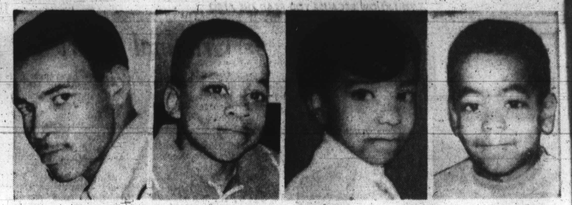
DONATION — At a special ceremony Tuesday evening at the YMCA branch, 1619 Druid Hill Ave., Ricardo C. Turner, left, director of the Teen Center Project, an activity sponsored by Operation Champ under the Model Cities Progam, presented a grant of $6,000 to the Druid Hill YMCA to provide 1-year memberships in tre 'Y' for 600 boys and girls between the ages of 13 and 18. Also present at the ceremony were Dr. Robert J. Hill, Mrs. Enolia McMillan, Robert Marshal, and John H. Henderson, Druid Hill YMCA branch executive.



FAMILY — The family of Mrs. Angelis Cole is pleased that she is active in little theater work. They are, L to R, S/Sgt. Raymond Cole, Malcolm, 16, LaRae, 7, and Raymond Cole Jr. (Nick), 5.

New health care center opens doors

The West Baltimore Community Health Center, designed to provide comprehensive prepaid health care to Medicaid patients, has opened its doors in temporary quarters at Bon Secours Hospital at 2025 W. Fayette St.

The center is one of three such institutions approved last January by the state Department of Health and Mental Hygiene as a means of reducing the cost of providing care to Medicaid patients.

A clinic operated by the Greater Baltimore Medical Center opened last month, the third center, which will be affiliated with the Johns

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Baltimore mother enjoys theatre work in Germany

A native Baltimorean is finding the opportunity to do what she really likes, though she is thousands of miles from home and in a foreign land.

The wife of Sgt. Raymond Cole, now stationed in Hanau, Germany, with the 14th Supply and Service Bn, Angelis Cile has been in love with the theater all her life.

Now, while her husband defends democracy, Mrs. Cole is active in the Hanau Entertainment Center little theater, having started her Army theater career at Ft. Bragg in 1967.

The mother of three, she finds time to devote many hours to acting and backstage work at the theater. She feels the theater is something the Army community needs, as there is a shortage of entertainment for the troops stationed there.

"We have to get the GIs and everyone else within a 20-mile radius out to help us," she says. "People here need a little theater. Sometimes GIs go to the movies twice a night because there's nothing else for them to do."

There is, however, something else for Mrs. Cole to do. Her three children, Malcolm, 10, LaRae, 7, and Nick, 5, keep her busy when she isn't working in the theater.

Both Angelis Cole and her husband grew up in Baltimore. She attended Dunbar High School and he went to Douglass. Both still have relatives here.

Mrs. Frances Adams, Raymond's mother, lives at 1728 N. Bentalou and Angelis' mother, Mrs. Catharine Skinner, lives in East Baltimore.

Mrs. Cole says she got her start in theater at the age of 12, when she gave a funeral oration in an oratorical contest and won first prize. She later dreamed of being a professional actress, but gave that up by 1961.

"I wanted a career in the theater but I didn't have any connections," she says. "It just didn't look like I was going to get anywhere." Then, she goes on, she found the theater at Ft. Bragg and "a whole new world opened up."

STAGE-STRUCK — Mrs. Angelis Cole is wrapped up in little theater work in Hanau, Germany, where her husband is stationed with the Army.

Youth given life, friends nearly clash

A fight nearly broke out in the corridor outside of Criminal Court Part I Tuesday after 19-year-old Frankie Askins was sentenced to life imprisonment in the shotgun shooting of Bernard W. Mitchell.

Witnesses and friends of both the victim and the defendant screamed accusations and profanity at each other as they filed out of the courtroom.

"You instigated this murder," a woman shouted to a young man being pulled away by friends. Police officers of the Supreme Bench gathered in the hall to prevent the impending clash between the two groups.

Mr. Askins of the 2200 block Allendale St. was charged with shooting Mr. Mitchell on the night of his 50th birthday.

The State declared that the youth was waiting armed with the shotgun in the 3400 block Walbrook Ave., when a drinking companion lured the victim out of a bar.

Prosecutor Sandra O'Connor, said that when Mr. Mitchell and the woman companion reached the "bushes" where Mr. Askins was, the defendant jumped out and demanded money.

Mitchell is said to have thrown coins on the ground, announced that he was also armed whereupon Mr. Askin promptly shot him in the chest.

The alleged woman accomplice is scheduled to be tried later.

Registration drive for voters set

Initial public planning for a mammoth, city-wide voter registration drive will be aired at 8 p.m. Tuesday at Union Baptist Church, Druid Hill near Dolphin St.

All interested citizens and organizational representatives are invited to this meeting being conducted by the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) of the Volunteer Services Department of the Community Action Agency.

Mrs. Madeline W. Murphy, organization training officer, will present a detailed program for the voter registration campaign, asking that citizens from all walks of life be present and ready with whatever their comments, corrections and revisions.

Mrs. Murphy points out that this campaign is necessary prior to the fall mayoralty elections, because there has been no review of the registrants in Baltimore since 1968.

Moreover, she reminds the census tracts for 1970 show a shifting population, which may not have been reflected in the records of the Supervisors of Elections.

"The election of 1970 with their attendant confusion, mix-up in records, untrained registrars," Mrs. Murphy said, "testifies to the fact that there is a need for a canvass of the city voters, and in most cases a concerted, concentrated drive to register voters.

Purpose of the program as how drawn falls into

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FROM PATUXENT

Inmate's letter hits judge, then asks his forgiveness

Milton McCray is a 40-year-old inmate of Patuxent Institution, who is serving a 15-year sentence for 2nd degree murder. He calls himself "The Blackhawk."

As The Blackhawk, Mr. McCray first came to the attention of criminal court Jrdge Albert Sklar in February when the jurist received word that Judge Gilbert Prendergast had received a letter from Mr. McCray which ordered:

"Do not under any circumstances assign any of my future writs, petitions, papers, etc. to Judge Albert Sklar.

"I shall never forget what he is doing to me. All these delays has destroy (sic) my family but as sure as there is a tomorrow I shall rise above this.

"And when I do I shall devote my life to his destruction.

"He is a fool. No man takes advantage of The Blackhawk. I will show him that he is not God.

"That he will answer to me, I have spoken."

The letter was signed, "The Blackhawk" and in a postscript inside of brackets was the comment "So you think this is a foolish move, ha, ha."

Mr. McCray, who has an extensive record of robbery, larceny, forgery and other crimes, was declared a defective delinquent in 1970 and committed to Patuxent Institution.

A spokesman for Judge Sklar told the AFRO, "We've gotten several letters from Mr. McCray. Most of them were just ravings which we ignored."

However, after several weeks of declaring openly that he intended to "kill" Judge Sklar and "all of those who aid him," an official of Judge Sklar's office revealed the most recent Blackhawk letter which began:

"Very, very, very, very respectfully yours." The letter concluded with, "If I have done or said anything which offends you I am sorry. Your forgiveness is sincerely desired."

"We answered this letter," the spokesman said, "it deserved an answer."

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Last day of registration prior to mayoralty general election, Oct. 4, 1971.

Mayoralty general election, Nov. 2, 1971.

Books reopen for registration and change of affiliation, Nov. 18, 1971.

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

Remember, 18-year-olds can register to vote NOW too.

Absentee Ballot Dates

Deadline for receipt of absentee voting application for primary election, Sept. 3, 1971.

Deadline for receipt of absentee voting application for general election, Oct. 22, 1971.

Student Bill Of Rights ready for School Board

"A student bill of rights is sorely needed. Unless student rights are codified and clearly stated, there is a tremendous potential for abuse."

Maurice Macklas, City College student and member of the Student Rights Organization, was speaking of a bill which will be presented to the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners.

The group plans to submit its program at the board meeting set for Thursday, April 22 at 4 p.m. at the Barclay Elementary School.

Gregory McNair, City College; and Ann Hamburger, Northwestern High, will make the presentation.

The Student Rights Organization, which has been meeting since July, 1970, has involved over 100 students from 10 different schools in drafting the bill to delineate student rights.

Some of the issues the bill deals with are the right to:

Uncensored expression in speech, essays, publication, pictures and symbols,

Individual choice regarding personal appearance,

Peaceably demonstrate, picket, petition, assemble, and organize on school grounds, as long as it doesn't directly interfere with classes,

An equal voice in formulating rules on student behavior,

Due process in disciplinary and investigative procedures,

Protection against disclosure of school records, without consent.

In addition, the bill establishes three Boards, at each school each consisting of two students and two faculty members, elected by their respective bodies, and

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Youth Council to meet here

Initial conference of the newly created Governor's Youth Advisory Council will be held Saturday at the Baltimore Hilton Hotel, with Gov. Marvin Mandel as 11:45 featured luncheon speaker.

The day-long conference begins with registration at 8:30 a.m. and ends with a box dinner and dance at the Fifth Regiment Armory starting at 6 p.m.

In between, there will be a morning meeting under supervision of Mrs. Rita C. Davidson, secretary, Department of Social Services, under whose auspices the council will function.

Following will be committee meetings after the Mandel address, and later a bus tour preceding the dinner and dance.

Correction

In the AFRO magazine section on Tuesday we had in the page one story the Rev. Moses Smith, pastor of Zion Baptist Church. It should have been the Rev. Moses Williams. The AFRO regrets the error.

MUNICIPAL COURT

'Only the faces change, crimes are always same'

"Only the faces change, the crimes are always the same," a 22-year veteran observer of court procedures stated as Municipal Court proceedings at Central Police Station came to an end Wednesday.

The morning session of Judge Robett Gerstung's court had concluded with the court tallying $550 in fines and $30 in court costs.

The final case had ended with Judge Gerstung admitting that he is a "pessimist" as he found Eric Dean Harris guilty of trespassing at the Franklin St. YMCA and handing down a $100 fine.

The fine, the judge said, "is to be paid by May 18, that's my birthday. If you don't pay it I promise you you will go to jail and serve 30 days.

"I'm giving you an incentive which is probably something you've never had in your life. You go to work and pay this fine. I don't believe you're going to jail."

Mr. Harris resides in the 800 block N. Carey St. and was charged by a "Y" security officer with trespassing, "because," according to the officer, "I caught him sleeping in the rooms on several occasions."

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Earlier proceedings had seen Edward F. Barksdale sentenced to one year in prison for possession of "paraphernelia" which is used in administering illicit narcotics.

Mr. Barksdale, 2200 block Linden Ave., was also given a $300 fine, three years probation and $10 court costs.

David Baker, 3000 block Elgin Ave. was charged with disorderly conduct for, according to police testimony "going up and down the street, door to door knocking and cursing people."

Judge Gerstung fined Mr. Baker $50.

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Baltimore Afro-American

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'WE HEARD A BANG, HE WAS LYING THERE'

Church Slaying Shocks Community

SCENE OF SHOOTING — St. Katharine's Church in 2500 block E. Preston St., where Bernard Melvin Johnson, 16, was fatally wounded when a shot was fired through a window into the basement room where a youth club dance was being held. Arrow indicates the side of the church where the shooting took place. Some of the hundreds of youngsters who viewed the body lying in state at the church are shown in the AFRO photo at left by Frank W. Phillips 3rd.

• Slain youth was Catholic Youth Leader

"No one inside knew what had happened except that we heard a bang and when the brights lights came on Bernie was lying on the floor."

Mrs. Bernice Washington, a chaperone, described the scene of the shooting incident last Saturday night which left 16-year-old Bernard Melvin Johnson fatally wounded during a youth club dance in the basement of St. Katharine's Catholic Church, 2500 block E. Preston St.

The death of the youngster shocked the East Baltimore community where he lived. Hundreds of neighbors, friends and classmates passed his bier and attended mass for him Thursday morning.

Contrary to usual Catholic practice, dozens of flowers flanked the altar.

Even though griefstricken, the slain youth's mother, Mrs. Margie Johnson, 1113 N. Kenwood Ave., recalled her son led a happy life.

She told the AFRO:

"He was just too good. He was so wonderful, so beautiful . . . we expected to lose him at an early age."

A junior at Archbishop Curley High School, Johnson had considered applying to Loyola College, Morgan State and Johns Hopkins University.

He was, his mother said, especially interested in Latin and religion, and "he wanted to come back and help people in his neighborhood."

She added, "He's lived that life." The boy was a scout leader and a member of various church groups; particularly, he was vice president of the Catholic Youth Organization at his church, St. Katherine's.

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It was during a CYO dance Saturday evening that the fatal shooting occurred.

Police report two boys apparently fired through a glazed street level window, intending to scare the approximately 60 young people inside.

Bernard Johnson, however, was fatally wounded. Arrested and charged with homicide are Larry Tucker and Carl Moss, both 15.

MR. AND MRS. BERNARD JOHNSON
"We know their burden is even greater than ours."

Mrs. Tucker, the mother of one of the suspects, visited the Johnson family Monday evening, "we wanted to tell them we have no ill feelings," said Mrs. Johnson, referring to the parents of the two boys. She added, "We feel that their burden is even greater than ours . . . We have such a beautiful memory."

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The entire Johnson family is active in church work, she went on. She herself, besides being coordinator of the choir, is active in various neighborhood organizations as well as being a children's aid at St. Katharine's School.

She left her job with the Social Security Administration to work at the school, in hopes of helping more children than just her own.

The Johnsons have three other sons, Kevin, 13, a student at Ralph Young School, David, 8, who attends St. Katharine's and Michael, 4, who goes to the Loving Care Day Nursery. Kevin, like his elder brother, is active in the CYO and in other church groups.

Bernard Johnson, father of the slain boy, is a lay corporator at St. Katharine's, as well as vice president of the parish council, and is a scout master. He has been employed by Modern Trashmoval for eight years.

• His parents console kin of accused

"We've always been an open family," Mrs. Johnson emphasized. "He leaves us satisfied that we were good parents to him, and happy that we had the chance to know him."

The slain youth's body lay in state at St. Katharine's until the Thursday rites. Burial was in the Baltimore Cemetery on Federal St. where, Mrs. Johnson remarked, "We can have him close to us. We have relatives who live right across the street from the cemetery, and we'll be able to look out the window and see where he rests."

Fellow students at Archbishop Curley High School spent after classes Wednesday afternoon to view the body and were dismissed from school Thursday morn-

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Race trouble brewing at Ft. Meade

Complaints and allegations of discriminatory treatment for black enlisted men and women at Ft. Meade continue to go generally unanswered by Post Commander Col. A. W. Alexander, despite the fact that a letter including enumerations of these complaints has been presented to the colonel.

A letter dated April 17 and addressed to Col. Alexander; Lt. Col. Elam Wright Jr., Chief of Staff; Maj. Betty Higgins, Commanding Officer of the WAC Company at Ft. Meade; Lt. Col. Herlihy, Commanding Officer of the U.S. Army Garrison there; Lt. Col. George Fountain, Equal Opportunity Officer, and Maj. K. T. Henry, Assistant to the Inspector General, invited all of those officers to attend a meeting with a loosely organized group of d-senters on Tuesday evening, April 20.

The only one who attended, however, was Maj. Henry, who told the blacks, according to a member of the group of protesters, that "prejudice is only in a person's mind." Most of the listeners left the meeting.

Among general complaints of fewer promotions and heavier punishments borne by black enlisted men were a few specific charges of harassment, including a description of an incident that allegedly occurred April 6:

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"A formation was called for the 44th Medical Brigade at approximately 1600 hours (4 p.m.). During the formation C.I.D. and Mili-

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Busing Ruled School-Mix Tool

By CHARLOTTE MOULTON

WASHINGTON (UPI) The Supreme Court has laid it on the line once more: state-imposed segregation in public schools must go.

Busing, rezoning, school pairing, pupil transfers — all of these are some of the means for providing black children with their constitutional right to an education equal to that of white children, the court said.

Desegregation of faculties, staff and extracurricular activities is a good place to start, it added.

The unanimous wide ranging opinion by Chief Justice Warren Burger Tuesday served notice the court is not retreating one inch from the historic school desegregation decision of 1954 even hough seven members of the 1954 court are no longer on the bench.

The landmark opinion 17 years ago by Burger's predecessor, Chief Justice Earl Warren, spoke in terms of great constitutional principles. The Burger decision dealt in specifics.

In he 1950s fw realcitran school boards were moved by the Warren rhtoric to fashion unitary school systems. President Dwight D. Eisenhower, who was then in office did little to promote the spirit of that ruling.

The Nixon Administration has been equivocal. It caused the government for the first time to part company with blacks seeking school unification.

In a special statement in 1970, President Nixon said, "The neighborhood school will be deemed the most appropriate base" for desegregation plans and, "Transportation of pupils beyond normal geographic school zones for the purpose of achieving ra-

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Phone tip leads law to suspects

Homicide detectives armed with shotguns raided a house in the 800 Blk. W. Fayette St. yesterday (Thursday) and arrested two men suspected of involvement with the murder of 22-year-old Mrs. Gloria Taylor last Monday.

An arrest warrant has been issued for a third suspect who was not at the Fayette St. address.

An anonymous tipster informed both the AFRO and the police that the suspects were "holed up" at the house and "expected to be there until Saturday."

Police say David Anthony Brown, 23, was at Mrs. Taylor's home at 1838 Homestead Monday about 5:30 p.m. when "the bell rang and Gloria went to open it."

Brown said he was in another room and that Mrs. Taylor was watching TV with a neighbor, Harold Felipa. When she opened the door, "three men walked in," Brown said.

He described them as between 21 to 26 years old.

One "stood 5' 10", wore an orange and gray knit

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AME meeting ends here at Bethel Sunday

The 155th Session of the Baltimore Conference of the AME Church will end Sunday with worship services, consecration, ordinations and the reading of appointments at Bethel AME Church, Druid Hill Ave. and Lanvale St., beginning at 11 a.m.

For the past week, activities highlighting the conference have gathered political, civic and religious leaders from far and near to participate.

The host church for the Conference was Waters, but because of extensive renovation there, Trinity AME saw the opening of the General Sessions Wednesday morning at 10:15 a.m. The Rev. Melvin C. Swann is pastor of Waters.

An estimated 1,000 delegates and visitors from Md., Va., N.C. and D.C. attended the opening session with the annual sermon, given by the Rev. Dr. Wal-

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105 Ladies Now Running In New AFRO Crossing Guard Contest

The total number of contestants in the new AFRO Favorite Crossing Guard Contest has zoomed to 105, with the front runner, Mrs. Louise Lawson, polling 29,500 votes.

Following her are Mrs. Dorothy Butler with 16,100 votes, Mrs. Lucy Hinton with 12,400, Mrs. Gertrude Boone with 10,200 and Mrs. Sandra M. Johnson with 10,000.

It's still possible to enter your favorite guard if her name is not on the following list. Just send in 50 or more votes in her name and she will be a contender.

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All votes received by the AFRO, 628 N. Eutaw St. by noon Wednesdays will appear in the Friday edition, and those received after noon Wednesdays and before 5 p.m. Fridays will appear in the following Tuesday's edition. Check paper to see how your favorite crossing guard is doing.

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All 105 contestants en-

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Supreme Court rules abortion should be legal

The Supreme Court, by a 5-4 vote, upheld Wednesday the District of Columbia abortion statute against a challenge that it was unconstitutionally vague.

The challenged language — similar to that in laws of many states — says that an abortion is legally permissible only if "necessary for the preservation of the mother's life or health."

In an array of six opinions expressing a variety of views, the court emphasized that the vagueness issue was the only one considered.

The reason for confining the ruling within narrow bounds was that Federal Judge Gerhard A. Gesell relied on the vagueness rationale when dismissing the indictment of Dr. Milan Vultch, a Yugoslav immigrant who has been crusading for more liberal abortion policies.

Challenges of abortion statutes in several states are on the court's docket.

The majority opinion by Justice Hugo L. Black reversed Gessell's ruling that the law was too vague.

Joining Black were Chief Justice Warren E. Burger and Justices John M. Harlan, Byron R. White and Harry A. Blackmun.

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Joneses Are White House Guests

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Jones were White House guests on Sunday morning.

"It was the first time I had been there. It was a beautiful morning in the East Room. The President remembered me. I met him here in Baltimore during the campaign last year," Mr. Jones told the AFRO.

The Baltimore businessman and GOP leader revealed, "President Nixon said to me, 'you were for Beall. We put him over, didn't we?'"

"I said, 'yes, we certainly did.'"

Reference was to election of GOP U.S. senator from Maryland, J. Glenn Beall Jr., who defeated incumbent Democrat, Joseph D. Tydings in the November, 1970 elections.

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Mr. Jones is city chairman of Baltimore Republicans and state treasurer.

He is employed as district manager of the Supreme Life Insurance Co.

Mrs. Jones (Emma), is an English teacher at the Herring Run Junior High.

Also guests at the Sunday morning White House church services were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Frazier. He is world's heavyweight champion.

After a sermon by the Rev. Dr. Carl W. Haley, pastor of Arlington First United Methodist Church, the President and his guests had coffee and walked in the Rose Garden.

— E. M. MOSS

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