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Provident honors McCallum family as it completes $10,000 pledge

The McCallum family of Baltimore pledged in September, 1971, a sum of $10,000 to Provident Hospital for the purchase of equipment for a Cardiac Diagnostic Laboratory.

This was done as a memorium to their mother and father, both of whom died several years ago.

During this time, the family has never missed a payment of their rather impressive pledge.

The final check will be presented Saturday during a ceremony at Provident Hospital at 3 p.m.

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Delano McCallum, who is responsible for coordinating the family project says, "There are nine of us in the family, four brothers and five sisters. However two nephews later joined us in the venture.

"We decided this was the best way to perpetuate the memory of our mother and father and to do something worthwhile for the Black community at the same time.

"It is something that will live long after us and also serve as a monument to two fine people."

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Several years ago, Mr. McCallum began discussing with Dr. Elijah Saunders, Chief of Cardiology at Provident the possibility of setting up some sort of a foundation.

"We gathered all the family together," Mr. McCallum continued, "and Dr. Saunders came over to the house and gave us an idea of what type of diagnostic equipment was most needed at the hospital. That kind of inspired us to begin our pledge."

None of the McCallum family is wealthy. Their work experiences range from laborer to white collar workers.

Mr. McCallum himself graduated from Morgan and is now a social worker, a supervisor of the Homemaker's Service Division with the Department of Social Serbices.

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Despite the differences in salary, the crunch of inflation, and occasional family illness, they have never missed a payment. The final check being presented Saturday will bring the complete pledge to $10,407.85.

As a consequence, the ceremony and dedication will be held to give recognition and honors to a highly unusual and commendable family and their significant donation.

"It was a labor of love," said Mr. McCallum.

The ceremony is set for Chambers Auditorium at Provident Hospital. Friends, relatives of the McCollum family, as well as the public are invited.

PARK-SITTING WEATHER prevailed this week in 70 degree and above temperatures although prophets predicted winter-like conditions are due. Pending the arrival of expected change, a lovely autumn day was spent in Lafayette Square by Miss Daisy B. Allen and James Brooks. AFRO staff photo by Roman Hankewycz.

Little loses burglary appeal

RALEIGH, N.C. — Joan Little, the 21-year-old woman acquitted in the stabbing death of her white Beaufort County jailer, has lost an appeal of the burglary conviction on which she was held at the time of the slaying.

No error was found by a three-judge panel of the North Carolina Court of Appeals in the breaking and entering trial that resulted in her being sentenced to 7-to-10 years in prison.

Miss Little, a former construction worker, was on a speaking tour at the time of the ruling and could not be reached for comment.

Miss Little will be free on bond as long as the case is under appeal. Her lawyer, Jerry Paul, indicated before the ruling he would appeal an adverse decision.

Cleaver, sister weep at reunion

By LAWRENCE OLSEN

SAN DIEGO (UPI) It was a tearful reunion for Eldridge Cleaver and his older sister. They discussed the former Black Panther leader's future in the United States now that his seven year self-imposed exile is over.

"He looked fine, just fine," said Wilhelmina Cleaver, 48, at the end of her 90 minute conversation with her brother Wednesday at the federal correctional center.

"He looks a little older. In seven years all of us got older."

Miss Cleaver was waiting at Lindbergh Airport when her brother arrived from New York. She was not allowed to see him then, but met him in the jail visiting roim two hours later.

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"I cried some, and managed to swallow a lot. He was misty-eyed. We just sort of remained speechless, hugging each other.

"Then we sat and talked," she said.

Cleaver, 40, was apprehended Tuesday in New York after his flight from Paris, on a charge of travel to avoid confinement. He now faces the same assault and attempted murder charges that forced him to flee the country in 1968.

In Oakland Alameda County District Attorney Lowell Jensen said he planned to reinstitute the charges filed after the April 6, 1968, shooting in which Cleaver was wounded and Bobby Hutton, 17, was killed.

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"It was travel to avoid persecution, because at that time that's exactly what it would have been," Miss Cleaver said. She said her brother believes he will get fair treatment from California Gov. Edmund Brown Jr.

"He feels Brown is a fair man," she explained, "that he has demonstrated an interest in the little man, the underdog, that kind of thing."

She said her brother had no second thoughts about his decision to end the years of odyssey that took him to Cuba, Guinea, Algeria, North Korea and finally France and saw him split with the Black Panther Party and apparently change his opinions of his homeland.

"He's not worried that he made the wrong decision. Whatever comes, comes. He's ready to take it."

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Cedar Hill builds new mausoleum

To fulfill a growing demand and to conserve space, Cedar Hill Cemetery has started construction of the first section of their new Garden of Prayer Mausoleum that will ultimately contain approximately 4,000 above ground crypts.

The complex will include individual, companion and family crypts and semi-private alcoves. The Cold Spring Granite Company of Cold Spring, Minnesota is the general contractor. They are one of the leading mausoleum builders in the country and have their own granite quarries in Minnesota.

Mr. Willis S. Hutchinson, President, stated that the cost of above ground crypts formerly only available to the wealthy is now within the means of the average person due to new construction techniques. The mausoleum will be built entirely of granite including the roof. The crypt fronts will be of carnellian red granite to offer the utmost in lasting protection and security. Care and maintenance will be assured by Cedar Hill's endowment fund.

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Democrats defeat anti-busing move

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The House Democratic party caucus voted to kill a resolution calling for a constitutional amendment banning the racial busing of students.

The caucus voted 172 to 96 to table a resolution that would have ordered the House Judiciary Committee to send such an amendment to the floor within 30 days.

Rep. Dale Milford, D-Tex., co-author of the anti-busing measure along with Rep. Olin Teague, D-Tex.; said a revised resolution would be drafted.

He said another caucus vote would be sought sometime after the House returns from its Thanksgiving recess on Dec. 2.

Milford said that more than 25 bills proposing a constitutional ban on busing have been introduced this year but are languishing in the Judiciary Committee.

Rep. Richardson Preyer, D-N.C., a former federal judge and an avowed foe of busing to integrate schools, said he opposed putting such a ban in the constitution because it would reverse the landmark 1954 Supreme Court decision to integrate schools.

Peter J. Rodino, D-N.J., the chairman of the committee, argued that it was not within the power of the caucus "to dictate to me or any other member of the House how to vote or to proceed . . . on a matter which affects the conscience and deeply held views."

BICENTENNIAL EVENTS

Nov. 24 — "Spirit of '76 Bicentennial Ball," Eastwind, Baltimore County.

Nov. 28-30. Christmas Bazaar, Carroll County Farm Museum, Westminster

HEW schedules hearings, B'more standsby old plan

Baltimore (UPI) — Hearings on the adequacy of Baltimore's school desegregation plan and the disposition of nearly $24 million in Federal aid to the city school system have been scheduled for the first two weeks of February.

The twice-postponed hearings, will examine the plan of the Health, Education and Welfare Department to cut off the funding because of the alleged insufficiency of Baltimore desegregation.

Peter E. Holmes, Director of the Civil Rights Office, last week criticized the citys secondary school desegregation plan which went into effect this fall despite its rejection by Federal officials in May.

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Administrative law judge Irvin N. Hackerman, who was scheduled to hear the case, would wait 30 days after the hearings to receive legal briefs from counsel for the city and Federal Government and render a decision by June.

(Editor's note: Despite Holme's position Norman P. Ramsey president of the Baltimore School Board stated last week, "We have no intention of changing the procedures for elementary school pupil assignments."

The Baltimore School Board charges HEW and Holmes have demonstrated a failure to understand the legitimate concerns which prompted the realignment of the program.)

In preparing for the hearings, Hackerman refused a request by E. Stepman, department lawyer, to question and obtain a deposition from Holmes before he resigns his post Dec. 1.

Derby questioned whether HEW was applying dihen Derby, a school department; but I hope this inspection tour will help to demonstrate that the absorptive capacities of African Nations for economic development funds is far, far removed from being anywhere near the maximum."

Derby also requested, and was refused, investigation of recent decisions by HEW which told Montgomery and Howard counties they were under no further obligation to desegregate their schools because racial imbalance was caused by housing patterns and not deliberate school system policy.

ferent standards to Baltimore in determining its racial imbalance was due to school department policies.

City officials have indicated they will appeal an unfavorable decision, a process which could take a year to resolve.

Official trip takes Cong. Mitchell to Africa for a week

Congress adjourned Nov. 20 for the Thanksgiving holiday and returns for official business Dec. 1.

Congressman Parren J. Mitchell left this morning Friday on official U.S. business in Africa. He returns Nov. 29.

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A statement from his office reads:

"As the prime sponsor of H.R. 6241, a bill to provide for America's participation in the African Development Fund, Cong. Mitchell (D-7th-Md.) is a part of the Congressional/Treasury Department's Project Inspection Trip to West Africa.

"Mr. Mitchell leaves for Africa from Andrews Air Force Base Nov. 21.

"Site inspections will take place in Dakar, Senegal; Bamako, Mali; Abidjan, Ivory Coast, and Monrovia Liberia."

Mr. Mitchell states, "In each of these countries to be visited there have been substantial American economic development projects authorized and appropriated for by the U.S. Congress and we must determine their degree of success in order to facilitate further economic development aid."

The Maryland Congressman stresses that this inspectional process has suddenly assumed far greater importance in the light of the tough mood now developing in the Congress because of recent actions taken in the United Nations.

"I anticipate," he said, "that the arguments against America's participation in the African Development Fund be based upon the faulty premise that the economic systems of the African Nations cannot absorb more funds at this stage of their development; but I hope this inspection tour will help to demonstrate that the absorptive capacities of African Nations for economic development funds is far, far removed from being anywhere near the maximum."

CONG. PARREN J. MITCHELL
Thanksgiving holiday working for the U.S.A.

3 banks hit Tuesday

(UPI) — Three banks in the Baltimore area were robbed Tuesday of undetermined amounts of cash by different gunmen within a period of four hours.

Police reported no arrests in the robberies and investigations are continuing.

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The first holdup occurred in West Baltimore shortly after 10:30 A.M. at the Maryland National Bank Branch on Franklintown Road.

GLEN BURNIE

In Glen Burnie, shortly after 11 A.M., a man dressed in blue clothing and black boots entered the Citizens Bank of Maryland, threatened a teller with a revolver and escaped with a paper bag filled with cash, according to authorities.

HARFORD RD.

Shortly after 2 P.M., a man robbed the Senator Savings and Loan Association on Hartford Road in Northeast Baltimore.

Police said he ordered a teller to fill a bag with money and he fled out the front of the bank.

$2,000 REWARD has been offered by the Maryland Association for Bank Security for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the above suspect who attempted to rob the Maryland National Bank at 101 W. North Ave. on Feb. 26. He is described as being between 25-29 years old and is about 5 ft. 10 ins. tall. He is heavy-set with broad shoulders.

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