Suspect in rival's death faces trial

Willie Edwards, 20, 500 block Bloom St., is scheduled to go on trial today (Friday) for the fatal shooting of his estranged wife's paramour last November.

His attorney, Alvin Sellman, is expected to request a jury trial. The case was postponed recently when the defense requested and was granted a psychiatric examination of Mr. Edwards.

Mr. Edwards was arrested in connection with the Nov. 4 slaying of Kenneth W. Smith, 35, fatally shot in his third floor apartment at 1433 Pennsylvania Ave.

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AT A HOMICIDE hearing on Nov. 23, Mrs. Mary Katherine Edwards, 21-year-old wife of the suspect, described how she jumped from a window to the marquee of an Avenue theatre at the time of the shooting.

Before testifying at the hearing, Mr. Sellman advised the young matron that she could refuse to make a statement against her husband on constitutional grounds.

Mrs. Edwards, however, declined the advice at that time.

The murder victim was the father of 9-year-old Gregory Smith, whose mother and 6-year-old brother were killed in a fire at 551 Laurens St. on Aug. 25.

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these students cannot yield to such local conditions as 'overcrowding.' If they (Harford County) have given inferior education to colored students, they cannot justifiably perpetuate it by segregation."

Referring to the testimony from county officials which favored the slow approach, Mrs. Mitchell said:

"Nothing has been shown to warrant a delay on integration on all levels."

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MRS. MITCHELL, Tucker Bearing and Robert B. Watts, NAACP attorneys for the plaintiffs, charged "unreasonable, arbitrary and capricious discrimination against colored children" in Harford County.

The charges grew out of the county's actions in beginning integration in September of last year but only on a limited scale in the first three grades of two schools.

As a result of this policy only 15 out of 60 applications were approved from colored pupils who wanted to transfer to schools near their homes.

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FOLLOWING THIS refusal, four of the parents filed a suit in Federal Court before Judge Roszel C. Thomsen who ruled they would have to take the matter to the State Board of Education, exhausting what he called "all administrative remedies" before the court could act.

It was with this background that the board hearing opened on Wednesday morning with some 30 persons in attendance.

Mr. Willis, the superintendent, admitted that he had rejected 45 out of 60 applications from colored children for transfers and then made a plea for "gradualism" as he said:

"We don't have racial tensions in the county and we have been trying to keep it that way."

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MR. WILLIS then revealed that the County Board of Education had decided recently to extend integration in the schools already having partial desegregation, from grades one through six.

The two schools are the Edgewood Elementary School and the Halls Cross Roads Elementary School in Aberdeen, both located in areas with integrated housing.

"Children in these areas are already living in integrated housing, and the adjustments will not be so great as in the rural areas of the county where such relationships do not exist," Mr. Waller said.

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WENDELL D. ALLEN, chairman of the State Board of Education, asked the plaintiffs whether in the matter of integration "there should be a half or part of a loaf, or a whole loaf distributed at one time."

He said that the "ship of integration" is "beset on one side by intolerance and on the other side by impatience," and asked the plaintiffs to "put yourself in the place where the board (Harford County) is."

In the final summation, Mr. Dearing, counsel for the plaintiffs, answered Chairman Allen:

"There has not been one iota of proof that there are hostile groups in Harford County.

"Their plan does not go far enough. Based on the social relationships, there should have been a whole loaf."

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UNDER cross - examination, Mr. Watts asked the superintendent what, in addition to "racial climate" made gradual integration necessary.

Mr. Willis' answer was that an "overcrowding" situation exists.

"What administrative changes would have been necessary for one child (Mr. Moore's, for example) to have been admitted?" Mr. Watts asked.

"The child would have fallen outside the provision of the transfer policy."

"Would a white child have fallen outside that policy?"

"No."

"Then, aren't we playing with words?" Mr. Watts asked.

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MRS. MITCHELL asked Mr. Willis if he could give any indication as to how long it would take to complete integration under the new plan.

"It could take six years," he answered.

Wilson K. Barnes, counsel for the county, countered that while the Supreme Court decision was proper, "it is an unusual situation when the court says you have a constitutional right but says that you cannot enjoy it immediately."

"We have some rebellious elements in our county, but we're not going to let them upset us. We tried it (integration) in an area where it has the best chance to succeed," he added.

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"IT WOULD take at least five years to integrate the schools under the proposed plan," Mr. Dearing continued, "and our plaintiffs would have lost their constitutional rights forever."

He concluded that the board "was in error of judgment and fact in thinking that the students of Harford County are not ready for integration at all levels."

It had been pointed out earlier that under next year's plan only three of the 11 remaining plaintiffs (students) would get "administrative relief."

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TESTIMONY OF witnesses revealed that one of the four children involved in the suit must travel as far as 14 miles to a school while passing as many as four other schools along the way.

James A. Spriggs, a painter for the Army Chemical Center, who lives in Edgewood, testified that his seventh grade son, Dennis, now attends Central Consolidated School, about 14 miles from him, and was refused admission to the Edgewood Elementary School, about a mile and a half from his home.

Mr. Spriggs said that ironically, under the county's "gradual" plan, seven of his grandchildren had been admitted to the Edgewood Elementary School where they were "just accepted as any other kids."

Stephen P. Moore Jr., vice principal of the Central Consolidated School in Hickory, testified that he lives in an integrated neighborhood "where the children all play together with no unfavorable effects."

He complained, however, that his fifth grade son must travel six miles every day to the Central school after being denied admission to the Bel Air Elementary School which is within four blocks of his home.

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A THIRD witness for the plaintiffs, the Rev. Thomas B. Scott, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Bel Air, said that his is the only colored family in his block, but that his two children cannot attend the Bel Air Elementary School which is within two blocks of their home.

His two children, Earline, a seventh grader, and Mona Lelsia, a first grader, travel eight miles roundtrip to the Central Consolidated School.

The Rev. Mr. Scott testified that his children discuss with their white playmates the "unreasonable" distance the colored children travel to school.

He said further that there was housing integration across the entire county, and that he, himself, participates in several integrated activities "without violence" in the county.

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THREE OTHER witnesses from Harford county.- Maurice L. Horsey Jr., James J. Bell Sr., and Mrs. Louvinia Batson, were present to testify, but their testimonies were waived by a stipulation of lawyers that they would cover no new ground.

Throughout the early stages of the hearing, Mrs. Mitchell, the police narcotics unit, said he and other narcotics officers picked the pair up on a routine investigation on Feb. 4.

The cache of stolen merchandise taken in a warehouse burglary on Jan. 27 and a housebreaking on Nov. 10 was discovered when officers searched the house for narcotics paraphernalia, according to Officer Robinson.

When Gilbert Birnback, attorney for Booker, asked his client to tell the court why he burglarized the places, the defendant said, "I was down and needed some money."

DENNIS SPRIGGS
Harford County School Board would have him travel 14 miles to school for 'six more years.'

End hunt for mother of twins

EASTON—Sgt. George O. Granger of the Easton Police Department, Easton, Md., has revealed that the three-week house-to-house search for the mother of the twins found dead on Feb. 5 on a garbage dump has ended.

He stated that this phase of the investigation was a "lot of work for nothing."

Sgt. Granger also said that the bodies of the infant girls were wrapped in a receiving blanket, two diapers and a man's small sized undershirt.

Stating that is believed that the mother of the twins is "somewhere in the vicinity," Sgt. Granger said that the investigation was "slowed down" somewhat, but not completely finished.

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WITHOUT discounting the fact that the infants may have been violently killed, Sgt. Granger stated that the death of one of the children may have been caused by criminal abortion.

Previously, State Medical Examiner Dr. Louis P. Welty, reported that the infants had been murdered by possible blows to the head and strangulation.

According to previous information, the infants were seven month, premature babies.

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"WE HAVE checked the undershirt and diapers and blanket for laundry marks, and the Medical Examiner's office is giving them other scientific tests," Sgt. Granger reported.

Assisting Sgt. Granger in the investigation, are Detective E. C. Kirkpatric of the Easton Barracks of the Maryland State Police and Sheriff Raymond A. Carroll of Talbot County.

"We still believe it is someone in this area," Sgt. Granger said, "although most anyone could have discarded the babies on that garbage dump."

The bodies of the twins were discovered Feb. 5 by Malcomb Winston, a man who, devotes his time to combing the Easton town dump for salvage material.

It was believed, at that time, that the bodies came in on two loads of trash delivered there by town garbage trucks.

Urban League dinner will highlight plumbers' fight

The 32nd annual Baltimore Urban League dinner meeting on Sunday will mull the role the League has played in increased employment opportunities for plumbers.

Dr. Furman Templeton, executive secretary, in his annual report, details how the League this year won its 15-year fight to get the State Board of Plumbers to allow colored men to take the examination and become licensed master plumbers.

Speaker at the dinner meeting scheduled for the Famous Ballroom at 6 p.m., will be Dr. Eli Ginzberg, New York economist, government consultant and author.

The Famous Ballroom is at 1777 N. Charles St.

WILLIAM M. PASSANO, president of the Urban League Board, will preside. Music will be provided by the Rivers Chambers Ensemble.

Other participants on the program will be the Rev. Edward G. Carroll, pastor of Sharp Street Methodist Church, and the Very Rev. Richard J. Swift, S.S.J., St. Monica's Church.

New members of the board who will be approved are: Mrs. Olga Chambers, Mrs. John Ramsey, Daniel Spaulding, George Hubbard and Francis Murnaghan, Jr.

Present members to be reelected are: Henry E. Niles, Mrs. Vivian E. Cook, Dr. James M. Pair, Walter T. Dixon and Mrs. Audrey S. Patterson.

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Dr. William E. Bruce to head medical unit

FLINT, Mich. — Dr. William E. Bruce was installed as president of the Genesee chapter of the American Academy of General Practitioners at a recent meeting at Hurley Hospital here.

Others are Dr. J. L. Lesch, president - elect and former president of the National Negro Medical Association; and Dr. Lewis E. Simoni, secretary-treasurer. Dr. Lawrence G. Bateman is past president.

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City asked to make Mount Royal urban renewal area

The City Council has been asked to approve a plan of the City Planning Commission to make Mount Royal the second of the city's Urban Renewal projects.

The city's first area chosen for the mass redevelopment was the Harlem Park area in northwest Baltimore.

The Mount Royal area is four or five times the size of the Harlem Park area, and is bounded by Lafayette Ave. on the west, Lake Drive on the north, Jones Falls on the east, and St. Mary's St. on the south.

The Harlem Park area is bounded by Monroe on the west, Lafayette on the north, Fremont Ave., on the east, and Mulberry on the south.

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A SPOKESMAN for the Urban Renewal and Housing Agency stated that "the only difference in the two areas is the size."

Because of its great size, he said, it may be that the area will be treated in small projects instead of renewing it all at the same time.

The housing bureau of the health department has been working constantly in the recent past to prevent the spread of blight in the area, he said.

It is felt by the planners that the larger area will ease the problems of relocation of businesses and homes as it will give them more room for relocation within the same area.

If the City Council approves the Planning Commission's designation request, application will be made to the Federal Government for funds upon which to draw for the project.

The move to make Mount Royal an Urban Renewal area was started by the Mount Royal Improvement Association which asked the city for improvement measures last year.

Axe burglar sentenced to 5-year term

A man identified by a neighbor as he cut his way through the roof of a tavern with an axe, was sentenced to five years imprisonment Monday when Judge John J. Tucker found him guilty of burglary.

The prison term was handed Arthur B. Willis, 36, 300 block N. Mount St., convicted for the Jan. 14 burglary of a tavern in the 800 block W. Mulberry St.

Mrs. Alma Spencer, who resides next door to the tavern, identified Mr. Willis as one of the men she saw chopping a hole in the roof.

She said she was awakened by the noise and got a good look at the defendant.

JOHN WEISS, assistant State's attorney, said police rushed to the plaza when Mr. Willis accidentally set off a burglar alarm as he was leaving with a small amount of cash, some checks and a revolver taken in the burglary.

The defendant was arrested the following afternoon when the tavern proprietor, Daniel Tabor, recognized him in the establishment as a result of Mrs. Spencer's identification.

Fulton Ave. roommates sent to the penitentiary

"I questioned Holliday about the records and the hi fi set and he stated they were given to him a couple of days before Christmas by Booker as a Christmas present."

Det. Sgt. Wilbur C. Miller was testifying in Criminal Court Wednesday in the case of two men convicted of stealing more than $1,800 worth of merchandise in two burglaries.

The defendants were Charles J. Holliday, 25, and Gerald Booker, 33, roommates residing in the 1700 block N. Fulton Ave. Both have previous criminal records.

Judge S. Ralph Warnken sentenced Holliday to 18 months in the House of Correction. Booker who pleaded guilty was given a five - year term in the Penitentiary.

Officer Bishop Robinson, of the police narcotics unit, said he and other narcotics officers picked the pair up on a routine investigation on Feb. 4.

The cache of stolen merchandise taken in a warehouse burglary on Jan. 27 and a housebreaking on Nov. 10 was discovered when officers searched the house for narcotics paraphernalia, according to Officer Robinson.

When Gilbert Birnback, attorney for Booker, asked his client to tell the court why he burglarized the places, the defendant said, "I was down and needed some money."

Elderly man gets 3 years for numbers

A 68-year-old man with three prior convictions pleaded guilty to a lottery charge Monday and was sentenced to three years in the Penitentiary by Judge S. Ralph Warnken.

He was Lorenzo L. Guerreo, 600 block Pitcher St., who received fines for lottery violations in 1941, 1943 and 1950, according to Thomas Nugent, assistant State's attorney.

Mrs. Lillian Jackson, 49, his landlady, was fined $500 and costs when she was found guilty as a numbers writer.

Sgt. Robert Hoiser, of the Rackets Division, said on Jan. 28 officers raided the premises at 640 Pitcher and recovered a quantity of lottery paraphernalia.

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Savants hold annual formal dance

1. Pretty Miss Ruth Tibbs arrives at Savants' annual supper dance, Saturday, at the New Albert Auditorium.
2. Enjoying a between-dances chat, left to right: Ike Reed, Miss Mary Morgan, Miss Jean Wortham, Harold Darden.
3. Wearing the crown is Miss Peggy Gordon. her attendant is Miss Lillian Gordon. They tied in contest, tossed a coin to decide the winner.
4. The girl in the unusual dress is Miss Doris Flemings. Her dancing partner is Robert Washington.
5. These attractive ladies vied in the Savants' contest. They are, left to right: Miss Margie Murphy, Josephine Merritt, Mary Butts, Emma Jones, Ida Scott, Mary Allen, and Gertrude Enix of Philadelphia.

At the Gayettes

The Gayettes' Washington's Birthday party at the New Albert Auditorium on Friday, attracted these guests. In photo No. 6, left to right, Mrs. Joseph Lee and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Robinson. In oval, Mrs. John Lane, one of the hostesses. In photo No. 7, Mr. and Mrs. John Gross and Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Pyles. In oval, Mr. and Mrs. Christo Waller, club president is Ann Wallace, who was stricken with virus the day before the party and was unable to attend. Other members are Barbara Bentley, Amelia Brooks, Jiggy Conway, Elizabeth Goodman, Virginia Grant, Margaret Hudgins, Genesta Lane, Cathryn Parker, Estellena Showes and Doris White.—AFRO STAFF Photos by Frank Phillips.

Misses Peggy, Lillian Gordon tie for Savants' title of Queen

Misses Peggy and—36 pt temp Two young women, both with the names of Gordon, who sold the same number of tickets for their benefit affair, tied for the Savants' title as queen, Friday evening.

They were Miss Peggy Gordon of the Ubangi Club and Miss Lillian Gordon of the Uptown Cafe.

A flip of a coin, however, gave the title to the Ubangi Club waitress. Her prize, along with the title, was a $100 formal gown of white nylon net, ballerina length, and sequin and rhinestone trimmed. A cash gift of $50 went to Miss Lillian Gordon.

The queen was crowned at the formal supper dance, held at the New Albert Ballroom.

A cocktail and champagne party preceded the supper, at which members, and their wives, presided at individual tables from which elaborate menus were served.

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MEMBERS OF the club are: Samuel Coleman, who was chairman; Clinton Jenkins Alonza Myers, Stevenson Brown, Alfred N. Triggs, Harold Sullivan, Charles Law, Clinton Styles,

Benjamin Hazel, Elmer Bullock, Frank Reddick, Lawrence Morton, George Dozier, Clifford Gee, Kenneth Bass, Shirley Diggs, Willie Diggs,

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