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Tells of love after hearing

Wife sobs when mate is fined

As her husband was being led back to his cell in the Northwestern police station on Wednesday morning, after being convicted on an assault count, Mrs. Betty Lou Eaton of the 700 block Cumberland S.t broke down in the courtroom and sobbed:

"I love him. I love him."

The husband, Leroy Eaton, 24, had just been convicted on the strength of his wife's testimony that he struck her with a broom stick during an altercation at their home. He was sentenced to 60 days in jail, suspended on payment of a $100 fine.

FOLLOWING PASSAGE of sentence, Mr. Eaton turned to his wife and said:

"You know what this means."

There was no answer to the question but as her husband left the courtroom, Mrs. Eaton began to sob and had to be assisted from the room by a friend.

In her testimony, Mrs. Eaton said:

"I went to New York and when I came back he asked me why did I go without him. He beat me with a broom stick from the kitchen to the bedroom."

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MRS. EATON said she had suffered a cut on her head and bruises of the body.

Mr. Eaton admitted striking his attractive wife, but told Magistrate E. Everett Lane:

"I would never have hit her if she hand't jumped at me with a razor blade."

Legion women visit hospital

Members of the Robert H. Brooks Unit 165 of the American Legion Auxiliary, recently visited Perry Point Hospital to entertain the veterans.

Among those who made the trip were:

Mesdames Vera Davis, president; Hortense Press, secretary; Edith Green, vice president; Martha Davis, second vice president; Pauline Saunders, chaplain; Elsie Brown, treasurer.

Also Mesdames Rebecca Blackwell, historian, Julia Macon and John David, sergeant at arms; James Hubbard, commander, Joseph Blackwell and Alphonso Butler.

Dunbar sets '55 officers

By MABEL HARDY

The February class of 1955 at Dunbar High School recently elected the following officers:

Addison Carter, president; Joseph Santoes, vice president; Lucille Perry, secretary, treasurer; Elise Matthews, assistant secretary, treasurer.

Serving on the executive committee are Dolores Coles, Delores Cooper, Doris Yarbough, Margaret Snowden, Huey Cobb, Shirley Smith, Joan Fourqurien, Thomas Gage and Gloria Tuggle.

It was T-week for the 12B's. During this time, they were given aptitude tests. The music department is busy rehearsing for the annual Christmas Carol Services to be presented in the school auditorium, Sunday, December 19, at 5 p.m.

Entertaining at the senior assembly was the City College Orchestra. A very enjoyable program. Under the leadership of President, Earl Flanagan, the Hi-Y plans to give another dance, Saturday, December 18 at the YMCA.

Fined $100 on gun count

Roosevelt Booen Jr., 45, of the 800 block N. Gilmor St., was fined $100 and costs on Wednesday in Northwestern Police Court on a charge of having a deadly weapon in his possession.

Police testified that Booen was arrested in the 800 block of Stricker St., after he had been observed to have a .32 caliber revolver in his lap, while he was a passenger in the front seat of a taxicab.

Booen admitted having the gun. "I was in a poker game and a fellow pawned the gun to me for $6. I was taking it home to my wife for her protection."

Deaths

MRS. BERTHA FARRAR

Funeral services for Mrs. Bertha Farrar, 47, who died at Provident Hospital Tuesday have been scheduled for Saturday noon at the Hemsley Funeral Home.

A native Baltimorean, Mrs. Farrar entered the hospital after suffering a heart attack last Thursday. She resided at 5604 Moore St. Burial will be in Arbutus Cemetery with the Rev. J. J. Barnes of Zion Methodist Church officiating.

Mrs. Farrar is survived by her husband, Rudolph Farrar; mother, Mrs. Laura Thompson; son, grandchildren.

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BEN MATTHEWS

Services for Ben Matthews, 53, of 733 N. Aisquith St., were held at the Elroy Wilson Funeral Home.

An employee of the Terminal Warehouse, Mr. Matthews died at his home last Saturday. He was a native of Kinston, N.C. Burial was in Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

Mr. Matthews is survived by his wife Mrs. Mabel Matthews; a daughter, Miss Dorothy Matthews, and three sons, Arthur, Felix, and William Matthews.

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WILLIAM H. WEDGE

Funeral services for William H. Wedge of 816 N. Fremont St., who died on Monday were held Friday at the Cooper Funeral Home.

Mr. Wedge is survived by two aunts, Mrs. Mazie H. Burns and Mrs. Katie Grahm. Burial was in Baltimore National Cemetery.

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FRANK RAMOS

Funeral services for Frank Ramos of 1518 Mountmor Ct., were held Thursday morning at St. Pius Catholic Church.

Husband of Mrs. Frances Ramos, he died on Saurday. Burial was in Mt. Auburn Cemetery.

MRS. ELLA JONES

Funeral services for Mrs. Ella Jones of 2124 N. Fulton Ave., who died at her home Sunday, were held Tuesday at Holland Funeral Home.

Mrs. Jones had been ill for almost a year. She was 65 years of age and is survived by six daughters, two sons, and 22 grandchildren.

'God Will Find A Way'

Says 'Legal Helen'; other 'Helen' wants ring back

WASHINGTON

As Lester Seegers languishes behind bars in District jail, and ponders the death of one of the "Helens" in his life, his legal wife is left alone to support their two-year-old child.

Mrs. Helena Seegers, who married Seegers 12 years ago, finds herself without payments she has received from the former National Geographical Society guard for the past year for support of their daughter.

ASKED HOW she will provide for the youngster, Mrs. Seegers told the AFRO: "God will make a way."

The matron, who resides in the 2200 block 12th St., NW, is employed as a part - time elevator operator. A pianist, she also sings soprano in the Vermont Ave. Baptist Church. She and Seegers had been separated.

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EARLIER, another "Helen" wept before a coroner's jury which later ordered Seegers held for grand jury action in the slaying of a dead "Helen," Miss Helen Smith, 33, whose bludgeoned body was found at the Whitelaw Hotel, where she lived.

Mrs. Helen Brown Smith, 28, of the 3400 block Warder St., NW cried as she testified in the case of the man who married her under the assumed name of John Smith," four weeks ago.

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FOLLOWING the inquest, during which she told the jury she had not known Seegers' legal wife, nor his girlfriend who was found slain, Mrs. Smith reportedly asked Seegers to return the wedding ring she gave him during their double - ring ceremony on Nov. 13.

According to Sgt. E. C. Coppage, of the homicide squad, who guarded the suspect during the inquest, Seegers requested permission to speak to Miss Smith before the hearing, but she refused.

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HOWEVER, acting on the advice of her aunt, Mrs. George Colbert, the heartbroken matron tearfully talked to Seegers and asked for the ring, Sergeant Coppage said

Seegers told "Helen" he had left the ring at their home when he left town on Nov. 21, Sergeant Coppage said.

This was the day police believe the Whitelaw Hotel slaying occurred, although the body was not found until two days later.

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SEEGERS WAS arrested by police on Dec. 3. He was held for grand jury action by a coroner's jury the following day.

Meanwhile, Seegers' family declined comment in the strange case of "Casanova" and the three "Helens."

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POLICE SAID Burrell Seegers, of the 600 block 14th St., NE, father of the defendant told them: "I tried to raise my son right."

The elderly father, heartbroken by the series of events told of the days when Lester was still in high school, police reported.

"I wanted him to make something of himself, and told him if he went to school, I would support him, and provide for his education," police quoted Seegers' father as saying.

HOWEVER, LESTER Seegers quit school, against his father's advice and went to work, police said.

At Seegers' family home, a woman who identified herself as his sister, told the AFRO: "We've all been shocked by this terrible thing. Maybe when it's over, we'll have something to say. But not now, . . . please."

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AN ELDERLY matron, who said she was Mrs. Burrell Seegers, told the AFRO her husband was not at home, and she didn't know when to expect him.

Meanwhile, Lester Seegers himself, sits alone in his small cell, object of mixed emotions felt by his family and friends.

2 convicted in digits case

Two men convicted on lottery charges, were fined $1,000 each in Criminal Court, this week and given a combined sentence of 15 months in the House of Correction.

Larry N. Ball, 26, 1000 block N. Eden St., received a 10-month term and $1,000 fine from Chief Judge Emory H. Niles.

Luke Goodwin, 37, 100 block W. Hamburg St., was given a 5-month sentence and $1,000 fine by Judge Herman M. Moser.

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JUDGES PUT HEADS TOGETHER — Judges and officials of the Healthy Baby Contest recently sponsored by the AFRO and Carnation Milk Co., compare notes. Clockwise, they are Mrs. Vivian C. Alleyne, Dr. George Brown, Howard Boyer, Carnation company medical specialist; Mrs. Edna Redmond and J. Nelson Fortune.



OVERCOME WITH EMOTION. Mrs. Helen McCray gives a big hug to her year-old son, Willie McCray Jr., as he is announced the winner of the Healthy Baby Contest. The youngster who copped the $300 top award weighs 22 pounds, 6 ounces and is 28 inches tall. The family lives at 2718 W. Fairmount Ave. Mr. McCray is employed as a spreader at the Comfy Manufacturing Company. Willie Jr., who won over 400 contestants is the McCray's first child in ten years of marriage.

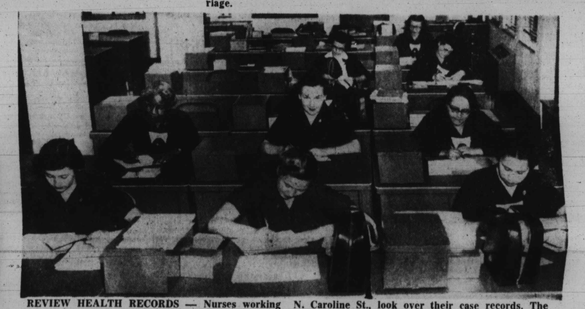
HEALTHY BABY — Six-month-old Yolanda Elmore one of the 400 contestants in the Healthy Baby Contest gives an adoring smile to her mother, Mrs. Gertrude Elmore of 1422 Harlem Ave.



VOCATIONAL GRAD SAVES SOLES — Julius Baxter, a graduate of the shoe repairing department of Carver Vocational High School is employed by Dan Brothers, who operates a chain of shops and employes a number of Carver grads.



CUTE AND CUDDLY — Year-old Roxanne J. White took fourth prize in the Healthy Baby Contest. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James White of 602-F Cherryerest Rd. Roxanne tips the scales at 25 pounds. Mrs. White is a telephone company clerk and her husband is a transit company driver. They have one other daughter, Marsha Anne, 9.



REVIEW HEALTH RECORDS — Nurses working out of the new Eastern District Health Center, 620 N. Caroline St., look over their case records. The institution will have 50 nurses when fully staffed.



NEW MEMBER OF ELKS—Carl Murphy, center, is welcomed into membership of the Monumental Lodge of Elks by, left to right, Truly Hatchett, Josiah F. Henry Jr., Charles (Mouse) Dorsey, Lloyal Randolph, exalted ruler, and William H. Walker of Philadelphia, grand auditor.



TEACHERS RELAX — Shown as they took a breather from the busy sessions of the recent Maryland State Teachers Association meeting at the 5th Regiment Armory are Mesdames June Jones, Naomi Johnson, Marie Dowell and Marie Fraser, all feculty members at Banneker School I.a. 11.



SERVICE PIN AWARDS — These Western Maryland employees at Port Covington, the railway company's marine terminal, received 25-year service pin awards. They are H. S. Holly, Howard Courtney, Charles Williams and William Walters. Company officials shown are G. R. Haworth, vice president in charge of operations; C. R. Zarfoss, vice president in charge of traffic and W. Arthur Grotz, president, who made the awards.