Sweetheart Killer 'Weeping Jim' A Suicide

"We are Americans, and as Americans, we speak to America . . ."
—Frederick Douglass

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NAMES IN THE NEWS

TALLULAH BANKHEAD, stormy actress, kept her promise to throw members of the press "the damndest party you've ever had" after the conviction of her maid on charges of altering her checks.

MR. AND MRS. JOHN GRANT WHITEHEAD of Halifax, N.C., after 60 years of marriage, gave this adv ce to young couples, "Look ahead, and live for each other."

MRS. OLE MAE WRIGHT, one of the 38 persons who died from the poison liquor in Atlanta, left three minor children who have filed a $90,701 suit against the alleged mixers of the "devil's brew."

JOHN LAWTHORNE of Brooklyn, N.Y., filed a notice of claim demanding $300,000 damages for the death of his wife when she fell from a station house window after a "false arrest."

CARL MATTHEWS JR., owner of Club 98, popular nitery in Walkertown, N.C., was slain in the club after ordering a dance patron to leave because he was unruly.

ALFRED T. (PUDDINHEAD) JONES, popular Washington sportsman, was arrested in a gambling raid less than 12 hours after he had played Santa Claus for 300 needy persons.

DR. A. K. NYABONGO, African prince who once taught at A. and T. College, is writing a history of Africa's ancient systems of communications.

MRS. LAURA LOVELACE of Cincinatti, was unanimously re-elected supreme basileus of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority for the second term at the organization's 21st annual boule on the campus of Morgan State College.

JUDGE JOSEPH SHERBOW, announcing his resignation from the Supreme Bench of Baltimore, has indicated that he may resume private law practice.

W. HALE THOMPSON, attorney of Newport News, Va., has filed a suit to compel the city to allow him use of the City Public Library.

THE JAMES TOWNSEND family of Montgomery County, Tenn., has been chosen Middle Tennessee's outstanding rural family and winner of the 1951 Rural Home Life Program award of $150.

PERRY W. HOWARD, Washington attorney and a member of the RepublicanNational Committee, has been appointed to the powerful rules committee of the Republicans.

JERSEY JOE WALCOTT, heavyweight champion, is slated for a series of concerts with four other Decca artists at $1,500 a night.

LENA HORNE will be a co-chairman of a benefit show for the NAACP in Madison Square Garden on March 6.

GOV. McKELDIN ORDERS COMMISSION TO PROBE BIAS AT FORD'S THEATRE

New Year Brawl In Elks' Hall

'Weeping Jim' Uses Sheet To Strangle Self In Jail Cell

Killer Captured In Maryland Pumped 5 Bullets Into Wife Of Soldier Who Spurned Love

PHILADELPHIA

James Copeland, (Weeping Jim), 30, committed suicide in his cell in Moyamnsing prison Sunday night by hanging himself from the top bar of a window with a sheet.

Copeland, formerly of 1117 Percy or Mercy St., Norfolk, Va., was found apparently dead in cell No. 43, south block, by two cell mates, William Dalten, 25, and Willie Satterwhite, 29, who summoned guards.

The guards, Walter Hill, 2341 N. Smedley St., Michael Marion, 2044 Morris St., and Harry Gurtis, 6909 N. Broad St., cut the body down. He was examined by Dr. Ord, prison physician, and pronounced dead.

Notify Wife In Norfolk

His wife, Mrs. Eva Copeland, was notified at his Norfolk address.

The investigation into the death is being conducted by Detective Lloys of First detective division.

"Weeping Jim" was in prison for pumping five bullets into the body of a soldier's wife, Mrs. Marian Embry, 23, who had spurned his romantic attentions and fled here from Virginia to escape him.

The love - crazed, spurned man shot her in front of her home at 123 N. Salford St. on Nov. 20 and then ran to the repair shop of Albert Fletcher, 240 N. Edgewood St. and forced him to drive him to Delaware. After a five-State alarm, he was captured by Maryland State Police in Salisbury, Md., and then brought back to Philadelphia.

Slashed His Wrists

While in Salisbury jail, he tried to commit suicide by slashing both

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Wife of Fla. NAACP Bombing Victim Dies

SANFORD, Fla. — Mrs. Harriet Moore, wife of NAACP official Harry T. Moore who was killed in the Christmas night bombing of his home, died Thursday night in Fernald-Laughton Memorial Hospital.

The school-teacher wife of the militant official had been improving steadily until Tuesday when she left the hospital against doctor's orders to attend funeral rites for her husband. Death was due to a blood clot in her circulation, according to hospital officials.

She had told the AFRO that she "had a couple of ideas about the bombing."

12 Babes In 1952 Debuts

Provident Hospital Greets 8 Newcomers

Joining the Baby New Year in his debut to the world were a dozen other babies who arrived at local hospitals on Jan. 1.

The first was a son born at 1:59 a.m. to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel H. Webb of 1616 N. Smallwood St. He was among eight New Year's Day babies who arrived at Provident Hospital.

The others were a son to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Garrett of 1138 N. Carey St.; daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Barnes of 1738 N. Calhoun St.; son, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Phillips of 320 Sollers Pt. Rd.;

Daughter For Alstons

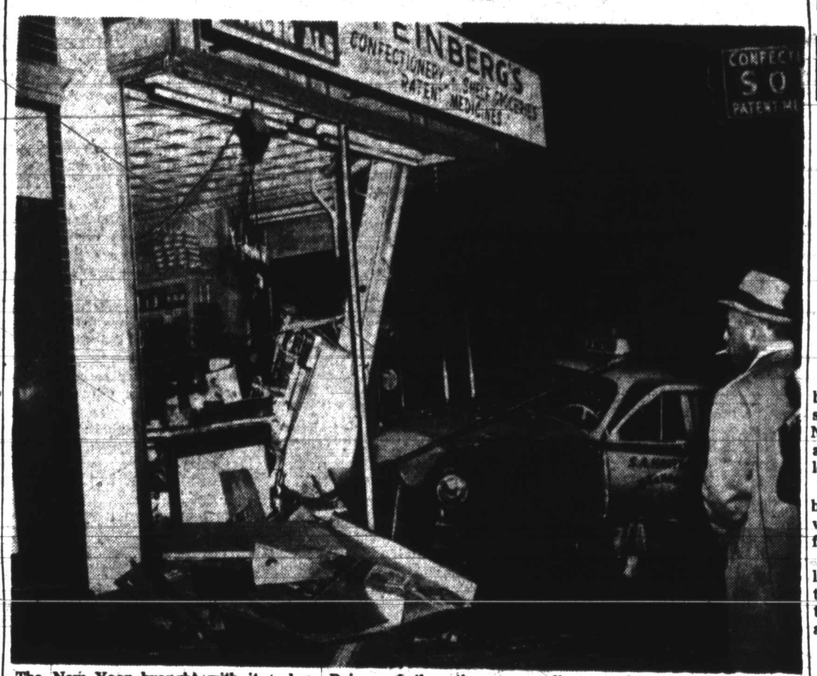
A daughter, Mr. and Mrs. James Alston, 2625 W. Lafayette Ave.; daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Willie J. Johnson, 1220 W. Lexington St.; son, Mr. and Mrs. Marion McDonald, 605 W. Lafayette Ave.; son Mr. and Mrs. Franklin D. McQueen, 1209 N. Eden St.

Three New Year's Day youngsters put in their appearance at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

They were a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Marshall of 240 Wilson St.; son to Mr and Mrs. William March of 2035 N. Dukeland St.; and a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Ashley Barber of 1421 E. Fayette St.

At University Hospital a daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. James Bagley of 205 Clinton Lane kept the spotlight all to herself.

Figured In New Year Accident



The New Year brought with it this accident which occurred at Lanvale and Monroe Sts. early Tuesday morning when the taxicab collided with a Ford sedan then crashed into the store window. Driver of the other car, Talmadge Welborne of 121 Walnut Ave., Dundalk, was cited for failing to yield the right of way at a boulevard. Two persons injured were Miss Eleanor Franklin, 24, of 1329 Brunt St. who suffered head injuries; and Edwin Manger, 24 of 2842 W. Mulberry St., bruises of the left knee.

Exalted Ruler May Lose An Eye After Dispute Over $2

Brother Refuses To Honor Brotherhood Plea As Fists And Bottles Fill Holiday Air

After a bloody knuckle and broken-glass fight at the W. Sampson Brooks Elks Lodge Hall early New Year's day, Sam Brown, exalted ruler of the lodge, stands to lose an eye.

Eddie James, his opponent and brother Elk, was also injured severely, having suffered a deep forehead gash during the scuffle.

Both men, at a Northwestern police court hearing, Thursday contended that the other had landed the first blow and that each had acted only in self-defense.

James Accused Brown

James, of 512 Sanford Pl., was the prosecuting witness and the testimony of two women who witnessed the violent fray led Magistrate John L. Berry to decide in his favor.

The Exalted Ruler was given a $25 and costs suspended fine after his attorney, William I. Gosnell, another brother Elk, made a plea for leniency.

Might Lose Sight

Exalted Ruler Brown, maintained Attorney Gosnell, had suffered too much already and the probable loss of one eye would be punishment enough.

The Lodge Hall battle began this way:

Toward the end of the annual New Year party, Exalted Ruler Brown and James, the entertainment committee chairman, began to argue over the price to be paid Miss Louise Madison, a pianist, who was furnishing music for the affair.

Argued Over Wages

Mr. James was going to give her $27 for her three piece combo even though one musician did not appear. Ruler Brown was going to give her $25.

"I'm taking over," Brown told James, who was in charge of entertainment. "Pay this girl $25. That's a command."

Hurled a Glass

James said that he was supervising the musicians and would pay them. With that, according to Miss Madison and the prosecuting witness, Exalted Ruler Brown hurled a glass at James's head.

The men lunged at each other. James's head was bleeding badly. He pinned his opponent.

"Brothers don't fight," Brown said he told the enraged James, as he was being pummeled.

'Not Your Brother'

"I'm not any brother of yours" James was quoted as saying. "I'll kill you."

When they were pulled away by other Lodge members, Brown said that "My eye was almost wrong side out."

Both men were rushed to the hospital for treatment.

Other witnesses were agreed that the fight began suddenly. Mrs. Blanche Robinson, who helped separate the officials, said that she had seen a knife in Brown's hand.

"I don't think he used it," she said.

The fight, according to Brown, was something that had been brewing for sometime. He did not go into detail.

AFRO President Off To Tubman Inaugural

Dr. Carl J. Murphy, president of the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers, who is one of three official U.S. delegates to the inauguration of Liberia's President W. V. S. Tubman, left New York at 6:20 p.m. on Thursday en route to Paris

After an overnight stop in the French capitol, the party which includes Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune and Ambassador Edward Dudley, will continue via Pan American World Airways to Monrovia for the inaugural celebration which begins on Saturday.

Military Salute

The firing of a gun from the African Republic's Fort Norris at dawn on Monday will announce the Inaugural Day ceremonies which will be highlighted by an address by President Tubman.

The celebration will culminate with the Inaugural Ball in the evening, attended by members of the Diplomatic Corps and U.S. Special Missions.

Excursion Into Interior

The program, however, will ex tend through the week with an ex cursion into the interior of Liberia, the formal opening of the Liberian Institute of the American Foundation for Tropical Medicines, and the formal opening of the Liberia Mining Company at Bomi Hills.

The firing of 21 guns from Fort Norris on Monday, January 14, will signal the termination of the festivities.

McKELDIN TAKES INITIATIVE:

Gov. Calls For Probe Of Ford's Theatre Bias

Governor McKeldin has asked his Commission on Interracial Problems and Relations to investigate the jim crow policy of Ford's Theatre.

This marks the first time that a State official has taken a stand in the fight to lower the color bar at the Fayette St. Theatre. The NAACP has been picketing the theatre for six years.

Governor Blasts Discrimination

In a letter to William C. Rogers, chairman of the commission, Governor McKeldin called discrimination in theatres and other cultural institutions "both offensive and illogical."

He added that the "absurdity" of the practice "is illustrated by the grossly inconsistent and arbitrary manner of its application both in this State and elsewhere."

Washington Cited

Here the Governor pointed out that in Constitution Hall in Washington, colored performers are not permitted on the stage, but the audience is seated without restriction.

He said further that also in Washington is another theatre which has no objection to colored performers, but objects to colored spectators, and still others that have no restrictions whatsoever.

Said the Governor, "A similar capriciousness is exhibited in Baltimore. Colored artists are banished from the stage at the Lyric, but members of their race may and do sit through performances without challenge or complaint from white patrons.

"Ford's Theatre, on the other hand, follows the converse rule. It accepts colored actors, but restricts colored theatre-goers (to the second balcony)."

Integration Recalled

Governor McKeldin recalled that from 1944 to 1946 there was unsegregated seating at Ford's, and during this period, no unpleasantness arose.

He declared, "It is not plain from this that the presence of colored persons either on the stage or in the audience is not inherently objectionable to the majority group, and that the only feature common to each form of discrimination is that it tends to devalue and degrade the minority group."

Governor McKeldin said further that he believed understanding could be achieved between the members of the commission and the operators of the theatre.

He said "It must not be assumed that the businessmen who have charge of the theatre would wilfully persist in inflicting indignity on this minority group if the matter were discussed with them in a fair and calm spirit by a representative public body like your commission.

"The goal of a democracy is that no member of any minority shall suffer in any of his civil rights."

Big Plays Skip Town

Through successful contact with actors, actresses and theatre

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Policeman Hayes Under Suspension

Northwestern District policeman William Hayes has been suspended from duty pending a hearing of charges placed against him by six citizens.

Capt. Millard Horton, Northwestern chief, confirmed the officer's suspension Wednesday morning.

Ober To Decide

"It is a departmental matter," said Capt. Horton, "A hearing will be held by the Commissioner (Ober) and action will be taken depending upon his decision."

The police captain said that he could not release details of the charges until the case had been forwarded to the Commissioner.

Sexy Sexagenarian Shocks Bride, 61

Charging that her 66-year-old bridegroom shocked her by his new-fangled marital demands, Mrs Mary Hall of 2444 Winchester St. divorced Charles Hall, well-known political worker, here, this week.

Mrs. Hall was the fifth wife of the former executive of the 17th Republican Ward.

Taking the witness stand in her own behalf, it took both the urging of her attorney, J. Howard Payne, and Judge Robert France to get the 61-year-old wife to discuss what had broken up her marriage.

Promised Companionship

In faltering tones and blushing furiously, Mrs. Hall testified that she and Mr. Hall have been married shortly before Thanksgiving, 1950, in St. Francis Church.

She said that prior to the marriage her husband told her that his chief aim was in having a wife for companionship and someone to take care of him in case of illness.

Life became a nightmare after the ceremony, she said.

She testified:

"Two weeks before Christmas he began approaching me with nasty, filthy talk. One day he came home and told me that I was no d— good unless I could do

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AFRO Honor Roll Out Soon

Whom do you think deserves a gold star for community service during 1951?

Is he a friend or relative of yours? Or is it a she?

The AFRO would like to include this person on its 1951 Honor Roll which will appear in the Jan. 26 edition. Suggestions from readers will be appreciated.

It matters not what his occupation or race, anyone is eligible who has reflected credit upon his community, city or State through an unusual display of courage, ability, intelligence, tenacity, generosity or unselfishness.

From All Walks

Persons in all walks of life will be considered—ministers, business men, government or municipal workers, teachers, professional persons, mothers or fathers of children who are making good.

Only persons who have appeared on previous Honor Rolls are ineligible.

Service to our people is the only criterion — service that is not only beyond the average, but superlative. Send in your suggestions immediately to the AFRO Honor Roll, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore 1.

ELKS' HOME PAINT THEFT CASE ENDED

Found guilty of receiving stolen paint in connection with the renovation of the Monumental Lodge of Elks Home, Milton Carr, builder and carpenter received a 60-day suspended sentence this morning (Friday). Edward Howard and Daniel Hedgepeth who admitted to theft of the paint also received suspended terms of six months each.

WORKERS MIXED: PROMOTED ON MERIT:

2,100 Making Martin Jet Planes; Bombers

By JAMES L. HICKS
NNPA Correspondent on Tour of Army, Navy and Air Force Installations

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BALTIMORE — The integration of colored civilian workers into the Baltimore Signal Depot and the Glenn L. Martin Company's aircraft plant near Baltimore compares favorable with—and in many respects is more complete than—the integration of the colored soldier in military camps scattered across the nation.

(During the last war, the Martin plant employed some 51,000 persons. After the war, the plant's personnel fell to about 7,500. At the present time, its strength is back up to approximately, 21,000 employees.)

A study by this reporter of the types of work being done by colored civilians at these two installations, the conditions under which they work, their advancement and opportunities for advancement in such work, shows conditions equal to, and in many cases better than an established Civil Service agency operating under direct government control.

Signal Depot

The Baltimore Signal Depot is basically a civilian-operated military installation with its control in the hands of less than 50 military officers who supervise the work done by thousands of civilians.

The installation is charged with the responsibility of receiving, repairing, storing and issuing certain types of military equpment, some of which is of a higly classified nature, and which cannot be referred to in this article for security reasons.

Since the civilian workers here are hired mainly from Civil Service rolls and since the installation is Federally controlled, it is rea-

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The Weather

A WET WEEKEND

Moderate temperature, occasional rain Friday and Saturday.

Eeny, Meenie, Miney, Mo
Which way will the barometer go?
On Sunday — will it rain or shine?
Your guess is as good as mine.

THE LAST 24 HOURS IN BALTIMORE

Treatment For Addicts

Dr. Clifton T. Perkins, commissioner of mental hygiene, told a Legislative Council subcommittee Thursday that the State is preparing to set up a 20-bed unit for care and treatment of "youngsters 16 to 20"—"male and female, colored and white" who are dope addicts at either of two mental institutions at an initial cost of $250,000

'Hot Rod' In Hot Water

Buddy Lonesome, newspaper reporter, declared Friday morning that he will seek $5,000 damages as a result of injuries sustained in an auto accident involving "Hot Rod" Hulbert, a local disc jockey.

Hearing On Cab Fares

The Public Service Commission announced this (Friday) morning that a hearing will be held on January 30 on the petition of cab companies for rate increases including a surcharge of 15 cents instead of 10 cents for response to telephone calls.

Man Held On Sex Charge

Josh Burgess, 40, 200 block Camel St., is being held for investigation by Northwestern District police on what Policewoman Violet Hill Whyte has intimated may be a charge of incest.

Bonus For Veterans

Richard C. Manning of the Maryland Veterans' Commission, 10 South St., announced Friday that applications for West Virginia Bonus are available for veterans of World War I, active duty for at least 90 days between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918.

Man Surrenders Here

Surrendering himself at Central police station Wednesday afternoon, a 49-year-old man the following day was extradicted to New York to be charged in a Nov. 1 gun slaying there.

Officer Smith Freed

Acquited Dec. 20 on a numbers conspiracy charge. Officer James E. Smith this morning (Friday) was freed in two remaining cases of bribery and malfeasance in office.

NARCOTICS BILL TOO STIFF?

Revision Of Dope Law Urged Upon Legislature

Revision of the 1951 narcotics law so that it will not punish addicts more severely than peddlers, was urged, Wednesday, upon a subcommittee of the Legislative Council.

Judge Joseph Sherbow, who handled the bulk of the city's dope cases during the year, pointed out that under the present law, penalty minimums do not allow a judge to use discretion in the individual treatment of cases.

20-Year Maximum

Under the narcotics law, the penalty for a first offender is fixed at a minimum of two years, and a maximum of five years; second offender, 5 to 10 years; and third offenders and above, 10 to 20 years. The law took effect last June 1.

The law also provides that except in cases of first offenders, no probation or parole can be granted.

Judge Sherbow pointed out that this makes it mandatory upon a judge to jail for at least five years a person who may be arrested twice only for using drugs, while a peddler, arrested only once, could get a lighter term.

He suggested that the minimums be eliminated so that a judge may use discretion in cases of merit.

Synthetic Dope Revealed

Judge Sherbow also pointed out the need for legislation to cope with the recent crop of dope cases in which the use and sale of synthetic drugs are being revealed.

Unter the present law, synthet-

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