Grandmothers Freed In Self-Defense Slayings

THE REV. THEODORE C. JACKSON JR. was formally installed as pastor of Gillis Memorial Community Church Sunday to succeed his father, the late Rev. Mr. Jackson Sr. who was pastor of the famed "gospel song church" for 38 years. Top left is the new pastor's wife, Mrs. Marlene Jackson, a public school teacher and bottom, his mother, Mrs. Lucky Milbourne Jackson. Right, the Rev. Mr. Jackson is assisted in donning his robes by Mrs. Viola Bullock (left) and Mrs. Delma Roberts (right). More than 1,200 persons attended the 4:30 p.m. services in which clergymen from the city's many churches took part. Also present were the Rev. and Mrs. Jackson's daughters, Misses Patrician Ann and Carla Rae Jackson.

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Testify to being beaten, frightened by spouses

Two grandmothers on trial recently in Criminal Court have been found not guilty of murdering their husbands on grounds of self-defense.

They are Mrs. Doris Amelia Holmes, 57, 800 block Calhoun St., and Mrs. Jean Allen Hunter, 37, 2800 block W. North Ave.

Mrs. Holmes, accused of the June 23, 1969 fatal stabbing of John Verdell Holmes, 57, is mother of three grown children and 17 grandchildren.

She and Mr. Holmes had been married 26 years when he sustained injuries in the midst of a domestic quarrel.

The matron, who was at the time the switchboard operator at Bowie State College, exhibited bruises and injuries she said were suffered during a brutal beating by her husband a few days before.

Hospital records were entered into evidence to prove the wife's complaints of ill treatment on June 9, at the 3000 block N. Calvert St. basement apartment of the building where the husband was employed as maintenance man.

Other testimony, that the wife had suffered abuse by Mr. Holmes, came from their two daughters and a son.

Significant was the son's testimony that his father had introduced him to his girl friend and had told him that he intended to strike his mother.

Judge Albert Sklar handed down the not guilty verdict. Mrs. Holmes was represented by Mrs. Juanita Jackson Mitchell, attorney.

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Mrs. Hunter, mother of a married daughter and one grandchild, was found not guilty by Judge William J. O'Donnell on Oct. 22 of the May 27, 1967 fatal shooting of her husband, Thomas Hunter, with a 22 caliber revolver.

The incident occurred in their 2800 block W. North Ave. residence. Medical examiner's records show the husband sustained bullet wounds of the lower abdomen and head.

Evidence produced by the wife's attorney, James W. McAllister, disclosed that the husband had attacked his wife during the evening and in full view of her girlfriend and her escort.

Evidence also showed the husband was intoxicated. The wife took the gun from her husband's coat pocket and it went off accidentally.

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Also found not guilty of murder by Judge O'Donnell on Oct. 30 was Hanibal Brewer, 31, 2500 block Garrison Blvd. who was accused of the April 7, 1969 fatal shooting of Gilbert (Mickey) Edmonds, 27, 1400 block N. Milton Ave. The incident occurred at 1:15 p.m. in a house in the 1200 block E. Preston St.

Brewer, who was arrested in New York on June 4, 1970, said he knew nothing about the murder.

The dead man was shot in the head above the left eye and was pronounced dead at Johns Hopkins Hospital at 1:40 p.m. Nathan Stern was defense attorney.

4 Juvenile Court posts as masters

The Supreme Bench will consider the matter of filling four Juvenile Court master positions at the meeting today (Friday).

However, according to Chief Judge Dulaney Foster, it will be some time in the future before anyone will be appointed to the posts which have been created recently.

Juvenile Court has one jurist, Chief Judge Robert I. H. Hammerman and three masters, U. Theodore Hayes, John O'Grady and Bernard M. McDermott. Mr. Hayes, the last appointment, was named in July and is the only black jurist.

Masters have the same power as a judge however, if anyone should appeal a decision to the chief jurist, Judge Hammerman, he has the power to overrule the master's decision.

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Among the many attorneys who have applied to the Supreme Bench in hopes of being named a Juvenile Court master are

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High court to hear death arguments

CHARLOTTE MOULTON by

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Supreme Court will hear arguments Monday on death penalty cases from Ohio and California that pose questions affecting 550 inmates on death row.

The scores of these prisoners with appeals before the court range from Richard Speck, convicted of the celebrated murder of eight Chicago nurses in 1966, to Marie Hill, a black teenager convicted of murdering the white proprietor of a grocery in Rocky Mount, N.C., during an armed robbery.

Action on these appeals has been delayed pending the outcome of those to be heard Monday. Decisions will come later this term. In the meantime, no state has carried out an execution since June 2, 1967.

The nine justices are being asked not to abolish the death penalty but to decide two much narrower issues. They are:

Should a jury decide guilt and punishment at a single sitting?

Should a jury have absolute discretion to impose the death penalty "uncontrolled by standards or directions of any kind?"

Although other countries are gradually abandoning it, 41 states in this country still have capital punishment.

It does not exist in Alaska, Hawaii, Iowa, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Oregon, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

Five others have outlawed it except in special circumstances such as the death of a prison guard or a second murder. These are New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Rhode Island and Vermont.

Jury finds Hallengren guilty

A Criminal Court jury of seven black and five white citizens on Wednesday found former Baltimore public school provisional teacher, Eric C. Hallengren, guilty of disorderly conduct, disturbing the peace and profane language at the Flower Mart last May.

The panel, which included four black and four white females and three black males and one white male, determined that the 2-5-year-old controversial Eastern High School English teacher was not guilty of riot and assault on police officers.

The jury deliberated from 1:45 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. before announcing the decision. The courtroom was filled to capacity during the four-day trial which began last Friday.

After the verdict was announced, Judge Paul Dorf withheld sentence pending a motion for a new trial.

Mr. Hallengren who has been free on his own recognizance since his arrest at the Mart on May 13, was at first headlines in the news for his support of black protesters against discrimination at the all-girl school where he taught.

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Incidents reached riot proportions last February and subsequent faculty meetings witnessed Hallengren's being fired by Superintendent Thomas D. Sheldon "for use of profane language."

Reinstated by the School Board, the teacher was later assigned to Patterson Park High School. However, at the close of school in June he was officially dropped for failing to meet teacher requirements.

As the result of the Flower Mart incidents, police charged Hallengren with use of profane language, urging persons to riot, pelting officers with bottles and other articles and gen-

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Edward Tilghman made police sergeant

Officer Edward Tilghman, a Baltimore policeman for 13 years, was promoted to sergeant in a Thursday morning ceremony at the police department.

Police Commissioner Donald Pomerleau promoted and commended Sgt. Tilghman, along with five other police department employees, and congratulated his family for their assistance in aiding him in forwarding his law enforcement career.

Commissioner Pomerleau also presented him with a promotion certificate and a change of equipment.

Sgt. Tilghman, who joined the police force in 1957, has received three official commendations and a personal citation from former police Commissioner Bernard Schmidt.

He has worked in the traffic division, the Western and Southwestern districts, community relations and the criminal investigation division, where he was at the time of his promotion.

The 36-year-old sergeant was awarded a certificate for participation in the 1962 University of Maryland Law Enforcement Program and continues to study at the Community College of Baltimore.

He joined the police force after being honorably discharged from the U.S. Marines with the rank of sergeant.

He resides in the 1900 block of Sedrick Rd. with his wife, Mrs. Elaine Tilghman, and their three children, Diane, 15, Angela, 13, and Edward Jr., 7.

They attend St. Cecelia's Catholic Church.

'Ceremonies' at Arena Playhouse

The Arena Players will present their third production of the 1970-1971 season, "Ceremonies in Dark Old Men" written by Lonnie Elder III, tonight (Friday), 8 o'clock at the Playhouse, 406 Orchard St.

The play will run only on weekends through November 20.

"Ceremonies in Old Dark Men" depicts life in present day Harlem. A family consisting of an unemployed father and two unemployed sons, are being supported by the only working member of the family, the daughter. Their often comic relationship forms the basis of the play's action.

This two-act play was first produced by New Yorks Negro Ensemble Company where it won critical acclaim.

Milton Gardner thanked for 'being brave'

LEAVING the funeral of Milton Gardner, at Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, is his wife, Mrs. Adelaide Gardner, escorted by his brother, Vernon Gardner, of Spring Garden, N.Y., and funeral director Herbert Nutter. Mr. Gardner was one of the first free black Baltimore policemen accepted by the city in June, 1938.

"Thank you for being brave, thank you for being willing to suffer and thank you for enduring hardships."

That was part of the eulogy given by the Rev. Reginald Daniels, pastor of Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, at Wednesday funeral services for Milton Gardner

The Rev. Mr. Daniels, speaking in the church filled with policemen and friends, went on to commend Mr. Gardner on his public service as one of Baltimore's first black policemen.

Mr. Gardner, who died Saturday of heart trouble at Maryland General Hospital, was one of three black men accepted on the Baltimore City Police Force in June, 1938.

During his long law enforcement career, he received numerous awards and commendations from the police department and from the community.

One of his most treasured awards was a special commendation ribbon from the department for his exemplary conduct during the 1968 civil disorders.

He received letters of commendation from the Baltimore NAACP and Schools No. 107 and 112 for community service.

Mr. Gardner retired from active duty in 1967 and was presented with a citation from Commissioner Donald Pomerleau.

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He was born in Gloucester, Va., but came to Baltimore at an early age.

He attended Temple University, Philadelphia.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Adelaide Gardner; two brothers, Vernon C., of Spring Garden, N.Y., and John A. Gardner, a Baltimore policeman; a foster brother, Thomas Summerville, a Baltimore school teacher.

He is also survived by three aunts, Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, of Gloucester, Mrs. Patricia Wilmore, of Philadelphia, and Mrs. Catherine Brathewait, of Atlantic City, and two uncles, Christopher Gardner, of Gloucester, and Matthew Laws.

Burial was in Carver Memorial Park.

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IT HAPPENED IN JUVENILE COURT

Probation worker testifies youth, 17, had problems because of his unusual name

Is it possible the embarrassment a youngster suffers because of his unusual name could cause him to commit crimes?

According to testimony of a Probation Department worker, the anti-social behavior of a youth he had worked with closely for four years, since he was 13, improved after his name was changed.

The young man, now 17, had subsequently had his old name, Quattlebaum, legally changed to that of his mother and stepfather and now his life is changed, the court was told.

The worker stated, "His name was one of his problems. He did not like it. He got into trouble. At 13 he used to earn money by singing in bars. He got to drinking with older boys who encouraged him to commit robbery."

Further testimony disclosed that the teenager, now has two jobs and is a likable, well-mannered young man willing to follow "the straight and narrow path."

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The youth was accused of unlawfully trying to take an automobile from inside a car dealer's show room and drive it through the back door of the building on June 7.

Representatives of the 3200 block Reisterstown Rd. firm said the $780 damage to the door was covered by insurance.

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Taking the stand in his own defense, the 17-year-old boy told Master Hayes that he had spent that Sunday afternoon drinking at his girlfriend's home and had consumed so much of the intoxicating beverage he could not recall ever being in the automobile firm.

"I did not know anything until I woke up in jail," he stated.

The 17-year-old had been in Baltimore City Jail from the June 7 arrest to Aug. 13 when he came under the new Juvenile Court age limit and was released in custody of his parents.

Master Hayes returned the boy to the custody of his parents pending final disposition on Nov. 12.

He stated, "I don't know. "Total drunkenness is no excuse, although this was the first time in a long time. I'll have to look further into it, the parents, the name and everything else first."

REV. WARD D. YERBY

Rev. Yerby is improving at Hopkins Hospital. The officers of Perkins Square Baptist Church and his family extend sincere thanks for your prayers for his recovery. Your prayers are being answered.

U.S. Mourns Dawson

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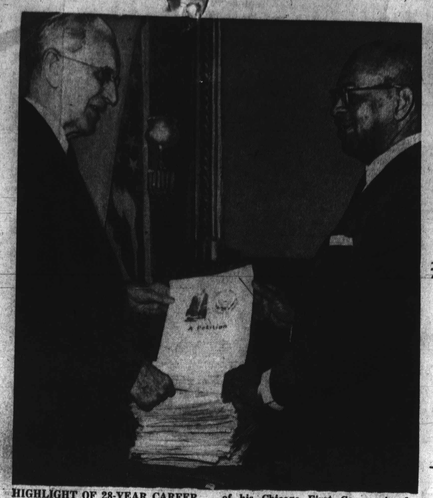

HIGHLIGHT OF 28-YEAR CAREER in Congress shows US. Congressman William L. Dawson who died last Monday, with Speaker of the House John W. McCormack as the veteran legislator presented civil rights petition of his Chicago First Congressional District. The Petitions called on the Congress to enact HR 7453, the Civil Rights Bill introduced by Congressman Dawson. — By AFRO staff photographer, 1963.

Tears as Mahalia sings at Bill Dawson's rites

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

CHICAGO — When U.S. Congressman William Levy Dawson died in Chicago on Nov. 9 at the age of 84, he had made history as the first black man ever offered a Cabinet post and first o head a Congressional committee, the powerful House Government Operations Committee.

Eulogized in Christian Science services for the family only on Wednesday and in public rites Thursday at the Progressive Baptist Churchwhere he was baptised, he will be cremated wometime this weekend.

At AFRO presstime, the family had not decided whether to store the ashes in Albany, Ga. beside his mother or in Chicago beside his father and brother.

At the famed Congress's request 18 years ago to his wife 48 years, Mrs. Nellie Brown Dawson, a Christian Science practioner," he asked to be cremated and said he never expected to be below ground in any cemetery."

Although lauded nationwide with flags half-mast in Washington and in Chicago, mourned by more than 10,00 persons who passed his coffin at the church and praised by U.S. leaders who thronged the city Thursday, "Bill Dawson" remained to the end the black man who championed the poor and needy among his own people.

The public rites at the church were traditionally Baptist and humble with Miss Mahalia Jackson singing his favorite gospel song, "You've Got Walk This Lonesome Valley Alone."

Weeping openly were such political stars as Chicago's Mayor Richard J. Daley, whom Dawson caused to be elected; U.S. Senators, Congressmen, representatives of Presidents Nixon, L. B. Jonnson, Harry Truman and D.C. Mayor Walter E. Washington.

Periodically through the services, the organ softly peeled the old Baptist favorite, "The Last Mile of the Way."

Traditional wake services came Wednesday night.

However, all afternoon,

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'Homosexual Jealousy' Ruled Cause Of Teacher Killing

Rev V. T. Key dies, funeral Saturday

REVEREND V. T. KEY

The Rev. Vivian T. Key, retired pastor of the old historic Orchard Street Methodist Church, is dead.

He died Wednesday at age of 79 after a long illness, while confined at a local nursing home which he entered two weeks ago.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday (tomorrow) at the Garrison Boulevard Church Center, 2500 block Garrison Blvd., with the Rev. Roscoe C. Williams, pastor, officiating with the Rev. Kelly L. Jackson, assistant pastor.

Among other ministers long-time friends of the Rev. Mr. Key assisting will be the Reverends S. R. Bennett, St. Paul United Methodist; N. B. Carrington, retired, and J. Lloyd Garrison, John Wesley Methodist.

A wake for relatives and friends of the deceased minister will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 today (Friday) at the Garrison Church.

However, he will lie in state for friends and acquaintances at the Nutter Funeral Home, 3035 W. North Ave. from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today.

The Rev. Mr. Key, well respected and long active in community affairs, retired from the Orchard Street Methodist Church in 1963, after leading the congregation there for eight years since 1955.

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The church moved in June of this year to property valued at $250,000 at the Garrison Blvd. location and changed its name, merging with the Garrison Boulevard United Methodist Church.

Born in LaPlata, Md. in 1890, the Rev. Mr. Key attended Princess Anne school and the old Morgan College when it was on Edmondson Ave.

He was ordained in the Washington Conference of the Methodist Church in 1922, and in the same year married the former Miss Bertha Dunlap, of Gat Nills, W. Va., his surviving widow.

His first charge was in

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Convicted man was bus driver

CHARLES H. EVANS JR. sub teacher slain because of 'insane jealousy' of roomate

James T. Shackleti, 32, 3500 block Cedardale Ave., was convicted of second-degree murder after a Criminal Court trial before Judge Charles D. Harris Tuesday.

Shacklett, roommate of the deceased man, Charles H. Evans Jr., 33, was accused of the fatal shooting which occurred on New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, 1969.

From evidence produced before the court, Judge Harris determined that the murder resulted from "insane jealousy in a homosexual relationship."

Evidence showed that Evans had danced with a woman at a party and an argument with Shacklett followed.

Death was caused by a .22 caliber bullet entering the left cheek and penetrating the brain, according to Medical Examiner's reports.

Police reports state that the deceased man, a male nurse, former Baltimore County substitute teacher and owner of the Cedardale Ave. house, was slain elsewhere, placed in his car and driven back to his home.

Police also reported an eyewitness revealed Shacklett was seen dragging the body from the car and into the dead man's home about 11 a.m. New Year's Day.

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Mrs. Helena Evans, mother of the deceased man said when her son's body was discovered, he was stripped of his clothing and placed in a sitting position in his bed.

She said his hands were crossed in front of him and "even his hair was combed."

Mrs. Evans also told police at the time of the slaying that "Shack" had resided in her son's home about a year, did not work but was formerly a bus driver.

She said among missing items were her son's car, his shoes and a large amount of cash.

Shacklett was apprehended in Evans' blue late model convertible car in a Southern state over 20 days after the murder.

Relatives of the deceased man said he attended Morgan State College night school, had two daughters and was separated from his wife when the tragedy occurred.

A member of Brown Memorial Baptist Church, he was also a former Cortez Peters Business School student.

Farmer lauds CORE effort against crime

"A Half-Way House like this will do more to reduce crime than all the repressive legislation that Congress can come up with."

James Farmer, assistant director of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare and former national director of CORE, said this to more than 50 persons present at the opening of the CORE Half-Way House on Tuesday.

CORE leaders joined by nationally and locally prominent persons were on hand as Charles Cook, director of the Half-Way House, cut the ribbon to officially open the center located at 1105 E. Fayette St.

Set up under a $83,000 grant from Model Cities, the CORE Half-Way House is designed to help ex-offenders and potential and homeless youth seek new directions.

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"Our aim," Mr. Cook noted, "is to build socially, politically, and economically whole human beings, and to serve as a center for reducing crime, reducing tension in the community, and rehabilitating in the process." "A busy teacher cannot see everything but sometimes it meets her right in the face. Women teachers become afraid, cannot believe their eyes and then decide to turn their backs.

"Principals, men teachers and women as well, imagine that whoever they report to the police will sooner or later "get them."

One of the elementary school principals, who had nerve enough to report

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JAMES FARMER

FOR MRS. SANTA — City's top black public official, City Solicitor George L. Russell Jr., presents his check to Mrs. Marie P. Cooke, AFRO's Mrs. Santa, as she begins to collect funds to aid the less fortunate at Christmas time 1970. In order to see how you can help Mrs. Santa, see the accompanying article about the campaign on this page.

City offical aids AFRO's Mrs. Santa

City Solicitor George L. Russell Jr., has helped launch the AFRO's annual Mrs. Santa Claus fund. He made a $100 contribution this week.

All AFRO readers are invited to contribute to Mrs. Santa who uses money collected to provide Christmas cheer for the needy.

All contributions are tax deductible. Cheeks should be made payable to Mrs. Santa, AFRO Charities Inc. P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md. 21201.

Last year Mrs. Santa raised $9,095.87 enabling her to help over 500 deserving families. Some $171.25 came from the Baltimore chapter of JUG'S Inc. which gave all proceeds of its living ad ball.

Again this year J-U-G-S Inc., headed by Mrs. Lorna Brice, is sponsoring a living ads ball on Friday, November 20, at Blue Crest North. Proceeds will be shared by the AFRO's Mrs. Santa and Provident Hospital.

Here is how you can help make others happy at Christmas: Purchase a ticket for the J-U-G-S living ads ball at $15.00 per person. The evening opens with cocktails at 8, dinner at 9 and presentation of the living ads at 10 p.m.

Tickets are available at the AFRO Office and Provident Hospital Development office in Mondawmin.

You can make your contributions direct to the AFRO's Mrs. Santa, bring or send your donation. If your contribution is $50 or more, the AFRO's Mrs. Santa will pose with you and publish your picture in the AFRO.

Another way you can help Mrs. Santa is by reserving tickets NOW with Mrs. Santa for the Les Ballets Africans on Nov. 24 at the Morris Mechanic Theatre. All proceeds from tickets Mrs. Santa sells for that evening will help her cheer deserving families.

If you prefer, you may adopt a family which Mrs. Santa will list by numbers in her column. This means that you will be totally responsible for making Christmas for the family you choose.

To obtain the name and address of the needy family you must call Mrs. Santa 728-8200.

Chuckle

Two hippies were on a space flight. As they passed by the rings of the planet Saturn, one turned to the other and said, "Look at those crazy hula-hoops!"

DOPE: ENEMY OF THE POOR

Police say fear prevents teacher from reporting dope offenders

The narcotics problem has become more and more deadly as the weeks and months go by. The AFRO's writer in this section in a series gives an alert light on the seriousness of the problem by disclosing the wide-spread intimidation public school teachers feel when confronted by the irresponsible criminal element that peddles death among the young.

Recently two elementary school principals sought the aid of police to crack down on dope traffic in direct vicinity of their inner city schools.

The principals and their schools shall remain unidentified here because of fear of the harm that could came to teachers and the many small children enrolled.

In addition, police request that the AFRO omit the locations while they have the situation they describe as "of the worst sort" under investigation.

An investigating officer told the AFRO, "thousands of small kids walk through the areas where dope peddlers operate openly in broad daylight.

"It is one horrible thing. But until we are ready to crack down, nothing can be said."

The police officer also said he is bound to protect the two principals since they have done what most school officials and teachers are afraid to do — report what they see going on.

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The policeman also said fear stands in the way of their ever hoping to clean out dope from some of the schools.

According to a police handbook titled "Narcotics Traffic in Baltimore," dope dealers linger in the vicinity of nearly every inner city school, offering their deadly capsules and bags of narcotics to youngsters as young as 8, 9 and 10 years of age.

They also keep a watchful eye on the young "runners" who go inside the school and pass out "kiddy dope" (Red Devils, Yellow Jackets, etc.) plus "hard stuff," cocaine and heroin.

The adult pushers hover around like vultures to collect the money at frequent periods and hand over more dope for special periods such as lunchtime.

The police officer states, "A busy teacher cannot see everything but sometimes it meets her right in the face. Women teachers become afraid, cannot believe their eyes and then decide to turn their backs.

"Principals, men teachers and women as well, imagine that whoever they report to the police will sooner or later "get them."

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Allen is in no hurry to select his deputy

By MAX JOHNSON

Citizens, who have been speculating and eagerly awaiting the decision of Milton B. Allen, state's attorney-elect, on whom he will name as his deputy, have in for a considerably longer period of waiting and possibly more speculation.

The decision will not come for some weeks yet, possibly not until he is sworn in office in early January.

Mr. Allen is in no hurry to make up his mind, and said so Wednesday, adding that he has not given the selection serious thought as of yet.

He explained to the AFRO:

"It's a most important and crucial decision to make. I want to be extremely careful in my selection.

"He has got to be some-

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MILTON B. ALLEN

COMMUNICATION SESSION

Students, Adults Find mere Physical Nearness Means Little

By CAROLYN K. ERWIN

Eighty-eight persons — including this reporter — left Baltimore by two chartered buses last Friday afternoon for Harpers Ferry, West Virginia, a small, rural, mountain community, located about 80 miles west of Baltimore.

Their purpose — to learn how to communicate with each other.

The trip had been planned as part of a Pilot Seminar Training Program sponsored by the Community Schools Division of the Public School System.

Represented in the Group (as it will be called hereafter) was a wide cross-section of persons who were all in some way connected with the Community School program either as members of the administrative, professional, secretarial, custodial, and cafeteria staff or as students and community residents.

Within this group, was an even wider cross-section, that included blacks, whites, two Catholic Nuns, a policewoman, an octogenarian, a lawyer, and 12 students ages 13 to 18.

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From this listing, one would think that communicating would hardly seem a problem, especially since those persons represented were all reasonably intelligent.

But as we all were to discover later during the course of the three-day seminar, many of us had been mistaking mere "association" for real "communication."

For some time now, the feeling among persons within the Community Schools Division had been that something needed to be done to open lines of communication between the school and the community so that its program would reflect more closely the needs of the students and those of the community.

How to accomplish this was the next step in the problem.

According to Mrs. Pearl Brackett, Assistant Super-

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