MERRY CHRISTMAS

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$500 — Anna Mae Hunter Home for the Blind received $500 from members of Walters AME Church, where Rev. John W. Duckette is pastor. From (left to right) Sanford Maddox, president of the Steward Board; Mrs. Mabel Waters, director of the home and Mrs. Imogene B. Douglas, trustee at Walters AME Church.

Motorists to get $700,000 from GM

Attorney General Francis Burch says General Motors' agreement to pay $700,000 to Maryland motorists who bought Oldsmobiles, Buicks and Pontiacs with Cheverolet engines is the largest consumer protection settlement in the state.

"I am delighted to announce that General Motors has entered into agreement not only with the State of Maryland but with the 44 other states" who have consumers affected by the switched engines, Burch said this week.

Burch said the $700,000 to be paid to Maryland car buyers is the largest settlement Maryland's Consumer Protection Division ever has gained.

"GM has finally acknowledged that purchasers did not get what they thought," he said.

The "settlement gives the public an opportunity to be informed, an opportunity to know what they are buying," the Attorney General said.

The agreement, which gained final approval from all parties Monday, provides that anyone who bought an Oldsmobile, Pontiac on Buick with a Chevrolet engine will receive $200 in cash and a transferable warranty for 36 months or 36,000 miles. The agreement becomes final upon Federal Court Approval.

The total cost of GM of the settlement is estimated at $40 million.

It was reported about 128,000 engine switches occurred nationwide, but the settlement applies only to 75,000 owners of Buicks, Pontiacs and Oldsmobiles equipped with Chevy engines who bought their cars prior to April 1977.

"It means they (consumers) are going to have the opportunity when they look at an engine, they won't have to worry about what it is because they will be told," said Burch.

In speaking with a GM official several months ago, Burch said he told the officials that "General Motors had made a terrible mistake in what they had done and had made an ever greater mistake in not telling the public what they'd done."

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to my family, all of the Bethel AME members, customers, and friends. God bless you, keep you and guide you through Christmas and all the New Year.

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Christina Williams

Provident honors Ms. Williams

Provident Hospital recently held Anita Williams Day in the hospital auditorium. One hundred senior citizens who were patients at the hospital during the past year were invited to a luncheon and program at which Anita Williams was the guest of honor. These senior citizens came from nursing homes, missions, Provident Hospital outreach programs and the community at large.

Miss Williams, who has passed her 85th birthday, has devoted many years to community service. She was the first black social worker for Catholic Charities in America and was awarded the Papal Cross by Pope Pius XII in recognition of her efforts in community betterment.

Through dedication and determination she influenced the acquisition of the Division Street Facility for the relocation of Provident Hospital from its former location on Biddle Street. Her commitment to a hospital that would serve the needs of the black community resulted in her being chosen the first woman member of the board of trustees of Provident Hospital. Her interest in nurses training brought her an appointment as president of the Nurses Training School committee for Provident which created living facilities for nursing students.

Although involved in many community activities, she served actively as a board member of Provident Hospital and in 1928 she assisted with endless fundraising drives. She shared a dream that black citizens of Baltimore could have dignified medical facilities to treat their own, as well as provide training for young blacks in the practice of medicine and nursing.

In 1975 Provident Hospital presented Miss Williams with a plaque in recognition of her outstanding contributions to the hospital. She was an important part of the hospital's progression from Biddle Street to Division Street to Liberty Heights Avenue. Provident Hospital once again saluted Anita Williams with pride.

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Unto us a Child is born

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is a sign that God
has not despaired
of the human race."

Nearly 2,000 years ago
a child was born
bringing within Himself
a light that would
forever penetrate the darkness
of human folly and fears.

From the obscurity
of a Galilean village
His life and teachings
have grown to cover the earth
and to extend through every age.

Even in our own day
we have not outgrown the influence
and power which this child
grown to manhood proclaimed.

The world is still divided by Him.
People still quarrel over who He is,
but all our argument
reveals less about Him
and more about ourselves.

Let Him be Himself—
Child of Israel
Carpenter of Nazareth
Teacher — Healer — Leader
We see Him a friend to children
defender of womankind
leader of men
a man of courage
warning the rich
caring for the poor
forgiving the sinner
rejecting all violence
condemning hypocrisy
proclaiming a kingdom
reaching beyond the narrow
borders of nation, race or creed
revealing a liberating gospel
where every person
lives with respect
for every other human being.

And for this
He was crucified.

That should have been the end.

But there is more.
Throughout the ages
He has continued to walk
the pathways of common life
Unarmed
Abused
Misunderstood
Ridiculed
Exploited.
Even the failures
of His own followers—
Wars in His name
Greed in His name
Superstition in His name
Hatred in His name
Torture, lying and murder
in His name—
have not diminished His glory.
He outlives our smallness
and challenges us to greatness.

The glory of His resurrection
is known in His power
to touch the hearts of those
who will listen to His Word.
He stands above us all—the
Eternal Ideal—a light in the
darkness of every age.
The course of human history
follows after Him.

There is no life, however good,
that is not made better
through relationship with him.
No life—social or personal—
can be the same that truly
kneels to worship Him..
and rises to follow Him.
For in this Child we today
see the light of the glory of God
and know His love for
all the world and its people—
God's love for you.

To this we bear our grateful witness.

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding,
Keep your hearts and minds in the love and knowledge of our
Lord Jesus Christ: and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father,
the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you always. Amen

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