mother of escape artist, a "broken home." escape try by her son was set up by police and jail

guards to get rid of him. The mother also expressed her objection to references to Beard as " young killer" and to alle-

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Mrs. Mildred Griffin, gations that he comes from

sweet person. His never walked away from home and I'm not his stepColvin St., came "all those

lies" about Beard. "He has always lived with me. I'm his mother needed me. As many

four and a resident of 100 him, know me. He has a records show has 10-year the door of a moving prison kind and loving mother, Griffin stated.

Accompanying Mrs. Griffin was Mrs. Loretta Duncan, Beard's aunt who described the prisoner as warm-hearted and sweet person.

manslaughter, auto theft, larceny and mugging, was shot and wounded Dec. 23 - as jail authorities alleged he tried to make his fourth

report he slipped off hand-

wild, 20-minute chase through alleys until he was finally shot by one of the 米 米 米

Backing her contention

that Bear was set up, Mrs. Griffin question: "How could he off those taken under the noses of all those armed guards?" The truth of the case, ac-

cording to Mrs. Griffin, is that they set him presented itself.

"That is the kind of haliving with. They rip off phones, kick down doors and beat my family and neighbor whenever they come looking for him.

"Instead of calling him a young killer, or making him seem inhuman and degrading him they should try to help him. He is crying for help. I don't want anybody to call him a kill-

was never found guilty of manslaughter harges. She said he was placed on probabtion for the charge when he allegedly killed a 16-year-old youth in a gang fight. Beard began his esca-

Griffin explained

pades on Sept. 16 when he fled the Jessup Correction al Camp Center, where he

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THE ESCAPE ANTICS of Wendell M. Beard have become something of a nightmare to city correctional and police officers who are always tricked and out-witted by the man they have named the "real rabbit." A grim-faced officer leads Beard to a waiting van after he was captured in one of his escapades.

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WE ARE IN OUR 84th YEAR

Comp Law for domestics

BALTIMORE, MD., JANUARY 3, 1976

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# leaves many unprotected

#### Bill watered, compromised to get passage

Jan. 1, which requires employers of part-time and juries. domestic employees to provide workmen's comwill give little or no finan-

The new law, effective who will suffer serious dis- Its author, Del. Larry ability from on-the-job in-

The law, only the second of its kind in the country, brings the long neglected erage for those workers, domestic worker under the umbrella of full medical in cial protection to blacks surance protection.

> and director of administration to the Workmen's Compensation Commission. for six areas of injuries. One of them, Temporary Partial Disability provides payment of 50 per cent of the difference between the employee's average weekly wage and his wage earning capacity thereafter but not to exceed 50 per cent of the state average weekly wage

Young (D), admits, "The

bill is weak in some

be strengthened."

serious areas and needs to

areas is illustrated by the

the AFRO put to Mrs. Vir-

Barnes, secretary

One of those serious

ployee earns \$2.20 an hour \$17.60 per day. works for employer A on Monday; B on Tuesday; C on Wednesday; D on Thursday and E on Friday; earning an average

weekly wage of \$88. The employee has a fall while working for employer D and suffers temporary partial disability. Can she expect to receive \$29.03 in compensation while she's unable to work?

The answer: "No. She can be awarded compensation only on the income derived from employ-

That amounts to \$17.60. Daniel T. Doherty, chairman of the commission ex- REV. EDNA ISAAC of the sured compensation fund of plained: "Any employee Famed Greene Sisters, will up to \$1,650. earning \$25 or less per sing America at the Jan. week from the employer 11, 3 p.m. celebration at in question can expect to Orchard Street Church receive the full amount of when the old slave monuthe wages."

while the law does provide full medical coverage it Places.

does not protect the Aver- vote at 9:45 p.m. age Weekly Wage of the delegates were so enraged domestic as it does for other workers.

Moreover, household em. ployees, particularly those who are black are omitted coverage altogether because their income will not approach the normal wage, answer to a question which for which maximum payment is required.

Throwing some light on the subject, Del. Young asserts, "We had to get something on the books. We compromised to the bone with the forces which fought the bill the hardest for reasons that they were the ones most affected by it.

"In the coming session of the General Assembly our aim will be to make some amendments and put more meat into the bill. For the present we were glad to get away with as much as we did. To give you an idea of the kind of opposition the bill met:

floor at 4:30 p.m. on a Friday and we got it to a



ment feted by U.S., staet ed that under the new law and city officials as the employers are liable even The point then, is that first on the esteemed Na- if the part-time employee tional Record of Historic

they walked off the floor,' he revealed.

The entire Legislative the bill and voted 'Yea.' Del. Lena K. Lee was excused from participation in the vote for reasons of ill-

cluding maids, gardeners and babysitters to keep in mind that, "The responsibility for buying the insurance is the house owner's and not the employee's." To qualify for compensation coverage these work ers must earn at least \$250 period. According to the Ashby risked being Job Research Information Center of the Department of Employment Security this will affect approximately 5,000 persons statethan half that number in

Currently, the minimum age for these workers as \$2 per hour; beginning es to \$2.20.

Baltimore City.

It is important also to remember that failure to provide this coverage for these long neglected workers can result in penalties including the payment of pensation for (however limited) loss of earning The law provides for

from one day to one year in jail. Also the employer may be required to pay an assessment for the unin-Companies that fail or refuse to write workmen's compensation for part-time

employees should be warn-

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### Del. Young cautions Ashbys in divorce court household workers, in Ashbys in divorce court

The divorce court action of the Horace Ashbys has witnessed several stormy sessions since the husband filed for partial divorce

Appearing before Judge Robert B. Watts in Circuit intervened that all parties Court on Dec. 19, 1975, allegedly

for contempt of court.

his wife's attorney by the

Sheldon Friedman, attorney for the wife, Mrs. to the court at the use of such abusive language and at being assaulted by Mr. Ashby. Court records state, "All parties were escorted from the courtroom by the court officer on duty."

is," at which time the corut

in the matter leave.

Mr. Ashby was scheduled to appear in Circuit Court Dec. 23, 1975. His wife accused him of assaulting her "during September or October 1974."

A supplemental bill of complaint was filed by Mr. Ashby on Nov. 26, 1975 when he decided to change from a partial divorce and ask for a complete divorce. His attorney is John S.

Mr. Ashby is asking the court that, "He be awarded the care, guardand custody of their one minor child."

The couple, married May 1956, has two children, one age 18. Mr. Ashby Jr., lives on Wyndmoor Place. His wife, Mrs. Ashby lives

on Fairfax Rd. Mr. Ashby claims, "He conducted himself as a kind, considerate and loving husband, "His wife continuously nagged. "... miliated and embarrassed him," according to his tes-

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### Fire victims get help from 'beautiful' people

MRS. SANTA MONEY FOR FIRE VICTIMS -

The Skyscraper Emergency Aid Radio-Community

presented \$152 to victims of the fatal Dec. 20 fire

in the 1900 block of N. Chester St. through the

AFRO's Mrs. Santa Monday afternoon. Mrs. Maggie

Pryor (left) is seen receiving the money for the fire

victims from Mrs. Santa's helper, Mrs. Vanessa

By Roman Hankewycz...

"People have been so kind with giving us food, clothing, and money, that I just can't express my gratitude. They've been just

This was the statement of Mrs. Maggie Pryor as she accepted \$152 Monday from the AFRO's Mrs. Santa Fund for the victims of a fatal Dec. 20 fire in the 1900 block of N. Ches-

the Skyscraper Emergency were injured during the

Mrs. Pryor, aunt of Mrs. Anderson, said the family lost most of their possessions in the blaze, including their brand new furniture. In addition, funeral ex-

penses for the two dead children, Crystal Palmer, and Andre Lawler, 14 months, totalled close \$1,000, but state aid was only \$200.

troubles, Mrs. Pryor states that one of the hospitalized

## Sen. Welcome's task force wants youth work camps

task force that urged crea-

(UPI) - City Comptrol- Welcome, D-Baltimore, while walking from her car fear," the senator said, commission have called ler Hyman A. Pressman after she was mugged on to her home, was ap- "we must do something to repeatedly for a system of applauded a recom- the street near her home proached by a youn check this rising crime work camps using aban-

\* \* \* tion of a work camp for During the mugging the 'JUST A FEW DOLyoung criminal offenders. senator was robbed of over "just a few dollars," she The task force also rec- camps would be a welcome Watts, Col. William "Box"

mendation by a special Dec. 5. armed with a pistol who rate before it's just too doned Army camps across stole her wallet containing late."

Both legislators have

made in that incident ei- auxiliary police force in juveniles to society. Baltimore to help reduce

IN HAPPIER DAYS - Mr. and Mrs. Horace

Ashby in AFRO 1966 file photo.

dom," Pressman said. Other members of the task force are, Delegates Lena K. Lee, Walter R. Harris, David Sloan, Lt. J. Hiram Butler, Dr. M.



DIDN'T IT SNOW, LORD - It started just before dawn Jan. 1 and in blizzard proportions. But, before the morning was gone, the New Year's sur-

prise snow had melted in the city and only traces were left in the suburbs. (AFRO staff phote by Roman Hankewycz)

collected by 4 p.m. Mon-

lower front portion.



stalled noon Jan. 5 as-president of the Baptist Ministers Conference of Baltimore and Vicinity and will serving his 1100 N. Eden St.,

#### his race. Her attorney, Kenneth L. Johnson, filed in Federal Court in Baltimore asking places of public

a total of \$10,000 damages Also acting on her behalf are attorneys of the Wash-Ington Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights.

The U.S. District Court was told that the young ster, Tony Bryant, became ments placed before the court state he paid a sum of \$8 to join

Mrs. Bryant states that when her son was put off

Arundel County taxpayers' the document on file note.

The class-action suit is directed to officials of the Annapolis Elks Lodge No. 22 and the group in gener-

order claimed, at the time incident in Septembers and decided to drop