'Pillow Case' Suspect Loses Bid For Life

Broken homes putting more children on welfare—Folsom

While pension and welfare plans are taking more elderly persons from assistance rolls, the other end of the age scale grows darker, Marion B. Folsom, secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, said, here Friday.

Speaking at the 75th anniversary celebration of the Young Women's Christian Association held in the Sheraton-Belvedere Hotel, Mr. Folsom pointed out that it is a tragic fact that those who have accounted for the large increases in public assistance in recent years have been children.

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"THE GREAT majority of these are children who have been deprived of normal family life and normal support as a result of divorce, separation and unwed motherhood," the speaker said. He added that today there are more than 2,000,000 children being supported under Federal-State aid.

Hence, he said, today's concept and practice of social work embrace not only the alleviation of want but efforts toward the elimination of its cause. "More and more we are coming to regard dependency as a problem to be solved, not merely as a condition to be alleviated," Mrs. Folsom said.

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DURING THE business meeting which preceded the speaking, Mrs. Carl W. Wheelock, president of the board of directors of the YWCA, was elected president of the Baltimore YWCA.

The financial report showed that during the year ending Dec. 31, 1957, the YWCA had an income of $330,685.79 and expenditures of $330,681.03.

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PARTICIPANTS ON the program included the Rev. A. J. Payne, who gave the invocation, Dr. John H. Fischer, who introduced Mr. Folsom, Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro, who brought greetings and gave a key to the city to Mr. Folsom and Mrs. Richard H. Shryock, who presided.

Mrs. Wheelock, who had served as parliamentarian, has been active as second vice president and chairman of the YWCA's personnel committee.

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MRS. JOHN E. MOTZ was elected first vice president; Mrs. Harry S. Scott, Jr., second vice president; Mrs. Carrington L. Davis, third vice president; Mrs. Joseph M. Beatty, secretary; Miss Eleanor Hood, treasurer; Mrs. Bernard Harris Sr., assistant treasurer; and Mrs. Morgan M. Buchner, assistant treasurer.

Re-elected to the Board of Directors of the Red Feather Agency for a term of three years were Mrs. Edward S. King, Miss Mary T. McCurley, Mrs. Henry C. Welcome and Mrs. Oliver C. Winston.

The nominating committee was chaired by Mrs. Bruce H. McDonald. Committee members were Mrs. W. Berkley Butler, Mrs. Abdella J. Campbell, Mrs. Norwood B. Falconer, Mrs. Stacy R. Guild, Mrs. W. Paul Hicks and Mrs. Lewis Rumford.

Among guests who attended the anniversary luncheon which was co-sponsored by the Council of Social Agencies, were: Mesdames Palestine Anderson, Margaret Baker, Pauline Brooks, Lillian Brown, Marguerite Brown, Elmer Burgess, Jr., Beatrice Butler, Mesdames Abdella Campbell, Harry V. Carpenter, Harold Carter, Spencer Sr., Annabelle B. Clark, Ralph V. Cook, Mesdames Douglas L. Davis, Jr., J. Day, Irma Dyson, Annie Frisby, J. Kent Fryer, Jesse Gwaltney, Trella Jefferson, Daisy M. Jones, Alice Keys, Mesdames Thomas L. Lewis, J. Everett Lane, W. Max McGuire, Mary McKinney, Lawrence Morris, George Page, James H. Parran, Lillian Parrott, Mark Parrott, Mesdames Leola Powell, Elizabeth Ralph, Hope Redmond, Emily J. Robinson, Cora Wilson, Florence Wright, Mesdames Mary L. Allen, Dorothy Arnold, Rebecca Blackburn, Helen Bond, Elsie Cox, Alice Glover, Maude La Forest, Emma Lindsay, Florence Pulliam, E. Estelle Thomas, Hermione Wharton, Margaret Williams.

Dr. and Mrs. Martin D. Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. Houston Jackson, Edgar M. Kuing, David Glenn.

Purse-snatch brings youth 7-year term

"This is the kind of crime that threatens the safety and welfare of Baltimore citizens . . . one that merits a severe penalty."

Judge Reuben Oppenheimer made this comment in Criminal Court Tuesday, prior to sentencing Wilbert Earl Hemby, 18, of the 1200 block N. Durham St., to seven years in the Maryland State Reformatory for Males on a purse-snatching conviction.

Emory T. Johnson, 19, of the 2400 block Guilford Ave., was sentenced in the same case to a year in the Reformatory for Males on an auto theft charge.

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JULIUS A. ROMANO, assistant State's attorney, produced prosecuting testimony which revealed that Hemby had snatched a shopping bag and purse, containing $11.98, from Mrs. Effie Walker, 70, 4000 block Sonclair La. on February 24.

Judge Oppenheimer was told the crime occurred at Edison Highway and Madison St., when a stolen car in which Hemby and Johnson were riding with two girls ran out of gasoline.

Mrs. Walker was thrown to the ground and received a fractured finger, Mr. Romano said, and Hemby was chased and arrested by a police officer.

William M. Toadvine represented Hemby, and Arthur G. Murphy was attorney for Johnson.

Byrd freed in auto death of young girl

"I don't see that there is sufficient evidence to hold this man on this charge."

Magistrate Standley Richardson offered this observation in Homicide Court Tuesday afternoon, as he dismissed a manslaughter charge against James Willie Byrd, 43, of the 1200 block N. Bentalou St.

Mr. Byrd faced the charge, as a result of allegedly backing his auto over Shelia Ann Fallsway, 3, of the 2600 block Harlem Ave., on April 20 at Harlem and Claymount Aves.

The accident occurred at 2:40 p.m. John J. O'Connor Jr., assistant State's attorney, told Magistrate Richardson, and the little girl died three hours later at the Lutheran Hospital.

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MR. O'CONNOR told Magistrate Richardson that an autopsy report revealed that the child's death was the result of a crushed abdomen in the accident.

A statement allegedly taken from Mr. Byrd by investigating police officers, read that the accused man had gotten in his car parked on Harlem Ave., blown his horn and then backed up to turn around.

Mr. Byrd's statement pointed out that no persons were near his auto at the time.

Mr. O'Connor also introduced a purported statement from a Mrs. Virginia Davis, 2600 block Harlem Ave., said to have been a witness, which read that the child had darted behind Mr. Byrd's auto after he had gotten in it.

Move car victim to Kernan Hospital

An 8-year-old boy given a 50-50 chance to live after he was struck down by a speeding automobile at Ellamont and Prestman Sts., on March 17 was transferred from Lutheran Hospital to the Kernan Hospital for Crippled Children on Tuesday.

The lad is Arthur Eugene Phillips, son of Mrs. Gozie Phillips, 1625 McCulloh St.

Hit as he and his 10-year-old sister Margaret were putting their bikes on the sidewalk, Arthur suffered partial paralysis and was in a semi-coma for over a week following the mishap.

"He's improving slowly," Mrs. Phillips, a widow, told the AFRO Thursday.

Arrested in connection with the near-fatal accident was James E. Perry, 400 block E. Lafayette Ave.

Bike hits car, rider injured

Eight-year-old Richard Pringle, 700 block George St., was treated at Provident Hospital for a cut left leg Tuesday afternoon after his bike struck a car.

Investigating police said the boy lost control of the bike and ran into the rear of a car driven by James Thomas Jones, 20, of the 1000 block Harford Ave.

10 Police killings in Baltimore area

APRIL 19, 1956—Robert McLain, 14-year-old Dunbar High School student of 404 E. Chase St., shot while running away from a stolen car at Madison and Fallsway by Officer Donald E. Mitchell of the Central District. Magistrate Meyer Cardin exonerated the policeman.

JUNE 25, 1956—Harry Boyd Jr., 27, 1417 N. Broadway, shot in the back by Northeastern Patrolman Charles Fennell, who arrived on scene after a street fight. Magistrate Meyer Cardin ruled the officer acted in line of duty and the killing was justified.

JULY 7, 1956—Robert O. Harper, 34, 1614 Barclay St., shot in leg and bled to death following shooting by Southwestern Patrolman Walter Mina Jr., who told superiors he was breaking up a dice game in crowd. Officer Mina was exonerated of the killing by Magistrate Meyer Cardin who ruled he acted in the line of duty.

AUGUST 15, 1956 — Frank J. Williams, 24, was shot and killed by Sgt. Albert Heck as a suspect in two holdups and the non-fatal shooting of a tailor shop proprietor. Sgt. Heck was exonerated of the killing in Central Police Court by Magistrate Meyer Cardin.

SEPTEMBER 19, 1956—Donald Jackson, 23, 971 Ellicott Dr., shot in the arm and chest by Southeastern Patrolman Benjamin Leden. Leden was exonerated of the slaying by Magistrate Cardin.

OCTOBER 15, 1956 — Benjamin Brown, 14-year-old patient at Rosewood Training School shot and killed by Northwest Patrolman Marshall V. Brewer with rifle he "didn't know was loaded." Magistrate Meyer Cardin dismissed the shooting charge after State's Attorney John Weiss said the State could not make out a homicide case against the officer who said the shooting was an accident.

NOVEMBER 7, 1956—James H. Duggan Jr., 28, white city sanitary department worker killed by a policeman answering cries for help. Central District Patrolman Joseph Rosse was exonerated by Magistrate Meyer Cardin.

NOVEMBER 24, 1956 — Clarence Wilkerson, 39, 1304 Harlem Ave., shot and killed by a Baltimore County Policeman while getting out of a car as ordered. Officer Louis DeManns was charged with homicide by State's Attorney Frank Hewell. On Monday, Dec. 10 a Baltimore County jury failed to indict Officer DeManns. He was returned to the force with no official punishment.

JANUARY 21, 1957 — James Kenneth Robbins, 17, 1809 Block Jackson St., was shot and killed after a robbery assault. Southern District Patrolman Melvin Kearns said as he fired a warning shot, he slipped on the ice. A bullet struck the youth in the back of the head. Patrolman Kearns was exonerated by Magistrate Meyer Cardin who declared that the shooting had occurred in the line of duty and was accidental.

AUGUST 4, 1957 — Benjamin Ward, 19, 381 N. Fenter, when he reportedly lunged at Officer Isaiah Pressey when the policeman attempted to question him about a stolen battery. Patrolman Pressey was exonerated by Chief Magistrate Standley Richardson who declared the officer

EASTERWOOD PARK, one of the city's most used, was getting new sodding on the Bentalou St. side this week. Supt. Half N. Abrisch, Gwynns Falls division, said the Baker St. slopes would be next.

Some area residents had complained of dust from the park. Mr. Abrisch urges parents to encourage their children not to play on the grassed slopes.

Convicted of attack on blonde

ANNAPOLIS—The Court of Appeals nixed a 22-year-old death-row inmate's bid for his life on Wednesday in upholding an Anne Arundel circuit court decision in the "pillow case" rape case.

Gus Merchant of Glen Burnie, dubbed the "pillow case" suspect, was sentenced to the lethal gas chamber on October 14 after Judges Benjamin Michaelson and Matthew Evans found the father of two guilty of attacking a blonde Glen Burnie housewife.

The prosecuting witness, Mrs. Margaret Bruce, testified that on the morning of July 25, 1957, she was criminally assaulted by a man with a pillow case over the lower part of his face.

She identified Mr. Merchant as the assailant who threatened her with a kitchen knife and took $11 after raping her.

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IN ASKING for a reversal of the death penalty, Mr. Merchant, through his court-appointed attorneys, Noah Hillman and John Blondell, questioned (1) the admissibility of an alleged confession, and (2) the sufficiency of the evidence as to the identity of the accused.

In a statement introduced into evidence over defense objection Mr. Merchant was quoted by police as saying he had been intimate with Mrs. Bruce last July with her consent. Mr. Merchant, according to the statement, said the prosecuting witness gave him $11.

On this point, the high court said:

"Obviously, the admissions of the accused establish his identity as the person who had intercourse with the prosecuting witness, and they are strongly corroborated by the circumstantial evidence in the case.

"The issue whether the intercourse was forcible and without the consent of the prosecuting witness was one of credibility, properly to be resolved by the triers of fact.

"We cannot find that they (the circuit court judges) were clearly wrong."

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IN ANOTHER reference to the police statement, the Court of Appeals opinion noted:

"It is clear that the statement did not confess the crime rape, or indeed, any crime except, perhaps, adultery.

"It admitted the receipt of money and the intercourse, but asserted that both were voluntary on the part of the prosecuting witness."

The high court then ruled it found no error in the lower court decision to admit the statement into evidence.

$299 taken from three apartments

A burglar made off with $299 on Monday after ransacking three apartments in a building in the 1800 block Madison Ave.

Elder Jordon reported to Northwestern District Police that he returned home to find $252 missing.

The two other losers, all of whom resided on the building's third floor, were Miss Hattie Spruell, $17, and James Barnes, $30.

Police said the burglar entered an open window of the Jordon apartment and used a screwdriver to force his way into the others.

Koger asks award him daughters' custody

"Must a man be on notice that if he would keep his children, he must also keep his wife, no matter what the cost?"

This question was the basis of a Court of Appeals case heard on Tuesday in Annapolis at the request of John Franklin Koger, a local postal employee.

The appeal was filed when Mr. Koger lost his motion for the custody of his three small girls before Judge James K. Cullen in Circuit Court.

Mr. Koger was granted a limited divorce in June, 1956 and an absolute divorce in Oct., 1957.

Custody of the girls was given his wife, Mrs. Myrtle Koger whom he married in 1948 and whom he said deserted him.

He was ordered to pay $30 weekly for support of the children.

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MRS. KOGER was not present as her ex-husband carried his case to the high court, however she was represented by Mrs. Lena K. Lee and William Murphy, attorneys, who asked that Judge Cullen's decision stand.

Through his attorney, Archie D. Williams, Mr. Koger based his argument for custody on some 13 points which included the following questions:

"May the Equity Court grant custody of minor children to the mother when she had not asked custody?

"May the Equity Court award minor children to the mother when the father originally requested custody and the mother did not?

"Does the mother have superior rights to that of the father?

"May an Equity Court judge determine what is to the best interest of the children without hearing witnesses testify as to the respective situation of the parents?

"Must a father prove the mother unfit in order to have custody of his children especially when the mother has not asked for custody?

"Under the 'Clean Hands' doctrine, must not the Equity Court award custody to the parent who is not guilty of marital misconduct?

"Should the father's right to select the domicile of his family and to have the custody of his children be defeated by the wife's act of deserting him without just cause or justification?

"According to Mr. Williams the points could be summed up in these words: 'The person who rocks the matrimonial boat, let him swim ashore.'"

THE 26-page brief filed by Mr. Koger also stated that he was deprived of Constitutional protection under the 14th Amendment since he is required to support his children outside his home when the children are not away from the home because of any misconduct on his part.

Said Mr. Williams: "If that is the case, a wife can go across the street and leave the children there simply because she wants to."

Mrs. Lee requested that Mr. Koger's suit be dismissed by the high court.

She told the jurists: "To tear the children away from a devoted mother would not be to the best interests of the children.

"Young children should not be separated from their mother except for grave and weighty reasons."

Sitting in the Court of Appeals were Judges Frederick W. Brune, chief; William L. Henderson, Hall Hammond, Sedman Prescott, and William R. Horney.

A decision is expected within 30 days.

Ministers to support ride-where-drive move

The Cab Drivers' Improvement Committee announced this week that substantial church support has been assured for the June 15 "Ride Where You Drive" movement.

Meanwhile, the AFRO learned that at least one cab owner in the Diamond Cab Association planned to add colored drivers in the next few days.

Theodore Carver, chairman of the drivers' committee, said two church organizations and more than 19 individual ministers had promised to support the movement.

Through the ministers and other leaders, Mr. Carver and his committee are calling on citizens to ride only cabs which will hire colored drivers.

The committee hopes this movement will result in breaking down discriminatory hiring practices among some firms.

Mr. Carver pointed out that Diamond Cab Company and Sam Cabs, two of the city's largest, do not hire colored drivers.

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THE DRIVERS decided to launch the hiring protest movement after the Fleetway Cab Co. dissolved and some colored drivers lost their jobs when many of the cars entered the Diamond setup.

Mr. Carver said he has been informed that William Bothum, formerly of the Fleetway and now with Diamond, expects to hire colored drivers soon.

He said the committee still has not been able to find out whether any other owners in the Diamond Association are going to hire colored drivers.

NAACP to sponsor state voters drive

The NAACP in its 18th annual state conference of branches here voted to sponsor a statewide register - to - vote campaign.

The 303 delegates from 23 branches also approved a resolution calling upon parents in the counties to enroll their children in white schools.

All officers of the conference were unanimously re-elected.

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MRS. LILLIE M. JACKSON, president emeritus and president of the Baltimore branch, presided over the day-long session marking the fourth anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's school desegregation ruling.

The Rev. John L. Tilley, who directed the successful voter registration drive sponsored by the local NAACP branch, has been asked to head the statewide drive.

The Rev. Mr. Tilley is also being sought by the Rev. Martin Luther King to head up the southwide registration movement. He is expected to announce his decision in the next several days.

During a workshop, "Accelerating School Integration in Maryland," Dr. David A. Zimmerman, assistant superintendent of state schools, told the delegates none of the counties have refused to integrate.

He said some which had announced integration policies have not yet had any applications from colored pupils.

Dr. Zimmerman also said four counties have integrated their teaching staffs without incident.

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THE NAACP presented awards during the annual luncheon at which Clarence M. Mitchell Jr., director of the Washington NAACP Bureau was guest speaker.

Dr. Carl Murphy, president of the AFRO - AMERICAN Newspapers, presided over the luncheon session.

Gloster Current, of New York City, national director of NAACP branches, warned the delegates that because of the recession they would have to work harder this year to meet membership and financial goals.

A total of 42 political candidates appeared before the delegates.

FBI seeking man who fled here in 1953

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is still seeking a former Baltimorean five years after he was charged with fleeing Maryland to avoid prosecution for murder.

The suspect is Martin Luther Holt (alias Luther Caldwell), 48, charged in a warrant with fatally shooting a woman here in March, 1953.

"Holt may be armed and should be considered dangerous," an FBI circular indicates.

A COMPLAINT was filed with the U.S. Commissioner in July, 1953, charging the suspect with unlawful flight to avoid prosecution.

A native of Charlotte, N.C., he was described as being five feet seven and weighing between 160 and 171 pounds.

Identifiable marks are scars over the left eye and on the tip of the right thumb.

Mr. Holt, according to the circular, has worked variously as a laborer, chauffeur, janitor, foundry worker and boom truck operator.

MARTIN LUTHER HOLT

ONE FREE LESSON
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Curfew measure killed in Council

The City Council's Judiciary Committee on Monday returned Councilman Walter Dixon's proposed curfew ordinance to the Council with an unfavorable report, following a brief afternoon public hearing.

The Council agreed with the committee and the bill was killed.

At the hearing, Bernard Haley, representative of the Community Organization on Juvenile Delinquency, Inc., and the Rev. W. D. Hall, pastor of the Nazarene Baptist Church, Harford Rd. and Biddle St., strongly urged passage of the ordinance.

Mr. Haley said he represented an area bounded by Edmondson Ave., Fulton Ave., Baltimore St. and Bentalou St.

He said his organization felt this ordinance was not the answer to juvenile delinquency, but was certainly a part of the answer.

The Rev. Mr. Hall said his church was constantly pilfered by gangs of roving juveniles, and he felt such a curfew would help his area.

HOWEVER, John J. McManus of the Baltimore Youth Commission, along with a representative of the police department, said their respective organizations were neither for nor against the ordinance.

Solomon Liss, Judiciary Committee chairman said if there were a demand for this type of ordinance more than two people, Mr. Haley and the Rev. Mr. Hall, would have showed up for the hearing.

At a later hearing, the Council's Voting Committee heard protestants against a proposed ordinance to rezone from residential to first commercial property on the southside of

Jobs picture remains dull

Baltimore City's unemployed collected 27,109 benefit checks last week, 534 more than the week which ended May 10.

This slight climb was in contrast to the state picture which saw a drop in checks paid, from 46,540 the previous week to 45,831 last week.

New claims by Baltimoreans totaled 3,025 last week, down 19 from the 3,044 initial claims filed the week ended May 10.

Initial claims also fell statewide, down 749 to 4,939 last week as compared with the 5,679 the week before.

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MEANWHILE, another 899 persons exhausted the full 26 weeks of benefits in March as they were entitled. Since Oct. 1 last year, 16,868 have exhausted.

Last week's figure for exhaustions are larger than those showing dips in checks paid and the fall-off in initial claims.

Lye puts man in hospital

Matthew Steeple, 53, of the 700 block Sterling St., was admitted to Johns Hopkins Hospital on Thursday morning with lye burns of the left face, left eye and neck.

He reportedly told Northern District police a 24-year-old

Tyson St. homes will help YWCA

The small mid-city homes of the 900 block Tyson St.—between Read St. and Park Ave.—will be opened to the general public on Saturday, June 7, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. to raise funds to sponsor "camperships" for girls between the ages of 7 and 14 to Camp Y-HO-WA this summer.

This will be the eighth time residents of Tyson St. have opened their homes to raise funds for an agency serving the needs of children. Camp Y-HO-WA is a new day camp being established by the YWCA at the western swimming pool in Druid Hill Park.

It will be open to all girls between the ages of 7 and 14 and will cater especially to those who live in the congested, mid-city area.

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WILL TRAVEL—Little Billy, one of seven boys and 3 girls up for adoption at the Family and Children's Society, 204 W. Lanvale St., wants interested couples to know that he has tricycle, will travel. For further information stop in at the Society or phone MA. 3-7332.

$50 is the total set aside each week for News Tips and News Photos. For News Tips, call MU. 5-6015, 4016, 1812 and 1813. If no answer, call LA. 3-3024. Bring your News and

'LADY IN GOLD' MURDER CASE GOES TO TRIAL
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No. 1 At Little Rock

15 yrs. for killer of 'Gold lady'

F-L-A-S-H-!

Henry L. Veney, 38-year-old bass fiddle player, was sentenced to 15 years in the penitentiary shortly after noon today Thursday) when Judge Anselm Sodaro found him guilty of second-degree murder in the fatal shooting of the "Lady in Gold."

A not-guilty plea was was entered at 11 a.m. today (Thursday) by a murder suspect arrested two days after the body of the "Lady in Gold" was found in Dundalk.

In an opening statement, Preston Pairo, Jr., assistant State's attorney, said the defendant, apprehended at the home of the victim's mother, admitted ownership of a pistol allegedly used in the slaying.

The Criminal Court murder trial of Henry L. Veney, 38, bass fiddle player of the 1700 block John St., accused of fatally shooting Mrs. Carrie (Piney) Sheldon, 52, of 1819 Guilford Ave., on January 11, starts today (Thursday).

The case is being heard by Judge Anselm Sodaro, with W. A. C. Hughes Jr., attorney for the accused man.

Mrs. Sheldon became known as the "Lady in Gold" after her body was discovered in a field on Broening Highway at Dundalk Ave., not far from the Turner Station area.

Two youths came across her lifeless body which had two bullet wounds in the chest.

She was dressed in a gold cocktail dress and when police could find no clue to her identity she was taken to the City Morgue where she lay for 48 hours known only as the "Lady in Gold."

THE WOMAN'S family identified the body after police thought it fitted descriptions given by her mother, Mrs. Cherry Wilkins, 1819 Guilford Ave., in a missing persons report.

"Piney," as she was known by her friends, had often gone out on Friday nights to the bar on the 400 block of Druid Hill Ave. where Veney worked, Mrs. Wilkins told police.

Veney was arrested at the Wilkins home when he came there the Sunday after the slaying, still expressing surprise at the "Lady in Gold's" absence, police said.

Relating events of Sunday before the arrest, the mother recalled:

"Sunday he called from work and said, 'Mamma, I'll be over. Have you heard from Carrie yet?'

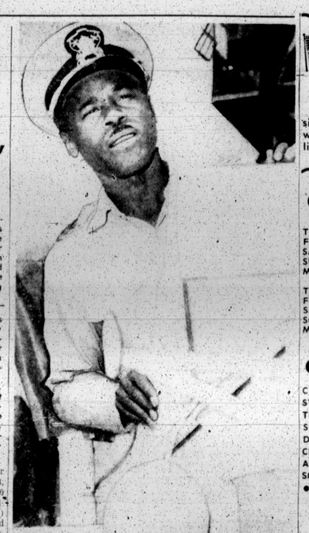
"She said he came over and had a chicken dinner and talked about how good it tasted.

"The Lady in Gold," was mother of five children.

After the story of the tragedy appeared in the AFRO a number of sympathetic readers made contributions to the children through the grandmother.

Dr. J. Gunn 'critical'

The condition of Dr. John T. Gunn was listed as critical at Johns Hopkins Hospital early this morning (Thursday).



STANDING AT PILOT HOUSE of American-made cutter, Lt. Nicholas Beausejour, skipper of the Haitian Coast Guard ship, views overhauling activities.

Haitian ship here for repair work

The flag of the Republic of Haiti flies proudly over a 95-foot cutter in the U.S. Coast Guard shipyard at Curtis Bay.

"Here, where it was made nearly three years ago, the La Crete de Peirrot, GC-3, is being overhauled from stem to stern.

"Representing a full fifth of tiny Haiti's active Coast Guard fleet, the GC-3's 4,000-mile trip here for service also represents the cooperation between this country and Haiti.

"All five of the vessels in the Haiti Coast Guard are American - made and the GC-3 and a similar craft, the GC-9, went to the country under the Military Assistance Program of the United States.

LT. NICOLAS BEAUSEJOUR, 41 - year - old skipper of the GC-3, says his cutter will spend two or three weeks in Norfolk, Va. in "underway training" with the U.S. Navy when the repair work is completed.

Both the repair work and the training expenses will be borne by MAP.

Making the trip here with the Haitian skipper and 16-man crew was Lt. John G. Martinez of Connecticut who is assigned to the U.S. Naval Mission in Haiti.

The mission is designed to help train and guide the Haitian Coast Guard, Lt. Martinez explained.

The crew arrived here on May 4 for a month of repairs.

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LT. BEAUSEJOUR and his two officers, Ensigns Paul Francois Bazin, 24, and Alix Cave, 22, speak good English as well as their native French.

But they don't talk too freely during these politically troubled days for Haiti.

Lt. Beausejour said his men spoke little English.

"They speak English enough for getting some things bought around town," he said.

Mostly, they have bought records and other musical accessories, he said.

Elvis Presly? — Neither of

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Police say newborn baby was thrown from window

"An infant, allegedly thrown from a second story bedroom window Tuesday night after it was born to a teenage girl, died at 10:51 Wednesday morning at Lutheran Hospital, police reported.

The 18-year-old mother was reportedly in good condition at Lutheran where she was taken for post natal treatment.

Police said the young mother was babysitting at the home of relatives when the baby was born about 8:30 p.m.

Police were called to the scene by a neighbor who said:

"I heard the baby crying and Timothy Watts said they found the unclothed baby boy in a rear yard in the 600 block N. Rosedale at 11:02 p.m.

"This was about two and a half hours after the baby reportedly was thrown from the bedroom.

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THE BABY'S body was "bluish from exposure," the officers stated.

It was wrapped in a towel and taken to Lutheran hospital.

A 30-year-old man who lives in the apartment told police the girl had baby sat for him and his wife while they went fair, taken the babysitter home and had then come back to the apartment, police said.

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HOWEVER, THE man was brought to the Northwestern Police Station and held as a state's witness after police said they found blood stains on some clothes he owns.

Police picked the girl up and took her to Lutheran Hospital after talking to the man.

There she told Lt. Louis Rehak that she gave birth to the baby while alone in the apartment with two small children she was keeping, police said.

MEMORIAL DAY

Lest we forget . . . lest we forget . . .

MEMORIAL DAY 1958 — remember to pause in silent tribute to those who have gone ahead — those whose sacrifice and service made it possible for you to live . . .

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• THE WEATHER •

THURSDAY—Sunny and less humid, high 74.
FRIDAY—Cloudy and warmer, clearing in afternoon, high 82.
SATURDAY—Scattered showers.
SUNDAY—Fair and warmer.
MONDAY—Fair.

	Sun Rises	Sun Sets
Thursday, May 29	4:35 a.m.	7:20 p.m.
Friday, May 30	4:34 a.m.	7:21 p.m.
Saturday, May 31	4:34 a.m.	7:22 p.m.
Sunday, June 1	4:33 a.m.	7:22 p.m.
Monday, June 2	4:33 a.m.	7:23 p.m.

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Holiday traffic toll expected to be high

Baltimore and Maryland join the nation in paying tribute to the country's war dead tomorrow (Friday).

As the three-day holiday period began, Maryland's Traffic Safety Commission warned drivers to "Slow down and live."

In respect to the men who fell in battle for this country, the holiday came on Thursday and most persons had just one day off.

To make the day a safe and happy one the safety commission suggests that drivers:

Limit the number of miles you try to cover, be prepared for heavy holiday traffic, get an early start and pause for rest occasionally;

Keep your speed down, don't drink and drive, and be courteous on the road.

Mrs. Howard Dixon files for divorce

Mrs. Mildred Holly Dixon, 33, 3934 Old Frederick Rd., filed suit for divorce from her husband, Howard D. Dixon, on Monday in Circuit Court.

"Through her attorney, Leonard S. Freedman, Mrs. Dixon charged Mr. Dixon, well-known Avenue businessman, with desertion and abandonment during the month of July, 1956.

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THE PRETTY FORMER Department of Employment Security clerk also charged Mr. Dixon with adultery.

The papers said: "Since the desertion and abandonment I discovered that my husband is guilty of adultery and we have not lived together since the desertion and abandonment which has continued uninterruptedly

doned the actions of my husband. The desertion and abandonment is his deliberate and final act and there is no reasonable hope or expectation of reconciliation."

Mrs. Dixon stated further that Mr. Dixon who recently won a Republican primary

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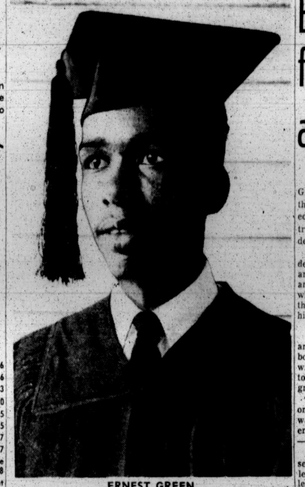

ERNEST GREEN
He weathered the storm

Little Rock Nine reject high honor

By LOUIS E. LOMAX

The students who made history by integrating Little Rock Central High School met at midnight Tuesday and voted not to accept the coveted Spingarn medal which had been awarded them for their contribution to racial understanding during of 1957.

The decision came after five days of consideration by the pupils. Last Friday, Mrs. Daisy Bates, president of the Arkansas Chapter NAACP, advised the children that they had been voted the award. Mrs. Bates said that Roy Wilkins, executive secretary of the NAACP, had phoned her of the decision naming the pupils for the honor.

However, the award failed to include Mrs. Bates, whom many speculated would receive the citation. After several days of discussion, the children voted to advise the NAACP that they would not accept the award unless Mrs. Bates is included.

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IN NEW YORK, NAACP spokesmen refused to comment on the development. A top NAACP spokesman confirmed that the award had been voted to the pupils and that Wilkins had phoned the decision to Mrs. Bates. The same spokesman said that the NAACP had not been advised of the group's decision to reject the award.

NAACP Public Relations Director Henry L. Moon told the AFRO that the organization makes it a practice to clear with the recipient before making any public announcement.

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Ernest is first grad at Central

(Special To AFRO)

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—Ernest Green, 17-year-old member of the Little Rock Eight, graduated, Tuesday night, from Central High School without incident.

At exactly 9:08 p.m. the slender youth, clad in a black cap and gown, rose from his seat and walked the 10 paces to where the principal, J. W. Matthews, stood and was handed his diploma.

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THERE WAS no applause and no demonstration as he bowed slightly, shook hands with the principal and returned to his seat among the other 601 graduates.

The graduation exercises, held on the school's football field, was no different from any other graduation of previous years—on the surface.

Otherwise, however, it represented the climax of a turbulent nine-month period of violence, bitterness and tension.

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GREEN'S graduation meant that integration at Central High, despite all that segregationists and the White Citizens Councils could do, was an accomplished fact.

Time and again during the school year, it was predicted that no colored student would ever graduate from Central High.

The graduation exercises were held in the stadium where 1,000 paratroopers of the 101st Airborne Division had headquarters during the troublesome days of last September and early October.

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WHILE THERE was no display of armed force at the stadium, Tuesday night, a detachment of the Federal National Guard was stationed nearby.

Practically all of the city's police were on hand, and detectives mingled with the crowd.

Earlier, the class president, Ronnie Hubbard, had issued a public plea that the graduation not be marred by incidents.

He said the graduates of the 1958 class wanted to remember the event with pleasure, not with pain and remorse.

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ADMISSION TO the stadium was by invitation only, with eight tickets being given each graduate for members of his or her family and friends.

While no representatives of the colored press were admit-

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Morgan graduation Monday; 4 to get honorary degrees

Morgan State College will honor four citizens at Commencement exercises Monday June 3, Dr. Martin D. Jenkins, president, has announced.

The honorary degree of doctor of laws will be conferred upon: Jacob Blaustein, philanthropist, co - founder of the American Oil Company and United Nations consultant, and Dr. Helen G. Edmonds, professor of history at North Carolina College, Durham, N.C.

Also the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., minister of Dexter Avenue Baptist Church, Montgomery, Ala.; and Walter Sondheim Jr., chairman of the Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing Commission and former president of the Board of School Commissioners.

The exercises will be held at 6 p.m. in the W. A. C. Hughes Memorial Stadium, with the Rev. Mr. King delivering the address to the more than 250 candidates for the degrees of bachelor of arts and bachelor of science.

Alumnus of the Year Award will be presented to Rufus E. Hackett, an employe of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company and a minister of Enon Baptist Church will deliver the baccalaureate Sermon Sunday, June 1, 8 p.m., in Hughes Memorial Stadium.

In the event of inclement weather, both exercises will be held in the E. P. Hurt Gymnasium.

Mr. Blaustein has had a distinguished career as a businessman, advisor to governments, community worker and leader in Jewish affairs.

He was born here in 1892 and educated at Baltimore Polytechnic Institute and at Lehigh University in Pennsylvania.

In 1910 he and his father founded the American Oil Company which was later incorporated with the Lord Baltimore Filling Stations. In 1933 American Oil was merged with the Pan American Petroleum and Transport Company.

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SINCE 1937, Mr. Blaustein has become president of the American Trading and Production Corporation and is a director and executive committee member of several other national business corporations in the petroleum field and in insurance and banking, including the Union Trust Co. of Maryland, Diana), and Pan American Gas Company.

For many years Mr. Blaustein has devoted much of his time

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HONORED BY MORGAN ALUMNI — Dr. Martin D. Jenkins, president of Morgan State College, will be honored by Alumni of the college