AFTER FINAL RITES for their father, Dr. John W. Haywood Sr., at Ashbury United Methodist Church, John W. Haywood Jr. and Mrs. Violet French, leave the church for a waiting car. Dr. Haywood, former dean at Morgan State College, died at 91. (Photo by CABELL).

DEAD AT 91

Rites Saturday at 2 for Mrs. David Wright

Mrs. David N. Wright Sr., 91, member of a pioneer Baltimore family, died Wednesday noon at Provident Hospital.

Although she was alert until the end, she had been ailing for several years.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, 2 p.m. at Union Baptist Church, where she was a lifelong member. The R.E.V. Baxter L. Matthews, pastor-emeritus, and the Rev. Vernon N. Dobson, minister, will officiate.

The body will be on view from noon until 4 today (Friday), at the Arlington Phillips Funeral Home, after which it will be moved to the church.

The family will receive friends tonight (Friday), from 8 to 9, in the lower church at 1219 Druid Hill Ave.

Burial will be in Arbutus Memorial Park beside her husband, the well-known fraternal worker and retired railroad employee.

Born in Baltimore on Sept. 11, 1906, Mrs. Wright was the former Gertrude Hooper, last of seven children of Samuel and Mary Hooper. The family lived for years in the 400 block W. Mosher St.

Mrs. Wright was a trained nurse and was noted for her excellent hand work in arts and crafts.

In her active years, she belonged to a number of church organizations. When her children were grown up, she was active in PTA groups and neighborhood associations.

She is survived by daughter, Mrs. Hendricks D. Clarke (Roberta), retired teacher; C. Avon Wright, Baltimore and Ohio Railroad employee; and David N. Wright Jr., secondary school department head at Alicia Cross and School No. 17.

Another daughter, Mrs. Roland Harris (Zelmar) died in 1970.

MRS. GERTRUDE WRIGHT

JUNE 4

Paintings by Mark Tennant, a young Baltimore artist, will be on display June 4-17 on the Homewood Campus of The Johns Hopkins University. The exhibit, sponsored by the university's Office of Special Events, will be open to the public from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily in the galleries of the Milton S. Eisenhower Library.

Busing illegal here?

BY VAL HYMES

Gov. Marvin Mandel said the State has no authority over school busing in Baltimore, an issue that has flaired up this week.

Jacob Schitt, Mid-Atlantic director of the Federal Civil Rights Commission said that school busing in South Baltimore is probably illegal as he questioned the legality of the city's "freedom of choice" system for elementary school attendance. The matter is being studied carefully by the city's school board, Dr. John Walton said.

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Gov. Mandel was asked at his weekly news conference — if he was surprised to hear about the charge and if the State could force any changes in the busing program.

The Governor said that although the State totally funds the cost of school transportation in all of the subdivisions, he does not know at this point whether he could use those funds as — "a lever."

It's never been brought to the State's attention. It's a matter of city policy and I'm sure if there is any problem there we'll correct it, we don't make the policy that provides the transportation.

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In another matter, Mandel said he has no objections to the city's desire to have first crack at any Friendship Airport land that may not be used for the operation of the airport under the new law allowing the State to buy it from Baltimore for $35 million.

—Deacon freed

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the day before Easter Sunday.

Among those present were about 50 deacons, members of the congregation and the pastor, the Rev. Jessie Boykin, Mt. Moriah Baptist is located in the 2200 block Garrison Blvd.

After the church typist, Mrs. Rosada Simmons, 2900 block Baker St., and three deacons testifying on her behalf, had their say, Judge Jerome Robinson decided their stories were "garbled" and found Deacon Harper "not guilty."

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Mrs. Simmons testified on April 1 she and Mrs. Verge Harper met with the pastor and the church's 10 deacons "to iron out difficulties between myself and the church clerk," Mrs. Harper.

To questions from Assistant State's Attorney Alex Rothenburg, she stated, when the meeting ended without reaching an accord, she and Mrs. Harper left the room.

She said when she asked Mrs. Harper why she "lied" in the meeting, Mrs. Harper reentered the meeting room.

Mrs. Simmons then testified she heard Deacon Harper tell his wife, "I told you to beat the devil out of her!"

To that, she testified, she returned to the meeting room and told Deacon Harper, "She will not hit me."

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Mrs. Simmons told the court the deacon "sprang" from the back of the room and "grabbed me by the wrists."

She stated they struggled and she received an inch-long cut on her right wrist.

Mrs. Simmons showed the court the scar.

Witness Paul E. Hankton, chairman of the Board of Deacons, testified he was the first to get between Mr. Harper and Mrs. Simmons who were in a "tussle."

He testified Mrs. Harper on reentering the room said, "Rose is saying I'm no good and I'm going to hell."

When the deacon got up and remarked about "beating the devil out of her," Mr. Hankton told the court Mrs. Simmons came in and said "tussled" with the deacon, but Mr. Hankton added, "I didn't see who grabbed who."

Another deacon testified he tried to restrain Mr. Harper, telling him to "calm himself" and "let go of her." He said he did not see any blood on Mrs. Simmons at that time.

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A third deacon, testifying for Mrs. Simmons, told the court he asked her to turn Deacon Harper loose.

When the trial was over, Deacon and Mrs. Verge Harper left the courtroom with Mrs. Harper crying into the deacon's arm saying, "Why is she lying on me?"

The AFRO photographer tried to take a picture of the Harpers but churchwomen, who accompanied them, pushed the camera aside and successfully prevented any picture taking.

Mrs. Simmons also refused to pose for a photograph.

—Injured GI

(FROM PAGE 1)

Black Caucus in his claim of racism in the Army and in military courts.

Rep. Mitchell on Wednesday visited the young soldier in Walter Reed Hospital in Washington where the soldier was recovering from a jaw fracture at the Ft. Meade stockade the night before he was to be court-martialled on May 23.

The charges against Pvt. Drewery are not shaving and wearing an Afro. His lawyer, Luther West, contends the charges are directly related to the private's protest two years ago of white soldiers in Germany burning a cross on military property.

Then, Mitchell told the group on Thursday, "Hopefully, I will have all 13 Congress members sign a document to the Secretary of the Army asking for his intervention and dropping of all charges."

A similar request, he said, will be sent to the President's Task Force on Administration of Military Justice on Vietnam."

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The Congressman requested Pvt. Drewery immediate help because they believe he is innocent but "it is just not true." His lawyer, on interviewing other inmates in the Ft. Meade stockade, said the private was pummeled by a 200 lb. black soldier.

But, Drewery, said Rep. Mitchell, is "not let down" from facing military justice for almost two years now he says he wishes just to come to trial and serve his time.

In considering the soldier's troubles, Rep. Mitchell stated, "Black guys who dare stand up for their rights or rights of black people are especially given a dishonorable discharge. The system is set up this way.

"After the black soldier protests racial discrimination, he will eventually be court-martialled for some trumped up charge which will result in a dishonorable discharge.

"The tragedy of things like this is that a young guy's life can almost be ruined by these unfair treatments."

Pvt. Drewery's court-martial is scheduled to resume at Ft. Meade on June 15.

Rummage sale at Provident June 3

The Social Service Department of Provident Comprehensive Neighborhood Health Center will give a Rummage and Bake Sale at the center, 807 Edmondson Ave., on Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This activity is under the direction of Mrs. Claudia Davis, supervisor of Social Services. Proceeds of the community-involved effort will be used for health care services for the center.

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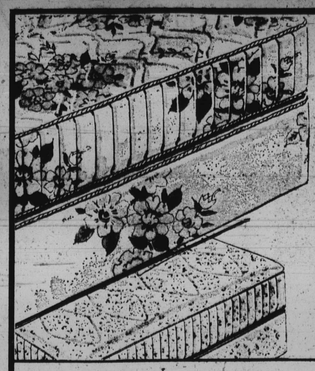

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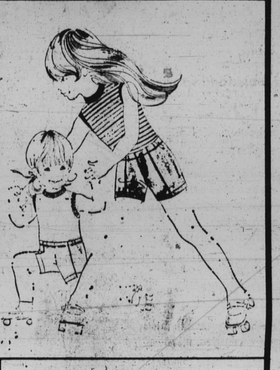

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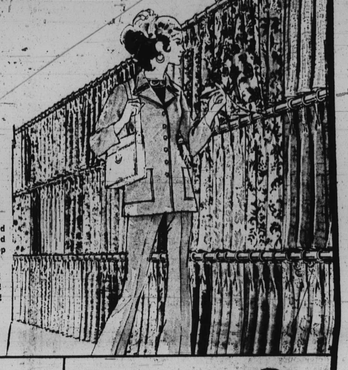

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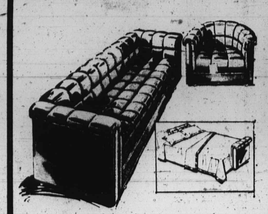

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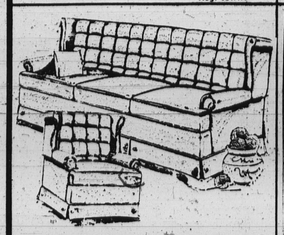

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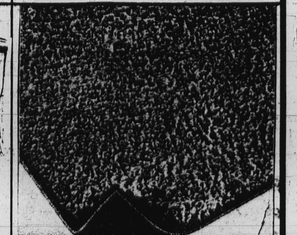

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