January Sales

reduction sale from Carrollton Coats... fake-fur coats and pantscoats

$68 to $112 *originally $95 to $140*

Here's a wonderful opportunity to get a warm fake-fur coat or a fur-trimmed coat at a sale price. Choose from a collection in misses' sizes 8 to 18, not all sizes available in all styles. Choose: Fake-fur coats and pantscoats, *originally $90 to $140*...$72 to $112
Shown: A—Striped acrylic fake-fur and polyurethane vinyl-trimmed pantscoat*, *originally $125*...$89.90 B—Acrylic fake seal with trimming of acrylic fake mink, *originally $125*.....$89.90
Wool plush full-length coats and pantscoats with trimmings of oppossum, raccoon and rabbit; *originally $85 to $140*...$68 to $112
Carrollton Coats—all stores
*Not at Southdale

reduction sale from the Coat Salon... cashmere, camel hair, fake fur, fur-trimmed and untrimmed coats

$80 to $225 *originally $95 to $265*

Take advantage of substantial savings on a collection of exquisite coats in misses' sizes 6 to 18, not all sizes available in all styles: untrimmed coats, *originally $95 to $160*.....$80 to $136
fur-trimmed coats, *originally $200 to $265*.....$170 to $225
fake fur coats, *originally $135 to $210*.....$115 to $178
cashmere, *originally $175*...$148; camel hair, *originally $165*...$139
Shown: C—Fake mink wrap jacket in modacrylic-cotton. Ranch or tourmaline, *originally $170*.....$144. D—Single-breasted custom petite in a blend of wool-polyester-acrylic-nylon with welt seam detailing. In yarn dyed blue or grey, *originally $130*...$110*
Coat Salon—all stores
*Not at Eastpoint

Children's outerwear clearance. . .Save 1/3 off original prices on warm jackets, snowsuits, dress coats and casual coats
Take advantage of the substantial savings and choose from a selection of warm outerwear for children. The selection includes: infants' sizes, toddler sizes 2 to 4, boys' sizes 4 to 7; girls' sizes 4 to 6x, girls' sizes 7 to 14, and preteen sizes 8 to 14.
You'll find them in YoungWorld—all stores

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Downtown Towson Westview Eastpoint Southdale
Use BankAmericard, Master Charge or Hutzler Charge. Call anytime 727-4321 in Md outside toll-free area 1-800-492-9511 8 to 5:30 Monday to Saturday. TODAY'S HOURS: Downtown open from 10 to 5:30 Towson, Westview, Eastpoint, Southdale open from 10 to 9:30

Clarence Mitchell, veteran D.C. civil rights leader, to be honored

WASHINGTON — Clarence Mitchell Jr., one of the quiet, unsung heroes of the civil rights movement for the past quarter of a century, will be honored at a testimonial luncheon Jan. 27 in Washington.

For the past several months Mitchell has been an active and highly vocal delegate for the United States at the United Nations.

The committee of more than 100 persons planning the Mitchell luncheon represents a broad cross-section of organizations and individuals who have worked with Mitchell over the years.

The testimonial luncheon for Mitchell will focus on his years as a journalist, civil rights attorney and activist and highly respected lobbyist for civil rights legislation on Capitol Hill.

Since 1950 Mitchell has been director of the Washington bureau of the NAACP and legislative chairman of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights.

In a cover story in the **Potomac** magazine in 1973, the Washington **Post** described Mitchell as "the 101th senator of the United States." In the article the **Post** said, "Mitchell is considered by those in the know to be perhaps the most singular figure in getting civil rights legislation through Congress—and in prompting Presidents to issue executive orders."

Mitchell is a familiar name in the halls of Congress. It was his ceaseless efforts that resulted in the no-compromise provisions of the 1964 Civil Rights Bill, according to the Washington **Post**.

At the age of 67, Mitchell still works a 10 to 12 hour day. He will return to Washington and his job as director of the civil rights lobbying and monitoring efforts in January.

CLARENCE MITCHELL JR.

Ticket information on the luncheon can be obtained at Suite 716, National Press Building, Washington, D.C. 20045, or by calling (202) 638-2269.

Black Caucus gives Mandel alternatives to medicuts

Legislation is currently being drawn up that would allow Gov. Mandel to carry over part of the expected $10 million deficit and "lift" about $2.5 million from lottery funds to cover the rest, a member of the Legislative Black Caucus told the AFRO.

Letters appealing to Gov. Mandel to hold off on the scheduled cuts "until we can get this legislation passed" have been sent to Annapolis by Delegates Lloyal Randolph and John Douglass and Sen. Robert L. Douglass.

The medicaid cuts as proposed by the state Health Department would eliminate from dental assistance all persons age 21 and pharmaceutical groups around the state. The public hearing of Dec. 1 was attended by several hundred persons who spoke out against the proposed cutbacks.

More recently it was revealed that elderly patients living in nursing homes would be required to pay a 50 cent charge on each prescription because Social Security rules prohibit exempting these patients.

The legislation, it which is hoped will give the governor two tools which he now lacks: namely a new source of money and a means of quieting the loud voices of protestation all around the state.

Passage of the bill depends one spokesman said, "On our being able to get legislative support throughout the state. If there is enough, we feel certain the governor will see the advantages of trimming things back over decreasing services."

Those most effected by medicaid cutbacks are black, the poor and the elderly.

Baltimore ranks among 'worst' major U.S. 'hardship' cities

(UPI) — Baltimore ranks as one of the worst major cities in the United States in terms of the economic and social hardships of its citizens compared to their suburban neighbors, according to a recent study by Brookings Institute.

Only three other major cities have a higher "hardship index" in comparison to their more affluent, surrounding suburbs, according to Richard P. Nathan, a senior fellow at the nonprofit research institution.

"Baltimore is a city with great economic and social problems that are, quite frankly, much more significant than the problems of New York City," Nathan said.

Mayor Schaefer states that the city's greatest problem is that it cannot improve its financial condition by expanding to incorporate wealthy neighborhoods just outside its present boundaries.

The proposal met with strong opposition from den-

LT. COL. JAMES A. WATKINS and his family at the appreciation fete. From left are Col. Watkins, his daughters, Miss Annette Watkins and Mrs. Veda Seymore; his mother, Mrs. Veda Watkins and his son, James A. Watkins Jr.

Col. Watkins gives his gifts away to needy

BISHOP M. D. NORTON
host pastor

Many close friends gathered at the New Trinity Church on Edmondson Ave. recently to honor Lt. Col. James A. Watkins, longtime police officer. Hosts for the appreciation program were Bishop M. D. Norton, pastor, and Bailbondsman Leonard Norton.

Along with Lawrence Brunt Sr., president of the Edmondson Avenue Community Association, friends and church members gathered cash gifts for the officer who was praised not only as a highly respected citizen but also a top flight law enforcement agent.

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Instead of accepting the purse, Col. Watkins designated that it go to his favorite charities, AFRO Mrs. Santa Fund, the Committee for the Preservation of Orchard Street Church and the Anna Mae Hunter Home for the Blind.

Additional funds received for the blind home included those from Mrs. Rachel DeFord, Ben's Quality Shoes, 2017 Edmondson, $10; T. G. Inc. Food Center, 2000 Edmondson Ave, $50 and Cox's American Service Station, 900 N. Monroe, all collected last week by Mr. Norton and Mr. Brunt.

The lively program witnessed music by Col. Watkins' son, James Jr., Mrs. Mary Brown, the Rev. Edna Issac, of the famed Green Sisters and Mrs. Katie Jackson. Mrs. Catherine R. Green was mistress of ceremonies. Speakers included the Rev. Stuart Turner, Col. Bishop Robinson, Capt. Calvin Lewis, Rev. Jerome Sessoms.

Members of Col. Watkins family present were Mrs. Veda Watkins his mother; daughters, Miss Annette Watkins and Mrs. Veda Seymore and son James Jr.

Attending were members of the police force, Orchard Church Committee and citizens from every section of the city.

LAWRENCE AVON BRUNT JR., age 5 presents a check from Bailbondsman Leonard Moyer to City Editor Elizabeth M. Oliver, for the AFRO's Mrs. Santa. The presentation was made during the Appreciation Fete for Lt. Col. James A. Watkins last week.

LEONARD NORTON
thinking of the needy

MS. CATHERINE GREEN
mistress of ceremonies

Dr. Crew will keep Patterson plans if he gets the superintendency

Dr. John L. Crew, interim superintendent for Baltimore city schools, said Tuesday if he becomes the permanent school superintendent, he would continue the policies set by Dr. Roland N. Patterson.

Dr. Crew made the statement after he formally applied for the job he now holds, testing the Dec. 31, 1975 deadline by just a few weeks.

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Dr. Crew requested the job after receiving an invitation to apply from Grover Mellea, chairman of the School Board's Search Committee.

In a letter dated Dec. 4, 1975, Dr. Crew accepted the position outlining his qualifications such as certification as a superintendent in the state of Maryland and knowledge of the inner workings of the school system.

The superintendent's post has been Dr. Crew's since July 17, 1975. Since that time he has enjoyed a good business-like relationship with the School Board. He said the decision to apply was a recent one.

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Dr. Crew told the AFRO he does not believe the organizational plan of Dr. Patterson needs changing. He stated as part of the planning, he helped write some of it. He explained except for some realignment, he does not think a person should change the plan he helpes create.

With graduate degrees in psychology, Dr. Crew said he sees the schools running quite smoothly this year. He stated if chosen, he will continue to focus on strengthening the secondary school curriculum with emphasis on the sciences and social studies.

Dr. Crew also said as far as other policies are concerned, he is not looking that far ahead.

The Search Committee in looking for a replacement set a Dec. 31, 1975 deadline for all candidates. The committee hopes to select a new superintendent by March 31, 1976.

DR. JOHN CREW
in Patterson's footsteps

Philly woman jailed at airport

A 59-year-old Philadelphia woman has been released from custody in Anne Arundel County on $250 bond as the result of what Eastern Airline officials termed a "misunderstanding" which occured at Baltimore-Washington International Airport last Friday night.

According to Joseph Churney, vice president of sales and services for the airline in Baltimore, Mrs. Louise Warren boarded flight 808 shortly after 6 p.m. Friday bound for Philadelphia:

"She took a seat in first class but had reservation for and had paid for coach," he explained.

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The airline executive said that the policy of the company "is to let a passenger sit in first class when a seat is available even though they paid coach. However, this is a business and first class costs more than coach.

"In the case of Mrs. Warren, she was told this. She said she had the money and would pay by check once she reached Philadelphia. The agent gave her the standard In-Flight-Up-Grade-Coupon which the passenger is required to sign. The procedure is normal and we bill the passenger at a later date.

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"She refused to sign the document and became very agitated. After several attempts to persuade her to move back to coach, the captain made the decision that she was then a security risk and called the police and had her removed."

The airport log shows that Mrs. Warren had boarded a Piedmont passenger plane in North Carolina and was required to switch to Eastern at the B-W Airport.

"I believe she was fatigued," Mr. Churney said, "and did not understand the procedure as it was explained to her."

Airport employees working the Eastern ramp told the AFRO they observed Mrs. Warren being removed from the plane.

"She handcuffed and [illegible] She was handcuffed and manhandled even [illegible] she remained calm [illegible] tried to explain her problem to the police," one of them told the AFRO.

Mrs. Warren "Was jailed and charged with disorderly conduct, resisting arrest and malicious destruction of state property.

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State hearings to investigate country club discrimination

Greenspring Country Club, located at Garrison-Forest and Greenspring Valley Rds. in Baltimore County, will be the first of 12 country clubs to be questioned this month by state attorney general's office on [illegible]ination.

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The offi[illegible] is holding public hearings to determine whether any of these clubs in the Baltimore and Washington areas are discriminating against citizens because of race, color, creed or sex.

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A spokesman for the the office told the AFRO the hearings will seek information concerning the establishment's membership policies. He stated questionnaires were sent out to 85 clubs in the area at the request of the 1974 General Assembly. As a result, he explained, the office discovered the answers of the 12 clubs were unsatisfactory.

"The spokesman explained because of the mixture of discrimination cases and the 30-day notification period. Greenspring would not appear before the end of the month. However, he did day, a tentative schedule would be ready sometime next week.

If Greenspring, classified as an all-white, family club, and the 11 other clubs are found guilty of discrimination, they can lose special preferential tax assessments authorized in 1965 to encourage the preservation of open space land.

Winter will see snow, Spring comes early

January brings dream-laddened seed catalogues and what with the unseasonable and warm weather at the beginning, snow seems impossible.

However, just examine the 1976 almanac and see. Snow and more snow are in the cards. Sharp winds, cold but fair, brisk, hot soup weather prevails.

Mark Jan. 15 on your calendar as Martin Luther King's birthday.

February is more of the same but Friday, Feb. 13 brings thawing, melting, sunshine, so they say. The only other Friday 13 comes in August.

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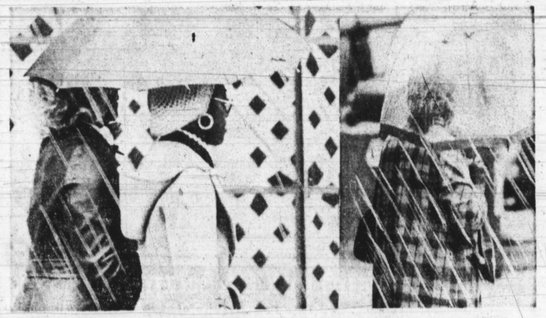
Lent begins March 2 as a harbinger of an early Spring which comes March 20, 6:30 a.m.

Ash Wednesday is March 3; Palm Sunday, April 11. Good Friday, April 16, Easter Sunday, April 18.

Long holiday weekends start with Washington's birthday the third Monday in February; Others include Memorial Day the last Monday in May; Labor Day, first Monday in September; Columbus Day, second Monday in October and Veterans' Day, the fourth Monday in October.

July 4 falls on Sunday so therefore, Monday July 5 will be the holiday. Thanksgiving Day is Nov. 25, a Thursday. Christmas comes Saturday, Dec. 25.


DIDN'T IT RAIN, LORD — Before the temperature dipped New Year's Eve, last minute shoppers were subjected to heavy downpours. The almanac predicted snow for Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 Although the white stuff (see page one) didn't begin until New Year's Eve parties were far the into night, it did snow, Lord.
(AFRO staff photo by Roman Hankewycz)

Miss Blake named Coppin 1976 queen

Lydia Denise Blake is "Miss Coppin 1976." Miss Blake, a senior at Coppin State College, is majoring in special education. Her court was composed of class queens: Pearl Duppins, senior; Pamela Moore, junior; Diane Johnson, sophomore; and Diane Smith, freshman.

Miss Coopin was selected by popular vote from the student body. She represents the finer qualities of womanhood at Coppin. She reigns for one year and attends all important events on campus.

Zoo admission prices hiked

The Board of Recreation and Parks has announced the following price schedule for admission to the Baltimore Zoo effective Jan. 1.

Adults, 75 cents; Children (14 and under and accompanied by adult) 25 cents.

On Mondays which are not holidays children 14 and under will be admitted free if accompanied by an adult.

School classes or other free if advance reservations are made with the Baltimore Zoo and proper supervision requirements are met.

The former second admission fee of 30 cents for adults and 15 cents for children to enter the Children's Zoo will be dropped effective Jan. 1. Admission fees to the general zoo also cover admission to the Children's Zoo. This has long been a source of special organizational groups will be admitted irritation to the public to have to pay a second fee once inside the Zoo grounds.

All proceeds from admission fees are reinvested in the Baltimore Zoo through the Baltimore Zoological Society for the specific purposes of furnishing medical programs, operating educational programs, promoting the Zoo, acquiring animals and making capital imrpovements.

The increased fees were required because of the inflationary economy and the need for greater income to maintain the level of programs operated by the Society, particularly in the field of medical activity for the protection and health of the animals.

For any further information, call 396-7102.

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