Additional Facts Add to Doubt of Edwards' Guilt in Slayings

Although Thomas A. Edwards has been convicted and sentenced to die for the Glen Burnie double murders, there is still doubt in the minds of many observers as to his guilt.

These doubts are sustained by the following facts:

1. Police made no attempt to check statements in the confession with known facts, thought this would have been implicit in police work.

2. Edwards's fingerprints were not found on the murder automobile.

Watch, Wallet Missing

3. Police have never accounted for the missing wallet belonging to the slain youth, or the girl victim's watch. In his confession Edwards said he did not disturb these objects.

As the public ponders the missing links in Maryland's most famous murder case, learned judges of the appellate court are weighing arguments made before them, last week.

Briefly, the defense attorneys contended that Edwards could not have committed the crime as was stated in the confession and that the confession itself should not have been admitted into evidence in the trial court, because it was obtained by inducements.

On the other hand, State's attorneys argued that Edwards confession of the crime fits in with earlier theories as advanced by the police, and that while "persuasion" was used to obtain the confession, no inducements were offered.

Meanwhile, Edwards, a 23-year-old Anne Arundel County youth, who suddenly gained nation-wide publicity, sits in the death house of Maryland's penitentiary awaiting the decision of the Court of Appeals.

Maintains Optimism

His family, the only persons allowed to visit him, report that he "is the same as ever," talkative and confident that "everything will be all right."

Edwards, a sugar refinery worker and war veteran, does not know that officials of the union to which he belonged are now investigating the case and may soon throw their weight into the battle for his freedom.

At present, the brunt of this fight is being carried by his court-appointed attorneys, William J. McWilliams and J. Ridgely Melvin, and the Baltimore and Anne Arundel counties NAACP.

John H. Mahlan and Miss Mary Kline were victims in the double murder of Sept. 17, 1948.

Digit Purge Still On, 2 More Fined

One man was fined a total of $200 and costs, and another $100 Thursday, in lottery cases before Judge Michael Manley at Criminal Court.

Arrested by Sgt. Wade Poole of the lottery squad, Cleveland Brown of the 500 block Chapel St. drew the $100 fine for an operation in the 1600 block S. Clinton St. on Jan. 10.

The $200 amount went to John Butler of the 1100 block E. Lombard St., who accepted Captain Alexander Emerson, had numbers evidence at his home covering five days play in November and December.

Mutual Society Club Elects New Officers

The Mutual Benefit Society Club of the Druid Hill YMCA elected officers recently for 1950. Plans have been made for meeting once a month.

Officers elected were:

Nolan Wise, chairman; Mrs. Naomi Wiggins, co-chairman; Mrs. Velma Trippe, secretary; F. C. Smith, treasurer; and William N. Turks, co-ordinator. These officers, with the addition of Robert Wright, Osborne Carroll and Mrs. Elsie Porter, will make up the social activities committee.

The first club social was held this week at the Y. Movies, card playing, checkers, ping pong and dancing took place. On Feb. 22 the group will give a George Washington party, the club consists of employees of Mutual Benefit Insurance Company.

Maryland's Welfare Cost Rises $100,000 in 12-Month Period

With increased total payments for all types of assistance, the State Welfare Department reported that its program cost $100,652 more last month than it did in December of 1948.

The 1948 total was $1,179,766; in 1949 it was $1,280,418. Both totals, however, include burials and other special payments.

Old age assistance, according to the report of the department, cost $434,750 in December of 1948 and $445,538 in the last month of 1949.

Corresponding figures for aid to dependent children totalled $436,593 and $504,120; for aid to the blind, $18,325 and $19,320; for general public assistance, $196,136 and $210,805, and for boarding home care, $93,953 and $100,635.

6,392 Families Aided

In December of last year, 11,930 individuals received old age assistance, 6,302 families received aid to dependent children; 473 persons aid to the needy blind; 4,810 cases general public assistance; and 2,323 children boarding home care.

Throughout the state in December, 11,930 individuals received welfare funds for old age in Baltimore the total was 5,665, and their payments totalled $240,533 of $442,453 spent in Maryland.

Average grant per individual in this category was $42.46 in Baltimore and $37.09 for the State. Baltimore received 162 applications for old age relief within the month, and took on 118 of these.

In the State, 353 applications were received, and 261 of these added to the old age caseload.

Average Was $85.44

In aid to dependent children, 4,098 families, representing 12,274 children, were assisted in Baltimore last month. The State totals were 6,202 families and 18,585 children.

Baltimore's payments in this category totalled $350,112 and the States $504,120. Average grant per family in Baltimore was $85.44 and for the State, $81.28. Baltimore received 308 new applications and added 246. The State accepted 410 out of 523.

Assistance to the blind was given 303 individuals in Baltimore in December and 473 throughout the State. For this service, Baltimore paid $13,194 of the State total of $19,319. Average grant per person in the city was $43.55 as compared to the State average of $40.84. Of 10 new applications, Baltimore added seven.

General public assistance in December cost Baltimore $162,506 of the State total of $210,805. Average grant in the city for the 2,594 cases handled was $47.98. Baltimore accepted 131 of 306 new applications for this type of assistance.

Library Service Set Up for City TB Patients

A library service is being established for tuberculosis patients at City Hospitals.

Dr. G. Canby Robinson, executive secretary of the Maryland Tuberculosis Association, stated that the service is an important factor in the treatment and ultimate cure of patients confined for long periods.

He added that library facilities teach patients how to adjust themselves to their physical limitations and to remain well after they are released from the hospital.

The library project has been approved by the advisory board of the Welfare Department, and will be directed by the division of library extension, United State Department of Education.

Newark Attorney to Address Y Men

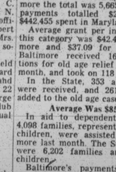
Oliver T. Randolph, noted civil rights attorney of Newark, N.J., is scheduled to speak at the Druid Hill YMCA Feb. 14 in the first in a series of forums sponsored by the Y Men's division program committee.

Mr. Randolph, who aided in drafting the new constitution for New Jersey recently, will speak on "Civil Rights and You." Also speaking on the topic will be Dr. F.H. Dedmond, head of the Morgan State College language department.

The sponsoring committee includes Milton A. Dugger, chairman; Dr. Dedmond, Dr. A. U. Ferte, Charles Fletcher, Charles Lawson and the Rev. Eugene T. Grove. A question and answer period will follow the general discussion.

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Casket With Corpse Inside Catches Afire in Mortuary

An alert floral designer averted a possible fire tragedy at the Katie R. Williams Funeral Home, in the 300 block of N. Schroeder St., on Tuesday.

Western District Police report that while delivering a floral design to the funeral parlor, George A. Rohling, white, discovered a basket with a burning fire in it, on fire.

Officers said the fire was put out by Mrs. Williams and some of her employees, with the aid of a fire extinguisher. The cause of the fire was not revealed. Police say the damage totaled about $300.



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Citizens Want Garrett to Quit

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from Weston R. Scrimger, absent seventh member, was recorded.

Move Indicates Break

Close observers believe the board's latest move as the final break from the dominant influence of Mr. Garrett, Mr. Garrett's racial attitudes have been reflected in the board's decisions for longer than two years.

Avidly opposed to any racially integrated activities, Mr. Garrett has held that segregation is normal and that it is within the power of the board.

Garrett's "Agin It"

Since the board's appointment by Mayor D'Alesandro in 1947, Garrett has opposed:

Use by colored players of tennis courts designated for whites, interracial basketball teams in the recreation league, admission of a colored citizen to a city-owned golf course set aside for whites, this led to the court, (all which opened all courses).

Indiscriminate use of all golf courses by all citizens; use of a white facilities in Clifton Park by Dunbar High School pupils; interracial tennis matches on city courts, and admission of a colored high school teacher to a course in greenhouse husbandry in which all other students were white.

Leadership Waning

On all issues but that of the greenhouse issue, the board's majority voted with Garrett.

But two months ago, on Nov. 3, he cast the only negative vote to the admission of Herbert Frisby, Douglass High School science teacher, to the recreation council.

It was then that the first evidence was seen of a defiance of the adamant president by the rest of the board.

Vow Goes Along

Since then, with other members of the board taking the initiative, Garrett went along with the decision allowing Morgan State College's football team to play in the city stadium next fall.

It will mark the first time that a colored team has played for the stadium.

Significant, too, is the fact that J. Marshall Boone, whose reappointment to the board on last July was bitterly opposed by liberal groups, has seen fit since then to vote against Mr. Garrett, with whom he was aligned formerly on racial matters.

Boone voted against Garrett on the matter of the greenhouse course and advanced the resolution advocating use of the stadium by the Morgan team.

Boone also made the motion on the Cohen matter that caused Garrett to quit.

Brag on Progress

A man in his 70's, Mr. Garrett has been associated with the recreation movement in Baltimore for nearly half a century.

His theory about integrated sports calls for what he terms "careful study and planning."

When civic groups protested the board's suspension from the Recreation League of an interracial basketball team, Mr. Garrett told them that he saw no reason why segregation should be "hurriedly overthrown."

Rationalizations Ludicrous

On the issue of integrated golf, Mr. Garrett maintained that if colored persons used all of the courses indiscriminately, nobody would use the jim-crow course set aside for them.

When the request for use of Clifton facilities for Dunbar pupils was made, Garrett suggested that separate facilities be constructed, because "there might be other implications."

Here he admitted that use of white facilities would be "unreasonable and quite impossible."

Fear and Trepidation

And when the board voted against him on the greenhouse course issue, Garret warned that there might be "serious effects."

Without his resignation, Mr. Garrett's term on the Park Board would extend to July, 1953. That is a long way off.

Macer Doesn't Appear to Answer Charges

Golden Macer, real estate agent, forfeited $26.45 collateral by failing to appear in Northwestern police court Monday afternoon.

Mr. Macer was charged with disturbing the peace Monday morning following a dispute with a police man over whether he was in condition to drive his car.

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New President-Elect Hints University Status for Virginia State College

Great Things Expected of Students by Dr. Daniel

Founder's Day Speaker Pays Tribute to Predecessors, Given Real Ovation

PETERSBURG, Va.—A hint of stand to begin his address. future plans for development of He was principal speaker on the Virginia State College into a university highlighted an address by of a day-long series that was con-Dr. Robert P. Daniel, president cluded with a reception for faculty elect, during the 68th Founders' students and visitors in James Hall. Day exercises at the institution Friday evening.

Pledging to work in harmonious co-operation with Dean J. H. John-Dr. Daniel was given an ovation son, vice-president and acting by the nearly 2,000 persons pre- president at the time, and other sent as he strode to the speakers' members of the faculty, Dr. Daniel also issued a stern warning to students that he frowns on snobbishness from a person who "has a little education".

Speculating that some of the student body are already wondering "how he stands on the social privileges," he warned that he will expect a hard-working, hard-studying student body—one that is interested primarily in the serious task of acquiring an education.

Warning to Students

"Too many people," he asserted, "have been teaching their children to pray 'Now I lay me down to sleep.' when they should have been teaching them to pray, 'Now I get me up to work.' "Students should not come to college to work," he said, "not to go to sleep."

Paying tribute to the founder, A. W. Harris, Dr. Daniel asked whether we as a group are to consider the benefactors of notable achievements or whether the exploits of the pioneers shall stimulate us to become creators of greater things for the common good.

"Labels" Predecessors

After viewing the life and works of his predecessors, the speaker tacked a "label" onto each. John M. Langston—statesman; James Hugo Johnson—humanitarian; John M. Gandy—pedagogue, and Luther H. Foster—business man.

Describing the spot in the old Virginia Hall which marked the site on which the building in which he was speaking stands), Dr. Daniel said he was born in a second-floor room "just a little to the left of the center of the balcony" (in the new building).

Other speakers on the program were Jerome W. Jones, representing the student body; Bernardin F. Dabney, who presented a gold watch to Dr. Johnston on behalf of the faculty, and Mrs. Georgia D. Tyler, representing the alumni association of which she is president.

Dr. Johnston Presides

Acting President Johnston presided and introduced the speakers. Music was provided by the a cappella choir of the college; Harold Montague, directing, and Dr. Samuel L. Brown, director of religious education, offered the invocation and benediction.

Thunderous applause greeted the stirring address given by Mr. Jones, representative of the student council, of which he is president. He is the highest ranking senior and will graduate with the 1950 class. He is a Norfolkian.

Serving as ushers—all ranking students of the 1950 class—were Doimar Barnes, Bertha L. Bradby, Vivian D. Butts, Mildred L. Copeland, Calvin C. Fleming, Harriett L. Foreman, Evorn C. Gilmore, Lemuel E. Johnson, Gertrude M. Lomax, Thurman W. Lyles, Robert Sandidge, Elois D. Scott, Lois J. Wilson and Vell E. Wyatt.

Wreaths Placed on Graves

Early in the afternoon a motorcade consisting of representatives of the administration and families of the former presidents and founders, buried in the Richmond-Petersburg area, laid wreaths on their graves.

In the morning wreaths were laid on the grave of Dr. J. L. Johnston, Sr., who was president of Virginia State from 1888-1914. The wreath was placed by Jerome Jones, Student Council president.

In the afternoon, wreaths were placed on the graves of A. W. Harris, founder of the College, by Dr. Daniel; James Cohen, first principal in 1885, by Dr. Edna M. Colson; John M. Gandy, principal, 1914-1942, by Mrs. C. B. Gandy, widow; Luther H. Foster, president, 1942-1947, by Mrs. G. Foster, widow.

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Murray Brothers Suit Against AFRO Dismissed

WASHINGTON

Suit of the Murray Brothers Printing Company against the AFRO - AMERICAN for $150,000 was dismissed in U.S. District Court Thursday afternoon.

Murray Brothers charged that the AFRO purchased from them the Washington Tribune in 1945 "for the purpose of scuttling it" and eliminating competition in the city.

The trial lasted two weeks before Judge Charles McLaughlin, who filed a "verdict for the defendant, AFRO" saying that he had almost no evidence.

Judge James A Cobb and George Hayes of the law firm Cobb, Howard and Hayes, represented the AFRO.

Henry Lincoln Johnson conducted the case for Murray Brothers Associated with him was "Belford V. Lawson.

Mr. Hayes examined the witnesses and both he and Judge Cobb presented the concluding argument to the court Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Johnson examined the witnesses and gave both the opening and closing arguments for the Murray Brothers.

Bought Stock

Witnesses testified that the AFRO purchased 60 per cent of the stock of the Washington Tribune Corporation from Mrs. Ethel Murray, August 20, 1945 at 15 a share. The same week Mrs. Murray had purchased 42 of these shares from other stockholders, including Freeman Murray, at $50 a share.

The contract between the AFRO and the Murrays stipulated the former to pay a purchase price of $9,500 and to advance additional funds to expand and develop the editorial, advertising, and circulation departments of the newspaper.

An inherent part of the contract was that the Murray Brothers Printing Company was to print the paper.

Joseph Shephard, and later Woody Taylor, were hired as editors; Lloyd Genus as advertising manager and circulation chief and other part-time workers were engaged at raise their weekly payroll from $70 to $320 a week.

Blame Workers

The Murrays testified that some of the workers were ineffective and that on August 6, 1946, the AFRO-AMERICAN began publication of the Red Star AFRO on Tuesday; that this paper competed with the tribune and covered the field economically; that the Tribune folded on November 30, 1946, after operating 65 weeks.

The Murrays claim that the AFRO acted in bad faith, had never intended to make the Tribune a real newspaper and put out its own Tuesday edition of the AFRO for the purpose of scuttling Howard Murphy, AFRO business manager and comptroller, exhibited cancelled checks to show that the AFRO advanced the Tribune $16,500 in loans in addition to the purchase price of $9,500.

Mr. Hayes, said no one profited from the sale except the Murray Brothers Printing Co., which in 1942, had purchased the Tribune, then in bankruptcy, from the late Robert Pelham and others for $800 or $900.

The paper, he said, had changed hands several times and its failure was laid to the bad name thus acquired.

Conflicting testimony was given as to the Tribune circulation figures quoted by Mrs Murray at the time of the purchase.

No Circulation

D. Arnett Murphy states Mrs. Murray told him the Tribune circulation was between 8,000 and 10,000 but that Mildred L. Cooper, the AFRO purchased 60% of the Tribune showed only 1800.

John Davis of Our World, summoned as a witness for the Murrays, told Judge McLaughlin that he had offered $5,000 for the Tribune plus a loan of $15,000 to improve the plant and a lease. He said that Mrs. Murray also told him that the circulation of the Tribune at that time was between 8,000 and 10,000.

Mr. Johnson argued that the new Tribune corporation had failed to follow up the successful Griffith Stadium circulation promotions conducted in 1944 and 1945 by Alexander Barnes.

Carl Murphy testified that the use of mass revival meetings to sell newspapers was frowned upon by the new Tribune management as bad circulation practice.

In Good Faith

Judge McLaughlin, after hearing the testimony Wednesday, reserved the decision until 1:30 on Thursday. In it he said he found no evidence of bad faith before the AFRO purchased an interest in the Tribune, during the 65 weeks of its operation, or after it was closed down.

Witnesses for Murray Brothers were:—Mrs Murray, Freeman Murray, and Attorneys James Barnes, representative of the Roberts Printing Company.

Witnesses for the AFRO were:—D. Arnett Murphy, Lloyd Genus, John Murphy 3rd, Carl Murphy, and Howard Murphy.

Dawson, Powell Votes Compared

WASHINGTON(NNPA) — The votes of Rep. William L. Dawson, of Chicago and Rep. Adam C. Powell of New York, both Democrats, on important roll calls in the House last wek were as follows:

On the motion of Joseph W. Martin, (Rep., Mass.) to adjourn the House last Friday to delay action on the proposed rules until FEPC had a chance to be brought up under the rule permitting legislation to be taken away from the Rues Commitee after 21 days, defeated, 160 to 255: Dawson, nay; Powell, yea.

Together in One Case

On the resolution of Rep. Gene Cox, (Dem., Ga.,) to restore control of legislation to the coalition dominated Rules Commitee, rejected, 183 to 236: Dawson and Powell, nay.

On the motion or Rep. John M. Vorys, (Rep., Ohio) to recommit to the Foreign