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# Bob Marshall's Death Stuns Community

## *VD epidemic now is high among teenaged Baltimoreans*

By WILLIAM EGYIR

John Supinski, project co-ordinator of Venereal Diseases Control Division, told the AFRO early this week that venereal diseases (syphilis and gonorrhea) are in epidemic proportions.

In the weekly report of the division, statistics show the diseases rank higher than any other infections with 9,668 cases so far recorded for 1971. Many cases go unrecorded.

A majority of cases is found to be among local teenagers.

Last year 10.079 cases of gonorrhea were reported. The report also indicates 247 cases of syphilis were reported within the same period..

Mr. Supinski said further, "The situation has been epidemic since a screening test was first conducted on females in 1968."

He pointed out that many females have the disease without knowing they have it.

Of the 15,000 women screened in 1968, Mr. Supinski observed, about five per cent had the disease.

He said before 1968 less than 1,000 cases were reported each year. But the number has soared higher since with about 3,700 cases of women being reported last year.

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Indications are that the diseases are on the increase with each passing day. Commenting on the reasons for the increase Mr. Supinski stated:

"One reason is high rate of immorality and promiscuity among the youth.

"One other factor is the presence of the pill among the youth. You see, they can make love without conception."

Mr. Supinski also said gonorrhea is proving difficult to cure because the resistance rate of the disease is proving greater.

Educational approach, screening of both men and females are some of the steps the division is taking to minimize the spread of theh diseases.

Mr. Supinski noted that there is no real effective method of curing the disease now and "unless the laboratories come out with any potential cure there is no other means of controlling the disease.

He stressed the need for education among the youth since it has been found that the highest rate of gonorrhea cases is found among young men and women between 16 and 24 years of age.

"Half of the gonorrhea problem is found among those of this age group and if the spread of these diseases can be curbed then there is need for education in schools and among the youth in general," he stated.

Meanwhile, a Veneral Disease Task Force has been formed by the Maryland Department of Health and


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## Minister's son on probation

Oliver St. Claire (Butch) Franklin Jr., 26, a former public affairs director of the Governor's Commission on Law Enforcement, was found guilty of narcotic violations on Wednesday in Criminal Court.

The brilliant young man is the son of Rev. Dr. O. St. Clair Franklin Sr., former pastor of Mt. Zion Methodist Church in Baltimore and now a pastor of a Washington church.

Mr. Franklin pleaded guilty to the second count of an indictment which alleged he sold marihuana to an undercover policeman in October, 1970, in the 1200 block N. Calvert St.

The defendant admitted under testimony before Judge James W. Murphy he purchased marihuana valued at $100 for the former high school friend, who he did not realize was acting as an undercover policeman.

Judge Murphy imposed a two-year prison sentence, but suspended it and placed Mr. Franklin on three years probation.

However, he denied a request by Defense Attorney Larry S. Gibson, that the court use a statute


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## Rep. Mitchell seeks to aid Tenn. inmates

After learning that 24 black inmates of the Tennessee State Prison in Nashville were moved to a maximum security prison after seeking extensive prison reforms, Congressman Parren J. Mitchell (D-7) requested a Congressional investigation.

Rep. Mitchell asked Rep. Emanuel Celer, cairman of the Judiciary Committee, to institute an investigation since state prisons receive federal funds.

Nov., 13 Rep. Mitchell toured the prison and talked to members of the "Prison Activitist Group for Reform," that had written a 13-point reform


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SHOWN AT SENIOR PROM with wife, Mrs. Margie Ferguson, then his high school sweetheart is Vernon Ferguson, 23, slain Monday in a shooting spree, which killed four others at the PPG Industries. The young couple was married in 1968 after graduating from Edmondson High School.

## *Slain PPG worker's family has sorrowful Thanksgiving*

It was the saddest Thanksgiving the Ferguson family has ever known.

Funeral services were held for Vernon Ferguson, 23, at 1 p.m. today (Friday) in the Evergreen A.M.E. Church at 3342 Old Frederick Rd. with the Rev. Robert Lane officiating.

The wake was held Thursday (Thanksgiving Day) in the chapel of the Morton and Dyett Funeral Home, the Rev. George Smith, pastor of the First Mount Winans Baptist Church officiated.

A young father, of three, Mr. Ferguson was killed Monday at the PPG Industries in the 3200 block of Frederick Rd. where he was employed when according to police a fellow employee, Raymond D. Ferrell-el, went on a shooting rampage. Four others were slain.

The AFRO talked to Mrs. Margie Ferguson, 23, at her mother's home in the 100 block of S. Hilton St. on Thanksgiving Eve.

She stated that she did not learn of her husband's death until 4 p.m. Monday.

"I was the last one to know. Everybody knew except me. My husband's brother called and told us to come to the hospital.

"When we got there my sister-in-law had a sad look on her face. Then the doctor came and told us


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RAYMOND D. FERRELL-EL
*charged by the grand jury in PPG slayings*

## Bob Marshall was a friend every Baltimorean will miss

BULLETIN

Mrs. Robert C. Marshall, wife of the dead City Councilman, told the AFRO this morning (Friday), "I will take his seat at City Hall, I will be present at the next meeting on Monday. I am stronger now. I think I shall make it. At least I hope so."

The request that Mrs. Marshall fill the term which expires Dec. 8, the eve the new Council is sworn in on Thursday, Dec. 9, was made by Dr. Emerson R. Julian, the other 4th District councilman.

Mrs. Victorine Adams, the 4th District councilwoman, told the AFRO this morning "My mind has beenfilled with such shock and thinking of the Councilman's beautiful children, I have not concentrated on anything else. However, if Mrs. Marshall wishes to take the seat, I will do nothing to stand in her way."

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Mrs. Adams, Dr. Julian and Mrs. Mary B. Adams will go in as the new 4th District Councilmen on Dec. 9.

Funeral services for Mr. Marshall, born Feb. 29, 1931, will be held Monday 12 noon at Enon Baptist Church, Edmondson Ave. and Schroeder St., with the Rev. Arthur J. Payne,


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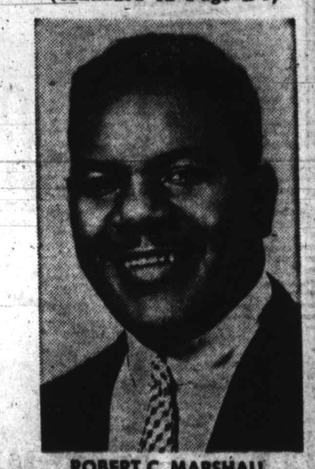

ROBERT C. MARSHALL
*4th District City Councilman dies suddenly*

## The Marine who had two wives

A wife who discovered her husband was married to someone else at the same time, was granted a divorce on the grounds of fraud last week.

As a consequence, Mrs. Doris A. (Campbell) Dowery, 27, Wash., has been granted a divorce from her husband William C. Dowery, Jr., 31.

Judge Meyer M. Cardin signed the decree on Nov. 19.

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Documents before the court showed Mr. Dowery was not divorced from his first wife until three years after he separated from


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## Everyone loved, needed Bob Marshall

When the AFRO gathered statements of citizens shortly after the death Wednesday evening of City Councilman Robert Marshall, without exception, each person expressed love for him.

They also told how great the need of the community is for a person "like Bob Marshall."

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Congressman Parren J. Mitchell "I don't know of a single man who worked harder for little people trying to get jobs for them, trying to look out for their


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## 66,494

Last week the AFRO went into 66,494 homes in Baltimore. Don't miss regular delivery every Tuesday and Friday. Call 728-8200 for prompt Home Delivery.

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## Many new helpers for Mrs. Santa

"I hope everyone had a pleasant Thanksgiving holiday," said AFRO's Mrs. Santa, who in real life is Marie Phillips Cooke, "but let us not forget those families who had to go without a turkey witr all the trimings and look forward to having a pretty sad Christmas," she added.

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The Mrs. Santa campaign, which is sponsored solely by AFRO Charities, Inc., P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md., 21203,


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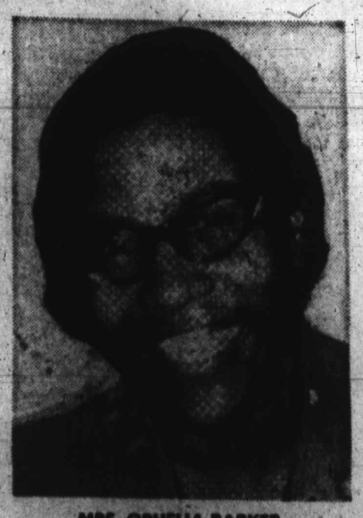
MORE MONEY — The A and D Booking Promotional Agency gives Mrs. Santa's helper a check for $100. (l. to r.) are Rod Armstrong, Mrs. Santa's helper, (Miss Pam Widgeon) and William Donaldson.

# WOMEN IN THE NEWS TODAY

MRS. VICTORIA SAUNDERS
*Is a kidney transplant recipient who is helping other City Hospitals kidney patients buy a dialysis machine.* (STORY BACK PAGE)

MRS. HELEN E. MACKALL
*an heroic school crossing guard has won the thanks of her friends who are naming a park after her.* (STORY BACK PAGE)



MRS. OPHELIA PARKER
*is most happy this Thanksgiving for she has been able to be a foster mother to over 200 children.* (STORY BACK PAGE)

MISS LYNN LORENE WILLIS
*is attending the White House Conference for the Aging. She is a Forest Park High School senior.* (STORY BACK PAGE)

CHANTEL DENNISE ROANE
*1-year-old and motherless is thankful for the loving kindness of her grandmother, Mrs. Anita Fields.* (PICTURES BACK PAGE)