Slain Postal Clerk's Husband Pleads 'Not Guilty'

Police claim hubby gave confession

Russell A. Arledge, 52, 400 block N. Calhoun st., pleaded not guilty to murder in the death of his attractive wife at criminal arraignment before Judge E. Paul Mason Thursday morning.

The medium sized brown-skinned man, wore a dark suit and red plaid shirt, stood with his arms folded as he was formerly charged with the slaying of Mrs. Pearl Dorsey Arledge, a postal clerk.

The 45-year-old matron was found shot to death in her second floor bedroom on Nov. 12. She had been wounded five times in the head and once in the neck.

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MR. ARLEDGE, who surrendred himself to Southwestern District officers shortly after the shooting, will be represented at his trial by Robert B. Watts. Date of traial has not been set.

Sgt. Leroy DaShiell, Southwestern District, testifying at a homicide hearing on Dec. 14, said Mr. Arledge signed a statement in which he admitted firing the fatal shots after having quarreled with his wife.

At one point in the statement, Mr. Arledge was quoted as saying:

"I got my gun out of the night table, alongside my bed and went into her bedroom, where she was lying in bed and I walked up to the bed where she was lying and started shooting.

"I then left the front bedroom and walked down the hall and hollered to the tenant, Juanita, "Get the police, I shot Pearl."

In describing Mr. Arledge's condition as he walked into the police station, Sgt. DaShiell said, "He was emotionally disturbed, quite upset."

Wanda is improving

"She has shown marked improvement. She is out of the coma."

This was the word that came from Provident Hospital this morning (Friday) on the condition of Wanda Robinson, 4, the victim of an automobile accident.

The youngster was struck down in front of her home at 2433 Madison Ave., on Dec. 17 and remained in a coma until Saturday. She sustained a fractured skull and fractures of both legs.

A 29-year-old mechanic has been charged with reckless driving and speeding in the case.

Funeral for pastor's wife Saturday

Funeral services will be held on Saturday noon for Mrs. Mary Green, 65, of 1652 Appleton St., at Mt. Moriah Baptist Church.

Mrs. Green, wife of the Rev. William L. Green, pastor of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, died on Wednesday after a lingering illntss.

In addition to her husband, the deceased is survived by one sister, Mrs. Rosa Watson, and two brothers, Easar Johnson and Joseph Berry.

The body will lie in state at the church from 9 a.m. Saturday until the time of the funeral service. The Rev. J. H. Mathew will officiate and interment will be in Mt. Auburn Cemetery.

MOURN RELATIVE—Shown entering Fulton Baptist Church for the funeral of Mrs. Lillian Stewart Rustin, veteran Baltimore teacher, are her aunt, Mrs. Alice Mendes, and her brother, Edgar Stewart.

Mrs. Lillian Rustin buried Wednesday

"Mrs. Lillian Consuella Rustin was a faithful member of Fulton Baptist Church until her illness forced her to leave us, but she will remain in spirit."

These words were spoken by the Rev. Benjamin Jackson, pastor, at funeral services Wednesday for Mrs. Rustin attended by over 100 friends and associates of the veteran city school teacher.

A graduate of Douglass High School in 1916, Mrs. Rustin attended Howard University and Coppin Teachers College. She was graduated from Morgan State College in 1947 and received her Masters Degree from New York University in 1954.

The wife of the late Harry Rustin, Mrs. Rustin was a member of the faculty at Elementary School No. 109 for 35 years.

She left the school system last September on sick leave.

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"A FEW DAYS before her passing she expressed a feeling of being tired," members of the family said "and she asked what was the hour.

"Her comfort was in the fact that she knew that life is eternal," they stated.

Mrs. Rustin was affiliated with the Howard University Alumnae Association and the Iota Chapter of Lambda Kappa Mu Sorority.

The daughter of the late Marietta and James E. Stewart, Mrs. Rustin was a native of Baltimore.

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SHE IS SURVIVED by a brother, Edgar Stewart, two aunts, Mrs. Alice Mender, Boston, Mass., and Mrs. Cora B. Carter, Philadelphia; and a godchild, Chester Thomas.

Other survivors include, Mrs. Marietta Stockett, a niece; James Stewart, a nephew; Mrs. Phillis Cooper and Mrs. Lillian Hall, nieces; and Brydell Stewart, nephew.

Burial was in Mt. Auburn Cemetery.

Pallbearers were, George Sims, Alvin X. Waters, John Brown, Robert Preston, Carl Nelson, John Burton, Wilbert E. Merchant, Joseph Dixon, John Carne, Harold Stepteau, and Carlton Douglas.

MRS. LILLIAN RUSTIN

MATHEMATICS PAPER READ

Dr. Luna I. Mishoe, professor of mathematics and physics at Morgan State College, read a paper at the semi-annual regional meeting of the Mathematical Association of America held recently at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va.

PLAY SANTA

Many worthy families aided by AFRO readers; help still needed

"Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, jingle all the way!" That was the merry refrain and the merry spirit echoed and re-echoed across the land on Christmas day.

For the many people who joined in the AFRO's Play Santa campaign, it was a Merry Christmas because, for them, 'it is more blessed to give than to receive.'

For many others, for whom someone had Played Santa, it was a Merry Christmas because for them someone had 'brightened the corner' for them.

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THE AFRO'S SANTA CLAUS heartily thanks the many people who Played Santa to their neighbors.

The sad thing, though, is that there is still so much need about us and so many people whose Christmases were not merry, because of sickness, or poverty or any of a thousand and one other reasons.

If you or your family received more than you can possibly use for Christmas, don't throw it away, or waste it foolishly, think of your needy neighbors. It is not too late; Play Santa to them. Join in the Christmas spirit.

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AMONG THE GROUPS which responded to the AFRO's Play Santa plea was the Upper Ashburton Neighborhood Club, Elliott P. Ross, president. Others on the Santa Claus committee were Filmore Hart and George Wood.

On Christmas Eve, they personally visited three families mentioned in the AFRO's Play Santa column and gladdened the hearts of the families of Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson, 1600 block Madison Ave., who has six children, and of the Nicholsons of Fayette St., a family of eight children.

Unable to get a basket to the family of Mrs. Delores Harris of Remley St., the mother of three small children, the Upper Ashburton Neighborhood Club gave the AFRO $6.25 and a check for that amount was sent to Mrs. Harris, who said:

"Thank-you, thank-you, so much. I am grateful for anything."

Following are a few letters that came to Santa Claus just before he took off for the North Pole; if you want to help any of the people mentioned herein or in earlier editions of the AFRO, just call **MU. 5-6015** and ask for **Play Santa.**

Either the call will be transferred to the North Pole immediately or one of Santa's busy helpers will speedily give you the name and address of the family or individual you wish to help.

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MRS. H. C. M. SENT in the following: "I hope I am not too late to get a basket for me and my son and my sick aunt. I live with her.

"My son works, but it isn't much to go on. Will you help us? Thank you again."

A young girl writes: "I am 13 years old and I am writing for help for my sisters and brothers. We want a happy Christmas.

"My mother and father are not able to give us anything for Christmas. His work is slow, only two or three days a week. I have four brothers, 5 to 15. They would like to have pants, shirts and sweaters, pants size 30 by 32, 14, 12 and 6 and my sisters are 1 to 7. They would like clothes and some toys.

"They wear size 2 and 8, and I want clothes. I wear size 14 and I also would like shirts, blouses and sweaters. We need food also; we will appreciate anything."

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FROM AN EAST Federal St. mother comes the following letter: "I am writing to see if I could get a basket or a few things for my smaller children.

"I have four children, 5, 7, 9, and 11; all girls. I don't have any money at all to make Santa Claus for them. Their father is working, but I am not able to work.

"I have diabetes, heart trouble and asthma. I would appreciate anything you would do for my children.

"Patricia is five years old; Evelyn is seven years old; Daisy is nine years old and Rosalee is 11 years old. All four go to school.

"I am expecting to hear from you, soon."

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ANOTHER EAST Baltimore mother, Mrs. M. E. of E. Eager St. wrote the folllowing letter to Santa Claus: "I am the mother of eight children, from three years to seventeen.

"My husband has been sick. He is just going back to work and is still not well. He drives a cab; his salary can't keep things going.

"We are back in bills and rent, too. The children won't be able to get anything for Christmas, unless someone helps them.

"I would like to get a basket of food and a few toys for them. I am not able to work and I thank you for anything."

A kindly neighbor writes: "Could you help this mother of six? The father has been dead a year. The children are from one year to 11 years old.

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"ANYTHING THAT you find in your heart to do for them, will be appreciated. Please help this family." The family lives in Cherry Hill.

A sad letter comes from a struggling 51-year-old man who for the first time in his life asks for help. Will you listen to him?

"I have never had to do this before in rearing my family of 10 kids and 2 grandchildren. I was working for a while at a downtown hotel as a maintenance man, but pains in my stomach made me give it up.

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'I WENT TO City Hospitals with ulcers on November 20 and was discharged on December 19 for Christmas. I'll have to go back on January 18 for more X-rays.

"I have two kids in high school, both girls 14 and 16; one boy 12 in elementary school and a 9 year old girl, also.

"I have a wife and an older son, who works and tries to pay all the bills himself. I am glad to be home, even if I am on a diet.

"If you have any way of making this a Merry Christmas for us, I will be very grateful indeed."

A friend who signs her letter, Yours Hoping, writes the following appealing letter:

"Dear Santa: I am a little late, I know, but could you please Play Santa to a nice girl. She is 16 years old and has been sick for a long time.

"If you could see that she got some candy and some money so she can get her medicine, it would make her very happy. She doesn't have a father and her mother can't do anything for her.

"She would appreciate a little money and some candy. That is not much to ask for. Please Santa, Play Santa for this child. She has been a nice child to everybody, and now will someone remember her?"

Another call for help comes from Mrs. S. R. of Ashland Ave. She has six little children and her husband was sent to jail not too long ago. She would appreciate anything to make Christmas Merry for her children.

Still another letter came from a McKean Ave. mother, Mrs. F. C. "I am writing asking for help. I am a lonely mother with four children. Their father died in October, which cancelled my probation check.

"I have a part-time job, but I don't make enough to make ends meet. I don't have money to give my children a Merry Christmas.

"They have been out of school since November because they don't have winter clothing. I will thank you for any help you can give, but most of all, they need clothes and food.

"I have a boy nine, who needs a winter coat and corduroy pants. His twin sister needs under clothes and dresses. Another girl is 14. She needs clothes. I have a five year old girl, too, who needs clothes.

"Any help you can give them will be appreciated. My house is cold. I don't have money to buy coal."

CHECK GIVEN—Mrs. Gwendolyn Lewis (left), co-chairman of the civic committee of the Baltimore Chapter of the Girl Friends, and Mrs. Elizabeth Stewart, present a $300 check to Bowen K. Jackson, executive secretary of the local NAACP, as payment on the group's $500 life membership in the NAACP.

Girls to compete in beauty contest

Maryland's prettiest girls will compete for the title "Miss Auto Show of 1957" in a beauty contest sponsored by the Baltimore Auto Show, Inc.

Finalists will be judged for the title a week prior to the 1957 Auto Show, which will be held at the Fifth Regiment Armory from January 19th thrugh January 26th.

The contest is open to any single lady of eighteen years of over, and simply involves sending a letter with name, address and age, accompanied by a recent photograph, to Baltimore Auto Show, Inc., 1010 St. Paul St., Baltimore 1, Md.

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Police killings in Balto. area this year

APRIL 19, 1956 — Robert McLain, 14-year-old Dunbar High School student of 404 E. Chase St., shot while running away from a stolen car at Madison and Fallsway by Officer Donald E. Mitchell of the Central District. Magistrate Meyer Cardin exonerated the policeman.

JUNE 25, 1956—Harry Boyd Jr., 27, 1417 N. Broadway, shot in the back by Northeastern Patrolman Charles Fennell, who arrived on scene after a street fight. Magistrate Meyer Cardin ruled the officer acted in line of duty and the killing was justified.

JULY 7, 1956—Robert O. Harper, 34, 1614 Barclay St., shot in leg and bled to death following shooting by Southwestern Patrolman Walter Mina Jr., who told superiors he was breaking up a disorderly crowd. Officer Mina was exonerated of the killing by Magistrate Meyer Cardin, who ruled he acted in line of duty.

AUGUST 15, 1956 — Frank T. Williams, 24, was shot and killed by Sgt. Albert Heck as a suspect in two holdups and the non-fatal shooting of a tailor shop proprietor. Sgt. Heck was exonerated of the killing in Central Police Court by Magistrate Meyer Cardin.

SEPTEMBER 19, 1956—Donald Jackson, 23, 971 Ellicott Dr., shot in the arm and chest by Southeastern Patrolman Benjamin Leddin. Ledden said he shot the man "in defense of my life," in the unit block Gilmor St. Patrolman Ledden was exonerated of the slaying by Magistrate Cardin.

OCTOBER 15, 1956 — Benjamin Brown, 14-year-old patient at Rosewood Training School, shot and killed by Northwest Patrolman Marshall V. Brewer with rifle he "didn't know was loaded." Magistrate Meyer Cardin dismissed the shooting charge after State's Attorney John Weiss said the State could not make out a homicide or manslaughter case against the officer who said the shooting was an accident.

NOVEMBER 7, 1956—James H. Duggan Jr., 28, white city sanitary department worker, killed by a policeman answering cries for help. Central District Patrolman Joseph Bosse was exonerated by Magistrate Meyer Cardin.

NOVEMBER 24, 1956 — Clarence Wilkerson, 39, 1304 Harlem Ave., shot and killed by a Baltimore County Policeman while getting out of a car as ordered. Officer Louis DeManns was charged with homicide by State's Attorney Frank Hewell. On Monday, Dec., 10, a Baltimore County jury failed to indict officer DeManns. force with no official He was returned to the punishment.

Frontiers Club takes out NAACP life membership

One of the highlights of the 14th Annual Christmas Party of the Frontiers Club on Wednesday was the announcement that the group has taken out a $500 life membership in the NAACP.

Other donations totaling more than $1,000 were also made to civic and charitable organizations.

Approximately 120 Frontiers members, their wives and guests heard the Rev. Mr. Edward Carroll, pastor of Sharp St. Memorial Methodist Church, deliver the annual Christmas message.

The invocation was given by Bishop Edgar Love.

Among those present at the affair were Dr. Bernard Harris, national president of the Frontiers; W. Emerson Brown, national secretary of the Frontiers and Mayor Doswell Brooks, of Fairmount Heights, president of the Prince Georges county chapter.

THE FOLLOWING GIFTS were made:

$300 to be set aside for a scholarship fund.

$200 to the March of Dimes.

$100 to the United Negro College Fund.

$100 to the YWCA girls camp fund.

$100 to the YMCA boys camp fund.

$100 to the Welfare Committee of the PTA to furnish lunches for underprivileged children.

$50 to the Americans for Democratic Action.

$63 to the Viligo Fund of the National Frontiers Club.

Daniel Spaulding was dinner chairman of the affair, and Thomas Hawkins acted as master of ceremonies.

Officers of the Frontiers Club are the Rev. Howard Cornish, president; Edgar Ewing, vice president; William B. Day, secretary; and Dr. Robert Hill, treasurer.

Cole to sponsor two rights bills

Sate Sen. Harry A. Cole (Rep. 4th Dist.) is proposing to introduce two bills into the next session of the General Assembly that would prohibit discrimination in Baltimore hotels and in facilies along state controlled highways.

The Assembly will open its session in Annapolis on January 2 and is scheduled to also receive a bill, authored by State Sen. Philip H. Goodman (D. Fifth), that would end segregation in the state training schools for delinquent children.

In making the announcement of his decision to introduce his two bills, Senator Cole explained that the one on Highway facilities will make it against the law for the operator of a public place, bordering on a state highway, to discriminate in his service.

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SUPPORT FOR a bill to outlaw discrimination in local hotels has already been pledged by Senator Goodman who told the AFRO on Thursday:

"I would be more than interested in working along with Senator Cole to end by legislation discrimination in local hotels."

Commenting on his own proposal to end Maryland's segregated training school system, confidence that this session will see the passage of his measure.

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LAST YEAR a similiar bill by the senator died in committee.

As the training school picture now shapes up the state operates Boys Village and the Barrett Training School for colored children, and Montrose and the Maryland Training School for white offenders.

There have been several efforts, to have the schools consolidated but they have been stymied by an opinion from the attorney general that authority for such a move must come from either the courts or the legislature.

Traffic Court jail term reduced to fine

"He smelled of alcohol, he was bleary of eyes and he had that rocking stance."

Officer William C. Hughes, Northeastern District, gave this description of 60-year-old Fenterson Roland, in Criminal Court Thursday on an appeal from a six-months jail sentence for drunken driving.

Officer Hughes said he arrested the defendant on Dec. 1 after Mrs. Beatrice White, 1638 N. Caroline St., complained that her neighbor, Mr. Roland, struck her with his automobile while she was scrubbing her sidewalk steps.

"We pleaded guilty your honor," said Joseph Posenthal, defense attorney, "but we respectfully ask the court to suspend the sentence."

Judge E. Paul Mason struck out the jail term, but fined Mr. Roland $100 and costs, adding, "I think six months is too much."

Mr. Roland, 1632 N. Caroline, a steelworker and the father of three children, was last convicted for a traffic violation, 21 years ago.

'After he died there wasn't much of a holiday for me . . .'

"I heard my husband call my name and I went down in the basement. He was lying at the foot of the steps.

"I put him in a chair and after he stayed unconscious so long I called an ambulance and took him to University Hospital

The doctors told me there was nothing they could do."

In a low and controlled voice this was how Mrs. Mary Rice spoke of the death of her husband of 43 years James Rice, 53, 1028 N. Arlington Ave., on Saturday night, Dec. 22.

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MR RICE was pronounced dead on arrival at University and his body was sent to the City Morgue where the results of an autopsy are still pending. However, police said the death was apparently due to natural causes.

Funeral services for Mr. Rice, a retired fisherman, were held on Wednesday at the Mt. Olivet Baptist Church. Burial was in Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

Mr. Rice's death came as he and his wife were planning another Christmas together.

"We had started to clean and decorate for the holiday but after he died there wasn't much of a holiday for me," Mrs. Rice said on Thursday.

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IN DESCRIBING the way her husband died, Mrs. Rice said she left him at the house, apparently well, while she went to a beauty parlor.

"When I got back about 9 o'clock I didn't see him and didn't know where he was until he called from the basement."

Mrs. Rice said when she answered the call she found her husband with a small cut on his forehead as if he had fallen down the steps.

"He was unconscious for two hours and when he didn't come to I called the ambulance," she said.

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THE RICES celebrated their 43rd anniversary on Aug. 25. In addition to his widow, Mr. Rice is survived by three daughters, Miss Hilda Rice, Mrs. Irene Cobb and Mrs. Elizabeth Jones; one son, Nathaniel; a brother, John Rice, and 12 grandchildren.

Mr. Rice was a native of Lancaster County, Va., and had lived in Baltimore over 40 years.

Six officers to be in new police class

Six colored police officers will be among the 74 rookie patrolmen who will commence training in the new class which starts at the Baltimore Police Academy on Thursday, January 3.

They are: George A. Boston, 1624 West Lafayette Ave., Godwin Delillye, Jr., 2908 Parkwood Ave., John E. Lanser, 1123 Park Ave., Willie McCray, 2718 West Fairmount Ave., Dennis W. Wooten, 1700 Thomas Ave., and Harry W. White, 244 Monroe St.

Successful members of the class will join the ranks of "Baltimore's Finest" after three months of special training.

The program at the Academy is under he direction of Capt Norma J. Schleigh, commanding officer.

Girl, 7, charges man, 45, with molesting her

Charles E. Fallin 45, 500 block Gold St. was held for the grand jury on $2,000 bail Thursday in Northwestern Police Court by Magistrate Manuel Lefco, in spite of his plea of not guilty to a charge of assault by placing his hands on a seven year old girl.

The child's mother told police that they had been visiting friends on Division St., when suddenly she missed her little girl. When the girl returned, she told her mother that Defendant Fallin had promised her candy if she would go to his home.

At his home, the girl testified in court, the man had put her on the studio couch and given her a quarter, which she gave to her mother.

The mother said that the little girl had screamed for help and a fellow who lived upstairs had come to her rescue. Police testified that the child had not been violated, according to an examination conducted at the Pine St. Station.

THOMAS RE-ELECTED TO BOARD

NEW YORK — Assemblyman **James C. Thomas,** chairman of the New York Chapter of the Association of Immigration and Naturalization Lawyers Association, was re-elected last week to his third term as a member of the board of governors of

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