—Happy ending

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in trouble," Mrs. Leak told an AFRO reporter Thursday.

The chubby, pleasant faced woman, stood in the doorway, her plump arms folded across her chest. A smile broke through the serious lines on her face as she said, "He's been a wonderful father and husband, and I know he'll still be when he comes home."

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SHE EXPLAINED that this Thanksgiving was the first time in 17 years that he had not eaten dinner with the family. "But he'll be home for Christmas," she said cheerfully.

The she added, "But you know, I just don't see why he didn't tell me when we first met. I'm sure we could have worked something out. I know his conscience has been bothering him all that time."

His oldest daughter, reportedly remarked when she learned of the incident, "I'm glad it's over. Now Daddy has a clear conscience."

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MRS. LEAK told the AFRO that both she and her children have had to face some embarrassment since the event, but she emphasized, "We've got to keep our heads up and face it.

"It won't pay to get angry with everyone. They really don't mean any harm. It's easier for me than it is for the children who were in school.

"You know how young ones can be. But I keep telling mine to keep their heads up. Everything will work out fine."

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Here's the way Mr. Leak spent his life during the past 17 years.

On Oct. 29, 1937 when he escaped, he walked to Frederick where he got a lift to Baltimore. He moved in with some friends on Biddle St. and assuming the name "William Johnson," he embarked on a new career.

He married and got a job with a realty company where he was employed two years. From there he sought employment at the Highway Department and worked 18 months in Druid Hill Park.

Then he applied for a job with a construction company for a year and after that took a street cleaning job which he kept for seven and a half years.

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IN 1949 he got tuberculosis and spent three years, two months and 19 days in Baltimore City Hospitals. He underwent two operations in which one of his lungs was collapsed.

While hospitalized, his wife went to work for the first time since she married. "I did all sorts of jobs to keep going," she said.

"My daughter was in Henryton for nine months the same time he was in City Hospitals and I never missed a day visiting both of them."

How she ever did it, she does know to this day, but her devotion to her family gave her the energy to raise four small children at home and keep two hospitalized loved ones happy at the same time.

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IN 1952, Mr. Leak was released from the hospital and he convalesced at home until fall when he took another job with a contracting company.

And in Oct. 1954, his past met him face to face on a street corner, only three blocks from the door which had shielded him 17 years.

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JOSIAH HENRY

—Josiah Henry

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ernoon in the Supervisors of Elections office at Fayette and Gay Sts., a month ahead of the deadline which is the last week in December.

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A NATIVE of Cambridge, Md., Mr. Henry is the nephew of the late Nemiah Henry who served 15 years as councilman in Cambridge.

He is the father of the state's first colored Democratic club and during the era of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt, he conducted the state campaign in the presidential elections.

His first stab at politicial office was in 1927 when he ran for House of Delegates. There were 27 candidates in the primary race and he came in seventh.

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A GRADUATE of Delaware State College, Howard University and the University of Michigan, he was admitted to the Maryland State Bar in 1923.

He resides with his wife, Mrs. Ethel Henry at 2557 McCulloh St.

NO ACTION PLANNED ON MD. TAXI LICENSES

The District of Columbia does not plan to take any action at this time which would prevent residents of Prince George County from holding taxi licenses in the District, director George E. Keneipp announced Thursday.

TELEPHONE EXPANSION

Expenditures of $1,300,000 were authorized for the improvement and expansion of telephone facilities in Maryland at the November meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Baltimore City. This brings the total of such appropriations, so far this year, to $23 million.

—Hospital workers

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rate jury trial.

Judge Niles told the jury that "The plea was changed to guilty when the defendants realized how strong was the state's case against them."

Sentence was withheld pending a probation department report as to the background of the two young women. Denied bail, they are being held at City Jail pending sentence.

This is expected in about ten days.

After pleading guilty, each took the stand for a few minutes to answer questions put to them by Judge Niles.

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MRS. WATERS, cashier declared that she "couldn't say" what had become of the money she took during her service in the hospital office. Since then she has been bookkeeper for a department store.

Mrs. Williams, an assistant cashier admitted that she had used some of the money she misappropriated to buy a car. She said that she is the mother of a four-year-old child; that since leaving the hospital employ, she has been working as a barmaid.

An audit of the books showed that the hospital suffered a $13,000 shortage during the period Jan. 1, 1953 to March 31, 1954, but only the $7,000 deficit could be proved against these two employees.

The money was not a total loss, because all the business office employees are bonded and the bonding company has reimbursed the hospital to the extent of $10,000.

Embezzlement of the money without immediate detection was a daring but complicated procedure because the business office operation is very involved.

When a payment is made at the business office, receipts are made out in triplicate on a hand-operated machine.

The original receipt is handed to the payee; Receipt No. 2, with the money, is placed in the cashier's box; and Receipt No. 3 goes to another clerk who credits the amount to the patient's bill.

THIS IS the procedure during the regular business hours of 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Each of these three receipts bears the signature of the cashier who accepted the payment at the office window.

After 6 p.m., a night book is used to record payments made on patients' bills. This book, bearing the signature of the nurse or other employee who accepts the payment, makes out receipts in duplicate only.

In these instances, the original receipt is handed to the payee; and the duplicate, with the money is turned over to the cashier, the next day.

The cashier, in turn, initials the duplicate to indicate that she has received the money. Then her job is to follow the daytime procedure with the payment by making out the triplicate machine receipts.

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AS CASHIER, it was Mrs. Water's job to collect Receipts No. 2 daily, total them and see that this amount balanced against the money collected and prepared for bank desposit.

Theodore Perkins, assistant hospital administrator testified that Mrs. Waters' daily total receipts and money for bank deposit always balanced each other.

The patients had no complaints because their cards always showed when payments were made on their bills.

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HOW THE embezzlement of funds took place is best explained by an example:

Suppose you paid a bill at the business office for $145. You would get a machine receipt and the cashier would keep Receipt No. 2.

Suppose she put Receipt No. 2 and your $145 in her pocketbook.

Suppose at the end of the day, her other receipts and money which she put in the collection drawer balanced each other at $500.

Suppose then, from Receipt No. 3, she credited your $145 payment on your bill. The hospital would not ask you for the money again and you would have no complaint.

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WITH THESE suppositions, the receipts would show $500 collected; the bank deposit would be $500, and the hospital authorities would not be aware of the $145 shortage.

Repeated over a lengthy period of time, this shortage could add up to $4,186.50.

The misappropriations came to light on Feb. 25 when Mr. Perkins was asked to check an insurance company payment on a patient's bill in the amount of $233.

This amount had been credited to the patient's account, but no hospital receipts could be found. A check revealed that no such amount was included in the day's total receipts, nor in the bank deposit for that day.

A similar situation arose concerning a payment of $47.

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BOTH MRS. Waters and Mrs. Williams were called in by John L. Procope, hospital administrator. Neither could offer an explanation for the discrepancies in the records.

Mr. Procope testified:

"I told them that I was holding them responsible. I would give them until Monday (March 1) to make the loss good, or I would call the police.

"Mrs. Waters didn't say anything to that. Mrs. Williams said she would see about it. This was our second day of conference about the shortage. Mrs. Williams tendered her resignation effective that Friday.

"The following Monday, Mrs. Williams came in and brought her resignation in which she indicated that since she knew nothing about the affair, she was going to leave."

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MR. PROCOPE said that he then reported the situation to the hospital treasurer and the board of trustees which called in the Wooden, Benson and Walton firm of certified public accountants.

Work of the auditor, Charles W. Chamberlain, and police investigation by Sgt. Robert Hewes and Officer Dennis Mello of the State's Attorney's office resulted in charges against the two women in June.

Defense attorneys implied that the discrepancies occurred because of lax hospital administration.

Mr. Procope was asked, "Did you ever cash any of your personal checks with Mrs. Waters? Did some of them come back marked "insufficient funds?"

He answered, "I frequently had personal checks cashed. The money came out of the petty cash box. I don't recall that any came back marked 'insufficient funds,' but it's possible."

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HE WAS ASKED "Didn't you sometimes put I.O.U.'s in the cash box?"

He answered, "There were occasions when I had to go downtown to buy some small items for the hospital or other occasions when I had no blank check that I would give the cashier an I.O.U.

"I would bring back the receipt and put that in the box. The money was refunded from the petty cash."

Then he was asked, "Wasn't there also an audit of a Special Fund in reference to moneys paid into it by doctors who wanted an accounting? Didn't this happen under your administration?"

"No, sir," Mr. Procope answered emphatically, "I know nothing of it."

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LATER, THE question of the I.O.U.'s and the personal checks was brought up with Mr. Chamberlain on the witness stand.

He said, "Good accounting procedure would not authorize use of petty cash for personal reasons, but certainly it would permit an advance to bonifide employees for hospital purchases."

The jury included one colored member. He was Wilbur Dorsey, a vanilla products company employee of 1825 Clifton Ave.

Prosecuting attorney was Joseph G. Koutz, assistant State's Attorney. Defense attorneys were Alan H. Murrell and Harry I. Kaplan.

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AFTER GRADUATION from Douglass High School, Mrs. Waters worked for a time in the laundry at Aberdeen.

Then for seven years, she held a clerical job with the Housing Authority before taking a bookkeeping position at Provident Hospital in January 1952.

Since leaving the hospital, she has been working in the bookkeeping office of a W. Baltimore St. department store.

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MRS. WILLIAMS is a 1945 graduate of Douglass High School, but a native of Alexandria, Va. where she attended Parker-Gray School.

She joined the Provident staff in April, 1953. Previously she had been employed as a salesman with Fuller Products and as a clerk at Adams Realty office and at the Fort Meade Separation Center.

Both women were earning salaries of $175 per month at Provident.

-Robbery seen

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9:10 a.m. when a neighbor heard her voice, and 3:15 p.m. when the child found the body.

The weapon used in the slaying has not been found, and a check is being made of the kitchen knives in the home, to determine if any of them is missing. Police also reported that the rear door of the house was bolted and locked—which bore out the contention that Mrs. Williams had admitted the killer herself.

Immediately after the slaying, police picked up three men for questioning. They were later released.

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ACTUAL DISCOVERY of the body was made on Wednesday afternoon, when the eight-year-old girl returned from school, and saw Mrs. Williams lying on the floor of the red and yellow kitchen. The last time the child saw Mrs. Williams alive was at 8:30 a.m. when she left for school. She returned for lunch at 11:45 a.m., but at the time did not see Mrs. Williams, police said.

After finding the body, the child ran to the filling station at Hartford and Oliver Sts., which the minister operates in partnership with Wilford J. Fields, 22, of the 1700 block E. North Ave.

Mr. Fields returned to the home where he confirmed the child's story and police were summoned.

News of the death of his wife was given to the Rev. Mr. Williams by a neighbor, when he returned from Lynchburg at 11:15 p.m. that night. He had been accompanied to that city by the Rev. Dennis Barrow, pastor of the Fountain Church, where both attended a founder's day ceremony at the Lynchburg Seminary and College.

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THE TIME OF the slaying has been fixed by the Rev. Mr. Williams at between 9 and 9:30 a.m. He based this time on the fact that his wife was a methodical woman, who usually did certain jobs at a certain time.

"She worked on my books from 8 to 9 a.m., and then she ironed. But on Wednesday after she had finished the books, she didn't have the chance to set up the ironing board, which meant that she was killed after 9 a.m."

The minister also supported the police theory that the killer was a person who knew Mrs. Williams and was aware that money was kept in the house.

"It was foul play by someone who knew my wife. I say that because of the fact that she was in the kitchen. She doesn't let anybody in the house that she does not know. My wife would never let a stranger into the house," he said.

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WHILE POLICE have not definitely established the time of Mrs. Williams' death, they are sure that it came after 9:15 a.m., because at that time, Mrs. Helen Toogood, 30, who lives next door at 1442 Eden St., said she heard Mrs. Williams' voice.

Mrs. Toogood said someone rang the Williams' bell, and she heard Mrs. Williams tell the caller that he had run the wrong bell for the second floor apartment. She heard this conversation from her front room, Mrs. Toogood said, but was unable to see the person.

Mrs. Williams was also seen alive by Mrs. Toogood's 11-year-old son, Richard, who got a radio from her home and took it to Mr. Fields at the gas station at 8:55 a.m.

Earlier the same day, at 7:30 a.m., Mr. Fields said he had gone to the house and received $25 in change from Mrs. Williams for the gas station.

At 9 a.m., police reported that Harry Evans, 27, of the 2500 block of E. Biddle St., had seen Mrs. Williams and gotten $50 from her to pay a traffic fine for a friend.

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THE DEATH OF THE minister's wife shocked the neighborhood in which she lived, and Nebreska McCullom, 52, who lives next door at 1438 Eden St., described her as:

"A great worker among the young people and a splendid neighbor."

This sentiment was echoed by H. Johnson of the 1600 block E. Federal St., an employee at the station who said: "She was a wonderful person."

The Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Williams had been married for 11 years and had lived at the present address for five. They had no children.

Mrs. Williams was an active member of the Fountain Baptist Church and was warmly regarded by her neighbors who pictured her as a person who "had a way with children, all of whom loved her."

She was born in Baltimore and is the daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs. McKinley Fields. He was pastor of an East Baltimore church, according to the Rev. Mr. Williams. In addition to her husband, her nearest survivors include three sisters-in-law, Mrs. Esther Coles, Mrs. Elizabeth Keely, and Miss Elsie Williams.

Funeral services will be held on Sunday at noon at the Fountain Baptist Church, 1211 E. Monument St., with the Rev Mr. Barrow as the officiating minister. Burial will be in Arbutus Memorial Park.

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Man accused as hit-run driver out on $2,000 bail

James Edmonds, identified as the hit and run driver of the automobile which struck and overturned a patrol car on Gwynns Falls Pkwy, Tuesday night, is out on $2,000 bail pending a Traffic Court hearing Dec. 16.

The 38-year-old man, who lives in the 2300 block Ashburton St., is charged with speeding, reckless driving, failing to stop after an accident and failing to aid injured persons.

According to reports, Edmonds' car hit the left rear of the police car which was parked behind a taxi cab on the parkway near Warwick Ave.

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THE IMPACT caused the patrol car to roll over and jam against the cab, trapping the two police officers inside. The patrolmen, Morris Gherrasio, 25, and William Church, 34, suffered body bruises and were treated at Mercy Hospital.

Edmonds, according to the report, continued down Gwynns Falls after the accident, and was arrested later by other officers summoned by the trapped police who called from the car radio.

Telephone operators wanted

Positions as telephone operators and telephone supervisors are open in federal employment in Baltimore and vicinity., the Board of Civil Service Examiners announced here this week.

Salaries for operators range from $2,750 to $2,950 per annum while supervisor's pay begins at $3,175 per annum.

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Fire victims make progress

Red Cross spent $2,615 in area

With the exception of four cases, 24 families who sought aid from the Red Cross following the million dollar fire which damaged a block area in South Baltimore last month have been rehabilitated.

The Red Cross revealed Wednesday that to date, $2,615.80 has been spent to help those who sustained the heaviest losses in the fire.

Although 60 families fled from their homes at the height of the fire on Nov. 16, not all suffered total losses, it was pointed out.

Some of the families, it was learned, have already moved back into their homes, and, in at least one case, family losses were covered by insurance.

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IN THE MAJORITY of cases, a Red Cross official said, families in the disaster area were nice to work with and did not ask for more than what was absolutely needed.

The Red Cross set up an aid station in the basement of Payne Elementary School within 10 hours after the fire razed the neighborhood.

Property was destroyed or damaged on Leadenhall, Race, W. West, and W. Cross Sts. The fire was one of the largest in Baltimore's history.

It started in a lumber yard within 150 paces of a fire engine house and rapidly engulfed nearby homes.

Eleven alarms were turned in within three minutes of each other when flames roared through a trucking firm, two garages and a number of shops.

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POLICE ESTIMATED hat approximately 10,000 persons visited the scene in the first 24 hours.

Two days later police arrested a 19-year-old youth in connection with the fire. A former inmate at Crownsville State Hospital, the boy, Alexander Partlow of the 1000 block Race St., was charged with arson.

Partlow entered a plea of not guilty at a preliminary hearing. Police said he admitted his guilt after questioning.

They said he admitted striking three matches and making a torch of chips rolled up in papers, then stuck it through the wall of the lumber yard.

The boy's mother has denied her son's guilt.

Liquor Board turns down request for changeover

The application of a Northwestern District delicatessen store owner to change from white to colored patronage was turned down Friday by the Liquor Board.

The change was requested by Mrs. Mary G. Lewis, owner of a class "D" beer and wine permit at the "Lewis Delicatessen," 1141 Poplar Grove St.

The licensee was represented by Eli Baer. Bowen K. Jackson, executive secretary of the Baltimore NAACP represented the protestants, the NAACP and the Winchester Improvement and Protective Association.

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THE WINCHESTER ASSOCIATION turned over to the Board a petition with 345 names of persons who objected to the change on the grounds that it was not a public necessity.

At a public hearing on Nov. 4, 19 residents appeared to offer testimony as to why the requested change should not be approved.

Counsel for Mrs. Lewis submitted a peitition signed by 128 residents who approved of the application. Five of these persons appeared in person at the hearing to offer testimony.

A survey of the area conducted by the Liquor Board indicated that the neighborhood is 81 percent colored and that one changeover was granted in the community on July 1 of this year.

In turning down the request, the Board said that in view of the fact that a Class "B" beer, wine and liquor permit had already been granted, the Lewis request was not necessary for the accommodation of the public.

Pleasure cruise ends in dispute for two friends

After taking a pleasure cruise around town in an automobile with four friends, two men came to the parting of the ways Monday over a torn topcoat.

Rudolph Crudup of the 1600 block E. Preston St., and Thomas Goodwin of the 1700 block N. Washington St., dissolved their friendship with one going to the hospital and the other to jail.

Charged with cutting Goodwin following a dispute in the 1600 block E. Preston St., Crudup was sentenced to 60 days in jail Tuesday in Northeastern District Court.

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AT JOHNS Hopkins Hospital Goodwin was released in time for the hearing after 30 stitches were taken in his head and neck.

Charges of disturbing the peace against him and his four companions were dismissed. They included:

Arthur L. Snider of the 1600 block E. Preston St.

Nathaniel McNeal, 900 block N. Bond St.

Richard Brown, 1700 block Madison Ave.

Jacob Davis, 900 block N. Bond St.

They testified that after visiting friends in Cherry Hill they returned to the home of Snider and were about to enter his apartment when Crudup and Goodwin started what they described as a "little horseplay."

In the struggle that followed, they said, Goodwin's topcoat was torn and he became angry and started "swinging" at Crudup and was cut.

29 permanent state jobs now available

Applications for 29 permanent state jobs are now being accepted by the Commissioner of Personnel at 31 Light St.

Examinations for three positions, charge nurse, custodial officer and registered Nurse, have been scheduled for Dec. 14 at Eastern High School, 33rd and Loch Raven Blvd., at 6 p.m.

Applications for the following 26 positions must be filed by Dec. 18. They include wildlife field superintendent, vocational instructor, grades, one and two; toll collector, supervisor, traffic recording equipment; statistical clerk, senior typist, senior stenographer, road inspector, and public health engineer.

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ALSO, PSYCHIATRIC case supervisor, office boy, messenger, library assistant, laboratory assistant, key punch operator, junior typist, junior stenographer, junior engineering aide, junior draftsman.

Others include assistant superintendent, juvenile correctional institution; barracks clerk, cashier, cottage supervisor, state reformatory for women; junior account clerk, and junior clerk.

Sergeant freed in auto death of advertising man

Following a three-day trial, Sgt. Thomas L. Moore, 33, was acquitted Wednesday in the automobile death last February of a prominent advertising man and TV personality.

Struck by Sgt. Moore's car, the victim was Edgar Kassan, 31. He was killed outright, while his companion, Mrs. Allene Roos Lapedis, 25, suffered a broken leg and hip. Mrs. Lapedis appeared in court on crutches.

The fatal accident occurred on the rainy night of Feb. 21 on the Belair Rd. near Rayman Ave.

Seeking a manslaughter conviction, Edwin Gehring, assistant state's attorney argued that Sgt. Moore was driving "with a wanton disregard for human life — so fast that the only thing which compared to him was a rocket."

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THE SOLDIER, assigned to Aberdeen Proving Ground, however, maintained that he was traveling at about 20 miles per hour when the couple suddenly stepped in front of his car from between parked cars.

He said that the accident made him ill and he continued driving a short distance until he found a place to park.

In acquitting Sgt. Moore, Judge Michael L. Manley said that the soldier's story of the accident seemed consistent with the physical facts; that he was not speeding excessively and that he had no time to stop the car before striking the victims.

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THE JUDGE pointed out that Belair Rd. is a boulevard; that on a boulevard a driver is not required to slow down at each intersection; that he has the right of way if he is traveling within a lawful rate of speed.

However, he emphasized that Sgt. Moore's acquittal of a criminal charge does not mean that he can not be held liable for damages in a civil case.

Benjamin Wolfson was defense attorney.

Boy hit by car in 'fair' condition

A 9-year-old boy, Alfred L. Mills,, of the 600 block Walamount Ct., was in "fair" condition at Provident Hospital Friday morning after suffering injuries when hit by a car Thursday night.

The child received a head injury, multiple abraisions of the head and body and a badly cut mouth when hit on Fremont Ave. near Laurens St.

Police charged Rufus Smith, 50, driver of the car which struck the child, with reckless driving.

Women's GOP Club discusses politics

The Theodore R. McKeldin Republican Women's Club met at the home of Mrs. Bernice Wynn.

Dr. Robert Gill, the guest speaker gave a short spech on the "Education of the Negro in Politics."

"So true, it is," he said, "had the voters been alert and up with the trend of politics, there would have been no question as to Harry Cole being elected to the state Senate."

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AN EXECUTIVE meeting of the club will be held at the home of Mrs. Madie Mitchell, 2210 Druid Hill Ave. on Dec. 4, at 2 p.m.

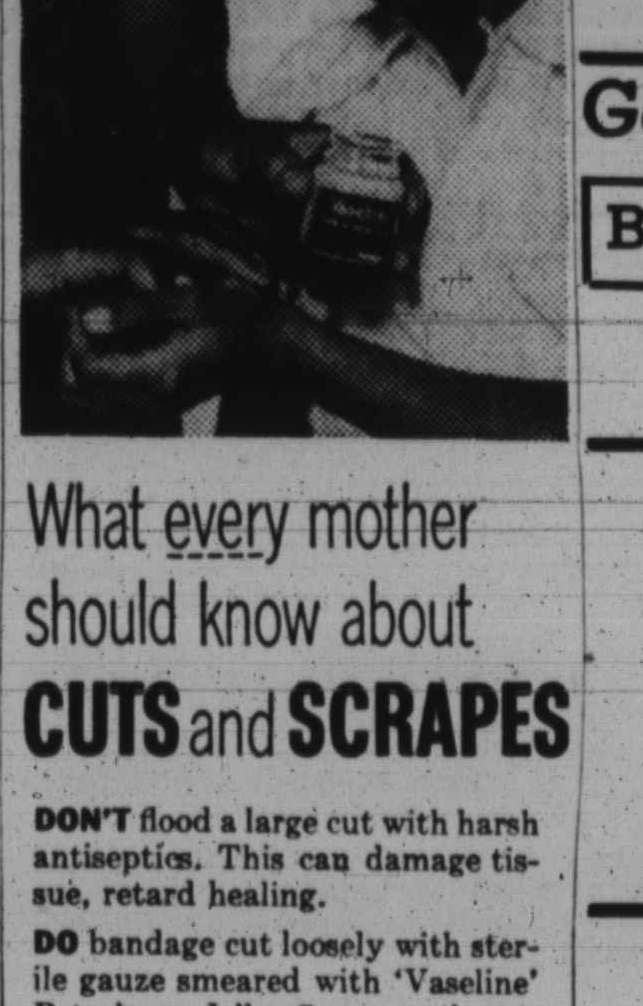
The officers of the club are: president; Vernice Wynn, vice president; Rosa C. James, secretary; Blanche McRae, chaplain; Virgie Waters, parlimentarian; Ruby Gill, treasurer;

Mesdames Ruth Macer, sergeant-at-arms; Margaret Peay, director of workers; Emily Jenkins, chairman of program committee; Blanche Hughes, chairman of registration; Doris Watkins, co-chairman.

State police exams

According to the Department of State Police applications for jobs as state policemen will be accepted at a date to be announced around the first of the year.

To be eligile for appointment, an applicant must be between 21 and 31-years-of age, 5 feet 10 inches tall, physically fit, and a resident of Maryland.



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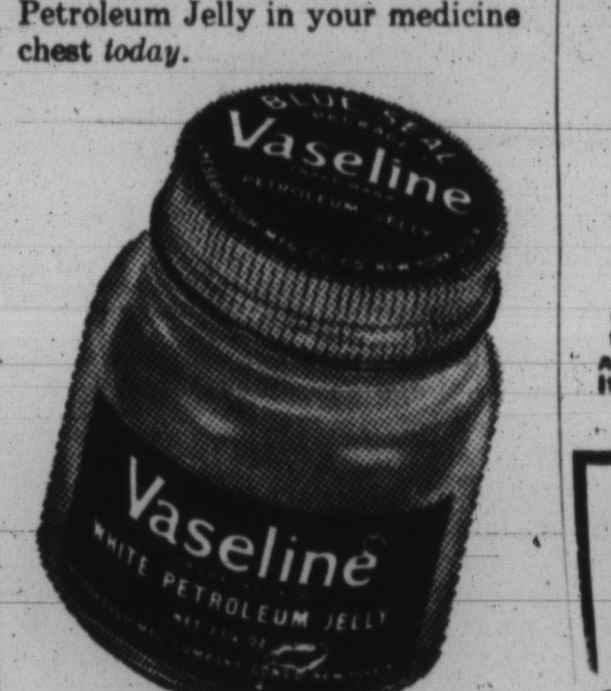

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New attorney takes oath before judges

Jay G. McRae Jr., 1126 Druid Hill Ave., attorney, who was recently admitted to the Maryland Bar, will be sworn in before the Baltimore Supreme Bench, today, (Friday) at 1:30 p.m.

This formal procedure will permit him to practice law in the city. He was graduated from the University of Maryland Law School last June and took the bar exams in July.

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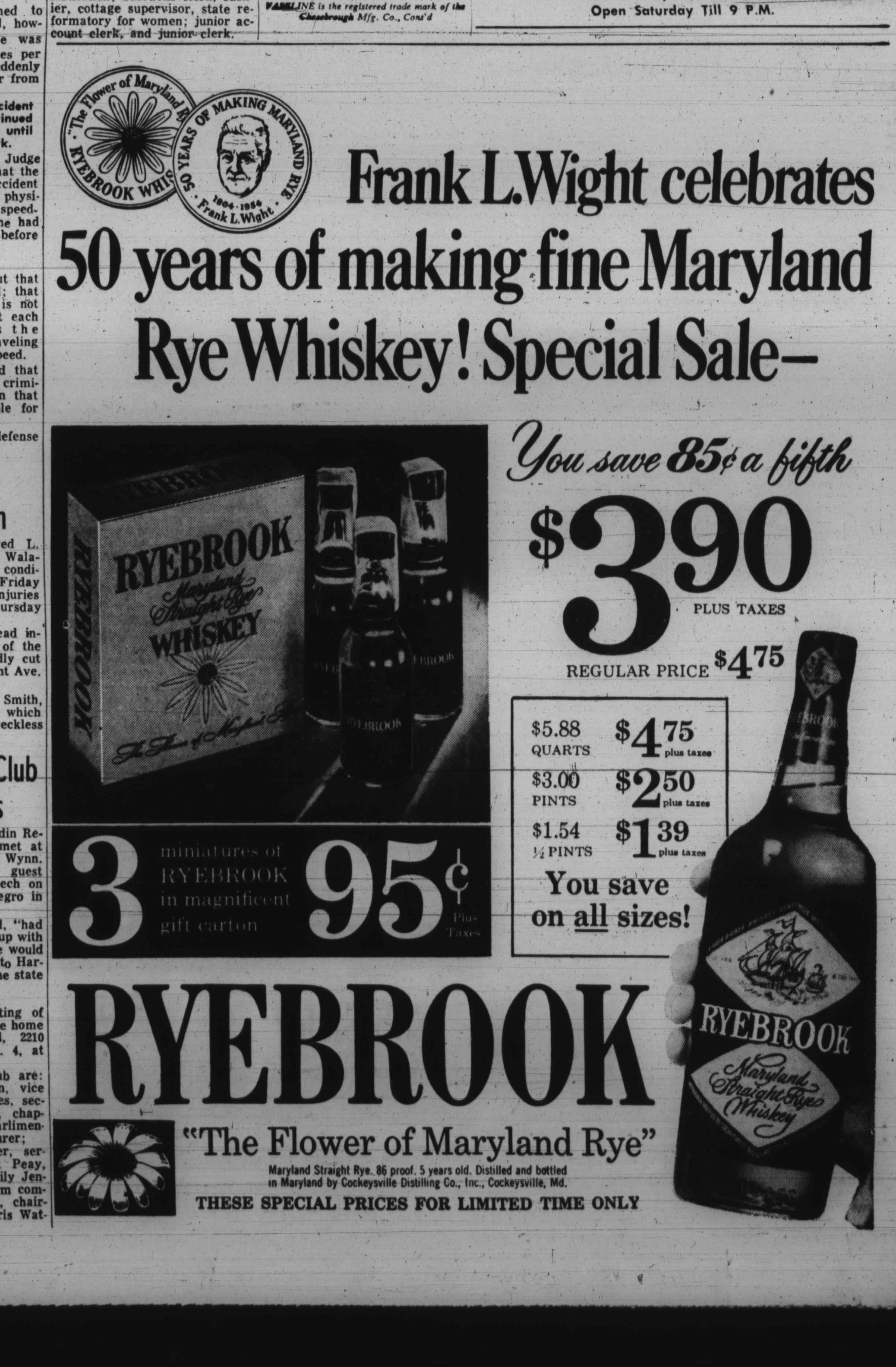

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