—Police, 1963

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these was the brutal slaying of Mrs. Inez Mobley, who was found by her four grandchildren on Dec. 30, with a construction pick buried in her skull.

An ex-roomer, Louis W. Pulley, 48, was charged with Mrs. Mobley's death several days later.

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THEN IN February Mrs. Hattie Carroll, a 51-year-old grandmother, died after being struck with a cane by William Zantzinger, 24, during a Maryland society affair at a downtown hotel.

Zantzinger was later sentenced to six months in jail.

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A TRAVELING magazine subscription salesman, Kenneth Woods, 23, was shot to death in the Mayfair Hotel.

Another member of the magazine subscription team was later charged with the homicide.

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THE NATION was shocked to learn of the death of football star Gene (Big Daddy) Lipscomb.

The 34-year-old former Baltimore Colts football star was found dead under mysterious circumstances on the kitchen floor of an apartment in the 400 block N. Brice St., on May 11.

Medical examiners later attributed death to an overdose of a narcotic.

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IN JUNE a seven-year-old girl Debbie Washington was found in a closet stuffed between a mattress in a second floor bedroom of her home, in the 600 block Portland St.

A boarder, Irvin L. Johnson, 30, was charged with criminal assault on the young child, and with murder, by strangulation.

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MOTHER OF three small children, Mrs. Geraldine Vandervall, 22, 3000 block W. North Ave., was killed by a former suitor, with a screw driver, on Longwood St., near North Ave., on Sept. 11.

The suitor, David C. Brown, 26, was charged with the murder, and later convicted.

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AN ANXIOUS father attempting to make peace between two of his grown sons was stabbed to death, Sept. 21.

Grant Taylor, 61, 100 block W. 23rd St., the father, was pronounced dead on arrival at Provident Hospital.

His son, Louis R. Taylor, 23, was later charged with the death of his father.

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PERHAPS THE crime event of the year was the tragic multi-slaying of the Wilkins family, at their home in the 1100 block Seminole Ave. on Oct. 27.

Mrs. Doris Craig Wilkins was found stuffed in a tiny closet of her second floor bedroom, and the two Wilkins' children, Kevin, 8, and Kerwin, 2, were discovered in the bathtub.

Mrs. Wilkins' death was attributed to manual strangulation, the two small boys were drowned.

Ollie Wilkins, 32, described by friends and neighbors as "the perfect husband and father," was arrested in Cleveland where he surrendered himself and was returned to Baltimore where he faced three homicide charges.

WHEN FIREMEN removed the body on Nov. 15, charred beyond recognition of Sterling Harrison, 35, from a house in the 1300 block N. Fremont Ave., they believed his death was due to the fire.

Later, however, an autopsy revealed the truth. Harrison had been murdered—shot to death, and his body at that time was believed to have been set afire to conceal the gruesome deed.

A girl-friend was later charged in the fire-homicide.

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THE UNSOLVED six cases include the most recent strangulation slaying of pretty clerk - and aspiring actress, Mrs. Joyce R. Brown, whose body was found, on Dec. 11, with a pink scarf knotted about her neck.

Other unsolved homicides include the finding of Miss Elsie Cooper, in a wooded area in Druid Hill Park on Aug. 30. She too was strangled and her body deposited in the park.

The remaining four mystery murders, are stabbing deaths.

—Deaths, 1963

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buried more than 10,000 people, died at the age of 72. She was the first female mortician in the state.

Walter Baker, 56, 513 Roundview Rd., a laboratory technician with the local Food and Drug Administration and associate editor of the "Cherry Hill News" died after a brief illness.

In March, Miss Mamye Tilghman and William B. Dixon died.

Miss Tilghman, 1129 Myrtle Ave., was a popular state beauty shop inspector and an active worker at Bethel AME Church. She had been ill for seven months.

Mr. Dixon was a ball bondsman who started his career as a shoe shine boy. He was a prominent Democrat and among his achievements was his management of the Home Owners Loan Co.

His widow is Erma G. Dixon (D. 4th), delegate to the Maryland Legislature.

Mrs. Loretta B. Nottingham, 55, 3406 Copley Rd., an active member of Payne Memorial Church and the first president of the Women's Guild, also died.

APRIL

April 10 marks the date of the worse traffic fatality in the history of the city.

Five teenage girls had their lives snuffed out when the brakeless car in which they were riding coasted in front of a transit bus at Saratoga and Schroeder Sts.

Killed were:

Miss Betty Kirk, 15, 1023 W. Fayette St.

Miss Bessie Wheeler, 14, 937 W. Fayette St.

Miss Beverly A. Diggs, 14, 103 N. Fopleton St.

Miss Doris Williams, 14, 859 Vine St.

Mirs Rosalind Dorsey, 15, 17 N. Schroeder St.

All were students at Booker T. Washington Junior High School.

The driver of the car, James A. Eads Jr., was injured.

The girls were on their way to school and were worried about being late.

Later in the month, William Moore, 35, a Baltimore postman, was ambushed near Gadsen, Ala. He was walking, trying to deliver a message to Mississippi's Governor Ross Barnett.

Mr. Moore lived at 433 E. 25th St.

In May, Gene "Big Daddy" Lipscomb, 34, former tackle for the Baltimore Colts football team, died on his way to University Hospital from an overdose of a narcotic.

The ten-year pro-football player and wrestling star resided in the 3300 block off Elgin Ave.

Two prominent residents and a former resident died in August.

Mrs. Birtsal Ross, 67, 1603 E. Chase St., died while visiting friends at Cape May, N.J.

An outstanding citizen, she was the recipient of an AFRO Honor Roll Award in 1954 and was the first woman president of the Eastside Community Committee, which she helped to organize.

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HERMAN HILL, a member of the Jolly Jax, a noted night club music group, died in the crash of a Piper Cub.

A former student at Dunbar and Carver Vocational High Schools, he had overcome his fear of flying and was in the airplane taking flying lessons when the airplane suddenly spun into the ground shortly after taking off.

Dr. William E. B. DuBois, a former resident of the city, died in Accra, Ghana, on the eve of the March on Washington for Freedom and Jobs.

Dr. DuBois was one of the Incorporators of the NAACP, a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Harvard University and one of the greatest writers on the history of colored Americans.

On Sept. 4, Mrs. Geneva R. Woods, 58, dropped dead at school No. 451, where she taught. She was the wife of Leo G. Woods, a specialist in physical education with the city's school system.

Two other educators also died in September.

Dr. Dwight Oliver Wendell Holmes, president emeritus of Morgan State College and a member of the State Board of Education, died at the age of 85 after a two-week illness.

Dr. Holmes, a man of immense personal charm, became president of Morgan in 1937. He had received his doctorate degree from Columbia.

William "Babes" Jones, 54, 2211 Windsor Ave., dropped dead during a tennis game in Druid Hill Park.

He was a school placement counselor and former outstanding tennis player.

Charles Woodland, 2761 Baker St., also died. He had cancer.

He was a manager of the Cubs in the Mosher Little League and a 25-year veteran of the post office.

The Rev. James A. Moore, 4507 Liberety Heights Ave. pastor of Pleasant Hope Baptist Church, died at the age of 77, on Sep. 30.

OCTOBER

In October, Ernie "Rainbow" Knox, 27, a part-time boxer; and Otis Sprow, 44, recreation leader, died.

Mr. Knox, a part-time boxer, laboger, hackie and private eye, died from blows he received during a boxing match. Mr. Knox, who fought far under the legal weight, had hoped to gross his $250 share of the fight purse. He, at 153 lbs., fought heavyweight Wayne Bethea.

Mr. Sprow was burned to death. In the same fire, his six-year old daughter, Monica, was asphyxiated.

Mr. Sprow was a recreation center leader and coach of Latrobe track team.

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A BLAST of hot air from a furnace whose door fell open killed two steel company workers.

They were Clifford Trusty, 55, 1724 N. Bond St., a deacon board member of Memorial Baptist Church; and Blake Williams, 39, 2527 Hollins St.

Mr. Trusty had worked for the company ten years while Mr. Williams had put in 17 years.

In November, the Revs. Isaac C. Redd and Dr. James Timothy Boddie died. Also, Mrs. Elise Minor.

The Rev. Mr. Redd died in Martinsburg, W. Va., veterans hospital at the age of 86. He was a former assistant pastor at Macedonia Baptist Church and a member of the "Rough Riders" which charged Kettle Hill at San Juan, Cuba, during the Spanish-American War.

The Rev. Dr. Boddie was stricken in his pulpit and died five days later, on Nov. 22, at the age of 62. He was an influential minister and had a keen interest in both civic and political affairs of the community.

He spent 49 years in the ministry.

Mrs. Minor, who died at 65 years of age, was also interested in politics. She was a judge during elections and was secretary in the Depriest Republican Club.

Mrs. Minor lived at 2112 Druid Hill Ave.

—Paul Robeson

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source said, "We probably will wait to take a lookee and bring our records up-to-date."

In 1958, before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, the singer was asked why he did not remain in the Soviet Union. He replied:

"Because my father was a slave, and my people died to build this country, and I am going to stay here and have a part of it just like you."

The State Department said that as an American citizen, Robeson will have no difficulty moving around freely in the country. The department said it had advanced no money for his trip since presumably he has earned a large income as a singer in Europe.

The Senate Internal Security sub-committee staff said it has no present plans to question Robeson, but such a hearing is not impossible.

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ONE OF the few questions answered for newsmen at the newly renamed John F. Kennedy international airport had to do with civil rights.

Asked if he planned to take an active role in the civil rights campaign, Robeson said "I've always been a part of the civil rights fight all my life."

However, some of the nation's top civil rights leaders were non-commital when asked if they would welcome the active support of Robeson. This gave rise to the belief that well entreched civil rights groups might shun Robeson for fear his image might be harmful to the cause.

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THOUGH ROBESON, now 65, had little to say to the press, his wife was slightly more responsive. Three times she answered varying questions about foreign newspapers' reports that her husband had become disillusioned with Communism.

"The reason for not seeing the press is because they've been saying that, and it's stupid," "He never was (disillusioned), and he thinks its terrific," she retorted the second time. "That's one reason why we don't talk to the press," she exclaimed on the third go-round.

He was enveloped by a gray overcoat, partly covering a neatly-pressed gray hat. He was clean shaven and wore glasses.

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IT TOOK an eight-year legal fight and a Supreme Court ruling to get Robeson a passport before he left here July 30, 1958, for London, which he then said he planned to make his future home. He had refused to answer State Department questions about possible Communist affiliations.

Thereafter he sang in the Soviet Union off and on and acted in England before becoming ill in April, 1961. Last Aug. 25 he arrived in East Berlin for treatment for what his wife called circulatory trouble. He flew back to London last week.

When he returned Sunday he had a recently issued new passport, which presumably meant he must have answered a current question to deny any membership in the Communist party. He underwent only routine immigration clearance.

As to why they were returning, Mrs. Robeson grayhaired but still a handsome woman said: "It's Christmas—grandchildren and children."

Paul Robeson Jr., his son, waited outside the International Arrivals Building for his father and kissed him. "Hello, Dad," he said.

Paul Robeson Jr. drove off with his father in one car, along with some men who Mrs. Robeson said were physicians. The singer's wife waited to shift their suitcases and clothing from two airport carts into another car with his daughter-in-law.

The singer and his wife arrived on a British Overseas Airways Corporation jet that landed at 3:35 p.m. In the customs area and on the way to his car Robeson found about 50 or 75 friends and apparent strangers coming up to shake his hand; one was a policeman. Three Port of New Port Authority policemen helped protect him on his way out.

—The Court, 1963

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fenseless and colored grandmother, lasted for three days.

Moved from Baltimore in wake of the publicity, the trial featured a pitched legal battle State's Attorney William J. O'Donnell and deputy Charles E. Moylan Jr. who opposed a team of defense lawyers, headed by Frederick J. Green Jr.

Zantzinger received a minimum penality of six months in jail and a fine.

Earlier this month, the case against his wife, Mrs. Jane D. Zantzinger, was disposed of by Criminal Court Judge Anselm Sodaro. Arrested with her husband, Mrs. Zantzinger was convicted of disorderly conduct and freed after paying a $50 fine.

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ANOTHER rarity in Criminal Court this year was the imposition of the death penalty.

Although there were numerous court and jury verdicts which carried the death penalty Irvin L. Johnson was the only person to claim that dubious honor.

Convicted of the rape and murder of 7-year-old Debbie Washington in the "Red Shoe Murder Case," Johnson a former messenger, was sentenced to death by Judge Charles D. Harris, who called the crime the "most brutal, horrible and sadistic" act the court has ever heard of.

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IRVAN B. SEDGWICK and Albert Ruffin, defendants in the celebrate "Shallow Grave Case," escaped the death penalty because of their youth.

Convicted of the 1962 murder of Mrs. Corrine Walker Selby, Judge Shirley B. Jones told the youths when they appeared last February for sentencing:

"The only reason I'm not imposing the extreme penalty for this vicious crime is because of your ages."

Both Sedgwick and Ruffin were 16 when they stabbed Mrs. Selby to death, stuffed her body in the trunk of a stolen car, drove around the city for two days then hauled her to a lonely woods near Pottstown, Pa., where they buried her in a shallow grave.

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WHILE SHUNNING the death penalty, Supreme Bench judges in 1963 struck out several capital punishment verdicts and substituted life sentences instead.

Among inmates getting a new lease on life after being convicted of murder or rape were:

Preston Hancock, Alexander (Plunky) Jones, Robert Galloway White, and Earl Clifford Hazel.

White, who was sentenced Monday to life imprisonment by Judge Harris, first won a reversal of the original sentence from the Supreme Court who orderd that he be retired.

Hazel, who has staged a four-year fight against death in the gas chamber after he was sentenced to die in the "Bolton Hill Case," also won a new trial and is awaiting disposition from Judge Harris.

White, drew the supreme penalty for the 1960 "Ten Pen" murder of Benjamin Ingber, a West Baltimore grocer, and was also named as a co-defendant with Jones.

Jones was convicted of the hold-up murder of insurance man Abraham Givner, who was shot to death when his Linden Ave. Office was robbed three years ago.

White was never tried in that case as he was already under a death sentence when it came to trial.

Hancock won a new trial and a life term when no record of the previous trial could be produced.

The stenographer who manually recorded the proceedings of the initial trial died before his notes could be transcribed and no other stenographer could read them.

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CRIES OF "frame" highlighted many Criminal Court trials where the defendants were accused of violating gambling laws.

The handling of search and seizure warrants by members of the Racket Squad became the subject of Grand Jury investigations when defense attorney charged that policemen committed perjury to secure warrants for the arrest of suspected gamblers.

Nothing came of the probe, but defendants in the cases were freed.

As usual there was no letup in the volumn of cases heard in Criminal Court in 1963, but there was a definite shortage of "Big Ones."

—Va. children

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opened in September.

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THESE YOUNG CHARMERS will add to the sum total of the beauty seen on Monday night, when The Baltimore Chapter of Girl Friends present the '63 debutantes. Sub-debs, above are, front row, left to right: Ruth Mayden, Martena Wylie, Neva Wilkins, Patricia Wilmer, Mignon Williams; center; Sundra William, Lorraine Coleman, Sheila Durant, Paulette Holtsclaw, Gloria Greene, Bernadette Counts, Ruby Hughlett, Cynthia Pompey; back, Gloria Wilson, Barbara Stokes, Ann Connors, Robinette Johnson, Reada Thompson, Deborah Wainwright, Veronica Barnes, Paula Chester, Sheryl Lansey, Jane Fulton, Evelyn Strother, Rebecca Wilkins, Joyce Fortune, Deirdre Hill, Evangelme Lambson, Beverly Douglas.

—Politics, 1963

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notwithstanding the disappointments.

Let's review some of the highlights.

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THE YEAR began with a tinge of sadness in Baltimore. For the first time in almost a decade, there were no colored judges sitting in People's Court or those handling police and traffic cases.

John R. Hargroves, People's Court judge, and Robert B. Watts, Municipal Court judge, both of whom had been appointed, were defeated for elective terms in the November election.

Maryland's General Assembly got under way at Annapolis for a 90-day session, however, on a more hopeful note.

Senator Verda F. Welcome, representing Baltimore's Fourth District, became the first lady of her race to serve in the state's Senate.

She beat the then powerful Pollack political machine in her district to win the seat.

For the first time, there were three colored members of the Assembly's House of Delegates — all representing Baltimore's Fourth District.

Mrs. Irma G. Dixon, beginning a second term, was joined by newcomers Clarence M. Mitchell 3rd and Ernest D. Young.

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IT WAS during this historic session of the General Assembly that the public accommodations bill was enacted in March — covering Baltimore and 11 of the state's 23 counties.

The law is now applicable in Anne Arundel, Charles, Baltimore, Cecil, Prince George's, Frederick, Harford, Washington, Montgomery, Allegany and Howard Counties.

Exempted are St. Mary's, Kent, Calvert, Talbot, Somerset, Dorchester, Queen Anne's, Caroline, Wicomico, Garrett, Carroll and Worcester Counties.

While all of this was going on, Baltimore was preparing for its municipal elections.

The outcome of these brought another notable racial advancement, in that for the first time since 1931 two colored persons were serving together in the City Council.

Walter T. Dixon, beginning a third consecutive term representing the Fourth District, was joined by Henry G. Parks Jr., president of Parks Sausage Co., a newcomer to politics making his first bid for public office, as a Fourth District representative.

Another big step forward came with the appointment of Lloyal Randolph as assistant chief clerk at the Supervisors of Elections.

Formerly a clerk there, he is the first of his race in that spot.

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THE MUNICIPAL elections were followed by a period of high expectancy on the part of colored citizens and then disappointment.

The expectancy was that the new Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin would fill one of two vacancies on the all-white, vital Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals with a colored citizen.

There was expectancy also that he would name one of his colored supporters, or some member of this race, as an administrative aide on his staff.

And there were hopes, too, he would name a colored citizen to one of two vacancies on the all-white Civic Center Commission.

Colored citizens expected these appointments, because they form over a third of the city's population.

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MAYOR McKELDIN, however, has complied with none of these requests.

He did initiate introduction of an omnibus civil rights ordinance, covering employment, public accommodations, housing, educational institutions and health and welfare services, near the end of the year.

This ordinance, on which six spirited public hearings were held, is still in the City Council's Judiciary Committee.

The reorganization of the new City Council staff in May was still another first in the area of jobs — initiated through efforts of the new Councilman Parks.

Two colored persons for the first time were named to the Council's staff.

John Nicholas, renamed as sergeant-at-arms, was joined by newcomer Emory Bedford, appointed as a committee clerk.

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TWO MATTERS of major importance climaved the year politically.

The General Assembly's city delegation, after months of wrangling and after Judge Wilson K. Barnes had declared the existing legislative districts null and void because of population inequities finally agreed on a redistricting plan.

The redistricting proposal is to be placed before the General Assembly for adoption, at a special session immediately following close of the 30-day meet which begins in February.

The city's Fourth District, under the plan, will maintain its characteristic majority of colored population and voters.

Judge Barnes' edict was the result of a suit filed by the Republicans, asking that the city's legslative districts be declared void due to inequties in population.

A redistricting proposal for the city passed the House in the General Assembly's winter session, but died in the Senate.

AND THE final climax, politically, to this point was provided by Gov. J. Millard Tawes a couple of weeks ago.

He appointed Robert B. Watts to his old job as a city Municipal Court judge, and made him eligible for election in 1966.

A vacancy occurred with the death of Judge William L. K. Barrett.

Mr. Watts and John R. Hargrove were among those recommended for the post by the city's Bar Association.

So, another year draws to a close in Maryland.

Racial advancements in the area of politics might be viewed as offsetting other expectancies which proved to be disappointments.

Drop $300,000 eviction suit

WASHINGTON

A $300,000 damages suit filed against Roscoe Jones, landlord, by a couple who alleged the doors and windows of their apartment were removed in freezing weather, has been dropped for want of prosecution.

The case was dismissed on Nov. 30 when the complainants, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Smith, failed to show up for a hearing on the petition. The 30-day grace period for reinstatement of the suit expried Dec. 21.

CONDING to the Smiths the doors and windows were removed from their apartment at 1209 10th St., NW, on Dec. 12, 1962, as a means of eviction for overdue rent.

Jones was charged with failing to provide adequate heating and failing to have an adequate fire alarm system in the premises. At a trial Dec. 26, 1962, he was found not guilty of both charges by General Sessions Court Judge DeWitt S. Hyde.

Though the housing charges were disposed of, Jones still faced the civil suit which grew out of the incident.

Jones denied having anything to do with removal of the doors and stated he had no knowledge that there was no heat in the premises on the date in question.

NET TOURNAMENT SET BY 229th BATTALION

The third annual holiday basketball tournament gets underway on Jan. 2, 3 and 4 at the Winchester St. Armory, Winchester and Braddish.

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