Prayers for Lillie M.

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her under sedation. He said because Momma likes to talk so much, he does not want any visitors. He wants her to rest."

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Continuing to describe the day the NAACP president emeritus was taken ill, Mrs. Mitchell said, "Momma is still a trustee at her Sharp Street Church. She has been trustee thirty years. When she got home she also continued arrangements to send out Christmas baskets given her every year by Herman Cushner, a grocer.

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"She talked with young George Lottier, treasurer of her Freedom House which she founded and other officials, John J. Peters, Rev. Richard Clifford and Rev. T.C. Freeman.

"Since Mr. Lottier is with the AFRO she arranged for some baskets to go to the AFRO's Mrs. Santa.

"You know her heart is always with the AFRO.

"She and the late publisher, Dr. Carl Murphy, revived the NAACP in 1935. She has always supported the AFRO.

"She said Sunday before she became ill, I must get some AFRO families from Mrs. Santa for these baskets.

"Momma will be 83 on May 25, 1972 but she has always kept busy. Every day she would take care of her business herself."

Gathered at the bedside are Mrs. Mitchell; her husband, Clarence Mitchell Jr., head of the NAACP Washington Bureau; daughter, Mrs. Virginia Kiah wife of George State University (Atlanta) vice-president, Dr. C.L. Kiah; Mrs. Marian Downs Smith, Los Angeles; son, Bowen Jackson; grandsons, State Senator Clarence Mitchell III; Dr. Keifer Jackson, a Johns Hopkins Hospital staff member; Michael Bowen Mitchell, the lawyer who will be sworn in Jan. 14 as an assistant states attorney; George Mitchell, an Oceanography student at Baltimore Community College; Mrs. Karleen Downs Bethel, Los Angeles, a Morgan State College student; Miss Lillie Mae Jackson, her namesake, a Morgan senior; six great-grandchildren; Also, Congressman Parren Mitchell, an in-law relative.

In March 14, 1970 AFRO article, Dr. Lillie M. Jackson wrote her own story of her life in which she related she was born in 1889, and represented the fifth generation of her family.

Here is the story she told of her life:

"It all started in 1810 when my Great-great grandfather Bowen, an African Chief, came to Montgomery County, Maryland and found that a colored woman's children would be slaves. He married a white woman in order that his children would be born free.

"His son, the Rev. William Bowen, a Methodist minister, owned land in Montgomery County and a cementary which is still used by the family and people in the community.

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"The Rev. Mr. Bowen's son, John Bowen, came to Baltimore in 1850, became a hay dealer and later purchased 2 houses on St. Mary's Street.

"His daughter, Amanda Bowen, was born in 1853.

"Her father died when she was 3 years old, and the Rev. Mr. Bowen took her to Montgomery County where he reared her and sent her to school.

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"She became a public school teacher and in 1874 went to Howard County where she taught school and met Charles Carroll, whom she married in 1876.

"Charles Carroll was born in the home of Charles Carroll of Carrollton, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, and was reared and taught to read and write by the white ladies of the Carroll family.

"Amanda Bowen Carroll bought 1124 Druid Hill Avenue in 1903. Lillie May Carroll taught public school in 1910

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"I was born the seventh child of Charles and Amanda Bowen Carroll.

"My daughter, Juanita Jackson Mitchell, represents the sixth generation; her son, Senator Clarence M. Mitchell III, the seventh generation.

"We are all marylanders and love the constitution of U.S. that says Equal Rights regardless of Race or Creed.

"I am 81 years old and rejoice today the Restrictive Covenant was removed by the late Dr. Charles Houston and Justice Thurgood Marshall.

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National Association and Maryland Branch lawyers Thurgood Marshall through the Federal Court removed the Restrictive Covenant.

"It was Dr. Carl Murphy of the AFRO with 14 ministers and laymen who came together in 1935 through the NAACP to win the battle and today All Americans throughout the USA are free.

"Mrs. Lillie M. Jackson became president of Baltimore Branch NAACP in 1935. Free at last, but we must keep enemies from disturbing our freedom."

CITED—Alonzo Paul Moss, Associate General Executive of the YMCA of the Greater Baltimore Area, was presented with a diamond-studded 35-year service pin at ceremonies last week. Mr. Moss was executive with the Springfield, Ohio, YMCA before he joined the Baltimore staff in 1936.

Ex-fugitive gets Christmas freedom

CLIFFORD L. CRANE

"I feel so good I don't know what to do. When they first told me over the phone that I was free, I called my wife and I said, 'Say it again'. She cried and I cried. We were so happy."

Clifford L. Crane, 60, spoke these words Wednesday morning as he took time from his job as a sanitation truck driver to tell the AFRO of his new Christmas gift of freedom.

Mr. Crane is still elated at the news that he will not have to return to a North Carolina chain gang and serve a remaining 7-12-year prison sentence there for manslaughter.

North Carolina Gov. Robert Scott commuted the sentence Tuesday.

Mr. Crane escaped after serving three years of his sentence from a road gang near Raleigh, N.C. in 1941.

The owner of three apartment buildings and a laundromat was arrested last Tuesday in a courtroom over a landlord-tenant dispute, when a routine check showed he was wanted on a fugitive warrant in his home state.

However, through the efforts of Mr. Crane's lawyer and friends, Gov. Scott was urged to free Eddie Tinsley, who chose the fugitive name of Clifford L. Crane, because of the model life he led after his escape.

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According to Mr. Crane, who prefers his new name, even his wife Willie, 55, did not know of his fugitive past until his courtroom arrest last week.

He states, "Only my sister and her husband knew about it."

His sister, Mrs. Annie Neal, he reveals, would visit him and his wife in Baltimore on her vacations throughout the years.

Mr. Crane reveals she called last week, "After hearing the news down there and she said she just wallowed all over the floor because she was so happy."

He says, "I never went back home." Mr. Crane is a native of Charlotte, N.C.

He now resides with his wife, they have no children in the 1500 block Arunah Ave. address.

Asked how he felt during his fugitive years, Mr. Crane summed it up when he stated, "I've been afraid for a long time, I've been carrying that heavy load a long time. It was just a heavy load."

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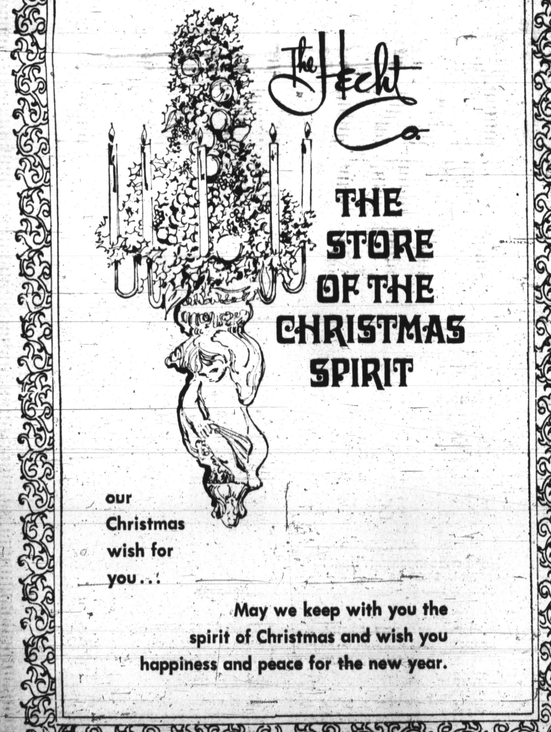

—Patuxent

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more Supreme Bench Judge Robert Watts and Montgomery Co. Circuit Court Judge Ralph Miller said Patuxent's use of isolation cells was "cruel and unusual punishment."

Their opinion also included a hearing for violating prison rules; no censorship of mail; the reporting by guards of "uses of physical force, and unlimited consultation with lawyers.

Francis B. Burch, state attorney general, Monday has dropped his appeal of that 2-judge opinion.

He said, because Patuxent has adopted a "handbook of prisoners rights," "90 to 95 per cent" of the judges' requirements have been met.

The Attorney General has promised to meet with the attorneys for the "Patuxent 13" to settle the remaining points of contention.

If any disagreements remain by Jan. 17, Mr. Burch is to appear before Judges Watts and Miller for another hearing.

Burch's opinion of the "Patuxent 13" outcome has changed from the Nov. 11 issuing of the directives which he had called "reasonable."

He said, because censorship was lifted, material that could incite disturbances would reach the inmates.

He is reported to have said, "As the order is now written, we would be left in a terrible state."

The decision to give inmates easy access to the press Burch called "overboard" access.

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In general, the Attorney General said, "We are not going to let any court lay down rules and regulations. That would be a helluva way to run a government."

The court, Monday, decided to uphold its opinion that changes are necessary but rescinded its order for specific changes to be made, pending the outcome of Burch's meeting with the "Patuxent 13" attorneys.

Julian Tepper, attorney with the national office of the National Legal Aid and Defense Association, in Washington, which represented the Patuxent 13, told the AFRO:

"I think that is a proper subject for review at the Supreme Court, not only in terms of its conception, but also in terms of how the conception is actually applied (conception of total treatment and—indefinite stay).

"I have spoken with many state officials who think that it's highly improper and counter-thereupetic to impose a potential life sentence on a person under the terms of Article 31B."

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As to Attorney General Burch's order, Attorney Tepper explained the order of judges rescinded for 30 days to enable the state to provide the court with constitutionally satisfactory rules and regulations wanded the way they'd like to word them.

"I think this procedure is very important, and I'm confident that the court will take necessary action to ensure that the rules and regulations under which Patuxent operate are sufficient and constitutional."

Mr. Tepper revealed that none of the original Patuxent 13 is confined to the cage or hole as they were when suit was filed this summer.

One of the 13, he said, has been released from the institution. He was identified as a Ken Andrews.

Six of the 13 are back in the general population, which means the remaining 6 are still under "administrative restriction."

Ex-evangelist gets 11 years for pandering

Richard C. Eberhardt, 40, 6800 block Foxwood Rd., was on Tuesday sentenced to 11 years imprisonmient for pandering and running a disorderly house.

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The former evangelist who was for a time an itinerant evangelist, was convicted by a Criminal Court jury early this month.

Judge David Ross also imposed a two-year term on Eberhardt's brother, Jerry Eberhardt, 36, on charges of violating the liquor laws.

According to the prosecution the 600 block Ensor St. milk bar was a center of an organized prostitution ring.

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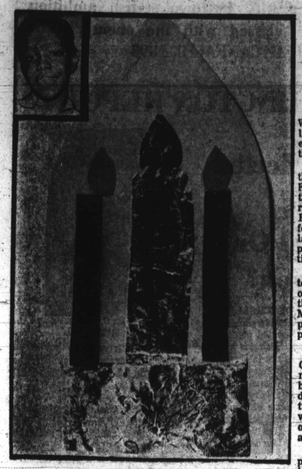

VICTORIA CONAWAY, 9, Mrs. Augusta Amos.

JOYCE ROBERTS, 10, Mrs. Myrtle Koger's 5th Grade.

—Yule cards

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card with two musical bells chiming says, "The bells are ringing; the people are singing. Have a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year." Age 11, he is among Mrs. Koger's 5th Graders.

Joyce Roberts, 10, also in Mrs. Koger's room, writes inside her card, "Christmas is a thankful day to celebrate all the wonderful things that make children play and laugh."

Ruth Dix, 10, Mrs. Koger's 5th grader, expressed Christmas with a candle encircled in the letters, PEACE. Examples of beautiful and wonderous workmanship are in the cards from Miss Davis' kindergartners, Sharon Anderson, Jean Stevenson; Mrs. Amos' youngsters, Yvonne Battle and Martha Johnson, grade 4.

Seasons greetings without verse were created by Mrs. Amos' 4th grader, Victoria Conaway and Miss Davis' Teresa Ockney, 5, and Audrey Cox, 5, both kindergarten artists.

Here are additional yuletide poems from Mrs. Koger's 5th grade:

"My Jindle" By Goerge Jordan — This is the best part of the year when jolly old St. Nick comes here. When the snow flakes come down so bright. When you look out the window at the pretty sight. Children are laughing and having fun. The Christmas tree is as bright as the sun. This is the part of the year I like. Christmas, Christmas, my delight.

By Melinda Barnes — Christmas is the time when Christ was born. Lovely, happy Christmas morn

By Dennis Paggett — I will be glad when Christmas has come so children can skate and run

"My Christmas Poem" By Martina Hicklen — It is the time of year when old Santa comes here with cheer. He has a pack on his back for every child, skinny and fat.

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"Christmas" By Miles Jones— On Christmas Eve when children sleep, old Santa down the chimney will creep. He opens his bag and takes out the toys. On Christmas he pleases the girls and boys.

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Ulysses McArthur "My Christmas Poem" — This is the best part of the year when old jolly Santa comes near. He is a jolly soul, full of cheer.

Firemen thanked for bugles for Cherry Hill

Appreciative of civic spirit displayed by many members of the Fire Department, sponsors of the Bugle Corps have written Cherry Hill Drum and their thanks to James C. Lacy, president of the Fire Board.

When Lieutenant David Echols saw the spirited Cherry Hill band marching almost without instruments in the Fire Prevention Parade, he started a drive to collect instruments and uniforms.

Last Month, a big, red fire truck delivered many shiny instruments, and the Cherry Hill youngsters were all smiles.

Band Director William Coleman, Richard Young, Mrs. Barbara Conley, Mrs. Carolyn Myers, the Rev. Richard Wagner, and the Rev. Paul H. Banet wrote Mr. Lacy:

"We have realized about fifty instruments with more on the way, as well as $123 in donations toward the building up of the corps.

"These gifts, in one sense, are very minor compared to the enthusiasm engendered among the parents and children of our community.

"Likewise, we would like to commend in a special manner Lt. David Echols whose concern for our children and dedication to neighborhoods in general provides all of Baltimore with the image of public service we so desperately need during these troubled times."

Burche askedto rule on suspension law in city

"We do have a request. We have to research the law in this area. We do not expect to have this for another 10 days."

Speaking to the AFRO this week Attorney General Francis B. Burch explained the action he will take on a request by Del. Frank Robey (D.2rd,) Baltimore) for clarification of state law on suspensions and expulsions, as applied to Baltimore City.

Del. Robey is asking, he told the AFRO, for a ruling on Article 77, Section 95 of the Annotated Code of Maryland which permits principals statewide to suspend students.

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The Board of School Commissioners implemented a policy in September — seeking to permit disciplined students to return to school earlier — which says students may only be suspended by an assistant superintendent.

The board permitted principals to send students home for no more than three days. The Maryland law permits county and city principals the right of suspending students not more than five days.

At one board audience hearing, a speaker contended the number of students out of school for disciplinary reasons helps contribute to crime both inside and outside the school building.

The entire relationship between the Baltimore School Board and the state is expected to be aired during the upcoming session of the General Assembly.

The School Board has yet to deal with the matter of which state laws on education apply to itself and which don't.

The issue is a thorny one and is still vague in the office of the Baltimore City Solicitor.

Under usual circumstances a general public law, as is Article 77, once passed by the legislature and signed by the governor, applies to all of Maryland, unless a subdivision is specifically excluded.

Mr. Burch will have to decide whether this law covers Baltimore.

Social Security robbed in broad daylight

An unidentified 40-year-old man made sure of having a happy Christmas when under the noses of guards and employees of the Woodlawn Social Security Building he snatched a bag containing $1,600 cash and made his escape Thursday afternoon.

The broad daylight robbery was accomplished without a gun, authorities state.

The federal government agency is reputed to be the world's largest establishment ever housed under one roof.

The incident happened when Charles J. Durm of the Employee Activities Association, was carrying the money into one of the security rooms.

As he reached the door, the unidentified man well poised for a Christmas loot, snatched the money which was in bills and coins and ran into a waiting Volkswagen car.

According to Mrs. Charlotte Crenson, press officer for the Administration, hotly pursued by guards and a section of the employees, the man quickly drove out of the driveway, turned on to the Woodlawn Drive and finally got on to the Security Blvd. speedway.

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The Volkwagen later found to be stolen, was abandoned at an apartment development on St. Luke's Lane.

Mrs. Crenson said people working in the area claim they saw the man come out of the VW and board a waiting white sedan. A man was waiting in the white sedan.

The Baltimore County Police are investigating the incident.

Orlinsky favors memorial for Walter P. Carter

"I knew Walter Carter long before a lot of people did. We worked together back in the 50's as co-chairmen of Equal Opportunities. I'm not without sensitivity. . . I hope after the holidays we can sit down and plan something acceptable."

City Council president, Walter S. Orlinsky, was telling the AFRO why and how he favors a memorial for Walter P. Carter, the late civil rights leader who died July 28, 1971, at the age of 44.

Last week, Orlinsky rejected a bill offered by City Councilwoman Victorine Q. Adams D.(-4th), proposing that the two-mile street — North Ave. — which spans the city, be renamed for Mr. Carter.

He explained that he would not support the proposal because it would cost 'anywhere between three-ourters and a million dollars.'

"There are 1,000 businesses on that street. The enormity of the cost to the private sector would be too high."

In addition, Orlinsky explained, it is against the city 'law' to change street names, and, "If such a change were made the legislation would have to be abrogated."

Civil rights groups originally had asked re-naming of North Ave., as Walter Carter Blvd., because it was on North Ave., that Carter's first CORE office was opened.

It was there the organization planned the first civil rights demonstrations along Route 40 and at other public places which discriminated.

Orlinsky, however, told the AFRO, 'there might be another street or memorial more fitting to Walt Carter. Nobody is trying not to do something.

"As soon as the city government gets back to normal after the holidays, I am hoping that something acceptable will be coming up."

He added, "I have a commitment to my friend, Walter Carter. . ." — E. M. SSON

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