Mrs. Marguerite Campbell Disenchanted By City Hall Shakeup

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Matron, Dead Man In Car 30 Hours

Mayor's Plan demoralizing, says aide Mrs. Campbell

IN HAPPIER DAYS—Mayor William Donald Schaefer and Mrs. Marguerite Campbell, his special assistant, photographed together at the June, 1973 Mayor's Ball at the Maryland Jockey Club, The success of the brilliant affair attended by over 2,000 persons, was partly because of Mrs. Campbell's efforts.

By Claudette Newson

Mrs. Marguerite Campbell, the mayor's community relations aide, says she is somewhat disenchanted by an administrative reorganization plan recently announced by Mayor Schaefer.

"I think they've (the mayor and other top staffers) done a good job," with the reorganization plan, she told the AFRO.

"And, I think they're very concerned. But concerned to the point where they're demoralizing some of the people (employees) they need," she said.

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"If I can stay and service the people and see that they get the service they need, I will," she said, explaining that at times she feels that she should resign.

"I really think that I would have been better off if I had returned to the Department of HEW instead of coming into this administration," Mrs. Campbell said.

"Once I wrote my resignation," she said. At that time she said the mayor told her, "I want you to be happy here, because you are my very dear friend."

"I'm going to stay here. I know I'm going to get uptight from time to time but I'm going to make the effort," she said.

Mrs. Campbell has worked with the mayor for about 15 years and was considered during the administration of Mayor Thomas J. D'Alesandro III as the most experienced person in dealing with "gut" issues as social service problems and overcoming bureaucratic red tap for indigents who need help.

Calling Mrs. Campbell an "old friend," the mayor says her "job is to take care of problems in the community. She has been commened, for the job she has done in the last two years.

"Her role has not been deminished and she's doing a good job," the mayor

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ADVENT OF AFRO 1974 BABY makes beautiful 3rd generation picture. In the photo taken at Lutheran Hospital is the baby, born Jan. 1, 9:40 a.m., Benjamin Frank Thomas III; (left) proud mother, Mrs. Benjamin Frank (Melvina) Thomas II and her mother, Mrs. Annie Bell Hall, the grandmother.

(AFRO staff photo by Roman Hankewycz)

AFRO 1974 baby gets $100 prize

"Since he is our first baby, we will spend the money on him. I did not believe what I was hearing when I was told he was the winner."

Mrs. Melvina Thomas, 23 and her brand new baby are the winners of the 1974 AFRO baby contest. Her relatives were the first to register the coupon and to call the AFRO after the baby arrived.

The baby, Benjamin Frank Thomas III, was born 9:20 a.m. Jan. 1, at Lutheran Hospital and weighed in at 6 pounds 5 ounces. Proud father is Benjamin Frank Thomas II. The couple live in the 2200 block Rosedale St. They have been married a year.

Mr. Thomas is employed as a security guard. Mrs. Thomas is a housewife.

Miss Agnes Hall, 16, sister of Mrs. Thomas told the AFRO, "The baby was not due until the last of January." Miss Hall reported the news to the AFRO.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Hall and Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Frank Thomas Sr.

The baby also has one aunt, Miss Denise Hall and uncle Charles Hall. Godparents are Mr. and Mrs. Kar. Marshall.

Son discovers mom still alive

A 21-year-old man removed his 46-year-old mother from her Continental Mark Four car on Jan. 2 after she had spent approximately 30 hours in the car next to a dead man. The license number on the car was GN-8680.

Police report Mrs. Ruthie Vice, 1200 block N. Potomac St., was found unconscious at 10 a.m. by her son, Preston Greene.

The dead man was later identified as James Nole, 25, 1300 block N. Ellwood Ave. The wife of the deceased was notified by the police. Dr. Irvin Sopher told the AFRO the cause of death is carbon monoxide.

Mr. Green told the police, he removed his mother from the car and took her to her home.

The couple was discovered in a garage that Mrs. Vice's son rents in the alley on the odd side of the 1200 block N. Ellwood Ave.

According to police, Mr. Nole was seated on the passenger side of the car when he was pronounced dead. Police recovered from the Continental owned by Mrs. Vice one pair of brown men's shoes, brown check pants, a brown leather belt, a watch and $3.

Mrs. Vice is quoted by police as saying she met the dead man at a New Year's Eve party at a bar in the 1300 block N. Port St. She stated she could not recall what time she left the bar with Mr. Nole or even what happened between 1 a.m. Dec. 31 until 10 a.m. Jan 2.

Mrs Vice is confined to Johns Hopkins Hospital. Police report she is aparently suffering from exposure. Physicians report that examination of her body indicates there was no foul play.

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The family of Mr. Nole will receive friends today (Friday) from 7 to 8 p.m. at a funeral home in the 900 block E. North Ave. The body will be shipped to South Carolina for funeral services.

City schools name pages to Annapo

Twenty-seven seniors from Baltimore City Public Schools will serve as pages at the 1914 session of the Maryland General Assembly in Annapolis starting Jan. 9

The Student Page program for the General Assembly began in 1970. Plans call for the appointment of 115 pages this year from among high school seniors who attend schools in the state.

All pages are seniors and are at least 16 years of age. Each will be assigned duties for the legislators.

At the same time they will have an excellent opportunity to learn about the operation of government.

The names of the Baltimore City Public School students and their high schools are:

John D. Copeland Jr., and Miss OMelia James from Edmondson High, Melvin Griffin and Clifford Wiley from Douglass High, Keven Kirkland and Charles J. Barber Jr. from Walbrook High and Robert Ervin from Carver Voca-

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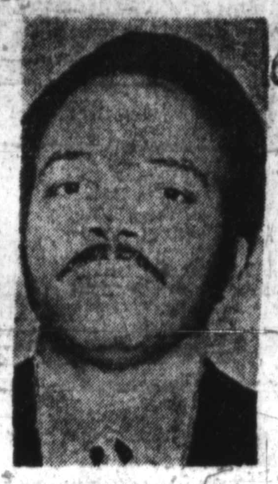

JAMES BERNARD LEE (Big Head Brother) was arrested Jan. 2, 11:45 p.m. near the Pen Del Drug Store and charged by the U.S. Strike Force with possession of a deadly weapon Aug. 24, 1973. He was seated in his '72 Lincoln Continental and is now on $2,000 bail until a hearing Jan. 11. Big Head Brother, who is already under $30,000 bail for a narcotics charge placed three weeks ago, resides in the 4400 block Fernhill and is listed in Strike Force books as "a big one" in narcotics.

Bias suit hits Baltimore unions

BALTIMORE — The Department of Justice has filed a civil suit charging four Baltimore area building trade unions with discriminating against black persons in job opportunities.

Asst. Atty. Gen. J. Stanley Pottinger, head of the civil rights division, said the employment discrimination suit was filed Wednesday in U.S. District Court in Baltimore.

Named as defendants were International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 24, Ironworkers Local 16, Sheet Metal Workers Local 122 and Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 438.

The locals' joint apprenticeship committees and four contractors associations were also named defendants.

Submitted with the suit was a proposed consent decree resolving the issues with Local 438, its joint apprinticeship committee and the Mechanical Contractors Assn. of Maryland, Inc.

The suit charged that the local unions pursue policies and practices that discriminate against blacks by failing to recruit and admit them as members and by failing to refer or approve them for building trades jobs.

The suit noted that under collective bargaining agreements the unions maintain hiring halls for job referral and control a substantial part of the jobs available in

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U. of Md. Coalition hearing Jan. 7

The Black Coalition of the University of Maryland will hold a public hearing on desegregation of public higher education Jan. 7 in Room H-1222, Appropriations Hearing Room, State House, Annapolis.

The hearing at 7 p.m. will consider effects desegregation plans will have on development of predominantly black (Morgan, Coppin and Bowie) state colleges and availability of adquate financial aid for blacks to enroll and remain in higher educational systems.

The public is invited to give views on the vital questions which affect the struggle of blacks for equality in education.

Police protest release of Father P. H. Franklin

The 1,700 member Baltimore City police labor union is protesting the release on his own recognizance of Father P. H. Franklin, charged in the Dec. 28 slaying of a teenager.

The order's immediate past president, Det. Richard Simmons, described the release Thursday morning as "...betrayal of the community," and called for public support of their action.

Speaking for the Fraternal Order of Police, Baltimore City, Lodge No. 3, Det. Simmon stated, "The community deserves a better deal than," releasing an accused murderer in their midst. He further stated: "I'm not saying he is guilty of anything but an accused killer should not be set free to walk the streets."

Father Franklin, 54, pastor of the St. Martin's Church of Christ, 405 Orchard St. is accused in the shooting death of James Lee Craig, 18, in the 1800 block Whitmore Ave.

Shot once in the throat, police state young Gregg was pronounced dead on arrival at the Lutheran Hospital. His funeral was Jan. 3.

Later Dec. 28, according to police, the minister was released on his own recognizance by District Court Judge Benjamin L. Brown. Father Franklin has been a pastor of his church the past 14 years.

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Police records show the Rev. Mr. Franklin had been convicted in Chicago in 1960 on two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon and had served 60 days in jail and paid a $50 fine.

Det. Simmons said the police labor union is currently supporting legislation that will restrict those charge with felonies from being released on their own recognizance.

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Judge Brown could not be reached for comment but Judge John Hargrove, administrative judge for District Court No. 1, termed the release action as "...nothing unusual."

He told the AFRO, "There are lots of people who are charged with mur-

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CONFUSED? — Don't be. Set the clock forward an hour after midnight Sunday to observe Daylight Saving Time for 2 years according to President Nixon's energy - saving program and get used to it, says Herby Eaton, the AFRO's clock setter.

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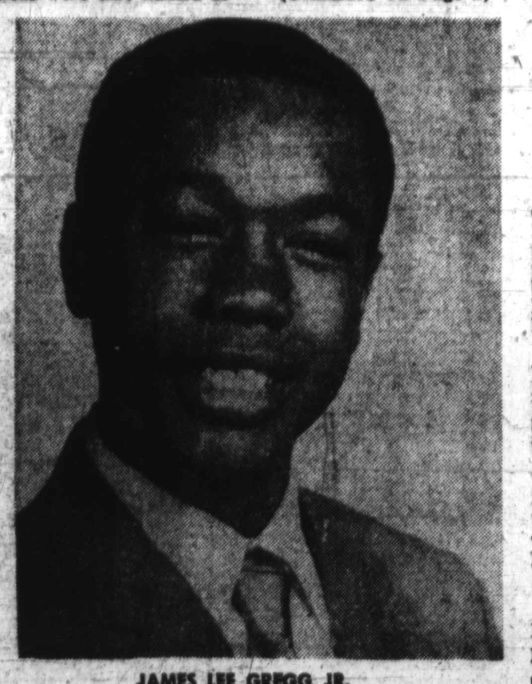

JAMES LEE GREGG JR.
slain at age 18

AFRO founder's great-grandson buried at Woodlawn Cemetery today

Requiem Mass was said this morning (Friday) at 10 a.m. at All Saints Catholic Church for Harry Gilbert who died New Year's Day at his home, 7936 Dunhill Circle Drive.

A postal clerk since 1959, he was the great-grandson of AFRO founder John H. Murphy Sr.; grandson of the late Mrs. Harriett Murphy Gilbert and George Gilbert and son of the late Mrs. Genesta Gilbert and Harry Gilbert.

Mr. Gilbert, formerly with the AFRO Circulation Department and a World War II overseas veteran, is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery.

He resided with his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John (Genesta) Lane Jr. at the Dunhill Circle Drive residence where the family is in mourning.

Mr. Gilbert was born Nov. 15, 1922 in Baltimore. He was graduated from public schools and after Army service from 1943 to 1946, finished Cortez Peters Business School.

He was employed at the AFRO until he went to the Post Office in 1959.

Mr. Gilbert's sister, Mrs. Lane, told the AFRO he and their immediate family went out for New Year's Day dinner and returned home shortly after dark.

She said Mr. Gilbert was stricken with a heart attack between 7 and 7:30 p.m. and "slipped quietly away."

Mrs. Lane said her brother had suffered two prior attacks but last September seemed improved.

She said his last trip to the doctor last month resulted in an Okay to return to work Jan. 15.

Mrs. Lane stated, "He was looking forward to going back to work. He enjoyed being with his nieces and nephews and the family. He loved sports and had watched the game the day he died."

In addition to his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. Gilbert is survived by a brother, George Gilbert; nieces, Mrs. Yvonne Lane Bennett, Harriett and Gena Lane; Mrs. Gail Gilbert; a great niece, Katrina Bennett; nephew, John Lane Jr. and aunts, Mesdames Theodosia Johnson and Edna Watson.

HARRY GILBERT
dies at 52

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