—Did they?

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Mr. Lewis was shot 10 times by open gun-fire in which a policeman was also injured.

The family reports: "The school contacted the mother, Mrs. Dorothy Lewis, at 12 noon and told her what her son was doing. They never told her Robert was dead. The mother immediately contacted her daughter, Mrs. Jean Wilkins, who rushed with a friend to catch a cab to Western.

Mrs. Wilkins stated: "When we arrived I asked the police was my father there yet. They very nastily pushed me back like I was nobody and acted as if they didn't know what I was talking about. When I finally got through the door the police and guards kept telling me to go straight to the office. Nobody ever told me my brother was dead."

She added: "There were lots of police, the majority of them were white and some black plains-clothesmen who were standing around. The police force had no K-9's, no electrical sticks, all they seemed to have were guns."

At AFRO presstime funeral arrangements for Robert L. Lewis Jr. were not complete.

The father went to the hospital where he reports his son was already dead.

The parents of Robert stated: "We have never had any trouble from Robert at all. He has never tried to hurt anyone. Something must have happened to set him off that way. Robert hasn't been sick and he just don't know what could of happened."

T. ANTHONY
brother-in-law asks Why?

Mr. and Mrs. T. Anthony, sister and brother-in-law of Robert, in a conference with Congressman Parren J. Mitchell yesterday morning, (Thursday) asked him to investigate the circumstances of the incident which caused the death of their brother on Wednesday.

Robert L. Lewis, 29, 5101 Belleville Ave., attended Wayland Baptist Church for 23 years.

Relatives told the AFRO he liked singing and sports. He worked at the Towanda Recreation Center where he helped organize sang with a singing group.

His mother recalled that he enjoyed working with children so much that he went from school to school to encourage youngsters to participate in Towanda Center activities.

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He had been employed by the city for over four years. During that time he served as a custodial worker at Garrison and Pimlico Jr. High Schools.

At the time of his death he was employed on day shift custodial staff at Western High School where he had worked little over a year.

Mr. Lewis is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Lewis (Dorothy).

The father is also a custodian in the city schools at 25th St. headquarters.

Other survivors are: three sisters, Mrs. Joan Anthony, Mrs. Jean Wilkins, Miss Joann Lewis and two brothers, Michael Lewis, and Keith Lewis.

—Teenaged

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upset and had to return to the hospital.

Mayor Schaefer has called to express his feelings. He also said, "It could have been worse."

Mr. Griggs said the school had also called.

Mrs. Griggs told the AFRO Tressa said Police Officer Goodrich was really the one that saved her life. He was really concerned about her."

MRS. JEAN WILKINS
victim's sister mistreated by police

Western Girls Shine

(AN EDITORIAL)

An unfortunate incident occurred at Western High School Wednesday.

A custodian who had complained of a painful headache suddenly wielded a knife, held a student hostage injured two security officers befor he was shot to death.

Nevertheless, 2,000 students present in the building at the time who were forced to remain in their rooms for over an hour and an half until police had the incident under control, exhibited unusual calm.

Acting Principal, Mrs. Sue Miles, in the absence of the ailing principal, Angelo Fortunato, reports that the young women behaved admirably.

In a situation like this, things could have been worse. There could have been panic, pandemonium and wholesale injuries. It is to the credit of the girls at Western that in this bizarre escapade, they exhibited the kind of responsibility which the school is trying to teach them.

We wish we could say the same thing about the law enforcement officers.

All the facts are not in yet, but it would appear that the slain coustodian, apparently an ill man, could have been restrained by the half dozen policemen called to the scene without ending up with his body riddled with bullets.

Since the incident, School security officers have renewed their request to in carry guns while on duty.

This would be unfortunate move. If trained law enforcement officers have to fire 10 or 15 bullets to restrain a sick man, we shuder to think what would happen if unskilled security officers likewise carried firearms.

Guns are not needed in schools. Cool heads are.

—Eyewitness

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six, policemen, one black, the rest white and one with a white hat on and some security officers.

"The man came running out. He had a knife but I didn't see him jab at anyone. He looked sort of wild. He was scared. The girl had on pants. The police first had sticks in their hand. Six of them grabbed the girl and held her.

"Three white police took out their guns and fired. The man was shot from the front. It looked like the police went down on their knees. The man looked terrified. He fell backwards. The police looked like they intended to shoot him.

"Blood came from his shirt and arms. He just laid there.

"Two of the police ran up to the man. One went to call for help. The girl was standing with a security guard crying. One man, the black policeman, went over to the man. He also got the knife off the floor and wrapped it up.

One policeman tried to raise the man to sitting position.

"The police were talking on their walkie-talkies. No one told them. "Don't shoot." No one said anything.

"I went to the cafeteria and got my books. I never want to see anything like that again. I was worried. I couldn't believe something like this could happen at Poly-Western."

—Autopsy

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vered 8 bullets. Some were recovered at the school."

A moment of silence held Thursday by the 2,000-all girl pupils was in his memory and for recovery of the wounded persons.

At AFRO presstime Western High School administrators had made arrangements for flowers to go to the custodians' funeral and flowers to the hoszital for the wounded security guard, William Bowe, at Sinai and Mrs. Laura Fishop, 40, Cockeysville, cut on the hand.

—Praise

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thy knowledge he was very helpful, pleasant and in good health. What transpired we will never know but I recall one night when we had Parents' Council; he was a great help. He was always cooperative and friendly."

The principal also said school was not dismissed because many pupils come by bus. However, he revealed, parents were called to come get their children.

Thursday the school was calm and "going along as usual," he stated.

At AFRO presstime, school officials were seeking ways to aid families of the injured guards, William Bowe, serious in Sinai Hospital with knife wounds and

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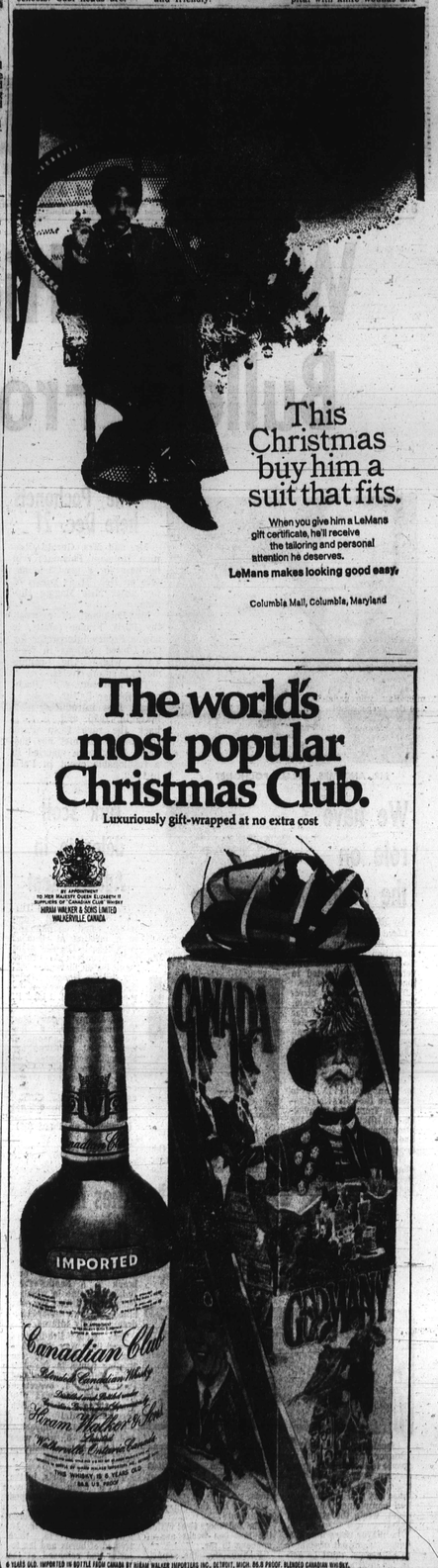

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—We have role

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17 spectrometer.

Mr. Green, 34, 814 St. Dunsteans Rd. born in Norfolk where he attended public schools until entering the Air Force.

He served in the Air Force for 12 years as sergeant, communications technician. Upon release in 1967, he came to Baltimore to attend the University of Md.

He and his wife Mrs. Barbara Green are the parents of Antonio Green, 10 and Tonia Green, 7, pupils at Govens Elementary School.

Robert Richardson, 31, is a specialist in engineering.

He attended Dunbar High School, Morgan State College, Maryland Institute, Peabody Conservatory and Hopkins University. He served for 8 years in the United States Navy as a first class Petty Officer, and as gun fire control technician.

Mr. Richardson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. (Marlene) Richardson Sr.

—Mrs. Santa

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of the case you want and I will supply the name and address.

You can believe that Mrs. Santa is happy this week. Already, she has received $5,208.70 in contributions and more than 100 readers have already adopted families.

Among biggest contributions this week are those from two hardworking physicians and civic workers who always give to the cause. They are Dr. Dilman Ray, who gave $500; and Dr. Turgot Jeudy, $300. This is not nearly enough to help all the needy families on our list.

I need many more dollars if Christmas is going to be happy for the needy. Be a good neighbor and help me, Mrs. Santa, help others.

MRS. SANTA HIGHLIGHTS

THANK YOU ... for $32.46 from the firm and staff of Cochran, Stephenson and Donkervoet, Inc., Architects.

The Community Action Agency Center, Youth Council, 2300 Walbrook, Rosa Clark, Advisor, sent $25 to adopt a family.

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$25 also came this week from Epsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

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Thank you also to Lt. Col. and Mrs. William A. Harris whose Christmas card contained $100 check.

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The 12 Personality Girls, Mrs. Edith King, President, raised $100 for Mrs. Santa.

Other officers are Mesdames Elizabeth Thornton, Vice-President; Lauraine Fisher, Recording Secretary; Mary McCall, Assistant Secretary; Catherine Fisher, Financial Secretary; Mary Gibbs, Assistant Financial Secretary; Anne Dorsey, Chaplain; Lorraine Pinkney, Accountant; Lillian Washington, Business Manager; Mary Queen, Ticket Agent; Hilda Thomas, Legal Advisor; Loretta Ryan, Sgt. at Arms.

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Other groups adopting families include Fireside Friends, Bernice Pembroke, President; Hattie Sessoms Insurance Agency; Girl Scout Troop No. 1009, Miss Minor, Troop Leader; The Northwestern Charity Club, Mrs. Harriett Crosby, President.

Also, Maryland National Bank, City Hall Office, Fred Bailey, Executive Vice-President have collected baskets of canned goods.

More checks for Mrs. Santa at press time were $100 from J. Hiram Butler; $100 from Dr. Henry and Senator Verda Welcome; and $50, Fourth District Democratic Organization.

The most heartwarming call come from the lady who was given three years to live by her doctor. She said her time was running out and she wanted to help somebody at Christmas.

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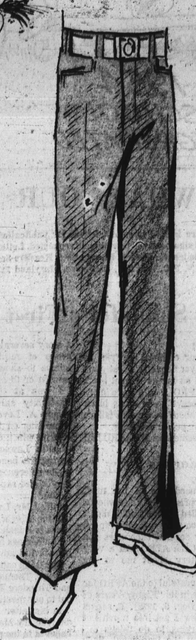

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