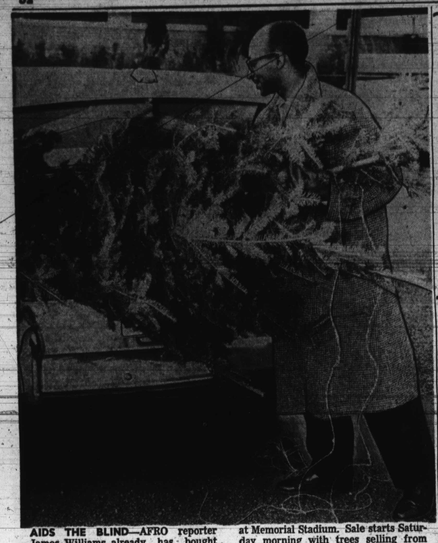

AIDS THE BLIND—AFRO reporter James Williams already has bought Christmas tree for City Room from Annual Christmas Tree Sale for the Blind at Memorial Stadium. Sale starts Saturday morning with trees selling from $1 to $3. All proceeds from sale go to Maryland Workshop for the Blind.

'She was trying to burn her boyfriend out . . .'

"She was trying to burn her boyfriend out . . . that's arson, I can't try your case here . . ." Magistrate Vernon Wiesand said in Pine St. Police Court Wednesday.

Standing before him was Mrs. Dorothy Weaver, 25, 1700 block Warwick Ave., accused of setting three separate fires in an apartment building at 1602 Division St.

She was held without bail for the grand jury. Arson is a felony. A person convicted of same can be sentenced to the penitentiary for not less than two nor more than 20 years.

Police testimony was that Mrs. Weaver told them she set the building afire after her boyfriend put her out. He was not identified in court.

Rites set for Daniel Baynham

Daniel Lindsay Baynham, Baltimore attorney for 33 years, died Tuesday at University Hospital.

Mr. Baynham was admitted to the hospital on Sunday after complaining of chest pains. The cause of death has not been determined.

Born in Essex County, Va., Mr. Baynham moved to Baltimore in 1922. He was 63 and was a graduate of Virginia Theological Seminary and the Howard University School of Law.

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FUNERAL SERVICES have been scheduled for Saturday at the New Liberty Baptist Church, Tipton, Va.

Mr. Baynham is survived by six sisters, Mesdames Maude B. Hunt, Charlotte Morton, Mary Weldon and Miss Mattie Baynham of Virginia, Mrs. Annie Morton of Chester, Pa., and Mrs. Esther Rollins of Bluefield, W. Va.

Also two brothers, Harry Baynham of Wilmington, Del., the Rev. William Baynham of Philadelphia; and three sons, Daniel, Jr. of E. Orange, N.J., Thomas L. of Richmond, Va., a student at Virginia Union, and George F. Baynham of Baltimore.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by the George N. Weldon Funeral Home of Oldhams, Va.

'We're going to stay here', say tenants in stoned house

"We're going to stay right here."

Seventy-year-old Callie Dease of the 1000 block of S. Carey St., stood juggling a rock which had been thrown through the front window of the house which his son and daughter-in-law had rented only a few days before.

The rock was one of a number of missiles which had been thrown at the house since it was rented last Friday to Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Dease in a predominantly all-white neighborhood.

A CAMPAIGN of terror, marked by the bombardment of the front and back of the house with rocks and pieces of brick began early Wednesday morning as soon as it was seen that the new tenants are colored.

The landlord, Sam Glickstein, owner of a furniture store in 600 block of W. Lexington St., said he has received an estimated 35 or 40 threatening phone calls at the store and at his home in the 4300 block of Pimlico Rd.

"We moved in Wednesday," the elder Mr. Dease said, "and while we were all in the kitchen eating dinner we heard rocks and bricks hitting the front door, and then heard glass break as this one came in through the window."

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THE ROCK was about half the size of a baseball and had punched a hole through the window and the drawn window shade.

MR. DEASE'S son Jimmy, who works at the Army Depot at Curtis Bay, and his wife, Mrs. Alease Dease, a Hollite Rubber Co. employee, were not at home.

"Yesterday morning all of us were out," the elder Mr. Dease said, "and when we came home we found that the window of the summer kitchen had been smashed out with a half brick, and glass was all over the floor."

Jimmy and Alease lived at 834 Barre St. for 13 years before they moved here. They don't like to move from house to house, so we are going to stick it out here."

MR. GLICKSTEIN, owner of the property, revealed, "The phone was ringing here at the store all day long," he said, "and the threats and the abuse were unprintable. I called the police this morning," he said Thursday, "and they said that they would watch the house.

"I gave quite a bit of thought to it before I rented the house to Mr. and Mrs. Dease and I think that they will make much better tenants and neighbors than the people who lived in the house before.

"I called the police and they promised protection. I understand that everything has been quiet around there today. I am sorry if Mr. and Mrs. Dease have been disturbed, but I am still glad that I rented the house to them. I hope they stay."

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CAPT. JOSEPH BAROCH, commanding officer of Southwestern District police, said that an extra policeman had been assigned to the neighborhood as soon as word was received of the incident and that an investigation is being made.

"Things are not like they used to be," he declared, "and the people down there will have to get used to it."

Lipstick prank backfires

"I didn't put lipstick on his shirt. The girls at the club teased different married men working there by putting lipstick on the collars of their shirts.

"This woman jumped out of a taxi and attacked me with an umbrella. I didn't know what it was all about. I pulled off my slipper and defended myself."

Miss Delores Mayers, 23, of the 600 block E. Fayette St., a Pennsylvania Ave. night club waitress, was testifying Tuesday in Pine St. Police Court.

Magistrate Vernon Wiesand fined her $100 and costs for assaulting Miss Bettie Hammond of the 900 block Bennet Pl., on Sunday. She exhibited for the magistrate a bandaged head.

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"THIS GIRL put lipstick on my husband's shirt," Miss Hammond said. "She caused trouble between me and my husband. It's not settled yet."

Miss Hammond identified the husband as Abraham Haywood, 39, bass fiddle player at the club "How many stitches did doctors put in your head?" Magistrate Wiesand asked Miss Hammond.

"I don't know, sir," she replied. "I'm to go back to the hospital Thursday."

'I have 10 children but . . . only one gives me trouble'

"I have 10 children but he is the only one that has ever given me any trouble.

"He is a nice worker. When he is home he could iron and scrub better than any of the other children."

Mrs. Corrine Mitchell of 1936 W. North Ave., was talking about her 16-year-old son Charles, who had just been convicted of taking a car belonging to his mother's roomer.

CHARLES buried his face in his hands and sobbed when Judge Neeley K. Nice gave him a one-year suspended sentence and ordered him committed to Boys' Village.

Luther Wade Jr., the roomer who came from Charles' hometown otee Durham, N.C. told Judge Nice:

"I have two sets of keys, one

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'God help them in Mississippi,' Cong. Diggs prays at rally

"God help the conscience of the two white men who took that boy to that shack.

"God help the conscience of that white woman, who forget she was a mother and told a distorted story."

"You women in the audience know that Till's mother (Mrs. Mamie Bradley) was telling the truth. If there were any doubt in her mind, she would have been the first one to have insisted upon further investigation.

"No mother wants to believe her son is dead."

Congressman Charles Diggs (D., Mich.), who attended the Emmett Till murder trial last monthin Mississippi, was speaking at the victory NAACP mass meeting in Baltimore, Sunday, at Sharp St. Methodist Church.

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THE YOUNG Congressman cited the bravery of the witnesses at the Till trial. "These were unlettered colored men who knew no other way to talk to white men but 'yessir' and 'No sir.'

"This was the first time a colored man had pointed an accusing finger at a white man in an interracial situation."

Mr. Diggs declared that if it had not been for such reporters as the AFRO's Jimmy Hicks, the Till lynch trial would have ended the first day.

He pointed out the fears of the men who covered the trial and said "· · · those red necked, pistol packing residents were milling around the courtroom just waiting for you to bump into them to start something."

He stated that the Mississippi situation was so bad because one million of the two million residents are denied the right to vote.

"I AM GOING to lead a movement to challenge every Mississippi Congressman that comes along . . . If it takes the rest of my political career, I am going to stand at the gates of Washington and stop them from coming in." Congressman Diggs told

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CONGRESSMAN CHARLES DIGGS
"I had to go back . . ."

She goes to jail for the 33rd time

Miss Helen Knox, 38, 751 W. Lexington St. who has spent the greater part of her adult life going in and out of jail, was convicted for the 33rd time on Wednesday.

Judge Joseph R. Byrnes sitting in Criminal Court sentenced Miss Knox to 60 days in jail for breaking the $32 window pane on the door of Mike Pappas' place at 1048 Pennsylvania Ave. Dec. 3.

EDWARD JAMES, 608 Biddle St., night manager, testified:

"She walked in there. She was under the influence. She asked me for a cup of coffee and I refused.

"I wouldn't say it was an accident. She was angry because the door wouldn't open and pushed her elbow through the glass.

"She said she was willing to pay for the glass and offered me $5, but I told her that wasn't enough."

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IN COURT, Miss Knox wore thin moccasins on her feet, brown pants, blue shirt, black coat. She acted as her own lawyer but did not question the witnesses.

Of the 33 times Miss Knox has appeared in court, 19, of them have been since March 1953 at Pine Street Police Court. Most of her convictions were for disorderly conduct.

Police continue hunt for prowler

Men with bandaged hands were still being questioned by Northwestern District police this week as the search continued for the mysterious prowler who invaded the Sharp St. Memorial Methodist Church Community House on Dec. 4.

In his invasion of the building, the man smashed doors and windows and created such a furor that one of the three residents, Mrs. Carrie Roberts, leaped from a second - story window of the building on Etting near Dolphin St.

Mrs. Roberts was treated at Provident Hospital for bruises and a fractured wrist. She was held for observation several days and then released.

A trail of blood left by the intruder caused police to speculate that he had been seriously cut, and hence the interest in men with bandaged hands.

Capt. Millard Horton of the Northwestern District said on Wednesday that several suspects had been questioned, and police are hopeful that they will be able to locate the prowler, who is suspected of entering the building on at least two other occasions.

Meanwhile, the Rev. Edward Carroll, pastor of the Sharp St. Church, said that Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Minnie Smith and Mrs. Amabel Payne, the three residents, had all sought other quarters.

The Rev. Mr. Carroll had already stated that in view of the impossibility of providing a watchman for the building, it was felt that the most judicious course open was for the three women to find other quarters.

Watch found, baby-sitter wins release

A baby - sitter who pleaded guilty to taking a watch, which her accuser later found, and $75, was put on probation for one year after her appeal was heard in Criminal Court Wednesday.

Delores Hill, 20 of the 700 block N. Fulton Ave. pleaded guilty at Pine St. Police Court Dec. 2 to taking both things from Miss Alice Miller of 2000 block Walbrook Ave. She was sentenced to 30 days in jail.

When her employer, Albert Sattler of the same address, discovered that Miss Miller had found the watch, he encouraged Miss Hill to appeal her case.

Judge Joseph R. Byrnes also ordered Miss Hill to return the $75 from her weekly wages. Miss Miller testified the money was taken from a locked suitcase in her second - floor apartment.

Daughter has dad arrested

There was a look of bewilderment on the face of Isiah Johnson, 1400 block W. Lafayette Ave., as he stood in Northwestern Police Court on Monday and heard his daughter accuse him of acting disorderly at their home.

He was 52 years old, and the years showed in his face, his voice, and in the way his frail hands nervously plucked at the belt about his waist.

His daughter, Miss Victoria Johnson, who never gave her age, stood to the right of her father before Magistrate Linwood G. Koger Sr. She told why she had her father arrested.

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"HE BEAT ME unmercifully over a little argument. He acts strange and me and my mother are afraid of him," she said.

While his daughter was testifying, Mr. Johnson stood with his head lowered. When he was asked to speak his words came out with difficulty as if he were ar-

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CHRISTMAS SHOPPING—Everybody, but everybody is shopping these days for Christmas gifts. This photo was taken at Goldenberg's Dept. Store as these shoppers looked over sport shirts for Junior. There are only seven more shopping days until Christmas, so if you haven't done yours yet, you had better run right out and do it.

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Baltimore Afro-American

Prayer for Xmas
Lord Jesus, who didst take little children into Thine arms and laugh and play with them, bless, we pray Thee, all children at this Christmastide.

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B.V.D. MURDER

DYING MAN'S COURSE—Photo shows how Lonzo Morrison ran a block clad only in his shorts, collapsed at house at right. His cries for help shocked Mt. Winans neighborhood.

Hepbron Stops Vandals; Promotes Scott

Police chief visits areas of disorder

Two Southwest Baltimore families will have peace and quiet for Christmas, and next year and the year after too, thanks to vigorous action by Police Commissioner James Hepbron.

"It is the job of the police department to enforce the law. We will not permit hoodlums to destroy the peace of any neighborhood," the Commissioner said after personally directing extra police details in two previous all-white blocks where new colored residents had been threatened and their property damaged.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Williams moved into 120 Mt. Olivet Rd., December 7. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Dease occupied their home at 1009 S. Carey St. on December 14.

Attacks on both homes began immediately. They were ended this week with the personal visit of the Commissioner who has assigned extra police details to the areas and given the families his personal assurances they will receive full protection from further annoyance or damage to their homes.

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THE DEASE family settled down to preparations for a quiet Christmas after the Sunday night visit of Southeastern District Captain Joseph Baroch.

Joseph R. Buckingham, 40, of the 3900 block Benson St., was arrested Saturday night on a charge of malicious destruction of property after a rock was thrown through the Dease home.

Buckingham, whose home on Benson St. is more than two miles from the Dease home, pleaded not guilty before Magistrate Howard Aaron on Sunday and is under $500 bail awaiting grand jury action.

Callie Dease, father of Jimmy Dease, told the AFRO that there has been "absolute quiet" since Saturday night.

"There are plenty of police around all of the time now," he said, "and we feel that all of the ruckus is just about over."

Ben Glickstein, owner of the house, reported that he received more than 30 threatening phone calls at his store in the 600

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12 long termers home for holiday

Twelve long term prisoners were recently granted paroles in time to enjoy the Christmas holidays at home.

Included in the group is William Stanley, a young Morgan College senior, who was sentenced to life imprisonment in April, 1953, who was found guilty of criminal assault on a patient at the Rosewood Training School, where he had been employed as an attendant.

Sentence was passed in a Towson courtroom and was later reduced to 20 years. Stanley, a music major, was only a few days

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Couple apart 6 years, rewed for Christmas

As church bells toll the beginning of the happy holiday season and church choirs raise praises of "Our New Born King," the Junius Foster family will be reunited around a family Christmas tree for the first time in six years.

Mr. and Mrs. Foster, parents of four grown children, were remarried this week.

The wedding climaxed a six-year divorce which had interrupted the couple's 29 years of marriage.

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DURING THE entire time of the separation, however, the Fosters lived within 10 blocks of each other.

Mrs. Blanche Foster lived at 2341 Madison Ave., while her estranged husband resided at 1315 Madison Ave.

The 2300 block Madison Ave. apartment has been selected as the future home for the reunited couple.

Mrs. Foster, who is 54, is a salad maker. Mr. Foster, 60, is a truck driver. And as for the future of this marriage, the couple assure that this time it will last "until death us do part."

'WE WERE SURPRISED' — Eight sergeants promoted by Police Commissioner Hepbron, Thursday, were speechless at the news. Left to right with the commissioner are: Sgts. Nicholas Monfredo, Northeastern; Harry Scott, Northwestern and John Cunningham, Central.

'Wonderful Xmas present!'

"It's a wonderful Christmas present. I'm so happy. He's been waiting for so long."

Mrs. Edith S. Scott was speaking minutes after she learned that her husband, Officer Harry Scott had been promoted to sergeant by Police Commissioner Hepbron.

"He has had so many disappointments but he always lived in hope. He's lived by the motto, 'if at first you don't succeed, try, try again.' So he always took the exam again. Now's he's made it."

In answer to a reporter's question, Mrs. Scott said: "Yes, he called me. He said 'Your husband has just been made sergeant.'

"What did I do? Well, I just cried with joy. He really deserves it."

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AS HIS WIFE explained, for Officer Scott, the Hepbron promotion on Thursday is a culmination of his repeated efforts to move up in the ranks since he was appointed to the force 17 years ago.

In his new rank, he becomes the first colored uniformed

'Complete surprise,' says Sergeant Scott

Sgt. Harry Scott, who was promoted to his new rank in the Police Department, Thursday, told the AFRO:—

"It came as a complete surprise to me. I was totally unaware of what was going on. But I am very, very pleased.

"This was the nicest surprise anyone could get for Christmas. I have been trying to get this promotion for 11 years. I never gave up. I just kept trying."

sergeant on the Baltimore police force.

The other two colored sergeants are: J. Hirman Butler, plainclothesman assigned to the Detective Bureau; and Police-woman Violet Hill Whyle, who was promoted by Commissioner Hepbron earlier this year.

Policewoman Whyte is assigned to Northwestern where Sergeant Scott is now assigned. She began work on the 12-8 shift Thursday evening.

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THE PROMOTION came as a complete surprise to Officer Scott and the seven other policemen who were also made sergeant. All of them shook their heads when Commissioner Hepbron asked, "Do your wives know about this?"

"We didn't know it ourselves, Sir," they said in unison.

Prior to the promotion, Sergeant Scott told a reporter on the elevator, "Just look at my hands, I was painting when I got the call to come down here."

(Editor's note: He was painting the living room floor and putting up the Christmas tree, when he received the telephone call.)

The new sergeants smiled sheepishly when Commissioner Hepbron gave them permission to call their wives immediately to relate the good news.

"Of course," the commissioner warned, "this might cause your wives to go on a spending spree. They might even buy that fur coat you've been promis-

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'There's Christmas all around us'—mother of 5

"I'm not worried, Christmas is all around us, people have shown that it's in their hearts."

Mrs. Estelle Goodman, who was left destitute with her five children when her husband was sent to jail last October and all of the family's clothing was stolen a week later, says that she can now face Christmas.

"When I came to the AFRO office I was desperate. I wasn't thinking about Christmas," she said, "I was thinking about keeping us alive and together."

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IT WAS pleasantly warm in the room at 527 Dolphin St., where Mrs. Goodman sat while her children tussled on the floor and played with recently acquired toys.

Their clothing and faces were clean and they were happy.

"I've been taking the baby to the hospital, we all have beds on which to sleep, and food to eat. People have promised to see that the children have something for Christmas.

"I want to thank you and your wonderful paper," she said, "because if they hadn't read about us, those people who have given us food, clothes and money wouldn't even have known about us to help.

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"THANK YOU and God Bless all of you," she said, and the 7-year-old little girl she held on her lap echoed it, "God bless you."

This reporter closed the door very softly when he went out. The words of all the Christmas carols suddenly made sense.

Boy, badly burned last year, faces happy future

Christmas 1955 holds happy promises for eight - year-old George T. Davis Jr.

Last Christmas he was confined to a hospital bed in a kneeling position with third degree burns over his back and head.

He was burned in a fire that killed 27 of his young sisters and brothers in the home that located at 34 N. West St.

Today he and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George T. Davis Sr., reside at 134 W. Cross St. They are thankful that George has improved so much after eight operations and 10 months in the hospital. He will start to school this spring.

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"SANTA CLAUS is going to bring me a bike," George said Tuesday. "And he's going to bring me two pistols." His father, a longshoreman, nodded his head in agreement.

The youngster glanced at the TV screen in the corner then at his cousins, Leroy Wing, 13, and Leon Tuck, also 13, both of 907 Sharp St.

"I'm not going to let Leroy and Leon ride my bike," George said, his eyes dancing.

He said Santa brought him two pistols and holsters last year.

"It was a long time before he could play with them," his mother explained, She said George was released two months ago from Kernan Hospital for Crippled Children.

The parents said doctors recommended plastic surgery for the scar on the back of George's head, but they said "It's out of the question right now" because they don't have the money.

No Merry Xmas for Mrs. Kenny

"He told me that he wanted to be home for Christmas. Now that he is dead all my plans for Christmas have been cancelled. There won't be any Christmas for me."

Mrs. Carrie M. Kenny, 2700 block Harlem Ave., was calm as she spoke on Tuesday afternoon, two days after her husband, Paul Kenny, 54, had been found dead three miles from Ft. Howard Hospital where he had been a patient.

Member of a well known Baltimore family, Mr. Kenny is the brother of Mrs. Monterey Clay, and Mrs. Bernice Chatman, both city teachers.

The World War Two veteran disappeared from the hospital on Dec. 8. When found, he was dressed in a white robe, green

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'Papa staggered in with only his shorts on . . . he was dead'

"This awful banging woke us up about midnight. It was Papa, and all he had on was his shorts. He fell in the door and said, 'Shirley shot me.'

"His hands were all bloody from trying to hold together a big hole in his stomach. It was so cold that it looked like the blood had already frozen on the steps when I got the door open."

Mrs. Rosa Smith of 2634 Huron St., and her husband, Walter Smith, were describing events in the slaying of Lonzo Morrison, 42 - year - old glass factory employee, which rocked the pre - Yuletide quiet of community early Tuesday.

Mrs. Shirley Burrows, 27, who lived with the dead man at 2643 Huron St., is being held without bail on homicide charges in connection with the death.

Mrs. Smith, the dead man's daughter said that her father remained conscious after staggering across the street in 14-degree weather to seek aid.

"We put him in that chair while Walter ran to call the police and an ambulance. He said that there had been no argument," the daughter continued.

"HE HAD BEEN in the bed, and when he woke up Shirley was standing in the door of the room with the shotgun. He said she shot him, and that he ran out of the house while she was putting another shell in the gun."

According to a report of the shooting made by Southwestern District Patrolmen William F. Gill and Clarence Mercer, Mrs. Burrows told them that she had had an argument with Mr. Morrison and picked up the shotgun "just to scare him."

"Papa sat right in that chair," Mrs. Smith said, "and told me that it hadn't been any accident. Now I know why they have a heaven and hell.

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"SHE SHOT HIM. He ran out of the house and all of the way over here while he was dying and she never raised a hand to help him. When the police got there she was still over there in the house. That gun only shoots once, but when the police got there it had another shell in it."

No testimony was heard when Mrs. Burrows was ar-

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Yule turkey in jail for Adams killer

Turkey and all the trimmings will be served to Joseph Paul Smith and Lester Barre, convicted murderer of John Irvin (Top) Adams and his accomplice, who must spend Christmas in the Towson Jail.

Due to the delay in receiving the probation reports, Judges Michael Paul Smith and Lester Barre will not impose sentence on the couple until Dec. 27.

Crooms and Helen, who have been receiving Christmas cards from immediate friends and relatives, besides mailing a few of their own, face prison sentences from five to 18 years in the murder of the Turner Station numbers king.

New SIAC clerk

Miss Sylvia Bryan, a June graduate of Douglass High School began her duties Wednesday as a clerk at the Maryland State Industrial Accident Commission.

She is the second colored appointee to the SIAC staff; George Monroe, a graduate of Douglass High School and Cortez Peters Business School, was appointed to the job of clerk-messenger in July.

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Can count, hardly name their blessings

By LARRY STILL

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Drew of 3106 E St., SE, won't have any difficulty in counting their blessings Christmas Day but they may have a little trouble in naming them.

"I can't name them all. They'll have to do that for you," Mr. Drew says as he and his wife proudly survey 17 of their 18 living children, ranging from three months to 24 years of age. One of the Drew's children died at a young age.

Only two of the eight boys and 10 girls are away from the 12-room Drew home in southeast Washington. The entire family will be reunited Christmas in an annual homecoming that fills the area with joy.

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"WE HAVE been blessed to be all alive and together," says Mrs. Sadie Drew, the modest hard working mother, Mrs. Drew's mother, Mrs. Callie Scott, helps with the children.

Clarence, 24, the oldest son, who lives within walking distance of the family home, will be over to celebrate the holidays with his two little boys.

Nathan, 21, is the third oldest son and is working in eastern Pennsylvania. But he's expected home for Christmas.

The names of the other blessings, as Mr. Drew calls each of his children, are:

Ronald, three months; Sadie, 18 months; Arlene, 3; Ernest, 4; Ernest, 4; Laurie 7; father, Willie Drew, 47, holding Sadie, 18 months; Mrs. Drew, 45, holding Ronald, 3 months; Melvin, 9; Carrie 10; Arlene, 3. Standing, Joyce, 6; Evelyn, 13; Reuhin, 15; Marjorie, 17; Barbara, 16; Frederick, 19; Yvonne, 20; William, 22; Clarance, 24; and Philip, 12. Not present is Nathan, 21.

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS will be counted by Mr. and Mrs. Willie Drew shown here with 17 of their 18 children. Seated, left to right, Ernest, 4; Laurie 7; father, Willie Drew, 47,