Blind man guilty of murder, arson described as 'fastest man alive'

On Friday in Criminal Court Judge Stuart Hamill found George Terry, 47, 2400 block Madison Ave., guilty of first degree murder in the Nov. 17, 1966 ice pick death of 71-year-old Mrs. Lucy Fields.

The jurist also found Terry guilty of setting three separate fires in the elderly woman's home in the 1600 block W. North Ave. where she was found with her clothes aflame in her living room about 12:15 p.m.

However, Leonard S. Freeman, Terry's attorney is asking for a new trial.

Mr. Freedman told the court it was physically impossible for the man who has one glass eye and stumbles as he walks to commit the crimes.

The lawyer added, "Unless he is the fastest blind man alive and a track star."

TO ACCOMPLISH the setting of the fires and the stabbing of the woman 20 times with an ice pick between the time a witness said he purchased the gasoline and the time another witness said he arrived back at his Madison Ave. home, here is what would have transpired:

Terry would have to run from the 1600 block W. North Ave. to a filling station five blocks away; purchase the gasoline; dash back five blocks to the death house; stab his victim 20 times in the living room; slop gasoline around the living room; spread gasoline around the dining room; run up three flights of steps and down the hall to a rear bedroom; throw gasoline around; set this fire; rush down to the dining room, set that fire; set the fire in the living room.

Then, dash out the front door; race home to the 2400 block Madison Ave., over seven long blocks away thru heavily traveled streets and intersections; ring the bell, wait for an answer; go to the second floor rear apartment of the a fellow tenant, a woman who cooked for him.

"All is less than 30 minutes?" Mr. Freedman asked the court, adding, "It would be the miracle of the ages."

INSTEAD, MR. FREEDMAN offered the theory that perhaps the elderly woman had been murdered previously by someone unknown.

The ice pick, he pointed out, was found later in the back yard by investigating firemen

And, presuming (in theory only) that Mr. Terry had set the fires, Mr. Freedman noted it still remains a mystery how he managed to fly around the three story house so quickly after he got the 30 cents worth of gasoline five blocks away.

THE TIMES of the various events that pointed to Terry as having been on the murder and arson scene "sometime" before the 12:15 p.m. alarm was sounded were established by witnesses who testified at the trial.

The fire department official who discovered the body said he received the call at 12:15 p.m.

Going into the living room he said he saw fire in the overstuffed chair and stumbled upon the body in the floor nearby. The gasoline can was by a coffee table, he stated.

He added, Mrs. Field's clothing was burning on her body; fires were burning in the dining room and the third floor back bedroom.

The attendant at a filling station five blocks away said it was about 11 or 11:30 p.m. when a man he thought was Terry came with a glass jar for gasoline.

He said he told him it was against the law to put gasoline in a jar, gave him a can, filled it and helped him across the street.

A man passing by the 1600 block W. North Ave. house said he saw the flames about 12 noon and a man running down the steps "with a peculiar gait like a horse racing." He made several attempts to enter the house and then turned in the alarm that was received at 12:15 p.m., he stated.

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MR. TERRY'S neighbor in his apartment house said he asked her to go help him pick out furniture at an East Baltimore second hand place about noon. The lady who cooks for him in another apartment said it was between 11:30 a.m. and 13 noon when she talked with him.

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ATTEMPTING to establish a motive for Mr. Terry's wanting to set the fires was Mrs. Edith Adams, Terry's girlfriend of six years who resided in the third floor rear bedroom of the North Ave. house.

She said she and Terry had broken up Oct. 23, 1966 and she moved from the Glen Forest Rd. house they had occupied as man and wife after he beat her up and "nearly killed her."

Mrs. Adams said her efforts were futile since he followed her to the North Ave. address and was frequently seen in the neighborhood and repeatedly called her on the phone.

She had seen him in the block Nov. 16 the night before the murder and fire, she told the court.

Stating Terry had called and threatened to "get everything in the house," Nov. 16, Mrs. Adams, Jennie Walker daughter of the deceased woman.

Also a resident of the North Ave. house, Mrs. Walker said she received a call from Terry the morning of the fire, about 8 a.m.

Clinton men get life in kidnap, rape of Washington nursery teacher

CONVICTED of first degree murder in the Nov. 26, 1963 strangulation death of 14-year-old Sharon Dale is William Calvert Robinson, who was just moved with his wife and five children from the vacant house where the teenager's body was found. Witnesses said at the trial last week Robinson stood in the crowd of some 300 persons who gathered in front the 900 block E. Eager St. house and watched as the body was carried out. The youngster's mother said he asked her what had happened. A jury with Levi M. Staten, 2100 block Leighton Ave., foreman five men and six women, three of them colored, returned the unanimous verdict in less than an hour insuring a penalty of life in prison.

PVT. RONALD LOCKMAN of Philadelphia, imprisoned for refusing to fight in Vietnam, after release from Fort Scott, Calif., cell: "I was really surprised and glad. I understand that it's one of the few times that it has happened."

Judge R. Dorsey Watkins sitting in Federal Court here Thursday sentenced two Clinton, Md. men to life in prison for the December, 1966 kidnap-rape of a Washington nursery school teacher.

The jurist commented, "This is the worst case I have ever been unfortunate enough to have to hear since I have been on the bench."

The two men found guilty by a jury on July 13 are Eugene Washington, 21, Clinton and John L. Weems, 25, who resided in the area but had no fixed address.

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ACCORDING TO records before the court the two men accosted the 23-year-old married teacher about 7 p.m. as she returned from downtown Washington Christmas shopping.

She was abducted as she got off the bus in front of her home in the 1800 block Savannah St., SE. Police later found her packaged in the snow at the bus stop.

Records before the court indicated she was released in the Oxen Hill area after 2 a.m. in record cold weather.

During the wild ride with the men the court was told she suffered beatings and was subsequently assaulted on the ground in a Clinton wooded area after her clothing was removed.

The location of the multiple attacks by both men was a short distance from Washington's home.

J. Franklin Bourne of St. Pleasant, Md. was the court appointed attorney for Washington while Weems was represented by Joseph Kouts, Baltimore attorney.

Representing the government were Arthur G. Murray, first assistant U.S. attorney and Paul M. Rosenberg, assistant U.S. attorney.

From The Docket

Emanuel Johnson, of the 1900 block Brunt St., was charged with assaulting his niece and held without bail for Grand Jury action by Judge John McGuire for cut slashing and yoking of an 11-year-old boy at the A and P on Franklintown Rd. Saturday.

Judge McGuire set his bail at $2,500.

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AT NORTHWESTERN, Mrs. Gloria Richardson, 3000 block Westwood Ave., pleaded no contest to the charge of shoplifting merchandise valued at $8 from Big Valu in Mondawmin.

Her attorney, Mrs. Juanita Mitchell, explained that the mother of five was distraught because her 14-year-old daughter had run away and had not been found.

Judge William Hudnet gave Mrs. Richardson probation without verdict.

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FOR THE unauthorized use of a 1964 Sedan, Joseph Holloway, 2100 block Allendale Rd. and James Stewart, 2100 block Elsinor Ave., were sentenced to three months in the House of Correction by Judge Joseph Kaufman, Northwestern Municipal Court on Sunday.

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HOLLOWAY, 19, also received an additional three-month sentence for resisting arrest.

Blind workshop concert

The Maryland Workshop for the Blind will present a Concert of Spiritual, Barbershop and Folk Music, on Tuesday, Oct. 24 at 8 p.m.

The affair will be held at the Howard Park Recreation Center, Liberty Heights Ave. near Woodlawn.

The group is composed of employees of the Maryland Workshop for the Blind led by Mrs. Bernard Anshell, and accompanied by Henry Davenport.

The tickets for 50 cents may be purchased from Earl Quay, Maryland Workshop for the Blind at 233-4567, or from Miss Nancy Bavato, Bureau of Recreation at MU. 5-5826. Mail and phone orders will be accepted.

Savings stamps sales fall promotions on in schools

'Any Stamps Today?' That was the big question at Charles Carroll Elementary School No. 34, Carey St. and Washington Blvd., last week when Postmaster Warren M. Bomberger and Mrs. Ruth Kramer, state representative for the U.S. Treasury, Savings Bonds Division, called on Mrs. Anna Bolton, principal, to assist in promotion of Savings Stamp sales to students.

The Treasury Department's School Savings Program, which is now in its 27 year, has been highly successful in helping youngsters of school age to begin saving for their future while supporting the Government's defense efforts.

THIS YEAR, students will receive a "Freedom Pledge" Wallet Card with their first purchase of stamps to certify their participation in the Savings Stamp Program and encourage them to save enough through stamps for the purchase of a bond before the school year ends.

Students who achieve this goal will be given a "Symbols of Freedom" Certificate, which certifies they have supported the cause of Freedom by purchasing a bond through the School Savings Program.

Stamps are available in denominations of 10, 25 and 50 cents, also $1 and $5. Albums for each denomination are furnished free.

Women invited to meeting

Women of all walks of life, all races and religions are invited to attend a meeting at 8 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 26 at the Second Presbyterian Church, St. Paul St. and Stratford Rd.

The event sponsored by the United Church Women of Baltimore will introduce a new movement for the American Women, which is helping citizens in other communities toward better understanding of religious and racial groups.

Mrs. Paul Brown a Kansas City, Mo. housewife and national coordinator of the Panel of American Women will be the main speaker.

THE ORGANIZATION which will be established here will be composed of women of different religious and racial groups who will volunteer to speak unsponsored and without fee at meetings or gatherings on such subjects as:

What does it feel like to be a Catholic? What does a colored mother really want for her children? If you're Jewish, how does the world look to you? How does a white Protestant woman feel about prejudice?

MRS. BROWN will counsel and train Baltimore women during the day Oct. 26. A demonstration panel will be presented at the conclusion of the evening's program.

Mrs. Anna K. Morgan, president of the United Church Women says it is believed that the Panel of American Women will become a vital tool in Baltimore to bring about better understanding of the religious and racial groups which make up our culture.

NCCJ dinner set Nov. 28

Frederick L. Wehr, chairman of the Executive Committee of the Monumental Life Insurance Company, has been named Chairman of the 39th Anniversary Dinner of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

The dinner will be held at the Eastwind, 9009 Pulaski Highway, on Tuesday, Nov. 28 at 7 p.m.

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NOTICE.

At the municipal election to be held in Baltimore City on November 7, 1967, the following ordinances authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to borrow money in the amounts, and for the general purposes hereinbelow indicated, will be submitted to the legal voters of Baltimore City for their approval or disapproval:

ORDINANCE NO. 1071
(Fire Department Loan)

An Ordinance to authorize the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore (pursuant to Chapter 3 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1963), to issue and sell its certificates of indebtedness to an amount not exceeding One Million Dollars ($1,000,000.00), the proceeds derived from the sale of the same to be used for, the cost of issuance, including the expense of engraving, printing, advertising, attorneys' fees, and all other incidental expenses connected therewith, and the remainder of such proceeds shall be used for the acquisition, by purchase, condemnation or in any other legal means, of land or property, or any rights therein, in the City of Baltimore, and for constructing and erecting on said land or property, or on any land or property now or hereafter owned by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, a building suitable for use by the Fire Department of Baltimore City, or any other facility to be used by the Fire Department of Baltimore City, and for doing any and all things necessary, proper or expedient in connection with or pertaining to any of all of the matters or things hereinbefore mentioned; to confer and impose upon the Commissioners of Finance of Baltimore City certain powers and duties; to authorize the submission of this ordinance to the legal voters of the City of Baltimore for their approval or disapproval, at the municipal election to be held in Baltimore City on Tuesday, the 7th day of November, 1967, and providing for the expenditure of the proceeds of sale of said certificates of indebtedness in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, and by the municipal agency designated in the annual Ordinance of Estimates of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore.

ORDINANCE NO. 1072
(Urban Renewal Loan)

An Ordinance to authorize the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore (pursuant to Chapter 444 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1961), to issue and sell its certificates of indebtedness to an amount not exceeding Three Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars ($3,900,000.00), the proceeds derived from the sale of the same to be used for the cost of issuance, including the expense of engraving, printing, advertising, attorneys' fees, and all other incidental expenses connected therewith, and the remainder of such proceeds shall be used for the acquisition, by purchase or condemnation or any other legal means, of land or property, or any rights therein, in the City of Baltimore, in the area generally bounded by Calhoun Street, Eager Street, Tyson Street and Park Avenue, and for constructing and erecting on said land or property a building, structure or facility to be known as "The Waxter Center for Senior Citizens," to be used for and for the acquisition, by purchase, condemnation or any other legal means, of land or property, or any rights therein, in the City of Baltimore, in the block of Eastern Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland, including, but not limited to, the construction, and reconstruction of new buildings, structures and facilities; additions, alterations and improvements to, and the modernization, rehabilitation and reconstruction of, existing buildings, structures and facilities; the construction, erection, relocation, paving and repaving of roads, walks, parking lots, and other facilities; acquiring and installing equipment for any and all buildings, structures or facilities authorized to be constructed or erected by the provisions hereof, and doing any and all things necessary, proper or expedient in connection with or pertaining to any of all of the matters or things hereinbefore mentioned; conferring and imposing upon the Commissioners of Finance of Baltimore City certain powers and duties; authorizing the submission of this ordinance to the legal voters of the City of Baltimore, for their approval or disapproval at the municipal election to be held in Baltimore City on Tuesday, the 7th day of November, 1967, and providing for the expenditure of the proceeds of sale of said certificates of indebtedness in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, and by the municipal agency designated in the annual Ordinance of Estimates of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore.

ORDINANCE NO. 1073
(Park and Recreation Loan)

An Ordinance to authorize the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore (pursuant to Chapter 528 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1967), to issue and sell its certificates of indebtedness to an amount not exceeding Three Million Six Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($3,650,000.00), the proceeds derived from the sale of the same to be used for the cost of issuance, including the expense of engraving, printing, advertising, attorneys' fees, and all other incidental expenses connected therewith, and the remainder of such proceeds shall be used for the acquisition, by purchase or condemnation or any other legal means, of land or property, or any rights therein, in the City of Baltimore, and for constructing and erecting on said land or property a building, structure or facility to be known as "The Waxter Center for Senior Citizens," to be used for and for the acquisition, by purchase, condemnation or any other legal means, of land or property, or any rights therein, in the City of Baltimore, and