Man charged in North Ave. fire

The 1200 block North Ave. was the scene of a fiery blaze Wed. Dec. Jan. 2, which caused over $2400 worth of damage to a three-story rowhouse.

Arson is suspected in the blaze, and a 31-year-old resident of the building, Ricardo Haywood, has been charged.

When AFRO reporters arrived on the scene, police were leading away a dazed man in handcuffs, with a gash on his left arm. An officer disclosed that the man had been found in the building.

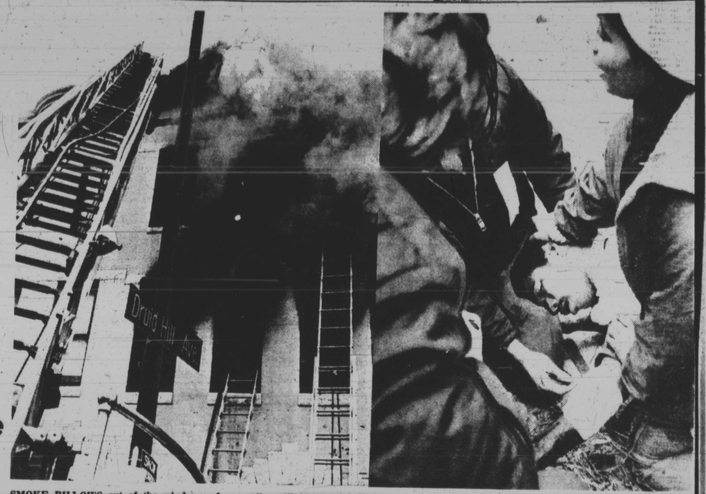
According to William Brown, of Brown's Mortuary, he and several assistants were able to pull the man from the burning building, which was located next door to the funeral home.

Several evewitnesses then wrestled the man to the ground and held him until police arrived.

The blaze severely damaged the first and second floor of the rowhouse, and, according to fire officials, was started on the second floor.

The fire took over an hour to control. Firefighters attributed this to the intense heat of the blaze, which was reported at 1:29 p.m. and finally extinguished by 2:40 p.m.

The owner of the building is Matthew Evans, of the 1000 block Marlau Drive.



SMOKE BILLOWS out of the windows of North Ave. rowhouse which suffered over $24,000 worth of damage as the result of what police officers are labeling arson in photo right. Suspect in fire which tore through the second and third floors of a home in the 1200 block North Ave. is wrestled to the ground by alert passerby.

AFRO photos by Mark Gail

Probe of sex harassment charges begins at Ft. Meade

A special investigator has been appointed to look into charges that female soldiers and civilians at the Ft. Meade army base are being sexually harassed, a spokesman for the post commander said.

A spokesman for Col. Thomas E. Fitzpatrick said Friday the investigator was named at the request of Rep. Clarence D. Long, D-Md., who was concerned about published reports in which women leveled charges of sexual harassment at male superiors.

However, the spokesman said Fitzpatrick did not respond to Long's request to Defense Secretary Harold Brown that a team from the Army inspector general's office investigate the charges.

The investigator, Maj. Edward J. Reynolds, will have the power to review confidential records, interview those working at the post and travel abroad to talk with those formerly assigned to Ft. Meade.

The spokesman, who noted that Fitzpatrick's appointment was not the result of a high-level order, said Reynolds has nearly as much power as a team from the inspector generalks office.

Fitzpatrick's appointment of a special investigator followed reports in the Baltimore Sun quoting women at the post as saying they encounter harassment ranging from verbal abuse to sexual blackmail in return for promotions.

High-ranking military sources also told The Sun that similar problems can be found at army installations across the country and other armed services bases. (UPI)

Free-styling

'FREESTYLIN' — Lisa Platt, 14, spent some time over her holiday break from school rollerskating in the 1700 block of W. Lanvale St.

AFRO photo by Roman Hankewycz

French Riviera owners appeal board decision

The owners of the French Riviera, a popular West Baltimore night spot located at McKean Avenue and Baker Street, were charged by the city Liquor Board with three violations of liquor license regulations.

The club was cited under articles 4.05A, which is consumption of alcoholic beverages after hours; 4.16, narcotics violations, and 3.02, which is failure to cooperate with the police department.

The incidents were alleged to have occurred April 30, 1978 and April 4, 1976 and May 7, 1976. The city Liquor Board found the owners of the establishment guilty and a 10-day suspension was imposed.

However, the licensees of the bar, who include Joseph L. Cooper, Ana Liasa Johnson and Edwina Weems, have appealed the three charges and the case is still in the process of appeal.

5 youths recaptured after breakout

Five youths who overpowered a counselor to escape from a detention center but were caught about 10 hours later face charges of auto theft, escape and assault with intent to murder, police said.

Police caught the five youths Sunday and returned them to the detention center.

Montgomery County police said the youths scattered after leaving a car they stole from a counselor at a service station near Frederick. Police spotted four youths in different areas of the town Sunday morning. The other was found in a taxi on route I-270. None of them were armed.

Police said three of the youths overpowered a counselor Saturday night about 10:30 p.m. at the Noyes Children's Center. They allegedly tried to strangle him with a shoestring, then locked him in a cell, took the keys to the center and the counselor's car and fled with two other youths.

The counselor was not injured.

Four of the youths are from the Washington area. The fifth is from Philadelphia. The five had been awaiting trial on charges ranging from armed robbery to larceny.

Police said the juveniles will stay at the center, a dormitory type facility for delinquent youths awaiting trial, pending action on the new charges.

Baltimoreans in the armed forces

Away from home

Staff Sgt. Bertha Evelyn Ritchie has joined the Turner Army Reserve Center at Hillen Road and Argonne Drive. A native of Darlington, S.C., she is a graduate of Morgan State University with a bachelor's degree in mental health.

Pfc. Gregory Snow, son of Mrs. Lorena Snow, 3700 block of Gwynn Oak Ave., recently participated in "Constant Enforcer," a training exercise in Germany. Snow attended Mergenthaler Vocational High School.

ROTC Cadet Brian F. Hux recently received a Paratrutist Badge upon completion of an airborne course at the U.S. Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga. Hux, a student at Morgan State University, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hux, 4200 block of Penhurst Ave.

Spec. 4 Gary A. Jones, whose wife, Ramona, lives in Baltimore, recently completed tank gunnery training with the First Armored Division in Germany. His father, Milton Jones, lives in the 400 block of Edgewood St. at Fort Dix, N.J. He is the son of Mrs. Earther Hayward of the 1400 block of E. Lanvale St.

Debra Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Lewis, 4900 block of Cordelia Ave., recently was promoted to Army specialist four while serving as a clerk with the Second Armored Division in Germany.

Pvt. Lynell A. Ervin recently completed basic training at Fort Knox, Ky. He is the son of Mrs. Martha Ervin, 800 block of McAleer Court and Ulysess Carrol, 1500 block of Collington Square.

Pvt. Paul W. Reed, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Keene, 3000 block of Rosalind Ave., recently completed training as an armor crewman under the One Station Unit Training Program at the U.S. Army Armor School, Fort Knox, Ky.

Ulysses R. Brown recently was promoted to Army specialist four while serving as a clerk-typist with the 130th Engineer Brigade in Germany. His wife, Mary, lives in Baltimore and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ulysses C. Brown, live in the 700 block of E. Biddle St.

Staff Sgt. Bertha Ritchie

Pfc. Gregory Snow

Pvt. Carolyn L. Keene, daughter of Mrs. Lelia N. Jones, 5100 block of Litchfield Ave., recently completed an administration course at Fort Jackson, S.C.

Pvt. William C. Stone recently completed an administration course at Fort Jackson, S.C. His mother, Mrs. Venett Stone, lives in the 500 block of Robert St. and his father, Joseph Stone, lives in the 700 block of Springer St.

Pvt. Carlos E. Johnson Jr., son of Mrs. Margie Johnson, 100 block of Diener Place, recently completed a wheel vehicle mechanic course at the U.S. Army Training Center, Fort Jackson, S.C. His father, Carlos E. Johnson, lives in Baltimore.

1st Lt. Keith B. Owens recently completed the Motor Officer Course at the U.S. Army Armor Center, Fort Knox, Ky. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. James L. Owens, live in the 3200 block of Leeds St. and his wife, Icelon, lives at Fort Dix, N.J.

Pvt. Leroy McLean Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy McLean, 1800 block of E. 32nd St., recently completed basic training at Fort Knox, Ky.

Spec. 4 Howard M. Benson recently completed tank gunnery training with the First Armored Division in Germany. His mother, Mrs. Mary Robinson, lives in the 1500 block of N. Kenwood St.

There's a Way to Help People...
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FOOD FOR PEOPLE

Maryland Food Committee helps hungry

By Rev. David Rimbach

There is an old story about a man who views the proofs of some photographs taken of him with disappointed eyes. He complains, "these pictures don't do me justice..." The photographer sees it differently and tells him. "What you need, sir is mercy, not justice." When we look at the hungry of our world, it is plain that both is needed, mercy to supply bread to hungry and justice to change the hearts of inequitable systems. Without the work of justice, the bread of mercy runs out and the hungry still have not found life.

It is interesting in this regard to view the various approaches to hunger in the world and the responses received from the people of Baltimore. Nothing in recent memory compares with the pictures we have seen of hungry children dying in Cambodia. The response, while far from commensurate to the tragedy, has been heavy with mercy, even compassion.

Many thousands of dollars have poured in from churches and through private efforts. These dollars are being turned to food and medical supplies and sent to Cambodia and surrounding refugee camps. Though channels of aid to people are not always clear, there are people eating today who would not be were it not for the acts of mercy which put food before the hungry ones. They might well be hungry again tomorrow and depend on other acts of mercy to keep them going, but today they are eating the bread of our mercy.

Hopefully these acts of mercy will continue to flow through the channels open to the hungry in Cambodia. Even if it multiplies, however, all the mercy in the world will not plant rice, alter the political situation which destroys fields and plants mines instead of crops, or enable refugees to find a stable situation to call home. For this to happen works of justice must be done.

Justice which sees human life as prime and not pawns. Justice which speaks directly to people's needs through political structures and does not serve political structures through manipulation of people's needs. Justice which will build a system on the rights of the people of a nation and not look to the mercy of others for the population's survival.

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While our response to events and needs in other nations may be limited to acts of mercy and pleas for justice, hunger in our own nation and state can call from us not only merciful deeds but also actions making for justice. While Christmas baskets are an appropriate temporary lifting of the spirits of the hungry at a religious holiday, it is important to remember that on Dec. 26, 27, 28 spirits and their bodies also have needs. As long as the justice of these needs goes unheeded our acts of mercy ring a hallow and short-lived tune.

When the state ignores the needs of its citizens on public assistance and recommends an increase of 11 percent in the Public Assistance grant in place of the over 100 percent increase recommended by the recent study of the Governor's Commission on Welfare Grants, the action called for by the citizenry is justice and not mercy.

Similarly it is not the bread of mercy but the structuring of justice which is required when children eligible for free and reduced price breakfasts are denied access to those meals when schools and school systems refuse to implement the School Breakfast Program designed to serve these meals.

Baltimore is slow to increase the schools participating in the program and Baltimore County has no schools involved at all. Lives limited by unnecessary nutritional lacks cry out for justice and not mercy. It is not a dish of oatmeal that is needed but an institutional response to guarantee the meals to which the children have a right.

These two instances are only a beginning and really the beginning of a beginning needed to respond with justice to the hungry and poor of our state. It is in many ways easier and much more attractive to do the deeds of mercy, to clink a coin in the beggars cup instead of asking why does he-she have to be begging every day. A coin in the cup and on to other business with the glow of having helped. However, the help is of such limited duration that whatever glow is derived must soon burn out as well. Soon must come the realization that as the ghost of Jacob Morley says "mankind is our business". Then to turn and while still clinking coins in the cup (for beggars must live until systems turn their way) begin to do the work of bending systems to respond to the rights and needs of all our citizens.

There are no smiles to reward this work and often long intervals of no response at all. Working with groups, planning strategy, waiting in offices, writing letters, speaking at hearings, asking for votes, hoping for change in old systems. It all takes time and energy and no one smiles in return. But unless someone does the work of justice, lives dependent on deeds of mercy will never be more than a hand to mouth treadmill of the struggle to survive.

The Maryland Food Committee has dedicated itself to the work of justice in response to the needs of the hungry in Maryland. Out of its efforts to supply emergency food centers and other feeding programs has come the search for more permanent approaches to the situations of the poor.

Hopefully the people of the state will recognize the validity of this approach and not only support but also join the Food Committee's efforts to do the work of justice as well as the deeds of mercy.

Rev. Rimbach is pastor of St. Andrews Eldersile United Methodist Church and is also president of the Maryland Food Committee.

THE LIVING CHURCH

'Entering the 80's with Christ'

10,000 attend crusade at Civic Center

By Pam Widgeon
AFRO Staff Writer

Nearly 10,000 citizens from all walks of life, turned the arena of the Civic Center into a church on Sunday, Dec. 30, during the five hour evangelistic crusade service sponsored by New Shiloh Baptist Church, where the Rev. Dr. Harold A. Carter is pastor.

There was singing by the 250 voice evangelistic crusade choir of New Shiloh directed by Nathan Carter as well as members giving testimonies of God's love. Entering the eighties with Christ," was the theme for the second crusade.

Taking his sermon from the book of Mark, Rev. Carter's topic was, "Repent, God's Kingdom Is At Hand."

The 43-year-old Selma Alabama born minister stated, "If you want God to bless you, you can't live any kind of life, you got to repent. Any one who looks for revival without repenting your sins is fooling yourself. If God is to bless our city and sanctify our community and make our homes what they ought to be, we got to precede it by repenting."

Rev. Carter says the purpose of the evangelistic crusade at the Civic Center was not "by the invitation of the mayor. I believe we are here because God almighty wanted us to be here. The Lord needs somebody to turn this Civic Center upside down. The Lord needs somebody to say to City Hall "God has his eyes on you . . ."

Shouts of "Priase the Lord" and "Amen" could be heard while Rev. Carter gave a powerful 30 minute message. Bus loads of people arrived early Sunday from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, New York, Ohio and other states for the crusade.

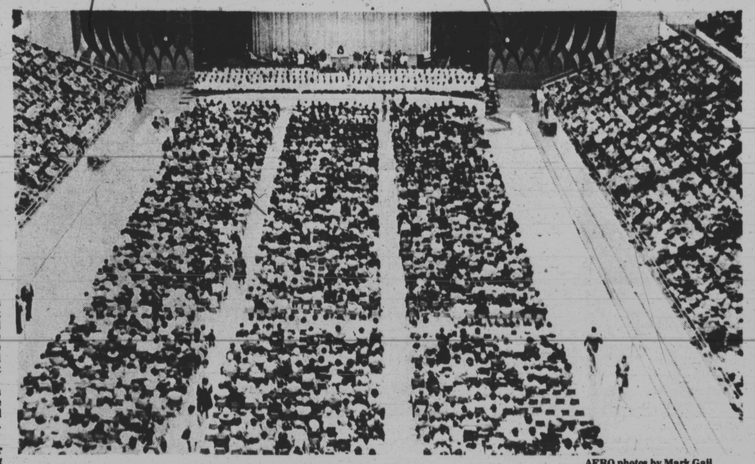
The worship service was free to the public and the money that was collected on Sunday will be used for the outreach ministries of liturgy, evangelisms, food, clothing and provide scholarships for students in higher education.

Speaking of entering the eighties, Rev. Carter says, "We must enter the eighties with Christ. Governments are in trouble. Military might is suddenly stymied by demonic hostage conditions. Wicked cults have left starving nations while driving still others to perish in the deep sea. Our only hope for redeeming the time is in Jesus. Our only hope for our children and our communities is in Jesus."

Rev. Carter, who has served as pastor of New Shiloh at Fremont Avenue and Lanvale Street called the seventies a "decadent age." He added, "As we move out of the seventies, we wonder what will happen in the eighties. The greatest need of all of us is to rediscover the power of God. The seventies was a strange age of corruption. The seventies was a age of fall outs and drop outs and walk ins and do outs. It was a mixed up age...."

Hundreds of people gave their lives to Christ last Sunday following a prayer by the Rev. Dr. George Crawley. Others who participated were the Rev. Darrell Greene, the Reverends Melvin Fox, Ivan Jackson, Quay T. Rich, James T. Betts, Vincent L. Thompson, James Thompson, Edgar Reid, Nathaniel Higgs, Leroy Bowman, Deacon Sidney Johnson, Mrs. Mary C. Frazier.

Also, Del. Larry Young, Mrs. Doris Taylor, Donald Lee, Ms. Sandy Jones, Samson Mathangani, Mrs Alma Perry, rrs. Weptanomah W. Carter, Rev. William Calhoun, Rev. Theodore Jackson, and Mrs. Brenda Greene.



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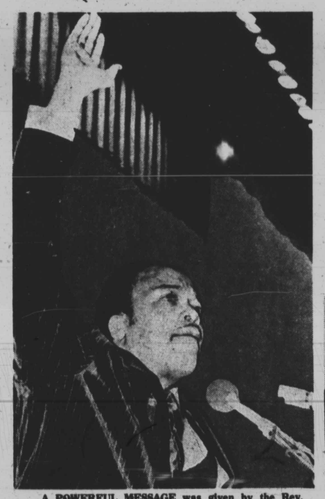
EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE — Nearly 10,000 citizens attended the second crusade sponsored by the Rev. Dr. Harold A. Carter and members of New Shiloh Baptist Church.

PEEPING through her binoculars at the Civic Center is Melissa Lang, 6, shown with her mother, Mrs. Brenda Lang. Others shown are Roger Wilmer and his wife, Mrs. Jackie Wilmer.



A POWERFUL MESSAGE was given by the Rev. Harold A. Carter on Sunday, Dec. 30, at the Civic Center when he told thousands of citizens, "We must enter the eighties with Christ."

PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS at the Evangelistic Crusade were Donald Lee, who is an active member of New Shiloh Baptist Church and Miss Weptanomah Carter, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Harold (Weptanomah) Carter.

The Rev. J. Peaker and Roger Robinson were among the thousands of citizens seen at the Evangelistic Crusade service.

BROTHER SAMSON MATHANGANI of East Africa is shown with the Rev. Harold A. Carter. Mathangani is a student who is now attending school in Maryland and all expenses are being paid by New Shiloh Church.

Metro Church Briefs

A century of Christian service will be observed on Jan. 5, 9:30 a.m. at the Regency Terrace 4147 Labyrinth Rd. The breakfast is being sponsored by Grace United Presbyterian Church is Rev. Lonnie J. Oliver, pastor of Knox United Presbyterian Church is the speaker and the Rev. William T. Peters is pastor of Grace.

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The School of Theology of St. Mary's Seminary and University will offer 25 graduate theology courses during the 1980 spring semester, beginning Jan. 14.

Classes are open to qualified men and women of all denominations and may be taken for audit or credit which may be applied to a degree program.

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Deacon Israel Williams, chairman of the Deacon Board of Friendship Baptist Church, 346 Denison St., will be honored on Jan. 5, 7 p.m. at the church. The Rev. William McCoy is pastor.

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Members of the Ray of Hope Baptist Church, Harford Road and Parkside Drive, where the Rev. Charles N. Franklin is pastor, will hold a week of services Jan. 7 - 11. Ministers participating are the Reverends George Crawley, pastor of St. Paul Baptist; Howard, Queen, Pleasant Hope Baptist; Robert Farrell, Mount Calvary Freewill; Arthur Benn, Mount Moriah Baptist.

Also, the Reverend Henry Simon, pastor of First Baptist Church in Cherry Hill. Services will begin at 7:30 p.m. and Rev. Franklin will preach Jan. 18 at the 10:45 a.m. services.

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Annual revival services will be held at Brown Memorial Baptist Church,

Youth Day will be observed Jan. 20 at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, Preston and Gay Street.

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Corpus Christi Church in Bolton Hill, 110 Lafayette Ave., will begin its centennial year with a concert of renaissance music and a reception Jan. 6, 1980.

A great Martin Luther King Jr., celebration will be held Jan. 15, 6 p.m. at Mount Lebanon Baptist Church, 2320 Reisterstown Rd. The Rev. Dr. Glenn Mapp is pastor.

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