—Bride pleads guilty, gets prison term

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each check she furnished illegally.

Just before Judge Perrott sentenced Mrs. Ellis on Thursday, she testified, "I pleaded guilty only because I did the work of the case load. I have not received any money from this and all of the work was done through another worker."

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With a quiver in her voice Mrs. Ellis said, "Your honor, I would like another chance."

Judge Perrott answered, "Your case has given this court a great deal of concern.

"The whole community and those persons who need it most have been deprived of $10.000. You come from a fine home and people from the community have expressed justifiable shock."

At the time Mrs. Ellis committed the false pretense crimes, she was on probation for a 1973 federal conviction. In a signed statement dated Dec. 12, 1973 by Mrs. Ellis, she admitted stealing "government checks worth $632.42."

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Records filed in Federal Court dated December 1973, state Mrs. Ellis is a former emplove at the Social Security Administration in Woodlawn, Md. and also worked at the Bureau of Health Insurance Division as a time keeper in charge of distributing payroll checks.

Mrs. Ellis is quoted as saying, "On Oct. 9, 1973, I observed Elaine J. Smith at her desk and realized she had undistributed payroll checks in her desk.

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The statement says, "I went to the area and asked the secretary if I could leave Elaine a note. I then went to her desk, opened her middle drawer and took two government checks belonging to Wayne Gegorek and John Book and a government bond."

Federal Court records state Mrs. Ellis forged the name of the payee and coendorsed checks with a fictitious name and chased the checks at Maryland National Bank in Woodlawn.

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After delivering documents on Nov. 20, 1973 around 8:30 a.m. Mrs. Ellis observed a government check on a desk, took the check, forged the signature and attempted to cash it.

However, when she tried to get her co-worker to cash the check along with with her payroll check, he was not successful. When Mrs. Ellis attempted to cash the government check she was questioned by an executive of the bank and left.

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The Rev. Mr. Paige, told the court he has known Mrs. Ellis all her life and asked the court to pardon he. Another character witness, Rev. Robert T. Hurt of Community Baptist Church, testified he has known Mrs. Ellis all her life and "She has done so much good in the community."

William L. Waller, chairman of the Trustee Board of Faith Baptist Church asked the court "to be merciful on Mrs. Ellis." Her husband, Raymond Ellis testified, "I love my wife and believe what she told me. I am hurt and she is hurt also, but, not hurt enough to turn my back on her."

Mrs. Ellis was employed at Rosewood School under the Maryland Mental Retardation Administration as a teacher's aide.

—Tom Ford —Minister demands apology

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Marie Smallwood, Ruby Holley and Evelyn Curtis. Mr. Ford willingly autographed for them and chatted about the chances for the General Election

The Ford Headquarters in the 600 block N. Charles St. has literature, buttons, lawn placards and billboards, bumper stickers and paste-ons in red, white and blue colors. Hostesses served mints, coffee and cookies to the scores of guests comin g an d going during the afternoon

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within our communities.

"We all know of the important influence our churches have with the people. If I can ever be of service to you in the future, please do not hesitate to call." The letter was signed Commissioner Donald Pomerleau.

The Baptist Ministers Conference went on record Oct. 18 of being totally supporting the Rev. Mr. Johnson and all other blacks who have suffered harassment. Rev. Alfred C. D. Vaughn, president of the Baptist Ministers Conference said the clergy is really calling for a stop to this kind of thing.

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Rev. John R. Bryant, pastor of Bethel AME Church told the AFRO on Wednesday, "We (AME Ministerial Aliance) want to add our voices to those demanding an apology from the police department to the Johnson family. We far for this whether it as a people have come too far to allow this kind of thing to continue."

The Rev. Mr. Johnson said despite the fact there were many pictures and items in his living room to tell the police he was a minister, they went trough the house frightening his wife and children.

After the minister looked at the picture of the suspect and told the detectives, "I do not know the man and have never seen him," they continued to search his home.

Cong. P. J. Mitchell's schedule

FRIDAY, OCT. 22

10-4 — Federal Office Building Room 1018

2-4 — Campaign: Edmondson Village

7 — Speak: Dinner (Third Annual Military Ball), D.C. Chapter of Morgan State University Alumni Association, Bolling Air Force Officers Open Mess.

SATURDAY, OCT. 23

10:30 — Motorcade Mondawmin

2-4 — Campaign: Edmondson Village

7 — Keynote Speaker: Tuskegee Institute Alumni, Regional Banquet, Village of Cross Keys Inn.

—Mandel says

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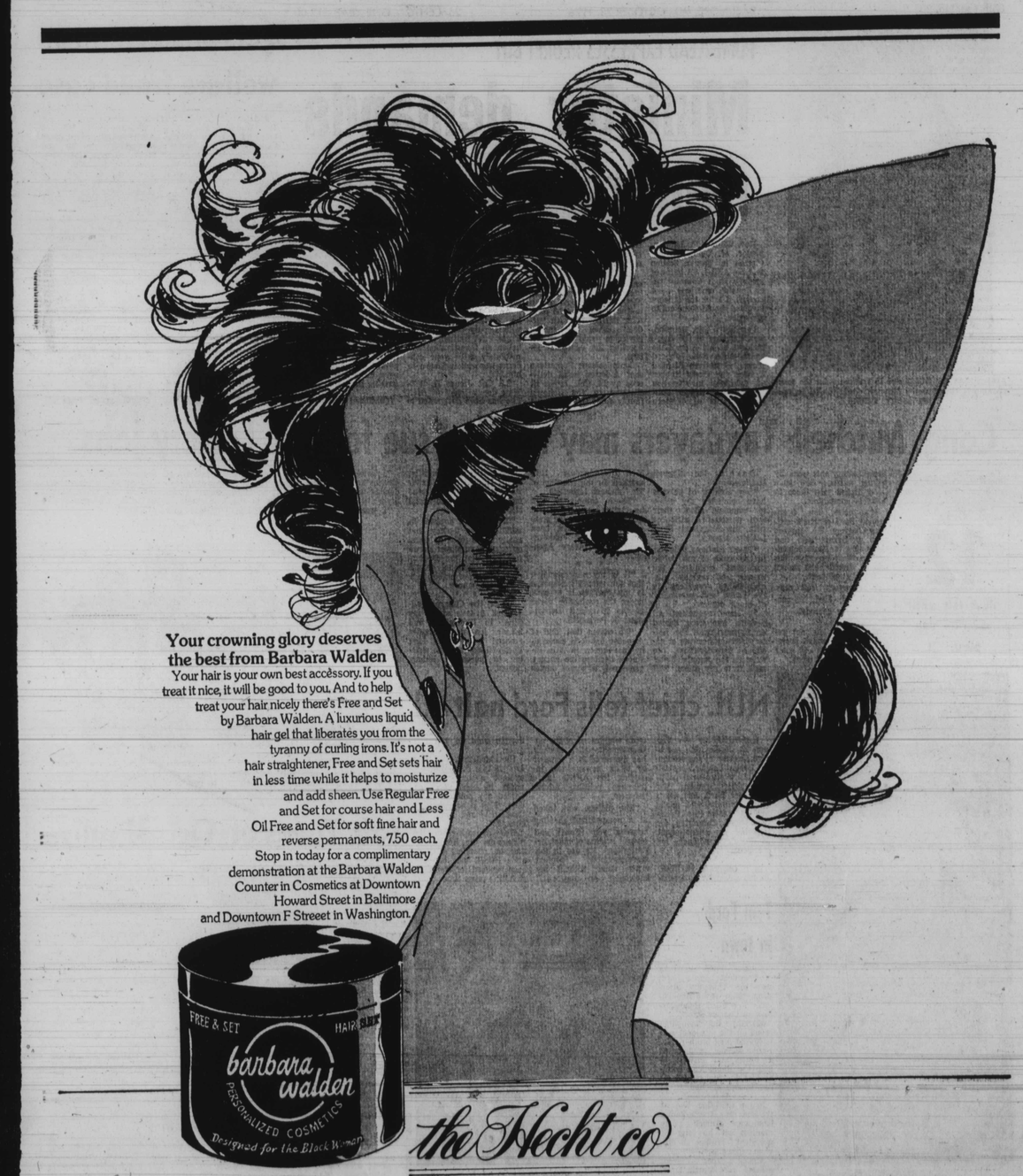
that inequality determined the disposition of the Chester case.

I do unequivocably say, however, that the appearance of inequality is so strong that it threatens any hope for obtaining the confidence of the people in the equality of justice.

You can eliminate the appearance of inequality in the Chester case by granting an immediate pardon."



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For All We Know

By Elizabeth M. Oliver
City Editor

REV M.R. AND MRS. N. B. CARRINGTON are proud of their great grandson born Monday, Oct. 18 at Washington General Hospital. He is John Edward Myers, son of Edward and Romona Myers, 8900 Marrill, Laurel, Md. and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. John Myers, 1652 Ruston Ave., Baltimore.

The Rev. Mr. Carrington is the retired AFRO head pressman whom we have known as "Rev." so fondly for years and years. He is also former pastor of Union Memorial United Methodist Church and assistant at Metropolitan Methodist.

SHARP STREET METHODIST, the on the ball church where the Rev. Clifford is pastor, has begun plans for the 175th birthday although it is not until late next year. How about that? It promises to be a superb celebration.

Sharp Street's congregation dates back to 1802 but the church on Etting St. is not the original one, the old one used to be on Sharp St. in South Baltimore.

SOUTH BALTIMORE is soooo enchanting. There's Wayman AME Church, just about this big, which has history extending far back to the time of Frederick Douglass. The church still standing is named for Bishop Homer Wayman, Douglass' kin.

ONE OF THE DOUGLASS kinsmen came in to the AFRO this week with the family tree, history and old photos that are simply astounding.

WE'RE GOING to the Eastern Shore area Saturday where Douglass was a slave. Harriett Tubman also resided in the area around Cambridge. There's nothing but real, unspoiled history there.

ALEX HALEY, the Roots author, is lucky he was able to get his family tree from its African roots, published. Since we have been here at the AFRO we have received many such family trees complete with original slave papers. During our Bicentennial search for histories just this past summer, we had information from some Baltimoreans whose ancestry has been traced back to African tribes.

MANY BALTIMORE FAMILIES stem from Virginia plantations whose owners kept for them their slave papers. If you want to search way, way back in Virginia, go to the Confederate Museum in Richmond and check. It was there we found the original photo of the grand jury which handed down the indictment against Jefferson Davis.

The photo is printed in many, many black history books but fails to give the name of the jurists one of whom is our relative John Oliver and another, the uncle of Baltimore's Mrs. Frances Turner White, both on the front row.

SOME FAMILIES keep their histories complete and hand them down. They say "Those who need to know, already k ow. The rest do not need to know."

WHEN I FIRST MET Alex Haley, he was appearing at a fantastic program given in Columbia by our own Mary Carter Smith for the benefit of Orchard Street Church.

This was a long time ago but Mr. Haley was quite famous and his personal appearances were rare and expensive. However, at the request of his dear friend, Mary Carter Smith, he charged not one cent.

STRANGE THINGS make the news. How extremely interested AFRO readers were in the birds atop old City Hall!

The story originated through phone calls from AFRO readers who exclaimed, "You should see those birds, pigeons, starlings, sparrows, all flying in to roost."

The sight is something to see when you journey home from work from downtown. Thousands of passers are now looking up because of the AFRO story. We have received more calls.

BIRDS FLOCKING near President Nixon's Maryland retreat at Camp David attracted worldwide attention only months before Nixon's "infamous swan song" came.

REMEMBER? Not one person has ever found out why they suddenly gathered there by the millions.

AND, remember, there was a movie on "The Birds" that have a good box office?

FORMER AFRO REPORTER, Portia Badham, now a Hecht Co. buyer, designed and coordinated costumes for the "Little Ham" play opening at the Arena Players tonight. It runs each weekend through Nov. 4 at the renovated Arena Players spot just off Druid Hill Orchard Street, and McCulloh St.

WORKMEN are preparing old Orchard Street Church, in the same area, for the early winter opening of the Underground Dining Room and Kitchen, slated to be a charming spot to dine. The Gift Shop will also soon open with unusual and ancient gifts for Christmas presents. Mrs. Troy Bralley and her many volunteers are in charge.

PARK HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CORP. and the Northwest Baltimore Corp. announce their Get-Out-The-Vote Campaign kick-off set for Oct. 29 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at 2700 W. Cold Spring Lane. Phone 578-0208.

COMING SOON TO PARK HEIGHTS a Bicentennial exhibit in honor of black South Africa, Dr. Carl Murphy of the NAACP and Dr. Lawrence Zollicoffer, sponsored by the Urban Inter-Culture Educational Project of Baltimore City Teacher Corp, 9th Cycle, the Park Heights Community Corporation, and Pimlico Community Parents.

The exhibit is a collection of several components: Black America, Africa, 18 Black Congressmen, Historical Books, Family Collections, Historical Records, Historical Baltimore.

SEE THIS outstanding and nostalgic exhibit beginning Sunday Oct. 31, 1-7 pm, Park Heights Community Corp. 2700 W. Cold Spring Lane.

The Teacher Corp. collaborated with Coppin State College, Morgan University, the University of Maryland at Baltimore County, Pimlico Elementary School, Dunbar Region II, Region V Public School Teachers Association.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS are Mrs. Pearl Burke, assistant director; Patrica Minor, team leader; chairman, Marvey Smothers, Rose Parran, Bryant Alexander, Cliff Robertson, Frederick Woods, Howard Young, Carol Settle, Morris Iles, Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson, and Coordinator Mrs. Doris Tuggle.

The committee continues to research Black American Culture. The exhibit is available for shows. For further information, call Mrs. Doris Tuggle (466-3244).

THE WOMEN'S COMMITTEE of the Arena Players sponser's the Langston Hughes' "Little Ham," and whose honored guest will be the most talented artist in the music field, Mrs. Dorothy Maynor Rooks of New York City.

The ladies note the play takes a nostalgic look at life in Harlem during the 20's and 30's, the numbers, the gangsters, the houserent parties and the Savoy Ballroom.

THE WOMEN'S COMMITTEE, was formed in February this year to support and promote the Arena Players in all endeavors. Members are: Cordelia Johnson, president; Ruth Gunthrp, vice-president; Carrie Johnson, Thelma Ashe, secretaries; Effie James, treasurer; Myrtle Bennett, Marguerite Brown, Sarah Boykin, Muriel Carter, Phyllis Friedman, Gladyce Gardner, Mattie Gardner, Ruth Gunthrap, Carrie Jackson, Effie, James, Josephine Kimbers, Irene Kirby, Mabel Lawrence, Susie Mansfield, Mary Marrow, Marguerite Petersen, Lillie Strothers, Ruby Smith, Alegra Taylor and Elizabeth Williams.

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