WHEN YOU FINISH READING YOUR AFRO PASS IT ALONG TO A FRIEND

Mrs. Elmer Burgess buried on Thursday

Requiem mass was said at St James P.E. Church Thursday afternoon for Mrs. Elmer Burgess, 64, 2400 Montehello Terrace, wife of the Dunbar High School athletic director.

Mrs. Burgess was taken suddenly ill at her Morgan Park home on Sunday morning and died eleven hours later at Johns Hopkins Hospital. Death was due to a heart ailment.

A former teacher of home economics at the Douglass High School, Mrs. Burgess retired in August 1948, after 28 years' service.

Father Codric E. Mills officiated at the brief rites. Music was by the church choir with William Parrott at the organ.

The services originally planned for Wednesday were changed to Thursday to allow proper notice to out-of-town relatives.

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MRS. BURGESS was the last surviving child of the late Estell Griffin Wilkens and Charles Wilkens. She was born on December 13, 1892 in St. Paul, Minn., where her father was a barber for many years.

At the death of her sister, Mrs. Grace McCard Imes in January 1957, Mrs. Burgess remained the only living member of her immediate family.

She was reared in Chicago where her father practiced his barber trade and came to Baltimore to join her sister, Mrs. McCard Imes, who had settled here.

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MRS. BURGESS was a graduate of Havre High School in Montana, where the family lived briefly; and also a graduate of Cheyney State Teachers' College, (Pa.) Continued on Teachers' College and Morgan State College here. She also studied at Columbia University and the University of Chicago.

She began her teaching career in the Baltimore county schools in 1919 and was transferred to the city system in 1926 when the two school systems merged. She retired on August 31, 1948.

Besides Mr. Burgess whom she married July 1, 1927, Mrs. Burgess is survived by a cousin, Mrs. Lee Purnell of Washington; a grandniece, Miss Eleanor Stepteau; and two grandnephews, Robert and Herman Stepteau, all of Chicago.

ACTIVE pallbearers were: Leonard U. Gibson, Dr. Albert A. Smith, Dr. Lucius Butler, Howard H. Murphy, Dr. Fred Adams and Dr. Saul M. Perdue.

Honrary pallbearers included: Calvin Roach, Dr. Maurice Adams, Stewart Owen Owens, D. Arnett Murphy, Albert Diggs, Dr. George C. Grant, John Hampton, Dr. Carl Murphy, Dr. O. O. W. Holmes, Douglass Johnson, Dr. George Scavailable, James H. Carter, and Talmadge L. Hill.

Also, members of the Philomanthian Club, the St. James Church Flower Guild, Morgan Park Matrons and the Provident Hospital auxiliary of which Mrs. Burgess was a member.

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AMONG others who occupied cars to Arbutus Memorial Park for burial were: Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Coleman, Mrs. Albert A. Smith, George Lyle of Philadelphia, Father John Burgess of Washington, and Miss Myrtle Burgess, St. Louis; **Carl White, Mrs. Isabelle Clark, Mrs. Florence Wright, Mrs. Alice Hall, Mrs. Daniel Lyles and Miss Patsy Lyles, Mr. and Mrs. John Berry, Mrs. Pattie Page, Mrs. Dora Thralkill, Mrs. Mason Hawkins Sr., Mason Hawkins Jr., Mrs. Maria Ogle, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pinderhughes of Washington;**

Jack Bond, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Folkes, Theodore Randolph, Mrs. Elizabeth Shipley, Mrs. Gladys Derry, Dr. and Mrs. Robert Ford, Mrs. Alma Thomas, Miss Susie Elliott, Mrs. Susan Lightson, Mr. and Mrs. Elisha Chandler, Mrs. Houston B. Jackson, Mrs. Maria Ogle, Mrs. Arnett Murphy, Ernest Moore, Fannin Newsome, and Mrs. M. Moore.

John D. Roots, 3, buried at Lincoln

Funeral services for John D. Roots, 3, were held Thursday at the Frazier Funeral Home, 389 Rhode Island Ave., NW.

Master Roots is survived by his mother, Mrs. Odessa Roots of 1940 3rd St., NW; his brother Perry; and grandmother Mrs. Mary E. Roots.

Burial was at Lincoln Memorial Cemetery.

Lolly Young

Funeral services were held Saturday for Lolly Young, 78, 926 E. North Ave., who died on Nov. 12 at Johns Hopkins Hospital. Burial is in Mt. Auburn Cemetery.

Mr. Young, a waiter, is a native of Tappahanoc, Va., and is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lillian Young; a sister, Mrs. Tina Johnson, and a brother, Edward Young.

LAUREL CEMETERY COMPANY

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Know all Men by these Presents,

That THE LAUREL CEMETERY COMPANY, for and in consideration of the Twenty

Laurel Cemetery Company

Deed.

To

Roxana Weaver

LAUREL CEMETERY DEED—This is a reproduction of the top of an actual deed of the Laurel Cemetery Co. dated May 23, 1874, signed by D.H. Emmy, president. It reads in part: "That the Laurel Cemetery Company for and in consideration of the sum of Twenty Dollars, to them in hand paid by Roxanna Weaver of Baltimore City, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged do hereby grant, bargain, sell and convey to the said Roxanna Weaver, her heirs and assigns, all that lot of land in the Laurel Cemetery, laid down in the plan of said cemetery in the office of said company and therein designated as Lot No. 241 in Area C containing eighty superficial feet. . . And the said Laurel Cemetery Company, do hereby covenant to and with the said Roxanna Weaver her heirs and assigns, that they are lawfully seized of the herein granted premises in fee simple,—that they have the right to sell and convey the same for the purposes above expressed, and they will warrant and defend the same unto the said Roxanna Weaver her heirs and assigns forever." The purchaser was the grandmother of Mrs. Pauline Jackson of the 2000 block Madison Ave.

Dollars, to them in hand

THIS IS a reproduction of the top of the outside of a deed of the Laurel Cemetery Co. made out to Roxanna Weaver for one lot in area C. Records of burials on the deed shows: Thomas Weaver Jr., 1874; Bud Smith, Sept. 16, 1885; Roxanna Weaver Smith, April 3, 1887; Elizabeth Stevens, five months, April 17, 1911; Ruby E. Smith, eight months, July 15, 1912; Andrew A. Jackson, August 19, 1935; Elizabeth Jackson, July 15, 1946.

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sibility of erecting a shopping center on the 15-acre site.

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STATE TAX RECORDS also stipulate that the three men will serve as directors of the firm until the first annual meeting is held, or until their successors are duly chosen.

The principal office location for the firm is given as 1231 Munsey Bldg., with Mr. Kaufman designated as resident agent.

Belair Road Enterprises Inc., has a total authorized capital stock of $100,000 that can be divided into 2,000 shares of common stock with a par value of $50 each. Each share of stock entitles the holder to one vote.

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THE SALE OF the property was made possible under a bill introduced in the General Assembly by Carl W. Bacharach and Marvin Mandel, both Democratic members of the House of Delegates from the Fifth District.

Mr. Bacharach is also a member of the City's Law Department.

The bill, which was signed by Governor McKeldin, authorizes the closing of a cemetery when 75 per cent of the acerage has been abandoned and the place is a menace detrimental to the public, health safety security or welfare.

The acting city solicitor, Hugo A. Ricciuti, said that he will make an investigation to determine whether there is any conflict of interest involved in the purchase of the cemetery by members of the Law Department.

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ON THURSDAY, Mr. Ricciuti told the AFRO:

"I am still investigating and it will be some time before a decision can be reached."

The solicitor explained that he was examining all records pertaining to the cemetery and because of the volume of such records it would be some time before the task could be completed.

Since the publication of the story of the moving of the cemetery, which dates back to 1852, a number of persons have appeared at the AFRO offices with deeds to burial lots at Laurel.

One of these was brought in by Mrs. Sadie Cooper, 900 Stoddard Ct., and was made out to Charles Cooper, her late father-in-law.

The paper was dated Oct. 19, 1909.

ONE OF the criticisms leveled against the sale of the property was the fact that persons with relatives in the cemetery did not learn of the sale of the property until it was reported in the newspaper.

Persons connected with the sale said notice did appear in the Daily Record, but it was pointed out that the average person would have no cause to read the publication which is devoted to legal news.

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MEANTIME, Mr. Mercaldo said that all the remains that could be located along with a number of tombstones have been removed from Laurel and placed in a new site in Carroll County some 22 miles from Baltimore.

In speaking of the plans for this new cemetery, which is three acres in size as compared with 15 acres of the old one, Mr. Mercaldo said that no arrangements had been made for perpetual care since there was none available at the old cemetery.

He also said that survivors could have the bodies of the relatives moved from the new cemetery to another site if they so desired and the cost of such a move would be borne by the New Laurel Cemetery Co., which was set up to administer the property.

"There will be some sort of care at the new cemetery such as the cutting of grass several times a year and it will never become like the old cemetery," he added.

Mervin Wilson dies

By E. S. McDANIEL

Mervin Wilson of 123 Oak St. Turner Station, a prominent businessman died Thursday, Nov. 20, at Johns Hopkins Hospital following surgery.

Mr. Wilson was the husband of Mrs. Marie Eley Wilson. He is survived by five children.

He was an employee of the Bethlehem Steel Co. and jointly with his wife operated a grocery store in the community.

Mr. Wilson was a member of the New Shiloh Baptist Church where he sang on the Senior Choir No. 1 for many years. His native home is Windsor, Va., near Smithfield, where he will be buried at the Jones Grove Baptist Church.

Funeral arrangements were not complete at presstime.

Mrs. M. Williams

Funeral services were held on Nov. 15 for Mrs. Maggie Williams, 82, 808 N. Carey St., who died on Nov. 11 at her home after an illness of six years.

Burial was in the Carver Memorial Cemetery.

Mrs. Williams was the widow of Jeff Williams and a native of Brunswick, Ga.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Rbeo V. Saylor and Mrs. Marie Weaden with whom she resided.

Also surviving are two foster sons, John Higgs, Philadelphia and Jack Joseph, Empire, La., and two granddaughters, Mesdames Adelaid Willis and Cortez Morene and two great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Bessie Garrett

Requiem mass was said Tuesday at St. Pius RC Church for Mrs. Bessie Garrett, 2532 Madison Ave., wife of Nathan Garrett, who died on Nov. 13. Burial is in Western Star Cemetery.

Mrs. Garrett who was 80 years of age died at the Bar Wil Ba Convalesant Home after an illness of about two months.

She was a member of St. Peter Claver RC Church for 45 years. Her husband Mr. Garrett and her son Earl Garrett are employed at Loyola College.

Both the husband and Earl, the son, survive as well as a granddaughter, Mrs. Ernestine Sneed, a great grandson Daniel Sneed, New York, and a sister Mrs. Leahpaw Speed and two brothers, Frank and Oliver Eley of New York.

School No. 144 burglarized of $54 in property

James Mosher School No. 144 at Mosher St. and Wheeler Ave., was burglarized Wednesday morning of property and food amounting to approximately $54.

A janitor, Sylban Bevans, told police the principal's office had been broken into when he arrived for work shortly after six in the morning.

The principal, Mrs. Mary C. Brooks, reported that a phonograph record player, two frozen turkeys and hot dogs were stolen from her office.

Psalm Prayer Candle!

Lord this Psalm Candle, be blessed, lighted, burned, extinguished! Let Your Will be done! Amen. Each Candle has original Psalm of 12 words. Burn Psalm prayers, wish, bless, blessings, Lucky Numbers, Lucky Days, Lucky Colors, Lucky Lodge Lodge Lodge