Is Turner Station's Bill Earle the one who told 'NAACP lie' in S.C.?

Who is William Calvin Earle? That is the question which arises this week since South Carolina police reported the arrest of a William Calvin Earle on a stolen car charge.

The question is of particular interest because Dixie officers are quoted as saying that following his arrest a man who identified himself as to his hometown of Caycee, S.C., by the Baltimore NAACP "to stir up trouble."

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TO THE Dundalk police a William Calvin Earle, 31, 100 block Barberry Ct., Turner Station, is a man whom they have arrested twice.

Once on a disorderly conduct charge for which he was fined $25, and again for impersonating an Army officer for which he received a suspended 30-day sentence, according to Baltimore police records.

To the FBI a William Calvin Earle is a man who is scheduled to be prosecuted in transporting a stolen car across state lines.

To Mrs. Lillie Jackson, president of the Baltimore NAACP, anyone who states that he was sent by the NAACP to South Carolina to stir up trouble is telling "a fabulous lie."

MRS. JACKSON said, "We are not in any program to stir up strife. All we're interested in doing is obtaining our constitutional rights.

"Anybody who says we have initiated a programme to do otherwise is telling a bold untruth," she added.

(Records of the Baltimore NAACP do not show a William Calvin Earle on the membership list.)

"For 48 years the NAACP has been seeking constitutional rights.

"It has never stirred up strife or encouraged others to do so.

"We have worked for a peaceful solution of racial problems under the law and we will continue to do so," Mrs. Jackson said.

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IN DUNDALK, police revealed that they had a record on a man named William Calvin Earle from Turner Station.

On June 8 of this year police said he was arrested on a complaint that he was impersonating an Army officer. They also said he was a former auxiliary policeman who had been released from the force.

An examination of his home, police added, turned up about 400 detective stories and books on Army life.

They also reported that the man had a set of Army credentials and knew all the articles of war.

The case was referred to the FBI, it was reported, and eventually the man was given a 30-day suspended sentence.

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EARLIER, DUNDALK police said, the same man had been fined $25 on a disorderly conduct charge growing out of a "peeping Tom" incident.

The William Calvin Earle in question was described as a former employee at the Sparrows Point steel mill.

Late Saturday, the FBI reported that it intended to prosecute the man being held in South Carolina for transporting a stolen car from Baltimore.

No further word has come from South Carolina on the story Earle reportedly told police or his "instructions" from the NAACP.

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GRADUATION DAY — When graduation exercises for 115 new police officers were held recently, these men were among those awarded certificates after completing their training courses at the Police Academy. From left to right they are, Patrolmen Henry Williams, Vernon Clark, and James Fields. The fifth man in line is Patrolman Charles Wratchford.

Mrs. Brooks found guilty of larceny

"He knows I didn't take any money from him. I don't know why he said I took his wallet."

A 24-year-old tearful mother of two, Mrs. Myrtle Brooks, testifying in criminal Court Thursday, was referring to her former landlord, James Robinson, 2248 Madison Ave., who accused her of assaulting and taking $190 from him.

Judge E. Paul Mason found Mrs. Brooks 700 block W. Fayette St., guilty of assault and larceny but withheld sentence pending a probation report.

Mr. Robinson testified that on Dec. 5 he accompanied Mrs. Brooks to the home of her sister, Miss Shirley Johnsen, of 623 W. Saratoga St.

He said they talked for a while and some drinks were served.

"She (Mrs. Brooks) asked me if I wanted another drink and I told her no," Mr. Robinson said. "She sat down on my knee. I felt her hand going in my pocket and I said, 'Wait a minute, don't go in my pocket.'"

The proceeding witness related that when he checked his wallet his money was missing.

"What did she do after she got the wallet?" Norman Hochberg, assistant State's attorney, wanted to know.

"She grabbed a bottle and struck me on the head," replied Mr. Robinson.

At one point during Mr. Robinson's testimony, Mrs. Brooks interrupted and said, that Mr. Robinson was telling an untruth.

"For instance, it used to be we could get a horse and wagon for $2 a day but ever now it's $4.

"We're pretty proud of ourselves and we don't feel like we are begging when we call out for our wares.

"Arabbing started many a year ago in East Baltimore and that's where most of it goes on now," Mr. Parker said.

"We make a good living and as for myself I like it, and I think you will find most Arabbers wouldn't have another job if you gave it to them."

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ARABBING, Mr. Parker stated, is divided into several groups of specialization. While some of them seek junk others sell fruit, vegetables, fish, coal wood, and ice.

The one thing they have in common is the ope-horse wagon or a hand-drawn cart or home-made wagon and each has his own particular chant.

"We usually keep the same team from day to day and I guarantee you will never find an Arabber who mistreats his horse.

"We take good care of them, a blanket to keep them warm in winter, plenty of oats and some candy treats sometimes."

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'Arabbing' a 100-yr. tradition in Balto.

"We have a language all our own and I don't think anyone except one of us would really know what we are saying, but everybody knows what we mean."

Ronnie Parker, 39, 2631 Pennsylvania Ave., has been an Arabber for 21 years and he is an expert in the business as well as one of the best callers anywhere.

He was explaining all about Arabbing, which is commonly known as junking, a business which employs hundreds of Baltimoreans, keeps over 100 scrap dealers busy every day of the year.

A familiar and traditional part of the local street scene, Arabbers have been calling for "yeney oleraga, papers soap iron, cotton mattresses" for almost 100 years.

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THEIR CHANT is a language equally traditional and belongs particularly to this section of Maryland.

The push cart and the one-horse wagon have become a trade mark of the men who sell scrap metal, cast-off furniture, antiques, or anything anyone may throw away.

"I have had my same route for all these years," Mr. Parker stated.

"It is in the Pimlico section and that's where I clean out cellars, care for yards and do my junking the year around."

"LIKE ANY other business the price of things has gone up for us," he continued.

PART OF THE Baltimore scene since the early 1800's, the Arabber and his one-horse wagon have become a tradition. Above, Ronnie Parker stands with his favorite steed who sports a blanket along with baubles and bangles that jingle as he treads the city streets. Mr. Parker states that he has used a horse and wagon team for 21 years, makes a "good enough" living at junking.

Give mail man break--and watch those slippery steps

Acting Postmaster General Maurice H. Stans, Post Office Department, Washington, D. C., today appealed to the public to cooperate in efforts to their local postmasters to reduce the hazard of slips and falls for letter carriers and special delivery messengers.

It should be pointed out, Mr. Stans added, that the Post Office Department is not alone in facing a problem of employee injury from falls. Hundreds of delivery and service agencies—utilities with their meter readers, dairies, grocers clearers, laundries, mercantile deliveries, telegraph messengers, department stores, and salesmen, to name a few — have the same problem.

Re-emphasis of the problem of slip and fall hazards to the nation's mailmen is indicated, Mr. Stans said, by a recent check within the Minneapolis, Minnesota Region of the Post Office Department, where out of 281 accidents selected at random for analysis, 209 occurred on icy walks, steps or stairways of postal patrons.

Injuries to postal personnel due to falls from these causes account for a very large part of the total annual medical and injury compensation cost to the government for on-the-job postal employe injuries which, according to the most recent 12-month period report of the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Employee Compensation, totaled $5,356,928, Mr. Stans pointed out.

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"AND, IT does not take into account the misery and suffering for these devoted public servants—which concerns us the most," Mr. Stans added.

Mr. Stans said he is issuing a call to the public at this time because reports furnished to him indicate that the period of greatest hazard from falls is December, January, February and March.

Postal patrons may help reduce such accidents simply by using common sense precautions, Mr. Stans pointed out.

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Three brothers rescued in fire

"I was so afraid I thought I couldn't move, but I had to save those children."

Buck Owens of 1032 Aisquith St., spoke those words Thursday after rescuing three children from a blazing second-story apartment at his home Wednesday night.

Trapped in a bedroom when a fire of undetermined origin damaged the hallway leading to their apartment were the three sons of Mrs. Bessie Lawson.

Carried to safety in the arms of Mr. Owens who scaled a scaffold and broke a window to gain entrance to their room were Joseph, 4; Anthony, 3; and Johnnie Lawson, 2.

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THE CHILDREN had been left in the house alone by their mother who was visiting their grandmother three blocks away.

In describing the rescue Mr. Owens stated: "The smoke in there was terrible. I went in when I heard the youngest boy yelling, 'take me out of here.'"

Mr. Owens said that he was assisted in the rescue by James Seger, a tenant at his home, and a 13-year-old boy, Charles Vines Jr., 13, 1034 N. Aisquith St.

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Fla. A. and M. Guild presents Shaw play

TALLAHASSEE — The Florida A. and M. University Playmakers Guild, which scored with their initial presentation of the academic year, "Night Must Fall," presented George Bernard Shaw's satirical comedy "Arms and the Man," Tuesday evening.

The guild will participate in the southwide celebration honoring playwright Paul Green when it will present three-act plays on February 12.

$500 gift makes 13 happy

"It was a great surprise and a great blessing, and the whole family thanks God from the bottom of our hearts for the blessing that He bestowed on us during this holiday."

Thus Mrs. James Griffin, 1808 Pulaski St., told the AFRO Thursday how she and her family felt when her husband, James, won $500 because he held a Gunther Lucky Buck last Friday.

"Before we won the money," Mrs. Griffin said, "I didn't see any way in the world how we would even had had a dinner, or any presents or anything for Christmas. But I'd been praying," she said.

Mr. and Mrs. Griffin, whose 13 children range in age from 21 months to 26 years, have been married for 27 years. Four of the children are married, and have brought the couple seven grandchildren.

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MRS. GRIFFIN, who, like the rest of the family, is Catholic, said that she had been ill recently, and that she had been visited by Father Thomas O'Connor of the St. Peter Claver Church a few days before her husband won the money.

"I asked Father O'Connor to pray, too, that I might be able to make the children a little happier for Christmas," she said.

"He told me, 'I certainly will,'" she said.

Mrs. Griffin said that her family would have had "something ordinary" for Christmas dinner, except for the extraordinary run of luck.

"BUT WE had turkey, candied sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, peas, and so forth," she said.

"I usually make hot rolls," she said, "but I didn't bother since I had been sick and was too tired after I returned from midnight mass."

Mrs. Griffin said that all of the money had not been spent, but that much of it had been spent to pay doctor bills and to buy a "few nice things for the children."

Mr. Griffin's winning buck was number M3626060F.

The Gunther Brewing Company awards $5,000 to 210 winners each week, with prizes ranging from $10 to $1000.

A list of lucky buck numbers is distributed each week wherever Gunther Beer is sold.

$500 SMILES—Mr. and Mrs. James Griffin, 1808 Pulaski St., pose with 11 of their 13 children as they receive $500 won by Mr. Griffin because he held a Gunther lucky buck, number M3626060F. The check is being awarded by Richard Thomas of the brewing company.

A GIFT AND GIVER—Miss Esther Ferrell, 1530 W. Lexington St., is shown with a mat she crocheted for a Christmas gift. The young lady, who works at Johns Hopkins Hospital, used nine yards of yarn for the project. She has been doing this type of work for several years and sent the mat as Yule gift.

Schmidt Baking Company gives its annual party

SHOP TALK—In a discussion on the operation of the Schmidt Baking Co., Mrs. Bonnie Davis of 901 Rosedale St., conversed with Carl Schmidt, company president, during the firm's fifth annual Christmas party, Saturday.

Soft lights, a 15-foot Christmas tree, shuffling feet upon a concrete dance floor—that was the pretty setting in which more than 1,000 employees of the Schmidt Baking Company found themselves last Saturday.

The occasion was the company's fifth annual Christmas party.

With their families and friends, company employees were entertained for more than five hours.

Their host was Carl Schmidt, president of the company.

To provide room for the party, the company cleared its huge garage of all trucks, decorated it with greenery and set up tables for all to dine on.

While awaiting the arrival of St. Nick with their Christmas presents, the guests danced to the music of an eight-piece band, ate hamburgers and moved from table to table exchanging holiday greetings.

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AT ONE POINT in the celebration, the crowd stopped to admire the performance of two small girls who hand in hand were dancing rings around their elders.

With the arrival of Santa Claus in a convertible automobile, the crowd assembled around the Christmas tree where they were greeted by Mr. Schmidt and Harold McManus, vice-president of the company.

The audience sang "Jingle Bells" and lingered around tree for more than two hours as the presents were passed out.

Each employee's presents were packed in individual plastic bags and contained packages for each member of his family.

Among their presents little girls found dolls and their mothers, necklaces.

For junior, the surprise packages contained, among other toys, the latest type of military equipment.

Coming Events

DECEMBER 28
A Christmas Hop sponsored by the Business and Professional Girls Club of the YWCA at 8 p.m. at the Madison Ave. Branch Y.

DECEMBER 30
Recital by Town Choir at John Wesley Methodist Church, Sharp and Montgomery Sts.

DECEMBER 31
On New Year's Eve many churches throughout the city hold annual Watch Night services.

Les Companions stage a cabaret party at the Coliseum from 10 p.m. until.

JANUARY 2
Polio shots available at 914 W. 36th St., at 9 a.m., and at University Hospital at 12:30 p.m.

JANUARY 3
3411 Bank St. is the scene of polio shots at 12:30 p.m.

JANUARY 11
Polio shots at 2817 Oakley Ave. at 8:30 a.m. and at 1211 Wall St. at 2:30 p.m.

JANUARY 9
Noon hour talk at main Pratt Library by Hunter Moss, chairman of the planning council of Greater Baltimore Committee, on "Planning the Future of Downtown Baltimore."

Scovel Richardson, chairman of the U.S. Parole Board, speaks at Morgan State College, 10 p.m., in Hurt Gymnasium.

JANUARY 13
Great Hymns Choir sings at Christ Methodist Church, Washington and Chase Sts., at 4:30 p.m., sponsored by the Women's Society of Christian Service.

JANUARY 20
Baseball star Jackie Robinson is the speaker this afternoon at Sharp St. Memorial Methodist Church. The time is 3 p.m. This is the NAACP's "Youth Sunday."

The Seven Turners in their first musical program of the year at Fellowship Baptist Church, 714 N. Fremont Ave., 7 p.m.

JANUARY 27
Grace Presbyterian Church installs its officers at 7 p.m.

Smokers blamed for 50% of fires

"Fully 50 percent of the fires that we investigate are caused by people smoking in bed."

Capt. Harry R. Ballman of the Fire Department was the author of this statement on the latest death in Baltimore, Thursday as he commented on believed to have been caused by the combination of a cigarette and a sleepy smoker.

William Dennis, 30, 1909 N. Longwood St., is the lastest victim. According to Captain Ballman he suffered second and third degree burns of his entire body.

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"THE ONLY thing that was burned in the room was the mattress but that's how it happens.

"A person lies across a bed for a few minute and falls off to sleep and drops a cigarette. Sometimes they don't even wake up and sometime when they do wake up it is too late, Captain Ballman said.

After having investigated scores of fires, Captain Ballman is convinced that if people would just stop smoking in bed, the fire, and the death rate as well, could be reduced.

"It's horrible to see innocent people burned because somebody smoked in bed," he said.

It has been repeated countless times, but according to Captain Ballman, there's one slogan that should be impressed on everyone.

"Don't smoke in bed."

WAITING FOR ST. NICK — While awaiting the arrival of presents at the Schmidt Baking Company party, the pros and cons of last minute holiday shopping furnished discussion for Mrs. Nadine Birdsall, left, of 2115 W. Mulberry St., the company's chief engineer, Jim Galbraith and Edward Powell.

TV minister finds viewers have wide variety of queries

"There are always people who call up — it's curiosity with them. They are looking at you on television and they are anxious to see what kind of reaction they will get."

The Rev. Edward G. Carroll, pastor of Sharp Street Memorial Methodist Church, was talking about some of the interesting highlights behind the popular television program, "The Pastor's Study."

Speaking about some of the problems that are certain to come up every time the camera, as start, the young minister went on to say:

"Of course, you never know whether they have a real concern or are attempting to put over propaganda through you, while you are attempting to answer a question."

The religious feature is sponsored in this area by the Council of Churches of Maryland and Delaware. Efforts are made to acquaint the public with the local ministry, and at the same time, to demonstrate the type of community service modern pastors offer this city.

"I stay there until the studio closes and receive calls. Those are the ones who are really sincere, you see, because they are not interested in seeing the way you look."

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THERE IS A wide variety of questions but some phase of the integration issue usually comes up before the end of each of the programs.

The Rev. Carroll does not feel that this is due to deliberate planning but sees it as an indication of the great public interest in this particular subject at this time.

Referring to a query which was directed at him concerning interracial marriages, the Rev. Mr. Carroll said:

"I didn't feel that this was a cracked. I felt that he was trying to work out this problem of integration. However, what I really wanted to say to him was that it was really amusing to think that everyone with whom you work is a candidate for marriage."

There is another stock type of question too which pops up in just about every session of the program in one form or another.

It is usually asked by the expert believer in one of the many doctrines with the hope of getting a few convert or getting a hot debate on the subject involved.

The Rev. Mr. Carroll recalled that the matter dealing with the curse placed on Ham is a sort of favorite in this category.

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"THE QUIZ starts off something like this: If the colored race came from Ham, and Ham was cursed, to be a hewer of wood and drawer of water, well then that places the colored man just about where he should be according to the biblical reference.

"Then, too, questions come from people with peculiar points of view, religiously. So they ask questions to get you to affirm. These questions, like the Ham query, are rather obvious attempts to try to pin you down one way or the other and it is almost like trap questions," he said.

The Rev. Mr. Carroll follows a technique which he believes has helped him to present the program most effectively.

He stays away from the subtle questions designed to trap him and he avoids facetious answers to any type of question.

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IN ADDITION to the many questions that are phoned directly to the studio, the Rev. Mr. Carroll receives hundreds of other questions through the mail.

The writers are from all walks of life and their questions reflect a wide interest in a multiplicity of subjects.

However, there are the lighter moments on "The Pastor's Study," too.

The Rev. Mr. Carroll likes to tell about one of his viewers who called him in the midst of a program one night.

He picked up the phone and in his most friendly voice said: "This is the Pastor's Study, may I help you?"

"Never," roared the angry voice on the other end, as the lady banged her receiver down.

These Newstippers win last awards -- for 1956

Newstippers are closing out the year in fine fashion. There are several sizeable awards being made this week. For instance, two persons are in at the finish for the "tiptop tipster" prize with awards of $5 each.

They called in tips on the fatal fire on N. Longwood St. and the flood emergency in Provident's emergency room. Getting a $4 award for the Provident incident was another tipster.

A $4 check also goes to the tipster who told us of the children saved from fire on Aisquith St. A belated tip payment of $0.50 goes to the tipster who called on the death of T. Henry Waters.

A payment of $1.50 goes to the caller who told of picketing at one of the White Coffee Pot restaurants. Checks for $1 each go to the tipster on an accident at McMechen and Madison and a fire at Fayette and Caroline.

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AS WE GO into the New Year, there is still the sum of $25 set aside each week for Newstips. An additional $25 is set aside for News Photos. Just bring your snapshots of newsworthy incidents in to the City Desk.

Newstip numbers are: MU. 5-6015, 6016, 1812, and 1813. If no answer, call LA. 3-2811.

EARLY CHRISTMAS—Christmas arrived ahead of schedule for the children of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Henson of 719 N. Pulaski St. They were among the more than 1,000 persons given presents at Saturday's Christmas party. From left to right: Larry Henson, 6; Marlene, 9; Serena, 6; and Marsha Henson, 9. Their father has been a Schmidt Baking Co., employee for 23 years.

SURPRISE—In company with Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Watson of 829 N. Bond St., Mrs. Mildred Collins of 2004 Westwood Ave., expresses surprise over the present given her at Schmidt's annual Christmas party. She received a pearl necklace.