Hillsboro Shopping Center located 7 miles west of Denton, the site of the recent Eastern Shore double slaying of Patricia Lee and Cynthia Marie Dean. The bodies of the two girls were found by police on the floor of the coin-operated laundry (arrow) run by their parents.

—Lily-white

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the two girls died of bullet wounds of the head and back.

The accused Morgan dropouts were arraigned last Friday afternoon in Denton, before Caroline County District Court Judge Marvin Smity. He ordered them held without bail on charges of homicide and robbery.

Judge Smith added that although the Supreme Court had recently ruled to abolish the death penalty, capital punishment could be invoked in their case.

A plea of not guilty was entered at that time by the two defendants.

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An exclusive interview with Tucker R. Dearing, General Counselor for the Baltimore Branch of the NAACP, revealed that he had been in touch with one of the defendants, Scott Caldwell and prison authorities while conducting preliminary investigation of the case.

Mr. Dearing admitted he was on the Shore recently gathering background information.

In talks with Scott Caldwell, Mr. Dearing disclosed that the defendant had met with a representative of the Salisbury Branch of the Public Defenders Office, but that talks had broken off when Caldwell requested the services of a black lawyer.

In turn, Mr. Dearing contacted the Public Defenders Office in Centerville, Md. and was "graciously" told that the Public Defenders Office had contacted the defendant and that he had refused their counsel.

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Mr. Dearing adds "they (Public Defenders Office) have not indicated that they will not enter the case, they have not sought the services of a black lawyer either."

In an effort to broaden his investigation of the case, Mr. Dearing will seek the aid of the black bar association in the near future.

He doubts that "the lily-white Public Defender System" of this state can guarantee due process and equal protection when 90 per cent of the clientele they defend are black people without proportionate black membership on its staff."

He further states, "Even if they can guarantee fair representation, they do not have nor can they maintain the confidence of the black community."

Conceding the point many blacks represented by the Public Defenders Office had been satisfied with white lawyers, he states it in no way reflects on the breach of constitutional rights posed by the denial of the services of a black lawyer to the defendant in this case.

In a case of this nature, Mr. Dearing argues that the Public Defense Fund would provide a "phalanx of white lawyers for the defense."

Mr. Dearing stated later that he will call upon "All decent and interested people" to assist him in the cause of equality and justice. — PCR.

—Sam Torsell

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the Rev. Mrs. Ida Torsell, have been leaders in the Catonsville community for many years.

Mr. Torsell, now slightly bent in age, will never be bent in the eyes of anyone who has ever known him. His energy is boundless.

This reporter remembers as a little boy sitting in church watching Mr. Torsell conduct the Church Choir while his wife played the organ.

The Torsells have attended Grace AME Church, 67½ Winters Ave. in Catonsville all their lives. They seem to never miss a Sunday.

Mr. Torsell owned and published "The Clarion," the first official paper for Grace AME Church which later became the voice of the Catonsville community.

Walking the eight miles to town, he came to Baltimore to attend school.

After school he would sell the AFRO for 3-cents a copy to pay his tuition. Then he would walk back home.

In an article written about Mr. Torsell in 1968, he still remembered the olden days.

"In 1907, Catonsville's colored citizens lived in 15 or 20 homes on Winiers Lane," he revealed.

"Those who had no horses or buggies walked into Baltimore. They mostly farmed for a living."

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Mr. Torsell stated in a 1953 letter to the AFRO, "I feel very close to the A.M.E. I go to the office every Tuesday and they are all such lovely people.

"I have dedicated my life [illegible] some home asking [illegible] to do [illegible]."

Mr. Torsell is still lovingly known as the Mayor of Catonsville. The veteran columnist is the historian for the Catonsville area.

He is also one of the organizers of the Elks Past Exalted Rulers Council of Baltimore No. 27.

SAM TORSELL

He and his wife still live in the house in which he was born. The house was built in 1881 by Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Torsell, his parents.

His wife, the Rev. Mrs. Torsell, and he taught music for many years. Mr. Torsell taught violin for 40 years.

His wife taught many children including my father, the piano.

Even now she gives this reporter tips on the church organ.

Mr. Torsell used to tell me stories about my family when I was small.

One story which proves the thoughtfulness of this man was told to me by my father.

It seems as though one Easter my father was sick and had to stay home due to the bad weather.

Mr. Torsell walked from the church all the way to Harristowne where my father lived.

Inspite of the bad weather he brought him some of the Easter candy so my father would not feel left out.

The Torsells will long be remembered by members of the Catonsville community. The AFRO will never forget him.

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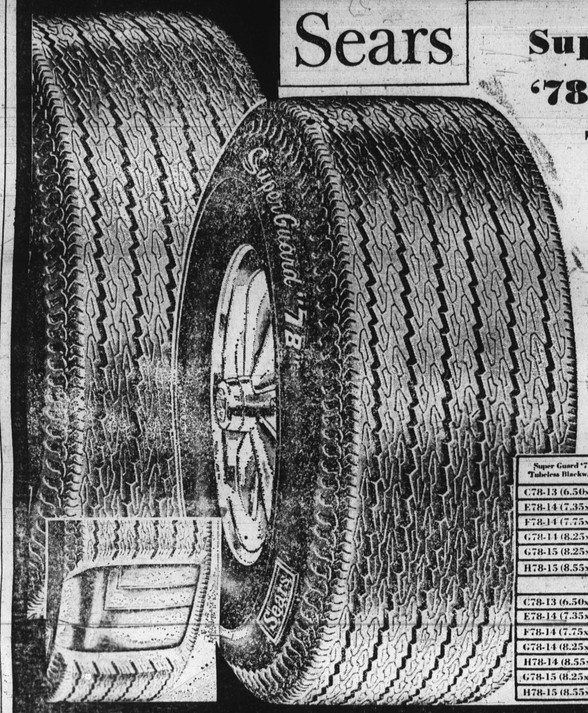

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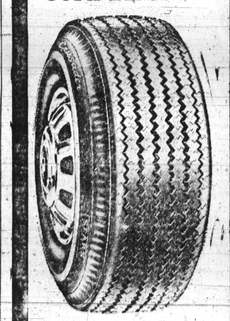

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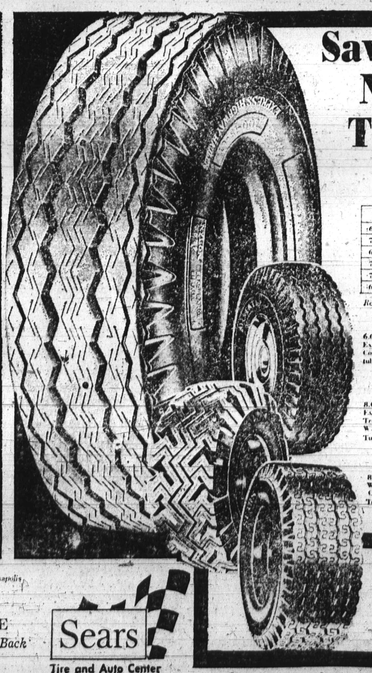

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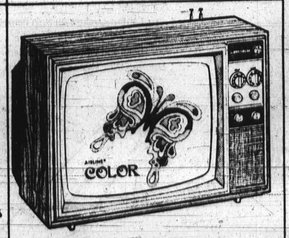

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