John Public Silent on Smith Murder

Grim silence and muffled expressions of sympathy and protest greeted AFRO-AMERICAN reports who sought comments on the tragic shooting of Wallace Smith, this week.

Of fifty "men on the street" asked what they thought of the affair, many preferred to remain silent.

Many Rumors

Some who stated that they did not wish to be quoted, however, told of various rumors going the rounds of the underworld.

One man questioned expressed doubt that simple robbery was the only motive behind the killing. This informant said that, while the facts may never reach the light of day, many of his acquaintances expressed the opinion that somebody had been paid to put the 72-year-old business man on the spot.

There was also a rumor that somebody had failed to pay a $50 race bet in the Druid Hill Avenue club, where Mr. Smith was slain.

Police officials, however, stick to the theory that robbery was the sole motive for the crime.

Express Options

Among those who expressed opinions were:

MRS. MINNIE DRUMMONDS, beautician, 733 Dolphin Street. She said: "I think it was a terrible thing, but I believe a man of his age should not have been there in the first place."

Other comments were:

W. L. COLBERT, 2014 Madison Avenue, retired businessman: "Sometimes the police let bad things go too far. But I think the offenders should be punished as speedily as possible."

THEODORE MILLER, 703 Massie Street, employee of Maryland Racing Commission: "I think it was an outrageous murder, and the guilty persons should be given the extreme penalties of the law."

HENRY RANDOLPH, 612 Brune Street, cook: "I didn't know Wallace Smith so very well, but I always thought he was a pretty fine fellow."

AUGUSTUS JONES, 532 Prestman Street, oil burner mechanic: "Wallace Smith was the type of man who never looked for trouble, and I can't see why anybody would want to harm him. I always thought he was a very fine sort of man."

LEROY SMITH, 1519 Druid Hill Avenue, pullman porter: "I didn't know Wallace Smith so well, but he always seemed to be a nice sort of man to me."

W. T. CHAPMAN, 920 Chase Street, messenger at Maryland Racing Commission: "I think there has been entirely too much willful and deliberate murder in this area where I was born, and this is the worst of them all."

CHARLES GREEN, 707 Monument Street, cement finisher: "I think there is a little too much crime in this city, but there must be support to stamp it out. We have only three colored police, and, instead of adding more, everybody is knocking them."

S. BROWN, 1719 N. Mount Street, waiter: "I think it was a cold-blooded affair. Men who will do such things, generally get a few years in the jails and come out and repeat their crimes."

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The congregational choir of St. Matthew Lutheran Church held its final rehearsal on Tuesday evening for the Christmas Eve candlelight service to be held on Sunday at 11 p.m.

This service will be preceded by singing of a variety of carols beginning at 10:15 p.m.

A regular monthly meeting of the women's group will be held Friday night at the church for business sessions and a social hour. The Sunday school and congregation will take part in a pageant to be given on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

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Mrs. Smith Undecided

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is roomy and thickly cushioned. The love seats, over-stuffed chairs and sofas appear to be nearly all tapestry, as it is only at the bottom that the woodwork shows.

The other pieces, such as end tables, magazine racks, etc., are in blond maple, streamlined in design.

The home is fitted throughout with blue Venetian blinds. The floor coverings are of thick brown loom carpets in neutral shades.

Wears Striking Rings

Mrs. Smith, who was married to the murdered man only six months ago, showed visible signs of weeping, but she was very cordial in her greeting to the reporter.

She was wearing a black velvet floor-length hostess coat, with a hood collar.

Her red brown hair was fluffed around her face. On her left hand were two large solitaire diamonds and the wedding band. At the time of the marriage, the stones were said to be among the most beautiful in the city.

In response to a comment of the soft beauty of the home, Mrs. Smith said:

"Mr. Smith loved it, and to think he lived only a short time to enjoy it."

The widow said she had never seen or heard of the persons charged with the killing.

"I knew very little about Mr. Smith's business, and never visited there, so I never had occasion to come in contact with any business associates," she said.

"The employees knew them, though, and that is the reason why the police were able to catch up with them so soon," she added.

"The employees knew who they were."

Mrs. Smith said she realized that nothing she could do would bring Mr. Smith back.

"But I am glad that those responsible have been caught, and I know the law will see that justice is done," she concluded.

Smith Fortune to Shift Again

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Smith is said to have been advised recently by his attorney to make a will, but said that he would take care of it a bit later.

In the event no will is found, the benefactor receiving the largest amount will be his wife by a second marriage, the former Mrs. Hazel Hughes, to whom the law will give a half of the estate and other benefits.

The latter will include $2,000, under a new State law which became effective in June of this year providing that the surviving spouse receive this amount in distribution in addition to an immediate allowance of $75.

Other Heirs

The balance of the estate will go to the heirs-at-law, who include:

Mrs. Katie Rhodes, Mrs. Marie Tilley, Mrs. Alicia Wheeler, Mrs. Nathaniel Wilson, Nathaniel Wilson, Jr., William, Thomas, Catherine, Samuel and another Thomas Wilson, all of whom are nieces and nephews, twice and thrice removed.

Callaway Testimonial Draws 1500

With prominent political, fraternal, church, and civic leaders from New York, Washington, and Maryland attending, Baltimoreans honored Marse S. Callaway as Citizen No. 1 in community achievement for 1939, Thursday night.

Approximately fifteen hundred persons crowded Bethel AME Church for the event.

Sponsored by the Citizens of Maryland, with the Rev. E. W. White as chairman and Carl Murphy, president of the AFRO-AMERICAN, as master of ceremonies, the testimonial marked the first elaborate affair of its kind to honor a fellow citizen for useful services to the community, and may be the beginning of an annual effort.

Following the formal opening of the program, three-minute greetings were extended to Mr. Callaway by representatives from various religious, educational, fraternal and civic organizations.

Mr. Murphy was forced to ring his bell on several of these speakers, denoting that their time was up.

Showed Ballot's Importance

Speaking for the Urban League, Edward S. Lewis stated that Mr. Callaway had shown the people the close relationship between the use of the ballot and their economic security.

John L. Berry, representing the business groups, said: "Marse Callaway is a smart politician, who has lifted his political horizons and become a statesman."

Dr. D. O. W. Holmes, president of Morgan College, remarked that all youths owe a deep debt of gratitude to Mr. Callaway for what he had accomplished for the schools.

Miss Hayman Sings

With the "Voice of the Wilderness" as her selection, Miss Coreanna Hayman, soloist on the program, almost "stole the show." Having received a tremendous ovation following the presentation of her selection, Miss Hayman, who is a senior at Wilberforce University, gave an encore with "The Star." She was accompanied by Milton Alcorn.

Harry O. Levin, chairman of the State Tax Commission; Francis E. Rivers, assistant States attorney, New York; Harry W. Nice, former governor of Maryland; Perry W. Howard, national committeeman; J. Finley Wilson, grand exalted ruler of the Elks; and Mrs. Mabel Bennett of Cambridge, Md., were the friends of Mr. Callaway, who extended their greetings on the program.

A Born Diplomat—Levin

"Twenty years ago, when we first met, I recognized merit and ability in Marse Callaway," Mr. Levin said, "and I soon learned that he had an outstanding genius for conciliation. The man is a born diplomat; he talks to governor or laborer with equal ease and persuasive powers."

Mr. Howard stated that Marse Callaway had done more for the people in Maryland than all the other people combined, and that former Governor Nice had helped the people here more than all the other governors combined had ever done.

Mr. Howard stated further that he thought Carl Murphy was really the greatest politician in Maryland, because of the editorial stand of his paper on politics.

Wife Gets Presentation

On behalf of the women of Maryland, Miss Ida R. Cummings presented Mrs. Julia D. Callaway with a basket of flowers and a traveling bag.

Cash donations and a gavel were presented to Mr. Callaway by Dr. Francis M. Wood, supervisor of colored schools in Baltimore.

In his response, Mr. Callaway stated that if the people would only stick together and fight for what they want, instead of begging, they will soon get somewhere.

Injecting a bit of humor, he said that preachers are probably the best politicians of all. "No one can do so many things and get by with it quite as well as a good preacher."

Credits Help of Friends

Mr. Callaway expressed his thanks for the testimonial and stated that most of his accomplishments had resulted from the help of his many friends.

Other musical selections on the program were by Augustus J. Holsey, the choir of Bethel AME Church, and the drum corps, Federal Post No. 19, American Legion.

The Rev. G. A. Crawley pronounced the benediction.

The citizens' committee on arrangements includes:

E. W. White, chairman; Edward N. Wilson, secretary; Carl J. Murphy, treasurer;

Mattie Coasey, Ida R. Cummings, Charles Dorsey, Estelle F. Pelleti, G. J. Garnett, Mary Hawkins, Albert Hardin, Clara E. Harris, Josiah F. Henry, Jr., K. Bertha Hurst, Linwood G. Kgreer, William N. Jones, Maud Lee, Edward S. Lewis, J. E. McMaster, Anna W. Taylor, Bertha Proctor, Martha B. Pulley, C. Y. Trigg, Elizabeth K. White, Mabel Whiting, Bertha Winston.

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Anne Arundel County Officials Want Equalization Put Off Until 1941

Anne Arundel County teachers and the State board of education are split over the question as to when the salaries are to be equalized.

Judge Calvin Chesnut in Federal Court will hand down a decree in the $490,000 teachers' salary case, fixing the date as soon as an agreement is reached.

Teachers Ask 1940 Date

According to Thurgood Marshall, NAACP attorney, chief counsel on the case, the teachers authorized him to ask that the salaries be equalized as of September, 1940.

The county board, stating that it needs time to change the tax levy, is asking that the equalization be postponed for a whole year, until January, 1941.

January Conference Set

Both sides will meet in conference in Annapolis, January 2, at 10 a.m., in order to effect a compromise.

The board turned down a compromise offer to make the equalization effective in September, 1940, and pay the increases due in January, 1941.

The NAACP filed the suit on behalf of Walter Mills, Camp Parole teacher-principal, and was granted an injunction in November by Judge Chesnut against the Anne Arundel School Board, outlawing its salary scale, which discriminated in the salaries of colored and white teachers.

Morgan Can't Return Gifts of $36,000

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first, that if church gifts were returned, it would be necessary to hand back also the subscriptions of all individual persons in the campaign.

Opposition forces held also that had the State and the General Education Board known that the church would one day ask the return of subscriptions, they would not have agreed to put in their share.

The committee found that Morgan can spend only its $305,000 assets for the educational purposes set forth in its original charter.

New Building Proposed

Also considered at Saturday's meeting was a proposal to erect a $100,000 religious education building on the Rev. M. J. Naylor's property adjoining the campus.

Dr. Merrill J. Holmes, secretary of colored work in the Methodist Church, and H. E. Bollinger of Chicago, director of the Wesleyan Foundation, addressed the committee.

Mother Gets Aid

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cash, $5 from an AFRO employee who asked to remain anonymous, and $5 from the Big Sisters, an organization of young girls, who do charity and civic work.

Big Sisters Give Aid

The latter group also contributed a $5 basket of food and groceries. Miss Sophie Parker of 114 Ridgewood Road sent $1 to help, as did William Grost, AFRO linotype operator.

The Daniel Payne Elementary School and Elementary School No. 128, both in South Baltimore, also contributed baskets and a Booker Washington High School and a Douglass High Night School class provided food.

Clothes, food and a much-needed bed came from Mrs. J. Logan Jenkins and toys for the children from Mrs. Carrie Burton, 509 Bloom Street. Among the many others who have helped are:

Other Contributors

Mrs. Alberta Ballard, 1065 Myrtle Avenue; Mrs. Georgie Walker, 4409 Ivanhoe Avenue; Mrs. Rebecca Jones, 1745 Druid Hill; Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Harris, 545 Robert Street; Miss Ida Beale and Mrs. Sadie Williams, 523 Oxford Street; Miss Adeline Witherspoon, 1305 Druid Hill and E. S. Somerfield, 1045 Myrtle Avenue.

Many other persons have contacted the AFRO and Mr. Knox and have given aid but refused to divulge their names.

Although the appeal of Mrs. Barnes has brought many answers, she is in need of help until she can secure relief from the city.

Refused City Relief

She has been refused relief because of a technicality concerning the showing of proof that she has lived in the State one year. Landlords from whom she has rented have refused to give such proof because she still owes them rent.

Because of this, Mrs. Barnes and her three children, who range in age from thirteen months to five years, with the youngest dangerously ill with rickets, are living in the two-room basement of the Briscoe Street house.

Family Still in Need

Before aid reached her, she had only a small bed, a coal oil stove, and two benches as furniture. She is still in need of dishes and a stove on which to cook.

Pair Indicted in Smith Murder and One Other Robbery

Two men, arrested in connection with the slaying of Wallace Smith, 72, in the $150 hold-up of his bookmaking establishment at 1010 Druid Hill Avenue, Saturday, were indicted by the grand jury, Thursday.

The pair, William T. Sorrell, 28, ex-fighter, and Otis Harrell, 23, of 717 Sterling Street, were also indicted for their alleged implication in the hold-up of a truck driver on December 5.

The pair were sought after Michael Borowski, white, of 1805 Gough Street, reputedly identified them as the men who robbed him of $400. He told police that after making a whiskey delivery at 1031 E. Madison Street, he started his machine, prepared to finishing his route.

Took Truck and Money

The truck had moved but a few feet when two men leaped on the running board. Flashing a revolver, one of them made him move over while the other slid under the wheel and drove off. When they had reached Homewood Avenue and Eager Street, they frisked him of the money and drove off.

Approximately forty-five minutes later, the truck was found abandoned in the 500 block of Exeter Street. Most of the whiskey was found untouched. Police said they also found $69 in cancelled checks and cash.

Taken to Detective headquarters the driver pointed out pictures of the two men who were later connected with the fatal shooting of Wallace Smith.

Smith Buried Beside Brother

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school children, milled around the interment of McCulloh and Mother Streets.

Dressed in a brown pin-striped suit and wearing a matching tie and a gardenia, the body lay in a bronze metal half-couch casket lined with velvet. Behind the bier were members of the Masonic grand lodge of which Mr. Smith was a member.

THE LATE THOMAS R. SMITH

A Mason for Forty Years

He had belonged to Maryland Masons for more than forty years. Speaking for that order, Willard W. Allen, State grand master, referred to the deceased as one of the most consistent Masons he had known, and a person who had done much to advance the order in Maryland.

In reading the obituary, the Rev. C. Y. Trigg stated that Mr. Smith was a great benefactor, the greater portion of whose philanthropies were unknown to the public.

The Rev. Frederick Douglas, who officiated at the wedding of Mr. Smith, presided over the rites. He was assisted by Mr. Allen and the Rev. Mr. Trigg and the Rev. J. T. Bond. Two solos were furnished by Jerome Carrington. The eulogy was read by the Rev. Mr. Douglas. Mrs. George H. Holland was the mortician.

Widow Seems Up Well

Visibly moved, but bearing up remarkably well for a bride of six months, Mrs. Smith was accompanied by her son of a previous marriage, S. Bernard Hughes, Jr. Appearing to be affected greatly during the services was Mrs. Marie Tilley, niece, who was quite devoted to Mr. Smith and his late brother. She was escorted by her son and a friend.

Among those present were Mrs. S. Bernard Hughes, Gerald Hill, white, executor of Tom Smith's estate; W. L. Fitzgerald, Roy S. Bond, John H. Johnson, P. D. G. Pennington, William B. Dixon, and many of the men with whom the deceased had been closely associated in recent months.

Following a motorcycle police escort, Mr. Allen and fellow Masons accompanied the body to Mt. Auburn Cemetery.

Twenty-five Cars in Cortege

The twenty-five car procession did not pass the hotel on Druid Hill Avenue, as did the one bearing the body of Tom Smith, but the cemetery on the Annapolis Boulevard.

Heinekamp Urged to Run for Congress

Friends of William Heinekamp, member of the Maryland House of Delegates, Fifth District, are circulating a petition asking him to run for Congress in the Fourth District.

The petition is headed by the Rev. Alfred Holt. Delegate Heinekamp told the AFRO this week that his platform will be based on "America for the Americans," and "Voice of the People to Be Heard."

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Students at Douglass High School get the spirit as they sing Silent Night. Mr. Larkin is at the piano.

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Annapolis, Md.

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From Mayor Howard W. Jackson

Mayor of Baltimore

Above all times in the year, the Christmas season is one for the expression of good will, peace and love of fellowman.

In this spirit I extend to the officers of the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers, the members of its staff and its many readers, my personal and official greetings and good wishes for a joyous Yuletide.

Baltimore, Md.

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From Bishop Edward T. Helfenstein

P.E. Bishop of Maryland

Once again it is my joy and privilege to wish you, one and all, a very happy Christmas. May the peace of God keep your hearts and minds in the assurance of His great gift to all people.

And for the New Year, may the blessings of Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you throughout all its days.

Baltimore, Md.

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From the Rev. G. F. Bragg, Jr.

Pastor, St. James P.E. Church

Our Lord was the interpretation of love itself, and He said that all of His followers would be distinguished and known by the sign of love of good will. In the real meaning of Christmas, may men of good will, everywhere, enjoy a happy and blessed Christmas.

Baltimore, Md.

From Dr. D. O. W. Holmes

It is very gratifying to be permitted to extend greetings on behalf of the students, faculty and trustees of Morgan State College to the extensive audience reached by the AFRO-AMERICAN.

With our greetings we are reluctant to express our grief that man's inhumanity to man seems to have increased in the world rather than to have shaded since the last Yuletide season.

Yet, in spite of all our hopes and prayers, the world today seems very sick. Because of this, there is need for all who believe in the ultimate triumph of right and justice to cling fervently to the hope that peace and good will toward men may be speedily established in the earth.

We wish for all our friends great happiness at Christmas and great joy in the coming year.

Baltimore, Md.

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From Edward S. Lewis

Peace, democracy, and security represent the yearnings of millions of people in this and other lands.

As we observe the birth of the Prince of Peace, we should dedicate ourselves anew to the abatement of these ideals, not only for our people, but also for all those who suffer under the yoke of tyranny.

To the AFRO-AMERICAN, a stalwart champion of human rights and to all of the incomparable friends in Baltimore who make the Urban League possible, I extend the warmest personal greetings of the season.

Baltimore, Md.

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From Father John T. Gillard

Secretary of St. Francis Convent

The "peace on earth" announced by the angels on that first Christmas night was for "men of good will." Good will is God's will. If today there is little peace on earth it is because there is lack of good will or conformity with God's will.

The humble shepherds and the Wise Men found peace when they found Christ. Modern shepherds and wise men will find it in Christ.

My Christmas wish, therefore, is that the peace of the Infant Savior will fill the hearts of all our people with that joy which the world knows not and which is more aptly expressed by "Happy Christmas" than "Merry Christmas."

Baltimore, Md.

From the Rev. John T. Colbert

Pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church

Let us keep the true Christmas spirit in our hearts and lives as we enter into the joys of the season.

In all our work, merriment and worship, let the underlying thought in us be the true reverence of the Christ who took upon Himself the form of man and came to the earth to reconcile man to God and redeem him from sin. May you share fully in the joys of the Christmas season.

Baltimore, Md.

From the Rev. A. J. Mitchell

Superintendent, South Baltimore District, A.M.E. Church

The year of 1939 has been full of thrilling and exciting events. One which overshadows all is the World War, with its great toll in death and human suffering.

Though removed from us by many miles, Christianity teaches us that those who suffer are our brothers and we feel the urge of Christ's spirit, made vocal by the angels when they sang "Peace on earth, good will toward men."

Pray for Peace

And may we from our castles and temporary security pray that God and human cooperation may bring to the world an early peace.

May we all, black and white, in the name of the Christ, dedicate ourselves to the bringing into human society everywhere those high ideals of Christian brotherhood and fellowship for which Christ lived and died.

Baltimore, Md.

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From the Rev. A. J. Payne

Pastor of Enon Baptist Church

To my many friends and members, I take this means of expressing my appreciation for your co-operation during 1939, and wish for you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Baltimore, Md.

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From C. C. Spaulding

Pres., N.C. Mutual Insurance Co.

Here in America we can still celebrate the Christmas season in the Yuletide spirit of "peace on earth, good will toward men."

May we take this occasion to extend best wishes for a merry Christmas and a bright and prosperous New Year to the press, our fellow business institutions, our policyholders, and friends generally.

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Giving Gifts

The first Christmas gifts were brought by the shepherds to the Christ child after they had heard the song and message of the angels.

They followed the Wise Men from the East with their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrth.

The Origin of Gifts

Giving gifts originated with the early Romans when lamps were given that the year might be full of light. Silver and gold, that it be prosperous and sweetmeats, that it be attended with all good things.

Sixteen century gifts were tied in bundles—something pleasant—something useful—and something for discipline—perhaps candy, pencil or a birch rod.

The children of Syria received their gifts from the gentle camel of Jesus, the youngest camel to accompany the Wise Men.

In Holland and Belgium, the gifts are brought by St. Nicholas, in Denmark by an elf, the Julenisse; in Greece, St. Basil is the bestowing saint and in America there is our famous Santa Claus.