—Rev. King

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made the most painstaking effort to give an honest and accurate return of my income.

He offered to let a group of "distinguished citizens . . . go over all my books and make a report."

He named such persons as former Sen. Herbert Lehman (D., N.Y.), the deans of the Harvard University law and divinity schools and the presidents of the National Council of Churches of Christ and the Southern Baptist Convention.

WILLIAM THETFORD, Ala. bama Circuit Solicitor, said that Dr. King failed to report $31,000 in personal income in the two years mentioned. He said that his salary as pastor of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church was $5,000.

He did not say where the alleged $31,000 had come from. Mr. Thetford presented 1 in case to the grand jury that led to the indictment. The jury also investigated the finances of the Montgomery Improvement Association.

—Strangler mum

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to be found the next morning.

One by one he built up the score—Mrs. Mae Hall on Dec. 9, 1958; Mrs. Lottie Sight, Dec. 14, 1958, and Mrs. Pearl Wees, April 14, 1959.

SPECIAL DETAILS of police were assigned to the area around the Greenmount Cemetery where the "Dawn Strangler" was active and on April 16 officers finally found a suspect.

Detectives Robert Coe and George Olesh were cruising in the area when they heard a woman scream. A few seconds later they spotted Lipscomb and arrested him. They never found the woman.

In his pocket they found three pairs of ladies panties and Lipscomb's only explanation was that he had found them on Broadway.

Charged with all three of the deaths Lipscomb was sent to Jessups for a mental examination and was returned with the notation that he was not legally insane.

AND SO on Wednesday the State began the series of trials, selecting the case of Mrs. Kight first.

During the testimony, it was almost as if Lipscomb was not in the courtroom at all, as if he were not a part of the proceedings.

A physicatrist called it "unconcern," as if Lipscomb was hardly aware of the seriousness of the charges facing him.

Looking meek and mild, Lipscomb, an unemployed laborer, sat quietly as deputy State's attorney Joseph G. Kautz and assistant State's attorney Charles E. Moylan called 11 witnesses to convict him of killing blonde, 61-year-old Mrs. Kight.

The prosecution charged Lipscomb chased her into a nearby yard after he made an indecent remark when he saw her washing her front steps.

Lipscomb admitted signing such a statement, but said in court it was untrue.

THE DEAD woman's body was found laid out in an orderly manner, with hands folded across her chest, clothes smoothed down — and a trail of blood which disappeared from the eyes of police when it began to snow.

Basing a large part of its case on the statement, the State got its first degree conviction in the Kight case.

The defense, led by Robert B. Watts, court appointed attorney, contended that Lipscomb, who worked for an honest living, baby sat for friends and neighbors, supported his elderly mother in his native Grafton, S.C., and was a victim of circumstance.

Mr. Roberts pleaded his client not guilty by reason of insanity.

Friends of Lipscomb, and they were few for few people knew him well, said he was quiet and mild mannered, hardly the type one would associate with such behavior crimes.

TESTIFYING AS TO his mental state, Dr. Jacob Morganstein, superintendent of the Maximum Security Hospital at Jessups, said Lipscomb was an "emotionally flat" patient but was, in his opinion, legally responsible.

"I was struck by the patient's unconcern. The only concern he showed was when he pulled out newspaper clippings from his pockets, saying, 'the Dawn Strangler' is still at large, so I couldn't have done what they say," the doctor testified.

"He also seemed to have the feeling he would be out in time to visit his mother in South Carolina by Christmas time," Dr. Morganstein said.

He also said, "I feel at the present time he should be considered legally responsible."

Dr. Morganstein's testimony ruled out the defendant's plea of not guilty by reason of insanity — if his testimony is accepted by the court.

NATHANIEL LIPSCOMB

RALPH OROPOLLO, also a clinical psychologist, also confirmed Dr. Morganstein's testimony.

Other witnesses called by the defense were Mrs. Dora McQueen, 1200 block N. Broadway, who worked in the same restaurant with the defendant and frequently used him as a babysitter for three of her small children: Beverly McCormic, 3000 block Gwynns Falls Pkwy., his employer and Arthur Davis, 1800 block N. Broadway.

In addition to their testimony, Mr. Watts told the court Lipscomb had once been arrested in Charlotte, N.C., for the murder of a white woman.

This time, the attorney said, Lipscomb also confessed to the crime and was sent to a Goldsboro mental institution for six months.

Later, authorities there received instructions to release Lipscomb because he could not have been the murderer, Mr. Watts said.

IN EACH of the three cases, Lipscomb linked the slayings to a combination of liquor and his desire for female companionship.

All of the statements were similar in that he said he was drunk at the time and in a moment of excitement grabbed the women about the neck.

Dr. William B. Lovell, of the Medical Examiner's office, who also testified Thursday in hearings for the deaths of Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Wees, told the court, "It takes very little pressure," on the area of the neck below the ear to cause death.

Each of the women died of manual strangulation with marks in the same general area on the neck, according to the testimony.

WHEN LIPSCOMB took the stand on the first day of trial, Wednesday, he denied any knowledge of the Kight murder, and denied taking investigating officers to the scenes of his alleged crimes, insisting officers had taken him to the places where the mutilations were found attacked and murdered.

Wearing long side burns, a beige jacket, darker beige shirt and light brown trousers, Lipscomb leaned slightly forward in his chair on the witness stand.

His expression never changed from the impassive one he wore as he listened to others testify against him.

The only time during his testimony that he was reluctant to testify was during Mr. Watts' questions concerning the incident in South Carolina when the defendant was arrested, and signed a confession to a crime of which he was later found innocent.

IN THAT previous case, he said eventually, he was not threatened, beaten, or otherwise intimidated to sign the statements, and could give no reasons for signing it.

Each of the three statements was signed by Lipscomb on the day of his arrest.

Although he denied knowledge of Mrs. Kight, he testified he met the other two women, asked them to go with him, then led them to the places where their bodies were later found.

According to the statements, Lipscomb allegedly told police he grabbed the women when he became excited, and left both of them unconscious in two East Baltimore areaways.

Concerning the Hall death, Lipscomb allegedly told police he approached her near a public square in the area of Caroline and Eager Sts., after following her from a neighborhood tavern.

He said he asked her to go with him and she consented although not as a transaction for payment, the statement read.

The statements gave a similar account of his contact with Mrs. Wees.

Lipscomb was also represented by William D. Taylor, hired by the defendant's relatives.

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—Garrett County

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Phoebus pointed out that Garrett County which has no colored citizens, spends nearly $100,000 more for welfare than his county, which has a more than 30 per cent colored population.

In singling out Somerset and Garrett counties, Senator Phoebus picked two with strikingly similar total populations. There is but a 1,000 difference. Somerset being the larger.

According to estimates of the Maryland State Department of Health, as of July 1, 1958, Garrett County had 19,000 residents and Somerset County 20,000.

GARRETT COUNTY has no colored residents while Somerset County has 7,300 or 37 per cent of the population.

Yet, Garrett spent for welfare July 1, 1958 through June 30, 1959, a total of $352,588 against $262,898 for Somerset, the larger county — a difference of $89,600.

Further, looking at the expenditures for the much-criticized Aid to Dependent Children program, Garrett County spent $114,293 against $60,407 for Somerset — a difference of $53,886.

Another interesting fact about the figures, which seem to bear out a contention of professional social workers that a better job is done where there is more money to spend for administration, is found in these comparisons.

LARGER SOMERSET County spent $51,939 for administration against $50,389 for Garrett, $1,450 more, but in the overall program saved close to $90,000.

Following up the pattern of expenditure examination started by Senator Phoebus, the AFRO found that the county which spent most for welfare last year, Allegany, has but 1,000 colored residents in its population of 83,000.

Allegany spent $1,239,344 on welfare, $462,322 of it on the ADC program.

Both of the next two counties with high expenditures also have relatively small colored populations.

These are Prince Georges, expenditure of $1,132,096 of which $482,766 went for the ADC program, and Baltimore County, with an expenditure of $1,106,704 of which $246,494 went for ADC.

Of Baltimore County's 446,000 residents, only 15,500 are colored. Of Prince Georges County's 336,000 only 30,600 are colored.

—Lena Horne

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The police arrived in a few minutes.

"When my husband returned, he saw me standing there and knew something had happened. On learning what it was, Dad dy had to be held.

"He was furious and I didn't want him to get to the other side of the room where St. Vincent was talking to the cops.

"He finally got away from me and was on his way up to the man when the police stopped him and told him, 'We're handling it.'"

When Miss Horne was asked whether it was true that she apologized to St. Vincent, she blazed: "Whoever wrote that must have been too naive to recognize the sarcasm.

"Maybe it was the cop who gave out that business. If so, he missed entirely what I meant when I asked him, what did he (the cop) expect me to do, apologize to him (St. Vincent)?"

ONLY A SHORT time before the incident at the Lido, Miss Horne had been seen throughout the nation on the Frank Sinatra TV spectacular.

She shared the guest limelight with Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt.

She is currently appearing at the Cocoanut Grove in Beverly Hills.

At the conclusion of her stay there late next week, the singer goes to Palm Springs for a ten - day engagement. Following that, Miss Horne will be in Miami until April.

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Tawes in control onteachers' pay raise

By MAX JOHNSON

ANNAPOLIS — The will of Gov. J. Millard Tawes prevailed, and the supporters of higher salaries for teachers in the state's new budget allows just the first rounds of their fight in the General Assembly here Wednesday.

By identical votes of 76 to 47, the House of Delegates beat down two major attempts to change Gov. Tawes' approved bill.

This bill provides a minimum pay scale of $3,200 to $5,300 up to 11 years of teaching experience.

A $300 increase is earmarked for those with 11 years and more of such teaching experience.

The bill is now schedulled for a third and final reading in the House, with little further opposition of any consequences seen there.

HOWEVER, the Senate's version of the bill, still in committee at AFRO press time, is expected to face more formidable opposition.

This pay raise plan for the teachers does nothing for Baltimore's group, already with a minimum $4,500 scale, except these with 10 years of more of experience.

Strong lobbyist of the Maryland State Teachers Association had vainly backed a plan in the House to get through a $4,000 to $6,000 minimum scale.

An amendment which would allow this through a lowering of the income tax exemptions by $100 met a decisive defeat.

ALSO DEFEATED in the same manner was an amendment which would allow the counties to use their increased aid as they saw fit, rather than allow it to go as earmarked to the more experienced teachers.

Several hundred teachers were present at a previous public hearing on the matter, and at the session Wednesday.

Gov. Tawes has bitterly opposed the offered pay raise plans, other than the administration's on the grounds that he wants no tax increase.

The administration's plan fitted in the budget will cost the stateless than $5,000,000.

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DPW wants no allotment cut

ANNAPOLIS — General Assembly committees were asked here Wednesday not to disturb the increased food allotment funds and the 50 new positions provided for the State Department of Public Welfare in the state's new budget.

Thomas J. S. Waxter, Welfare Department director, board members and representatives of several interested civic groups appeared to point out that cuts be made in the department's budget.

Hearings were before the Senate's Finance and The House's Ways and Means Committees.

Lone opposition came from George Washington Williams, a blond attorney who made numerous appearances in protest to any mixing of the races.

Mr. Williams said he represented himself and the Mary land Petition Committee, and was protesting the proposal to build a new Parrott School for Girls near Reisterstown.

"If they put it on the rounds," he said, "I'ntegrated it will start. You all know that."

MR. WAXTER pointed out that an increase of $7 from $23 to $30 a month had been asked under the old age assistance plan, and the governor had granted an increase to $24 for single persons.

He said increases of from $42.50 to $45.50 for two old people together and from $78.50 to $83.50 monthly for a family of five were granted in budget funds, but that this still was insufficient.

Howard H. Murphy, AFRO business manager and State Department of Welfare board member, made this expression on the matter of budget food allowances:

"What actually happens is the case loads increase, and we are not able to put the food allowance in you wish."

Mr. Waxter said the department had wanted an increase from $35 to $42.50 in the monthly allotments for children under 12 in foster care homes.

And from $44 to $54 for those over 12. The budget allows an increase of half the amounts asked.

"WE ARE not able," Mr. Waxter told the committees, "to find sufficient homes either in Baltimore or the counties for foster care. And we have had to accept homes not up to our standards."

In the hearing before the Senate's Finance Committee, Sen. Harry T. Phoebus (R. Garrett) took a crack at those persons who deplore increasing welfare benefits claiming that recipients are largely colored citizens.

Sen. Phoebus pointed out that Garrett County, where there are no colored persons on relief, which has five percent of its population receiving such benefits, received $100,000 more state aid, thus Somerset County, by which has 34 percent of its population on relief.

Mr. Waxter pointed out that further cuts in the department's budget would mean state money from some sources cuts in the grants or the expenditure of more than the allotment for a monthly period.

Overcrowded conditions in the training schools were also brought out in the capital improvement requests.

Barrett School for Girls, Mr. Waxter said, built for 56 now has 103 girls.

"We have a dangerous situation in respect to these two schools," Mr. Waxter stated.

Again referring to foster care homes, he revealed that there are now 6,000 children in such programs, most of whom have been sent to the department by the courts.

Among the organizations supporting the Welfare Department's position on the budget were:

The Maryland State Conference of Social Welfare, League of Women Voters, Maryland Children's Aid Society, Inc., Children's Bureau, and the Baltimore Council of Social Agencies.

Library holiday

The Enoch Pratt Free Library's main building and branches will be closed Monday, Feb. 22, in observance of Washington's birthday.

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