Nickel in Slot Machine Costs Garageman's Life

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Witness Describes Slaying

The proprietor remonstrated with him and an argument ensued. Robert (Lovey Joe) Jasper of 3420 Etting Street told Lieutenant Edward Fischer that as Lyons reached for his pocket, as though to draw a weapon, Millard drew his own revolver and fired one shot.

The bullet crashed through Lyons's right forehead slightly above the eye and he was taken to Provident Hospital, where he was pronounced dead upon arrival by Dr. J. Douglass Phillips. His body was then taken to the city morgue to be claimed by relatives.

Gun Found on Floor

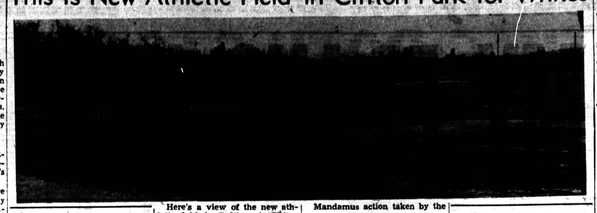
Officer Edward Bender reported that he found a .32 calibre revolver on the floor near Lyons's right hand.

Late on Thursday, police were still endeavoring to locate any relatives of the dead man. Residents of the Pica Street house, where Lyons roomed for the past two years, told a reported that he had spoken once or twice of a wife living in Augusta, Ga., and of a brother living in Hartford, Conn. An effort is being made to locate these relatives.

SYPHILIS AND INSANITY

Syphilis is the cause of insanity in one of every 12 first admissions to mental hospitals; paresis alone is the cause of one of every 14.

This Is New Athletic Field in Clifton Park for Whites



Here's a view of the new athletic field in Baltimore's Clifton Park which is being readied for use by Polytechnic Institute. At present, Poly is using the disputed Druid Hill Park field, formerly assigned to colored schools, and the latter are using makeshift fields.

Mandamus action taken by the NAACP on behalf of a Douglass High School parent to compel the park and school boards to desist from this sort of discriminatory practice of assigning public fields to any one school is pending in the Baltimore City Court.

Mutual's Employees to Sponsor Program

Employees of the Mutual Benefit Society will give a literary and musical program Wednesday evening at Centennial Methodist Church, Monument and Sterling Streets.

Speakers will include Willard Allen, president of the Southern Life Insurance Company, Josiah F. Henry, Jr., attorney, and Harry G. Wilson, Jr., president of the Mutual Benefit.

The Caribbean Four, composed of Allen Cuffie, Thomas Turner, Charles Jackson, William Parker, and Leonard Harris, pianist, and the Mt. Hebron Baptist Church quartette, Mrs. Mary McPherson, president, will sing. Mrs. Luora Derricks is chairman of the program committee.

What It Means to Be a Flunky

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service the following December. I was told that many opportunities for occupational training would be open to me, but since then I have discovered this to be false.

A colored boy in the navy is allowed to become nothing more than an officer's servant, and as such is oftimes subject to even more than verbal abuse.

No Chance to Advance

Besides this, he can never be anything more than an officer's servant. I might add that all officers are not gentlemen.

The second and I think the most important thing is the color line which is always apparent.

One of the shore patrol members here in San Juan where I am stationed dislikes colored people and has been heard on numerous occasions to make remarks about them which are obscene and vile to say the least.

Beaten by Officer

In October, I was at a public resort here and became involved in a controversy. The police settled the matter peaceably when this shore patrolman, Harry K. Spedden, in company with another patrolman, came upon the scene.

Without any justification, I was given a severe beating by these two men with their night sticks, as a result of which I had to stay in the hospital for nearly two weeks. To add to this, I am being held as a general court-martial prisoner and have been confined to the naval jail for nearly a month, with the prospect of serving an additional sentence of many months in a naval penitentiary.

Charged with "Assault"

At my trial it was obvious that there are two laws for the navy—one for the white man and which ever one they wish to apply at the time for colored men.

One of the statements attributed to Spedden, which was recorded at my trial, was: "If I had my way, I would kill all you niggers."

The strangest part of this is that I am charged with assaulting Spedden. How ridiculous this becomes when one learns that I did not regain consciousness until nine hours after the beating.

Naturally, the reason for the assault by the authorities is all summed up in the well-worn phrase of "self-defense," hence, the charges against me.

Witnesses Disagree

However, witnesses do not agree with this version, but what weight do they carry if they are colored and testify for another colored man?

This is not the first, but I can safely state, the fourth known assault by this authority upon colored sailors.

I firmly believe that should the AFRO take steps to investigate conditions of colored men in the navy it would not find them any too pleasant.

Conditions in stations away from the United States are more deplorable than those in the States.

The only way for a colored man to succeed in the navy is for him to allow himself to be treated as a buffoon, not as a man. If he does this he may "succeed," which means he may get a raise in pay and be relieved of most of the more distasteful chores.

Red Cross Seeks Blood Donors

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and where colored donors are definitely excluded.

The local project collects blood for use in Baltimore hospitals and, according to Mr. McFarland, only 9 of the 1,000 volunteers enrolled are colored. He said that a special drive was in force to get colored persons enrolled, adding that persons between 21 to 45 years of age are eligible.

Another Red Cross official, who refused to be quoted, stated that it was all a "horrible mistake" and reiterated Mr. McFarland's statement that colored donors are needed badly.

Stokes stated further that he intended to shoot his wife in the legs, but did not intend to shoot Mrs. Randolph at all. However, he said he started shooting with a 32-calibre automatic pistol and did not know at the time whom the bullets struck.

Trial was before Judge C. Gus Grason and William H. Lawrence, Assistant State's Attorneys Thomas N. Biddison and Joseph Finnerty prosecuted the case.

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Steel Worker Gets Life Term

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home, 670 W. Mulberry Street, when Stokes and his 19-year-old wife, Mrs. Lottie Stokes, allegedly became involved in a dispute over a proposed trip to New Jersey. Mrs. Stokes was also shot at the time and remained in University Hospital in a critical condition for several weeks.

Hubby Blames Other Man

Taking the stand in his own defense, Stokes stated that the dissension between him and his wife was because of her continued attentions to Thad Woodson of 2022 E. Eager Street.

Stokes said they were married on September 12, 1937, and since that time his wife had continued to see Woodson, whom she knew previously, despite his protests.

About a month prior to the shooting, he said, his wife left him and moved to 670 W. Mulberry Street with her mother and he moved there, also, about a week later in an effort to bring about a reconciliation.

On one occasion, Stokes said, Woodson drove up in a car and blew the horn and Mrs. Stokes went out to the car. When he accosted the two of them, he said, Woodson drew a revolver on him and demanded that he leave Mrs. Stokes alone.

The additional testimony heard since Stokes's first trial was from three witnesses who stated that they saw this incident.

Begged Her to Go to N.J.

The shooting occurred, Stokes said, when he begged his wife to go to New Jersey with him, that she refused and Mrs. Randolph told him that Mrs. Stokes was waiting for him to go on the trip alone so she could stay out with Woodson.

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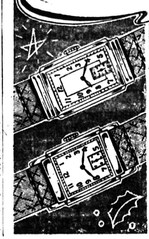

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