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Awarded Bronze Star

—Siamese

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here last August. E. B. Sledge, administrator of the hospital, said the twins appeared healthy and growing until about 7 a.m. Saturday.

John Edward died early Saturday in Greenwood hospital. The surviving twin and his dead brother were rushed to the John Gaston hospital in Memphis, Tenn. Speed there in a state highway patrol car, the live twin was rushed to the operating room, but died before surgeons could attempt to save his life. Doctors said they could give no immediate cause of death.

Were First Born

The twins were the first children of Roosevelt and Maybelle Flowers of Kilmichael, Miss.

The colored twins were connected in a similar manner as Roger and Ronnie Brodie who recently underwent an operation to separate them.

Two Other Sets Die

Two other sets of Siamese twins were born and died within the past week.

They were a set of twins born head-to-head, in Memphis, Tenn., who died before doctors got a chance to operate on them in an effort to save their lives; and a set joined together the entire length of their bodies, born in Cleveland, who died shortly after they were delivered.

The Mississippi and Memphis twins were joined exactly as the Brodie twins (white) of Illinois were. Fifteen months old, one of the Brodie twins died when a recent attempt to separate them was made. However, the other one is given a good chance to live.

Library Exhibit Honors First Airplane Flight

WASHINGTON

The original photograph of the first power airplane flight and Orville Wright's 1903 diary, opened to the entry for Dec. 17, have been placed on exhibition in the Library of Congress.

The photograph and the diary will be on view for the next 12 months in the Library's "Milestones of American Achievements" exhibit, which is composed of original materials relating to significant literary, scientific, historic, and cultural developments in this country.

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—Husband Hurt

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For "exceptionally meritorious service" rendered in Korea from October 1951 through June of '52, Pfc. Albert Briscoe of 510 W. West st., was awarded one of the Army's highest decorations, the Bronze Star, in formal ceremonies held on Dec. 19 in Detroit, Mich. Awarding the medal is Major George W. Seabrook III, commanding officer of the battery "A."

mands of the observer, Pfc. Briscoe volunteered to expose himself to personal injury from enemy fire to operate the radio.

"Pfc. Briscoe's integrity, initiative, ability and selfless devotion to duty, reflect great credit on himself and the military service.

Pfc. Briscoe is a graduate of Harvey Johnson junior high school in Baltimore.

Back From Vacation

His brother-in-law, Cpl. Garnett Johnson, served on the front line in Korea for nine months before his accident which occurred only two days after he returned to duty from a vacation in Japan.

He was a member of the 160th Infantry Division and has been in the service for 17 months. He is a graduate of Carver Vocational School and the father of an 18-month-old daughter, Patricia.

—Red Smear

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speech before the International Negro Congress in 1942; of talking before the American Youth for Democracy group in 1944; of being a sponsor of the Council on African Affairs and of permitting his name to appear on a list for the selection of board of directors of the Jefferson School of Social Research.

Not Subversive In 1941

In his reply to the State Department, the accused minister said that no one in 1941 termed the AYC subversive and that he did speak for it; that he never heard of the International Negro Congress; that he may have made a speech for the AYD because his whole life has been tied up with youth work.

The Rev. Mr. Robinson admitted being a sponsor of the Council on Africa in 1946 because of his deep interest in Africa and its future, but that he dropped his association after finding out the type of group involved.

He added that he formed another organization, the African Academy of Arts and Research, of which he is president of the Board of Directors.

The civic leader and clergyman who is a native of Knoxville, Tenn., declared that he was being prejudged and asked why it was not noted that during his trips in India and Egypt and other places, the Communists abroad jeered at him for defending democracy, in the United States.

Man Who Spent 9 Years In Death House Spent Christmas, 1952, With His Family

NEWARK

Silas Rogers, 30, whose thrifty habits almost cost him his life, came home last week to an exciting freedom and Christmas celebration with his family and friends from Richmond, Va., where he was sentenced to death nine years ago.

He was convicted on false testimony at his trial in Petersburg, Va., where he was charged with killing Patrolman R. B. Hatchell on July 13, 1943.

New evidence uncovered by white editors in Richmond, Florida, New Jersey and North Carolina and Argosy Magazine's (N.Y.), "Court Of Last Resort" inspired Governor John S. Battle to give Rogers an unconditional pardon Tuesday, Dec. 23.

Trapped By Ambition

His ambition to become a top-ranking musician — he played the saxaphone in the state prison band in Richmond — and his desire to save all he can to further his musical education are the virtues which almost made him walk "the last mile" for a crime he did not commit.

His troubles started when, after working at a Miami (Fla.) hotel shining shoes for the same man who employed him in New York, in 1943, he hopped a freight train in Florida to Hamlet, N.C., then hid on the north-bound express, "The Silver Meteor."

He was discovered in Petersburg and put off the Silver Meteor then started to hitchhike.

Had Funds But Begged Way

An hour after the Petersburg officer was killed, Rogers was arrested as a suspect on a bridge on U.S. Highway No. 1.

The irony of his predicament was, that Rogers did not have to hop a train or hitchhike to get back to Newark, where he made his home with his sister, Mrs. Mattie Birch, 222 Court st.

She told the AFRO Christmas Day that her brother, whom she had raised since his mother died when he was about eight years old, had his fare back home, was always thrifty, and never left home without funds.

"His obsession is music," Mrs. Birch said. "He was always ambitious to be a great saxaphone player and to be starred in a big time band. Every dollar he can spare goes toward music lessons."

Work's Activities

Here is how Rogers spent his first week of freedom and Christmas last week:

Tuesday, Dec. 24: Arrived by plane in NYC from Richmond, Va., at 5:30 p.m. and was welcomed by Harry Steeger, publisher of Argosy magazine.

Two hours later, he was greeted by his sister, her husband, Albert Birch, and their son, Albert Jr., who were invited to NYC by Mr. Steeger.

Rogers was attired in a suit he made himself in the Virginia prison tailor shop where he earned 15 cents a day. He finished the suit on March 2, 1951.

The first thing he did when he arrived in Newark at 9:45 p.m. on Dec. 23 was to give thanks to God for his freedom and the many friends who helped him.

After greeting friends who awaited his arrival, he took a cross of Christ in his hand and said with emotion, "Thank you heavenly Father for my freedom."

He then played his saxaphone, washed up, ate a hearty supper then went to bed.

Enjoys Home Life

Wednesday, Dec. 24: Rogers arose early, had breakfast, played with his nephew, Albert Birch Jr., then was kept busy until late in the afternoon talking to friends and newspaper reporters in New Jersey and NYC.

He spent the rest of the day getting what he called a "freedom haircut and shave," mailing Christmas greetings to friends, and walking in his old neighborhood in the Third Ward where he has many friends of both races. In place of going to the movies, he went to bed early.

Up Early Christmas Day

Christmas Day: Rogers was awakened at 3:30 a.m. by his nephew and took it good-naturedly. He never went back to bed.

He helped the youngster put his toy train Santa brought together, and, after breakfast, relaxed with the family, playing intermittently on his saxaphone until after midnight. He went outside just briefly for some fresh air.

Friday, Dec. 26: Rogers left New York City for a conference with the Argosy magazine publisher.

His sister told the AFRO that the publisher has given her brother a job in the magazine office and he plans to live in New York and pursue his musical studies.

Rogers may appear on a big radio or television program under the Argosy magazine auspices, his sister added.

She said the Richmond NAACP and C. C. Cooley, one of its legal advisers, are due a great deal of the credit for her brother's freedom.

"During the long ordeal, I made four or five visits to Richmond," Mrs. Birch said.

"I conferred with Mr. Cooley several times and I found him zealous and co-operative. I also was given the opportunity to make a personal appeal to the NAACP members who responded wonderfully."

Mrs. Birch and her husband contributed also to her brother's defense fund.

—Silas Rogers

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time Rogers was convicted so many citizens believed in him that over $3,000 was raised in a fund for his defense.

The state maintained that Rogers had left his job in a Miami beach barber-shop in Florida to return to his home in New York; that he had ridden a train to Raleigh, N.C., where he got off and stole an automobile.

Conflicting Testimony

The commonwealth contended that Rogers was driving the stolen car through Petersburg when Officer Hatchell caught him and that the officer was killed in the struggle.

Rogers testified that he had traveled by freightrain from Florida to Hamlet, N.C. where he secreted himself aboard a northbound passenger train the Silver Meteor. He said he had been discovered by a railroad employee, ordered to get off the train at Petersburg and that he left the train at Petersburg but waited in the station there until 8:20 a.m.

Officer Hatchett was killed at 7:40 a.m. almost one hour earlier. Rogers said he asked directions and found his way to a bridge on U.S. Highway 1 where police arrested him.

He said he was on his way to New York to report to his draft board.

At the time of his trial Rogers could not produce the railroad employee who ordered him off the train. The jury refused to believe his story and found him guilty.

Mr. Kilpatrick enlisted the aid of other newspapermen in Miami, Fla., Jackson, Tenn., Raleigh, N.C., New York City and Newark, N.J. to round up the missing witnesses and other evidence that resulted in Rogers' release.

—Florida Killing

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house when police attempted to arrest Jefferson in the yard.

The elder Jefferson said he was working in his barber shop in front of the house when he heard his son drive up, jump from the car and yell, "Daddy, Daddy."

"Then a police officer came up and started hitting him over the head with a blackjack," the slain man's father continued.

His Garbage Can

Mr. Jefferson said at that point another officer, identified as Patrolman Minnick, fired a shot at his son which missed him and struck a garbage can. Jefferson said the second bullet killed his son in the leg and he slumped to the ground. Then he said the officer fired again.

"And then he walked all the way around him and said shot again."

After the shooting a crowd of 4,500 colored people gathered at the scene and were dispersed by Homestead Police Chief Emory Hudson. Chief Hudson told the Miami Herald Patrolman Minnick would be suspended pending an investigation. He then said to the crowd, "It's Christmas, go home in peace. Go home to your families."

Tension in Miami

A sadness and tension spread throughout the Florida City-Homestead area and one could feel the tension in Miami 30 miles away.

Before the crowd was dispersed, John Tyler, director of the Criminal Investigation Bureau and the Florida City-Homestead area, was summoned to the scene with riot guns. Constable George Wright and the Dade City Road Patrol were also summoned.

Chief Hudson, however, said that the crowd was merely curious.

Attorney Everett said that Jefferson's shooting was unnecessary and that police had actually shot the wrong man.

Light And Dark Man

"The woman who was forced off the road told me that Jefferson was not the man involved," Everett said. "Her name is Jeanette Sullivan of Homestead and she told me that the man who forced her off the road had very light skin. Jefferson is a very dark man."

Mr. Everett said he did not know why Jefferson ran or fled when police first attempted to arrest him.

On Friday following the shooting more than 15 witnesses, white and colored, testified in a probe of the shooting. E. F. Lassetter of the Criminal Bureau of Investigation questioned the witnesses but no report of their testimony was available to newsmen.

Parents Call NAACP

The dead man's parents called on the NAACP for help and Dr. Godfrey W. Hawkins, president of the Miami chapter of the NAACP asked Howard W. Dixon, a white attorney, to conduct the investigation and make recommendations for possible forwarding to the national NAACP.

In Philadelphia, where Dr. Hawkins is attending the Omega convention, the NAACP president declined to comment on the case.

In a statement, Dixon said, "If there is any possibility of violation of the Federal Civil Rights Law, the NAACP may even go beyond the state court to ask the FBI to come into the case.

Florida City and Homestead are two adjacent cities located on Rt. 1, about 30 miles below Miami.

Native Of Homestead

The dead man was a native of Homestead. He was apparently near Florida City when he allegedly ran the woman off the road.

In the attempt to arrest him he got away from officer Marshall William Pando of Florida City. Pasulo raidoed to Homestead to set up a roadblock.

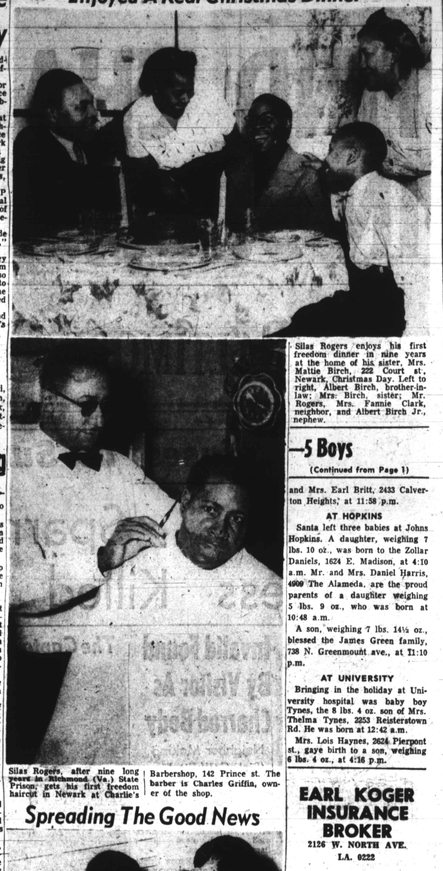
It was set up three blocks south of Homestead's city limits by Sgt. J. C. Arrant and Patrolman Minnick. He got around the roadblock and then was chased home to Homestead where the shooting took place.

Grand Lodge Of Masons To Hold Annual Dinner

The Grand Lodge of Masons will hold their annual "Old Folks Dinner" on Jan. 1, at the Masonic Temple, 1431 McCulloh st.

Services prior to the dinner will be conducted by the Rev. J. H. Peters, pastor of Centennial Methodist Church. Willard W. Allen is grandmaster of the lodge.

Enjoyed A Real Christmas Dinner



Silas Rogers, after nine long years in Richmond (Va.) State Prison, gets his first freedom haircut in Newark at Charlie's Barbershop, 142 Prince st. The barber is Charles Griffin, owner of the shop.

Here Silas Rogers, 30-year-old native of Tallahassee, Fla., calls his sister in Newark, N.J. to tell her of the glad tidings while Bob Rhay, a special investigator for Court of Last Reports, looks on.

Silas Rogers enjoys his first freedom dinner in nine years at the home of his sister, Mrs. Mattie Birch, 222 Court st., Newark, Christmas Day. Left to right, Albert Birch, brother-in-law; Mrs. Birch, sister; Mr. Rogers, Mrs. Fannie Clark, neighbor, and Albert Birch Jr., nephew.

—5 Boys

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and Mrs. Earl Britt, 2433 Calverton Heights, at 11:58 p.m.

AT HOPKINS

Santa left three babies at Johns Hopkins. A daughter, weighing 7 lbs. 10 oz., was born to the Zollar Daniels, 1624 E. Madison, at 4:10 a.m. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Harris, 4609 The Alameda, are the proud parents of a daughter weighing 5 lbs. 8 oz., who was born at 10:48 a.m.

A son, weighing 7 lbs. 14½ oz., blessed the James Green family, 738 N. Greenmount ave., at 11:10 p.m.

AT UNIVERSITY

Bringing in the holiday at University hospital was baby boy Tynes, the 8 lbs. 4 oz. son of Mrs. Thelma Tynes, 2253 Reisterstown Rd. He was born at 12:42 a.m.

Mrs. Lois Haynes, 2624 Pierpont st., gave birth to a son, weighing 6 lbs. 4 oz., at 4:36 p.m.

—Paul Robeson

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should go to war.

"I did not say I was speaking for colored people in Paris," Robeson said. "I was speaking for millions of black people in a fight for world peace. In order to understand me it's important that people understand what I'm fighting for.

Should Exchange Culture

"I am, I have been, and I expect to remain a friend of the Soviet peoples. We in America get along in the world with 400 million Hindus.

"We get along with Moslems and people of many other faiths and creeds, so why can't we get along with a Russian society based on socialism and communism?

"I believe we can. I believe we can trade with them and exchange our culture with them as we do with our other allies. We did it during the war when they were our allies. Why can't we do it now?"

Robeson them went on to say that his visits to Russia has convinced him that the Russians want peace in the world.

Must Make Peace

"If we want peace, we must make peace with Russia. This is all I have asked of my own people in Paris or any other place. Do you want peace? Do we need to accept the idea that war is inevitable? This is the context of the fight I am making."

Robeson said he considers his award from Stalin as important as the Nobel Peace Prize.

The telegram expressed the hope that Robeson could come to Moscow to accept the award; and Robeson, who has had his passport cancelled by the State Department, said he would immediately apply for another to go there.

"I will accept this prize with humility," he said. "It represents millions of people in the world who want peace. It is another way of Russia saying 'We want peace.'"

Robeson would not comment when asked what he planned to do with the award money, but he did reveal his plans for the coming year.

Text Of Cablegram

The cablegram from Robeson to Dmitry Skobeltsyn, chairman of Committee on International Prizes, Moscow in reply to Skobeltsyn's cablegram informing him:

"Deepest thanks for your cablegram and deepest thanks to the committee. For the peace fighters in America this award has the greatest significance. Already the prize has called forth profound gratification and pride among many sections of the Negro People and the Progressive Forces of our land.

"For me personally it is a most moving experience — a great award and honor which I shall cherish all my life. Again, my deep and sincere thanks.

"I shall apply for a passport during the next few days. Hope to be successful. If not, shall inform you of further possibilities. All my best to the soviet people. Warmest birthday greetings to your great leader. Peace we shall win. Happy New Year."

(Signed)
PAUL ROBESON

—Honor Roll

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It matters not what his age, race, sex or occupation, anyone and everyone is eligible if he has not appeared on a previous AFRO Honor Roll.

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Does the name occur to you of someone who has made an outstanding contribution of public service to the community?

Write To AFRO

If so, send in this information to the AFRO Honor Roll, City Desk, 628 N. Eutaw st., Baltimore 1, Md.

These suggestions must reach the AFRO no later than Jan. 10.

Spreading The Good News

He Was On Hand

Robert H. Cooley, Petersburg, Va., who was counsel for Rogers, was on hand at the release of client in Richmond on Dec. 23rd.

Card Game Raid Brings 9 Arrests

Police broke up a card game in the 1400 block of Riggs ave. early Saturday morning, arresting seven men and two women.

Seized, when Sgt. William Burkhard and Officers Fred Johnson and Charles Bonnie raided the house about 2 a.m., the group was identified as:

Mrs. Susie Jones, 1400 block Riggs ave.; Miss Mabel Pierce, 700 block W. Fayette st.; George Shakelford, 1500 block Eutaw pl.; Joseph Peters, 1400 block Riggs ave.; James Holmes, 700 block Riggs ave.; William Taylor, 800 block Arlington ave.;

Thomas Ward, 2300 block Madison ave.; Hampton Savage, 1300 block Stockton ave., and Luther Allen, 700 block W. Lafayette ave.

Mrs. Jones was ordered held in $1,000 bail for grand-jury action by Magistrate E. Everett Lane on a charge of setting up a gambling house.

Each of the men were fined $15 and costs for gambling, and Miss Pierce was fined $10 and costs for disorderly conduct.

VISITS PARENTS IN N.J.

SALISBURY, N.C. — Miss Dorris Peaks is spending the Yuletide holidays in New Jersey with her parents. She accompanied the Rev. Mr. McKinney on the trip north.

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MAN ADMITS STRIKING WOMAN, IS FINED $25

Charles McWilliams Jr., 30, 200 block Laurens st., pleaded guilty to striking Miss Gladys Radicka, also of the 200 block Laurens st., and was fined $25 and costs Friday in Northwestern police court.

Christmas Birth Of Triplets Recalls Nativity Story

Triplets' Parents Proud Of First Born

Dr. M. B. Lambert congratulates Mrs. John Wesley Carter, 19-year-old Nuttsville, Va., mother, who on Christmas morning gave birth to triplets, her first born. Husband John Wesley Carter, a carpenter, proudly looks on. (Below) Here are the three brothers who will be named Mozelle, Waddelle and Cardelle. (Photos by Henderson).

All-Male Trio First Born Of Carpenter's Wife

NUTTSVILLE, Va. — Triplets were born Christmas morning here in Lancaster County, Va., to a chubby mother giving birth to her first born. Father of the three boys is a 28-year-old carpenter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John W. Carter were Mozelle, Waddell and Cardell.

At 10-minute intervals, Dr. M. B. Lambert of Kilmarnock, white, delivered two four-and-a-half pounders and then a four-pounder.

Births Unexpected

The multiple births were unexpected. Mrs. Hazel Carter, wife of John's Brother, Nevis, attended the mother. She told the AFRO:

"Around 7 a.m., Dr. Lambert handed me the first boy and I had finished dressing him when he said, 'I believe there is more in this one.' When I finished dressing the second one, the doctor said, 'Here is another one.'"

Dr. Lambert said the births were perfectly normal and that he had attended the mother monthly for the past eight months. He said he had no plans to place the children in a hospital as they were responding well.

Swaddling Clothes

The youthful mother's only comment upon the cry of the third child was: "Do you have clothes enough?"

Mrs. Carter is the former Edna Veney of Farnham, about nine miles from Nuttsville where the children were born

The house adjoins a dance hall. The Little Brown Derby, which was built by John Carter, father of the triplets.

Proud of "Builder"

Nevis, proud of his brother even before the advent of the newcomers, said:

"John Wesley has been building things since he started building bird houses as a kid. The Little Brown Derby and this

The Carter triplets are believed to be the first triplets born in Lancaster County in 36 years.

Both parents have records of multiple births in their families. Mrs. Carter's mother is a twin. The father's uncle was twins.

Mrs. Carter is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gaines Veney and is the second of 10 children, five boys an das many girls.

The Carters have seven boys and three girls. John Wesley is the eighth child.

The triplets were the first delivered by Dr. Lambert, a 34-year-old graduate of the Medical College of Virginia, who has been practicing in Lancaster for five years.

in bail of $1,000 for allegedly stabbing Gloria McLean of the 300 block Vincent st.

A boy friend of Miss McLean for more than nine years, Washington, according to witnesses, stabbed her with a pen knife. Taken by ambulance to Johns Hopkins Hospital, Miss McLean was treated for a punctured lung.

Miss Tinkien of the 100 block E. Lexington st., was sentenced to 60 days in the Baltimore city jail Friday morning for cutting her boy friend, William Mills of the 1100 block E. Lexington st., with a razor.

Had Been Drinking

Mills told police that he and Miss Tinkien had been drinking practically all day in a local bar. Around 2 p.m. he said he decided to take her home because she was "beginning to get drunk."

Outside of the bar, he continued Miss Tinkien started struggling and fell to the ground. The accused woman claimed however that Mills knocked her down.

When asked if she remembered cutting Mills, Miss Tinkien told the court, "I might have whacked him on the legs a few times."

Found Razor

In answer to another charge of carrying a concealed weapon, she said she found the razor two weeks ago, and had forgotten to remove it from her purse.

Mills was treated at Johns Hopkins for two deep gashes on the right leg, and one on the left. When sentenced Miss Tinkien told the court, "Judge, I get six fine or nothing!"

In another fracas similar to the Tinkien affair which started outside of a bar, Miss Nancy Ann Barr of the 800 block N. Gay st., was fined $25 and cost for being drunk on a public street.

Companion Cut

Her companion, Joseph H. Diggs of the 900 block N. Gay st., was fined $25 and costs for cutting Mrs. Barr in the face.

Firemen believe that oil from a leaking oil stove seeped into some newspapers that Mrs. Wallace had spread over her freshly scrubbed floor.

The oil-soaked paper was ignited, in some mysterious fashion and the flames quickly spread through the two-story dwelling.

Other tenants in the house jumped to safety from upper windows before firemen arrived and extinguished the fire.

Mrs. Wallace's burned body was recovered in the living room by Salvage Corps firemen, cleaning up fter the blaze.

Arson officials are completing investigations of both fires.

Yuletide Joy Overtakes 8

Peace on earth and good will toward all men held little meaning for at least eight persons on Christmas day in Northeast Baltimore.

Among those arrested in the district Thursday and charged with crimes ranging from shooting to intoxication was Rockxell Counts, 30, of the 1200 block E. Fayette st.

Booked on an assault and shooting charge filed by James Champlain of the 1200 block Central ave., Counts was sentenced by Magistrate Samuel Gaboff to 60 days in jail.

Waiting For Cab

Champlain was allegedly shot in the right side by Counts, while waiting for a taxi at Preston and Central ave., with Miss Lydia Covington of the 14th block Ashland ave., and Lester Heath, of the 1200 block N. Fremont st.

An ex-boy friend of Miss Covington, Counts according to witnesses, walked up to the trio and tried to start a conversation with Champlain.

Champlain told police that as he stepped over to see what Counts wanted, he pulled a pistol from his pocket. As he turned to run Champlain stated, Counts shot him in the right side.

Treated And Released

Champlain was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital for treatment of an abrasion and released.

Counts, released from prison on Nov. 27 after serving a 30-day sentence for cutting Champlain on Oct. 12, told the court "I don't know what these people are talking about."

According to he accused man, he spent the entire Christmas day in a tavern. "The woman" he continued, "she's angry with me, now that's the reason she's trying to get me into trouble."

Count's said that he had been drinking most of the day, but was sure that he never met Miss Covington, Heath, or Champlain during the day.

Stabbed Girl Friend

For Eugene Washington, 36, of the 500 block N. Vincent st., Christmas of 1952 will be remembered as the day of his release

—Charred Body

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water on the floor in the kitchen.

"I swear I didn't know what to do. I backed out of the dining room and ran to the front door.

"Frozen By Sight

"I tried to scream for help, but couldn't make a sound.

"When I reached the street, I grabbed a man who was walking up Barre st. and tried to tell him about Miss Emma.

"I still couldn't get it out though. All I could say was 'Oh Lord, Oh Lord.

"The man looked behind me and asked was somebody after me. Finally I managed to tell him to call the Fire Department, because Miss Emma was burnt.

"He ran down the street, and that's all I can remember."

Firemen and police soon arrived on the scene.

The fire which had claimed the woman's life had long been extinguished, however. No other room in the house had been touched by the flames.

The fire victim's husband, Matthew Wright, 53, was notified of his wife's death. At the place where he worked.

Both he and Mrs. Wright had been married before to other mates.

The couple had been married just two years on Christmas Eve.

Although visibly shuddering on recounting her grisly experience, Mrs. Sydnor was able to relate her story to Arson Squad investigators, headed by Capt. Paul Hood.

Reconstruct Events

The investigation indicated that flames from a stove in the living room had somehow caught Mrs. Wright's dress.

Because of the running kitchen faucet, water had spilled from the full sink to a deep puddle in the kitchen floor.

Authorities surmised that Mrs. Wright ran to the sink in an effort to extinguish her burning dress. Before she could do this however, the flames spread to the woman's body.

The terrified woman evidently fell to the floor in an effort to smother the flames.

Her blazing body ignited some newspapers spread on the floor, and the woman succumbed to the effects of the spreading blaze.

Mrs. Wright's survivors in addition to her husband include four step-children, Miss Elizabeth Wright, Bernice Wright, Sylvester Wright, and James Wright.

MRS. EMMA WRIGHT

—Waitress Killed

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cident victims, Saturday night at Orleans and Bond sts.

They are William Nash, 29, and Charles Stinett, 23, both of the 1000 block E. Monument st., who received medical treatment at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

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