Defective Damper Blamed for Tragedy

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edly gave this version of the tragedy to investigating officers:

"My sister (Mrs. Lee) and I had been sitting in the front room on the first floor, talking, last night (Tuesday), when I must have fallen asleep.

"When I awoke, I felt funny and smelled something. My sister was gone. I went outside and got some air and then came back in and went to sleep (Mr. Ayers and his sister slept on the first floor).

"When I awakened on Wednesday morning, I still felt funny and I thought something must be wrong, because my sister usually calls me every morning.

Police Respond to Call

"I went outside again, I was sick. Coming back into the house, I started upstairs to see where my sister was. I found her lying on the floor in the hall.

Mr. Ayers then reportedly dashed to a neighborhood phone and called police.

Members of an ambulance crew arrived shortly after and immediately began frantic efforts to revive Mr. Adkins, who was lying in an unconscious stupor on the first floor.

The five occupants in the Payson St. house were then rushed to Provident Hospital.

A black mongrel dog, a household pet, who was knocked out by the fumes, showed signs of life and began breathing normally after he was placed in the back yard.

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To Fla. A. and M.

James Samuel Lester, a native of Troy, Ala., and graduate of Cheyney State Teachers College and the University of Pennsylvania, has been added to the faculty of the Division of Education at Florida A and M College. Mr. Lester comes to A and M with a rich experience, having taught for nine years in the public schools of Philadelphia. (Edmond) Photo)

Officer Spies Thief Taking Rain Apparel

For trying to make off with a policeman's raincoat and rubbers, Luke Hill, 47, was fined $50 and costs, Thursday morning in Central Police Court.

Officer George T. Hughes said he had just missed the coat and apparel from his automobile when he spied Hill walking along the street with it under his arm. The man gave no home address.

Active Members Attend YM's Annual Dinner

J. Theodore Wolfe, vice-president of Baltimore's YMCA, presided Thursday night at the Association's annual dinner meeting of active members.

Mr. Wolfe acted in the absence of Gerald S. Wise, V president who was out of the city. The meeting featured a quiz program which highlighted the YMCA's activities.

Bustamente Hopes to Be Governor of Jamaica, BWI

By S. A. HAYNES

KINGSTON, Jamaica, B.W.I.—Alexander Bustamante, this historic island's most powerful political and labor boss, expects to become its first colored Governor "when the opportunity presents itself."

The dynamic Minister of Communications, top elective post, so admitted to the AFRO-AMERICAN, Monday, in an exclusive interview at his busy office here.

Not Ready Yet

The AFRO asked Mr. Bustamante these questions:

1. Is it true that you plan to become a candidate for Governor of Jamaica, according to current rumors?

2. Do you plan to give up your post as Minister of Communications?

He answered, twice with a chuckle, "Not Yet" to both questions. He then explained that "I most certainly will be a candidate for Governor when the opportunity arises."

Mr. Bustamante denied that he is opposed to West Indian Federation.

He pointed out that he has always supported federation in principle with one qualification:

That the federation, which would include the islands and the colonies of British Guiana and British Honduras, must be accorded a Colonial Development Loan of at least 110 million pounds (a British pound is now valued at $2.83) for economic development.

Why Big Loan Needed

He said major purposes to which such a loan should be applied are:

1. Agricultural expansion.
2. Social welfare.
3. Education.
4. Development and exploitation of mineral resources and afforestation.
5. Steamship transportation to facilitate inter-island travel and commerce.
6. Establishment of telegraph and telephone communications between various islands and colonies.

Feud With Governor

Asked about his disagreements with the Governor of Jamaica on major political issues, Mr. Bustamante said they have been settled, "unless new ones turn up." He refused to comment on what effect the recent British elections will have on the unanimous demand by West Indian leaders that sugar from that area be priced higher and that larger quotas should be handled by British markets.

Sugar Delegation Planned

He said a delegation of 11 West Indian leaders will go to London at an early date to discuss the sugar problem.

He will be a member of the delegation.

Australian Deal Scored

Mr. Bustamante told the AFRO that the British Government's recent action in signing a sugar agreement with Australia was a blow to the West Indies.

He pointed out that sugar is 60% of the West Indies main economy, that the preference given to Australia was a political slap in the face for West Indians.

"Australia," Mr. Bustamante said, "does not depend on sugar for its economic stability."

50,000 Jamaicans Jobless

He reported that unemployment in Jamaica is a major problem with some 50,000 people unable to find work.

He boasted that the Government, of which he is the chief legislative head, has done more to create new industries in the island in the last five years than any other Government in the past 50 years.

Small industries now operating include a textile factory, and a cement factory is being established.

Government's Action

To encourage more industries, the Government, Mr. Bustamante said, is allowing new ones to operate for the first seven or eight years without taxation.

Manufacturing materials and equipment are allowed to come into the island duty-free. This is to encourage investors to realize reasonable returns on their capital outlay within the seven to eight year period.

Socialists Put Bohannan in Race for Congress

NEWARK

The Socialist Workers Party announced this week that William E. Bohannan, of 37 Rose St., will be its candidate for Congress from the 11th District in the 1950 elections.

VUU Seminary Convention Set

RICHMOND

The first convention of the Virginia Union Theological Seminar will be held Apr. 13-14 on the campus of Virginia Union University, it was announced this week by Dr. Samuel Carter, dean of the seminary.

Among objectives of the convention, Dr. Carter said, is to bring together all ministers of the State and surrounding areas, regardless of denomination, in order that they might meet, hear outstanding clergymen and discuss social, economic and religious problems of the day.

Scheduled speakers include Dr. J. Neal Hughley, professor of sociology, North Carolina College; George Davis, professor, Christian theology, Crozier theological Seminary; the Rev. Sandy Gay, pastor, Cornerstone Baptist Church, Philadelphia, and Dr. Arthur J. Payne, astor, Enon Baptist Church, Baltimor.

Reservations or other information about the convention may be obtained by writing to Dr. Samuel Carter, dean of seminary.

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Gadabouting in Baltimore

Sorority's Mardi Gras Highlights Social Week

with Lula Jones Garrett

The Monumental Elks Ballroom took on the appearance of a United Nations festival Friday night, when the Alpha Alpha Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority gave its Mardi Gras ball for the benefit of the Morgan Scholarship Fund.

Presiding over the festivities as queen was Miss Hilah Brown, a Morgan senior, who was "Miss Morgan" this year. Her "King" was her brother, Elzo. They were crowned by Mary West Griffin, national sorority board member.

Regal in his long blue brocaded toga and high turban, Wayman Holley looked every inch the maharajah he was representing.

Also cutting misty eyes were Harold Folkes, as the "Chocolate Soldier," in blue uniform with maroon and gold braid, and William Jackson as the "Shiek of Araby."

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Edna Stanford, a typical dancer, in a ruffled dress with high hat; Esther Roberts, a peasant with a cerise fringed shawl thrown over a black gown; Anethia Barksdale Williams, beautiful in maroon with a black lace mantilla and sequined by husband Roland, a real Don;

Ruth W. Wilmore, colorful in red and black, and escorted by Leonard, her husband, an eerie pirate. Also playing the role of a pirate, earrings and scars, was Oscar Roberts.

China too was well-represented by Cara Peck, a cute coolie, Julia English, in mandarin coat and blue pajamas and many others.

Little Bea Myers, a little Cuban, was almost overshadowed by the wide straw hat which Johnny brought her from the Pacific.

Vera Lecato made a beautiful Colonial lady in billowy blue satin and lace, while Mamie Todd was eye-catching in a black velvet tight waist, with a flowered print full skirt.

Also were John and Marie Murphy, Bubbles and Enolia Goodwin, the Theodore Browns of the Recreation Department, Edith and Bernard Blake, Edith and Norman Smith, the Guy Braggs, he down from Philly for the occasion; Pauline Cauik, Helen Russell Quarles and Hubby, Harry and Bernice Gale, Ida Nicholas and hubby, Newlyweds Mae (Morris) and Freddie Medders, Mae and Walter Dyson, the George Parrishes, the Robert Wattses, Bill Lewis and score of others.

Officers of Alpha Alpha Chapter are:

Sorors Ida Washington, basileus; Beatrice G. Holley, anti-basileus; Carolyn Robinson, grammateus; Victoria Anderson, anti-grammateus; Lucille Monroe, tamiochius; Alice T. Carroll, epistoleus; Rose T. Kinney, parliamentarian.

VIRGINIA BRISCOE

SIGMAS' "QUEEN"

And speaking of Greek doings, add the cute, black and white ball that Gamma chapters of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority and Phi Beta Sigma fraternity held at Morgan Christian Center, Friday evening.

Contributing to the Colonial decor of the hall were silhouettes of Celon at figures.

During intermission Virginia Briscoe, was crowned "Miss Sigma of 1950", with Christopher Lipscombe doing the honors. The "Queen" wore a strapless gown of white chiffon accentuated with gold sequin trim. Her attendants were Dorothy Robertson, who wore a white satin frock, also strapless; and Magdalene I. Barber, attired in pink brocaded satin with a huge bow extend ng from the waist to the shoulders.

Miss Briscoe, who was escorted by Earl Coleman, received monogrammed luggage from her sisters" and American beauty roses from Phi Beta Sigma fraternity. Misses Robertson and Barber were escorted by Charles Freeland and Julius Muller, respectively.

MEDICOS MARK FOUNDERS' DAY

Chi Delta Mu fraternity, marking its Founders' Day on Saturday evening, invited wives to dine with them and to hear the history of the organization from Dr. George E. Lee, a charter member.

They also discussed plans for the grand conclave which will be held here the week following Easter.

Attending were:

Doctors and Mesdames Townsend W. Anderson, George McDonald Bandy, Gilbert L. Banfield, Bernard H. Christmas, Maurice D. Doles, James B. Hawkins, Thomas W. Harris.

Doctors and Mesdames George Ellis, Edward J. McDaniel, Ralph Reckling, E. Walter Shervington, Frank J. Sykes, Charles E. Wallis, II, Marco Williams, Charles T. Woodland.

Doctors Isaac H. Young, Bertram M. Estwick and Messrs. Williams; and Miss Mamie Rideout.

PHI DELTA LAPPAS HEAR DR. McCONNELL

Dr. Roland McConnell, of the Morgan State College faculty, addressed Phi Delta Kappa sorority at their session, this week.

Emphasizing need for formulating plans for the future, Dr. McConnell told the group that this is a period of re-evaluation and one for an over-all review, if the race is to expand in the coming era.

Hostesses for the evening were Bennie Fatio, Rose Cordery, Ruby Grooms, Mary Brooks, Elsie Scott, Anne Johnson and Naomi Hardy.

Attending the session were:

Ida Berry, Ethel Bowling, Rosa Bright, Rebecca Brown, Sadie Bryant, Audrey Butler, Elsie Carter, Mattie Connor, Carrie Cooper, Bertha Cross;

Louise Dennis, Lena Dickerson, Bennie Fatio, Alice Fauntleroy, Edna Finney, Isabelle Garner, Mabel Gee, Ruby Grooms, Sadie Harmon, Virginia Hobbs, Augusta Holsey, Ruth Hopkins;

Delores Hunt, Mary James, Anne Johnson, Romaine Jones, Fannie Lawson, Della Macer, Alma Monmouth, Anne Payne, Beatrice Rawlings, Melba Rawlings, Ruth Redwine, Clarice Robinson, Effie Scott, Elizabeth Stewart, and Frances Thompson.

BONA FINITIMI CLUB MARKS CHARTER DAY

Bea Sheckly's club cellar was a glow Saturday evening when Bona Finitimi Club held forth at its first Charter Day celebration.

The club was decorated in the Bona Finitimi colors of red and white. The white clothed tables, adorned with flowers in red vases, and the club initials in red, made a striking picture.

As guests entered, cocktails were served and a social hour ensued until supper was served. Following the introduction of members and directors by Dorothy Mooney, president, French Roberts responded with the history of the club. Wrighter Chamberlain, James Hite and William Roberts were commended for their "behind the scene" activities in aiding the group put over its program of purchasing shoes for needy children.

Games, planned by Bernice B. Spruill, ranged from pokena to a musical quiz, and prizes were captured by Wrighter Chamberlain and Edith Brown. James Hite and Daisy Harris ran a close race to stay in the music chair. Louise Mitchell, Margaret Hite and French J. Roberts took bingo prizes.

Alice Mickle was chairman of the celebration, and her committee included Edith Brown, Lillian Burke, and Bernice B. Spruill.

MISS EMMA BRIGHT CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Miss Emma Bright, beloved civic worker and retired teacher, celebrated her seventy-first birthday, last week, and was thereby partied a-plenty.

The family's seven-course formal dinner was a highlight in the festivities, with her being showered with gifts and flowers.

About were Messrs. and Mesdames William Day, George L. Murray, Ralph Bright, Marshall Bright; and Mrs. B. M. Trotman.

Mrs. Harold Derry also entertained for her, with guests including Mrs. Mary Thomas, Mrs. Waltye Doles, Mrs. Mildred Holland, Mrs. Rosa Bright and Mrs. B. M. Trotman . . . and Dr. Derry.

MRS. SIDNEY STERLING ENTERTAINS HUSBAND

Another natal party that enlivened the week's calendar was that given by Mrs. Sidney Sterling on Saturday, in honor of Mr. Sterling, at the Kiceco Club.

Guests included:

Messrs. and Mesdames Bernard O. Benns, Trogie Boyd, Arthur R. Brooks, Daniel Brewington, Melvin Cade, Joseph Davis, Roy E. Johnson;

Messrs. and Mesdames Lloyd Marcus, Lawrence Mason, John H. Murphy Jr., James A. Richardson, Charles Ringgold, William Tabb, Walter Thomas, Clarence W. Riley;

Mrs. Tessie Gant, Misses Diller Giddings, Juanita Shelton, Martha White, Charles A. Chavoor, Keckiphus Eason and Richard L. Gant Jr.

YOUNGSTER SET GUESTS OF DONALD TARTER

And the younger set frolicked with Donald Tarter, Saturday ago, when he celebrated his seventeenth birthday at a gay party in the Wynns' club room.

Dining and dancing were:

Misses Alice Baysmore, Dellaphine Foster, Barbara Holland, Nessa Harris, Miriam Hughes, Carolyn King, Shirley Lottier, Olga Thomas, Ann Sherrington;

John Holland, Donald Hagans, Aubrey Marshall, Damon Mills, Harold Norris, Alfred Prettyman, George Reau, Edward Smith and Ronald Wylie.

PEREGRINATORS

Sybil Graham winged back to Detroit, Tuesday, after a frantic time on the East Coast, doing New York and Washington from Baltimore, where she guested with Dr. and Mrs. Henry Welcome. Dr. and Mrs. Bernard Christian gave a party for her on Sunday night; Dr. and Mrs. I. B. Higgins divided honors with her and their guests, Misses Myrtle Lucille and Lurline Young, of Jamaica, B.W.I., when Mrs. Ramsy Waters hosted the Bon Tons on Saturday; she was a guest of honor, and the swank, swank party that Dora Hutchins held on the same day was especially for her.

Baltimoreans were also vieing with Jacksonvillians, last week in a contest to lure Dr. George G. Wateis permanently here rather than lose his bride. Marian Webb Waters, to Florida—or so it would have seemed, counting the pleasantries tendered the couple during his visit here the past two weeks. Dr. and Mrs. Miles Connor held forth at dinner for them on Sunday, and on the same evening Dr. and Mrs. Evan A. Gilkey had a party in their honor. The luncheon was the order when W. Douglas Johnson of Morgan Park entertained and dinner the piece de resistence of the Catonsville Howard Wilsons on Wednesday. Tucked between were the Urban League dinner, the Frontiers Club session and the Omega dance.

Mrs. Lillie Jackson was off on Thursday for Boston, to be with her daughter, Marian Jackson Downs, when the latter sings for the Harvard University Wesley Foundation Friday night. Mrs. Downs will sing in Harvard chapel on Friday morning. Mesdames Verda Welcome, Janette Christmas and Audrey Butler have plans completed and tickets in hand for that tri pto the caribbean. Should be off about the 28th. Based at Haiti, they will do the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, etc. for the following six weeks. Catherine Adams and Mrs. Welcome flew out to Cincinnati last week end for a meeting of the executive board of the Auxil ary to the Medical Society. The former stayed over for a meeting of the Metropolitan Council of Negro Women in Cincinnati, then went to Cleveland for a similar meeting, and was back in Baltimore for this council session on Tuesday night. Willard W. Allen was in Albuquerque, New Mexico, this week Mrs. Vivian Allcyne came in last week from Chicago, where she (national pres-dent) had been talking plans for that national conclave.

PRETTY PICTURE

It was a political dinner, 'tis true, but that fact in no manner kept the men at the annual Democratic Club dinner in Morgan State College Refectory, Friday night, and other than implied political strength, they supplied a lot of verve and more than a lot of glamour to the affair.

Mrs. Emory Smith, whose husband was speaker, came along to lend his support, smart in a black cocktail suit. Mrs. Victorine Adams selected a deep gold brocaded frock with sing midriff line and brief sleeves for her appearance. Added a corsage of red and yellow roses. Mamie Jace over p.nk with a black hat banded in sequins was the choice of Mrs. Ernest Perkins. Mrs. Robert Jackson also selected a touch of lace, her's being in a yoke of her black crepe.

Dr. and Mrs. C. D. White of Salisbury, Md. were there. He is president of the Maryland Dental Society. Mrs. Bruce Alleyne had just dashed back from Chicago where she had been discuss ng plans for the national conference of the auxiliary to the National Dental Society. I hear that the conclave this year will be a sort of homecoming for her, she (the president) being a former Chicagoan. On Wednesday Mrs. Alleyne went to South Orange, N.J. to a rectional session of the organization.

HOWARD ALUMNI

The coal strike caught up with Baltimoreans, last night. Out at Morgan College Refectory, where the Charter Day Dinner of the Baltimore Chapter of the Howard University Alumni Association was being held, heat was cut off at 8the o'clock to save precious coal, so that by the time the affair ended around midnight there were too many folks snuggled into fur coats to think of dancing.

Pride of Southside Minister

Although four-month-old Cynthia Jones has two teeth, she refused to show them for the AFRO cameraman. Shown with the baby is the daughter of the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Jones. He's assistant pastor at Jones Tabernacle Baptist Church in South Baltimore.

Christening for Miles Infant

Loren F. Miles, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. William Miles, was Christened at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Mary B. Hill, 4908 Hollegrove Road, Sunday afternoon.

The Rev. Thomas B. Davis officiated. Godparents were Mr. and Mrs. Parker

Others at the services were Mesdames Mesdames Walter, Roser B. Davis, Antoinette Davis, Lula Lee;

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