 6-year term.

Dr. George Adams, physician, died March 29.

April

Major General George Gelston was named interim police commissioner.

Lena Horne was given the key to the city during her visit here and appearance at Coppin State College.

Faith Baptist Church marked its 75th birthday of the church and the 11th anniversary of the pastor, the Rev. Walter E. Paige, with an extended celebration, April 12-26.

Sam Veney, the youngest of the Veney brothers, received the supreme sentence death in the gas chamber, for the 1964 Christmas Eve slaying of a police sergeant.

The Lawyers Wives club, in an unexpected visit to the courthouse, revealed segregated hiring practices and reported only three colored persons out of 220 were on the payrolls of the Clerks of the Courts.

An AFRO survey revealed judges of the Supreme Bench were at fault in allowing the practice to continue.

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GEN. GELSTON named Dr. Harold Johnson first police physician.

Mesdames Lucille Brooks, Houston Junior High No. 181 and Helen DeLeaver, Fulton Elementary No. 138 were the teachers voted winners in the AFRO's Most Popular Teacher Contest. They won spring vacations in Bermuda. Easter came April 10.

Among Baltimoreans to die in Vietnam were Pfc. Arthur J. Baylor of East Baltimore, Sgt. Irving M. Wilson, 220 N. Dallas St. Pfc. James Moore Jr. of Frederick died April 2.

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May

Angry Baltimore city school teachers wanting salary raises accused the City of "fiscal foolishness" when told the increases were "not in the cards."

Mrs. Elizabeth Julian, mother of the famed scientist, Dr. Percy Julian and physicians, Drs. James and Emerson Julian; local teacher, Mrs. Elizabeth White; Mrs. Mattie Brown, wife of the diplomat, Warren Brown and Miss Irma D. Julian, died here May 3 at the age of 86.

CORE picketed Horizon House as it opened its Target City Campaign. The Ku Klux Klan in bed sheets, also marched at the location in the center of town.

The Second Episcopal District of the AME Church celebrated its 150th Anniversary.

Over 3,000 persons attended the 36th Annual Spring AFRO Cooking School.

The DuBois Circle, one of Baltimore's oldest clubs, marked its 60th Anniversary.

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VICE PRESIDENT Humphrey spoke to the National PTA Convention in session at the Civic Center.

U-JOIN (Union for Jobs or Income Now) pushed for a unified City Housing Code, a ban on pot-bellied stoves and urged citizens to protest slum lords through rent strikes.

June

Over 4,000 persons attended Morgan State College's 99th commencement June 6.

The Ku Klux Klan showed up at a protest session in front of an East Baltimore tavern.

Career GI Sgt. Joseph Wilson, 31 was killed in Vietnam.

George L. Russell Jr., 37-year-old attorney, was named by Gov. Tawes as the first member of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore.

Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church, 2320 Reisterstown Rd., where the Rev. Olin P. Moyd is pastor, celebrated its 42nd Anniversary.

Pennsylvania Avenue AME Zion with the Rev. Clinton Coleman, pastor, marked it 126th birthday.

Bishop Harold Perry of the New Orleans Catholic Diocese visited Baltimore's St. Peter Claver Church and other parishes.

Public school teachers threatened to cripple the schools if the raise question was not settled in their favor.

The AFRO's Annual Clear Block Campaign enrolled thousands of youngsters and adults to begin beautifying Baltimore for the 32nd straight year.

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BALTIMORE POLICE were told their raiding the homes of citizens in search of the Veney brothers was illegal. The ruling came as the U. S. 4th Circuit Court of Appeals ordered the Federal District Court here to forbid the raids. The NAACP sponsored the suit that ended in the favorable and unprecedented decision.

LITTLETON B. GAMBY
Longtime businessman, owner of famed Gamby's Night Club on the Avenue, dies at Fort Howard Hospital July 26.

July

The July riots in Patterson Park by the States Rights Party leaders threatened Baltimore with a blood bath.

Photos of a boy and his dog being beaten by a young white mob were flashed around the world as were pictures of the Ku Klux Klan present on the scene.

The School Board suggested its own pay plan instead of the City's all of which remained unagreeable to local teachers.

The Elks Parade delighted hundreds on the 4th of July.

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WILLIAM "BOX" HARRIS was given the highest Police Department position to date as Gen. Gelston named him director of the Community Relations Division. Major Harris was sworn in on July 2.

Dr. James Pair, physician died July 16.

The July 8 riots at the Penitentiary resulted in a roundup of over 80 inmates who were charged later in the month with arson, looting and other crimes.

The Provident Hospital Helen Fuld Nursing School was accredited.

Civic leaders pressed for a strong fair housing bill.

August

CORE pickets marched on the Village of Purnell housing development on the edge of the Forest Park golf course.

Dr. Orris G. Walker, dentist, was killed by gunman in his East Baltimore office on Aug. 1.

Baltimore friends of CORE raised $30,000.

Peoples Court Judge Carl W. Bachargh upheld rent strikes against slum lords.

Over 60,000 members of the Jehovah's Witnesses held the largest convention ever witnessed here as they gathered for a week - long meeting at Memorial Stadium.

Candidates for nomination in the September Primary Elections began kissing babies and shaking hands.

The campaign was later described as the bitterest in recent times. George P. Mahoney, candidate for governor came out with his "Home is Your Castle" segregation slogan and startled citizens from coast to coast.

DALLAS F. NICHOLAS
Veteran lawyer and dean of local qattorneys died Oct. 7 after extended illness.

W. A. C. HUGHES JR.
Noted Civil Rights attorney and son of the AME bishop, "WAC" Hughes died Sept. 24.

September

Mahoney's victory in the Primaries started the unprecedented rush of Democrats to vote for Republican candidate Spiro T. Agnew.

Landlords faced more rent strikes.

Weary of 25 years of smoke and filth, Cherry Hill citizens told Mayor McKeldin to locate the new incinerator in his neighborhood as the bitter controversy over the removal of the dump from the community of 30,000 continued.

Veronica Tyler, a winner of the Tchaikovsky International Music Competition in Moscow was a guest of President and Mrs. L.B.J. at the White House.

Mrs. Othelia M. Nicholson's inner city rowhouse backyard garden in the 1900 block W. Lafayette Ave. sported pole string beans and other vegetables.

Retired Marine Col. Donald D. Pomerleau succeeded Gen. Gelston as police commissioner on Sept. 22.

Noted NAACP attorney, William Alfred Carroll Hughes, died Sept. 24.

The Rev. Stuart Turner now under indictment management consultant for the Department of Correction received the Police Department Citation for Community Services.

October

Supreme Bench judges denied the charge of Assistant States Attorney Joseph Howard that a double standard of justice exists when rape cases are tried before them in Criminal Court.

Dallas F. Nicholas, veteran attorney, died Oct. 7.

Woman Power, the well-known community and civic organization of local women, celebrated its 9th year at the Annual Luncheon Oct. 30.

Fiery crosses were burned in Havre de Grace, Belair and Aberdeen.

The Knox Day Care Center of East Baltimore's Knox Presbyterian Church received $380,019 from the government for their Head Start Program.

The Missing Lottery warrant from the June 13 Pennsylvania Ave. raid came to light during the Criminal Court trials for James "Beau Jack" Jackson; 52; Gladson Bond, 43; John Carter, 32 and Alphonso Higdon.

Each was sentenced to 11 months in prison and fined $1,000 before Judge Joseph Carter who ordered an investigation.

The Mayor's Task Force asked for more colored citizens to be named to the School Board as the city's colored school population rose to 70 percent.

CATHERINE WILLIAMS
One of the largest funerals held in Baltimore was for Miss Catherine Williams, 16, model, Douglass High School honor roll junior and popular night club dancer who was killed in an automobile accident on Nov. 4, 1966.

DR. SAUL M. PURDUE
Chosen for the 8th 1 - year term as president of the Provident Hospital Board of Trustees. The $11 million proposed new facility passed the initial goal of $2,400,000 from public subscriptions early in 1966.

November

Popular 16-year old Katherine "Lump" Williams, 1654 Delano Court, a Douglass High senior, model and dancer, was killed in an automobile accident on Nov. 4.

Grace Presbyterian Church announced a fund drive for the new church to be located in the 4800 block Greenspring Drive.

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THE DISPUTED Molofsky liquor license in Cherry Hill was reported sold. The fact confirmed on Nov. 27 showed the owners to be William Brown, the late Percy J. Simpson and former police Lt. J. Hiram Butler.

Mrs. Gladys H. Derry was given a retirement party to mark her leaving the city school system after 40 years.

The Rev. A. J. Payne of Enon Baptist Church was feted on Nov. 23 as he reached his 72nd birthday.

Maryland's two Senators and nine House of Delegates members began plans for the 1967-70 sessions. They are Senators Clarence M. Mitchell 3rd and Verda F. Welcome; Delegates Lena K. Lee, F. B. Adams, Victorine Adams, J. A. Chester, Ike Dixon, Calvin Douglass, A. A. King, A. T. Allen and Troy Brailey.

December

Mrs. Josie G. Smith, English Department supervisor, was given a retirment party marking her leaving the city school system after 50 years.

Clergymen headed by the Rev. Frank M. Reid of Bethel AME Church announced a pulpit war on crime.

The Rev. Stuart Turner, Corrections Department official, was charged with malfeasance in office, bribery, extortion, and false pretense in a "parole and short-term buying deal" alleged by prison inmates.

Discharged from his post, he was arraigned in Criminal Court on the criminal indictments.

Dr. Lillie M. Jackson, veteran NAACP state president, was re-elected to the post.

Mrs. Rosie Felton, oldest Perkins Square Baptist Church member, marked her 100th birthday. Born in Richmond, Va., she came to Baltimore at the age of 16.

Benny Cunningham, 1313 Kenhill Ave., celebrated his 103rd birthday Dec. 15.

Gov. J. Millard Tawes, on the last days of his reign as head of the state, was saluted by 1,832 guests and given a 32-foot cabin cruiser as a gift at a banquet at the Civic Center, Dec. 15.

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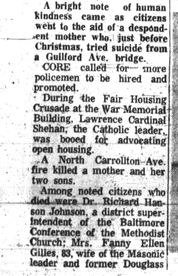
AIR POLLUTION was reported as causing "strange infections" in Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Lloyd Davis and three children left for Accra, Ghana, where the former Morgan State College official has a foreign service post.

Cherry Hill citizens continued the war against the liquor establishment with a series of protests.



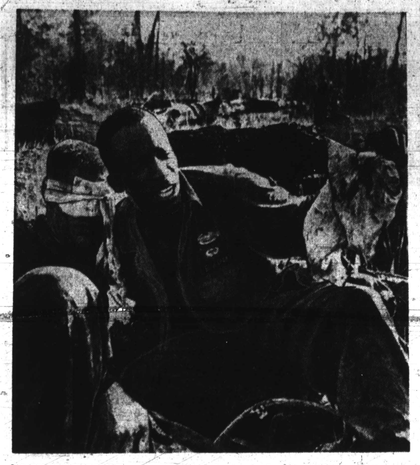
EARL VENEY

SAM VENEY

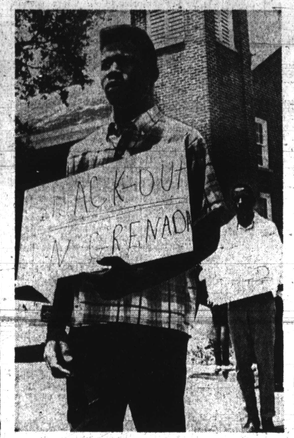
CLARENCE F. GORDON
Longtime South Baltimore businessman and senior member of the Columbus Grodon Transfer Co. founded by his father in 1880, succumbed March 29 at the age of 86 years.

HISTORIC ocension that marked 1966 was the appointment by Gov. Tawes of former attorney George Russell Jr. to the Supreme Bench of Baltimore. The 37-year-old jurist is shown above with Chief Judge Delaney Foster the day he was sworn in June 29.

PHOTO REVIEW OF HEADLINE EVENTS IN '66



NO COLOR LINE HERE — An Army medic holds up a blood-soaked bandage as he calls for help for a wounded buddy in this photo made during the fierce battle of Chu Pong Mountain in Vietnam.



BLACKOUT IN GRENADA—Pickets in Grenada, Mississippi leave Bellflower Baptist Church for a demonstration, one of the many "selective buying" campaigns aimed during the summer of 1966 at segregated facilities, unfair employment practices, and discourteous treatment by Grenada merchants.

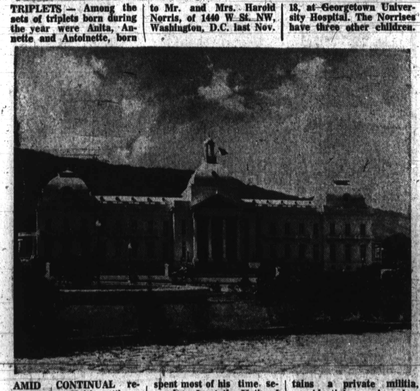
SNIPER VICTIM — James Meredith, with blood streaming from his wounds, lies on Hernando, Mississippi highway after he was shot from ambush on June 6 during the Meredith March Through Mississippi. Aubrey J. Norvell, 10, a white man was arrested, later pleaded guilty and was sentenced in the shooting.

FOLLOWING RIOTS in Chicago, Los Angeles and Cleveland, there was an uprising in Atlanta in September, the first of its kind in a Southern city since the civil rights demonstrations began Here an Atlanta detective, armed with his own Winchester rifle, drags a girl to the "paddy wagon" for refusing to obey the command to "move on."

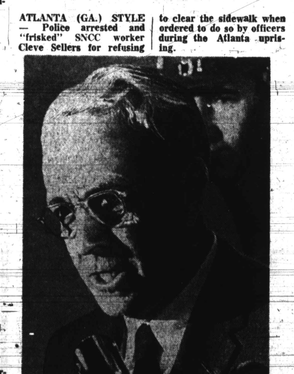
ATLANTA (GA.) STYLE — Police arrested and "frisked" SNCC worker Cleve Sellers for refusing to skirt the crowd with her daughter. Many were voting for the first time. The scene was typical of Black Belt areas where the Federal Voting Rights Act has allowed the increase of voters in many spots where colored residents outnumber whites. Greater voting participation was the keynote during the year.

TOGETHER—Voters line up to cast ballots in the Alabama Democratic Primary at Murry-Martin General Store in Sawyerville, Ala., Hale County, while a white woman tires

AWARD WINNER—Thomas L. Delton, Jr., state Director for the Department of Agriculture's Rural Community Development Service in Georgia, was congratulated by Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman on receiving a Distinguished Service Award last May. Mr. Delton is the first colored person to earn the Department's highest honor. Distinguished Service Awards were presented to nine employees during USDA's 28th Annual Awards Ceremony on May 17.



TRIPLETS — Among the sets of triplets born during the year were Anita, Annette and Antoinette, born to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Norris, of 1440 W. St. NW, Washington, D.C. last Nov. 15, at Georgetown University Hospital. The Norrises have three other children.



MAYOR ON SPOT — During the two-day police confrontation in Atlanta's Buttermilk Bottom ghetto, Mayor Ivan Allen urged citizens to "go back to your people and tell them to stay home."

AMID CONTINUAL reports of a Haitian "invasion," which never came off, Haitian President Francois (Papa Doc) spent most of his time securely safe at the National Palace in Port au Prince. Duvalier who rules Haiti as a "strong man," maintains a private militia, presidential guard and a special group known as "tonton macoutes."

VIOLENCE AND RESTRAINT —A white boy struck a marcher in Greenada, Mississippi during the June demonstrations there. While hecklers encouraged the youth to more violence, Alfonzo Harris, field worker for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, restrains the injured marcher. This was non-violence as practiced by the SCLC.

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