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No Burial For Gas Chamber Victim

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Drowns In Bathtub

Relatives can't bury Daniels

By E. M. OLIVER

The body of 28-year-old Eddie Lee Daniels, who was executed in the Maryland gas chamber on Friday, lies unclaimed in the Baltimore City Morgue.

Fate has struck another blow at the young man who at

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the age of 11 was lodged in a Tampa, Fla. detention home and listed as an incorrigible.

After paying the supreme penality for the murder of a Silver Spring car wash owner just seven days ago, Daniels body is left for burial in Potters Field unless something unforseen happens.

On Monday the Baltimore Police Service wired his former wife, Mrs. Susie Daniels, 116 12th St., NE., in Washington.

Late Monday a telegram was received from Washington Police Investigators which did not solve the problem.

The wire said: "Mrs. Susie Daniels will not claim the body of her former husband."

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ON THE same day, Baltimore police received a telegram through Tampa police from Daniels's mother, Mrs. Estelle Daniels, 4216 E. Emma St., Tampa. It said:

"Mrs. Estelle Daniels does not have funds to bury the body."

Daniels has no other relatives.

Ill-fate had stalked his life from an early age. It continued up until the 28th year of his manhood when on April 22, 1956, he robbed and murdered Arthur E. Chyatte at a car wash establishment on Old Bladensburg Road near Washington.

He was convicted of first degree murder by a Montgomery County jury.

The death sentence was handed down by three judges, Thomas M. Anderson, Stedman Prescott and Mrs. Katherine Lawlor.

Both the conviction and the sentence were upheld by the Maryland Court of Appeals.

On Friday, June 28, Daniels became the first man to die in Maryland's new $25,000 gas chamber.

Prior to June 1, 1956, condemned persons died by hanging in Maryland.

Until late Friday and just minutes before the 10 p.m. execution, Daniels had a chance to live if the Fates had been with him.

His court appointed lawyer, attorney Charles D. Sanger of Silver Spring, petitioned to Gov. Theodore McKeldin for clemency.

As Daniels entered the Maryland penitentiary gas chamber and even while he was being strapped to the large metal chair, telephone

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DEATH SWING—This is the swing in which 14-year-old Levada Rozzell of 1012 Peach St., rode to her death, Monday, on a newly opened playground in South Baltimore. Linwood Branch of 1112 Leadenhall St., points to the spot where the child fell.

Callowhill's plan is ruled illegal

The Callowhill "white only" plan to by - pass colored applicants in filling jobs in the Department of Recreation and Parks was held unconstitutional this week.

Hugo A. Ricciuti, acting city solicitor, in an opinion handed down Monday afternoon, said:

"From a study of recent Supreme Court decisions regarding segregation in public schools and in public recrea-

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tion facilities, we are of the opinion that it would be illegal and unconstitutional for the City Service Commission of Baltimore to maintain separate recreation eligibility lists based solely on racial classifications."

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HIS RULING legally thwarts a proposal of Harold S. Callowhill, superintendent of recreation, to have the Equal Opportunity Commission grant him permission to disregard ranking colored persons on the eligibility lists.

However, according to records in the City Service Commission office, only white persons were selected from a hasty list for positions as senior recreation center directors just this week.

Records show that examinations for this list were held last Tuesday. By Friday, three days before the acting city solicitor's ruling, the top six persons were certified for openings.

Three of those certified were colored.

They were Mrs. Mary Lee Clark, 2213 Bryant Ave.; George T. Faulkner, 2524 W. Lanvale St., and John A. Faulkner, 2042 Bentalou St.

Mrs. Clark and George Faulkner tallied the second and third highest scores, respectivell. John Faulkner ranked sixth on the list.

Selected to fill the two vacancies as senior recreation center directors were two white persons, James J. Brown, 2030 Janmine Rd., highest scorer on the list; and Victor DiMeo, 5517 Purdue Ave., who ranked fifth.

"The eligible list that was submitted to me contained both white and colored names. I selected white people because we needed the white people in the white areas.

"With the white people on the list, it's pretty clear, isn't it that it is right and proper for me to appoint them?

"As long as the list came in a fashion that was perfectly right and proper and I was able to meet my needs, there was no reason why I should hesitate, is it?"

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MR. CALLOWHILL, justified his appointment to senior recreation center director of Victor DiMeo, who stood number 5, over three other persons, Mary Lee Clark and George T. Faulkner and Albert K. Nelldean, who stood 2 and 3, and 4, by saying "City Service gives us a list of 13, but certifies the first six. It doesn't say we have to appoint them in order."

Mr. Callowhill denied that race entered into holding the examination for center directors last week.

"What we did," he explained, "was to conduct a promotional examination in the entire department. We asked the City Service to hold two promotional examinations for us because we wanted a bigger choice. A promotional list always takes precedence over an open list.

Suffering under this program was Leroy E. Jones, 1427 W. Lanvale St. who has been num-

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VICTIM of fatal swing accident was Levada Rozzell, popular junior high pupil. See story on page 14)

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P.O. MEN ACT...

No more jim crow boat rides

"In September, 1956, the executive board of the Baltimore branch, National Alliance Postal Employees, recommended to its membership that no boat rides be promoted by this branch, under the discriminatory conditions that had prevailed over the years...and the membership concurred.

"We, then, authorized John C. Edwards, chairman of our social committee, to return unsigned any contracts intended to relegate our boat rides to early spring dates, or to a post-Labor Day date, when the weather might be too cool."

John W. White Jr., postal alliance president, was explaining on Sunday, why his organization will not give its annual boat cruise this year.

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IN A paid AFRO advertisement last week, the Baltimore branch, National Alliance Postal Employees ran this announcement:

"Due to the policy of the boat line, colored organizations are allotted early or late dates. The NAPE was unable to secure a date.

"Therefore, we are discontinuing our annual moonlight excursion. Thank you for your previous support."

Mr. White said his organization had decided to take this stand, even though the annual boat excursion was a profitable project.

The cruise last year net-

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Court okeys stair-step integration

Judge Roszel C. Thomsen in U.S. District Court has set up a stair-step plan under which Harford County schools will not be integrated until 1963.

The Thomsen stair-step plan requires the county board to integrate without special examinations:

7th grades in 1958
8th grades in 1959
9th grades in 1960
10th grades in 1961
11th grades in 1962
12th grades in 1963

Other colored children who wish to attend the nearest high school, now all white, will be required to take special examinations. Their application must be filed before July 15.

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THE SUIT, filed by the NAACP, was heard in court on June 15. Judge Thomsen issued his decree July 3.

NAACP officials said: "Stair-step integration plans have been rejected by courts in Kentucky and Tennessee. There is discrimination on its face when colored kids only are required to take special examinations.

"This decision, issued on the eve of the celebration of national independence and the declaration 'all men are created equal' reflects discredit on the name of Maryland.

"We intend to appeal."

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THE COUNTY board was ordered to accept application for admission or transfer of colored children to Old Post Road, Bel Air and Highland Elementary School for 1958-59.

For Forest Hill, Jarretisville and Dublin elementary schools and the sixth grade at Edgewood High School for the year 1959-60.

Both plaintiffs in the case were admitted at once to heretofore white schools.

They are: Stephen Moore Jr., 9, of Bel Air, who by court order will enter the sixth grade at Bel Air School, formerly all white; and

Dennis Spriggs, 13, the court said, must be admitted to the eighth grade at Edgewood Hill, also formerly all white.

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BOTH BOYS attended a consolidated school at Hickory, Md., last year, a greater distance from their homes.

The sixth grade in 11 of 18 of the county's elementary schools will be integrated this fall.

The other 7 elementary schools will be mixed in 1959.

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Hoffa case

By S. F. YETTE

WASHINGTON

Judge Burnita S. Matthews, Wednesday, denied a defense motion for a mistrial in the Hoffa-Fishback bribery trial.

The motion for mistrial was on the grounds that the jury had been prejudiced by the testimony of a Government witness.

The witness, John C. Cheasty, had detailed his activities in the Tallahassee bus boycott.

Judge Matthews instructed the jury to disregard all testimony relating to Cheasty's activities, for or against the NAACP as recited during his June 28 appearance on the stand.

On Tuesday, Mrs. Martha M. Jefferson of Los Angeles, wide-

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WHITE NO LONGER, MONEY TALKS:

Returns across color line to claim share of estate

Curtis F. Wilson, of Philadelphia, who crossed the color line and has lived as white for the past 40 years, was back over the fence this week.

Reason: he stood to inherit a part of the $5,961.60 estate of an uncle, Robert Wilson, who died here Oct. 9, 1956.

The long lost relative was discovered by William I. Gosnell, attorney and administrator for the estate, when another relative, Mrs. Lucy Scudder, of East Orange, N.J. mentioned that a nephew had existed.

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THE NEPHEW, she said, was the illegitimate son of her late sister and Mr. Wilson. His name was Curtis Frey Wilson, though he used the name Richard Wilson, when she last heard from him.

"He married a white woman, passed for white and stopped associating with the family. No one has heard from him in 40 years," Mrs. Scudder said.

The 75-year-old Mr. Wilson, father of five children, strode into Orphans Court, here to lay claim to his share of his uncle's estate, readily identified Mrs. Scudder.

"I ought to know her. She is my aunt," he said.

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UP TO THAT time Mrs. Scudder, a sister of the dead man had been listed as the only heir.

The estate consisted of a house in the 900 block of Harlem Ave. owned by Mr. Wilson, and valued at $4,000.

An additional $1,961.60 came from a railroad retirement policy.

'Poppy' goodbye to slain policeman

By SAMUEL A. HAYNES

NEWARK — Funeral services for Patrolman Reginald Kirk, 27, who was killed by his 18-year-old sweetheart, Vera Dudley, last Friday in the apartment they shared,

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were held Sunday night at Churchman Funeral Home, 32 Waverly Ave., without any religious ceremony.

No ordained clergyman participated, and no scripture lesson or obituary or resolution was read.

The somber proceedings, conducted entirely by officers of Guyton - Callahan American Legion Post 152, lasted just 20 minutes.

The silence in the chapel was broken only by soft organ music and the occasional sobbing of one of the many relatives of the patrolman, most of them come from Baltimore, Md., his native home.

HIS WIFE, Mrs. Cecilia Kirk, from whom he was estranged, sat in the front row with her mother-in-law and five sisters and six brothers, but showed no emotions until the service was over when she wept as she was led to her car.

Promptly at 8:30 p.m., a delegation of 27 uniformed and plainclothes sergeants, detectives and patrolmen marched into the chapel, single file, led by Det. Carlton B. Norris, one of the officers assigned to investigate the murder.

They passed swiftly by the bier and took seats in the rear.

Five minutes later at 8:35 p.m., 12 officers and members of the American Legion Post, led by James E. Churchman Sr., adjutant, former commander and life member, and director of the funeral home, also filed past the bier.

ADJUTANT CHURCHMAN announced that "We are gathered here to pay tribute to our fallen comrade who had an honorable war record."

At 8:40 p.m., four of the legionnaires took turns reciting in relays the poem, "In Flanders Field." Mr. Churchman beginning with the first line:

"In hallowed ground the flowers grow betwixt the crosses, row on row."

At 8:45 p.m., Commander Charles Bernado sang two

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ACCUSED — 18-year-old Vera Dudley charged with killing of Baltimore-born Patrolman Reginald Kirk in Newark on Friday in apartment they shared. They reportedly argued because he would not divorce his wife and marry her.

Infant left in tub by babysitter

"I put the two children in the bathtub and ran a little water in it to let them play awhile... I was going to give them a bath... the water got cold, and I ran a little more in the tub.

"It wasn't much water, about six inches or so... then I went downstairs and told Mr. Jackson I was going out for awhile.

"After awhile, Mr. Jackson came down the street and told me I was going to get it for letting the baby drown in the tub.

"I ran back to the house, and found the baby lying on his back at the bottom of the tub... the tub was almost full of water."

A 14-year-old John Coleman gave this account of the bathtub drowning in his home at 715 Reservoir St., on Monday evening of his nephew, 10-month-old Glen Anthony Davis.

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YOUNG COLEMAN, was acting as baby sitter for the drowned child and his two-year-old brother, Carl Davis Jr.

Coleman is the brother of the children's mother, Mrs. Frances Davis, 21. He lives in Louisville, Ky., and is visiting here for the summer.

The children's parents, Carl Davis Sr., and Mrs. Davis, were away from home at the time. Mr. Davis was operating a transit company bus No. 28, whose route is past his home.

Mrs. Davis is a file clerk at Lutheran Hospital, and an evening student at Cortez Peters Business School. She had worked at the hospital until 4:45 p.m., Monday, and then had gone directly to the school.

Mr. Jackson and young John Coleman are the only other tenants in the three - story house.

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THE BOY said he picked the baby out of the bathtub and tried to administer first aid. When the child did not appear to respond, he ran outside and called Patrolman John Hudgins.

The child was pronounced dead at Provident Hospital at 9:15 p.m. The Medical Examiner's office listed the cause of death as drowning.

Mr. Davis has been an operator for the Baltimore Transit Company for three years, and went to work Monday evening at 6 o'clock. He had driven past his house twice before the drowning.

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A NEIGHBOR caught his bus at Madison Ave. and Cloverdale Rd. and told him of the accident.

Mrs. Davis was notified by another neighbor while she was in class at Cortez Peters Business School.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis have been married for three years. She is a native of Louisville.

The baby was buried today (Friday) from a funeral parlor in the 1300 block N. Calhoun St.

Rev. Wilkerson funeral Saturday

The Rev. Matthew Wilkerson, pastor of Zion Baptist Church, died on Wednesday. Funeral services will be held at the church on Saturday. See detailed story on page 5.

Reconciliation efforts failed at Dixon alimony hearing

Attempts at reconciliation were made earlier this month during the alimony and support suit of Mrs. Mildred Holly

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Dixon against her husband, Howard Dixon, well - known Pennsylvania Ave. businessman.

Records in Circuit Court indicate that attorneys for both Mr. and Mrs. Dixon unsuccessfully attempted to effect a reconciliation while the alimony suit was being heard by Judge Reuben Oppenheimer.

When the efforts failed, the testimony was continued.

At the conclusion of the two-day hearing on June 13, Judge Oppenheimer awarded Mrs. Dixon $40 a week alimony and support for the couple's two children.

Mr. Dixon was associated with the Comedy Club owned by his mother, before he became a bondsman. Both he and his wife are Catholic.

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HERE ARE excerpts from the two-day trial dealing with the reconciliation efforts:

Mrs. Dixon on the stand the first day, under questioning by Josiah Henry Jr., Mr. Dixon's

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Godfather not guilty in death of minister's child

"There's no evidence of neglect in this case."

That statement by Magistrate Standley Richardson cleared Floyd A. Ruff, 32, of homicide charges Friday in connection with the death of 19-month-old Thomas B. Scott Jr.

Son of the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Scott of Bel Air, Md., the infant suffocated to death last April 27 when left alone in a car parked in the 500 block N. Pine St.

Police testified that Mr. Ruff a resident of White Marsh, Md., had left his godchild sleeping in a car while he went to visit friends in the 600 block W. Franklin St.

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THE INFANT was one of seven children of the Rev. Mr. Scott who is pastor of the First Baptist Church in Bel Air.

Following the child's death his father said: "I want the whole world to know that he (Mr. Ruff) was a friend to the child and the child was a friend of his."

With tears streaming down his face the Rev. Mr. Scott declared at the time "I forgive him."