Area obituaries

Mrs. Thelma Kiser

Funeral services for Mrs. Thelma Mary Kiser were held Oct. 28 at Mt. Hebron Baptist Church. Mrs. Kiser died Oct 25. She was the daughter of the late George Eckles and Georgia Taylor Eckles.

Born Dec. 3, 1917 in Winston Salem, N.C. She was a member of Mt. Hebron Baptist Church and an active choir member for 31 years. Mrs. Kiser served as president and secretary of the choir.

Before retiring, she was employed as a cook with the Department of Social Service Day Care Division. She is survived by her husband James E. Kiser Sr., one son, James Eugene Kiser Jr; five daughters, Shirley J. Smith, Delores K. Mbah, Thelma E. Young, Joan O. Jones and Michelle K. Mercer; one sister, Christine Marlin; five granddaughters Renee, Leslie, Georgette, Lisa and Monique; nine grandsons, Kenneth, Anthony, Tracey, Michael, Kevin, Karl, Kelly, Cameron and James; one great-granddaughter, Nicole and a sister-in-law, Pearline Kiser Harkness.

Mrs. Ozella Nicholson

Funeral services for Mrs. Ozella Mae Nicholson were held Oct. 25 at Trinity AME Church. Mrs. Nicholson died Oct. 21.

She was the daughter of the late Annie and Charles Marton and was born Sept. 28, 1895. Mrs. Nicholson was a member of Trinity AME Church and a member of the Sisterhood and secretary of the Stewardess Board.

She is survived by two children Beulah Boyce and Albert Nicholson; a daughter-in-law, Mary Nicholson; two grandchildren Ozella Barksdale and Hilda Lane; three great grandchildren Ruth Barksdale, Paula Coritzer and Joseph Thompson; one sister-in-law, Hilda Mussenden; two sons-in-law, Ralph Barksdale and Warren Lane.

Mrs. Elzeyne L. Morgan

Funeral services for Mrs. Elzeyne L. Morgan of the 2700 block Uhler Ave., were held Oct. 25 at William C. March Funeral Home.

Mrs. Morgan died Oct. 20. She was born Nov. 11, 1939 and was the daughter of George and Corithia Thompson. She worked at several nursing homes and at the time of her death Mrs. Morgan was employed at the House of Pine Nursing Home.

Mrs. Morgan was a member of St. Francis Catholic Church. She is survived by her father, George Thompson; two brothers, Charles Brown and James Heath; seven sisters, Corenthia Jackson, Barbara Taylor, Antoinette Mollar, Antoinettia Wilkens, Jacqueline, Doreen and Karen Thompson.

Roberta Johnson

Funeral services for Mrs. Roberta Johnson were held Oct. 25 at William C. March Funeral Home. Mrs. Johnson was born Feb. 19, 1904 and was the wife of Earnest Johnson. She died Oct. 21, at Bon Secours Hospital.

Mrs. Johnson attended city public schools and worked at the Southern Packing Company. She was a member of Wayman's Memorial AME Church and a member of the Stewardess Board and the Missionary Society.

She is survived by four daughters; two sons; one brother; 23 grandchildren and nine great - grandchildren.

Mrs. Janie Birch

Funeral services for Mrs. Janie Eason Birch were held Oct. 28 at Sweet Haven Holy Church of God. Mrs. Birch died Oct. 24 at Obie Louise Memorial Hospital in Suffolk, Va., after a lengthy illness.

She was the daughter of the late Annie and Archie Eason and was born Sept. 29, 1893 in Bertie County, N. C.

After moving to Baltimore, she joined Grace Memorial Baptist Church, where she was a member for several years. She was a member of the Senior Missionary Board and Sunday School for 40 years.

Mrs. Birch is survived by three daughters, Wilma Goodwin, Pearl Ford and Bessie Mitten; one sister, Lillian C. Mitchell; one brother, Alfred Eason; five grandchildren and thirteen grandchildren.

George F. Brooks

Funeral services for George Franklin Brooks were held Oct. 21 at Perkins Square Baptist Church, Edmondson and Warwick Ave.

Mr. Brooks was born Feb. 19, 1912 in Roxboro, N. C. and was the son of the late James D. and Luvenia Brooks. He moved to Baltimore in 1940 and joined Gillis Memorial Christian Community Church.

He later changed his membership to Perkins Square Baptist Church, where he was a member of the United Usher Board. He worked at Bethlehem Steel Company for 35 years until he retired in 1974. After retiring, he worked part time at Sinai Hospital as a parking attendant until 1980.

He is survived by his wife, Naluner Smith Brooks; children, Nadean B. Morton, George Edward, William Osbery, James Ulysses, Bernard and Dennis Jeffrey Brooks; two brothers, Thurston Alexander and JOhn M. Brooks; five sisters, Eula Mae Ramsey and Naomi B. Walden of Baltimore; Amanda B. Smith of Durham, N. C., Martha B. Winstead of Roxboro, N. C. and Lucinda B. Alexander of Concord, N. C.

Witness says Scott's personality changed

By Pam Widgeon
AFRO Staff Writer

Martin F. Scott, 27-year-old convicted killer was described as a "very pleasant and calm person," who was always reliable by Ms. Lynette Easter, a character witness who testified Thursday morning at the Scott murder trial.

Scott was found guilty of first degree murder Oct. 1 in the shooting death of Glenn Harrod, a 20-year-old Morgan State University senior, who was shot to death during a robbery at a York Road McDonald's restaurant in November 1980.

He also faces two other murder charges. He is charged with the November 1980 murder of Jung Gu So, who was shot to death at his Eager Street grocery store and John Hiotis, who was killed Nov. 21 in his Greenmount Street store. All three victims pleaded with Scott not to shoot them after they had given him their money.

The jury is now hearing testimony before making its decision as to whether Scott should get life imprisonment or be sentenced to death for the Harrod murder.

When Scott was self employed and and had his own contracting business, he did renovations at a Mosher Street home for Ms. Easter.

The witness told the jury of six women and six men Scott did excellent work and she never had any complaints about his work.

Ms. Easter testified that she saw a change in Scott last September. "He was not himself. He started allowing his personal problems to get in the way of his work. I felt something was wrong," she told the jury.

Last week, Scott testified and told the jury he was sorry about the Harrod murder and said "spending my life in jail is the slow way out. The only thing I have to offer is my own life be it the gas chamber. I personally would prefer the death penalty."

The case will continue today with Judge Peter Ward presiding.

Those autumn leaves

Mayor says you rake and bag, I'll take

"If you rake and bag them Saturday, we will pick them up Sunday," said Mayor William Donald Schaefer for the ninth year in a row, as he released the Sunday bag-and-basket leaf collection schedule for November.

"We provide our annual Sunday bag-and-basket leaf collection service for areas where the volume of leaves is greatest. During the past eight years, our bag-and-basket collection enabled us to complete our total leaf collection program two weeks earlier than we used to.

"In fact, this special service speeds up the collection of leaves throughout the entire city," Mayor said.

Bureau of Solid Waste loadpackers and crews will start the three-Sunday program on Sunday, Nov. 15, in the following areas: **Northeast Section**: North - City Line; West - York Road - Greemount Avenue; South - 33rd Street; East - Perring Parkway - Hillen Road.

Northwest Sections: North - City Line; West - Falls Road; South - 40th Street and 41st Street - University Parkway; East - Greenmount Avenue - York Road.

These two areas include the communities of Cedarcroft, Woodbourne Heights, Beaumont Park, Kenilworth Park, Waverly, Northwood, Ednor Gardens, Poplar Hill, Roland Park, Homeland Guilford.

Gypsy Baron opens PG opera season

Johann Strauss II's delightful Magyar operatta, "The Gypsy Baron," opens Prince George's Civic Opera's 1981-82 season at the Queen Anne Auditorium of Prince George's Community College. Performances are Friday and Saturday evenings, Oct. 30, and 31, at 8 p.m. and Sunday Nov. 1 at 3 p.m.

James Basta, conductor, describes "Gypsy Baron," which is chock full of waltzes and polkas with a gypsy and Hungarian sound,as "sausage and beer" operetta. Strauss' musical gimmicks and sound effects abound and are particularly amusing and in the anvil chorus.

Director Dorothy Biondi notes that "The Gypsy Baron" has the usual crazy romantic Strauss plot in chich the "baron" ina gesture of good-will proposes to the local pig farmer's daughter but "marries" a gypsy whom we discover is a princess.

The balance of the Civic Opera's 1981-82 season will include Menotti's "Amahl and the Night Visitors" at the Publick Playhouse, Dec. 18 (8 p.m.), 19, (3 p.m. and 8 p.m.) and 20, 1981; "Prince George's Civic Operafest 1982" with lectures, workshops and premieres of works by Thomas Cain, Lily Gunn, and George Gershwin at the Publick Playhouse the weekends of Jan. 22 and 29, 1982 — schedule to be announced.

Thomas Eversley

Eversley named to Provident post

Thomas C. Eversley recently joined the Provident Hospital staff as the Administrative Director, Mental Health and Addictions.

A native of Georgetown, Guyana, Eversley brings to Provident much experience in the administration of drug abuse and addictions, alcoholism and mental health programs.

Before joining Provident, Eversley was employed as the Executive Director, Allied Health and Rehabilitation Corporation in Chicago, Ill.

Eversley is a graduate of the Georgetown Hospital School of Nursing in Guyana; the Cook County Graduate School of Medicine in Chicago and the Indiana Northern Graduate School, Gas City, In., where he earned a Master's degree in Professional Management.

Coppin State receives grant

The Trustees and Selection Committee of the Goldseker Foundation recently announced six new awards, totalling $161,500, to Baltimore area organizations.

According to Dr. Timothy Armbruster, the Foundation's Executive Director, the new grants continue the Foundation's efforts to help local, non-profit groups, especially at the neighborhood level, cope more effectively with the current economic situation.

"Realistically," Armbruster said, what non-profit groups all across the country are looking at over the period ahead are the needs not only to manage diminished resources better, but also to identify ways to generate income directly. Each of our grants, in one way or another, tries to address those two needs."

The Goldseker grants included a two-year award of up to $50,000 to **Communities Organized to Improve Life** (COIL), a West Baltimore community organization.

COIL is engaged in a housing revitalization program in the Boyd-Booth neighborhood. The Foundation's participation will be in partnership with other private sector groups and the City.

Coppin State College also is receiving up to $28,000 for technical assistance in a program to strengthen the College's financial operations.

The Goldseker Foundation awards grants three times yearly for programs in education, housing, medicine and social welfare.

Anne Arundel news

The Anne Arundel County Human Relations Commission will sponsor the human relations award for outstanding community service again this year. The award is given annually in honor of Dallas G. Pace Sr., who was an outstanding citizen of Anne Arundel County.

Citizens are asked to submit nominations of their choice for the human relations award. There are many persons in Baltimore that have proven to be worthy of recognition and have made a distinguished contribution.

The deadline for nominations is Jan. 8, 1982 and for additional information call the office of county executive Robert A. Pascal in Anne Arundel County.

The Anne Arundel County Commission on Culture and the Arts will release a detailed list of over 64 educational arts presentations which may be used in county schools to enhance or supplement regular classroom instruction.

Although this composite is primarily prepared for use in the elementary schools, it may also be utilized by middle and secondary schools or community groups seeking broader opportunities for cultural enrichment.

The list of recommended performances has been developed as an information tool by the Arts Commission's Education Committee, headed by Suzan Barthold of Crofton. It will be mailed automatically to all public and private elementary schools in the county and to others upon request.

Many outstanding artists from Maryland and the District of Columbia are available through the Commission's recommended list of performers. Their offerings range from programs in architecture and music to mime, theatre, dance and puppetry. The commission will also provide partial funding for many of these programs through its elementary school grants program, now in its fifth year.

School personnel, community groups and others desiring more arts resource information are invited to call or visit the Arts Commission office, room 304 of Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts, telephone 263-3171.

Parade at Cloisters

The Cloisters Children's Museum is having its 1st Annual Halloween Parade, Saturday, Oct. 31. Children of all ages are invited to come in costume and join in on all of the festivities. There will be mask making and pumpkin painting workshops. The parade begins at 2 p.m. There will be games and refreshments. Come bring your friends and spend the day. The Cloisters is located at 10440 Falls Rd. in Brooklandville, Md., for more information call 823-2551. It is free and open to the public.

Black history postage stamps tell quite a story

Those tiny and colorful United States postage stamps, which are printed in different shapes and sizes, have many interesting stories to tell. A good example are the stamps that highlight black American history, dating back as early as the American Revolution.

In all, more than a dozen stamps pay tribute to significant contributions made by blacks toward the development of the nation.

The first such issue appeared in 1940, when Booker T. Washington, the noted educated, statesman and founder of Tuskegee Institute, was honored on a 10 cent stamp.

In 1948, Dr. George Washington Carver, the noted agricultural scientist, appeared on a commemorative stamp.

Frederick Douglass, the 19th-century civil rights advocate, was the next black person to appear on a stamp. It was issued in 1967.

A year later, Peter Salem, a Revolutionary War figure, was so honored, in 1969, the W.C. Handy commemorative stamp was issued as a tribute to America's "Father of the Blues."

Henry O. Tanner, a talented painter, who gained international fame while living in France, was honored in 1973. Two years later, Salem Poor, another Revoluntionary War hero, and well-known poet, Paul Laurence Dunbar were featured on commemoratives.

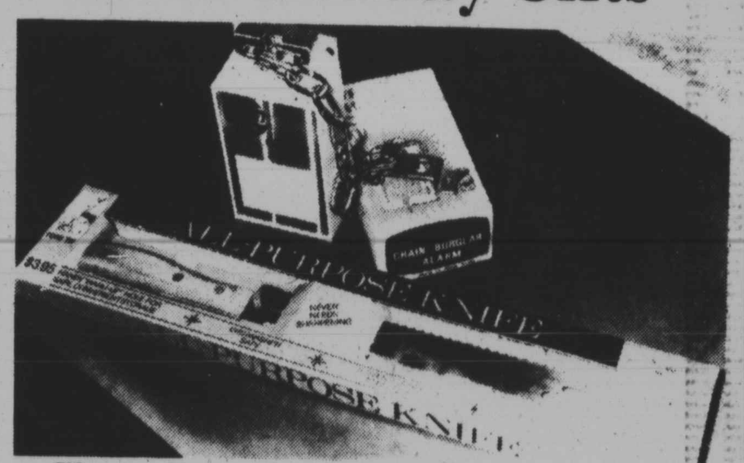
In 1978, the U.S. Postal Service began issuing a Black Heritage USA series of commemoratives. Harriet Tubman, famed conducter of the Underground Railroad which carried many blacks to freedom before the Civil War, was portrayed on the first stamp of the series. The 13-cent Tubman issue also marked the first time a black woman had appeared on a U.S. stamp.

Three other commemoratives have been issued as part of this series. These stamps honored Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., civil rights leader and Nobel Peace Prize recipient; Benjamin Banneker, noted mathematician and astronomer; and Whitney M. Young Jr., former executive director of the National Urban League.

A 35-cent regular stamp was issued in June honoring Dr. Charles R. Drew. Regular issues are printed in larger quantities, and are available for much longer periods of time than commemoratives. Dr. Drew is credited with developing techniques for separating and preserving blood.

U.S. stamps will continue to highlight prominent black American faces, places and events. For example, pianist and composer Scott Joplin will be honored on a stamp scheduled for issuance sometime during 1983.

Great Holiday Gifts



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