'Stranger' struck with chair

A man's home is his castle and Raymond Lee, 24, of the 100 block W. West St, learned that the hard way Tuesday morning.

Struck on the head with a chair when Henry Cusar, 700 block Preston St., caught him sneaking through his kitchen door, Lee was admitted to St. Joseph's Hospital in critical condition.

He was unconscious for more than 10 hours and as yet has not been able to tell Northeastern district police what happened.

Mr. Cusar said he saw Lee enter his home after battering the door open with his fist, and that's when he confronted him in the kitchen, he put his hand in his pockets.

"That's when I let him have it," he said.

When officers Henry Sohl and James Davis arrived they found Lee sprawled out on the floor.

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"Stranger" struck with chair

Rhubarb at Barrett School reaches head

Dr. Eugene Byrd quits Board; meet on director

Dr. Eugene D. Byrd has resigned from the Board of Managers at the Barrett School for Girls, reportedly in protest over the continuation of Mrs. Margaret P. McCane as superintendent of the institution.

As a result of the sudden resignation of the dentist, a meeting has been scheduled between Department of Welfare officials and members of the Barrett Board to discuss Mrs. McCane's future at the school.

Confirmation of the meeting was released on Thursday by Thomas J. S. Waxter, director of the Department, who said he had received a copy of the Byrd resignation letter, and added:

"We will discuss the whole matter at length with W. Emerson Brown (head of the Barrett Board) and his Board of Managers. We have to do this," Judge Waxter stated.

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IT IS expected that the meeting will be held in a few days and that Department of Welfare officials will urge board members to accept the resignation of Mrs. McCane.

When asked to comment on these latest developments at the school, Mrs. McCane told the AFRO on Thursday:

"I have no idea of submitting my resignation."

Mrs. McCane has headed the school since August 11, 1953.

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WHILE THERE have been prior rumblings of discontent at the training school, it was the Byrd letter of resignation on Tuesday that served to touch off this latest airing of the school's affairs.

In resigning from the board to which he was appointed in 1930 by ex-Governor Nice, Dr. Byrd, a Turner Station dentist and civic leader, said:

"It is my personal opinion, and perhaps also shared by a few other members of the Board, that at least one chronic problem at the Barrett School) can not be reconciled under our present superintendent.

"Due to the fact that I am in total disagreement as to what is expedient in the treatment of a basic problem at Barrett, it is therefore incumbent upon me to submit my resignation to become effective upon receipt of this letter."

While Dr. Byrd did not outline in his letter to Governor McKeldin just what "problem" he had reference to, it was understood from other sources that he was concerned over the Board's continued support of Mrs. McCane, in the face of adverse comments from the Department of Public Welfare.

THESE COMMENTS were contained in a report from the Department last July, which said in part:

"At this time the morale of the institution is unsatisfactory and the relationships which the school has with other agencies badly needs improvement.

"Mrs. McCane is a woman of excellent educational background and character and is acutely conscious of her responsibilities as superintendent. She has managed to attract some capable men and women to the institution.

"However, there is serious disagreement between Mrs. McCane and various members of the staff which has lowered the morale of the total personnel, and, hence, the effectiveness of the institution.

"Something must be done to correct this situation or all efforts to make Barrett a better school will be completely futile.

"If it is possible to make an adjustment between Mrs. McCane and various members of the staff, we can look forward to progress in the institution. If it can not be adjusted, perhaps members of the staff may have to be released from their employment and other personnel employed. Certainly the internal situation between the members of the staff cannot continue."

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IN SEPTEMBER, it was reported that the situation at the school had grown to such proportions that Mrs. McCane offered to resign, but the Board of Managers tabled her letter, even though some members voted to accept the resignation.

No further action was reported, until late in the year, when it was learned that the Department of Welfare officials were urging board members to either improve the situation or get rid of Mrs. McCane.

This request was repeated at a meeting Tuesday in the office of the Department of Welfare and attended by members of the Barrett Board.

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THERE THE situation remained until Thursday when the letter of resignation from Dr. Byrd prompted the Welfare Department to call another meeting, at which time it is expected that the request for Mrs. McCane's resignation will be repeated.

Following the release of the Byrd letter of resignation, the AFRO contacted W. Emerson Brown, head of the Barrett Board, who said the resignation came as a surprise to him and added, "I am very sorry."

When asked about Tuesday's meeting with Welfare officials, Mr. Brown said:

"The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Barrett report and see what had been done to implement the recommendations."

When asked to comment on the present situation at the school, Mr. Brown said:

"I would say that the present situation is a healthy one. There are minor problems but no serious ones. Mrs. McCane is the superintendent. If she wants to remain, she is a permanent employee.



TV SALESMAN—Eugene Mathews, who has been hired as salesman by the Atlas Television and Applicance Co., of 1100 W. 36th St. A native Baltimorean, he lives at 80 Winters Ave. in Catonsville.

Dad found after 25 yrs. lost again

A Baltimore woman made contact with the father she hasn't seen in 25 years through the AFRO's "Looking For Some One" column, only to lose him once again.

Mrs. Mary E. Gadson, of 202 W. Camden St., placed an appeal in the column which appears in the AFRO Magazine Section on January 11, seeking information on the whereabouts of her father, Wade Ellis.

Mr. Ellis was last known to have lived in Scotia, S.C.

On Wednesday, January 19, Mrs. Graham received a telegram from Pittsburgh, Pa., signed by her father. The telegram said for her to contact Mr. Ellis at the Greyhound Bus Station.

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MRS. Gadson and her daughter, Mrs. Lucille Battle, rushed to the Baltimore Greyhound Bus Station and spent several long and worried hours there before they realized Mr. Ellis' telegram meant for them to contact him at the Pittsburgh bus station.

When they finally did get off a telegram to Pittsburgh, they received a reply that they were too late—Mr. Ellis had left.

Now Mrs. Gadson is starting all over again, once more trying to contact the father she hasn't seen in 25 years.

Truck drivers out on strike

FEDERALSBURG, Md. — Highway truck drivers and helpers, all members of Local Union No. 107, met at the American Legion Building in Bridgeville, Del., Sunday afternoon with national officers of the AFAU and voted to strike over low wages and "no" overtime pay.

The employees, are of both races and residents of this town and nearby neighborhoods.

Following the meeting, the members and union officers went to the Service Trucking Co. and Banning Motor Co. on the Preston Pike in Federalsburg where the men are employed.

A picket line was immediately formed and union officials said the strike is of indefinite duration.

The strike is the outcome of meetings held over a period of time.

Larceny charge against slain man marked closed

A terse three-word sentence, "Abated by death", on the court docket at Northeastern Wednesday, summed up the fate of 20-year-old Joseph Coleman of the 900 block Greenmount Ave.

Coleman was alin by a patrolman while trying to drive away in an automobile near Johns Hopkins Hospital on Tuesday. The larceny charge was against him.

Police are still seeking the identity of a second man who was with Coleman when they were caught trying to start the car of Mrs. Geneva B. Hoch of the 1900 block E. 30th St.

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THE DEAD man was charged with taking a package containing air mail envelopes, Chirstmas cards, a bottle of white shoe polish, and a blanket from the car.

In the meantime, Patrolman John Pierce of the Northeastern District has been suspended by acting Capt. Clarence Wehage.

He was released in the custody of Captain Wehage after his arraignment in Central District Police Court on a homicide charge. A hearing will be held at a date set by the State's Attorney.

COLEMAN WAS shot while running in the 1600 block Jefferson St. after Patrolman Pierce and a special officer on duty at Hopkins fired eight shots at him.

Both officers said Coleman threw a brick at Patrolman Pierce after he ordered him out of the car. The second man escaped on foot.

Immediately following the shooting it could not be determined which officer fired the fatal shot that struck Coleman in the neck.

A ballistics test, however, was revealed that Patrolman Pierce fired the fatal shot.

Maid's death called accident

The death of Mrs. Mildred Murray, the 30-year - old woman whose battered body was found beneath the third-story window of her apartment in the 2500 block Madison Ave., on Jan. 6, was due to an accident, according to police.

The case was closed by Northern District Police this week after they had established the fact that Mrs. Murray fell to her death and was not pushed.

They based their decision on the fact that "certain evidence found in the room" indicated that her death was accidental, and that no one was in the room with her when it occurred.

At first it was thought that her death was a homicide and a three-state alarm was sent out for a man who occupied a room in the same apartment building.

Within 24 hours he was arrested in an alley near his home, questioned and then released.

CONSTRUCTION WORKER

James William Boyd, 1400 block E. Barney St., was ordered held in bail of $1,500 Monday in Northeastern Police Court.

Boyd, a construction worker, was charged with breaking into a vacant house at 1405 Barnes St., owned by Mrs. Yetta Berg of the 4000 blk. Forest Park Ave.

Boone Street matron buried

Charges filed against Morgan

While the grief stricken family of Mrs. Marjorie Kinney ("Sis") Winston were making funeral arrangements 39-year-old Lee Morgan was charged in Central District Court last Friday with causing the death of the attractive matron.

Funeral services for Mrs. Winston, who died in the arms of her mother three days after she had been stabbed, were held at her home Saturday afternoon.

More than 35 persons crowded into the first floor living room of the Winston home to witness the rites. Over 20 others stood outside as the pink casket bearing the body of the 32-year-old woman was carried to the hearse.

Services for Mrs. Winston lasted 35 minutes. The Rev. V. V. K. Stokes, pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church, officiated.

As the procession was preparing to leave the house, two of Mrs. Winston's sisters were overcome with grief and had to be helped into the funeral car.

Eleven floral wreathes were placed alongside the casket. Ten cars were in the procession to Mt. Calvary Cemetary.

MRS. WINSTON collapsed and died in the arms of her mother, Mrs. Martha Kinney, last Wednesday after she had complained about feeling ill.

After her death Northeastern District police arrested Morgan and held him for questioning for several hours before transfering him to the Northern District station house.

They learned that he and Mrs. Winston had tussled over a pen knife at an apartment in the 400 block E. North Ave., on Monday, and that she was stabbed in the chest.

Mrs. Winston refused medical attention and returned to her home where she bathed her wounds in alcohol, but did not call a doctor.

Her death was attributed to stab wounds in the chest, perforation of the liver and generalized peritonitis. Before her death Mrs. Winston allegedly told one of her brothers, "Lee stabbed me".

FRIENDS OF the dead woman said she hesitated about calling a doctor for fear she might upset her mother with whom she lived.

Her mother's brother, Richard Burrell died a week before Christmas.

Morgan, a furniture store employee, gave as his home address, the 2000 block Boone St.

Mrs. Winston's family, however, said that he had never lived there and the fact that he said he did has caused them embarrassment.

Morgan they said was not allowed to even enter the house. He was described as the boyfriend of Mrs. Winston who was separated from her husband Spencer Winston.

A native Baltimorean, she is survived by her mother; three sisters, Mrs. Marian Booze of Dundalk; Mrs. Ruby Johnson, and Mrs. Joyce Somerville, a teacher in the city school system.

Mother of family in poverty must clean house at once

Charged with neglect of her four minor children, a 48-year-old mother was placed on probation without a verdict on Tuesday and ordered to clean up the filthy living conditions of her home.

Judge Charles E. Moylan issued the warning to the mother in Juvenile Court, where she had been summoned as the result of an investigation conducted by Policewoman Violet Hill Whyte.

The investigation disclosed that the mother, four minor children, a 16-year-old son, and a two weeks old grandaughter, were living in a three-room apartment at 500 Druid Hill Ave., in unbelievable filth.

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THE DINGY rooms were choked with a collection of rags, trash, garbage, pieces of wood and broken furniture. A heavy stench hung over the cold apartment in which the heat came from a coal-burning stove that was unlit.

These conditions were described in an article that appeared in last Friday's AFRO, which also told that the family was in financial straits because a welfare check which the mother had been receiving, had been cut off by the Department of Welfare.

The only money that had been brought into the house since the first of the year came from the 16-year-old boy, who is a junior at Dunbar, and from his 14-year-old brother, both of who sold newspapers.

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ALL THESE details were related on Tuesday in Juvenile Court as Mrs. Whyte also introduced several pictures taken by the AFRO some of which were published last week, to illustrate the "unhealthy" conditions at the home.

In placing the mother on probation without a verdict, Judge Moylan praised the 16-year-old boy for leaving school to support his family and expressed the hope that the Department of Welfare would be able to restore relief payments to the family at once.

The family in question has been living at the Druid Hill Ave. apartment for several months, paying $3.10 a week in rent. During that time the mother had received $150 monthly from the Welfare Department.

However, when the mother would not cooperate with social workers who attempted to persuade her to clean up the apartment, and take better care of the children, the checks were suspended in December.

With the check gone, the two oldest boys left school to support the family. They were faced with a new problem two weeks ago, when their 14-year-old sister gave birth to a baby.

THE CONDITIONS under which the family lived reached such a desolate state that it came to the attention of Mrs. Whyte, who had the case heard in Juvenile Court in an effort to improve the home life of the children.

In handing down his decision on Tuesday, Judge Moylan did not set any specific time for the mother to improve the conditions in her home, but he indicated that he expected the improvement to take place almost immediately.

CRADDOCK CARE HOME

Open House at the Craddock Care Home at 1515 N. Bruce St., will be held on Feb. 6 from 4 to 8 p.m.

Mrs. Eunice Craddock, who conducts the home which cares for the aged, also conducts a similar home in Halethorpe, Md.

FRISBY TO ADDRESS

Herbert M. Frisby, world traveler and instructor at Douglass High School, will address the membership meeting of the Baltimore NAACP on Tuesday, Jan. 25 at 8 p.m.

The meeting will be held at the NAACP office, 402 Dolphin St. The public is invited to attend.

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Windsor-Pulaski group protesting zone change

Members of the Windsor Pulaski Neighborhood Association have been holding a series of meetings preparatory to registering organized protest against an ordinance change which would allow operation of a trailer truck depot near their homes.

The next meeting of the group is set for tonight (Friday) at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Shipley, 2213 Windsor Ave.

The residents are against an ordinance which would allow the Henry Knott Builders to have rezoned a lot at Gwynns Falls and Warwick from residential to first commercial in order to construct the truck depot.

James Murphy is president of the neighborhood group, and Harry Cole is attorney.

Hearing on the ordinance is set by the Zoning Board for Jan. 31, at 2 p.m. in the City Hall.

Lafayette Cts. not ready yet

Construction lag stops 24 families

Twenty-four families who were scheduled to move into the new 7 million dollar Lafayette Courts last Monday, are going to have to wait awhile—probably through most of February.

A delay in construction work is the cause of it all because workmen were not able to get pipes and heating units into three, three-story apartment buildings at Central Ave., and Fayette Sts., in time.

Up until two weeks ago, work on the project bounded by Orleans, Aisouth, Fayette, Caroline, and Calvin Sts., had been moving ahead of schedule.

In fact, progress on Lafayette Courts marked the first time that work on a local housing project had ever been ahead of schedule.

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THE 24 families were given 30 days to complete arrangements when it was announced that they could move into the project on Jan. 24.

Housing authorities now say that the apartments may be ready around Feb. 15.

As a result of the delay, arrangements have been made so that all of the families can re-

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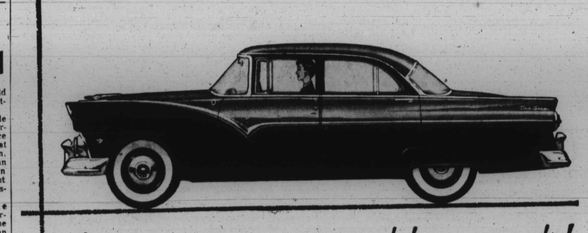
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2 Groups, 9 Individuals Win AFRO Honor Roll Berths

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WEATHER
A B-C week end: biting cold. Friday, increasingly cloudy and cold; Saturday, cloudy and cold; Sunday, no change.

Baltimore Afro-American

Inside This Issue
Full page of photos showing life in Baltimore as it happened this week. See Page 9.

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Bathroom Murder Trial Tuesday; Tyson's Dad Dies

2 'Wives' At Funeral

BATHROOM Tyson turns to the Bible in jail cell

- Trial begins Tues. before Judge Tucker
- Tyson loses 20 lbs., his father dies

This Tuesday will come as the most important day in the life of Lucien M. (Lou) Tyson when he appears in Criminal Court to face trial in the brutal death of his pretty school teacher sweetheart.

Tyson will be the man on trial, but in the background will hover the figure and memory of the woman he is ac-

LUCIEN TYSON

Accused in bathroom murder case, he goes on trial Tuesday in Criminal Court, Part 1, Room 203 before Judge John T. Tucker.

Tyson's father dies; grieved about son accused of murder

By VICTOR L. GRAY
(Manager, AFRO's N.C. Bureau)

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Henry M. Tyson, 81-year-old father of Lucien Tyson, the Baltimore telephone employee who is charged in the "Bathroom Murder Case," was buried here two weeks ago.

Relatives report that Mr. Tyson had been suffering with a heart ailment for some time but that his death may have been hastened by grief over his son's predicament.

When this reporter visited the Tyson family here late last year, the father said: "I can't believe Luke is guilty." He also revealed that as a boy, Lucien was easily controlled, smart, industrious and kind . . . 'sometimes too kind hearted," is the way he put it.

Mr. Tyson was a retired cotton mill maintenance worker. Still living here is another son, Clarence; a daughter, Mrs. Margaret T. Jones and Lucien's two children, Margaret 13, and Lucien Jr., 11.

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JOBS OPEN Technicians, and guards are sought

- Patuxent Inst. hiring all who qualify
- Psychologist posts will open later

In keeping with an announcement from the new Patuxent Institute for defective delinquents at Jessups, Md., that job applicants would be given a fair evaluation, the Commissioner of Personnel's office announced this week that nine jobs are available at the institute.

Those who qualify may take an examination for the position of laboratory technician grade 1; classification officer, electroencephalographic technician, lab technician, grade 1; supervisor of nurses, chargenurse, registered nurse, case worker, and custodial officer, or guard.

Job opportunities for 2 psychologists and 2 psychiatrists will be announced at a later date.

A GRADE 1 laboratory technician receives a starting salary of $3,320 and reaches a maximum in five years.

To qualify, an applicant must be a graduate of a recognized college or university with a B.S.

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Ober's okay a must, to be a policewoman

Commissioner has not named one since he took office

Police Commissioner Beverly Ober appointed eight women to the police force, this week. They are all white.

This brings to 26, the total number of policewomen in Baltimore. Of this number, three are colored.

The perpetrator of this lopsided, undemocratic situation is Colonel Ober, because he alone has the authority to appoint policewomen. **(Editor's Note: Policemen are named in order of standing on a list compiled after they have successfully completed mental and physical examinations.)**

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COMMISSIONER OBER has indicated that he plans to appoint 25 policewomen, this year. This means that he has 17 to go.

If any colored women hope to be named to the April, July or September police school training classes, their destinies are in the commissioner's hands. Based on past performance, their chances look dim.

Since taking office in 1949, Commissioner Ober has not appointed one colored woman to the force.

The last colored woman appointed was Mrs. Cornelia Lake

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"THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB" case opened in Northwestern Police Court, Tuesday, before Magistrate Marshall Levin. From left are Sgt. Daniel Crawley, Walter (Bo) Robinson, 18, Douglass senior; Joel J. Hochman, attorney; and Freeman Griffin Jr., 22. Robinson and Griffin were held for the grand jury on charges of committing immoral acts.

'The Friendship Club,' all-male teen-age sex group, smashed

Total bail of $62,000 for 12; boy sobs aloud during testimony

A tragic and sordid tale of sex perversion was unfolded in Northwestern Police Court this week, where nine youths and three men were held under total bail of $62,000 for grand jury action on charges of sodomy.

One juvenile, who is a pupil at a local high school, sobbed aloud as the activities of "The Friendship Club," were revealed Thursday afternoon.

A former Douglass High School pupil testified he first became involved with another boy, when he was eight years old.

"We were just kids and didn't know what we were doing," the youth said.

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THERE WAS also testimony that a 14-year-old boy had been abused by members of "The Friendship Club."

Highest bail was set for William Oliver Taylor Jr., 19, 2800 block Westwood Ave., who was held under total bail of $17,000 on charges of sodomy, perversion and maintaining a disorderly house.

Taylor, who said he was graduated from Douglass High School, is an orderly at the South Baltimore General Hospital.

Next highest bail was $10,000 for **Horace B. McQuay**, 17, 400 block Swale Ave., charged with sodomy and perversion in three cases. Adams works in a railway baggage room.

Freeman Griffin Jr., 22, 2800 block Clifton Ave., was held under total bail of $6,000 on sodomy charges. He told police he was graduated from Douglass.

Gerard Lee Smith, 18, 3000 block Southand Ave., a Douglass High School pupil, was held under total bail of $5,000 on sodomy charges.

Another Douglass pupil, **Walter (Bo) Robinson**, 18, 1600 block

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'Human Icicle' out of danger

WASHINGTON

Miss Annie Rebecca Wyche, who was found frozen stiff on the porch of her home last Friday, was reported in "good condition" by a Prince Georges County General Hospital spokesman, Wednesday.

Physicians reported that she

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COMING

- **How well did Abraham Lincoln know Frederick Douglass before he was elected President?**
- **Who said Abraham Lincoln could drink more liquor than any other man in the country?**
- **We quote Lincoln's Gettysburg address as his finest, but what compromise did Abraham Lincoln make with his principle, that makes us ashamed of him today?**
- **Who won the Lincoln-Douglass debate in 1858?**
- **What lovely inscription did Lincoln have engraved on his wife's wedding ring?**
- **These and other questions will be answered in an article in the Tuesday AFRO-AMERICAN Magazine which portrays, among other things, relations between Lincoln and Frederick Douglass in a new light.**

Both fight over plans for burial

- Wife not told hubby had stroke
- Other woman signs name as his wife

By SHIRLEY KYLE

His legal wife and the woman who claimed she shared her home with him at the time of his death mourned at the funeral of Maurice Woods, Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Woods suffered a stroke last Thursday night, at North and Warwick Aves., while reportedly en route from his wife's home to the other woman's apartment. He died at Provident Hospital, Friday.

At the services at Gillis Memorial Community Church, the wife, Mrs. Maggie M. Woods, dressed in a black coat with white fur collar, sat with her son, Joseph, 14, and other members of the family, in the front right-hand side pew.

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THE OTHER woman, Mrs. Lucille Harris, wearing a black coat trimmed in mouton lamb, sat alone with a friend across the aisle from the family.

Mrs. Harris was the first of the two to view the body and the walked without assistance to the coffin, gazed solemnly at the body dabbing her eyes with a handkerchief, and returned to her seat.

She never looked at the family—not even when Mrs. Woods let out a loud wail and leaned over the body, her arms extended as if she were trying to embrace her husband for the last time.

Outside the church were two black limousines. One was for Mrs. Woods and her family which had been provided by Mrs. Althela McCrimmon, undertaker. The other was for Mrs. Harris and her friend which she had rented herself.

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THE AFRO photographer was also on hand to photograph but was stopped by the officiating minister, the Rev. Theodore Jackson, who stepped in front of Mrs. Harris and threatened to break it if any photos were made.

Neither of the two women attempted to speak with either as they left the church. They had met for the first time Saturday and had been ignoring ever since to see who would make arrangements for the fu-

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Witness held for perjury

Changes story in girl's death

A 17-year-old youth who was believed to have been a state's eyewitness in a murder case involving his best friend, is being held on perjury charges.

On the stand Wednesday, Sterling Harvey, 1100 block W. Saratoga St., told Judge Herman M. Moser of Youth Court that he was aware of the seriousness of the charge but that police had "forced me to tell that story."

Prosecutor Edwin Gehring, assistant state's attorney, announced the arrest of the young

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Businessman held on pupil's accusation

J. C. Robinson, prosperous manufacturer, named by pupil

A prosperous canned goods distributor has been released under $1,000 bail pending action by the grand jury on a carnal knowledge charge involving a 15-year-old Douglass High School girl who was arrested by police in connection with a widely publicized, unsolved murder.

The indictment was returned, this week, against J. C. Robinson, 55, white, head of the J. C. Robinson Co., in the 200 block E. Pleasant St.

The AFRO learned that detectives, working around the clock and leaving no stone unturned in their efforts to solve the murder, had the girl, who lives in the 2200 block W. North Ave., picked up after receiving information that she knew something about the case.

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AFTER EXTENSIVE interrogation, police were convinced that the only knowledge the girl had of the murder, was what she had read about in the papers.

The interrogation, did, however, uncover information concerning Mr. Robinson, which was turned over to Policewom-

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Wife named Ann divorces her Romeo, says he wooed 'Juliet'

Lipstick-marked clothing, the lingering fragrance of perfume and a business trip that turned out to be a pleasure trip made up the stack of evidence that backfired against Romeo Branson, this week.

If the description of his wife, Mrs. Ann Branson, is to be believed, her husband was not named for Shakespeare's great lover in vain.

Mrs. Branson, who gave her address as 3326 Brighton St., was not the aggressor in the divorce action. Mr. Branson opened the frony with a suit against her, charging that she deserted him on Dec. 20, 1953. They had been married three years.

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ADDING TO the wife's pique was the fact that Romeo's "Juliet" was a young woman with whom he had been friendly prior admitting that she left him on Dec. 20. She testified that on that date he told her that he had to go on a business trip.

She said that she asked him to wait a week when her vacation was due, so that he could take her with him. He wouldn't, she said.

"Then I learned that the business trip ended up being a pleasure trip . . . with a girl from Texas as his companion.

"They went to Philadelphia, New Jersey and Rhode Island, and I didn't see him again until Christmas Day," she added.

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THE WIFE filed a cross-bill to his marriage.

Mrs. Branson not only won the divorce, but restoration of her maiden name, Ann Mackin. She told the court that she did not want alimony.

Man hanged here in 1949 believed heir to $47,000

John D. Knowles, the love-mad seaman who was hanged here in 1949 for the brutal knife slaying of pretty Ruth Davis, is believed to be the heir to a $47,000 estate.

Robert E. Robinson, 344 Spring St., Buffalo, N.Y., last week appealed to AFRO readers to help him locate Knowles or his relatives who stand to share in the estate of his father, Nathan Knowles, sometimes known as Charles Morris. The elder Mr. Knowles died in Buffalo on Oct. 10, 1954.

The senior Mr. Knowles, a native of the British West Indies, came to this country at an early age. He married a Cecelia Johnson and had a son, John.

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THE JOHN Knowles who was hanged here on August 31, 1949 likewise was of foreign extraction.

He went to his death in the Maryland Penitentiary on Aug. 12, 1949, after being convicted by Judge Moser of the fatal stabbing of Miss Davis, described as his girlfriend.

She died of 25 knife wounds of the body inflicted by him during a lovers' quarrel in Druid Hill Park in June, 1948.

Knowles was dubbed the "love-mad seaman" because of the brutal attack and because of his wild actions in court. He created a sensation during his trial.

After sentence was pronounced, he punched the deputy sheriff in the eye and had to be carried bodily from the courtroom after guards subdued him.

NEWS SUMMARY OF Vital Statistics

COURT RECORDS

Non-Support—Thomas R. Taylor, pleaded guilty, 1 year in House of Correction, probation to pay $5 a week; George Price, pleaded guilty, 1 year in House of Correction, probation to pay $10 a week.

Desertion — Thomas W. Fenwick Jr., pleaded guilty, 18 months in House of Correction, probation to pay $15 a week; Van Dawson Deanes Sr., pleaded guilty, 18 months in House of Correction; Grayton W. Hyle, guilty 2nd and 4th counts, 18 months in House of Correction; James F. Guest Jr., not guilty Wibert M. Buchanan Jr., pleaded guilty 2nd count, 18 months in House of Correction, probation to pay $22 a week;

Paul V. Deems, pleaded guilty 2nd count, 18 months in House of Correction, from December 16th; Earl Charnock, pleaded guilty 2nd count, 18 months in House of Correction, probation to pay $10 a week; Melvin L. Ford, pleaded guilty 2nd count,

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The person who was first to notify the AFRO about the man willed $47,000; and the students suspended from Douglass High School share the $25 top prizes this week.
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