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Death House Scene Of Two Murders

One woman in house, one in yard

PAUL EVANS

Neighbors shook in fear in the 600 block W. Mulberry St. this week.

One woman told the AFRO a man came to her door asking to use the phone to call police. He said he had stumbled across a dead body in the weeds beside a house across the street. The woman went to see. It was about 11 p.m. Monday.

She told the AFRO, "There she was. Dead. Her head bashed in. The vacant house beside the yard is not boarded up. The house has been the scene of two deaths. It's horrible. Another woman was brutally murdered there last year."

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The story of the double killing at this same address began in 1970.

Little more than a year has passed since the body of 67-year-old Miss Margaret White was found unclothed in the basement of the house located in the 600 block West Mulberry St.

According to testimony given at a January, 1971 trial for four youths accused of the criminal assault and murder of the matron "she had been struck over the head with a metal object at least 20 times."

Testimony by a doctor from the Medical Examiner's Office further revealed "and that had she not been strangled she would have died anyway of the gapping wound in her vagina and other internal injuries."

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Homicide detectives have revealed that the body of another woman, later identified as 41-year-old Miss Addie P. Hightower, was found Monday night (June 28, 1971) not far from the death house in the yard weeds.

Homicide detective John Wagner told the AFRO Miss Hightower resided in the 1400 block Brunt St. She had no family or other relatives whom they could contact for identification purposes. The matron's body was identified by a friend.

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DEATH HOUSE — This is the house where one woman was slain inside last year and another this week in the yard, remains a hazzard to life and well-being of the neighborhood. Residents report nightly it is the scene of intruders who prowl and growl inside, commit various sorts of illegal acts and indulge in use of dope. The body of the last murdered woman was found in the yard in weeds so high it was scarely visible. Police took away suspected murder weapons also found in the grass.

FOURTH OF JULY RITUAL has been for decades bathing in the city's many public pools and having summer fun on the scores of beaches nearby this East Coast town Should weather continue hot and sunny through the long holiday weekend, over 100,000 persons will make the traditional sojourn to celebrate the last long weekend until Labor Day. In the above photo by AFRO staff photographer, Benjamin Phillips IV, you can see about 200 persons splashing in the Druid Hill Park pool or basking a bit before returning to the water. Clifton Park pool, the largest, has had as many as 2,000 bathers present at one time. Fourth of July comes Sunday but is officially celebrated on Monday this year.

July 4th holiday underway

Summer torrents, flash floods and gusty winds are expected to dip in and out the 90-degree heat wave over the Fourth of July holiday weekend. But, weather prophets say, the disagreeable spots of un-4th of July-ish conditions will hardly hurt the celebration of the traditional outdoor fete.

In-between-sunshine will keep the day in shape for picnics and cookouts and the night free for fireworks just after dark at the stadium, in parks and at private parties.

Traffic officials urge a safe and sane holiday weekend and point to the

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Away for the holidays

Stanley Grant Faison, 28, 2500 block W. Baltimore St., made an unofficial departure from City Jail by going over a couple of walls on June 22.

It appears that he will therefore be "away over the holidays" and spend the Fourth enjoying a release from prison he granted himself without benefit of judge or jury.

Mr. Faison, who escaped the Baltimore Court House by leaping 20 feet from a second floor window as he awaited trial on April 30, 1967, is quite a jumper and a climber.

City Jail authorities report he decided to leave for "summer vacation" a

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STANLEY G. FAISON

$1½ million false arrest suit filed

ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

A downtown department store has been given until Aug. 17 to file an answer in Superior Court as defendant in a $1½ million false arrest suit.

The suit for damages was filed in Superior Court on June 30 by a former employee, Mrs. Evelyn J. Moore.

Through her attorney, Tucker R. Dearing, Mrs. Moore names the store

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18-year-olds may vote for new Mayor

Baltimore's newly enfranchised 18-year-olds get their first chance to vote in the historic Sept. 14 primary in which black candidates are making their initial serious bids for the city's top office.

Ohio on Wednesday night became the 38th state to ratify the 26th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, giving 18-year-olds the right to vote in state and local elections.

The Supreme Court had ruled earlier that citizens had the right to vote for federal officials at the age of 18.

Ratification of the amendment in three months and seven days set a new record for the approval of an amendment to the Constitution. The new law is effective immediately and the President's signature is not necessary, although he will formally approve it.

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For the moment it is not certain how the lowering of the voting age might affect this year's mayoralty election but it could have a major impact on what may be a field of six or more candidates.

Gene Raynor, assistant chief clerk at the Supervisors of Elections, told the AFRO approximately 2,000-3,800 voters between 18 and 21 have registered.

He said 1,600 of these were registered when his office went into inner-city high schools the last of May and first of June.

Raynor pointed out that any teenager who will be 18 by Nov. 2 can register now and will be eligible to vote not only in the general election but in the Sept. 14 primary.

New voters have until Aug. 16 to register in time for the Sept. 14 primary. Registration is at Supervisors of Elections office in

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An Open Letter to Russell, Mitchell

By MILTON B. ALLEN

With mounting anxiety I have watched the progress of the proposed mayoralty contest as it affects the two above-mentioned candidates and the black community of Baltimore.

My anxiety arises because of my concern about the two participants, as well as my deeper concern for the effect of this contest on the future political growth of Baltimore's black community.

I have gone over the various facts, conflicting as they might seem, extensively, and I find it difficult to escape the pervasive thought that this contest would utterly destroy the very delicately balanced political maturity that has grown up in the black community with the past two or three elections.

We have developed a sense of unity that has been effective in putting black folks at the decision making level.

What is about to happen in this election will totally destroy that sense of unity and deny us further entry into the decision making inner sanctum for many years to come.

You would allow the creation of a situation that can lead only to a political vendetta that will last for perhaps fifteen or twenty years and utterly destroy any hope of sustaining our drive for substantial political achievement here in Baltimore.

You would create two strong factions vying for domination, continually putting into power those elements in our community which have kept us oppressed for so long and would do naught but completely destroy the political strength of our community.

Do the Russell forces seriously contend that a Clarence Mitchell, attuned as he is to the constructive activist intelligentsia, can be ignored?

Do the Mitchell forces seriously think that an anti-Russell campaign that can but have the effect of insuring the election of Schaefer, not Mitchell, will be forgiven and forgotten in four years and that they can then bring forth their own candidate without a devastating challenge from the pro-Russells, which would insure the re-election of anothr Schaefer?

Has either side considered that each one owes absolutely everything to the black community and that they have no right to put the black community in this position?

Have they considered the impact of the fragmentation of solidarity on other city wide or district races in the future?

Have both sides considered that the politically deprived and oppressed demand and must receive special consideration for their special problems and have an entirely different set of political values than the white body politic, and that the fulfilling of these considerations and awareness of these values are burdens that each aspirant must bear?

If the election goes forward as presently planned, the loss in personal dignity and prestige to both participants will be considerable, but the loss to the black voting community will be immeasurable, as well as irreparable.

If the election goes forward as presently planned, one of you will clearly be cast in the role of the spoiler, a title that will be bestowed by the black community and follow the bearer for the balance of his life, aligning him with other ignoble beings who have occupied this role in the past.

Neither of you has any right to put his personal ambitions above the need for preservation of political unity in the black community.

One of you must withdraw, and not necessarily to assure a victory by the remaining candidate. The big issue — the vital issue — the only issue — is preservation of black unity, win, lose or draw.

MILTON B. ALLEN

AFRO carrier, Miss Whittaker, is Miss Teenage Baltimore

A high school freshman with a desire to help others will represent Baltimore in the first Annual Miss Black Teenage Maryland pageant, which will be held Saturday, July 10, at the Civic Center at 8:00 p.m.

Miss Minna Whittaker, 14-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Yancy Whittaker, of Hillsdale Rd., was chosen winner of the Miss Black Teenage Baltimore City Pageant held recently at the Pimlico Room.

She is an AFRO news carrier in her Forest Park neighborhood.

Selected from among 14 other girls, ranging in age from 13 to 16, Miss Whittaker won on the basis of poise, personality and talent as a modern jazz dancer.

Runners-up were Pamela Garnett, 4500 block The Strand, 14, second; and Bonnie Eila Ward, Unit block S. Morley Street, 15, third.

The winner of the Miss Black Teenage Maryland Pageant will receive many prizes including an all-expense paid trip to Atlanta to compete for the national title which will be a color telecast performance July 28.

Producer-director of the local and state pageant, Maurice "Hotrod" Hulbert, said funds from both shows will be given at the Balto. (sic) Scholarship Fund Inc. to help inner city children

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AFRO CARRIER WINS—14-year-old Minna Whittaker won the first annual Miss Black Teenage Baltimore City title at pageant held recently at the Embassy-Pimlico room. Here, she receives her trophy from City Councilman Robert Marshall (D. 4th).

CROSSING GUARD CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED JULY 6

Winners of the AFRO Favorite Crossing Guard Contest will be announced in next Tuesday's AFRO. The 18 winners will share $1,500 in prizes. Watch for their names in the July 6 AFRO.

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