WEATHER
A 2-C weekend: cloudy and cool Friday; sunny, moderately cold Saturday rather cold, a little warmer And Sunday partly cloudy no change indicated

Baltimore Afro-American

Legislators
Maryland's first tan solons on first visit to capital. Turn to Page 15.

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Hospital Cashiers Plead Guilty; Face 15 Years

Pastor's Wife Slain

BATHROOM Slayer and teacher a quiet couple

- Witness tells of couple's quiet romance
- Tyson dozed, watched TV; Millie worked

"They acted like an old married couple," were the words used by a witness this week in describing the romantic relationship that existed between Mrs. Mildred G. Nicholson and her suitor, Lucien M. (Lou) Tyson, who has been charged with her death in what has come to be known as "The Bathroom Murder Case."

The description was provided by a man who rented a room in the home of Mrs. Nicholson at 1912 Ruxton Ave., and lived there for a month before her death. As a tenant in the home he had a first hand opportunity to observe the couple and their actions toward each other.

The pretty 43-year-old kindergarten teacher was beaten to death on November 7 in the bathroom of her home. When police forced the bathroom door they found Tyson standing near the teacher's body, bleeding from a cut over his eye.

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TYSON, 37, WHO will face a hearing in Central Police Court on Dec. 10, is quoted as saying that he is unable to remember any details about the slaying.

For four years prior to her death, the teacher told him, she and Tyson had been close friends. In an exclusive interview given the AFRO this week, the dead woman's former roomer told how the couple had apparently been happy together.

He said Tyson visited the house almost daily and was always a welcome visitor. He added that Tyson was the only man he saw call on the etacsr dcandbdehreei call on the teacher and described how they spent their time together.

Below is reprinted a part of the interview.

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Reporter: Tell me this, when did you first meet him (Tyson)?

Roomer: I met him that next Wednesday or Thursday, after moving into the house. I don't know the exact date, but I know it was the following week.

Q. — What were the circumstances of that meeting?

A—The circumstances of that meeting was he came in and I was sitting down in the kitchen. I had just come in from work.

Q—About what time was that?

A — Offhand, I would say around 7 or 8 o'clock or something of that sort. I don't know the exact time. After that she

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WILLIE McCRAY, JR.
Healthy Baby Winner

CONTEST

- $300 first prize goes to McCray

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Results of Carnation's First Annual Hometown "Healthy Baby Contest," co-sponsored by the Baltimore AFRO - AMERICAN, were announced Tuesday evening at a special gathering held in the Madison Ave. YWCA auditorium.

The first prize of $300 for being the healthiest baby in the Baltimore area was awarded to Willie McCray Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie McCray Sr., of 2718 W. Fairmount Ave.

The winner is 1 year old and weighs 22 pounds, six ounces and is 28 inches tall. His mother, Mrs. Helen McCray, revealed their healthy tot was their first child in 10 years of marriage.

The McCrays are natives of Baltimore and members of Gillis Memorial Church. Mr. McCray is employed as a spreader at the Comfy Manufacturing Co.

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OVER 400 entries were received in this contest which closed on Wednesday, Nov. 17. The five other winners who

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Josiah Henry files for council

Josiah F. Henry Jr., attorney, announced late Wednesday that he will run for City Council in the primary election, March 1.

The first colored person to file his candidacy, Mr. Henry will run on the Decmoratic ticket in the fourth District, the same area which elected Maryland's first three colored reprsentatives to the general Assembly, Nov. 2.

The attorney, who has 26 years of law practice behind him, said "So many people have been after me to file, I decided to do it." He filed Wednesday aft-

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NAACP meeting

PHILADELPHIA

Delegates from five eastern and border states who attended the week end emergency conference of the NAACP here voiced strong disapproval of gradualism in public school desegregation.

The keynote of the two-day conference, held at the Fellowship Commission building, was expressed in a speech by Roy Wilkins, national administrator.

"We do not believe," he told the 130 delegates, "that our children who have so long been deprived of their opportunities should now have to depend on the whims of thousands of loca-

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FLASH

Life sentence

Seventeen-year-old Melvin L. Davis received a life sentence in Criminal Court from Judge S. Raalph Warnken Friday morning for assaulting a 9-year-old girl last month.

The youth, who lives in the 100 bolck S. Bond St., also received an additional 10 years for assault on a 10-year-old boy.

Both the boy and the girl told police young Davis assaulted th police young Davis assaulted them at the point of a knife, the girl in an apartment and the boy in an alley.

2 cashiers face 15-yr. jail terms

- Plead guilty in hospital funds theft
- Young women involved in $7,000 deficit
- One weeps; sentence seen within 10 days

In a surprise move during the second day of Criminal Court trial, two former Provident Hospital business office clerks pleaded guilty to embezzlement of nearly $7,000 in hospital funds.

Some $4,186.50 was charged against Mrs. Mildred Waters, 29, of the 2300 Rosedale St., while $2,748.50 was charged against Mrs. Emogene Williams, 26, of the 1600 block Bruce Ct.

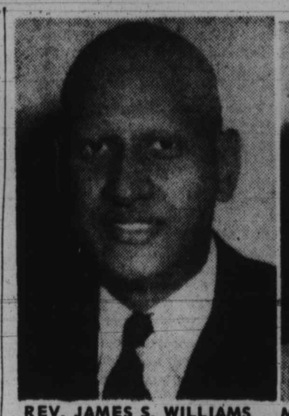
They face a maximum penalty of 15 years imprisonment.

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HAVING SAT through the strain of a two-day jury trial, Mrs. Waters wept quietly Wednesday afternoon as Chief Judge Emory Niles explained to the jury that since she had changed her plea to guilty, their services were no longer required.

Mrs. Williams, an attractive redhead, had sat through the trial until then as a spectator. With her original plea of not guilty, she had elected a sepa-

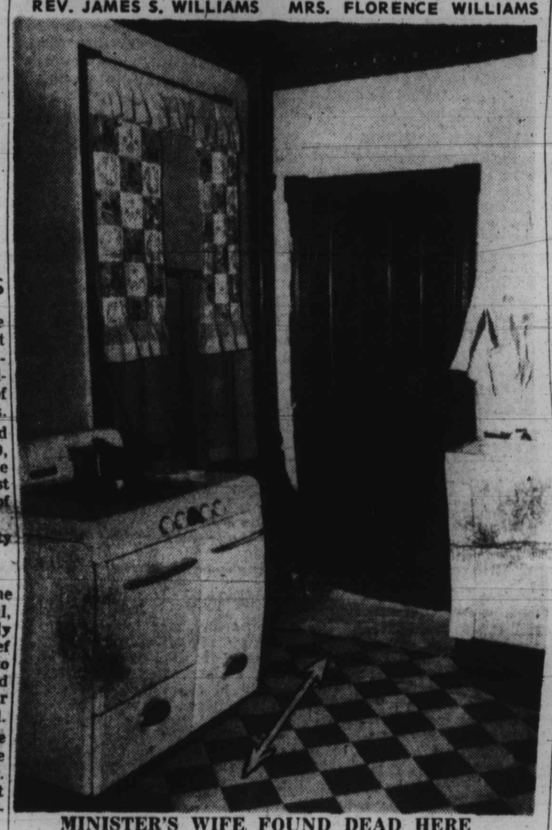
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REV. JAMES S. WILLIAMS



MRS. FLORENCE WILLIAMS



MINISTER'S WIFE FOUND DEAD HERE
Arrow indicates where minister's wife, Mrs. Florence Williams, was found murdered in kitchen of her Eden St. home with stab wounds of back and chest.—(AFRO staff photo by Sylvester Finney).

Robbery seen as possible motive in fatal attack

Minister was in Virginia when killer entered home and escaped with $310

Police believe that robbery was the motive in the fatal knifing of Mrs. Florence Williams, 36, in the kitchen of her home at 1440 N. Eden St., sometime late Wednesday morning or early that afternoon.

The killer escaped from the house without being seen by neighbors police reported, but they indicated that they have several leads as to his identity and believe that the murderer was a person known to Mrs. Williams.

The body of Mrs. Williams, the attractive wife of the Rev. James S. Williams, assistant pastor at the Fountain Baptist Church, was found by an eight-year-old girl, who lives in the second floor apartment of the house.

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THE ABSENCE OF any signs of struggle in the house was interpreted by police as indicating that the killer was probably known to Mrs. Williams and that she admitted him to the house.

As the body was found in the kitchen which is located at the rear of the first floor, it is believed that Mrs. Williams and the killer walked through the hallway and dining room to the kitchen, where he struck her suddenly with a sharp instrument.

Mrs. Williams was stabbed twice in the back and once in the chest and fell near the kitchen stove.

After stabbing Mrs. Williams, police believe the killer went to the third floor, which was also occupied by the Williamses, where he entered the bedroom and took $250 from a manila envelope and $60 from a small box.

Both containers had been hidden in a bureau drawer, the Rev. Mr. Williams said, and as the room was undisturbed, it appeared that the killer knew exactly where to look.

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AT THE TIME of the slaying, Mrs. Williams was alone in the house. Her husband had left their home at 4 a.m. for a trip to Lynchburg, Va. The tenant who occupies the second floor was at work, and her daughter, who was to eventually find the body, was in school.

The exact time of death has not been officially set, but it is known that the murder had to take place sometime between

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McKeldin

- To integrate state mental hospitals
- Crownsville conditions aid decision

Integration in Maryland mental institutions will begin the first part of the year, Governor McKeldin announced Thursday following a closed door meeting at Crownsville State Hospital on grand jury charges levelled against the institution.

The chief executive told reporters following the hour and 20 minute meeting that mentally deficient children in the Winterode Building at Crownsville would be transferred to the Rosewood Training School for Children, Owensville, Md., in a matter of weeks.

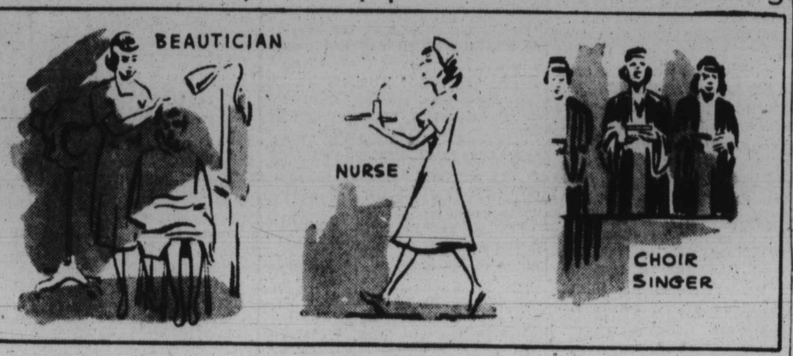
They would be moved, the governor said, as soon as a survey, to determine how many children can be accomodated at Rosewood, is completed.

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3 HELENS IN HIS LIFE

Suspect in hotel slaying arrested; two 'wives' tell of his looks, charm; pastor describes wedding



By MARY STRAFORD

WASHINGTON

The lips of three women—all named Helen—were sealed, this week, in the case of Lester Seegers, 45, sought by police in the hammer-slaying at the Whitelaw Hotel last Saturday.

Seegers was arrested at the home of relatives by police in Monroe, N.C., Tuesday, and waived extradition. He was returned to the District late Thursday.

One of the three women, heartbrokenly, refused to talk. She had mistakenly believed herself Seeger's legal wife, after a marriage ceremony performed in her home by a local pastor only three weeks ago.

The second woman declined to comment through fear of her life. She has been legally married to the modern-day Casanova for three years.

The third woman cannot talk. Her lips are sealed by death.

Seeger's strange love for three Helens was uncovered after police found the bludgeoned body of Miss Helen Smith, 33, in the bedroom of an apartment, Sunday at the Whitelaw Hotel.

Miss Smith, who was described by police as a "girlfriend" of Seeger's, had been

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COLE

- Melnicove set back in recheck

Bernard Melnicove received a set back Wednesday afternoon in his attempt to speed up his rechecking operations in the Fourth District.

The former Democratic state senator who lost the Fourth District seat by only 37 votes to Republican Harry A. Cole, was refused permission by the Board of Supervisors of Elections to have photographs made of at least 10 voters cards in the 23rd precinct, 15th Ward.

Contending that signatures on these cards seemed identical, Mr. Melnicove hired a handwriting expert, who, according to the former senator, wanted photographs of the names so that he could examine them more

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Bishop Hemingway rites Monday noon

AME prelate's funeral at Metropolitan AME Church

WASHINGTON

The full corps of bishops of the African Methodist Episcopal Church will take part Monday in the funeral rites for Bishop Lawrence H. Hemingway, 1620 15th St., NW, presiding bishop of the Second Episcopal District since 1948.

Bishop Hemingway died Tuesday at Freedmen's Hospital after an illness of undisclosed nature had kept him hospitalized since Nov. 3.

Funeral services will be held at noon Monday at Metropolitan AME Church, 1518 M St., NW, the Rev. George D. Robinson, pastor.

Bishop D. Ward Nichols of New York City, presiding bishop of the First Episcopal District, will deliver the eulogy.

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BISHOP NICHOLS was among the first of the AME ranking leaders to reach the home of Bishop Hemingway after his death became known.

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Physician held

WASHINGTON

Like "Banquo's ghost," an old illegal operation charge popped up this week to haunt Dr. Henry M. Ladrey, 51, Alexandria, Va., physician charged in the death of Miss Helen L. Leftwich, a Navy Department clerk.

Miss Leftwich's body was sent Saturday to her home in Washington, Pa., near Pittsburgh, where her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Leftwich reside.

She was a clerk in the Bureau of Navy Personnel and lived alone in the Rhode Island Plaza.

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SIGNED TO MET

NEW YORK — The Metropolitan Opera added a second colored singer to its company this week when it engaged Robert Mc Ferrin, 32-year-old baritone from Marianna, Ark.

Happy ending for man who met his past

Freedom in sight for prisoner who escaped 17 years ago

By SHIRLEY KYLE

All's well that ends well, so Shakespeare says.

And that's the way it is going to be with Ulysses Leak and his wonderful, understanding wife and five children.

Mr. Leak is the 43-year-old laborer who escaped from the State Reformatory for Males 17 years ago and lived a normal happy life free of trouble until police accidently caught up with him last month.

He had been sentenced to 15 months in the institution for assault and had served only two months when he escaped from a prison quarry detail.

LAST MONTH, when he was alighting from a cab at Druid Hill and Biddle St., he was picked up in a routine search for persons carrying guns.

Police found a gun on him and held him for investigation upon checking his fingerprints, they discovered he was the 1937 escapee and he was returned to prison.

Wednesday, he outlined his years of freedom to the Depr tion. And James M. Hepbr chairman, announced that "i mediate parole" will be grani if his story checks out after a investigation.

AT PRESENT, a slight confusion reigns at the Leak home, which is located in a second r apartment in the 500 block St. Mary St.

For the past 17 years, Mrs eak and the children, rangin age from 10 to 16 years ol knew him as "William Johnson and had assumed that name.

I had no idea he had be

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