AFRO show set May 3-4

The AFRO's Annual Spring Home Service Show and Cooking School opens Wednesday, May 3 and continues through Thursday, May 4.

Bigger and better than ever before, the thrilling event is scheduled to pack the Winchester Armory at Winchester St. and Braddigh Ave. where it goes on stage each evening.

The doors open Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m. for the first show and the final show Thursday night.

The Thursday matinee is at 2 p.m.

Mrs. Mimi Roberts, AFRO home economist, will hold her unusual food demonstrations in person from the stage.

She promises this season's dishes will delight and surprise the hundreds of housewives who have been her fans for years.

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ABOUT THE CASH PRIZES, food baskets and gifts, this year's AFRO show has them — such as you've never seen before.

You can win $1,000 in cash money and you do NOT have to be present to claim your prize if you are the lucky one.

Over 150 food baskets brimming with goodies for the table and pantry will be given away.

And The Grand Prizes—just wait and see.

All this and more—entertainment, tasty samples from merchants, booth prizes and favors.

All you have to do is pay admission of 50 cents; get your FREE drawing cards at the door; deposit them in the box.

Or you may get and deposit your drawing cards at the AFRO-AMERICAN Office, 628 N. Eutaw St.

Mrs. Jean Williams of the AFRO advertising staff is in charge of the show.

New look at women's pen impresses four ministers

By ROGER J. NISSLY

In less than two weeks the psychology and atmosphere of the House of Correction for Women at Jessup, has been changed by its energetic new superintendent, who clocks 15 hours a day seven days a week.

"It's a complete reversal from custodial psychology to a real attempt at rehabilitation," according to one observer of the institution, which three months ago erupted in a revolt of the inmates.

Since the riot, the state penal system has undergone a shakeup, and the resignation of veteran Jessup superintendent, Alice Blum, became effective March 1.

The changes have come in the short tenure since April 1 of new superintendent, James Jordan, former assistant warden for treatment at the Maryland Penitentiary.

WEDNESDAY a ministers' group, which has chartered itself as a watchdog committee on the prisons, visited the minimum security women's institution and remarked on the impressive changes.

Some of the points observed by members of the Civic Committee of the Interdenominational Ministers Alliance (contrasting with their tour in Jessup last June) were:

Unolicited testimony of inmates themselves that for the first time they feel their sense of worth as individuals.

Inmates volunteering to cut the grass.

No longer were there complaints of religious intolerance.

There was no criticism of the medical treatment.

There were no complaints of a lack of sanity napkins.

There was a new freedom of communication and seemingly no complaints against the new administration.

The committee also noted that the women were allowed to wear wigs and that snuff (a treat for many of the older women) was stocked in the commissary.

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THE REV. Marion C. Bascom, chairman of the com-

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2 bars told to aid in keeping order

They didn't want to close up Rivers Bar, 427 Druid Hill Ave., and Cliff's Bar, 801 Druid Hill Ave., they just wanted to insure that both establishments would be conducted in a more orderly fashion.

They also wanted the management to the two taverns to aid in helping to keep the area as free as possible from disorder.

These in essence were the complaints lodged before the Liquor Board Thursday afternoon against owners of the two taverns by residents of the area, members of the Seaton Hill Association.

Occasion was the applications of the two establishments for license renewals.

The board's decision granted both renewals, but suggested that the owners and the association get together with police and attempt to maintain more order and safety in the area of the establishments.

CLAUDE F. McKENZIE, one of the two attorneys for the association, told the board earlier that it had been agreed at a Wednesday evening meeting that such a committee should be formed.

Mr. McKenzie said however, the association wanted the protests to be a matter of record before the board.

A NUMBER of witnesses

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Escaped bank robber to be arraigned today

Clarence Wilbert McFarland has been charged by a Federal grand jury with escaping from the Montgomery County Detention Center at Rockville, Sept. 15.

Represented by John Hargrove, he will be arraigned in Federal Court on Friday.

McFarland was confined to the detention center after he was convicted and sentenced in the District Court of Washington, D.C. for bank robbery and illegal possession of firearms.

Steelworkers supported; joint meeting set today

The Federation of Civil Rights Organizations this week announced its full support of efforts to secure fuller job integration at Bethlehem Steel's Sparrows Point plant and shipyard.

"We are joining with CORE and the NAACP Legal Defense Fund to put an end to bigotry at Bethlehem," FCRO said.

The statement continued: "Ever since Bethlehem started operations here, it has excluded, segregated and humiliated colored workers . . . The dirtiest, toughest jobs are assigned to colored workers, while the white workers monopolize the supervisory craft and other desirable jobs.

"Race, not ability, dictates these selections."

The Federation called upon all its member groups to join the steelworkers' efforts.

MEANWHILE, the AFRO learned of meeting of the two United Steelworkers' Locals, 2609 and 2610, has been called for today (Friday) at the union hall.

It is understood that Curtis Strong, civil rights representative of the International Union, is scheduled to appear.

Leaflets announcing the session, to be held at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., have been circulated in certain areas.

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"I DON'T know what the hell this is all about," exclaimed Albert Attalah, director of the Steelworkers' District 8, in a telephone interview Thursday.

"Why didn't I know about this meeting? I just heard about it. My staff and I should have been the first to know about it. I'm mad as hell."

However, usually reliable sources said Wednesday, they had been informed the meetings were being called by the District 8 director and that sound trucks were being used to announce it.

LBJ's war on poverty continuing, aide says

President Lyndon B. Johnson has no intention of "deescalating" the war on poverty, a top administration aide declared in Baltimore Thursday.

Bertrand M. Harding, deputy director of the Office of Economic Opportunity, addressed more than 200 participants at a luncheon meeting of the Governor's Conference on the War Against the Causes of Poverty at the Holiday Inn Downtown.

Harding, who along with R. Sargent Shriver has been instrumental in protecting many of the poverty programs from congressional fund cuts said:

"For many months now newspapers have had a field day speculating and asserting that the President no longer firmly supported the war on poverty.

"They said that the anti-poverty programs had caused him too much political trouble and that he was looking for an easy way to back out gracefully.

"But the President has laid all of those doubts aside and made clear his continuing and complete support of the anti-poverty effort."

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THE CONFERENCE, which included a number of panel discussions on problems of poverty — manpower and development — education and housing — was directed for Maryland Gov. Spiro T. Agnew by Dr. Furman L. Templeton, executive director of the Baltimore Urban League.

The two-day conference is the first of its kind in the state of Maryland.

Opening remarks were made by S. Edward Smith, executive director of the Maryland Office of Economic Opportunity.

Morning discussants on a health panel included Dr. Robert E. Cook of Johns Hopkins Hospital and Dr. William J. Peeples, commissioner of the Maryland State Health Department.

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THE AFTERNOON session of the conference included a panel discussion on the complex and important area of housing as it relates to poverty.

The panel chaired by Edgar M. Ewing, assistant director of Baltimore Urban Renewal and Houing Authority, included three prominent officials of the Department of

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FBI's "MISS PRINT" — Miss Joyce Swann was featured in a two - page spread as "Miss Print of the Month" in the April issue of "The Investigator," the employee publication of the FBI.

FBI offers opportunities for high school grads, too

Attractive Joyce Swann, an alumnus of Morgan State College, is featured in the April issue of "The Investigator," an employee publication of the FBI, as "Miss Print of the Month."

The picture section carries a two-page spread of Miss Swann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey Swann, of Marbury, Md., sightseeing near the Capitol.

Employed at the FBI Washington Headquarters in the Identification Division Miss Swann graduated from Pomonkey High School in Pomonkey, in 1963.

Miss Swann's career with the FBI illustrates the work done by a large civilian corps which backs up the FBI's 6,000 special agents.

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ALTHOUGH ACTUAL investigative work is done by the agent, s the bureau notes "there are many other jobs of a clerical nature which must be done, such as typist, file clerk, messenger, fingerprint clerk, telephone and teletype operator and receptionist."

The bureau hires hundreds of young men and women high school graduates each year to begin careers with the FBI.

A high percentage of these employees come from the neighboring states of Maryland and Delaware.

The bureau recruits in high

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Landlord gets probation in 'chair case'

Accused of employing unusual methods of attempted rent-collecting, Raymond Weinberg, 35, 2200 block Rogene Dr., pleaded not guilty Wednesday to a charge of assault by striking one of his tenants with a chair.

In Northeastern Municipal Court, Mrs. Connie Pope, 1734 E. Baltimore St., told Judge Henry Stichel the defendant came into her second floor apartment on March 30.

The young mother of two testified that Weinberg then forced his way into the bathroom, where she was, cursing her and others in the house.

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Western High teacher crowned 'Miss Pyramid'

A willowy, attractive Western High School home economics teacher, was radiantly Friday night at the Dixie Ballroom in Gwynn Oak Park as she was crowned "Miss Pyramid."

She is Miss LeVerne Wallace, 2530 Edgecombe Circle North, who won hands down in competition with 13 other equally attractive contestants.

As queen of the popular social and civic-minded Pyramids, Miss Wallace will reign for a year.

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IN TAKING top honors in the third annual "Miss Pyramid" popularity contest, Miss Wallace also took down a batch of tangibles attesting to her lofty status.

Among gifts bestowed on the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Wallace (Rose G.), were:

Three hundred dollars cash, an album a month for one year, an engraved trophy, transistor radio, a honored guest at each Pyramid-sponsored affair, for a year;

Also dinner for two at one of the city's most elegant night clubs, memberships in the NAACP and Urban League.

Second place winner was Mrs. Dora Williams, who received a $150 cash award and third place, carrying a $75 cash prize went to Miss Mildred Turner.

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MISS WALLACE was crowned by retiring queen, Miss Delores Lawson, while nearly 700 guests cheered wildly.

Music was furnished by the

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'HER HIGHNESS' — Miss LeVerne Wallace, home economics teacher at Western High School, was radiant Friday night at the Dixie Ballroom when she was crowned "Miss Pyramid Contest. Doing the crowning at the second Annual "Miss Pyramid Contest. During the honors is Miss Deloris Lawson, last year's queen, Kelson (Chop Chop) Fisher (left) of Radio WWIN, master of ceremonies, and Napoleon Clark, Pyramids president, look on.

Brooke, Evers Hopkins speakers

U.S. Sen. Edward W. Brooke and Mississippi civil rights leader Charles Evers will be guest speakers at the Johns Hopkins University on the 18th and 20th of April, respectively.

Sen. Brooke, who will be introduced by University President Dr. Milton S. Eisenhower, will be the first speaker in the "Politics Tomorrow" lecture series.

Evers, Mississippi field director of the NAACP, will speak on the "Future of Southern Politics."

This lecture will be the last in a series of problems of the Modern South.

Both speakers will be presented in Shriver Hall.

Register to vote now

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

Who should register?

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

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

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

The books are also open now for change of address or change of party affiliation.

There were 116 new voters registered during the April 3-11 period, in this day by day account:

	D	R	Ind.
Monday	13	6	0
Tuesday	9	4	0
Wednesday	13	2	0
Thursday	15	1	1
Friday	11	0	0
Monday	21	4	0
Tuesday	12	4	0
Totals	94	21	1

Kids 12-14 had newspaper racket going

A Juvenile Court jurist found this week that a group of 12, 13 and 14-year-old newsboys were selling newspapers at the correct price to regular customers, stealing them back from front porches and then re-selling them to a news distributor for three cents for dailies and five cents for Sundays editions.

The youngsters said they "forgot" the name of the firm that regularly purchased the purloined papers but said it was "somewhere on Baltimore St."

THE CASE of the unusual scheme came to the court's attention when the mother of a newsboy, not in the gang, received phone calls from his customers that their papers were missing.

After repeated calls from customers in the 2400 block W. Fayette, Smallwood, Penrose area, she decided to investigate.

Testifying before Master John O'Grady, the mother said she followed and caught three 12, 13 and 14-year-old youngsters "in the act" on three occasions.

The last time she hid in her car and then literally "sat on her horn" to attract police officers who chased the boys and arrested them

THE YOUNGEST, son of a Sparrows Point Steel worker and a shoeshine boy, revealed the plan he said was contrived by the oldest boy.

Master O'Grady required the parents of the boys to make restitution of $25 to the mother of the newsboy responsible for the papers.

To the other parents he said, "From now on you watch your children, know where they are every minute of the day or the next time they come in here they'll have to be put away."

Woman asking for $100,000

Mrs. Martha D. Hart, 600 block S. Ellwood Ave. has filed suit in Baltimore City Court for $100,000 damages on false arrest charges.

The document placed before the court on April 10

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Girl editors tell dailies 'how it is' after Red tag

LYNCHBURG, (UPI)—The student newspapers of three colleges Wednesday accused Lynchburg's two daily newspapers of failure "in their responsibility to present fair and credible reporting and editing."

The student papers at Lynchburg College, Randolph-Macon Woman's College and Sweet Briar said the charges against the Lynchburg News and the Lynchburg Daily Advance were highlighted by "Unfair coverage" given to colored activities.

Barbara L. Borneman, 20, a junior from Havre de Grace, Md, presented the charges in an editorial in the Lynchburg College Opitograph. She said the same editorial would be published Thursday in the Randolph-Macon Sun Dial and today

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Agnew to sign tax bill today

ANNAPOLIS — The new tax reform measure, air pollution and location of the Baltimore area wholesales food market are among about 200 bills to be signed into law by Gov. Spiro T. Agnew here today (Friday).

Maryland's first enacted housing bill is expected to be signed by the governor either next Friday or that following.

Teachers set demonstration

The Public School Teachers Association has called for a mass demonstration next Monday at City Hall to protest cuts in the budget requested for Baltimore schools.

Teachers and other citizens will march on City Hall after a brief meeting at the War Memorial Building at 4 p.m.

Mrs. Rene B. Freund, president of the 6,000-member organization stated that "teachers were appalled at the thought that money might be cut from the school budget when it had been so recently demonstrated by the National Education Association that Baltimore schools were deteriorating rapidly—primarily for lack of financial support."

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THE ANNOUNCEMENT by Finance Director Charles Benton that he has requested a cut of $6.8 million from the budget prompted the call from PSTA for the march.

Executive director of teachers group, H. Orville Berwick, pointed out that the cuts would mean $1.5 million less in city effort toward the education budget than last year.

Last year a march of 3,000 teachers resulted in money being restored to the budget.

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That's right, each and every week, the AFRO pays a total of $50 for news tips. YOU can share in this prize fund. Just be FIRST to call AFRO City Desk, MUlberry 5-6015 as soon as you witness a newsworthy event. Bring photos of news events to City Desk and qualify for a special prize.

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WOMEN IN TEARS AFTER $2,000 S-L HOLDUP

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Will School Plan Slow Integration? (SEE STORY ON BACK PAGE)

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DR. RHETTA SERVING 30 DAYS

MISS PATRICIA JACKSON

Bow ribbons upset 'brass' at Carver

Young girls who wear bow ribbons in their hair are normally considered to be following an American tradition.

That tradition spelled trouble Tuesday for an 11th grade Carver High business student, Miss Patricia Jackson, 2123 Ridgehill Ave.

Miss Jackson, 17, was sent home and told "not to return until you bring your mother," because she refused to remove two bow ribbons from her hair when told to do so by Miss Carrie Johnson, vice principal.

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THE STUDENT'S father, Charles Jackson, didn't take too kindly to the act, which he described as "stupid."

"Besides," Mr. Jackson told the AFRO, "young girls have been wearing bow ribbons ever since there have been girls.

"I think it's ridiculous that my child was sent home and her mother forced to leave her job over foolishness."

Mrs. Mary Jackson, the mother, said she left her job at Maryland General Hospital and took her daughter back to school. The mother left all reaction to the father

"What bothers me most is that my daughter has never had any problem in school and they sent her home because

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Golf club may integrate its rolls tonight

The Forest Park Golf Course Club is voting on the applications of three colored golfers tonight (Friday) at 8 p.m. at its meeting in the clubhouse on the golf course.

According to Ralph Cupp, president of the 74-member club, if accepted, the three persons will be the first in 74 years of the group's existence.

Mr. Cupp said at one time the club had as many as 450 members.

Asked if admitting three colored members is considered "integration" Mr. Cupp replied, "Well, that's all the applications we've got."

Asked if a recent request by the Park Board that the all-white club open membership to colored golfers or else move out the city-owned club house prompted taking in colored members, Mr. Cupp replied, "No. We never excluded anyone on race. We never had any applications before, that's all."

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THE FIRST application was filed three weeks ago by Frazier Brice, local businessman and golfer who, Mr. Cupp says, has played in the club's tournaments on previous occasions.

Mr. Cupp said members are considered on basis of character "and everything else except race".

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THE FACT that the club, holding meetings at the Forest Park Golf Course clubhouse 40 years, had no colored members was brought to the public's attention in 1966.

Arthur Murphy, a golfer and assistant U.S. attorney,

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Students off on fast clip in contest

The Student of the Year Contest is off to a flying start as the votes are beginning to pour into the AFRO office.

Thomas Small of Calverton Junior High School has taken the lead in the race with 26,000 votes.

But though he has a commanding lead, other contestants are breathing right down his back.

In the number two position this week is Denise Brandon. Denise, a student at Northern High School, has a total of 14,500 votes.

Holding down the number three slot in the race for $1,500 in cash prizes, is Howard K. Johnson Jr. of Fairmount Hill Junior High School. Howard claims the third place position with 13,200 votes.

And in the number four post, and apparently rising fast, is Vonneeters Saunders of Western High School. She has 8,300 votes.

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BUT NO one is waiting around looking at the current leaders in the contest. The field is still wide open and anybody can win.

The race, as always, will go to the swiftest. Students must really move fast and plan their campaigns. Pay no attention to who leads at a particular point. Some bring votes in at intervals.

The contest is simple, it's fun and it's easy to play.

It works like this.

Each edition of the AFRO will carry a ballot printed on Page Two.

Each ballot will be worth 100 votes. Students need five ballots (worth 500 votes) to qualify as an entrant.

The coupons must be mailed, sent or brought to the AFRO-AMERICAN, 628 N Eutaw St.

Detailed contest rules will also be printed in each edition.

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THE CONTEST is open to all students of accredited junior and senior high schools in the state of Maryland.

First place winner will take

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Agnew nixes Jones for Elections chief

By MAX JOHNSON

Community leaders and his supporting Republicans, who had hoped that Marshall W. Jones Jr., veteran member of the city's Board of Supervisors of Elections, would be named its president, are in for a disappointment.

Gov. Spiro T. Agnew has now revealed he will not designate him for the post.

Moreover, the governor added this further insight:

"It never was my intention to name Marshall."

By way of explanation, he said this decision was based on some personal matters and the desires of the party, and not because of Mr. Jones' race.

Earlier, David Blum, chairman of the Republican City Committee, told the AFRO, he had recommended to the governor that Mr. Jones be named to the presidency.

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GOV. AGNEW did not indicate what party leaders desires" he was reacting to.

But it is known that Mr. Jones and a vocal Goldwater element in his party have not seen eye to eye for some time.

Gov. Agnew said Peter Parker, attorney and newly named Republican to the three-member board would be its president.

WHEN ADVISED of the governor's decision, Mr. Jones had these philosophical comments.

It's the governor's board and he can do what he wants with it.

"I serve at his pleasure."

The Democratic minority member is Mrs. Betty M. Silbert, who at one time was president under the Tawes Administration.

Mrs. Silbert, Messr. Jones and Parker were named to the board by Gov. Agnew in his "Green Bag" appointments for two-year terms, beginning June 5.

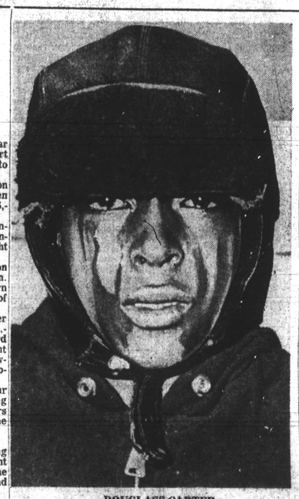
Mr. Jones, an East Baltimore mortician and veteran GOP leader, was the first to integrate the city's Board of Supervisors of Elections.

He was named by the Democrats' former Gov. J. Millard Tawes in June, 1965, with strong support from city colored Democratic leaders.

Now rounding out two years on this board, Mr. Jones, his bipartisan supporters feel, is best qualified to serve as its president.

Mr. Parker, a newcomer, has never severed on this board.

The board is salaried, with $6,500 a year for its three members.



DOUGLASS CARTER

Family is ousted while adults out

An 11-year-old boy, tears streaming down his face, stood helplessly by Wednesday morning as a Baltimore landlord had his family evicted from their home at 1004 N. Calhoun St.

Douglass, the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Carter, told the AFRO that he had gone around the corner to the home of his cousin on Mosher Street and when he returned, a constable and the landlord were in the process of putting the family's belongings on the street.

Douglass' mother, who Tuesday had given birth to a sixth child, was still confined to her bed at City Hospitals.

His father was at work when the incident occurred.

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NEIGHBORS EXPRESSED feelings that ranged from disgust to shock as news of the eviction spread through the area.

"I've never seen anything like it in my life," commented one observer.

"I don't see how in the — they could do a thing like that when they knew there were no adults around," another said.

The Carters had lived in the $16 a week house, on Calhoun St. for less than a month.

They were forced to move from another house after it was heavily damaged by a flash fire.

Two officials from the Community Action Agency made arrangements to have the family's property picked up off the street and moved to the home of a relative on Mosher Street.

Arrangements were also made for the care of the Carter children until the father returned from work.

In addition to Douglass and the new born infant, the Carters have four other children who range in age from two to nine years.

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THE OWNER of the building told the AFRO that the Carters were $54 behind in their rent payments.

"I don't like to put people out on the street," he said. "And believe me nothing like this has ever happened before. But the few pieces of property I own are investments to me and I have to watch them closely. If there is any trouble I have to take care of it right away."

He also said that he was seriously thinking of "getting out" of the real estate business but didn't say exactly when he would divest himself of interest in other properties in the inner city.

Meanwhile, the Carter family was expected to move in with relatives until other arrangements could be made.

Advance Savings hit again

By STERLING A. PAIGE

"He pointed the gun at me first then at the lady there.

"He grabbed the money, saying 'I'll take that'. Then he asked for the rest of it.

"I gave him all the bills I had in my drawer. He asked more. I gave him the wrapped coins — all were rolls of pennies except one roll of nickels.

"Then the other one came over and said, 'You got any more?'

"I went into the drawer and got my quarters. He took those."

Mrs. Phyllis Hill, 29, 600 block Lyndhurst Ave., was describing her terrifying ordeal during the Thursday holdup of The Advance Federal Savings and Loan Association, 1611 W. North Ave.

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TWO MEN, one displaying a gun, took approximately $2000 from the S and L business and $56.00 from a customer who had just cashed a payroll check.

The bandits calmly walked out the door, just like I would," a witness said, then disappeared west on North Ave.

In another holdup at Advance Federal just five weeks ago, some $6,000 was taken by a bandit who was believed to have had an accomplice outside acting as a lookout.

Thursday's robbery occurred just two weeks after Western District police and FBI agents arrested two men in connection with the March 17 hoist.

In the most recent incident, the action of the gunman, in waving the gun back and forth, terrified the woman

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Birth control pills for teens

New Center

Sinai Hospital announced this week that it is making available, under certain conditions, birth-control pills to unmarried teenage girls.

Dr. Mathew Tayback, deputy city health commissioner said he believes this program is the only one of its kind in the natton.

Tayback said the pills were made available as part of a "total health program" for adolescents.

The hospital has an adolescent center providing full medical, behavioral and social services.

Among conditions for dispensing of the pills is consent of a parent, and required individual and group counseling for the girls.

The program is believed to be the first in the nation in which teenage girls who are unmarried and who have never been pregnant are offered the pills.

The adolescent center provides services covering problems from acne to pregnancy.

"Contraception is an important part, but only a part of the program of total health care," said Dr. Leon Dordis, a pediatrician and Sinai's assistant medical director for ambulatory care.

In the last four months, about 60 girls were referred to the program.

Dr. Tayback said the program was aimed largely at "the extremely large number of pregnancies and live births among girls under 16 years old." He said there were some 1,000 such births in Baltimore each year.

Though colored teenagers are expected to comprise the major part of participants in the program, a health department official pointed out that this was not an indication that promiscuity ranked higher among colored people.

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Reaction

Reaction to Sinai Hospital's announced plan to provide teenagers with birth-control pills was generally one of support.

But Baltimore civic leaders who expressed confidence in the unique plan were quick to caution that the program could only be effective if coupled with strong supervision and adequate counseling.

Mrs. Marion Banfield, president of the Forest Park Parent-Teachers Association feels that the measure is a good one but should be left up to the child and her mother.

"We are faced with the problem," she said, "that many people have never been taught the emotional as well as the biological ramifications of sex.

"This is where the school and many parents have failed."

She said some "parental ignorance on birth control equals that of teenagers."

Mrs. Banfield's husband, Dr. Gilbert L. Banfield a Baltimore physician, also feels that the distribution of birth control pills is a good idea and added that he believes it will stop many girls from growing up in the hands of "quack abortionists."

"But," he added, "they should only be given out with the proper counseling and educational programs."

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Mrs. Vivian Washington, principal of the Edgar Allan Poe School, a school for pregnant girls, said she feels the program is a step in the right direction but that people must realize that there are "as many different reasons for illegitimacy as there are individuals and that the program should be administered

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Jailed in Virginia on contempt rap

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Dr. Barnett Milton Rhetta Jr., 3200 block Hilton St., was confined to the Loudoun County Jail, Leesburg, Va. for 30 days on Wednesday, April 19.

The sentence imposed for contempt of court by Federal Judge Oren L. Lewis of the Eastern District of Virginia at Alexandria began April 14.

The prominent Baltimore physician, widely known throughout the East Coast, is scheduled to be released from the county jail that is under Federal contract on May 17.

According to the U.S. Marshal's Office in Virginia, Dr. Rhetta was given the term for failure to appear at the Federal trial of a College Park, Md. couple accused of violation of laws forbidding white slavery.

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THE CASE came before Judge Lewis in Alexandria last Thursday, April 13.

Dr. Rheta had been personally served with a government supoena to appear to testify. He received the summons at his Hilton St. office in Baltimore, records show.

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DR. BARNETT M. RHETTA

Mysterious Haitian patient says dictator is his uncle

By MICHAEL DAVIS

Is the 20-year-old patient convalescing from gun shot wounds at Johns Hopkins Hospital the nephew of Haitian strongman Francois Duvalier?

Spokesman for the hospital and the U.S. State Department think so. Alix Pascal, a Haitian jazz guitarist, told an AFRO reporter from his hospital bed that he is the nephew of the self-styled dictator.

A cloak of mystery has shrouded the events leading up to Pascal's admission to the famed Baltimore hopital and the U.S. State Department is interested in knowing more about the "circumstances" surrounding the incident in which Pascal was reportedly shot and paralyzed while in Haiti.

One version of the incident contends that Pascal was shot by one of Duvalier's special police officers after an argument over a mutual female acquaintance.

The other version speculates that Pascal was shot because he was a member of an elite group which had planned a political coup in the country which has seen five regimes topple since 1957.

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AN AFRO reporter managed to find Pascal in an unlisted room at the hospital and was able to interview him for about four minutes before a head nurse barged into the room, seized the reporter by the lapels of his coat and threatened to have him arrested by Pinkerton guards.

Pascal, who speaks French and has only a limited knowledge of English, said he was shot by a man in Haiti named "Baby Bosquet."

Pascal claimed that the man was really his "friend" and the shooting was only an "accident" that took place after a heavy night of drinking.

Asked why Bosquet shot him, Pascal replied, "Too much rum."

He denied any knowledge of the possible involvement of any woman and refused to discuss any possible political overtone of the incident.

PASCAL SAID that Bosquet

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Court suits involve three local churches

A series of petitions filed last week in Circuit and Superior Courts involves three local Baptist churches.

They are Mount Winans First Baptist Church in Mount Winans, Gethsemane Baptist Church, 2320 Francis St., and Morning Star Baptist Church, 1063 W. Fayette St.

Six deacons of the Mount Winans First Baptist Church filed the petition in Circuit Court naming their former pastor, the Rev. Stuart C. Turner as defendant.

The document placed before the court by their attorney Alan H. Stocksdale, alleges that the Rev. Mr. Turner of the 1000 block Poplar Grove St., resigned as pastor on Oct. 24, 1966 with the resignation to become effective on Nov. 27. He had been pastor since 1964.

The petition says the minister has failed to comply with his letter of resignation and on Nov. 7 called a meeting of the congregation illegally and without proper notice.

At the time, the petitioners allege, another slate of deacons and officials was elected.

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ASKING THAT the court, under Maryland law, appoint a trustee to supervise another

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Resumes Tuesday

The AFRO series on the past, present and future of Maryland State College, "The Crisis on the 'Sho," will resume Tuesday.

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