Everybody Talks In Corridors At Harrison Trial

Woman In Gray At Baby Trial

WASHINGTON

"The "woman in gray" was again among the spectators who turned up at Municipal Court, Friday afternoon, for the second day of arguments on the motion for a new trial in the Harrison paternity case.

As on Thursday she walked up and down the courtroom corridor, wearing rosary beads about her neck and carrying prayerbooks, a Bible, and religious pamphlets in her hands.

Her lips moved, apparently in silent prayer, but now and then she accosted someone and intoned a verse from the Scriptures or broke into a loud and often violent - voiced defense of the Rev. Earl L. Harrison.

Different Point Of View

"Why crucify him?" she demanded. "The Lord has sanctified his soul. They crucified Jesus, too."

A different point of view was taken by G. L. Anderson, 81, of the 1800 block of Vernon st., nw, who told the woman in gray.

"The Reverend thanked the AFRO for what it printed. He didn't tell the AFRO that it was wrong, he didn't tell the judge that she was wrong, he didn't tell the jury that it was wrong

"God Bless You All!"

"If the court upholds the verdict as it stands, and the church still sticks with him, they are just as rotten as he is."

After this comment the woman in gray retreated to where Mrs. Ella L. Harrison, the pastor's wife, sat quietly near a window. Later the woman in gray resumed her rambling among the other spectators, sometimes landing out prayer - cards and sometimes entertaing herself with simply murmuring a blessing.

"God bless you all!" she suddenly shrieked at one time, raising her hands and waving them in the air.

Never Lost A Case

Mr. Anderson, incidentally, described himself as someone who had never lost a case in court. Asked if he were an attorney, he said that he was not; but had served as his own lawyer in civil court cases, one of which involved the custody of his two grandchildren.

Another unusual character who turned up at the proceedings was a thin, elderly man who remained silently watching at the courtroom door for over an hour. Then he turned, walked over to a reporter, and said

"All these women and God hasn't called one of them to preach. Isn't that true? God hasn't called a single woman to preach.

'P' And 'T' Explained

"P is one letter and T is another. P means preach and T means teach. The man should preach, and the woman should teach. If a woman wants to know something, she should ask her husband."

Asked what his name was, the man said he didn't talk for newspapers.

This was also the rejoinder of a neatly dressed, middle - aged woman in the courtoom corridor who declared she wouldn't give her name to a newspaper for anything.

Cites African Custom

She said that when she was in Africa she saw natives determine the guilt or innocence of men accused like the Rev. Mr. Harrison by "sasswood."

"Sasswood," she explained, has different forms. In one instance, the natives heat a cauldron of oil to the boiling point. The accused person then immerses his arm up to the elbow in the boiling oil.

"If he is innocent," the woman continued, "that oil feels as cool as the coldest water. But if he is guilty, the oil will burn him. So the guilty man confesses."

Up To The Court

The woman said she was a member of Shiloh, but would say nothing about her opinions on the Harrison case.

"It's up to the court to decide," she said.

Two men dressed in working clothes sauntered into the corridor at about 315 p.m. and peered through the glass panel in one of the doors.

'I Think He's Guilty'

They were Norman Coates of the 3000 block of Stanley rd., se, and Joseph Carter of the 800 block of 25th st., nw.

Both said they frequently visited courtrooms and that they had followed the Harrison case with great interest through the stories they had read in the AFRO.

"I think he's guilty," declared Mr. Coates, "especially after that blood test. I don't see why they're going to all this trouble. The whole thing is that he is a big man and doesn't want to be disgraced. They will spend $4,000 just trying to get him out of this instead of giving the girl the money."

Voices Same Ideas

Mr. Carter echoed Mr. Coates' sentiments, adding:

"Any time a woman has a kid and she's unmarried, the man should be forced to take care of the kid, no matter who he is."

Another male observer in the corridor said he had time to come to the trial because he was recuperating from an operation. He also had been an interested spectator on Thursday.

Will Set Precedent?

Declining to identify himself, he told an AFRO reporter:

"I find the case interesting, just watching the people come and go. I haven't formed any opinion yet."

Still another man in working clothes, who also did not want to identify himself, commented:

"If that minister gets away with it, it will set a bad precedent. These young fellows out in the street will think they can do the same and get away with it."

Mrs. Sadie Crump
Deaconess
She turns her head.

Miss Olivia Holmes
Plaintiff
She smiles

Rev. Frederick Sampson
Harrison son-in-law
Holds book before face.

Mrs. Matoka W. Withers
Juror
No comment.

Miss Alice H. Sullivan
Juror
Hides under umbrella.

Mrs. Ruth L. Bowman
Juror
No comment.

Mrs. Bowman Again
Juror
Hand over mouth.

Reactions Of Harrison Case Witnesses To AFRO Cameramen

Porthole Used By Reporters

Record Testimony Minute By Minute

WASHINGTON

"Porthole reporting" of the motion hearing in the Harrison case continued on Friday, with writers from daily newspapers and another weekly joining AFRO representatives for the first time in ogling the oblong window of Room 308 in Municipal Court where the closed session is being held.

Neither press nor public is admitted to the courtroom, but for two days spectators have clustered about the entrances and stared patiently through four small windows in the two doors.

Shoulder to shoulder they stand, unable to hear a single word, but fascinated by the silent drama being unfolded before them.

Minute-By-Minute Report

AFRO reporters, peering through their "porthole perch," noted the following minute-by-minute progress of the hearing:

Friday Proceedings

1:22 Dr. Harrison, and Everett Edmond, Foster Wood, and James Coggs, three of his attorneys, are seated from left to right at lawyer's bench.

1:25 Miss Olivia Holmes in a light blue suit enters. Assistant Corporation Counsel Richard Barton enters from another door and converses with Miss Holmes at the opposite end of the same bench.

1:27 Court reporter enters and assembles his stenotyping equipment. Belford Lawson enters from rear door.

1:30 While Messrs. Lawson, Coggs, Edmond, Wood and Dr. Harrison converse, Olivia stares at me pastor.

1:34 Everyone is waiting for Judge Gallagher to put in an appearance. Lawson, who has been sitting on far left, switches to a position between Wood and Coggs.

Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Sadie Crump, a Shiloh deaconess, and the Rev. F. G. Sampson are seated in the rear of courtroom.

1:35 Still no judge.

Everybody Present

1:41 A short, pound court clerk enters to ask: "Is everybody here?" The assemblage nods in the affirmative.

1:44 The "lady in grey" with the ever-present Bible under her arm enters. "God bless you," she tells Mrs. Harrison. No Judge.

1:45 The U.S. Marshall is a moanie. "All you nice people must leave the courtroom," he says and clears out all "Order in the courtroom," chants the clerk.

1:48 Barton has the floor. He is speaking from notes which he has placed on the railing in front of the bench.

1:50 Lawson puts on his glasses as he begins to scribble notes on Barton's address. Dr. Harrison is an attentive listener. Olivia stares at the ceiling.

1:35 Barton continues talking. Lawson and Coggs are hunched over the table in a two-man huddle.

Scratches Ear

2:00 As Barton continues his verbal delivery, Woods shifts sideways in his chair. Olivia keeps an upright position. Dr. Harrison scratches left ear.

2:20 Barton down. It's a tie for the floor between Woods and now the principals and the attorneys.

1:47 Judge Gallagher arrives. Lawson, Woods wins. He talks.

2:23 Woods waxes eloquent. He waves his arms—shakes his head as his face assumes a cherry-red complexion.

2:30 Lawson gets his chance. Before he begins he is nudged by Coggs as Dr. Harrison has just told him something.

2:35 The Rev. Mr. Sampson enters the courtroom and takes the witness stand. His oath is interrupted as the judge receives a phone call.

2:37 Oath is taken. Lawson queries the son-in-law of Shiloh's pastor.

2:47 The witness is asked off the stand as a bench conference is held. Barton is outnumbered 4-1 by the defense.

2:50 The Rev. Mr. Sampson returns to witness box.

2:52 Barton begins questioning the witness.

Uses Hands

3:01 The Judge queries the assistant pastor, who uses his hands to emphasize his answers.

3:12 Another bench conference.

3:15 Conference is over.

3:16 The Rev. Mr. Sampson resumes former chair.

3:17 Robert I. Miller brings the defense counsel staff up to full strength as he enters the courtroom.

3:18 Woman in grey is pacing the hall muttering: "Why crucify the man."

3:19 Dr. Harrison follows his son-in-law to witness stand. Lawson and Barton question him. Woods moves his chair to the far side of courtroom.

3:27 Mrs. Harrison succeeds her husband in the witness box.

3:30 Mrs. Harrison is finished.

3:40 Barton down—Lawson up.

4:04 Lawson down—Barton up.

4:10 Barton completes his address.

4:15 The session is over. Miller rises first and hurries out of the courtroom. The other attorneys remain as Woods and Lawson are called into the judge's chamber.

4:20 Lawson returns and flashes a knowing wink to Mrs. Harrison.

The hearing is continued until 2 p.m. Tuesday.

The Woman In Gray

This unidentified lady, left, who told reporters her name is "Rosebud," walked the municipal Court third floor corridor with rosary beads, prayer book, bible and religious pamphlets during both days of Harrison trial praying aloud. Smiling spectator on right is also unidentified.

—Paternity Case

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Miss Olivia Holmes, was in the courtroom.

Dr. Harrison's battery of five attorneys are contending that "one or two colored women jurors" had seen Diane while the trial was in progress.

In support of this contention, which is one of 10 areas in which they feel that the court erred in the conduct of the original trial that saw Dr. Harrison, pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church, ruled as the father of Diane, an affidavit has been filed.

Rev. Sampson Takes Stand

On Friday, the AFRO learned, the Rev. F. G. Sampson, assistant pastor of Shiloh and the defendant's son - in - law; Mrs. Ella B. Harrison, wife of the pastor; and Dr. Harrison, all of whom signed the sworn statement, testified about seeing a juror speaking to Miss Holmes and looking at the infant.

The Rev. Mr. Sampson, attired in a grey sharkskin suit, was on the stand 44 minutes. His testimony was interrupted several times by bench conferences.

Mrs. Harrison, smartly garbed in a toast - colored linen dress with a fancy Kelly green hat and matching gloves, followed her son-in-law to the witness stand. Her testimony ran only 12 minutes.

Pastor Testifies 8 Minutes

Dr. Harrison, with the Oxford grey suit that the usher board gave him two weeks ago, had preceded his wife on the stand. He appeared on the witness stand only eight minutes.

Most of Friday's hearing, it was apparent to spectators who looked through the courtroom window, was taken up by Richard W. Barton, assistant corporation counsel.

The prosecutor was replying to arguments of Messrs. Wood and Lawsons' 10 point plea for a new trial. He spoke from a sheaf of yellow paper on which numerous notes were scribbled.

Wink Of Confidence?

The hearing began at 1:42 and adjourned at 4:15 p.m. After it was confluded, Messrs. Wood and Lawson were summoned to the judge's chamber.

When Mr. Lawson returned to the darkened courtroom, where his client Dr. Harrison was awaiting his return with his wife and son-in-law, the attorney winked confidently at Mrs. Harrison.

Jurors called, as witnesses on Thursday were Miss Alice Sullivan, 4400 block Foote st., ne; Mrs. Matoka W. Withers, 300 block 19th st., nw; and Mrs. Ruth Lavern Bowman, 1200 block 25th st., nw.

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38 Taken In Raid

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Johnnie McNain, and Wesley Toliver.

Also, Pameroy Brown, Walter Gray, Albert Evans, William Nelson, Ellis Robinson, Vernon Gray, Luther Thompson, Harvey Sparkin, Herman Willis, and Donald Clemmons.

Concealed Weapon Found

Miss Middleton was also charged with carrying a concealed weapon.

All were released on $17 collateral.

Thirty-two of the persons charged posted collateral at the scene of the raid. Six were taken to Waterloo Barracks.

Late Monday, three had obtained their releases on collateral. A preliminary hearing is scheduled to be held for the remaining three persons in Savage, Tuesday.

Minister Complains

According to Lieut. M. M. Puncke of Waterloo Barracks, the raid was staged following a complaint by a Rev. Mr. Moore.

The club is located opposite the homes of the Moore brothers, all ministers. They are the Rev. Messrs. Samuel, Leonard, and John who is pastor of the Waterloo Community Church.

The trooper stated that originally officers intended to raid the club only for disturbing the peace. The gambling set up was uncovered accidently.

Three Investigate

Because the complaint concerned disturbing the peace, only three officers were sent to investigate, the lieutenant explained.

Under ordinary circumstances, for a raid of such proportions, a larger number of troopers would have participated.

According to neighbors the club had been in business approximately three weeks. Reports are that it was losing money.

Featured Dance Band

Police stated that a five piece band was playing when they entered the premises. Seconds later, someone hollered "raid" and patrons scattered into the nearby woods.

The club, an out-of-the-way place that is subject to be missed by a passing motorist, is situated approximately 50 feet from the main road.

It is partially surrounded on the right by a heavy wire fence, and on the left by an open field.

The field was another escape route used by club patrons.

Dance Pavilion

One of its main attractions is a 27 by 10½ foot dance floor. The rear view of the dance pavilion is obstructed by a four room frame house.

Two green shacks, which housed the gambling devices are considered a part of the club.

Additional equipment included five beach chairs, a small fish pond, barbecue pit, and a hammock.

The well-stocked bars, a gaming table, and an electric warning system were also features of the club.

The electrical system was connected with all sections of the country club report.

Lid Clamped On Harrison Baby Trial Testimony

WASHINGTON

"No comment" as the joint answer of persons involved in the Harrison paternity case following Friday's two-and-a-half hour hearing.

The lid was clamped on by Judge Nadine Gallagher, who admonished everyone connected with the case including the defendant, the complainant, the attorneys, and witnesses not to discuss the case publicly.

"I can't talk," said Miss Olivia Holmes, the mother of 10-month-old Diane about whom the controversy raged.

Be Back Tuesday

"No comment by the judge's order," snapped diminutive Everett Edmond, one of the defense lawyer, to eager newshawks.

"No comment, but things look good," asserted lanky James Coggs, another of the defense attorneys.

"We are back again," was the only statement to be elicited from Foster Woods, chief defense counsel Tuesday.

—Flood Waters

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Grace communities.

Accompanied by strong winds averaging from 30 to 35 miles per hour, a hurricane rain of 2½ inches fell, causing damage in both county and city areas.

Trees were uprooted, roofs were ripped apart, and telephone service in many neighborhoods was affected.

The sunshine which appeared shortly after noon considerably cheered holiday picknickers and families which had planned excursions and other outings.

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State Court Opens Delaware Schools To All

"One-Man White Trash Bloc" Out

Defeat To 'Lower Temperatures In House' Over 'Race Question'

WASHINGTON (NNPA)—Defeat of Rep. John E. Rankin, Dem., Miss., "one-man white trash bloc" out in the House, will lessen the temperature in the lower chamber when questions involving race come up during the 83rd Congress.

Rankin, the No. 1 race-baiter in Congress, was defeated in the Democratic primary in Mississippi by a colleague, Rep. Thomas Abernethy, on Aug. 26. Unofficial returns from 341 of the 358 precincts in the newly-carved-out district gave Abernethy, 26,903 to 20,368 for Rankin.

The 70-year-old Rankin was pitted against Abernethy in the primary, in which nomination is equivalent to election, as a result of their districts being combined by the Mississippi Legislature to eliminate a congressional seat out in the 1950 census, due chiefly to migration of colored people from Mississippi to the North, East and West.

(In the decade between 1940 and 1950, the colored population of Mississippi dwindled from 1,077,489 to 990,485, a decline of 8.1 per cent, according to the 1950 census.)

Bitter Civil Rights Foe

Rankin's 20-year congressional career is noted chiefly for his hatred of colored people, whom he called "Nigras" or "n—s;" Jews and Italians, to whom he referred as "Dagoes."

He bitterly opposed all civil rights proposals in the House, charging that they were Communist - inspired proposals, and fair employment practice legislation was the object of his most venomous attacks.

Abernethy's views on civil rights and his racial attitudes are no different than Rankin's, but he lacks the parliamentary skill of Rankin, is less vocal and, because his fewer years in Congress, he is not in a position to be as damaging as Rankin.

Spawned JC Hospitals

Rankin was the chairman of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee. As such he carried his advocacy of racial segregation into veterans' matters.

A staunch defender of the all-colored veterans' hospital at Tuskegee Institute, Rankin sponsored legislation for the construction of jim-crow veterans' hospitals at Tupelo, his home town, and Mt. Bayou, Miss., and at the birthplace of Booker T. Washington in Franklin County, Va.

Young War Veteran Made U.S. Attorney

By LYDIA T. BROWN

BOSTON, Mass. — A young World War II veteran was sworn in as an assistant U.S. Attorney by U.S. Attorney George F. Garity here on Tuesday.

He is James W. Bailey, 29-year-old Boston University law school graduate and a native of Roanoke, Va. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Bailey, and is married to the former Miss Mary Robinson, of Pittfield, Mass.

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Bunche Heads American Political Science Group

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In an interview with reporters he said that the five-year plan announced yesterday by some from the current Soviet Union Communist party congress are of great significance "in terms of immediate and urgent importance to the Western world."

The Russians may begin to disclose the significance of their recently called Red congress at forthcoming UN sessions, he said.

Shifts In Attitude

He declared that he would watch particularly for signs of Russian changes in attitude toward the (1) Korean war, (2) control of atomic weapons and (3) the Big Three disarmament proposal.

The Communists also are expected to call for new production goals in their current five-year plan, Dr. Bunche pointed out.

Ailing Professor Killed By Train

TULSA, Okla. ANP) — Three hours after he had been released from a local hospital where he had been under treatment for a diabetic condition, Horace S. Hughes, well known educator and former newspaper editor was killed instantly Aug. 22 by a Santa Fe train while he walked along its tracks.

Mr. Hughes had returned to Tulsa about three weeks ago from Tyler, Tex., where he was a member of the faculty at Texas College. In ill health for several years, he was seized with an attack shortly after his arrival here and was removed from his hotel room to a local hospital.

On two occasions, however, before going to the hospital he became very despondent and told friends he feared he would not live through the night. He also requested friends to locate his son Julius who was teaching in New York—he is dean of men at Langston University.

Hughes received his B.S. and M.A. degrees at Kansas State Teachers college, Pittsburgh, Kan. He taught in the Booker T. Washington elementary and high school from 1917 to 1945. He served as editor of the Oklahoma Eagle from 1938 to 1945. He also taught during the summer at Langston university.

NY Matron Dies, Fla. Golfer Hurt In Crash

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Thirty - sixth traffic fatality of the year in Duval County (Jacksonville) outside the city limits went into the records Monday after the death of Mrs. Dorothy Berkewitz, 40 of Yonkers, N.Y., following a two-car crash at 9:20 a.m. Sunday on Kings Road near 45th st.

Other principal in the tragic accident was Richard Deloney Jr. of 729 W. Church st., one of the top young golfers of the Lincoln Golf and Country Club, this city, who was en route to the course for play when the accident happened.

He was driver of the car which struck his and was being operated by Dr. George Berkowit, 46, of Yonkers, husband of the dead woman.

Ky. Court Upholds Opening Of Aged Home To All Races

BOWLING GREEN, Ky.—(ANP) — The Warren Fiscal court last week killed an attempt to change its own ruling which opened the county's Home for the Aged to all races. The original court action was taken Aug. 8.

Magistrate W. P. Anderson, seeking to delay admission of colored persons, proposed a committee to study the possibility of building a jim crow home. The court voted 3-2 against such a group.

In the Aug. 8 action, the court declared that the county's policy is to admit all eligible persons to the home regardless of race, creed or color.

Upholds Ruling Of Chancellor

'State May Appeal When Schools Equal'

WILMINGTON, Del.—The Delaware State Supreme Court upheld Thursday a Chancery Court ruling that eight colored children must be admitted to two heretofore "lily-white" public schools with the opening of the fall term.

In confirming the ruling of Chancellor Collins J. Seitz, the Supreme Court judges also went along with his finding that Delaware's segregated school system is not in violation of the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

The high court found that in the case of the seven colored pupils in Claymont and one in Hockessin, the state board of education had failed to provide equal facilities as required by law and that the state could appeal its ruling whenever equal facilities are provided.

Eight Pupils Involved

Chancellor Seitz handed down his opinion April 1 after the eight pupils, including one of high school age, told the court they were required to travel to colored schools in Wilmington because the only Claymont high school for colored were restricted to white pupils.

The court held that this additional travel made the facilities provided for these pupils "inferior to those offered to white children." In the case of Hockessin, the case involved only one colored child.

This, on the basis of the state constitutional requirement of separate but equal schools for each racial group, these eight pupils will be the first of their race to attend "white" public schools in Delaware.

However, the University of Delaware and Swarthmore schools earlier had been opened to colored students.

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Pioneer Oklahoma City Physician Is Buried

OKLAHOMA CITY (ANP) — At the funeral of Dr. W. H. Slaughter, held last week at Avery Chapel AME Church, Roscoe Dunjee, newspaper publisher, paid a glowing tribute to the pioneer physician, and recalled that Slaughter furnished a building for the publication when the paper was in its infancy.

When Dunjee was forced to move from his first location, Dr. Slaughter told him to "move in there and do not pay any rent until you feel you can and then set your own price," the publisher said.

Dr. Slaughter, who had practiced medicine here for 45 years, was active in the church, YMCA and the Medical Association. Survivors are his wife, a daughter, Mrs. Saretta Finley; and a son, Wyatt Slaughter.

TO MEET IN CLEVELAND IN 1953:

Masonic Supreme Council Ends Detroit Convention

DETROIT (ANP) — After hearing reports of growth and selecting Cleveland as its next convention site, the National Supreme Council, Scottish Rite Masons closed its eight-day 54th national convention here last week.

Delegates and visitors came from 37 states, the District of Columbia, the Virgin Islands, Philippines and Puerto Rico.

Supreme Council Justices'

The nine ranking officers are Dr. W. J. Fitzpatrick, most powerful sovereign grand commander, Detroit; Ramon A. Martinez, deputy grand commander, New York; the Rev. H. B. Womack, lieutenant grand commander, Brooklyn; George V. Peters, grand secretary general, Tuscumbia, Ala.;

Alex Cottledge, grand treasurer general, Detroit; Dr. B. L. Burrows, grand chancellor, Mt. Pleasant, Tenn.; P. L. Patton, Huntsville, Ala.; J. E. Mismsheim, sr., grand captain of the guard, Kanapolis, N.C., and the Rev. Mr. George W. Graham, Philadelphia.

A spectacular street parade through principal streets, a public meeting and a sermon highlighted the public program of the convention. A banquet sponsored by the female departments of the order and the Princesses of Isis lighted the social activities during the week.

$20,157.50 Claims Paid

Reports showed that two state masonic organizations of other affiliations came over to the Scottish Rite jurisdiction. The National Charity department listed total claims $20,157.50 from January 1951 to July 1952.

A new department, chapter of Princesses of the Royal Court was formed for women whose husbands, sons, bothers or some male member of the family, living or dead, is or has been a 32nd degree mason.

Mrs. Julia C. Fitzpatrick is national grand matron and national grand commandress of the Order Eastern Star and Daughters of Isis, respectively.

AME's Appeal Award To Lawyer

NEW YORK—Bishop D. Ward Nichols who is on a tour of Europe announced through his office here last week that he will appeal the $5,000 judgment awarded Lewis Flagg Jr., Brooklyn attorney, for services rendered to the AME Church.

The award was handed down Aug. 4 in New York by Supreme Court Justice William C. Hecht.

"I intend to take our appeal to the highest court because a principle is involved," Bishop Nichols said. He is due back in NYC on Sept. 9.

Bishop Absolved

Flagg had sued both the AME Church and Bishop Nichols, but Justice Hecht dismissed the complaint against the bishop as an individual.

The judgment in favor of Flagg was directed against Bishop Nichols as leader of the First AME Episcopal District and as presiding officer of each of its annual conferences.

4 Tots Die As Home Burns

Mother Collapses On Return To House

ATLANTA, Ga. (NNPA)—While their father was at work and, according to police, their mother was "out on a drinking spree," four children were burned to death in their home early Monday morning, Aug. 25.

The children were identified as Jo Ann, 5; Marian Gene, 3, Sammy Edward, 2, and Poindexter, seven months. Their parents are James Edward Roland, night attendant at a hotel garage, and Mrs. Kathryn Roland.

Patrolmen C. N. Edge and W. D. Hoskins said the mother remained home with two other women and a man after the fire had been brought under control in a concrete block duplex structure at 1445-1448 Chipley st., se.

Collapse

Officers said the mother collapsed from shock and required hospital treatment upon learning of the tragedy. They quoted her as saying she went out about midnight soon after her husband left for work.

Firemen said the blaze apparently started in the ceiling of the other side of the duplex, occupied by a woman.

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