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St. Michaels' new mayor acclaimed No. 1 citizen for 1974

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GOV. MANDEL MAKES WAY FOR REDUCED SENTENCE

Girl, 17, jailed for life plus 63 yrs.

St. Michaels' mayor is kin of Fred Douglass

By Elizabeth M. Oliver
(For photos and other 1974 Yearly Roundup stories see Inside this issue)

History is made every single day but some events rise above others to become immortal.

One such event which occurred in a small Eastern Shore town June 11, 1974 casts an unassuming man in the role of No. 1 citizen.

He is James E. Thomas, 52, a descendant of the great Frederick Douglass, who was unanimously elected head of the Town Council of St. Michaels, Md.

Frederick Douglass who was a slave on a plantation in that town, rose to become a statesman and U.S. minister to Liberia.

As head of the Town Council, Mr. Thomas is now the mayor.

There are other facts history will record as unusual.

Mr. Thomas resides on the land which is only 500 yards away from the Lloyd Plantation "Big House" where in 1833 Frederick Douglass served as "an unruly slave." History states Douglass was lashed, starved and eventually sent to jail in nearby Easton, Md.

Legend also has it, when this unruly slave returned in 1890 to that same "Big House" after he had been named U.S. Minister to Liberia, he was greater than the master who once owned him.

The story discloses the unruly slave who always had to go "around back" was welcomed in the front door.

There's more in Mayor Thomas' background.

Across the street from the house which he and Mrs. Thomas own, is the Frederick Douglass Elementary School, opened on the land given to the descendants of Frederick Douglass by the Lloyd family. Only in recent years has the land been sold to the town.

The school, in the heart of old slave territory, is now integrated as both white and black children study and play together, "in harmony," Mayor Thomas reveals.

In addition, persons who know Mayor Thomas agree "the star under which he certainly was born" could

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Bishop's testimonial Saturday

Hundreds of persons are expected to attend testimonial dinner on Saturday, 6:30 p.m. honoring the Rt. Rev. Dr. Monroe R. Saunders Sr.

The banquet is set for 6:30 p.m. in the main ballroom of the Lord Baltimore Hotel with black tie optional. Subscriptions are $12.50.

The trustees of the First United Church (Apostolic) are sponsoring the affair.

The hundreds of persons are due to arrive for an auspicious occasion honoring the Rt. Rev. Dr. Monroe R. Saunders, presiding bishop of the First United Church of Jesus Christ, Apostolic, which has headquarters at his Baltimore church, the First United Apostolic Church, 3400 Copley Rd. at Liberty Heights Ave.

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Bishop Saunders will be honored for his service to the church which he founded, the community and his having received a Doctor of ministry degree from

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FIREMEN HELP—Two children comforted after being administered oxygen following a carbon monoxide gas leak at a Cincinnati elementary school. More than 100 children became dizzy, fainted or vomited as the gas spread through the school about 1 p.m. Dec. 20. Maintenance workers had left a furnace door open while repairing it, allowing the gas to get into the system. None of the children were seriously affected. (UPI)

FLAMES CAN DESTROY HOLIDAY HAPPINESS

Children warned to prevent Yuletide fires

"The danger of fires caused by carelessness is greater during the happiest holiday of the year.

"Tradedy, death of loved ones, loss of home and possessions and Christmas gifts can be prevented if everyone is careful.

"We urge the children who are home for the holidays to b eextra careful in every way to prevent sorrow coming to the family and neighbors."

This was the message circulated early this week by both firefighters and police officers who remain on duty around the clock to help preserve the safety of the city.

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They also cautioned against false alarms for which a guilty person can be jailed and fined.

False alarms can often cause loss of life since firemen called out on unnecessary calls could be elsewhere saving the lives of citizens in real situations.

The Red Cross also issues a warning to the family to guard against the Christmas tree becoming a flaming pyre that can turn holiday merrymaking into tragedy.

Set the tree well away from a fireplace or stove.

To keep the tree fresh and fire-proof, refill the water pan every day.

Be sure not to overload the electric circuits. Disconnect tree lights before leaving the house or retiring at night.

Beware of children eating holly berries or leaves from your Christmas greenery lest they become ill or poisoned.

Caution can make your Merry Christmas extended through the New Year holiday.

New trial brings hope for parole within seven yrs.

A year ago Gov. Mandel was asked to consider reducing the sentence of a 17-year-old girl who was imprisoned at the Jessup, Md. Institute for Women for life plus 63 years.

The young woman who had been imprisoned since Dec. 1971 was given the life plus 63 years for murder, robbery, conspiracy and destruction of property in the case of an Ocean City, Md. white woman who was alleged to have died of a heart attack.

Del. Troy Brailey pursued the case at the request of the young woman and relatives and implored the governor's consideration of the sentence as "cruel and unusual punishment."

Gov. Mandel reacted and after studying the circumstances, on Aug. 6, 1974, ordered an investigation.

Through the governor's efforts, the teenager has been granted a new trial and the sentence is now reduced to 30 years.

Both Gov. Mandel and Del. Bralley agreed the "endless sentence" stands on the books of the state of Maryland as a shameful injustice.

Del. Bralley states that 17-year old girl will be ellgible for parole within seven years.

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The case was connected with the death of Mrs. Lilla Murray, an Ocean

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State to increase food stamps

State of Maryland authorities have taken steps to increase the number of persons participating in the food stamp program as well as the number of stamps each can receive.

The increase Jan. 1, 1975 of the number of eligible low-income families is announced by Acting Secretary W. Sherherdson Abell Jr., head of the state social services commission.

Greater effort is also being made to urge more citizens to take part in the program since many citizens are not taking advantage of the plan.

Social services staffs are

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$1,000 AFRO Lucky License Contest for a Happy, Prosperous New Year See Page 2

Jan. 1, 1975 brings pay increase to workers on Minimum Wage scale

Jan. 1, 1975 marks the date that persons earning the minimum wage will get more money.

Here are the Federal minimum wage requirements that go into effect Jan. 1, 1975 according to the U.S. Department of Labor's Employment Standards Administration:

Farm workers covered by the Fair Labor Standards Act — $1.80 an hour.

Non-farm workers covered before February, 1967 — $2.10 an hour.

Non-farm workers covered after February, 1967 — $2 an hour.

Overtime pay starts after an employee has worked 40 hours in a work week.

Overtime rate is one and one-half the regular hourly rate of pay.

Look in your phone book for the nearest office of the Wage-Hour Division under the headings for the United States Government, U.S. Department of Labor.

Robert Mack Bell takes oath as judge on Jan. 2

Robert Mack Bell, 31, will be sworn in on Jan. 2 as judge of the District Court of Maryland. Ceremonies are set for 4 p.m. Municipal Court, Room No. 4, 211 E. Madison St.

He was named by Gov. Marvin Mandel. Judge Bell has been appointed to sit in the First District in Baltimore. He fills the vacancy created by elevation of Mary Arabian to the Supreme Bench.

A Morgan State College and Harvard University Law School honor graduate, he is a member of the AFRO-AMERICAN, Newspapers board of directors and chief attorney of the Piper and Marbury law firm's branch office.

Judge Robert Sweeney, chief of the Maryland District Court System, described Judge Bell as "An attorney of such high academic standing and such fine standing in the community will indeed be a great asset to the bench."

Judge Bell, a resident of Baltimore, is the son of Mrs. Rosa Lee and Thomas Bell of Brooklyn, N.Y.

Reared in East Baltimore, he finished Dunbar High School in 1961 a highest ranking in a class of 196. At Morgan, he finished in 1966 as a second in a class of 450 in history and

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ROBERT M. BELL

A RICH MAN — Abner Lopez, 72, stands near his home in Quincy St., a Springfield, Mass., area considered a poor section. He was considered "poor" until a fire Dec. 20 when firemen carried out of his house more than $100,000 in boxes of cash money, bags of stocks and bonds, deeds and uncashed checks. (UPI)

$100 for AFRO 1975 Baby

Don't forget! The AFRO-AMERICAN Newspaper. Mail or bring it to the AFRO office, 628 N. first baby born in the New Year, provided:

1. You clip and fill in the coupon shown in the paper. Mail or brng it to the AFRO office, 628 N. Eutaw St.

2. The parents or persons who call to report the baby's arrival must repeat one headline from the front page of the AFRO dated January 1, 1974.

All AFRO readers are eligible except employees of the newspaper.

City braced for snow early

Baltimore was all set for snow in early December. Highway officials report that snow trucks were equipped to take care of emergencies and checked out throughly before Dec. 15.

Weather reports, although not quite accurate, predicted. "Winter is here and snow is due to come, so expect it."

Weather prophets looking

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Change In Advertising Deadlines

NOTICE

The Advertising Department of THE AFRO-AMERICAN WILL BE CLOSED WED. JAN. 1st NEW YEAR'S DAY

Advertising Deadlines changed

All display (block type) ads and all classified (per word ads for the Tuesday, December 31st paper, must be in this office before 4 p.m., Friday, December 27th.

ALSO

All DISPLAY Advertising for Friday, Jan. 3rd must be in the Office before 4 p.m. Tues., Dec. 31st.

Classified (per word ads) can be accepted Thurs. until 1 a.m.

Phone 728-8200

Cong. Parren Mitchell calls for Pomerleau's resignation

Congressman Parren J. Mitchell has called for the resignation of Police Commissioner Pomerleau, following disclosures of local police spying on prominent community leaders in Baltimore.

Mitchell, in a statement issued Monday, said, "I do so for three reasons. First, because Commissioner Pomerleau conducted a system of domestic spying against black Baltimoreans . . . and continues to do so.

"Second, these disclosures . . . futher erode citizen confidence in the police at a time when such confidence should be maximized because of the upsurge of crime.

"Third, because the disclosures to date do not even begin to reveal the whole story."

Mitchell pointed out that the identities of "black people who have and continue to serve as paid and unpaid spies for the commissioner has yet to be revealed." He added that the extent of the surveillance has also been kept secret.

Mitchell recalled July, 1971 when members of the community called for Pomerleau's resignation on the same charges. He also recalled a meeting held in

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Blaze ruins family's Christmas festivities

Christmas for the Fulton family, 2701 Woodsdale Ave., was not so cheerful this year. The family's Northeast Baltimore home was destroyed by fire Monday, Dec. 23, at 1:24 a.m.

The fire, gutted the home destroying most of the first and second floors and the basement stairway. Fire Dept. reports also stated that the plaster walls, ceilings, doors and window frames, roof and roof rafters were destroyed as well.

The families Christmas gifts and toys were also destroyed.

Miraculously, the family escaped without any injuries. Safe are Mrs Inez Fulton; her children Clarence, 19, who is on leave from the Air Force; Vonderlear, 16; Craig, 12; Myron, 11; and Dorinella, 4, who had been playing with matches. Her daughter Sherrice, 17, was away at the University of Maryland, College Park, where she is a student.

Also safe are Mrs. Fulton's 94 year-old grandmother, Mrs. Katie Coates and a roomer Leon Dennis.

The Fulton's have been taken in by friends at 4300 Mainfield Ave., 254-5632. They have been given clothing, food and other necessities. Mrs. Fulton expressed gratitude to all those who are trying to help.