Bullet Fells Bandit In Flight From $200 Job

A BIG BOOST for annual Christmas Seals sale came from Gov. J. Millard Tawes this week as two young tuberculosis patients from Eudowood Sanitarium brought him a batch of seals and flowers. The children, with the Governor here in his office, are Sharon Watkins, 8, Spencerville in Montgomery County, and David Barger, 4, of Baltimore.

ADC cuts no curb to illegitimacy

By MAX JOHNSON

The Women's Civic League has come up with some strong, organized opposition to proposed allowances to the Department of Public Welfare in the city's 1960 budget — certain to be repeated when this budget goes to the City Council for final action within a few days.

Specifically, this organization wants the aid to dependent children program allotment of $6,796,000 for the current year cut in half next year.

The Board of Estimates has approved a departmental requested increase of $2,742,200, for a total 1960 appropriation to this program of $9,538,200, to handle estimated new caseloads.

The increase would come from state and Federal funds.

The City Council, which has no authority to increase the budget, is empowered to make cuts prior to its final approval.

The ADC program covers aid to those children where (1) death has taken a parent; or (2) the father is physically unable to work, or incarcerated, or (3) authorities can not find the father to force his support.

THE MEMBERS of the Women's Civic League are basing their cut demands on these allegations that this program provides aid for a large number of unwed mothers.

They charge that this is using tax money to "support and foster a cult of illegitimacy."

Miss Esther Lazarnik, director of the Department of Public Welfare, has consistently pointed out that needy children —even illegitimate ones —must be cared for.

She has revealed that leaving children with unwed mothers is not cheaper for taxpayers than placing them in foster care homes.

Adoption, then, of the Women's Civic League's proposed ADC program cuts would create one of these two Welfare Department — and community — problems:

1. **IMPOSE THE** inhuman penalty on a child of denying him needed food and care, simply because his mother and father are not married.

2. Place a higher burden on taxpayers than now exists — perhaps with harmful effects on the child — by placing him in a foster care home away from his mother.

And it is at this point that representatives of the Women's Civic League have so far let their arguments drift to an area of confusion, in hearings before the City Council's budget and finance committee and the Board of Estimates.

They have steadfastly maintained they do not want any needy, illegitimate child in the ADC program to be denied welfare aid.

Yet — in face of the alternative, more costly foster care program — they contend cutting ADC funds will save taxpayers money.

It has not been made clear just how this can be accomplished — without some children suffering.

The Women's Civic League has offered the proposed ADC cuts as its solution to the admittedly high ratio of illegitimacy among welfare recipients.

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MISS LAZARUS has revealed that her workers are not permitted to suggest birth control.

Besides, strong elements of the Baltimore community have long frowned loudly on this practice.

It is significant to note, that of the attention given this social ill from time to time, more serious consideration has not been given a major factor — that of employment.

If sufficiently strong community influences were exerted to aid the Baltimore Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's program of removing racial restrictions in employment, illegitimacy would drop considerably.

The wayward father could take advantage of the job opportunities and support the children.

As matters now stand, too many such fathers were wayward, simply because they can not find a job — and they do not want to go to jail.

The whole Department of Public Welfare picture would be changed with the aid of the Women's Civic League —and other groups — in bringing increased job opportunities.

SUICIDE VICTIM identified by police as Thomas Jackson of the 1600 block Bakebury Ct. is moved from his apartment in the Gilmor Homes. His wife discovered his body on the floor of their home when she returned from a visit to City Hospitals.

Stockings used; heat on suspects

Have police finally apprehended the "Silk Stockings Bandits?"

This troublesome question faced Southwestern District police — and city store proprietors — after one holdup man was shot to death, and two other armed robbery suspects captured.

The slain bandit was Sylvester Miller Jr., 39, who had been a counselor at the Druid Hill Ave. YMCA since the past Oct. 16.

He was shot, following the holdup of a liquor store proprietor by three men in his store in the 2100 block W. Pratt St. at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The proprietor, Samuel Senker, told police the men had stockings drawn over their heads and faces to hide their identity.

AFRO READERS will recall that three holdup men, using stockings pulled over their heads and faces, terrorized merchants throughout the city some weeks ago, in a series of armed robberies.

These holdup men were dubbed "The Silk Stockings Bandits," because of their disguise, and were never caught by police.

Mr. Senker told police one of the bandits forced him to lie on the floor, and then took from his pocket a wallet containing a $20 bill and some personal papers.

He said another of the bandits rifled the cash register drawer.

Following the robbery, Mr. Senker said he grabbed his own gun and rushed outside, firing seven shots at the men.

He was joined by Patrolman Carl Frey, a Western District policeman, who was off duty at the time and in a store next door to the holdup scene.

The officer reported he fired five shots at the fleeing men.

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LESS THAN two hours later, at 10:15 p.m., police found Mr. Miller lying in the cellar way in the rear of an establishment in the same block of the robbery.

Police said a wallet containing a $20 bill and personal papers belonging to Mr. Senker, the holdup victim, was found in Mr. Miller's jacket pocket.

The man had been shot behind the left ear, and was dead on arrival at Franklin Square Hospital.

The police department's ballistics division has found that the fatal bullet came from Officer Frey's revolver and the patrolman has been released in custody of Capt. Wade H. Poole pending outcome of the customary hearing.

The two suspects being held by police in connection with the robbery, were arrested a short time afterwards.

The investigating officers, headed by Lt. Milton A. Hipsley, said they had unpounded an auto a 1955 Plymouth, which belonged to one of the three men.

They said it was parked at Druid Hill Ave. and Pratt Sts. a short distance from the holdup scene.

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IN THE autos trunk under a spare tire, police said they found $76 in coins, much of which was in wrappers bearing a number of names.

Robert Stevenson, 600 block N. Fremont Ave., told the AFRO Mr. Miller was unmarried.

He said there is a brother, Leroy of his home, and a father, Sylvester Miller Sr., somewhere in Virginia, the only immediate relatives.

Mr. Stevenson said the slain man was on parole for a 18-year sentence in 1951 for robbery.

He said the man had been employed up until about a month ago at an East Baltimore meat plant.

He told the AFRO the auto seized by police belonged to **the dead man, who had bought it** for his brother.

Mr. Stevenson, a Maryland Dry Dock employee now on strike said he would claim the body, but burial would pose a problem because the man had no insurance.

An official at the YMCA where Mr. Miller stayed said he seldom saw Mr. Miller, and that he was behind in his rent.

The dead man's personal effects there, the official said, consisted of a shirt, a set of underwear and toilet articles.

Two men were placed under $10,000 bail in Southwestern Police Court Thursday in the Pratt St. liquor store robbery during which Sylvester Miller, 40, a holdup man, was slain.

They are Warner Slater, 33, 1001 block S. Duncan St., and Collins F. Miller, 39, 600 block N. Fremont Ave.

Fraudulent costs, mortgage laid to improvement firm

An injunction suit, charging misrepresentation of fees for services and a fraudulently obtained mortgage has been filed in Circuit Court against the Reynolds Engineering and Supply Co.; William Pearlman, named as its president, and the Improvement Corporation of Maryland.

The suit was filed on behalf of Booker T. and Mrs. Essie Evans, 200 block N. Fulton Ave., through Paul J. Cockrell, attorney.

The suit charges that representatives of the Reynolds Co. contracted with Mr. and Mrs. Evans in March, 1958, for home improvements at their Fulton Ave. property, to cost $2,800.

It is alleged that all parties agreed that a $300 prior encumbrance, held by another creditor, would be paid by the Reynolds Co., reducing the total indebtedness to the Reynolds Co. to $2,800.

The suit alleges, however, that the Evanses were required to sign a note for $3,570 a month.

THE SUIT charges that in the course of these arrangements representatives of the Reynolds Co. "fraudulently and deceptively procured the signatures of plaintiffs on a mortgage form and other forms."

Mr. and Mrs. Evans charge, in their suit, that a mortgage was filed April 1, 1958, in the land records office here on this property in the amount of $7,370.

This mortgage, the suit states, names Mr. and Mrs. Evans as parties of the first part, and the Reynolds Engineering and Supply Co., Inc., party of the second part, but fails to indicate the agent appearing before the notary public as in behalf of the Reynolds Co.

In pointing out that the $7,370 mortgage figure is almost twice the $3,800 agreed on for the work and payment of the prior indebtedness, the suit charges further the Evanses were forced a copy of the written contract with the Reynolds Co.

Rites Monday for Harold Mebane

Funeral services will be held Monday at 11:30 a.m. at the George Kelson Funeral Home, 1528 N. Calhoun St., for Harold Washington Mebane, 35, 1909 Pulaski St. He died Wednesday at Lutheran Hospital. Burial will be in the Baltimore National Cemetery.

Although not confined to home, Mr. Mebane had been ill for more than two years. He was a former postal clerk, on the Pennsylvania Railroad, and a graduate of Douglass High School in 1940.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Fannie Mebane; three children, Ingrid, Deborah and Quinton; his father, Joseph Mebane; mathematics teacher at Houston Junior High School No. 181; and stepmother, Mrs. Rosa Mebane;

Also, two sisters, Mrs. Gladys Combs and Mrs. Martecina Howard; and a brother, Joseph Mebane Jr., three uncles, Clarence Roberts, retired school principal; Ralph Roberts, a teacher and Harry Roberts; and an aunt, Mrs. Gladys Coates.

Herbert Nutter, mortician, is in charge of services.

Daughter, mother hurt in fracas

Thomas E. Johnson, 21, 1600 block W. Lafayette Ave., was held in $15,000 bail on charges of stabbing a 16-year-old girl at her home in the 1400 block of Pennsylvania Ave. and cutting her mother, Monday evening.

Police said they took Johnson to Provident Hospital after going to his home on a tip about 30 minutes after the alleged attack.

THE GIRL, Miss Geraldine Watkins, was wounded in the back. Her mother, Gertrude, 41, was cut on the hand. A hunting knife was identified as the weapon.

Magistrate Calvin A. Douglass postponed the trial until Dec. 19 because Miss Watkins was still in Provident Hospital where her condition was listed as "fair."

CASE OF MISSING CAR — Mrs. Gladys Ball, 2402 Elsinore Ave., and her four children, Althea, 8; Clarchie Jr., 4, and twins Debra and Dwight, 2½, completed shopping at the Mondawmin Shopping Center this week and went out to get into their car... but it was missing. They found it later about 1,000 feet away, lurched precariously on embankment. There were no serious damages.

Murder trial for teen in third day

Today (Friday) will be the third day of trial for Richard Lewis, 1600 block W. Lexington St., who is charged with criminally assaulting a 10-year-old girl.

Gross, represented by George L. Russell Jr., is charged, along with three other youths, with the August 7 murder and robbery of Lawrence D. North, 66, 2300 block W. Baltimore St., at Baltimore and Smallwood Sts.

The other youths involved, arrested Aug. 11, two days before Gross was apprehended, are:

Eddie L. Taylor Jr., 20, 1200 block Argyle Ave.

John Frank Ledbetter Jr., 19, 1600 block W. Fayette St., and Jerry Dennis Jr., 18, 2500 block W. Pratt St.

All of them, except Taylor, are also charged with larceny of an automobile.

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WHEN THEY appeared Monday, each of them was grant ed separate trials in Youth Court by Judge Edson Harlan.

According to the testimony of several witnesses Monday and Tuesday, including the tearful widow of Mr. North, the retired television repairman was fatally assaulted after he left home for a pack of cigarettes.

Mrs. Lillian North told the court she later saw her husband at Bon Secours Hospital where he was taken and she was alerted police that he had not suffered a stroke as hospital authorities assumed.

She said she suspected foul play when she saw her husband's diamond ring was missing.

First, the three youths who have not yet come to trial were arrested, then officers arrested Gross when they found a discount ring, matching the description of the diamond man in Edmondson Ave. pawn shop.

The defendant's brother, Leroy Lamont Smith, was black-jacked by Stricker St. officers for passing the ring as a favor to Gross because Gross was too young to pawn it himself.

He said he had no idea the ring was stolen and that he pawned it for $20.

OTHER WITNESSES testified they saw four boys in the area at the same time they saw Mr. North near the store, but each refused to identify Gross as one of them.

Western District policemen said Gross gave them a signed statement admitting he was at the scene, but denying that he ever struck the man.

Mr. Russell contended that although Gross helped in the robbery, he at no time struck the man.

According to a medical report, Mr. North died of contusions of the skull.

On the witness stand, Gross, who sat throughout the trial with an air of seeming disinterest, told the court that after the man had been struck down, he approached with other youths, and began to pull the ring from the man's finger.

He said the others went through the man's pockets.

The trial was recessed Tuesday until Friday because Judge Harlan could not be present Wednesday and Thursday, the latter being a holiday.

Mrs. Nellie Bragg is seriously ill, was 95 Nov. 20

Mrs. Lellie Hill Bragg, widow of the late Father George Freeman Bragg, founding St. James' P.E. church rector, who passed her 95th birthday on Nov. 20, is seriously ill at a rest home 3925 Fair-view Ave.

According to her daughter, Mrs. Nellie Bragg Sorrell, her mother has been ailing for some time and recently suffered a slight stroke.

Mrs. Bragg has been a member of the St. James church over 50 years. When the Rev. Mr. Bragg died in 1940, he had been pastor at the church a period of 49 years.

Bible reading okey in schools here but Pa., Conn., courts ban practice

Lower courts in Philadelphia and Connecticut have banned compulsory reading of the Bible in public schools.

They say it violates the first amendment to the Constitution guaranteeing to all citizens religious liberty.

HOWEVER, in Baltimore, the school board policy is that a section of the Bible be read at opening exercises in the morning at all public schools.

The rule also includes provision for appropriate patriotic exercises to be held as a part of the general opening exercises of the school or class.

The rule reads: "Each school either collectively or in classes shall be opened by the reading without comment of a chapter in the Holy Bible or the use of the Lord's Prayer. The Douay version may be used by pupils who prefer it.

"Appropriate patriotic exercises should be held as a part of the general opening exercises of the school or class."

They also say that it infringes on the right of those who wish to have the family rather than the state take responsibility for religious instruction.

The American Civil Liberties Union intervened in these two cases.

'I feel younger already'—Hurt

By SAM LACY

Eddie Hurt was beset with mixed emotions Thursday. Thanksgiving afternoon he the siren sounded on a 12-7 defeat for his Morgan Bears at the hands of Virginia State College.

It was the veteran coach's signature to a colorful football story — assignment to the armchair of the sidelines after 31 hectic years of gridiron scheming and maneuvering.

He was going into voluntary retirement from the ball sport and making way for a successor as yet unknown.

"I feel younger already," Hurt told the AFRO, "but I feel sad, too.

"I'm relieved in the knowledge that it is all behind me now; that I can forget the worries that go hand in hand with the pleasure of coaching.

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"**BUT I'M** deeply sorry it couldn't have ended differently — for the sake of the boys.

"I don't give a hoot about my personal record," Hurt continued. "It is just that those kids tried so hard to pull this one out.

"I felt it keenly that we **couldn't win it for them.**

"They gave everything they had, and I wanted them to pull it out as badly as they did.

"This just wasn't our year, I guess. It just wasn't for us. And it seems a pity, since they're such a fine bunch of kids."

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ON THE other side of the field, W. W. Lawson, coach of the victorious Trojans from Virginia, paid tribute to his departing rival.

"Eddie has meant much to football," he said. "I hate to see him getting out. Not only Morgan will miss him; the whole conference will feel it.

"Eddie's a great guy, just a great guy." — LACY.

AHMAD JAMAL, the jazz pianist, born Fritz Jones of Baptist parents in Pittsburgh, is being hailed in Cairo, Egypt after announcing plans to invest his earnings in African enterprises. Now a Moslem, he is the guest of Dr. Mahmoud Youssef Shawarbi while in Egypt and plans to visit Ghana and Guinea.

MRS. EVELYN C. ROBINSON of 1426 Madison Ave., was recently promoted to a housekeeper at Montebello State Hospital. She is along time member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

First quad home sleeps and eats the day away

Kim Marie Graves, the oldest of the Graves quadruplets went to her Annapolis home with her mother last Thursday to settle down with her eight brothers and sisters.

According to her mother, Mrs. Julia Christine Graves, Kim spent the first days at home quite unaware that she had left the nursery at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Mrs. Graves and her eight other children reside with her parents in a 2-bedroom house.

Kim Marie is snug in a pink and white bassinet in the bedroom with her mother.

The other triplets weigh in range in age from 12 years to 2 years of age and include two sets of twins.

Mrs. Graves told the AFRO Saturday: "Kim Marie slept like a top when she first got home.

"Just like clock - work, she wakes up on the dot for a bottle every four hours."

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ASKED HOW the other eight Graves children liked having their new famous little sister home, Mrs. Graves said: "They're crazy about her. They want to hold her but I've told them 'not yet.'

"They call her baby doll."

Mrs. Graves disclosed that the Nu - Dy - Per Service, Baltimore, delivered 70 diapers on Saturday.

The diaper supply firm gave Mrs. Graves the promise to supply diapers for all the quads for six months in response to the AFRO Graves Quads fund request.

The next delivery for Kim Marie is due Wednesday, Mrs. Graves said.

The milk formula, 24 cans of it, from a Maryland firm arrived Thursday and Kim Marie has 6 bottles a day, 3 ounces to each bottle, for her meals.

"If she cries, she can have a little more," Mrs. Graves says.

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THURSDAY ALSO marked another milestone in the history of the Graves quads.

Just before the mother left the hospital, the AFRO turned over a check for $77.90 to buy necessities.

The sum represented cash gifts of AFRO readers who contributed to the AFRO Graves Quads Fund.

Mrs. Graves sent thank you and words of appreciation. "I needed it badly," she remarked.

The AFRO's initial check for $200 put toward the fund on Oct. 12, two days after the quads were born, is to go for a shopping excursion as soon as the mother is ready.

KIM MARIE weighed six pounds, 3 ounces when she was dismissed from the Hopkins Harriett Lane Children's Division nursery.

The remaining three members of the Graves quartet, still at the nursery, are pushing the 5-pound mark and will be allowed to go home one - at - a time fashion later.

Hospital authorities state that the quads are all in good health but it is desirable to wait until Mrs. Graves has become adjusted to Kim Marie and until she has separate living quarters, before they go home.

Mrs. Graves has been unable to rent a home for her family in Annapolis.

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A good citizen is registered so he can vote. Who must register: Any new resident who plans to make Baltimore his home and has not registered to vote before.

Any resident who has turned 21 since the last election.

Any resident who failed to vote at least once in the last two years.

Any person already registered as an independent who desires to affiliate with a political party in order to vote in the May 17, 1960 primary.

Where to register: Basement, People's Court Building, south end corner of Fayette and Gay Sts.

When and can register: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturdays, 9 a.m. to noon.

Q—If I have already registered, do I have to register again?

Ans—No, not unless you have changed your address or failed to vote in the past five years.

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Q—When is the last date I can register in order to vote in the next election?

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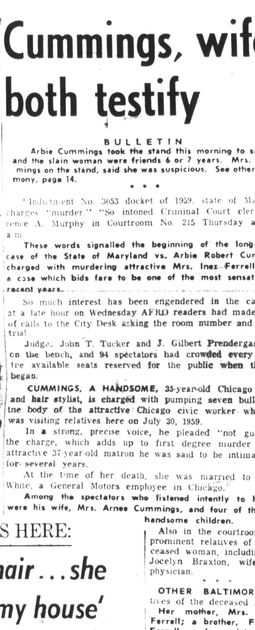
'I Still Love Him'

Wife Of Accused Killer Comes From Chicago To Be At His Side

WIFE AND CHILDREN of accused arrive from Chicago to give moral support and testify if necessary. Mrs. Arnee Cummings, the wife, is in front with large handbag. His brother, Albie Cummings, is at right. Others, from left are Ronald, 13; Robert, 15; Kenneth, 10; Mrs. Irene Hallett, 900 block N. Washington St., a friend, and Beverly, 17. Fifth child, Brenda, 18, did not make trip. "Mr. Cummings, a strongly religious woman, said she dressed hair of woman her husband is accused of killing, and that "She made the appointments with my husband. I knew it was an excuse."



ARBIE R. CUMMINGS "The girl thing he remembered was standing over her body"

MRS. INEZ F. WHITE "She was driving a dark station wagon belonging to her sister"

Rap verdict in Towson cop case

By HERB MANGRUM

"It's unbelievable. It's unconstitutional."

These were the comments of spectators outside a Baltimore County Circuit Court room at Towson Thursday, upon an attractive Nationwide widow who lost a $225,000 damage suit.

The decision of an all white jury of eight men and four women came as a surprise to the plaintiff, Mrs. Meredith Wilkerson, her family and her attorneys.

(See Photo, Page 7)

Mrs. Wilkerson had filed suit against Baltimore county and blond Patrolman Louis **Demanns in connection with the fatal shooting** three years ago of her husband, Clarence Arthur Wilkerson, 39, of 906 Appleton.

Mrs. Wilkerson called the decision a "big mistake" and added, "I can't understand how 12 people can sit and listen to evidence like that and come to this decision."

Her top attorneys, former state senator Hiram E. Cole and Milton B. Allen indicated that they would file a motion for a judgment.

Under this type of motion, the court could overrule the verdict and enter judgment for the plaintiff.

Mrs. Wilkerson could also file a motion for a new hearing should she so desire.

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THE JURY ruled in favor of the defense after deliberating for 45 minutes.

Presiding Judge Lester L. Hargett then gave the verdict after the verdict was read by Edward McDeshen, foreman of the jury.

Mr. McDeshen is a resident of Overlea and is a supervisor in the Social Security Department.

The fury decision came at the conclusion of a two-day hearing where the Meredith

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Cummings, wife both testify

BULLETIN

Arbie Cummings took the stand this morning to say he and the slain woman were friends 6 or 7 years. Mrs. Cummings on the stand, said she was suspicious. See other testimony, page 14.

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"Indictment No. 3053 docket of 1959, state of Maryland, charges "murder." "So intoned Criminal Court clerk Lawrence A. Murphy in Courtroom No. 215 Thursday at 11:15 a.m.

These words signalled the beginning of the long-awaited case of the State of Maryland vs. Arbie Robert Cummings, charged with murdering attractive Mrs. Inez Ferrell White, a case which bids fare to be one of the most sensational in recent years.

So much interest has been engendered in the case that at a late hour on Wednesday AFRO readers had made dozens of calls to the City Desk asking the room number and time of trial.

Judge John T. Tucker and J. Gilbert Prendergast were on the bench, and 94 spectators had crowded every one of the available seats reserved for the public when the trial began.

CUMMINGS, A HANDSOME, 35-year-old Chicago welder and hair stylist, is charged with pumping seven bullets into the body of the attractive Chicago city worker while she was visiting relatives here on July 30, 1959.

In a strong, precise voice, he pleaded "not guilty" to the charge, which adds up to first degree murder of the attractive 37-year-old matron he was said to be intimate with for several years.

At the time of her death, she was married to Samuel White, a General Motors employee in Chicago.

Among the spectators who listened intently to his plea were his wife, Mrs. Arnee Cummings, and four of their five handsome children.

Also in the courtroom were prominent relatives of the deceased woman, including Mrs. Joseph Braxton, wife of a physician.

OTHER BALTIMORE relatives of the deceased include:

Her mother, Mrs. Ardelle Ferrell; a brother, Forrester Ferrell, and a sister, Mrs. Louise Spencer, with whom she was staying in Cherry Hill where the fatal shooting took place.

Another sister, Mrs. Majorie Robinson, had accompanied her here from Chicago prior to her death.

IN HIS OPENING statement to the cofrt the prosecutor, Julius A. Romano, assistant state's attorney, asked for a first-degree murder conviction which could mean life or death in the gas chamber.

Alan Murrell, defense attorney in his opening statement, charged that Mrs. White and Cummings had been intimate for years.

"The relationship between these two people," Mr. Murrell told the court, "was known by the husband of Mrs. White and suspected by Cummings' wife.

"It was more than an eternal triangle. It was more of an eternal quadrangle."

When Mr. Murrell said he would show that everyone in the family knew about the affair between the slain woman and Cummings, a man in the rear of the courtroom commented:—.

"That's a lie! That's a lie!"

He was seated near Linwood G. Koger Jr., attorney hired by the deceased's family.

All witnesses were excluded from the courtroom.

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PATROLMAN MELVIN Freeman, Southern District policeman, who said he has watched the slaying in the busy Cherry Hill shopping center

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MRS. CUMMINGS HERE: 'I fixed her hair . . . she used to call my house'

As 35-year-old Arbie Robert Cummings went on trial here Thursday, accused of murdering a married woman with whom he was intimate, his wife and mother of his five children, told the AFRO:

"Yes, I still love my husband, and he loves me. I will always love him. He has always been a good husband, a good provider and he was a good father to his children.

"I talked to him Wednesday when we got in from Chicago, at the jail. He said he misses us. He misses me and the children. He smiled and said he is going to tell the truth.

"I hope he will come out all right. I do hope. I will take him back. The children and I want him home."

MRS. CUMMINGS said she and her husband have been married 18 years and met in 1938 when they were pupils in grade school.

She said she had met Mrs. White, the deceased woman, about two or three summers ago when she came to her house for her to do her hair.

"I am a hairdresser but not accustomed to doing hair at home, but I fixed her hair for her.

"I had suspected her down through the years. She used to call my house down through the years. She would call on the phone and make appointments with him for her hair. I knew it was an excuse."

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MRS. CUMMINGS was dressed in a smart suit, pale blue in color, with a small mink collar, set off by black hat and black accessories. She wore ho makeup.

She denied her husband was "kept woman" for 11 years and at night as a hair stylist for 5 years.

"When he went on vacation he said he was alone. I knew when he was on a trip. He left us money and well provided for and he always came back."

Mr. Cummings' brother, Albie Cummings, 33, a Chicago U.S. Steel worker, drove Mrs. Cummings and four of her children down from Chicago in a Thunderbird.

It was quite crowded, so the fifth child, Brenda, who is 18, did not come. Those who came are Beverly, 17, Robert, 15; Ronald, 13, and Kenneth, 10.

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ALBIE CUMMINGS disclosed that he accompanied Mrs. Cummings to the Baltimore City Jail on Wednesday to visit the accused man.

He said, "My brother loves his wife and family. He was a good husband. He will not lie.

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-BULLETIN- Cummings cries 'I loved her'

Within 10 minutes after returning to the stand at 1:45 following a luncheon break, Cummings broke down and cried.

He shed tears as he told of his love for Mrs. White. The dramatic moment came when his attorney asked him to describe what had occured prior to the shocting:

He said:

"She reached for the pillow in the car, there was a shot; everything went blatk. I panicked. When I came to myself it was like coming out of a cloud.

"My hands were trembling. My vision cleared, and I saw saw her on the ground. I said, 'Oh my God, what happened.' She was just lying there and I wanted to help her."

Then, a week later, Cummings cried, "I loved that woman, I couldn't hurt her. She did me so many nice favors. The officer wouldn't let me help her. I'd know what happened.'

Q—Where you ever conscious of pulling the trigger?

Still crying, he answered, 'No, never.. I don't remember. I couldn't shoot anything, not even an animal. That's why I never went hunting.

"She did me so many favors like buying me nice shirts and this . . . (Sighing) I'm tired, I'm tired. . . ."

Quads are now home

TODAY Friday, Dec. 4, 1959
The 338th day of the year
The 12th and last month of the year
18 more days until Winter begins, Dec. 22, at 9:35 a.m.
118 more days until the arrival of the first signs of Spring
27 more days until Jan. 1, 1960

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WEATHER: Friday, fair, low 24, high 38. Saturday, Sun day, Monday, continued fair.

Sun rises Saturday at 7:10 a.m., sets at 4:48 p.m. Moon rises at 11:24 a.m., sets at 10:55 p.m. Moon first quarter, 11 a.m. Dec. 6.

GOOD FISHING days, Dec. 11 through 26.

Weather outlook for December: temperatures below normal, cold, most of the month. Rain, sleet and snow will exceed the normal amount. Snow storms are expected around Dec. 15, off and on through until January 1, 1960.

NEWS FORECAST from a 124-year old nursery rhyme date 1835

What's the news of the day,
Good neighbor, I pray?
They say a balloon
Has gone up to the moon

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AFRO ALMANAC

Owner of city's oldest Bible will receive $25 cash award

How old is your Bible?

—If it is the oldest one in the city you can win $25 cash for bringing it to the AFRO-AMERICAN City Desk, before noon on Thursday, Dec. 10.

The AFRO is offering the award to focus attention on the current campaign for World Wide Bible Reading under the auspices of the American Bible Society which runs through Dec. 24, and Universal Bible Sunday on Dec. 13.

Check the dates contained in your Bible and if you feel that yours is the oldest, please come to the AFRO City Desk, here at the AFRO Building, 628 N. Eutaw St., between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. starting Monday, Dec. 7.

One word of advice—please do not bring any Bible with a date after 1900.

Colts eager for 49ers

By SAM LACY

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. — Twenty four hours before their date with the hangman, the Baltimore Colts appeared supremely confident they will be returning home to the Monumental City on December 14, with their heads intact and still wearing the crown of Western Conference football champions.

The "hangman" in this case is San Francisco's 49er football team, lurking in the wings of Kezar Stadium with noose poised, awaiting the chance to separate the Steeds from their noggins. Unlike the proverbial executioner, however, the home club figures to have a battle on its hands before lowering the trap.

And, according to the Colts, this is one time the other guy will be the doomed. They know they must win. Losing here

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Busy Mrs. Santa sounds another plea for help

Overworked but happy are the words that best describe the AFRO's Mrs. Santa. Christmas shopping days before Christmas.

She's overworked because she has received so many letters from needy families who are looking to her to help them have a Merry Christmas.

And she's happy because she knows that her friends, the readers of the AFRO, are going to help a large number of these deserving families.

If you haven't taken part in the project as yet, here's your chance to do a good deed for someone who is down on that most glorious of holidays you'll know that some less fortunate person is also happy, because of you.

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IN EACH EDITION, from now until Christmas, Mrs. Santa

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Bar Bass children from court hearing; he denies 'an affair'

The three young daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bass were barred from hearing the 55-hour testimony in the divorce suit instituted by their father. They were, however, present in the vicinity of the hearing room.

Testimony was taken on Friday by Samuel J. Fisher, master in chancery, who heard the case at the instruction of Judge James K. Cullen.

Mr. Bass, popular owner of Gamby's Night Club, was the first witness and began his testimony at 10 a.m. A total of 8 witnesses were heard. With an hour and a half for lunch, the hearing lasted until 5 p.m.

The Bass children, ages 9, 14, and 15, while not permitted inside the room, were seen in the vicinity when the hearing began and when it concluded.

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UNDER QUESTIONING by his attorney, LeRoy A. Coop of Mr. Bass charged that his wife deserted him without cause on or about Nov. 1, 1957, although he was "a nice husband and did everything I

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