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—8 'axe rascals'

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WITH JUST AN AXE—That's all that the "Axe Rascals" needed to darken considerable portion of Northwest Baltimore in a recent series of escapades which ended in their arrest. The eight boys, 11 to 14 years old, first pried off the metal cover at the base of new light poles and then reached inside to grab the wires and pull them out. With a short axe they cut off the lead splices which they reportedly insisted to sell as junk. The youngsters shown here is not one of the "Rascals" but is showing how they operated to cause police, citizens and the Gas & Electric Co., both inconvenience and expense. The youngsters are now awaiting juvenile court action.

moving the lead splice in 24 of them.

They only tampered with one fire alarm box but in doing this they put 24 other boxes on the same circuit out of commission.

The box that the youngsters chose was at Baker and Calhoun Sts. and they removed the cables on Saturday, Nov. 24.

"Luckily there were no fires in the area while the boxes were being fixed or else we would have been in trouble," said one police officer in describing how the "Axe Rascals" had jeopardized homes in the section.

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THE INITIAL discovery of the damaged lights was made on Wednesday, Nov. 21, when a routine check showed that 14 lights in the area bounded by Mount, Calhoun, Winchester and Cumberland Sts., had been knocked out.

Then on Nov. 24, a fire was reported in one of the lights in the 1400 block Laurens St. Workmen discovered that the blaze was caused by a short circuit due to the removal of the splice.

A total of nine lights were discovered in this condition thus plunging an area extending up to Pennsylvania Ave. near North into darkness for several hours, it was reported.

Sgt. Albert Heck, and Officers Leroy Moody and Stanley Jastrenski were assigned to the case. After several days of work they arrested three alleged perpetrators of the damage.

It was reported that the youngsters freely admitted to their actions and explaining that they had seen the lights being installed and decided that removing and selling the lead splices would be an easy way to make money.

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THE TECHNIQUE of the "Axe Rascals" consisted of removing a metal plate in the base of the pole and then reaching in and grabbing the wires to expose the splice. Then they would use the axe to chop the splice free.

When the lights are in operation they carry 5,000 volts but at the time they were removed the splices the lines were dead.

If there had been electricity in the lights when the "Axe Rascals" hit the wires with the metal axe, this is what might have happened to them, according to one officer.

"They would have been fried."

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—Mrs. Carter

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was 70. Death was due to a heart attack.

The eulogy will be delivered by the Rev. James B. Foy, pastor of Asbury Methodist where Mrs. Carter was a longtime member.

BORN IN Port Deposit, Md., Mrs. Carter came to the District in 1906. She maintained residence here until 18 months ago when she moved to Baltimore.

For over 30 years she and her family lived at 19 M St., SW.

In addition to Arthur Carter, she was the mother of four other sons, Robert, Joseph, Virgil and Andrew Carter, all of Washington, and a daughter, Mrs. Frances Gardner of Baltimore.

Other survivors include a sister, Mrs. Bessie H. Harris of Holmesburg, Pa., and six grandchildren.

—'Was good wife'

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zarre shooting of his wife.

"I loved her, she was a good wife," he repeated.

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PERCY THOMAS, a fellow-worker at the Pentagon, is being held without bond on charges of homicide in connection with Mrs. Morina's death. The defendant is married and resided at 4910 Arkansas Ave., NW, with his wife, Annie and a two-year-old son.

Officials of the Petworth Funeral Home said they did not receive any request from police for the defendant to view the body.

Mass was sung for Mrs. Morina at the St. Martin's Blessed Church, North Capitol and T Sts., NW. The Rev. Alphonse Smith, priest, conducted the services amidst chants from the choir loft and an organ melody background.

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THE REV. S. L. GARDNER, pastor, Trinidad Baptist Church, 1100 Bladensburg Rd., NE, sat at the rear of the church during the services, but stood at the side of the family as the body of Mrs. Morina was placed in the hearse.

Mr. Morina escorted his mother-in-law and sister-in-law in the processional. Co-workers of Mr. Morina served as honorary pallbearers.

Only one of the children, Janet, 10, attended the services. The son, Robert Jr., 4, remained home.

Mrs. Elizabeth Webb, a nurse, had to apply smelling salts to Mrs. Ada Thomas, 65-year-old mother of the victim as Mrs. Thomas was placed in the car.

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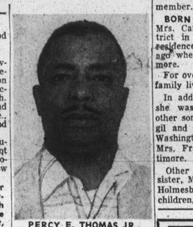
MRS. THOMAS and Miss Janet Morina saw Mrs. Morina shot to death about 7:30 p.m. as she stood near Mr. Thomas's automobile.



PERCY E. THOMAS JR. Accused of slaying man's wife

'I've lived to retire'

"I have much to be thankful for. I've lived to retire.

"My work was generally very pleasant and I found the people congenial and nice."

These are the words of Augustus Johnson Holsey, 67, 1323 Druid Hill Ave., as he looks back on 38 years of service as a mail carrier with the Post Office Department.

Mr. Holsey joined the Post Office in 1918, and was assigned to the main building. In 1920 he was sent to the Druid Hill Branch where he remained until his retirement this month.

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HIS DISTRICT was No. 318 in the area bounded roughtly by the 2500 and 2600 blocks of Pennsylvania Ave., the 2000 and 2100 blocks of Pulaski St., the 2100 block Windsor Ave., and the 2000 block of McKean.

This was familiar territory to Mr. Holsey and as he says:

"Babies that were in arms when I went there are now grown men with their own businesses."

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A WIDOWER for three years, Mr. Holsey was married for 35 years to Mrs. Estelle Peaker Holsey.

Their five daughters are: Mrs. Charlotte Harper, vice principal of Josiah Diggs School No. 162; Miss Louise Holsey; Mrs. Augusta Smith, a teacher at Elementary School No. 138; Miss Juanita Holsey, a teacher at Cherry Hill, and Mrs. Marian Barlift, a teacher at Dunbar.

Mr. Holsey is treasurer of the Sharp St. Memorial Methodist Church, and a trustee and member of the senior choir. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias, the Odd Fellows and the Baltimore City Postal Alliance.

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—Auto crash

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with the tree.

"It is the same tree where several people have been killed. It stands on the property of Harold Claggett, attorney, who said he would have the tree cut down.

"When I got on the scene, the woman had been taken to the hospital (Prince Georges General Hospital. She died before she got (there.)

"Ford's body was lying with the feet in the car and the head lying in a pool of blood on the ground.

"The driver? He didn't get a scratch. He admitted to us that he was driving and we had other witnesses.

"We also found a pint bottle, about one fourth of the whiskey remaining, in the car.

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"THERE WERE no witnesses to the accident itself but a truck driver told us that a few minutes before the accident, the car passed him.

"He said he was going 47 miles an hour and the car just whizzed past him," Lt. Blandford added.

Funeral arrangements for Mr. Ford are being handled by the Petworth Funeral home, 814 Upsher St. NW, Washington. Arrangements for Mrs. Jones are being handled by the Malvan Schey Funeral Home, 433 R St., NW Washington.

Mrs. Jones, who was 22 years old, is survived by her husband, Spc. William L. Jones, presently stationed with the Fifth Infantry Division Ft. Ord, Calif.

Left to two small children, Lamont, 3 years old; and Pamela, 17 months.

Mr. Ford, who was 24, was a laborer near Upper Marlboro. His wife is making funeral arrangements.

Officials at Andrew Air Force Base said their records showed Airman Curtis had been assigned to an Air Force base in North Carolina, and so far as they knew he was on his way there.

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—Play Santa

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this home, if there is no help."

A young mother, Mrs. C. J. writes: "I am asking help for my son. He is six. Last year he was in the hospital. I am unable to give him a good Christmas because I have a baby, 15 months.

She can't walk, so I am unable to work. I get probation money, but I have to buy food."

A divinity student at Woodstock College writes requesting aid for the family of Mrs. T.E.; he writes:

"Would a family of six children, 3 to 14, whose mother is struggling to raise them by herself, come under your concern? The father has left the job of caring for them to the mother.

"Because of the age of the youngest, the mother feels she cannot accept most work open to her and that she should try to make a home for the children, when they aren't in school.

"Having just had her teeth removed, she is in debt and is concerned about what kind of Christmas is in store for the children."

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MRS. R. J. writes: "I am the mother of nine children, two girls and seven boys. My husband has been laid off three weeks. The children need clothing and are looking for Santa Claus. I will appreciate any help. Thank you."

Mrs. R. D. writes: "Would you please help i.t. to have a Merry Christmas for my three boys. They are 7, 3, and 9 months. I am on the Welfare and they do not give money for toys. I would be very grateful if you would help me."

A friend of an Ellsworth St. family writes: "There is a family on Ellsworth St., who will need something for Christmas. The husband is sick in Johns Hopkins Hospital. The mother, Mrs. M. J., has four children. She is really in need."

A 12-year-old girl Miss W.E.C. writes: "My mother is in Rhode Island. I stay with my grandmother and I have two boy cousins, who also stay with my grandmother. Their mother has been very sick and just came out of the hospital.

"They are badly in need of shoes and clothing."

From Miss S. S. L. comes the following letter: "I am 12 years old and live with my grandmother. She is a widow and unable to work. She has arthritis.

"I wish somebody would help her make a very nice Christmas this year. If you do, I will thank you very much for it."

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FROM Centerville, comes a request for help for a 12-year-old girl, B. T. A friend of hers writes: "This little girl is going to have an unhappy Christmas because she does not have any money.

"Her mother is sick and had to stop work. Please help her."

Another friend writes requesting help for the family of Mrs. R. E., who lives on Pearl St. the mother has six children to support.

The father sends money to the probation department when he feels like it. The family is behind in their rent and being threatened with eviction.

A little girl Delilah writes: "Dear Santa Claus, please remember our family this year. Our father is sick. My mother has 12 children. She cannot work because she had a serious opration three years ago. My brother and sister don't have any shoes. They can't go to school."

Mrs. M. D., a Stricker St. resident, writes: "Would you please help give my children a Merry Christmas? I have four girls, 4 to 8. My only income is from the Welfare. I would be grateful for any help.

A plea for help for three little children who live on Lemmon St. comes from a friend of their. She explains that the children, Stevie, Marvis and Gregory are badly in need. Their parents are separated.

A friend writes for help for Mrs. M. L. A., a Round Rd. resident, Mrs. M. L. A. has four small children; and has some help, but not enough for Christmas. Would you Play Santa for her children?

REQUESTS FOR help from the AFRO's Santa also come from Mrs. V. P. a cripple from birth because of polio.

She writes: "I have seven children. In April my husband was in a cave-in and was badly hurt. I would like my children to be happy; I only care to see their smiles. clothes and food would hold a lot."

A kindly person, named Melvin, writes for help for the family of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. of Forrest St. "They have five wonderful kids, t o boys and three girls."

Melvin explains that the the father doesn't work regularly and it takes all he can make to pay the bills.

Mrs. B. M. writes: "I have six children from six months to 13 years. I am not earning enough for any extras like toys. I will be thankful for aything to make Christmas pleasant for my children."

ANOTHER PLEA is for help for a Stricker St. lady with two children. She can't work because she can't get anyone to keep the children. She lives in a one room flat with her children and Another friend writes requesting help for the family of Mrs. E. T., who lives on Pearl St. the mother has six children to support.

The father sends money to the probation department 'when he feels like it.' The family is behind in their rent and being threatened with eviction.

Another letter is for help for Mrs. G. M., a Pennsylvania Ave. mother of three children. The children are 7, 3 and 9 months. The 3 and 9 years old. She only has food that friends give her and faces eviction, the letter reads.

Letters asking for help also came from a family on Forrest St.; the father was hurt on his job and hasn't worked for some months. They are back in their rent. They have four children.

Also food and toys were asked for a West Henrietta St. family of eight, with children from 5-12. "Please help the family have a Merry Christmas," a neighbor writes.

A very sincere letter came to Santa Claus requesting help for a family getting ready to move to a W. Lanvale St. address. The family has six children; the mother is sickly and hospital bills are high.

A Shields Place mother, Mrs. M. writes: "I have four children and I don't have enough money to make it a Merry Christmas for my five children.

"I am separated from my husband and I don't make but $20 a week. My children need clothes and food. They are 5 to 10."

Mrs. T. J. A. writes: "I am not asking anything for myself but I am asking for some kind heart to help my seven children, 4-12." Mrs. T. J. A needs shoes and clothes for the children and would appreciate toys to make Christmas brighter for them. She lives on Bennett Pl.

A CALL for help comes from Berlin, Md. It is for a three year-old girl, whose father married a woman not the child's mother, and pays the child no attention.

Mrs. S. R., a Carey St. resident writes: "I would like to put my name in for Christmas baskets. I have seven children. My husband is the only one working.

"It takes everything he makes to keep things up. I would appreciate anything. My girls need coats. My six year old baby would like a doll. The children are 6 to 13.

Also requesting a basket, Mrs. P. M. of Herndon Ct. writes: "I am on the Welfare. I have three children and a 2-month-old grandson. Thank you very much."

A request for a Christmas basket also come from Mrs. MC. G. of McAleer Ct., Mrs. G is a grandmother and an invalid who lives with her daughter and three grandchildren.

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IF YOU know of a deserving child whose Christmas will not be a happy one, write to Santa Claus, AFRO-AMERICAN, City Desk, Baltimore, 1, Md. and tell us all about him.

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—Reconciled—Mrs. Pugh

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long divorce action which was culminated on Oct. 23, 1956, when Circuit Court Judge Cornelius Mundy signed a decree awarding him an absolute divorce on the grounds his wife misbehaved with a fellow Social Security worker.

Fred Koldner, attorney for Mrs. Pugh, asked to comment on reports that there had been a reconciliation. told the AFRO on Wednesday: "I have not been advised that they have remarried.

"Yes, Mrs. Pugh told me there was going to be a reconciliation. I didn't know it was actually consummated," he added.

W. A. C. Hughes Jr., attorney for Mr. Pugh, told the AFRO: "No, I didn't know they had remarried. I heard they were talking reconciliation."

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A YEAR ago, on December 20, 1955, Mrs. Pugh had been granted a partial divorce and custody of their infant child, with the husband ordered to pay $12.50 a week and settle other financial obligations.

In the divorce action two months ago, Mr. Pugh employed the services of a private detective, and asked the court to award him custody of the child on the grounds his wife was not a fit mother.

At the time of the latest divorce action, Judge Mundy reserved decision on the custody request pending an investigation by the Probation Department.

In a memorandum which appeared in the divorce record just last week, Judge Mundy had denied the request and ruled: "Adultery on the part of a wife does not and of itself disentitle a wife to custody.

In awarding the child's custody to Mrs. Pugh, Judge Mundy said:

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"The husband and a detective testified that they saw the respondent's car outside the apartment (of Mrs. Pugh). The co-respondent is named Washington.

"The husband said he saw the co-respondent on the fire escape after he and Amrein (the detective) had sought entrance to the wife's apartment.

"The testimony of the wife and the co-respondent seemed to me unworthy of belief, and I granted a divorce to the husband on the grounds of adultery.

"The remaining question has to do with the custody of the child."

"IN a prior divorce proceeding by agreement of the parties, custody was given to the wife.

"The child is actually being raised by the wife's parents and her step-grandmother. The husband said if he had custody his sister would move to his house and help him raise the child.

"I referred the matter to the Probation Department for investigation.

"If the child is being properly cared for at present, there would seem to be no reason to disturb custody.

"Adultery on the part of a wife does not in and of itself disentitle her to custody.

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home, when she became ill last week, Mrs. Lee stated.

The following day she returned to her job in Towson, where she had been employed to nurse a patient for the past two years.

However, she became seriously ill the next day, and Mrs. Lee's daughter, Miss Estelle Lee, took her to the nursing home in an ambulance.

Miss Dorsey attended Madison Street Presbyterian Church for many years, and contributed service as if she were a member there." Mrs. Lee said.

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BORN IN York, Pa., Miss Dorsey came to Baltimore after she finished her education in Chester, Pa.

During her 47 years as a private nurse, she attended three generations of Baltimore's oldest families.

Miss Dorsey is survived by a cousin, her only living relative, Mrs. Corrine Harris of Wilson Park.

She considered Mrs. Lee, her daughter Estelle, her sons Billy and Thomas Lee, and the grandsons, Thomas, Michael and Franklin Lee as her own relatives.

Funeral services will be held at the Holland Funeral Home Saturday with the Rev. Reginald Daniels, pastor of Madison Ave. Presbyterian Church, officiating.

He will be assisted by the Revs. Julius and Edward G. Carroll, associate pastors of Sharp Street Methodist Church.

Burial will be at Arbutus Memorial Park.

18 selected for petit jury duty

The following 18 persons are among the petit jurors selected to serve for a three-week period ending Dec. 20:

* * *

SUPERIOR COURT: Luke Webb, 1629 Gwynns Falls Pkway; Joshua H. Brown, 2501 Calverton Heights Ave.; Miss Margaret B. Belt, 163 Reservoir St., and Nathaniel O. Copeland, 1520 N. Gilmor.

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BALTIMORE CITY COURT: Paul H. Brown, 3015 Ferndale Ave.; Mrs. Ruth E. Huffies, 2920 Rosalind Ave., and Walburton Pulley, 2508 W. Lafayette Ave.

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COURT OF Common Pleas: Sherman Hudson, 2710 Reese St.; Mrs. Emma Smith, 2572 W. Lafayette Ave.; Mrs. Leola V. Thompson, 1214 Roundhill Rd.; Mrs. Margaret C. Tankard, 1113 N. Bentalou St., and Mrs. Ollie L. Waiters, 1215 Harlem Ave.

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JUDGE AT Large: Mrs. Mary L. Allen, 1020 McKean Ave.; Paul Padgett, 1907 W. North Ave.; Joseph S. Pittman, 2902 Strickland St.; Robert L. Reed, 1948 W. Lanvale St.; Mrs. Nellie W. Nickens, 1420 Brunt St., and Mark A. Powell, 2604 Hollins Ferry Rd.

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