—'Worst accident'

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knife and given it a terrific whack.

The steering wheel was bent up to the windshield and what had been the interior of the car was an unrecognizable mass of twisted metal.

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In[illegible]he car was a woman's.

So[illegible]nd his helper, Melvin Buch[illegible]26, of Winston-Salem, suffe[illegible]minor injuries. They were [illegible]ed at Johns Hopkins Hosp[illegible]arks has been order[illegible] $4,000 bail on manslaug[illegible]harges.

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THE [illegible]DICAL examiner's office in Baltimore conducted autopsies on the victims and reported that all four had something to drink before their death but none could be considered intoxicated except Mrs. Reid.

Alcoholic content would have to be .15 before one could be considered intoxicated, it was explained. The alcoholic contents of the bodies were: Mr. Banks, .07; Mr. Foster, .10; Mrs. Norris, .16 and Mrs. Reed, .26.

While Mrs. Reed had the highest alcoholic content of any of the victims, she was the only one not killed instantly. She died later at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

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MRS. HELEN PRESTON, who resides on the Pulaski Highway at the scene of the accident:—

"I saw the trailer when it was going down in the gulley here.

"It was horrible. Three of them, two men and one woman landed on my property. They were thrown from the car.

"The other woman was trapped half in the car and half out, and she died on the way to the hospital.

"The tractor-trailer which was in collision with the car burned up. They did not burn to death, but they died a horrible death, I grant you that." Mrs. Preston also said:

"I could hear the metal ripping apart when they collided.

"It was something I never want to hear again and the worst part was when one of the women screamed.

"It was horrible."

OVERALL VIEW: This view shows extent of damage done to car which crashed and killed four of the occupants, Monday, 14 miles outside of Baltimore. The four Philadelphia residents, two women and two men, were en route home after visiting relatives and friends in Baltimore.

TRAFFIC IN the area, which is located near Gunpowder Hills, was tied up for over an hour. Two ambulances, a half dozen police cars and fire fighting equipment were on the scene.

Mrs. Helen Washington, 1801 Presbury St., sister of Mrs. Norris and aunt of the Foster youth, told the AFRO that the family here was first notified of the fatal accident late Monday morning, when a Philly relative called.

"They had been here visiting us and they were on the way home to Philadelphia. It was quite a shock when they called," Mrs. Washington said.

Young Foster, an Air Force veteran, is the son of Mrs. Cleora Foster of 1923 Ridgehill Ave., Baltimore. His father, David Foster, resides in Philadelphia.

He is also survived by his wife, Regina, and two small children, Eric and Patricia.

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SURVIVING Mrs. Norris are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Dawkins of Washington; and three sisters, Mrs. Washington, Mrs. Mabel Cammon and Mrs. Cleora Foster, all of Baltimore, and her husband, William Norris of Philadelphia.

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THE BODY of Mr. Banks was handled by the Katie Williams Funeral Home here. It was shipped to Cape Charles, Va., where funeral services will be held later in the week.

His sister, Mrs. Margaret Barnes, came from Philadelphia to make the arrangements.

The Gray Funeral Home in Cape Charles handled the arrangements. Mr. Banks, a garage attendant, is survived by his wife, Minnie, of Philadelphia; his mother, Mrs. Alwilda Banks of Cape Charles.

Also, two sisters, Mrs. Barnes and Miss Roxanna Banks, both of Philly; and three brothers, Wilbert, Philadelphia; Percy, Hampton, Va.; and Lee Banks of Newport News, Va.

The body of Mrs. Reed was not positively identified at the Baltimore City morgue until late Tuesday evening when relatives arrived from Philadelphia.

It was claimed by the Collick Funeral Home, which shipped the remains to Philadelphia where Mrs. Reed has a sister. She was employed as a presser in a cleaning shop.

Crash kills bride elect, mother, 34

FLETCHER, N.C. — A 3-year-old bride elect and a 34-year-old mother of two children were killed instantly and five other persons hurt in an automobile - truck crash here about 7:55 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 17.

The bride elect, Miss Lucille Mae Hall of 70 Circle St., Asheville, and the mother, Mrs. Sarah Cox Singleton of Slater, S.C., were pronounced dead at the scene while the others were admitted to Pardee Hospital at Hendersonville.

They are Mrs. Singleton's husband, John H. Singleton, 35, also of Slater, who suffered a head injury, fractures of several ribs and his right leg.

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ULYSSES MOORE, 38 of Mitchell St., Asheville, head injury, fractured leg and probable fractures of several ribs and his jaw.

James A. McMillan, 37, of 70 of Miss Hall's, who suffered a Circle St., Asheville, fiance of Miss Hall's, who suffered a head injury, fractured jaw, rib fractures and contusions of the left lung.

Messrs. Moore and McMillan were reported in critical condition while that of Mr. Singleton was characterized as "serious." Mrs. Roberta Moore and her husband, James, 28, of 15 Velvet St., Asheville, were treated and released.

According to State Highway Patrolman Dan W. Frady, the southbound automobile skidded on raindrenched pavement and turned sideways in the path of a pickup truck driven by Mr. Singleton.

Ulysses Moore, driver of the automobile, members of his family, Miss Hall, and Mr. McMillan were in the car headed for Greenville, S.C., where the wedding was to have been held that day, the officer said.

MR. SINGLETON AND his wife, in the pickup truck, and left their children, Sandra, 8, and Rickey, 1, at home and were en route to Biltmore, here, to buy furnishings for a new home they were building, he said.

Mr. Singleton is employed as a weaver and his wife was a machine operator at a cotton mill in Slater, their home.

Officer Frady said the Moore car skidded on the wet pavement after Mr. Moore apparently applied his brakes when a car in front of him made a left turn off the highway.

MRS. SINGLETON'S body was first brought to the Jacob Funeral Home here, then sent to the McFee Funeral Home in Greenville. Miss Hall's body was carried to the Jesse Ray Funeral Home in Asheville.

Surviving Miss Hall are three sisters, Mrs. Jessie Lee Simuel and Miss Estella Hall, both of Asheville, and Mrs. Annie Carder of Hudson, N.Y., and a brother, James Hall of Baltimore.

—'Ricky'

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ty indictment resulted in the violation of the defendant's constitutional right to a speedy trial.

Hunt is accused of having shot his wife on Baldwin Street on June 20 after having followed her here from Baltimore. He fled and was arrested a month later at an automobile assembly plant in South Gate near Los Angeles.

He recently attempted suicide by slashing his wrist, a jail official said.

Among townspeople who knew the slain woman's family is the Rev. Dr. Charles Shelton, pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church.

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"I KNEW the family well," he told the AFRO Sunday. "It was shocking and sad to hear about it.

"Helen came from a very fine family. All three of the sisters are members of my church. They were members of Rev. A. J. Payne's church, Union Baptist, in Baltimore, before they came here to our city."

Continuing to tell of his acquaintance with Hunt and his wife, the Rev. Dr. Shelton stated that when he was in Baltimore visiting he had gone to the people home of the Hunts prior to the time they became estranged.

"I knew Ricky," he said. "He wasn't a church fellow, however, I just met him, but I knew some of the problems he and his wife had."

Mrs. Hunt and Ricky were separated about three weeks before the tragedy occurred and she had sought refuge in the New Jersey home of her sister Mrs. Bertha Harley, 145 Baldwin St.

The other sister is Mrs. Hannah Williams, 215 Seaman St.

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HELEN WAS felled by shots from a .32 caliber gun across the street from the Harley home as she fled from their doorstep.

"Bertha is president of my Missionary Society," the Rev. Mr. Shelton stated.

"The sister came here to New Brunswick to care for an aunt, Mrs. Bertha Gregory. That's the reason they came from Baltimore. Bertha came first and the others came later.

"They have been members here ever since, about 12 years. They are a devoted family. There is a brother "Bucky" who is in the air corps.

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ANOTHER MEMBER of the community who spoke well of the dead woman's family was Eric Chandler, Urban League executive secretary.

"The sisters were very well liked by everyone. They live a decent life and there was never any blemish that I know of. They are among our first citizens and ranked high in the community," he said.

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LISTED AMONG approximately twenty witnesses for the defense is Miss Jo Ann Campbell of Baltimore who, an acting warden of the prison said, writes to Hunt frequently.

"He hears from her two or three times a week and he writes to her on Wednesdays and Sundays," the official stated.

Miss Campbell was questioned at her Fulton Ave. address shortly after the crime.

"He received a letter once from someone here in town who said his daughter was sick," the official said.

"He talks about his children often and he got worried so we let him call his daughter on the phone."

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ALTHOUGH Mrs. Hunt's mother arrived from Baltimore for the trial Monday, neither Hunt's mother nor father were present.

Reached at the home of her daughter Mrs. Bertha Harley, Sunday, the eve of the scheduled trial, Mrs. Lily Haskins, Helen's mother, declined to comment on the tragic death of her daughter.

"The baby is all right," she said, when asked about the infant Ivy who was injured. "She's been down to Baltimore with me, but she stays with Bertha (Mrs. Harley) here."

—Peete

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said that his office had contacted Charley's brother, Randolph, in Portsmouth, Va., and the player's mother-in-law, Mrs. Odessa Hicks.

"At the time I talked to them, however," they had been unable to make any definite plans concerning the return of the bodies or for burial.

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THE ENTIRE FAMILY of the 36-year-old outfielder was wiped out in the crash. With him at the time were his wife, Nettie, and their three children, Deborah, aged 3; Kenny, 2, and Karen, 8 months old.

Peete was called up to the Cardinals in midsummer in the hope that his bat could add power to the sagging Redbird attack. At the time he received the summons to St. Louis, Charley was hitting .359 for the Omaha Triple-A farm club.

He was returned to Omaha in early August and immediately began belting the ball again. His fine stickwork continued through the remainder of the season and Peete wound-up with the American Association batting title, finished with a .350 mark.

BOTH BILL BERGESCH, Omaha general manager, and Tom Alston, his teammate for whom the Cardinals paid $100,000 in 1954, had high praise for Peete.

"He looked like one of the finest young prospects in the organization," said Bergesch.

Said Alston, who also had a taste of life with the Cards in the National League: "I'm sure it was nothing more than rookie nervousness that kept Charley from hitting while he was up there last summer. It was something that undoubtedly would have worn off."

—'I don't believe it . . .'

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action in Korea.

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THE MOTHER added: "He was in hattle for months and was discharged in 1953.

"By the time he got back his nerves were gone," Mrs. Johnson declared.

"My son felt bad I know, but he never talked about his service.

"I would ask him, 'what's wrong?' and he would say, 'you wouldn't understand.'

"He's been in practically every hospital in Baltimore, but he never complained. The Government looked after him, so he didn't work.

"He was in and out of Fort Howard and the veteran's hospital in Coatsville, Pa."

Funeral services for Mr. Johnson have been set for 1 p.m. Friday (today) at Oak Street AME Church with the Rev. P. M. Trillman officiating.

Besides his mother, he is survived by his father, Elliott Johnson; and two brothers, Alfred and John Henry Johnson; Also, three sisters, Missos Mary Anna, Patricia, and Catherine Johnson.

NATHANIEL JOHNSON
Vet's body fished from reservoir

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Mr. Pugh wins divorce; says wife misbehaved

Winner in a first suit, Mrs. Juanita Pugh of 1910 McCulloh St. was loser in a second suit which gave her husband, Richard Pugh, a divorce from her, here, recently.

Mr. Pugh had charged his wife with misbehavior with a fellow worker who took her to and from work at the Social Security building, where the husband is also employed.

The Pughs first went to court in Dec., 1955 when, charging him with cruelty, she won a divorce and custody of their infant daughter.

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AT THAT time he was ordered to pay her $12.50 per week for the child's support, to pay accounts in their name at a local finance company.

He was also to give her the living room and dining room furniture, television set, kitchen cabinet and half of the silver, dishes, linens, lamps, ornaments, pots and pans and appliances in their home.

She conveyed to him the bedroom furniture and kitchen furniture and her right in their automobile.

He was to execute a mortgage for $1,000 on their Rosedale St. home, the funds to go to her and the home to him.

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IN HER testimony at that time Mrs. Pugh said:

"I left my husband (on Sept. 3, 1950) because he beat me, and forced me to leave my home (3323 Rosedale St.).

"He beat me with his fists on more than one occasion. I had to have him arrested for beating me on two occasions. One time he threw me down the steps with no clothes on.

"On that day he told me to take my clothes and get out, that I was no good to him and that he didn't want any parts of me.

"He said I should get out so that he could move someone else in."

At that time Mrs. Pugh was given a partial divorce and told that she could return and ask for an absolute divorce after 18 months.

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MR. PUGH, however, beat her to the draw on the proposed action.

He filed, suit for permanent divorce and custody of the child charging her with misbehavior in her apartment at 1910 McCulloh St. on May 2, this year.

The husband charged that Mrs. Pugh is not a fit mother to be entrusted with the care of their child, who, he said, was being kept by his wife's grandmother, Mrs. Emma J. Smothers, of 1412 Presstman St.

The father told the court that he had a home in which his daughter could be reared and provided with the care, comfort, supervision and love of a parent which is due a child.

HE TESTIFIED that on occasions he and his brother, William Pugh of 3219 Normount Ave., watched a man drop Mrs. Pugh at the McCulloh St. address, take other riders home and return to her apartment.

"On May 12, this man dropped her off and came back at 1:30 a.m. He went into her apartment. We listed and heard talking and th.. radio playing.

"The lights went out about 20 minutes later. We waited a half hour at her door. Then we went down to the corner from which we could watch the house. We waited until 4:30 a.m. and he still was there.

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RALPH H. AMRHEIN, a former policeman attached to the vice squad, who was dismissed from the police department, and who is now a private detective, was witness for the husband.

He said:

"At 12:50 a.m. an automobile drove up in front of 1910 McCulloh St. This is an Oldsmobile green and cream in color.

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"A MAN was driving this automobile and a woman was seated alongside the driver. The man got out of his automobile and opened the rear door and helped a woman out. that Mr. Pugh had identified as his wife.

"This man then entered 1910 McCulloh St. The driver drove away in company with the woman who was seated on the front seat. We continued to observe 1910 McCulloh St., second floor rear.

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THE DETECTIVE continued:

"At 1:35 a.m. this same automobile was parked on McCulloh St. just north of Presstman St. A man got out, crossed the street and walked south on McCulloh St.

"When he arrived in front of 1910 McCulloh St. he stopped and looked at various parked automobiles.

"He then walked up the steps to 1910 McCulloh St. and into the vestibule. At that point I sent Mr. Pugh to walk down the street a few houses so that he could see directly into the vestibule."

The detective said that he 1:45 when they got into the and Mrs. Pugh waited until apartment building by buzzing a first floor buzzer.

They, he said, tip-toed to the door of Mrs. Pugh's apartment, where they stood and listened. He said they heard the radio music and talking.

HE ADDED: "At 2:05 a.m. the light went on in the apartment again. Mrs. Pugh opened the door. Mr. Pugh and I were standing there. I showed her my credentials. She slammed the door."

Asked how Mrs. Pugh was dressed, he said, "She was wearing a nightgown."

The Pughs were married on Sept. 3, 1950, six months after they met at th Social Security building.

She is the former Miss Juanita Brown.

The court ha withheld disposition in the custody of the child, awaiting an investigation by the Probation Department.

LT. TITUS A. SAUNDERS

RICHARD PUGH
Court awards him divorce from his wife

'In' and 'out' Air Force officer 'out'

By LOUIS LAUTIER

WASHINGTON (NNPA)—Air Force Secretary Donald Quarles, Tuesday, hurriedly accepted the resignation of First Lt. Titus A. Saunders, 25-year-old reserve officer, before he had a chance to change his mind again.

Under pressure to resign or be dropped, Lieutenant Saunders first submitted his resignation on Nov. 24, withdrew it on Nov. 26, then cancelled the withdrawal on Nov. 27.

At the time Lieutenant Saunders sent Secretary Quarles a telegram withdrawing his previous telegram rescinding his resignation, the White House had shown an interest in the case.

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LIEUTENANT SAUNDERS had been given the option of resigning or being dropped from the Air Force after Senator John C. Stennis (D., Miss.) sought to have him returned to Mississippi to serve a six-month sentence on the Lowndes County chaingang or be dropped from the Air Force.

An Air Force spokesman said Tuesday that Saunders' resignation had been approved by the Air Force and orders were issued for his discharge effective Dec. 1.

Saunders received a discharge "under honorable conditions." Such a discharge, it was explained, differs only in wording from an honorable discharge. He may appeal, however, to the Board for Correction of Military Records for an honorable discharge.

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THE DISCHARGE under honorable conditions will give him all of the benefits to which an honorably discharged officer would be entitled such as mustering out pay and GI educational and loan benefits.

If he had not resigned, but had been dropped from the service, he would have not been entitled to any benefits.

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LIEUTENANT SAUNDERS submitted his resignation Nov. 24. He was to be dropped "under honorable conditions."

But in a telegram to Mr. Quarles Nov. 26, Lieutenant Saunders said:

"I hereby rescend my decision to resign from the U.S. Air Force. My conscience wouldn't let me resign under the circumstances. I have done no wrong. The next move is up to the Air Force."

Secretary Quarles informed Sen. John C. Stennis (Dem., Miss.) on Oct. 17 that Lieutenant Saunders would be dropped from the Air Force. Mr. Quarles reportedly acted in response to pressure from Senator Stennis.

Stennis sought to have the Air Force to either return Saunders to Mississippi to serve a six-month sentence on the chain gang for driving while under the influence of intoxicants or discharge him from the Air Force.

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SAUNDERS WAS CONVICTED in the Lowndes County (Miss.) Circuit Court and sentenced to six months on the chain gang and fined $500.

His troubles arose after his car was in a collision with that of a white woman on a Mississippi highway. At the time of the collision his car was driven by a woman passenger. She was convicted and fined for reckless driving, resulting in the accident.

After the collision, Saunders moved his car some 15 yards to the side of the road. This was the driving he did while allegedly under the influence of intoxicants.

Witnesses at the trial said they could only tell he had been drinking by talking with him. Saunders said he had had some wine at a cafe.

Upon appeal, his conviction and sentence were upheld by the Mississippi Supreme Court. While the appeal was pending and Saunders was out on bond, the Air Force transferred him to Lockbourne Air Force Base, near Columbus, Ohio.

LAUSCHE of Ohio turned down GOVERNOR FRANK LAUSCHE of Ohio turned down the request of the governor of Mississippi for Saunders' return to Mississippi to serve the sentence.

James C. Evans, civilian aide to the secretary of defense, with whom Saunders talked when he visited the Pentagon on Nov. 23, reportedly took the position that Saunders' conviction and sentence might have been influenced by racial prejudice.

Evans' position was supported by the Rev. Benjamin H. Adams Jr., a former Air Force chaplain at Lockbourne AFB, now located at Netharbsville, N.J.

While Senator Stennis sought to have Saunders returned to a Mississippi chain gang it was a southern member of Congress, a Georgia representative, who put up the $2,000 cash bond which gained Saunders his freedom from that chain gang.

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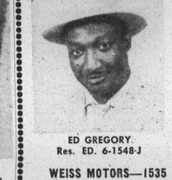

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