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Mrs. Ford is Dimes mother of the year

A 22-year-old mother of one child has been selected for citation as March of Dimes "Mother of the Year" at a ceremony Jan. 15 at a Dogwood Rd. Hall.

Mrs. Mary Oliver Ford, 3600 block Edmondson Ave., is to be honored as a result of her exceptional motherly care for her 3-year-old son, James Ford II born with a spinal defect.

The unassuming attractive young woman told the AFRO: "I feel highly honored by this citation, but frankly I don't understand it. I did what I had to do. I love my child and I wanted to do everything for him."

MRS. MARY FORD

The exciting story of Mrs. Ford began in December, 1971 when she gave birth to a baby boy at the Columbia County Hospital in North Carolina. When Mrs. Ford saw her baby she thought it was normal, then she was told that the baby had a spinal defect.

This discovery led to a 4½ months nerve-racking experience in trying to cure the baby. She recalls: "It was a trying period, but James (her husband James Ford I), and I kept faith and prayer." Mr. Ford is a candy company worker.

After hospitals in North Carolina failed to do much for the couple they got in touch with relatives in Baltimore who in turn got in touch with Mrs. Verna Kleim of the March of Dimes Birth Defects Center.

An operation was performed in May, 1972 at Johns Hopkins Hospital to close his back; also one on his leg. Little James now 3-years-old entered the Glover Tillman Learning Center in 1974 where he is developing and learning very fast to everyone's surprise.

Shy at the first encounter, Little James is very exciting and an interesting child. He told the AFRO: "I like school and my friends."

His mother agrees Little James has made a lot of friends at his school and sometimes the couple has a hard time getting him home after classes.

NAACP officers to be installed

Officers and board members elected to serve the Baltimore branch of the NAACP for the next two years will be installed on Sunday, Jan. 19 at 3 p.m. at the Hiram Grand Lodge Temple, 1205 Eutaw Place.

The Masonic Choir will sing. The Rev. Marion C. Bascom, pastor of Douglas Memorial Community Church, will be the speaker for the occasion.

Mr. Walter Black president of the Maryland State Conference of NAACP branches, will install the officers and the board members.

The officers installed are: Dr. Lillie M. Jackson, president meritus; Mrs. Ezolia McMillan, president; Leonard L. Saunders, first vice president; Raymond A. C. Young; second vice president; William B. Garrett, third vice president.

Honorary vice-presidents include Leroy Hayden, the Rev. Edmond D. Meade, Dr. Arthur J. Payne, Mrs. Eula Mae Watts, Mrs. Mary Roschen, secretary; Mrs. Ethel B. Day, assistant secretary and Dr. Charles E. Watts, treasurer.

Son kills mother, gets 10 years

"One who takes a human life must be punished. This defendant did in fact kill his mother and tried to cover it up."

Criminal Court Judge David Ross made the above statement on Tuesday before sentencing John W. Cunningham, 22, for murdering his mother.

Cunningham of the 2800 block Seamon Ave. was found guilty in December by a jury of killing Mrs. Augustine Cunningham, 50, at their home in Cherry Hill on June 22, 1974.

The jury found Cunningham guilty of manslaughter and Judge Ross imposed a ten year sentence. Cunningham claimed that an unidentified person entered his mother's home and stabbed her several times.

However, his friend, Larry B. Martin, 22, 2500 block Round Rd. testified that Cunningham came to his house and stated, "I just killed my mother."

Assistant State's Attorney Stephen R. Tully told the jury when the police arrived at the scene, Cunningham and Mr. Martin were at his mother's home and said someone had stabbed her.

Mr. Martin later reported to the police that Cunningham had thrown away his blood stained shirt, his mother's keys and bracelets in a dumpster near their house. Police recovered the bracelets and keys from the bottom of the dumpster.

END OF AN ERA—The 98-year history of the St. Mary's Seminary located in the 600 block N. Paca St., came to a sad end last week when the city began tearing the famous structure down. This photo by AFRO staffer Angela Chatman shows the front part of the building.

YOU and your welfare

This is a new column designed to inform readers of welfare policies. Ms. Rudell Martin, director of the Baltimore Welfare Rights Organization, welcomes questions concerning welfare problems.

Aside from answering questions, Ms. Martin will give comments to keep you abreast of any policies and revisions made concerning you and welfare.

The time has come when all of us must take a firm stand on the proposed increase on the purchase price of Food Stamps.

At a time when the economy of this country is at an all time high, poor people are being made to bear the responsibility of the administration's blundering mismanagement of monies.

Those of us who participate in the Food Stamp Program know the bonus of the Food Stamps has been helpful.

People who are still awaiting a decision, as to whether or not they are eligible, realize how hard it is to adequately provide for their families without them.

Effective January 1, 1975, an increase of $1 per person was added to the Food Stamp bonus, except in a family made up of one person.

Wouldn't you say that the Department of Agriculture is giving with one hand and the President is proposing to take with the other?

Food Stamp participants, we cannot allow this to happen. As citizens of these United States, we must see to it that everyone has the right to the pursuit of happiness.

Responsibility belongs to all of us. Do not avoid it.

Your support helps lighten the load. We are not ants, so let's not be stepped upon.

Stand up for your rights and ask yourself, "Why should I be penalized for being born poor?"

QUESTIONS

Q. Where and how do I apply for Food Stamps?

A. "Non-public Assistance Hoidseholds" and SSI recipients should apply at your local Welfare Office (D.S.S. Center). It is usually listed in the phone book under the Department of Social Services or a similar city or county listing.

All you have to do is fill out an application and be interviewed. You should bring some proof of your income (pay stub). The Food Stamp Office may also require you to show your rent receipts, utilities bill, and medical bills if total over $10.00 a month.

Next lottery drawing

On Wednesday, Jan. 22, the Maryland State Lottery will hold its 88th weekly 50 cents drawing at the Chatham Mall Shopping Center, located at 9200 Baltimore National Pike in Howard County, Maryland at 12 p.m.

The 12th drawing of the "14 for $1" Game will take place also at the Chatham Mall Shopping Center on Thursday, Jan. 23 at 10 a.m.

The Lottery's Drawingmobile will be on hand at these drawings and tickets will be sold right up until drawing time. Lottery personnel will be on hand to answer questions.

20 FEET UNDER GROUND—That's how far workmen had to dig to remove two cable car pulleys weighing 22 tons at Paca and Fayette Sts. in downtown Baltimore on Sunday. AFRO Line tipster called this newspaper to find out what it was all about. We took this photo on the scene. For more about the digging see AFRO Line on page 5 in this edition. (AFRO photo by Moss).

Boy Scouts Council meeting

The Baltimore area Boy Scouts of America annual council meeting, will be at the Hunt Valley Inn, Shawan Rd. on Jan. 27.

The affair promises to be a true highlight in the 1975 scouting year.

Scheduled to begin with a social hour at 6 p.m. the meeting will include the various required reports, elections, and be highlighted by the presentation of special awards.

Drawing from the Metropolitan Scouting family of over 50,000—attendance is expected to reach a seating capacity of nearly 1000 Scouters, officials, and wives.

This will be an opportunity to witness the "inner-workings" of an annual business meeting and to enjoy a very pleasant evening with the Metropolitan Area's Scouting family. Cost per person is $12.50.

For further information and reservations please contact: James L. Murray—Baltimore Area Council Staff Coordinator 338-1700.

Fred Bailey—attendance chairman 962-6353.

Urban development grants approved

Secretary of Commerce Frederick B. Dent has announced approval of two grants totaling $344,566 to help conduct a program to stimulate neighborhood development and create jobs in inner-city areas.

Revitalization of commercial and industrial areas in urban communities is expected to result in increased services and opportunities for residents of urban neighborhoods, Dent said. The program also is expected to stimulate real estate development, including housing, he added.

The Commerce Department grants are from the Economic Development Administration, an agency working to help create jobs and increase incomes in areas with unemployment problems.

The grants are: $178,866 to the National Center for Urban Ethnic Affairs, 4408 8th St., NE, Washington and $165,700 to the South East Community Organization, Inc., 10 South Wolfe St., Baltimore.

The National Center for Urban Ethnic Affairs will use the grant to pay administrative costs of the neighborhood redevelopment programs in Baltimore and three other cities to be selected.

The center will conduct research and provide technical assistance for community groups working to revitalize neighborhoods. Assistance also will be provided in developing venture capital for funding neighborhood development projects and financing business activities. The EDA grant will meet the total cost of the center's program for a year.

Veterans low cost insurance

Veterans separated from the Armed Forces on or after August 1, 1974, are now eligible for a new low cost life insurance program which offers as much as $20,000 coverage for $3.40 per month.

Thomas H. Price, Jr., director of the Baltimore Veterans Administration Regional Office, said that veterans must apply within 120 days of discharge for this non-renewable, five-year term coverage under the Veterans Group Life Insurance (VGLI) program.

A maximum $20,000 coverage is available for $3.40 per month for persons age 34 and under, and $6.50 for those 35 and over, Mr. Price said.

Other coverages and monthly costs for those 34 and under are: $15,000, $2.55; for $10,000, $1.70; and for $5,000 worth of coverage the monthly cost is 85 cents.

For those 35 and over, premium rates for comparable amounts of coverage are $5.10, $3.40 and $1.70 respectively.

Judge Murphy urges community jail system

Chief Judge Robert C. Murphy of the Court of Appeals, has urged Gov. Mandel, and other elected officials to implement immediately a community correctional system.

He warns that any further delay in the implementation of the proposal made since 1971 "may result in additional overcrowding of our penal institutions and contribute to a further increase in street crime.

According to the judge, he made the call based on his recognition of the immediate problems of the state correctional system and support of a recent resolution adopted by the Conference of Circuit Administrative Judges.

The resolution points out that the State of Maryland has been philosophically committed to the implementation of a community correctional system since 1971 "but implementation of this program has been delayed for lack of funds, local governmental action and acceptance by the general public."

Some of the recommendations of the Resolution include immediate action of both State and local executive and legislative officials "to provide adequate alternatives to traditional incarceration for that selective group of non-dangerous offenders in order that the dangerous offenders and those persons repeatedly engaged in serious and violent criminal activity can be imprisoned in secure facilities of the Division of Correction."

It also calls for the adoption of legislation "authorizing the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to exercise the power of eminent domain in locating the necessary number of community correctional centers throughout the State."

Del. T. Levin to seek consumer law

Del. Theodore Levin (D, 12th District) has announced that he will introduce in the current session of the General Assembly legislation that would prohibit major supermarkets from increasing prices of items already on the shelf, and would require early warning of any price increase.

The bill will apply to any non-frozen, non-perishable food item; any price increase must be posted at least seven full days prior to the increase; and any item that has already been placed on a shelf cannot be changed, unless the 7-day notice has been posted.

The bill will be introduced as emergency legislation, which if the General Assembly enacts it, will become law immediately upon the Governor's signing.

Del. Levin explained that he derived the idea of the legislation from the major supermarkets:

Chamber of Commerce

Recognizing inflation affects the unemployed as well as the employed, the Maryland State Chamber of Commerce will recommend to the Maryland legislature that the Unemployment Insurance maximum weekly benefit amount be increased more than 12 per cent to $100 a week as of July 1.

At the same time the Chamber will ask that benefit eligibility be returned to its original principle as defined by Maryland statute "for the benefit of persons unemployed through no fault of their own."

The Chamber's Unemployment Insurance Committee developed the legislative program after a comprehensive study of current Maryland Unemployment Insurance law and the problems it presents for those who receive benefits as well as for employers.

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Congressman Mitchell studies suit against police spying

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Child finds mom strangled in tub

Mitchell to sue cops for spying?

By Angela Chatman
(AFRO BUREAU)

ANNAPOLIS — Congressman Parren J. Mitchell is exploring avenues to file a federal court action against the Baltimore City Police Department.

This revelation came during a senate committee hearing in which Police Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau admitted his officers have done secret surveillance on black elected officials, civil right activists and other dissident groups.

Mr. Mitchell told the AFRO later his "attorneys are exploring the basis on which to go to court." Apparently seeking an injunction to restrain the department from further spying work, Mr. Mitchell reveals the suit will be ready by mid February.

The State Senate Committee on Constitutional and Public Law which held its first meeting last Tuesday was brought about by a resolution introduced by Sen. Verda F. Welcome (D. 40).

The eight-member committee is headed by Sen. Edward P. Conroy (D. 24th). Each member asked that the committee move to authorize a legislative investigation.

Newly elected Senate president, Steny H. Hoyer (D. 24th), said: "There is a great need to study the allegation which has been made in order to inform and explain to the citizens of the state about the ac-

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THE HANDS HAVE IT—The happy reactions of the ladies in these photos were recorded by the AFRO camera as they listened to the ringing Martin Luther King memorial address by the Rev. Jesse Jackson, center, noted activist, at Baltimore celebration attended by over 2,500 on Monday evening at the Prince Hall Masonic Temple. In left photo, Ms. Ada Chase. Right, Miss Mildred Smith. Dr. Jackson received frequent applause and standing ovations. For more photos of event, see inside this edition.

(AFRO Photo by Benjamin M. Phillips IV)

Intruder used her pet dog's chain

"They chased her best friend out of the house into the cold and used his leather leash to kill her. The poor thing has been moping around since."

Thus did a Cherry Hill neighbor describe the dog of Mrs. Sharon A. Shropshire, 24, who was found strangled to death with her dog's leash last Tuesday afternoon.

Police reports state Mrs. Shropshire's six-year-old daughter, Rosalyn, found her mother's limp body in the bathtub at 3 p.m. when she returned from school.

"Her dog and her daughter are all she's got," said the neighbor, adding "she keeps a very much to herself."

According to the neighbor she observed Mrs. Shropshire's dog walking about the yard, sniffing and barking early in the afternoon. "I never saw the dog alone before. I bet you that was unusual an sight."

Mrs. Julia Roberta March, aunt of Mrs. Shropshire told the AFRO, "She (Mrs. Shropshire) had multiple sclerosis since 1972. She was an independent person and did not want you to feel sorry for her."

Mrs. Shropshire and her daughter, lived alone in their Carver Road home. Mrs. March stated her niece had a dog named Twinkles that was kept in the house. However, when the police arrived, the dog was outside. The dog is now staying with neighbors.

Mrs. Shropshire formerly lived with her aunt, Mrs. March on North Ave. She was a graduate of Sinclair Lane High School and attended Coppin State College for two years.

Police report when they arrived at Mrs. Shropshire's home, her living room was in a "disrupted manner." Police conducted a house to house investigation during which time a neighbor revealed around 11:05 a.m. she observed Mrs. Shropshire looking out of her bedroom window.

The neighbor told the police, "At the same time I observed a male 20-23 years old. 5 feet-6 inches with a medium brown complexion. He was wearing a brown waist length jacket, dark pants and white tennis shoes.

The neighbor reported to the police she saw the man get out of a "white four door vehicle with another man driving." According to the neighbor, as the

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MLK memorial crowd cheers 'silver' rights plea

(Special editorial Inside)

Thunderous applause, frequent amens and shouts turned the Prince Hall Masonic Temple into an old-fashioned revival on Monday evening.

Some 3,000 persons were in attendance at the Martin Luther King Memorial program to hear the Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, Chicago-based civil rights leader and president of Operation PUSH (People United to Save Humanity.)

The fact that the speaker was over two hours late because he was delayed in Washington to help other ministers arrange a White House demonstration on Dr. King's birthday (Wednesday, Jan. 15), did not dim the enthusiasm of the crowd.

They sat patiently and listened to local civil rights leaders, members of the sponsoring group, the Greater Model Community Council, and cheered renditions by several area choirs.

When Dr. Jackson did arrive, they gave him a standing ovation and continued this kind of enthusiastic response during his 40-minute talk.

Here are excerpts of the talk as recorded by an AFRO reporter:

"For this occasion and the man that we gather here tonight to think about and to commemorate, it is not enough for us to have a holiday and name that holiday after Dr. King.

"The original concept was not a holiday, it was not a compound word, it was holy day, a day set aside for some sacred or some serious purpose.

"When I think about the life and work of Dr. King, it would be fitting and proper that we honor him with a holy day.

"Unfortunately, too many children of the new generation have no knowledge of what Dr. King was and what he was about.

"What he was about is threatening the American traditional order. For what he said was strange little powerful things that made ordinary people do extraordinary things.

He Taught Us

"He said little things like 'we may be sitting down on the outside but we're standing up on the inside'.

"He said, 'it is better that we walk in dignity than ride in shame. The only way that the oppressor can continue to oppress us is that we cooperate with him,' and so people resisted oppression if we put the oppressor out of business."

"He taught us those kinds of things. Dr. King had a way of raising the philosophical question and putting real issues in proper perspective.

"One of the great contrasts between militants ('We're gonna shake up things and change things'), they'd come to a meeting ready to tear anything (applause). With that people would go home cussing.

"Now Dr. King was just the opposite, he'd come into a meeting with a group of little old church ladies, deacons, trustees.

"He would just stand and preach the gospel, and when he got through telling them about their somebodiness and how they could free themselves little

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School Board approves $252 million budget

By Portia Badham

The four new school commissioners beamed like students who had properly done their homework as they studied and approved the Baltimore city schools' 1975-76 budget request last night.

The unanimous action on Superintendent Dr. Roland N. Patterson's proposal for $252.6 million came just 45 minutes after the board began its 7 p.m. meeting at Coldstream Park Elementary, 1400 Exeter Hall Ave.

The recommendations now go to the Board of Estimates. Not included in the current figures are increased wages for teachers, now in negotiation. Any increase will come in a supplemental budget.

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Clubwoman among 4 slain in bizarre shooting spree

(Special to AFRO)

RALEIGH, N.C. — A nationally known club leader, twice cited as woman of the year, and three other young women, all sisters, are dead, victims of a bizarre shooting spree.

Most prominent of the victims is Mrs. Haveleigh Rivera Monte White, 51, the post mistress in the suburban area of Method, and a Shaw University professor and civic leader, who holds numerous honors and awards.

The other victims, all sisters, are:

Mrs. Bernice Clark Harrington, 33; Mrs. Azalee Clark Jackson, 30; and Mrs. Gertrude Clark Harmon, 29.

Joe Louis Harris, a 40-year-old postal worker on sick leave because of eye damage from a lye throwing incident, was jailed following the shootings Thursday night and charged with four counts of murder and kidnaping.

One of the victims, Mrs. Harmon, had been charged with throwing lye in Harris' face last Sept. 23.

The case was scheduled for trial next week. Police report Mrs. White had appeared as a character witness for Mrs. Harmon at an October preliminary hearing in the lye case.

Reason for the killings is

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SLAIN — Mrs. Haveleigh Rivera Monte White, nationally known clubwoman among four women found brutally slain.

Deaver Smith was Baltimore institution

DEAVER YOUNG SMITH SR.
Tea, coffee and spice man dead at 84

Sixty-eight years ago, Deaver Young Smith Sr., opened a store at 1411 Pennsylvania Ave., to blend and sell coffee, tea and spices.

Then the streets were cobblestone and he used a horse and buggy to peddle his wares.

Mr. Smith died on Thursday at Union Memorial Hospital, at the age of 84. Up until he was hospitalized on Dec. 22, he had remained active in the store he established and had grown to change with the times.

Pennsylvania Ave., now paved, is undergoing a massive urban renewal plan; in the middle of it stands the business he established in 1906.

Mr. Smith who lived at 4425 Craddock Ave. in the Govans section of northeast Baltimore, was a friendly, earnest man who attracted people to him and spent hours blending the teas, and coffee he sold.

The store is closed this week because of the founder's death. It will be reopened after the funeral by his son, Deaver Jr. and his grandson, Deaver 3rd, a Morgan State senior, who announced the business would continue.

Mr. Smith would buy different variety of coffee beans, unroasted, from a New York broker. Most of his coffee trade was done with restaurants.

Among his favorite blends were the rolled green gunpowder tea for a mild background, some black formosa for piquancy, a bit of leaf green hyson and a touch of black leaf ceylon for other flavor characteristics.

He has a sign still hanging in his store which has been there since World War I.

The sign is a reminder of what prices were like during ceiling prices. Sugar was selling for six cents a pound and coffee at twenty-five cents a pound.

Deaver Smith Jr. has worked with his father in the store for more than 40 years. He told the AFRO, he still makes deliveries to customers in Washington. At one time, his father had customers in Annapolis and several counties.

The business is still being conducted over a goose-neck telephone, one of the oldest phones in Bal-

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Shore jury hears how art prof died

By Anne King
(Special to AFRO)

CAMBRIDGE, Md. — Mrs. Ann L. Wentworth on trial for the murder of Jimmie Mosely, a professor at the University of Maryland, Eastern Shore, on April 3, 1974, took the witness stand Thursday in the District Court of Dorchester County, testified on her own behalf.

Under questioning by one of her three attorneys, Morton Owrutsky, Mrs. Wentworth said she did not willingly take part in any of the events which occurred on the night Mosely was slain.

Describing the scene, at the trailer home of the professor and Dr. Delores Taylor, a former instructor at Salisbury State College, Mrs. Wentworth said after several drinks her husband became glassy-eyed "like a mad man" and exhibited irrational behaviour.

The behaviour followed an accusation of Mosely by David Wentworth, that Mosely was having an affair with his wife. Wen-

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says hubby killed prof

JIMMIE MOSELY
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