—Death row

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which the convicted man allegedly admitted he was intimate with the victim but maintained she consented.

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ALSO OFFERED was a portion of the trial testimony in which the State pointed out that the victim was able to give positive identification of Merchant.

Her testimony on this point was:

"He said to me, 'Do what you are told and don't holler out, don't make no noise or else I'll kill you.' I didn't make no answer. I just laid there and he said it over again. . .

"He had a knife in my back and would I do what he said. I shook my head, yes. I open my eyes. I seen his hand holding the sheet down. He said, 'Alright then, turn over. I don't want you to see my face.'

"But I couldn't get any air so I raised my arm up and pushed the sheet off my face and that's when I looked at him."

Q— Well now, did you see the person at that time?

A. — Yes,

Q — Go ahead, what happened then?

A— He looked real mad. He had part of his face covered up, from his nose down.

Q— What was he covered with, Mrs. Bruce, if you know?

A— He was covered with my pillow slip that I had. I had a white pillow slip on my living room chair to keep it clean . . .

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THE STATEMENT police allege Merchant signed at 9:50 p.m. on July 25, 1957, and which they admit was given after lengthy questioning at the Ferndale Police Station, said in part:

A— Gus you have been brought into the station for questioning in regards to the rape of Mrs. Margaret Bruce which occurred earlier today. Now if you will I want you to tell us what you may know of this offense.

A— I have been living with my mother-in-law, Evelyn White at her home and I have been living there with my wife Margaret and baby child Barbara Jean.

Q— When was the last time you stayed with your wife at your mother-in-law's home?

A— Last Thursday.

Q — Where have you been staying since last Thursday?

A— I have been sleeping in junk on Furnace Branch Road, and I also slept in the cellar of my mother-in-law's home but they didn't know I was in the house at the time.

Q— Where did you sleep during the night of July 24 and the early morning of July 25, 1957?

A— I slept in a truck located beside a all night gas station on Old Annapolis Road and Ritchie Highway in Glen Burnie.

Q— Where did you go after you left the truck?

A— I went to my mother-in-law's house, Evelyn White on Furnace Branch Road.

Q— **WHERE DID** you go after you left your mother-in-law's home on Furnace Branch Rd.?

A— When I left my mother-in-law's house I walked across the field towards the Glen Dale School then I turned around and walked back towards Mrs. Bruce's home.

Q— After you turned around at the Glen Dale School and started for Mrs. Bruce's house what did you do then?

A— I walked down a path beside Mrs. Bruce's house and I saw Mrs. Bruce in the kitchen.

Q— Did you know Mrs. Bruce before this date?

A— I know her from using the path beside her house and I generally speak to her when I use the path.

Q— After you saw Mrs. Bruce in the kitchen of her home what did you do then?

A— I went to the side door of Mrs. Bruce's house and knocked on the door. Mrs. Bruce came to the door and I told her I wanted five dollars.

Q — **WHAT HAPPENED** then?

A— She opened the door and I walked into the kitchen of her home.

Q— After you got into the kitchen of Mrs. Bruce's home what happened then?

A— Mrs. Bruce went to a table with a telephone on it and pulled a drawer out and took a white pocket book out of the drawer. She took five dollars out of the pocketbook and handed it to me.

Q— Why did she give you the other $6.00 when you had only asked for $5.00 to start with?

A— **I don't know why she gave the other $6.00, maybe she felt sorry for me.**

Q— After Mrs. Bruce gave you the money what happened then?

A— I followed Mrs. Bruce into her bedroom and she walked over to the children's bedroom door and showed me her two sons asleep in bed. Mrs. Bruce then closed the door to the children's bedroom and walked back and sat on the side of her bed.

Q— Then what happened?

A— Mrs. Bruce layed back on the bed and I layed down on top of her and had intercourse with her.

Q— **DID YOU** ask Mrs. Bruce could you have intercourse with her?

A— Neither one of us said anything about it.

Q— Did Mrs. Bruce say anything to you while you were having intercourse?

A—**She told my to be careful because she didn't want to become pregnant, and** she didn't want to have to go and see a doctor. She told me that it had not been too long since she had had a operation.

Q— Did she say anything else to you?

A— She told me that I had to leave because the children usually wake up around 7:30 a.m.

Q— What did you do then?

A— Mrs. Bruce and I then got up off the bed and went back out into the kitchen and Mrs. Bruce unlocked the screen door so I could leave.

Q— **DID YOU** have this knife with you when you were at Mrs. Bruce's home on this date?

A— I had the knife in my pocket.

Q— Did you take the knife out of your pocket while at Mrs. Bruce's home?

A— Yes, I took it out of my pocket and layed it on the bed beside Mrs. Bruce and myself.

Q— Did you touch Mrs. Bruce with the knife in any way?

A— No sir.

Q— When you went to Mrs. Bruce's home did you have a pillow case with you?

A— **Yes sir, I had a pillow case in my pocket, in my rear pocket.**

Q— What color was this pillow case?

A— The pillow case was white.

Q— Where did you get this pillow case?

A— I found it laying on the ground in back of her house.

Q— Did you have the pillow case around your face?

A— Only to wipe the sweat off of my face.

Q— Did you ever have intercourse with Mrs. Bruce before this date?

A— No sir.

Q— **HAS MRS. BRUCE** ever given you any reason to believe you would have intercourse with her?

A— Only by her speaking and smiling as I pass her house.

Q— What do you mean by speaking to you?

A—She only said good morning or good evening.

Q— She gave you no other reason to believe you could have intercourse with her, is that correct?

A— Yes sir.

Q— **When did you hide in the closet in your mother-in-law's home where you were arrested?**

A— When I got back from Brooklyn I saw a lot of police cars on Furnace Branch Road then they came and took my wife from the house and took her somewhere and I went and hid in a closet in the bedroom of Mrs. White's house where I was arrested.

Q— Why did you hide in the closet?

A— Some time ago I spent some of my mother-in-law's money and I thought they were hunting for me for that.

Q— When was the next time you seen Mrs. Bruce after being arrested in the closet of Mrs. White's house?

A— When I was picked out of a line up twice at the Ferndale Police Station.

Q — **WHAT GRADE** did you go in at school?

A— I completed 11 full grades at Marion Anderson High School, Madisonville, Texas.

Q— Have you ever been in the Service?

A— Yes sir, I was in the U.S. Army.

Q— Did you receive a honorable discharge?

A— Yes sir.

Q— Gus this pillow case that I show you is this the one you state you found at the home of Mrs. Bruce and had with you while at Mrs. Bruce's home?

A— Yes sir I can tell by the dirty spot on the bottom and the way I had it folded.

Q— Is this a true statement to the best of your knowledge?

A— Yes sir.

Q— Have you been threatened in any way to make this statement?

A— No sir.

Q— Have you been promised anything?

A— No sir.

Q— Then you have made this statement of your own free will is that correct?

A— Yes sir.

Q— I will give you this statement to read and if it's the way you told us will you sign it?

A— Yes sir.

Other signers of the state's brief are: C. Ferdinand Sybert, attorney general C. Osborne Duvall, state's attorney for Anne Arundel County and C. L. Johnson, assistant state's attorney for the county.

Also included in their brief is the statement of Judges Michaelson and Evans, who pronounced the death sentence in Anne Arundel Circuit Court on Oct. 16, 1957.

The sentencing statement follows:

"Since the verdict has been rendered in this case the Court has given it very careful consideration, and it has viewed the evidence and it has re-examined the law. And it has considered this case in every aspect which human judgment is required to be applied.

"Nowhere has it been able to find anything that is sometimes prevalent in some other cases of similar nature, and that is, something which would mitigate the gravity of the offense to the extent that there was no invitation, or some contact, or some set of circumstances which minimize the effect of an act of this kind.

"But in this particular case, as the evidence indicated, here was a woman, a housewife, living within the peace and sanctity of her home, having arisen early in the morning, gotten her husband off to work, gone back to bed, sleeping peacefully with the two children.

"And in the still of the early morning, without rhyme or reason, her safety was jeopardized, her home was entered, and she is confronted with one who manifests a beast inclined nature, with a knife and a demand made for sexual intercourse; panic stricken practically, she knew not what to do.

"Realizing that anyone in a normal frame of mind would realize, that she might subject herself to severe physical injury if she resisted, with this knife as the testimony showed, in the possession of the attacker, she submitted.

"IN SOME of these cases the accused is acting under the influence of intoxicating beverages, and yet that is no excuse, but it is a circumstance which would indicate perhaps that the aggressor is not what we would say, acting normally.

"Sometimes in some of these cases, the woman may by her conduct indicate to a man that there may be an approach. This is a different case.

"And then the Court has to ask, what is its duty to the public, to many housewives all through the county.

"What is there to protect them, in addition to the ordinary processes of law processed through the police force if such conduct is to be mitigated in anyway.

"There isn't any reason why this case should have been committed; there isn't any justification for this entry into this home.

"On the contrary this young man had every reason to be have himself and conduct himself in a normal way, he was married and had two children.

"Who can say as to the future, when there would be a repetition of this sort of thing. How many times must it be committed in order that it may be curbed and curbed forever.

"THIS COURT has searched its conscience. Two members of this bench have discussed this matter fully.

"We have tried to find, in the interest of this accused, some mitigating circumstance, that would justify to give him a lesser verdict than this Court feels should be imposed in this case, but it has found none.

"It feels that if there ever was a case where such a verdict should be imposed, and by that we mean impose the severest penalty provided by the law; this is that type of case.

"And we have concluded that the statute, because of the variable degrees of penalty which may be imposed, had in mind when the Courts are confronted with a case in which there's no justification.

"The mere fact that this is a young man is no excuse.

"In some jurisdictions, and I don't want this put in the paper, we know what would happen in certain sections of this country, and thank God it didn't happen in this County. And the people sure to be complimented, they kept their feet on the ground and did not resort to violence as has been manifested in some other sections of this State.

"In other words, there was no lynching. The orderly processes of the law are to be followed.

"**THIS MAN** was tried and tried fairly. The evidence against him was analyzed and analyzed to the best interest of all concerned.

"Had there been any doubt, irrespective of the effect of the act in this case, any reasonable doubt, he would have been given the benefit of it.

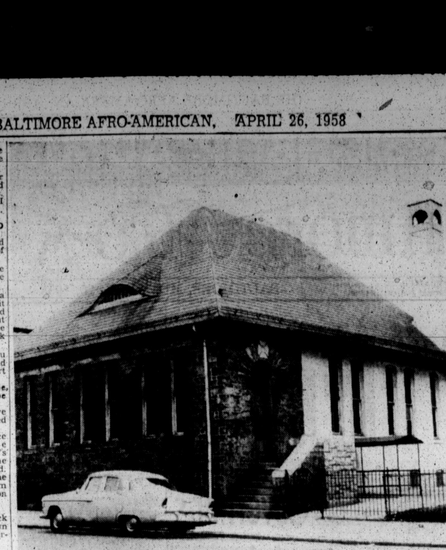
"He offered no testimony in his behalf, perhaps there was very little he could say.

"So taking the State's case, taking the evidence as it was presented, the Court cannot escape any logical conclusion that this man was guilty of the crime charged, and the nature of the offense is such that he must stand the consequences of the unfortunate act, and so the judgment—

"Stand up, Gus Merchant.

"The judgment and sentence of this Court is that you, Gus Merchant, be taken into the custody by the Sheriff of Anne Arundel County and under proper guard, and as soon thereafter as possible, you shall be by said Sheriff delivered to the Warden of the Maryland Penitentiary, in whose custody you are to remain, until such time as may be set for your execution under the authority of Section 407A, Chapter 285 of the Acts of 1951, codified as Section 307, Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland;

"And you shall be put to death by the administration of a lethal gas and May God have Mercy On Your Soul."



THIS IS AN EXTERIOR view of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, 306 E. 23rd St. Church officials reached an agreement with their pastor last Friday that saw him resign and receive a $5,000 check. Members reportedly voted the officials out of the church at a call meeting on Wednesday night.

—Ebenezer trustees out?

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0 vote, it was reported.

The meeting had been called so that officials could explain details of the agreement with the Rev. Mr. Kearse.

The question arose as to whether officials had overstepped their authority in paying the Rev. Mr. Kearse funds which had been earmarked for an expansion program.

Will another action the members elected a committee to nominate a new pastor.

Efforts to force the Rev. Mr. Kearse to vacate the pulpit had been underway for several months.

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THE AGREEMENT reached last Friday came during the week a hearing had been scheduled before Circuit Court Judge Joseph L. Carter.

In addition to the $5,000 payment, the church also agreed to drop its pending legal action, pay court costs and permit the Rev. Mr. Kearse and his family to remain in the church parsonage, rent - free, for 90 days.

In his part, the Rev. Mr. Kearse turned over to the officials various church papers and documents.

The agreement was signed by the Rev. Mr. Kearse, his attorney, Josiah Henry, Leonard Freedman, church attorney; Herbert C. Graves, chairman of the trustee board; Jefferson Johnson, chairman of the board of deacons, and Mrs. Loretta R. Gaslie, church clerk.

Wednesday night's call meeting was announced in an estimated 225 members on Sunday by Mr. Johnson, who warned them not to say anything they 'ought not to say" against their resigned minister.

Mr. Johnson was presiding when the call meeting began on Wednesday night. Carlen Woodhouse presided after the ouster vote.

After the officials were voted out, Mrs. Ernestine Dixon, who served as secretary to the Rev. Mr. Kearse, was called upon to act as clerk.

Mrs. Dixon told the AFRO that some members of the general official staff walked out of the meeting when the matter of their authority to spend the money came up.

However, some of them returned, she said.

Junior officers of the church are scheduled to preside on Sunday.

At 2 p.m. on Saturday, there will be another meeting at the church to discuss the situation.

—To wed blonde

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old law was unconstitutional.

Now that Mr. Billy and his wife have been divorced, word is that he and another woman plan to marry. He is presently in the Army.

In the divorce action which won her freedom, Mrs. Billy, who gave her address as 1221 E. Federal St., testified that she and Mr. Billy argued over "the other woman" and he left. She said: "I wanted him to stay, but he refused."

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NATHANIEL BILLY, 523 N. Chapel St., brother of John Billy, testified for his sister-in-law.

He said: "She was a fine wife. She kept a nice home for him."

The husband sat by in the courtroom, refused to make a statement or ask either witness a question.

His brother, Nathaniel, continued:

"He told me he was tired of marriage and he was interested in another woman."

Mrs. Billy was given custody of their two children, a son, 4 and a daughter, 3. Mr. Billy is to pay her $17 for the children's support.

The couple, married Dec. 25, 1953, separated on Sept. 8, 1955. Milton B. Allen was attorney for the wife.

TESTIMONIAL in honor of Amos H. Talbot, 3202 Windsor Ave., is being held tonight (Friday) at 1622 Madison Ave., under auspices of the Carver Engineers Association of which Bernard Woolford is president. Mr. Talbot retired in 1955 after many years as public school engineer in Baltimore. He served at Dunbar and Douglass. He also served 30 years in the Navy retiring in 1935.

Navy wife kept vigil at airship

PHILADELPHIA

Excited Ellen Henderson Hayes was paying for a $3.50 jar of hair cream with $13 on Sunday morning at her Germantown home, awaiting 50 cents change, she thought she had handed over four one-dollar bills instead of a ten-spot and three ones.

The excitement was expected. Her husband, Hospital Corpsman (second class) Charles H. Hayes, had been sealed into a pressure chamber at the Naval Base since the previous Tuesday. He was one of the six volunteers on a seven-day experimental simulated space flight.

At the time of Sunday's financial flutter, the "space sextet" had little more than 48 hours to go. Mrs. Hayes' excitement, otherwise cloaked in her usual appearance of outward calm, ebbed into quiet concentration as she chatted of her 24-year-old mate.

A Navy employee as well as a Navy wife, she is a secretary in the Air Crew Equipment Laboratory where the endurance test was conducted. She was permitted to watch her husband inside the tank. He could not see outside.

After peering at him on an average of twice-a-day, Mrs. Hayes said, "He looks very well and, if the mechanism holds up, everything will be all right." Then she added in a confident tone, "Of course it will be."

Expecting their first child in late July or early August, Mrs. Hayes also spoke of how lonely she was without her husband, it was the first time they had been separated since their marriage last September.

Up to Sunday when Mrs. Hayes was planning to drive down to keep her vigil, Saturday had been the only day she missed. However, she was "on the outside looking in" three times on Thursday.

Mrs. Hayes chuckled as she told of her visit on Friday. Just as she spied her spouse, he yawned and stretched, shook himself and turned around facing his wife with an expression that her wishful thinking interpreted as "Good morning, Ellen."

As Hayes and his partner were operating the machines which were recording their reactions to the rugged ordeal, they appeared to be singing a duet.

Employed in the laboratory since May, 1955, the Navy secretary first saw her husband to be in October, 1956, when he was assigned to the Naval Air Material Center.

WITH THEIR allied duties bringing them in close contact, they soon discovered a mutual appreciation of "good music." When the average couple was taking in a movie, they were at Robin Hood Dell or wherever a concerto or the like was being performed.

Both are musically inclined. A basso with the Philharmonic Men's Chorus, Hayes also plays the French horn. His wife is a pianist.

On Monday, the night before Hayes embarked on his million mile "flight to the moon," the couple spent an ordinary evening at home, 115 W. Hortter St. The steak dinner was not unusual.

Relaxing in the living room, they listened to HiFi or looked at TV as the mood struck. They retired at the customary hour—10.

Up at the usual time—5:30 or 5:45, they had as always a light breakfast of coffee and juice and for Hayes, doughnuts which do not tempt his wife.

Hayes had not wanted to go together every day.

BUT SINCE the flight was scheduled for noon Tuesday was the beginning of the "lone ly" lunch periods for Mrs. Hayes. However, since they deal, Mrs. Hayes assured her both were early for work, her husband took her on an inspection tour of the two-chamber "space ship."

He managed, too, a midmorning visit to her desk, giving her the keys to the car with the usual husband's caution to "be careful." A telephone call was the last she heard from him. At his request, she did not watch him enter the chamber.

As for being careful, Hayes is especially so when it comes to not disclosing experimental operations or other information about his duties. This is so much so that even members of his family did not know of his volunteering for the sealed chamber duty.

A telephone call came from a surprised sister, Mrs. Doris the Norris, who wanted to know details of what she had "read in the paper."

With the confidence she had commanded throughout the eastern-law that "everything was all right." Even when what was described as a "breathing crisis" occurred on Friday, the Navy wife "pooh-poohed" the thought of anything going wrong that would have her rushing with a twist of a dial. She was "chin up" all the way.

—Moon man'

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he replied "everything."

Asked if he forgot to take something important into the chamber, he answered, "Yes, enough sugar."

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CAPT. EDWARD M. CONDRA, commanding officer of the naval air material center, and Capt. Charles F. Gell, director of the air crew equipment laboratory, congratulated Hayes and the others, who are:

Parachute Rigger Chief Forrest V. Miller, Swedeland, Pa., and Hospital Corpsman Meredith Radliff, Norristown; Gene Mitchell, Danville, Ill.; Ronald Campbell, Warren, Ohio, and Thomas Hinch, Pittsburgh, Pa.

THE HOSPITAL corpsman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Audie V. Hayes of 1470 Clairmount Ave., Detroit. However, he and his wife, the former Ellen Henderson, live in Germantown with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elihu Henderson, at 115 W. Hortter St.

Following Hayes' graduation from high school, he was offered a scholarship to Wayne University. Instead of accepting, he chose the Navy.

A brother, Phinn Roy, also in the Navy, is a musician's mate. There are three sisters, Mrs. Dorothy Norris Mrs. Vangerlene Boiden and Miss Lorraine Hayes.

Had Hayes not become a hospital corpsman, he would have studied dentry. In fact, he still might.

SP James Hentz dies in army camp blast

ASHEVILLE, N.C.—Funeral arrangements were incomplete at presstime for SP 3 James M. Hentz Jr., who died last Sunday at Fort Jay, Governor's Island, N.Y., from injuries sustained from an explosion.

$1,000 bail in hit-run death

An auto manslaughter charge was placed against John F. Wyatt, 22, of the 1500 block of Franklin St., on Thursday morning, following the death of Spencer Baker, 51, of the 600 block N. Fulton Ave. Baker died in Provident Hospital at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Police said he was victim of a run-by accident at Harlem and Fulton Aves. on April 11.

Wyatt was charged in Homicide Court and held in $1,000 bail for a hearing to be set by the State's Attorney.

Sports at a glance

Baseball

Carver 4, Park 3.
Dunbar 1, Douglass 0.
Patterson 4, Carver 0.
Poly 5, Douglass 0.
Forest Park 4, Southern 3
Sharp 2, Southern 0.
City 4, Forest Park 3

Golf

Douglass 7, Calvert Hall 3
Tie 50 Carver 50.
Forest Park 10, Edmondson 5.
Towson Catholic 7, Dunbar 5

Tennis

City 7, Dunbar 1.

Track

City 75, Carver 31.
Mt. St. Joe 70, Douglass 36.
Poly 77, Merrick 29.
Dunbar 104, Forest Park 30.

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"HI, DADDY"

Judge Cullen's court where estranged dads meet children

"It looks like children's day in here today."

This was the court stenographer's comment on Monday as Criminal Court Part Four opened at 10 a.m.

Judge James K. Cullen was sitting to hear domestic relations cases. On a front row bench were fathers accused of desertion, violation of probation or non-support of their wives and children.

No less than 10 children were present.

Ironically, the little tots enjoyed seeing estranged fathers once again.

Little did they know that perhaps "Daddy" was late in paying "Mommy" for their support or that he may have deserted his family.

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THE CHILDREN were seen smiling at their unknown fathers. One of them waved "peek-a-boo."

A four-year-old boy said "Hi Daddy." (His mother yanked him by the arm for that remark.)

Although he was accused of her birth out of wedlock, a young man on the front row tenderly rocked an infant baby girl to sleep.

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ON A side bench sat a young mother who also rocked a sleeping baby girl dressed in pink organdie.

On a center bench a mother cautioned three "billy - goat" sized little girls to "keep quiet and behave."

On the brick row were mischievous little fellows, both boys and girls who enjoyed each other's company, uttered a few squeals of joy while playing and at one time fell asleep.

ALTHOUGH Judge Cullen visibly observed the scene, his purpose remained the same.

His usual remark came as each father went to the bench for trial.

It was: "Support your family or go to jail."

When a young man, Herbert Smith, explained in lengthy testimony why he was delinquent to the tune of $351 in support payments to his wife and three children Judge Cullen listened intently.

At the conclusion, Judge Cullen remarked: "This man's a good talker, you know."

But the jurist added: "I find you guilty of non-support . . .

"You get 18 months in the House of Correction.

"If you can work it out with the Probation Department and show them you can do the job I'll release you."

The young father continued to talk. He said: "I can catch up with payments. Work is coming in good now."

He added: "I can catch up by summer."

Judge Cullen's reply brought gales of laughter as he said: "By summer, you say. Well, that's just fine.

"Your wife and kids could starve by summer."

MAYO JONES, also a young father, appeared at court dressed in a beige sport shirt. His trouser legs were turned up to show high-topped laced shoes.

He was accused of being in arrears $1,929 of the $25 weekly payments promised his wife and two children.

He pleaded guilty to a bastardy charge.

Probation Department officer testified that Mr. Mayo's legitimate family was on Welfare Department aid as was his illegitimate family. He was on probation from a 18 months sentence in the House of Correction.

Further probation was not recommended by Probation Authorities.

Judge Cullen revoked probation, and sentenced the young father to serve two years in the House of Correction.

DONALD BUTLER refused to comment when Judge Cullen asked: "Do you have anything to say?"

Mr. Butler was accused of being $449 in arrears in support money for his wife and child.

A report from the Probation Department to the court said: "It is believed that he is being kept by another woman. He worked at a local steel company. He was seen around bars. He lost his job due to absenteeism."

Judge Cullen to the defendant: "The sentence is 18 months in the House of Correction."

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A BLOND cab driver went tearfully as he was sentenced to 18 months in the House of Correction.

He had been accused of failure to pay $10 weekly support to his wife and child. He was 8 months in arrears.

His conversation with Judge Cullen went this way:

Judge: "Whether you're an alcoholic or not, the child is entitled to live just like you. Don't want to hurt you. I want to help you. Do you have any money?"

Father: "No. I don't have any money."

Judge: "Well, you'll have to get some before I can release you."

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RICHARD JAMES HARRIS was on probation from an 18 months sentence in the House of Correction.

Said Judge Cullen: "Son, your probation is about to be revoked.

"Have you anything to say?"

The young man had promised on Oct. 15, 1957 according to Probation Department reports, to pay $20 weekly to his wife and children.

He was $677 in arrears as of Monday, April 21, the day he appeared for trial.

"With this sum facing him, his reply to Judge Cullen was:

"No. I have nothing to say."

NATHANIEL THOMAS, 2000 block of Orleans St., was given probation before verdict when accused of non-support.

Judge Cullen however, cautioned Mr. Thomas with this remark: "You've got to provide Do you understand?"

His wife, Mrs. Lillian Thomas, a seamstress testified she had received only a part of the support money due her and the three children.

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PROBATION DEPARTMENT authorities reported that Mr. Thomas earns $76.55 weekly salary at a local steel company but pays $82 monthly on an auto mobile and is $268.96 in arrears on the support money.

Mr. Thomas, however, testified that he was "doing the best I can."

He told the court: "Since work is down, I make only $57 a week.

Said Judge Cullen: "You still have to support your children; you'll have to cave to catch up."

M. Harris re-elected by ushers

Marion L. Harris, of 1144 Argyle Ave., has been elected to the 13th term as president of the Interdenominational Ushers Union of Maryland.

Mr. Harris, an usher in the Morning Star Baptist Church, was reelected during the state convention held here at Perkins Square Baptist Church.

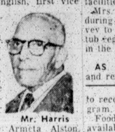
Approximately 300 delegates and clergymen attended the five day meeting.

Other officers are:

Elanders English, first vice president; Bernard F. Thomas, second vice; Mrs. Elizabeth Lane, third vice; Mrs. Elsie Stanley, recording secretary.

Also: Mrs. Amanta Alston, financial secretary; Mrs. Lessie Saunders, assistant financial secretary; Mrs. Rosa Mae Brown, treasurer, and John Sanders, chaplain.

The National Ushers Convention will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, July 21-25.



Mr. Harris

Many Baltimore residents lack tubs and hot water

"I have been using a tin tub for over 25 years. I have never had a bathtub. In fact, I don't know what you mean."

This is how Mrs. Jessie Carter, 52, 213 Otterbein St., responded on Tuesday when an AFRO reporter asked her if she had a bathtub and running hot water.

Mrs. Carter has lived in the neighborhood for over 23 years and has never had the opportunity of using these sanitary facilities.

Mrs. Carter was contacted during the AFRO's ninth survey to determine how the bathtub regulation is being enforced in the city.

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AS IN previous surveys and recheck surveys, the study to receive foods under the program.

Foods distributed are made available by the Federal government from surplus stocks.

Joseph Smith

Joseph B. Smith, about 65, was found unconscious and bleeding from the nose on a bed in the 800 block Pierce St. at 8:07 a.m., on Thursday morning, report police.

Investigating officers said the man, dead on arrival at University Hospital at 8:45, had been an out-patient at the hospital.

disclosed that even though the regulation has been in force for two years there are still many violations in the city.

Out of 42 homes visited in South Baltimore on Tuesday, 18 were found without tubs and hot water and 24 had the facilities.

HOWEVER, a Department of Health regulation requires that all dwelling units in the city shall have bathtubs and or shower and running hot water.

Fines are provided for violation of the regulation but health officials say they lack the personnel to enforce the regulation.

The AFRO started on a series of surveys on the compliance or non-compliance bathtub law when it learned that a number of families in Baltimore were without the required facilities.

The ninth survey and latest survey in the city covered the 600 and 700 blocks of Dover St., and the 200 block Otterbein St.

AMONG THE FAMILIES visited was the one at 632 Dover St. They reported that they had lived at the same house for 18 years and during that time had used a tin tub for bathing purposes.

They said that they paid $21.65 per month.

An elderly man at 657 Dover St., stated that he had lived there for 25 years and was still using a tin tub.

OTHER FAMILIES without bathtubs and hot water in the 200 block Otterbein St. were 213 and 204.

Residents at 707, 705, 703, 656, 649, 660, 658, 650, 648, 646, 644 642 and 622 Dover St. were without tubs and hot water.

Families located in the 600 and 700 blocks of Dover St. with tubs, were listed at 727, 731, 733, 769, 771, 773, 775, 719, 717, 711, 655, 651, 628, 654, 647, 641, 633, 638, 636, 630, 626 and 624.

Also 222 and 208 Otterbein St. had tubs.

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Free food available for more families

Baltimore's Donable Food Division of the Department of Public Welfare has broadened its guidelines to include certain low income families.

The program of distributing free food to families on welfare rolls ended the first of April with some 11,000 eligible.

Miss Esther Lazarus, director of the welfare department, announced this week that the program would now include other families with limited incomes.

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EDWARD L. VOGELMAN JR., supervisor of the donable foods division, explained how family size and income determines the eligibility.

A family of one qualifies if the total monthly income does not exceed $71.50.

For a two-member family the limit is $97.50 a month.

A family of three members is allowed an income of $123.50; of four, $132; of five, $150; of six, $166; of seven, $179.50, and for a family of eight, $192.50.

For a larger family, add $13 for each additional member to determine the limit.

IN NO case may a family with a $300 bank account, savings bonds or other securities be able to qualify.

Both income and resources will be verified.

Applications must be made between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. to the Donable Food Division, 1515 Brentwood Ave., in the rear of the Department of Public Welfare, 1500 Greenmount Ave.

A food certificate informing as to when and where to collect food will be mailed to the applicant.

Each certificate is good for three months and a review of all cases must be made before new certificates are issued.

No person who does not