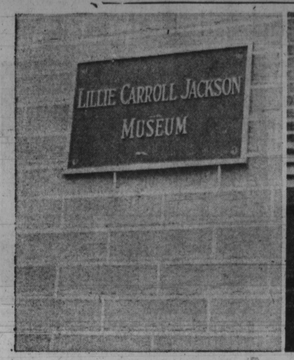
Ma Jackson's home now a museum



DR. LILLIE MAE CARROLL JACKSON
May 25, 1889 - July 5, 1975

By Brian D. Holt
Photo by Cynthia Grandison

The projected opening of the Lillie Carroll Jackson Museum, 1320 Eutaw Place, is slated for October according to its curator, Mrs. Virginia Kiah.

The museum is housed in the home of the late, great lady after which it is named. It will contain her favorite family photos, awards, and other memorabilia.

Mrs. Kiah told the AFRO, "This was Mama's dream, to have the home converted into a museum for the masses. Everyone can come here, free of charge and see tokens from the Civil Rights movement and cultural exhibits as well."

In addition to Mrs. Jackson's items, the museum will feature articles belonging to other great women civil rights leaders.

Mrs. Kiah wishes to include such persons as Mary McLeod Bethune, Mrs. Rosa Parks and Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt.

That is the second museum that Mrs. Kiah and her late mother, Mrs. Lillia Jackson, have created together.

The Kiah Museum in Savannah, Ga. which opened in 1959, was the result of 20 years of work by the two women.

She told the AFRO, "When I was a little girl, I loved art, but didn't go to museums because we weren't really wanted there. I told Mama that I would like to have a museum of my own where all people could come.

"Mama didn't laugh like most people would have, she said I will help you, and she did."

Mrs. Kiah and Michael Bowen Mitchell, assistant curator, are not making plans to have the house painted and furniture upholstered.

They hope to keep the first floor as Mrs. Jackson had it, and have other exhibitions on the dwelling's second floor.

The building is a masterpiece within itself, as it has a huge old-fashioned wooden stairway, high ceilings and marble mantles.

Mrs. Kiah said, "This house was made to be a museum, but we will need everyone's help to make it successful. Keeping it open will call for a lot of what Mama had and lookde for in others — dedication."

Persons who wish to make financial contributions to the Lillie Carroll Jackson Museum, may address them to Mrs. Juanita J. Mitchell, 1239 Druid Hill Ave., Baltimore, Md. 21217.

Photos by Benjamin M. Phillips IV and Robert M. Matthews IV show the last funeral scenes and some of the persons who were present

Contribution to Freedom House

The following contributions have been received for Freedom House in memory of Dr. Lillie M. Jackson:

Johnson's Gulf Service Station-Lafayette and Monroe Streets, Rudolph Johnson, owner, $50.

Julia R. Caraway, Rheems Rd., $10.

Ellen A. Ellison, Main Ave., $10.

Col. Bishop Robinson, Bonnie Ridge Drive, $10.

Mr. and Mrs. William D. Kindle, Brooklyn Parkway, Richmond, Va., $20.

M's Ella Belle Wilks, $5.

Jessie Lindsey Walker and Family, Moreland Ave., $15.

George A. Mitchell, Auchentoroly, $25.

Dorothy R. Chambers, Moss Side, Richmond, Va., $10.

M's Elsie Mitchell, 3442 Auchentoroly, $5.

Mrs. Lula Hardesty, Norman Drive, Annapolis, $10.

Rev. Mary E. Peters, Main Ave., $5.

Leadership Conference on Civil Rights Washington, D.C., $25.

Druid Hill Neighborhood Club, Thelma Greer, chairperson, $13.

Leonard and Dorethea Hyatt, Shadow Fall Terrace, Columbia, Md., $25.

FOR THE NAACP IN MEMORY OF DR. LILLIE M. JACKSON

For Washington Bureau NAACP, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fleming, 301 G. St., SW, Washington, D.C., $25.

Samuel L. Steward, Rosedale St., $15.

Dr. Herbert M. Frisby, 3409 Bateman Avenue, $10.

Deans Edgar and Jean Camper Cahn 5509-39th Street, NW, Washington, D.C., $200.

Silas E. Craft-12907 Morningside Lane, Silver Spring, Md., $15.

Her Grandchildren

MRS. CHRISTINE JACKSON RUCKER

MISS BARBARA ANN JACKSON

KEIFFER MITCHELL JR.

MRS. KEIFFER MITCHELL III.

JUSTICE THURGOOD MARSHALL — MRS. MARSHALL

CLARENCE M. MITCHELL IV, Michael Brown Mitchell Jr., Lisa Marie Mitchell. — MRS. CLARENCE M. MITCHELL III.

HONORARY PALLBEARERS STAND GUARD as Dr. Lillie's close relatives bear the bronze casket from Sharp Street Methodist Church. Pallbearers are grandsons Senator Clarence M. Mitchell III, Dr. Keiffer Mitchell (front) and Lawyer Michael Mitchell (rear). Others are Grandson George Davis Mitchell; Cong. Parren J. Mitchell, Bowen Jackson, son; Osborne C. Carroll and James Robin Gittings. Honorary Pall bearers shown are (from left) the Rev. Howard Cornish and the STOP Squad, her favorites among police officers (left clockwise) and (right) Col. James A. Watkins, Western District Commander Calvin Lewis.

HER CHILDREN — Leaving the last rites July 10 at Sharp Street Methodist Church (from left) Mrs. Virginia Jackson Kiah and husband, Dr. C. L. Kiah, vice-president, Georgia State Univ., Atlanta; Bowen Keiffer Jackson, property manager, Baltimore; Mrs. Marion Jackson Smith, husband, George Smith, Los Angeles, realtor; Lawyer Juanita Jackson Mitchell, husband, Clarence M. Mitchell Jr., director, Washington Bureau NAACP.

WILLIAM ADAMS (LITTLE WILLIE)

ARVIN KOVENS

CITY SOLICITOR BENJAMIN BROWN

FORMER MAYOR D'ALESSANDRO JR.

ROY WILKINS, NAACP, NEW YORK

GOV. MANDEL

POLICE COMMISSIONER POMERLEAU

SUPREME BENCH JUDGE JOSEPH HOWARD

BOSTON — Diana Bryant, 19 and two-year-old godchild, Tiare Jones, fall from their fifth floor balcony that collapsed while waiting to be rescued. (UPI photo by Stanley Foreman of the Boston Herald)

BOSTON — Moments before tragedy struck Diana Bryant, 19, holds her two-year-old godchild Tiare Jones, as a fireman directs a ladder to their fifth floor balcony to rescue them from fire that swept their Back Bay apartment on July 22. Seconds later the balcony collapsed plunging Diana and Tiare to the ground. The fireman held onto the balcony. Diana died enroute to the hospital. (UPI, exclusive Boston Herald American photo by Stanley Foreman, staff photographer)

Teenaged sitter dies, baby survives fire fall

BOSTON (UPI) — A 2-year-old girl was in stable condition after surviving a five-story fall from a crumbling fire escape that killed her teen-aged godmother.

State and city arson investigators poked through the ruins of the burned town house in the Back Bay area to find what caused the blaze which has been labeled "of suspicious origin."

Fire trucks rushed to the scene at 4:10 p.m. Tuesday, twisting through the narrow streets of Boston's Back Bay section as smoke billowed from the windows at 129 Marlborough St.

Firefighters wearing yellow oxygen back packs raced up ladders to rescue people on upper floors. Occupants of lower floors managed to reach safety through the front and back doors.

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Miss Diane Bryant, 19, wearing a halter and shorts, and her goddaughter, 2-year-old Tiare Jones, stepped onto a rickety and rusting metal fire escape on the top floor. Fireman Robert O'Neill heard her screams and climbed down to help.

A traffic-watch helicopter clattered to a nearby roof and the bearded pilot, Joe Green, rushed to the edge of the roof above them. A firetruck finally snaked up the narrow alley and swung its long ladder upward.

O'Neill decided against handing the child and teenager up to Green and reached for the ladder.

As he grabbed it, the fire escape collapsed. O'Neill held on to the ladder and the girl made a frantic grab for his legs, but missed and fell to the ground a split second before the child. The fireman pulled himself safely onto the ladder.

The teen-ager, who had been babysitting while the toddler's mother was at work, suffered multiple injuries and died at 7:20 p.m.

The child was given mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and was "breathing and crying" on arrival at the New England Medical Center, a spokesman said.

ORCHARD ST. CHURCH, built by slaves 150 years ago, has underground Freedom tunnel from Orchard St. to Mt. Royal RR Station.

ORCHARD ST. CHURCH BENEFIT SUNDAY

Throng set to attend event for rebirth of slave church

An unusual number of citizens have already purchased $4. tax-free tickets to attend the Sunday 7 p.m. Preservation of Orchard St. Church Benefit at Community College of Baltimore, 2901 Liberty Heights Ave.

The event, "An Evening With Mary Carter Smith," opens the big push to obtain funds to restore the 150-year-old church at Orchard St. near Druid Hill Ave. Some $150,000 is needed to keep the historic building constructed by slaves from destruction.

ARENA PLAYERS

The city's most interesting bicentennial project is receiving widespread attention and an interracial audience is expected to witness the program which sponsors, the Arena Players, term "glorious."

Nationally celebrated Mary Carter Smith stars in "The Happy Journey to Trenton and Camden" along with Irvin Turner, Aarona Branch, Barry Lynch, Christine Moore and Bryan Armstead.

XAVIER GOSPEL CHOIR

The famed St. Francis Xavier Gospel Choir of 50 voices under Fernando Allen, conductor, will set the stage with the thrilling, "When the Saints Go Marching In;" "I Believe I'll Testify;" "Come and Go With Me To My Father's House."

Scenes from the Arena Players' triumphant production "Tambourines to Glory," African folk dances and folk songs are added highlights.

SOUVENIR PROGRAM

The stately old church adorns the cover of the 4-page souvenir program which is titled, "A Salute to a Lady — Orchard St. Church."

Arena Players Inc., Sam Wilson, president, donates all proceeds to the Committee for the Preservation of Orchard St. Church Inc., Mrs. W. A. C. Hughes, president; Norman Ross, coordinator.

Those who are unable to attend are urged to contribute by buying a ticket or sending donations tax free to the committee.

Irv Turner is director of the Sunday production;

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TICKETS FOR HISTORY

For your part in preserving our history, purchase $4 tax-free tickets at Pauline Brooks Salon, Mondawmin; or call William H. Ross, 566-1481 or Norman Ross, 276-4646.

GETTING READY TO VOTE — Joining the register-to-vote lineup at the Cherry Hill Urban Services Agency are Hayes Peyton and Victoria Thomas, filling out application forms under direction of Dorothy Hicks, registrar. Aug. 11 is deadline to register and qualify to vote in the Sept. 9 Primary. Urban Service agencies all over city have application blanks. Alvin Steele is director of Cherry Hill agency whose community council sponsored register-to-vote rally at the recreation center Tuesday.

(AFRO staff photos by Benjamin M. Phillips IV)

Cong. Mitchell asks U.S. probe into courthouse

Congressmen Parren J. Mitchell sent letters to the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA) and the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Wednesday requesting investigations in response to Supreme Bench Judge Joseph C. Howard's recent charges of racial discrimination in the Baltimore court system.

Judge Howard requested hearings into employment practices of the Supreme Bench and service agencies as they relate to racially discriminatory practices in the use of federal funds."

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The congressman used the July, 1975 Report of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights as part of his argument that an investigation is warranted.

Quoting from the report, Cong. Mitchell says, "The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights concluded that although progress has been made in the last decade, the Federal effort to end employment discrimination based upon sex, race, and

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2 bank robbers flee in cab with $20,790

Baltimore and Washington FBI are carrying out a joint probe into the robbery of the Brooklyn Union Trust Savings Bank in which agents suspect a Baltimore taxi cab was used as a get away car.

Thomas Farrow, Baltimore area FBI chief, stated in reference to the cab allegation: "We're not positive. We're still investigating and we have nothing to give out."

However, a Washington agent told the AFRO they are still perusing that lead. "It would be a decisive factor if we can establish that it was a Baltimore cab."

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Another expressed his misgivings: "It might be the car's color and markings are identical to a Baltimore cab."

County police said the two men who entered the Ritchie Hwy. small bank building shortly after 1 p.m. took about $20,790 and then escaped in a taxicab.

Mr. Farrow stated the two men are still being sought and that a description of them is very sketchy.

Police state as the two men entered the bank one shoved a paper bag in front of a frightened teller and demanded all bills.

The holdup man himself scooped the cash into the bag as the scared teller hesitated. The man then dashed out the bank pushing past a man who was entering the bank.

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Police said the two men were seen entering a Diamond cab parked on Tungsten St. and headed north towards Baltimore.

A local cab company spokesman stated a check on drivers of the company reveals no driver carried two men who answered the description of the bandits. All drivers are accounted for, the spokesman said.

A bank official said $2,000 reward has been offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the two men.

Schools may close without HEW $$$

The thought of schools closing down in September may not be too far from the truth if the Department of Health, Education and Welfare cuts off federal aid.

Faced with losing $23 million federal funds, the school board is laying ground work to prove the adequacy of the junior and senior high desegregation plans.

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However, the system would suffer a great loss if funds are witheld, according to Paul L. Vance, deputy superintendent of Executive Matters.

He states, "The impact of federal aid to our system is so immense, it is difficult to see how our system would operate without it."

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The Baltimore Schools would lose some 1,200 personnel positions including teachers, teachers' aides, student liaisons and committee for the Preservation

Such programs as Early Childhood, Exceptional Children, free breakfast and lunch, and various vocational education programs would be discontinued.

If after the August administrative hearings with HEW, the law judge renders a decision against Baltimore, the case can be appealed.

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However, the baord will go ahead with the present plan when schools open Sept. 4, regardless of the outcome of the hearings.

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Dr. John L. Crew, interim superintendent told the AFRO, "The board will go ahead with this plan. I really don't see a decision by HEW to cut funds off."

The Aug. 4 preliminary hearing will schedule other hearing dates, likely to come at the end of August.

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By mid-August, teachers will receive new assignments under the desegregation plan. Of the 9,000 teachers, only 450 will be re-assigned.

This total is less than half the number of teachers shifted last year when the plan was first implemented.

MRS. SHARON TAYLOR TYNES

Anna Mae Hunter Home needs funds

The Anna Mae Hunter Home for the Blind may be forced to close in September unless it receives $3,500 in contributions by Aug. 3.

Mrs. Hunter, founder, told the AFRO, "We are in quite a financial fix. We need the help of all people who care. We will be grateful to anyone who can contribute any amount of money."

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The home, which houses 18 blind persons, began op-

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Arringer is only black on $200,000 commission

By Bryan D. Holt

The Maryland Commission on the Functions of Government report released Wednesday is reflective of the attitudes held by white, conservative Marylanders, and of conservative commission membership.

Of the 27 commissioners, there is only one black citizen.

He is Henry T. Arringer, mayor of Seat Pleasant, Maryland.

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Though black Marylanders have continuously sought change in the governental system, the report states, "Drastic surgical intervention applied to our local and state governments and their programs are simply not acceptable to the people of Maryland."

It only goes as far as to concede that "government today is beset by layers of red tape—impenetrable at times even to sophisticated citizens."

However, Joseph Sherbow, commission chairman

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Norman Reeves sues 'foe'

Norman Reeves, a candidate for City Council seat in the 5th District, has filed an injunction in a Circuit Court seeking the Board of Elections Supervisors to cancel the candidacy of James Reeves, 1300 block Dellwood Ave. from running in the same Council district.

Mr. Norman Reeves also wants the board to debar one Daniel E. Hogsed named as the campaign treasurer and political agent for James Reeves.

In a complaint filed on his behalf by Attorney Buchman, Norman Reeves

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No arrest yet in bus stop murder

Police report they are still investigating and have not made any arrest in the homicide of Mrs. Sharon Taylor Tynes, 23, who was shot to death on June 28, at a bus stop.

According to police, Mrs. Tynes of the 1600 block Manordene Rd. was waiting for a bus in the 4400 block Garrison Blvd. around 4:55 a.m.

Mrs. Tynes was eight months pregnant and was looking forward to attending her baby shower.

She was a graduate of Western High School and Community College of Baltimore. Mrs. Tynes was employed at the Maryland Training School for Boys as a youth supervisor.

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