Cheated gallows, is now free

From behind the grim gray walls of the Maryland Penitentiary recently stepped a man who once stood face to face with death.

He was Robert White, freed on parole after 15 years in prison.

Once White stood in the very shadow of the gallows and would in all probability have forfeited his life on the wooden monster of death, except for one man — Ralph Mathews, then editor of the Washington AFRO - AMERICAN.

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THE STORY of Robert White really began on December 28, 1941, when America was stumbling through the first dark days of the most destructive war the world has known.

Until December 28 White was an obscure figure, moving in the shadows of the underworld, but that one night changed his life and he was no longer obscure.

That was the night on which Vincent DiPietro was slain in his grocery store at Fremont Ave. and Houser St. by holdup men.

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AN IMMEDIATE hue and cry arose but the killers went free until several weeks later when an automobile, bearing four men who were attempting to flee from police, crashed into a tree in Washington.

One man was killed, two were severely injured and the fourth escaped.

From the survivors the police pieced together the story of an organized ring of bandits and it was not long before White was arrested.

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HE AND THE other two men, Edward Wofford, 27, and Charles Benjamin, 22, were charged with the murder of the Baltimore man.

In the trial that followed White insisted that while he had been on other robberies with the two men, he had no part in the one that ended in the death of the victim.

His story was not strong enough and despite the efforts of his defense attorney, J. Howard Payne, he was convicted and sentenced to die with the other two men on the gallows.

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HOPE WAS little more than a hollow sounding word to the 24 year old White as he sat in death row, but then Mr. Matthews became interested in the case.

Through the streets of Washington the editor traveled, picking up a bit of information here, a name there, until finally he had signed affadavits from six persons who swore that White had been in Delaware at the time of the murder.

Time was growing short but Mr. Matthews kept plugging away and soon he was joined by the Revs. Benjamin F. Bubaugh and Joseph Ayd, prison chaplains, who also expressed doubt that White was involved in the killing.

The men of God said that Wofford and Benjamin had told them repeatedly that White was innocent.

Herbert O'Conor was governor then and he agreed to hear pleas for the condemned men.

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PRESENT FOR that meeting was Carl Murphy, president of the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers, who reminded the governor that the state had 43 executions from 1929 to 1942, and all but 11 of the victims were colored men.

Governor O'Conor did not change his mind about the other two men but he did commute the sentence of White to life imprisonment on the eve of the scheduled execution.

"In the story of the execution of the pair, the AFRO writer reported:

"Relieved because their pleas brought a last minute stay of execution for one of their number to whose innocence they attested, Edward Wofford, 27, and Charles Benjamin, 22, two of the three Washingtonians sentenced to be hanged for the hold-up slaying here of a white storekeeper, met death calmly at the Maryland Penitentiary this morning."

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LATER, WHITE went back before Judge W. Conwell Smith who had sentenced him to die, and was given an additional 30 years as he pleaded guilty to six armed robbery counts.

The life sentence and the 90 year term were to run concurrently. In 1953 Governor McKeldin reduced the sentence to 45 years on a report that White had become a model prisoner and had been given a position of trust in the prison.

Now White is back in the world again, alive, thanks to the tenacity and conviction of an AFRO editor that he had been convicted unjustly.

Also included in the list of persons recently released from prison was Theophilus Jones, 48, who operated a tavern in the 1700 block W. Lanvale St.

Mr. Jones was sentenced to six months in the House of Correction in May on a charge of "much the same."

On one visit two pounds of roach infested rice was condemned and on another visit four pies were condemned and later 50 pounds of cracker meal and 50 pounds of flour were condemned the inspector testified.

As a result of the conditions the owners were fined $200 and costs in Housing Court a months ago in the Board was told.

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MR. RICKARDS stated that he had inspected the establishment since the court action and found the restaurant to be "as of today, in very good shape."

Testimony was given that the restaurant was closed down for ten days to give the exterminators an opportunity to go over the place.

When asked for an explanation by Board Chairman Frank J. Hanson Thursday Mr. Klein stated that conditions in the restaurant were due to "structural defects in the old building."

Mr. Kline added that now that the place is clean "its just a matter of keeping it that way."

The owner stated that he had gotten rid of some employees who had not been doing their jobs.

In finding the owners guilty they were told by the Liquor Board: "We are not going to permit this to go on.

"We are going to see to it that our inspector as well as the city inspectors keep a close check on this place from now on, and we are going to suspend your license for ten days."

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THE DECISION in the Rossiter case came on the heels of an hour and a half hearing in connection with the request of Nathan Polski, owner of the "Knotty Pine Club" at 900-02 Park Ave., to move to 1839 Linden Ave.

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THE BOARD AGREED to take the request under consideration after protests had been filed by a number of civic groups.

Among those protesting were the NAACP, the Northwestern Residential Protective Association, Payne Memorial AME Church, Berea Temple and the Rose of Sharon Baptist Church.

The protestants, represented by Mrs. Juanita Jackson Mitchell, attorney, had come to the Board the signatures of 417 home owners and tenants.

The signatures of 487 persons in favor of the transfer were presented to the Board by Jay McRae, attorney for the applicant.

Among the protestants who testified were:

Jerome W. Mandelberg, chairman of the Liquor License Committee of the Mt. Royal Improvement Association; Mrs. Edna Newton of 255 Robert St.; Samuel Merkle, president of the Citizens Protective Association; Vernon Mitchell of 303 Robert St., and the Rev. Mrs. Ella Everett of the Rose of Sharon Baptist Church.

In asking for the transfer out of Redevelopment Area 12 Mr. Polski testified:

"I'm a wounded veteran of World War I. I laid in the trenches for these people who are protesting against me."

Mrs. Mitchell reminded Mr. Polski that some of the protestants had also fought for their country.

Rossiter's gets 10-day suspension

"There has never been a case before the board as bad as this.

"There is no excuse.

"I would like an explanation."

That was the statement of the chairman of the Board of Liquor Commissioners Thursday before the liquor permit of Rossiter's Restaurant, at 1001 S. Hanover St., was suspended for ten days.

The owners, Bernard Klein, Sidney Goldberg and Joel B. Schwartzman were charged with violating City Health Department Rule 27-C which states:

"All license holders shall operate their establishments in a sanitary manner at all times and in accordance with the requirements of the Health Department."

Elmer Rickards, an inspector for the Food and Sanitation Department testified before the Board that on five separate occasions he found conditions in the restaurant "filthy."

He stated that on May 8 "the walls floors and ceiling of the restaurant were "filthy" and that in addition deep fryers, electric fans, freezing units and shelves were in similar shape.

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HE ADDED also that garbage cans were without tops, a pool of water was in the basement and odor of waste material was found in an adjacent basement also filled with water.

The inspector said that after the owners were told to correct the conditions he returned for another inspection on May 16, May 31, June 17 and July 5th and found conditions receiving $900 worth of stolen whiskey.

At his trial it was alleged that—Mr. Jones received the "hot liquor" from three men convicted of burglarizing a tavern in the 600 block Cross St.

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ALSO RELEASED was Henry Reguaters, sentenced to 30 years in 1947 on two assault with intent to murder cases.

One of the cases involved a brutal hatchet assault on Dr. David Franklin. Police said the doctor was bludgeoned by a man who sat in his waiting room until the doctor asked him to step into the examination room.

Other persons released on parole, their crime, the place and time of sentencing and the sentence, are as follows:

Carolyn Anderson, violation Probation (False Pretenses), Baltimore; Dec. 56; not more than 18 months.

Phillip Bates, Assault with intent to Murder, deadly weapon; Baltimore; Feb. 57; not more than one-year.

Noah S. Beane, Attempted robbery with deadly weapon; Baltimore; October 55; five years.

Franklin Bellamy, Deadly weapon; Baltimore, April 57; six months.

Frank Brown Jr., Breaking and entering; St. Mary's; April 54; nine and one-half years.

Bernard H Bynum, Larceny; Baltimore; Dec. 56; one year.

Ralph Cook, Burglary; Baltimore; Jan. 54; not more than two years.

Harold Cross, Storehouse breaking; Prince George; Nov. 56; 3 to 5 years.

Arthur Darby Jr., Burglary; Baltimore; March 56; not more than three years.

Paul C. Duppins, Larceny, 2 cases; Baltimore; March 57; one year.

King D. Durant, Assault and cutting; Police Southern; Jan. 57; one year.

Robert Ferguson, Burglary; Baltimore; March 57; one year.

Jerry Fryson, Larceny, Baltimore; Jan. 56; four years.

Louis Gaddis, Lottery, Baltimore; Dec. 56; one year.

William Green, Robbery with deadly weapon (1); assault to murder (1); Baltimore; Feb. 44; 40 years.

William Handy, Non-Support; Somerset County; March 57; six months.

James Lawrence, Larceny; Prince George County; Feb. 57; not more than one year.

Emanuel Jemmison, Making false statement and bribery; Baltimore; July 56; five years reduced to 30 months.

Marvin Matthews, Carrying deadly weapon, 2nd count; Baltimore, County; Feb. 57; not more than one year.

Monroe C. Maynard, Lottery; Baltimore; Dec. 56; one year.

Pleas Nolan Jr., Burglary; Baltimore; Sept. 56; not more than two years.

Arthur Pannell, Murder, 2nd degree; Charles; Dec. 51; 12 years.

William W. Powell, Larceny; Baltimore; Nov. 56; not more than two years.

Willie Pullian, Using false name to obtain license; Trafford; March 57; six months, 30 days.

Vernon C. Shaffer, Housebreaking Montgomery County; June 56; four years.

Johnnie Smith, Assault to murder; Baltimore; Oct. 56; two years.

Clarence Sweet, Robbery; Baltimore; Sept. 56; not more than two years.

John A. Taylor, Operating revoked license and displaying license not own; Pr. Geo. Pol; March 57; nine months.

Arthur G. Watson, Larceny not more than 18 months.

Donald White, Carnal Knowledge; Baltimore; Nov. 56; not more than two years.

Mary Wilherspoon, Assault with intent to kill; Balto. County; Oct. 56; not more than two years.

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BALTIMORE CO. COURT

FRIDAY

False Pretense — James White, guilty, 18 months in the House of Correction.

Housebreaking — James White, pleaded guilty, 6 months Maryland House of Correction, concurrently with third sentence; Winston Grover King, pleaded guilty, 1 year Maryland House of Correction, sentence suspended, probation 1 year; George Ockeyo, guilty, 6 months House of Correction.

Death-Weapon — James L. Presley, guilty, 90 days Maryland House of Correction.

Rogue and Vagabond — James Presley, not guilty.

Larceny — Chas. Jones, guilty, sentenced to 1 year, jail penalty 2-year sentence suspended.

Robbery — Bernard F. Jones 1 to 3 years Maryland State Reformatory, 2 years Maryland State Reformatory, sentence suspended, 2 years each case to run concurrently.

Violation of Probation — Chas. James, guilty, probation continued upon conviction.

POLICE COURTS

These cases were heard at Southwestern by Magistrate Howard L. Aaron:

Chester L. Cockfield, 32, 1600 block W. Fayette St., six months in House of Correction for cutting Norris Glover, 1600 block W. Fayette St.

Mrs. Bessie Russell, 41, 1500 block W. Fayette St., fined $10 and costs for disorderly conduct. Ralph Moore, 38, 1500 block W. Fayette St., $15 and costs for disorderly conduct.

William Viere, 19, 1000 block Bennett Pl., $5 and costs suspended for disorderly conduct.

Webster Blossom, 66, 2500 block W. Fayette St., fined $25 and costs for disorderly conduct.

Clyde Witcher, 36, 700 block W. Fayette St., 30 days suspended for striking Mrs. Bessie Williams, 39, 700 block W. Fayette St., with iron bar. Mrs. Williams, three months in jail for cutting Mr. Witcher.

William Harris, 100 block S. Carlton St., $5 and costs suspended for disorderly conduct.

Aaron J. Thompson, 38, 200 block Gilmore St., fined $10 and costs for disorderly conduct.

Thomas Jones, 29, 500 block W. Fairmount Ave. fined $50 and costs for striking Mrs. Ella Wolford of the 1400 block W. Fayette St. with a bottle.

Clarence L. Owens, 36, 200 block N. Stricker St., fined $10 and costs for disorderly conduct.

Here are cases heard by Magistrate Edward G. Koger Sr., in the Northwestern Court on Wednesday:

Mrs. Roletta Young, 1100 block N. Gilmor St., 10 days in jail, disturbing the peace at her home; also, Charles H. Parker, same address, dismissed on similar charge.

Joseph Ayers, 500 block Oxford St., $25 and costs, disturbing the peace.

George M. Gaines, 900 block W. Hartsdale St., 30 days jail, for threatening to cut Mrs. Viola Brown, 1000 block W. Franklin St.

William A. Bowling Jr., unit block Abington Ave., $1,500 bail; Robert A. Millinger, 1100 block Brewer Ave., $1,000 bail; George W. Shropshire, 300 block Orchard St., $500 bail, and Mrs. Anna K. Parker, 500 block Oxford St., $500 bail, all held for grand jury on charge of stealing an automobile from Lawrence Johnson, 1300 block W. North Ave.

Nelson V. Truitt, 700 block N. Appleton St., three months in the House of Correction for threatening to throw lye on Mrs. Jeanette Thomas, 1800 block Clifton Ave.; also, Mrs. Thomas, $5 and costs, suspended, on a disorderly conduct charge.

Thomas E. Smith, 2400 block Arunah Ave., dismissed Mrs. Annie M. Goodwin, 1600 block Pennsylvania Ave., $15 and costs, suspended; Mrs. Thelma D. Campbell, 100 block Dolphin St., $20 and costs; Clarence Wooden, 1400 block Pennsylvania Ave., $10 and costs, and Mrs. Susie E. Georgia, 1800 block Argyle Ave., $10 and costs, all on disorderly conduct charges.

The following cases were heard at Southern by Magistrate Samuel Gelman:

George Thomas, 8000 block Sutton Ave., Philadelphia, not guilty of disturbing the peace.

Mrs. Lola Mae Duffey, 700 block Carroll St., $25 and costs suspended, disturbing the peace; Joseph W. Dudley, 2600 block Rigbs Ave., $25 suspended on charge of striking Mrs. Dudley.

Miss Doretta Stevenson, 600 block W. Lee St., $250 bail on charge of cutting Calvin Fields, 800 block China St.

John H. White, 3400 block Sunless Ct., fined $50 and costs for striking Mrs. Evelyn White.

Leroy Watkins, 300 S. Sharp St., fined $10 and costs for disorderly conduct at his home.

Willie Hendrick, 600 block W. Montgomery St., fined $50 and costs for striking Miss Matilda Bryant and for disorderly conduct.

The following cases were heard at Northeastern by Magistrate Simon Schoenfeld:

Ellis Reed, 28, 100 block N. Aisquith St., $500 bail on charge of striking Jno. Reed.

Thomas Jones, 28, 1000 block Eager St., $25 and costs for striking Miss Catherine Young, 900 block Eager St.

Miss Viola B. Conaway, 35, 800 block N. Gay St., fined $50 and costs for cutting George Williams, 34, Mr. Williams fined $25 and costs for striking Miss Conaway.

William Smith, 32, 1000 block N. Gay St., $500 bail on charge of failing to provide for the support of Mrs. Austrail Smith and five children.

Albert William Bell, 28, 1800 block E. Lanvale St., $1,000 bail on charge of attempting to Barglarize a grocery store in the 1100 block Orleans St.

Lewis Johnson Jr., 25, 900 block N. Chapel St., $25 and costs suspended for striking Mrs. Marjorie Johnson.

Carroll Walker, 19, 1300 block E. Biddle St., $1,000 bail on charge of cutting Thomas E. Carey, 1000 block Barclay St., $100 bail for disturbing the peace at his home.

Jasper Davis, 30, 1100 block Homeland Ave., $2,000 bail on charge of striking Nolan Whitfield, 800 block N. Bond St., $5,000 bail on charge of shooting Miss Grace Stewart, 1100 block Homewood Ave., pending August 14.

The following cases were heard at Northern by Magistrate James Pennington:

Milton J. Hart, 300 block E. 22nd St., not guilty of striking Mrs. Hattie Hart.

Herbert Stevens, Lennardtown, Md., fined $10 and costs for disorderly conduct.

Willie Etheree, 1900 block Boone St., $100 bail on charges of disorderly conduct, $1,000 bail for 800 block Newington Ave. Str. Springs, $100 bail as state's witness.

Mrs. Mary Burley, 400 block E. 21st St., fined $25 and costs for disorderly conduct.

Gabriel Jones, 200 block E. 24th St., fined $50 and costs for striking Mrs. Delores Jones.

At Northeastern, Magistrate Simon Schoenfeld disposed of the following cases:

Junius Good, 25, 800 block Aisquith St., $25 and costs suspended for threatening Mrs. Maureen Good.

Herbert Harris, 27, 1700 block N. Caroline St., fined $10 and costs for disturbing the peace.

Morris Gary, 25, 1200 block N. Broadway, fined $5 and costs for disorderly conduct.

Here are cases heard by Magistrate Linwood G. Koger Sr., in Northwestern Police Court Thursday:

Garland Cooper, 100 block Carlton St., $500 bail for grand jury action on a charge of molesting a 3-year-old girl; Fred P. Bastard, 2200 block Belmont Ave., $1,000 bail, hearing on Thursday on a charge of striking Mrs. Florence Bastard, same address.

Benjamin Porter, 1300 block W. Mosher St., 30 days in jail for striking Mrs. Laura Mackey, 600 block S. Carey St.; James Bell, Bronx, 1500 block Druid Hill Ave., $15 and costs, disorderly conduct.

John W. Delvalets, 1500 block W. Fayette St., $50 and costs for striking Richard Taylor, 600 block Dolphin St.

HERMAN WILLIAMS
Bitten by K-9 dog

Cop quits after dog bites 2 men

Chief Inspector Fred Ford announced on Wednesday that Patrolman Robert Johnson had resigned from the force as the outgrowth of an incident in which a K-9 Corps dog bit two men.

Inspector Ford said an investigation disclosed that "there was some indication that the dog had acted upon the instructions" of Johnson who was on vacation at the time.

The two victims were listed as Herman Williams, 31, 400 Whitmore Ave., and Rudolph Henson of the 1700 block Thomas St. Both were treated at Franklin Square Hospital.

FOLLOWING THE biting Mr. Williams told the AFRO that he had been in a tavern at Calvin and Vincent Sts., when he became engaged in a discussion with several men over the merits of a particular type of motorcycle.

On leaving the tavern Mr. Williams said he was called over to a parked automobile and the dog was let out of the vehicle and subsequently bit him on the thigh.

Following this, the vehicle was driven off and a short distance away the dog reportedly got out of the machine again and bit the second man.

At the time of the incident, Major L. Wilson Davis, commander of the Corps, said the officer "was 1,000 per cent wrong."

In announcing the resignation Inspector Ford also said there was evidence Johnson "had been drinking at the time of the bitin."

Girard College president dies

PHILADELPHIA

Dr. Edwin N. Cooper, president of Girard College, will not be on hand to welcome the institution's first colored students in September.

Dr. Cooper died Sunday after a four-day illness. He was 58. Associated with the college since 1932, Dr. Cooper became president in April, 1955. He succeeded Dr. Marie M. Odgers who resigned to become president of Bucknell University.

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Still probing soldier's death

The Army has postponed issuing a final report on the death of Specialist 2/C Roland H Carey pending the completion of a study of his skin diseases being made at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

The fully clothed body of the Philadelphia soldier was discovered face downward in Kelly Pool, a Meade training area, late Friday.

In the soldier's pocket was discovered $20, apparently all that remained from the $150 he had received in pay on Wednesday, even though he had not left the camp.

When his body was pulled from the water it was noted that the left side of his face near the mouth were what appeared to be small bruises.

The Army's Criminal Investigation Division began an immediate probe into the death.

The soldier's body was released to his brother, Mrs. Lucy Carey, 747 S. Dorrance St., Philadelphia.

NEW FACULTY MEMBER

College Park—Dr. Reinhard Oehme, a member of the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton (N.J.) University has joined the physics faculty at the University of Maryland for the summer session as a visiting associate research professor.

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Convention set for Mt. Olivet

The National Christian Missionary Convention meeting at Mt. Olivet Christian Church, Fulton and Penrose Ave., August 19 thru 25 will continue to push the national brotherhood long range program of membership development, worship, fine arts, Christian education and christian social action.

The Convention theme is: "Our Church Reaching Out to Inform, Integrate and Dedicate." The historic celebration of 40 years of work will be highlighted.

The initial evening session of the convention will be highlighted by the grand processional of officers, staff and board members of the convention, as well as the host pastor, the Rev. C. L. Whitfield, his guests and choir.

Following the welcome program of the local church, the Rev. B. L. Jordan, pastor of The United Christian Church, of Detroit, president of the convention, will give the keynote address.

The convention will close Sunday, August 25, at 5 p.m. with a musical festival under the direction of Thomas M. Lilley, minister of music at the Stuyvesant Heights Christian Church, Brooklyn, N.Y.

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LAST YEAR the convention sponsored 16 regional youth meets, youth conferences and camps which were enjoyed by 478 participants from 27 states.

The department of Christian Education will sponsor a CONVENTION WORKSHOP planned for 13 different interest groups, covering every phase of church work. This convention is interracial.

Last year, the session at Kansas City presented $500 to the NAACP. The latest colored minister of this convention is pastor a formerly all-white congregation, in Rev. J. E. Blair Jr., of Cleveland, Ohio.

Two speakers of national stature will be Dr. Jesse M. Bader, general secretary, World Convention of Christian Churches, and Mrs. J. D. Wycker, former president of the National Federation of Women's Clubs.

Rev. Shannon takes bride to Ohio

RICHMOND

The Rev. Mr. and Mrs. David Thomas Shannon will be "at home" in Berlin Ohio, throughout the school year 1957-58.

The youthful minister, who is a graduate of Virginia Union University, has received a scholarship to study in the Graduate School of Theology of Oberlin College.

The Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Shannon were married recently in a double-ring ceremony performed by the Reverend R. S. Anderson at the Fifth Baptist Church.

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THE BRIDE, the former Miss Averell Yvonne Powell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Powell, was given in marriage by her father.

She wore a dress of tulle fashioned with a Sabrina neckline and long sleeves of matching chantilly lace. Her entire skirt back of ruffles formed a chapel train.

The bride's veil was attached to a cap of lace scattered with seed pearls. She carried a white orchid on a prayer-book.

MISS BARBARA GERELIS of Hamilton of Richmond was maid of honor. She wore a nylon blue dress fashioned with a long waist. She carried a blue and white bouquet.

The bridesmaids were Misses Eterine Carrie Jordan, Barbara Beatrice Tynes, Claudette Maxine Foster, Carlessa Antionette Sully, all of Richmond; Misses Emily Alverta Plummer and Grace Odessa Williams of Washington.

They wore lavender and yellow dresses with matching accessories and carried lavender and yellow bouquets.

Best man was Alfred McDonald Roscoe, Jr., nephew of the bridegroom.

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USHERS WERE the Rev. Odie D. Brown, Charles L. Shannon Jr., James Gary, Joseph Taylor, Cpl. Edwin T. Lewis all of Richmond.

Also the Rev. Robert Hooper of New York City, the Rev. James Howell of Long Island, New York; and the Rev. Kidd L. Moore of Chicago.

The bride is a graduate of Virginia State College, majoring in elementary education. She is a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority.

The bridegroom is a graduate both the college and school of religion at Virginia Union University.

AFRO news tipsters earn cash each week

The story appearing in this edition of the AFRO concerning a 3-year-old boy missing from his home for two days earned the top NEWS TIP award this week with a check for $5 being sent to the tipster.

Checks for $3 each went to readers who reported the honeymoon hassle between the bride, groom and "other man," and the report of the Baltimore man accidently drowned in Chicago while visiting.

Earning 2 checks were tipsters who called in information of the Pt. Meade soldier who drowned, and the liquor raid in northeast Baltimore.

Five persons, including three reporting automobile accidents were awarded checks for $1 each. Other awards went to the tipster who reported an E. Balt. timore stabbing, and a robbery committed in an Avenue market.

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RITES HELD—Services for Mrs. Mascelia Marlow Smith, 70, 3307 Winterbourne Rd., were held Wednesday at St. James PE Church, Father Cedric Mills officating. Shown here, left to right, are her husband, Thomas J. Smith; her daughter, Mrs. Jeanette Smith of San Francisco, and her son, Stanley M. Smith. Mrs. Smith and her husband celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last Nov. 21.

RELATIVES MOURN—Shown at the funeral services on Wednesday at Union Baptist Church for Mrs. Grace A. Dennis, 2019 Wheeler Ave., are: front row, Malachi Dennis, Jr., and Mrs. Laura Smith, brother and sister of the deceased. In the rear, left to right, are; Cristopher Smith, a brother; Calvin Smith, whose face is partly shown, a nephew; Miss Isabelle Smith, a sister, and Charles Lawson, a cousin. Mrs. Dennis, a lifetime member of Union, died August 3.

Arlington school issue unclarified

ARLINGTON, Va. (ANP) — Edwin C. Brown, NAACP attorney expressed the opinion this week that colored children would apply for admission to white Arlington public schools in September, but probably would not be admitted.

His opinion followed in the wake of a decision handed last week by Federal District Court Judge Albert V. Bryan. Judge Bryan ordered Arlington schools to desegregate its schools in September, but ruled that