## Lucius Johnson, 70, was Gospel Tabernacle deacon

Funeral services will be held Saturday at noon for Lucius Johnson, 74, 3308 Elgin Ave., at Gospel Tabernacle Church, Walbrook and Rosedale.

Mr. Johnson died Tuesday at his home after a brief illness. For 24 years, he had been employed as a lanlscaper. He had been an active member of Gospel Tabernacle Church since 1936. Mr. Johnson was a deacon in his church and for years taught Sunday School.

Born in Stafford County, Va., he has been married to Mrs. Ida L. Johnson for 34 years. He is also survived by two brothers Andrew and Powie Johnson.

He will be buried in Arbutus cemetery.

## High school gun victim last rites

ELLIOT WEST
*Edmondson High gun victim*

Funeral services will be held at the Good Shepherd Baptist Church at 3459 Park Heights Ave. Saturday at 1 p.m. for Elliot West, 17, who died Tuesday after struggling six days at Lutheran Hospital for his life.

The wake will be held tonight, (Friday) from 8 to 9 p.m., at the church with the Rev. Eugene Carter officiating. Burial will be at the Arbutus Memorial Cemetery.

The youth, a Fairmount Vocational High 10th grader, was shot three times in the head, shoulder and chest on Nov. 24 police charge by another 17 year-old, Dexter Johnson, an Edmondson High senior, after an argument inside the school.

Mrs. Mary West, the slain youth's mother told the AFRO that a lady from Lutheran Hospital called her on her job at Eastern Products in Columbia, Md. and told her about the tragedy.

She also stated that she asked the lady was it serious and the lady said that she was afraid so and that she should come as quickly as possible.

"I had to ride 33 miles back into the city from my job and when I got there my husband and my other son were already there," added Mrs. West.

Mrs. West then told the AFRO about her son.

"Elliot liked swimming, basketball and he was a member of the Corner Stone Baptist Church.

"Elliot was a good, kind hearted person and he never went out and picked on anybody. My son never carried a gun or a knife or any kind of weapon.

"Elliot hardly had time to go to parties or teeny bops because he worked most of the time, even on weekends.

"He worked part-time at the Parking Management Corporation at the University of Maryland parking cars where his father, Lindsey West, also works. He saved his money so that he could buy himself a car.

"He has been working for the Parking Management Corporation for three years and it was his car he was driving when they told me he went to pick up hig girl friend," added the mother of nine children.

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Elliot West is the fourth Baltimore City High School student to be shot on school grounds in the city in the past two months, however, he is the only student to have died in such an incident in the city's school history.

The first shooting occurred at City College when Earl Blue, 19, was shot in the face when he supposedly bumped into another student in the hallway.

The second school shooting followed during Douglas High School's Homecoming game when two persons began shooting and Anthony Drumgoole, 17, caught in the crossfire was shot in the upper leg.

The third shooting quickly followed at Forest Park High School when Jan Fisher, the son of radio disc jockey "Chop Chop" Fisher, became involved in an altercation with another youth during a craps game.

The youth who did not attend school is reported to have gone home and got a gun and returned, shooting Jan Fisher in the stomach.

The Fisher youth was in critical condition for several days. Unlike Elliot West he did survive the shooting.

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In addition to his parents, Elliot West is survived by six sisters: Wanda, 11, Sandra, 10, Wendy, 7, Jackie, 6, Yolanda, 4, and Rhonda, 2; two brothers, Melvin, 15, and Ernest, 14.

He is also survived by two grandmothers, Mrs. Sally Granger and Mrs. Sterling West; one grandfather, William Dixon, all of Virginia and 13 aunts and 11 uncles.

## Resumed ILA men have less work to do

About one-third of the work-force of Baltimore's 3,500 longshoremen were working Wednesday following U.S. District Court Judge Herbert F. Murray's 10-day restraining order against the striking International Longshoremen Association.

There are few ships and still less cargo to work on.

The order, signed last Friday as a national emergency, was met with few hirings by shippers here. Only 218 requests for hirings were received Saturday.

William Hanle, ILA vice-president, said Wednesday until the next 10 to 15 days it is not likely all the workforce will be at work.

At present only 23 of the 70 cranes at the port are working.

"Only a small number of ships are waiting to be unloaded now after the 58-day strike," he said.

The longshoremen will be hearing a federal government request for preliminary injunction scheduled before Judge Murray today as part of the legal machinery to invoke the full 80-day "cooling off" period being sought by President Richard Nixon.

DEC. 5

The Delaney High School Choral Society of Baltimore County, directed by William O Myers will present two Anthems at the 11 a.m. service of St. James Episcopal Church this Sunday, Dec. 5.


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