—Bathtub murder

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ron, the police and persons who were close to the victim, that Mrs. Sims knew the strangler.

Police reports show there were no signs of robbery, forced entry, scuffle nor traces of disorder in the apartment.

Mrs. Sims was buried Feb. 15 in Mount Calvary Cemetery after last rites at Ebenezer Baptist Church.

Her husband, Edward Eugene Sims, a chemical plant assistant foreman, was among mourners. They had been married eight years, had no children and were separated a few days before the tragic murder.

The grandmother said the husband came to stay with her after he heard of the death of his estranged wife and bringing his clothes, had remained there until the day after the funeral.

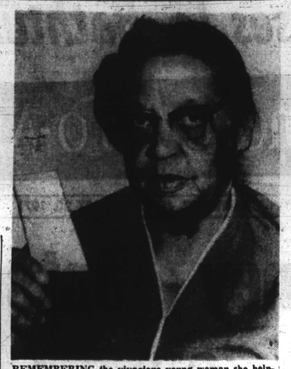
She said he expressed deep grief and kept repeating, "I can't believe it. I can't believe it."

Mrs. Hamlette revealed that her grandson-in-law had left the apartment he and his wife had shared the Saturday before the murder and afterward, her grand daughter had asked him to "take his clothes and get out."

She said they were separated previously and had gone back to housekeeping in the apartment last July or August.

Mrs. Sims was an Eastern High School 1960 graduate. She completed courses at Sinai Hospital to become assigned as an obstetrics technician, the post she held at her death.

She was a lifelong member of the Ebenezer church and sang on the choir.



REMEMBERING the vivacious young woman she helped to rear is Mrs. Lucy Hamlette, 1900 block N. aisquith St., grandmother of Mrs. Cynthia Sims who was murdered in under water in the bathtub of her home by a strangler police say she must have known.

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—AFRO urged

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will be available for the games at Poly, and 1200 for the one at CCB.

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Four years ago — in the early stages of the disorders at the basketball playoffs at Civic Center — AFRO Sports Editor Sam Lacy proposed that the quickest way to regain control of the situation would be to put a stop to "commercialization of the games, and return them to the school gyms where they belong."

This newspaper editorialized against the commercial aspect of high school basketball, pointing out that it was better to conduct a wholesome program "within the extra-curricula framework" where varsity sports belong, "than to expose these young people to outside elements bent on hoodlum tactics for the sake of an extra dollar."

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At that time, and on every occasion since when hooliganism marred the series, the AFRO beseeched school athletic officials to "get out of the public arenas and back in the schools."

Four years ago, it was suggested here that ticket sales for championship games might be handled in the homerooms of the schools involved, with one purchase only allowed for each ID card.

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There were very few complaints, but the one which critics considered the most valid was that youngsters in the other schools would want to see the games, and that they should be entitled to do so.

The answer to that was that the opportunity to buy the tickets was one reward for qualifying for the title series — and this in itself would serve as an incentive to become a part of the playoff.

Thursday night, MSA officials got around to thinking it was a good idea, or at least one worth trying.

—More white help needed

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ners last October has not yet been made public. "Our recommendations will be got at some other way," Froelicher commented.

Hans Froelicher was the headmaster of the Park School in Baltimore County from 1932 to 1956, and continues to hold the honorary position of headmaster emeritus there.

He is also a member of the National Association of Independent Schools, and is a consultant to its Committee on Educational Practices.

He serves as well on the board of the North Country School in Lake Placid, New York.

Born and raised in Baltimore, he came from an education-oriented family. Both of his parents were professors at Goucher College in Towson. One of his sons is a headmaster at an independent school, and his daughter is a teacher at Park School.

His wife, Frances Morton Froelicher, is also active in community affairs, until recently in the campaign for better housing and now working to fight air pollution.

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One of Mr. Froelicher's hobbies is photography; there were some beautiful examples of his work in the room in which we spoke with him. Though he refers to this as "just a hobby," some of his photographs are of distinctly professional quality.

Commenting later on the future of the schools in Baltimore, he praised the leadership in the city's schools, where, he said, "good things are happening."

But he added, "Baltimore can no longer support its schools on the tax from houses like mine and yours." He suggested that what is needed is an additional "equitable tax," perhaps based on income, to support the needs of the schools.

"The leadership is responsible to put the burden on us in the form of taxation," he emphasized. He feels that everyone, from the mayor to the parents to the Baltimore Teachers Union, must take more responsibility in this matter.

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In addition to money, he said, what the schools need for the future is "philosophical and spiritual leadership."

A member of the Homewood Friends' Meeting, a Quaker group, Mr. Froelicher has long been known for the emphasis he puts on love and respect between people.

Of the black community he says, "It's got fine leadership," but he adds that the leadership has the responsibility to relate to black youth, and implies that much will depend on how well this is done.

He said as well, "I don't think enough positive measures are being taken (toward better race relations) by the white community."

The Mayor's Task Force on Civil Rights in Education, which is about half black and half white, is clearly a step in the right direction, though. Improvements in the schools are central, he believes, to improving other aspects of life in the city.

now is that every child should want

And, he concluded, "What we need welcome and because there is an opand to achieve dignity."

Mrs. Pearl Burke, teacher at Dickey Hill Elementary School 201; Mrs. Dale Wallace, counsellor at Gwynns Falls Park Junior High School No. 191.

Also surviving are eight grandchildrei, 12 great grandchildren and neices, nephews and other relatives. Among the grandchildren are Mars. Lucia Hawthorne Harris, a Morgan State College associate professor; Mrs. Christine Worsley, an elementary specialist at School No. 78; Lawrence Hawthorne, a Morgan premed student; Miss Diane Worsley, a BJC student.

—3 ministers

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Brown was known for her daily Bible reading and kindiesses and understanding for others. The family requested contributions to the Harvey Johnson Community Center instead of flowers.

Surviving are a son, Everette Hawthorne, a Naval Academy Electrical engineer; three daughters, Mrs. Emma Davis, housewife;

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The books are also open for the registration of 18-year-olds up to 21. But those in this category must wait to vote in the presidential elections next year.

Registration requirements are that a citizen will have lived in the city for one year, or one year by the time of the elections this fall.

The books are open, too, for change of party affiliation, change of registration name for women who have married, and change of registered voting address for those who have moved.

Col. denies Font was 'harassed'

Lawyers for Lieut. Louis P. Font, who recently brought to light sub-standard living conditions at Ft. Meade, Tuesday filed with the Military Court of Appeals in Washington a request to stop the court-martial now pending against Font.

The action included also a request that various restrictions imposed on Lt. Font be lifted. If the requests are denied, the case will be taken to the Federal District Court in Baltimore for further appeal.

Lt. Font has been charged with five counts of disobedience, but he and his lawyers contend that these charges have been trumped-up in order to harass Font for taking 16 Cong. Parren Mitchell (D-7th District, Md.) complaints about the conditions in the barracks at the post.

Rep. Mitchell called the Army's action "vindictive harassment" and called, in a speech on the House floor, for an investigation of Font's case by the Office of the Secretary of the Army.

The Secretary of the Army referred the case to Col. Philo A. Hutcheson, who sent a letter to Rep. Mitchell's office stating clearly that the court-martial charges were in no way connected with Font's request for Rep. Mitchell to take action on the problems in the barracks.

The Army is currently conducting an Article 32 investigation, to determine whether or not a court-martial should take place.

But Font and his lawyers are convinced that the Army is simply punishing Font for making public an Army problem.

A colonel at Ft. Meade, was quoted by another officer as saying, "We are going to run a skewer through Lt. Font and put an apple in his mouth."

Russell will be guest of 3rd D. group

George L. Russell Jr., city solicitor, will be the guest speaker Thursday before the Third District Citizens for Good Government, in a third of the organization's public meetings on "The Future of the City."

The open meeting will be held 8 p.m. at the Faith Presbyterian Church, Woodbourne Ave. and Loch Raven Blvd.

Mr. Russell is the third possible candidate for mayor of Baltimore in the municipal elections this year to be invited to speak.

First was Robert C. Embry Jr., commissioner of the Department of Housing and Community Development, who has since said he will not seek the mayor's post.

Second was William D. Schaefer, president of the City Council, who is still very much in the race.

P. Mitchell backs Detention Act repeal

Maryland's Congressman Parren J. Mitchell announced this week he has co-sponsored legislation to repeal Title II of the Internal Security Act of 1950, the so-called "Emergency Detention Act."

The Emergency Detention Act provides that the President of the United States may declare the existence of an "internal security emergency" in any one of the following three events:

1. Invasion of the territory of the United States or its possessions;
2. Declaration of war by Congress; or
3. insurrection within the United States in aid of a foreign enemy.

Following such a declaration, Congressman Mitchell explained: "The President, acting through the attorney general, is authorized to apprehend and detain 'each person as to whom there is reasonable ground to believe that such person probably will engage in, or probably will conspire with others to engage in, acts of espionage or of sabotage.'"

He pointed out that America placed 110,000 Japanese-Americans in concentration camps during World War 2, and that Title II provides for maintenance of present concentration camps and the creation of new ones.

"I have co-sponsored this legislation," Congressman Mitchell said, "to Repal Title II because we must prevent the establishment and maintenance of concentration camps in this nation.

"In this time of fear, and over-reaction and racism, unless Title II is repealed, we may witness the speed and reckless utilizing of its provisions."

He said further:

"Representative Shirley Chisholm (D. New York), also a co-sponsor, has pointed out that although a majority of black persons in America do not even believe the Emergency Detention Act exists, people of color do have reason to fear laws of this nature.

"I am convinced," Congressman Mitchell said, "these camps can be used to detain blacks who seek the final emancipation for black Americans, for those who protest against our continued involvement in an escalating war in Southeast Asia, which now embraces Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos."

Milton Allen to speak at Drug Abuse seminar

Milton B. Allen, State's Attorney for Baltimore City, will be one of the speakers at a seminar on Medical/Legal Approaches to Drug Abuse to be held Saturday, February 20.

Originally scheduled for January 14 but postponed because of weather conditions, the seminar will take place in the Lord Baltimore Hotel.

Subjects to be discussed will range from the dilemmas judges face in handling drug abuse cases, to the feelings of law enforcement agencies in their responsibilities under current statutes.

Steven Sklar, Delegate from the 5th Legislative District, will serve as moderator as well as presenting his "Interpretation of Maryland's Drug Abuse Statutes."

Various medical and legal approaches to the drug abuse problem will be presented by several authorities in the field.

The other luncheon speaker will be Judge J. Gilbert Prendergast, and the conference wrap-up, a summary of the discussion groups, will be given by the Reverend Frederick J. Hanna.

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