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—Boys drown

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firemen dragged the 18 foot deep hole for 10 minutes before recovering the two bodies. After administering artificial respiration they were taken to Provident hospital where they were pronounced dead on arrival.

According to a group of workmen, the presence of the boys was hidden by a mound of earth near the hole. The excavation was being made as a foundation for the new school building, and had filled to the brim with water as a result of recent rains.

When an AFRO reporter and photographer arrived at the scene around noon, an official for a second construction company on the grounds declined to give his name and ordered both from the premises because they were "trespassing."

At the time, five workmen for the Macon Construction Company were busy discussing the accident in a field office.

Neighbors Upset

Near the Beckett and Rogers homes the neighborhood was upset over the tragedy.

According to Mrs. Minnie Brown, owner of a small restaurant opposite the Beckett home, the four boys were in her store playing a marble machine before going across the street to the makeshift swimming pool.

Other neighbors told reporters that on Sunday, a nightwatchman on the construction job chased a group of boys away from the hole with the warning, "I'll not be responsible for anything that happens to you boys."

Brought Clothing Home

The mother of one of the four involved said he chased the group away in their bathing trunks and later brought their clothes home.

Immediately following the accident Tuesday, workmen began draining water from the hole. When an uncle of one of the boys asked why was it the area had never been fenced off. He was given no reply.

At the Beckett home, Mrs. Beckett, mother of four told the AFRO Thursday that funeral services for William Beckett and Charles Rogers would be held at the Jones Tabernacle, 129 W. Hamburg st., on Friday.

The seven-year-old drowning victim is survived by his father, Samuel Beckett; two brothers, Samuel Beckett Jr., 11, and Edward, 9; and two sisters, Lucinda, 10, and Maggie Beckett, 8.

Charles Rogers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Rogers is survived by his brother, Edward, and a 11-year-old sister, Delores Rogers.

According to both mothers, their sons, before leaving home, told them they were going wading in a small pool in the Gilmor Homes projects.

The death of the two boys came close on the heels of a third drowning that occurred near the Hanover street bridge less than a month ago. In each case the victims lost their lives outside of city operated swimming pools.

Citizens have urged city authorities all summer to admit colored citizens to all Baltimore pools.

When the bodies of the two boys were dragged from the water hole each was caked with mud.

SCENE FROM DROWNING—This water-filled excavation on the site where the new Carver Vocational School is being built in the 2200 block Pressman st. is where two youths drowned. Contractors permitted 13-foot pool with no protective fence to keep youngsters out. This picture was taken after drownings when workers started filling in the excavation and draining the water out with pump.

Agent who broke biggest city dope gang retires

Josh Taylor feted by colleagues in federal narcotics bureau

A handful of men sat in a mahogany paneled office in the Post Office Building Monday, to say good-by to a narcotics agent.

Joshawau L. Taylor, 60, was retiring from service as an undercover government agent — after receiving commendations on his work from federal and state judges and prosecutors.

A diffident, neatly dressed figure, Agent Taylor squirmed in his chair as government and municipal narcotics officials praised his work.

His retirement becomes effective September 1.

The informal ceremony was arranged as a surprise to Mr. Taylor and he received a $100 savings bond, gold engraved watch, and a piece of expensive luggage.

"Boyd Martin, district supervisor, U. S. Narcotics Bureau, did most of the talking and arranged the presentation of gifts.

Martin Leads Praises

Mr. Martin set the tenor of remarks with his opening sentence: "Federal Narcotics Agent Joshawau L. Taylor is a credit to the government service because of his character, honesty, diligence, and decency.

"I will miss him more, perhaps, than any other person — HE WAS MY RIGHT ARM. There are a lot of 'Tailors' but only one Josh Taylor."

Placing his hand on Mr. Taylor's shoulder, Boyd Martin continued: "I'm going to miss you Josh, for we have a lot in common. You never let me down or brought in a false report. You should be proud of yourself."

Lists Achievements

The Federal narcotics supervisor then recounted a partial list of Mr. Taylor's achievements during a 30-year period as a government agent.

At one time a whole family of dope peddlers was operating in Washington. Agent Taylor posed as an addict, made purchases, and helped to crack the ring.

He also helped trap Polly Brown — Never a bigger dope peddler in Chicago than she — and secured a long prison term for the woman. He operated willingly for 17 years.

In New York he purchased dope from one Frank Tenbury, a notorious dope peddler, and obtained his conviction.

In Washington he was particularly effective, making purchases from such figures as Nellie Leach, "Bucklejaws" Johnson, Tommy Higgins, Jim Bean, and "Frisco." All described as major operators in illegal dope traffic.

Agent Taylor also did much undercover work in the South and as Mr. Martin said: "Law enforcement officers in the deep south were always glad to see Josh. They knew he would clean out the nest of snakes in that territory."

Led Baltimore Round-up

In January, 1941, Federal agents began tightening the net on dope peddlers in the Baltimore area. One particular group of peddlers concentrated in the area around Charles and Biddle sts.

Using the alias of "Cyclone" Thompson, and posing as a gambler out of West Virginia, Agent Taylor made purchases from the out-of-state mob.

As that was a big-scale operation, Boyd Martin furnished the undercover agent as much as $10,000 to enable him to buy large quantities of heroin.

The purchases were always made at the corner of Eutaw Place and Lanvale st. Other undercover agents were hidden in the church at that corner.

These government men used cameras equipped with telephoto lens to record the actual transactions. They obtained evidence so incriminating that the gangsters freely admitted their guilt when the pictures were shown. Some of the gang got seven year sentences.

Again lauding his prize agent, Mr. Martin said: "Now at that time Josh was in a spot. If those babies had found out the was a government agent it would have been curtains — even before men covering him could rush to his aid.

"Cool As A Cucumber"

"But ol' Josh was cool as a cucumber and when making a sale as "Cyclone" acted like he was a banker making a loan."

At this point the speech-making hailed while the various gifts were presented. Agent Joshawau Taylor, who had sent some of the most hardened criminals in Baltimore to jail — couldn't take it.

The little G-Man's eyes brimmed as Boyd Martin said: "Josh you're going to have a lot of time on your hands so we figured you might want a watch."

After the other gifts were presented, a slight figure, in a wrinkled grey suit, and looking like anything but an efficient undercover agent was introduced by Boyd Martin as James Lannigan — long a nemesis to local dope peddlers.

Looking hesitantly around the office, Agent Lannigan said: "Many times Josh has been assigned to cover me on tough assignments. He ARE always been around and in some spots it sure was good to glance around and see his face.

Called Protector

"Josh has never let me down and I thank him for taking care of me."

At this Agent Taylor coughed self-consciously and started to speak, but was good-naturedly hushed by Mr. Martin.

Dr. Joseph Quillen, government chemist assigned to the Federal Narcotics Bureau, then had his say: "I really can't add much to what Mr. Martin has already said. But the fact that Federal judges and prosecutors troubled to commend him proves Josh was a good agent."

Mrs. B. D. Baldwin, Mr. Martin's administrative assistant, said: "I want to express my appreciation for his support of everything in the office. He exhibited excellent paper work in addition to excellent law enforcement work.

"We in District 5 are going to miss him."

Sgt. Joseph Carroll, commanding the local narcotics squad, was also present, along with Sgt. Jacob Simonson and Patrolman Bishop Robinson. Sgt. Carroll said:

"It should be pointed out that even after Agent Taylor's face became too well known for him to be effective in this area; he was still in there pitching by training new agents as undercover men."

Agent Taylor Speaks

After the laudatory phrases were cleared away, Agent Taylor arose: "Well, you know I'm not a public speaker, but I guess you also know how good I feel right now.

"I shall never forget any of you and will always be proud of my association with you. I'll still be around this area, though not in Baltimore, and I hope to always remain your friend."

When he asked what he was going to do during his retirement Agent Taylor uttered a laconic "Nothing."

That's hardly true, however, for he and a sister own a farm in Bridgewater, Va., his birthplace, and he has mentioned plans of becoming a gentleman farmer.

Still Going Strong

Just one month ago, despite his impending retirement, he directed operations which netted the capture of 10 dope peddlers in Norfolk, Va. All of the suspects were convicted and sentenced to long terms in the Federal penitentiary.

His wife and family are in Chicago.

A G-MAN GETS A BAG — Joshuwau Taylor, 60-year-old federal undercover agent who retires on September 1, beams with pleasure on receiving an expensive piece of luggage from his district supervisor, Boyd Martin. Also in picture are, front row, Dr. Joseph Quillen, government chemist, and Mrs. B. D. Baldwin in back and Patrolman Jacob Simonson.

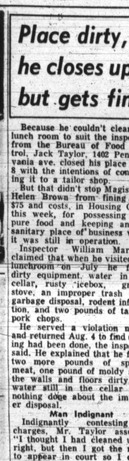

PHOTO OF ACTUAL SALE — Agent Joshwau Gaylor has just made an actual sale of some heroin from dope peddler (hatless, with hands crossed) at left of group. Informer who had fingered the suspect, smiles while Agent Gaylor examines the "stuff." Peddler was later convicted, largely because of this photo, and received a long prison term. This photo were made from a church at Eutaw place, and Lanvale sts. where government officials had arranged to conduct all transactions on that spot. Agent Taylor retires Sept. 1 after 30 years service.

Prince Hall Masons hold 106th annual session

The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Maryland and its jurisdiction, Inc., holds its 106th annual convention Aug. 16 to 18 at Havre de Grace, Md., the guests of Chesapeake Lodge No. 48 and Deer Creek Lodge No. 103, assisted by Evening Star chapter No. 20 and Venus chapter No. 30, OES, Three Rocks, Md.

The meeting began on Sunday night with the annual memorial service at St. James AME church, on Green st. Music was furnished by the Masonic Choir, under the direction of Alfred A. Dixon. Robert B. Croxton, master of ceremonies.

Memorial Sermon

The memorial sermon was delivered by Dr. C. Manell Lawrence, 33rd degree Mason, member of the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction, Scottish Rite Masons.

On Monday night at 8 p.m. a public meeting was held at St. James church, P.M. Cayton C. Flansbury, master of ceremonies.

Welcomed By Mayor

Address of welcome was delivered by the honorable Thomas D'Alhinney, mayor of the city, and responded to by Brother Elmer C. Hawkins. Other speakers were T. Norwood Brown, city councilman from Annapolis, Md.; Leon S. Roy, representing the consolidated public service of Havre de Grace; District Deputy Grand Master J. Leo Jones, Dr. Carl Murphy of the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers and Isiah Smith. The Lilly of Valley chorus rendered several musical selections.

The business sessions of the Grand Lodge were held Monday morning, Aug. 17, beginning 9 a.m. Roll call showed 65 lodges represented, and new lodges instituted at Sharpstown and Snow Hill, Md.

The financial report showed cash assets of $74,861.05 with total worth of $120,369.06, including $34,855.33 in U.S. Bonds.

Big Harvest

The big moment of the session occurred about noon when Grand Master Willard W. Allen delivered his annual address.

In his address the Grand Master declared:

"Every Mason should be highly proud of his identity with an institution of as great a historical wealth as the Masons.

"The history of this nation, continually advancing along the lines of freedom and brotherhood, has numbered among its leaders, men who were illustrious Masons. Fifteen of the 32 men who have occupied the White House as President, were Masons and proud of such identification. Purposeful Masons place their highest values upon ethics and morals.

"The background of Masonry is exceptionally fertile, and with its noble ideals and unadulterated principles, sends out a far flung message to young men of vision."

Officers e-elected

The following officers were re-elected.

Willard W. Allen, Grand Master; J. Wesley Key Sr., deputy Grand Master; William T. Wallace, senior grand warden; Elmer T. Hawkins, junior grand warden; George H. Fitzhugh, grand treasurer; Alvan S. Stanley, grand secretary; William A. Jones, assistant grand secretary.

The Grand Lodge will hold its 106th annual convention at Annapolis, Md., the guests of Universal Lodge No. 14.

A resolution was passed advancing the date of the communication of the Grand Lodge in 1954 in order to enable the members of the Order of the Mystic Shrine to attend the Imperial session in Los Angeles, Cal.

Place dirty, he closes up, but gets fine

Because he couldn't clean his lunch room to suit the inspector from the Bureau of Food Control, Jack Taylor, 1402 Pennsylvania ave. closed his place Aug. 8 with the intentions of converting it to a tailor shop.

But that didn't stop Magistrate Helen Brown from fining him $75 and costs, in Housing Court this week, for possessing impure food and keeping an unsanitary place of business while it was still in operation.

Inspector William Marshall claimed that when he visited the lunchroom on July he found dirty equipment, water in the cellar, rusty icebox, greasy stove, an improper trash and garbage disposal, rodent infestation, and two pounds of tainted pork chops.

He served a violation notice and returned Aug. 4 to find nothing had been done, the inspector said. He explained that he found two more pounds of spoiled meat, one pound of moldy soup, the walls and floors dirty, the water still in the cellar and nothing done about the improper disposal.

Man Indignant

Indignantly contesting the charges, Mr. Taylor asserted, "I thought I had cleaned up all right, but then I got the notice to appear in court so I closed my business."

He explained that he had sealed the ratholes and had cemented the cellar.

The inspector interrupted, "Oh: he cleaned up a little, but it wasn't enough. The lunchroom was still an ideal place for rats."

Turning on Inspector Marshall, Mr. Taylor challenged his right to inspect the property, repeating that he had closed the place and that he plans to convert it into a tailor shop.

Melvin Johnson, sanitarian of the Bureau of Food Control, who inspected the lunchroom July 3, told Magistrate Brown that Mr. Taylor gave him "so much trouble" that the case was turned over to Inspector Marshall.

Mr. Taylor retorted that he did not approve of Mr. Johnson's "attitude" when he visited the premises and served the violation notice.

Mr. Taylor was fined $25 and costs on each of the two charges of possessing impure food, and $25 and costs for maintaining an unsanitary business.

Baltimorean found slain in New Jersey

The mutilated body of a man, believed murdered, found in a wooded area near Neptune, N.J. has been identified as that of Purcell Green, 1126 E. Lombard st.

Identification was made by another Baltimorean, Edward J. Crook. Both men lived in a shanty in Port Monmouth, were they were employed by the J. Howard Smith fish packing company.

Police believe robbery was the motive. Green was paid Saturday but no funds were found on him.

According to Thomas Brooks Jr., who lives at the Lombard st. address, Green never lived there but occasionally stayed at the house overnight when off from his job "in the country."

Mr. Brooks was shocked to hear of the man's death and said: "That's a shame because Purcell never hurt anybody." He reports that the dead man's family is believed living in Tallahassee, Fla.

Green's body was found by Fred Tenner, of Oxford Way, Neptune, who was out exercising his dog.

The body was clad only in a pair of shorts. Nearby were the victim's shoes, dungarees and an old flannel shirt.

Struck On Head

Wounds on his head, according to police, indicated that he was struck with a wrench, a jack, or some other blunt instrument.

Green had been employed at the fish packing plant only two weeks.

His body was turned over to the P. L. Harris funeral home, Neptune, while police conduct a search for his relatives.

Tent preacher, evangelist, warned to avoid each other

A second police magistrate warning was issued Thursday to the Rev. Joseph D. Clemons and Mrs. Cordelia Monroe to keep the peace by steering clear of each other.

The Rev. Mr. Clemons of Brooklyn, N.Y. conducts tent services nightly on a McMechen st. lot. He and Mrs. Monroe, also an evangelist, have had a previous court dispute about the contract through which the minister is buying the tent from her.

When they appeared at Northwestern police station last month, Magistrate E. Everett Lane advised Mrs. Monroe to stay away from the tent, and advised the minister to stay out of her religious - effects store at 1330 Pennsylvania ave.

Stormy Days Passed

Following a Saturday afternoon meeting on Pennsylvania ave. during which some blows were passed, the minister had Mrs. Monroe summoned to appear in court on Thursday afternoon.

He told Magistrate Marshall A. Levin that as he and a fellow minister passed Mrs. Monroe's store, Saturday, she used abusive language and punched him on the arm, so that he had to duck into a nearby store for shelter.

"When I figured her spirits had cooled, I left the place where I had taken refuge. But she had a stick that long and she hit me several times," he reported.

Accusation Denied

Denying that she prompted the disturbance, Mrs. Monroe said that the Rev. Mr. Clemons and his friend come to her place three or four times a week "to gee me and laugh at me.

"I was sitting outside Saturday and when they got in front of me, Rev. Clemons said I ought to hit her.' I got up and he struck me while the other minister held me. Both men jumped on me," she declared.

Magistrate Levin decided to resolve the conflict by warning each "not to touch each other or go near each other." He advised them that if they reappear in court, whoever is found guilty will be dealt with harshly.

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