Mrs. Sara Spencer Washington Dies

Harrison Wins New Trial

WASHINGTON — The Rev. Earl Harrison, accused as the father of an unwed choir singer's baby, has won a new trial. The Municipal Court of Appeals, Friday, reversed the minister's conviction.

The Harrison paternity case attracted nationwide attention following his conviction last August 5. The appellate court threw out the conviction on the grounds that Trial Judge Nadine Gallagher had erred.

The testimony of Luther Holmes, brother of Olivia Holmes, the baby's mother, should not have been admitted, the court held. Holmes testified that the Rev. Mr. Harrison had offered his sister $1,000 to keep the case out of court.

Dr. Harrison, pastor of Shiloh Baptist church, on last Sept. 25 was ordered to support Miss Holmes's daughter, Diane. He was instructed to pay $43.33 monthly until the girl reaches the age of 16.

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MRS. SARA SPENCER WASHINGTON

Apex Hair Co. Head Dies In Hospital

B-U-L-L-E-T-I-N

Private funeral services will be held Friday, 11 a.m., at Carter's funeral home, Baltic and New York aves.

Burial will be in Pleasantville cemetery beside her mother, Mrs. Ellen Hunter, and her brother, Frank Phillips.

ATLANTIC CITY—Mrs. Sara Spencer Washington, 52, wealthy head of the famous Apex hair and beauty products concern, died in Atlantic City hospital at 3:30 p.m. on Monday.

She was born in Norfolk, Va., June 23, 1901. Funeral services will be private.

A remarkable business woman, she organized schools of beauty culture from here to Chicago and from New York to Atlanta, Ga.

At one time these schools, housed in buildings, some of which cost $100,000, graduated 4,000 students a year.

At her bedside was her husband Stumpert Logan, secretary of Apex, whom she married in 1944, and an adopted daughter, Mrs. Sara Jones Washington, mother of two children.

Mrs. Washington's family here includes two cousins, Mrs. Vern Gosnell of Baltimore, and Joshua Wynn of this city.

An associate, Archie Morgan, has been vice president and general manager of Apex for 28 years.

Mrs. Washington was paralyzed in 1947 and since that time has curtailed her activities.

Gave Up Schools

She turned beauty schools in 10 cities over to the staffs which were operating them.

She kept $600,000 in real estate, including buildings in New York and Philadelphia, and a $100,000 mortgage on Father Divine's Brigantine hotel, here.

Mrs. Washington was born in Princess Anne County, Va. At seven she attended her first classes in school and later finished the Norfolk, (Va.) Mission College which is equivalent to high school.

This is all of her education

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3rd Riot Rocks Crownsville Hospital

SHERIFF LEADS MOB

Highway Cop Halts Lynching Of Ranch Hand

Sheriff, Posse Had Rope Around Victim's Neck

By SAM LACY
AFRO Staff Correspondent

PHOENIX, Ariz. — A Governor's investigation of the near lynching of a colored murder suspect was under way this week, and officials of two law-enforcement agencies were reportedly at odds over the incident.

Governor Howard Pyle has pledged "an all - out probe" of charges by a state highway patrolman that his timely intervention was the only thing that saved Arthur Thomas, a migrant cotton worker, from death by the noose.

The lynching, the state trooper alleges, was about to be perpetrated by a posse headed by Sheriff Jack Howard of Cochise County.

Justice Promised

Reached by telephone at his home Sunday morning, the governor told the AFRO:

"My promise to the people of Arizona, made Friday, still goes. Every effort will be made to uncover all the facts in this case, with the assurance that

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Why Dr. Patterson Quit Tuskegee!

TUSKEGEE, Ala. — Why did Dr. Frederick D. Patterson resign as president of Tuskegee Institute?

Whom will trustees likely name as his successor when they meet here on the campus April 11?

The Tuskegee presidency pays an annual salary of $12,000. It also provides a house, food, upkeep, entertainment expense all of which adds $8,000 more to the president's income.

At the age of 52, Dr. Patterson leaves Tuskegee to become director of the Phelps - Stokes fund in New York. This new position reputedly pays only $6,500 a year.

Several Reasons Given

Why would anybody quit one job to accept another at a 60 per cent salary reduction?

Several reasons have been suggested in Dr. Patterson's case. For 18 years as Tuskegee's president, he's been forced to spend 70 per cent of his time traveling raising funds.

He has been forced to sacrifice his family life. He sees little of his wife, the former Catherine Moton, and his son, Frederick Jr., 12.

He has been thinking of making a change for a long time. He has decided to do it while he still has 13 active years to devote to his new work.

Fewer Headaches Seen

He'll have fewer headaches with the Phelps-Stokes fund. And above all, after 24 strenuous years, he'll be able to exchange the pressure of living in Alabama for the freer air of New York.

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Now Battling Migs In Korea

Colonel George S. Roberts, Charleston, W. Va., climbs out of his F-86 Sabrejet after a combat mission with the 51st Interceptor Wing in Korea. Former commander of the 99th Fighter Squadron, Colonel Roberts helps protect 5th Air Force bombers operations from interference by Russian-built MIG-15s.

Patients Riled By Threats Of 2 Attendants

'C' Building Inmates Barricade Ward In Half Hour Protest

By STAFF CORRESPONDENT

For the second time in two weeks, an uprising has occurred among patients in Crownsville State Hospital's "C" building.

Again, the trouble has been traced to provocation by attendants.

"C" Building is the structure set aside for housing the criminly insane, and was the site of a full-scale riot on February 8 that lasted more than three hours.

Three white attendants were attacked but escaped serious injury when they locked themselves in a washroom, although rioting inmates attempted to smoke them out with makeshift fires.

"Blackjack" Figures

Last week, another white attendant was trussed up and threatened with bodily harm after he had reportedly threatened to use a blackjack on one of the patients.

The latest disturbance which occurred on Friday night, was touched off around midnight when an attendant allegedly threatened to beat a patient.

The attendant has been identified as Bernie Goodin. The patient is identified as John Armstead.

More than 40 other patients

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CONFLICTING TESTIMONY; TECHNICALITIES CITED:

New Trial For Terry Requested By Hughes

The fact that the umbrella found at the scene of the crime was never identified in court as the property of Terry's family is one of the reasons a new trial is being asked for Robert Lee Terry.

Terry, 17, was convicted Friday, of first-degree murder in the knife slaying on Jan. 21 of Miss Leonore Naylor, 60, Pratt library executive.

Such a conviction carries a penalty of life imprisonment or hanging; but the trial judges deferred sentence pending a motion for a new trial and the results of a psychiatric examination of the youth.

The motion for the new trial was filed on Monday, by W.A.C. Hughes Jr., attorney for Terry.

Not Identified

The umbrella identification is one of the points cited by Mr. Hughes who pointed out that during the trial state prosecutors failed to call as witnesses the alleged owners of the umbrella and the garter which was attached to it.

In their opening statement, the state prosecutors had said they would prove that the umbrella was the property of John Wall, Terry's brother-in-law, and that the garter belonged to his sister, Miss Amy Terry of Brooklyn, N.Y.

Miss Terry was brought to Baltimore for the trial, and Mr. Wall was also available, but neither one was called to testify.

Description Challenged

Another point emphasized by Mr. Hughes in the new trial motion is that young Terry does not meet the description of "a very dark man, 35 years old" which was first given out as the description of Miss Naylor's assailant.

The various police officers who testified disagreed as to what was the original description given out by the police department, and no official police lookout sheet was produced.

Some officers admitted that the age was 35; others said "20

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Doctor's Car Goes For Back Alimony

A bill for back alimony, amounting to $1,335, landed Dr. Bruce Benjamin in court, Thursday, facing a contempt charge.

The physician, ordered to pay his former wife, Dr. Ruth Holley Benjamin McCall, alimony during their legal separation in 1951 and $25 per week for a year following the granting of a permanent divorce in August, 1952, has just been released from the Army, and is, at present, on the staff of Provident hospital.

While the Benjamins were

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582 DAYS

since charges were filed and sustained against the Superintendent of

Boys' Village

The January, 1952, grand jury recommended that no State employee should be named to the Board of a State Institution.

Trial Board Bill Delayed

Citizens See Ober Wednesday

Delays in the legislative reference department are holding up progress of the bill which would give Baltimoreans an impartial hearing on all arrest complaints, Sen. Bernard Melnicove author of the bill, told the AFRO Monday.

The senator expected the bill to be ready for introduction to the legislature Friday, however, it was not prepared until Monday.

Dr. Carl Everstein, head of the department said that the department has been over-run with bills to prepare, but that Senator Melnicove should receive the bill sometime today, (Tuesday).

In the meantime a citizen's committee has drawn up a list of 22 questions to be submitted to Commissioner Beverly Ober, March 25, at 2:15 p.m., concern-

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Mrs. Young Is Virginia's 1953 Mother

WAYNESBORO, Va. — Mrs. Leah S. Young Saturday was chosen Virginia's "Mother of the Year." It was the first time this honor has been accorded to a colored woman.

The wife of a farmer, she baked apple pies and made dresses to help educate their 14 children. A majority of them finished college. Six teach, two are contractors, one is a nurse and another librarian.

One of her daughters was awarded $1,000 in 1950 in a national baking contest for her mother's recipe of old Virginia cobbler.

She will compete with winners from other states for the title of American Mother of 1953. The late Mrs. Emma Clarissa Clement was the American Mother of 1949.

Pupils Flee Second Fire

Arson Squad Probes Blaze At No. 144

The lives of more than 450 pupils at School No. 144, Mosher st., and Wheeler ave., were imperiled by a firebug who set four different fires at the school, Monday afternoon.

It was the second arson attempt at the school in less than three weeks.

The school has a net enrollment of more than 1,000 pupils Because it is on a "swing shift," however, only half that number were present when the fire occurred.

After the first arson attempt, on March 6, police officials were alerted for suspicious activity in the school building.

According to Mrs. Marion Johnson, school principal, the latest fire was discovered in a basement store-room, by a janitress, Mrs. Doris Thompson, who immediately raced to the first floor

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Governor Denies He Will Use Bar List

Race, Sex Not To Determine Magistrates Under Proposal

Gov. Theodore R. McKeldin has denied a report that he would select future Baltimore magistrates from a list suppled by the all-white, male-only Baltimore Bar association if a proposed bill for reorganization of the magistrates' courts is okayed.

Answering a query by Judge Helen Elizabeth Brown of the housing court, the Governor declared in a letter dated March 11:

"You can be sure that I would not make appointments from any list which did not give adaquate consideration to all lawyers, regardless of race, creed or sex."

Judge Brown wrote the Governor on March 5:

"The press quotes you as stating that if the proposed bill for reorganization of the magistrate' courts is passed that you would select magistrates from a list provided by the judiciary committee of the men's bar association.

'Deceives, Misleads Public'

"This organization deceives and misleads the public by operating behind the false and fraudulent label of "The Bar Association of Baltimore City" when it is in fact but one of six bar associations of Baltimore with a membership strictly limited to white, male members of the Baltimore bar.

"It is in no sense representative of the bar of this city with its restrictions based on sex, race and color.

"Your previous public acts and statements have made it very clear that you do not en-

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