Youth robs boy of $2

A news carrier was robbed of $2.10, representing his day's earnings, and stabbed in the wrist by an unknown assailant on Tuesday night in the 900 block of Gilmor St.

Marion L. Parker, 11, of the 1100 block N. Mount St., was identified as the victim. He was treated at Provident Hospital and later released.

Police said that as the youth was walking home, a tall skinny boy approached him and said "give me your money," at the same time showing him a switchblade knife.

After taking the money from the boy's pockets, police said the thief stabbed the news carrier in the left wrist and told him "beat it."

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Vandalism laid to 7 children

Damages to schools set at over $1,000

Aided by school authorities, police have arrested five boys and two girls in connection with a wave of vandalism that involved seven schools and damage estimated at almost $1,000.

The children, all 12 years old and pupils in local schools, have been turned over to juvenile authorities and 90 charges, including several delinquency counts, have been filed against them.

Prominent in tracking down the children who have created a major problem for police officers and school officials in the Northwestern area were Policewoman Violet Hill Whyte, Officer Charles Owens and Sgt. Casmir Moniewski of the Northwestern district.

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FOR SEVERAL MONTHS police have been attempting to track down the vandals who were invading schools that had closed for the night and wreaking general havoc in the buildings.

The first break in the case came last week when a vice principal at one of the local schools noticed that two of the pupils had keys in their possession that fitted locks at the school.

After questioning the boys, the vice principal called in police who obtained enough information to arrest the other children.

Police said the children's primary purpose in breaking into the schools was to destroy and damage school property, with the theft of school property as a secondary aim.

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THE LAST reported case of vandalism came several weeks ago when the Joseph C. Briscoe General Vocational School was invaded.

Ice cream was smeared on the school's television set, typewriters were destroyed, food was thrown on the floor in the cafeteria, and the liquid from fire extinguishers was sprayed on the walls.

Other schools involved were the Henry Highland Garnet School No. 103, Division near Lanvale; Henry W. Davis School No. 125, Pennsylvania Ave., and Dolphin Sts.; Elementary School No. 127, Biddle St. near Pennsylvania Ave.; Booker T. Washington Junior High School No. 130, Lafayette Ave. and McCulloh St.; and the General Vocational School No. 452, Biddle and McCulloh Sts.

Entrance was usually gained by breaking a window, police said, and once inside the children would turn on all the lights in the building to give passerbys the impression that a legitimate meeting was in progress in the building.

FINED IN ASSAULT

James W. Johnson, 28, of the 2800 block W. Lafayette Ave., was fined $100 and costs on Wednesday in Southwestern Police Court, on a charge of assaulting and striking Albert Simms of the 1000 block W. Fayette St.



LT. THOMAS W. STEELE

Air officer dies in crash

Lt. Thomas W. Steele, 22, was killed with the pilot of a starfire jet fighter plane in a night local transition flight at Langley Air Force Base , Va. on Oct. 7.

He was the nephew of Mrs. Lillian Brown of 1424 W. Lanvale St. and husband of Mrs. Bobbie Steele of 6411 Whitewood, Detroit. His father, Elliott Steele also survives

The plane, pilotted by 2nd Lt. Glen E. Bucholz, 21, of Elmhurst, Ill., crashed and burned just short of the air base runway. Lt. Steele had been in the service three years.

Words at tavern bring $10 fine

"He was drinking and the language he was using was something to hear."

Officer William Thieman used these words on Wednesday to describe the state in which he found Jerome Crawford, 21, of the 3400 block Roundview Rd. when he approached him on Tuesday afternoon, outside a tavern in the 1200 block of Laurens St.

Crawford admitted he had "a few drinks" and pleaded guilty to a disorderly conduct charge. He was fined $10 and costs.

Dr. Holmes to address group at health program

Dr. D. O. W. Holmes, president emeritus of Morgan State College, will be the guest speaker at the third annual health and education program to be held Sunday, Dec. 12, at 3 p.m. at the St. Paul Methodist Church, Saratoga and Schroder Sts.

The program is being sponsored by the Myrtle Avenue Valiant Neighborhood Club and the Young People's Savings Club, Dr. Isaac H. Young is chairman and the Rev. Richard Ball is pastor of the church.

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LOCAL BUSINESSES and schools will display exhibits in the Sunday School Room of the church and free literature will be distributed.

Other speakers will include: Dr. Russell Dixon, dean of the Howard University Dental School Albert Wright and Mrs. Louise Dennis, local school principals, and Dr. Charles Woodland, physician.

Two held in robbery try

Two men accused of attempting to break into a drug store at Cumberland and Division Sts. on Sunday morning, while their activities were watched by a policeman, have been ordered held in $1,000 bail each for action of the grand jury.

Henry W. Warren, 28, of the 600 block Cumberland St., and Frank Payne Jr., 22, of the 1700 block Ruxton Ave., were ordered held by Magistrate E. Everett Lane on Monday in Northwestern Police Court.

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Little Things

By JESSE H. WALKER

THOUGHTS WHILE SITTING AT HOME ON A DAY OFF— Talking to a man about politics the other day and he remarked about the significance of the fact that when we finally broke through the gates to enter the General Assembly there were two Republicans and only one Democrat leading around the first turn.



Mr. Walker

This does stand out when one takes a second look at the Fourth District from which all three men were elected and remembers that this district is, or has always been heretofore, a Democratic stronghold.

This man I was talking to was also wondering just what the Jack Pollack machine was going to do in the councilmanic race in the Fourth District.

The three men now representing the district all seem to have eliminated themselves.

Leon Abramson has stated he's not going to run for the same job and has his eyes on being president of the city council; Jacob Edelman has moved to the Fifth District and plans to run from there, and Max Alpert has stated he's always considered himself a member of the Abramson-Alpert team. So who's left.

IT'S OPEN season for candidates, but the man I was talking to said the folks in the Fourth better look sharp, be sharp and feel sharp.

Right now, the man said, the Pollack machine is maintaining the silence of a whipped cat licking its wounds.

But, the man warned, you can bet your last Wilkie button that Pollack isn't going to sit tight and see three councilman drop out and not attempt to put someone in their places.

And the big question is WHO.

NEWS ITEM—Prophet Jones (you've heard of he) received a $4,000 milk stole, a present from two of his "Lords" as he brought his annual birthday celebration to a successful close. A church spokesman disclosed that Prophet hopes to start a mink-stole fad among men.

Now ain't that the berries?

Maybe the Prophet should fire himself out as a script writer for Milton Berle. He can't be serious. On second thought, is he ever?

But in case some idiot of a designer in Paris allows his pen to fumed brain to run asunder with such an idea leave us pausa no consider.

Such a fad among men hasn't got as even a chance as me with —say Dorothy Dandridge.

In the first place, no man with all his gender would permit himself to be caught dead in a stole —mink, rabbit, coon or what have you.

And in the second place, the women would rise in rebellion if such a fad had any chance of catching on.

Ask any woman right now who owns a milk-stole, coat or ear muff and she'll tell you that if her old man bought it for her he's still walking around secretly with holes in his shoes trying to pay for it.

So poppa couldn't afford 'em and still keep mamma happy.

And if she bought it for herself, by means best known to herself, she certainly doesn't want men to start edging into said means and thus throw a crimp into what's been a woman's world for, oh so long.

Nosirree, Bob. Mink stoles may be alright for the Prophet and his like. But for the average, they're unwanted, unaffordable and, frankly unwise.

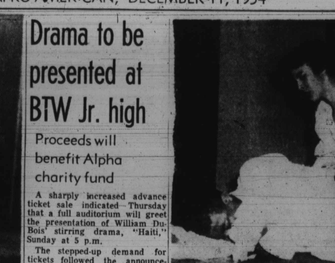
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POSTPONEMTNT — That church meeting scheduled to be held Monday night on North Avenue was postponed. Could it have been because a woman member of the church had threatened to air some dirty linen?

No furr like that of a woman scorned.



YOUR HOUSE? — If it is, and you correctly identify it, you can collect $5 by calling at the AFRO's City Desk BEFORE Tuesday, noon. All you have to do is to be living in the house to win the $5. There'll be another Lucky House in the next issue, too. Look for it; it may be yours.



HELPING HAND—Pfc. Grady Ouzts Jr., 22, whose parents live at 1422 E. Madison St., Baltimore, is assisted by a fireman in delivering water to the citizens of a small community. Notified that the only common well had run dry. Ouzts and other members of the 1st Engineer Battalion volunteered to transport water to the community by trailer until a new well is completed. The battalion is stationed in Kitzingen. (U.S. Army Photo.)

POLITICS

Democratic Viewpoint

By LLOYAL RANDOLPH

Big week! There was the blast of McCarthy against Eisenhower, the Dixon-Yates contract finally aired. Paul M. Butler of Indiana is elected new Democratic National Committee chairman, and Josiah Henry, local lawyer files his candidacy for City Council.

'Joe' Henry, as most folks call him, is an able lawyer, civic minded, a member of the Morgan State College Board of Trustees, a lodge man and has many friends. He has filed in the Fourth District.

Recent news stories discussing new methods of mass transportation seem to indicate that the Mayor's platform has caught fire.

He filed with a strong plea and a promise of firm action for overhauling our public transportation system, it needs overhauling badly.

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THE McCARTHY blast at the president will do the Republican party no good. Hopes for a Democratic victory in 1956 become brighter every day.

Adlai Stevenson will not be drafted again, says the new national chairman. He will have to go after the nomination with aggressive action, according to Mr. Butler.

Governor-elect Averil Harriman of New York claims that he leans to Stevenson as the nominee again. His convention votes will go a long way toward naming the presidential candidate. New York is a big state.

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IT IS SAID that Max Alpert, city councilman from the Fourth District, will not run for re-election. If this is true, then there may not be any incumbents running come March, 1955.

Jacob Edelmann has promised to run in the Fifth, and Leon Abramson, 'tis said, wants the presidency of the City Council.

This means that James J. Pollack will run a 'fresh' ticket in the Fourth District. Best guesses will be two white candidates and one colored.

Other guesses are that there will be several coalition tickets in the streets.

But whatever tickets are out, you can not elect your choice unless your are registered to vote.

It is good to have the right to complain about the candidates after the election is over, but isn't it better to have some choice in their nomination and election?

You can exercise your choice by becoming eligible to vote by registering at the New Peoples Court House, Fayette and Gay Sts.

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THE ASSOCIATION of Democratic Clubs meets every Thursday night at the York Hotel. If you are interested in their activities just call this writer and he will be glad to tell you how you can work with this group of civic minded people.

Francis X. Dippel, candidate for Mayor, visited the AFRO last week and took time to shake the hand of every employee.

He is the youngest of 22 children. His platform includes a program to relieve some of the problems of juvenile delinquency. He hopes to be the youngest mayor in Baltimore's history. He is 38 years old.

Be sure to watch this column for further notes on the 'Tydings Hatchett' Testimonial Dinner. Alexander Brown of Cherry Hill is the Dinner Committee chairman.

Milton Dorsey has been upgraded to the position of Auditor II in State Comptroller Tawes' office A first for us.

Another Democratic Viewpoint

By ROBERT WATTS

It is rumored that the forces allied with George P. Mahoney will run a candidate for Mayor. In the past, Mr. Mahoney has shown that he has a following in the city that can't be beaten.

The Democratic leaders have failed to recognize this fact but it seems that many are beginning to see that he is a man worthy of considerable attention.

Since the '50 campaign, more and more people have followed his leadership, and this group has done a tremendous job of getting votes.

Many colored Democrats have been on his team and it is expected that many will follow his leadership again. His name crops up often in discussions of various leaders seeking a candidate for Mayor.

It is worth watching these developments centering around Mr. Mahoney for it is believed that the support he can muster behind a candidate could be a margin of victory.

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We Democrats need a strong candidate for Mayor or the Republicans might elect a Mayor for the first time in many years. Mr. Mahoney himself lives in Baltimore County so, he can not be a candidate.

Pay close attention to developments involving Mahoney. They should be interesting.

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ADD TO the growing number of possible candidates for City Council from the 4th District, Eugene Chase and Morgan Callaman.

Mr. Chase is an energetic insurance executive who worked hard for Harry A. Cole and his ticket. He is a former Hopkins student with plenty on the ball. He should have the fraternity set as his supporters.

Mr. Callaman is a Morgan graduate presently operates his own brokerage firm, specializing in real estate and insurance.

Callaman has been around a long time and knows many people. He is very active in the Morgan Alumni, Temslers Club and other organizations.

I talked with both men about their chances and they are both full of enthusiasm.

Callaman says he has been working on the problem for years and has many plans as to campaign strategy.

Neither man has organizational backing, and I hope that this announcement might bring them encouragement from individuals and support from organizations.

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EVERYONE is waiting to see if what Lloyal Randolph and his group, and Harry A. Cole and his group will do by way of selecting a ticket. The Cole group has not selected a ticket.

Mr. Randolph might be a candidate himself or throw his support behind Ed Smith, personnel director at the AFRO. Ed is well versed in politics and will wage a terrific campaign.

You might find Ed and Randolph teaming up. Both have strong organizational support and until the Cole group makes up its mind, Randolph and Ed Smith are odds on favorite to win.

Don't be fooled into believing that Ed and Randolph are Pollack candidates for it is not so. The last week in this month will tell the story, for by that time all the candidates will file and sides will be drawn.

Watch for many to withdraw as coalitions are formed. Should be interesting to watch how smart we really are by refusing to be the dupes of the age old mistake of too many candidates.

Here's hoping we are smart enough to run tickets with full support.

Republican Viewpoint

By HARRY A. COLE

The gubernatorial election is over and now all conversation dwells on the mayoralty and city council elections.

Such conversation is good because it shows that citizens are developing and maintaining continuing interest in civic affairs.

It is wise that we begin to view the respective candidates with close scrutiny to determine their fitness for the high office of mayor.

It is necessary that we begin to build a standard by which these men can be evaluated.

WE SHOULD determine whether or not any of these men have held a high office of trust and responsibility and then look to see if he has discharged his duties with competence, honesty, and impartiality.

We should look to see want he offers by way of a program in aiding the progress of the man in the street.

We should ask if he is willing to satisfy the need of doing away with second-class citizenship in the city of Baltimore.

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AS FOR THE Councilmanic election, this is where a problem exists. The fertile ground for election is in the Fourth District.

However, the worst thing which could happen would be for every Tom, Dick, and Harry to file.

Our strength lies in our ability to get solidly behind men who can win.

But in addition to the ability to win, each candidate so supported should be dedicated to serve the community rather than to satisfy his own selfish desire.

This is so irrespective of whether the man is a Democrat or a Republican.

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IF WE HAVE too many persons filing just because the winning seems easy, we will end up dividing our strength in so many different directions that no one can win.

Solid backing of a slate is mandatory and essential to victory.

Soon the Fourth District political organization will announce its support of certain candidates.

This will not mean that the other candidates are unfit to run. It will mean, however, that those candidates are the most likely to win if given a fighting chance.

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LET US NOT forget that the Pollack machine wants us to fight among ourselves. None of his candidates can win if we are united and strong.

He will probably run a colored candidate to divide that strength but we shall be alert to cast such candidacy in its true light so that our strength might endure to victory.

U.S. Supreme Court for generations imported all its quill pens from England. Recently somebody discovered you could get all the court needed, in New Haven, Conn.

House winner claims prize

Latest winner of $5 in the AFRO's Lucky Picture Contest is Mrs. Mattie Brown of 221 Eastern Ave., who received a check for that sum on Tuesday morning.

A picture of Mrs. Brown's home appeared in last Friday's issue of the AFRO, where it was seen by a friend, Mrs Betty Johnson of 129 Easter. Ave. She called it to the winner's attention.

Somewhere in this edition is the picture of another Lucky House and if the picture shows your house, come to the AFRO office before noon on Tuesday and pick up your $5.

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THAT'S ALL there is. No tricks—no tricks. Just $5 for the winner.

Mrs. Brown, who is a constant reader of the AFRO, is the mother of seven children, the oldest 19 and the youngest 8 years of age. Her family has lived at the Eastern address for over 20 years. Her husband is Lawrence Brown, a taxi cab driver.

"I was surprised when I saw the picture but happy. I plan to use the money to buy Christmas presents," Mrs. Brown said.

4 out of every 5 homes to have Christmas trees

Four out of every five homes in the United States will have a Christmas tree this year, according to estimates made by the U.S. Department of Commerce.

The government agency also reports that least 30,000,000 Christmas trees will be commercially marketed.

In Baltimore, more than 200,000 Christmas trees will be sold in the next few days.

The largest display of trees in the city will be the 12,500 balsam fir trees on sale at Memorial Stadium Saturday, December 18 to benefit the Maryland Workshop for the Blind.

OF THE 21 million trees harvested in this country, and the nearly 10 millions imported from Canada, two-thirds of the trees will be fir trees which have gained popular acceptance as the proper type of Christmas tree.

The trees to be sold at the Stadium will all be balsam firs, imported from Canada. They will vary from 5 to 16 feet in height, and will be sold for $1, $2, and $3 each, according to size.

The one-day sale, scheduled to begin at 7:30 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 18, will be conducted by nearly 400 volunteers from 60 of the City's leading civic, religious, larbor, social and educational organizations.

All profits from the one-day sale will go to the Maryland Workshop for the Bind to provide better working facilities for the adult blind people of Maryland.

Drama to be presented at BTW Jr. high

Proceeds will benefit Alpha charity fund

A sharply increased advance ticket sale indicated Thursday that a full auditorium will greet the presentation of William Du Bois' stirring drama, "Haiti," Sunday at 5 p.m.

The stepped-up demand for tickets followed the announcement that Ambassador Jacques Leger of Haiti and his party would attend the Sunday performance.

The three-act play, enacted by the Ira Aldridge Players of Morgan State College, is being offered at the Booker T. Washington Junior High School auditorium, Madison Ave. and Lanvale St.

PROCEEDS WILL benefit the charity and scholarship funds of Delta Lambda chapter, Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity.

Ambassador Leger was extended an invitation to see the drama depicting a historic moment in his country's fight President Martin D. mf mf mm for independence by President Martin D. Jenkins.

Replying promptly, Mr. Leger told Dr. Jenkins that he "will be pleased to attend and indicated he planned to bring several attaches of the Haitian legation in Washington.

In the ambassadors party will be:

Mme. Marie Teresa Liveres, M. March Pierre-Louis, minister, counselor and Mme. Pierre-Louis; Col. Timoleon Paret, military attache and Mme Paret, M Yves Auguste, first secretary of the embassy.

Also Mme. Hogar Nicholas, wife of M. Howar Nicho

Also Mme. Hogar Nicolas, wife of M. Howar Nicolas, second secretary; M. Gerard Leger, attache and Mme Leger and Mlle Marie Chenet, attache.

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A SPECIAL section of the auditorium has been reserved for the Haitian party.

The vehicle, marking the sesquicentennial observance of Haitian independence, tells the exciting story of how unskilled black soldiers under the inspired leadership of Toussaint L'Ouverture and Henri Christophe beat back Napoleon's attack to retain their freedom.

Through three acts of gripping drama, the tension mounts as L'Ouverture, Dessalines and Christophe rally their forces to stamp out French tyranny and exploitation forever.

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Cast in the production will be:

Ralph Howard, as Michel Duval; Edward Smith, Douglass Scott, Henri Christophe; Joseph Taylor and Alfred Mixon as Jacques; Thomas Anderson as Rene Boucher;

Marian McDaniel, Ruby Plummer and Mildred Sensabaugh as Odette; Constance Besselius as Pauline; Donald Dillingham, Clyde Pritchett as General Leclere; Walter Griffin as Josef, Dorothy Davis as Aimee; William Johnson as Boule; Don Wesley, Fistilia messenger; Harold Bradby as Roche.

Barbara Cross, as Aimee; William Dean, Ralph Murray as Toussaint L'Ouverture; Herbert Edwards as the French Aide.

Mary Cornish is stage manager.

HAITIAN AMBASSADOR Jacques Leger will be in the audience when the Ira Aldridge Players of Morgan State College re-enact "Haiti," the story of that nation's fight for freedom at the Booker T. Washington Jr. High auditorium Sunday, Dec. 12, at 5 p.m. Top photo shows Odette (Marion McDaniel) mourning death of her father, Jacques (Joseph Taylor), the Haitian patriot. At bottom, Toussaint L'Ouverture (Ralph Murray), left, counsels Jacques (Joseph Taylor), center, as Haitian aide (Donald Henley awaits orders. The presentation benefits the charity and scholarship funds of Delta Lambda chapter, Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity.

Drivers warned of poisonous gas from exhaust fumes of running car

With the coming of cold weather, the city Health Department warns residents of the increased hazard of exposure to automobile exhaust fumes which contain the deadly carbon monoxide gas.

DANGER LURKS in the automobile with a running engine both on the highway and in the private garage. Dr. Hunting ton Williams Health Commissioner wants citizens to become aware of the deadly effects of carbon monoxide and take heed of the following precautions:

1. Do not sit in a parked car with the motor running and the windows closed. This is an invitation to death. Be sure there is a constant stream of fresh air through open windows.

2. When driving in heavy traffic or parked behind a car with its motor running be sure you have proper ventilation.

3. Have your car's exhaust system checked and correct defective units to prevent leakage of poisonous, odorless carbon monoxide into the car.

The record shows that last year there were five accidental resident deaths from this cause.

The most recent fatality was that of the Frederick, Md. couple whose bodies were discovered in a convertible which was parked, with the motor running, in a closed garage.

The pair, Mrs. Elinore Lee, 28 Lincoln Apartments and Paul C. Duckett, 41, 44 S. Bentz St., died of carbon monoxide poisoning. They had apparently been dead nine hours before they were discovered.

4. Do not run a car engine in a closed garage no matter how cold the weather is outside. It takes but a few moments to fill the garage space with a lethal gas concentration and there is no warning of its presence.

5. If you are driving in a car and you feel sleepy or dizzy and your head starts to ache, stop driving and get out of the car for fresh air.

6. If someone is overcome by carbon monoxide, remove the person to a source of fresh air and call a physician at once. If the person is unconscious and has stopped breathing start artificial respiration immediately and

Church benefits by Lucky House award

The church will benefit from the $5 AFRO Lucky House award granted to Mrs. Annie Brown of 1404 E. Monument St.

Mrs. Brown, a regular AFRO patron, was reading the paper when she spied a picture of her home which entitled her to the $5 award.

She decided immediately upon collecting the money to give half of it to Grace Memorial Baptist Church.

Wife of Edgar Brown, a Sparrows Point employee, Mrs. Brown is devoted to her church, her homemaking, and her grandaughter, Mrs. Mildred Lewis.

Grandmother gets boost in spirit

A widowed grandmother who has had the Christmas spirit since Thanksgiving" got a boost in her holiday mood by a $5 Lucky Pie award this week.

Mrs. Mary Williams of 1643 E. Madison St. was lucky because her devotion to children placed her in the waiting room of the new Eastern District Health Center when the AFRO photographer made pictures of the clinic clients.

Mrs. Williams' picture was published with her head encircled which entitled her to a $5 award. She had accompanied her daughter, Mrs. Georgiana Williams and grandson, Nathaniel, to the clinic.

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MRS. WILLIAMS is the mother of seven children and grandmother of five. She said that she would send a copy of her "lucky picture" to a son, Melvin on military duty in Japan.

Interested in the aged as well as in the young, Mrs. Williams will contribute her award money to a program to benefit the aged at New Pilgrim Baptist Church, where she serves as vice president of the Pastor's Aid.

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