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Dies after fall from tree limb

Was cutting tree felled in hurricane

Hurricane Hazel claimed another victim on Wednesday when a 41-year-old longshoreman was killed in a 15-foot fall from the limb of a tree that had been blown down in last week's storm.

Charles Johnson of the 2300 block W. North Ave., was taken to Provident Hospital where he was pronounced dead 15 minutes after his arrival there shortly after 10:30 a.m. Death was attributed to a fractured skull and a possible cerebral concussion.

The accident took place in the rear of the 2000 block of Brunt St., whre Mr. Johnson had gone with his brother, John Johnson of the 300 block N. Parrish St., and a friend, Edwood Owens of the 1000 block N. Parrish St., to cut up a tree that laid sprawled across the yards at 2021 2023 and 2025 Brunt St.

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MR. JOHNSON had climbed on the large tree, which had been uprooted by Hurricane Hazel, and was sawing a branch at the highest point, when, accordi to his brother:

"The tree suddenly moved and my brother was thrown to the ground. His head struck the pavement in the alley and there was blood when we picked him up and put him in the truck to go to Provident hospital.

Another witness to the accident was Mrs. Lucille White of 2025 Brunt St., who said:

"The man was on the tree sawing and all of a sudden it looked like the branch moved and he fell. I saw the men when they picked him up. The whole thing happened just about in my back yard."

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JOHN JOHNSON said that he, his brother and Mr. Owens had been employed to saw up the tree by Mrs. Charles Jairos of the 3200 block Woodbine Ave., the owner of the house at 2021 Brunt St., where the tree stood.

The brother said that while Mr. Johnson had been employed as a longshoreman for 15 years, he also did extra jobs for Mrs. Jairos who owns several properties.

Mr. Johnson is survived by his wife, Mrs. Celia Johnson; his mother, Mrs. Ida Johnson; five brothers, Thomas, Emanuel, John, Rudolph and Andrew; and four sisters, Mrs. Evelyn Jenkins, Mrs. Marie James, Mrs. Alberta Smith and Miss Irene Johnson.

Laborer charged in assault-robbery case

Charged with assaulting and robbing a construction worker of $19, Harry Tillery, 28, of the 1700 block E. Oliver St., was ordered held in bail of $2,000 Monday in Northeastern Police Court.

Tillery pleaded not guilty to charges that he robbed Roland Ballard of the 1300 block E. Madison St., Sunday. The accused man did not testify.

IN PITTSBURGH

The National Negro Opera Company presented Verdi's "Aida" in Pittsburgh last week.

The company, founded by Mrs. Mary Caldwell, featured Muriel Rah in the title role.

Napoleon Reed and Robert McFerrin were also featured in prominent roles.

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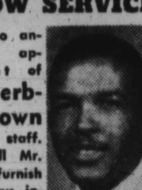

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Dr. George Murphy honored by YMCA

Son accepts citation as dad watches from balcony

Dr. George M. Muphy, ill since last July, could not receive his citation Friday night from the dais as the YMCA honored him for 63 years of Y work.

But he did make his first public appearance in over 12 months and watched from the balcony of the Calvert Ballroom at the Lord Baltimore Hotel as his son, James, accepted the citation.

Both Dr. Murphy and Oregon M. Dennis, the latter a YMCA member and worker for 73 years, received ovations from the 500 persons who attended the Baltimore YMCA's annual Founder's Day Dinner.

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SEATED ON the platform with her son was Mrs. Grace Murphy, the wife of the honoree. Another son, Howard, was seated in the audience.

The citations were presented by Seth W. Heartfield, president of the YMCA of Baltimore.

"Dr. George B. Murphy has covered a lot of ground in this community," said Mr. Heartfield as he outlined the former scool principal's work as a teacher, religious leader and civic worker.

Dr. Murphy sat listening in the balcony, accompanied by a nurse.

"Dr. George B. Murphy has made a unique and lasting contribution to the cultural life of Baltimore," Mr. Heartfield remarked.

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IN ACCEPTING the award for his father, James Murphy said "Pop has always talked about four things: Provident Hospital, the YMCA, the AFRO-AMERICAN and the Community Chest."

Mr. Dennis was lauded as a lawyer, Baptist lay leader, former assistant City Solicitor, State Game Warden and City Councilman.

In accepting his award he admonished his listeners to see to it that more youngsters joined the Y's program as a deterrent to juvenile delinquency.

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DR. MURPHY has been Branch Chairman of the Druid Hill Avenue Branch and is now an honorary member of the Board of Managers.

Mr. Dennis has been active in the Y's Religious Work Department and assisted in the Y's camp program when it was in its beginning stages.

Holgar J. Johnson, president of the Institute of Life Insurance, gave the principal address at the dinner.

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SPEAKING on the subject "Opportunities in a Changing America," he said the dominant position America holds in the world today was due to "the dynamic activities of the American people."

Mr. Johnson praised such organizations as the YMCA, stating that "America is honeycombed with such organizations dedicated to raising the moral and spiritual stamina of the people."

Because of such organizations and the people who man them, he said the prophets of doom "will continue to exist, but with difficulty."

Two branches, the Seamen's Branch and the Central Branch, received plaques for over-subscribing their goals in the Y's recent fall membership campaign.

The Turner Station Branch received an honorable mention for achieving 102.2 per cent of its goal.

NAACP to hear Milford cleric

Goal of local drive set at 10,000 members

The final report night for the current membership drive of the Baltimore NAACP will be held tonight (Friday) at 8 p.m. at the Sharp St. Memorial Methodist Church, Dolphin and Etting Sts.

Principal speaker will be the Rev. Randolph Fisher, president of the Milford, Del., branch of the NAACP-the town that has been the scene of recent disturbances over school integration.

The goal of the drive has been set at 10,000 members and NAACP officials have predicted that the goal will be reached with the help of interest stirred up by the Supreme Court decision to outlaw segregation in the public schools.

The drive will extend until January to reach the goal.

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ANOTHER MEETING will be held on Sunday at the Shiloh Baptist Church, Fremont and Lanvale St., with the Rev. Smallwood Williams, pastor of the Bible Way Church of God in Washington, D.C., as the speaker.

The pastor, one of the most outstanding and forceful in the Washington area, will be accompanied by his choir. The meeting will begin at 8 p.m.

Last Sunday at a meeting in the Sharp St. Church, a near capacity audience heard George E. C. Hayes, Washington attorney, declare:

"The NAACP has its next big fight on hand-that of desegregation in public housing.

Mr. Hayes, who was one of the lawyers who pleaded the school cases before the Supreme Court, also said:

"We must educate our own people not to merely extend the pattern of ghetto living by bringing all their friends to live in a neighborhood with them but to rather move out to new sections, build their own homes, and do some 'hedge hopping' so that we will not segregate ourselves."

Mr. Hayes concluded that the days ahead are crucial ones and the responsibility for education and implementation of court decisions lies with the people. He urged city-wide support for the drive of the NAACP.

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LAST THURSDAY East Baltimore night was held at Memorial Baptist Church, Caroline and Preston Sts., the Rev. C. E. Brown is pastor. Guest speakers was O. S. Bond of New York City.

Others appearing on the program were the Rev. V. T. Williams, pastor of First Baptist Church, the Rev. H. O. Graham, Knox Presbyterian Church the Rev. C. E. Brown, pastor of Memorial Baptist and Mrs. Lillie M. Jackson, branch president.

The McCulloh Chorus provided the music. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Madeline Pullen of Carnation Milk Co.

A total of 107 memberships was reported at $213.50. Those reporting the highest numbers were: Mrs. Helen Thomas, West 17 at $34, first prize; Mrs. Amanda Finch, East 14 at $29.50 third prize; Mrs. Rebecca Brown, East 14 at $29.50, second prize; Willie Hubbard, East, 10 at $24.50 fourth prize.

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TOTAL memberships reported for the report night on Tuesday were 191 at $633.50. Those reporting highest numbers of members were J. Percy Bond, Morgan College, 49 at $301, Henry Gardner, Northwest, 31 at $66.50 Mrs. Florence Snowden, Northwest, 21 at $49.50; Miss Jacqueline Porter Northwest 11 at $22; and Mrs. Helen B. Thomas, West 10 at $20.

A resume of legal redress activities was given by Mrs. Juanita Jackson Mitchell. Campaign progress report by Mildred L. Bond, remarks by Bowen K. Jackson, executive secretary.

The Rev. John L. Tilley-New Metropolitan Baptist Church, gave the invocation and the Rev. John H. Peters of Centenniel Methodist Church gave the benediction. Special music was provided by the Baltimore Chorale under the direction of Gerald Burks Wilson.

Latest tabulation on contributions show the following:

The Legal Redress Fund, under the direction of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Watts, $759.75; the Maintenance Fund, Mrs. Augusta T. Chissell, $732.50; plate collection at meetings, $328.58; memberships, $4,584.50—giving a grand total of $7,058.82.

$150 fine in court

Clarence Isler, 1500 block Harlem Ave., property owner, was fined $150 in Criminal Court, this week, for failing to repair three of his houses.

Judge Ralph Warnken accused Mr. Isler of "using his money to buy property instead of putting it in condition." The houses are located in the 1700 block Chase St., 800 block Spring and 1200 block Edmondson.

4-YEAR TERM

Ellsworth Joynson, 700 block W. Franklin, was sentenced to 4-years in the penitentiary by Judge Niles of Criminal Court, for possessing narcotics Three others, Sam, Delores and Helen Johnson, who were arrested with him at the times of the raid, Sept. 10, were acquitted.

Pays $100 fine for hitting man

"Sure, I smacked him a couple of times."

That admission by James Jones, 47, of the 800 Block Park Ave., in Northwestern Police Court on Tuesday cost him a $100 fine as Magistrate E. Everett Lane found him guilty of assaulting Ben Greenberg, 55, of the 4100 block Fairview Ave.

Greenberg testified that Jones walked into his barber shop on Monday, pulled him out of a chair, and stuck him several times.

He said Jones was angry because he had been evicted from a garage, owned by Greenberg, for non-payment of rent. Jones used the garage as a carwashing establishment.

Jones, who sported a king-sized goatee, blamed the incident on Greenberg's refusal to pay him a $6 debt. Magistrate Lane sentenced Jones to six months in the House of Correction and suspended the sentence on payment of the fine.

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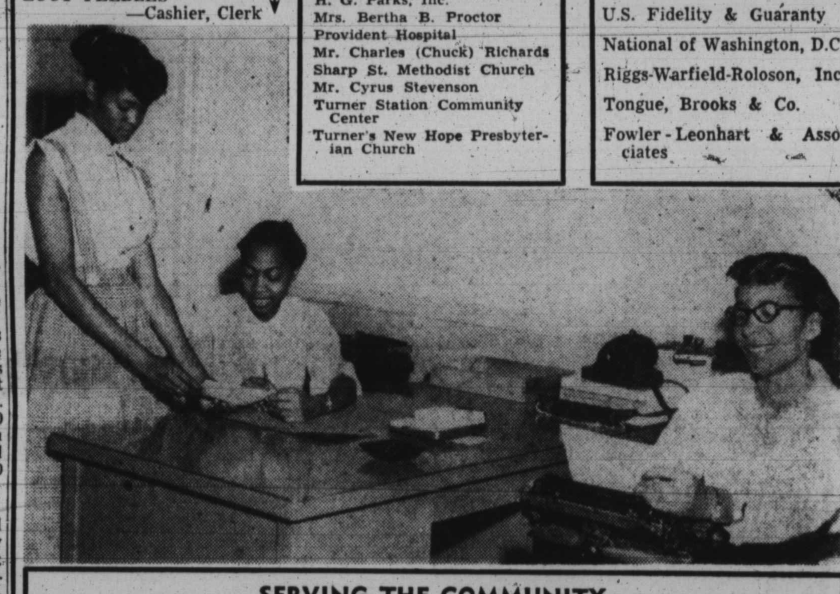

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Hurricane Hazel Hits Shore

RESIDENTS in hundreds of Caribbean and Atlantic communities from Haiti to Canada suffered death and destruction when Hurricane Hazel blew through at 115 miles an hour.

Unofficial toll of dead is 253 and property damage is said to run into billions. The photos on this page were made by AFRO Staff Photographer Otha Mackay, who journeyed to these Eastern Shore Maryland towns with Jesse Walker, AFRO assistant managing editor.

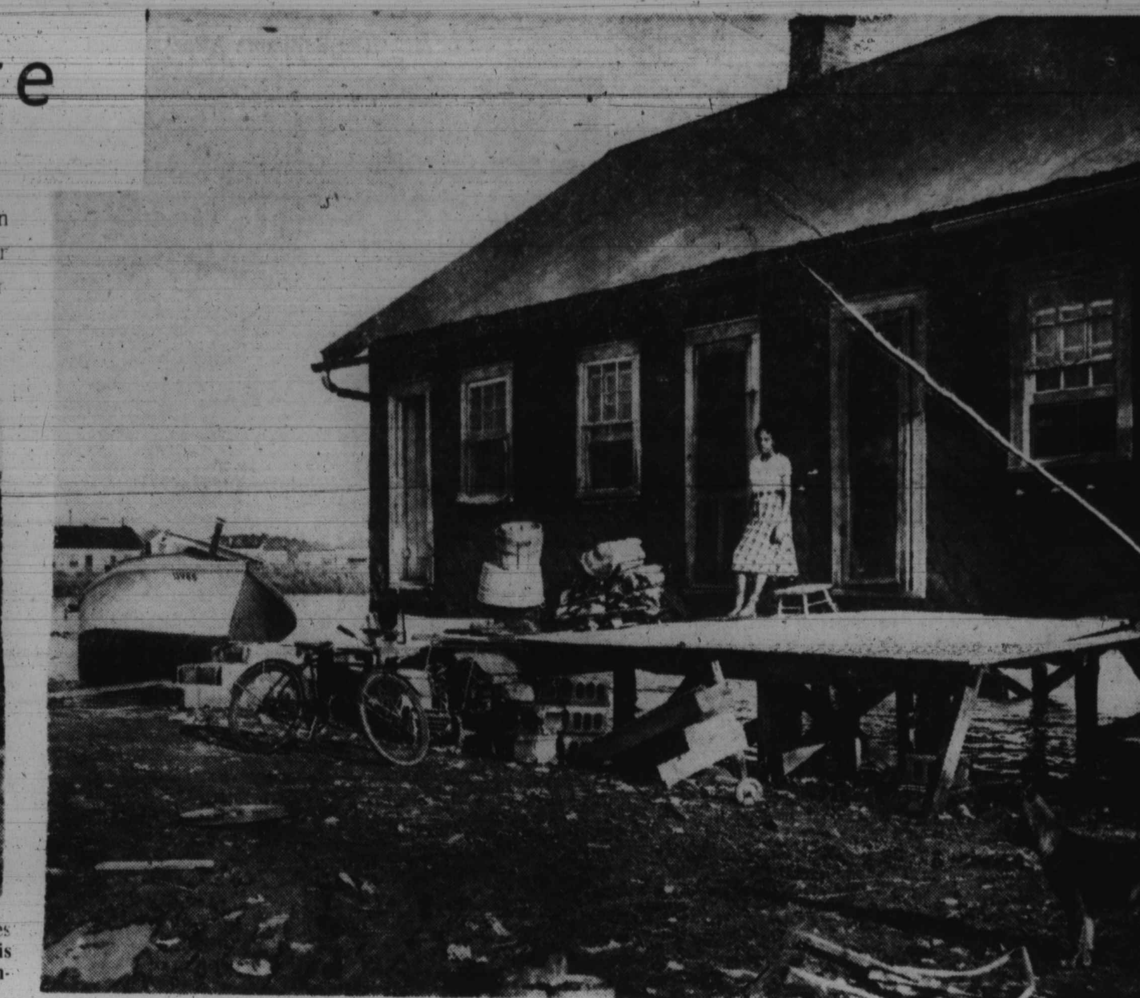
IN SALISBURY—Hazel blew down this portable classroom outside Salisbury, Md. Elementary School, destroying it completely. Building had not been in use this year, but was being used for storage. Note desks and chairs roof caved in on. Three of four portables on school grounds had just been sold Oct. 12. This was one building school authorities intended to maintain.

GONE ASTRAY—This shed, shown here blown into inlet of Chesapeake Bay in Crisfield, was one of many in Hurricane-whipped town which is still digging out from storm's fury. Numerous boats were blown inland from their moorings in town's area. This frame building was blown about 50 feet from its original site.

NOTHING LEFT—Kid in Crisfield, Md., looks at what was once home of Mr. and Mrs. Berl Sutton on Paper St. Hazel completely destroyed the 2-story house. Mr. and Mrs. Sutton had fled storm when house buckled and escaped injury. Town of Crisfield was one of hardest hit by hurricane. Most of its residents are employed in oyster plants or crab factories.

COMPLETE WRECK—This silo on farm of Maryland State College was completely wrecked by Hazel with damage estimated at $2,300. It had been used as a haymaker. Full damage to college was estimated at $6,000 by President J. T. Williams.

FLOCK DISAPPEARED—Some 150 prize layer hens were in this chicken coop on Salisbury High School's poultry farm when Hurricane Hazel hit with her fury. At storm's end, coop was demolished, chickens gone. Principal Charles Chipman valued damage at $2,500.



CRISFIELD SCENE—Sixteen-year-old Olethia Cole stands on her porch in Crisfield, Md. where Hurricane Hazel struck savagely. Her home is right at edge of Chesapeake Bay. Water washed away front steps and porch is in precarious position. Boat in background was blown up across street by strong winds during height of storm.

FOUR ALONE—These concrete blocks were all that remained standing when outhouses were along Paper Street in Crisfield, Md. Notice damaged buildings in rear, roofs blown off in some cases and large patches of missing shingles and windows. Sea food industry town was very hard hit.

PRICE LOWERED—Hurricane Hazel's fury blew this large tree right into house which is for sale, just across county line in Wicomico County on Maryland's Eastern Shore. That section of state was hardest hit by storm. Three counties have been declared disaster areas and are receiving emergency federal relief.

WRECKED STANDS on athletic field at Maryland State College attest to fury of Hazel as she ripped through Princess Anne, Md. Section shown here is atop press box as stands on east side of field buckled under strong winds. Repair work was begun last Tuesday at school which suffered $6,000 damage. Clock on field was also buckled under by storm.