—AFRO in Georgia

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Pettit and Mrs. Lillian Lewis are delegates at large.

Frank Cowan, director of the Office of Minority Affairs for the 1976 Democratic National Convention says the Minority Affairs Division will have offices on the second floor of the Statler Hilton Hotel located directly across the street from Madison Square Garden on 7th Avenue.

The Caucus of Black Democrats will also have offices in the Statler Hilton on the third floor.

Both offices plan to provide a wide range of services and information for black delegates and alternates, special guests, and other persons attending the convention.

JULY 12-15

The convention will be held in New York's Madison Square Garden July 12-15 with the Statler Hilton Hotel as headquarters hotel, directly across from Madison Square Garden.

DELEGATES, ALTERNATES . . .

Some 3,008 delegates and 1,896 alternates will be certified for the convention. A total of 1505 votes is needed to nominate.

COMMITTEES

Gov. Wendell Anderson chairs the Platform Committee, Congresswoman Martha Griffiths, the Rules Committee and Senator Alan Cranston, the Credentials Committee.

The Statler Hilton is also headquarters for Democ offices and those of various organizations such as the House and Senate Campaign Committees, Women's Political Caucus, Labor Coalition, Caucus of Black Democrats and others will be located there on the third floor. Caucus rooms for delegates and alternates will also be located in the hotel.

CONVENTION AGENDA

Monday, July 12

Convene at 8 p.m. — Barbara Jordan speaks as keynoter.

Opening ceremonies, welcoming speeches, temporary roll, report by the national chairman, film and keynote address by Senator John Glenn and Congresswoman Barbara Jordan.

Tuesday, July 13

Convene 1 p.m.

Report of the Committee on Credentials

Part I of Rules Committee Report: Election of Permanent Convention Officers and Adoption of Permanent Rules of Convention.

Report of the Platform Committee.

Wednesday, July 14

Convene at 1 p.m.

Nominating Speeches

Roll Call and Election of Presidential nominee

Thursday, July 15

Convene at 4 p.m.

Part II of Rules Committee Report: Matters Relating to Charter of the Democratic Party, etc.

Nomination of Vice Presidential Candidate

Acceptance Speeches by Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees. Adjourn.

(Photo by Withers)

NAACP SMILES were on display among the brass last week although there was some bitterness and hassling over the date of retirement for executive director Roy Wilkins (R). Glowing lady on left is Mrs. Margaret Bush Wilson, the NAACP board chairman accused by the 75-year-old Wilkins of having called him senile. Between the two is Mayor Kenneth Gibson of Newark, who stirred the delegates in Memphis with his first speech since being named president of the Conference of Mayors last week in Milwaukee.

—Future bleak

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danger for crime increase, the Police Department layoff plan released last Tuesday, showed the department's strength would be reduced by 222 officers by the end of the year. The current strength of the department is 3,100

Dennis Hill, director of Public Information for the department, revealed reduction in officers will mean a reduction in the number of policemen patrolling the city streets.

The city slashed the department's operational budget by $550,000 and, according to Mr. Hill, the cutbacks are being made to save $1.9 million needed to balance the department's fiscal 1977 budget.

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Mr. Hill said the immediate impact of cut back in street patrol would not be felt until after the first half of the year.

The police officers to be laid off include 31 who were graduated from the Police Academy last week and 71 student officers in two classes at the academy.

Awards given to Baltimore NAACP office

The Baltimore Branch of the NAACP won several awards at the recent national convention held in Memphis, Tennessee.

Of the 637 branches nation-wide that reported to the Freedom Fund Program in 1975, the local branch placed second, contributing $ 6,119.57. First place was the Beverly Hills-Hollywood branch.

Baltimore also won the second prize Thalheimer award for outstanding program activities for locations with over 1,000 members. Kansas City, Missouri won the first prize. Mrs. Ida Russell, chairman of the Freedom Fund Committee, accepted the award.

The North Ave. office also now has in its possession, the Sammy Davis Jr. Life Membership Award for reporting 146 life membership payments in 1975.

Mrs. Enolia P. McMillan, president of the Baltimore branch, and the only full paid Golden Heritage Life Member in the city, received her award along with 34 others throughout the nation.

Among those with such memberships are 28 individuals, three branches, one State Conference, one religious group, one major business, two government groups, and three corporate memberships. There are also four Golden Heritage Life Memberships in memorium.

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—Wife found guilty

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minimum penalty of life imprisonment.

The verdict came after four-and-a-half hours of jury deliberation at the Baltimore County Courthouse in Towson. The decision ended the unprecedented weeklong trial during which time the defendant offered no testimony.

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Mrs. Williamson's side of the story was told by Dr. John Cow, a psychiatrist who had spent several hours with her at the Baltimore County Jail and who once recommend that his client be placed under 24-hour supervision because of suicidal tendencies.

The doctor testified that Mrs. Williamson once told him, "If I could only be left alone a few minutes, you would not have to worry about seeing me again."

Dr. Cow told jurors that Mrs. Williamson met her husband at the University Hospital and that this was her second marriage. The couple was wed Jan. 8, 1974.

Although Cow and another psychiatrist characterized her as a "paranoid schizophrenic" and said that she was innocent by reason of insanity, the jury found her to be legally sane.

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Cow pleaded with the court, "She was very, very depressed and felt that she had ruined her family's name. She was not in touch with reality."

Dana Levitz, assistant state's attorney who prosecuted in the case, told jurors that Mrs. Williamson had conspired with her brother, Nelson Boone, to hire someone to kill her husband.

Lawrence Merrick, 2 8, 53,00 block Chandler Ave., who was paid $50 to kill Williamson, was found guilty of first degree murder in March and sentenced to life in prison.

Boone testified against Mrs. Williamson during the proceedings, and the state dropped both the murder and the conspiracy to murder charges standing against him.

Boone pleaded guilty to solicitation of murder, but has not as yet been sentenced. The State's attorney's Office is recommending a 10-year sentence.

NAACP fetes legislators

Dr. Harold Carter, pastor of New Shiloh Baptist Church will deliver a major address before the Maryland Black Caucus, the nineteen (19) black members of the Maryland State Legislature, Saturday, July 24, at 5 p.m. at the Lord Baltimore Hotel.

The event is hosted by the Maryland State Conference, NAACP representing 22 branches throughout the state. For ticket information call Mrs. Ratliff, secretary at New Shiloh Baptist Church, 523-5306. Tickets are of limited supply so call immediately.

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To do this effectively, the library has compiled data on over 2,300 public and private organizations in the Baltimore area — agencies equipped to help people with such basic concerns as employment, housing, child care, legal aid, recreation, health, or consumer complaints.

Questions that can be answered by consulting the INFER files will be handled by the library staff; problems that require the aid of trained counselors or expertise in a specialized field will be referred to the appropriate service agency.

How will the public use Pratt's new INFER service? Simply by calling or walking into any Pratt library agency and stating their problems or questions to the librarian at the Information Desk. Phone numbers to call are listed in the White Pages of the C&P Telephone book under Enoch Pratt Free Library. Either way, the library service is free.

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ON THE EASTSIDE

Weekly round-up

By Georgianna Moody
AFRO Correspondent

Many enjoyed the sun last week while vacationing: Mr. and Mrs. George Covington took time out to take in some of the cultural arts of New York City.

Miss Robin Vicks got out of New York to spend the summer with her aunt, Mrs. Marjorie Huggins in Edgewood, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred O'Neil vacationned in upper state New York, swimming, horse back riding and other things that go with a good vacation. The Paul Patterson family plans to spend their vacation in Massachusetts next week.

Happy birthday greetings:

Frank Moody celebrated on the 4th. His son Ronald on the 5th.

Mrs. Frances Millington plans to enjoy a birthday on July 8th.

Congratulations to Mrs. Hettie Garcia who received her M.A. degree a few days ago.

Measures, weights conferen

Maryland Secretary of Agriculture Young D. Hance will be one of the featured speakers at the 61st annual National Weights & Measures Conference when the group holds a 75th birthday party for the National Bureau of Standards at Gaithersburg, Montgomery County, July 14.

The conference which runs July 12-15 is expected to draw delegates from all 50 states and a number of weights and measures leaders from many cities and counties across the country in addition to representatives of industry and other federal agencies.

In Maryland, the state's Weights & Measures program is one of the major responsibilities of the Department of Agriculture.

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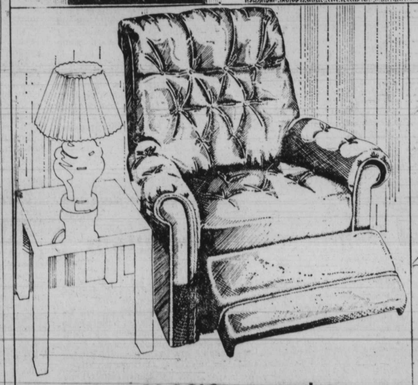

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