Pulley Crushes Man to Death

Wilbur Forrester, 46, of 1025 W. Lanvale Street, was crushed to death between a belt and a pulley, Tuesday, when his clothing caught in the machinery on which he was working in an oyster shell factory.

His employer at the Potomac Poultry Company, at Newgate and Grundy Streets, said that Forrester had been working there for ten years.

Applying Belt Dressing

The accident occurred while he was applying the belt dressing on the conveyer belt in the grinding room of the oyster shell factory.

The machinery was stopped and the body released by fellow employees, including Richard Blackwell, of 830 Harlem Avenue, Luke Wagner of 38 S. Bond Street, Richard Boyd of 1529 Mulliken Street, and Joseph Williams of 352 W. Biddle Street.

Forrester was pronounced dead on arrival at the City Hospitals. His car and personal effects were taken to the Eastern police station.

Funeral Services Saturday

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, at 1 p.m., at Enon Baptist Church, where he was a member of the usher board. The Revs. A. J. Payne and W. W. Allen will officiate. The body will be interred at Arbutus cemetery.

Mr. Forrester leaves a widow, Mrs. Edmonia E. Forrester; a son, Wilbur Jr.; a stepson, Daniel Stewart; a father, David Forrester and four sisters, and three brothers.

$12,000 Fortune Brings Many Woes

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Everybody, it seems, is out to get the $12,000 fortune found by Joseph Johnson, 70, brick cleaner, while working on the demolition of a building, last week, and, according to him, "things are in a mess."

Named for 10 Years by LaGuardia

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gets the job because he's qualified for it."

Magistrate Paige, who was appointed to his present post in September, 1936, will fill the vacancy created by the retirement, on December 31, of Justice Albert V. B. Voorhees.

His salary of $12,000, will be less the 10 per cent reduction instituted by the mayor, last March. As magistrate he has received $10,000 with a 5 per cent deduction.

Magistrate Paige is a graduate of Howard University and the Columbia University School of Law. He is married and the father of two small daughters.

Baltimore Hosts Zeta Sorors

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tax and the freeing of the South's population. They should insist that voters register so that they can exercise their right of franchise.

Camerade Luncheon

The camerade luncheon was the first of the closed sessions to be held in the 1939 book, and was followed by a public session at which Miss Nannie H. Burroughs, president of the National Trade and Professional School for Women at Lincoln Heights, Washington, was speaker.

Sessions will continue today (Friday) and Saturday.

Map Plans for New Recreation Set-Up

The first step in setting the new municipal recreation department in motion will be made, Tuesday, when employees of the various agencies will meet with Harold S. Callowhill, general director, for a conference.

It has been announced that all workers who have passed the recent civil service examinations will be blanketed into the new setup, No Worker Yet

Although no director for the colored division has yet been selected, the commission has several candidates before it for consideration, and a head will be named at an early date. William H. McAbee a member of the commission stated.

The aim is, he said, to secure the very best person available for the job.

One-Day Pneumonia Attack Kills C. Carter

Claggett Carter, 27, of 1904 McCulloh Street, who was stricken with pneumonia on Thursday of last week and died on Friday, was buried in Arbutus Memorial Park, Tuesday, following funeral services at the Gaddis Funeral Home.

Mr. Carter had served Mrs. Sarah Diggs as chauffeur for the past seven years. Previously he worked in a local grocery chain store and was one of the best in work there.

He was a native Baltimorean and attended the Douglass High School, where he was outstanding as a violin player. Survivors include two aunts and two cousins.

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LIQUID TABLETS SALVE NOSE DROPS

STORE EMPLOYEES HAVE PARTY

Employees of J. J. Brill five- and ten-cent store, Baltimore, celebrating at a Christmas party in cellar of Samuel Jones, behind the bar. In the photo are Sarah Burman, Nathaniel Kaufman, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Daugherty, May Goldberg, Francis Hawkins, Max Goldberg, Arthur Kay, Rose Miswinskey, and Daniel Carter.

Wife's Liking of Girls Fatal

PHILADELPHIA—Taunted to mental distraction by her alleged boasting of intimacies with several other women, Walter Walker, 49, a construction laborer, of 1736 N. Twenty-first Street, fatally shot his common-law mate, Carrie Lyles, 27, Saturday, during a heated argument in their apartment.

The sordid story, which ended in tragedy, was one of the ten violent deaths resulting from fires, accidents, and quarrels, which marred the holiday week-end.

Heaviest toll was taken by automobile accidents, which resulted in five deaths. Homicides accounted for three, and two were burned to death. Still two more victims lie perilously injured in the hospital and are not expected to recover.

Many Slain

Those killed were:

Homicide: Davis Williams, 40, of 938 S. Fifth Street; Charles Johnson, 28, of 621 N. Thirty-ninth Street; and Miss Lyles.

Automobile accidents: Mrs. Helen Powell, 33; June Powell, 2, Mrs. Rita Byrd, 70; Harry Nagle, 60, and James Owens, 62.

Fires: John Wilson, 68, and Willie Devine, 35.

Seriously injured: Mrs. Phoebe Blackson, 79 (by fire), and Robert Coleman, 59 (shot).

Confessed to Shooting

According to police, Walker, who allegedly confessed to shooting Miss Lyles, said that for the past six months of the two years that they have been living together, the victim had been having "affairs" with other women.

She was continually "bragging" about the fact, the accused said, and despite his pleas, would not stop her actions. She constantly attended "parties" where only women were present, Walker said, and only the week before had gone to one of these affairs after he had begged her for an hour not to do so.

Saw Woman Intimate

Saturday, Walker said, the two attended a holiday party at 1818 N. Eighteenth Street and on the way home, the victim insisted on stopping to see a woman who lived at 1816 N. Eighteenth Street, whom the accused said was one of her intimates, and employed in the same cigar factory where Miss Lyles worked.

He went home and when Miss Lyles came in later, the old argument flared up again. Driven momentarily insane by her taunting, Walker drew a pistol. During the next few minutes of grappling, Miss Lyles was shot in the chest, police say.

Walter Brown of 2431 Stewart Street, and Benny Dandridge, a roomer, told police they heard the shot and then Walker rushed down to Dandridge's room and asked them to help get Miss Lyles to the hospital.

Died in Hospital

She was taken to the Lankenau Hospital in a passing auto and died a few hours later.

Walker at first denied shooting his mate, blaming one of her girl friends, whom he said shot her in the street. An investigation by Detective Firman Hopkins disproved this, however, and when confronted by his fellow roomer, the prisoner broke down and confessed.

Capture Suspect

Captured in Broad Street station just as he was about to board a bus for Washington, Joseph Rivers, 32, of 312 Christian Street, allegedly confessed to shooting Davis Williams, 40, of 938 S. Fifth Street, Sunday.

The two had an argument in the rear court of 915 S. Fifth Street, according to police, and Rivers shot the victim and fled. Williams was rushed to the Pennsylvania Hospital but pronounced dead on arrival.

An hour later, Edward McGarvey, a patrolman, and Street Sergeant Abrams of the Seventh and Carpenter Street station were waiting for a bus in the Broad Street station. The victim was identified at the City Morgue by a cousin, Harry Williams, of 1522 Bainbridge Street.

Beaten after Fight

After seriously wounding Robert Coleman, 59, of 1519 S. Stillman Street, during a fight in a tap room at 1263 Point Breeze Avenue, Saturday, Lawrence Twyman, 38, of Church Street and Crescent Road, Wyncote, Pa., was severely beaten by bystanders who captured him.

Shot three times, Coleman was rushed to the Graduate Hospital, where physicians said his condition is very low. Resisting the efforts of bystanders who attempted to apprehend him, Twyman received a broken nose and a fractured leg. He was detained under police guard at the hospital, where he was taken to be treated for his injuries.

DR. GORDON B. HANCOCK TO SPEAK IN DETROIT

DETROIT—The Detroit Civic Rights Committee announces that Dr. Gordon B. Hancock of Richmond, Va., will be the Emancipation Day speaker, Monday, January 1, at Ebenezer AME Church.

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Appeal of Ax Rosie to Be Heard in January

An appeal in the case of Mrs. Martha (Ax Rosie) Rose, 38, Frederick, Md., woman who was sentenced to hang for the ax murder of her husband, Daniel, will be heard during the January term of the Maryland Court of Appeals.

Mrs. Rose was convicted in October by the Frederick Circuit Court, and if her appeal is turned down she will be the first woman to go to the gallows in the State since 1923.

First Male also Slain

She previously served a seven-year sentence for manslaughter in connection with the death of Charles Lucas, her husband, who was also said to have been slain with an ax.

It was learned that Mrs. Rose's father died in an insane asylum and her brother was hanged for murder, and members of the Frederick NAACP appealed to Governor Herbert R. O'Conor to commute her sentence on the ground that she was insane. No action will be taken until after the appeal is heard.

Leo Weinberg and E. Austin James, both white, are representing Mrs. Rose and Patrick H. Schnauffer and William C. Walsh are representing the State.

Rites Saturday for Mrs. C. F. Howard

Funeral services for Mrs. Caroline (Carrie) Fisher Howard, 72, aunt of Arthur Jones, Mutual Benefit Society agent, who died on Wednesday will be held Saturday at 1 p.m., at Faith Baptist Church, with the pastor, the Rev. Simon Williamson officiating.

Burial will follow in Mt. Auburn Cemetery. Mrs. Howard died suddenly at the home of her nephew, 2335 Ivy Avenue, Morgan Park on Wednesday after a brief illness. A native of South Boston, Va., she came here some forty-five years ago and was married to E. W. Howard, by the Rev. Garnet Waller.

Mr. Howard, who died in July 1935, was a well-known barber with a shop in the Plumbers Hall Apartments. There were no children. Although Mrs. Howard belonged to Macedonia Baptist Church at one time, she was a member at Faith Baptist Church which her sister, the late Miss Louisa B. Jones helped found. Besides Mr. Jones, she is survived by other nephews and nieces.

Elton C. Fax, Artist's Uncle, Buried Today

Funeral services for Elton Clay Fax, uncle of the well-known artist who is named for him, will be held today (Friday) at 1 p.m., at his home, 416 E. Federal Street.

Mr. Fax died at his home on Tuesday. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Margaret Fax, and two sisters. Burial will be in Arbulus Memorial Park.

Jim Crow at Coliseum Bars Basketball Fans

Litigants Agree Upon Conference

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until the school term beginning in September, 1940.

Counsel for the school board is insisting that the operative effect of the decree be postponed until January, 1941.

Hide Behind Budget Law

The contention of the board of education is that the new budget law in Anne Arundel County, forbidding county officials from paying out more monies than have been budgeted, will make it impossible for them to equalize salaries until a new budget is passed in 1941.

The joint committee attorney, however, holds that it is up to the board and county authorities to provide some method of meeting the conditions of the court decree by September, 1940, as agreed to.

Presents Alternative

At the meeting, Thursday, Mr. Marshall presented an alternative by which the Anne Arundel school authorities would pay the teachers the amount of money in the 1940 budget for the months of September to December, but that warrants for the additional amount for these months be issued to them. These warrants, he suggested, would be paid some time during the first six months in 1941.

Decree Filing Delayed

This the board was unwilling to do and asked that they be permitted to place the matter before the teachers in the meeting called for next Thursday. Judge Chesnut has agreed to postpone filing of the final decree until after this meeting.

The meeting is scheduled at 10 a.m. Officials of the Joint Committee on Teachers' Salaries in Maryland have suggested that there be a conference between them and the teachers at 9:30, at which time the new situation be discussed thoroughly. Mr. Marshall is expected to be present.

By ART CARTER

The ugly head of jim-crow popped up again in Baltimore athletic circles last week when colored fans were refused admission to basketball games at the Coliseum where one of the most attractive court programs ever offered in the city is currently being promoted.

The games are held weekly and feature the topnotch teams from various sections of the country, yet colored fans who help fill the coffers of the Coliseum management on other occasions have been barred from attendance at the games.

At boxing matches, the place has been open to colored fans and on several occasions colored organizations have rented the spot for dances.

Can't Locate Promoters

Efforts to ascertain who is responsible for the banning of colored fans were futile up to a late hour, Thursday.

Frequent calls at the Coliseum for Mike Kaplan and Lew Diamond, who promote the fight, for a definite statement of its policy and attitude toward the colored people. It should either admit strews, always found them out and reported were refused to Herb Brown, vice-president and athletic director at the University of Baltimore.

Brown also proved to be an elusive individual. He had always "just stepped out" and his secretary did not know anything about the promotion of the games.

Local citizens, including teachers, athletic coaches, prominent civic leaders, and fans from Washington who made efforts to see the games last week, were informed that all the tickets had been sold, yet white persons behind them in the line were sold tickets and admitted.

Coach Protests

Leonard U. Gibson, athletic director at Douglass High School, who was one of a group of people who were refused admission when the Oregon State College team played there recently, asserts that the Coliseum management should adopt a definite policy against colored fans to prevent embarrassment.

In a statement to the AFRO, Mr. Gibson asserted:

"The Coliseum sports center should come out and make a definite policy of the part of white school officials was responsible for the reason for the serious returement of John W. Woodhouse, who left the school system suddenly after over forty years of service, in February.

On the heels of the news came the resignation of Dr. Brooks Mitchell, white, professor of chemistry at Johns Hopkins University, who it is believed was forced to resign because he had dared admitting colored students.

Mrs. Ola Revel White, native Baltimorean and a popular member of the younger set, died suddenly in Chicago where she was studying at the University of Chicago.

Charles Hill, 13-year-old Colesville-Taylor pupil, drowned in Paint Branch, Falls, Mrs. Minnie Davis, Frederick County school teacher, was slain. Her husband, John, a barber, who was charged with her death was found not guilty in Circuit Court in Frederick.

This month also saw the paying of some $60,000 to the families of the ten workmen who died in the explosion at Moerbelle Tunnel in July, 1938.

Governor O'Conor dedicated the new $225,000 Morgan College library.

June

An audience of 15,000 heard "Wings Over Jordan" Choir at the Armory, while some 3,000 were turned away. Some persons substituted tickets and crowded the place and the Rev. J. Timothy Boddie, chairman of the committee in charge of the affair, was besieged with dissatisfied patrons who had paid but, because of the ticket shortage, were unable to enter.

Mayor Jackson appointed William H. McAbee, retired school principal, to Baltimore Recreation Commission and Dr. Herman Jackson to the City Planning Commission.

Dr. Herman G. Thompkins, South Baltimore physician, died. Some 10,000 persons attended Chick Webb's final rites at Waters AME Church. Estate of William S. Toney, mattress factory and odd-job worker, who died on May 29, was found to be $10,957.

Some seventy-two seniors were awarded degrees at Morgan College and heard speech by William Pickens, former dean of the college and now director of branches of the NAACP.

July

Calvin Holmes, 1210 Druid Hill Avenue, fell to his death from a 28-foot scaffold while at work at Bethlehem Steel Company.

Mrs. Marie Tilley, 2521 Druid Hill Avenue, principal heir to the late Thomas H. Smith's fortune, was named defendant in a $750 suit by Alfred Moore, contractor.

Seventeen-year-old Anna Mathews, 1508 Division Street, was killed when a stolen auto in which she and eight companions were riding overturned on an embankment near Elkridge, Md.

Richard Hill Dies

Richard Hurst Hill, 33, secretary of Howard University, and a native Marylander, died at Johns Hopkins Hospital after a long illness in his home at Hillcrest in Frederick County, Md. George Smith, 50, city water bureau employee of 524 Sanford Place, was killed instantly when he was emerging from a manhole in the street. The white man, who was married and children, was later exonerated of all criminal responsibility.

Sixteen-year-old Julia Jackson of 1442 Pressman Street, allegedly shot and killed Milton Smith, 20, of 1630 Gilmor Street, Mrs. Ethel Mae Robinson, her mother. This was the outgrowth of a long neighborhood argument. The young girl was later freed.

Announcement was made that Washington Tackett, steel company laborer who died in October, 1938, left an estate of $10,000 which was divided among some twenty-five heirs, including Madame (Scrappy) Brown, manager of the Edgewater Giants' baseball team.

The remainder of the $1,217 war risk insurance of the late Christopher Lemon, who died in France in the World War was given to fifteen survivors.

August

A freak explosion of a water boiler in the beauty shop of Mrs. Olivia Mayo at 1152 Myrtle Avenue wrecked the shop and inflicted injuries on two women who were nearby, as well as damage to nearby houses.

Allen Price, 29, employee of a cleaning plant at 2118 Madison Avenue, died from shock received while using an electric drill.

Two pastors also made the news in August. The Rev. J. Timothy Boddie, pastor of Union Baptist Church and considered one of the prominent ministers of the city, admitted he was considering taking the pastorate of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Philadelphia and in September he did.

The Rev. Moses I. Tyree, pastor of Star Baptist Church, was in the news because the Mutual Benefit Society charged him with embezzling some $174 from them.

Custody Suit Lost

Also in court was Mrs. Elizabeth Furchess Young, Howard University co-ed who lost her fight to secure custody of her year-old son, from her father-in-law, Dr. Howard E. Young, local pharmacist.

Mrs. Emma Manns and Lonnie Branch, Mutual Benefit Society employees, sued the Pennsylvania State Hospital, was fined of the Baltimore in the September fatal beating of the Rev. James Griffin, 67, an inmate, by Attendant Kennedy. A county jury, despite testimony of Dr. Douglass W. Owens, white assistant physician at the hospital, that evidence showed that the Rev. Mr. Griffin died from bodily injuries.

George Watty Dies

George Watty, chancellor of the Knights of Pythians for thirty-one years, died at the age of 64 after being prostrated by a heavy rain to attend his rites. Miss Gertrude Brashear, teacher at the Booker Washington Junior High School, died.

Details relating to the sale of Morgan College to the State were finally completed and it was sold for $225,000. Morgan was overpowered by Virginia State in their annual Thanksgiving-Day classic in Morgan Stadium.

William N. Jones, AFRO war correspondent, returned home to lecture on the European War and predicted that there would be no serious fighting until the spring of 1940.

Church Split

After a long court fight, officers and laymen of Metropolitan Baptist Church were reinstated as the pastor, the Rev. Dexter R. Page, had denied them the right to participate in church activities.

In December, the church split into two separate organizations. One group is still holding services in the old building at McCulloh and Mosher Streets and has no pastor, and the Rev. Mr. Page's faction is worshiping at the annex of Orchard Street Methodist Church.

The annual Community Fund drive closed with District 5, under the leadership of Dr. J. Bradshaw Hagerty reporting some $6.315. The quota was only $5,200.

Hopkins Shuns Lewis

The Johns Hopkins graduate school denied admittance to Edward S. Lewis, executive secretary of the Baltimore Urban League to do graduate work in economics.

Mrs. Ida B. Hayward of Havre de Grace, wife of Samuel Hayward, AFRO collector and solicitor, died after a long illness.

Mrs. Viola Harris Gardner, wife of Reginald Gardner, Baltimore business man, lost her suit to block probation of the wall of her white spinster mother, Miss Minnie W. Upham, of Atlantic City, who left $110,000 to cousins in Missouri and Massachusetts.

Governor O'Conor named Carrington L. Davis, Dunbar school principal, to the Maryland Board of Mediation. Davis is a grand master of Masons; Josiah Henry, lawyer, and Carl Murphy, AFRO editor and five others to new trustee board of Morgan State College.

December

Some twenty-five ministers participated in funeral services of the Rev. James A. C. Green, 46, pastor of St. Matthew Methodist Church, who died suddenly.

Policewoman Violet Hill Whyte was promoted to Grade 1 police officer with advance in pay and was praised for her work by Capt. Lawrence King, commander of Northwestern district.

Bernard Hemsley, undertaker of 510 Robert Street, filed mandamus action through the NAACP for job as morgue keeper at City Hospitals, he claimed first on civil service exam list. City Hospitals answered the suit by employing him.

Miss Esther Carroll of 205 Witherspoon Road, asked $10,000 damages for being ejected from Pennsylvania Greyground Bus Company. Gaines was injured when it was in accident in Linghorne, Pa.

Years later, two other persons, Lascell Gallup, 921 Central Avenue, and Lee Kirk of 868 W. Franklin Street, asked $2,000 damages each from the same company. White guards in Philadelphia and New York, who sued for their cases settled at the trial table.

Wilson Estate

Inventory of the estate of the late Harry O. Wilson revealed that he left $71,511.

Wallace Smith, brother of the late Thomas R. Smith, was slain and William T. Sorrell, alias Young Peter Jackson, ex-boxer, and Otis Harrell, waiter, are awaiting trial in connection with his death.

Marse Calloway, honored at a testimonial by Maryland citizens, Ex-Governor Harry W. Nice was among the notables present.

Heating plant at Trinity AME Church exploded at the close of Sunday services, December 17, causing mild excitement in church. Damage estimated at $12.

Bricklayers Hired

Through the efforts of the Building Trades' Association and the Urban League, two colored bricklayers for the first time obtained jobs on the new housing project and are now working on Edgar Allen Poe, Project H, at Fremont and Lexington Streets.

Another police brutality case was recorded just before Christmas when Beverly Jones of Philadelphia was shot and killed by Sgt. Jonah Burke of the Northwestern district, who said he resisted arrest. The killing took place near the scene of the school-yard slaying of two youths at Laurens and Lexington Streets.

Students saw flames issuing from Carnegie Hall on Morgan State College campus, early Christmas Day, and prevented serious damage. Only the janitor's store-room was damaged, to the extent of $200.

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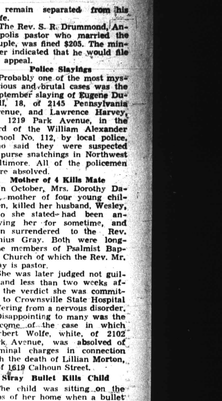

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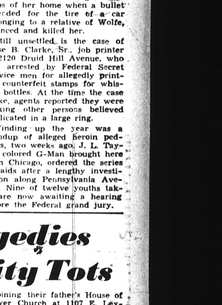

THE LATE RICHARD HURST HILL

Death Claims 2 Sportsmen in '39

The sporting circles in Baltimore were struck twice by death during 1939.

The first blow occured in August when James Gray (Sonny) Wise, 31, owner of Sonny's Cafe, a former lieutenant of the late Tom Smith, died, in his home.

Mr. Wise contracted a cold while attending the Henry Armstrong-Joe Ambers prize fight in New York. He died four days later.

The second blow came with the slaying of Wallace Smith, 72, in his bookie establishment at 1010 Druid Hill Avenue, Saturday, December 16.

Local racketeers said Mr. Smith, brother of the late Tom Smith, Democratic political leader, aided his brother in his enterprises, and several months prior to his own death, operated the bookie on Druid Hill Avenue.

Greyhound Bus Company for $50,000 damages alleging discrimination. The case is still pending in Federal Court.

Edward Younge, 793 George Street, and Andrew Chaney, 1122 Woodyear Street, won $400 prizes.

Dr. James R. Blake, East Baltimore physician was charged with performing an abortion on Mrs. Anna Mae Jones, 603 W. Lanvale Street, wife of Herbert Jones, assistant chef at the public school cafeteria employee. He was exonerated by the grand jury.

September

Policewoman Violet Hill Whyte faced a $10,000 suit brought by the Rev. John Crump, 74-year-old itinerant preacher, who charged her with false arrest and malicious prosecution in connection with a case involving the alleged improper relations with his 14-year-old granddaughter. The Rev. Mr. Crump's death a few weeks after the suit was filed nullified it.

The 700 block of Dolphin and and the 500 block of Bruce Street won the grand prizes in the AFRO's fifth annual Clean Block Campaign. William N. Jones, AFRO foreign correspondent, left for Europe to give AFRO readers first-hand news of the war.

School Case Brings Protest

Dr. Harvey Young, pharmacist, and one of the founders of the American Legion, died here.

Mrs. Frances Jackman Civis, white, was named substitute at Coppin Teachers' College in place of Miss A. Dukeye Woode, who was out ill. John Denues, white, supervisor of music stated it was because there were no competent colored music teachers available. The local NAACP and other civic groups disputed him.

Minority grand jury report of the May term characterized B. H. Sonderlund, superintendent of Cheltenham, as "inefficient and the institution as "poorly managed and in need of colored personnel."

Mrs. S. Octavia Washington, member of the executive board of Elks and organizer of Southern Temple, died.

October

A pet dog of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Watson turned her of fire in her home at 1031 Harlem Avenue, when did $1,000 damage and destroyed the entire first floor.

Mrs. Martha (Ax Rosie) Rose, 38, Frederick, Md., was sentenced to death for the ax murder of her husband, Daniel, Mrs. Rose's father and brother were hanged for murder, and members of the Frederick NAACP appealed to Governor Herbert R. O'Conor to commute her sentence on the ground that she was insane. No action will be taken until after the appeal is heard.

Mrs. Cora L. Miles, of 204 N. Carrollton Avenue, died.

1939 in Review

$490,000 Teachers' Salary Suit Outstanding Incident

By BETTYE MURPHY

Baltimore had its share of joy, sorrow, civic achievement, and generally interesting happenings, during 1939, making the year rank way above the average as years go, according to a survey made here this week.

Probably the most far-reaching and most outstanding in the way of achievement was the favorable decision in the $490,000 NAACP suit to equalize salaries of teachers in Maryland.

Lasted 7 Months

The case opened in the courts in February, went through a series of legal entanglements until finally in November, Federal Judge W. Calvin Chesnut ordered the Anne Arundel County School Board from discrimination in salaries of colored and white teachers.

Here's a brief review of some of the news events during the year:

January

Herbert R. O'Conor, Democrat elected Governor of Maryland to succeed Harry W. Nice, Republican, promised to be "Governor of all the people." He said pledged there would be no discrimination in his administration.

February

February brought a surprise in the form of the will of the late Senator Joseph I. France, white, who left a $150 monthly trust fund to Mrs. Mamie Lee Wise of the late Dr. Ernest Lyon, consul of Liberia.

Death didn't take a holiday this month. Baltimore lost three of its outstanding citizens.

Mrs. Mamie A. Brown, wife of Dr. Harry Brown, and mother of the Anne Wiggins Brown Petty, star of "Porgy and Bess," died after a short illness.

Throngs paid respect to her despite the heavy rain which fell during the rites held at St. James PE Church, where she had been a member and choir soloist for a number of years.

Wilson Estate Overestimated

Some 1,500 persons braved the rain to attend final rites for Mrs. Estella Carr, principal of Elementary School 105, and for a number of years a worker and organizer in the community.

The other death during the month was that of Harry O. Wilson, wealthy banker and founder and president of the Mutual Benefit Society. Although his estate was estimated to be in excess of $200,000, inventory filed this month (December) showed that he left only $71,500.

Toward the end of the month,

another case of alleged discrimination at the Central Branch of the Enoch Pratt Library, made the front page of the news. Lawrence Draper, a Douglass High School student, was refused a card by Edgar Allen Poe room by an attendant. Librarian Joseph Wheeler made a public apology.

Governor O'Conor named two persons in his so-called green bag appointments—Dr. Robert Jackson to succeed Dr. Harry Allen as coroner, and Josiah Henry, to a post as justice of the peace. Neither ever served.

March

March found Mrs. Blanche Davis, local school teacher, securing a divorce from J. Stewart Davis, once prominent lawyer, who disappeared five years ago and has never been heard from since.

Dr. John Coasey and Edward Haywood each won $75,000 prizes.

Dr. J. Leslie Jones, Ulysses Callis, Linwood Seger and E. Howard Payne filed for seats in the city council on the Republican ticket.

Thomas J. S. Waxter, head of the Department of Taxation and Assessments, died here.

Mrs. Ethel Mae Robinson, wife of Howard W. Jackson, promised that sixteen nurses would be employed on the staff of the city hospitals. The promise has not as yet been fulfilled.

Two Deaths Recorded

Father Edward B. Trotter, native Baltimorean, died and was given final rites here. He was pastor of St. Augustine PE Church in Asbury Park, N.J., at the time of his death. Mrs. Bertha Pennington, Booker Washington Junior High teacher, died after a long illness.

Police raided the Chalkwriters' clubhouse in the 1300 block of Harlem Avenue, during a St. Patrick's Day party given by Mr. Petunia Pits, and carted many innocent persons to Northwestern station.

Milton Branch, local teacher who makes his home above the clubhouse and who only rented the place to the club, was fined $10 and costs as Magistrate Harry Fine held him responsible for the disorder. Others were dismissed.

April

The month of rainy saw the death of William G. Holland of Morgan Park, bailiff in District Federal Court to Judge William Coleman, following a long illness. The Rev. John W. Waters, Jr., pastor of Ames Methodist Church died and some 1,400 persons attended his funeral.

Work on the first of the slum-clearance projects in the city was begun in Area H in Northwest Baltimore, when the buildings were razed.

Salaries of executives at Bowie State Teachers' College and the Maryland Training School for Girls at Glen Burnie were cut by the State Legislature.

Primary Held

Mayor Jackson won the primary nomination for mayor and Messrs. Kolker, Jones, Callis and Payne remained in the race for city council seats along with several whites.

The home of the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Randall in the 1800 block of Baker Street, was badly damaged by white vandals.

Mrs. Cora L. Miles, of 204 N. Carrollton Avenue, died.

Four Police Brutality Cases Figure in Headlines of 1939

Interracial Marriage Draws Nation-Wide Attention

By PEYTON GRAY

It would take a twelve-men blue jury to decide which of the many interesting and highly important cases of the past year outranked all the others.

The year opened with the revival of an incident that broke in December, 1938, when Joseph Dunlap, tailor of the 1800 block of Pennsylvania Avenue, lost his eye when he was being arrested by a Northwestern district policeman.

The NAACP and other civic organizations were drawn into the fight that went as far as to have Commissioner of Police Robert F. Stanton order an investigation. In the final analysis, Dunlap was given a one-cent fine and one day in jail. Dunlap was later arrested for another violation.

Police Brutality Cases

Another reputed police brutality case resulted when Addison Jones, 18, was said to have been beaten by a Southern District policeman, because the officer thought he "looked smart," when told to move on from in front of a place when a crowd had gathered.

Another case bordering on police brutality was the shooting in March of Edward Harper, 25, of 1722 Ashland Avenue, by a Northeastern district policeman who was later exonerated. Mr. Turner was shot in the back and policemen said he was fleeing from a reported stolen car.

Slayer Gets 7 Years

A slaying which occurred in December, 1938, was settled in January when Jimmy Lancaster, entertainer, of 1145 N. Stricker Street, was given seven years for the killing of Clifton Hawkins, 1502 Madison Avenue, who was said to have been Mrs. Lancaster's admirer.

The most tragic of three suicides during the year was that of Mrs. Annie Berry, 64, who hung herself from a clothes hook in the rear yard of her home at 1806 Laurella Avenue. A mental ailment and fear of losing her home were said to have been the motives.

Shooting Called Suicide

Also recorded as a suicide was the death of Mrs. Mary Lee Geraldine Hill, 22, of 1114 Druid Hill Avenue, who was found shot to death in an apartment at 2468 Druid Hill Avenue. She had been reported living there with James Morton.

The third suicide was that of Wesley J. C. Bowman, former basketball player, whose body was found floating in the harbor. He was said to have drowned when, despite his efforts to effect a reconciliation with his estranged wife failed.

Man 74, Lures Girls

Shocking to most Baltimoreans was the case of a 74-year-old white shoemaker of the 1400 block Pennsylvania Avenue, who was charged with luring a number of young school girls into the rear of his shop for immoral purposes. He was subsequently freed.

A 14-year-old girl who attempted to escape her grandmother by putting herself into a pot stew "because she was mad to her," was sent to the Maryland Training School.

Attempted Bombing

Listed among the unsolved cases of the year, is the mysterious attempt to bomb the home of Robert Johnson, at 1837 Division Street, in July. The attempt was thwarted by the timely arrival of Officer John Schafield, who destroyed the crudely-constructed bomb.

Leaps to Death

When William Whitaker, 40, of 120 W. Twenty-third Street, leaped three stories to his death from detective headquarters, on August 4, he probably had a talk with him the true facts concerning the alleged attack on an aged woman for which he had been arrested and was being quizzed.

Interracial Marriage

Extremely important throughout the State of Maryland and interesting to readers all over the country was the case of Willoughby Wilson, 37-year-old Baltimore stevedore, who was jailed when police charged he had married Mable Showgrice, white, more than one year before.

After a technical and involved court trial, during which NAACP lawyers, W. A. C. Hughes, Jr., and Robert P. McGuinn completely baffled the prosecuting counsel, Wilson was released under a five-year suspended sentence. One stipulation was, however, that he remain separated from his wife.

The Rev. S. R. Drummond, Annapolis pastor who married the couple, was fined $205. The minister indicated that he would file an appeal.

Police Slayings

Probably one of the most mysterious and brutal cases was the September slaying of Eugene Duvall, 18, of 2145 Pennsylvania Avenue, and Lawrence Harvey, 19, 1219 Park Avenue, in the yard of the William Alexander School No. 112, by local police, who said they were suspected of purse snatchings in Northwest Baltimore. All of the policemen were absolved.

Mother of 4 Kills Mate

In October, Mrs. Dorothy Davis, mother of four young children, killed her husband, Wesley, who she stated had been annoying her for sometime, and then surrendered to the Rev. Junius Gray. Both were long-time members of Psalmist Ba