Young widow says man assaulted her

The attractive and popular 28-year-old widow of a local businessman charged in Northwestern police court on Monday that she had been criminally assaulted in her own apartment early Sunday morning by a fellow party-goer.

Mrs. Dorothy White of the 2100 block Ripp st., named her alleged assailant as Robert Coles, 28, of the 2000 block Pulaski st. Coles was ordered held in $2,500 bail for action of the grand jury.

Mrs. White is well known in local circles as the widow of Lawrence White, who was closely associated with the management of a local tavern and pool room, prior to his death several months ago.

Party In Cherry Hill

In her testimony before Magistrate Marshall A. Levin, the well dressed Mrs. White said the alleged assault took place in her tastefully furnished apartment at approximately 5 a.m. on Sunday, after she returned from a party in Cherry Hill.

The widow said she was accompanied to the party by Coles, Betty Sheridan, Charles Sheridan and Alma Wedly, and that she remained there until 4 a.m. the next morning when she returned to her home with Mrs. Wedly and Coles.

The complainant said that after her guests left her home she went to bed, but that she was awakened a few moments later when a man entered her bedroom.

Mrs. White said the man told her that he had a gun and forced her to submit to his advances.

Went To Window

After the assailant left the house, Mrs. White said, she went to her front window where she recognized Coles in the light of a street lamp, as he walked away from the house.

An official complaint was made to police by Mrs. White at 1:15 a.m. on Dec. 8, almost 24 hours after the alleged assault took place.

The arrest of Coles was made shortly after the filing of the complaint when he appeared in police court, he entered a not guilty plea.

House survey under way in Annapolis

ANNAPOLIS, Md.—A housing questionnaire designed to find the existing market for new low-cost and low-rent housing for colored people is now available at the Annapolis Housing Authority office.

The Housing Authority is acting as a clearing house for data in reference to low cost and low rent housing.

According to officials, "the demand for colored housing has been accentuated by the needs of 133 colored families, who will be displaced when a new access road and state office building is constructed.

Item For Item

The questionnaire items request information necessary to determine whether a person is in a position to buy or rent, the economic risk status of the individual, and the size of the home apartment needed.

The purpose of the questionnaire is to give interested developers and contractors an idea of how many persons can afford homes which would have a mortage guaranteed by the FHA.

When the forms have been completed contractors and developers will review the information compiled.

Mother of four charges assault

Accused of criminally assaulting the wife of his brother-in-law, Willie G. Bethea, 28, of the 400 block N. Stricker st., was ordered held without bail for the grand jury on Wednesday afternoon in Northwestern Police court.

Mrs. Goldie Hicks, 23, of the 2000 block McCulloh st., charged that Bethea assaulted her on Christmas night in the bedroom of her apartment.

The attractive mother of four children testified that she had known Bethea for several years and that when he appeared at her home on Christmas night she invited him in, even though her husband was not at home.

Cousin Left

Mrs. Hicks said that a cousin was in the apartment when Bethea first entered but that he soon left, and Bethea began to make advances toward her.

She asserted that she attempted to fight off his advances and yelled at the top of her voice for help, but that he forced her to the bed where the alleged assault took place.

The young matron said that she reported the incident to police on the following day, but that it was not until late Tuesday that she saw Patrolwoman Violet Hill Whyte and a warrant was issued in the case.

Denies Charge

In his own defense, Bethea denied the charge and insisted that he had used no force on Mrs. Hicks nor committed any assault on her.

He countered her accusation with a charge that they had been friendly before and had shared part of a bottle of liquor before the alleged assault took place.

After hearing testimony from both sides and a plea that the case be dismissed because of what he termed the lack of evidence, Magistrate Stanley Richardson ordered Bethea held for the action of the grand jury.

HIGH SCHOOL PAPER

For the first time in its history the Douglass High school "Courier" was awarded first prize in a junior high school newspaper contest in July 1953. The Kay Hi-News of Catonsville placed second.

CALENDAR GIRL — Miss Helen M. Brister, 20, of Philadelphia here symbolizes the New Year by posing as a calendar girl. A clerk at a midtown store, she is one of the dancers who appeared in the Christmas Cotillion Wednesday night at Convention Hall in Philadelphia.

Numbers raid victims will testify in court Thursday

Defendants in the Thanksgiving numbers raid in the 3300 block Brighton st., were scheduled to take the stand, Thursday, to conclude the trial which started in criminal court Wednesday afternoon.

They are Mrs. Estelle Mae Smith Finks, 1900 block Edmondson ave., and Mrs. Nannie Lou Williams, Brighton st. address, who are pleading not guilty; and James M. Williams, Brighton st. address and Miss Fern Scotland, Edmondson ave. address, both pleading guilty.

Charged with lottery violations, the four are said to have operated one of the largest numbers rings uncovered here in the past three years, doing an estimated business of between $3 to $5 million a year.

Nabbed in the raid, Nov. 27, were Miss Scotland and Mrs. Finks, Mr. and Mrs. Williams, surrendered themselves to police later in the week.

Lottery Material Produced

Sgt. Arthur McGee, who planned the investigation and led the raiders, produced in court an adding machine, a telephone and two cigar boxes containing $2,000 in cash, tapes and numbers slips.

Describing the raid, the sergeant said that he first looked through a basement window in the two-story brick dwelling and saw Mrs. Finks seated at a card table in the club cellar, talking on the phone and writing on a small notepad.

Miss Scotland was on the first floor, the court learned.

Upon entering the cellar from the back door, the sergeant said that he learned that Mrs. Finks had been writing numbers on the pad.

Character Witnesses Testify

Before the court adjourned, Maurice Seigel, and Robert Watts, defense attorneys, placed four character witnesses on the witness stand who testified in Mrs. Finks's behalf.

Among them were a minister, the Rev. Albert Holbrook, assistant pastor of Mt. Zion Methodist church, and a Douglass High school teacher, Mrs. Rose Virgil, 1000 block W. Lanvale st.

The others included Walter Hunter, 2500 block W. Lanvale st., who operates a bowling alley on Lafayette ave., and Mrs. Erma Wideman, 2800 block W. Lafayette, who owns a grocery store in the 1900 block of Edmondson ave.

From these witnesses, the court learned that Mrs. Finks owns three pieces of property, was formerly employed at a laundry and is a member of two bowling teams.

Sitting calmly in the courtroom, Mrs. Finks was smartly dressed in a gray dress, trimmed in red and wore red accessories. Miss Scotland wore a sport shirt, jacket and skirt and the Williams were attired in dark blue.

Santa paid visit to Susie King

Santa Claus, who came to see Susan King, 2-year-old cancer victim, in September, made another visit Christmas Eve.

Her mother, Mrs. Doris King, 2317 Poplar Grove st., reports that several dolls and letters containing money were received from kind strangers who thought of Susie's Christmas.

While she has suffered a slight relapse, Susie is still able to walk around the house and play with her many toys.

The same thing occurred in September when gifts too numerous to mention and more than $400 in cash was contributed by AFRO readers who read of her pitiful plight.

Doctors had given Susie only six weeks to live, which meant her death before a November 2 birthday.

Susie, a brain cancer victim, fooled the doctors then and many prayers have been said hoping that she will become completely well.

Doctors say there is nothing else they can do.

Charge sheriff killed witness

Testified against him in liquor case

GROVE HILL, Ala.—A sheriff of Charles county last week shot and killed a 50-year-old citizen, who testified against him last September in a liquor conspiracy trial.

Moses Jones, who was scheduled to testify again at the retrial of the sheriff died instantly when the lawman pumped three bullets into his body.

Sheriff Jenkins Hill, white, told local authorities he shot the unarmed victim in self defense. Both men were alone in the Clarke county jail at the time of the fatal shooting. Jones had been arrested on a fugitive warrant, due to his failure to pay a liquor fine, it was said.

No Charges Made

The sheriff, against whom no formal charges have been made in the slaying, told authorities, "When I got him (Jones) into a cell, I took off his handcuffs and he turned on me and tried to get my gun. So I shot him three times."

Hill was questioned as to the necessity of shooting the prisoner. When asked if he was actually afraid Jones was dangerous, he replied, "Wouldn't have shot if I hadn't been. The sheriff is two inches taller than the victim and is heavy set.

At the sheriff's trial in September, Jones testified he turned down a proposal to sell liquor for the sheriff and another man under a protection arrangement.

Beaten Up Later

He told the court then that the second man in the liquor conspiracy trial and a third man beat him up four weeks later and told him not to be caught in Thomasville, Jones' home again.

When the trial ended, Jones moved his family to Bessemer, because he feared for his safety. The warrant on which the sheriff arrested him had no connection with the September trial.

Some months ago, Jones was convicted in Thomasville of selling bootleg liquor.

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Council urges public to use caution New Year's

Alfred W. Barry, chairman of the Holiday-Hazards Home Safety Campaign, sponsored jointly by the Baltimore Safety Council and the Junior Association of Commerce, said Monday, New Year's parties, especially are dangerous as far as the threat of fire is concerned.

This is because the Christmas tree, now fast becoming tinder dry, is usually still up as well as other flammable decorations still on hand.

However, he said, whether the tree is dry or fresh, a spark or flame can turn it into a roaring pillar of flame in seconds.

Since most fires are caused by carelessness—and people in a holiday mood are not as cautious as usual, the hostess should take necessary fire precautions in advance to prevent tragedy in her home.

A few safety precautions to bear in mind are these: Make sure the Christmas tree is not located near a stairway or blocking a doorway; provide ashtrays for guests; don't permit smoking near the tree; make sure all party decorations are flameproofed and avoid net or gauze-like fabrics for dresses or costumes.

Eight motorists face tag hold-up

Eight more motorists this week were added to the fast growing list of car owners whose names have been forwarded to the Department of Motor Vehicles, and their 1954 license plates will be held up until traffic charges against them have been adjusted.

Warrants have been issued for the arrest of the men but police have not been able to locate them at the addresses given.

Latest List

Those named with avoidable addresses, include:

Mildred Blair 302 W. Lanvale
Samuel H. Brown, 1508 John st.
Robert L. Burhey, 440 Orchard st.
E. T. Cumberland, 2865 W. Lanvale st.
Sidney McDowell, 1104 N. Gilmor st.
James Thompson, 402 N. Stricker st.
Van F. Way, 2527 W. North ave.

All of those named have just one charge pending against them.

Towson child health clinic opens Monday

The child health clinic at the Towson Health Center, Washington and Susquehanna aves., Towson, will be open during the week beginning January 4, at 1:30 p. m.

Attendance at the clinic is by appointment only and the recommendation of private physicians. For information about the Towson clinic call Valley 3-1600.

PRESENTATION—Major Chris Beaber, executive officer of special troops at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, presents Cpl. Ludlow J. Richards of Gary, Ind., and Atlanta, Ga., with his second Silver Star. Cpl. Richards, now assigned to 9301 Headquarters Detachment, was cited for his heroism in action near Chorwon, Korea. U.S. Army Photo.

Woman's scream summons police

Police summoned by a neighbor terrified by blood-curdling screams, found a 53-year-old woman dead on the floor of her apartment, Christmas Eve.

Mrs. Rosia Gary, who occupied a second-floor apartment at 680 Josephine st., was rushed to University hospital in an ambulance but pronounced dead on arrival.

The tenant of a third-floor apartment at the same address, Mrs. Mamie Hawkins, told police she heard Mrs. Gary screaming and rushed for aid.

Police have received information that she had been treated for a heart condition. There was no indication of foul play.

Police are trying to locate a daughter believed living in New York.

Child with brain tumor improving

Alecia Moon, the three-year-old Northeast Baltimore girl with a brain tumor who doctors predicted would never live to Dec. 25, celebrated Christmas last week with her family at 731 E. 22nd st.

Half hidden in her crib by ten dolls, a tea set, and a number of Christmas cards, the youngster on Christmas day was given the full holiday treatment by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Moon.

In addition to gifts given her by persons who read of her condition in the AFRO four weeks ago, Alecia was treated to a Christmas dinner with all the trimmings.

Prizes received by her father who recently appeared on the "Strike It Rich" television giveway program, added to the family's enjoyment for a merry Christmas.

According to Mrs. Moon, "there has been a noticeable change" in the condition of her daughter. She is scheduled to return to Johns Hopkins Hospital on Jan. 19 for further examinations.

Elmer Henderson acclaims GOP's civil rights stand

Elmer W. Henderson, director of the American Council on Human Rights, last week lauded the civil rights gains made in 1953, and declared that 1952 was, for many, a year of despair.

Mr. Henderson asserted that during the 1953 presidential election, the winning party candidates seemed more interested in breaking the solid South than in gaining colored support, and consequently, said little about civil rights.

"However, 1953 brought great surprises, for the new administration has taken a forthright position in favor of non-segregation and presented historic arguments in support of the crucial school cases," he declared.

Forward With Hope

Continuing, Mr. Henderson stated, "In 1954, therefore, we can look forward with hope to great strides toward equality. "It is necessary, however, that we resolve to make our individual contribution to the fight in every way can; by giving funds, by putting forth our efforts, and by conducting ourselves with dignity and good sense."

Fraternity helps explosion victims

Helping a family struck by disaster during the holiday season, members of the Baltimore city alumni chapter, Beta Sigma Tau fraternity, traveled to Bowie, Md. on Dec. 23 with financial aid for the Clarence Ballard family.

Three of the Ballards' six children were killed on Dec. 14 when an oil stove exploded setting fire to their two-room house. Most of the family possessions were destroyed.

Gifts To Family

With a $50 check and toys and clothing collected from members of the fraternity, Brothers Arthur Murphy, Raymond Puryear and Archie Williams presented the gifts to Mrs. Ballard last week.

The fraternity memberships include:

Hansel Henry, president; Calvin M. Carrington, vice-president; Charles E. Jackson, Raymond M. Puryear, 1st national vice-president; Arthur G. Murphy Jr. treasurer; Benjamin D. Jubilee, Donald W. Stewart,

Warren Sheffey, Linsey A. Hill, Archie D. Williams, financial secretary; Arnett J. Brown Jr., James L. Camphor Jr., social chairman; Robert J. Norris, executive secretary; Robert W. Griner Jr.,

Joseph S. Taylor Jr. William Brent, Clarence S. Stewart Jr., Leroy T. Corbin, William H. H. Ross, John Crew, Arthur G. Scribner, Wallace Johnson, and Leon Holsey.

NEVER TRUSTED BANKS

In July 1953, a 68-year-old, 200-pound woman who hid her old age pension checks in canvas bags rather than bank them was found dead in her one-room apartment in the 100 block S. Caroline st. Tucked away in a tattered pillow case police found $450 in cash and two insurance policies.

Four treated for accident injuries

Four persons were treated at Provident hospital on Tuesday for injuries received in a series of traffic accidents.

Howard H. Brown, 48, 2505 W. Lafayette ave., an employee of the BTC, was admitted for treatment of a fractured leg, sustained in an accident early Wednesday morning at Bentalou and Lafayette ave.

Josephine Jenkins, 31, of the 2500 block Calverton Heights, a beautician, was treated for minor injuries and released. The injuries were sustained in the same accident, which involved a taxicab, hospital records said.

Henry J. White of the 1000 blk. Argyle ave., was treated for minor injuries sustained when he was struck by an unknown car at Bloom st. and Pennsylvania ave., early Tuesday morning. He was also released.

Handy Barnard, 8, of the 2100 block Division st., was treated for abrasions of the right leg after he had been struck by an automobile. He was also released.

Feature exhibit coming to library

Dr. Henry Graff, professor of history at Columbia University, and Dr. Otto F. Kraushaar, president of Goucher college, will formally open Columbia university's traveling bicentennial exhibition, "Man's Right to Knowledge and the Free Use Thereof," on Sunday, Jan. 10, at 4 p.m., at the Central Pratt Library.

The show, sponsored jointly by the library and the Maryland historical Society, will comprise 25 large, decorative panels designed to illustrate the wisdom of the ages as related to freedom of inquiry and expression.

Youth hurt after skating into truck

A pair of new skates almost cost a Northeast Baltimore youth his life Wednesday afternoon at Jefferson st., near Broadway.

Injured after roller skating into the side of a Brinks armored truck, Arthur Watson, 7, of the 700 block N. Durham st., was treated for a fractured left ankle and foot at Johns Hopkins hospital and released.

In a statement to police the driver of the truck, Edward Cowan of the 800 block Canvas ct., said he was driving along Jefferson st., when he heard a thud at the right rear of his truck.

After stopping he said, he found young Watson lying on the pavement near the vehicle. The armored truck driver drove the youth to the hospital.

Missing man found on Division street

Reported missing from his home at 587 Orchard st., on Monday, Edward J. Bosley, 80, was found aimlessly wandering in the 1600 block Division st., Wednesday by Northwestern District police.

Ill for more than two years, the disappearance of Mr. Bosley was reported by his wife, Mrs. Minnie Bosley. She told police that her husband left home scantily clad and wearing a pair of bedroom slippers.

TRUSTEE'S SALE SET

A trustee's sale of a leasehold property at 1138 N. Carey st., will be held Jan. 7 at 2 p.m. at the property. The property has been improved by a three-story brick dwelling and is subject to an annual ground rent of $70.

Crime takes holiday in St. Mary's county, Deputy sheriff reports

LEONARDTOWN, Md. Crime, robbery and vandalism took a holiday over the Christmas week end here in St. Mary's County, according to Deputy Sheriff Harry Lancaster.

Sheriff Lancaster says that the Christmas season for 1952 also was a quiet one.

However the stork had a busy holiday season and left eight boys and four girls babies at the St. Mary's hospital in Leonardtown.

Find dead woman in Myrtle ave. house

Found unconscious at her home by a roomer, Saturday afternoon, Mrs. Catherine Matthews, 31, 317 Myrtle ave., was dead on arrival at University hospital.

According to her sister, Mrs. Thelma Bland, 706 Sarah Ann st., Mrs. Matthews had been a patient at the Calvert st. clinic for an undisclosed ailment, since last April.

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ENROUTE TO HOSPITAL — Travis Robert, 65, who is blind and lives at 202 Q st., nw, is being taken to the hospital "just for treatment" by Theodore West of 1334 C st., se. West, who said he didn't know Mr. Robert too well, was acting under instructions from his aunt.

NO HOLIDAY FOR HIM—Buildings must be kept warm and flowers watered even though schools are all closed for the holiday season. Varnell Terry, 54, 115 E st., se, who has been a custodian 28 years, 13 of them at Grimke School, must keep the heat up in the building every day during the winter months, including Sundays and Christmas Day. During the summer he has Sunday and Saturday off. At Grimke he has served under four principals—Mrs. Edna Rhines, Miss Edith Matthews, Mrs. Barbara Wade and Mrs. Eugenia Williams.

TWO-CENT DISCOUNT — At this filling-station at 11th and T sts., nw, Robert Granton will sell you 29-cent Hi-Test gas at 27 cents a gallon. He has been a gas station attendant for 15 years and lives right around the corner at 1915 11th st., nw, with his wife, the former Ellen Louis of Washington.

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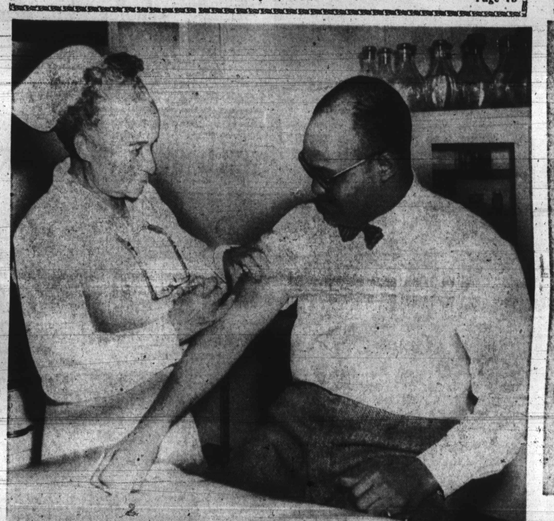
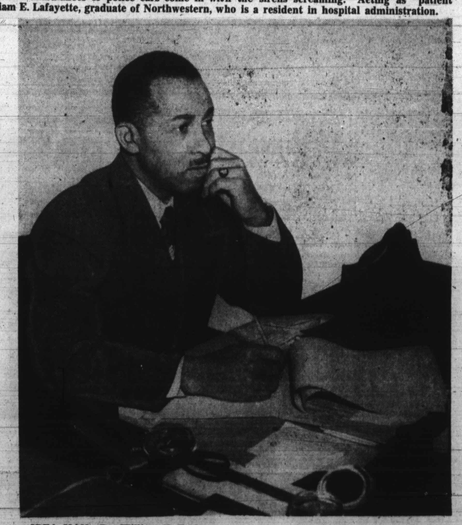
FIXING A FLAT — John T. Galloway, vendor, of 804 L st., ne, sells coal, wood and ice from door to door and has been in business for himself for 30 years. "I make a living at it and I'm my own boss," he says. The tire he is holding is one of two which went flat at New Jersey and K sts., nw. He's married, comes from Marlboro, Md.



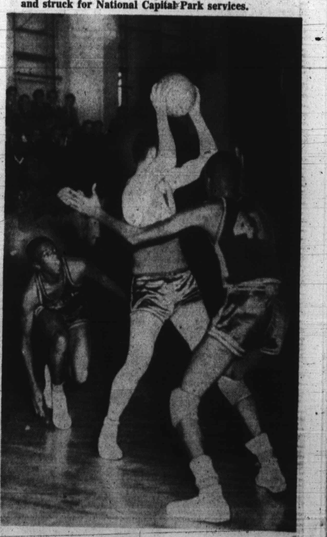
AFTER THE STORM—Four cardiacs, six women expecting babies and an auto accident victim had just been treated in the Freedmen's Hospital emergency rooms on Monday when this picture was taken. Calm through it all is Miss Janet M. Flippen, head nurse, who has been on the job 15 years. Since 8 a.m. Monday, Miss Flippen aided 30 persons. Week ends are the busiest times when 60 to 100 ambulances or police cars come in with the sirens screaming. Acting as "patient" is William E. Lafayette, graduate of Northwestern, who is a resident in hospital administration.

PAPER PICKER-UP—Joseph W. Harley, janitor at the New York Ave. playground, declares that it is the cigarette butts and candy wrappers which make his job the hardest. He's been on the job two years and never has found any money. He also drives a tractor and struck for National Capital Park services.

MONTHLY CHORE — Once a month Arthur Saunders of 1825 I st., ne, whitewashes the curb at the filling-station at New York ave and E st., ne, where he has serviced cars for 17 years. He says the job takes him about an hour, with the various interruptions that always arise. He's married and has two stepchildren. He smokes cigars.



IDEA MAN—Dr. William T. Parker, whose title is public relations officer at Freedmen's Hospital, keeps busy helping volunteer groups to help the hospital. Some 50 groups contacted him before bring their gifts and carols to the patients. Through him, personnel at Freedmen's sent 103 renovated toys to needy kiddies



BASKETBALL PROLOGUE — Last week history was made on local high school basketball courts as Armstrong high school's cagers faced an all-white quintet from John Carroll high school, a parochial school. Armstrong won the game 55-43. Bob Manning, Carroll, holds ball, guarded by Armstrong's Chuck Allen (41), and Milt Pitts.