—Rights case

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Following an extensive investigation of the arrest Police Commissioner George W. Rawlings ordered the dismissal of Officer Trott, from the force, Sept. 24, 1953.

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Police Wish Wife

The series of events leading to the alleged assault began earlier in the day when Mr. Roberts saw police reportedly beating his wife at the corner of West and Calvert sts.

When the husband interfered, the police shoved the couple into the patrol car and went first to the hospital where Mrs. Roberts had 10 stitches taken in her forehead.

According to testimony, Mrs. Roberts suffered a one-inch cut from the altercation with the police.

Leaving his wife at the hospital in the custody of an officer, Mr. Roberts was taken to the police station.

Father Of Six

The young father of six children, who admitted he had been drinking earlier in the day, testified that Officer Trott kicked him in the side as he was getting out of the car and shoved him through the station house door.

The sudden push caused him to fall "flat on my face," Mr. Roberts testified.

While being booked for assault, resisting arrest, destruction of property and drunkenness, Mr. Roberts charged that the officer struck him several times in the face, knocking him again to the floor.

"Kill M——a Here"

An eyewitness, Officer Joseph Farrell, also white, who was at the desk, during the second beating, quoted the officer as saying:

"We generally kill n——s here and I'm going to kill you."

Mr. Roberts said that he was beaten to the floor a third time as Officer Trott shoved him into the cell.

Officer Farrell said that the policeman also stepped on Mr. Roberts head while he was laying on the floor before the desk.

"Never Touched Trott"

"Roberts never touched Trott," Officer Farrell said. "He just kept pleading, 'Please don't hit me officer, I haven't done nothing to you.'"

When Officer Trott knocked the man down the third time, Officer Farrell said he stepped between the two, ordering the policeman to leave Mr. Roberts alone.

Medical reports later showed Mr. Roberts to have slight bruises on the jaw and back.

Describing the arrest, Officer Trott said it was "quite a complicated affair."

He claimed Mr. Roberts was creating a disturbance in the street. When he placed the man in the car, he said, the young father jumped up and yelled, "I'm going to kill you and all the rest of the policemen in this town."

Throughout his testimony, the former officer referred to Mr. Roberts as 'Doc.'

"When we got to the station, he stumbled out of the car and I told him, 'Come on, let's go, Doc.' Get up, 'Doc.'

"I put a hammer lock on him and took him into the station. When I opened the door, he took a flying leap for one person or another.

Hit In Jaw

"Inside the station house, he grabbed me by the arm and twisted it, so I hit him in the jaw. I had to, I have a scar right now from a similar incident when I went through a window."

At this point in his testimony, Officer Trott accused Officer Farrell of being hot-headed and of treating prisoners "like the Nazis did the Jews."

Later in the hearing, it was revealed that both policemen had a mutual dislike for each other and a few months before the arrest had engaged in a heated argument.

Officer Trott in several instances claimed that Farrell "has been after my hide for some time," though he failed to cite a specific incident.

Defense counsel, Maurice C. Veindemeyer, told Judge Chestnut that the malicious feeling between the officers should be considered in determining the guilt of former Officer Trott.

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—coming events

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FEBRUARY 14
Colored Blind Association Valentine's Day musical tea, Masonic Temple, 3:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 19
Ira Aldridge Players of Morgan State present "The Curious Savage," Booker T. Washington junior high school, 8:15 p.m.

FEBRUARY 21
NAACP Founder's Day Tea, Sharp St. Church, Dr. James Nabrit of Howard University, guest speaker, 3 p.m.

FEBRUARY 27
Dr. Margaret Butcher speaks at Women's Day services, Madison ave. Presbyterian church, 11 a.m.

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pain that she whole affair is causing him.

He charges that his brother took several suits from his home and pawned them. Robert Brown lowers his head.

The football coach hesitates for a long moment as if making up his mind. Then he tells the magistrate that he believes his brother needs the help of a psychiatrist.

Looks At Brother

Robert Brown raises his head and looks at his brother. He appears bewildered. He admits taking the clothing and says he had intended the money to return to school in order to obtain a teaching certificate.

If that was his dream, it has died now. With this arrest on his record, there is little chance of his dream coming true.

Magistrate Lane wearily closes his eyes as he tries to think of a just solution. He speaks in a voice filled with compassion.

"I am going to sentence you to 60 days in jail, but I am going to suspend that and place you on probation for a year. I hope this will be a lesson to you."

Look Of Pain

Looks of pain flash across the faces of both brothers, but the case is over and Robert Brown is led back to a cell to await the arrival of a probation officer.

No, it's not a pretty story, but very few stories in this courtroom are pretty.

The air is growing heavier and a stout turnkey opens one of the windows. The hum of conversation begins again but is halted by a sharp rap from the magistrate's gavel.

A man and his wife stand before Magistrate Lane. Mrs. Ann Harris of the 400 block N. Carrollton ave., is accusing her husband, Frederick, of striking her in the face on Sunday.

Story To Tell

Mr. Harris admits the charge but he also has a story to tell. It is the story of a marriage headed for destruction.

He tells of his suspicions of the association of his wife with other men, and how that suspicion boiled over on Sunday when he found her in the apartment of one of her female friends.

Magistrate Lane listens. He has seen marriages end in a police court before. He asks if there is any chance to save this marriage. When both husband and wife answer no, he places the husband on probation without a verdict and sends both of them on their separate ways.

Wears Bandage

Next to appear before the magistrate is a young woman wearing a bandage over her eye and holding a small child by the hand. She charges that a former boy friend came to her house on Sunday and struck her with an iron pipe.

The ex-sweetheart denies the charge. He tells Magistrate Lane that the child with the woman is his son. He says he went to the house to ask his former sweetheart if she would let him raise the boy.

He says that he had talked the matter over with his wife and she had given him permission to bring the child to their home and raise him as their own son.

This defendant says that when he entered the house he interrupted a crap-game and that the four players chased him out the front door. Once again he denies hitting the woman.

Sent To Jail

But Magistrate Lane doesn't believe the story. He sentences the man to 60 days in jail.

The long morning is almost over. After several additional cases, the docket is closed and the spectators begin to leave the courtroom.

The rich and the poor, the good and the bad, the white and the colored, the people of Baltimore.

You walk out of the station house and you light a cigarette. You don't have any really "big" stories, all that you have are the stories of people in trouble.

You head down Pennsylvania ave. knowing that you will be back on Thursday morning and the curtain will go up again.

Sometimes you wonder will the drama ever end, sometimes you see so much of the sordid side of life that you lose hope, but you keep coming back day after day and the play goes on.

—Wrong baby

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In the meantime, Mrs. Gertrude Williams gave birth to a son who was placed in the nursery for premature babies. When she left the hospital three days later, he too, was kept at the hospital. Premature babies are not usually released until their weight reaches six pounds.

Wrong Mother Called

On Jan 22, "Baby Boy Williams" had reached the state of health which justified his leaving the hospital. He was the son of Mrs. Lula Williams, but the call to come and get him went to Mrs. Gertrude Williams instead.

Despite the snow and sleet and her still delicate condition, Mrs. Gertrude Williams rushed to the hospital, where the baby was turned over to her, complete with prescriptions, food formula and detailed instruction for his care.

She took him home, breastfed him, fell in love with him and named him Jerry Tyrone. She marveled that he "had gained so much weight so quickly" and proudly showed him off.

His heftiness as a supposedly 4½ lb. newborn baby was also noticed by the visiting nurse who came to the home and made arrangements for his regular checkups at the clinic at School No. 161.

Delighted In His Care

Mrs. Williams delighted in his care. "He'd always smile when I was feeding him," she mused. "And when he had finished eating, he'd smack his little lips.

"Nighttimes, I'd get up to make him comfortable, and he'd stretch right out because it felt so good to him. He was smart and strong too. His hands were almost as big as my year-old son's. He'd even try to stand up sometimes. I should have known that he was too big to be my own baby."

On Feb. 2, Mrs. Lula Williams sent her mother to the hospital to claim her baby. Then it was discovered that he wasn't there, that he'd gone home nearly two weeks earlier with Mrs. Gertrude Williams.

"As soon as we discovered the mistake, we notified Mrs. Gertrude Williams at once," Dr. Holcomb explained, "it's a very distressing situation," he conceded. "This is the first time such a thing has ever happened."

Mrs. Williams' husband is a painter and paperhanger. He was at work Tuesday when a police man knocked on the door and asked her to return the baby to the hospital.

"I told him I wasn't ready to go out yet, and that I wouldn't take him back," Mrs. Williams recalled.

"He suggested then I telephone the doctor at the hospital. I told him I couldn't do that either. I was terribly upset and I didn't understand the situation.

"He left, but about an hour later, a hospital doctor and a nurse came. They told me I had the wrong baby, that Rs mother was waiting at the hospital for him. I told them I was waiting for mine too.

"Really, I didn't want to give him up. I had fallen in love with that child.

"Someone had already told my husband when he got home from work at 4 o'clock. I said to him simply that, 'Well, it looks as if we don't have a baby anymore,' and there wasn't much happiness in the house that night."

Family Disturbed

The Williamses were so disturbed that they decided to take their own baby from the hospital immediately, no matter what his weight. He weighs 6 pounds, 12 ounces now.

Dressed in green sweater, gray skirt, ankets loafers, and a navy jacket, Mrs. Williams looked more like a schoolgirl when she arrived at the hospital Wednesday afternoon.

She listened attentively while Dr. Holcomb explained the situation and expressed regret about the mistake. But she would not be swayed from taking the baby home immediately.

She still seemed a little doubtful about the baby being hers until the nurse pulled down the blanket.

Her first words were "Gee, but he's little. But he looks just like my junior." The baby's wrinkles of heads and the card on his crib supported his identification.

The nurse brought in a bottle. The baby yawned, stretched and demanded his meal. Mrs. Williams fed him, dressed him and took him home, fussing over him all the way.

Before leaving the hospital, she got the address of the other Mrs. Williams.

To Visit Other Baby

"I've got to go visit her," she decided. "I've got to keep seeing my adopted son. I'm going to carry a present for the baby and tell his mother I'm going to keep

—Bar search

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that time had been opened only two months to colored patrons, was one of five conducted that night in the district.

On the witness stand, Mr. Mason and Judge Smith held a lengthy discussion on the importance of a person's constitutional rights against law enforcement.

Portion Of Testimony

A portion of the testimony follows:

Judge: Why should a person object to a search?

Mason: It's illegal.

Judge: Why is it against the law?

Mason: The police had no warrant and no reason nor cause for the search.

Judge: How else are the police going to enforce the law against carrying deadly weapons?

Mason: Not when it violates a person's rights.

Judge: Don't you think crime can be prevented by searching?

Mason: Not when I feel the rights of an individual are being invaded for the prevention of crime.

Judge: Well, which is the greater good?

Mason: It has been said, it is better to let criminals go free then violate constitutional rights.

Teacher A Witness

One of the witnesses in the case, Paul Chester, teacher at Douglass High school, testified that police yanked him off the bar stool when he protested to being frisked.

"I told him I was a public school teacher, and the officer said, 'I don't care. If you don't want to be searched, I'll look you up,'" Mr. Chester asserted.

With that statement, the policeman carried him bodily towards the door, the teacher said. Mr. Alior (club manager at the time) came to my rescue, miraculously, and the officer dropped me."

Mr. Alior testified that he identified the teacher to the policeman at the two started out the door.

Some Never Returned

Pointing out that nothing was found in the club, Mr. Alior charged that some of the patrons have never returned to the Tijuana since the incident.

He also stressed the point that during the incident, police made no public announcement that they were conducting a search of the patrons.

Other frisking victims who testified were J. Hughes Carter, businessman; Dr. Jan C. Woodland, dentist, and Warren Weaver, housing manager of the Baltimore City Housing Authority.

Still In Effect

Capt. Millard B. Morton, Northwest commanding officer, told Judge Smith that he got the original frisking orders from Commissioner Oher. As far as he knows, they are still in effect, he said.

However, he did admit that the operation had been halted due to tension arising among the police in view of Mr. Mason's suit.

In the suit, the young attorney charged Sgt. Wrightson with assault and battery, false imprisonment and illegal arrest. Mr. Mason charges that he was shot in his home more than she's going to keep him home."

At home with her own son, Mrs. Williams said:

"I'm just sitting here thinking that I feel fine now. God sure has been good to me. I've been through an awful experience just now. I had one baby and they took him away. I've got this one now; he's my son and I hope I keep him."

The family attends Mt. Zion Baptist church. Their three-room modest apartment, spotlessly clean, is made cheerful by floral wallpaper and floral designs on the bedstead and window shades.

Mrs. Williams is a native of Columbia, S.C. She is trained as a beautician.

Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Boulware, and grandmother live in Patapsco Park. She has also three brothers and two sisters.

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Morgan professor on OSU program

Dr. Richard I. McKinney, professor of philosophy at Morgan college, was one of a team of top-flight educators and Christian leaders who served as guest speakers at the Religion in Life Week program of Ohio State university, Jan. 24-28.

Dr. McKinney addressed several classes in philosophy and sociology and participated in several seminars.

He joined with Dr. Roger Shinn, professor of philosophy at Heidelberg College, Tiffin, Ohio, in conducting a seminar on "Religious Assumptions of Academic Freedom."

The Morgan professor and former Storer College president also moderated a series of morning meditations. These were broadcast daily, Jan. 25-29.

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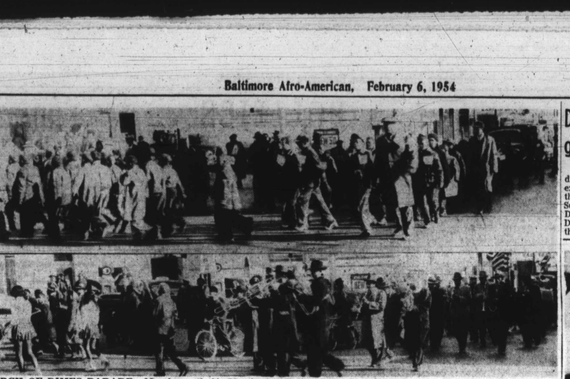

MARCH OF DIMES PARADE—Members of the Northwest Police Boys Club are shown in top photo as they took part in March of Dimes parade last Saturday afternoon. In bottom photo, majorettes and members of 25-piece band through courtesy of Local 542, Musicians' Union are caught as they marched along Pennsylvania ave.

Cooper free of perjury

Judge rules out state testimony

Leroy Cooper, attorney and civil defense official, is free of the perjury charges filed against him last fall by the grand jury.

The acquittal was delivered, Wednesday morning by Judge James L. Cullen, now sitting in Superior Court, who heard the criminal trial last month.

Mr. Cooper was charged with subornation of perjury in which he was accused of urging a witness in a divorce case to give perjured testimony before the court examiner.

Falsifies Residence

The witness, Winfred Harrell, legal resident of Brooklyn, N.Y., used his brother's Baltimore address in an attempt to seek a Maryland divorce from his wife, Mrs. Florence Harrell.

Mr. Harrell and his brother, Jack, of the 100 block N. Smallwood st., both testified that they gave the false residence under the advisement of Mr. Cooper.

The brothers, also indicted by the grand jury last fall, for perjury, have been arraigned in court. Their trial was held up, however, pending the outcome of Mr. Cooper's case.

In his lengthy analysis of the attorney's trial, Judge Cullen explained that had the Harrells been convicted previously, they would have become incompetent to testify against Mr. Cooper.

Testimony Unreliable

He added, however, that "in this instance, their testimony can be received, but a confessed perjurer's testimony is unreliable at best.

"When the perjurer believes that selfish interest may be materially served by becoming a witness against the suborner, their testimony cannot be given a great deal of weight," the judge continued.

He also pointed out that Mr. Cooper has had "few divorce cases in the course of his short practice of law."

The 38-year-old attorney was admitted to the bar in May 1950 and is now an affiliate of the Douglas, Murray and Perkins law firm.

Incriminating Evidence

The only evidence on which Mr. Cooper could have been convicted was the two letters, written on the lawyer's stationery, addressed to Winfred Harrell at the Baltimore address, but mailed to him in envelopes addressed to Brooklyn, N.Y., the judge contended.

However, he said:

"A finding of guilt in this case would have to be based upon this latter testimony (of the letters), against which we have substantial testimony as to the good character of the defendant, the uncontradicted fact that his practice in the divorce courts is negligible, and the further fact that (Mr. Harrell) was not abstractly referred to (Mr. Cooper) by a lawyer in New York, but had a personal contact in Baltimore through his brother, who lived and worked here."

The judge concluded that he was not convinced beyond a reasonable doubt that Mr. Cooper "attempted to procure or induce the commission of the crime of perjury."

Civic group to elect officers

The Eastside Community Committee this week submitted the names of 41 persons for consideration as officers and members of their executive committee.

The following persons were nominated for election: president, Gardie Williamson; vice president, Aaron Donaldson; secretary, Mrs. Martha Underwood;

Members include: Mrs. Laura Alexander, Mrs. Obiedell Alston, Miss Minnie Arrington, Ernest Baker, Donald Boyce, Mrs. Lula Brooks, Mrs. Ada Brown, the Rev. George A. Crawley, Sr. Mrs. Grace Crump, and James Dickerson.

Mrs. Jessie Dixon, Mrs. Ethel Donaldson, Walter J. Ennals, Mrs. Amanda Finch, Mrs. Mary Giles, the Rev. H. Octavius Graham; Mrs. Doris Jefferies, Mrs. Naomi Jenkins, and George R. Keene.

Also, Wesley Kelly, Mrs. Ellen Low, Mrs. Rosa Minor, Mrs. Frances Montgomery, Philip Montgomery, Mrs. Lula Peoples, the Rev. John H. Peters, Mrs. Elizabeth Phelps, Mrs. Gertrude Reed, and Mrs. Beatrice R. Silver.

Mesdames Beatrice W. Smith, Gerlean Smith, Margaret Walker, Addie Ward, Ella Watson, Laura A. White, Victoria Whitehead, Beulah Williams, and Charles Woolford.

The nominating committee is comprised of the Rev. John H. Peters, chairman; Calvin Anderson, Mrs. Martha Underwood, Mrs. Britsal Ross, and Mrs. Ruby Donaldson.

BAKER ST. HOME

A brick dwelling at 2420 Baker st., will be sold at a trustee's sale Feb. 10, at 3 p.m. The property is subject to an annual ground rent of $120. A deposit of $200 will be required at the time and place of sale.

March of Dimes parade called attention to drive

A March of Dimes parade last Saturday afternoon focused attention on the campaign to combat infantile paralysis.

Televised by station WMAR-TV, the parade started at Pennsylvania ave. and Bloom st. and marched down Pennsylvania to Dolphin and back to the March of Dimes booth at Mosher st., where speakers asked for contributions to the anti - polio drive.

Included in the parade were the following:

The Sampson Brooks Lodge, majorettes and drum corps, Nat Allor, with a decorated Oldsmobile; and boys from the Northwest Police Boys Club, under the supervision of Officers Brown, Scott, Gardner and Cooper.

100 YMCA Boys

Also 100 boys from the Druid Branch YMCA, under the direction of Joe Lee; nurses from Provident hospital with Miss Ora Lowe, superintendent of nurses; Mrs. Doris Tarter and Mrs. Blanche Hughes from the Jack and Jill club, and Buddy Young of the Baltimore Colts Football team.

Also Roland Wheatley, supervisor of Hauswald with a float; William S. Tucker and a float from Tucker's Betholine, Sinclair Service Center and a 25-piece band through the courtesy of the Musician's Union, Local 543, Emerson Simpson, president.

Speakers included, Miss Catherine Gaule, of the local and National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis; Earle Lewis, local chairman of the March of Dimes, publicity bureau; Mrs. Doris Tarter, Buddy Young, Miss Barbara Martin, William S. Tucker, Dr. James D. Carr, and Creston J. (Doc) Wisnieski, community chairman of the March of Dimes.

Dental societies give examinations

Pre school and nursery children were recently given dental examinations by members of the Robert T. Freeman Dental Society, American Society for Dentistry of Children, District Dental Society and members of the District of Columbia Health Department Dental Bureau.

Among the 25 participating dentists were the following members of the Freeman dental group: Drs. Thadeus Mumford, William M. Madison, Frank J. Martin and Walter T. Davidson.

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McKeldin orders man to die by hanging for death of grocer

ANNAPOLIS — Governor McKeldin on Thursday signed his first death warrant when he ordered that Sylvester Madison, 25, be hanged at the state penitentiary during the week of Feb. 15.

Madison has been in the death house for more than 27 months. He was convicted of the slaying of Zelig Gerwtein, 50-year-old grocer during a holdup in the 400 block Fremont ave., April 27, 1951.

Lott Glover, convicted murderer, has been the only man hanged in Maryland since Governor McKeldin took office January, 1951. A court order, however, ordered him to be hanged and Mr. McKeldin only refused to set it aside.

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