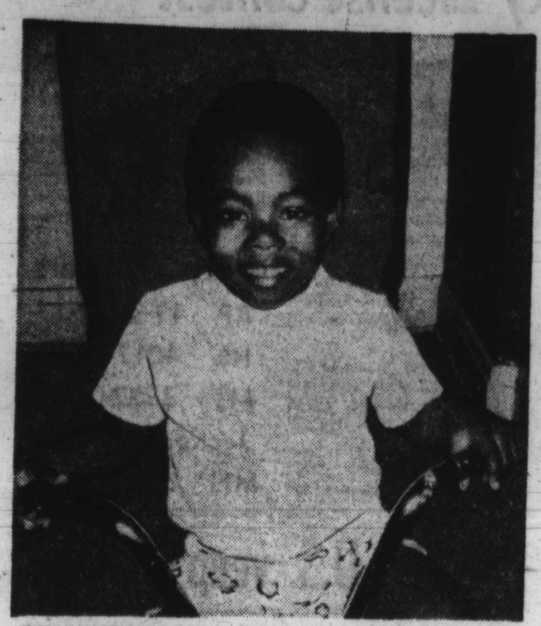
A child is waiting



THIS HAPPY YOUNGSTER has been adopted and will have a wonderful Christmas with his new parents. But there are many others like him waiting to come into your home and heart.

Can you take a foster child into your home?

A child is waiting for you.

What a wondrous Christmas it would be if all the needy children could be taken into foster homes.

Any citizen who qualifies may give this lasting gift of love, affection and safety to such unfortunate children.

Not just for the holidays but for a long time so that the youngsters may grow to be somebody and live a life worth living.

The Department of Social Services is sending out a special appeal to those who can share their homes with the children who are of all races, ages and religions.

Mrs. Doris Makell in Adoption services notes that these youngsters need the important things such as guidance, concern, patience, love and understanding.

685-8231

If you have those things to share, please call the Department of Social Services — 685-8231 any weekday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

These children need to belong. They are waiting.

A dear little heart may be waiting for you.

The number is 685-8231. Call today for information on how you can become a foster parent now.

Customers expose lottery 'schemes'

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Nude matron beaten, hid under leaves all night

Rape victim left in park

CITIZENS QUESTION FEDERAL EMERGENCY FUNDS

Is $5.5 billion enough? Will the poor get the $$$?

While the $5.5 billion Federal emergency fund OK'd by Congress Wednesday is a good start toward staving off recession, many Baltimoreans question "even at that, is it enough?"

Will funding of 330,000 jobs help the economy when over 6 million are already out of work and more being laid off each day?

Another question comes, "When the money starts to roll down through the government's red tape channel, will enough get through to the poor? Will most of the funds be siphoned off by highly paid administrators?

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When reached by the AFRO Thursday, Congressman Parren J. Mitchel said from his Washington offices that he is aware of the problems and will make plans to see that Maryland's poor and unemployed "get what is coming to them in money and jobs."

Delegate Troy Brailey admonishes the public to recall that whenever special funds are appropriated for the need, a large bureaucracy is set up to administer it and 80 per cent of the funds are eaten up with only 20 per cent left for the poor.

Del. Brailey, a national labor leader, said he intends to set up a "watchdog" committee to monitor funds coming to Maryland "to" see the money is used properly.

Del. Brailey highlights the fact that unemployment as to black citizens is 2 and one-half times that of white citizens and in Baltimore, black unemployment is 50 per cent.

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Congress Wednesday passed the Dec. 18 $5.5 billion bill to create 330,000 jobs to absorb some of the six million persons unemployed in the recession.

The measure, going far beyond President Ford's $2.2 billion proposal for a limited number of short-term public service jobs, was sent to the White House, where Ford accepted it.

In addition to creating jobs to be filled by state, county and local agencies, the bill provides unemployment benefits for 12 million jobs not currently covered by state-federal unemployment compensation programs. Most of these involve domestic workers, farm hands or employes of state and local governments.

The emergency legislation was enacted following the announcement Dec. 6 that unemployment in November had leaped to 6.5 per cent of the 90 million-member civilian work force — its highest level in 13 years.

The house passed the bill by a vote of 346 to 58. The Senate acted a few hours later by voice vote.

The house also sent to the Senate a $4.8 billion

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MILLIONAIRE VEEP — Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller became the 41st U.S. vice-president Dec. 19. (see story inside)

180,000 pupils out for vacation

Today (Friday) some 180,000 Baltimore city public school children will begin vacations as schools close for Christmas and New Year holidays.

Nearly 8,000 teachers will now have the time to crowd the downtown area or shopping centers to get a bit of "last minute" shopping before the day of gift giving.

Since most of the food in the school cafeterias had to be used by today, students had their Christmas dinner in the schools last week.

The traditional turkey

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$1,000 AFRO Lucky License Contest

Your Christmas Present

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Cab driver gets 25-year sentence

A 23-year-old cab driver has been convicted of sexually assaulting and robbing a matron in his cab.

Judge Shirley B. Jones on Dec. 18, imposed a 25-year sentence on Stephen Ross of 2200 block Mount Holly St. for the crime.

Judge Jones also ordered that the defendant be sent to Patuxent Institution since she said, "He has a very serious psychological problem."

The victim, a 44-year-old woman, was left for dead in Leakin Park and had to spend the night sleeping nude under leaves, according to her testimony at the trial, three weeks ago.

Herbert Garrett, the state's key witness, testified he and his friend hailed a cab on Oct. 10, 1973 and told the driver to let him out at Pennsylvania Ave. and Pratt St.

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Mr. Garrett told the jury he then directed the driver to take his friend, the matron, to the 1100 block Myrtle Ave.

According to the woman's testimony, the cab driver asked her if she wanted to go directly home.

The victim testified she answered, "yes," she wanted to go home.

She then told the jury the cab driver drove to some unknown area and pulled to the curb, where another man got into the back seat of the cab with the victim.

The victim testified she offered to pay her cab fare because she wanted to get out. However, she said, Ross continued to drive the cab.

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As Ross was driving the cab, the woman said she attempted to get out of the door.

She told the jury, the man in the back seat with her said, "If you try that again I will break your arm."

The victim testified, while Ross was driving the

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GE employees give $500 to AFRO's Mrs. Santa

Employees of Appliance Park East of General Electric, Columbia, Md. have donated $500 to the AFRO's Mrs. Santa Fund.

The contribution, from the Employees' Community Fund, was presented by Franklin Fitzgerald, treasurer.

"Quite a few of our employees live in the inner city. I do," Mr. Fitzgerald, 3707 Howard Park Ave., said in an interview.

"We thought it would be a good gester to let people know we're thinking about the inner city too," he said.

Mr. Fitzgerald said the employees' fund is composed of money received through payroll deductions. He is supervisor of shipping and receiving at the Columbia plant.

Mrs. Santa still needs your help

The AFRO's Mrs. Santa still has high hopes all her needy families will receive Christmas dinner baskets. The supply will come from your contributions which so far have been wonderful.

However, Mrs. Santa needs more cash and you can still contribute and credit the amount as income tax deduction.

See inside in this issue for how you can give and where to send your money. Thank you and Merry Christmas!

EDWARD V. WOODS

Sgt. Woods promoted to lieutenant

Sgt. Edward V. Woods, 4800 block Burton Ave., was promoted to the rank of lieutenant during police promotional ceremonies at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday in the 5th floor auditorium of the Police Headquarters.

Lt. Woods, a 14-year veteran, will remain in the office of the Police Commissioner where he has been since 1971.

The 37-year-old lieutenant is married with two children. His wife, Mrs. Alice Woods, is a public school teacher. Their older child, Edra, 9, is a pupil of Edgecomb Elementary School. The other child, Lynette is 3.

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Born in Baltimore, the new lieutenant is a graduate of Commmunity College of Baltimore and is presently studying towards his bachelor's degree at the Coppin State College.

His other educational ac-

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Lottery schemes

Maryland Lottery players informed the AFRO this week of what they feel is "a rash of schemes" devised by ticket selling agents to "avoid giving black citizens opportunity to buy the ones they want."

One person who wishes to remain unnamed, reports she went to a Route 40 supermarket and was told she had to buy $10 worth of the $1, 14-to-one tickets "or none."

Standing by the cash register later she said she noticed white citizens purchasing the $1 tickets "one at a time".

She said she notified the manager who harshly told her "You have to buy $10 worth or none".

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The customer said she went out and returned to announce that some other customers were still buying as many or as few as they requested and were not told "you have to buy $10 worth".

The customer said she repeated her request to the manager who reached in his drawer and found some loose ones "you can get one at a time."

The customer refused the ones in the drawer.

After renewed protest, she was able to get the

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Teen gets life in bus station murder

Miss Mary Washington Brown showed no emotion when Criminal Court Judge John Hargrove on Wednesday sentenced her to life in prison.

The 16-year-old was convicted of murdering and attempting to rob Miss Charlotte Lessem, 76, of Fayetteville, N.C. last January in the Greyhound Bus Station.

The jury deliberated five hours on Dec. 13 before they reached a verdict.

Miss Tina Louise Green, 16, also charged in connection with the murdering Miss Lessem, pleaded guilty last August to attempted armed robbery. Miss Green will be sentenced Jan. 6 by Judge Robert L. Karwacki. Miss Green testified against Miss Brown at her trial.

The trial of Miss Green on the murder charge ended in a mistrial on June 28 when a juror revealed he had taken unauthorized legal papers into the jury room during deliberation.

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Miss Green testified that Miss Brown had a knife with her while she was in the restroom. She told the jury Miss Brown was arguing with the victim over a pocketbook.

Miss Lessem and her companion, Mrs. Flossie Jernigan, had come on the bus and were to get lodging in Baltimore for the night. They were due to fly to Bermuda the next day from the Baltimore-Washington International Airport.

The teenagers were arrested when they went to Maryland General Hospital to get treatment. Miss Brown had a slash on the hand.

MARCH ON BOSTON — UPI — Dr. Ralph Abernathy (second left) head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference; Dick Gregory, State Sen. William Owens (R) lead thousands of marchers against racism in the public schools of Boston as they lend support to the city's court-ordered school desegregation plan. The rally was held on historic Boston Common Dec. 14.

Boston schools closed

By James R. Dorsey

BOSTON (UPI) — School officials Tuesday ordered four racially embattled South Boston high schools closed until Jan. 2.

Members of the Boston School Committee were to appear in court Dec. 18 to face possible contempt charges for defying a judge's order to approve a plan for desegregating the city's 200 public schools.

U.S. District Judge W. Arthur Garrity had ordered the committee to present him with a city-wide busing plan by Monday. The panel, however, voted 3-2 against approving a proposed 300-page draft drawn up by the city school department.

Garrity summoned the committee members before

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Change In Advertising Deadlines

NOTICE

The Advertising Department of

THE AFRO-AMERICAN WILL BE CLOSED

WED., DEC. 25th

CHRISTMAS DAY

Advertising Deadlines changed

All display (block type) ads and all classified (per word) ads for the Tuesday, December 24th paper, must be in this office before 4 p.m. Friday, December 20th.

ALSO

All DISPLAY Advertising for Friday, Dec. 27th must be in this office before 4 p.m., Tues., Dec. 24th.

Classified (per word) ads can be accepted Thursday until 10 A.M.

Phone 728-8200

WINTER ARRIVED Dec. 19, two days ahead of the scheduled Dec. 21 date with snow in Baltimore. AFRO staff photographer Angela Chatman snapped this picture at Charles and Lexington. The large flakes came down in early morning but disappeared in the sunshine as the day went on.