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Death Of Attractive Eastside Girl Termed A Suicide

$140,000 asked for injuries

Personal injury suits totaling $140,000 were filed in Superior Court Tuesday on behalf of five people against the Baltimore Transit Company and one of its streetcar operators, as a result of a collision on July 3, 1955, when a streetcar in which they were passengers was involved.

Amos L. Meyers, attorney, filed the suits on behalf of these persons, and seeking these sums for each:

Benjamin Hawkins Jr., 414 E. Lafayette Ave. — $25,000; Bennie Hawkins, 1210 Whatcoat St. —$25,000; John Taylor, 414 E. Lafayette Ave.— $25,000.

Also Denise Taylor, an infant, and her father, Mr. Taylor, 414 E. Lafayette Ave. — $30,000; Mrs. Bernice Taylor and her husband, Mr. Taylor, 414 E. Lafayette Ave.—$35,000.

The Baltimore Transit Company operator named in the suit is Edward Lenkosky, of 3000 Oakhill Ave.

Mr. Meyers and the five plaintiffs charge that the five persons, in an auto operated by Mr. Taylor, have sustained permanent injuries, as a result of a collision on July 3, 1955, with a streetcar at Lafayette and Linden Aves., operated by Mr. Lendosky.

Mr. Meyers and the five plaintiffs charge further that the streetcar was being operated at a speed greater than is necessary, and that the streetcar failed to stop for a stop sign.

Brooks Lodge settles bill for $837.99

A bill of $837.99 for various liquors was paid by the William Sampson Brook Lodge of Elks a day after a $1,400 mortgage was obtained on their home at 1202 Madison Ave., according to court records.

On Sept. 10 the Liquor Dealers Credit Control Corp. filed suit against the Lodge for $1,200 saying that the group owed them a balance of $837.99.

According to records, some 185 fifths of whiskey, gin, wines and scotch as well as 372 minatures were purchased by the lodge from June to October this year.

OFFICIALS of the firm also stated that only $100 had been **paid on the original bill of $837.99.**

However, on Nov. 22 records show that the total balance due, $837.99 was paid by the Lodge.

Mortgage record in the City Land Offices in the Court House show that on Nov. 21, one day prior to the payment of the bill, the William Sampson Brooks Lodge was granted a $1,400 mortgage by the Sharon Building and Loan Association and the papers were signed by lodge officials.

A list of liquors reportedly purchased by the Lodge is as follows:

1 5th Calvert Reserve; 3 5ths White Seal, 3 5ths Hennessy 3 star, 1 5th Dom Rom white, 2 5ths Grants Scr Blend, 1 5th Chambers Hol. CRM, 2 of Cousins Club MLC.

1 5th Four Roses, 5 5ths Peter Dawson, 2 5ths Four Roses, 2 5ths Hunter, 2 5ths Peter Dawson, 2 5ths Four Roses Gin, 4 5ths Four Roses, 6 5ths Cutty Sark, 3 5ths Peter Dawson, 24 mins. Peter Dawson.

5ths Old Fitzgerald, 2 5ths Sherbrook RSF, 2 5ths White Horse, 6 5ths Old Fitzgerald, 2 5ths White Horse, 4 5ths Old Fitzgerald, 2 5ths White Horse, 3 5ths Fleischmann Gin, 2 5ths Black and White Scotch, 3 5ths Extra Brooks Whiskey, 1 5th Wiser Rc Royal Whisky, 3 5ths Black and White scotch, 1 5ths Extra Brooks Whiskey, 1 5ths Fleischmann Gin, 2 5ths Black and White Scotch, 2 5ths Black and White Scotch, 1 5ths Extra Brooks.

5 5ths Schenly White Label, 3 5ths Schenly Gin, 3 5ths I W Harper Bill, 3 5ths 86 Pef. Harper.

40 Bottles Gordon Gin, 2 5ths Smir Vodka, 2 5ths H X H 3 Star, 1 case Gordon Gin, 2 5th Old Forester, 1 5th Melrose Rare, 6 5ths Fifty Gordon Gin, 2 5ths Old Forester, 2 5ths H v. H 3 Star, 6 5ths Gordon Gin, 2 5ths Old Forester, 6 5ths Gordon Gin, 1 case Gordon Gin, 60 mins Gordon Gin, 40 mins Old Forester, 2 5ths Old Forester, 40 mins Old Forester, 2 5ths Melrose Rare, 6 5ths Gordon Gin, 1 case mins Gordon Gin, 2 5ths H v. H 3, 4ars 4/12 5ths Jameson Whisky, 1 5th 5ths Old Ky Tavern, 1 5th 5ths Old Ky Tavern, 1 5th Canada Dry Vodka, 6 4/12 5ths Johnny Walker Red, 1/12 5ths Canada Dry White Menthe.

A TOUCH OF WINTER — Children and skiers like snow but we bet this driver wasn't too kindly disposed to the white stuff that fell from the sky on Wednesday. The scene was taken in the 900 block Whitmore Ave.

City Councilmen hit refusal to sell veteran new home

"I don't think anyone ought to, in this day and age, object to anyone acquiring a home if they have the economic means to acquire it.

"I think it is contrary to good morale to object to anyone making his home where he want it.

"I don't think they will get anywhere (the protestors). I don't think they will be successful in preventing this gentleman from acquiring the home."

Councilman Jacob J. Edelman (Dem. 5th), was referring to the case of much-decorated war veteran Earl Jackson, who has run into a racial snare in his effort to buy a $14,500 home in the 4500 block of White Oak Ave.

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HE WAS one of six of the seven city councilmen of the Fourth and Fifth Districts who this week attacked the stand of those who protest to any Baltimorean having the right to live wherever he chooses.

One Fifth District councilman, Leon A. Rubenstein, was out of town when the others were contacted.

The White Oak Ave. home in question is in the Fifth District.

All six of the councilmen reached for comment on the situation were unequivocal in their position that no citizen should face such racial protests in buying a home because of his race.

The AFRO asked the councilmen if they were familiar with the Earl Jackson case, what their feelings were about it, what they think is the answer to such situations, and if they feel decent and respectable people with the money have the right to live anywhere they desire in the councilman's district.

COUNCILMAN EDELMAN said:

"I recall reading an account of it in the AFRO. The AFRO as a matter of fact quoted very commendably the Rabbi (Rabbi Ephraim Shapiro) of the Synagogue.

"I was very proud the expression of the Rabbi when the Rabbi indicated that so far as he was concerned and as far as the members of his congregation, for whom he spoke, felt, there was no objection to the gentleman to acquire the home that he wanted to buy.

"I was very delighted to find a representative of the religious group had spoken in such courageous terms in relation to the situation.

"We do know our religious leaders speak with certainty for the people. We look for guidance and leadership from them and I'm glad to see he threw some intelligent light on the subject."

THESE ARE the statements of the other five councilmen:

WILLIAM D. SCHAEFER (Dem. 5th), said:

"When you have a neighbor and whites, the ones that you are talking about, and the attitude that they have, it's very difficult for me to understand sometime, particularly in that neighborhood where the people that live there are always the ones fighting for minority rights.

"It's strictly an education trying to figure out what people are going to do and what they are going to say. I don't know the answer, I wish I did.

"It puts me in an awful spot to answer things like that."

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MICHAEL J. HANKINS (Dem., 5th), said:

"I am not familiar with the case you mentioned, but as a general statement, I personally do not favor such a thing (the protest).

"I think that these things take place now and will be occurring from time to time.

"What the answer is, who knows. It will probably work itself out as times passes."

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MAXWELL ALPERT (Dem., 4th) stated:

"That's the Fifth District, I didn't feel it was mine when I read it. I'm almost certain it's the Fifth District.

"I am not trying to dodge the issue but it is a Fifth district matter. I think that they might feel that I'm sort of infringing on their rights.

"Personally I don't mind saying that everybody has a right to live anywhere they want to. That's the way I would feel about it in the Fourth District. How they feel about the Fifth I don't know.

"There is no such think as running away from anybody. It's high time everybody learned to live with one another."

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4th said:

WALTER T. DIXON (Demo.

"I think it is very un-American. I thought we'd gotten beyond that share but apparently we haven't. That's why it's all the more necessary for us to keep on this fight.

"I thought the Supreme Court settled the question long ago. Now as to the question as to whether the people who live in the block want you as a neighbor or not, I don't know what that story can be.

"But legally, you have, as you know, the right to live anywhere you can buy and pay for.

"That is exactly my position.

"At the same time it doesn't necessarily mean people are looking for new acquaintances simply because they live in a new neighborhood.

"This matter of Urban Renewal and the destruction of our old properties, makes it necessary for all people to move at some time or other. I suppose I am in that category, too. I will soon be looking for something.

"But I will be looking for a place where I will be accepted, as well as my family."

SOLOMON LISS (Dem., 4th) said:

"I don't remember seeing the story but I certainly subscribe to the position that a person, if he is decent and respectable, has a right to live where he chooses.

"Certainly the Supreme Court has said that restrictive covenants are illegal and that is the law.

The case of Mr. Jackson, a veteran of 14½ years army service in Europe and Korea, now a postal employee, was told in the AFRO on Nov. 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, 1639 N. Monroe St., said they had been given to believe they could purchase a new home at 4512 White Oak Ave. and had "watched it from the time the ground was broken."

Hal Schoolnick, whose realty agency lists the house for sale, told the AFRO: "I understand there has been a little opposition from the people who attend the synagogue . . . it's not the rabbi, but the people who go there.

"They feel if one family comes in, more will come in. You see they just built the synagogue about three years ago."

MR. SCHOOLNICK said it was up to Benjamin Lerner, of the 3900 block of N. Rogers, whom he identified as the builder of the house.

He added: "You see, Mr. Lerner's in a peculiar position. He built the house that's for sale, but he also built the Synagogue."

Repeated efforts to get Mr. Lerner to comment have proved futile. The response at his home is that he is out, or out-of-town.

However, Rabbi Ephraim Shapiro of the Tiferth Israel Anshe Sefard Synagogue, located at 3925 Delfield Ave., a half block away from the White Oak Ave. home, told AFRO he had not been approached by any resident opposed to occupancy of the house by colored people.

He said he didn't feel it would affect the synagogue and added that "so far as my personal feelings are concerned, it makes very little difference to me who the people are so long as they are decent, respectable people."

ON WEDNESDAY evening Mr. and Mrs. Jackson said they still had not received any definite word about the house.

"The last time I talked to the builder he told me that he would not sell it to anyone else. He told me to give him a little more time," Mr. Jackson said this week.

McCain will speak for CORE

James T. McCain, national field secretary of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), will be the principal speaker at a meeting of the Baltimore CORE next Monday evening, Dec. 9.

The meeting will be held at 8:30 p.m. at Fellowship House, 21 W. Preston St.

A native of South carolina, Mr. McCain was a member of one of the first interracial civic groups to be formed in the South. He has just returned from an extended Southern tour, and will give a first hand report of his observations.

The meeting is open to the public.

16th anniversary of Pearl Harbor Saturday

"Remember Pearl Harbor!" Sixteen years ago this Saturday this rallying cry became the battle which led the United States to victory in one of history's most destructive conflicts, World War II.

On Dec. 7, 1941, Pearl Harbor — previously remembered only as being located in far off Hawaii — suddenly emerged as a stark reality for those of us who associated the place with a dreamland of exotic hulu girls.

For, on this date the sneak attack on this outpost capitulated America into a shooting war.

From that day until the Japanese signed unconditional surrender papers on the battle ship Missouri nearly four years later the name Pearl Harbor became the personal possession of patriotic Americans everywhere.

IRONCIALLY, the attack on Pearl Harbor came at a time when Americans were preparing for the Christmas season, a time for peace on earth.

Grimly recovering from the defeat at Pearl Harbor, this country began the production miracle of the century.

Pearl Harbor affected all of us: Those who went to war, and those who stayed at home.

Pearl Harbor was remembered as Americans island-hopped in the Pacific to the door steps of Japan. It was also remembered in North Africa, Italy and across the European continent to Berlin.

THEN ONE DAY the war was over. But wars don't cease with the suddenness of the Dec. 7 attack on Pearl.

A lot of things have happened since that time. The return to a peace time economy; the Korean conflict, and now the race for outer space.

Saturday is the 16th anniversary of the Pearl Harbor attack. Today we are imbued with the spirit of "peace on earth and goodwill towards man." And, therein lies the true value of the lesson of Pearl Harbor.

'Through-with-world' maid died of overdose of pills

Miss Josephine Johnson, the attractive 23-year-old housemaid found dead in her east-side apartment home last week after telling a boyfriend she was "through with this world," died of "an overdose of barbiturate."

This official report on the cause of death Thursday from the Medical Examiner's office, confirmed a report by Northeastern District police who said they thought she died of an overdose of sleeping pills.

An empty pill bottle was found near her body.

Miss Johnson had come to Baltimore from Roxboro N.C., in May to work and lived with several other sisters at 1300 N. Broadway where she was noticed not to be breathing about 5:30 Saturday morning.

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ONE OF HER sisters, Mrs. Fannie Cunningham, said Miss Johnson went to sleep about noon Friday in her street clothes and never woke up.

Eddie M. Robinson, 30, of the 2400 block Arunah Ave., with whom Miss Johnson was out Thursday night, said she told him when he brought her home near noon that she was "through with this world."

Mr. Robinson and a sister who said Miss Johnson had made threats to take her own life when "she would get mad," said they did not take her seriously.

Services were to be held this week in Leesburg, N.C.

VICTIM OF PILLS — Miss Josephine Johnson, 1300 N. Broadway, was found dead last weekend with an empty bottle of sleeping pills nearby.

NAACP to install officers

The installation of officers for the local branch of the NAACP will be held Sunday, Dec. 8, at the New Metropolitan Baptist Church, Mosher and McCulloh Sts., at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. John T. Tilley is pastor.

The branch will also sponsor a Register and Vote meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 10, at 8 p.m., in the lecture room of the Sharp St. Community House Dolphin and Etting Sts.

Moderators on the program will be Magistrate Robert B. Watts (Dem.) and State Senator Harry A. Cole (Rep. 4th Dist.).

THE REPUBLICAN party is sending Mrs. Marjorie Parker, wife of Barrington Parker, Washington attorney. Mrs. Parker, who is a professor at D.C. Teachers College, seconded the nomination of President Eisenhower at the Republican Convention in San Francisco.

The program will be in the nature of a political symposium.

The emplete list of NAACP officers is listed below:

Mrs. Lillie M. Jackson, president. Vice Presidents — Mrs. Augusta T. Cassell, Mrs. Sarah P. Diggs, the Rev. J. R. Buller, Mrs. Mary E. Hawkins, the Rev. H. J. Bryant, the Rev. A. J. Payne, the Rev. W. W. Payne, the Rev. John L. Tilley, the Rev. Maurice G. Wood.

The Rev. R. Octavius Graham, secretary, Dr. Charles E. Watts, treasurer, Dr. W. O. Bryan Jr., auditor.

ATTORNEYS

Milton B. Allen, Solomon Baylor, Robert L. Carter, Tucker R. Dearing, Jack Greenberg, Linwood G. Koger Jr., Juanita J. Mitchell, Donald G. Murray, William R. Trueline, Robert B. Watts, Llewellyn Woodford, Archie Williams.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES Education, Dr. Carl Murphy, administrative and local redress, James Williams, membership; Mrs. Virginia Kennedy, entertainment; Mrs. Augusta T. Cassell, interracial; the Rev. Maurice G. Tilley, labor and speakers bureau; the Rev. J. R. Buller, speaking; the Rev. Jenkin Mc-Cauley, membership; Linwood G. Koger Jr., housing; Vernon Gideon, programs; the Rev. Howard L. Cornish, ways and means; Mrs. P. D. C. Washington, life membership; Mrs. Gladys Brown, social clubs; the Rev. H. Octavius Graham, organizational; the Rev. Marcus G. Wood, educational and civil rights, Mrs. Eula Mae Watts, neighborhood clubs; Mrs. Florence Snowden, fraternal.

OTHER EXECUTIVES

Clinton Agnew, Henry Ayers, J. Percy Bond, Joshua Brown, the Rev. Samuel Carter, Dr. Bernard Christmas, the Rev. Thomas Davis, the Rev. Marion Franklin, Herbert Gudeman, the Rev. A. H. Hammond, Clarence Hawthorne, the Rev. Samuel Knowland, Bishop Edgar A. Love, Mrs. Sophie Mathis, the Rev. Edmond Meade, Mrs. Phoebe Murphy, the Rev. Walter Paige, Mrs. Gwendolyn Reid, Bishop Winfield Showell, John Thornton, Dr. William Watts, John Widgeon, the Rev. Moses Williams, Clarence Wyeoff.

Mrs. Edith Allen, the Rev. Herman Baron, Marshall T. Bright Sr., Dr. J. E. T. Campen, Mrs. H. G. Chissell Jr., Mrs. Celia Crawford, Mrs. Emma Epps, the Rev. Frank Fryer, Dr. Robert Gill, Miss Lucy Hammond, Leroy Hayden, Dr. Albert LaFrenet, Mrs. Frances B. Madkins, Dr. George McDonald, Charles Michael, Mrs. Susie Murphy, Mrs. Joyce Powell, Mrs. Victoria Rudolph, Peter W. Thomas, Mrs. Marie Turner, John White the Rev. Frank Williams, the Rev. V. T. Wilkins, Mrs. Eliza Young.

Dr. Howard W. Allen, the Rev. M. C. Bascom, Mrs. Francis Brooks, the Rev. Edward G. Carroll, Dr. John Chenault, Lyman Crawford, the Rev. Era Ferrell, Henry Gardner, Mrs. Margaret Hall, Mrs. Annie Harmon, Miss F. E. Holloway, the Rev. Irvin Lockman, Mrs. Beatrice F. Martin, Mrs. Enolia McMillan, the Rev. L. A. Miller, the Rev. Robert Newbold, the Rev. S. R. Redd, Mrs. Ida Russell, the Rev. Mrs. Lillian Thompson, Mrs. Margaret Walker, the Rev. Nathaniel Wicks, the Rev. Isaac Williams, John Wyche, and Raymond A. C. Young.

Desertion charged in divorce plea

Mrs. Josie Burns, of 2430 Brentwood Ave., filed in Circuit Court No. 2 Tuesday for an absolute divorce from her husband, Jerome Burns, of 1422 Madison St., charging desertion, and asking custody of their two children.

Mrs. Burns' Bill of Complaint states that she and Mr. Burns were married in Yorktown March 25, 1951, and that Mr. Burns deserted her more than 18 months ago.

The couple's two children, the Bill of Complaint states, are Yvonndia, six years old, and Joann, four years old. Milton B. Allen, of the firm of Brown, Allen and Watts, is attorney for Mrs. Burns.

10 Police killings in Baltimore area

APRIL 19, 1956—Robert McLain, 14-year-old Dunbar High School student of 404 E. Chase St., shot while running away from a stolen car at Madison and Fallway by Officer Donald E. Mitchell of the Central District Magistrate Meyer Cardin exonerated the policeman.

JUNE 25, 1956—Harry Boyd Jr., 27, 1417 N. Broadway, shot in the back by Northeastern Patrolman Charles Fennell, who arrived on scene after a street fight. Magistrate Meyer Cardin ruled the officer acted in line of duty and the killing was justified.

JULY 7, 1956—Robert O. Harper, 34, 1614 Barclay St., shot in leg and bled to death following shooting by Southwestern Patrolman Walter Mina Jr., who told superiors he was breaking up a disorderly crowd. Officer Mina was exonerated of the killing by Magistrate Meyer Cardin, who ruled he acted in the line of duty.

AUGUST 15, 1956 — Frank J. Williams, 24, was shot and killed by Sgt. Albert Heck as a suspect in two holdups and the non-fatal shooting of a tailor shop proprietor. Sgt. Heck was exonerated of the killing in Central Police Court by Magistrate Meyer Cardin.

SEPTEMBER 19, 1956—Donald Jackson, 23, 971 Ellicott Dr., shot in the arm and chest by Southwestern Patrolman Benjamin Leden. Leden said he shot the man "in defense of my life," in the unit block Gilmor St. Patrolman Leden was exonerated of the slaying by Magistrate Cardin.

OCTOBER 15, 1956 — Benjamin Brown, 44-year-old patient at Rosewood Training School shot and killed by Northwest Patrolman Marshall V. Brewer with rifle he "didn't know was loaded." Magistrate Meyer Cardin dismissed the shooting charge after State's Attorney Jack Weiss said the State could not make out a homicide case against the officer who said he shooting was an accident.

NOVEMBER 7, 1956—James H. Duggan Jr., 28, white city sanitary department worker, killed by a Negro man answering cries for help. Central District Patrolman Joseph Rosse was exonerated by Magistrate Meyer Cardin.

NOVEMBER 24, 1956—Clarence Wilkerson, 39, 1304 Harlem Ave., shot and killed by a Baltimore County Policeman while getting out of a car as ordered. Officer Louis DeManns was charged with homcide by State's Attorney Frank Hewell. On Monday, Dec., 10 a Baltimore County jury failed to indict officer DeManns. He was returned to the force with no official punishment.

JANUARY 21, 1957 — James Kenneth Robbins, 17, 1800 block Jackson St., was shot and killed after a robbery assault. Southern District Patrolman Melvin Kearns said as he fired a warning shot, he slipped on the ice. A bullet struck the youth in the back of the head. Patrolman Kearns was exonerated by Magistrate Meyer Cardin who declared that the shooting had occurred in the line of duty and was accidental.

AUGUST 4, 1957 — Benjamin Ward, 19, 281 N. Exeter St. reportedly lunged at Officer Isiah Pressey when the policeman attempted to question him about a stolen battery. Patrolman Pressey was exonerated by Chief Magistrate Stanley Richardson who declared the officer was acting in the performance of his duty.

$50 is the total set aside this week for News Tips and News Photos. For News Tips, call MU. 5-6018, 6016, 1812 and 1813. If no answer, call LA. 3-3024. Bring your News and Photos to the City Desk.

AND DIDN'T IT SNOW — One guess as to why all ... If you said "bus" you would be right because that ... were a common sight. A foot of snow was deposited in the Baltimore area.

REGISTER SO YOU CAN VOTE

A GOOD CITIZEN IS REGISTERED SO HE CAN V-O-T-E. ARE YOU?

Who must register: Any new resident who plans to make Baltimore his home.

Any resident who has just turned 21.

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SHOULD BRAXTON DIE IN THE GAS CHAMBER?
(Story in Column 1)

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Eva's Killer To Pen

"THE KIDS here have been asking me about Santa Claus," says the mother dog above, "but things don't look so good." The black and white dog above has nine pretty puppies (they've gone out to lunch) and they will be just the right age Christmas Week to go to a good home. If you wish to answer this mother's prayer and see that her kiddies have a merry Christmas, take $1 plus license fee and go to 222 Calverton Road just off the 700 Block of West Franklin St. and take your choice.

FLASH

1 dead, 3 injured in apt. house fire

One man was burned to death and three persons were injured this morning (Friday) when fire damaged an apartment at 1226 Aisquith St.

Charles Butler, 30, was pronounced dead on arrival at St. Joseph's Hospital after firemen found his body in a first floor room.

Among those injured when they jumped from a second story window of the burning house were Sherman Butler, 57, who suffered a fractured right arm; Mrs. Louise Butler, 38, fracture of both legs and Leonard Savage, 22, who suffered wrist and leg injuries. Sherman Butler was listed as the father of the dead man.

A fourth person, Alphonso Williams, escaped injuries on leaping from the window.

Northeastern District police reported that the fire which was discovered around 4:45 a.m. by Joseph Williams of 848 Mildred Ave., was caused by a pot belly coal stove which was found in the room where Butler slept.

To push for bathtub compliance

COMING

More homes which violate the bathtub law;

Who the landlords are who own homes with no bathtubs or water;

How much rent they collect for tubless homes;

What the people who live in tubless homes feel and say;

What the city is doing to eliminate homes with no bathtubs and running water;

Who the stumbling blocks are to this program which has been law for two years.

'Don't nail the coffin yet,' Colts warn fans

LOS ANGELES, Cal.—"Don't put a nail in the coffin of the Colts yet; we aren't going to die."

Milt Davis, brilliant defensive back of the Baltimore Colts reflected the confidence of the hopeful Easterners as they headed into their crucial Sunday battle with the Los Angeles Rams at the Coliseum.

Of the outcome of this game hinges the chance of the Colts' playoff berth for pro football championship. They must win it if they are to stay alive in the three-way race with San Francisco and Detroit for the Western Conference title of the National Football League.

Davis, tackle Gene (Big Daddy) Lipscombe and reserve halfback Jesse Thomas talked to the AFRO Wednesday night.

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"I THINK we have what it takes for this 'now or never' effort," declared Davis. "The Rams have some real speed boys—in fact—Wilson, Ronnie Waller, Bob Boyd and Elroy Hirsch.

"Boyd and Hirsch run some of the best pass patterns in this business, and they've got a guy in Norm Van Brocklin to throw the long ball.

"That means we defensive backs are in for a busy afternoon, but don't put a nail in the coffin of the Colts yet.

"It's going to be a big thrill for me, playing in L.A. again," the former UCLA star added. "It's my old home town, you know. I used to watch the Rams when I was a kid here and it will really be something playing against them."

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SAID LIPSCOMBE: "I know

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MILT DAVIS
He and other Colt players are optimistic

Gets 5 yrs. for parked car death

"It's unfortunate for her that she insisted on carrying a loaded revolver and also a razor . . . To carry a revolver with you is a very serious matter. . . So, the combination of liquor and a deadly weapon resulted in a death."

This spoke Judge S. Ralph Wynkoop in Criminal Court Thursday morning as he imposed a five-year Penitentiary

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term on a 34-year-old ex-convict who pleaded guilty to manslaughter in the shooting of his attractive girlfriend, an East Baltimore tavern co-manager.

The jurist based his finding on the only major evidence introduced during the 20-minute trial, a statement made by the accused, Robert Lee Hall, 1400 block N. Bond St., on Aug. 21.

This evidence pointed to threats of violence and jealousy growing out of romantic entanglements.

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VICTIM OF the violence was Mrs. Eva Wilkins, 32, of 1628 N. Fulton Ave., whose lifeless body was found in a parked car in the 1300 block N. Central Ave. An autopsy report revealed she had been drinking.

When police arrived, the dead matron was clutching a .25 caliber pistol and a straight razor, planted there by Hall, according to his confession. He contended, however, that the weapons belonged to his victim.

Prior to the start of the trial, Henry Miller, defense attorney, and John O'Connor Jr., assistant State's attorney, conferred privately with Judge Warnken.

At 10:15 a.m. Mr. Miller entered pleas of not guilty to first and second degree murder on behalf of his client, but entered a plea of guilty to manslaughter, which carries a maximum penalty of 10 years imprisonment.

When Mr. O'Connor did not contest the pleas, Judge Warnken accepted the plea of guilty to manslaughter.

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THE PROSECUTOR told the court that Mr. Hall and Mrs. Wilkins, the mother of a 15-year-old daughter, were "boy-friend and girlfriend" who had had "a stormy affair."

Mr. O'Connor said "the defense through creditable wit-

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NARCOTICS CHIEF SAYS:

No dope pushers in city schools

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

There are no "main liners," no "pushers" nor is there any "blasting" or "taking off" in the city high schools.

Authority for this statement is Capt. Joseph Carroll of the Baltimore City Police Department Narcotics Unit.

The above good news was revealed by Capt. Carroll at the Friday morning session of the two-day Parole Officers' Conference held on the second floor of the Baltimore Federal Savings and Loan building.

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HE EXPLAINED that "main liners" are persons who shoot narcotics into their veins; "pushers" are those who peddle dope.

The term "blasting" in the language of users of dope means "smoking" dope-filled cigarettes and "taking off" is slang for the act of using the hypodermic needle.

Throughout Capt. Carroll's speech his reference to terms employed by narcotics users brought gales of laughter to the audience of newspaper reporters and members of the parole staff.

Explaining further the absence of dope in the Baltimore high schools, Capt. Carroll stated that in 1951 the city was considered the "blackest spot" on the U.S. narcotics map.

He said: "In the last five years we have had only three cases among school children and not one juvenile.

"In a city of more than 100,000 population can say that."

Capt. Carroll also stated that the current "I impression of children using dope is not the correct impression.

An impromptu speaker, Capt. Carroll had no organized talk. Instead, he gave certain valuable hints about the use of dope and answered questions.

He said, "Marihuana is green. It grows green and stays green. It never looks like tobacco after it is dried.

"It grows up to 15 feet in height, yet it may be grown in a window box. It is difficult to stamp out and in this section of the country it seems to grow everywhere."

All drug addicts are "skinny," he added.

CAPT. CARROLL explained that drugs takes away the addict's appetite but he will smoke excessively.

He stated further that "main

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TO PLACE A RESULTS-GETTING CLASSIFIED AD — SELL, RENT, TRADE, BUY, SWAP, FOR JOBS, HELP, ETC., REMEMBER . . . JUST CALL MU.5-6016 MISS MARION

AME bishop Nichols files appeal

Bishop D. Ward Nichols has appealed to the Judicial Council of the AME Church.

Legal papers filed with the Judicial Council's Chairman, Judge Perry B. Jackson in Cleveland ask the AME's highest court to:

(a) declare him a bishop in full standing in his church

(b) reverse a ruling of R. R. Wright, president of the Bishops' Council, that the General Conference of the church is the only competent body to pass upon his (Nichols') status

(c) find that Bishops' Council having officially assigned him to the 16th District the presiding officer is without authority to change that ruling except by a 2/3 vote of the Council.

(d) call for the official minutes of the Bishops' Council, which show that the Bishops' Council has not voted on the Nichols case except to accept Bishop Nichols as a bishop in good standing and assign him to the 16th District.

(e) declared that the Bishops' Council presiding officer is without authority.

(f) declare that the church's Judicial Council having restored Bishop Nichols to full

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Man-in-street answers— Should Braxton die?

Shortly before the New Year is three weeks old, the week of Jan. 13, a 17-year-old youth—big for his age — is scheduled to walk that last lonely mile to the lethal gas chamber.

His name: Alvin Herbert (Butch) Braxton.

Present status: Inmate of death row.

Crime: Cop-killer.

Braxton lost his bid for a new trial when the Court of Appeals on Oct. 23 upheld a lower court first - degree murder conviction.

Should the 17-year-old youth go executed or should his sentence be commutted to life imprisonment?

The only ray of hope for the youth now is a executive commutation of his present sentence by Governor McKeldin.

Braxton was accused of fatally shooting rookie Patrolman John Phelan on Sept. 29, 1956, while en route to the hospital for treatment for a gunshot wound.

He had been shot during an exchange of fire with police following an attempted armed robbery of a North Ave. liquor store.

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A YOUTH Court jury in November, 1956, refused to recommend mercy after finding Braxton guilty of first - degree murder during 25 minutes deliberation.

Judge James K. Cullen imposed the death penalty on Jan. 31.

Braxton, who during the trial was pictured by the State as a cold and calculating killer, showed none of these traits as sentence was imposed. Tears streaming down his face, the teenager made this statement shortly before Judge Cullen's decree:

"I ask for consideration. I know I took someone else's life but I am asking for my life.

"I ask for mercy."

Testifying in his own defense, Braxton contended that Officer Phelan was shot during a struggle for a revolver which had fallen to the floor of the ambulance.

Earlier, he said, officers threatened him when he refused to divulge the names of others participating in the holdup attempt.

Officer Theodore Weintraub, on the other hand, testifed that Braxton feigned pain until he

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Dr. Emmett Scott dies in capital

WASHINGTON

Dr. Emmett J. Scott, former secretary-treasurer of Howard University and first civilian aide to the Secretary of War during World War I, died in Freedmen's Hospital Wednesday evening.

Dr. Scott succumbed at the age of 84. He had been a patient at the institution for more than a year. His death brought to a close a public career which spanned more than a half century.

He first came to prominence as secretary and advisor to

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Dear Santa: please visit this Carey St. home

By MOSES J. NEWSON

(See Miss Sheila's column of letters to Dear Santa on Page 8.)

Is there really a Santa Claus who comes to Baltimore to make hearts happy at Christmastime?

Sure there is, and ole Santa and his helpers aren't going to let Christmas come and go without making a stop at 220 N. Carey to see Mrs. Minnie Wilks and her five children.

They not only want to see you come Santa, they need to see you.

This is the story at the Wilks's house, Santa.

Mr. Wilks, his name's Roy, walked off over a year ago and has not come back.

THIS HAS made it awfully hard for the family. There's Roy Jr., 5; Denise, 4; twins Michele and Michael, 2½, and Sylvester, 7 months . . . all bright - eyed, healthy looking youngsters.

This is how they eat Santa. . . some cry and fuss because they can't understand why they have to wait while others eat.

This is how they dress Santa . . . each child has an outfit for the day and something to sleep in . . . mommy washes at night and they have the day clothes for the next day . . . some of them have no shoes . . . none have coats.

And Santa, this is how they sleep . . . there is a mattress for one bed . . . in the other they put down some old rags for a mattress . . . they use old coats for cover. . .

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THEY DO GET some help, Santa, from the Welfare Department but by the time the rent is paid, not too much is left.

And Santa, when you get to 220 N. Carey, if you can spare them, you might just leave a few cigarettes for Mrs. Wilks.

"If I didn't smoke I just don't know what would happen to me," she said.

Then, looking at little Sylvester cooing away in his small crib she smiled "I wish I could

Today is Friday the 13th and Baron is 12 years old

BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS HELP FIGHT TB

After twelve birthdays, on December 13, Baron Charles Blackwell, 1435 N. Bentalou St., can testify that there need be no fear of the day as one of ill omen.

He was born on Friday, Dec. 13, 1945, and today, Friday

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Dec. 13, 1957 is his 12th birth-

tion it, his birthday date would be no more or less significant than that of any other 12-year-old.

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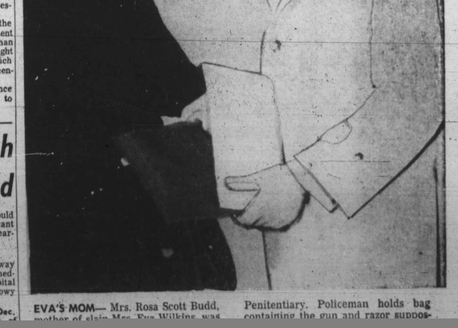
AND it has been that way since the moment he weighed in at Johns Hopkins Hospital at six - pounds on that snowy day in 1945.

Baron's 12 years of Dec.



EVA'S MOM — Mrs. Rosa Scott Budd, mother of slain Mrs. Eva Wilkins, was ... Penitentiary. Policeman holds bag containing the gun and razor suppos-