Gets 20-Year Prison Term For 'Dime' Robbery

Court bill dead for this session

ANNAPOLIS — The controversial Municipal Court bill died quietly here late Wednesday as the city delegation in the House voted an unfavorable report on the measure.

This killed any faint hope that supporters of the measure might have had that the bill would pass in this session of the General Assembly.

It was admittedly a slim hope at best since on Monday the Senate had failed by three votes to give the bill the required three fifths majority necessary for passage.

TENTATIVE plans had been made to seek a reconsideration of the bill in the Senate but when the city House delegation turned thumbs down on the measure it was evident to even the most hopeful supporter that regardless of what the Senate did, the Municipal Court bill can not pass through the House.

So far as the court bill is concerned, it is, in the words of one legislator, "a dead duck."

While the bill had the support of the Governor, the Baltimore City Bar Association (which bars colored and female members) and some judicial figures, it was also strongly opposed by other sources.

ONE OF the principal complaints against the bill was that it would give the Bar Association too much power in the selection of judges to staff the new court.

It was also contended that under the bill, a colored person would have a difficult if not an impossible task in winning a place on the court.

The bill itself would have abolished the present system of police courts and replaced them with a Municipal Court where the judges would eventually be elected on a city wide basis.

ONE OF THE leaders in the fight against the bill was Senator Harry A. Cole (Rep. 4th Dist.) who made attempts to attach to the measure several amendments that were designed to increase the chances of colored judges sitting in the new court.

While the amendments were defeated, Senator Cole still won his victory against the bill when it failed to receive the required three-fifths majority vote in the Senate on Monday.

The final vote was 15-5 for passage of the bill with eight senators from the county not casting their votes. This meant that the bill was three votes short of the required number for passage.

Voting against the bill with Senator Cole were Senators Joseph A. Bertorelli (D. First, Baltimore); Robert P. Dean (D. Once Annie's; Anthony F. Di Domenico (D. Second, Baltimore), and Louis N. Phipps (D. Anne Arundel).

Say invalid wrote digits from bed

"He was writing numbers right from his bedside."

That was the testimony of Sgt. Anthony Bova of the Southwestern District Monday when a 58-year-old invalid was charged with lottery violations.

When brought into the Southwestern Police Court by detectives, Samuel Henry Jackson of the 100 block W. Perry St., entered a plea of not guilty and was released in bail of $5,500.

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MR. JACKSON was charged with maintaining a numbers operation at his home and with operating a lottery.

The accused man has been bedridden since he was partially paralyzed in an accident more than two years ago, police said.

Sgt. Bova testified that when he and his men raided the Johnson home, they found $183.46 in cash, five number slips representing $57.55 in play, and betting slips on horse races at Tropical Park.

Magothy school tots see how bread is made

The Magothy School second graders journeyed to Baltimore on Friday to find out how bread is made.

They visited the Schmidt Baking Company and were accompanied by their teacher, Mrs. Nathalie Ross.

Also on the excursion were the third and fourth graders whose teacher is Miss Bernadine Tyler.

Joseph Taylor is the principal.

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Pomonkey man freed by jury on day wife bears twins

A man whose wife gave birth to twins Wednesday morning had an additional cause for rejoicing when a federal court jury the same day acquitted him of operating an illicit liquor still.

He was James T. Green Sr., of Pomonkey, Md.

Mr. Green, a Charles county farmer, was arrested by revenue agents who said they spotted him near a 40-gallon still within 100 yards of his home.

The defendant told jurors in the court of Judge W. Calvin Chesnut that he did not know the illicit still was in the area.

MORE TESTIMONY

No visitors for Arledge for a month

"It takes us 30 days to process new inmates."

Vernon L. Pepersack warden of the Maryland State Penitentiary on Wednesday was answering inquiries concerning Russell Arthur Arledge, sentenced to 18 years on March 13 for slaying his wime, Mrs. Pearl Dorsey Arledge.

During this 30-day period, according to the warden, inmates are not permitted visitors or given any assignments in the institution.

New prisoners are kept in a single cell house until after they are given a series of mental and physical examinations, Warden Pepersack said.

After these preliminaries are completed, he added, the inmates are brought before a classification board to be assigned duties in the institution.

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MR. ARLTDGE, inmate No. 4950, pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in the death of his attractive wife, Mrs. Pearl Dorsey Arledge.

Mrs. Arledge, a postal employee, was shot six times in the head and neck last November in a bedroom of her home at 415 N. Calhoun St.

Mr. Arledge was a presser at a Harford Rd. cleaning firm.

IN A SURPRISE move at the conclusion of testimony in the daylong trial last Thursday Mr. Arledge switched his plea from not guilty by reason of temporary insanity to guilty to second-degree murder.

Judge John Tucker imposed the maximum sentence.

The highlight of the defendant's testimony was his version of the circumstances leading to the disintegration of his nine year marriage to Mrs. Arledge.

Under questioning by his attorney, Robert B. Watts, Mr. Arledge said he and the former Pearl Dorsey were married in November, 1947.

"Will you describe your marriage?" the defendant was asked by Mr. Watts.

"We got along very nice," Mr. Arledge replied. "She was nice, clean, upright . . ."

At this point the defendant bowed his head into a handkerchief and began to sob.

"Was your marriage honorable?" asked Mr. Watts after giving the defendant time to compose himself.

"Yes," was his answer.

"For how long?" continued the defense attorney.

"For eight years," replied Mr. Arledge.

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WHEN ASKED whether there came a time when his marriage was not honorable Mr. Arledge said, "yes."

The defendant said when his wife began to act differently around him he questioned her about it. He quoted her as saying, "Well, I'm changing life."

"She got irritable at times, but I tried to laugh it off," said Mr. Arledge. "But later on it got to the point where I couldn't laugh it off."

The defendant related that he and his wife made an agreement never to argue publically or before company.

Asked by the defense lawyer whether any of these arguments were about other men, Mr. Arledge answered hotly:

"I've never accused her in my life of being with another man because I had confidence in her."

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THE DEFENDANT next told of an altercation with his wife not long before the shooting which resulted in her taking a warrant out against him at the Southwestern Police Court.

According to Mr. Arledge that quarrel resulted from his wife's staying away from home all night.

He told the court that Mrs. Arledge went to work at 4 p.m. on a Friday and he did not see her again until the following afternoon at 5 p.m.

Mr. Arledge said fearing something had happened to his wife he went to the post office where she worked, but was told she had not shown up that day.

The defendant said he asked Mrs. Arledge where she had been "one she said, 'I've been to a birthday party.'"

According to the defendant this discussion led to the alteration.

"This was the most serious argument we ever had," he told the court.

En route to police court Mr. Arledge reflected that he had his wife on a date. He said he'd "I'll give you the money."

Charges were then pressed by Mrs. Arledge in police court.

THE DEFENDANT also described another episode in which his wife allegedly told him if he did not like what she was doing he "could get out."

Earlier testimony disclosed that Mrs. Arledge lived on N. Calhoun St. home by her parents.

"Did you ever leave?" Mr. Watts asked.

No," answered Mr. Arledge.

"Why didn't you leave?" the lawyer continued.

"Well," answered Mr. Arledge, "I loved my wife and I had confidence in her."

Mr. Arledge said shortly before the tragic shooting he felt that he held something from a friend of their marriage, adding:

"Well, she didn't want me anymore at the end, but I didn't believe it."

MR. ARLEDGE asserted that a few months before he pumped the bullets into his wife's head and neck, he began losing weight, sleep and started to have "chronic headaches."

He attributed this to the constant quarrels with his wife.

"She had me afraid to say anything because she would start to argue and I couldn't get any sleep," he testified. "We had a 10-foot lawn and if I didn't mow it when she wanted me to that would start an argument."

At the outset of the Arledge trial, James Gentry, assistant State's attorney, indicated the state would press for a conviction of first-degree murder.

However, before the case was given to a 12-man jury for deliberation the state agreed to accept the lesser plea of guilty to second-degree.

THEY'VE HAD THEIRS — Photographed as they left Eastern Health District where they received their polio vaccine are these Urban League staff members. Left to right, Miss Lois Bell, Mrs. LaVerne Turner, Mrs. Gloria Fisher and Miss Shirley Chambers.

Lived apart for 36 years, couple legally separated

Mrs. Bertha Gladden of Philadelphia was divorced by Harry Gladden of 1216 W. Fayette St., after he testified they have lived apart 36 years.

"After I was discharged from service after World War I, my wife and I just didn't get along," said the 68-year-old veteran.

"We agreed to part. She left and went to Windsor, Md. in 1921. I stayed here," he added.

Mr. Gladden was represented by William I. Gosnell, attorney.

Young artist series to begin April 19

Richard G. Richardson, Jr., president of the Baltimore Youth Guild, has announced plans for the third annual "Young Artist Concert Series."

The initial concert, Friday, April 19, will feature The Pasteur Quartet, winner of the division of Mr. Richardson.

A second concert has been scheduled for Sunday, April 28, at 5 p.m. And a fin' concert will be held Sunday, May 5.

All of the concerts in the series will be given in the auditorium of the Booker T. Washington Junior High School.

THE BALTIMORE Youth Guild was founded by Mr. Richardson in 1947 and sponsors youth juvenile delinquency through program of social, recreational and cultural activities.

Sen. Beall calls for 'firm' civil rights bill

"I have great hopes that a firm Civil Rights program will be approved by Congress," Sen. J. Glenn Beall (Rep., Md.) said Wednesday at Morgan State College.

Senator Beall, who is the co-sponsor of two civil rights bills before the Congress, addressed an assembly held in observance of Maryland Day.

Senator Beall declared that he firmly believes every American should be given equal opportunity, and pledged to continue his fight for his belief "in the equality of man."

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BUT HE WARNED his audience that passage of civil rights legislation cannot solve America's racial problems, and declared:

"The specific thing I want to bring home to you is that the future of the entire civil rights program is based not on new laws; not on new court rulings; but instead, it is based on your respect for the obligations which present themselves to you."

He said that this means that America's colored people should not expect "anything extra to be handed to them" when Congress enacts civil rights legislation.

Instead, he urged that colored Americans "must not allow the indignities and pains which you have suffered to kindle a sort of counter-prejudice within your own hearts."

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MOREOVER, he said, the fight for equality for men is lost now "if men and women of your education and training do not keep up the good work." He told the students:

"You have done an excellent job in showing that ability is not determined by race, color or creed.

"And I want to stress that your accomplishments in the arts, the sciences, the sports world and business have offered a striking contrast to the ill and incoherent misrepresentations with which certain people are attempting to spread their personal hatreds."

Even the "deepest South," the Senator said, "is beginning to get its fill of rabble-rousers," and he said, "I can assure you that the hooded goons who are wandering around Dixie in bedsheets are proving a source of intense embarrassment to the officials who represent them on Capitol Hill.

"YOU CAN SEE, therefore, that many of the more intelligent lawmakers from the South are finding it increasingly difficult to give anything more than token support. — which is strictly for home consumption — to the present opposition of their constituents to the Supreme Court and the principles of the Constitution," he continued.

Senator Beall coupled his remarks on civil rights legislation with a plea that the public understand the problems of national economy.

"The strength of our nation is based largely on the strength of our economy," Senator Beall declared.

The public, he said, must decide how the national budget should be pared.

Morgan State College president, Dr. Martin D. Jenkins, introduced Senator Beall.

9 Police killings in Balto. area in 9 months

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 said surgeons he was breaking up a disorderly house. The officer Mina was exonerated of the killing by Magistrate Meyer Cardin, who ruled he acted in 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 Leddin. Leddin said he shot the man "in defense of my life." In the unit block Gilmor St. Patrolman Leddin was exonerated of the slaying by Magistrate Meyer Cardin.

OCTOBER 15, 1956 — Benjamin Brown, 14-year-old patient at Boswood Training School, shot and killed by Northwest Patrolman Marshall V. Trewer with rifle he "didn't know was loaded." Magistrate Meyer Cardin dismissed the resulting charge after State's Attorney Edward S. Digges said the State could not make out a homicide or manslaughter case against the officer who said the shooting was an accident.

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

NOVEMBER 24, 1956 — Clarence Wilkerson, 20, 1304 Harlem Ave., shot and killed by a Baltimore County Policeman while getting out of a car as ordered. Officer Louis DeManno was charged with homicide by State's Attorney Frank Hewell. On Monday, Dec., 10, a Baltimore County jury failed to indict Officer DeManno. He was returned to the force with no official reprimand.

JANUARY 21, 1957 — James Kenneth Robinson, 17, 1800 block Jackson St., was shot and killed after a robbery assault. Southwestern 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.

Six questioned in beating of officer

In an effort to solve the case of an Army lieutenant who was brutally beaten and robbed last Friday, six men were questioned by city and county police this week.

Three were picked up for questioning in the Southwestern District, and three others in Ferndale after 1st Lt. Dan D. H. Conley, 30, was robbed of his late model automobile, $8, a wrist watch, wedding band, and a class ring from the U. S. Naval Academy.

All suspects were released after Lt. Conley told police that they were not the men involved in the kidnapping.

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A MEMBER of the 120th Transport Co., at Ft. Meade, Lt. Conley told police that he was returning to his post after attending a class at Ft. Holabird, when he was taken for a ride in his own car by five white men who jumped into his car as he stopped for a red light at Eutaw and Baltimore Sts.

He stated that one of the men took the wheel of his new 1957 Chevrolet, and the others pushed him down on the front seat and put a knife to Hollins Ferry Rd., around 9:30 p.m.

LT. CONLEY reported that his kidnappers drove up a side road about a half mile from the main highway—beat him, took his shoes and pushed him from the car.

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BLEEDING from the mouth, the young officer walked back to the main highway and was about to enter a telephone booth to call the police when he was noticed by Officer Damon Gerber of the Halethorpe Police Dept.

Lt. Conley's automobile was found five hours later parked at Pratt and Schroeder Sts., by Southwestern District Police.

The officer who termed his experience a "nightmare" sustained a broken left jaw, cuts and bruises about the face, and was confined to the Ft. Meade Hospital.

On March 14 Lt. Conley was awarded the first Associate of Arts Degree Certificate ever given at Meade.

FOR OKLAHOMA

Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield today announced that the special 3-cent stamp to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Oklahoma Statehood will be first placed on sale at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on June 14, 1957, the opening day of he Oklahoma Semi-Centennial Exposition.

Police charge husband with shooting wife

"The sound of running footsteps, a screaming woman, and a man with the barrels of a rifle clasped tight in both hands.

According to Southwestern District police, that's what residents of the 600 block W. Fayette St., experienced around 2:30 a.m. Wednesday when a husband allegedly took a pot shot at his fleeing wife.

Police testified that when they stopped John E. Rawlings, 39, and his wife, Mrs. Irena Rawlings, the screaming woman was bleeding from a flesh wound on the left side of her face, and her husband was holding the barrel of a rifle minus the stock.

At the Rawlings home police said they recovered the stock of the gun and found evidence that the weapon had been fired.

In Southwestern Police Court later in the day, Mr. Rawlings entered a plea of not guilty and was released inbail of $2,500 for the grand jury.

More than 600 attend rites for John Jackson

More than 600 persons were in attendance at Sunday funeral services for Herman J. Jackson, 67, veteran insurance collector and church worker, who died at his home, 1119 N. Calhoun St., on March 11.

The two hours services were held at the John Wesley Methodist Church where Mr. Jackson was a lifelong member and the minister of music. He also organized the Gospel Choir there.

Through his influence and love for music many persons joined the church.

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BORN in south Baltimore, Mr. Jackson was the son of George and Elizabeth Jackson.

He was employed by the Mutual Benefit Insurance Co., as collector for more than 30 years.

The body reposed on the altar of the church in a polished mahogany casket surrounded by more than 100 floral offerings from church members, business associates and friends.

Services were conducted by the Rev. Charles Johnson, John Wesley pastor, the Rev. Thomas J. Pree, AME Methodist church pastor, and the Rev. Mrs. Myrtle Stokes.

Also participating in the services were Mrs. Pearl Brown and Theodore Ross, who represented the Mutual Benefit Co.

A procession of more than 60 cars carried friends and members of the family to the burial at the Mt. Auburn Cemetery.

Mr. Jackson is survived by his wife, Mrs. Eva Gray Jackson; four sons, Herman Jr., John, George, and Howard; three daughters, Mrs. Eva Ford, Mrs. Ruth Brown, and Mrs. Elizabeth Jobes and 13 grandchildren.

Ex-convict displays no emotion

An ex-convict who pleaded guilty in Criminal Court Wednesday to robbing a churchgoer of a dime at knife point was sentenced to a maximum of 20 years in the Penitentiary.

Reginald Leonard Stanley, 31, 1800 block E. Lafayette Ave. entered the guilty plea to armed robbery before Judge John Tucker through his attorney, Anthony Federico.

Victim of the March 6 robbery was Mrs. Louise Hill, 1303 Stockton St.

Mrs. Hill told police she was accosted in the 1200 block Fremont Ave. after leaving a church in the 2000 block of Pennsylvania Ave. She said he threatened her with a knife and made off with two nickles.

Mr. Stanley was apprehended minutes after the street holdup by Northwestern District police who gave chase.

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OFFICERS linked him with the robbery of Mrs. Mary B. Fossett, 90, 1821 Division St., who lost $50 when she was accosted as she was about to enter the Episcopal Mission at Orchard St. and Madison Ave. on Feb. 10.

James Gentry, prosecutor, told the court that in light of the guilty plea in the dime holdup the State would not press charges in the case in the other robbery and it was settled.

Frank Marcellino, assistant State's attorney, later told reporters that Mrs. Fossett was not asked to come to court because of her advanced age.

The defense attorney told the court he felt that his client needed psychiatric attention.

"He didn't even flinch when the judge imposed the sentence," one courtroom spectator observed.

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MR. GENTRY said the defendant was released from prison on Dec. 31 after serving four years for robbery.

Sgt. George Andrews reported that Mr. Stanley was nabbed after shouts of Mrs. Hill attracted the attention of officers in a squad car. The suspect was chased to Pennsylvania and Pressman St. and arrested.

Mrs. Fossett, a white haired widow who has lived on Division St. for 44 years, was robbed when she reached the church early.

She suffered a small cut on the back of her left hand and her glasses were chipped when the knife wielding bandit attacked her.

"I've never bothered anyone and I never expected anyone to bother me," Mrs. Fossett said after the holdup.

Harford Co. case back in court

The NAACP has gone back into Federal Court in an attempt to halt what has been termed discrimination against school teachers in Harford County.

In filing a motion today (Friday) asking for a speedy hearing on the issue, the NAACP attorneys asked for a decree specifically ordering the Harford County Board of Education "to cease discriminating against the plaintiffs solely because of their race."

In the spring of last year the NAACP had filed a similar suit against the board, but agreed to drop proceedings when county officials approved a resolution indicating that integration would begin in the fall of 1956.

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HOWEVER, when school opened in September only the first three grades in two schools had been desegregated and the NAACP went back to court.

This time Judge Roszel C Thomsen said that all administrative remedies had not been exhausted and told the plaintiffs to make an appeal to the State Board of Education.

Several weeks ago the State Board heard this appeal and then handed down a decision supporting the county's actions in only desegregating a limited number of schools.

Following this, the NAACP announced that it would go back to court, which it did this morning.

The plaintiffs in the case are being represented by Mrs. Juanita Jackson Mitchell, Robert B. Watts, Tucker Dearing, all Baltimore NAACP attorneys, and Jack Greenberg of the NAACP's national legal staff.

Jail term for embezzlement is suspended

employee pleaded guilty to embezzlement in Criminal Court Tuesday and was given a one-year House of Correction sentence, suspended on condition that he make full restitution.

The defendant was Julius M. Taylor, 2200 block Edmondson Ave., convicted of embezzling $373.72 from a Laundry and Dry Cleaners at 2701 N. Carey St., over a five month period.

Judge John Tucker was told that after shortages were found in collections made by Mr. Taylor he was given a small raise with the understanding that money would be deducted from his salary to repay the shortage.

The prosecutor said another check in December disclosed that the defendant had embezzled additional funds and he was arrested on Dec. 8.

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Local Debutante Wed In Synagogue

(Story in Column 1)

Dr. Blake On Trial

Local deb married in Synagogue

(Exclusive to the AFRO)

A four-year college romance, which survived objections of their parents, culminated in a wedding in New York's West End Synagogue on Friday morning.

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Principals were 21-year-old Jean Camper, pretty and brilliant brown-skinned daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. E. T. Camper of Baltimore, and 22-year-old Edgar Stuart Cahn, equally brilliant son of Mr. and Mrs. Edmound N. Cahn of New York City.

She is the youngest daughter of Dr. Camper, a practicing physician in Baltimore for 34 years, who is widely known for his work with the NAACP and civic groups.

The bridegroom is the only son of Mr. Cahn, a professor of law at New York University since 1948 and an author of legal textbooks and papers.

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THE BRIDE is a 1953 debutante presented by the Me-Po-Sho Club and was queen of debutantes in 1954.

She was graduated from Emma Willard School for Girls in Troy, N.Y., and will finish Swarthmore College with honors in May. She plans to enter Yale University Law School next September.

The bridegroom holds a B.A. degree from Swarthmore where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, and is presently working on his doctoral degree in English literature at Yale University.

He receives his M.A. degree from Yale in May.

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THE TWO first met when both were freshmen at Swarthmore. He quickly says bad only

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MR. AND MRS. EDGAR S. CAHN
Their college romance culminated in wedding at N.Y.'s West End Synagogue on Friday.

'Graveyard lover' gets life term

"He said if he couldn't have her, her life wasn't worth living. He said before, he'd see her leave him he would kill her and then himself."

A Washington woman on Tuesday openly accused Hollis Hines, 47, of making this threat just two weeks before he shot her sister to death in a fit of jealousy here on Dec. 18 in what has been dubbed a "graveyard love" slaying.

This damaging testimony came from Mrs. Mary Sutton, 428 O St., NW, Washington, one of the star State's witnesses against Mr. Hines, convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to life imprisonment Wednesday.

An all-male jury in the court of Judge John Tucker deliberated less than half an hour before returning the first-degree verdict without capital punishment, thereby ruling out the death penalty.

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MR. HINES, 2015 15th St., NW, Washington, was convicted of the murder of Mrs. Rosa Turner, 28-year-old barmaid, 1700 block Pressbury St., shot once through the head in front of 1424 Bruce St.

The defendant, who contended the shooting was accidental, showed no emotion as he was found guilty of the murder

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Medic was 'healing,' court told

"We will show that it is a doctor's duty to treat any sick person. He was healing and not performing abortions.

"The State will have you believe that there was a conspiracy between the doctor and Mrs.

(See photo, Page 2)

Watson (confessed abortionist) in what he (the prosecutor) terms 'a mop-up practice.'"

At the much-postponed trial of Dr. James Blake which opened late Thursday, Joseph Rosenthal, defense attorney, argued in his opening remarks to an all-male jury that his client should be cleared.

The 58-year-old prominent East Baltimore physician of 1603 N. Caroline St., went on trial for a series of nine alleged abortions and conspiracy to perform illegal operations.

The trial of Dr. Blake resumed this morning (Friday) and is expected to continue through the remainder of the day and possibly Monday. The state is scheduled to call numerous witnesses in its case.

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OVER the objection of James Murphy, assistant State's attorney, Mr. Rosenthal told jurors his client has been seriously ill and confined to Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Explaining a white bandage around the defendant's head and neck, the defense lawyer said:

"He has that towel (meaning bandage) around his head because he has been taking insulin treatments for diabetes."

In court wearing a black suit, a matching black tie and brown shoes, Dr. Blake showed the results of his illness which has caused his trial to be postponed at least four previous times.

THE PROSECUTOR accused Dr. Blake of being a conspirator with Mrs. Rose Dean Watson in what police termed an East Baltimore abortion ring.

The seven counts in question, according to Mr. Murphy, date from December, 1955.

Mrs. Watson, 37, 1520 N. Bond St., who pleaded guilty to four abortions in Criminal Court in January, admitted from the witness stand Thursday that she sent victims to Dr. Blake's office with sealed envelopes when complications ensued resulting from the abortions, arose.

Mrs. Watson, in jail awaiting sentence, was a defense witness for her friend, Melvin Parrish, 29, 1421 N. Bond, found

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Worthy Testifies Before U.S. Senate

WASHINGTON

William Worthy Jr., AFRO special correspondent who went to China in the face of a State Department ban on newsmen traveling in that country, was slated to appear before the Senate Constitutional Rights subcommittee at 10 a.m. today (Friday).

Mr. Worthy, who recently returned to the states after a tour abroad—including the China mainland, is now seeking a renewal of his passport, which has surrendered following his return to this country.

He will be one of a number of witnesses to appear before the Senate committee which is investigating the State Department's passport policies.

Earlier this week, Sen. Thomas C. Hennings Jr., chairman of the committee, in discussing the case of Mr. Worthy, declared:

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"I HAVE taken the position that if Mr. Dulles' narrow and illogical policy does not amount to the denial of the constitutional right to freedom of movement, it at least results in what amounts to serious censorship of U.S. news coverage.

"For a number of years now, the American public has been forced to rely for its news about China upon foreign news sources. During part of this time, the Chinese Communists have forbidden the entry of American newsmen.

"Now that China is willing to grant the entry to representatives of the U.S. press—and to guarantee them safe treatment—our shortsighted State Department completely reverses its course and says they are forbidden to go."

On Thursday in NYC, the American Civil Liberties Union made a new plea to the State Department to grant the passport of Mr. Worthy who is now studying on a Nieman fellowship at Harvard University.

PATRICK M. MALIN, ACLU executive director, said "failure to renew the passport would be regarded at best as an example of official spite and at worst as an invasion of the rights to freedom of movement and freedom of the press."

He reminded that Mr. Worthy was informed that "normally action on a renewal application would be taken within two weeks of the date of filing."

The ACLU director added that it has been four weeks, however, since the renewal application was made and Mr. Worthy has not received any information as to the status of his renewal.

Dr. Chambers in top hospital job

NEW YORK — Baltimorean Dr. J. Clarence Chambers was promoted this week to the post of general medical superintendent, the highest civil service rank in the New York City Department of Hospitals.

The promotion to the $13,000 a year post came as the result of a surprise action by Dr. Maurice Lucrobs, new city hospitals commissioner.

Dr. Chambers, a career civil servant in the department, is the first and only colored medical superintendent of a city hospital.

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HE WILL have administrative supervision over eight city hospitals including James Ewing which he formerly headed. He will also be in

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Dr. Jenkins home from the hospital

Dr. Martin Jenkins, president of Morgan State College, was released from Johns Hopkins Hospital this morning (Friday.)

He entered the hospital on Tuesday for a thyroid operation. He will be confined to his home for another week and is due back at his desk after the Easter holidays.

CPHA luncheon

The annual spring luncheon of the Citizens Planning and Housing Association will be held Thursday, March 28 at the YMCA, 24 W. Franklin Street at 12:15 p.m.

Speakers will include Walter Sondheim Jr., newly appointed Chairman of the Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing Agency, who will speak on "Urban Renewal Action."

Joke bullet victim buried in hometown

Funeral services for Mrs Annell Smith, 30-year-old mother of five daughters who was shot to death at her home at 707 E. 22nd St., last Friday, were held today in Spartanburg, S.C. Thursday.

The body of Mrs. Smith was shipped from Baltimore to her hometown for burial.

In another incident in this city, **Bernard Bailey, 34, a tenant in the Smith home has been charged with homicide.**

An eyewitness to the fatal shooting told police that Mrs. Smith was shot following a dispute at her home. It was reported that he thought it was a joke when a .22 caliber rifle was pointed in her direction.

A sister said that Mrs. Smith was hiding behind a chair when the shooting occurred.

Her death was caused by multiple gunshot wounds of the head and chest.

Wife No. 1's $2,000 claim may approximate $10,000 if—

By STAFF WRITER

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.— "The $2,000, which represents our share, was owed by the deceased prior to his marriage to Mrs. Holdier.

"It is a downright debt.

"We are asking that the money be repaid plus the interest."

Mrs. Mahalia Askley Dickerson, attorney for Mrs. Margaret Susan Holdier, was speaking of the claim filed in the Marion Superior Court through Linwood Koger Sr., against the estate of Dr. Marion E. Wilson.

"We are asking that Mrs. Holdier get her money as an equitably entitled person," Mrs. Dickerson added.

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MRS. HOLDIER'S claim, which she says is money loaned Dr. Wilson prior to their June, 1931 marriage, may approximate $10,000 including interest for the 27 years, if the court grants the petition which is filed against Louis Silberston, administrator of the estate.

Dr. Wilson, who committed suicide in January, 1956, left holdings estimated at $100,000, but claims have reduced the estate to about $50,000.

His mother, Mrs. Mattie Wilson of Indianapolis, and his third wife, Mrs. Margaret Mathew Wilson of Baltimore are chief beneficiaries.

Mrs. Holdier came into the news last week when she filed the claim in Baltimore. She lives here in Indianapolis at 2533 Paris Ave., and is an assistant supervising nurse in the public schools.

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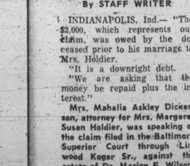
FILING OF her claim was the first official notice that the late physician had three wives.

Mrs. Holdier identified herself as the woman whom Dr. Wilson prior to their June, 1931 marriage, may approximate $10,000 including interest for the 27 years, if the court grants the petition which is filed



MRS. HOLDIER
Says she is wife No. 1 of late physician. Seeks $2,000 plus interest, from his estate

Thurgood due here for Harford Co. school case

Thurgood Marshall, chief legal counsel for the NAACP, will return here to his hometown to argue the Harford County School case before Federal Judge Roszel C. Thomsen next month.

Pre-trial hearings for the case are being held today in Judge Roszel's chambers this (Friday) morning to set the groundwork for the next month's hearing.

The case is being argued for the plaintiffs through the local NAACP attorneys Mrs. Juanita Jackson Mitchell, Tucker R. Dearing, and Robert Watts.

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THE CASE was first heard by Judge Thomsen last fall, but he reserved judgement until administrative relief had been sought by the plaintiffs (NAACP) before the Maryland State Board of Education.

One of 11 children denied transfers to schools closer to their homes in Bel Air, Aberdeen and Havre de Grace must travel 14 miles (round trip) to an all-colored school while passing four public schools enroute.

After hearing the arguments, the State Board found Harford County's "gradual" plan as a "reasonable" implementation of the Supreme Court's decision of May 23, 1954.

Harford County's "gradual" plan would require six years for complete school integration. Only three of the 11 pupils suing would receive relief under next year's program.

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Ousted Alcorn students seek to enter U. of Miss.

CLARKSDALE, Miss. — A drive to raise $100,000 to finance efforts to open the University of Mississippi to students ousted from Alcorn A. and M. College was started here last week-end.

The drive began Sunday with a mass meeting sponsored at Clarksdale by the Mississippi Regional Council of Leadership at which H. A. Fielder and John Riley, two of the expelled students, were the principal speakers.

EARLIER THIS month the entire Alcorn student body of 570 went out on strike, in protest against pro-segregation articles written by Clennon King, a faculty member, for a Mississippi newspaper.

This was followed by the closing of the college, the firing of its president, Dr. J. R. Cole, and a ruling by the all-white board of trustees for the state supported school that the students would be readmitted only on an individual basis.

Ten of the student leaders were expelled outright by the board and an additional 190 refused to return.

FOLLOWING THEIR speeches at Sunday's mass meeting, Fielder and Riley went to Memphis, Tenn., on Monday, where they addressed a meeting of the Interdenominational Ministers Alliance.

Afterward, plans were disclosed by Dr. T. M. Howard, founder and president of the Mississippi Regional Council on Leadership, to send two teams

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Phi Beta Kappa

Warner Raymond Traynham, a June 1953 graduate of Douglass High School, was initiated into Phi Beta Kappa, at Dartmouth, N.H. on March 19.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herekiah Traynham, 1307 Wheeler Ave. Mr. Traynham is principal of the Joseph Pinsze General Vocational School.

JOSEPH W. RYLES
Two Gwynns Falls Parkway matrons say he and two others held them prisoners for ten minutes and robbed them of $1700 cash.

2 matrons held prisoners, robbed

"I'll never forget you.

"Blow one word I forget the man who threatened to blow our brains out."

In a trembling voice, an excited housewife pointed an accusing finger at a slim young man in Northwest Police Court Wednesday afternoon, and spoke these words as she identified him as one of three men who robbed her and her sister of almost $2,000 in cash and valuables.

Margaret Misten said Joseph W. Ryles, 32, of the 2800 block Raynor Ave. was one of three men who held her and her sister, Mrs. Katherine Weems, prisoners in their home at 1700 Gwynns Falls Pkwy for ten minut