Masonic leader drowns while clamming on the Eastern Shore

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DESPONDENT WIDOWER TRIED TO REAR FAMILY BY HIMSELF

Father slays children, self

3 teenagers shot in head, twin girls, age 12, escape

BODIES ARE REMOVED from the home of Edward L. Pogue, in nearby Seat Pleasant, Md. 8/13 where police say Pogue, shot two of his children and a nephew and then turned the gun on himself. Two other children escaped to a nearby home of a family friend who called police.

By Pam Widgeon
and
Roman Hankewytz..

SEAT PLEASANT, Md. — Edward Leroy Pogue, 49, in this small predominately black town, near the nation's capital, was struggling alone to raise his five children.

The children's mother died of cancer in 1970. Mr. Pogue was always worried about not having enough money to take care of the children.

Around 9:45 a.m. on Aug. 13, police report Mr. Pogue killed his two children, a nephew and himself. Neighbors told the AFRO Mr. Pogue had been very much depressed because of financial problems.

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Prince George's County Police identified the dead teenagers as his son, and daughter; Edward Darrell Pogue, 16; Charnce Towana Pogue, 14 and a nephew, Dion Pogue Robinson, 15.

Mr. Pogue's twin daughters, Stacy and Tracy, age 12 managed to escape. Another daughter, Miss Sandy Pogue, 22, was not home at the time of the tragedy at the home, 6411 Greig St.

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Police report they received an anonymous call that Mr. Pogue was shooting his children. Pvt. Tony Camp stated he responded to 6411 Geigh St. and reports he had to shoot the dog in order to get inside the yard.

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Several police had surrounded the house dressed in bullet-proof vests. Using bullhorns, police called into the house but did not receive any response.

Police report four officers broke down the front door of the neat, yellow, split-level frame house and found Mr. Pogue in bed with a gun nearby.

He had shot himself in the head with a .32 caliber gun. In the second floor bedrooms, police rev they discovered three c dren. Each had been s in the head.

Stacy told police she was sleeping in the first floor bedroom and was awakened by noises. "I went into the living room and could see my brother sitting on the floor on the upstairs landing.

"He was covered with blood and saying, "look what you've done to me. I can't see, I am bleeding," Stacy was repeating what her brother had said.

Stacy then revealed she

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AFRO BIRTHDAY BABY—Born Aug. 12 only a few hours before the AFRO reached its 83rd birthday Aug. 13 Baby Boy Scott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel (Paulita Bass) Scott arrived at Sinai Hospital. Delighted grandparents are Mrs. Catherine and Herbert Bass, a 1969 AFRO Honor Roll member. (AFRO staff photo by Roman Hankewycz).

JOAN FREE

RALEIGH, N.C.

A racially mixed jury deliberated one hour and 21 minutes Friday before acquitting Joan Little, accused of murdering her white jailer with an ice pick during what she said was a sexual assault in her cell.

The state had charged that Miss Little, 21, had slain Clarence Alligood, 62, in an escape plot.

But the defense contended that the woman stabbed Alligood 11 times when he forced her to perform oral sex on him in the lonely cellblock where she was the only prisoner.

Jury Foreman Mark Nielson, a white 26-year-old stereo equipment salesman, read the jury's verdict:

"We find the defendant Joan Little not guilty."

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She dropped her head and put a handkerchief to her face and was hugged by two of her attorneys, Jerry Paul and Karen Galloway.

Reached at Washington, N.C., by telephone, Alligood's 62-year-old widow, Elsie, declined comment on the verdict.

"I might think of a lot of things, but I don't want to say nothing," she said.

"We all have feelings and that's all I can say."

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Miss Little was mobbed by reporters as she left the courtroom.

"It feels good," she said. "Freedom feels good."

She was greeted by about 75 cheering supporters outside the courthouse as she walked out surrounded by bodyguards and attorneys.

Miss Little still faces the remainder of her seven-to-15-year sentence for breaking and entering, which she began serving in June, 1974 and was serving at the time of the killing.

She is free on $15,000 bond pending an appeal that is now before the North Carolina Court of Appeals.

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Miss Little's mother, Mrs. Jesse Williams said, "I feel like a load has been lifted. I feel relaxed. It was a load."

Clarence Alligood, 42, one of the slain jailer's sons, said, "I don't see how this could have happened, really."

The jurors smiled at Miss Little and Paul as they walked past the defense table and filed out of the courtroom after delivering the verdict.

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Attorneys for both sides invoked the name of God in a day of impassioned final arguments before the second degree murder case went to the jury of six

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Miss Joan Little

"It feels good to be free

4 charged in state trooper's death

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (UPI photo) State police detectives subdue Albert E. (Chipper) White, the 4th and last suspect sought in the shotgun slaying of a state police sergeant on Kent Island, Md. White was arrested hitchhiking on the Kennedy Highway near Perry Hall. (UPI)

EDITOR'S NOTE — Suspects found guilty of murder of a police officer are subject under the new Maryland death penalty law to execution in the gas chamber.)

PERRYVILLE, MD. (UPI) — The last of four men suspected of killing State Trooper Wallace J. Mowbray at a Kent County liquor store last Saturday is in custody picked up while hitch-hiking north of Baltimore Aug. 12.

Albert E. White Jr., of no fixed address was caught and lodged in the Perryville Barracks for processing. CPL. Thomas Moore, a police spokesman, said he would probably be transferred to Centreville for a court hearing.

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White was captured only hours after about 500 policemen — some from as far away as New York — joined 300 Maryland police officers, Gov. Mandel and others at services for Mowbray at the Kent Island Methodist Church.

Mowbray, born in Cambridge and a resident of Chester, was buried about 40 miles South at the Dorchester Memorial Park in Cambridge.

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White had eluded a widening police search until Trooper Thomas J. Colbert spotted him on the North ramp to Interstate 95 leading from Route 222.

Colbert made a routine check because hitchhiking is illegal on interstate highways and immediately recognized White.

Mowbray, 39, father of three and a 13-year veteran of the force, was shot down Aug. 9 while checking the license tag on a van parked at a liquor store on Kent Island, not far from the Chesapeake Bay Bridge. Mowbray died at Baltimore University Hospital Aug. 10 morning.

Within hours, police arrested Richard C. Patterson, 29, of Reisterstown, his 24-year-old brother, Raymond D., of Glen Burnie, and Charles E. Watson, 28, also of Glen Burnie.

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Police said after the shooting and Watson and Richard Patterson abducted a Washington couple leaving a resturant near the liquor store, held a shotgun on the man and raped the woman.

Police arrested them at the Bay Bridge.

Police said Raymond Patterson and white apparently crossed the Chesapeake Bay by boat. Patterson was arrested in Arnold, near Annapolis.

Desegregation at Fallstaff left to staff

After over an hour of heated discussion and debate, the School Board decided Thursday to leave the matter of implementation of the desegregation plan at Fallstaff Middle School to the staff.

A large group of black parents from Grove Park Elementary School was present to recommend to the board that their children be allowed in the school as planned.

They argued that too many other students are coming from outside the Fallstaff area, thus moving their children out.

Most of the Grove Park students were assigned to Fallstaff in the spring but the parents received letters and calls last week informing them that their children had been reassigned to either Pimlico or Greenspring Jr. High schools.

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This was done to alleviate to predicted overcrowding at Fallstaff.

The school, the only integrated middle school in

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Sen. Bond sees freedom for Joan, blasts Ford

By Bryan D. Holt

Senator Julian Bond (D-Ga.) told a group of radio and television personalities Wednesday that he sees freedom for Joan Little in the North Carolina sex-murder case.

Applause met the Georgia legislator when he said, "It is you and people like you who set the wheels in motion for the process that will set Joan Little free within the next four or five days."

Mr. Bond was the keynote speaker at the NATRA (National Association of Television and Radio Announcers) convention at the Hilton.

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Speaking of Miss Little at a press conference earlier, he said, "I was quite impressed when I met Miss Little for the first time a couple of weeks ago.

"She seemed very much in control and has a great deal of strength."

Sen. Bond voiced approval of the defense counsel and the jury.

He states, "I can't see that the jury could do anything with the flimsy evidence presented by the state except set her free."

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Directing himself to the coming national elections, Bond says he does not foresee the possibility of a serious black presidential candidate.

The first black citizen ever nominated for vice-president, Sen. Bond announced recently that he has no intentions of seeking the office of U.S. president although he did recently become of age.

He said that he would consider the U.S. vice-presidency if nominated by someone he liked.

Sen. Bond states he definitely does not support President Gerald Ford for re-election.

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He said, "Gerald Ford hasn't been anything but an honest Richard Nixon.

"We want and need someone with intelligence, moral integrity and someone who is concerned with people.

"I'm afraid Ford is lacking in all those categories."

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Bond was unshaken by the recent announcement by Gov. George Wallace

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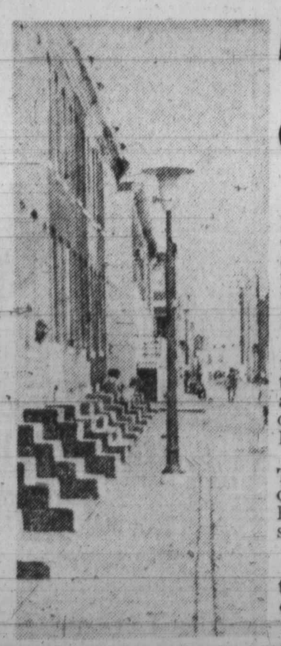

AFRO CLEAN BLOCK SCENE is coming-Tuesday in story and photos as the end of the 41st year approaches.

Masonic leader drowned in Bay

Former Grand Worthy Patron of the Myra Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star PHA, Samuel S. Henry, was drowned Wednesday evening on the Eastern Shore.

Extensive efforts were made by the Coast Guard to find the body which disappeared in the Sinnepuxcent Bay near Assateque Island Bridge.

The search was successful Thursday afternoon. According to a relative Mr. Henry was fund nearby the spot where he went down.

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Family members say that Mr. Henry was clam digging with his sons when the incident occurred at about 7 p.m. Aug. 13.

A daughter, Miss Eloise Henry, told the AFRO, "They were just about to come back home when it happened.

"My oldest brother, Sammy, said that my father was on his way to the boat when he stepped in a deep hole and lost his balance.

"He had clams tied around his waist."

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Miss Henry said that her father enjoyed fishing, clamming, and just being around the water.

Prince Hall Masons across the state were shocked to hear of Mr. Henry's death Thursday.

Mr. Henry was well-know across the state and many Baltimoreans recall he was present last month at the funeral services for Dr. Lillie M. Jackson. He served as OES Worthy Patron when Mrs. Margaret Dyer was Worthy Matron.

A member of the

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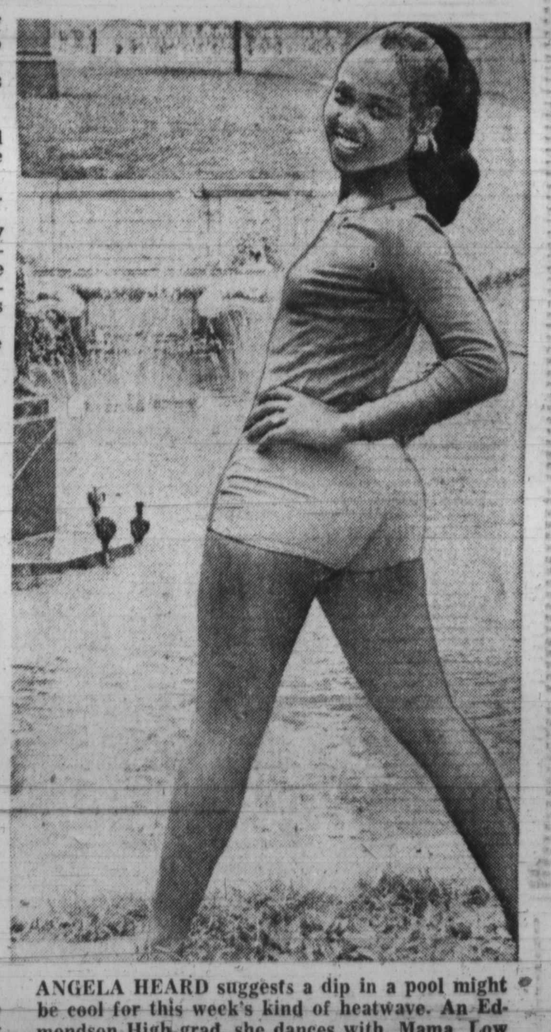

ANGELA HEARD suggests a dip in a pool might be cool for this week's kind of heatwave. An Edmondson High grad, she dances with Mama Low Park's troup at the Club Harlem, Atlantic City, next week and in September with Mercer Ellington in Detroit. A former Peabody Institute pupil, she is 20 years of age.

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