DOOMED MAN'S CHILDREN SAY 'PLEASE COME HOME'

A BIG SALE is chalked up by Harry J. Funk, 8, of Hancock, Md., and Yvonne Butler, 7, of Baltimore, as they find no resistance at all in selling Christmas Seals to Gov. Theodore McKeldin. Funk's father and a younger brother are receiving treatment in sanitorium's whose program benefit by seals funds. The traditional Seal sale is sponsored by the Maryland Tuberculosis Association. Frank T. Jones is executive director.

Cry for dad on death row

"Barbara Jean gets up to look for him at night and sometimes she wanders about the house."

There was a note of sadness in Mrs. Margaret Merchant's voice as she spoke Sunday of her two-year-old daughter's inability to understand the long absence of her father.

In Barbara Jean's eyes, whenever she hears the name of her father, is a pitiful plea that says, "Daddy, please come home."

But daddy, 22-year-old Gus Merchant, can't count on ever coming back to the family's Glen Burnie home.

Merchant is on death row in the Maryland Penitentiary. He has been sentenced to death on conviction of assaulting blonde Mrs. Elizabeth Bruce.

He is alive today because Governor McKeldin granted him a stay of execution while he studies the case. The stay could be ended any day.

"Since he left, Barbara Jean hasn't been the same," said Mrs. Merchant, who also has a younger daughter, Cathy, 1.

"When somebody comes to the door, she runs to it yelling, 'There's my daddy.' When she sees who it is, she comes back and sits down—quietly — with her hands together in her lap."

Explaining the child's actions, Mrs. Merchant said:

"When he would come home in the evenings, he would play with her.

"When they (police) came to pick him up she asked me, 'where are they taking my daddy?' When they had gone, she started to scream.

"She hasn't been the same since," said the young matron, cuddling her two-year-old daughter close to her.

"I always tell her he'll be home," the 20-year-old mother said.

She continued: "Cathy was born soon after they took Gus away, but the first words she learned to say were, 'Gus,' and 'daddy.' She doesn't know him, though. She never saw him."

Mrs. Merchant is a small, slender woman whose eyes reflect a seriousness too profound for a woman her age.

Of course, she misses her husband, too, and her daughters constantly remind her of her own heartache.

"Things are so different since he went away. I try to keep busy—housework, playing with the children.

"When he first went away, I got sick. The doctor told me he would stay sick if I didn't go to out sanatorium and stop worrying," said Mrs. Merchant.

"We've got to meet these costs in order to prevent tuberculosis from becoming even more of a threat than it is," Mr. Jones said.

"Baltimore City is one of the worst TB cities in the entire country. Our aim is to get TB out of Baltimore. With the help of the people who buy and use Christmas Seals, we hope to continue our progress."

ANY DAY may bring bad news to Mrs. Gus Merchant and her daughters, Cathy, 1, and Barbara Jean, 2. Mr. Merchant is on death row in the State Penitentiary and his execution is now being held up by a stay issued by Gov. McKeldin.

Goldstein asks for new trial

The latest repercussion from the trumped-up lottery charges that followed the May 1, 1957 police raid in the 3400 block Auchentoroly Ter. came this week as Capt. Hyman A. Goldstein was sentenced to three years in the House of Correction.

Capt. Goldstein, formerly second in command of the Police Department's Rackets Division, has appealed the sentence and is now free on $4,000 bail. Meanwhile, he has been dismissed from the force.

Charges which grew out of the May 1 raid at the home of Sportsman Charles T. Burns left to his serving 144 days in the penitentiary and Philip L. Taylor, Lafayette Market produce man, being tried on lottery charges.

LAST SUMMER Capt. Goldstein and Inspector Clarence O. Forrester, suspended head of the Rackets Division, were convicted on perjury counts. Inspector Forrester was granted a new trial by the Supreme Bench.

The two had been found guilty of influencing two sergeants to give false testimony in the lottery case.

The two sergeants whose charges led to the subordination of perjury raps against the two ranking officials were Herbert Meekins and Charles Ritcher. Another, Charles Gross, committed suicide after the probe began.

Arrested in the raid of Mr. Burns' apartment were Henry G. Parks Jr., a visitor in the home; Mr. Taylor, who maintained he was driving past at the time; and three women,

CAPT. HYMAN A. GOLDSTEIN
gets three years

one of whom was riding with Mr. Taylor.

Mr. Parks and the three women, were dismissed at a hearing in Northern Police Court.

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MR. PARKS at that time said the raid had the atmosphere of a "Hollywood production."

A Criminal Court jury failed to agree after a trial for Mr. Taylor and the charge against him was subsequently dropped at the request of the State's Attorney's office.

Mr. Burns was convicted and sentenced on June 28, 1957 to a two-year term.

There was widespread speculation that he would be released as the sensational probe of corrupt practices in the Police Department produced evidence almost daily as it progressed, which indicated police had planted evidence of lottery.

Mr. Burns was released in November after his attorney, Herbert Myerberg, was joined by State's Attorney J. Harold Grady, in a request before Judge Michael J. Manley that he be released.

2 brothers jailed on rogue charges

Two brothers, Odell, 16, and Wadell Lucas, 19, 100 block Amity St., were convicted of being rogues and vagabonds at Northwestern Police Court Tuesday.

In addition, they were found guilty of disorderly conduct.

Magistrate Linwood G. Kogler Sr., sentenced the younger brother to 90 days for the first charge and $25 and costs for disorderly conduct.

The elder brother was sentenced to three months for being a vagabond plus three months and a $50 suspended fine for disorderly conduct.

ACCORDING TO officers Robert King and Albert Green, the brothers were arrested in the area of the 2000 block N. Bentalou St.

They were carrying a screwdriver in addition to other alleged burglary tools, police said.

90 million Yule seals in the mail

Ninety million Christmas Seals were sent to the Baltimore City Post Office this week by the Maryland Tuberculosis Association. These seals were prepared for mailing by the Association and hundreds of volunter workers.

More than 230,000 letters will be sent to homes throughout the city urging the recipients to buy and use Christmas Seals to support the Association's fight against tuberculosis.

"It has been estimated that the annual cost of tuberculosis in public funds totals more than three and a half million dollars every year.

"But even more expensive work," Frank T. Jones, Executive Director of the Maryland Tuberculosis Association, said. "It costs more to make a chest X-ray than ever before. It costs more to operate a TB hospital today than it ever did before.

"We've got to meet these costs in order to prevent tuberculosis from becoming even more of a threat than it is," Mr. Jones said.

"Baltimore City is one of the worst TB cities in the entire country. Our aim is to get TB out of Baltimore. With the help of the people who buy and use Christmas Seals, we hope to continue our progress."

MR. JONES explained that money raised by the sale of Christmas Seals in Baltimore is used locally. Only a nominal sum per cent is contributed to the National Tuberculosis Association.

"Among the tuberculosis control work supported by Christmas Seal money are the detection of tuberculosis cases, educational projects for professional TB workers as well as patients, medical research, social research, rehabilitation and personal services to the hospitalized tuberculosis victim.

"TB is a gigantic problem in Baltimore," Mr. Jones said. He added, "We want people to buy and use Christmas Seals and help us fight it. Our slogan this year is 'Be a "write-away" guy' and answer your Christmas Seal letter right away."

Bar group calls for court change

A proposed constitutional amendment calling for the creation of a new court to relieve the case load of the Maryland Court of Appeals was presented to the Legislative Council on Thursday.

The recommendation was submitted by a nine - man committee of the Maryland Bar Association.

The plans calls for an expansion of the court from five judges to nine.

The committee headed by H. Vernon Eney, attorney, submitted the report after a year-of-study.

Under their proposal, the new court would be known as the Court of Special Appeals.

Johnnie Brown on trial Monday in Cambridge, Md.

Johnnie Brown, 37-year-old Salisbury, Md. resident, goes on trial in the Dorchester County court in Cambridge, Md., on Monday, Nov. 17.

He is charged with the September 6th slaying of Patrolman Henry T. Stephens, a Salisbury officer. The trial was transferred from Salisbury, which is in Wicomico County at the request of Mr. Brown's attorney.

School Lunch Menu

Friday, Nov. 14—Egg salad sandwich; macaroni and cheese; buttered kale or spinach; plums, half pint milk.

Monday, Nov. 17 — Vegetable soup, openface cheese sandwich, pickle slice, carrot and celery sticks, fruit jello, peanut butter on grahams, half pint milk.

Tuesday, Nov. 18 — Hamburger on roll, French fried potatoes, buttered cabbage, cherry cobbler, half pint milk.

Wednesday, Nov. 19 — Turkey loaf, buttered peas, broiled peach half, bread and butter, baked custard with chocolate, half pint milk.

Thursday, Nov. 20 — Special menu composed of pupils' favorite dishes plus a surprise dish.

Friday, Nov. 21 — Fish stick, corn pudding, buttered fresh carrots with canned peas, cherry vanilla pudding, maraschino cherry, half pint milk.

Cambridge coach is improved

Andrew C. Jordan, 38, athletic director of Mace's Lane High School, Cambridge, Md., who was injured in an automobile accident Friday, is reported rapidly improving at the Cambridge Hospital.

On Thursday Mrs. Margaret Jordan, his wife, who is the Mace's Lane High School librarian told the AFRO:

"Mr. Jordan has the fractures but he will soon be able to come home to recuperate."

Mr. Jordan sustained three fractured ribs and a fractured skull in the accident between Cambridge and Hurlock near the East New Market Cemetery.

According to State Police, Mr. Jordan's car failed to negotiate a turn in the road and left the highway at the right side, skidded sideways for about 72 yards and turned over.

The car was completely demolished.

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MR. JORDAN was returning to his home from Hurley where he visited a football team member who was injured in a recent football game, it was reported.

Mr. Jordan is widely known throughout the state as well as the Eastern Shore and in his community where he is active both in sports and civic work.

A member of the Omega Phi Psi fraternity, Mr. Jordan is a graduate of Bluefield College, Bluefield, W. Va., and the University of Pennsylvania.

Prior to coming to Mace's Lane High School in 1948, Mr. Jordan taught at Atkins High School, Winston-Salem, N.C.

Arriving Saturday from Mr. Jordan's hometown of Lexington, Va., were his mother, and father, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew C. Jordan Sr., and a sister Mrs. Virginia Brown.

Another sister, Mrs. Rose Johnson, arrived from Clinton, N.C.

No clues to identity of baby boy

Little hope remained on Thursday that positive identification would ever be made in the case of the baby whose badly decomposed body was found Wednesday morning in a field in Turner Station.

Sgt. Ray Warfield of the Dundalk Police said Mrs. Barbara K. Alston, 22, 200 block Morton Ct., came upon the baby's body in the field about 10:10 a.m. Wednesday.

Dr. Melvin B. Davis, assistant county medical examiner, said it was impossible to tell exactly how old the infant was and estimated it had been dead for about two months.

"I don't see how it will be possible to run down anything on it," Dr. Davis said.

"We have one of these cases every once in a while. Usually on these things, as far as identification is concerned, you're up against a brick wall."

CAPT. FRED W. PETERS of the Dundalk Police said no identification link had been established on Thursday.

"It's pretty rough after it has been so long like this," he said.

The Medical Examiner's Office in Baltimore where the body was brought for a post mortem, had not completed its study on Thursday.

The baby's body was discovered in a field in the rear of the 100 block Blaineway.

Police have been checking birth records, families and asking neighbors if they noticed anything unusual in the area in the past two months but little hope was held out for a positive identification.

Cpl. Donald Douglass and Officer Stu Guise are investigating.

Teenager gets bomb, threatening letter

A home - made bomb and a threatening note signed by "The Gang" were delivered Tuesday evening to the door-step of a 14-year - old junior high school girl, police have reported.

The bomb was described by Southwestern Police officers as a metal container filled with a heavy liquid and a long, thick cord for a fuse.

According to the police, the girl was a victim two years ago of a criminal assault in a neighborhood school yard by three youths.

Her testimony in court caused two of the youths to be sentenced to ten and 12 - year terms. The third one escaped arrest.

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THE THREATENING NOTE indicated that its sender was angry because the girl testified against the convicted youths.

Written on composition paper from a wire ring note-book, it read as follows:

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"ON OCT. 15, 1958 WE WRITEN YOU YOU A WARNING LETTER TELLING YOU THAT WE DIDN'T WANT YOU TO STAY IN BALTIMORE OVERNIGHT ANYMORE, BUT YOU IGNORED OUR WARNING.

"WE HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU TO (sic) GOING TO SCHOOL OR COMING BACK FROM SCHOOL, BUT YOU HAVENT BEEN TO SCHOOL AS YET.

"HERE IS A BIRTHDAY PRESENT, YOUR LAST BIRTHDAY YOU WILL HAVE ON EARTH. MY FRIENDS — AND — HAS BEEN IN PRISON GOING ON TWO YEARS NOW.

"HOW DO YOU FEEL? REAL BIG DON'T YOU? ALL I CAN SAY IS HAPPY LANDING BECAUSE THIS IS A BUMP. (sic)

signed: THE GANG"

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IN THE NOTE, the gender named the two convicted youths as his friends.

Neighbors who described the person whom they saw place an article on the steps which "looked like a bomb," said they could not see if he were young or old.

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ONE NEIGHBOR who said he saw the bomb placer described him about six feet tall, dark, wearing a jacket and "a white patch on his eye like you would get in a hospital."

He said the man, after placing the article on the steps, rapped on the door with his cane, then walked toward Washington Blvd. where he disappeared.

The neighbor also said the man did not light the fuse because he noticed he was being watched.

The girl's mother, who has eight more children, said she took her daughter out of the school she attended soon after the assault and sent her away to school.

She has been back to Baltimore to school for approximately one week.

The mother says she has five more children attending school.

She said, "We are afraid to death. My daughter is afraid. They intend to hurt us all. They intend to blow the house up including my eight children."

The children range in ages from 17 to 5 years.

Her husband is a longshoreman and all of the family was home at the time the bomb was delivered.

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AT PRESENT, the girl goes back and forth to school under police protection. She was described by her mother as being "biiz for her age." She said her daughter was approximately five feet, five inches tall.

The bomb was taken into custody by the Southwestern police who turned it over for analysis to Fort Meade Officials.

According to reports, there is a warrant for the third party in the assault in the Southern district.

Sgt. Michael J. McKew and Officer Robert Zeinog investigated the case.

Tom Allen wanted; telegram tells of dead brother in Va.

Yesterday (Thursday) Central Police Headquarters received a telegram addressed to a Tom Allen, who apparently was once a resident of Alexandria, Va., and is now believed to be living in Baltimore.

The telegram said: "Your brother is dead in Alexandria, Va. Come home immediately. (Signed) Your Father, Jess Allen."

If anyone knows the whereabouts of Tom Allen, please contact Central Police Headquarters, Police Services, MUlberry -5 -1600, or the AFRO at MU. 5-6015.

Charged with larceny

Clarence Brown, 37, of the 1800 block W. Lanvale St., was charged with vagrancy and larceny of $24 and placed under $1,500 bail for grand jury action Sunday in Northeastern Police Court.

Ethical meeting

Dr. Henry Neumann, leader emeritus of the Brooklyn, New York, Ethical Society, will be the guest speaker of the Baltimore Ethical Society, on Nov. 16, at 11 a.m. at 1017 N. Charles

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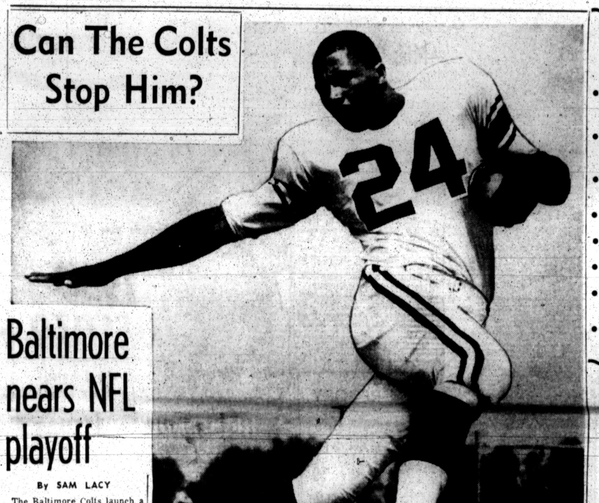
'1 Squeezed PATTIE'

Strangler Of Girl, 7, Faces Gas Chamber

JAMES HENRY WILLIAMS
Faces life imprisonment or death in gas chamber for murder of 7-year-old Pattie

Can The Colts Stop Him?



TOUCHDOWN TOM WILSON
He's Rams' biggest threat

Baltimore nears NFL playoff

By SAM LACY

The Baltimore Colts launch a gruelling five-game drive Sunday which conceivably could produce the first major league sports championship in the history of the Monumental City.

Only three teams and the five games are left to obstruct the path of the Colts as they move toward the National Football League title, and one of the teams — the Los Angeles Rams—will be at Memorial Stadium Sunday afternoon.

The Rams and San Francisco 49ers — each of whom must be met twice — stand between Baltimore and the Western Conference crown. And should they win three of these four contests to clinch the conference title, the Colts then would qualify to take on the Eastern Conference champion, possibly Cleveland, in a December 21, playoff.

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THE 57,557 persons expected for the battle with the Rams will be pulling for more than a Baltimore victory over Los Angeles. As northerners as their eyes will not be glued on the field, they will be pinned on the scoreboard to follow the

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John R. Pinkett dies in D.C.

WASHINGTON

John R. Pinkett, prominent Washington businessman and founder - president of the John R. Pinkett Real Estate Co., died at Freedmen's Hospital Wednesday night.

Funeral services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. at the Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel at Howard University. Interment will be private.

The body will lie in state from 1 p.m. Sunday at the McGuire Funeral Home, 1820 Ninth St. NW, and at the Rankin Chapel at Howard on Monday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

He is survived by his wife, Flaxie H. Pinkett, two sons, John R. Jr. and Charles C., four daughters, Flaxie Pinkett, Mrs. Charlotte Dodson, Mrs. Margo P. Dyson, and Mrs. Frances P. Roberson; a brother, Roscoe D. Pinkett and eleven grand-children.

4 SHOPPING WEEKS LEFT
BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS
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Jamaica' dancer weds son of wealthy banker

NEW YORK — Miss Josephine Premice, dancing and singing star of the Broadway hit "Jamaica," disclosed Tuesday that she and Timothy Fales were wed five days earlier.

The Haitian - born star, who is 32, said she and the bridegroom, 35-year-old son of a wealthy banker, spoke their wedding vows in a quiet ceremony performed by Rev. Adam C. Powell, (pastor of Abyssinian Baptist Church) in her Greenwich Village apartment. "Just a few friends and relatives were present," she said.

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MISS PREMICE admitted the marriage following several days of sensational headlines created by one Belle Levy, a woman private detective.

Miss Levy has instituted a $100,000 suit against Fales, charging that he punched her in the eye when she surprised him kissing Miss Premice in the dancer's apartment at 5:30 a.m.

Fales, whose entire family is listed in the social register, formerly was married to Ellen Wood, Miss Wood, a model obtained a Mexican divorce from the banker in September.

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THE BRIDE admitted that her family was well pleased by the marriage, but refused to

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MISS JOSEPHINE PREMICE

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Integrate vs. no school

By SAMUEL HOSKINS

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — The real question to be decided here on Dec. 6 is whether there is to be school integration or no public schools.

This is the concensus of local opinion regarding the school board election set for two weeks from now.

The alternatives of compliance with Federal court orders or closed schools were first expressed in the statement issued by the five school board members who resigned Nov. 12.

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THE STATEMENT noted that the mass resignations would give citizens their first clear cut opportunity to decide whether they wanted to continue public schools.

By the filing deadline at midnight Saturday, 15 candidates had filed for the five vacancies.

Associated with Mr. Dearing in the proposed action is Paul J. Cockrell, another attorney.

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MR. DEARING reported that a check of records in Federal Court indicated that title to the property was obtained in 1949 by the New Laurel Cemetery Co., but that the sale only included those lots to which no deed was held by an individual.

The attorney was retained to make an investigation, of the Laurel Cemetery matter by the Legal Redress Committee of the local branch of the NAACP.

The sale of the Laurel Cemetery was reported in the AFRO last Friday along with the information that the number of remains and some tombstones had been moved to a new site in Carroll County.

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RECORDS INDICATED that the property was purchased from the bankrupt Laurel Cemetery Co., for $100 by the McKamer Realty Co., whose officers were listed as Clement R. Mercaldo, Lloyd G. McAllister and Dorothy M. Klipper, all of the City's Law Department.

The property was in turn sold to the Belair Road Enterprises, Inc., whose incorporators were listed as David S. Rubens, Jerome, H. Levy and Harold J. Kaufman, also members of the law department.

It was reported that the latter firm is considering the pos-

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Laurel Cemetery lot owner is planning to file suit

Tucker R. Dearing, Baltimore attorney, has announced plans to file a law suit on behalf of a client whom he reported holds a deed to a burial lot in the old Laurel Cemetery in the 2300 block Belair Rd.

Mr. Dearing said the suit will ask that the sale of the cemetery be set aside on the grounds that the company which sold the burial place had no right to dispose of the lots to which deeds were held by private citizens.

Fire at Morgan

Two fire trucks responded to a call from Morgan State College shortly before midnight last night (Thursday).

The blaze, of unknown origin, was confined to one room on the third floor of Banneker Hall for men.

$50 for News Tips

There is a total of $50 available each week for news tips and news photos. If you have a tip or a newsworthy photo, call AFRO City Desk, MU. 5-6015 and say "I've got a news tip." Bring photo to City Desk. If no answer, call LA. 3-3024.

KILLER 'After she got limp, SAYS: I turned her loose..'

PATTIE FOX
Brightest spot first grader

IN A NUTSHELL

- **No tears shed in crowded courtroom when 48-year-old man is convicted in strangulation death of seven-year-old neighbor.**
- **Convicted man claims confession police introduced was forced from him . . . pleads not guilty.**
- **Defense attorney describes defendant as an alcoholic . . . calls him modest and full of tension.**
- **Judge Sodaro finds him guilty of murder in first degree, says he will study case before deciding whether sentence will be life or gas chamber.**

With arms folded and eyes half closed, a sullen James Henry Williams heard himself convicted of the Easter Sunday slaying of seven - year - old Patricia (Pattie) Fox, Thursday.

At the end of a two - hour and 15-minute Criminal Court trial, the 49-year-old Negro janitor house worker was convicted of murder in the first degree.

Not one tear was shed in the crowded court room when the verdict was rendered by Judge Anselm Sodaro.

Due to the seriousness of the crime, Judge Sodaro said he would not pass sentence because, "I want time to think about whether I will impose capital punishment or life in prison."

These are the only penalties possible on a first degree conviction.

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WILLIAMS, who entered a plea of not guilty through his attorney Josiah Henry, contended that a statement admitting guilt was given "involuntarily."

At one point in the statement, the convicted man was quoted as saying, "reached out and grabbed her by the neck and squeezed her for about three seconds. After she got limp, I turned her loose. . . ."

Dressed in a black sweater, blue trousers and a white shirt opened at the neck, Williams at times was an uncooperative witness while on the stand.

At one point in his testimony, in answer to a question by Judge Sodaro, the defendant snapped: "I don't see how I could do that to a little child."

THE DEATH of Pattie Fox came as a shock to Baltimoreans last April when her abused body was found in a debris littered cellar not far from her home.

Following an all night search, the girl's stepsister found her body in a cellarway when she peered into a house in the 600 block of W. Vine St.

Turning away in horror Mrs. Lorraine Wilks sounded an alarm which brought on a

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When Southwestern District police entered the abandoned cellar, they found the smudged form of the slender first grader lying across a log.

Her green plaid dress was smeared with mud.

Pattie's left arm hung over a stick which stuck in a garbage can near the log.

On her feet she wore a new pair of patent leather shoes which her mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. James Parker of 631 W. Vine St., had bought for her Sunday.

MEDICAL EXAMINER'S report disclosed that the little girl had been molested and strangled to death.

From the position of her body, police were able to determine that following the attack and murder, the lifeless body had been hurled down the cellar steps.

Williams, who resided in the home of his sister, Mrs. Isabell Scott at 655 W. Vine St., was arrested a few hours after the discovery.

He was first brought in for questioning after the murdered girl's playmates said she had been in the man's house.

Other girls told police that while in the house, Williams had given them money for candy.

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THE SUSPECT was arrested by Sgt. Calvin Lotz and Officers E. O. Connor, Richard Conally and Albert Varnauskas.

Other Southwestern District officers who questioned neighbors and youngsters for infor-

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You can register NOW so you can vote in '59 city elections

Are you a registered voter? If not, you can register NOW so you will be able to vote in the 1959 city elections.

The primary election in Baltimore when candidates for mayor, city council and and other city offices will be nominated will be held on March 3, 1959.

The General Election will be May 5, 1959.

Who qualifies to register: Any resident who has become 21 years of age. Any new resident of the state who has resided here a year or will have been here a year by election time.

Where to register: At the Supervisors of Elections office, People's Court Building, Fayette and Gay Sts., daily 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturdays 9 a.m. to noon.

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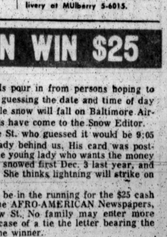

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• THE WEATHER •

Friday, sunny, high near 40, fair and cool at night, temperatures in 30's.
Saturday, fair and warmer, cloudy at night. Sunday, cooler.

Miss Wharton is principal of million $ Lemmel School

Miss Hermione E. Wharton is principal of the new William L. Lemmel Junior High School No. 79, 2900 block N. Dukeland St.

The appointment was one of thirteen personnel changes approved on Thursday by the School Board.

The million-dollar Lemmel school is scheduled to open on February 9. It will have 30 teachers and over 700 pupils. By Sept. 1959, it is expected to have its full complement of 2,000 pupils.

There had been much conjecture as to who would get the coveted principalship.

Of her appointment, Miss Wharton told the AFRO: "I hope I will justify the faith the administration has shown in putting me there. I will do the very best I can."

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MISS WHARTON completes 40 years in the Baltimore schools as teacher and principal in February, 1959.

She has served as principal of the Cherry Hill Junior High School No. 180 for the past 2½ years. Before that, she was principal of Harvey Johnson Junior High No. 106, principal of Douglass High, special assistant at Washington Junior High No. 130, and for 26 years a teacher at Dunbar High.

She is a native of Baltimore, daughter of the late Hector Wharton, one of the first Baltimore school principals who died in 1919, and the late Mrs. Pauline Wharton, a music teacher at Dunbar High School for 30 years, who died in March, 1958.

The new Lemmel principal is a graduate of the Baltimore Normal School (Teachers' College and Morgan State College. She holds a master's degree from New York University.

She has also done graduate work at Columbia, Harvard, Loyola and Johns Hopkins.

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JAMES HITE, principal of Harvey Johnson Junior High School No. 106, will succeed Miss Wharton as principal of the Cherry Hill Junior High.

Special assistant at Clifton Park Junior High School No. 90, Mrs. Enolia P. McMillan will be vice principal there.

Norris Weis, now special assistant at Woodbourne Junior High School No. 46, will be vice principal at Lemmel Junior High School.

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OTHER CHANGES include: Cyrus Marshall, from vice principal at Cherry Hill to vice principal at Dunbar High School No. 133;

Earl Turner, from vice prin-

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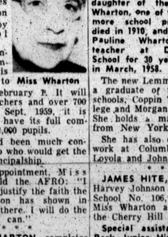

Miss Wharton

YOU CAN WIN $25

As the letters and carts pour in from persons hoping to win an easy $25 in cash by guessing the exact time of day or night the first measurable snow will fall on Baltimore Airport, some interesting things have come to the Snow Editor.

Like the guy on W. Lee St. who guessed it would be 9:05 Nov. 13 which is already behind us. His card was postmarked Nov. 13. And like the young lady who wanted the money for her first child. Seems it snowed first Dec. 3 last year, and she was married on Dec. 3. She thinks lightning will strike on the same date this year.

All anyone has to do to be in the running for the $25 cash is to send a prediction to the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers, Snow Editor, 628 N. Eutaw St. No family may enter more than three guesses and in case of a tie the letter bearing the earliest postmark will be the winner.

Be sure to put the time of day or night in your guess with the date.

Every day takes us closer to the day or night it will snow and someone will be $25 richer.