—Tragedy smashes

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kitchen floor.

He was dead.

Homicide investigators said he had been struck by six bullets from a .38 caliber pistol.

Mrs. Grace Williams, 38, his wife employed as a teachers' aid at School No. 60, had left to pay a compelling visit to the Murder Squad at Police Headquarters.

Shock and dismay had rendered neighbors nearly speechless.

"They were so nice. That was the nicest couple on this block," whispered Mrs. Furman Strong, who lives next door to the well-kept house surrounded by a picket fence.

"They were so quiet, you never knew when they were home," said another neighbor, turning his head to hide tears as attendants from City Morgue eased Mr. Williams' body down the steps.

"They were nice to us, too," a youngster said starring at the attendants who slammed the door of the death wagon before it headed for the Medical Examiner's office.

Sgt. Frederick Buckmeister and Det. George Christian of the Murder Squad, like neighbors, are at a loss to explain what triggered the pre-holiday tragedy.

No testimony was offered Sunday in Homicide Court when Mrs. Grace Williams appeared for a preliminary hearing.

At the request of Det Christian, Judge Joseph Broccolino postponed the hearing to await action of the State's Attorney's office and the Grand Jury. She was ordered held without bail.

When Mrs. Williams appeared in court her face was bruised and swollen and her right eye was bloodshot.

Investigators declined to speculate on what occurred in the house between 8:45 a.m. and 2:20 p.m. Saturday when Western District rookie Patrolman Bernard Leilay responded to a call to find Mr. Williams dead in the kitchen.

On file at Western District is a stolen car report which shows that a 1964 Cadillac, registered in Mr. Williams' name was discovered missing at 6 a.m. Saturday.

Mrs. Williams made the discovery, according to the report, which adds that it was in its usual place when Mr. Williams left for work the previous night.

It was still being carried on the 'hot sheet' (stolen Car alert) late Sunday.

At presstime, investigators were trying to locate relatives of the couple, whose only known relative, neighbors reported, lived in New York.

Neighbors, still mumbling incoherently, switched their eyes from the house to police and a generous gathering of spectators as the death wagon pulled away.

It was 4:30 p.m. when bronze-face Sgt. H. W. White of the Traffic Division pulled the door behind him, put the key in pocket and pointed his car to Police Headquarters.

Christmas, 1968, for the "nice couple," had become a nightmare.

—King's birthday

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state and federal officials.

Petitions to this end are being circulated by the committee, seeking endorsements.

"One goal of the Afro-American Cultural Committee," this literature states, "is to develop and establish stronger cultural ties among black Americans or Afro-Americans in a more formal or organized setting.

"The calling for the promotion of Dr. King's birthday on Jan. 15 as a national Afro-American holiday, or a day of observance, fits in naturally with this goal."

Among the endorsers to establish the King holidays are:

Prince Hall Masons, John White's National Alliance of Postal and Federal Employees, Mrs. Juanita Jackson Mitchell, Samuel T. Daniels, Parren Mitchell and Walter Lively, the latter of whom are board members and technical advisors.

The Afro-American Culture Committee offers program planning for lectures, panel discussions, seminars, black culture workshops, exhibits and similar affairs.

Details are available by calling Mrs. Juanita Shearin, president, at 752-6911, ext. 55 or 56.

Other officials available at this number include Lloyd Taylor, advisor, Mrs. Catherine Carter, vice chairman, and Mrs. Bernice Walker.

$200 gift

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eyed.

One tot pointed to an undecorated tree in the room and explained, "somebody gave it to us."

Nodding her head was the grandmother who said quietly, "thank you very much."

At an Argyle Ave. apartment, Mrs. Santa's helper met the widowed mother of six who had written, "I'm trying to make it. . . I hope someone whill look into their hearts and help us."

When she was handed the $50 check the mother could not believe her eyes.

"Oh thank you so very much," she repeated over and over again.

At the home of the third family on East Eager St., Mrs. Santa's helper met the pretty 12-year-old who had written forhelp for her family of 11 children.

All of them gathered around as she and her mother talked with Mrs. Santa's helper.

Their father is ill with tuberculosis and unable to work. . . yes, this will help them have a merry Christmas, she said, as she took the $50 check and held it tightly in her hands.

* * *

No 4 family shared the windfall, lives in a Northeast Baltimore first floor apartment.

The mother had written, "I am a clerk typist under the Community Action program. I get $59 a week.

"I have five children. I would appreciate anything you can do. I would be happy with anything."

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-Teacher hurt

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front door, she told police.

He forced her against the wall, pressing a penknife against her body as he attempted to molest her, according to the complainant.

As she struggled to free herself, the assailant ordered her to accompany him outside to her parked car, the teacher told police.

When she refused, he stabbed her in the left side and in the left arm, she charged.

The attacker, unnerved by the screams, escaped by running north on Bolton St., she told police.

A neighbor carried the victim to Maryland General Hospital, where she is reported in satisfactory condition.

arrest, detectives cornered Victor Lopez, 21, who was spotted on the rooftop of a Sunnyside apartment house. They accused him of rape and burglary.

But apparently, it was only Mrs. Elber who paid much attention to that act. She noted that although Jones was three inches taller than Lopez, the two men had a definite facial resemblance.

* * *

Through desperate efforts, she got her client released on a $10,000 bail which Jones raised in three months. He then started to look for a handyman job to support his family.

By then, Lopez had pleaded guilty to two burglary charges and was sentenced to 35 years in Sing Sing. Mrs. Elber then went to District Attorney Mackell and pointed out similarities between the two men.

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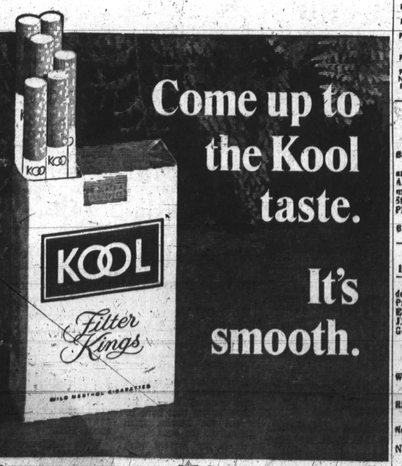

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SS activities group names three to board

The Social Security Administration Employees Activities Association has elected David McCoy, Donald Rusk and Irvin Sutton to the Board of Directors for the 1968-1969 term.

The association is a voluntary organization that provides a variety of services to Social Security employees working at the agency's headquarters in Woodlawn and in downtown Baltimore.

Among the many services that the association provides are: trips to Las Vegas at group rates, scholarships, athletics, a band and chorus, group life insurance and discounts on tickets at various social events.

In addition, the association maintains a branch post office in the Social Security building.

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Election rules get tentative approval

By MAX JOHNSON
AFRO Political Analyst

General Assembly rules for the election of Maryland's new governor to succeed Vice President-elect Spiro T. Agnew have been joint Senate-House of Delegates committee.

The committee is scheduled to meet again Friday for formal approval.

The rules follow closely an opinion on the coming election procedures rendered some days ago by Francis B. Burch, the states's attorney general.

Specific key points are:

1. The election will be an open one, with both chambers sitting in joint session.

2. Only a quorum of 93 of the 185-member Assembly and a majority vote of those present will declare a winner.

3. Paper ballots are to be used, which will name the Assembly member and the candidate of his choice, and done in alphabetical order with the reading clerk announcing each one given him.

4. One five-minute nominating speech would be permitted each candidate, and just two seconding speeches foreach with a two minute time limit.

Gov. Agnew has called the Assembly into special session on Jan. 6 to prepare to elect his successor.

He has announced he will resign in an address to the Assembly the following day.

Balloting on the new governor is not expected until that Jan. 7 date.

Meanwhile, Marvin Mandel, speaker of the House, is still generally seen a favoritea mong the candidates.

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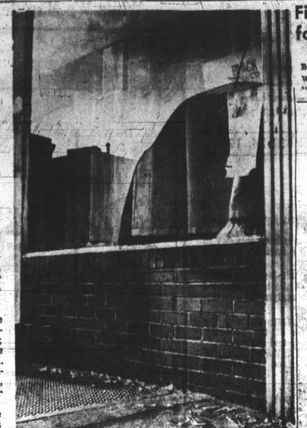
The candidates include:

William S. James, Senate president; Francis X. Gallagher, Baltimore attorney; Louis L. Goldstein, state comptroller; Carlton R. Sickles, former congressman; Dale Anderson, Baltimore County executive;

Harry R. Hughes, Senate majority leader; Thomas H. Lowe, House leader, and the Republicans: Rep. Rogers C. B. Morton.

The new governor will fill the two-year unexpired term of outgoing Gov. Agnew.



BOMB TARGET? — Police are investigating the mysterious smashing of the panel window in the local office of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, 632 Mosher St. Preliminary reports showed that it was hit by a fire bomb.

Fiedler set for gala here

Arthur Fiedler, the renowned conductor of the world-famous Boston "Pops" Orchestra will appear with the 90-piece Baltimore Symphony during the gala ball honoring Vice President-elect Spiro T. Agnew, in Batimore's Fifth Regiment Armory on January 24.

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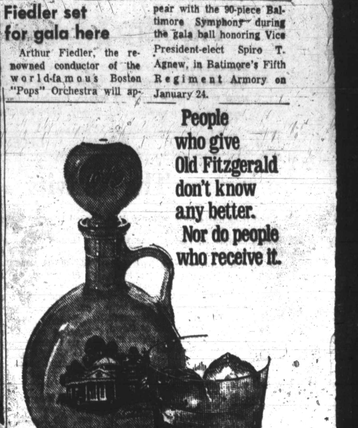

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Enrollment up 10,000 in state kindergartens

Maryland public kindergartens enrolled 52,500 children this fall, 10,000 more than last year, but only one school system in the state offered Kindergarten for the first time.

State superintendent of schools, James A. Sensenbaugh, whose agency has just compiled enrollment figures, says progress is too slow.

"The rising figures show that parents will send their children to kindergarten when they have the opportunity," Mr. Sensenbaugh said, "but not enough school systems provide the opportunity."

He said only one county, Wicomico, introduced kindergarten this year, with two others, Harford and Anne Arundel, significantly expanding theirs.

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Fourteen of the State's 24 counties now offer public kindergarten. They are Anne Arundel, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Calvert, Caroline, Garrett, Harford, Howard, Montgomery, Prince George's, Queen Anne's, St. Mary's, Washington, and Worcester.

Staffing estimates submitted for next school year indicate that some holdout counties may be planning to start kindergarten programs next fall.

Mr. Sensenbaugh said there is growing support in the General Assembly for legislation that would require each county to provide kindergartens.

"We have come to recognize the kindergarten year as an improtant beginning in a child's learning experience. Children who are denied that opportunity to learn start the first grade at a distinct disadvantage," the state school chief said.

The state began offering financial support for public kindergartens in 1967. Last year it paid out $3,970,000 for current expenses of those classes.

Meter bite off on 2 holidays

Acting Commissioner of Traffic, Hugo O. Liem Jr., has issued a reminder that no money need be put into parking meters on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Acting Commissioner Liem said that the only exceptions are the 24-hour parking meters in Sam Smith Park, Broadway Market Lots, and the City Hospital Parking Area. Money must be put into these meters everyday of the year.

Mr. Liem also added that all other parking and stopping prohibitions will be in effect in metered and unmetered areas.

Eastern High Chorus on TV

The Eastern High School Chorus Presented a special program in color of Christmas carols on The Women's Journal with June Thorne on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 21 on WMART-TV.

The chorus was under the direction of Glenn Bunch, chairman of the Music Department at Eastern, and Ruth Moyer, director of the Senior Chorus.

The chorus members appearing on The Women's Journal were Sylvia Allen, Lark Ball, Denise Beckham Buggs, Stephanie Birdsall, Sylvia Blackwell, Veronica Blackwell, Evelyn Buggs, Elizabeth Castle, Sharon Carton, Brenda Chapman, Carolyn Chance, Marv Clemens, Melva Coleman, Vivian rouse, Deborah Curtis, Kathy Dobropolski, Patricia Drayton, Betty Ervin, Jullie Fonseca, Marcia Flournoy, Jackie Garrett, Linda Gross, Beverly Jackson.

Brenda Johnson, Deborah Knight, Linda Krom, Linda Lang, Rita Lee, Claudia Lewis, Patricia Lloyd, Cynthia Mason, Janice Medders, Kay Murray, Valerie Patterson, Salle Patterson, Maxine Prioleau, Valerie Riddick, Sharon Reed, Patricia Richardson, Charmaine Robinson, Lydell Scott, Hope Smith, Paulette Stokes, Sharon Wells, Ramona Williams, Rain Willoughby, Patricia Winn and Noel Witte.

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