Absent Parents Face Increased Pressure To Support Children

Absent parents will be the object of a stronger statewide program designed to recover funds for children on public assistance, it has been announced.

Local prosecuting attorneys and child support collection agencies can be reimbursed up to 50 percent for increased costs incurred trying to beef up their service through matching federal funds.

The Cooperative Reimbursement Program (CRP) urges a voluntary cooperative agreement to expand and strengthen services in establishing paternity and securing support from absent parents.

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David T. Mason, Maryland Secretary of Employment and Social Services, in making the announcement said, "The program is intended to place the burden of support on parents.

"Financially able parents have the legal obligation to support their children who, without that support, will become, or remain, dependent entirely on public assistance."

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Approval for each local program must be received and will be based, in part, on the extent to which anticipated benefits in the recovery of funds from absent parents exceeds the cost of the program.

All such programs will be funded on a project year which will begin on the date of implemenation.

In a related matter, the Secretary reported that positive steps have been taken within Baltimore City to develop methods of interagency cooperation between such groups as the Probation Department, Legal Aid, the District Court, the Police Department, the State's Attorney's Office and the Department of Social Services to improve enforcement of court-ordered support action for dependent spouses and children.

In a written report to Judge Solomon Liss of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, who initiated the request for the cooperative action, several recommendations which resulted from a series of meetings of representatives of the cooperating agencies since the beginning of the year, were presented.

Among them were: the assignment of an Assistant State's Attorney to the Domestic Relations Division of the Supreme Bench for at least a one year period; that courts more strictly enforce support orders and, if necessary as a last resort, incarcerate spouses who clearly show willful refusal to pay their court orders; seek legislation extending lien provisions to cover all types of support actions; creation of a special unit, exclusive of the police department, for serving non-support warrants, and that a family court be established to bring various law enforcement departments engaged in child support activities under one umbrella for more effective operations and control.

Mason said that he and Judge Liss will be giving these recommendations further, in-depth considerations.

MURDER CONVICTION SCENE — This is the Anne Arundel County Circuit Courthouse in Annapolis where Michael L. Thomas, 20, (inset, upper right by AFRO artist Thomas Stockett) was convicted of first degree murder Tuesday by a nine-woman, three-man jury after two and a half hours of deliberation. Trial was held in rear courtroom on second floor, at right. (AFRO staff photo by Fletcher Roberts.)

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Thomas convicted of murder

Michael L. Thomas, 20, of Baltimore and Camden, N.J., was convicted Tuesday afternoon of first degree murder and armed robbery by a nine-woman, three-man jury in Anne Arundel County Circuit Court, Annapolis.

He had been charged with aiding in the killings of two white girls in an Eastern Shore laundromat Aug. 2.

He was also convicted of violating the Maryland handgun law on two counts: unlawfully using and carrying a handgun.

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After the jury of 11 whites returned its verdict, following two and a half hours deliberation, Judge Matthew S. Evans postponed sentencing until determination could be made on a motion for a new trial, expected to be filed today (Friday) by defense attorney Joseph H. Thomas, Jr. (no relation.)

Also accused in the double slaying is Scott Caldwell, 21, who is to be tried separately at a future date.

Due to the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling making the death penalty unconstitutional, Thomas can only be sentenced to life imprisonment.

Housing cuts hurt city

President Nixon's recent Federal housing cutbacks "Can have a disastrous effect upon the Baltimore area," according to the Maryland Ad Hoc Committee for Continuing Housing Programs.

The cutbacks include, says the group, "A halt to all approvals for housing to be built with Federal subsidy for low-and -moderate-income families, including those specially designed for the elderly.

"A failure to provide appropriated subsidies according to law for the operation of public housing.

"The withholding of funds which have been appropriated for low interest loans for rehabilitation of property in urban renewal and Federally-assisted code enforcement areas."

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The group asserts that the following housing projects are now frozen:

Oldtown, 392 units; Gay St. I, 242; Upton, 637; Mount Winans, 80; and Oliver, 483.

Also Orchard-Biddle, 296; Washington Hill, 114; Reservoir Hill, 16; Madison-Park North, 208; and Mount Royal Plaza, 261.

Finally, Inner Harbor West, 1,000; and Windsor Gardens, Lakeview Extension and Old York at 39th, all housing for the elderly, 521 units.

There are 3,051 family units affected, and 1,249 elderly, for a total of 4,300, at an estimated cost of $86

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Provident Hospital gives 150 employees notice

Some 150 employees at Provident Hospital have received notice they will not have jobs after April 2. Further, the AFRO learned today, more employees may receive similar dismissal notices.

The northwest Baltimore hospital has 1,000 employees and has been plagued with spiraling costs and low occupany. Its 273 beds have not been fully occupied for sometime. The dismissals are in all categories.

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Henry J. Whyte, executive vice president and director, issued this statement today:

"Provident has been faced with crises throughout its history. It is clear that after two years and three months of operations in the new building, Provident will be a major provider of health care in northwest Baltimore even as it continues to face crises.

"It is equally clear that problems facing the health care industry today, coupled with those Provident faced when it moved into new quarters, have placed the hospital in a

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4 dairies to hire more blacks

Four Baltimore area dairies have signed an agreement to hire more black citizens into their plants, the AFRO has learned.

John Burleigh, executive director of Maryland Project Equality, Inc., a group founded by several local churches, made this statement to the AFRO Wednesday:

"The demonstrated ability of the religious community to flex its economic muscle has made it possible to negotiate with the dairy industry for increased black representation in all job categories of their total work force.

"I hope this will be a sustained effort by the religious community to make words into deeds, by practicing as well as preaching brotherhood and racial justice."

Only Wilton Farms Dairy, stated Burleigh, is holding out signing the agreement.

Honor Roll soon

The deadline for AFRO Honor Roll nominations was midnight, March 16. Judges will announce winners as soon as possible.

Murder on Greyhound Thursday

A 22-year-old Baltimore male has been charged with homicide in a shooting that occurred on the Baltimore Washington Expressway, in the area of Powder Mill Rd., Thursday at 6:15 p.m.

The accused, Harrison Joseph Dailey of 823 S. Charles St., is presently held on $50,000 bail in the Upper Marlboro Jail.

The preliminary hearing has been set for Monday, March 26, in the U. S. District Court in Hyattsville.

A D.C. Park Police spokesman reports Daily is charged with fatally shooting a relative, Leslie E. Connor, 26 W. Bolbere St., Baltimore.

The deceased was shot several times while riding as a passenger on a Greyhound Bus enroute to Baltimore from Washington.

Reports claim Dailey then forced the bus driver at gunpoint to stop the vehicle then fled into a wooded area adjacent to the Parkway.

At 6:15 p.m., moments later, U.S. Park Police Officer Frank E. Hardesty arrested the suspect who was attempting to flag down cars.

The weapon believed to be used in the slaying was found this morning (Friday) by U.S. Park policemen near the scene.

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Mark Rosenker, spokes-

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DEAD AT 87 — Mrs. Edna Kenny Waynesboro, beautician, businesswoman over 60 years, died March 19. Last rites Saturday noon at Pennsylvania Ave. AME Zion Church will be followed with burial at Arbutus Memorial Cemetery. The family receives friends tonight (Friday) 7 to 8 at the church, 1122 Pennsylvania Ave.

No leads in electric wire deaths

Motives for last week's three separate homicides in which electric cords featured in each, still baffle homicide investigators.

They report they have no suspects nor leads in the slayings, one of which involved the murder of two middle-aged men.

Police stated Thursday investigations are continuing in the death of Mrs. Diana Rosalyn Chandler, 22, found slain in her 5200 block Frankford Ave. home March 14. Police found her partially nude with an electrical cord knotted round her neck.

Still remaining a mystery is the torture-murder of Miss Gladys E. Brown, 15, found burned on the face and her hands tied with electric wire to her neck in the stairwell of a home in the 2500 Rosewood Ave. Saturday.

Homicide detectives are also looking for two men seen running away from the scene of a double murder of James Williams, 42, 1700 block E. 25th St; and Belford G. Elsey, 38, 1800 block Bentalou St., in the 600 block Whitelock St., Wednesday.

Each with a bullet wound in the chest, they were found by police after a neighbor who heard a gunfire called the police. Police said Elsey had his throat cut and a telephone cord wrapped around his neck.

Next Jail warden still weeks away

City Jail Board is still several weeks away from naming the next jail warden, Board President H. Mebane Turner announced during Wednesday's meeting.

He stated the Civil Service Commission two weeks ago presented the Board with a five man (plus one alternate) eligibility list. Over 30 people had made inquires about the job.

The Board is in the process of receiving written references from the five and then will schedule interviews.

The post, left vacant since Hiram Schoonfield was suspended in September (he later resigned), now pays $27,500 or, if the next warden wants use of the 2-story stone house on Eager St. beside the Jail, $25,000.

We have no target date for finishing picking the warden," Mr. Turner stated but added the Board will do as thorough a job as expeditiously as possible.

He remarked Mayor Schaefer will announce the final choice. Since Schoonfield's September suspension, the Jail has been run by Deputy Warden Howard Parks.

Community Coalition scores win in employment dispute

The State General Services Administration is finding now to live up to previously negotiated minority employee levels, attorneys for the administration reported Wednesday.

The announcement came on the heels of Black Community Coalition demands for a list of black employees working on the $14 million Inner City Community Mental Health and Retardation Center near University Hospital.

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The group began picketing the construction site last Friday after claiming in an open letter the building contractors and the State General Services Administration were not living up to their December agreement that 35 per cent of employees on all job levels be black.

"While this (the State General Services Administration report) is a step in the right direction," said John R. Burleigh, chairman of the Black Community Coalition (BCC) Wednesday, "We have barely scratched the surface."

"Our efforts must be continuous to ensure equitable representation for blacks and other minorities in all aspects of employment for the building," he said.

The BCC also wants a continuous audit made during construction to monitor the levels of minority employees and have these figures reported to the State Human Relations Committee.

"The building is under contract to the Consolidated Engineering Company.

Civic Design spent $209,000 on schools

Over the past two years, the Civic Design Commission awarded $209,730 from the city's capital improvement fund to 12 artists for ornamentation of 14 schools.

The Commission acted under the old city ordinance allowing a minimum of 1 per cent of a municipal building's construction cost to be spent on art.

None of the Commission's 1972 actions occurred after Dr. Emerson Julian's (D. 4th) bill became law in Oct. 1972. This ordinance limits ornamentation costs to a maximum of 1 per cent.

Now, Dr. Julian has a bill before City Council to remove school buildings from the 1 per cent for art because the state now pays the entire building cost of schools.

During the two years, one

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Mrs. Yancey celebrates 75th birthday

Mrs. Sallie Yancey, of 1400 block Northgate Rd. was recently given a surprise party on her 75th birthday by her children.

Among those who attended the party were her five sons, Maurice, George, Aaron, Louis and Paul Yancey; a daughter Mrs. Susie Gorham, and two friends Mrs. Sallie Carroll and Mrs. Susie Young.

RIDING A BIKE for 50 years, Ennis Sisco, 1109 N. Carey St. hasn't added anything to pollution as he could have done with an automobile. And, it's a nicer thing since he can enjoy passing gas stations free and avoid parking costs. Photo by I. Henry Phillips.

AT SCHOOL BOARD

Middle school approved

By BLAINE TAYLOR

After a long debate, the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners voted 6-2 to make Falstaff Elementary School in northwest Baltimore a middle school, to open September, 1973.

The debate was before a standing room only audience of about 350, predominantly white, that both cheered and jeered.

The ordinary school structure is kindergarten-sixth grade, elementary; 7-9 junior high; and 10-12, senior high. Under the middle school plan it would be K-5, elementary; 6-8, middle; and 9-12, senior.

The proponents, sporting such high-level political supporters as City Council President Walter S. Orlinsky and State Senator Rosalie Abrams (D., 5th), consisted of an integrated group of spokesmen.

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Black residents supporting the plan were Gerald A. Smith, an attorney, Mrs. Dolores Kelley and Mrs. Margaret Pollard, executive director of the Northwest Baltimore Organization. A letter supporting the concept was read from State Senator Clarence Blount (D.—5th).

Mrs. Sheila Sachs was chief spokesman.

Mrs. Kelley stated "Falstaff has a model integration set-up now, probably meeting Federal guidelines better than most schools in the city and country at this time.

"We see Falstaff Middle School as a pilot project for the rest of Baltimore to follow, with each community organizing its own middle schools, just as we did."

They hoped to use Falstaff as a middle school, and neighboring Cross Country and Mount Washington elementaries as des-

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Science fair to be held at Hopkins

The 11th annual science fair will be held at Johns Hopkins University in the Newton H. White Jr. Athletic Center on March 27 and 28.

The fair is open to the public from 3 to 10 p.m. Tuesday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, sponsored by Hopkins and the Kiwanis Clubs.

Students participating will represent private, public and parochial schools throughout Baltimore, Carroll, Harford and Howard counties. Winners will be announced on Tuesday at an awards ceremony.

Holiday Monday

Maryland Day will be observed as a state holiday on Monday.

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These Pretty Ladies were spied at the recent fifth year Edmondson High School class reunion held at the La Fontaine Bleu. They are Mrs. Romaine Pollard, left, Miss Mary Jennings, Miss Emma Myers and Mrs. Velma Roberts. (AFRO photo by Benjamin Murphy Phillips, IV).

R.S.V.P. with Marie

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Jones mark their 50th wedding anniversary

By MARIE MURPHY PHILLIPS COOKE
(AFRO Women's Editor)

Mardell's was the setting for the Sunday afternoon gathering of family members and close friends, many of whom travelled from other points, for the wedding anniversary dinner party of Mr. and Mrs. Wilber Jones Sr. (Mrs. Helen A.). Mr. and Mrs. Jones are longtime residents of Severn, Md.

No one would have ever known the couple was celebrating their 50th anniversary. Handsome in his black tuxedo with complementing bow tie, Mrs. Jones was equally stunning in silver brocade knit. Her dress featured a delicate jeweled neckline with capped sleeves. Silver and black accessories added to the radiance of the charming hostess

Mr. and Mrs. Jones have made their home at 116 Jones Rd. since they were married by the Rev. J. W. Dockett on March 14, 1923. Mr. Jones is a semi-retired, self-employed contractor. Mrs. Jones is a homemaker. The couple has seven children; 20 grandchildren, and seven great-grands. They have been active members of the Metropolitan United Methodist Church of Severn for 49 years. Mr. Jones is a former lay-speaker and Mrs. Jones sang on the choir for many years.

Among their guests were former ministers of Metropolitan; the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Leon H. White and the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Silas J. Mack. Also the present minister, the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. James E. Adams.

In addition, their children were there: Mesdames Carlean E. Williams, Delores H. Beads, Barbara P. Jenkins and Miss Shirley A. Jones and Wilbur, Jr., Manuel W., and Kenneth R. Jones.

Included in their many gifts of love were a money corsage and money necktie designed by George Barrack, department head at Lake Clifton High.

Highlight of the afternoon was the cutting of their two-tier yellow and white anniversary cake.

IOTA PHI LAMBDA

Kappa Chapter, Iota Phi Lambda Sorority met at the YWCA a Saturday ago with the President Mrs. Mary Ames presiding.

Sorors were very pleased with the letters and comments received in regards to their Living Makers of Negro History program.

Sorors are now making plans for their Business Week Luncheon and Fashion Show to be held at Holiday Inn Downtown on Saturday, April 14. This activity is for the benefit of Kappa's Scholarship Fund. Fashions will be shown by Pauline Brooks and hats by Nell Sheridan.

Various committee reports were given and standing rules were adopted. In addition, 10 new ladies have been accepted for invitation into the chapter. Sorors present were: Mesdames Margaret Courtney, Elizabeth Mary Crump Delores Davenport, Mary Ames, Mary Ransom, Sylvia Martin, Isabelle McConnell, Blanche Pettiford.

Also Sorors Evelyn Faulk, June Brown, Geraldine Hooper, Blanche Williams, Christine Franklin, Claudine Harden, Catherine Blackmon, Mildred Ayers, Mary Tucker, Eloise Taylor, Vivian Young, Fannie Poulson, Hazel Hyman, Dorothy Baker, and Mary Ervin.

25th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Carter, Jr. were honored recently at a surprise 25th anniversary party. The affair was held in the Chatim Room of the Two Charles Center. The celebration was given by their three children, Mrs. Delaphine Henson, Frankie Carter and Miss Brenda Carter.

Helping to make it a surprise were State's Attorney and Mrs. Milton B. Allen who invited the couple for dinner earlier in the evening and then brought them to the party.

Mrs. Carter was elegant in a long black and white dress. Her daughter Brendal wore a long black and red dress with hot pants. Mrs. Henson was stunning in a black and white pin stripe pantsuit with a white halter top.

The color scene was pink and white. A three-tier wedding anniversary cake with a silver bell added to the beauty of the room.

Mr. Carter is a court reporter for the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City. Mrs. Carter is on the faculty at the Lexington Terrace Elementary School.

THEIR GUESTS

Among their many guests were: Messrs and Mesdames Joseph Hines, William Ellis, John Patterson, James Brown, Morris Cohen, Jack Crout, Calvin Payne, James Holt, Flexmond

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MR. AND MRS. WILBUR JONES, SR.
at 50th wedding anniversary dinner (AFRO photo by Benjamin Murphy Phillips, IV)

Columbia Capers

By PINNIE L. ROSS

The Columbia section of the National Council of Women had its Regional Round Table Conference recently at the American City Building.

Chosen as delegate was lovely Mrs. Bernice Long, wife of the Rev. Mr. Walter Long, Pastor, St. Johns Baptist Church. Coordinator for the local section and liaison person was Mrs. Jean Butler.

The meeting opened with registration at 9 a.m. During that period coffee and sweet rolls were served and kits were distributed.

More than 70 members were represented from the 10 regional sections which included Pittsburgh, Washington, District of Columbia, Greater Baltimore, Philadelphia, Takoma Park young adult section, South Philadelphia section, Columbia, Montgomery.

The general session convened at 10 a.m. with greetings and introductions from the Columbia section president Mrs. Wilhelmina Kelly.

Mrs. Frances Dory and Mrs. Bonita Davis from N.Y. were the lead trainers. These capable women gave the purpose and objective of the official Round Table Conference which are to provide "consciousness-raising" experiences around the question of critical local issues of importance to black women and their communities; to provide additional program skills for NCNW officers and leaders for problem solving on critical issues to effect social change; to establish priorities for a series of short term plans; to obtain results on a critical issue and provide workers with a sense of accomplishment in effecting social change in their communities.

The NCNW is moving forward in a new direction with its new thrust to mobilize black women for action programs at the state level.

At the 38th National Convention, only the major constitutional changes were enacted to establish a new organizational mechanism for NCNW. National and International issues lead the way to the need for identification development, and coordination of creative programs relevant to the black woman in the USA today.

The participants were divided in smaller groups to discuss urban issues. Frankie Taylor was the leader of the Columbia group. After a lengthy discussion of the urban issues in Columbia, the group decided on two priorities: to get blacks involved as groups for a bower base, education. They felt tha. black image was needed more in the educational system in jobs that stress leadership.

The National Council for Women is doing worthwhile things across the country. They are launching a National campaign against hunger and malnutrition, called Food for all Year. They are establishing a home ownership opportunity center for teenage mothers, Day Care Center, career advancement center, working with Job Corps through WICS and they are working in cooperation with eight other organizations to improve the economics and social status of private household workers.

NCNW programs are based on philosophy of commitment, unity and self reliance.

A NIGHT OUT

The Columbia section is sponsoring a night at the Garland Dinner Teater April 19. The dinner party is its fund-raising project to help support the National NCNW housing project.

BETHUNE MEMORIAL

Speaking of fund-raising, there is a national drive going on, on behalf of the national and local sections in support of the Mary McLeod Bethune Memorial. It will be the first black American Memorial ever to be erected on public land in our Nation's capital. The national park service has rehabilitated the entire Lincoln Park complex. The Memorial will bring the park to life as an oasis for concerts, plays, educational forums and pure pleasure. It will be a living tribute to Mrs. Bethune, a symbol of the black struggle.

The figure of Mrs. Bethune and the two children enlarged to life-size standing proudly on a hexagon base inscribed — "I leave you love. I leave you hope. I leave you the challenge of

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for and about Women

Members Of The Pallettes Charity and Social Club are (from left) Mesdames Ida Finney, Alice Gardner, Dorothy Sheppard, Olivia Finney, Mary Osbourne, Ann Smith and Rosie Stokes. The group held its annual gathering on Sunday at the Cherry Hill Union Hall. (AFRO photo by Benjamin Murphy Phillips, IV.)

Mr. Pinkney takes hand of Miss Cozette Starks

Miss Cozette Lydia Starks became the bride of Addison Pinkney II on March 10 at the home of the bride's mother, the Rev. Mrs. Lydia Starks of Duvall Ave., Baltimore. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Addison Pinkney Jr. of the 3900 block Duvall Ave.

Given in marriage by her brother, Rodney Starks, the bride was lovely in a gown of beige venice lace. The Rev. Reid, pastor of the Gospel Tabernacle Church, officiated at the 6 p.m. ceremony.

The bride's attendants were Miss Evelyn Wardell, maid of honor in a pink crepe gown, and Miss Deborah Holmes, bridesmaid, also in pink. Little Miss April Starks was the flower girl.

Roland Wilson stood with the bridegroom during the nuptial rites. Other male attendants were Wesley and Donald Pinkney.

Musical selections were rendered by Mrs. Mildred Bryant. The couple greeted guests immediately following the ceremony.

ABOUT THE COUPLE

The new Mrs. Pinkney is a graduate of Forest Park High School. She attender Strayer Business College and is currently employed at the Social Security Administration as a secretary. She is a member of the Gospel Tabernacle Church. Her mother is co-pastor of the Park Heights Baptist Temple.

Mr. Pinkney is a graduate of City College and is employed with the federal government.

The couple is now at home in Reisterstown, Md. following a brief honeymoon.

MR. AND MRS. ADDISON PINKNEY, III
former Miss Cozette Lydia Starks
(AFRO photo by Benjamin Murphy Phillips, IV)