ity decision in the Miranda

case when he declared in his

decision of the court repre-

sents poor constitutional law

and entails harmful conse-

in custody.



Congress. Crime rates have continued to soar in recent conducting a study on the

crime often get bogged down in controversy. Congress has

gislation is sure to get first meeting of the National ore attention in the 90th Crime Commission in Sep-Crime Commission in September, 1965, that crime will be banished has come to grips with the problem more Commission, which is recently. Congress came up with a long studied crime problem, reports that a bill for the District of Co-great proportion of crime is lumbia at the last session not even reported in these and passed it. It suffered a rates. look for any easy solutions to crime.

Two Presidential commisfaced the situation for some sions, one to study national time. The hope that the and one to study District of

tain to get much attention, but it is well to remember that almost everyone has an opinion about how to curtail crime. Congress, the President, and the Courts have been having a say about the subject since it be-

came t national issue. There is an overriding concern which it would be well to emphasize again. The truth is that recent Supreme Court rulings have been ruling put reliable evidence because the majority of the Court has disagreed with the way the police have gathered it. The latest step which the Court took in this direction

quences of the county at large." came last June when the Miranda decision reversed state | court convictions for

on the society needs little protecground that the convictions were based upon voluntary from criminals. Overthe fundamental confessions made by the acpurpose of criminal law which is to protect society queed while they were being questioned by law enforce against criminals. True, the law desires to avoid convicment officers who had them tion of any innocent person, As a result, law enforceand establishes the legal ment officers and the trial presumption of innocence in courts are experiencing more favor of the accused at every difficulty and oftentimes the stage of his trial. From impossibility of getting contime to time the law has victions against confessed erected many safeguards to Justice Harlan insure that the accused has a fair trial. Uptil recently, however, it has not sought appraised aright the major-

dissenting opinion that "the truth. Formerly the courts relied on the judgment of the trial who performed the task of ruling on the admissibility of voluntary The court decisions cannot fessions. The artificial barbe overlooked in any ap- riers set by the Supreme praisal of the crime situa- Court have imposed unne-

erect barriers to the

courts and society. abiding citizens have rights. too, and I think it is time to secure those rights.

For this reason, I plan to reintroduce my proposed constitutional amendment to restore society's right to have greater protection from criminals who confess their guilt voluntarily in federal and state courts.

## HONORED ON BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Mary B. Keaton was recently honored on her 79th birthday at a party given by her children at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mathews of Windsor, Va.

The house was beautifully decorated in keeping withthe Christmas season.

The table was Jovely with a cut work cloth, candles Jimmy and Cathy and Mrs. and decorations. The cen-Lottie Paul of Amelia, Va.; kidnapping, rape, and rob-bery, and a federal court tificial rules to protect the forcement officers, the trial and white four-tiered birth-Richmond, Va., and Mr. and

bration were Mrs. Mary Keaten, the honoree, of Hertford; Mr. and Mrs. Fred. Mathews, Sr., Windsor, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mathews, Jr., and children, Kay, Betsy, Fred and Marty, Suffolk, Va; Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Mathews and son, John, of Suffolk, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Benton, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Benton and sons, Doug and Greg, Mr. and Mrs. John White and sons, John and Mike, Mr. and Howard Mathews, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Long and daughter, Judy, Bob Keaton and children, Don and Bobbie, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wood

Mrs. E. E. Britt and daugh-Those enjoying the celeriters, Linds and Patsy, Suf-

## CIRCLES MEET

The Inabelle Coleman Circle of the Hertford Baptist Church will meet Monday night, January 9, at the home of Mrs. J. H. Towe, Sr., with Mrs. C. E. Pritchard as hostess.

The Bessie Pritchard Circle will meet Monday night, January 9, with Mrs. Carroll Williams,

## CARD OF THANKS

I wish to express my thanks and appreciation to all who kindly remembered and Lee Brabble, all of me with their prayers, visits, flowers, gifts and cards while I was in the hospital.

J. W. Paul and children, May the Lord bless each one for their kindness. always be grateful. Lottie Paul of Amelia, Va.;

Sincerely.



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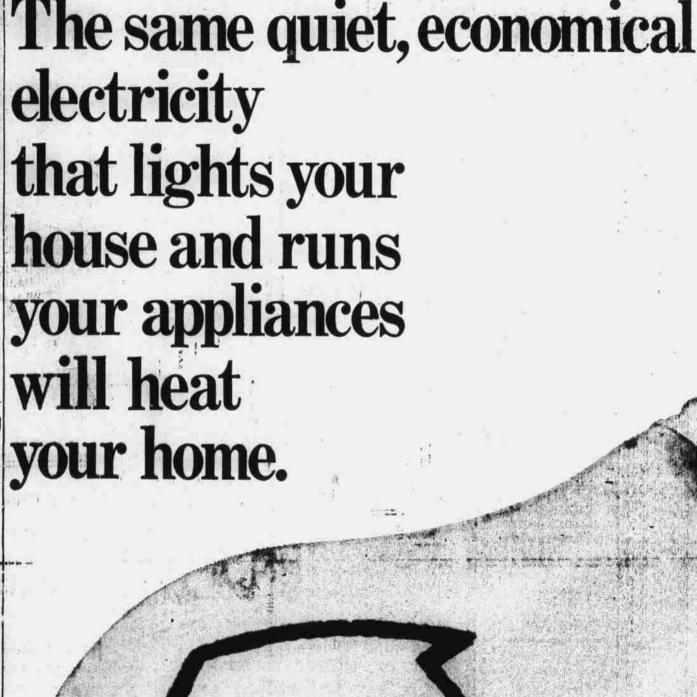
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