'Our New Home Is Wonderful,' Says Mother Of 2

Three soldiers killed as auto slams diesel

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. (UPI) —Three Fort Bragg soldiers were killed here early today when their car slammed into a Seaboard Coastline engine at a crossing which is not equipped with warning signals.

The impact of the collision was so great that the huge diesel engine was derailed. Railroad officials said an embankment was the only thing that prevented the engine from overturning.

Only two of the victims have been identified. They were Michael L. Desjardins, 20, of the 82nd Administration Co., and Spec. 4 Robert Packard, 20, of headquarters Co., 307th Engineers.

All three were trapped for about an hour in the car which was completely demolished in the collision. Police said the car apparently hit the engine without slowing down. There were no skid marks. Witnesses said the train engine's horn was blowing just before the accident.

The train was on a run from Sanford to Wilmington.

Rural renewal starts to work

By A. N. SAID
AFRO Staff Writer

LOUISVILLE, Ga. — The little woman was standing on the steps of her new home as two buses full of people rolled up the dusty road.

Her husband was in the house watching through the window of the living room. Their two children, (a girl 16 and boy 14), were away at school.

The buses came to a halt. And out came Agriculture Secretary Orville Freeman. With a broad smile on his face and an extended hand, Freeman enthusiastically shook hands with the little lady — Mrs. Marcus (Josephine) Hall.

Smiling shyly, Mrs. Hall extended a warm Southern welcome to Freeman and his party. She then went on to tell how happy her family was in their new home.

"We enjoy our new home, the running water, bathroom and the space. It is wonderful," she told Freeman.

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THE HALL family has a reason to feel wonderful. Because, only a year and five months ago they lived in a run-down three-room apartment whose owner refused to repair.

"We asked the owner of the old apartment to fix it and he refused," Mrs. Hall told Freeman.

Their new home was built through a loan underwritten by the Department of Agriculture's Farmers Home Administration. Construction costs were $6,400. The family's monthly payments are $34.

The house has a front porch with beautiful flowers on both sides of the steps; a living room, three bedrooms, modern bathroom and a kitchen equipped with modern appliances.

The Halls now live on an annual income of $5,720. Mr. Hall, 31, works in a machine shop earning $70 a week. His wife, Josephine, is a nurse's aide and earns $40 a week.

Secretary Freeman inspected the house and was satisfied with what he saw. "We appreciate your hospitality," he told Mr. Hall.

"We have been looking for you and thank you for coming," Mr. Hall told Freeman as they shook hands to say good-bye.

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THE HALLS are just one example of rural people getting federal help. They are one among several families in the area who now live in new homes — financed by FHA loans.

Among them is Robert J. Davis, 34, with an annual income of $3,850 and a family of eight to support. He got FHA loan to build a $7,190 home. His monthly payments are $41.

Another is Edward Wiggins, 38. With a family of four and an income of $5,000, he obtained an FHA loan to build a $5,800 home. He pays $33 a month.

The list is long, but these examples present vivid testimony on the extent of federal aid reaching rural areas.

All the families are colored. They are the people who only a few years ago had no escape from their shack dwellings. Freeman has seen some of the shacks. People still live in them. According to FHA officials, they will be moving to better homes soon.

THE HOUSING program in Louisville is relatively new. It began in late 1962 — making slow progress due to lack of adequate funds.

The first houses cost from $4,000 to $5,000. The low-cost program operates on a self-help basis. The county arranges for a local contractor to handle the job.

The families do part of the work such as digging the foundation, mixing mortar, assisting the block-layer and, in some cases, helping with the paint job.

A total of 118 homes have been built since 1962 for people with incomes from $2,400 to $5,000. Payments per month range from $33 to $44.

Many families did not have the money for the homes. FHA made it possible for them by purchasing the lot and arranging low interest loans.

Up until 1962 FHA could not come into this area due to restrictions and unnecessary red tape. One of the barriers at that time was that only rural areas with populations under 2,500 could get loans to build homes. (The population of Louisville is 2,500 and Jefferson County, 17,500).

After restrictions were lifted and the red tape eased, another problem popped up. There wasn't enough money available. This was corrected in 1965.

Now, not only does the government assist in building comfortable homes for the rural families, but it is also interested in making the scenery beautiful.

Last year the county and home demonstration agents held landscaping courses for owners of the new homes in Jefferson County.

At about the same time, the Kiwanis Club of Louisville donated 2,600 pine, cypress, poplar, oak, dogwood, redbud and crepe myrtle trees to beautify the place.

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WHILE THE federal government is interested in beautifying the countryside, it also is interested in creating jobs through new industry and training.

With efforts of local citizens and state officials, Thermo King Corp. opened a new plant here in November, 1964. It produces transport units and auto air conditioners.

Over 600 people now work in the plant. Another 100 are expected to be hired by next year.

Through the training program initiated by the plant, many people in the area have been able to move from poverty and unemployment to a decent standard of living.

These are some of the people whose lives have changed a great deal in the past few years. They are the ones who will, benefit from the Johnson Administration's program to make life in the countryside gracious and beautiful.

If more people like these can get decent jobs, a comfortable place to live in and enough food, they will have no need to move to the already overcrowdid big city ghettos.

IN LOUISVILLE, according to official survey, 30 percent of the residential housing is listed as delapidated. Another 20 percent is sub-standard. The city is doing something about it. It received a federal planning grant some months ago.

With that money, the city will purchase 54 residences and seven commercial structures in the urban renewal area.

After putting the 53 colored families now living in the condemned homes into decent places, the city will convert the area into a 20-unit public housing complex, a multifamily residential area and expand the city cemetery.

Of the 53 families now living in the area, 28 are tenants and 25 are home owners. Of these, 17 families have an income of $300 per month. They will move into the residential area.

The remaining 36 families who have incomes of less than $300 per month will be eligible for public housing.

The cost of the project is estimated at $472,000. The city will pay approximately $48,000 with the remaining $424,000 financed by federal grants.

The housing program in the Louisville area is impressive. Secretary Freeman asked: "What is it that made it possible for such programs in this area, programs that don't exist in other places?"

Local officials told him: "It is the cooperation between FHA and various people in Jefferson County."

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COOPERATION BETWEEN FHA and state people has also made it possible for similar, but privately developed, low-cost housing in the County Line community of rural DeKalb County.

There 40 new modernized apartments and individual homes will be developed by Lincoln Jones, of 4380 Sams Road, Rt. 1, Ellenwood (near Atlanta).

Secretary Freeman reviewed plans of the project and gave his approval. Freeman and Jones were present in Milledgeville when the papers were signed recently.

The initial $30,000 loan was signed by Strauder L. Van-Landingham, state director of the Farmers Home Administration.

The total FHA-insured loan for the project is $240,000. The project calls for construction of two and four-unit apartment buildings and individual homes. It will be built on 10-acres of land owned by Mr. Jones.

Units will be of various sizes, containing two and four bedrooms each. Each will be built at a cost averaging $6,000. The rent per month will be $50 to $70. Completion is set for early 1969.

Initial plans call for construction of eight units, with 32 unit more to be built at a later date.

Jones, an experienced contractor on private homes, has been in the business for 15 years. He has lived and worked in the community for a number of years since attending Tuskegee Institute.

The project is the largest approved in Georgia to date under provisions of the Housing Act of 1965 for USDA-FHA insurance of loans to finance private development of rural rental housing.

FOLLOWING THE signing ceremony, Secretary Freeman told Jones: "I want to congratulate you for what you have done here.

"I am tremendously impressed with what I have seen here in developing low-income housing.

"It has been a very imaginative and progressive program," Freeman said.

"Lack of such housing has been a major factor in the forced migration of people to cities and the worsening slums," Freeman concluded.

WELCOME —Mrs. Marcus Hall of Louisville, Ga., welcomes Secretary of Agriculture Freeman when he came to visit her home. Freeman, who was on his second "Look and Listen" tour of rural areas inspecting federally financed programs, was impressed with the home. It was built through a loan financed by the Department of Agriculture's Farmers Home Administration.

British ace gets 'International' bid

LAUREL, Md. — Ribocco, British-trained, American-owned colt whose credentials include victories in the English St. Leger and the Irish Sweeps Derby, has become the second entry for the 16th running of the Washington, D.C. International at Laurel Race Course on November 11.

The addition of Ribocco, one of the continent's most highly regarded 3-year-olds, to the International turf classic was announced by John D. Schapiro, Laurel president who originated the global race in 1952.

Ribocco won last week's $125,300 St. Leger Stakes at Doncaster, oldest of five English classics. The colt also captured the $224,000 Irish Sweeps Derby at the Curragh in July and was second in the Epsom Derby in June.

WATERS INTEGRATED

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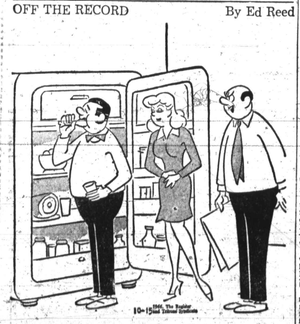

"One point to remember — when you do marry my daughter, my refrigerator stays here."

—Inner-city schools

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colored schools under the old dual system and that most of these designations have remained intact.

Mrs. Moss later told the AFRO, "It is pretty evident that old, ill-equipped, colored schools are in the inner city."

She cited as an example the 1894 school at Gilmor and Mosher Sts., with its wooden fire escape, and said, "It is an indictment of our city that just two blocks away from this rattle-trap school is a modern brick structure housing the Western District Police Station."

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DURING THE meeting, the Rev. Mr. Williams and the Rev. Mr. Bascom warned that their committee would work to defeat the November $20 million bond issue for construction if the disposition of funds again "shortchanges" the inner city.

Unless the board indicates its intentions to the contrary, the Rev. Mr. Williams said, "it will be lighting the fuse to the tinderbox which characterizes inner city life."

"If our demands are not met," he warned, "we will have to bring the board's actions to the attention of the (U.S.) Civil Rights Commission and petition it for redress."

The committee also urged integration of all facets of the Baltimore school system.

The committee's threats marked the latest in a series of critical barrages which have been aimed at the School Board from all angles.

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THE LONGEST and most in depth study, of course, was that by the NEA, detailing the shortchanging of inner city schools.

In the last several weeks, sharp criticism has been added by CORE (for the temporary appointment of Dr. M. Thomas Goedeke as school superintendent), the Community Relations Commission, the Baltimore Teachers Union and the Education chairman of the mayor's Task Force for Equal Rights.

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DR. MARTIN JENKINS, president of Morgan State College, made his last presentation before the School Board Wednesday as co-chairman of the mayor's committee.

Dr. Jenkins explained in his letter of resignation to the mayor that he had agreed to accept the position for only one year, due to his full schedule.

In his review of the task force's recommendations, Dr. Jenkins called for: the merger of Carver and Mergenthaler Vocational High Schools, a plan for faculty integration, the opening of all new schools with integrated faculties and administrations and better rapport between the School Board and the task force.

-Agnew backs

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least two occasions publicly criticized his would-be-successor for what he (Mr. McKeldin) considered attacks on his administration.

On several occasions Mr. McKeldin has shown more favor toward Mr. D'Alesandro than he has Mr. Sherwood.

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THE GOVERNOR'S statement of endorsement said:

"I support without qualification the candidacy of Arthur W. Sherwood for mayor of Baltimore.

"Mr. Sherwood is an outstanding attorney, with a deep and abiding interest is the civic, political and cultural life of his city and with experience in governmental and other programs that could be invaluable in the office of mayor.

"In this election, he is discussing issues of consequence to Baltimore and to the State and bringing to these discussions a fresh and imaginative viewpoint.

"He believes strongly in fiscal reform and is attempting to correct the present imbalance between the tax resources of the Federal Government and those of the State and local governments.

"He believes in an independent and impartial approach to government, free of machine politics, and in unifying the city's ethnic groups in a concerted and constructive attack on problems of the slums.

"I am delighted to endorse a candidate in whom I have confidence and for whom I have both friendship and respect.

"I urge all Baltimoreans to vote for Arthur W. Sherwood and for his Republican running mates, Horace Ashby and Howard C. Beck, in the November 8th election."

-Ashby hits

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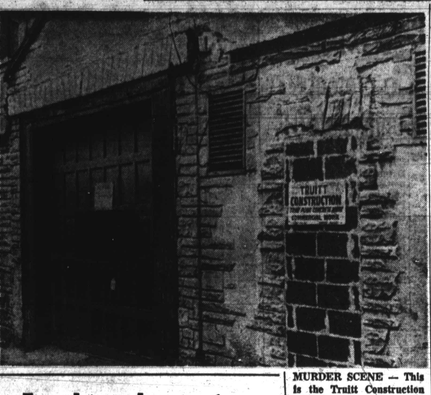
publicly demonstrated his lack of responsibility to the electorate in his District.

"I think that the time is not ripe for a colored person in top municipal office, perhaps it is not ripe for him to continue in his office."

To these Mr. Parks countered thusly:

"Apparently Mr. Ashby thinks the best way to generate interest in his campaign is by attacking me. That's unfortunate."



MURDER SCENE — This is the Truitt Construction office in the 1200 block Wilmer Ct., in the rear of Pennsylvania Ave., where Western District police said William Berry, 74-year-old custodian of the firm where he also lived was murdered in "cold-blood" by a band of youthful robbers who escaped with more than $300 in payroll funds.

Equal employment

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the world, he said.

The executive director of the Baltimore Community Action Agency, Parren J. Mitchell, urged private industry to take an interest in ghetto problems beyond the creation of jobs.

Industry could do much to improving vocational education, for example, he said.

Business has hundreds of trained "technicians and administrators who could make detailed studies of vocational training and learn why many of them do not properly instruct their students.

"Then these administrators and technicians could develop plans for an upgrading of vocational instruction and present these plans to school board officials," he said.

Among recommendations from panel sessions on how equal employment opportunities could be enclemented were:

1. Re-examining job qualifications to be sure that they are necessary for the job, and are not unrealistically rigid.

2. Re-examining job tests to eliminate cultural bias, and ensure that they are related to the duties to be performed.

3. Expand job training programs to encompass disadvantaged job applicants.

4. Re-engineering and redesigning certain jobs to create simpler jobs at the trainee level, while the more complicated duties could be handled at a higher level.

Muslim may get 45 years

NEW YORK — In Justice Hyman Barshay's court last week Robert 35X Smith was handcuffed and gagged one day while on trial for shooting three N.Y. detectives with intent to kill.

The judge had ordered this unusual restraint because Smith continued to interrupt proceedings with shouts of "persecution" and complaints against his lawyers.

He was found guilty at trial's end after a three-hour deliberation by an all-male jury.

The Muslim's three victims; all white and all of whom are recovering, conceded that Smith probably believed that they were approaching him to make an arrest, since he was later discovered to have been wanted on a fugitive murder warrant.

Subsequent to the gagging episode Smith refused to stand when the clerk called "All Rise" upon the judge's entry.

He faces a possible 45 years in jail.

Soldier cited posthumously

FT. LEE, Va. — Two posthumous awards were presented to the mother of Army Specialist 4 Joseph Wiggins here at Post Headquarters.

Mrs. Lillie Wiggins, whose son was killed in Vietnam last February, accepted the Vietnamese Military Merit Medal and the Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with Palm from Colonel William Olmsted Antozzi, Ft. Lee's chief of staff, in a ceremony witnessed by Headquarters personnel.

Specialist Wiggins, also awarded the Bronze Star (posthumously) for his actions in combat, attended school in Panama City, Fla.

-Four women

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sistant states attorney John Henry Lewyn revealed when police raided a second floor apartment in the 300 block Ballou Ct., Aug. 18 they found Mrs. Sneed at a kitchen table "writing numbers."

On the table were 16 slips containing 1,435 numbers with $630.95 in play, police raiders stated.

Indicating the operation was "a big one" police officers testified the phone kept ringing incessantly during the one-hour raid.

One member of the raiding party testified as he answered the phone he took down 346 numbers totaling $144.65 in play.

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ANOTHER "fairly good sized operation" described in testimony produced by assistant states attorney, Lewyn was the one in the 1400 block N. Bond St. home of Mrs. Lorene Martha Lassiter, who was tried on Friday.

Also charged along with the 38-year old matron was Frederick Green, 52, 5600 block Fernpark Ave.

Judge Sodaro imposed a one-year suspended term and $100-fine on Mrs. Lassiter while Mr. Green received a six-months suspended term and $1,000 fine.

According to testimony the May 12 raid at the Lassiter home netted 15 slips containing 774 numbers and $344 in play.

Records of "23 pay-off stations" showed $3,517.93, the court was told.

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ABATED BY death was a lottery charged filed against Mrs. Clarice L. Johnson, 36, 1000 block Whatcoat St.

Members of the lottery squad raided her home June 7 and claimed they found 67 numbers with $517 in fiscated 45 slips containing 1,667 numbers with $517 in play.

Court records show Mrs. Johnson died two weeks later at 11:45 p.m. at City Hospitals of natural causes.

Funeral services were held June 26. The matron is buried in Baltimore National Cemetery.

Muslim

He enetred service in 1965 underwent basic training at Ft. Benning, Ga. and was assigned to an infantry unit in Vietnam at the time of his death.

The two Republic of Vietnam citations stated, in part: "Courageous combatant well-known for his sacrifices, who always exhibited a spirit of good will and cooperation.

"AS GEORGIANS, THE

Seeks to bar funds to Ga. Ag program

ATLANTA, Ga. — The Georgia State Advisory Committee to the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights has urged the federal government to defer funds to the Georgia Cooperative Extension Service while it is being determined if the State's Extension Service administers its farm programs in a nondiscriminatory manner as required by the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

In a report, Equal Opportunity in Federally Assisted Agricultural Programs in Georgia, the State Advisory Committee asked its parent body, the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights, to recommend to the U. S. Department of Agriculture that "quarterly funds, allocated under the Smith-Lever Act, be deferred until the Federal Extension Service conducts a complete investigation to ascertain the status of Title VI compliance in Georgia since evidence indicates areas of noncompliance."

The Advisory Committee also suggested that the Georgia Cooperative Extension Service implement a seven-point program to assure equality of opportunity in its programs and services.

DENIED EQUAL ACCESS

To programs of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, colored farmers in Georgia believe they are being forced to abandon farming as an occupation, the Advisory Committee reported. "Although some progress has been made in desegregating the various agricultural programs in Georgia, patterns of segregation still exist which prevent colored citizens of the State from receiving equal opportunity in farm programs, the Committee concluded in its report.

"The Committee learned that rural colored citizens in Georgia do not receive the equal opportunity and equal treatment which they are entitled as beneficiaries of federally assisted agricultural programs," said Dr. Vivian W. Henderson, Chairman of the Georgia State Advisory Committee and President of Clark College in Atlanta.

"From their formative school years through their productive years, they are denied needed services, including jobs with the agricultural programs for which they qualify, be the day they retire or die, colored farmers in Georgia are relegated to the status of second-class citizens," Dr. Henderson said.

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The Advisory Committee members of the Advisory Committee hope that this report will encourage the Department of Agriculture and its Georgia State offices to make certain that every citizen of the State has the opportunity to till his soil, build his home, receive equal services, and be employed in dignity."

Dr. Henderson said the Committee's report was based on information received during a public meeting in May 1966 in Macon, Georgia and other data gathered during a study of equal opportunity in federally assisted agricultural programs in the State.

Nine couples get licenses

TOWSON, Md. — The following 9 couples received marriage licenses during the month of September:

SNOWDEN-SANDS, David 37, of 405 Valley Rd., Owings Mills, Md. and Joan C., 22, of 8728 Church Rd., Randallstown, Md.

MADDEN-MORRIS, John S., 22, of St. Paul Ave., Reisterstown, Md., and Lois M., 18, of 4617 Chicory Hill Lane, Pikesville, Md.

PICON-SWAN, Hubert 25, and Betty J. Swan, both of Baltimore.

MOBLEY JR.-VAUGHN, Oscar 20, of 406 Avondale Rd. and Ada M. 18, of 711 New Pittsburgh Ave., Baltimore.

WOODWARD-BRYANT, H. 22, of Atlanta, Ga. and Grace P. 19, of 125 Willow Ct., Baltimore.

GAINES-GASTON, Willis D., 58, of 4648 Park Heights Ave., Baltimore and Hannah 22, of the same address.

REYNOLDS-CLANTON, R. 33, of 1216 Rossiter Ave. and Ethella P. 30, of 2503 W. Cold Spring Lane, Baltimore.

WILLIAMS JR.-SMITH, Ira T. 20, of 809 Bobby Road and Elaine J 17, of 60½ Winters Lane, Baltimore.

BROWN JR.-BARTEE, Lacey C. 22, of 426 New Pittsburg Ave. and Roberta E. 23, of 805 I St., Baltimore.

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