Past Grand Worthy Matron Olivia C. Bates and Grand Recorder Elaine K. Campbell were among the over 600 Myra Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star members present at the 81st Annual Session this week at the Masonic Temple.

Suspect seized in New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS — Those who know him best say it was extreme bitterness and frustration that plunged 35-year-old Carlos Poree into a bloody shooting spree in downtown New Orleans which left 10 persons wounded on a somber November morning.

'He didn't have his usual smile," remarked a neighbor who watched Poree leave his suburban New Orleans home that Monday morning.

By noon, it was all over. Poree's two-hour rage had terrified a city, and left him bloodied and beaten.

A week later, the city is still pondering what made Poree so embittered that only blood could satiate him.

It may have begun Dec. 17 of last year when Poree was fired from his $19,322-per-year job as an auditor for the Internal Revenue Service.

Perhaps the final blow came when his wife of 10 years left him only weeks before the shooting spree.

His wife's mother, Mrs. Alvin Broussard, said Poree had become increasingly hostile and depressed, and she said her daughter left him and refused to return unless he consulted a doctor.

Poree's wife, Diane, was one of the first to be shot when her husband launched on his rampage.

Her father actually was the first, shot as he stood in the doorway of his home.

Mrs. Poree, who had been living with her parents, was shot in the abdomen, chest, left arm and neck as she lay in bed.

Her father, Alvin Broussard, 61, was shot three times — in the throat, right hand and right side.

Doctors says Mrs. Poree will be paralyzed from her injuries.

Officials have remarked that it is almost unbelievable none of the victims — some shot at point-blank range — died instantly.

Two, however, were in critical condition.

"A nice guy" is how friends and relatives described Poree.

He was a nice guy with a dream turned sour.

Even one of his victims told police Poree "did not look like a maniac."

Yet as police led him away after tracking him down on a busy downtown street corner, all Poree did was smile for photographers.

Later that day, he was not all smiles. His face was drenched with blood as police brought him to Charity Hospital for treatment after, police said, Poree attempted to fight with officers while he was being fingerprinted.

Poree suffered severe injuries to an eye, police said, after he punched an officer in the chest,

Carlos Poree

knocking down.

Police said Poree's head hit the floor as he and the officer wrestled. A security guard fired a shot which summoned other policemen to the area, and Poree was subdued, police reported.

The series of events which led to that point began after Poree fled from the Carrollton area where he shot his wife and father-in-law.

He had to travel across the city from his expensive eastern New Orleans suburban home to do the first shooing, and from there he proceeded by car to the French Quarter in downtown New Orleans.

Police said Poree stopped his car in the 300 block of Bourbon and shot two persons sitting on a bench in Edison Park.

The two were identified as 20-year-old Douglas Martin and 26-year-old Richard Quarles, both of Nashville, Tenn.

Next, Poree turned to leave as two tourists approached walking along Bourbon Street, and he shot one of them — 67-year-old Henry Luther of Gadsden, Ala.

A witness told the police Poree "stuck his gun about six inches away from the man's stomach and pulled the trigger."

Poree returned to his car, but frustration met him again.

A traffic jam forced him to abandon his car, and allegedly steal the car of 77-year-old Clem Watson and drive it into a parking lot, near where the third string of shootings took place.

When Poree was arrested, officers found the stub of a parking lot ticket in his pocket.

From the parking lot, Poree proceeded to the office of Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Smith.

A woman standing near the door with her son said he walked in brushing hurriedly past them, and began blazing away.

"Everyone thought it was a joke with a cap-pistol because it was so quick," she said.

"Then everyone started screaming."

Shot inside the building were 30-year-old Wesley Russell of New Orleans, 30-year-old Albert Carison, of Bay St. Louis, Miss., and 33-year-old George Held of New Orleans.

Held once listed in "very critical" condition after being shot in the neck and paralyzed, died early Saturday.

Only Held was still in "very Critical" condition after being shot in the neck and paralyzed.

From the stock brokerage office, Poree returned to the busy street, where witnesses said it appeared two men tried unsuccessfully to stop him.

They were shot and police identified them as 45-year-old Robert Barrell of New Orleans and 28-year-old Hans Anderson, of Norway.

They were the last of Poree's victims.

Bond for Poree, who was hospitalized for injuries sustained in his fusile with police, was set at $1.37 million.

Poree was being kept in a medical holding room adjacent to prison medical facilities with nothing to read, write or listen to but the four walls of his one-man cell.

Poree was described as laying quietly on his bunk while a special guard stands over him 24 hours a day.

He's just a lot of problems. He threw his food all over the place and and was extremely belligerent."

Carter choice admits paying White Citizens Council dues

BELZONI, Miss. — President Carter's nominee for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting board has admitted to having been a dues-paying member of the White Citizen's Council.

Belzoni city attorney Irby Turner Jr. said last week his only involvement with the white supremacy group was to attend one meeting and pay dues.

Turner said he severed ties with the group in the early 1960s because he was concerned about the direction in which it was headed.

"My total involvement with the group consisted of attending one meeting in a high school auditorium and paying $10 dues," Turner said. "I never had anything to do with policy of the organization."

According to the National Citizens Communications Lobby, Turner also "donated land for an all-white segregated private school which his children attend and on whose board he serves as a member."

Other charges question his fitness for CPB board membership.

Since his nomination on Oct. 19, Turner has been the focal point of protests from civil rights groups and the Congressional Black Caucus.

The Senate Communications Subcommittee held a "public" hearing on the nomination on Oct. 26, but no public witnesses were called.

The Caucus and other civil rights groups are pushing to have another public hearing scheduled to call witnesses to testify about Turner's fitness for the position.

Another meeting has yet to be scheduled.

Carter said at a news conference last week he was not aware the former state legislator had been a member of the white supremacy group formed after the U.S. Supreme Court's 1954 desegregation ruling.

In a letter to the subcommittee, the Caucus alleges that Turner "has committed systematic acts of discrimination based on race and sex."

The citizens' lobby also said that Turner "has violated minimum wage laws regarding his own farm employees..."

Collins named U.S. judge by Carter

WASHINGTON — One of the few remaining bastions of white supremacy in public service has been knocked down by President Carter.

Carter has shattered the lily-white federal judiciary arrangement Dixie has managed to maintain through the connivance of the White House and Congress.

His nomination of New Orleans Magistrate Robert F. Collins is a history-making appointment that also keeps alive the president's campaign promise to name blacks to the federal judiciary in the South.

With the blessing of U.S. Senators Russell B. Long of Baton Rouge and J. Bennett Johnston of Shreveport, Carter tapped Collins for a vacancy on the Eastern District Court in Louisiana.

The two Democratic senators from Louisiana had urged Republican presidents previously to appoint a black U.S. judge in their state but neither Richard M. Nixon nor Gerald Ford would do so.

In the past presidents and their attorneys general have contended one of the major reasons they declined to name blacks to such judgeships in the South is because U.S. senators from their states would not go along.

Under such a circumstance, other members of the Senate, jealous of their buddy-buddy system, would have refused to approve such a nomination, it was argued.

However, as the voting power of blacks has gained wallop in Dixie in recent years, AFRO surveys have indicated that a number of U.S. senators from the Deep South now would support black judges.

During his campaign for office Carter said he realized the taint on the judiciary system caused by the apparent exclusion of qualified blacks from the federal judiciary for racial or political reasons.

In a visit to the AFRO during his primary, Carter said there definitely would be blacks named to the federal judiciary in Dixie if he became president.

In addition to the breakthrough appointment of Collins, Carter also has named a number of U.S. marshals and deputies, with the number in Dixie greater than at any time since the Reconstruction.

A recent survey indicated there were only 23 black federal judges across the country out of more than 400 serving.

Collins, if approved by the Senate, as is expected, would replace Judge Alvin B. Rubin who has been named to the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals.

Collins, a former civil rights attorney who served the Congress of Racial Equality, grew up in New Orleans.

He attended a segregated public elementary school and a secondary institution sponsored by the Methodist Church.

An honor graduate of Dillard University in New Orleans, he was one of the first members of his race to earn a law degree from the Louisiana State University School of Law after it was desegregated.

Gov. Edwin W. Edwards named Collins a magistrate in 1972 and he later was elected to a 12-year term.

He and his wife, Aloha, have four children.

I CAN DO IT—Van Coleman, a Norristown Pa. resident who is a member of the United Way Troupe, watches a child assemble pieces of a puzzle during a visit to the day care center of the YWCA, 2027 Chestnut St., Philadelphia. The 1978 United Way Campaign, which helps to support some 250 community agencies and services including the Y, has one week left to reach its $23,850,000 goal. Van, who works for a Philadelphia bank, will attend UW's closing dinner at the Sheraton Hotel on Nov. 17 with other troupe members.

Last pearl buttons made here

ELLIOTT, Md. — Chester Martinek still toils over hand - operated equipment as he creates the smallest mother - of - pearl buttons made in the United States.

Martinek has kept alive the dying business of hand - made pearl buttons in his small shop located here in the marshland of southern Dorchester County.

His wooden shed is furnished with hand - operated lathes and grinders which were brought to the United States by his family in the early part of the century.

"At one time, it was quite an industry here," Martinek said Monday. "But the Japanese undersold for so long, most went bankrupt. Now most pearl buttons are made in Japan."

Although two other shops in the United States make pearl buttons, Martinek boasted, "We're the only ones in the U.S. who make the very small buttons. We're the only ones."

The tiny pearl buttons measure about 3 - 16th inch in diameter.

Martinek said his machines are old and that a fire could put him out of business because "they couldn't be replaced. They aren't made."

Marvin Gaye hospitalized

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — Soul singer Marvin Gaye, admited to Memorial Hospital Sunday for treatment of exhaustion following a three-month road tour, was listed in stable condition Tuesday.

A hospital spokesman said Gaye was admitted to the hospital after performing for an audience on the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga Campus.

The spokesman said Gaye was in a special care unit at Memorial and was undergoing a medical evaluation. His physician was identified as Dr. Pete Soteres, a specialist in pulmonary diseases and internal medicine. (UPI).

(UPI Telephoto)

CONVICTED ROBBER - KIDNAPPER Calvin Johnson is escorted by deputy sheriff on his arrival at the Allegheny County Courthouse in Pittsburgh. The extradition of Johnson, pictured in straight straight jacket, from New York was delayed last week when he threw himself on the ground at LaGuardia Airport and screamed he was abducted. His antics made him late for his flight to Pittsburgh and deputies rented a car for the return.

Special cell at Pen

A special cell — its cinder block walls and ceiling covered with sheets of steel — has been built for $3,000 in the Maryland Penitentiary to segregate a prisoner accused of assaulting inmates and medical personnel.

McLindsey Hawkins, acting warden, said a cell in the death row section has been renovated to house Willie L. Burnette, who is serving a 10-year term for robbery and whose behavior is "completely unpredictable."

Hawkins said Burnette allegedly assaulted a nurse and two doctors since he came to the maximum security prison last April.

Dr. Joel D. Knispel, of the psychology staff at the prison, said it is "psychologically contagious" to allow Burnette the freedom of being with the other inmates.

"What you want to do with this type of behavior is isolate it so it doesn't effect anyone else," he said.

The cell was modified to segregate Burnette, to keep him from destroying prison property and to prevent contraband, such as razors, from being funneled into his cell.

Prison officials said Burnette has broken handcuffs and leg irons with his hands, ripped bunks from the wall of his cells and destroyed prison property.

Machine copy sun, stars

Hoping to find a source of abundant and relatively cheap power, physicists at Johns Hopkins University are using a small machine they hope will some day simulate the way the sun and stars produce energy.

Funding with a $625,000 grant by the U.S. Department of Energy, the research team is searching for ways to get rid of small impurities that appear to be the major hindrance in repoducing stellar energy.

They are using a machine to set up fusion reactions, which release energy after the joining of atomic particles. Experimental fusion machines, designed to trigger and sustain fusion reactions, have been built in the United State, Japan, the Soviet Union and Europe.

The program is focusing on impurities in the fusion process. These impurities are small amounts of oxygen, nitrogen, carbon and other substances that reduce the effectivenss of the fussion reactions.

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Women step to forefront in religious endeavors

By Pam Widgeon

Women have been rather silent members of the church for years but have made many contributions.

Without their efforts in religious endeavors, the church would not be the strong institution it is today.

In order for the church to continue as a force in the world, women are now accepting leadership roles in their church as ministers and evangelist.

The Rev. Agnes Alston, who is employed as a guidance counselor at Greenspring Junior High School has been a minister longer than any other woman in the city.

A lifetime member of Gillis Memorial Christian Community Church, Miss Alston has been a licensed minister for 37 years and is now associate minister of Gillis.

"Many women ministers have been held down as women in the pulpit. I am not a pulpit minister.

"When I came along, there were not many female ministers," said Miss Alston.

Speaking of younger women in the ministry, Miss Alston stated, "Young ministers are geared to the pulpit. The ministry is broader than the pulpit. It is reaching out to people."

As a child, she recalls "A deep urge to do something more for Christ than what she was doing. You have to be chosen by Christ for the job.

"The Lord gives us 24 hours a day. I get eight hours sleep, work eight hours at Greenspring Junior High School and spend eight hours doing things for the Lord, taking care of a home and my mother."

A member of Delta Sigma Theta, and several other organizations, Miss Alston has several degrees and was awarded the Doctor of Humane Letters degree by the Virginia Theological Seminary and College in 1975.

Diane Gwynn

Reba Brown

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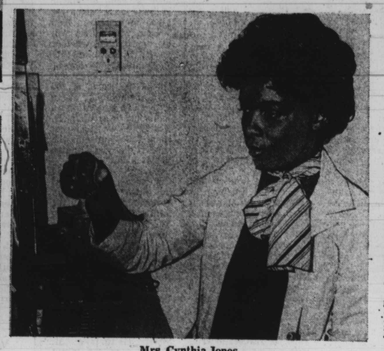

Mrs. Cynthia Jones

The Rev. Ms. Reba Brown paved the way for other young women of her church to enter the ministry when she became the first woman minister ever at Fulton Baptist Church.

"It was the first time for our church to have a woman enter the ministry. The pastor, Dr. Douglass Wilson consulted with me many times about my decision.

When he was sure my mind was made up, he took it to the church and the Deacon Board for approval. Both groups voted in favor of my decision unanimously," says Ms. Brown, who was licensed during the summer after delivering her first sermon.

The 26 - year - old divorcee is a graduate of the Helene Fuld School of Nursing, Provident Hospital. She is employed at Montebello State Hospital.

Mrs. Brown, like many other young women entering the ministry says, "I received a calling."

"About three yearsago I got a strong inclination that I wanted to preach. It was like an unrestlessness in me.

I began having dreams. I could actually see myself standing in the pulpit preaching."

Ms. Brown recalls other uncomfortable feelings she had during her soul - searching moments.

"I was afraid of how my friends and church would feel about me. But something kept telling me not to worry about it.

My family and friends were happy for me, but many were shocked. Ms. Brown says her family and friends are 100 percent behind her — those that were true friends. She mentioned that several persons that she thought to be her friends shunned her when she decided to enter the ministry.

Ms. Brown recalls a strong rejection to women and particularly to herself when she decided to enter the ministry.

"My former pastor told me I could be an evangelist, but not a minister. He said they were not accepted in his church.

Ms. Brown studied the ministry for a year at the Maryland Baptist SCHOOL OF Religion, Virginia Seminary Extension, on McCulloh Street. She is presently in consultation with the Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, Ga.

Ms. Brown, the mother of 9 - year - old Tenyo Yolande Brown and daughter of Mrs. Ethel Fitchett, manager of Pauline Brooks Boutique and the late Ellsworth Fitchett,

A member of Chi Eta Phi

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Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority 55th Founders' Day fete

Just when the first snow flurries of the season began to fall, members of the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. were busy gathering at Blue Crest North to celebrate 55 years of community service.

The occasion was their annual Founders' Day Luncheon with the theme "Sigma Women Reflect Community Involvement."

Members reflected days of the past paying tribute to their seven founders who organized the sorority in November 1922 at Butler University, Indianapolis.

Sigma Gamma Rho, a non-profit collegiate sorority was incorporated to provide permanence and has more than 180 undergraduate and graduate chapters throughout the country.

Sigma Gamma Rho is strong in the area of giving its young people an indentification with the community through activities that are natural and appealing to them as well as conducted in a setting that develops citizenship "Total environment organization."

Community service, leadership training, and education of youth are the hallmark of the sorority program and activities. Activities are encouraged that will further in every way possible the dignity and worth of the individual member intellectually, culturally, morally and socially.

In the pursuit of excelence Sigma Gamma Rho offers the following: Vocational Guidance Clinics, Leadership Training Programs, The Study of Negro History, Scholarship Aid and a Community Action Program.

Guest speaker for the afternoon was Dr. Lorraine A. Williams, historian, author, editor and lecturer and vice president for Academic Affairs, Howard University, Washington, D.C..

Other program participants included Alice Sue Lee, mistress of ceremonies; Pamela Vessels, Karen E. Smith, Pat Ricks, Frances Dorsey, Angela Parrott, Jacqueline Arrington;

Delores Routh, Betty Jo Cashier, Sylvester Rufus Graves, Ida Washington, H. Lota Howard, Gladys Brown, basileus and Lillie Van Landingham, Washington, D.C.

Officers of the Alpha Alpha Sigma Chapter include Gladys Brown, basileus; Patelle Harris, anti-basileus; Eliza Diggs, grammateus; Julia Medley, anti-grammateus and Myra Curtis, tamiochus.

Serving as advisors to the undergraduate chapters of the sorority in Baltimore are Martha Allen, Beta Tau Chapter; Cindy Johns, Gamma Mu Chapter and Alice Sue Lee, Gamma Phi Chapter.

Founders' Day Committee members included Alice Sue Lee, chairperson; Frances Dorsey, co-chairperson; Martha Allen, Jacqueline Arrington, Margarie Carter, Betty Jo Cashier, Verna Chase, Rhonda Cooper and Lota Howard;

Angela Parrott, Dorothy Redd, Carolyn Robinson, Delores Routh, Karen E. Smith, Barbara Tarver, Pamela Vessels and Ida Washington.

55th Founders' Day — The women of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., the Baltimore Chapters marked their 55th anniversary in a celebration last Saturday at Blue Crest North. From left are: Gladys Brown, basileus, Alpha Alpha Sigma Chapter; Evelyn Hood, grand basileus, Atlanta, Ga.; Dr. Lorraine A. Williams, guest speaker, vice president for Academic Affairs, Howard University and Alice Lee, chairperson for the affair.

tattle • tales

IF YOU HAVE WONDERED what happened to Bob Matthews — formerly with Channel 11 television and then with NBC in New York — here it is: He's back in D. C., French tam and all, doing a special network broadcast piece titled "Reflections." You can pick it up on WBAL radio during the 6 p.m. NBC news spot. He's as good as always.

LOOKING GOOD!

That biew of the Baltimore Inner Harbor marina from the fourth floor balcony of the Maryland Academy of Sciences is breathtaking. Can't you just picture Ken Wilson standing up there overlooking his domain?

IT'S A SHAME ISN'T IT that one Randallstown babysitter we know is unemployed. Seems the men in blue picked her up on her sitting job, for passing one rubber check too many. Rather than leave the preschoolers at home alone, they carted them off to jail with her.

Our kids are really going to pot. Imgaine having a prison record before kindergarten.

HEARTBURN HEAVEN or Where Not to Eat Downtown — We're so busy we just have to eat fast food sometimes. It just can't be helped but we at least expect edible eats, even when it's junk. Had a cheeseburger sub the other day and, it was LOUSY. Whoever heard of slopping tomato sauce on the burgers and putting on ordinary GREEN PEPPERS (Listen, dearie, I said HOT PEPPER). You simply could have wrung out the grease. Well, scratch that place OFF the list. We could solve that problem if someone would take us to the Owl Bar for lunch.

The Pacesetters

Dr. Harriett Jones.

Dr. Harriett C. Jones was appointed recently as the first Director of Medical Services for the Juvenile Services Administration.

Dr. Jones will develop an overall medical delivery system for Juvenile Services' institutional and State - operated community treatment programs, including coordination with other medical services in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

Dr. Jones is on the staff of the Preventive Medicine Administration of DHMH, and now on loan to Juvenile Services to meet the medical care needs for youth in juvenile facilities.

In announcing the appointment, Mr. Smith noted, "The medical needs of youngsters in the juvenile justice system has too long been overlooked.

With Dr. Jones' appointment, we will be able to provide more complete services to youngsters."

Ron Ferguson

Ron Ferguson has been appointed Director of Sales for Holiday Inn Downtown-Civic Center, according to Daniel Cummings, managing director for the facility, located at Howard and Lombard Streets.

Mr. Ferguson, a native Baltimorean and graduate of Coppin State College, has been affiliated with Holiday Inn for three years, as acount executive and sales manager. He is surrently President of the Hotel Sales Managers Association, Maryland Chapter.

He was also associate Director for the Target City Youth Program, and past Vice - President and Director of the Baltimore Jaycees.

"Ron's deep involvement in the community and his commitment to a revitalized downtown make him a great asset to Holiday Inn and to the city as well," said Cummings.

Ron, his wife Sandy, and their four daughters live in the Woodlawn area, where he is active in the Powhatan Community Association, Powhatan P.T.A.

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