GRACE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH'S Thanksgiving Banquet was held in the Morgan State College Refectory, Thursday evening. At left is the Rev. William T. Peters, Jr., pastor of the church. At center is seen some of the guests who attended, and at right is Mrs. Lois Stair, who was speaker.

In our Churches

By PAM WIDGEON

Churches are invited to send news of special church activities to this column which will print it free of charge. Readers are also invited to send this column copies of their church programs.

Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1116 N. Gilmorwill celebrate their 8th annual youth crusade Nov.26, 28.

Onfriday night, 8 p.m. the Rev. Bob Coleman will be the guest speaker On Saturday at 8 p.m. there will be special platform services. Services will be held on Sunday at 12:00. The Young People's choir will celebrate their 3rd anniversary on Sunday.

Richard Gale is chairman , Charles Williams, co-chairman. The Rev. mrs. Ruth wneal is pastor.

Oak Street A.M.E. IQHURCH, 347 N. Howard St., will observe theiiith a nual homecoming and marcoming and mortgage burning service on Sunday.

Mrs. Shelia Scott, chairman, Mrs. Moses Wims, trasurer; Miss wjoan Wilson, co-chairman, the Rev. Joh wp. wilson is pastor.

Trinity Baptist CHURCH WILL WORSHIP WITH Mt. P.EASANT BaptistChurch tn Sunday. The Rev. Clifford wjohnso is pastor of Mt. Pleasant. The Rev. Cal Washington, pastor of Trinity will be the speaker.

New Mount Calvary A.M.E. Chuch, will have dedication services on Sunday, 3 p.m. Seaborne Turner is chairman of trusteezoard, the Rev. Reginald Boston is pastor.

The yuth council of Faith Baptist Church will jelebrate their 12th annual youth conference on wsaturday.

Their theme is "Christian youthfacing social problems in a world of conflict" Miss Mendele Wright is chairman, Miss wmelodye Hardy, council president, Mrs. Estelle H. Parker chairman of youth committee., The Rev. Walter E. Paige is pastor.

BURIED — Mrs. Beruice Elizabeth Ward, longtime member of Allen AME Church, was given last rites there on Monday and buried in Arbutus Memorial Park. Mrs. Ward 65, was wife of Sahuel Ward, and mother of Harry Bruce, public school physical education supervisor. She is also survived by a stepson, Andrew Ward.

Holiday recalls spiritual basis of Thanksgiving

By DR. GEORGE W. WILLIAMS SR.
Pastor Homestead United Methodist Church

The idea of Thanksgiving is much older than the Pilgrims. It goes back to the beginning of man's struggle for a new way of life.

I do not know when or where Moses wrote the book of Leviticus, but it must have been between the Red Sea and Jordan, during that period of wandering and sever trial for the Hebrews.

Perhaps it was after the voice of God was heard to say that that generation would not inherit the promised land and and Moses himself would not enter the land of Israel's hope.

The annointed leader dictates to his scribes who recorded for a world to read. "If he offers it for a Thanksgiving, then he shall offer it with the sacrifice of Thanksgiving." (Leviticus 7:12).

Here a new word was added to the Hebrew language. The psalmist picked up the thought and cried out to his generation. "O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good" (Psalm 107:1).

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Like the children of Israel, the Pilgrims left their Egypt of persecution in September 1620 with 102 persons in search of a new home. While the ship was still rocking at anchor, 41 men met in the cabin of the Mayflower and drew up and signed "The Mayflower Compact," the first American constitution.

The pilgrim Fathers went ashore in Dec. 1620 to give thanks to God. During the months that followed, they built huts and common dwelling houses, they suffered severely from cold and want of proper food, but never did they forget to give thanks.

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Despite the efforts of the Twentieth Century cynic to describe the Pilgrim Fathers as a group of dissatisfied fanatics, we feel that they are still worthy of our admiration.

After the persecutions at home, and the privations of the first New England winter, they laid the solid foundation for a new nation (America).

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The New World is older now, and we consider ourselves wise in scientific achievements like walking on the moon.

We even look back at our predecessors with a smug smile of superiority, telling ourselves that the world is fortunate to have such able successors.

We may or may not be wiser; we may or may not be more clever; few would say that we are more spiritually minded.

They set aside a day for Thanksgiving, and during the years our presidents, governors, and religious leaders have invited all Americans, wherever they are this day to thank God for his many blessings.

At least our wisdom has been sufficient to follow the lead of our Pilgrim Fathers to that extent.

The eternal aspiration brought forth by the religious sentiment in all Americans, wherever scattered in this universal desert of hot and cold wars, is to join our Pilgrim Fathers one day with eternal thanks before the Supreme Commander of the universe.

Let us again hear the cry of the Psalmist, 'O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endureth forever."

Says 'Living Stones' needed as much as church mosaics

It is of great importance and necessity that we gather stones to build temples to God, but it is of equal importance that individuals become living stones to the glory of God, Mrs. Lois Stair, said, here, Thursday evening.

Mrs. Stair, moderator of the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., was speaker at the Thanksgiving Banquet of Grace United Presbyterian Church, held in the Morgan State College Refectory.

The banquet was one in the series of affairs which is celebrating the entrance of the congregation in the new edifice at 2604 Banister Road.

In her travels in this country and about the world she has met many "living stones" worthy of emulation, the speaker said. She spoke of Mrs. Elaine Quarles, 24, who is working with young people, some of whom are drug addicts. She listed Gordon Ruth and Ruth Donaldson, now in India, who are assisting with amputees in a hospital in that city. Vance Nimrod, she said, is aiding young persons by developing a factory to make blue jeans in Mississippi.

Mrs. Stairs talked of Buddy Choy, who heads Cameron House, also a youth service, in San Francisco, Calif., and of Charlie Silva, who is working with the poor of Appalachia.

"These are the types of services that individuals must provide to become living sacrifices acceptable to God," Mrs. Stair admonished.

The speaker was introduced by the Rev. William R. Phillippe, Synod executive, Synod of the Chesapeake.

Other program participants included Carl Wagner, Jr., moderator of the Presbytery of Baltimore, who gave the invocation; the Rev. William T. Peters, Jr., pastor of Grace United Presbyterian Church; and the Rev. Fred M. Webber, associate Synod executive, who gave the benediction.

Guests at the head table included Daniel L. Spaulding, Mrs. James Mebane, who was general chairman for the affair, and Mr. MeBan, the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Phillipe, Dr. and Mrs. King V. Cheek, Charles Stevens, the Rev. Mr. Peters and Mr. and Mrs. Wagner, Jr.

Mrs. Marshall Bright is chairman of the series of celebrations marking the opening of the new church.

Rev. Phillips to speak at Bowie

Rev. Channing Phillips will lecture on "Community Power Structure" at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 2 in McKeldin Gymnasium, Bowie State College.

The lecture, free and open to the public, is the fifth in a series given in the course "Black Politics in the U.S." The speaker series, sponsored by the Political Science Department, seeks to broaden the student's viewpoint of Black politics.

The Rev. Mr. Phillips, President of the Housing Development Corporation, is a member of the Board of Directors for the Center for Community Change, and the Southern Elections Fund.

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10:45 A.M.—WORSHIP - SERMON BY THE PASTOR Music by GROUP No. 3
3:00 P.M.—ANNUAL FELLOWSHIP OF GROUP No. 3 —(ALL CHOIRS). SPECIAL GUEST:— REV. LAWYER L. SWINSON, Pastor, Choirs, and Congregation of New Metropolitan Baptist Church.
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9:30 A.M.—CHURCH SCHOOL
11:00 A.M.—MORNING WORSHIP SERMON BY THE REV. JOHN E. GOLDEN. Music by The SANCTUARY CHOIR and GOSPEL CHORUSES.
3:30 P.M.—ANNIVERSARY of The ALLEYNE CIRCLE The REV. NEAL J. GILCHRIST and MEMBERS of John Wesley A.M.E. Zion Church.
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9:15 A.M.—CHURCH SCHOOL
10:00 A.M.—OPEN HEART SERVICE
11:00 A.M.—SERMON BY REV. RICHARD OGLE
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School vaccine program begins Nov. 30

Commissioner of Health Robert E. Farber wrote the following to Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro III, Nov. 19:

"On November 30 the City Health Department will begin a follow-through school immunization program to reach unprotected preschool and school age children on a neighborhood-school basis.

"Protective vaccine will be available for children from age one through the third year of school and parents will be notified by letter from the school when a neighborhood immunization center will be set up at their school.

"While preliminary data from a recent city-wide survey indicates that many of Baltimore's children are adequately protected against polio, measles, rubella, diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough, a sizable number are still unprotected or only partially protected. It is this group that the City Health Department is now trying to reach through the school and neighborhood program."

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The Rev. Augusto Pluvioso, Assistant Priest
The Rev. Trevor Bentley, Assistant Priest
Mr. Maurice Murphy, Master of Music
First Sunday In Advent
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1971
ANNUAL MEN'S DAY
7:00 A.M.—Holy Communion
8:00 A.M.—Corporate Communion of Men and Boys— Followed by Breakfast Speaker Dr. Calvin Burnett President of Coppin State College
9:00 A.M.—Sung Eucharist and Sermon
10:40 A.M.—Church School
11:00 A.M.—Choral Eucharist and Sermon by Rector

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Slain worker

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that there was nothing that they could do and that he didn't suffer," added the widow.

Mrs. Gasque, Mr. Ferguson's mother-in-law, stated that he was a wonderful son-in-law, that she loved him just like she loved her daughter and that he was just like a son to her.

"Friday night, two days before he was killed, he asked me to sing a song for him. I sang "He's Sweet I Know," she stated.

With sadness in her voice she added, "He laid his head on the chair and cried because the song reminded him of his grandmother who is deceased."

Mrs. Ferguson sitting in a living room chair holding six-month old Rodney, told the AFRO about her young husband. "We went together for two years in high school and when we graduated from Edmondson we got married.

"My husband liked to cook and he liked to watch football. He was in the Marine Corps for two years and had just been released in March.

He was very much against drugs too," she interjected.

Continuing, she stated, "He was a corporal in the service. He was stationed in North Carolina and worked as a clerk typist.

"I have heard so many stories about how he was killed. At first we thought that he was shot in the leg or something.

'Then they said that he ran into a guy as he was coming out of the bathroom and was shot at close range. Anyway the doctor wouldn't let anybody see him at the hospital.

"My husband has never said anything about racial prejudice at the plant. He said that everybody got along real well and that there were no problems.

"The only thing he ever said about Mr. Ferrell-el was that he was very quiet and kept to himself.

He also said that once he was training him to do something but other than that he never said anything about the accused man.

"Ever since this happened, friends that we went to school with and haven't seen for a long time have been constantly calling.

"One of my friends called me from California and talked to me for 30 minutes and relatives have called from New York."

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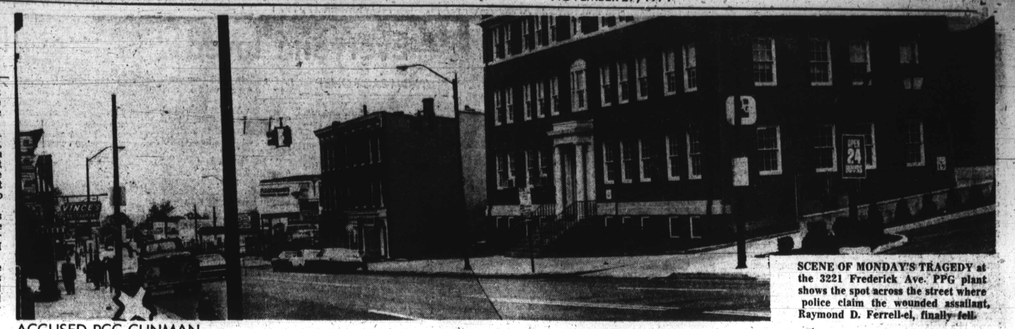
The AFRO left the home as the young widow began to dress her three children, left fatherless because of a shooting spree.

The other children are: Antoine, 4; and Torrey, 2.

In addition to his young wife and three sons, Mr. Ferguson is survived by his father, William J. Ferguson of N.Y.; his stepmother, Mrs. Mamie Ferguson; a sister, Mrs. Dorothea Tiller of N.Y. and four brothers, Jerome Dorsey and Augustus and Paul Ferguson and William all of Baltimore.



SCENE OF MONDAY'S TRAGEDY at the 3221 Frederick Ave. PPG plant shows the spot across the street where police claim the wounded assailant, Raymond D. Ferrell-el, finally fell.

ACCUSED PGG GUNMAN

Ferrell-el was victim of jokes, co-worker

What would make him do it?

Why did he shoot some people and not others?

These questions were asked over and over again at the Thanksgiving holiday but there were no answers.

No answers as to why 29-year-old Raymond D. Ferrell-el went on a gun rampage, killed five fellow workers and injured two other persons, including a police officer.

The Monday afternoon shoot-out shocked the city and fellow workers at the PPG Industries Inc., in the 3200 block Frederick Ave. in southwest Baltimore where Ferrell-el was known as a quiet worker with a good attendance record.

Police identified Ferrel-el as the man, armed with two shotguns, entered the small paint plant shortly after 2 o'clock and started shooting people.

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They report that when they arrived a bullet struck a police car and Patrolman Rayne A. Haydes was hit in the leg.

Ferrell-el was shot three or four times before he was subdued, police report. At St. Agnes Hospital, the suspect remained unconscious until late Wednesday.

Police have preferred eight charges—five counts of homicide, two assault to murder and one shooting an officer.

The shoot-out left 9 children fatherless. The victims were identified as:

Vernon Webster Ferguson, 23, 700 block Woodington Rd., 1966 Edmondson High graduate, father of 3 small children and a Marine vet. He was employed as shipping clerk.

Allen Ringley, 34, 4400 block Old Frededick Rd., handler in dipping department, married, no children.

Edward Yienger, 35, Glen Burnie, dipping operator married, 2 children.

William Cook Sr., 30, 300 block S. Fulton, material material handler, married, 4 children.

Martin Gilbert, 18, 3200 block Clarinda Ave., single a material handler who was employed the same day Ferrell-el was. He would have marked his 19th birthday on Nov. 17, two days after he was killed.

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The injured worker, still confined to St. Agnes Hospital, is Robert Lock, 45, 500 block S. Longwood St., machinist, married, 2 children. Mr. Lock is also president of the company union, Local 12978 International Union, District 50, Allied Technical Workers.

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Although a spokesman for the company told the AFRO that 'quite a few' of the plant's 230 workers are black an employee told the AFRO there had been some racial feeling there because of work assignment and lack of promotion. This spokesman put the number of black workers at not over 15.'

In the case of Fedrell-el, one worker told the AFRO he had been dissatisfied with his reassignment from the dipping room (where paint brushes are dipped) int a rear room.

'He would have to go back and forth through the dipping room where he once worked and they would tease him and pick on him. His job was putting holes in the handles of the brushes.

"Yes, he had had an argument with one of the men, but he was mad with the others because they made fun of him, and told those jokes."

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"I don't think he meant to kill Ferguson (Ed.: — the only black victim), but he came out of the bathroom as he was running with the guns.

"I know since this has happened things haven't been better. The day after, some of the white people were making remarks like, 'I understand he was a Muslim, I wonder if there are any more around,' and 'You know, all colored people look alike to me,' and other spide remarks like that."

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Another worker told the AFRO: "You'd think since this was tragedy which hurt us all people would be more charitable."

Police report that most of the persons slain worked in the dipping area where Ferrell-el had been employed since he joined the company in June 1971.

The company, formerly known as Pittsburgh Plate Glass, now PPG Industries Inc., makes paint brushes, chemicals, fibre glass,

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While mystery surrounds what caused the massive shoot-out, AFRO reporters found no mystery about the work experience and background of the accused man.

Ferrell-el, known as 'Raymond' to co-workers, was described as 'quiet' person by them and as one who did "satisfactory" work by a company spokesman.

Relatives told the AFRO, Ferrell-el was a Muslim, that he was born and reared in Baltimore, attended public schools and graduated from Douglass High (class of Feb. 1962).

From Feb. 1962-65, he served with an Army infantry unit as fifleman andmachine gunner. When discharged, he held the rank of Specialist 4.

Prior to joining the PPG plant in June 1971, Ferrell-el had been employed as teacher's aid at Lincoln Elementary School No. 141.

Before that he had attended a lithography school, worked with the Md. State Employment Service. He had been a lab assistant at Calvert Educational Center, and a greenhouse aid with the city's Horticulture Department.

His family includes his mother, Mrs. Sarah Ferrell, 2706 block Classen St., an active worker in the Muslim Church; five brothers, Charles, Joseph, James, Salome and Paul Ferrell; and three sisters, Mesdames Evelyn King, Shirley Bigelew and Elizabeth Young, all of Baltimore.

Mrs. Bernice E. Ward, longtime Allen member

Funeral services for Mrs. Bernice Elizabeth Ward, 65, 1663 Bakebury Ct., were held Monday at Allen AME Church, where she was a longtime active member. The Rev. Thomas C. Freeman officiated.

Mrs. Ward died Nov. 10.

A Baltimorean, she was the daughter of John and Bertha McCall. She was educated in the city public schools and joined Allen Church at the age of 13.

She served in the Sunday School, as secretary of the Quarterly Conference and belonged to the Usher Board and Trustee Auxiliary which she helped organize.

She was the first president of the Female Usher Board.

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In addition, she held membership in the Twains Club. She was noted as an outstanding homemaker and relatives relished her sweet potato souffle.

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Survivors are her husband, Samuel Ward; a son, Harry M. Bruce, supervisor of physical education in the city schools; a stepson, Andrew Ward.

Also, brothers, Rodney and Glenn McCall; sister, Mrs. Shirley Diggs; grandchildren, Michael and William Ward; and Karen and Michael Bruce; and two daughters-in-law, Mrs. Vivian Bruce and Mrs. Virginia Ward.

N.A.A.C.P. POSITIVE ACTION PROGRAM began this week with a neighborhood meeting in the 1700 block Ashburton St., sponsored by its Neighborhood self-improvement programs throughout the city. Shown from left to right are: Mrs. Christine Brooks, committee chairman; Mrs. Enolia McMillan, N.A.A.C.P. Branch President and Mrs Catherine Davis, committee co-chairman

Pen inmates had turkey

Congressman Parren J. Mitchel (7th-D), enlivened the atmosphere at the Penitentiary by joining the 1,100 inmates in Thanksgiving dinner Thursday.

The affair was relaxed as both Congressman and inmates did justice to roast turkey and trimings.

The gesture, according to the Baltimore Congressman, is designed to focus attention on prison reform which to him is long overdue.

At the dinner table itself there was much to eat.

The full course linner included roast turkey, giblet gravy, bread dressing, gren peas, mashed potatoes, vegetable salad, cranberry sauce and mixel pickles.

Also on the menu were Parker House Rols, coffee and pcmpkin pie for desert.

The Baltimore congresman who said he has the full support of prson officials expressed conviction that the move would bringer a greater measure of understanding between inmates and officials.

It is being speculated that the Congressman is likely to join the prisoners at the Maryland House of Correction for a Christmas dinner.

Nov. 27

Arthur Fiedler, conductor of the famed Boston Pops Orchestra, conducts the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra's Saturday evening Pops concert on Nov. 27 at 8:03 p.m. in the Lyric Theatre.

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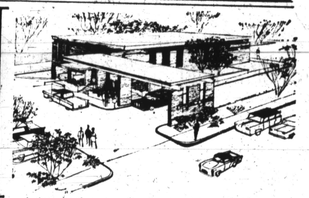

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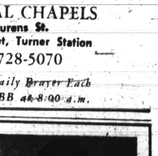

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