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FOUR MINORS HELD IN SHOOTING:

Reports Of Racial Tension In LaPlata, Md., Denied

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knew that boys my sons' age should have a man to supervise them. (My husband left us seven years ago, after the war.

While Men Apologizes

"Then Mr. Boswell's son told me that he did tell my son in the car that night that if he were out, he would kill him. He said he was sorry he had said that and it was only because he was upset.

"He apologized and then he broke down and cried."

An acquaintance of the Boswells said that Mrs. Boswell had been more seriously wounded than her husband and may be crippled as a result of the shooting last Friday.

Mob Reports Denied

Meanwhile, Mr. Barbour told the AFRO that Judge J. Dudley Diggs is waiving Juvenile Court jurisdiction in the case and that the four young defendants will be arraigned before magistrate as if they were adults. He was not certain when the arraignment would be.

Mr. Barbour also denied reports that angry mobs had gathered on La Plata street - corners and muttered threats against the four boys last Friday night.

"And individual here and there may have said something," he said, "but there were no angry mobs on street - corners and we removed the boys strictly as a precautionary measure and not because there was any evidence of real danger."

'I Just Don't Know'

Mrs. Wills, when asked if she thought her sons were innocent of the shooting, answered:

"I just don't know what to think. All I know is what I heard and what the sheriff told me. Billy's father told me that Billy Bobby (Robert Campbell) said he shot the woman and the man, but I just don't know. I haven't seen my boys since the night it happened."

Billy is William Wills, brother of Calvin Wills. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. William Wills tenant farmers, who live in the country not far from Mrs. Wills, their aunt, and her children.

Stolen Car Incident

Mrs. Wills said that her younger son, Clarence, had admitted stealing an automobile in LaPlata about a month ago. He spent three weeks at Boys Village and then was placed on probation.

"He wasn't supposed to go into La Plata," she said. "After school was over, everyday, he was supposed to get off the bus and come straight home.

"But that night he wasn't at home and I didn't know where he was. I knew where my older boy was, because I had sent him in to La Plata to see his grandmother.

"I was sitting in the kitchen, drinking a cup of tea, when I heard sounds like a car backfiring. A little while afterwards, Clarence came in and said he had been at his uncle's house.

Sheriff Came For Boy

"After that, Bobby came in. He said there was some trouble up at the store — it's not far from our house — and he got scared and came home.

"Then, a little later, the sheriff came and said the Boswells had seen Clarence at the store. Clarence said he had been there, but he didn't know anything about the shooting."

According to La Plata police, the Boswells said that Clarence and Calvin had entered the Boswell store, asking for some cheese. Something in their manner aroused the suspicion of Mrs. Boswell, who called her husband from another room.

Other Boy Sought

Meanwhile, the two older boys, according to police, were at the rear of the store, watching through a glass window in the door. As Mr. Boswell passed the door, he was felled with a shotgun blast.

Another shotgun blast hit Mrs. Boswell in the back as she ran for the telephone. The culprits then ran away and Mr. Boswell dragged himself to the phone and summoned a doctor who called police.

Mr. Barbour said that the Boswells also recognized Calvin Wills and the sheriff went to his home to search for him. The boy's father, Mr. Barbour said, stated that Calvin was attending a basketball game that night at Allen school, but when the two men went there looking for him he could not be found.

Had 4 Stolen Shotguns

Mr. Wills then promised to bring Calvin to the sheriff when he returned home. He did so, Mr. Barbour said, and, and after further questioning of Clarence and Calvin, the two older boys were taken into custody and admitted the shooting.

Mr. Barbour said that each of the four boys had been armed with a stolen shotgun, but the younger boys had left their weapons outside when they went into the store.

Mrs. Wills told the AFRO she had had a difficult time caring for her family after her husband left the home. She has a third son, James, II.

Earns $30 A Week

The family's only income, she said, is the $30 she makes each week as a presser at a dry-cleaning establishment in La Plata. She has worked there for the past two years, having previously done day's work.

A three-room frame house, for which she pays $5 a week rent, serves as home for her family. It has neither gas nor electricity and she uses oil-stoves for cooking and heating. Beyond a field across the road, is a spring from which the family gets its water supply.

Mrs. Wills said that except for the auto-stealing incident in which Clarence was involved, none of her children had ever been in trouble.

Robert, she said, stopped school in order to help support the family, but he could not hold the jobs he got.

"No," she said in answer to a question, "The boys didn't belong to any Boy Scout troop. I don't think there is any around here.

"We used to try to go to the Episcopal Church. But sometimes we just didn't have the clothes to go in."

These photos, taken three years ago, show two of the teen-age boys held in the shooting of a white couple in La Plata, Md., on Dec. 12. They are Robert Campbell (left), now 15, and his brother, Clarence Wills, now 13, sons of Mrs. Pearl Wills. Also held in the shooting are their cousins, William Wills, 16, and Calvin Wills, 13.

Mrs. Pearl Willis, mother of two of the four teen-age boys held in the shooting of a white couple near La Plata, Md., manages a smile for the AFRO photograph. "I want to do everything I can to help my boys," she said. She is shown in the three-room frame house occupied by her family for which she is the sole support since her husband left seven years ago. Note the flat-irons on the oilstove and the kerosene lamp against the wall. The house has neither gas, electricity, nor inside plumbing.

Witchcraft Can Be Tragic And Humorous

CHICAGO (ANP) — Every now and then, someone will come forward with the accusation that somebody has cast a spell or "Hex" on him. Most of the time this sort of accusation is treated humorously or at the most tolerantly, but once in a while the accusation goes further and results in tragedy.

In Fuquay Springs, N.C., there occurred this month an example of the tragedy that results when this sort of thing is taken seriously.

Dr. Wiley B. Cozart, mayor of Fuquay Springs, was shot and killed in his medical clinic and police arrested a young man who said the mayor had "put a hex" on him.

Police held Linwood Lewis, 24, a former patient in the Goldsboro Hospital for the Insane. Lewis added that the "witchcraft" started however, denied the shooting

Ended In Tragedy

Miss Shirley Holland, 18, Dr. Cozart's receptionist, said Lewis ran out of the doctor's office immediately after she heard the fatal shot. In front of the clinic, Lewis reportedly dropped a .45 caliber pistol from which a bullet had been fired.

LINWOOD LEWIS

Most cases of this sort do not reach such violent stages. An example of this occurred in Galesburg, Ill., where a 45-year-old woman asked a Knox county assistant state's attorney to make her sister stop practicing "witchcraft" on her.

The woman attempted to file criminal charges against her 42-year-old sister who she says is "cooking her legs." She said her legs were swollen and red and in September, when "squares that looked as if they were baked" began to appear on one of her legs. She said her sister's initials appeared on one of the squares.

Said She Was 'Hexed'

The woman said she went to a doctor and several "Healers" to determine the cause of her trouble. She reported that the doctor said she did not have a skin disease, but he did not know what was wrong with her.

She said the "healers" said she was being "hexed." The woman's sister, who lives a few blocks away, denied any knowledge of witchcraft. The assistant state's attorney promised to look into the matter.

Jury Convicts Would-Be Cop

Priest's Blackmail Charge Dismissed

WASHINGTON

Although, the blackmail charges against him were dismissed, a 21-year-old man was found guilty of impersonating an officer to the Rev. Charles C. Ball, priest, of the Church of the Epiphany by a district court jury, Wednesday.

Grover C. Barham of the 1700 block T st., nw, was found guilty of posing as an officer to the priest on Oct. 7.

Before the jury deliberated, Judge Bolitha Laws directed them to acquit Barham on two counts of an indictment, which accused him of blackmailing the priest.

Priest Testifies

Father Ball testified that he was in a restaurant at 13th and I sts., nw, when Barham followed him to the lavatory. There they had a short conversation, which was resumed, the priest asserted, after he left the restaurant.

When Barham said that he was from Pittsburgh and did know anyone in the city, the priest stated, he invited him to the rectory.

Shortly after the arrival, Barham identified himself as a member of the police department telling the priest that he had "talked to the wrong guy," Father Ball testified.

Barham went to a phone, the priest said, and called a person, whom he said was a lieutenant. After he finished the call, Barham asked the priest for $50 collateral, so that he would not have to take him to book him, Father Ball stated.

Said Buddies Beat Him

On the next day, Sept. 24, Barham returned with burise on his face, explaining that he was beaten up by other members of the force for not "doing his duty."

Barham then went to the phone, Father Ball said, and after dialing told the priest that the lieutenant wanted to talk to him. The priest said after the voice on the phone spouted some legal terms he was informed it would be necessary to put up $500 for a bond to avoid public embarrassment.

He gave the money to Barham, it was said. About two weeks later, Barham approached him for $20 to purchase tags for a motorcycle, the priest said.

After this meeting, Father Ball said, the police approached him and told him that they learned that he was being blackmailed and set up a trap.

Police Spring Trap

Two policemen were hidden behind a screen, Father Ball said, when Barham came to pick up the money on Oct. 7.

Evidently, the priest testified, Barham was suspicious because he scraped a chair on the floor and the policemen rushed from behind the screen to see if the priest was being attacked.

Barham denied on the witness stand that he posed as a police officer. He said that priest gave him $50 on the first occasion out of the goodness of his heart.

On the second time, Father Ball loaned him $50 after he told him he had a good deal on a motorcycle, Barham said.

Barham faces a maximum sentence of two years or a $500 fine.

Sgt. Parran Has New Assignment

FORT LEE, Va. — Sgt. Milton M. Parran, a veteran of World War II, will leave The Quartermaster Training Command, Fort Lee, Va. this week for an overseas assignment after a short furlough.

He was assistant platoon sergeant of Detachment No. 4, the Quartermaster Board, while stationed at Fort Lee.

During World War II, Sergeant Parran served in the European Theater from April 1944 to March 1946. Later he returned with the Army of Occupation to Germany.

Among his decorations are the Good Conduct Medal, the European Theater with 5 Bronze Stars, the American Theater Ribbon, the American Defense Ribbon, and the Occupation of Germany.

Son of William H. Parran, 413 Randolph st., nw., Sergeant Parran has served nine years in the Army.

Plummer Selected As Assistant District Attorney In Texas

HOUSTON, Texas — The recently elected district attorney for Harris County, William H. "Bill" Scott stated that he had offered M. W. Plummer a position on his staff when he takes office Jan. 1. This move on the part of Mr. Scott will mark the first time a colored attorney has been offered such a position.

Mr. Plummer is a recent graduate of Texas Southern University Law School, and was admitted to the practice of law only last April. He is a graduate of Tuskegee Institute, and during World War II he was an instructor of Army cadets in flying.

Knoxville President Founders Day Speaker

SAVANNAH, Ga. — On Sunday afternoon at 6 p.m., the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity presented Dr. James A. Colston, president of Knoxville College, as their speaker at their Founders Day Exercises, which were held in Meldrim Auditorium at Savannah State College.

A native of Florida, Dr. Colston received the B. S. degree from Morehouse College, and the M.A. from Atlanta University where he was honored on Charter's Day in 1948 for outstanding service in the field of Education.

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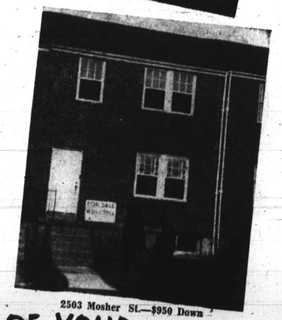

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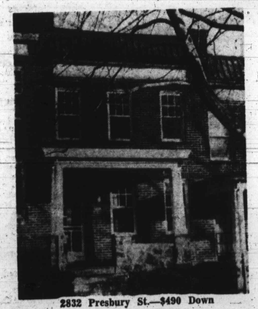

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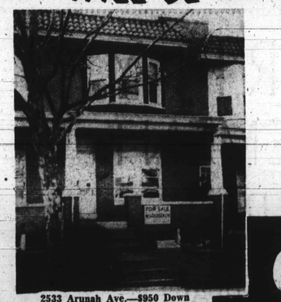

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