—June graduate left for dead

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Baltimore.

At AFRO presstime hospital authorities report the June graduate of old Douglass High now Houston-Woods Junior-Senior High School 181, is still unconscious and in serious but "stable" condition.

Mount Calvary Cemetery is located near Snow Hill Rd. and Cedar Lane in the Brooklyn area and over eight miles from the young woman's home.

Also at AFRO presstime Anne Arundel County police were still combing the graveyard for evidence which may lead to the identity of the person or persons who they say evidently intended to kill the young woman.

They refused to reveal clues already discovered which may lead to the mystery of the young woman in the graveyard.

On Thursday the AFRO talked with Mrs. Lydia Spencer, mother of the wounded young woman who she said was to enroll in nursing school this fall.

Her father is a veteran of World War II and a government employee of 28 years at Fort Howard Veterans Hospital.

The mother revealed Paula is one of six daughters all of whom reside at home.

She said Paula, a quiet, pleasant girl is a lifelong member of the family church, Whitestone Baptist Church, where she sings on the Sanctuary Choir.

Mrs. Spencer said, "No one seems to know how our daughter got to the cemetery. We are at loss to know. As far as we know she had no connections with persons who would want her dead.

"She left home Friday evening about 6:15 to visit a classmate who lives on S. Carey St.

"Her classmate told us that she left there about 10 p.m. for home. We never saw her again until the police took us to the hospital and told us she was found in the graveyard."

Mrs. Spencer said her daughter was wearing blue jeans, a white sleeveless shell, brown sandles and a wide necklace with earings to match.

She stated Paula had taken a bus to her girlfriend's house and had arrived there safely.

She added that her daughter had nothing in her possession which would cause anyone to want to rob her.

Mrs. Spencer said she had seen her daughter at the hospital only long enough to assure police that she was her daughter. Up until Thursday, she said she had not been permitted to visit her because of her grave condition.

The other Spencer children are Misses Doris Spencer, a nurse's aide; Beverly Spencer, a Forest Park High School 11th grader; Natalie, grade 7, Lemmell Junior High; Karen 10 and Coleen, 3.

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Mrs. Isabelle dies suddenly; rites Tuesday

Funeral services for Mrs. Mabel Isabelle of 4809 Fairview will be held Tuesday noon at Ames Methodist Church where she was a lifetime member.

Mrs. Isabelle, 68, died suddenly at her home on Thursday afternoon.

Wife of Alexander Isabelle, she was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Bertha) Bennett of Baltimore.

At Ames Church, Mrs. Isabelle sang on the Women's choir, taught Sunday School and belonged to the Women's Society of Christian Services.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by four sons, Roland, Alexander, Jr., Avon, and Larry Isabelle; three daughters, Mrs. Velva Purvis, Mrs. Lois Veney, Mrs. June Hicks; a sister, Mrs. Myrtle Lewis and 13 grandchildren.

Truck driver, policeman in 2-car crash

Both drivers escaped without injury in that late Wednesday evening collision in 1800 block Monroe near intersection of Westwood.

Stanwood Moore, 33, 3300 block Dorinthian Rd., was driver of the truck which was in collision with an auto operated by Patrolman Columbus Kess, 22, 3000 block Belle Ave., a city policeman.

Mr. Moore was charged with a stop sign violation and the policeman was summoned as a witness.

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—New IRS chief

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Camden, N.J. After a series of increasingly responsible positions, he was elected in 1966 for the IRS executive development course.

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After completing the program, Mr. Waters was made assistant to the director in Albany, N.Y. He was appointed in 1967 to his present position in Milwaukee.

The Baltimore district covers the state of Maryland and the District of Columbia and serves a population of 4.8 million.

In the fiscal year ending June 30, 1969, the district's individual and corporate taxpayers filed 2.6 million tax returns representing $3.4 billion in federal taxes.

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ABOUT PEOPLE WHO FLY— AND CHICKENS WHO DON'T

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I had finished the show, met some people who enjoyed it, and accepted an offer for a drink. The conversation was warm and friendly until, in my excitement, I told about my plane trip that day. That did it. Everybody started talking at once.

"Oh no, not me."

"You mean you really had the nerve to get on one of those big planes."

"It's too big."

"Hey tell me about the bar on the second floor—boy that's the way to get high."

While this was going on, I thought how strange it is in this day of successful moon shots, around-the-world underwater trips, that more people haven't really gotten to the point where flying is almost taken for granted.

"If man was supposed to fly, God would have given him wings," volunteered one non-flyer who was also not very original. I caught him off guard when I said, "Chickens have wings and they can't fly." I could tell by the look on his face that he was puzzled and wondering, whose side is Irwin on?

His face got back to normal when he realized that I had given him a good point for thought. He said, "That's true and if a chicken, a bird with wings, can't fly, why would you want to take a chance in a plane as big as a 747?"

—"It's not taking a chance," I said, "because of man's technical genius and desire to go places, 747's were made to fly. Chickens can't fly and I'm glad it was planned that way, because if they could fly, they would be laying eggs from the tops of trees and I really don't care too much for my eggs scrambled." The reaction from the group was great and had me thinking—better put that in the act.

The next half hour was spent answering the usual questions about flying. "Are there any funny sensations?" "What's the chance of getting airsick?" "Is it a bumpy ride?" "Do they like children?" After telling them about how air transportation today offers the fastest, smoothest, safest means of travel, I mentioned that they'd find many more answers in the air travel section in Reader's Digest.

Then my friend came out with one more pearl of wisdom and said, "I've been in the Navy and right now, land and water is good enough for me. Those planes look too big to fly."

My answer to that was: "If a loaded aircraft carrier the length of two city blocks can float, why shouldn't a big plane fly?"

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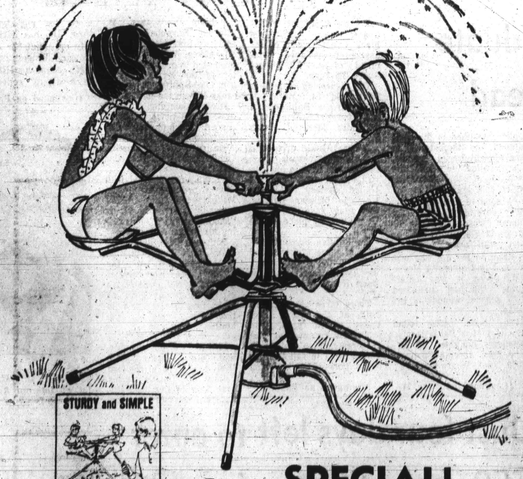

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FACE OF ANGUISH is that of Mrs. Diedra Ward, 5103 Litchfield Ave., who lived next door to the house where the four Lemon children died. Mrs. Ward talks with an officer of the Police Department's Arson Squad and describing what she remembers of the fire which completely destroyed the three room apartment where the children and their parents lived. Mrs. Ward was previously identified as an "occasional baby sitter" for the Lemon children but recent information has revealed that this is not true.
AFRO STAFF PHOTO by Frank W. Phillips 3rd.

—4 die in fire

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his face strained from the shock, "we knew that it was just a matter of weeks when we would be moving out.

"But I kept after her because I know how white people treat black people in housing, and I didn't want to leave the apartment in that condition, because I knew that if a Brother moved in after me he would be faced with the same thing.

"A couple of months ago a man from the Gas and Electric Company came out because everything went out. He fixed something but told us that the whole place needed rewiring. I didn't think she would do all that, but I was hoping she'd do something about the sockets in the walls, which had naked wires sticking out in the floor."

Richard Davis, public information head of the Department of Housing and Community Development revealed that notices of housing code violations had been posted on the Hanover property "but," he added, "they were external violations.

"They included warnings to fix the porch roof and pillar, two basement windows and there was some rubbish in the yard."

He said there was no record of electrical violations.

However, Mr. Lemon insisted that because of the history of wiring defects in the apartment that the fire was electrically connected.

"I don't know what happened in that house," he declared. "But I saw my refrigerator and it was melted down. I looked through the rest of the place and everything was burned up completely.

"The heat in there had to be tremendous for a big refrigerator like that to melt. Nobody could have gotten my kids out of there, and I'm just glad my wife wasn't inside, because then I'd have nothing left."

Mrs. Laudies Lemon has been under constant sedation since the fire. It took three people to restrain her from going into the flaming house while her children Nathaniel Jr., 4; Carolyn, 3; Stacey, 2; and Candy, 1, burned to a crisp.

Firemen report that the bodies were found in the front room, two on the bed and two on the floor. They were not identifiable.

Mr. Lemon was at work at Bethlehem Steel at the time and his wife "had just left the house to make a phone call and get some groceries."

A next door neighbor, Mrs. Donna Johnson, had to be treated at Sinai Hospital for shock after the fire.

Mrs. Johnson's husband, Melvin was among the group of neighbors who tried to break into the burning house and rescue the children before fire fighters arrived.

Melvin Harris was the first to discover the fire, he told the AFRO. "I was taking my dog out for a walk when I saw smoke coming from the back of the house.

"I yelled out and some others ran to the front. The windows were locked and also the doors. I was able to kick the cellar door in but when I reached the stairs to the first floor I could see flames all around the door and the smoke was too much.

"We couldn't get to them, and I didn't sleep at all that night."

The four babies will be buried this evening (Friday) at the Mt. Calvary Cemetery. The Halstead Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

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Late Thursday, James J. Lacy, president of the board of fire commissioners, told the AFRO fire officials' investigation so far shows the fatal blaze had "no indication" it was caused by faulty wiring.

He suggests that it was started by a lighted cigarette or children "playing with matches or something."

'So excited about going to school'

"He had looked forward to going to school this fall. He would have been the first in the family to go. He was so excited about going . . ."

Mrs. Laudis Lemon was talking about her four-year-old son, Nathaniel Jr., who was to enter pre-kindergarten at Arlington Elementary school in September.

Nathaniel Jr., and his three sisters, Carolyn, 3; Stacey, 2; and Candy, 1; were burned to a crisp in a fire which gutted the first floor apartment where they lived with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Lemon (Laudis).

The children were so badly burned their remains will be wrapped in white sheets and placed in four lambskin caskets for funeral service today (Friday) 1 p.m. at the Hemmingway Temple in Cherry Hill at 1 p.m.

Caskets will remain closed throughout the service and burial will be in Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

Sam Purdue, father of Mrs. Lemon said, "I told my daughter and son-in-law to wait until after the funeral and we will sit down and talk and make plans."

So far, Mr. and Mrs. Lemon have no plans for the futre. They do not know where they will be living.

Mrs. Lemon, still somewhat dazed but added "I don't know where we will be going. All I know is that we must find a home.

"It still hurts to talk about any of this, especially my children."

-Coast Guard

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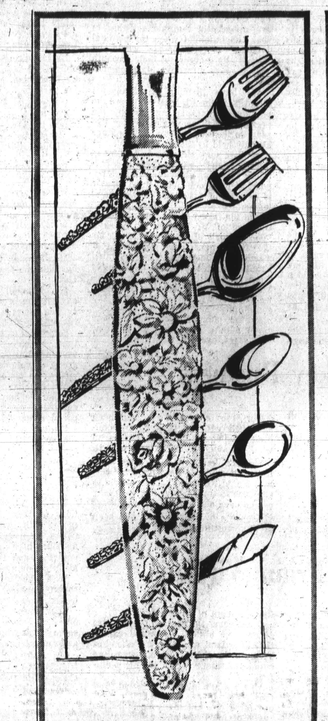

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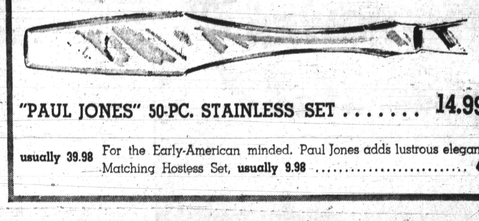

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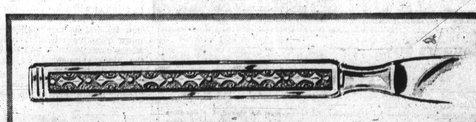

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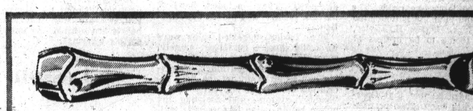

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