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Usher Tells How He Saw Church Holdup In A Dream

By M. BERNARDINE MYLES

An usher says his dream helped to foil the robbery of the Life Evangelical Church, 3300 block Garrison Boulevard.

According to the pastor, the Rev. Luther Carroll, Wendell Whitehurst, an usher at the church, had a dream of the same attempted robbery which took place at his church, Sunday night, near 11 p.m.

Mr. Whitehurst, one of the major apprehenders of the alleged robber, William T. Corley (alias Robert Presley), 18, 4000 block Bonner Rd., says he fought with the accused and "everything fell right in place just like I dreamed."

The Rev. Mr. Carroll told the AFRO actually two young men entered the church at the end of Sunday services, after the collection had been taken up and benediction was said.

One robber stationed himself at the end of the church, while the other ran down the aisle to the altar, where the collection plate was being held by a usher.

The robber approached a lady kneeling at the foot of the altar, Mrs. Joyce Chandler, 4100 block W. Chester Rd., and demanded the collection.

The Rev. Mr. Carroll told this reporter the intruder took the collection plate and attempted to run out of the church when he seemed to note there was only a portion of the money that should have been there.

According to the Rev. Mr. Carroll, the assailant then returned to the altar and asked Mrs. Chandler, "Where is the rest of the money?" and then fired at both the pastor and Mrs. Chandler.

According to the usher, Mr. Whitehurst, the other robber then fled the church.

Mr. Whitehurst told the

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CHURCH HOLDUP SCENES — The Life Evangelical Church, Garrison Blvd. at Forest Park Ave., (left). (Center) Pastor, the Rev. Luther Carroll, points to bullet hole at the foot of the altar. (Right) heroic ushers Wendell Whitehurst and Daniel W. Chandler describe the unprecedented incident to AFRO reporter, Miss M. Bernardine Myles. A woman usher was kneeling at the altar with the collection plate in her hands when the gunman demanded the offering.

ICE CREAM MAN ROBBED OF $190
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NO STRIKE BY TEACHERS YET
(Inside)

Dope Charges Bring $71,000 Bail

Birth Rate Decline In 1966 Brings Small Kindergarten Classes Here

$71,000 total bail for two

The month of August was "fruitful" for the STOP Squad as far as bagging narcotics violators is concerned.

A total of 630 bags of dope were recovered from 23 suspects with the total street-level price of the illicit drugs estimated at nearly $10,000.

To head the squad, Sgt. William F. Stanley succeeded Major James Watkins at his promotion to head of Police Community Relations Division.

Sgt. Raymond E. Lrick is second in command of the crack team of officers investigating everything from dope to homicide. Included in the group is the "Mod Squad."

Latest arrests on Aug. 30 netted an estimated $1,000 worth heroin and cocaine from two suspects Sgt. Stanley describes as "major distributors" in the 1200 block N. Fremont Ave. area and West Baltimore.

Roger Junior Bryant, 39, 300 block N. Schroeder St. is under $56,000 bail and Kemp Bernard McCray, 36, 2000 block W. Mulberry, under $12,000 bail, each for charges of deadly weapon, possession and distribution of illicit drugs. They await grand jury action.

McCray is described by

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ROGER JUNIOR BRYANT

KEMP BERNARD McCRAY

Mother grieves over son in church holdup

"I was just so shocked I didn't know what to do. He said he was with a friend who had been with him all evening. As soon as they got near the church all the people were running out. They just grabbed him. Somebody said, 'There he goes. There he goes.'"

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The grieving mother of Willie Thomas Corley, 19, 4000 block Bonner Rd., shared with the AFRO her sorrowful lamentations on the arrest of her son Sunday night for robbery of a Garrison Blvd. church.

Mrs. Charlotte Presley Henderson related, "He had hoped to attend the Community College of Baltimore this fall. Just this week he had been studying for a high school diploma. Lord knows I can't believe he did it.

In a preliminary hearing at Northwestern Station Monday morning, Willie, whose mother described

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Mrs. C. P. Henderson "I tried to be a decent mother"

Birth drop felt in schools here

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

A few years ago a cartoon pictured small school children studying at desks stacked up like bunk beds on three and four tiers, to give idea how crowded classrooms were then.

This year, the picture is changing and authorities credit the breathing space in kindergartens especially

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Miss Gloria Jean Johnson pretty engineer at Bethlehem Steel

Beauty is engineer at Point

By PAM WIDGEON

Miss Gloria Jean Johnson, has been promoted to engineer in the metallurgical department at Bethlehem Steel. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Johnson of E. Lafayette Ave.

Born in Baltimore, Miss Johnson was graduated from Western High School and Morgan State College,

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Holiday weather to be 'not too bad'

The weather forecast for the up-coming weekend, Friday through Sunday, is sunny, with a possibility of a few scattered thundershowers.

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Therefore, the last holiday of the summer season may have a few wet spots, but hopefully not enough to rain out traditional picnics and outings for this time of the year.

OPEN

Friday, Sept. 3, all traffic and District courts as well as the Supreme Bench courts.

Garbage collection will take place on Friday and Saturday as usual.

All banks as well as Pratt libraries will be open

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THE MYSTERY OF MRS. MERCHANT'S DEATH

Neighbors fear killer of Eastside matron will return

By PAUL EVANS

Women residents of the 400 block E. 22nd St. where 16 days ago Mrs. Delores Louise Merchant, 42, was found dead by her husband, remain troubled and fearful since the murderer has not been caught.

Two neighboring housewives told the AFRO they feel someone near "knows who did it."

Both women said, "The horrifying thing is whoever it is is still out there. We

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Mrs. Delores L. Merchant

WHEN SHE WAS A MODEL—Beauteous Eastside matron, Mrs. Delores Louise Merchant, 42, is shown in a photo given to the AFRO by her husband when she was a model as the "Spirit of Christmas" in a play at a large downtown department store. Santa Claus is behind her.

Dr. Patterson's Sept. 7 meeting to be televised

Dr. Roland N. Patterson, the pleasant, soft-spoken but dynamic new superintendent of Public Instruction from Seattle, Washington will preside at the Annual Superintendent's Staff Meeting Tuesday, Sept. 7 at 8 p.m.

During the session at the 3 East 25th St. headquarters, he will talk with administrators, teachers, students and parents.

At the televised occasion, he will discuss his philosophy on education; his attitudes and hopes concerning urban education; the educational job to be done in Baltimore and specific objectives for the up-coming year.

Sections of the program also deal with the opening of new schools and the development of programs.

The occasion provides excellent opportunity for every person connected with or concerned about public education in Baltimore to hear the new superintendent.

The entire program will be telecast Tuesday, Sept. 7 at 8 p.m. on WMAR-TV, Channel 2 and Sunday, Sept. 12 at 2 p.m. on WJZ-TV, Channel 13.

FIRST AND ONLY IN THE NATION are the young, black and beautiful District Court Commissioners named by Judge John Hargrove and approved by Chief Judge Robert Sweeney. The youthful jurists' average age is 27 years. Both Judge Sweeney and Judge Hargrove are under 50 in age. The modern-day judges who will sit Saturdays and Sundays in Baltimore courts are (BOTTOM) Bobby Williams Jr.; Miss Alfreda Wiggins, first woman jurist; Alonzo P. Hairston. (TOP) Jimmie L. Foxworth, Robert Robinson, Charles B. Marshall Jr., and Walter Taylor. Not shown is the eighth black ful jurists', average age is 27 years. Both Judge juist, John Patterson.

HIGH RISE LIVING

Slow elevators and the stench of urine

By JOHN H. MURPHY III

It seems like just yesterday when I was the guest speaker on the program dedicating the George B. Murphy Homes.

I remember how proud I felt as Dick Steiner, then director of Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing Agency gave me and other concerned citizens a red carpet tour of this beautiful high rise housing facility.

It was a giant step forward in upgrading housing conditions for low income families in Baltimore.

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Mr. Steiner has often used this poem by Robert Ford who was then in the 4th grade when he talked about Urban Renewal:

Urban Renewal brings many joys.
Everybody works even

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New schools ready for next week

The 10 million new Walbrook High School off Walbrook Juncton will open with an expected 2,200 9th and 10th graders Tuesday.

The $10.4 million Southwestern Junior-Senior High School at 200 Font Hill Ave. in the Frederick Rd. area is also ready for its expected 1,675 pupils in grades seven through 10.

However, Lake Clifton High at St. Lo Drive in the Clifton Park area, the most modern in the nation at

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103 YEARS OLD — Mrs. Sarah Gross, of 1800 block North Ave., recently celebrated her 103rd birthday at a birthday party in her honor at the Garrison Lounge. See story inside by Pam Widgeon.

NOTICE
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