MORE ADVANCE SAVERS on opening day at Walbrook Plaza office, from left, Mrs. Verniece Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Osborne Payne and Mrs. Florence Miller for Mt. Holly Improvement Association and James T. Alston.

OPENING DAY SAVERS at Advance Federal's new drive - in office in Walbrook Plaza on Saturday included, from left, Dr. John L. Crew, Dr. Curtiss Adams, William C. March and Raymond V. Haysbert.

Advance opens new banking center in style

Advance Federal Savings and Loan Association held open house on Saturday morning for its second branch office.

The new facility with drive-in-window, is located at 3411 Clifton Ave. in the Walbrook Plaza.

Elroy O. Wilson, the firm's treasurer, cut the ribbon officially opening the spacious new offices.

The Rev. Leonard E. Hicks, pastor of Greater New Hope Baptist Church, said the prayer. The Rev. Mr. Hicks West North Avenue church is among Baltimore area churches which have been able to secure over 6 ½ million in mortgages to buy or build their church homes.

Dr. W. O. Bryson Jr., president and chairman of Advance's board of directors, joined with other directors in the opening ceremony.

Among them, senior vice presidents, Joseph A. Bush, Dr. Theodore D. Phifer; and directors, Theodore E. Brown Sr., Dr. Beryl W. Williams, W. Emerson Brown Jr., Dr. Robert M. Phillips.

Advisory board members present and participating included Del. Isaiah Dixon, City Councilman Norman Reaves, Rev. George A. Crawley, James Alston, Harlow Fullwood, Samuel T. Daniels, Raymond A. Haysbert.

Also, Mrs. Flozella Clark, Milton E. Branch Jr., Dr. H. Garland Chissell, James A. Morton, Mrs. Alice Parham, Osborne Payne, Wilbert L. Walker.

Ms. Claudia Dennis, vice president, Branch Operations, introduced personnel assigned to the new office. They include Brenda Smith, head teller; Vivian Postell and Wanda Burton, tellers; and Teressa Gardner, clerk.

She told the gathering that the branch staff is pledged to provide prompt and efficient service and emphasized that if sufficient monies are banked at the new office, additional jobs could be created.

She noted that customers may buy food stamps, money orders, traveller's checks, pay phone and gas and electric bills at the new branch which offers ample parking.

Supreme Bench Judge Milton B. Allen, a charter saver at the Advance , described the early struggles to create Advance and observed he also holds passbook No. 2 (second only to President Bryson.)

Among others in the audience were Mr. and Mrs. Lacey Baxter, City School Superintendent John Crew, Dr. Rafael Cortado, Benjamin L. King, CPA; Mrs. Robbie Chissell, Leon Bridges, Carl Adair, Dr. Curtiss Adams, William C. March.

Also, Mrs. Marion Patterson, Mrs. Tillie Pair, Mrs. Vernice Reynolds, Mrs. Essie Sutton, Marshall B. Payne, Rev. Gentry McDonald, Charles R. Hill, Mrs. Maria Bruce, Mrs. Janet Hall and Mrs. Florence Miller of Mt. Holly Improvement Association and James H. Kilkenny.

Also there for opening D. Fleming and J. S. Foster of Fleming-Pinckney which air conditioned the new office and James Burrell, owner of electrical contracting firm which did the wiring.

Students who attended Walbrook High, adjoining the shopping center, made up a mixed chorus, which provided music for the opening. They were directed by Morris Queen.

Dr. Elizabeth Murphy Moss, a member of the advisory board, presided. A reception followed.

Other Advance directors are Rev. Arthur J. Payne and Mrs. Zelma A. Brown. In addition to drive in window service, Advance's new branch office also has office space inside to handle transactions.

An overnight depository is also included. It is designed to meet demands of prospective customers, particularly churches and businesses, which said they need a bank where they could invest their monies after regular hours and on Sundays, Dr. Bryson said.

Advance, which passed $27 million in assets as of June 30, 1981, offers checking accounts with interest and no service charge, plus high yield on regular passbook accounts and certificates, including Money Market and 30-month variable rate.

Begining Oct. 1, savers may purchase the new tax exempt all savers certificates. With a minimum deposit of $500, couples filing joint income tax returns can earn tax-exempt interest up to $2,000 during the year. Individuals can claim $1,000 tax exempt interest on their income tax returns.

Advance's home office is at 1405 East Cold Spring Lane. It has another branch at 1611 West North Ave.

ADVANCE FEDERAL'S NEW BRANCH — Drive - in office, with overnight depository officially opened by Advance Federal Savings and Loan Association at 3411 Clifton Ave. in Walbrook Plaza. In lower panel, Elroy O. Wilson cuts ribbon signalling opening. From left, Joseph A. Bush, director; Rev. George Crawley, advisory board member; Theodore E. Brown Sr., director; Dr. W. O. Bryson Jr., president; Del. Ike Dixon, W. Emerson Brown, and Dr. Robert E. Phillips, director, and the Rev. Leonard E. Hicks, advisory board member.

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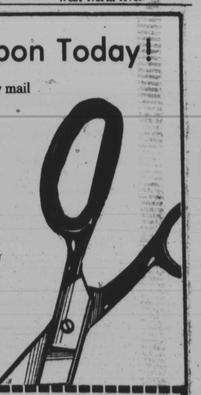

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$5,000 lottery 'winner' can't collect

THE McDONALD'S MURDER TRIAL

Scott identified as trigger man

AFRO sketch by Thomas Stockett

McDONALD's MURDER TRIAL — Martin Scott, 26, of the 400 block of Federal St., who is charged with the Nov. 25 murder of Glenn Harrod, 20 - year - old Morgan Student faces the death penalty. Scott is also charged with two other murders. A McDonald's employee identified Scott as the man who shot the Morgan student following a robbery at the York Road McDonald's.

Martin Scott, 26, who is charged with the Nov. 25 murder of Glenn Harrod who was killed following a robbery at the York Road McDonald's told Judge Peter Ward Thursday, "I will not testify."

Earlier this week two employees who worked at McDonald's and witness the shooting, testified that Scott was the man who shot Harrod after he had given him the money.

Harrod was a Morgan State University music major and worked at McDonald's. Ms. Ethelene Kennedy, a friend of the defendant testified that Scott told her he killed Harrod following the hold up because Harrod could identify him after he had looked at his face.

The assistant manager of McDonald's Garrett Gee, 23, also identified Scott as the man who shot Harrod and attempted to shoot him.

Det. Bryn Joyce testified that Scott admitted he owned the gun used in the killing when he was questioned by homicide detectives at Northern district police station.

Criminal Court Judge Peter D.

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Woman charges ticket was 'switched'

By Patricia Tatum
AFRO Staff Writer

A 21-year-old Southwest Baltimore woman, who claimed a winning $5,000 Instant Cash lottery ticket she purchased from a neighborhood market on Sept. 26, was "switched" and was replaced by a non-winning ticket, said she does not believe the State Lottery Commission official who told her no $5,000 winning tickets had ever been delivered to that store.

The store clerk, who was accused of making the switch, called the incident "unfortunate" and said he was glad the store, Gruner's Market, 101 N. Monastery Ave., had been "cleared of any misdoing."

According to a police report filed by Officer D. McVicker, Natalie Banks, of South Morley St., purchased a $1 Maryland Lottery Spot Cash ticket from Gruner's Market, on Sept. 26 at about 4:50 p.m.

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(AFRO photo by Roman Hankewycz)

NATALIE BANKS HOLDS the lottery ticket she claims was "switched" by an employee of Gruner's Market on Sept. 26. Ms. Banks claims the ticket she is holding is not the $5,000 winning ticket she purchased at the store.

Phone caller threatens Brailey about reward

Del. Troy Brailey, who last week announced plans to raise a reward for the apprehension of the murderer or murderers of a West Baltimore doctor, claims that he has received several threatening phone calls since the news was released.

"One guy asked me why was I sticking my nose into this sort of thing," he said, "and my wife said that several people have called the house, asked for me, then hung up."

Brailey, who said that the threats won't stop him from organizing the fund, started work on the project shortly after a Dr. George Phillips was gunned down during an apparent robbery attempt last week.

He said that he has already met with several community groups, and has set a minmum base of $500 for the fund.

Citizens wishing to contribute to the crime-stopping fund are urged to call 523-5205 for information.

Sojourner-Douglass gets $150,000 grant

By Portia E. Badham
AFRO Staff Writer

With less than one day left in the old fiscal year, which was spared the severe Reagan budget cuts, officials at Sojourner-Douglass College announced that the College announced that the institution had received a sizeable federal grant.

The announcement came Wednesday during a press conference when Rep. Parren Mitchell stated that the predominantly black, private institution had received a $150,000 federal grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

Formerly the Homestead-Montebello Center of Antioch University, Sojourner-Douglass gained its independence over a year ago and now enrolls 400 students.

The grant was provided through the U.S. Department of Education's Strengthening Developing Institutions Program (Title III) and will be used to create a management information system.

Dr. Charles Simmons, president of the college, expressed his appreciation to Mitchell, who was responsible for the institution being selected and stated that the money would also be used to develop a computer program.

Mitchell, former board member for the institution stated, "The future for higher education in general and black colleges in

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'Blue Thursday' for the needy

New welfare rules in effect this week

By James M. Abraham
AFRO Staff Writer

"This is the actual translation of these budget cuts into people's lives," said Dr. George Musgrove, director of the city's Department of Social Services. Musgrove was referring to the initial impact of the new federal fiscal year, which began Thursday.

Back in 1927, when the stock market crash plunged the nation into the Great Depression, the event was referred to as "Black Tuesday."

Thursday, as the new fiscal year began, thousands of city and state residents woke up to "Blue Thursday," and according to Musgrove, the process of removing or reducing welfare benefits for many on the city's rolls is just beginning.

"To assume that the process is complete as of today is a gross misunderstanding," he said. Musgrove said 4500 persons will be immediately affected by the cuts, and 45,000 more city residents may feel the pinch by the end of the month.

President Reagan's new fiscal policy immediately affects families who are beneficiaries of the Aid to Dependent Children, (AFDC), program.

The new guidelines for eligibility include a reduction in the amount of assets a person filing a claim could declare, and Musgrove said the effects could be more than purely monetary.

"There may be cases where someone might say that we'll, (a family), all starve to death unless I leave," he said.

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AMOCO station employee slain, co-worker charged

His money was still in his pocket when his co-worker found him lying on his back dead in the Amoco gas station restroom in the 4600 block of Liberty Heights Ave.

Police report they have no motive in the death of Larry Ray Stevenson, 30-year-old service station attendant who was shot once in the head.

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AFRO Photo by Roman Hankewycz

OFFICER JOHN DEGAN is one of the 60 officers who has been assigned to foot patrol. Police Commissioner Frank J. Battaglia hopes that the additional officers assigned to foot patrol will help prevent some of the crime in high crime areas of the city.

Cops on foot patrol

Do citizens think walking beats will help?

By James M. Abraham
AFRO Staff Writer

Baltimore citizens may have reason to breathe more easily and walk the streets with more assurance these days, because at least 50 new pedestrians will be men in blue.

According to police spokesman Mike Bass, the men will be detailed to cover 25 areas targeted as high crime districts.

The patrols are all voluntary, and work the shifts during their non-scheduled hours. They earn time-and-a-half for their efforts, and according to area citizens, they also are earning community respect.

"I think it's an excellent concept for a number of reasons," said Ralph Hughes, a Mondawmin-area community leader. "I think it will improve community relations. Also, the criminal element would be less likely to prey on businessmen who have a policeman around their stores a lot."

Dorothy Henry, of the 2100 block W. Fairmount Ave., agrees with the concept of foot patrolmen.

"A lot of times," she said, "if they're, (policemen), in a car, they'll go right past a scene, (of a crime). If you're walking, you notice the alleys and things more closely."

Mrs. Henry, a housewife, said that the presence of foot patrolmen in her neighborhood and near her husband's job has made them both feel more secure. (Her husband works at the crime-plagued Metro West Social Security Administration complex).

"They need more policemen," said Steve Butler, of the unit block of N. Pulaski St. "It would cut down on crime if people knew policemen were in the area."

Paula Brooks, who manages Pauline Brooks boutique in Mondawmin Mall, says the additional foot patrolmen are needed.

"I think that when things are going okay, people call policeman pigs, but when you need help, the first thing you do is look for a policeman. I feel very safe here in Mondawmin, the policemen are constantly looking in here and checking us out," she said.

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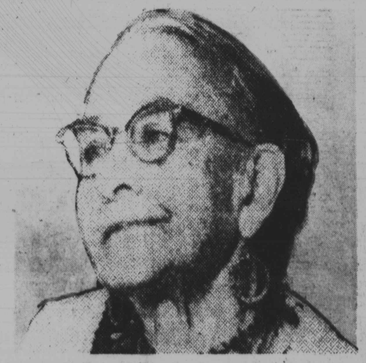

CONGRATULATIONS coming from Mrs. Evelyn Harris are treasured indeed since she was born in Baltimore in 1892 the same as the AFRO and is now in her 90th year. The widow of the late Rev. Paul J. Harris, Mrs. Harris is member of New Shiloh Baptist Church where Dr. Harold Carter is pastor. She is active in the Senior Citizens Club and member of the Deaconess Board. The AFRO congratulates Mrs. Harris, a lovely and active lady who loves people. How about your 90 - year - old relatives or friend whom the AFRO can feature in its coming 90th Year Edition? Send black and white photo and history to AFRO 90th Year Edition, Elizabeth M. Oliver, editor, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore, Md. 21201. Join us. We've got news for you.

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