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—Bad news from Santa

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to W. M. Finney, an eight-year employee, is acceptable to the workers because "Any chance of getting a little of our money back is better than no chance at all.

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EXPRESSING regret at the situation, Mortimer Myers, secretary of Gosmans Company said: "We took over management only five months ago and inherited the employees, including the bookkeeper and this unfortunate situation.

"Had we known what was happening, we certainly would have prevented it. We are as upset as are our employees. And we think that this is the best way to handle the situation to the best interests of all concerned."

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Mrs. Moss waits

WASHINGTON

Mrs. Annie Lee Moss is waiting while an Army Review Board considers the recommendations of an Army Security Board in connection with security risk charges.

—Recalls 1948 case

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er, was separated from his wife. His pastor called him a "good man" and his friends spoke of him as a "fine person." By his own testimony Holt had been friendly with Mrs. Clarke for 18 months and said he frequently spent week-ends at her home in Catonsville, where he kept several items of clothing.

On the day of the slaying Holt had gone to the Catonsville home where he met Mrs. Clarke who reportedly asked him to return later in the evening.

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HOLT SAID he spent the rest of the day drinking and when he returned to see Mrs. Clarke this is what took place:

"When the door opened she slapped my eyeglasses off and struck me several times. Because she acted so wild, I half hit her and half shoved her.

"When she tried to shove me out of the house I shoved her down on a setee and began looking for my glasses, as I can't see a thing without them. Someone rang the doorbell and a man broke in the door."

(Testimony at Holt's hearing in Towson disclosed that this person was a man who had taken Mrs. Clarke to the Laurel race track that day, and was returning to the house after doing an errand.)

"I thought he was someone breaking in the house," Holt continued, "so I seized the knife (a war souvenier he had given Mrs. Clarke for her protection) which was on a small table to protect her. As I did she ran in the way and was struck."

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WHEN POLICE arrived at the house they found Mrs. Clarke bleeding from four chest wounds and unable to talk. She died later. The man who was with Mrs. Clarke at the race track was quoted as telling police that when he entered the house, Holt rushed by him saying:

"I'll cut you too."

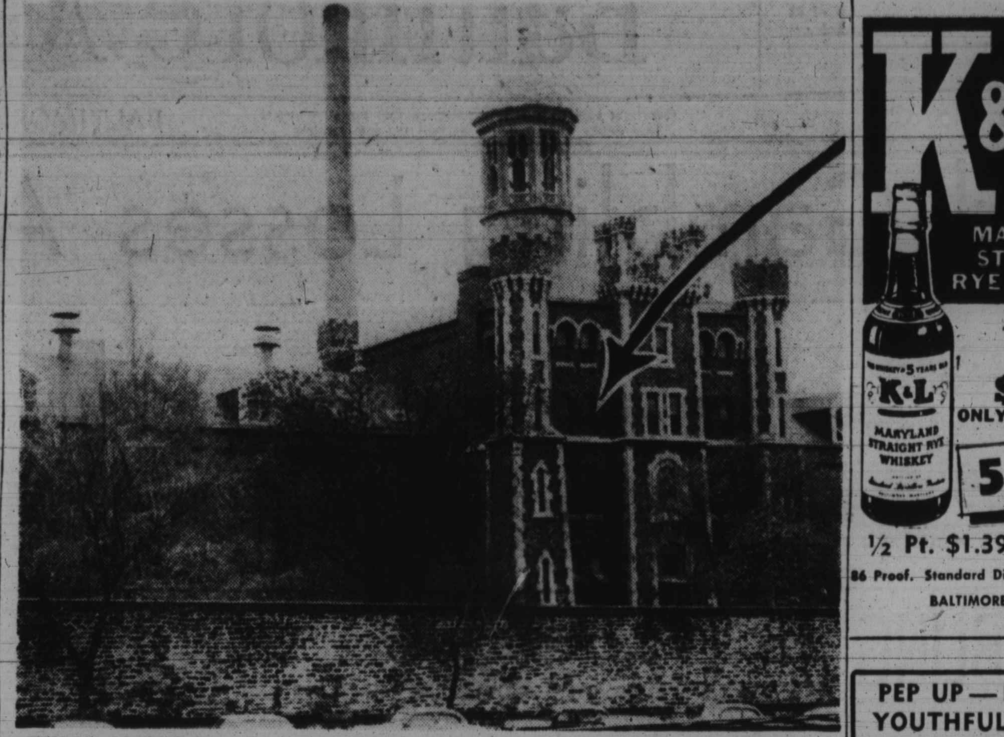
Four hours after the slaying, police arrested Holt and charged him with the teacher's death.

When Holt was brought to trial he pleaded guilty to manslaughter. He told his story and other witnesses told of his close relationship with the dead woman.

After hearing the testimony, Judge John B. Gontrum sentenced Holt to ten years in prison and noted:

"An unfortunate tragic case involving decent people and fine families."

Holt is free now, and as time passes the memory of Mrs. Clarke grows dimmer. And yet is seems fresh now as the inevitable comparison is made between the deaths of the two teachers, and the arrest of their suitors.



TYSON JAILED HERE — View of the Buren St. side of the Baltimore City Jail where Lucien (Lou) Tyson is being held awaiting preliminary hearing Nov. 26 on charges he caused death of Mrs. Mildred G. Nicholson, pretty kindergarten teacher, who was found beaten to death in the bathroom of her Ruxton Ave. home on Sunday morning, Nov. 7. Arrow points to window from which prisoners like Tyson, awaiting court trial, may see outside world.

FLASH
Photo of Niles induction banned

An AFRO photographer who took a picture of the swearing-in ceremony of Chief Judge Emory H. Niles, Friday noon, was severely chastised by Judge John J. Tucker, speaking for the Supreme Bench.

He said that because the picture was taken without special permission, it was in violation of the Supreme Bench rule against photographs in the Court House.

N.Y. Birdland sues D.C. 'Birdland'

Operators of New York City's famous Birdland Restaurant, 1678 Broadway, Tuesday sued Washington's Birdland Restaurant operators in U.S. District Court and asked the court to halt the local cafe from usnig the name.

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—Tyson

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legedly struck him inflicting the cut.

The reported blank in Tyson's mind plus the brutal manner in which the teacher was beaten, has given rise to speculation over what actually took place at the last meeting of Mrs. Nicholson and Tyson.

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THERE HAVE been reports circulated that prior to the slaying, Tyson had taken part in a card game and had become involved in a bitter argument with another player that resulted in his (Tyson's) becoming extremely angry.

One of Tyson's closest friends admitted this week that the man had been involved in a gambling game on Saturday night and had shown up at his (the friend's) home at approximately 9 p.m., where he remained until 11:15 p.m.

The friend said he and Tyson had become involved in a heated argument over a trivial matter, and that by the time Tyson left, he had apparently lost his temper and appeared normal.

"But perhaps he was angrier than I thought," the friend said.

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THE NEXT known person to see Tyson was a barmaid in a club in the 2100 block W. North Ave. She said that Tyson came into the club shortly before midnight and ordered his usual drink, a bottle of beer.

She said Tyson visited the club quite frequently, usually alone, but sometimes with a male friend. She said he usually drank "two or three bottles of beer" and never appeared to have "more than he could carry."

In describing Tyson, she used such terms as "nice," "a perfect gentleman," "always well behaved." She said he was well known in the neighborhood and had a wide circle of friends.

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AS TYSON was finishing his beer on his last visit, the barmaid said he remarked that he had been in "game," though he did not say what type of game he had played, or whether he had won or lost.

As far as can be determined, Tyson left the bar and walked west on North Ave., passing the barbershop of Stanley Stevenson, in the same block as the club. Both Tyson and Mrs. Nicholson had been customers in the shop, and on the previous Saturday, Mr. Stevenson had given Tyson a haircut.

"They were both customers and in fact Mrs. Nicholson wouldn't let anyone cut her hair but me. They were both fine and wonderful people and I can't understand how it all happened," the barber said.

On this Saturday night, Tyson stopped for a moment at the shop and talked to Mr. Stevenson in the usual light conversation found in the male atmosphere of a barber shop. "Lou used to come in all the time, not just for a haircut, but to visit. I had known him for almost 20 years, and before I moved, he used to visit my old barbershop in Pennsylvania Ave," the barber said.

"We used to talk about a number of things and he was always pleasant—the last person in the world to be involved in something like this."

During the conversation, there was no mention of a gambling game and Tyson left the barber shop, apparently in his usual disposition.

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FROM THE TIME Tyson left the barber shop until he was discovered with the body of Mrs. Nicholson, his actions are as yet unknown. There is a space of four hours to be accounted for.

The teacher's body was found approximately 4:30 a.m. She was dressed in a night gown and a dressing robe, and according to police, her clothes had been torn as if she had been involved in a struggle.

Police said they also found additional signs of a struggle in Mrs. Nicholson's bedroom as well as several buttons ripped from Tyson's vest. The body of Mrs. Nicholson bore the marks of a savage beating and under her body was found a length of iron pipe used as a stopper.

Police had been summoned to the home by James Wilson, 36, a roomer at the Ruxton Ave. home, who ran to the 2100 block W. North Ave., after he said he heard a thump and Mrs. Nicholson called for help.

Mrs. Nicholson, 43, and Tyson, 37, had been on friendly terms for almost four years. Both the news of her death and his arrest came as a shock to their friends who said the couple gave every evidence of being "in love," and they were unable to to offer any motive for the slaying.

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MRS. NICHOLSON was a member of the well known Grinage family and a popular figure in school and social circles. Tyson is a native of North Carolina, who had lived in Baltimore for 20 years, was a porter for the telephone company and the Gardens Blueprint Co,. and was regarded as a "hard worker."

A personnel official at the blueprint company had this to say of Tyson: "He was very quiet, refined and polite. He was a very good employee and it came as a real shock to find that he was involved in something of this nature. He worked here from 5:30 until 8 p.m. at night, after he finished his full time job at the telephone company. He had been in our employment for a year and, in that time, he never gave us any trouble at all."

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TYSON HAD been employed at the telephone company for approximately four years, and before that, had worked for a local copper and brass company.

One of the men who worked with Tyson at the copper firm, Emmanuel McCray of the 1600 block Bentalou St., remembers him like this:

"I met him in 1946 or 48. He was coming from the telephone office on Division St., and my brother introduced us. I knew him well. We used to see each other frequently, as friends will, and last Christmas he was at my home, and on New Year's eve we went out together.

"I know that he is a fine fellow and I have never seen him angry or be anything but a gentleman. I still can't believe that he could be mixed up in something like this."

From Henry Plummer, operator of the Rose Cleaners in the 1900 block Smallwood St., came this apprasial of Tyson:

"It was three or four days before the tragedy when I last saw him. He came in to talk to a friend. I have never seen the man when he didn't act like gentleman. On some occasions both of them (Tyson and Mrs. Nicholson) would come in and give me work.

"He was a nice fellow and she was a nice woman."

These evaluations of Tyson were echoed by other persons who knew him. They said that Tyson was a "hard worker" and that on the weekends he was not averse to "taking a drink and playing a few cards" but that he always appeared to be pleasant and an average guy.

His niece, Mrs. Faulkner, said that he had been separated from his wife for ten years and that she is confined to a hospital in New York. He has two small children who are with his sister and his father in North Carolina.

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VAN LEAR REDMOND, nephew of the slain teacher, however, recalled that Tyson had threatened his aunt before. He remembered that she was at a dance her club, the Hob Nobbers, were giving at Biddle Hall during the summer.

After she had finished dancing with a cousin from Washington and returned to her table, Tyson became infuriated and used abusive language, he said.

"I remember that Mildred came and told me he was using foul language and threatening her and she asked me to go and talk with him and take him home.

"He went on outside and left the party. Sure, he was an all right guy when he wasn't drinking" Redmond added.

The peaceful records of Mrs. Nicholson, a teacher with a reputation for loving children and the writer of gentle poetry, and Tyson, a man who worked at two jobs and who was known as a "fine fellow," are scarcely in keeping with the violent way in which Mrs. Nicholson died.

And because of this, the question is being asked:

"What caused the slaying?"

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—Auto lovers

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been having a party, that there were beer bottles and cans in the car and the garage.

State Trooper J. W. Hardy, one of the first men on the scene, reported that the garage was filled with the deadly gas. He said apparently the couple had left the motor of the car idling to keep warm.

News of the accident spread like wild-fire through the small community.

Up until Friday afternoon, residents were not aware that the two had been keeping company, although two neighbors said they had good reason to be suspicious of the pair.

"Peggy (Mrs. Lee) was a nice girl, but the kind who liked to have a good time," they said. "Paul was known to be a lady's man."

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The lovers relationship was ever a shock to their respective spouses, Paul Lee and Mrs. Katherine Duckett. According to reports, the two-apparently ideal families, were good friends and both Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Duckett were often seen shopping in Frederick together.

On several ocasions, neighbors had seen the two families socializing, though Mrs. Duckett insiste to an AFRO reporter on Wednesday, that she knew the Lees only as neighbors.

Mrs. Ruth Frederick, 200 block Phoebas Lane, mother of Mrs. Lee, however, told the AFRO that her daughter and son-in-law were friendly with the Ducketts.

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THE LOVE affair is believed to have centered between Washington and the Himes' estate.

Mr. Duckett had worked as chauffeur and butler for the multi-millionaire for the past eight years. When Mr. Himes closed his 40-room mansion two years ago and moved to a $150,000 home in Washington, Mr. Duckett went with him.

Mrs. Lee worked as a seamstrees at a tailoring shop, here, but did her personal shopping in Washington.

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THE NIGHT of the accient, Mrs. Lee called her mother and told her she was going to Washington to buy some clothes. "She asked me what I wanted and I told her she could bring me some under slips," the grief stricken mother said.

"When I went to her house Friday a friend told me she had gone to Washington and hadn't returned yet."

In Washington, that same night Mr. Duckett had driven Mr. Himes to the National Airport in his Cadillac.

It is believe he drove this car back to the Washington mansion, picked up the Ford, met Mrs. Lee and drove back to the estate in Maryland.

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MR. DAVIS told the AFRO he first noticed the car in the garage at 7 a.m. Friday as he was going about his morning chores. "I figured Paul had driven it here picked up his own car and had gone home. He does that on his day off," the caretaker explained.

"I just walked by the garage, the door was closed and didn't pay any more attention to the car until I went into the garage at noon." he said.

Although Mrs. Duckett said that her husband worked in Washington, Monday through Friday and was home only on the week ends, Mr. Davis said he often saw the Ford in the garage during the week.

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HOW THE PAIR conducted their relationship two years before Mr. Himes moved to Washington will always remain a dark secret with the dead lovers.

Even the mysterious person who started the rumor that the love affair had been going on four years, has failed to come across with an explanation.

At any rate, the community, though upset over the nature of the accident, is making every effort to remember the pair as the civic minded, respectable persons they portrayed.

AS SEVERAL NEIGHBORS pointed out, "It was too bad it had to happen, but it's over now and that's that."

Mrs. Lee was treasurer of the Ushers Board at Asbury Methodist Church, participated in the Red Cross, American Legion and the Elks and was captain of her tailoring firm's basketball team.

She and Mr. Lee, an aircraft employee were married in 1951. They had no children. Mrs. Lee was fond of youngsters, and during the school term would devote a lot of time to helping out in the kindergarten classes.

She was a popular baby sitter in the neighborhood, and last summer, took up camp counseling at Echo Lake.

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EVERY CHILD in the Lincoln Apartments knew "Miss Peggy," one school boy said. "And we all loved her," he muttered turning his head to hide his tears.

Mrs. Frederick struggled to keep from crying as she sat in her tiny, well furnished home on Phoebus Lane, just across the street from the apartments.

"Peggy and Paul had planned to build a home here next month," the mother said, "They own a lot. Peggy was always a good one for saving money."

Looking back on her daughter's childhood, she recalled that Peggy was always the tomboy of the family of the three girls and two boys.

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"SHE WAS always popular, especially with the boys. It was nothing for her to be down on the sandlot playing ball with them or going with them to catch sankes.."

"An she was the type of girl who would do anything in the world for you. Although she believed in saving money, she never hesitated to lend some to those in need.

"I just can't believe she's dead," the mother said.

Mr. Lee is said to be desponded over his wife's death. He has been living with Mrs. Frederick since the accident.

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MR. DUCKETT was active at Quinn AME Church, a member of the Elks and a 32nd degree Mason.

An amateur photographer, he reportedly owns some expensive photographic equipment that has made several of his shutter-bug friends envious.

At the Ducketts' [illegible] ious apartment, Mrs. Duckett refused to discuss the deaths with the AFRO reporter.

The attractive auburn-haired wife said, "It's over, I don't want to talk about it."

"Paul was a fine man," Mr. Davis said. Mr. Himes liked him a lot because he could always depend on him."

Mr. Davis' son-in-law, Berton Hill, who worked for Mr. Himes 16 years until 1947, also spoke of Mr. Duckett as being, "a nice man."

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FUNERAL SERVICES for Mrs. Lee and Mr. Duckett were held Monday, at their respective churches.

The Rev. Edward McGowan, pastor, Asbury Church, assisted by the Rev. T. J. Houston, officiated at Mrs. Lee's funeral. Services for Mr. Duckett were held at Quinn AME Church, with the pastor, the Rev. J. A. Williamson, officiating, assisted by the Revs. Thomas J. Houston and John R. Leek.

Mr. Himes, his wife and daughter were among the many attendants at Mr. Duckett's funeral.

The caskets of the two victims were sealed at the church. A spokesman told the AFRO that the bodies were in "terrible condition" and could not be reviewed.

OPEN HOUSE FOR BLIND

WASHINGTON

Open House for the Washington Home for the Blind, Inc, was held from 4 to 8 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 21, in celebration of the institution's fourth anniversary.

Two escape as wall falls

Two men narrowly escaped injury on Wednesday afternoon when a one-story brick wall collasped at the rear of 1219 N Stricker St.

The men, who had been employed to install a new foundation for the house, were about to return to work after eating lunch when the wall suddenly colloused, showing bricks into the alley and basement where the men had been working.

The wall was part of a one-story structure attached to the rear of the three-story house and used as a kitchen. In installing the new foundation, the wall had been braced by four by fours to support the weight of the wall, while the old foundation was removed and replaced by a new one.

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THE MEN WHO were installing the wall are Rinrix Johnson, 30, of the 2000 block W. North Ave., and Larry Freeman, 38, of the same address. The men worked in the basement during the morning, left to go to lunch, and on their return found that the wall had fallen.

In the house at the time were the tenants Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson, who were in an upstairs bedroom. The Johnsons did not know the wall had fallen until they looked out of a window and saw that a crowd had collected.

They came downstairs where they discovered the wall had collapsed and left their kitchen exposed.

Dr. Payne cited

WASHINGTON

Dr. Howard Payne, professor of medicine at Howard University, was honored Wednesday at the Metropolitan Washington Tubeculosis Conference. He received a citation from the President's Committee on Employment of the Physically Handicapped in D.C. for his outstanding work in promoting equality of opportunity in employment among the physically handicapped.

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