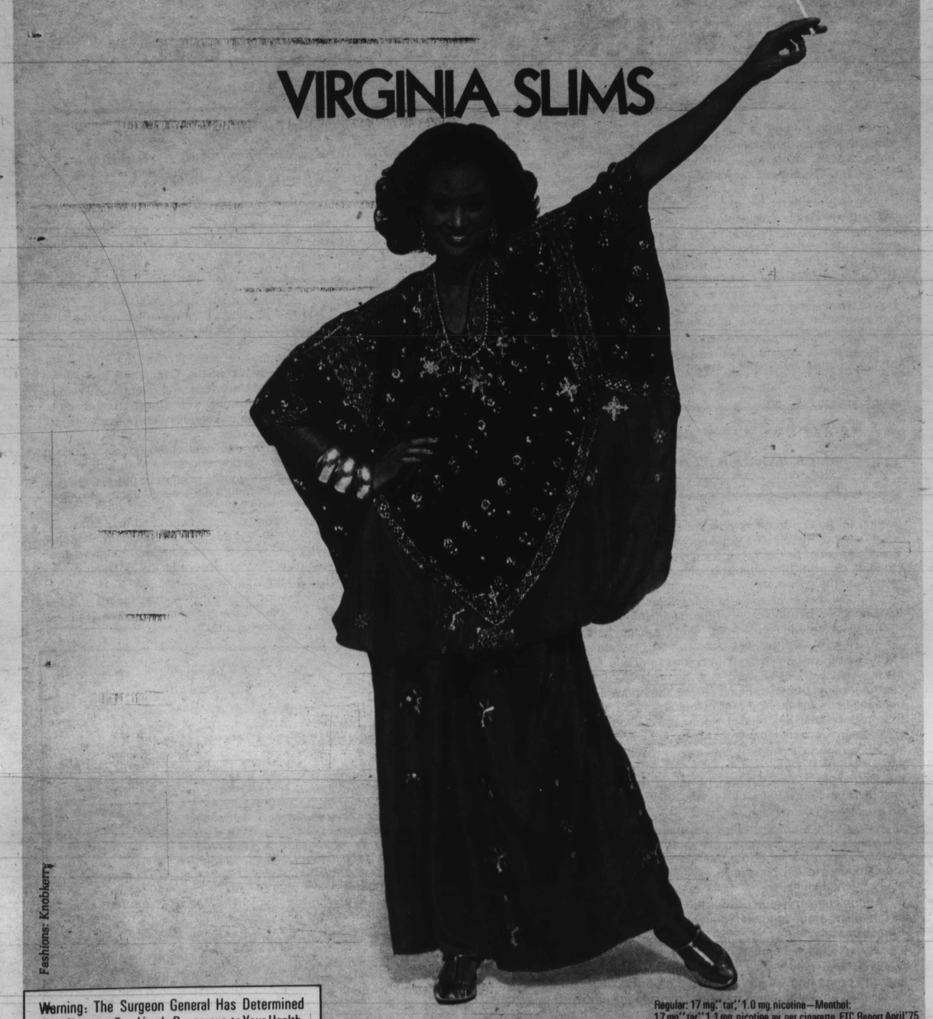

Whites break windows, throw rotten eggs in Moravia Park

Broken windows and rotten eggs, harassment of black citizens. Are the whites in Moravia Park trying to tell black home owners something?

About six months ago, on May 10 to be exact, Mr. and Mrs. John (Rita) Smith moved into their new home in the all-white 4900 block Greencrest Rd., in Moravia Park.

"For the first couple of months nothing happened," Mrs. Smith, a 26 year-old teacher at school No. 12 told the AFRO, "but on Labor Day my husband went out to his car and found the windows had all been broken."

This marked the first of a series of incidents which the Smiths have suffered since moving into their new home.

Less than a week later, Mrs. Smith continues, "The windows in my car were all broken out."

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THE AUTUMNAL beauty of peaceful residential Greenerest Rd. has been broken during the past few months by what some speculate is "racist harassment" of black families recently moved into this area of Moravia Park. The families, only recently moved into their homes, suspect vandals.

BLACK CAUCUS ENTERS MD. COLLEGE BIAS CASE

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WOMAN WINS $400 A WEEK FOR LIFE

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Wealthy sportsman Ambrose Robinson dies of heart attack, rites tonight

Burial in N.C. Sunday

MRS. SANTA'S HELPERS — Members of the Chatter Chicks Social Club last Saturday at their 25th anniversary laid aside $50 for the AFRO's Mrs. Santa. From left are Mesdames Jeanette Wynn, Edelle Marcus, Alberta Wade, Marion Bruce, Sarah Kenny, Irene Schley, Rita Marshall, Kathleen Brooks, Ruth Cotten.

Funeral services will be held Sunday in Fayetteville, N.C. for Ambrose Robinson, 60.

The family will receive friends tonight (Friday) from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Morton and Dyett Funeral Home, 1701 Laurens St., in Baltimore.

He is laid out in a copper Omega casket, estimated to cost $5,000. It is full couch with velvet interior.

Mr. Robinson died Nov. 12, at Sinai Hospital of a heart attack. He was the owner of the Elgin Lounge at Monroe St. and Elgin Ave.

Mr. Robinson was married for more than 30 years and separated from his wife who resides in the 2000 block Fulton Ave.

Mrs. Robinson refused to give her first name to the AFRO. She said: "I don't want to hurt anyone."

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A wealthy sportsman and longtime Avenue figure, Mr. Robinson was in 1972 associated with Roosevelt Nixon, prominent businessman who was slain Nov. 23, 1972.

The incident occurred in front of the D and N Cut-rate Liquor Store in the 1300 block N. Bond St.

At that time, police records showed he and Mr. Robinson were charged with offering a $10,000 bribe to Vice Squad officer to return evidence seized in a numbers raid some six months before the tragedy.

Police records claimed the raid "broke up" an operation estimated at $2 million annually. The operation was reported by police as having been stationed in a house in the 2200 block Ellamont St.

Two weeks ago, an acquaintance told the AFRO Robinson invited him to see what he described as a "fabulous" new home he said he had purchased in Baltimore County.

At that time, he said, Robinson confided, medical bills had cost him thousands of dollars as he had had surgery and had been in and out of the hospital for sometime.

The friend said: "He told me, 'nobody dies until his time comes . . . until the Lord is ready.' And, here, two weeks later he is dead."

An AFRO writer who visited Elgin Lounge for a meeting on Tuesday afternoon reported Robinson entered, greeted the visitors and surveyed refurbishing work still underway. The AFRO writer said Robinson commented, "I've sunk about a quarter of million dollars in this place."

Mr. Robinson is also survived by his parents, Mr.

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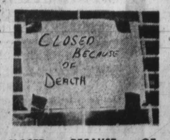
AMBROSE ROBINSON
In photo from family album



CLOSED BECAUSE OF DEATH, as the sign says, is the Elgin Lounge whose employees mourn the passing of the owner.

AFRO's Mrs. Santa gets ready—only 42 days left 'till Christmas

There're only 42 days left until Christmas.

Layoffs, fatal fires, illness and death plus the high cost of fuel and food make the winter of 1975 a sad time for many Baltimore families.

Old people on fixed incomes, large families on small incomes are facing a really black Christmas. Already hundreds of letters are crossing the AFRO's Mrs. Santa desk. Many are being referred by concerned neighbors, AFRO Clean Block captains, churches, civic groups and organizations.

AFRO'S MRS. SANTA

How can you help these families? Mrs. Santa's AFRO Charities is a non-profit organization of the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers and has been collecting funds for the past 25 years to aid the less fortunate at Christmas.

Funds are used to purchase food baskets which include all the ingredients for a meal and staples which will last at least two weeks. Plus, $10 food and merchandise certificates are purchased and mailed to at least 800 families.

KICK-OFF

Last year the AFRO's Mrs. Santa raised more than $14,000. All contributions are tax deductible and we hope that you will be more generous this year because the need in 1975 is greater and the cost of food is so high.

Kicking off the 1975 campaign this week with a total of $500, the M. Goldseker Co. through Sol C. Grossman contributed $300 to the fund.

The Las Companeras Club, Mrs. Laura Randolph president presented $100. This club involves themselves with various community activities especially those pertaining to youth.

HELPERS

The Chatter Chicks Social Club celebrated its 25th Anniversary last Saturday at a dinner-dance at La Fontaine Rouge with music by Simon Le-Gree.

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AFRO Lucky Bucks

Remember, each AFRO Lucky Buck is good for the duration of the Lucky Bucks contest. Don't throw your Lucky Bucks away, but check the AFRO each week to see if you will share in the weekly $230 prize bonanza.

Each AFRO Lucky Buck certificate will indicate a number on the lower front portion. You will have a chance of winning $5, $10, or $20 in the contest.

The certificate number and cash value will be published Tuesday and Friday in the AFRO. If your number appears, you are a winner.

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Tuesday winners will have to collect their winnings not later than 4 p.m. on Thursday of the same week of publication. Winning numbers appearing in Friday's AFRO must be collected by 4 p.m. Monday.

When does 35-cent bus fare cost $35?

DIANA'S THIRD — Actress-singer Diana Ross and husband, Robert Silverstein, leave Cedars of Lebanon Hospital in Los Angeles with the couple's newborn daughter, Chudney, who weighed into the world Nov. 4 at 7 lbs., 13 ounces. They have two other children, Rhonda Suzanne, 4 and Tracee Joy, 3.

A 35 cent bus fare could cost you $35 or a jail sentence if you have a questionable transfer and board a No. 28 bus being driven by Douglas L. Scott.

At least that was the evidence in the case of Mrs. Magdalene Riggs of N. Carrollton Ave. According to the reports filed with the Baltimore City Police Department, Mr. Scott, a veteran bus driver for MTA, refused to accept a transfer or payment of the fare from Mrs. Riggs and called the police to have her ejected from the bus and arrested.

It may also help to be about 63 years old, a woman and not quite able to defend yourself.

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The police report indicates that on October 17, at about 2:45 in the afternoon that an MTA police officer, Cpl. L. Brunfield responded to a call from Mr. Scott and found "Mrs. Magdalene Riggs yelling and using profanity directed towards the bus driver, Mrs. Riggs was told to pay her fare or leave the bus she refused, continuing to act in a disorderly fashion at which time she was placed under arrest by the MTA."

However, two women who witnessed the event, Mrs. Francis Sims, 3800 block Dolfield Ave. and Mrs. Sarah Bass of the 3700 block Flowerton Rd. tell a much different story.

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The concerned citizens wrote a letter to the AFRO describing what they saw happen: . . . "There was a commotion on an MTA bus No. 2943. Evidently, the driver of this bus had questioned the authenticity of a transfer given to him by an elderly woman. The woman insisted that her transfer was good, but the driver called the MTA police squad, who argued. With the help of the people on the bus, she put extra fare in the box, but was dragged from the bus anyway by the MTA officers.

"They dragged and pulled and fought with this elderly woman, who kept insisting that she had done no wrong and did not want to get into their squad car.

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"She used no profanity and was trying to explain as best she could with her accent."

"The woman was finally handcuffed, like a common criminal, and literally dragged to the squad car of the City Police, who had been called.

The witnesses who wrote the AFRO did not appear in Mrs. Riggs' defense at court. That may or may not have influenced the decision of Judge Daniel

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Jennifer's post safe 'for now'

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Harold Jennifer, Civic Center executive director 12 years, has been continued in the post as the only black man ever to head such an establishment in a major U.S. city

Robert S. Hillman, Civic Center Commission chairman, told the AFRO he did not know "where the media ever got such a story Jennifer is fired." He would not comment on a "shake up" that involved other employees.

He said, "It is is absolutely untrue. He is not fired. He will continue with us. Right now (Thursday) he is on the way to New York to represent us at a convention."

Mr. Jennifer told the

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INSIDE

OPPORTUNITIES, 32 pages of them, in special AFRO Opportunities Section inside this issue today.

THE ELGIN LOUNGE at the corner of Monroe St. and Elgin Ave., a popular local club

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