Given One Year In Slaying Of Army Veteran

3rd largest Y open to all

The board of managers of the North Baltimore branch YMCA, located at The Alameda and 35th St., voted at the January meeting to accept membership applications from all persons regardless of race or creed.

This move to open memberships to all in Baltimore's third largest branch was revealed by Burton T. Van Deusen last weekend.

Mr. Van Deusen, executive secretary of the branch, made the disclosure when queried on the policy of his branch.

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HE SAID THE board of managers "voted just last week at the monthly meeting (Jan. 16)" to get in line with the National YMCA's announced policy of integration. The vote, he said, was unanimous.

"They (board of managers) voted two years ago to accept everyone in the clubs," Mr. Van Deusen pointed out.

An AFRO survey last week revealed that while not all the ten branches in Baltimore have opened their membership rolls to all the question of integration is being discussed.

L. D. SWIFT, executive secretary of the Dundalk branch, said his board of managers is in the process of discussing the question of integrating his branch.

In pointing out that the facilities at his branch are currently being utilized by neighborhood groups regardless of race or religion, Mr. Swift said:

"The only thing we haven't done is open the individual memberships to all."

Mr. Van Deusen, on the other hand, revealed that North Baltimore branch has some colored members.

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THIS information was disclosed in an interview Thursday with an AFRO reporter. Portions of the interview follow:

Q — Is your branch accepting memberships from all youngsters regardless of race?

A.— We are.

Q. — When did you start?

A. — The Hi-Y Club started two years ago.

Q. — Does that mean that you have some colored children on your membership rolls?

A. — Yes.

Q. — How many do you have?

A. — About 8 or ten.

Q. — Are you doing anything particular to draw them in?

A. — No more than for anyone else.

Q. — What type of facilities do you have?

A. — Only an office.

Q. — Who do you serve?

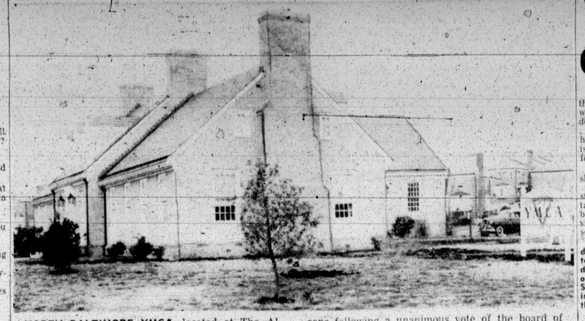
A. — We serve our members. We have all types of clubs and leagues.

Q.* — Are any colored children on these leagues.

A. — There should be but I haven't seen any. There is one colored boy on the Poly Hi-Y team.

Q. — How large is your organization?

A. — About 1700.



NORTH BALTIMORE YMCA, located at The Alameda and 35th St., the city's newest YM edifice, recently began accepting memberships from all persons following a unanimous vote of the board of managers to initiate the national Y's policy to integrate branches.

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Police killings in Baltimore area

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 by Magistrate Meyer Cardin, who ruled he acted in the line of duty.

AUGUST 15, 1956 — Frank J. 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, 21, shot in the foot Dr. shot in the arm and chest by Southeastern Patrolman Benjamin Leden. Leden said he shot the man "in defense of my life." In the unit block Gilmor St. Patrolman Lekken 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 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 Boese was exonerated by Magistrate Meyer Cardin.

NOVEMBER 24, 1956—Clarence Wilkerson, 29, 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. He was returned to the force with no official punishment.

JANUARY 21, 1957 — James Kenneth Robbins, 17, 1800 block Jackson St., was shot and killed after a robbery assault. Southern District Patrolman Melvin Kearns said as he fired a warning shot, he slipped on the ice. A bullet struck the youth in the back of the head. Patrolman Kearns was exonerated by Magistrate Meyer Cardin who declared that the shooting had occurred in the line of duty and was accidental.

AUGUST 4, 1957 — Benjamin Ward, 19, 281 N. Exeter when he reportedly jumped at Officer Isaiah Pressey when the policeman attempted to question him about a stolen battery. Patrolman Pressey was exonerated by Chief Magistrate Charles Richardson who declared the officer was acting in the performance of his duty.

Fire guts Shiloh Church in Edgemere

"The pulpit is destroyed. What the fire didn't burn up they had to tear up to put the fire out.

"We hope to re-build. Already some of the Baptist ministers in the area have indicated they will give us a hand. We hope we can get some more aid . . ."

Mrs. Peter Jennings, wife of the pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church, Edgemere, was discussing the fire which nearly destroyed the $30,000 church building on Friday evening.

For the present, she said, members are repairing the old frame building. This was abandoned in 1942 when the new cement block church was built, and will worship there until they make arrangements to rebuild their church. The old building had been used as a meeting hall and dining room.

The Friday fire is believed due to a defective furnace. Mrs. Jennings said the damage would have been more extensive except that the sexton was on the scene at the time and was able to summon firemen promptly.

The church is located at the corner of Sycamore Ave. and Sparrows Point Rd. It has 300 members.

Meeting delayed

The Baltimore Travelers' meeting, which was to be held on Sunday was postponed due to illness of a member.

W. Harry Newton and Christian C. Kolom are conductors.

'I'll never get over it,' says co-worker of crane victim

"I don't know what happened. There are only two things he could have done — either lost his balance or slipped.

"The crane made an unusual noise . . . I looked back. He was lying on the track . . . I know one arm and one leg were off.

"I'll never get over it. I can't forget it. Every time I go past the place I have to think of it."

This is the way crane operator Benjamin Arvin, 49, 1226 E. Lafayette Ave., on Tuesday recalled the accident in which a fellow worker was killed last Monday at the Bethlehem Steel Co.

The victim, whose head was reportedly "cut off" in the accident, was crane conductor Earl Leon Simmons, 27, several father of five, of 2712 W. North Ave.

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"THE LAST I saw of him he was standing on the platform of the crane," Mr. Arvin said of his co-worker.

"It happened at the street viaduct near the tin mill of the plant."

A crane worker at Bethlehem since 1924 and a regular operator since 1942, Mr. Arvin explained:

"The crane always makes a noise when it goes over the crossover (at the railroad tracks).

"This time it made an unusual noise. It didn't sound right."

This is where Mr. Arvin said he looked back and saw that Mr. Simmons had been killed. Mr. Simmons had been on the tracks.

"The crane has a 60-foot boom on it. It requires two people to see what's going on, to see that no one's in that area.

"Simmons was the conductor and Arvin was the engineer. He has no idea what happened."

Mr. Simmons' widow told the AFRO she plans to stay with her grandmother, Mrs. James Whalbee, at 809 N. Fulton Ave.

"I'm going to make it some kind of way," Mrs. Simmons replied when asked what she plans for her children.

The children are: Brenda, 5 years old; Ernest, 4; Vivian, 3; Robert, 2; and Stanley, 6.

Mr. Simmons is also survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William T. Simmons and two brothers, James and Raymond Simmons. His mother is a patient at University Hospital and was unable to attend the funeral.

Victim's family disputes 'record'

"Undoubtedly, at the time this occurred, the defendant was defending herself . . . the deceased was a powerful man . . . the deceased had knocked her down twice . . . the question is whether she used excessive force. . . .

"Of course, I don't think she meant to kill him.

"These extenuating circumstances — in view of the attack by this man, not once but three times, and in considering all circumstances, the sentence will be one year."

Judge Reuben Oppenheimer delivered this opinion and sentence in Criminal Court Tuesday to Mrs. Mary Eaton, 39, of the 1600 block E. Federal St., for the Sept. 6 knife slaying of Jesse Hopkins, 30, of the 1400 block N. Bond St.

Joseph Rosenthal, attorney for Mrs. Eaton, requested and was granted that Mrs. Eaton's sentence date from the time of her arrest last September 6, and that she be allowed to spend her sentence in the city jail.

THESE GRANTS to Mr. Rosenthal by Judge Oppenheimer means that Mrs. Eaton has already completed five months of her sentence, and is now eligible for parole.

Also, that she is in a penal institution more convenient for visits by her family and friends.

Mrs. Eaton, a small matron barely five feet tall, accepted the sentence with a little smile of relief.

Mr. Rosenthal had entered a guilty plea for her to the manslaughter count in the murder indictment.

This was accepted by Norman Hochberg, the prosecuting attorney.

MR. HOPKINS, nicknamed "Bod," was stabbed once in the neck with a chicken paring knife after he had allegedly struck Mrs. Eaton twice.

Before the slaying testimony related Mrs. Eaton and her sister, Miss Ernestine Marks, had been to a tavern with Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Walker.

A dispute between them arose, when Mrs. Eaton resented Mr. Hopkins allegedly striking her sister.

THROUGHOUT the 40-minute trial, Mrs. Eaton, mother of two children, sat with a "poker" expression, occasionally wiping a handkerchief in her lap. She wore a green suit.

Judge Oppenheimer's sentence brought no commotion inside the court room.

However, voices from relatives of the slain man were heard outside in the corridor.

Shortly before this, an attractive young matron and a young man, who identified themselves only as a sister and brother of the dead man, interrupted the trial by objecting to an alleged criminal record of Mr. Hopkins.

THIS CAME when Mr. Rosenthal arose to tell Judge Oppenheimer "the deceased does have a record."

Mr. Rosenthal then proceeded to read a list of convictions from several regulation police record cards, listing several assaults and disorderly conduct convictions.

AT THIS POINT, the attractive young matron arose quickly from her seat about midway of the courtroom, and hurried up to the counsel table.

She attempted to speak with an attorney who had reportedly been retained by relatives of the slain man.

Mr. Hochberg motioned her to a front bench.

A young man came up and sat beside her.

When Mr. Rosenthal had finished reading the alleged record, Mr. Hochberg spoke briefly with the young matron and man.

"I understand, Your Honor," he said to Judge Oppenheimer, "from the sister of the deceased that he had no record."

"That he had a good Army record, and that this is not his record.

"This is from the Police Department," Mr. Rosenthal said.

"Well," Judge Oppenheimer said, "it's of no consequence here."

WHILE THERE WAS a guilty plea to manslaughter in the case, Mr. Hochberg called two witnesses to the stand. David Eaton, Mrs. Eaton's son, 1 Durham St., and the accused woman.

Mr. Walker said he saw the dead man strike Mrs. Eaton before the slaying.

Mrs. Eaton, in a low, but firm voice, told of going to the tavern with her sister and the men, of her resentment of Mr. Hopkins striking her sister, and of him following her home and striking her on her steps.

"You were in," Judge Oppenheimer asked her. "Why did you go outside again?"

"I forgot and left my door open," Mrs. Eaton explained.

FOLLOWING the trial, Mrs. Ernestine Cox, 2600 block E. Federal St., a sister of the slain man, told the AFRO:

"While it won't bring my brother back, I want to clear his name.

"He didn't have a record and he worked every day."

"He intend to run again, I have to have some support. Without it I do have race prejudice as you know.

"I agree fully with Mr. Mitchell on the principle of the thing. I would not feel fully justified in going.

"I probably will contribute $500 and not go."

MR. MITCHELL told the conciliation that the meeting that he knew his request left the city lawmaker with "a hard decision, not a popular one."

He prefaced his request to Councilman Dixon with the telling story about the time "I had to decide if I would choose to go to jail in South Carolina or submit to jim crow laws."

Mr. Mitchell was once jailed overnight in South Carolina when he refused to abide by

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Mitchell asks Dixon to spurn Demo. meet

"I ask you to let there be a vacant chair at that meeting . . . in the name of the freedom fight, come out from among them.

"Then all will know that the colored people will not set foot in that hotel unless they can go there as free men and not by special arrangement."

This dramatic plea to City Councilman Walter T. Dixon (D., 4th Dist.) was made on Wednesday night by Clarence M. Mitchell Jr., director of the NAACP's Washington bureau.

BOTH MEN were speakers at a register and vote rally in the second district, held at the Faith Baptist Church, Bond and Ashland Sts.

Mr. Mitchell followed Councilman Dixon to the rostrum after the councilman had announced his attendance at a $100-a-plate Democratic dinner at the Emerson Hotel next week would "be my last" unless its discriminatory practices ceased.

Councilman Dixon, sponsored of a measure which would prevent hotels drawing a color line, had said:

"I'm sure if I went there the next day and asked for a ham sandwich they'd send me to the kitchen."

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LATER COUNCILMAN Dixon told the AFRO:

"I hadn't fully made up my mind on it any way. Personally I don't feel like going.

"I don't know yet what I will do.

"I am a party man and if I intend to run again, I have to have some support. Without it I do have race prejudice as you know.

"I agree fully with Mr. Mitchell on the principle of the thing. I would not feel fully justified in going.

"I probably will contribute $500 and not go."

Hospital director discloses integrated eating facilities

"Everything has been satisfactorily handled . . .

"Our professional staff — that's nurses and doctors — are all in one cafeteria regardless of race. Now the rest of the employees are all in another cafeteria nearer the kitchen. . . .

"It's only because we're so crowded that we can't expand into a single cafeteria."

This latest report on the eating facilities at South Baltimore General Hospital, 1213 Light St., was given Thursday afternoon by Donald T. Mills, director of administration.

The hospital came under criticism early last month when a licensed practical nurse, Mrs. Essie G. Hood, 315 N. Calhoun St., resigned her job after contending she was refused service in a cafeteria reserved for white employees.

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"OUR MOVE had been planned to take effect a week prior to the unfortunate publicity," said Mr. Mills.

The hospital director later added, "However, my method of doing things is probably a little bit slow, because instead of making a great fanfare about it we were doing it quietly."

Mrs. Hood said that on Jan. 3, a day after she had been assigned to general duty at the hospital she was repulsed in the cafeteria.

Unaware of the separate eating facilities, Mrs. Hood said she went into the main cafeteria after 5:30 p.m. to order food. She said an employee informed her that she could be served only if she took her food to the kitchen.

The practical nurse related that she stormed out of the cafeteria and a few days later resigned from the hospital.

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AS A RESULT of her complaint, Mrs. Hood addressed a letter to Mr. Mills requesting his personal investigation of the matter.

Mr. Mills disclosed the policy change at South Baltimore General in a letter to Mrs. Juanita J. Mitchell, secretary of the NAACP Legal redress committee.

His letter said, in part:

"Please be assured that I regret both the incident and the publicity given it. It so happens that we were well on the way to a solution of the cafeteria problem when the unhappy situation occurred.

"I now am able to advise you that my plans have been put into effect and there should not be any occasion in the future for a complaint to arise as to cafeteria service."

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IN A subsequent letter Mrs. Mitchell related that she raised the question of complaints received by the NAACP of racial segregation of South Baltimore General patients.

"In view of the large sums received each year by your institution and state funds for medical care, it would appear that such a practice is illegal," said Mrs. Mitchell in a letter to the director dated Jan. 27.

Mr. Mills said after Mrs. Hood made her complaint about the cafeteria he had a conference with Dr. Furman Templeton, executive secretary of the Urban League, on the matter.

"I believe we have gone further than almost many of the hospitals in utilizing our colored employees," Mr. Mills maintained.

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HE POINTED out that two girl graduates from Douglass High School are currently taking technical courses at the hospital, as well as a youth in the X-Ray department.

"They have been very well accepted," he said.

Mr. Mills also disclosed that South Baltimore General is cooperating in the pilot program with the School Board in providing nursing education.

Pointing out that a large percentage of colored students have qualified for training under the pilot program, Mr. Mills remarked, "You can't ignore intelligence."

SHAKEN UP in auto accident in front of the AFRO office last Friday afternoon were Mrs. Viola Nelson, 1531 Edmondson Ave. and her two children, Patricia, three months, and Thomas, 3 years old. They were passengers in taxicab which collided with auto at intersection of Druid Hill Ave. and Eutaw St. No one was injured. Mrs. Nelson was en route home from nearby bus terminal. She and children rested in AFRO office until another cab came to take her to her destination.

HOPE FOR victims of cerebral palsy, such as five-year-old Ronald, can be found at the Children's Rehabilitation Institute of Reisterstown. The full story of this integrated institution and pictures will be carried in next Friday's AFRO.

Officer accused of taking bribe

A 25-year-old Northern District police officer was released on $2,000 bail for action of the grand jury Tuesday, on charges of bribery and extortion.

Patrolman Ernest Jerome Mooney of the 800 block N. Fulton Ave., entered a plea of not guilty after the accusations were made by Edward Liverman of the 1200 block N. Patterson Park Ave.

Following the arrest on traffic charges involving the injury of three persons at Mulliston Ave., and Hoffman St., Saturday, Mr. Liverman allegedly told police that Patrolman Mooney was holding his driver's permit until he paid him $15.

Liverman stated that the officer asked for the money when he, (the officer) came across him and a woman sitting in a parked car on 21½ St., early Saturday.

Gunther head is AJC president

Abraham Krieger, chairman of the board of the Gunther Brewing Co., has been reelected president of the Associated Jewish Charities for a third term.

Other officers elected were: Joseph Meyerhoff, first vice president; Louis B. Kohn 2d, second vice president; Stanford Z. Rothschild, treasurer, and Morton M. Macht, assistant treasurer.

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'White Only Bathtubs' At Maryland General

(Story in Column 1)

Who Is Trunk Killer?

No baths at Maryland General

"There is no place where colored patients can use a bath tub or shower in the hospital.

"If a patient is ready to get up and take a bath, they are ready to go home."

The general superintendent of Maryland General Hospital made that comment this week when asked about patient complaints that the hospital offered them no place to take a bath.

The superintendent, Stewart B. Crawford, added:

"This condition will exist until the rehabilitation work (on a section of the hospital) is completed."

He said he did not know when this work, a $100,000 job, would be completed.

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THE COMPLAINTS from the patients, mostly Bethlehem Steel Co. employees, were three fold:

1. They have no place to take regular baths.

2. **Patients who do take baths have to use galvanized tin-type tubs.**

3. The small restroom where the baths are taken was unheated.

A NUMBER of patients complained to the AFRO and their union, Local 2609, United Steel Workers of America.

The protest began last week when Mrs. Effie Watkins 2449 W. Lafayette Ave., learned of the situation while visiting her husband, Vance, at the hospital.

Joining her were Nathan Cook, 39, 413 Thompkins Ct., Turner Station, who has been

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BODY OF Miss L. Ora Culson, veteran AFRO employee (inset), was found Thursday morning in front bedroom (arrow) of her home at 1619 W. Lafayette Ave. Northwestern Patrolman William Baker (on steps), broke in door, discovered body.

Why did he beat man to death??

Who is the trunk killer?

Who is the person who battered in the head of Roosevelt Nicholson and then stuffed his body into the trunk of his automobile?

What was the motive for the crime?

There were no official answers to the above questions Thursday as police, even though a suspect has been charged, continued their investigation into the death of a man who was known for his pleasant disposition.

As a result of the death of the 47-year-old gentleman eight persons including his wife and step - daughter have been questioned by police. They were later released.

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THE QUESTIONING of Mrs. Martha W. Nicholson, and her daughter, Mrs. Fanny Fitzgerald, preceded the questioning of two blond brothers early Monday.

One of the brothers, Homer Loudermilk, 52, 2100 block E. Baltimore St., late Thursday was held without bail for a hearing to be set by the State's Attorney when he appeared before Chief Magistrate Standley L. Richardson in Homicide Court.

He was formally charged with "assault and striking Roosevelt Nicholson with a blunt instrument and causing the death of the said Roosevelt Nicholson on or about Feb. 2, 1958 in Baltimore."

Loudermilk pleaded not guilty through his attorney, Joseph Kolodny, former traffic magistrate.

Det. Sgt. Charles Ploch testified that police investigations led them to the defendant's service station and to his arrest.

"He has made certain statements and admissions that led us to believe he committed this crime," Sgt. Ploch testified.

When Mr. Kolodny asked for more details on the evidence which led to the arrest, Thomas Nugent, assistant State's Attorney, said:

"We found human blood at the service station. We found human blood on the defendant."

There was no testimony indicating what motive could have led to the slaying.

Louderman is described on the police arrest register as 5' 8½" tall, weighing 160 pounds, blueeyed with brown hair.

He had nothing to say during the hearing.

He wore a brown suit with light stripes and a white dress shirt open at the collar.

He wears glasses and has a large scar on his lower left cheek.

After the hearing Loudermen appeared in good spirits as he talked for 12 minutes in

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TRUNK VICTIM—Roosevelt Nicholson, whose battered body was found stuffed in trunk of his auto. Police believe he was killed by hammer. Photo was made in April 1956 when Mr. Nicholson then a furniture mover, fell three stories through a skylight, escaped with only a broken rib, fractured ankle.

REGISTER SO YOU CAN VOTE

A GOOD CITIZEN IS REGISTERED SO HE CAN V-O-T-E. ARE YOU?

Who must register: Any new resident who plans to make Baltimore his home and has not registered to vote before.

Any resident who has turned 21 since the last election.

Any resident who failed either to register or to vote at least once in the past five years.

Any person already registered as an independent who desires to affiliate with a political party in order, to vote in the May 20th primary.

Where to register: Basement People's Court Building, southeast corner of Fayette and Gay Sts.

When you can register: Monday thrbugh Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday, 9 to 12.

If I have already registered, do I have to register again? — Ans. — No, not unless you have changed your address or failed to vote in the past five years.

When is the last date I can register in order to vote in the next election?—Ans. April 19, 1958 and don't wait until the last minute. Show your voting card in your church Sunday.

LOVE-NEST COP KILLER—Miss Vera Dudley, 18-year-old Newark, N.J., waitress, shown with sheriff's assistant after she was sentenced to 8 to 10 years for killing Patrolman Reginald Kirk, 27, in two-room Newark apartment they shared last June 28. The slain policeman was a native of Baltimore and was estranged from his wife, Cecelia, and two sons who live here in 1800 block N. Pulaski St.

Miss Culson found dead in bedroom

By B. M. PHILLIPS.

Time, card No. 51 at the AFRO-AMERICAN Co., was not punched at 8 a.m. on Thursday, February 6.

When Miss L. Ora Culson, for 21 years a clerk and secretary and second oldest employee, had not called and did not show by 9 a.m., her co-workers became apprehensive.

Since April 26, 1926, Ora Culson has never been late for her job. Through the years, she has played ten to fifteen minutes ahead of time.

Until recently she had not lost a day because of illness.

At the eight-room home at 1619 W. Lafayette Ave., where she lived alone, associates soon learned the answer.

In company with Northwestern Patrolman William Baker who forced the lock on the bedroom door, they found her dead beside her bed, a victim of carbon monoxide poisoning, (coal gas).

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SHE HAD fallen as though she had been overcome as she prepared to climb into bed. She wore her nightclothes. The cooling light and radio were still on.

Dr. Frank Saunders estimated she had been dead about six hours as rigor mortis had set in.

The bedroom is heated by a Latrobe stove on the first floor. Fumes from the banked fire are believed to have caused her death.

Plastic storm windows of her bedroom were sealed with tape. A pet cat growled at AFRO colleagues searched for the phone number of her physician.

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AS HER co-workers awaited the arrival of attendants from the office of the Medical Examiner, a close friend, Mrs. Hannah Crosby and her daughter, Miss Lula Crosby, 812 N. Gilmor St., recalled that Miss Culson visited their home daily, but had not

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Md. Senate hears Cole on race tags

ANNAPOLIS — Three members of the State Senate sharply criticized the Baltimore Sun for attaching racial tags to colored persons.

Senate Harry Cole, (Rep., Fourth District), led off with a 10 minute speech at 2:30 Thursday.

He obtained the floor on the question of privilege and read from an editorial in the Thursday morning Sun, discussing the Municipal Court Bill, in which the Senator Cole is also a Negro.

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AFTER SENATOR COLE concluded, Senator John Carlton Turnbull, (D., Balto. County), said that he had intended to comment before.

"It is unfair to single out any individual as colored or Catholic or Jew," Senator Turnbull **said.**

He mentioned also that prac-

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● THE WEATHER ●

Friday, cloudy, windy and 34 degrees. Saturday, fair and cold, 32 degrees. Sunday, milder with rain. Monday, much colder.

	Sun Rises	Sun Sets	Moon Rises
Friday	6:51 a.m.	5:06 p.m.	9:35 p.m.
Saturday	6:50 a.m.	5:08 p.m.	10:46 p.m.
Sunday	6:49 a.m.	5:09 p.m.	11:56 p.m.
Monday	6:47 a.m.	5:10 p.m.	1:03 a.m.

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Jury rules seaman's fiancee may share $30,000 estate

William Ferguson was of sound mind and not under undue influence when he made a will leaving a bequest to his fiance, Mrs. Josephine Parker, a Superior Court jury ruled last week.

The late seaman, whose estate may reach $30,000, left Mrs. Parker a house and $2,100.

These were the only items in the will. The balance of the estate will be declared intestate and will therefore go to members of his family.

Suit to upset the will was filed against Emory B. Cole, executor and administrator of the estate, and Mrs. Parker by a brother, Frederick Ferguson, and a sister, Mrs. Dianna F. Reed of New York.

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THE SUIT sought to show that the writing was procured while Mr. Ferguson was under undue influence; and it was obtained by fraud; and that he was not of sound and disposing mind or capable of drawing up the document at the time it was made.

A jury of eight men and four women sitting in Judge Joseph R. Byrnes' court, ruled that the will was valid. During the three days of hearings, a dozen witnesses testified.

They included Mrs. Frank Smith of 2019 Wheeler Ave., Mrs. Isobelle Smith, 867 Harlem Ave., Maceo Dumas, 2002 Bryant Ave., Miss Daisy Hopkins, 2208 Barclay St.;

Also, Mrs. A. D. Stanley, 2003 Ruxton Ave., the Rev. Volley K. Stokes and the Rev. W. P. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Dodson, 427 N. Stricker St., Stephen Edwards, 1011 Tiffany Court and Dr. James Julian.

MR. FERGUSON. It was brought out, was tight-lipped about his business.

Even the attorney drawing the will was told to limit it to the items given Mrs. Parker, and that he (Ferguson) would "take care of the rest."

"He did take care of others through insurances which

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No more jim crow TV dance shows

The Bureau of Recreation and the Department of Education will no longer cooperate with Television Station WJZ in sending youngsters to the studio to appear on the daily dance program conducted by Buddy Deane.

Such cooperation was ended on Wednesday after both city bureaus advised the television station they could not condone their policy of separating youngsters on the basis of race.

Joel Chaseman, program manager of the station, acknowledged in an interview with the AFRO on Thursday that he received such notice because of the jim crow policy of the program.

Mr. Chaseman said: "Yes, we will not allow integrated social dancing on the show, that's true," He added, however, that both the school board and the recreation department were advised when the program started that colored youngsters would be permitted on separate days only.

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Policies in county schools hit

The State Board of Education on Thursday heard testimony involving integration problems in two counties.

Decision in the cases, which originated in St. Marys and Charles Counties, were put off until a later date.

The St. Marys case was an appeal of the school board's gradual integration policy.

The case from Charles County was a protest of a policy of refusing a colored child, in an integrated school, transportation on a bus used by white children going to the same school.

These cases were the only business on the board's agenda

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Cherry Hill scene of mystery slaying

Two shotgun wounds in the back of a man who appeared to be in his forties dropped a murder mystery into the laps of Southern District police Thursday afternoon in Cherry Hill.

Homicide Division officers were called in on the case shortly after 2 p.m. when the murdered man was found lying in an open field near the 1400 block of Cherry Hill Rd.

Near the body of the man who was without shoes or topcoat, police found shell casings from a shotgun.

Two shots were fired into the back of the victim, who was shot in the back of the head.

THE PROPERTY upon which the body was discovered is owned by a wholesale food concern and is within a few yards of the Cherry Hill Housing Project.

Following the discovery, police knocked at the door of a number of homes in an effort to obtain a clue.

A number of residents were asked if they had heard sounds of gunfire or any unusual noises during the night.

Police said fingerprints of the deceased would be sent to the FBI this afternoon.

Investigators surmised that the mystery man had been dead for more than 12 hours.

Gilliam and Baltimore wife in custody, support battle

ELIZABETH, N.J. — Property rights and custody of their two children will be the key issues in a divorce action when baseball star Jim (Junior) Gilliam and his wife, Baltimore born Gloria, go to court here on Feb. 14.

Mrs. Gilliam's attorney, Calvin Hurd, said he will ask the court to restrain Gilliam from disposing of property at 965 Thorn St., Rahway, N.J. and give his client custody of the children plus support.

Mrs. Gilliam says she was forced out of the Rahway home and Gilliam's mother brought in. She has been living with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James White at 4401 St. Georges Ave. in Baltimore since Jan. 11. For detailed story

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To West Point

Robert Larry Fowlkes, 17, 1802 N. Bond St., an honor graduate of the Dunbar midyear graduating class has been named second alternate appointee to U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., by Congressman Edward A. Garmatz, (D. 3rd).

At the Wednesday graduating ceremonies for the five of the fifteen scholastic awards.

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Quick divorce for hubby who tells what he and detective saw at 4 a.m.

"I actually saw him jump out of bed. He had nothing on. He ran with his pants in his hand."

Charles Williams, sky cap of Friendship International Airport, who won a divorce on grounds of adultery from Mrs. Marilyn T. Williams, Social Security worker, gave an examiner of Circuit Court this minute description of a surprise early morning visit to his estranged wife's apartment on Nov. 2, 1957.

They had separated 22 days earlier. The divorce was signed Feb. 5, just 23 weeks after the visit.

Mr. Williams said he took a private detective to his wife's apartment, 3211 Pressman St., at 4:25 a.m. They knocked on the apartment door, and Mrs. Williams answered, he said.

THE DETECTIVE, Stephen Tunney, testified that Mrs. Williams tried to keep her husband from entering the bedroom.

"Except for the housecoat she wore, she was nude," he added. "I heard her tell Mr. Williams that no one was there.

"He went out the back door.

"Mr. Williams preceded me into the apartment. I entered the bedroom. Mr. Williams told me the man was hiding in the bathroom.

"I opened the (bathroom) door and found a man who said he was Odell Pinckney. He had no clothes on. He was attempting to put his trousers on."

Mr. Williams Identified Mr. Pinckney as a dry cleaner who lived in the 1400 block of Myrtle Ave.

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THE, Williamses were married on Nov. 20, 1948. They had no children, but adopted a small girl.

The child was given into custody of Mrs. Williams and Mr. Williams is to pay $10 per week for her support.

The Williamses formerly resided at 1726 Ruxton Ave.

This home has since been sold and Mr. Williams is now living at 2322 Longwood St.