—'I don't understand'

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boys in that section don't want to go to school.

"We used to like to go to school when I was a girl," the housewife said, "but these boys today just stand on the corner and play hookey from school.

"Something has to be done. They are the leaders of tomorrow and should be in school."

The Johnson boy was known in his block as a quiet boy who had sudden fits of temper, occasionally resulting in violent actions.

Police Lt. Russell Baughan told the AFRO that the Johnson boy had "a minor juvenile record," but had been charged with no serious infractions of the law.

A teenaged friend of Johnson said:

"He would walk up and down the street reading a comic book and he seemed to be under a strain. He seemed to be nervous and under pressure at times."

The accused youth has been unable to give a reason for his actions. Asked for a motive, he told police:

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-Children's rites

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passed will live again, because they had loving, Christian parents and Jehovah considers the children of parents who are loyal believers, to be holy."

The speaker said the righteous would arise on a certain day, but "the wicked will remain in perpetual sleep."

He discounted the theory of a heavenly existence after death, saying, "Jehovah doesn't populate the Heavenly realm with human beings.

"The Heavenly realm was filled before man was created. Man's hope is to live here, in God's kingdom on this earth. Man's hope is sure."

In the crowded funeral chapel, were about a dozen men, the others were women, some of whom held small children in their arms. Playmates of the slain children also attended the funeral.

Standing in the aisles, surrounded by grown-ups, these youngsters could hear the songs and eulogy, but could not see the two tiny gray caskets bearing the remains of the children.

Burial was in Woodland Cemetery.—Rufus Wells

Timetable of tragedy

Friday, November 7, 9:30 p.m.

Mrs. Reginald Conway missed hearing the voices of her two children, Beverly 4, and Wayne 5, who had been playing in front of their home, 2008 Maplewood Ave. She went outside to look for them, and walked the length of the block, but found no trace of them.

10:00 a.m.

Still looking for the children, Mrs. Conway walked past a house at 2012 Maplewood Ave. and saw 16-year-old James A. Johnson, who lived there, digging a hole in a narrow alleyway beside the house.

Young Johnson stared at her, but said nothing.

Mrs. Conway walked on, calling to her children.

11:00 a.m.

The youngsters now missing for 90 minutes, Mrs. Conway continues the search. Neighbors join in.

12:15 p.m.

The case of the missing children becomes a public matter as police are called in. Routine missing persons report is made. Officers sent to help in the search.

1:00 p.m.

Armed with a detailed description of the children, detectives begin door-to-door canvass of neighborhood. Two doors from the Conway home, a detective knocks at the Johnson family residence. He gets no answer, moves on to the next house.

Mrs. Conway, fighting to maintain calm against increasing anxiety, stands in front of 2004 Maplewood. A neighbor, Mrs. Shannon, talks with her and tried to console her.

James Johnson walks by the two women. This time he does not look at Mrs. Conway, but turns his head away as he passes.

2:45 p.m.

Twelve-year-old girl in the neighborhood, who knows both missing children, tells searchers she saw them in Byrd Park at about 2 p.m. Police move their search to the park area. The girl insists that she saw the youngsters enter a house in the park. Taken to the carillon there, she changes her mind. Says it must have been in Maymont Park.

The searchers move into the 100-acre Maymont Park. The 12-year-old girl points to a house and identifies it as the one the children entered. A park attendant says she must be mistaken, that building has been locked since September.

But the search continues in Maymont Park.

A half-dozen police cars are parked at the park entrance. Inside the park, the officers fan out on foot. The searching party includes uniformed police men, plainclothesmen, friends of the Conway family, newspaper reporters; and Reginald Conway, 32-year-old father of the missing children.

4 p.m.

Most of the Maymont area has been covered. Not a single clue to the children's whereabouts has been found. The search ends at the waterfront. A police sergeant suggests that the lake be dragged. However, since a six-foot fence surrounds the body of water, it is considered unlikely that the children could have fallen in.

Nevertheless, plans are made to drag the lake at daybreak.

7 p.m.

Darkness has descended on the area and the temperature has dropped to a chilling 30 degrees, but the search goes on. Police dogs, trained to track down fleeing criminals, are brought into the park.

Newsmen and other volunteers are spending considerable time watching the police dogs, and it is decided that the dogs are unsuited for this type of work. The dogs are taken back to their assigned cars and put to work on regular night patrol.

8 p.m.

Three police squad cars drive slowly out of Maymont Park. The cars stop and the officers unload. They gather in a huddle around towering Lt. Russell L. Baughan, head of the police juvenile division.

The missing children's father and a few others stay in the park.

The officers agree that it is possible, but not probable, that the children are in the park. They decide to divide their forces; some returning to again search the park, others moving back toward the neighborhood where the Conways live.

9 p.m.

Radio and television announcements have informed the city of the search. Four Boy Scout units join the forces already in the field, and the tedious job continues.

Outside the Conway home, the worried mother stands a lonely vigil. A few feet away, neighbors huddle and talk.

12:15 a.m.

Saturday, November 8

Police receive call that Beverly's body has been found in an attic near the Conway home.

12:30 a.m.

James Johnson leads police to shallow grave beside his home where Wayne's body is buried.

1:00 a.m.

Police take 18-year-old James Johnson to headquarters, and charge him with the double murder.

Dr. Kittrell talks on African women

WASHINGTON

Dr. Flemmie Kittrell, who has returned from Africa where she was sent on a cultural tour by the State Department, will speak to the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom at a tea at Davis House, 1322 R St. NW, Saturday, from 4:30 to 6 o'clock.

She will talk on "How Fare the Women of Africa" during which she will discuss the progress of women of Nigeria, Uganda and East Africa toward freedom and security. Dr. Kittrell is now head of the Home Economics Department at Howard University.

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Fourth District voters an inspiration to him—Koger

Dear AFRO:—

There were many fine things achieved and much inspiration received by the activities of the Fourth District voters in the Nov. 4th election:

There was the knowledge that the professional politician could no longer take for granted the colored voter. He must cope with him in the future, and deal with him in an alert and respectful manner.

The party big-wigs nearly lost their scalps, spent their money like water, and will never, no never, ignore the colored voter or doubt the integrity of colored leadership.

There was the confidence of real and intelligent organization for the first time. This was evidenced by the unbossed candidates, the churches, the professionals, housewives, laborers, etc., getting off their backs, uniting and fighting together for their political lives.

It is hoped that they learned something. Their big mistake was that in their enthusiasm for victory they slept, the first principle of partisan politics to get out the vote. Next they will be keener. They will get out the vote.

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THE SAME NUMBER of offices held in the Legislature are still held by colored people. Good men went down. Good men were elected. Better still, the new Senator and the two Delegates will have to produce or do a better job than their predecessors.

Otherwise, they will earn the stamp of "race traitors," or "handkerchief heads." They now belong to the people—all the people.

Their records at Annapolis will be measured, because now we know the standards of good office holders.

Colored women campaigned courageously and were elected for the first time. This is certainly a feather in the Fourth's cap. Mrs. Dixon led her ticket. Mrs. Welcome, by grit and fine support, breached the Pollack wall and showed the Fourth how it could be done.

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THE RUNNING of an all colored Coalition ticket brought out the denial by Pollack and several Jewish organizations and spokesmen that they were simon-pure non-racists. This is really important. I pray to God it is true.

We will watch to see just how much support we get for the Civil Rights bills, and how many jobs, contracts, scholarships are handed out to colored people.

Under the Fourth's fine leadership, we helped to repudiate two candidates who had proved false to our prayers and pleadings. One had a record that smelled. The other only represented some of the people.

The Fourth District leadership spearheaded a drive to kill them off. This, at least, is their crowning glory.

As a resident in the Fifth District, I congratulate the Fourth District for a job well begun. We expect great things from them in the Primaries this Spring.

Earl Koger Sr., 2409 Ellamont St.

Goucher has election symposium

"Problems Related to Racial Tensions, Religious Groupings and Rural - Urban Development" was the topic of a five-man panel at Goucher College in Towson on Wednesday.

The discussion was held in connection with a two-day post-election symposium on "The Congressional Elections of 1958-A Case Study in Political Persuasion."

Panel members included Furman Templeton, executive director of the Baltimore Urban League; Ernest Baugh, political analyst for the Sunpapers; Philip G. Beck, rural sociologist and Peter I. Rose of the department of sociology at Goucher.

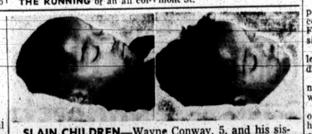
Richard Strout, congressional correspondent for the Christian Science Monitor was moderator.

THE AUDIENCE showed particular interest in the effect the general election had on Baltimore's Fourth District where Maryland's first colored senator was defeated for re-election.

When called to discuss the Fourth District, Mr. Templeton said he had deduced from the election that "minority electors exhibited a political maturity in that it was not swayed by racial issues.

"We found ourselves in a complex situation on Nov. 4th," he added.

Other speakers confined their talks to the Democratic landslide which swept the country early this month.



SLAIN CHILDREN—Wayne Conway, 5, and his sister, Beverly, 4, whom Richmond police report were drowned in a bathtub. A 16-year-old neighbor is in police custody.

Mrs. Atkinson to speak for Sharp Street women

Mrs. Mildred D. Atkinson, director of the Department of Christian Social Relations of the Council of Churches and Christian Education of Maryland and Delaware, will bring the message Sunday morning at Sharp St. Memorial Methodist Church.

The occasion will be the day, long annual observance of Women's Day.

Mrs. Atkinson, who has traveled extensively, is expected to share some of her experiences in South America, Mexico, Europe and England.

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WIDELY KNOWN for her community and church work, Mrs. Atkinson is president of the Baltimore Adult Education Association and is actively affiliated with the Lafayette Square Community Center, the Metropolitan YWCA day camp committee and other organizations.

She has been cited on the AFRO Honor Roll and has been designated round sergeant by the Baltimore Police Department for her juvenile delinquency work.

AN UNUSUAL program has been planned for the evening services.

Three speakers from as many different foreign lands will take Sharp St. members on an "Eighty Minute Trip Around the World."

They will be Miss Nabilla Al Hassan of Ghana, Miss Rosemarie Hou of the emballted Chinese island, Formosa, and Mrs. Nezerene Clift, wife of Morgan's Dr. Virgil Clift, who is from the turbulent Middle East.

Misses Hassan and Hou are students at Goucher College and will appear in their native dress. Music typical of the countries they represent, will be featured during the evening hour.

—'Law be damned'

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tlesworth, three other ministers were arrested: the Rev. N. A. Smith, J. S. Phifer and C. F. Jackson.

The Rev. Shuttlesworth was fined $100 and sentenced to 90 days in jail and the Rev. Smith $100 and 60 days.

All other defendants were given suspended sentences. However, both the fines and sentences as well as the suspended terms are being appealed. The hearing is scheduled for Dec. 1.

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SINCE THE release of the defendants on bail, the organization has sponsored a series of mass meetings.

Practically all of the meetings have been attended by plainclothes detectives, presumably assigned by Commissioner Connor.

Four of the officers identified themselves as Detectives O. V. Vance, L. T. Laney, H. A. Fincher and Marcus A. Jones.

Questioned about the presence of these detectives at the meetings, all held in churches, Commissioner Connor said he presumed they were there to observe what was being done and said.

"The police have to keep up with what's going on," he said. "If they didn't we'd wake up one morning and find ourselves in a hellova fix."

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OTHER OBSERVATIONS by the commissioner were:

So far as police and bus company official know, as many persons are riding buses now as prior to the protest mass meetings and arrests.

A number of employers have called police to report their maids and cooks have been threatened with bodily harm if they continue riding buses.

Excepting Shuttlesworth, the colored people of Birmingham are satisfied with present conditions. As for Shuttlesworth, his interest is in what he can get out of it.

"HE STIRS up trouble and you people up North send him a lot of money which he pockets and uses to his own advantage."

People in the South get along much better than they do in New York City "where school girls get their throats slit and raped."

Persons who bomb homes and churches are the lowest type of criminal and should be punished to the fullest extent of the law.

If they commit such crimes in Birmingham "we'll run them down and see that they are punished. Didn't we arrest and convict the white men who castrated that poor colored man.

"They (the white men) go off to easy with 20 years. What I wish is there was some way to take them out and cut their . . . out.

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"AS FOR THE papers in the North, they're not going to report fair what we do down here — just distort it".

Referring to the AFRO, the commissioner said: "I get your paper and I know what you do."

When he was thanked for the interview, he said: "That's all right, glad you came in."

The interview was arranged by the commissioner's executive secretary, John W. Predy.

Ex-model guilty in operation case

WASHINGTON

Catherine Hopkins, 26-year-old former beauty queen and model was found guilty in District Court Wednesday of attempted abortion.

Her attorney, J. Leon Williams, said the verdict will be appealed because doctors testified that Miss Hopkins was of unsound mind at the time of the offense. Judge Henry J. Jackson heard the case without a jury.

Charged with abortion and attempted abortion, Miss Hopkins was arrested in connection with a fatal operation on Mrs. Anne Dickerson, 25, 1300 block D St., SE, who died at D.C. General Hospital in March 1950.

Miss Hopkins was a patient in the same hospital ward when the victim pointed her out before dying, police said.

Convicted of a narcotic violation last Tuesday, Miss Hopkins allegedly performed the operation for $150 while on $1,000 bond and awaiting trial on the narcotic charge. She was committed to St. Elizabeth Hospital in 1956 and remained there until declared competent to stand trial.

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—Airman rescued

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rents, and temperatures.

The ice-island was split in two by a storm. Four days later rescue of the men was accomplished by a plane from Thule, Greenwood.

Beaming with happiness Mrs. Wise said, "Ray will be home within a week. Just think, he hasn't seen the twins since they were two months old."

Keith and Kirk are now 11 months old. The other two children are Bertha, 6 and Nadine, 5.

In his telephone conversation, Airman Wise told his family not to worry and that he missed them very much.

Mrs. Wise smiled, "Gee, he'll be home for 30 days and then he'll be stationed at MacGuire Air Base in New Jersey."

She revealed, "Ray volunteered for the six months hardship tour of duty on the floating scientific laboratory so he could be away from us for as short a time as possible."

The regular tour of duty in the Alaskan theater runs from 18 to 24 months.

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AFTER THE harrowing experience Airman 1/C Wise, a cook, was aming the most sent to Fairbanks, Alaska, for reassignment.

Explaining her feelings upon learning about the men's predicament, Mrs. Wise said:

"Of course it was unpleasant news, and very upsetting as well.

"There wasn't much that I or anyone could do but just hope and pray that the weather would calm down so that they could be rescued.

"As we all know, they were, thank God.

"All kinds of thoughts came to my mind at the time. I hoped and prayed so very hard that I wouldn't become a young widow. What would I do with four young children? I am sure I could have managed, but loving my husband the way that I do, I wouldn't have wanted to.

"I'm glad it's all over, because this is the first time we've been separated since we were married seven years ago. I was pretty worried during the four days that he was in danger," said the pretty mother.

"But I kept the bad news from the children," she explained.

Mrs. Wise had received two telegrams from Air Force headquarters in Alaska while her husband was marooned on the ice floe.

One telegram informed her that "You have probably heard through local news media that Ice Island, where your husband is stationed, is having some severe weather.

Although these is no immediate danger, we expect to bring all personnel of the island to safety at any time."

The other telegram stated, "Your husband has been taken off of Ice Island safe and sound. You can expect to hear from him soon. He is due to arrive at Ladd Air Force Base, Fairbanks, Alaska, on Nov. 8."

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THE WISE family are members of the Allen AME Church, 39th and Powelton Ave.

The service man is a graduate of Bok Vocational School.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wise, live at 1344 S. 17th St.

—Judge Cobb

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the offices of Cobb, Howard and Hayes, was left $200, and expenses were provided for the next dinner meeting of the Washington Chapter of Epsiol Boule.

The bulk and remainder of the estate was left to Howard University to establish a scholarship fund for law students to be known as "The James A. Cobb Scholarship Fund."

Tries to hang self in cell

WASHINGTON

Eugene W. Reed, 35, attempted to take his own life Monday night while a prisoner at No. 6 Precinct.

Police said Reed was booked about 8:15 p.m. on charges of speeding and driving with a revoked permit. Unable to post collateral, Reed was placed in a cell.

Pvts. Harris Kelly and George E. West said they returned to the cell about 8:33 p.m. and found Reed standing on the bunk of the cell with his shoe laces tied to a cross bar above the cell door and tied under his chin with a knot.

Reed, of the 1800 block Park Rd., NW, was admitted to D.C. General Hospital for observation, police said.

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Panel to take up job relationships

"Better Human Relationships On Your Job" is topic of the third panel discussion in the human relationships series being held on Sunday afternoons at Mosher School No. 144, Mosher St. at Wheeler Ave.

All of the meetings are held at 4 p.m.

Dr. Irene Diggs, of the Sociology department of Morgan State College, will be moderator of the panel.

MEMBERS ARE Mrs. Beryl Williams, president of the Maryland League of Women's Clubs; Charles G. Young, superintendent, Walbrook Post Office, and Philip Camponeschi, executive secretary of the Equal Employment Opportunities Commission of Baltimore.

"Responsibilities For Democratic Living" will be the subject of the address to be delivered at the final meeting in the series on Nov. 23 by Dr. Furman Templeton, executive director of the Baltimore Urban League.

The first meeting in the series dealt with "The Family's Role in Human Relationships" and the speaker was Dr. Samuel Glasner, rabbi, educator and psychologist.

What Does It Mean?" was the subject of panel discussion last Sunday. Mrs. Mary N. Brooks, principal of the host school served as moderator.

Others participating were Otho Pinkett, of the Ashburton Neighborhood Association; Samuel Daniels, chairman of the Maryland Commission on Inter-racial problems and Relations, and Miss Frances Merton, director of the Citizens Planning and Housing Association.

THE SPEAKERS CALLED upon neighborhood associations to strive to prevent the spreading of myths which lead to residents panicking and fleeing to the suburbs.

They also blamed the shortage of homes for colored families on the steady influx of colored into neighborhoods once occupied by whites.

It was suggested that the problem would be eased by an open buyers' market.

THE PUBLIC is invited to come to the meetings and to take part in the discussions.

The sessions are sponsored by the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, the National Conference of Christians and Jews, The PTA of School No. 144, the Evergreen Protective Association, the Whitmore-Lafayette Improvement Association, and the Green Lawn Neighborhood Association.

GROUNDBREAKING SERVICES were held Sunday afternoon for the new Gospel Temple Baptist Church, 723 Poplar Grove St., the Rev. Joshua W. Green pastor. Taking part in the services here are Dr. J. Timothy Boddie, pastor of New Shiloh Baptist church; Mrs. Goldie Green, the pastor's mother; The Rev. Mr. Green; Mrs. Gladys Green, wife of the pastor, and the Rev. W. L. Clayton. Dr. Boddie delivered the groundbreaking address.

PO employees retire with 72 years' service

Certificates of merit were awarded two longterm postal men who rounded out a total of 72 years service in the U.S. Post Office here.

Receiving citations on Wednesday from Postmaster William F. Laukaitis were Oscar F. Jackson, 64, 1145 N. Fulton Ave. and John T. Ward, 68, 586 Gold St.

Mr. Jackson, who was a postal employe efor 40 years and began as a laborer in 1918 was transferred to become a mail handler in March, 1944.

At the time of his retirement on September 30, Mr. Jackson was employed at the Merchants Station, Fayette and Paca Sts.

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MR. WARD was also at first employed as a laborer in July, 1926 and promoted to carrier in October, 1935.

He served 39 years at the Druid Station, North Ave. near Druid Hill. He retired Oct. 31.

At the ceremonies held in the offices of the Postmaster, Mr. Ward and Mr. Jackson were honored along with seven other employees. The group of nine men had a total of 333 years postal service.

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MR. JACKSON told the AFRO that he plans to "take it easy" awhile and enjoy retirement days.

"Then, I might decide to look for something else to do," he added.

His wife is Mrs. Ruth Jackson and they have been married 14 years, have no children.

Mr. Jackson has been a member of Emmanuel Christian Community Church for 15 years and serves as vice president of the Men's Advisory Council there.

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MR. WARD IS THE father of 11 children, has 23 grandchildren, and has been an elder at Grace Presbyterian Church for 15 years.

For 25 years he has served as secretary of the Eureka Lodge, Knights of Pythias.

On Thursday Mr. Ward told the AFRO he plans to do some loafing during his retirement but dislikes being idle.

He said: "When men sit around the house all day, they soon fall to pieces.

"If I could find some small job to do I certainly would take it."

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MEANTIME, Mr. Ward is doing some papering, painting and general repairs around the house.

Mr. Ward was married to the former Miss Henrietta Johnson now deceased.

The couple had ten children including two sets of twins. With the exception of one set of twins, Lewis and Daniel, who died at the age of one week, all the children are living.

They are Charles, Wilbert and John Ward Jr., all postal employees; William Ward, a Philadelphia postal employee; and Mesdames Thelma Robinson, Elizabith Carter, and Esther Shield all of Baltimore.

In 1941 Mr. Ward was married a second time to the former Miss Christine Royston. Their son, Anderson, is 11 years old.

MISS HEIGHT HONORED

NEW YORK (NNPA) — Miss Dorothy Height of New York, leadership services staff associate director for training, YWCA, and president of the National Council of Negro Women, was one of five women who received the 1958 Woman of Achievement Awards of the Women's International Exposition at the 71st Regiment Armory here Monday night.

Gets probation for attempted larceny

James P. Randall, 16, 500 block N. Parrish St., was given two years probation before a verdict and L. Aaron, Wednesday, attempted larceny in a laundromat in the 1700 block W. Lexington St.

EDGAR W. DOUGLAS

Republican candidate for the House of Delegates in the recent election wishes to thank his many friends (5,040) who voted for him. "Your support was most encouraging and I will continue to fight for representation in our district. My motto is "a winner never quits and a quitter never wins."

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