'Triangle' widow Calls: 'I Had To Tell This To Somebody'

"He has left me five wonderful children. I know he wants me to go on with my head high and I will."

Calmly, proudly, Mrs. Edith McKall, 25-year-old widow of Wardell McKall, held the youngest of her five small children in her arms as she told the AFRO her thoughts a week after her husband is said to have fatally shot his teen-aged girlfriend and then himself.

"I had to tell this to somebody," the young Cherry Hill housewife said. She had asked to speak with reporters who had covered the tragedy involving her husband and 16-year-old Margaret Young.

McKall, according to police, first shot the girl and then himself, in Miss Young's home in the 1300 block Woodyear, on Oct. 28.

"This is the first day since the tragedy that I've been able to bring myself to think about it, and whatever else, it is important that it be known that Wardell loved his children. He was good to them . . . and in his way, he loved me. I loved him so much. . . ."

REVIEWING newspaper accounts of the murder-suicide, the widow said, "I don't see how he could have killed himself in that way . . . by propping a shotgun against himself. I will always believe he did not do this as it was reported. . . ."

Of her marriage, she said candidly: "We had our ups and down but we got along good, we were happy."

Of the events leading up to the tragedy, she said that "Wardell, frankly, had been very much mixed up just the last three weeks. I know this but what drove him to it, if it is so, is puzzling. Whatever it was, it was outside Cherry Hill."

She had heard that he knew a girl in town. "That was sometime ago. I asked him, 'Are you still interested in that girl' and he had said 'no, there was nothing to it.'"

On Margaret Young's role in the tragedy, Mrs. McKall said, "I hold no bitterness, I lost somebody I loved and I am sure her mother has lost somebody she loved also. My heart goes out to her mother, she has a burden . . . she could have stopped this situation with one word."

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MRS. McKALL has been staying with her parents in Northeast Baltimore.

"I am going back home, to Cherry Hill, Saturday. There are no memories for me here. There is where all my good memories of Wardell are. There is no point in dropping out of sight. With my children to raise, there's too much to do to drop out of things."

The child had awakened and begun to cry. Mrs. McKall, a plump, deep-eyed young woman stood up. "The main thing to be said is that Wardell was a likeable man. People who knew him will vouch for that, don't take my word for it. He had never hurt anyone. He was no wife-beater or anything like that. . . ."

Mrs. McKall recalled that her husband's last words to her before leaving Cherry Hill that Wednesday morning for town were, 'Everything will be all right . . .' of course those words sounded cheerful then but they have a different meaning now."

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Johnson -- 95%

Wins $500 but she's too young

By GUY CRUMP

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A final selection of "Miss Beaux Arts of 1964" will be made later this month, the AFRO learned this week.

Mrs. Lori Britton, 3034 Seaman Ave., Cherry Hill was picked last Friday over 12 other contestants during a coronation ball at the Famous Ballroom, conducted by the Urban League Guild.

However, a question later developed concerning Mrs. Britton's age.

Contest rules specifically stated that no contestant under 21 years of age was eligible to enter.

The responsibility of screening and passing on the eligibility of applicants belonged to the Urban League

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Death-bed charge is heart of trial

A 31-year-old construction worker went on trial Wednesday charged with first degree murder in the June 3, death of Mrs. Evelyn Sorrell, 32, 100 block Carlton St.

The entire case hinges on a death-bed declaration by the deceased that the defendant, Francis Waddell, of the same address, poured kerosene on her and lit it.

The trial is being held over until Friday (today) because the physician to whom the alleged confession was made was unable to appear.

Several other witnesses did testify.

According to testimony, the incident occurred on May 25, and Mrs. Sorrell died of first, second and third

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Assembly meets today to repeal income tax hike

Gov. J. Millard Tawes calls the state's General Assembly into special session at Annapolis today (Friday) to appeal his one-cent hike in the state income tax.

The hike, approved at the winter session of the Assembly at insistence of the governor, would go in effect Jan. 1.

It would raise the income tax from three to four cents. A necessity, the governor said at the time, to meet added state expenditures.

He has since determined the hike is unnecessary.

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MEANWHILE, CITY Assembly members, urged by Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin, are set to place before the body bills asking that Baltimore be authorled to impose an income tax.

This was decided following a meeting of a majority of these lawmakers and City Councilmen with the mayor Wednesday.

Another proposal discussed Wednesday would ask that the city be authorized to tax horse-racing, gasoline and a few other things. This was termed publicly by the lawmakers as "ridiculous."

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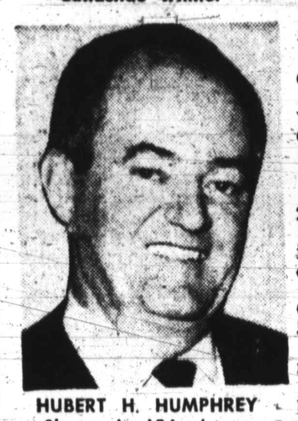

HUBERT H. HUMPHREY
Shares in LBJ victory

186 AFRO Areas Give Barry 5%

By MAX JOHNSON
AFRO Political Analyst

A whopping 95 percent of the votes cast Tuesday in the city's 186 AFRO precincts went to President Lyndon Baines Johnson, giving strong impetus to his landslide victory in Baltimore and in Maryland.

These are those precincts among the 554 in the city, which are populated wholly or predominantly by colored citizens.

There are 131,016 such citizens registered in these precincts. They represent 89 percent of the 133,096 colored persons on the books in Baltimore.

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THE HEAT of the Johnson-Goldwater campaign was such that it drew 99,800 voters to the polls in AFRO precincts.

This represented a record shattering 76 percent turnout.

In one of the strongest repudiations yet of Sen. Barry M. Goldwater, they gave President Johnson and Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey, his vice presidential running mate, 94,667 of their 99,800 votes.

Significantly, this 95 percent AFRO precincts vote for the Johnson-Humphrey team was 19 percent higher than the 76 percent these precincts gave the late President John F. Kennedy four years ago.

It was higher by far than the 68 percent, or 227,227 votes, the Johnson-Humphrey ticket polled in the city's other 386 precincts—those populated wholly or predominantly by white citizens.

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ON A city-wide basis, President Johnson garnered 248,847 votes, or 76 percent of those cast.

The Johnson-Humphrey landslide victory here, in itself a record, broke all previous city voter turnout records.

In repudiating the Republicans' controversial Sen. Goldwater, citizens in AFRO precincts gave him but 5,133 votes, or 5 percent of the total.

It is assumed most of these came from the fringe number of whites in these precincts.

This means thousands of Republicans crossed party lines to vote for the Democrats' Johnson-Humphrey team.

WHILE ALL of this was going on, the Republicans' veteran Sen. J. Glenn Beall was also being soundly trounced in AFRO precincts—though previously considered a favorite in those areas.

The Democrats' Joseph D. Tydings, his youthful, dynamic opponent for the U.S. Senate seat, polled an overwhelming 83,254 votes in these precincts.

This represented 83 percent of the total votes, though there were wide-spread attempts by at least one strong Democratic organization to "cut" Mr. Tydings.

Sen. Beall, backed by the same organization openly, could garner but 10,375 votes, or 10 percent of the total.

AFRO precincts thus gave Mr. Tydings a higher percentage than the 70 percent he drew in his city-wide 228,174 votes.

Also, it was higher than the 64 percent he polled in attracting 44,920 votes in non-AFRO precincts.

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CONGRESSMAN AT LARGE Carlton R. Sickles and other incumbent district congressmen won overwhelmingly in AFRO precincts.

Question 5, that on the public accommodations referendum, posed an interesting situation in the tallied results.

In AFRO precincts, there were 35,656 votes "FOR" to represent 36 percent of the total votes, and 7,034 "AGAINST" for 7 percent in this category.

This means there were 57 percent of the voters in these precincts who went to the polls but did not pull

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IN A NUTSHELL

Balloting Tuesday in city's 186 AFRO precincts.
Total votes cast——99,800.
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Beall——10,375 or 10 percent.
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JOSEPH D. TYDINGS
Heads for U.S. Senate

EDWARD W. BROOKE
Still attorney general

Key proposals in new school report

Educational news of major importance came out of the regular School Board meeting yesterday (Thursday) with release of the long - awaited citizens' advisory report on local schools and announcement of the retiretirement of a veteran administrator.

The Citizens' Advisory Committee report on schools unveiled at the Board session will have great effect on the direction and structure of the city's public schools over the next decade.

The retirement of Miss Mary Adams as assistant superintendent of elementary schools sees one of the local system's pioneers stepping down after service with four superintendents spanning several decades.

Additionally, 17 Department of Education professionals were granted permanent status after meeting requirements for their positions.

The report of the Citizens School Advisory Committee was presented to the School Board by Chairman Clark S. Hobbs.

The three - volume 230-page report containing 303 specific recommendations suggests plans and programs considered necessary by the citizens study group to meet the needs of the public schools in the decade ahead.

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OVER 1,500 citizens of Baltimore, serving as volunteers on more than 50 subcommittees, contributed more than 20,000 man-hours to the two - year study project. The School Board appointed 25 citizens to the

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Make plea for doomed S. Africans

NEW YORK. — Three prominent civil rights leaders have pleaded for clemency in the sentencing of three South Africans to death, it was revealed this week.

In a joint cablegram to C. R. Swart, President of the Republic of South Africa, Roy Wilkins, executive director of the NAACP; James Farmer, executive director of CORE; and A. Philip Randolph, president of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, urged clemency for the three men "in (the) name of humanity and in accord with an United Nations June 9 resolution.

"These executions can serve only to deepen bitterness and reduce chances for peaceful solutions," the civil rights leaders stated in the

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Demos clash over 4th Dist. ballots

Why were no sample ballots carrying the name of Joseph Tydings for U.S. Senate distributed in the Fourth District before the 2 p.m. election day?

Philip H. Goodman, city campaign manager for Tydings made this charge.

He excepted the 17th Ward where Del. Clarence **Mitchell III was in charge, and the Hampden Woodberry area.**

Mrs. Juanita Mitchell, president of the state NAACP conference, also reported the lack of Tydings workers and sample ballots in some Fourth District precincts she visited.

State Senator Verda F. Welcome (D., 4th District), when confronted with this report, declared 1,800 block workers had been recruited and kits supplie for them, including material for Mr. Tydings and the straight Democratic ticket.

When Mr. Goodman, accompanied by Mr. Tydings visited the district in general and Senator Verda Welcome's Precinct in particular, no Tydings ballots could be found, Mr. Goodman said.

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WHILE THE matter was being discussed with Mrs. Welcome at Democratic headquarters, William Adams, walked in, the AFRO learned.

Mr. Adams, who made no secret of the fact that he was personally voting for Sen. Beall, is a member of the board of directors of the District organization which

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Case continued

BOSTON (UPI) — A hearing in the case of blind jazz and blues singer Ray Charles, charged with illegal possession of narcotics, was continued Thursday for one week in U.S. District Court.

6th congressman; Brooke re-elected

By ART CARTER

In the wake of the most significant political victory for the Democrats since 1936, six colored Congressmen will be seated in the 89th Congress as members of the House of Representatives.

Five were reelected, as expected, in their respective districts in five different states, while the sixth won election in a new congressional district in Detroit, Michigan.

This marks the first time since Reconstruction Days that as many as a half dozen colored Representatives have sat in the House, and the first time in this century that more than one colored congressman from a state (Michigan) have been members of the House.

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WINNING RE-ELECTION were Rep. William L. Dawson, of Illinois; Adam Clayton Powell, of New York; Charles C. Diggs Jr., of Michigan; Augustus F. (Gus) Hawkins, of California; and Robert N. C. Nix, of Pennsylvania.

The new U.S. Representative is John J. Conyers, 35, a native to Detroit, who defeated two other colored candidates in a contest held in Michigan's 1st District.

A graduate of Wayne State University School of Law, he worked for three and a half years as a legislative assistant to Rep. John D. Dingell. He will represent a part of Dingell's old area that was rezoned through reapportionment.

Conyers resigned last January from the Workmen's Compensation Board of Michigan to campaign full time for the post. His district, about 40 per cent colored, was listed before the election as 72 per cent Democratic.

Dawson will be returning to the House for his 12th term, Powell for his 11th term, Diggs for his 6th term, Nix for his 4th term, and Hawkins for his 2nd term.

Mr. Dawson defeated the Rev. Wilbur N. Daniel, Republican, in Chicago's first district.

THE SIX congressmen,

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Bias forces tan airman to transfer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (UPI) — A colored airman who could not find space to park his trailer home near Richards-Gebaur Air Force Base has been transferred to Ohio.

John H. Warner, 36, said he searched for a place to park his trailer since Sept. 26. Warner arrived at Richards-Gebaur on that date from a tour of duty in the Philippines.

Warner was to leave Wednesday for duty at Wright - Patterson Air Force Base near Dayton, Ohio. His wife already is in Ohio.

Warner was aided by civil rights groups and others in looking for a trailer court that would accept him. The one trailer court said it would accept colored persons was in Garner, Kan., 26 miles away.

Several persons offered to let the airman park his trailer on private lots, but there were no sewer or water connections.