Postal worker indicted

A federal grand jury has returned a six count indictment against Edward N. Flynn Jr., 30-year-old Post Office employee, charging him with five counts of mail fraud and one count of false statement in connection with a claim for benefits under the federal employees compensation act.

U. S. Attorney Russell T. Baker Jr., stated on July 22 that Flynn, of the 900 block Linwood Ave., received while a postal employee, continuance of pay benefits for the period of April 14, 1980 through May 9, 1980 although he did not work.

Russell stated that under the federal employees compensation act, an employee who sustains a disabling job related injury is entitled to the continuance of his or her pay for a period not to exceed 45 days provided the employee files a claim for such benefits in accordance with the act.

The indictment charges that Flynn falsified and exaggerated the nature and extent of an allegedly job related injury to his back.

The indictment also charges that Flynn concealed from physicians the fact that between March 12 and May 7, he had participated in duckpin bowling at least twice a week including March 13, the date on which he claimed to have sustained the injury to his back.

Counts one through five which charge violations of mail fraud statutes each carry upon conviction a maximum penalty of five years imprisonment and a fine of $1,000.

The sixth count of the indictment which charges Flynn with making a false statement as to material facts within the jurisdiction of the United States postal services carries a maximum penalty upon conviction of imprisonment for a period of five years and a fine of $10,000.

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—AFRO churchwoman

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—Crime beat

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Police report the youth apparently did not know his mother had been killed in the locked bathroom. She had been stabbed 20 times and her boyfriend was stabbed 20 times.

The youth and his 2-year-old sister spent 36 hours in a locked bedroom in their Woodlawn rowhouse after he found the body of Blount.

They stayed in the bedroom until they saw playmates in the yard and left their house through a window and went to the house of a neighbor. The Baltimore county jury deliberated less than two hours before rejecting Simmons, insanity plea.

—Dump Carter?

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Hall added that, given the current mood of the country, there was no way a Democrat who is perceived as a liberal would win.

Gwendolyn Cooke, another Carter delegate, agrees that a rules change would not be in the best interests of the Demos.

"The candidate they (Demos who want a rules change), would like to see is not the front-runner. They are very fearful that the candidate will not win. But it speaks of naivete to me, "she said."

She echoed Ms. Hall's statements concerning the delegate selection process by stating that "the new process was put in to reform the traditional delegate process, and to abandon it would be to abandon reform.

—Rape suspect arrested

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The rapes occurred at 12 N. Carey St., 1328 Smithson St., 812 N. Calhoun St., and in a vacant building in the 200 block Smith St. According to Major Edward Tilghman, head of the Western District and Sgt. Celio Oliveras, of Western District, the response from the community was overwhelming.

Sgt. Oliveras told the AFRO, "I appreciate the citizens restraining themselves because some innocent person could have been hurt."

At a July 16 meeting held at the Lafayette Multi Purpose Center at Lafayette Avenue and Gilmor Street, residents of the Harlem Park Community area vowed to catch the rapist.

Sgt. Oliveras stated additional officers were assigned to the Western District area. "We had a target area from Franklin Street to Mosher Street to Fremont Avenue to Mount Street," said Sgt. Oliveras.

Police report they followed up on every lead they received and talked to 140 people. Information led police to individuals who lived in Cherry Hill and Pikesville.

The mother of a 9-year-old girl who was raped, told returning to Harlem Park in September."

The mother of a 9-year-old girl who was raped, told the AFRO, "I feel relievd now that the police have arrested someone. My daughter is still afraid to be by herself at night and she will not be returning to Harlem Park in September."

She said her daughter is now staying with relatives out of town. She praised Sgt. Oliveras and the other officers who were handling the case.

The mother also said "I believe the man is sick but I think he should be tried as a criminal and not sent to a hospital. We don't know how many other children were involved and I thank God he did not kill my daughter."

—Reeves suing city

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Reeves, who was joined at the press conference by 4th District Councilman Kweisi Mfume, Emmanuel Coleman of the Vulcan Blazers, an organization of black firefighters, and Mrs. Enolia P. McMillan, president of the Baltimore branch, NAACP, said he and other elected officials will oppose Ramsey's nomination to a federal judgeship for two reasons.

"Anyone sitting on the federal bench will hear cases regarding race," Reeves said, and again reiterated that he felt Ramsey is insensitive to blacks.

Another reason for Reeves' opposition to a federal judgeship for Ramsey was his role in the firing of Dr. Roland Patterson, controversial former Superintendent of Schools dismissed by the board in July 1978.

"Ramsey was sent in to fire Dr. Patterson and yes, it was a racial issue that he was fired.

"People in the black community know Ramsey was sent in to fire Patterson," Reeves said.

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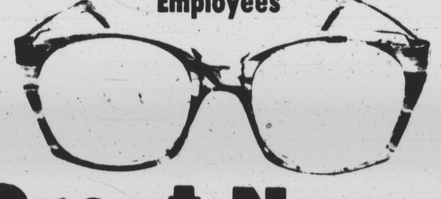

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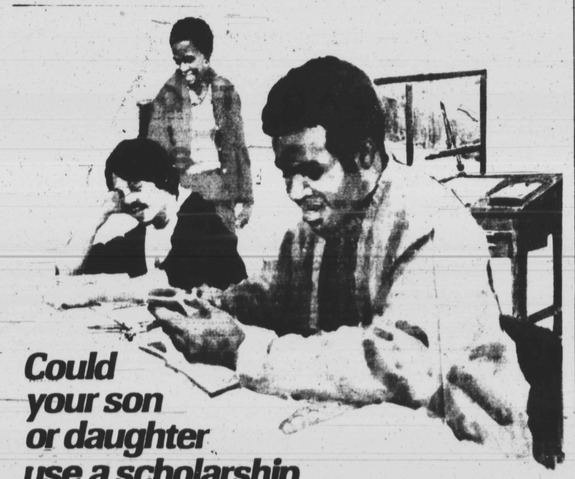

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Should credit card holders pay membership fees?

No, says Sachs: yes, banks argue

Six banks are challenging an Attorney General's opinion that credit card membership fees are illegal, the Maryland Bankers' Association said this week.

"The suit in city courts was filed because the attorney general issued a letter saying he was going to have a subsequent opinion which would state membership fees on bank credit card plans were prohibited under the state's usury laws," said William Weaver, association vice-president.

"The banks obviously disagree with that, mainly because when Mr. (Francis) Burch was attorney general, he issued three opinions saying just the opposite," Weaver said.

Attorney General Stephen Sachs said in a preliminary opinion July 1 that the $15 membership fees proposed by Suburban Trust and First American Bank of Maryland would be illegal because they would amount to interest or a finance charge.

But Weaver said the banks contend the fees would simply be a charge for belonging to a credit card plan.

"The basic feeling is that the membership fee is just that," he said.

"It's a fee a person pays in order to be in the plan. It is levied across the board, regardless of (status of) accounts."

The banks involved in the lawsuit are Equitable Trust, First National Bank of Maryland, Maryland National Bank, Provident Savings Bank of Baltimore, the Savings Banks of Baltimore and Suburban Trust Co.

The lawsuit also seeks clarification on whether state-chartered banks issuing credit cards could charge the same amount of interest permitted for federally chartered banks.

A 1973 Maryland Court of Appeals ruling allows the state's nationally chartered banks to charge the highest rate of interest permitted to licensed lenders by the state.

But the General Assembly increased the limit of interest banks can charge on unpaid balances on credit-card accounts, and the increase does not match the limit on the state's small lenders.

The law, effective July 1, allows banks to charge 18 percent on unpaid balances of $700 and 12 percent on the remaining balance. It also allows banks to charge 18 percent for cash advances obtained through the credit card.

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THE HOUSE THAT ALTON AND CALVIN REBUILT—The house at 2325 Barclay St. has been renovated by two trainees working for the St. Ambrose Housing Aid Center. Alton G. Davis Jr. and Calvin L. Harris Jr. (L to R, photo at right) renovated the interior. Ida Phillips will be moving into the house.

Joseph Chalmers first black highway superintendent

Joseph Chalmars has been named the first black superintendent of Baltimore City's highway department.

Supervising a crew of 70 men, Chalmers is responsible for road maintenance, new pavement, snow removal and filling pot holes on city streets.

Chalmars, nicknamed "Smiley," began working for the Department of Public Works in 1948 in highway maintenance and was promoted to construction foreman in 1973. He also served as acting superintendent in 1973.

Prior to his employment with DPW, he worked as a cook at the Naval Academy and the Chestnut Ridge Country Club. Chalmars served in the U.S. Army and reached the rank of sergeant first class.

Chalmars has received citations from city officials for his community involvement and as a drug abuse referral officer.

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