Mrs. Hawkins ill, carried into court

Woman who assaulted her gets 3 months in jail

So ill that she had to be carried into the courtroom, Mrs. Mary E. Hawkins, prominent civic leader, appeared in Druid St. Police Court Wednesday, to give testimony that led to the conviction of a former tenant on an assault charge.

Mrs. Virginia Thorpe, 40, 2200 block Reisterstown Rd., was sentenced to three months in the House of Correction and fined $200 on additional assault charges brought by Miss Naomi Garland of the 900 block N. Gilmor St.

When she appeared for the hearing Wednesday, Mrs. Hawkins was carried bodily into the court by Bowen Jackson, executive secretary of the local NAACP, an organization in which Mrs. Hawkins is vice president.

After the hearing, Mr. Jackson carried Mrs. Hawkins back to a waiting automobile.

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MRS. HAWKINS was represented by Milton B. Allen, attorney. In the courtroom as a character witness was Mrs. Lillie M. Jackson, president of the NAACP.

Shortly before the trial began, Mrs. Thorpe, a tall woman whose weight was listed at 174 pounds, placed an assault charge against the tiny Mrs. Hawkins, charging that the civic leader struck her with a plate.

Magistrate Vernon Wiesand dismissed the charge and in sentencing Mrs. Thorpe to prison, he described the assault as "a vicious and premeditated attack."

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THE BEATING took place on the night of Aug. 21 at Mrs. Hawkins' home, 912 N. Gilmor St. She suffered cuts of the arm, body and legs. She has been confined since to bed at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Antionette Mosley, 1606 Warwick Ave.

Mrs. Hawkins said the assault grew out of her displeasure at the fact that Mrs. Thorpe had washed baby diapers in her bathroom. The civic leader said Mrs. Thorpe grew angry over this.

Mrs. Hawkins said testified that when she reached home on the night of the assault, Mrs. Thorpe grabbed her about the neck and began to choke her. She also yanked the phone out by the wire and struck her with a table lamp, Mrs. Hawkins said.

Miss Garland, the other complainant, testified that when she went to Mrs. Hawkins' aid, Mrs. Thorpe chased her out of the house. A few days later, Miss Garland said Mrs. Thorpe came to a Pennsylvania Ave. dress shop where she is employed and threatened her (Miss Garland) if she testified.

Mrs. Thorpe admitted that she was angry with Mrs. Hawkins but charged that the civic leader opened the attack.

UNVEIL PLAQUE—Some of speakers and guests at dedicatory ceremonies of Cedar Knoll School Children's Center, Laurel, Md., are shown following unveiling of the school's plaque. From left are Edgar Morris, chairman, Public Welfare Advisory Council; R. S. Townsend, special assistant District commissioners and George Fleming, member.

Hazette sold for $33,010

To be reopened in two months

The 1516 Holding Corp. was the successful bidder Friday when the Hazette Hotel, 1516-18 Pennsylvania Ave., went under the auctioneer's hammer in a trustee's sale.

Represented by Arnold Kurland, a Pennsylvania Ave. businessman, the corporation bid $33,010 to top the next highest offer of $33,000 made by a representative of a well known Baltimore sportsman.

Mr. Kurland said the corporation intends to reopen the hotel's restaurant within the next two months, while a decision has not been reached on the future of the hotel itself.

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THE PROPERTY purchased includes the brick hotel building with two stores, and also all furniture, fixtures, beds, floor coverings, equipment, bedding, linens and utensils on the second and third floors occupied by the hotel.

Bidding started at $25,000 and was quickly boosted to $26,000 by Ernest Perkins, attorney. Mr. Perkins made another bid of $26,350 and then the auction developed into a battle between Mr. Kurland and a representative of the sportsman.

The bidding progressed by slow stages up to the $33,000 mark at which time the sportsman's forces went into a huddle inside the building and Mr. Kurland raised the ante by another $10.

With all spectators indicating that they had finished bidding on the property, it went to the corporation.

Man, 39, cleared in 'The King's' death

"The King" committed "constructive suicide."

That was the opinion of Judge John T. Tucker in Criminal Court, Thursday, as he returned a not guilty verdict against a 39-year-old man accused of killing Charles (The King) Stewart of the 600 block Saratoga St.

Cleared of a murder charge is Beechie Jeffries of the 600 block W. Mulberry St.

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A HOST of witnesses testified that on June 18, Stewart began an argument with Jeffries in the 600 block Saratoga St., and was warned to go on hisway.

Testimony was that Jeffries told Stewart: "You'd better go ahead before you get hurt."

Mrs. Aileen Robinson, 600 block Sarah Ann St., said that Stewart replied:

"The king hasn't ever lost a battle."

The court was told that Jeffries slapped Stewart and "The King's" head struck the pavement.

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STEWART DIED three days later in University Hospital.

Witnesses said that Stewart "went for bad."

Preston A. Pairo Jr. and James O'Genfry, assistant state's attorneys, prosecuted the case.

New grand jurors

Rufus Hackett, manager of the North Carolina Mutual Insurance Co., and Fred Nichols, industrial secretary of the Urban League, are serving on the September term of the Grand Jury. They were sworn in before Judge John T. Tucker, Tuesday.

McKeldin sets anti-fire week

Governor McKeldin has proclaimed the week of Oct. 9 through Oct. 15 as "Fire Prevention Week" in Maryland. In his proclamation the governor said:

"Fire is the great annual destroyer of lives and property, respecting no season, awed by no locality. It causes great economic losses to communities, the State and the Nation.

"Commendable efficiency has been developed by Fire Departments and Volunteer Fire Companies in the fighting of fires —but the greatest of efficiency can only reduce loss; it cannot prevent it.

"The only prevention is the following of those rules of caution and care prescribed by the experts in the field — trained engineers and analysts in State Insurance Departments, in Municipal Fire Departments, in Volunteer Fire Companies, in Boards of Fire Underwriters, in Forestry Departments and in various industries."

Probation revoked for mother of six

A 26-year-old mother of six, released from the reformatory a year ago on probation after serving part of a five-year term for using dope, was directed to serve the balance of her sentence Tuesday in Criminal Court.

Mrs. Margaret Bettars, a beautician who had been receiving support from the Welfare Department was ordered to serve three years and seven months in prison by Judge T. Tucker.

Judge Tucker struck out the probation when he was told that Mrs. Bettars had been buying heroin in Washington and operating a "dope pad" since her release.

Police testified that at the time of her arrest, fresh needle marks were found on her arms. They described her home as "a place where dope users gather".

One officer testified that he learned Mrs. Bettars had started using dope again when she was admitted unconscious to University Hospital three weeks ago.

Local schools combine classes

Different grades use same room

For a number of years, schools in Baltimore have been placing children of different grades in the same classroom with the same teacher.

Miss Mary A. Adams, assistant superintendent of education, estimates that most of the schools in the city have such classes which have become an accepted part of the local school picture.

Some of the classes were formed because of enrollments that were large enough to call for a reduction but too small to justify the setting up of separate classes.

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AN EXAMPLE of how this works would be found in a typical school where there are 55 children in a first grade class and 58 in a second grade class. Instead of setting up two new classes, 17 children will be taken from the first grade and 20 from the second grade.

They will be placed in the same class room and given the same teacher. Miss Adams said that great care is exercised in the selection of the children so that the class members will be similiar in learning ability.

In some cases, Miss Adams said, the classes are formed to serve the needs of certain pupils. For instance, there might be a number of children in the second grade, who are fast learners and they may be placed with third grade children, as an aid to their development.

Miss Adams said that there was no indication that this technique had any harmful effects on the children involved and in many instances it proved to be helpful for the child's educational development.

Postal men hold first fall meeting

Baltimore Branch of the National Alliance of Postal Employes holds first monthly meeting of the winter on Sept. 18.

Members will hear reports on the recent National Convention held in Indiana and receive final nominations for its branch officers to be elected in October.

Wife wins divorce suit charging mate left her

Mrs. Minnie Shaw, 1508 Brunt St., divorced Willie Shaw of 563 Mosher St. on grounds of desertion, this week.

The couple was married in 1936 and lived together until 1950.

She testified that she came home from work on Sept. 10, 1950 and found that he had moved out during her absence.

The court restored her maiden name, Whidfee.

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GUNTHER RANKIN of 723 Sterling St., who testified that he and Mrs. Florine Rankin agreed to end their marriage was given a divorce.

Their 17-year-old son was given into custody of the mother. The Rankins were married on Feb. 20, 1938 and separated on Dec. 1, 1948.

Also testifying that their separation was voluntary, Henry Bruner of 509 Claggett St. was divorced from Mrs. Louise Bruner. Their marriage, which took place on Jan. 15, 1924, ended on July 15, 1932.

Woman identify youth in lineup as purse snatcher

A teenager, identified in the police lineup as the man who tried to assult and snatch the purses of two women, was ordered held in bail of $10,000 Wednesday in Northeastern Police court.

Jerome Simms, 18 of the 1000 block Harford Ave., entered a plea of not guilty before Magistrate Simon Schenfeld on two counts in Northeastern Police Court.

Mrs. Minna Tuma of the 2200 block E. Eager St., identified Simms as the man who allegedly grabbed her and tried to drag her into an alley Tuesday.

Mrs. Tumma said she escaped after biting her assailant on the hand.

Mrs. Mamie Davis, a waitress of the 1000 block of N. Gay St., testified the youth also snatched her purse Tuesday at Ashland and Rutland Ave.

Police arrested Simms at Collington Ave., and Prentiss Pl. They identified him from a description given by the two women.

Neighbors claim they saw burglar beat elderly man

Caught while allegedly assaulting and robbing an elderly man and a young woman at their home in the 700 block Harford Ave., a construction worker was ordered held in bail of $10,000 Wednesday.

At a hearing in Northeastern District court, two witnesses testified that they saw John R. Payne Jr., 30, of the 600 block E. Madison St., strike Harley Johnson, 68, after breaking into his home.

Around 9:30 p.m. Tuesday according to the witnesses, they looked through a street level window and saw Payne strike Johnson.

Payne denied that he struck the elderly man and, Miss Peggy Anne Powell, a roomer.

He was charged with breaking and entering the Johnson home and assaulting and robbing Mr. Johnson of $1.45.

Mr. Johnson said Payne acted like a mad man and broke down the front and back doors to his home.

Housewife insists she saw woman shot

Although police say they have no record of it, a housewife Monday insisted that she saw a woman shot in an alleyway near her home.

Mrs. E. B. Campbell of the 600 block W. Lafayette Ave., told the AFRO that she saw the unidentified woman lying in a pool of blood near a garage in Wilmer, Ct., Sunday.

When asked what happened to the body the "eye witness" replied: "I don't know."

Indict steward in Annapolis

ANNAPOLIS — Bobby George Reed, 21, of Baltimore, a steward at the Naval Academy who is charged with attacking a 15-year-old white girl, was indicted Wednesday by the Anne Arundel County grand jury, this week.

The girl contends that she was criminally assaulted after she accepted a ride in Reed's car while waiting for a bus.

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Weather
Friday, cloudy, with scattered showers likely, high 74. Saturday, showers likely in the morning, becoming clear in afternoon. Sunday, clearing and cooler.

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'Marrying Parson' Bailey On Trial Two Days

HEARD LYNCH SCREAMS

Hicks Arrested In Mississippi

Marrying Parson is found guilty

- Rev. Bailey pays $100 fine; freed
- Performed marriage illegally

BULLETIN

The jury found the Rev. A. L. Bailey guilty in 15 minutes.

He was given a minimum fine of $100 which he paid. Judge Tucker called Bailey "contemptuous and contrary" and criticized his conduct around the courthouse, but he said he couldn't ignore the fact that the pastor had been truthful in his testimony.

The trial of the Rev. A. L. Bailey, "The Marrying Parson," accused of uniting an elderly Philadelphia couple without a marriage license, is in its second day.

The minister, who says he is "about 70," has entered a plea of not guilty. A jury of eight man and four women is hearing the case in Criminal Court. Presiding is Judge John T. Tucker.

Josiah Henry, defense attorney, and Julius Romano, assistant state's attorney, are expected to make their pleas to the jury today (Friday).

Principal witnesses against the Rev. Mr. Bailey were Mr. and Mrs. Fishney Beetle of the 800 block N. Broad St., Philadelphia.

The trial was highlighted with testimony of the couple and with several outbursts of laughter in the courtroom.

Judge Tucker warned:

"We will have no further display of frivolity in the courtroom. Persons who disregard the warning will be asked to leave."

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THE OUTBURSTS which prompted the Judge to caution the spectators, were caused by the manner in which Mr. Beetle testified.

Mr. Beetle, who gave his age as 67 when he applied for a marriage license here on June 18 but has since admitted to the court that he will be 70, next month, made dramatic gesticulations

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DR. T. R. M. HOWARD

NAACP

- Dr. Howard here Sunday to tell of Miss. trial

Dr. T. M. R. Howard, the Mississippi physician, who was instrumental in producing five key witnesses in the Till lynching trial, will be the guest speaker Sunday when the Baltimore NAACP holds the kickoff meeting for its annual membership drive.

The meeting will be held at the Sharp St. Memorial Methodist Church, Dolphin and Etting Sts., at 3 p.m. The public has been invited to attend.

A special feature will be the presentation of an outstanding plaque from the NAACP's national office to Gloria Lockerman, the spelling champion.

Scheduled for Oct. 1-22, this year's campaign seeks 10,000 members.

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AS THE FIRST speaker of the drive, Dr. Howard, a resident of Mound Bayou, Miss., will provide a graphic account of the deaths of Emmett Till, the 14-year-old Chicago boy; Lamar Smith, a Mississippi farmer, and the Rev. G. E. Lee, an active member of the NAACP.

Called the "Mordecai Johnson of the South," Dr. Howard is regarded as one of the most dramatic speakers to appear in Baltimore recently.

Music for the meeting will be provided by the Northeast Choir.

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TO HELP in the membership drive, a total of 1,000 volunteer workers are needed by the NAACP at once. Prospective workers may contact John Hamer, field secretary from the national office, at the NAACP office, Dolphin and McCulloh Sts.,

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Reporters rally to help him

- Seized by deputy at noon recess
- AFRO scribe violated state law

By JAMES L. HICKS

SUMNER, Miss.—This reporter was under arrest for several uncomfortable minutes here Wednesday.

The incident occurred at the noon recess when I left the courthouse of the Till murder trial and went to my car to pick up a notebook I had left there.

As I inserted my key into the car, a deputy sheriff asked me if I was the owner of the car. When I said "yes," he took the keys from me and ordered me to accompany him to City Hall.

We walked, however, to the office of the Sumner Sentinel and upon our arrival there, a local white reporter and some other white reporters greeted me.

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AT THAT time I did not know why I was in custody and when

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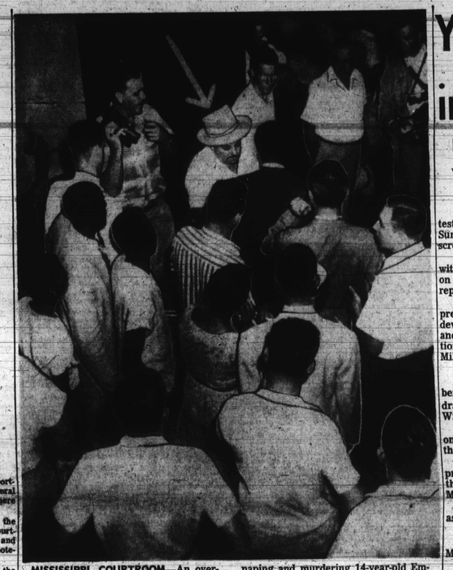

MISSISSIPPI COURTROOM—An overflow crowd seeks entry to the courtroom at Sumner, Miss., at the start of the trial of half-brothers Roy Bryant and J. W. Milam, who are charged with kidnaping and murdering 14-year-old Emmett Till of Chicago. Arrow points to a deputy sheriff who searched every one entering the courtroom for weapons.

Youth puts Milam in Till death barn

First of prosecution's surprise witnesses testified at trial

By JAMES L. HICKS

SUMNER, Miss.—Willie Reed, 18-year-old farm hand, testified Thursday that he saw J. W. Milam enter a barn in Sunflower County, Aug. 28 and seconds later heard human screams coming from the barn.

Reed was the first of a parade of surprise colored witnesses rounded up by Mississippi law officers acting on information given them by Dr. T. M. R. Howard and reporters here covering this trial.

Five other witnesses provided by Dr. Howard are present and ready to testify in the new and sensational development which is expected to show that J. W. Milam and Roy Bryant killed Emmett Till in a barn on a plantation 10 miles from Mound Bayou that is managed by Milam.

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THE PARADE OF COLORED witnesses began the day before when, in what will stand out as one of the most dramatic moments of the trial, the 64-year-old Rev. Moses Wright, Emmett Till's uncle, took the witness stand.

He told of the two white men coming to his house—one with gun in hand—and demanding "the boy who made the big talk."

There was stark drama in the courtroom when the prosecuting attorney asked the Rev. Mr. Wright if one of the men with gun in hand at his door had been J. W. Milam, one of the defendants.

When the aging minister answered "yes," the attorney asked the Rev. Mr. Wright to stand up.

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"NOW, UNCLE MOSE," he said, "Do you see J. W. Milam in this room? If so point him out."

With his thin body racked with emotion, but his face a deadly calm, the Rev. Mr. Wright arose, pointed a bony finger at a white man and declared:

"There he is."

Uncle Mose, as he was called by prosecuting attorney Gerald Chatham, was on the stand for 30 minutes, during which time he gave detailed information as to how the white men had come to his home in the middle of the night and taken the boy.

Other colored persons to testify included Mrs. Mandy Bradley, no relation to the boy's mother, Ed Reed, father of Willie Reed.

After these witnesses testified, the state rested its murder case against Roy Bryant and J. W. Milam Thursday at 1:55, having presented five witnesses Thursday and seven on Wednesday

The two prosecutors felt they had proved that the two white men killed 14-year-old Emmett Till in a barn Aug. 28.

Gerald Chatham and Robert Smith, prosecutors, told reporters during recess they are "confident" they have made a good case; but would not venture a guess on the jury verdict.

The defense is expected to try to show that the body taken from the river was not that of Emmett Till.

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ENDING OF THE STATE argument left several witnesses still to be heard from and reporters who had aided officials in rounding them up were surprised that they were not called.

One such witness was Frank Young, who was brought to the Sheriff's office in the roundup Tuesday night and was said to have important evidence in the case.

At noon the prosecution told the AFRO that Young has disappeared completely.

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ANOTHER WITNESS not called was Walter Billups, who was present Wednesday and photographed, but not called today to testify. Both are colored.

Some of the colored witnesses who testified were immediately released to go to the fields and pick cotton.

This brought great concern to Congressman Diggs and

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'Rosary Girl' jailed 10 times

Lorraine Parker, alias Lorraine Stewart, alias Lorraine Madden, who was sentenced this week to 10 years in prison for killing her third sweetheart, is a deadly 125 pound, 5 foot, 4 inch woman with a weapon.

Convicted for the manslaughter of Archie Stewart, she has been nicknamed the "Rosary Girl" because she always wears only a black rosary around her neck and no other jewelry.

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AT HER TRIAL before Judge John T. Tucker in Criminal Court, Monday, she did not wear any rings, bracelets or a watch.

According to her foster mother, Mrs. Helen Madden of Scranton, Pa., the killer of three men, received the rosary at the Holy Cross Church, in Harrisburg, Pa., when she was in her late teens.

This was after she had begun her life of crime at the age of 13 as a prostitute. From then on she accumulated a string of at least 10 convictions on crimes varying from assault to manslaughter.

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MRS. MADDEN told the AFRO, Wednesday that she had sent her foster daughter to the church Sunday School in hopes of curbing the girl's criminal tendencies.

"She was not religious," the mother said. "She was always flighty and quick-tempered."

In the two previous manslaughter cases, "the Rosary Girl" was sentenced to three years in the Maryland Woman's Reformatory for the fatal stabbing of Jack Lane, May, 1943.

And on April 19, 1951, she was given another four-year term in the same institution for killing her husband, Richard Parker, with an ice pick.

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MRS. MADDEN did not seem alarmed when told of the "Rosary Girl's" latest act.

"She never trusted anyone," she said. "She was the jealous type. Lorraine always thinks everyone is against her."

The foster mother, who gained custody of the "Rosary Girl" from her own mother when she was only five weeks old, said she first noted this definite trait when she was about nine years old.

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MRS. MADDEN said that she noted "Lorraine had an inferiority complex because of her complexion."

She always said, "I know nobody likes me," Mrs. Madden declared. "I figured then I would start having trouble with her. I told her she shouldn't feel like that but it didn't do any good. She was disagreeable and evil."

In the courtroom, this reporter noted that Mrs. Parker showed no emotion in her face. When the judge imposed the heavy sentence she walked out of the room under guard looking as if the judge had acquitted her.

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SHE LIVED with Mr. Stewart three months in the house at 1200 block W. Fayette St. and neighbors on the top floor said they never met her.

She creates the impression of fear to those who are in her presence. One court attache said she "would be disinclined to arrest her without making certain she had not concealed a deadly weapon.

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MRS. MADDEN said the "Rosary Girl" was one who never knew the meaning of the words, "I'm sorry." She ex-

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First matron gets jail job

The first colored matron at the Baltimore City Jail began work on Thursday morning.

She is Mrs. Geneva Saltus, 1713 Hardy St., the mother of four children and a former school crossing guard.

Mrs. Saltus obtained the position through a competitive examination which she took several months ago. Her duties parallel those of a male prison guard.

Three of Mrs. Saltus' children are in high school, while the fourth, Gerard, 22, is in the army.

Those in school are Valiere, 20, Douglass, James, 13, Dunbar Ronald, 18, City College.

The new matron is a native of Baltimore and a member of St. Matthews Methodist Church.

'Little fish' let off hook by turning in 'big fish'

Testimony of a 59-year-old convicted numbers writer who didn't want to go to jail again, resulted in the conviction of a numbers pickup man in Criminal Court, Wednesday.

Found guilty of a lottery violation was Robert D. Gladden, 47, 400 block N. Greene St., who was sentenced to seven months in the House of Correction and fined $1,000.

Chief state's witness was Arthur Hillard, 800 block Pierce St., who police said served a jail term in 1954 for numbers. It was his testimony and cooperation with police that led to the arrest and conviction of Gladden.

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SGT. VINCENT SERIO of the Southwestern District said that on July 21 at about 1 p.m., in company with Officers Peter Lowinski and Theodore Bushrod, he arrested Hillard in the vicinity of his home on a search and seizure warrant that had been obtained earlier.

The sergeant said that a search of Hillard uncovered lottery evidence. Sergeant Serio had also arrested Hillard in the 1954 case.

"You got me before and I don't want to go to jail again," police quoted Hillard as saying. "How about me turning the pickup man over to you?"

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THE LOTTERY evidence was returned, police said, and Hillard then led them to the 800 block Franklin St., where he gave an envelope to Gladden. Police moved in on the suspected pickup man.

Sergeant Serio said that a search of Gladden turned up 58 slips, 2,160 numbers, six tapes, $313.64 in plays representing sevenstations and $27.05 of cash money for lottery.

Gladden also had $587 which police said they let him keep after he told them it was his personal.

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QUESTIONED BY Preston A. Pairo Jr., assistant state's at-

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Inventory of Roy Bond's estate filed

The personal estate of Roy S. Bond, attorney, who died here, in July, amounts to $80,315.07, according to an inventory filed in Orphans Court, Tuesday.

The inventory listed $57,000 in leasehold properties, $2,184.25 in chattels and $21,130.82 in cash.

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THE PROPERTIES listed did not include the home in which he lived at the time of his death, 1517 Druid Hill Ave.

This property had been deeded to a friend, Miss E. Estelle Thomas, executive director of the Madison Avenue Branch YWCA, a month prior to his death.

Properties listed and their valuation included:

1539 Division St., $4,000; 1143 N. Carrollton Ave., $4,000; 1237 Division St., $4,000; 1802 Etting St., $2,500; 603 Gilbert St., $1,500; 644 Pitcher St., $8,000; 535 Sanford Pl., $5,500; 1218 Division St., $4,000; 2029 Madison Ave., $7,000; 1218 Pennsylvania Ave., $8,500; 1610 Madison Ave., $7,000; and 1800 Etting St., $3,000.

The Sanford Place property is

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The Mess in Mississippi

EDITORIAL

Equal justice under law is not possible in Mississippi. Any appearance of it would be accidental and non-recurring.

In a democracy, sheriffs, judges and other police officials are restrained from dictatorship by fear of the ballot in the hands of citizens.

In Mississippi, a colored citizen is banned by terror from voting. Therefore, government and justice, where he is concerned, sink to rule by mobs and plantation owners.

Unless disfranchised Mississippians organize some strong local association to demand and use the ballot, they will remain helpless. The rest of us must give without stint to organizations like the NAACP which can assist Mississippi with advice and local counsel.

The national government, which is spending billions to educate, house and improve underprivileged peoples around the world, must declare Mississippi a "disaster area."

For, in this part of our own country, floods of lawlessness have covered the whole area with thick deposits of ignorance and racial prejudice many generations deep.