Widow, 70, Dies Of Heart Attack Hour After Purse Snatch

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Elderly-Poor Suffer Financial Heartbreaks

AFRO'S NEW YEAR BABY — Mrs. Nathaniel Payne, (Dorothy) is presented AFRO's $100 prize by reporter, Miss Michele McRae, for her new daughter, Thomasean Denise, who was born Jan. 3 at Maryland General Hospital. Mrs. Payne was the first mother registered in the AFRO's annual New Year's Baby Contest to report the birth of her child and give a headline from the January 2 edition of the AFRO as required in the rules of the contest. Deadline for entering was Dec. 31, 1972. The Payne infant, who weighed 8 lbs. and 9 ounces is the fifth child for the Paynes who reside in the 2900 block of Walbrook Ave. Both parents are 24; dad is a mechanic. AFRO photo by Courtney Anderson).

Youth arrested in love triangle murder

Andre Turmon, 18, 2600 block Oswego Ave. was arrested and charged in the early Monday morning shooting death of 31 year-old Paul W. Marable in an elevator on the 14th floor of the highrise Murphy Homes apartments.

Homicide police state the youth was arrested in his home at 1:45 a.m. Tuesday. He is being held in the City Jail pending grand jury hearing this week.

Mr. Marable, an Emerson St. resident, was found bleeding profusely from gun wounds under the left eye in the apartment in 800 block George St. before dawn.

He was pronounced dead by a firefighter at the scene at about 2:45 a.m.

Police state they believe he was a victim of a love triangle affair.

Detectives told the AFRO they suspect the shooting occured in an argument over a girl resident between Mr. Marable and the suspect.

Residents stated they heard an argument and then a single shot and someone running down the hallway.

Funeral services for Mr. Marable were held Thursday at the Morton and Dyett Funeral Home. Burial is in the Mt. Auburn Cemetery.

He is survived by his par-

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SCHOOLS CLOSED

Monday M. L. King holiday

Baltimore's 187,000 public school students will not have classes Monday (Jan. 15) in honor of the birthday of the slain civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., murdered by a white sniper April 4, 1968.

Congressman Parren J. Mitchell (D., 7th) has announced he will close his offices Monday, Jan. 15, as a part of his efforts to get Congress to make the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. a national holiday.

Mr. Mitchell will be joined in this effort by the 14 other members of the Congressional Black Caucus on what would otherwise be a normal work day for most of the nation's

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ARTHUR HARRIS, JR.
slain Hampton student

Witness' home is firebombed

Relatives, friends, reporters, and spectators were barred from the Criminal Court courtroom Tuesday while state witnesses testified at the Arthur Harris, Jr. (Bunky) murder trial.

The trial was in its fourth day before a jury of seven black and five white citizens with Judge Robert Watts presiding.

The reason for clearing the courtroom was explained by Michael Mitchell, the assistant state's attorney, who told the AFRO, "One witness' home was firebombed. A visit was made Sunday night by a carload of thugs to another witness, home. He was

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Elderly-poor hurt by SSA benefit hike

By SCOTT PONEMONE

For some 750 elderly residents of Baltimore the recently adopted 20 per cent increase in their monthly Social Security checks has caused them financial heartbreak.

Instead of giving them more money to help fight the war against inflation, their stepped-up Social Security checks made them ineligible for funds that far exceeded the 20 per cent hike in benefits.

These people lost Department of Social Services regular assistance as well as supplementary allowances (for housekeepers, telephone bill, special diets and furniture), had to pay more rent if they lived in public housing, and pay more for food stamps.

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And about 450 also lost medical assistance briefly during last October.

That only the poor suffered from what was publicized as relief for all, however, did not surprise the Citizens Civil Rights Organization.

Mrs. Goldie Baker, president of the group, declared on Thursday, "Nixon's full intent was to continue poverty and to degrade, not upgrade, poor people especially black people."

Mrs. Baker along with Vice-president Mrs. Geneva Clark, Mrs. Shirley Rivers of the Client Advisory

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ESTIMATES

Revenue sharing spending

City officials on Monday received the second third of this year's $35 million of federal revenue - sharing funds, and the Board of Estimates on Wednesday agreed how it wanted to spend the first third.

Department of Finance Director Charles Benton submitted the allocation proposal to the Board.

For the most part, the plan called for the first installment of $11,831,968 to fill in for the $10,476,257 in "technical cuts" made by City Council last June to keep the property tax rate from soaring above the $6.00 mark.

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The Board agreed to restore $3 million to the Fire Department, $4.3 million to the Police Department, $1.9 million to Public Works, $523,000 a piece to the Supreme Bench and City Jail, and $104,000 to the State's Attorney's Office.

As Mr. Benton requested, the Board also decided to spend $960,000 to cover deficits at the Jail ($750,000), for the fire insurance ($145,000) and storm damage in parks ($65,000).

Other appropriations included $150,000 for emer-

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RELATIVES of Mrs. Mary Slocum Scherer, leave St. Cecilia's Church following Tuesday morning funeral. Front, her daughter, Miss Lois Scherer, Lombard Junior High teacher, accompanied by family friend and physician, Dr. Bernard Harris Jr. Father Geise is at left. Mrs. Scherer died Jan. 4, shortly after she was robbed of her purse in 500 block McMechen St., by a group of teens.—(AFRO PHOTO BY I. HENRY PHILLIPS SR.)

Thugs frighten widow to death

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Slocum Scherer, 70, 2000 block Whittier Ave., were held in the St. Cecilia Catholic Church Tuesday morning. She is buried in the New Cathedral Cemetery.

Mrs. Scherer, the widow of Peter Scherer, was a former teacher and the family longtime residents of 1000 block N. Caroline St. in East Baltimore.

Police report shows Mrs. Scherer died shortly after 8 p.m. Jan. 4 at the Maryland General Hospital only an hour after her purse had been snatched by three youths in the 500 block McMechen St.

The death ruled as homicide was, according to Dr. William Mulloy, medical examiner; caused by heart attack.

Police report shows Mrs. Scherer had received a medical check-up for high blood pressure and heart condition and was going home when her purse was snatched.

Miss Lois Scherer, her 49-year-old daughter who was with her mother when the purse was snatched, told police, she helped her mother to the car and called Dr. G. Franklin Phillips who summoned an ambulance.

Police state despite efforts

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Housing halted 18 months

In the wake of Monday's announced 18-month cutoff of federal housing subsidies, Mayor Schaefer stated he will look for other ways to fund the building of the 3,000 low and middle-income housing units affected by the moratorium.

The housing units, all in Model Cities areas, are worth $62 million, which is three times the city's first year package of revenue sharing funds ($24 million).

And, the Mayor pointed out, over $10 million of revenue sharing funds must go to making up the "technical cuts" made by City

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Tony had chronic asthma, now ace football runner

ASTHMA CANNOT HOLD HIM BACK — Tony Fowler, 11, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Fowler, 1400 block Dukeland St., has become a star football player at the Children's Asthma Research Institute and Hospital in Denver, Colo.

Some 18 months ago Tony Fowler, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Fowler of Dukeland Ave. could not run or jump. He had been confined to a children's hospital for six months and suffered from chronic asthma.

Now after treatment at the Children's Asthma Research Institute and Hospital (CARIH) in Denver, Colo., Tony, 11, not only can run and jump but has turned into a star football player.

This past season, playing against teams of healthy youngsters, Tony and the Asthmanauts took the league title while the Baltimore youngster amassed an amazing 28 touchdowns.

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With 15 other boys his age, Tony lives in one of six modern cottages on the 17½ acre CARIH campus in West Denver. And like his roommates, it costs more than $12,000 a year to give Tony the benefit of CARIH.

The money is raised by volunteers across the nation.

In the Maryland area there are three CARIH chapters with 500 members. Mrs. Merle Eiss of 6800 block Hunt Ct. is the president of the Suburban Baltimore Chapter.

The highly specialized

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Cablevision answers State Board of Ethics

Can a public official be a member of the Board of Directors of a Cable TV company? The State Board of Ethics recently ruled NO.

A special subcommittee of the Board of Directors of Community Cablevision Systems of Maryland, Inc. met Jan. 5, and questioned the alleged conflict of interest.

The committee unanimously concluded that there was no financial advantage to be gained or conflict of interest on the part of any official or director of any state or local institution whose talent, knowledge or expertise Community Cablevision Systems of Maryland have utilized.

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In a telegram to the State Board of Ethics, Community Cablevision said:

"To the contrary, it would have been unwise not to have had their participation in the planning of a quasi-public medium soon to bring a new form of communication to a major portion of the state.

"Although the decision of the State Ethics Board as publicized today is only advisory and the hearing was held at the behest of a member of our citizens advisory council, it has far reaching implications beyond our organization. It is

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Liddie pleads guilty, gets 13 months

The Baltimore County States Attorney's Office soon after a defense witness accused a deputy prosecutor of attempted bribery decided on Wednesday to request plea bargaining in John E. (Liddie) Jones escape trial.

The result was Liddie, who told the AFRO he expected to get 10 years, pleaded guilty to one escape charge and was sentenced to 13 months in prison beginning Feb. 20.

According to a statement of facts read by Deputy State's Attorney L. Robert Evans, Liddie entered county jail on July 12 after his arrest in Randallstown on narcotics charges.

Mr. Evans told County District Court Judge H. Kemp McDaniel, Liddie left the jail the same day because of a "mistake by jail authorities" who gave him the wrong clothes and allowed him to sign out as Kevin Jones (who was arrested with Liddie).

Jones left the jail after bondsman Barry Udoff arrived to post the $15,000 bail of Kevin Darby. (Liddie's bail at the time was $700,000.)

When Udoff faced possible charges for assisting in Liddie's escape, his employer, Fred W. Frank, told the court he came to the Towson Courthouse and was met by Deputy State's Attorney Stuart E. Hirsch.

Mr. Frank then testified Mr. Hirsch told him, "Barry Udoff is in a real jackpot, and for five big ones I could do him a lot of good."

The witness then claimed he reported what he interpreted as a bribe offer to the city Narcotics Strike Force later that day, July 13, 1972.

Strike Force Director Peter Ward then testified Mr. Frank made a complaint to his office on July 13 and this led to an investigation in which the State Police, the Attorney General's Office, the U.S. District Attorney's Office and the FBI now are involved.

During Mr. Ward's court appearance, representatives of several of the agencies listed above were in the courtroom.

Mr. Hirsch, who was called to the stand twice, repeatedly denied not only having tried to bribe Mr. Frank but having spoken to him at all that day.

Meanwhile, Robert Frank, a lawyer not related to Fred Frank, has ordered a copy the court transcript.

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Robert Frank is scheduled to go to trial in Easton on Jan. 29 for allegedly attempting to bribe Mr. Hirsch to drop charges

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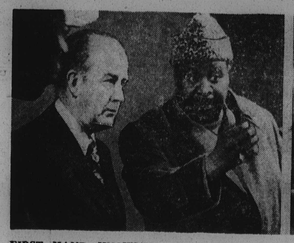
Search For New City Jail Warden Soon Underway



FIRST HAND KNOWLEDGE— Mayor Schaefer was up at the crack of dawn on Monday to view City Jail's kitchen in operation. He talked to Captain James Cotton, chief steward. The panel on the right shows breakfast being served to inmates (AFRO staff photo by S. Ponemone)

By SCOTT PONEMONE

The City Jail Board on Wednesday took a giant step towards filling the warden's job, vacant since Hiram Schoonfield's controversy - filled resignation two months ago.

By unanimous vote, the Board sent the city Civil Service Commission a new set of specifications for the warden's job and asked it to "seek applicants on a nationwide basis and conduct an open examination."

After the Schoonfield ordeal that involved misconduct charges, the Board carefully listed the job privileges of the warden, as well as stating "the salary be established at a flat rate of $25,000 per annum."

The next warden will not live in the 2-story stone house beside the jail on Eager St. nor in any other city-owed house, but he will have the use of a city motor vehicle to get to and from work.

He will be furnished meals at the jail "only in the common dining facilities and only while on duty at the jail."

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The Board also resolved, "The warden shall not be entitled to any personal services by either the employees or inmates of the jail."

Mayor Schaefer, who personally inspected the jail's kitchen facilities on Monday, told the AFRO on Wednesday, "I'm very serious about improving the jail."

Saying he has three priorities, the Mayor declared, "My highest priority is I want a warden."

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"Number two," he remarked, "I want all vacancies of jail guards filled immediately (adding that he filled the freeze on hiring guards several months ago).

"And three, I am not at all satisfied with the set up on food. The equipment and methods are seriously antiquated."

At the meeting Board President H. Mebane Turner reported on a closed session held Jan. 10 between the Board and city chief judges and State's Attorney Milton Allen.

The topic was how to

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FRED Z. NICHOLS FOUND DEAD

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1973 GENERAL ASSEMBLY REPORT

Thrift, planning, key to Mandel's program

By FLETCHER ROBERTS
AFRO

ANNAPOLIS — Governor Mandel in his annual 'State of the State' address Wednesday blasted the Federal Government for what he termed a "ruthless misdirection of priorities".

Speaking before a joint session of the 1973 General Assembly, the Governor said he supports "thrift with government dollars . . . but not at the expense of successful programs."

As evidence of economy-mindedness, Gov. Mandel cited the state's proposed operating budget of $246 billion for the Fiscal Year 1973-74. This represents an increase of $296 million or 13.6 per cent in combined General, Special and Federal funds. These are the three funds which make up the state's operating budget.

Despite the inclusion of special expanded state programs in the multi-billion dollar "blueprint" the governor asserted the state's commitment was to "prudence and progress".

The governor announced there will be no general tax increase sales on income tax during the coming fiscal year as long as the state continues "to live within limits of our existing revenues." This is the fourth consecutive year state takes have been kept in check.

The Governor added "If the Federal Administration pursues its chosen course of receding from its moral obligations . . . then additional financial responsibilities will be absent.

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Randolph elected to head Caucus

By FLETCHER ROBERTS
AFRO Bureau

ANNAPOLIS — In private session Wednesday, the 18-member black caucus of the General Assembly elected Del. Lloyal Randolph (D., 4th) chairman for the 1973 session.

The former chief of the Board of Supervisors of Elections succeeds Del. Arthur L. King (D., Prince George's), who has headed the group since its coming into being three

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LLOYAL RANDOLPH

FLASH

Governor pardons lifer

Riley Brooks, 57, was granted a full executive pardon Thursday by Governor Marvin Mandel.

After serving over two years of a life sentence for a 1963 murder Brooks called self-defense, the quiet-spoken man was released from the penitentiary Wednesday and allowed to return to his family in Baltimore.

The unusual pardon came about after it was discovered last November that evidence had been suppressed by the prosecuting attorney during Brooks' trial in the shooting death of a 68-year-old man.

His lawyer, Donald G. McIntosh, told the AFRO, "Riley will get his old job back at Bethlehem Steel. The union signed an agreement with the employer yesterday (Wednesday.)

"There will be a one-year probationary period then Mr. Brooks will have his seniority and retirement benefits reinstated.

"In addition, Bethlehem has agreed to get proof of his lost wages and Sen.

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Mystery surrounds 'missing' narcotics

Two STOP Squad officers were suspended without pay Wednesday in the "missing heroin case" and Thursday Police Commissioner Pomerleau announced 'normal' transfer from the States Attorney's ffice of three top Criminal Investigation Division officers.

A special grand jury panel that went into the investigation of the unprecedented case on Thursday is still in session this morning (Friday).

Lt. Stephen B. Tabeling 3rd is now in the office of the Chief of Patrol; Lt. Wallace M. Ritter at Eastern and Lt. Thomas J. Coppinger at Southeastern.

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"Police Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau has announced the suspension from duty without pay of two officers assigned to the Tactical Section of the Police Department, Charles Babb and Johnny Holloway."

This prepared statement was released Wednesday night by Dennis S. Hill, police director of public information, and concerns disappearance of about 1,250 bags of previously confiscated heroin.

The statement continued, "Administrative charges will be placed against both of these men for the purpose of bringing them before a departmental trial board.

"Officers Babb and Holloway will be charged for failing to cooperate and truthfully answer questions put to them as part of the Police Department's ongoing investigation involving the 'missing heroin.'

"The Department feels confident that these men possess more knowledge of this case than they have disclosed.

Polygraph examinations administered to both of these officers, reflect a number of deceptions in their answers to questions asked about the heroin seized by these men and others while they were members of the Stop Squad of the Tactical Section.

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"Because of the possibility of criminal charges being filed at a future time, our legal counsel has advised that no additional information should be disclosed at this point in our continuing investigation into this matter."

Officer Babb, 32, entered the Police force in 1968,

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Nixon inaugural details

INAUGURAL SEAL — Artist Herb Parham works on an inaugural seal in his Washington studio.

Weather prophets predict mild weather will continue with some rain possible the weekend but not enough to spoil the history-making, $3 to $4 million second inauguration gala of President Nixon now in its third day.

The AFRO will record the event in photos and story and detail what transpires but most Baltimoreans will be absent.

Congressman Parren J. Mitchell states he will be with Peace groups at the D.C. Lincoln Memorial vigil and rally the Washington monument both on Saturday.

This afternoon (Friday) he will be in Baltimore at the Peace Action rally at 1 p.m. at Charles Center and at 3 p.m. at the rally at the War Memorial Plaza.

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A presidential inauguration is as much dancing shoes

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Mrs. McMillian again heads local NAACP

Mrs. Enolia McMillian, current NAACP president, will begin another term Jan. 21.

She along with Mrs. Ethel Day, secretary, and Dr. Charles E. Watts, treasurer, and Board members will be installed in ceremonies at the Hiram Grand Lodge Hall, 1205 Eutaw Pl., on Sunday, Jan. 21, at 3 p.m.

The speaker for this occasion will be Dr. G. James Fleming of Morgan State College. Music will be by the Hiram Glee Club.

The public is invited.

Clara Ward rites in Philly Sunday

LOS ANGELES — Clara Ward, the singer who took Gospel music from the churches to white night clubs, begins her last tour this weekend.

The body of the 48-year-old internationally known entertainer will be flown to Philadelphia, her home town, then returned to California for burial

Viewing of the body will be from 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Sunday at the Met, Broad and Poplar. Funeral services will follow at the Met.

Miss Ward, died Tuesday of a stroke.

She was the leader of the five-voice Clara Ward singers, one of the best known gospel groups.

In 1929 she and her sister joined a chorus organized by her mother which sang in Philadelphia churches.

By 1943, this shifted to the Clara Ward Singers, with her mother and sister as the base. The group's reputation spread by word of mouth until East Coast tours were organized.

These later spread to the mid/and Southwest and a music publishing house was formed.

In the 1940s and 50s though they sang mostly in Philadelphia area churches. "Sometimes we'd go to five different churches on a Sunday morning," she once recalled. "We didn't have records. It was all word of mouth."

There were also a number of appearances before huge crowds at Washington's old Griffith Stadium.

The first big break came

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Allen makes statement on 'shakeup'

(News Release by State's Attorney Milton B. Allen)

This office learned late Thursday that Lt. Tabeling and Lt. Coppinger have been transferred by the Police Dept. from liaison duties with the State's Attorney's Office, effective immediately.

Lt. Tabeling is a key man in the Narcotics Strike Force Unit and his transfer is a serious setback in our effort to eliminate organized narcotics traffic in Baltimore.

Lt. Coppinger is an experienced police officer and the leader of the six-man investigation unit of our office where he has served over 10 years.

In absence of information from the Police Dept., I am forced to conclude that transfer of these two fine officers (neither of whom was involved in any part of the missing heroin case) resulted from initiation by this office of a Special Grand Jury Investigation into the missing heroin case.

I deemed it my responsibility to the people of Baltimore to institute an investi-

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Bethlehem Steel ordered to end bias

The largest single employer of black citizens in the Baltimore area, Bethlehem Steel Corporation, was ordered earlier this week to do away with the results of discrimination from past years at its Sparrows Point plant.

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The company was ordered by U.S. Secretary of Labor James D. Hodgson to grant pay rate retention and seniority all across the board to blacks placed in black or predominately-black working units.

Refusal to do this would mean loss of Federal contracts to the giant steel firm.

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A spokesman for the corporation issued this statement to the AFRO:

"Bethlehem has received and is studying the decision of the secretary of labor in the Sparrows Point Office of Federal Contracts case.

"If Bethlehem should have any comment with respect to Mr. Hodgson's decision, it would not be made until after the study has been completed."

Asked how many black citizens are employed at Bethlehem, the spokesman stated "6,00 in bargaining positions," meaning union workers.

The company was unable to give the figures for supervisory and executive personnel at AFRO press time.

WORK GOES ON AROUND THE CLOCK on the Mount Washington, one of the 500 ships worked on by Bethlehem Steel's Baltimore yards during 1972.

GI earns $1,500 bonus

Alphonzo Page, 19, of Baltimore, is $1,500 richer today by successfully completing the Army's Advanced Individual Training (A.I.T.) course at Ft. Jackson, S.C.

He is among the first graduates of the Army's new "BONUS OPTION" plan, whereby a man enlists for four years in the Combat Arms — infantry, armor or artillery—and qualifies for the bonus upon successful completion of his A.I.T.

Introduced on a test basis last summer, the "BONUS OPTION" is being extended until June of next year.

While at Ft. Jackson, Pvt. Page trained with Company A. of the 11th Battalion, 3rd A.I.T. Brigade, under the command of Captain James Bradley. The eight week course lasted from Oct. 16 to Dec. 8.

Pvt. Page, known as "Luck" to his friends in the Baltimore area, will deposit his bonus until his return from Hawaii, where he plans to be stationed. He is originally from Trenton, New Jersey, where he attended

PRIVATE ALPHONZO PAGE

Trenton High School and lattered in football and baseball.

Methodist bishop on visit

United Methodist Church Bishop James Matthews who succeeded retired Bishop John Wesley Lord, visited local churches Wednesday. The Rt. Rev. Mr. Matthews heads two conferences, the Greater Baltimore (includes District of Columbia) and the Peninsula (most of the Eastern Shore). He was appointed in July and was previously bishop of the Boston Conference.

ADDICT CENTER CLOSES

Cong. Mitchell shocked, demands quick reopen

Congressman Parren Mitchell expressed shock and distress last Wednesday at the abrupt termination of the two-year contract of the Addict Rehabilitation and Manpower Training Center located at 103 Mount Royal Ave.

In a telegram to the Washington Office of Economic Opportunity, Mr. Mitchell urged the immediate retraction of the termination before any irreparable harm could be done.

The center is a $1.1 million federal funded program where persons with drug problems are serve

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