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The Plight Of A Young Man In Trouble

COURT HEARS OF ED.HI YOUTH'S DRUG PROBLEM

Dexter Johnson, 18, and Edmondson High School student and Cherry Hill resident was convicted of burglary this week by Criminal Court Judge James O'Donnell.

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The three-year sentence handed down by Judge O'Donnell will be added to a 10-year manslaughter sentence the youth had received previously, making a total of 13 years he must serve.

The 10-year sentence was imposed earlier this year by Judge Marshall Levin in connection with the Nov. 24, 1971 murder of Elliott West, a 10th grade Fairmont Vocational High School student.

Court records show young Johnson was released on bail after the 10-year sentence and committed the robbery while out on bail.

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The fatal shooting, records show, came after Johnson and the deceased youth, Elliott West, had argued in the Edmondson High bathroom and when the argument was over, Johnson shot the victim in a scuffle.

Judge O'Donnell was told at the burlary trial this Wednesday that young Johnson has had a severe drug problem since 1969, when he was only 15 years old.

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Defense attorney, Thomas Ward, told the court Johnson is small for his age, has very few friends and is very quiet.

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He revealed that the youth's mother had become suspicious of the way he had been acting and took him to get treatment at a drug rehabilitation center. He said the youth only received one treatment and was dropped from the program when he was arrested.

REGISTERING TO VOTE this week was the young, engaged couple above, Miss Ruby Lee and fiance, Robert Miles. As good citizens they treasure the precious right to vote and are prepared to take part in the November Elections. MC

Man killed in gun battle with police

Police records show a 26 year-old South Baltimore man was shot and killed in a gun battle with southern District Police Patrolman Julius Woodson, in the 500 block W. Hamburg St. Tuesday night.

William B. Outlaw, listed as living in a unit block on Rosedale St., was pronounced dead of gunshot wounds of the head at 11:40 p.m. shortly on arrival at the University Hospital.

Police said the victim was a wanted man in the Eastern District for armed robbery.

Homicide police told AFRO patrolman Woodson was released Wednesday morning by a hearing commissioner on his own recognizance. They report the officer might be sent to the grand jury later that day for indictment in the death of Outlaw.

Officer Woodson has been in the service for seven years. He is unmarried, according to a police public information officer.

Lt. Arthur Cook of Homicide Squad told AFRO the gun battle occured in the 500 block Hamburg St., as the patrolman was cruising in a radio car.

Lt. Cook said the victim's description tarried with that of a man wanted for questioning and as the cruising patrolman stopped and called to him the victim, he shouted back something.

When he refused to go to the police car, Lt. Cook said, Woodson pulled his radio car by the victim and tried to get out but the victim would not let him, pushing as the officer was opening the door.

Finally, police stated, the victim let the door go and move back, pulled out a .357 magnum revolver and pointed it at the officer.

Police records show Officer Woodson crouched in the front seat of the car and with his service revolver fired one shot at the victim. The victim fired back shattering the windscreen of the police car.

Police said Officer Woodson then fired five shots at the victim hitting him in the head.

1972 fair will be biggest ever

This year's City Fair will be twice as large as that of 1971, Edward M. Kane, City Fair director, has announced.

He told a news conference Thursday morning the expansion includes an additional 500,000 square feet of space at the Inner Harbor development area off Pratt and Light Sts.

The three-day fair is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 29 through Sunday, Oct. 1.

Mrs. Kane stated Pier 2 will be turned into a giant amusement area with thrill rides stretching from one end of the Pier to the Harbor. The Port Welcome will remain at its regular berth at the foot of the Pier. Cruises will continue throughout the wekend at special discounted rates.

Two major entertainment areas will be located at the harbor, one will be a showmobile at Light St. and other a floating barge moored between Pier one and two. A second amusement area will be locacted opposite the McCormick Building.

The exhibits in Charles Center will be entirely new. In addition to entertainment and institutional displays, Hopkins Plaza will feature a mammoth 21 part exhibit of how to make city living space more liveable.

FBI says Baltimore is 3rd in violent crime

The 2,092,000 residents of Baltimore metropolitan area are among the most unsafe persons in this country, according to Federal authorities.

A 1971 FBI survey reveals the metropolitan area was the nation's third most violent region with Miami as No. 1 and New York, No. 2.

A total of 19,437 violent crimes means that residents of Baltimore metropolitan area had in 1971 almost a 1 in 100 chance of being victims of violence.

FBI crime figures in the city of Baltimore alone for 1971 stood at 54,449 against the 62,150 of 1970, a reduction of 7,701 reported crimes.

In Baltimore county the 1971 crime total was 17,335 against 1970 figures of 15,012, an increase of 2,223.

The violence crime rate in the area was more than twice the national average, 929.3 for every 100,000 inhabitants against the national figure of 393.

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SCHOOL OPENS SEPT. 6

Classes start for all Public School children Wednesday, Sept. 6.

There will be an estimated 189,800 students enrolled.

The school system's staff now numbers 9,017 professional positions, with 3,131 teachers in 149 elementary schools; 1,750 in 27 junior highs; 1,250 in 15 senior highs; 943 teachers at 20 special education facilities and 272 instructors in six vocational schools.

Bus drivers get deadline extension

Full-time bus drivers for the Baltimore City Public Schools, due to be shifted by one of school Superintendent Roland N. Patterson's economy moved to part son's economy moevd to part time, have been given a week's extension on the deadline, until Sept. 8.

According to an assistant to Dr. Saul M. Perdue, acting associate superintendent for the schools, and participant in talks leading to the extension, the time was granted by city officials to reexamine the case and come up with a solution.

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The extension had been requested by Council 67 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal employees, the union representing the 153 drivers.

The City Hall meeting involved the union, Dr. Perdue, and Robert H. Hillman, city labor commissioner.

Another meeting, said the source, will occur Sept. 5, with the drivers still on the job full-time for the opening of school Wed., Sept. 6.

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The union has termed Dr. Patterson's action a breach of contract.

TO VOTE NOV. 7

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NOTICE

The Veterans Administration periodically advises veterans that the agency is not affiliated with private cemetery operators offering veterans burial plots "free" or "at nominal costs."

Baltimore Afro-American

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STILL HARD AT WORK, Charlie Smith, is shown here with fellow orange grove employees in Florida. Mr. Smith applied for a Social Security Card when he was 116.

America's oldest citizen is 130

By Patrice Myers

The oldest living person in America, according to Baltimore Woodlawn Social Security records, is 130-year-old Charlie Smith of Bartlow, Florida.

Local SS authorities reveal their history of his life states he was born July 4, 1842 in Liberia and came to America on a slave ship when he was 12 years of age.

Mr. Smith, then known as Mitchell Watkins, was auctioned on a slave block in New Orleans. He was bought by his life-long employer and friend, Charles Smith, a rich Galveston Texas rancher.

Thus began Charlie Smith's long and interesting life in America.

After legally acquiring his owner's name, Charlie worked the next 9 years on the Smith family ranch.

With slavery abolished, Charlie at 21, was a free man.

But, he decided to remain with the Smiths and did so until the last of the family members had died.

Mr. Smith traveled around the country for several years and worked as a fruit picker and laborer. Later, he managed a small turpentine farm near Homeland, Fla.

At 110, after three wives and two World Wars, Mr. Smith decided to retire from his job in the orange groves of Florida.

He applied for a Social Security card and attempts were made to verify his age. Records in the Polk County Courthouse in Florida proved his age to be 110.

Mr. Smith moved to Bartow, Fla. in 1961 to be near his only child, Chester, 60.

The citizens of Bartow this year gave Charlie his first birthday party. Over 1,000 people, including congressmen and other dignitaries, came to help Charlie celebrate his 130th birthday.

Charlie's secret for a long time has been "living nearer to the Commandments."

Mr. Smith's one unfilfilled ambition is "to out-live Methuselah." At 130, this sagacious old man may well attain his ambition.

WISHFUL THINKING, hoping to one day become a cowboy, Mr. Smith is decked out in range-type duds, complete with tough, rawhide loafers.

SATURDAY AT MONDAWMIN, COLUMBIA, HARUNDALE

World Federalists Open Planetary Citizenship

Congressman Parren J. Mitchell and others launched a Planetary Citizenship Campaign for Maryland Saturday at a Columbia Mall gathering. The campaign, begun worldwide by former UN Secretary-General U Thant, is to promote recognition of mankind's global community and mutual responsibility.

World Federalists, USA, sponsors of the program, will set up booths where all area residents can register their allegiance to the human community at Columbia, Harundale and Mondawmin Malls from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 2.

Mayor William Donald Schaefer has proclaimed the day as Planetary Citizenship Day for Baltimore.

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The first signer of the Maryland campaign, Congressman Mitchell states, "Humanity has reached a point where, both internationally and in the domestic arena, we have lost respect for the essential value of every human life.

"The heart of my philosophy and the motivation for my political career is the belief in the primacy of this treasure, this irreplaceable resource, the individual human life."

Other signers at the kick-off gathering included Maryland General Assembly Delegates Lena Lee and Troy Brailey and Montgomery County Councilman Neal Potter.

The youngest planetary citizen siging was ten-year-old Elena Snell of Baltimore.

Born in Libya, Africa of a Spanish mother and American father, Elena has more concept of the world than most children her age.

Donald Grubbs, president of Baltimore Area Council World Federalists, stressed the importance to young people of building a human community capable of solving our planet's problems of peace and pollution, population and poverty.

Other Maryland leaders who have signed the Planetary Citizenship Pledge but were unable to attend the kickoff gathering include Congressman Gilbert Gude, Maryland Delegates Woody Allen and Eugene Zander, Dr. Robert McCan, President of Dag Hammerskjold College, Dr. Marvin Perry, President of Goucher College, and Henry Niles, former Chairman of Baltimore Life Insurance Company.

The Pledge of Planetary Citizenship states: "I recognize my membership in the human community, my allegiance to mankind while I reaffirm my allegiance to my own family, community, state and nation.

As a member of the planetary family of man, the good of the world community is my first concern. Therefore: I will work to end divisions and wars among men; for realization of human rights, civil and political, social and cultural, for all people.

SIGNING THE WORLD FEDERALISTS' Planetary Citizenship Pledge Saturday at the local launching of the campaign at Columbia Mall were (from left) Montgomery County Councilman Neal Potter, Del. Troy Brailey, Congressman Parren J. Mitchell, Donald Grubbs, Del. Lena K. Lee and Dr. Elliott Charney. Mr. Grubbs and Dr. Charney are officials of the sponsors, the local chapter of World Federalists. (Photo by Fletcher Roberts).

Cherry Hill to help firemen, says Mayor

Cherry Hill community leaders have told Mayor Schaefer that they will help him ensure the safety of firefighters responding to calls in their area.

This came after certain individuals in Cherry Hill had been accused of attacking a Fire Department lieutenant with a piece of lead pipe, as well as setting off many false alarms.

Said Mayor Schaefer: "The community has accepted the responsibility to respond to the problem.

"The community leaders will try to correct some of the problems in the community.

"I think the community understands that the Fire Department must be able to come in unimpeded to respond to alarms in Cherry Hill," he concluded.

The statement came after a lengthy meeting in the mayor's office between himself and representatives from the Fire Department, the Community Relations Commission, the Community Action Agency and the Cherry Hill leaders.

The mayor had said previously that police escorts would be sent if necessary to maintain the firemen's safety, but that he hoped he wouldn't have to do that.

Loss of life could occur, he pointed out, if fire engines had to wait for the police before moving in.

NEED HELP? A great many government and private agencies can offer various kinds of help to disaster victims. These range from loans for replacement of clothing to legal assistance, tax help for repair and maintenance of homes, business or farms. If you need to know which agency to call, contact offices in Baltimore or Washington. Baltimore: 1616 Federal Office Building, Baltimore ,Md. 21201, phone 962-4450; Washington: 460 Old Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C., phone, 225-4654.