DONATION — A. D. Anderson, head of several Baltimore automobile dealerships, is shown above in Provident Hospital's emergency with (L. to R) Samuel M. Hecht, co-chairman of the hospital's development program; Anderson; Mrs. Vera M. Mercer, admitting superintendent, and Henry J. Whyte (CQ), Administrator. Anderson made donation, to the hospital's development program, which will be used to improve and expand facilities in the emergency room and the out-patient clinic.

LADY BARBER, MRS. CARRIE JOHNSON

Barbering good business for women in Baltimore

By STERLING PAIGE

"I don't know a better business for women to be in. A woman has the advantage. he cuts a man's hair according to his face. Men barbers don't usually do this."

Mrs. Carrie Johnson, partner in the Pynn Barber Shop, 2139 W. North Ave., was explaining how she felt about being a "lady barber".

She is one of the three female hair-cutters who service the neatly-appointed shop.

Her partner is Mrs. Nancy Martinez, the other barber is Mrs. Deborah Kelly.

Most of their customers are males. Of course, the barbers take a certain amount of kibitzing, but it doesn't last long.

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"SOMETIMES ONE will say to a friend, 'You going to have a woman take your strength away?'" Mrs. Johnson said.

"Others will say, 'What a woman to cut my hair?'"

"After the first tender touch they always come back," she remarked smilingly.

"Men are nice to get along with. I always liked to do both hair dressing and cutting. I thought I could get along better with men than women."

Mrs. Johnson was explaining why she is a barber rather than a beautician.

The four-chair shop just passed the five-year mark in business.

The partners have tried using male barbers. "They just didn't stay didn't seem to have enough customers, "Mrs. Johnson said.

"So we decided to have all ladies," she continued.

"Men don't like to be tied down; they get impatient when business is slow.

"Women like to just sit around; they are used to it."

BETWEEN CUSTOMERS, the lady barbers knit, read books, and listen to records. Mrs. Johnson has a large number of spiritual albums.

"Then there are the daytime soap operas on television," she added.

As for the customers, "Well, we don't have any problems with them. The men give us respect. We also have quite a few women customers."

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THEY COME in, Mrs. Johnson explained, for short cuts, and things like that:

"Most of our customers are regulars. Then, we are always getting new customers, too.

"Sometimes one of our customers will change and have us hair cut elsewhere," the lady barber said.

"When he gets home his wife will tell him, 'You didn't go where you went last time'!

"You see, they notice. That's because we take such pains."

"Their wives send them back to us."

The shop has little or no loitering, except when waiting for cuts. Occasionally, a drinker comes in, sits down, and falls asleep while waiting for service.

"We have a hard time waking him up, but other than that we have no real problems here. The whole neighborhood has accepted us."

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MRS. JOHNSON, a native of Greenville, S.C., came to Baltimore in 1959.

She started her training immediately after as a student under the late Harry Hernandez, who owned the Midway Barber Shop in the 1400 block Pennsylvania Ave.

Apparently the well-known and popular Mr. Hernandez was an able tutor because "After my first week as an apprentice, I got my license."

"Harry made my first two customers give me a fifty cents tip. He said I must be a born barber."

Mrs. Johnson remained under Hernandez several months, or "until the Bethlehem Steel strike".

"I was getting no salary, had to depend on tips. When the strike came, business fell off. I still had to make a living."

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THE LADY barber worked for a while as a waitress, then went into Clanton's Barber Shop, in the 2700 block Pennsylvania Ave.

She remained there some two years, then left to open her own shop.

A member of Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church, Mrs. Johnson sings on the choir there.

She is also studying piano and brushes up on her lessons while at the shop.

Closed down on Mondays, the ladies put in an eleventh hour day Tuesdays through Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays they work twelve hours.

Now five years in her own shop, "Business here is good - I love it," says the lady barber.

Widow 'too scared,' drops police suit

JACKSON, Miss. (UPI) — A woman who said she was "too scared" to continue her case dropped a $20 million lawsuit Tuesday against a group of law enforcement officers whom she had accused of killing her husband.

The case was dismissed by U.S. District Judge Harold Cox.

The case was dropped at the request of attorneys representing the plaintiff, Mrs. Bertha Stewart, who said in a letter she was "too scared" to continue the suit. She did not elaborate.

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THE ACTION WAS brought last August against seven state, county and local police officials.

Mrs. Stewart charged that her husband, Eddie James Stewart, was beaten and shot to death near Crystal Springs July 9, 1966, while in the custody of highway patrolmen, sheriff's deputies from Hinds and Copiah Counties and city policemen from Crystal Springs.

Authorities maintained Stewart was shot while attempting to escape after an exchange of gunfire with a highway patrolman.

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THE SUIT charged Stewart, a liquor-off machine operator, had surrendered to officers who surrounded his home and was beaten and then shot to death "without justification or reasonable cause."

Defendants named in the suit included Public Safety Commissioner T. B. Birdsong Highway Patrol Chief A. D. Morgan, Patrolman L. L. Oglesby, Sheriff Fred Pickett of Hinds County, Sheriff Herbert Deaton of Copiah County, Deputy John Walker of Copiah County, and Police Chief Boyce Ferguson of Crystal Springs.

The 22-year old widow is the mother of two infant children.

Exam for teachers

RICHMOND

Prospective teachers who plan to take the National Teachers Examination at Virginia Union March 18 are urged to register for the examination before Feb. 17

Information concerning registration may be obtained from the Office of Dr. Franklin Gayles at Virginia Union or from the Educational Testing Service whose address is Box 91, Princeton, N. J.

New aide at FHA commission

Secretary Robert C. Weaver of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has announced the appointment of Arthur J. Bradford of San Francisco assistant to FHA Commissioner Philip N. Brownstein for intergroup relations service.

Before coming to Washington, Bradford was zone inter-group advisor for Zone 6 of the FHA which includes the far western states.

He held this position from April 1962 when he first joined the FHA.

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BEFORE THAT time, he served for four years as director of industrial relations for the Bay Area Urban League in San Francisco.

A native of Sumter, S.C., he received his AB degree from Fisk University in Nashville, Tenn.

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Agnew gets 15-point penal reform report

By MAX JOHNSON

ANNAPOLIS — A 15-point program to revamp Maryland's penal system was recommended to Gov. Spiro T. Agnew Thursday by the Michaelson Commission.

The recommendation came in an interim report of the commission, headed by Benjamin Michaelson, to study the state's correctional system.

Gov. Agnew hailed the report; and stated that attorney General William B. Burch would work closely with the commission on the recommendations.

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BRIEFLY, THE recommendations are these:

1. The Maryland State Department of Corrections and the Department of Parole and Probation should be reorganized under a unified system, and the combined functions be the responsibility of the Maryland State Department of Correctional Services.

2. Prisoners when sentenced by the courts should be committed to the Department of Correctional Services, rather than to a specific institution as now the practice.

3. The Maryland Penitentiary should no longer be used as a maximum security prison, and prisoners requiring such security should be removed from Baltimore and placed in a new penitentiary.

4. There should be established an effective information communications system within the department, for staff training and unification of policies.

5. The department should improve operations and increase efficiency within present facilities.

6. Inmates must be halted from processing personnel files concerning other inmates.

7. The department should centralize various services.

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8. THERE SHOULD be a coordination of all medical and dental services for all institutions under a full - time medical director.

9. A graduate pharmacist is needed to supervise handling of all pills, narcotics and medical supplies.

10. A clearly defined grievance procedure, applicable to all institutions and known to all inmates, should be established.

11. The work release program should be expanded.

12. More emphasis in the be placed on psychiatric services.

13. Qualification standards of employment and salaries should be up-graded.

14. There should be a basic, uniform in-service training program for all prison personnel, to combat low morale.

15. Present pay of inmates for work performed should be increased.

In addition to Judge Michaelson, other commission members are:

Dr. Irene Diggs, Judge Shirley B. Jones, Dr. Peter Lejins, Bishop Edgar A. Love, Maj. Gen. Rinaldo Van Brunt and Paul E. Welsh.

Istopen accommodations bill placed in Assembly

ANNAPOLIS — The first of at least two expected public accommodations bills was introduced in the General Assembly Wednesday.

This first is HB 183, which proposes bringing the state's public accommodation law into conformity with the Federal law.

It is sponsored in the House by Arthur A. King (D. Prince Georges) with these co-sponsors:

Mrs. Pauline H. Menes, Arthur Dorman, Francis J. Santangelo Sr., Frederick C. Rummage, William J. Goodman, Eric I. Weile (all D. Prince George);

Mrs. Victorine Q. Adams, Mrs. Lena K. Lee, Troy Brailley, Isaiah Dixon Jr., Calvin A. Douglass (all D. 4th Balto.), Floyd B. Adams (D. 2nd Balto.).

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A SIMILAR bill failed passage last year, before the Assembly was reapportioned.

Sen. Clarence M. Mitchell 3rd (D. 4th Balto.) said Wednesday he also is preparing a public accommodations bill for introduction in his chamber.

Sen. Mitchell said his bill, unlike the Federal law, will have no exemptions.

HB 183 was referred to the House's Judiciary Committee.

Tax reform, election bills face Assembly

ANNAPOLIS — Tops among the issues facing this new General Assembly the coming week will be the controversial Hughes Commission recommendations on a new taxation and fiscal reform structure for the state.

Identical bills on this are expected to reach the Senate and House Tuesday.

Chief among the proposals is raise additional revenues for the state and its subdivisions is a graduated income tax, ranging from 2 to 6 percent on taxable incomes.

The present tax rate is a flat 5 cents.

Early indications are that the lengthy, complicated bill will be in for considerable trouble — if for no other reason that it is lengthy, complicated and not readily understandable.

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MEANWHILE THREE identical bills were introduced Thursday in the Senate and House, designed to thoroughly revise Maryland's election laws.

They are the results of several months study by a special committee, and were brought in by Senate President William S. James (D. Hardford) and House Speaker Marvin Mandel (D. 5th Balto.)

The chief reform bill is a bulky 108-page document, which touches all phases of the election laws.

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One of the others would require all candidates must be registered voters of their party a year prior to an election.

The third would allow all judges to run without party affiliation.

Several other bills are already before both chambers proposing that primary election be made legal holidays, with closed schools.

The 20th of this month is the last day for introduction of bills, and they have been coming in slowly.

At close of business Thursday, 157 bills has been placed before the Senate and 214 in the House.

Election Board seeks voter registration van

Baltimore may get a mobile voter registration van the coming fiscal year.

Legal Randolph, acting chief clerk, Supervisors of Elections, revealed an item for this new equipment is in the agency's budget.

It is estimated, he said, it would cost about $10,000 to purchase a truck and equip it, with the enclosed necessary furnishings.

CONVENIENCE OF the van is that it could be dispatched to any area of the city at any time for registration of new voters.

Thus, events that draw crowds, including civic gatherings, could readily be used to best advantages.

As matters now stand, mobile registration stations throughout the city must be arranged for far in advance of the date of use.

A voter registration van could cut the expense of such stations.

Marshall W. Jones Jr. Republican member of the Board of Supervisors of elections, is another official there urging favorable budget action on the proposed van.

If approved, it would be the first for this city.

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WHITING ON NEW ACC COMMITTEE

Dr. Albert N. Whiting, Dean at Morgan State College and president - elect of North Carolina College at Durham has been invited to become a member of the Joint Committee on Education and Business of the American Council on Education.

Marriage bill seen passing

ANNAPOLIS — A bill to repeal Maryland's ancient law prohibiting mixed marriages is to be reported favorably to the Senate floor either today (Friday) or Monday evening.

General Assembly passage is expected.

This was evident at a Wednesday morning hearing on the SB 72, before the Senate's Judicial Proceedings Committee, when there appeared in opposition just one person — Charles Lutkardt, head of a segregationist group.

At previous Assembly sessions, the proposal has drawn strong opposition.

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BY CONTRAST this time, several senators spoke in favor of the measure.

Sen. James Clark Jr. (D. Howard - Montgomery) pressed for a committee favorable report, representing Gov. Spiro T. Agnew's new Advisory Commission on Human Rights.

Sen. Clark told the committee the ancient law is an infringement on the rights of people the Government has the function to protect.

Also favoring the bill were Senators Margaret C. Schweinhaut (D. Howard - Montgomery) and Verda F. Welcome (D. 4th Balto.).

Sponsor of SB 72 is Sen. Royal Hart (D. Prince Georges), with these co - sponsors:

Senators Welcome, Clarence M. Mitchell 3rd (D. 4th Balto.), Edward T. Conroy, Meyer M. Emmanuel Jr., Steny H. Hoyer (all D. Prince Georges), Thomas M. Anderson Jr. (D. Howard - Montgomery) and Julian L. Lapides (D. 2nd Balto.).

Similar bills are still in the Senate committee and in the House's Judiciary Committee.

New rent withholding bill aired

ANNAPOLIS — A bill to provide the withholding of rents, when landlords refused to make necessary repairs to properties, was placed before the House Wednesday.

It is somewhat more stringent than a similar bill that was killed in the Baltimore City Delegation last year.

The new HB 194 is a lengthy document filled with legal technicalities.

In essence, it would make it lawful for tenants, upon application, to place their rents in escrow in the People's Court, to bring about repairs to their dwellings.

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SHOULD THE Bureau of Building Inspection, acting under court order, find a complaint valid, the landlord would be required to make necessary repairs in conformity with the Building Code.

The rent then could be held in escrow by the court, until such repairs were made.

At this point, HB 194 has an added penalty not in the earlier defeated bill.

It provides that should the repairs not be made by the landlord, the court would be empowered to order a reduction in the rent in relations to the conditions of the property.

In addition, the landlord could still be held in contempt of court.

Sponsor of HB 194 is Walter S. Orlinsky (D. 2nd Balto.), with co - sponsors Mrs. Lena K. Lee (D. 4th Balto.) and Joseph A. Cicero (D. 2nd Balto.).

The bill was referred to the House's Judiciary Committee.

Dixon would protect buyers

ANNAPOLIS — Freshman Del. Isaiah Dixon Jr. (D. 4th Balto.), a bondsman by profession, has placed before the House a consumer protection bill of his own.

His HB 148, brought in this week, would require that household appliances be labeled with certain pertinent information for the buyer.

The label or sticker, under provisions of the bill, would tell the buyer whether:

1. Production of the model has been discontinued; 2. parts are no longer available for the model; 3. the model has been superseded by a later model, and 4. the model is a repeat.

A fine of up to $100 for each convicted offense would be provided.

CHECKING the volunteer lists for the Lafayette - Douglass Cervical cancer project are (l. to r.) Mrs. Ovella Richardson and Miss Lillian Tyler of the Community Action Program and Miss Jeanette Myers, public education of the American Cancer Society. Mrs. Richardson and Miss Tyler were instrumental in the recruiting of 47 volunteers from the housing project. Miss Myers conducted the training workshops for the volunteers in the program.

Women in project due cancer tests

Women in the Lafayette - Douglass Housing Project will have an opportunity to test themselves for cervical cancer through the pilot program of the American Cancer Society.

With the cooperation of Community Action Program workers, 47 women from the housing project have volunteered to call on their neighbors and give them the irrigation smear pipette.

The pipette kit allows a woman to test herself for cervical cancer, the second most common type of cancer among women. If detected early and treated promptly, it is virtually 100 percent curable.

The volunteers will be calling on more than 800 women in the housing project who are between 21 and 50, Wednesday, Feb. 2 asking and encouraging them to take the simple painless test.

There is no cost involved for the participant.

The Lafayette - Douglass program is the second phase in the pilot study being conducted by the ACS. The first program was done last spring in the Fairfield Housing Project.

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A SMALLER program in terms of numbers, there were 188 potential respondents in Fairfield. Of this number, 110 pipettes were used and returned. Of the 110 tests taken, nine were found to be abnormal, requiring further examination.

The volunteers distributing the kits in the program receive training and instruction in telling their neighbors why it is important that they take the test and also how the kit works. The volunteers then invite the women in the housing project to a meeting and film showing on cervical cancer. The kits are then distributed the next day.

Cooperating with the American Cancer Society in the program are the Maryland State Department of Health and the Cytologic Screening Center at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.

F. Robinson, Orioles honored

ANNAPOLIS — Frank Robinson and the Orioles baseball team were honored by the House of Delegates here this week.

The House adopted a resolution congratulating Mr. Robinson for his achievements during the 1966 season.

Another adopted resolution congratulated the Orioles on winning the American League and World Series championships.

Both resolutions were brought in by Sol J. Friedman (D. 5th Balto.).

Man behind furnace wins husband divorce

The man behind his furnace was not a furnace man, but "Otis," his wife's friend, said John Cotton, as he won a divorce this week.

Mr. Cotton not only won the divorce that ended his marriage to Mrs. Juanita Cotton, but was given custody of two sons.

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THE HUSBAND testified that in January, 1966, he was ill for three weeks and confined to second floor. At the end of the third week he went down to the first floor.

As he sat down, he said, he felt a draft. He went into the basement, and there found the man hiding behind the furnace.

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HE SAID that Mrs. Cotton, coming up from the basement, had told him there was no one there. When he called the police, he said, his wife told him that she had admitted the man.

A son testified that he had observed his mother and the man in a third floor room, also.

The Cottons were married in Wilmington, Del. in 1941. They are parents of a minor daughter in addition to the two boys.

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A DIVORCE went to Henry W. Tucker of 833 N. Fremont Ave. from Mrs. Cassie Tucker, whose address, he said, he did not know.

Mr. Tucker a special policeman for the U.S. Government, said that the marriage, which took place on Nov. 22, 1962, ended on May 18, 1965.

He testified that while he was visiting in Reading, Pa., Mrs. Tucker left. They were, he said, living with her mother, who refused to say where the daughter had gone. He added that he has not seen his wife since.

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JAMES SCOTT of 2545 Seaman Ave., who said that he and Mrs. Eleanor M. Scott voluntarily ended their marriage, was granted a divorce.

Five children, ranging in ages from seven to 14, are in custody of the mother.

Mr. Scott is under court order to provide $18 per week for the children's support. Records show that he is $521 in arrears.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott were married in July, 1951 and separated in June, 1957.

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MRS. MARY ALLEN of 504 Gold St. divorced Walter Allen, whose whereabouts she said she doesn't know.

They were married on April 10, 1944 and separated in February, 1953, she testified.

The separation was voluntary, she testified.

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ALSO winning a divorce on grounds of voluntary separation was Mrs. Marion B. Berry from Ralph Berry

Mrs. Berry, a resident of New York City, said that she and Mr. Berry were married on March 25, 1950 in this city. They separated in March, 1954. Their three children are in custody of the mother.

Mr. Berry, who lives at 429 N. Calhoun St., is charged generally with the children's support, but is in arrears, the wife said.

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FOUR OTHER complainants who testified that they and their mates agreed to end their unions, were given divorces.

Janice W. James of 1714 Homestead St. and Mrs. Frances E. James of 1301 N. Montford Ave., married on June 4, 1944, separated on March 1, 1962.

James E. Smothers of 2404 Callow Ave. and Mrs. Pernice Smothers ended their marriage which took place in 1956. They separated in 1962. Custody of their daughter went to the mother and the father is to provide $15 per week for the child's support.

James D. Hickman of 1012 E. Biddle St. and Mrs. Lois V. Hickman of 1102 Cherry Hill Rd., separated on Dec. 22, 1966 after their marriage on June 8, 1953.

The marriage of Mrs. Nellie McGowan of 2315 Pulaski St. and John McGowan of 2800 Windsor Ave. was ended on Jan. 2, 1958. They were

Hearing set on consumer bills

ANNAPOLIS — Two bills of high importance to all citizens who purchase goods and services are up for a hearing 10:30 a.m. Tuesday before the House's Judiciary Committee.

HB 42 proposes the establishment of a consumer protection commission to regulate deceptive practices in the sale and services of goods.

HB 45 would establish a consumer protection office under the control of the attorney general.

The former was introduced by Martin A. Kricher (D. 3rd Balto.), and the second by Arlene O. Mothershead (D. Prince George's).

Attempts in the past for passage of this type of legislation to protect the buying public from unscrupulous practices has brought heavy lobbying by retail interests, and thus no success.

Mrs. Lady among Assembly women

ANNAPOLIS —Among the new things that may come with this new General Assembly, one is already noticeable.

There are 14 ladies in this body and one is Mrs. Elaine Lady (Rep. Montgomery), a newcomer to the House of Delegates.

The upper chamber has four women among its 43 members. One is second-year Sen. Verda F. Welcome (D. 4th Balto.)

Among the House's 142 members are 10 women, including Mesdames Victorine Q. Adams and Lena K. Lee (both D. 4th Balto.)

Sen. Mitchell kicks a table

ANNAPOLIS — Sen. Clarence M. Mitchell 3rd (D. 4th Balto.) walked into the Senate session Wednesday afternoon — and went out in a wheel chair.

He said by way of explanation he had kicked his right foot on a table that morning at his Baltimore home, and it had become too painful to walk on.

Over at Anne Arundel General Hospital, they said he had some sprained bones in his right foot, as the result of some mishap.

Sen. Mitchell showed up at the Senate Thursday on crutches.

To those who expressed concern — he still said he had kicked a table in his home.

Youth Center now offering exams help

Three job-related program, remedial reading, group counseling and an orientation course on U. S. Post Office examinations, are being offered youths 16 through 21 registered with Baltimore Youth Opportunity Center, an affiliate of the Department of Employment Security.

The programs are scheduled for Monday and Thursday evenings. Two of these, remedial reading and group counseling, are to begin Monday, Feb. 6. The third, the orientation course on Post Office examinations, is scheduled to begin Monday, Feb. 13.

The orientation course in Post Office examinations consists of tutoring class members in proper test-taking methods.

According to a Youth Opportunity spokesman, the Post Office is experiencing difficulty filling vacancies for distribution clerks, mail handlers and mail carriers, not always because of a lack of qualified applicants but more often than not, simply because of errors of commission and/or omission on written tests.

Volunteers from St. Mary's Seminary will be instructors for this course under the direction of the Rev. John H. Greenalch.

Six cadets to get army commissions

Six ROTC cadets at Morgan State College, who are expected to complete their requirements for graduation this month, will be commissioned second lieutenants, Monday, Feb. 6 in Soldier's Armory on the campus.

Scheduled to be commissioned are Willie W. Baker, Baltimore, Intelligence; Randolph A. Boschulte, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, Ordnance; Michael Brantley, Baltimore, Medical Service.

Melvin G. Sullen, Mardella Springs, Md., Medical Service; Lonnie C. Spruill Jr., Baltimore, Artillery and James R. Webb, Annapolis, Signal Corps.

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