BALTIMORE? — No, not yet, although Winter coming officially on Dec. 21 may bring snow this deep or deeper. The UPI photo shows an unidentified downtown Detroit lady picking her way through sidewalk drifts after the Dec. 2 storm dumped 19 inches of snow. The blizzard which closed schools and businesses came at the time when Baltimore experienced downpour of rain a week ago Sunday.

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YOUTH SLAIN—HIS FATHER INJURED

'I shot the sheriff' record hassle started spat which ended in murder

According to a relative who was a witness to the Monday night murder of Clarence Witherspoon Jr., age 21, the incident arose ove a juke box record called, "I Shot the Sheriff."

The witness told the AFRO that young Witherspoon placed a quarter in a Fairfield bar juke box hoping to play his own selection when a youth around 18-years of age came up and pressed the button for "I Shot the Sheriff," a song he wanted to hear.

The witness said Witherspoon objected to his quarter being used for another person's slection and an argument started.

The intruder at the juke box invited Witherspoon outside and some of his friends followed. Just outside Paul's Bar on Remley St., about six shots were fired.

Witherspoon was killed and his father, Clarence Witherspoon Sr. was injured in the chest. He remains at the South Baltimore General Hospital in fair condition.

Police say they have two suspects in custody but are searching for other youths who are said to have accompanied the gun-toting youth outside the bar.

The dead youth has been married to the former Miss L'Tanya Stern for two and a half years.

The couple whose address is the 1000 block Orleans St., has a daughter, Keisha Witherspoon, age 2-years.

Miss Andre Stern, 18, a Northern High 11th grader, sister of Mrs. Witherspoon told the AFRO she, Witherspoon Jr., his father, the senior Mr. Witherspoon and his brother, Randolph Witherspoon, were in a car driven by Mr. Witherspoon Sr. when they stopped by the bar in Fairfield.

She said their purpose for being in the vicinity shortly after midnight was to sell candy for the benefit of the high school.

She said she did not know who the assailants are and had never seen them before.

Mr. Witherspoon Sr. of the 300 block Lorraine Ave. is a Davidson Chemical Co. employee. Mr. Witherspoon Jr., was unemployed because of a heart condition, Miss Stern said.

At AFRO presstime, funeral arrangements had not been made. Information may be had by calling the dead man's mother-in-law, Mrs. Earline Stern, 342-2294.

Pantry Pride stores to sell food stamps

Officials of the Food Fair Corporation have expressed their willingness to sell U.S. Department of Agrilcure (USDA) Food Stamps in their Pantry Pride Stores in Baltimore City.

An agreement to pursue the possibility with officials of the USDA was reached in a recent meeting involving Jack Lyburn and Sydney Miller of the Food Fair Corporation (owners of Pantry Pride); Mrs. Susan Tippit and Mr. Ann Miller of the Maryland Food Committee; City Councilwoman Mrs. Victorine Q. Adams who has been instrumental in negotiations leading to the agreement, and David Mason, former Secretary of Employment and Social Services.

The lack of Food Stamp outlets has been a major problem in the past causing inconvience to recipients and delays between the issuance of authorization cards and the purchase of the stamps themselves.

Recipients, should the new program be approved by Federal officials, will be able to purchase stamps and buy food at one stop if they so desire.

Negotiations are underway to provide for Food Stamp sales in post offices and banks throughout the City.

The Food Stamp program is a Federal-local program providing the means for families with low income to supplement their means to purchase sufficient and more nutritious foods. Bonus, or free, food stamps are provided to those eligible persons who make an initial purchase of stamps.

The bonus stamps, as well as 50 per cent of local administrative costs are provided by USDA funds. Local governments provide [illegible]

At the present time, more than 58,000 households participate in the Food Stamp program in Baltimore City.

Vandals hit school 75

Calverton Junior High No. 75, 1100 Whitemore Ave. was hit by vandals over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

Assistant Chief of Security Joe Maddox told the AFRO, "A considerable amount of damage was done to the school. I cannot determine the amount because teachers are now taking inventory of the damages."

Classes were held up Monday while custodians cleared away glass from several broken windows throughout the school.

Mr. Maddox said that the vandals apparently gained entry through one of the first floor windows.

Teachers and parents of Calverton were at the Nov. 21 School Board meeting [illegible] previously experienced outsiders coming in and through the first floor windows and disrupting classes.

Suspect sought in Leakin Park slaying

Homicide detectives are looking for suspects in what police describe as underworld-type slaying of a 21-year-old Southwest Baltimore man last Monday.

Police reports show the body of Luther Wagner Jr., of the unit block Gorman Ave., was found in a tree-lined grassy spot off the 4800 block Franklintown Rd.

The incident marks the eighth body found in Leakin Park this year, police said.

According to investigators the victim was brutally beaten and shot twice in the head and in the right eye. Police claim they believe the body was thrown from a vehicle.

Funeral services for the victim are at 10 a.m. this morning (Friday). He will be buried in the Westview Cemtery.

Mr. Wagner, [illegible] man, told the AFRO, "The news of his death was a shock. I was on my way to work when the police called me. I wasn't sure it was his body, but police said his papers were found on him."

Mrs. Wagner, a machine operator with a West Baltimore company, said Mr. Wagner had been in [illegible] Wagner Sr., is a truck driver.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Wagner is survived by six brothers: John, Clinton, Tonny, Donnie, Troy and Odel Wagner and five sisters: Mrs. Geraldine Selder, Mrs. Colline Hacks and Misses Diane, Renee and Pauline Wagner.

Dr. Leham Spry wins Harford County seat

Dr. Leham W. Spry became the first of his race to win a seat in the Harford County Council.

Dr. Spry, a Harve de Grace dentist, defeated incumbent John P. Walsh by 2,400 votes in the race for his seat as District D councilman.

When asked how he felt when he found he had won, Dr. Spry said, "It was a very satisfying feeling. We were up against tremendous odds in this county." Dr. Spry referred to the fact that only 8 per cent of the county is black.

He added, "I think we've gotten some voice from my people. I think we've gotten to the point where our people are more politically aware. [illegible] that if you're willing to persist."

Dr. Spry was installed as a councilman on Dec. 2, and attended his first council meeting at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 3.

When asked how he would approach his new position as a councilman, he said, "I intend to approach it diligently. I intend to do a good job. Whenever you are the first, many eyes are upon you." He finished by saying, "My thrust will be to work for all the people of Harford County."

Spry was born in Cambridge, Md. and attended the public schools there. He later attended Morgan State College and completed his studies at Meharry Medical School in Nashville, Tenn.

He and his wife, Mrs. Grace Spry to whom he has been married seven years, live in Webster Village. His wife teaches biology at Aberdeen Senior High School.

At 40-years of age, Dr. Spry is one person who can say that he has led an active life. He has been an active community leader in Harford County.

In the past he has been president of the Harford County chapter of the NAACP; chairman of the Hardord County Human Relations Commission; a member of the Aberdeen-Havre de Grace Jaycees; an Associate Member of the Young Democrats; a member of the Advisory Board of the Charter Home Rule Organization; and Ticket Chairman for the Democratic Unity Banquet-1973.

He also initiated the Little League Football in Havre de Grace and co-sponsored the Unlimited Basketball League in that area.

DR. LEHAM SPRY

At the present time, Dr. Spry is chairman of Harford County's Board of Parks and Recreation; president of the Susquehanna Optimists; Chairman of the Harford Democratic club; a member of the Board of Directors of the United Fund of Central Maryland; and the Opera Board;

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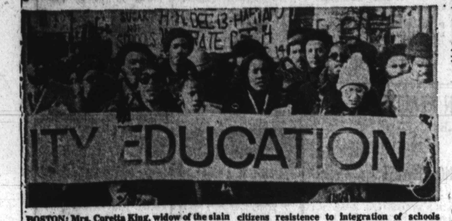

BOSTON: Mrs. Coretta King, widow of the slain Civil Rights Leader, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., led the march through the streets to City Hall in support of the court-ordered school integration. The State House is in the background. Boston citizens resistence to integration of schools which has astonished the nation and the world, has caused untold racial bitterness and strife for more than three months.

Commissioners' terms may be extended

According to the Mayor's Office, the terms of the School Commissioners ending Dec. 31 may be extended until the desegregation plan is completed.

At the present time, the board is working on the desegregation plan for the high schools which will go into effect at the beginning of the next school year.

The expiring terms affect Commissioners Larry S. Gibson, Mrs. Maree R. Farring, and Board President John Walton.

Vice President James Griffin's term expired Dec., 1972. He has been held over by the mayor for an indefinite period.

Other board members including Dr. Beryl Williams, W. Eugene Scott, Mrs. Sheila Sachs, Robert Schaefer and Oscar Helm will not be affected this year. Their terms expire beginning in 1976.

Mrs. King leads Boston anti-racism school march

Dec. 14 is the date set for over ere million protestors from all parts of the nation to descend on Boston, Mass. in a demonstration against violence on black school students there.

The Baltimore Chapter of Emergency Committee for National Mobilization Against Racism is urging churches, student groups, unions and political groups as well as individuals to organize and charter buses for the event.

Call 837-3055 or go to the 305 W. Monument St. address for information and assistance.

The national call has been given by Senator-Elect William Owens of Boston.

Meantime, other action is being taken.

An UPI release of last week's reports that some 5,000 persons, many of them white, assembled to hear the widow of the most noted freedom fighter in the United States.

Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. would have wept had he lived to see the violence associated with Boston school desegregation, his widow said.

Mrs. Coretta Scott King, led a three-block rally and march Saturday to show support for a federal order to bus 18,000 students to desegregate the city's schools.

The event was called a "march for quality integrated education."

"The issue, in my view is not really busing," she said. "The conduct of certain opponents of busing has made the issue one of racism in its broadest aspects.

"Can anyone believe that people using or condoning violence as well as vulgar racial epithets are making a democratic protest against busing?" she asked.

The Baltimore Emergency Committee is urging churches in the community to have a special church collection this Sunday Dec. 8 to raise funds for their members to be represented on the Freedom Ride to Boston.

It has been suggested that two or three churches could pool their collections to raise the $800 needed to send 38 people up to Boston on a bus.

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Mitchell says Liddie case spy gave Pomerleau info on black citizens

County-City police crackdown nabs 4 men, 2 women

'Cutting house' raid nets $40,000 in dope

Angry Liddie Jones attempts to fire his famed Boston lawyer, F. L. Bailey

Marshals handcuff Liddie, put tape over his mouth after shouting 'objection'

By Pam Widgeon

PRINCE FREDERICK — John Edward (Liddie) Jones, attempted on Wednesday in Prince Frederick Calvert County Court to fire both of his lawyers, the famed Boston criminal lawyer, F. L. Bailey and his local lawyer, William Carrier.

Liddie, 34, is on trial before a jury of 10 white and two black citizens. Judge Kenneth Proctor, declared a mistrial in a narcotics case Dec. 6 in the Baltimore County Circuit Court.

His trial was transferred to Prince Frederick Calvert County because of the wide-spread publicity in Baltimore County.

Liddie is charged with possession with intent to distribute heroin, possession of heroin, possession to distribute paraphernalia and two charges of maintaining a common nuisance controlled paraphernalia, conspiracy, possession controlled paraphernalia with intent to distribute, possession of marijuana and maintaining a common nuisance to wit, a car.

Judge Perry Bowen dismissed four of the charges. Charges dismissed were conspiracy, maintaining a common nuisance controlled paraphernalia, possession of marijuana, and maintaining a common nuisance to wit a car.

Liddie is now serving a 30-year sentence in Lewisburg, Penn., Penitentiary for conspiracy to violate federal narcotics laws.

Liddie was carried out of the court-room Wednesday by six U.S. Marshals after he made several loud outbursts of yelling "objection."

He was later brought into the courtroom handcuffed and had black adhesive tape over his mouth.

John S. Denholm Jr., a former police officer, testified Thursday he was one of several officers who conducted the raid at Liddie's Randallstown home in July, 1972. Mr. Denholm told the jury he looked through a window and observed the defendant at a table.

The witness testified he used a mallet to break

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JOHN EDWARD (LIDDIE) JONES

Cong. Mitchell says Pomerleau given black citizens' info by Liddie spy

Congressman Parren J. Mitchell has announced that the police informant named in the Liddie Jones trial is also one and the same person who has consistently been at black rallies and endeavors apparently for the purpose of picking up information to be fed to the Commissioner of Police.

Cong. Mitchell says Leonard Jenoff appeared at at least two of the black community's rallies citizens held in support of Dr. Roland Patterson.

While at the rallies, he took numerous pictures and talked with many black people, Cong. Mitchell says.

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"I can document", Mitchell said, "that he signed up as a vol[illegible] last campaign, came to the headquarters at Ellamont, took numerous pictures of persons in attendance, attended several organizational meetings, and made at least one speech in which he urged black people to come into their own.

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"We can also document that he appeared at the campaign headquarters of Rev. Wendell Phillips on the primary election night.

"Leonard Jenoff lives at 8301 Mindale Circle, Baltimore 21207. His telephone number is 922-0769.

"He is employed as assistant director of the Data Processing Institute, 501 St. Paul St., telephone 837-5520 and 837-6569.

"It is believed that his father owns the Data Processing Institute."

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Cong. Mitchell stated that the revealing of this police informant gives substance to the long-held contentions within the black community that police in[illegible] and agents of the police have attempted to infiltrate and have conducted a campaign of espionage against blacks who serve in activist roles.

"I believe", Cong. Mitchell continued, "it is time for the black community to come together quickly to make an assessment of how we can protect ourselves against tactics associated domestic CIA surveillance, Watergate type activities and attempts to divide the black community."

Accused persons pay total of $92,000 bail

Two women were among six persons arrested in a joint county-city narcotics squad raid on what police called a "cutting house" in the 7400 block Lesada Ave. Dec. 5.

The six are released on a total of $92,000 bail pending further court action, police state.

A Baltimore County police information spokesman told the AFRO heroin and marijuana estimated at $40,000 were confiscated.

The surprise raid was conducted by four detectives, two from the city and two from the county, at about 1 a.m. on the house which is near Security Blvd.

The operation was based on information supplied by the City Narcotics Squad detectives, police said.

County police information officials reveal after nearly a month of police surveillance of the house, detectives observed several persons regularly visiting the house. Two occupants of the house were among those arrested, according to police.

Police gave the names of six charged and each released on bail as:

MISS DENISE C. TARANT, 22, unemployed 7400 block Lesada Ave., charged with possession of heroin with intent to distribute, possession of narcotics paraphernalia and maintaining a common nuisance. She is released on $35,000 bail.

MRS. CATHERINE TURPIN, 47, unemployed, 1900 block Fulton Ave., charged with possession of heroin in quantity and possession of paraphernalia. She is freed on $3,000 bail.

RONALD L. NELSON, 30, 3200 block Normount Ave., unemployed, charged

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BISHOP MONROE R. SAUNDERS SR.
Doctor of Ministry

Throng expected at bishop's fete

Baltimore will have a throng of distinguished [illegible] other nations and the Caribbean during the Yuletide season.

The hundreds of persons are due to arrive for an auspicious occasion honoring the Rt. Rev. Dr. Monroe R. Saunders, presiding bishop of the First United Church of Jesus Christ, Apostolic, which has headquarters at his Baltimore church, the First United Apostolic Church, 3400 Copley Rd. at Liberty Heights Ave.

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The gala banquet salutes Bishop Saunders for his service to the church which he founded, the com[illegible] degree from Howard University this year.

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Saunders' network of churches includes those in the United States, England, Africa, Canada and the Caribbean.

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Bishop Charles Watkins, Cleveland, Ohio dinner toastmaster and the numerous other out of towners have made reservations at local hotels to be present for the Dec. 28 affair.

Engraved invitations have gone out to guests who have been invited by the hosts, the trustees of the Baltimore church.

The banquet is set for 6:30 p.m. in the main ballroom of the Lord Baltimore Hotel with black tie optional. Subscriptions are $12.50.

The Rev. Monroe R. Saunders Jr., the bishop's son, is banquet chairman and a nephew, Dr. Elijah B. Saunders, a committee member.

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Saunders is vice-president of the trustee board of Provident Hospital where his

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HOSPITAL WORKERS GUARDIAN

Cong. Mitchell watches strike 'beyond the end'

The 10-day-old strike by 2,500 service and maintenance workers at Johns Hopkins and Maryland General Hospitals and the Greater Baltimore Medical Center ended on Wednesday.

The new two-year contract gave the employees an $15-a-week increase in the first year and $10-a-week in the second year.

Congressman Parren J. Mitchell announced Wednesday that he is going to stay in touch with the Baltimore hospital strike situation "even beyond the end of the dispute."

He states that he is becoming intensely involved with the strikers' conditions and will monitor for several reasons:

1. Those on strike and consequently without income have suffered delay in receiving food stamps to which they are entitled. They will need help until the first pay after the strike's end.

2. Local 1199-E had made more concessions than most striking unions and I can not understand the obstinate, adamant attitude of the hospitals."

3. Even if the strike is settled, I will continue to follow through to see that justice is done.

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As to food stamps, Cong. Mitchell said he immediately moved into consultation with Mrs. Maud Harvey, director of the Department of Social Services.

He said he took the step Wednesday following hundreds of calls to his office that the workers were being told they would have to wait three or four months for food stamps.

However, in cooperation with Mrs. Harvey, Cong. Mitchell said that he was assured that she was "right on top if it" and would solve the problem at once.

Cong. Mitchell informs

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Dr. Vance a superintendent?

Paul L. Vance, 41 deputy superintendent of Executive Matters for Baltimore City public schools is a "Dr" now.

He received his doctorate of education from the University of Pennsylvania last month.

Completion of his doctoral studies, "does not necessarily indicate I am in the market for a superintendency", Dr. Vance told the AFRO this week.

He added, "I don't portend to foresee the future, but I do say I have never aspired to be a superintendent. If and when I leave Baltimore and my present position, I will probably be leaving education." (Editor's note: The word probably was underscored).

These comments contained in a Dec. 9 news release from Dr. Vance's office dispell reports that he is the favored candidate to

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DR. PAUL L. VANCE
Says he does not seek superintendency

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Freedom House awards of merit presented

The Sunday Freedom House banquet at the Lord Baltimore Hotel witnessed some 500 guests present for the annual fellowship awards event.

With Chairman John R. Peters and Toastmaster Judge Robert Watts presiding, the awards went to law enforcement officers who have helped the Freedom House program of crime prevention and aid to the less fortunate.

Freedom House, founded by Dr. Lillie M. Jackson, one of Baltimore's most celebrated citizens, is now termed the most unique group in the nation.

Prime aim is to preserve the inner city as a wholesome place for all to live by cooperation between the police department and the citizens.

The area, a small one, encompasses the Freedom House, 1200 block Druid Hill Ave.

For four years the tiny group of volunteers has carried on a successful program with utmost cooperation of the police.

Those receiving handsome engraved Awards of Merit plaques were:

STATE'S ATTORNEY MILTON B. ALLEN, presented by Treasurer George Lottier.

OFFICER THOMAS SEABORNE, injured by an assailant's bullet and still

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HONOREES at Freedom House's 4th Fellowship Dinner included (from left) Col. William Harris cited by Michael Mitchell; State's Attorney Milton B. Allen cited by George Lottier; Major James A. Watkins cited by the Rev. Richard L. Clifford; Philip Smith cited by Mrs. Evelyn Burrell. Each received an engraved plaque for distinguished service to the community.

(Photos for Freedom House by Bertram Merritt.)