LT. CAROLYN ROBINSON was honored today at a surprise party given in honor of her retirement. Major James A. Watkins, head of Community Relations Division of the Police Department representing Gov. Mandel, presents the honoree with a Governor's Citation for 30 years of service on the force.

Lt. Carolyn Robinson retires after 30 years

By MICHELE MCRAE

Lieutenant Carolyn M. Robinson, 63, 604 Whitmore Ave., was honored at a surprise party Wednesday afternoon given in honor of her retirement.

At the celebration held at the new Police Headquarters, she was presented a Governor's Citation for 30 years service in the police force.

Governor Mandel was represented by Major James A. Watkins who heads the Police Community Relations Division in which Lt. Robinson works.

She was also presented with a watch purchased by her co-workers.

Lt. Robinson has been a member of the police force since 1942. She states, "At that time we worked seven days a week, around the clock, off only 50 days a year, with no vacation and a salary of only $35 a week and that was before taxes were taken out."

She was first assigned to work at the old Northwest Police Headquarters with Lt. Violet H. Whyte.

In 1966, Mrs. Robinson was promoted to sergeant. Of that promotion she stated: "I felt elated. It was a long time coming, but I felt very elated."

Later she was promoted to lieutenant and worked in Northeastern and Eastern Districts in juvenile cases.

In one particular case, Mrs. Robinson recalls one from which she gained much satisfaction.

"There was a young boy about 13 at that time who was having a lot of problems. He was right on the verge of getting into serious trouble.

"Through a series of many talks we had together he reformed and later entered college.

"Some years later he came back to visit me. I then found out that he had entered the ministry. He said to me during that visit, "If it hadn't been for you, I wouldn't be where I am today."

Lt. Robinson continued, "Helping people always pleased me. I just thought that if I could help somebody it would be very rewarding".

Mrs. Robinson also stated: "If I had it to do all over again. I would repeat the decision of becoming a policewoman.

"There is never a dull moment being on the force. It is a challenge to work with people and being able to help them."

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When asked whom she admired most, of all her years on the force, she stated: "Commissioner Pomerleau, because he's trying to professionalize the department. He's tried to upgrade the standards of the officers and has made much progress in this."

Upon her retirement she plans to spend more time in the organizations in which she participates.

She is a member of the Leukemia Board, a member of the Red Cross Association, Regional director of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, a member of the public relations committee of the Girl Scouts of America and a member of the International Association of Women Police.

Mrs. Robinson attended Howard University, Loyola College, American University, University of Maryland and the Community Relations Institute at Michigan State University. She obtained her degree at Morgan State College.

She is married to businessman Carroll W. Robinson and is the mother of Charles Fletcher. Mrs. Robinson also has five grandchildren and one great grandchild. Her mother is Mrs. Cora L. Harris. She and her family attend the Sharon Baptist Church.

Freedom House dinner to be held Dec. 3

The second annual fellowship dinner of Freedom House Neighborhood Council will be held Sun. Dec. 3rd, 2:30 p.m. at the Lord Baltimore Hotel.

Again, citizens, police and municipal officials will fellowship together as ties of cooperation in joint efforts to prevent and reduce crime are strengthened.

Dr. King Cheek, President of Morgan State College, Dr. Harry Bard, President of Community College of Baltimore, Dr. Calvin Burnett, President of Coppin State Teachers College, and Cong. Parren J. Mitchell are honorary chairmen of the dinner committee.

Cong. Louis Stokes of Ohio, chairman of the Black Caucus, will be guest speaker.

Commissioner Donald Pomerleau will receive the Freedom House Award of Merit for his cooperation with neighborhood leaders in their efforts to clean up the crime and delinquency in the community and for his recent promotion of black officers to high level positions.

Concerned neighborhood improvement associations are asked to send a representative.

Sponsoring the event are Dr. Lillie M. Jackson, founder; Josephine O. Young, mittee; John R. Peters, chairman, Neighborhood Council; and George A. Lottier, treasurer.

Day on Capitol Hill among auction items

Breakfast with Mayor William Donald Schaefer and days on Capitol Hill with Senator Charles Mathias and Congressman Parren J. Mitchell were among items auctioned today at the Johns Hopkins University.

The benefit auction was held at the homewood campus located at Charles and 34th Sts. from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Other special attractions included the right to be Orioles batboy for a day, complimentary use of cars from Avis and Hertz, season tickets to Baltimore Bays soccer games and an airplane ride for two. Proceeds from the auction will be used to community services.

Puerto Rican veterans will get job help

The U.S. Department of Labor has signed a $1 million contract with the National Puerto Rican Forum to provide jobs, training and other manpower assistance to Spanish-speaking ex-servicemen in ten cities, including Philadelphia and Baltimore.

The Philadelphia and Baltimore veterans opportunity centers will be operated under a subcontract with the Puerto Rican Forum by the National Congress of Puerto Rican Veterans, Inc.

Holiday feast

The annual international Thanksgiving festival will be held, Sun., Nov. 19, 3 p.m. at the International Division, YWCA, 128 W. Franklin St.

Presented will be Argentinian music and dance; Estonian women's chorus; African movements to music; Italian band, The Composers; Japanese dance; program from India and the Philippines and Hawaiian luau.

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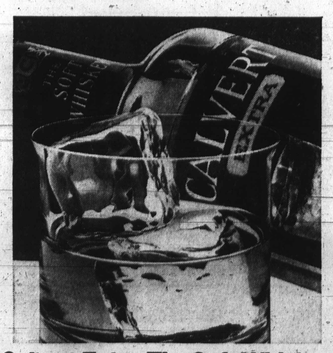

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Postal union leader take office Sunday

The National Alliance of Postal and Federal Employees Local 202 will have installation of officers ceremonies at the Alliance Home, 2025 E. North Ave. Sunday at 3 p.m.

Alonzo A. Adams, president of district 11 will officiate.

Highlights of the day will be a panel consisting of Warren Bloomberg, area manager and postmaster.

James Angelini, director of operations, and John Kuhn chief personnel officer, will be present at 4 p.m. for question and answer session on the postal service and what effect if any it will have on employees jobs.

MISS CHRISTMAS SEALS—Pretty little Miss April Smith, age 2, has been choosen as the Maryland Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association's 1972 Miss Christmas Seals. From left are: Jim Karvellas, president of the Baltimore Bays Soccer Club and this year's honorary Christmas seals chairman; April and former Bullet Eddie Miles, to remind Baltimorens of the need for answering their Christmas Seals letters.

Promotions at the Point

Four local area residents have received promotions at the Bethlehem Steel Corporation's Sparrows Point plant, according to John W. Colbert, general manager.

Lawrence Bannister, of N. Avondale Rd., was promoted to engineer in the metallurgical department. Prior to his promotion he served as a technical assistant.

Mackie D. Saddler, of Winston Ave., was elevated to chief chemist in the metallurgical department. He has served in various capacities at the plant since 1965.

John M. Fowlkes, of Linwood Ave., was appointed as coal handling turn foreman. Mr. Fowlkes joined the Bethlehem coke ovens department in 1953.

James P. Johnson, of Redman Rd., was appointed loading foreman in the plate mills and flanger department. Mr. Johnson is a native of Baltimore and attended Morgan State College.

Toys for tots

Scout troops and explorer post are invited to assist the 4th Engineering Platoon, U.S. Marine Reserves with their annual program Nov. 17 through Dec. 17. By calling 444-4545, the locations of pick-up station can be obtained. For additional information, contact Master Sgt. Kiley, 444-6200 or 444-6201.

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State group on CATV to meet

The Maryland Citizens Coalition for Cable Communication meets in the Wheeler Auditorium, Pratt Library Centrain Cathedral and Mulberry St., 7 p.m., Nov. 20

NOTICE

The AFRO has not authorized any individual or group to solicit funds for its annual Mrs. Santa campaign.

We have received reports that a young teen age boy is soliciting contributions from merchants in his neighborhood. He is not authorized to do this. Persons who give him money or contributions do so at their own risk.

The AFRO's Mrs. Santa program, a non-profit charity, solicits cash from interested persons who should make tax deductible contributions to AFRO Charities, P. O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md., 21203.

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BP Oil-NAACP oratorical contest Nov. 28

The first BP Oil — NAACP oratorical contest will be held at Emmanuel Christian Community Church, Carrollton Ave. and Lanvale St., Tues., Nov 28, 8p.m.

The BP Oil Corp. will award the following prizes as partial tuition payments in the college of the pupil s choice: first prize $500, 2nd prize $300; 3rd prize $200; and 4th prize $100.

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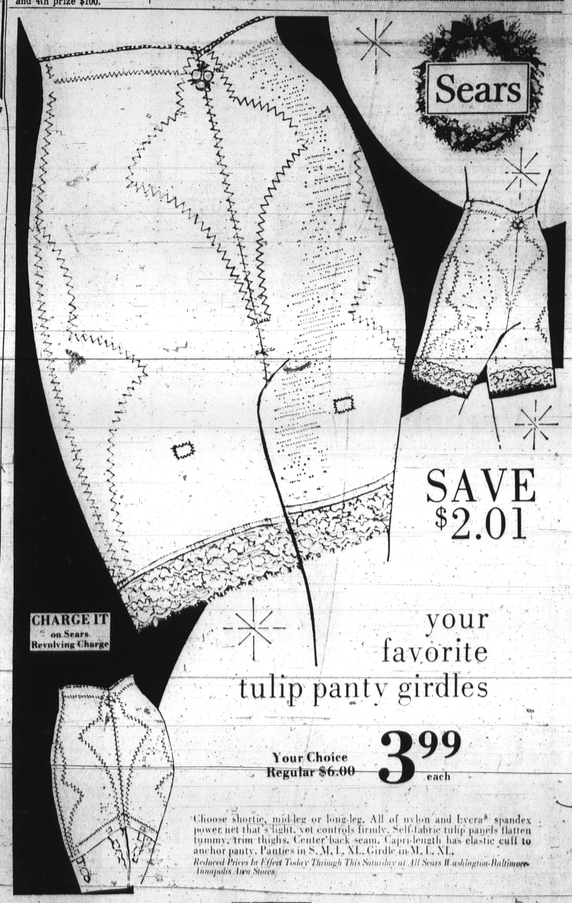

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