Last rites for slain nurse

'Bee Bee' always helped others

Since 1949, Mrs. Rubenia Patterson had been employed as a registered nurse.

Relatives described Mrs. Patterson who was fondly called "Bee Bee" by her family as a dedicated hard worker, who enjoyed taking care of the sick.

"When she was not working, she would spend most of her time with her children and always helping other people," said Mrs. Louise Williams, mother of Mrs. Patterson.

Mrs. Patterson, of the 700 block East 36th St., was found dead April 3 in the hall of her second floor two story home.

She was found lying face up just outside the bathroom door and near the bedroom door.

Also found on the second floor of the 36th Street home was Warren Benjamin Williams, 43, of the 2600 block Hilton St.

He had been shot twice in the chest and once in the arm and Mrs. Patterson was shot three times, once in the chest, left arm and breast.

Police have charged Mrs. Patterson's former 40 - year - old boyfriend with two counts of murder.

John Alston, of the 5600 block Bellville Ave., is now confined to City Jail on $75,000 bond.

Police report Alston allegedly entered Mrs. Patterson's home through her kitchen door after breaking the glass in the lower right corner of the door.

Police reveal Mr. Alston went to the second floor and started arguing with Mrs. Patterson before he allegedly shot both victims.

The family hour for Mrs. Patterson will be 7 p.m. April 7 at Morton and Dyett Funeral Home, 1701 Laurens St., with last rites starting at 8 p.m.

Mrs. Rubenia Patterson

In addition to her mother, Mrs. Patterson is survived by her stepfather, Herbert Williams; three sisters, Ms. Subrina Davis, Ms. Flora Johnson and Ms. June L. Johnson; three brothers Archie Patterson, Emmanuel Johnson and James Johnson; two sons, Tyrone and Christopher McClean.

The family of Mr. Williams will receive friends April 7 from 7 to 8 p.m. at St. Cecelia Catholic Church, with funeral services beginning at 8 p.m.

Wilmer S. Hunt Jr.

Education of deaf subject of lecture

Wilmer S. Hunt Jr., executive assistant commissioner, Rehabilitation Services Administration, Department of Health, Education and Welfare, will be the keynote speaker at a conference on under - education and under - employment of the deaf at the Cross Keys Inn on April 10, 11 and 12.

Hunt will discuss topics relevant to problems currently faced by the deaf such as adult remedial educational needs, social and community needs, vocational needs and resources for implementing programs.

Prior to his present position, Hunt served as executive assistant to the Under Secretary of HEW until 1974, and from 1971 through 1973 was special assistant to the deputy director in the White House Office of Management and Budget.

He was listed in the prestigious Who's Who In Government for 1975 - 76.

The conference, made possible through a 1976 grant from HEW is co-sponsored by the League for the Handicapped Inc. and the Maryland Rehabilitation Center.

Ambassador to discuss human rights

The Ambassador of India, Nani A. Palkhivala, will be the guest speaker at the Honors Day convocation to be held at Morgan State University Thursday, April 13 at 10 a.m. in the Carl Murphy Fine Arts Auditorium.

Palkhivala is an international authority on constitutional law and a human rights advocate. He was engaged by Mrs. Indira Gandhi to argue her case before the Supreme Court when the former Prime Minister appealed the judgement of the Allahabad High Court. Palkhivala withdrew from the case on the day that Mrs. Gandhi declared a state of emergency.

State gets HUD grants

Six Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grants to Maryland housing counseling agencies were announced by Senator Charles McC. Mathias Jr., R - Md., as part of a $5 million national program.

The funds, which will provide free counseling for owners and tenants of HUD assisted and insured housing, were awarded to:

Baltimore Urban League, Mondawmin Concourse, $9,408;

Anne Arundel County Economic Opportunities Inc., Annapolis, $12,000;

St. Ambrose Housing Aid Center, Baltimore, $28,672;

Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development, $9,632;

Human Resources Development Agency of Baltimore County Inc., Dundalk, $7,188 and

Southern Maryland Tri - County Community Action Commission, Hughesville, $13,888.

Town meeting on budget to be held

A town meeting to let taxpayers air their views on Baltimore County's projected 1978 - 1979 budget will be held Saturday, April 8, at Golden Ring Junior High School, 6700 Kenwood Ave., in Rosedale, at 10 a.m.

This session will cover consideration of plans for the coming fiscal year and the expenditures of federal revenue - sharing funds. All interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

"In the past three years, our town meetings have proven to be a great success, giving administrators valuable insight into the priorities of the taxpayers," County Executive Theodore G. Venetoulis said.

"I hope that every citizen who is concerned about how their tax dollars are spent by our government will take this opportunity to make his or her feelings known."

This is the last scheduled town meeting prior to the presentation of the proposed budget to the County Council on May 1.

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Staffers file bias suits against hospital

By Clarence W. Hunter
AFRO Staff Writer

North Charles General Hospital, a hot bed for racial discrimination, nepotism and cronyism according to staff workers who have filed civil rights suits against this medical facility.

The AFRO has learned that incidents of discrimination, nepotism and cronyism ranging from the firing of black hospital employees for no apparent reason to placing relatives in strategic hospital posts.

Out of this situation four discrimination suits have been filed with the State Human Relations Commission, two of them earlier this week.

Norman R. Bernstein, the hospital's administrator, however, denies the allegation.

"There is no discrimination at the hospital," he said. "There is no nepotism and I only know about two discrimination suits. Both were found to be without substance."

Yet an AFRO investigation has revealed:

—Mrs. Eleanor Smith, an aide at the hospital who filed a discrimination suit Tuesday, was dismissed from the hospital last Thursday for allegedly yelling at a nurse.

Mrs. Smith contends that she did not yell at the nurse and that the director of the nursing Ruth E. Martin, told her just to go home and return the following day. When she did she was told she had been fired.

Hospital sources said a pink slip must accompany every dismissal. Mrs. Smith said she was not given one.

— A black employee of four years, a radiation technician, had asked to be transferred from the night shift to the day shift in late 1976.

The technician, according to reports, was due for a promotion but a white technician was promoted over him despite the fact they have the same qualifications.

— Reports revealed that hospital job openings are never posted on the bulletin board and are given to relatives or friends who are not qualified for the job and have to be trained.

— There is only one black on the board of trustees, Judge Robert Watts, and one black in a top administrative position, Alonzo Griffin. Sources said the board is handpicked by Mano Swartz, the president.

North Charles General opened in 1948 as a private all-white institution called Doctors' Hospital. It expanded and changed its name to North Charles in the early 60's and was accredited by the Joint Commission of Accreditation for Hospitals in 1963.

No date has been set for hearings before the Human Relation Commission.

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Prison bill in final battle

ANNAPOLIS — The state Senate is expected this weekend to vote on a bill that would change the location of a 890 bed minimum - medium security prison from the Continental Can Co. factory to the Fort Armistead Park area in South Baltimore.

Sen. Clarence Blount, the senate's majority whip, said a vote is expected sometime Friday or Saturday after the budget and taxation committee endorsed the bill by an 11 to 1 vote Thursday.

He added there will be some opposition, but the bill is expected to pass.

Senate President Steny Hoyer, D-Prince George's, has thrown his support behind the bill after an 85-day silence, but said that does not mean he favors the Fort Armistead site.

The reason for that this support of the bill is the governor has clearly indicated he will veto anyother bill" and a prison is needed, Hoyer said.

House Speaker John Hanson Briscoe, D-St. Mary's, said he supports the Fort Arimstead site because it is "politically palatable."

The 1977 General Assembly appropriated start-up funds to build the 890-bed prison at the site of the old Continental Can Co. factory in East Baltimore — a decision that generated a furor among residents and politicians in the area.

Under the pending bill, the prison would still be built at the original site if the state cannot obtain the deed to the Fort Armistead land by Feb. 15, 1979. The property was deeded to Baltimore by the federal government, provided it was used as a park. Federal approval is needed to change the conditions of the deed.

Sen. Julian Lapides, D-Baltimore, a member of the Budget and Taxation Committee, voted for the bill, but with reservations.

"It is political at this point and that's not the way it should be decided," Lapides said.

The budget and taxation committee also recommended passage of a bill, sponsored by Sens. Joseph Bonvegna and Robert Douglass, both D-Baltimore, that would prohibit prison construction at Continental Can.

Committee chairman Roy Staten, D-Baltimore County, said the committee endorsed the Bonvegan bill to give the governor an option between the two bills.

Lee has said he will veto any bill that does not give him Continental Can as a back-up site in case Fort Armistead is not available by Feb. 15 because critical prison overcrowding mandates construction of a new prison as soon as possible.

Briscoe said the House will oppose the Bonvegna bill unless Lee demonstrates that the deed to the Fort Armistead property is "locked up."

He said the only "responsible" position is to have a back-up site if Fort Armistead cannot be obtained.

Hoyer said he believes the Lee bill to move the prison site to Fort Armistead will pass the Senate, although he admitted Sen. Harry McGuirk, D-South Baltimore, and several Anne Arundel senators, whose county borders on the Fort Armistead site, may stage a filibuster.

McGuirk tried to amend the bill in committee to make a location near the Maryland Penitentiary in downtown Baltimore the back-up site, but his amendment was rejected.

He is expected to continue his fight on the Senate floor.

Thomas Peddicord, Lee's legislative lobbyist, said getting the deed is not an obstacle and the land can be obtained well before the Feb. 15 deadline.

"It's not a ploy," he told the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee. "We feel Fort Armistead is a better location because it is secluded."

Zatella Giles, of the Concerned Citizens of East Baltimore, said her group will never give up its fight to block construction of a prison in East Baltimore.

She said 155,000 people live within two miles of Continental Can, while 750 people live within two miles of Fort Armistead.

"We should pass that bill as it is," Sen Robert Douglass, D-Baltimore told the committee. "It ought to be done and done quickly" because the state's prisons are overcrowded.

But Sne. McGuirk, said the only real solution is to decrease the prison population through rehabilitation and early parole.

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