'How I killed Helen'

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intimate) and when we got out of the back seat she asked me for my handkerchief . . . and we got back in the car.

"So I kissed and hugged her, still talking the little while we were sitting there."

He then described the shooting:

"Was it right on Jefferson St. where she was shot?" police asked.

"Yes, right on Jefferson St.," he replied. "Then I kept her in the trunk until the next evening. The next evening the boys were in the car and I told them I had something to do, I had to go home.

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"THEN I WAS trying to figure a way to get rid of her body. So I went home."

"Is this Wednesday?" he was asked.

"Yes, that's on Wednesday," Mr. Wilson said, "about in the evening when I went home. I don't know just what time it was, but before my wife came home. So then I went and got the clothes hangers . . . "

The suspect said he left home and went to a bar where he had a bottle of beer and a shot of whiskey. He said on a lot near the bar he found a cement block.

Police asked, "What time was that?"

"I don't know exactly what time it was but it was in the day time." Mr. Wilson answered. "I took that stone and put it in the car."

"Was it something like a cement block?" police inquired.

He replied, "Yes, something like a cement block."

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THE STORMY affair between Mr. Wilson and the dead girl began when he was introduced to her by a friend, the suspect revealed in the statement.

Members of the dead girl's family said she had rejected the suitor and was planning to marry another man at the time of her death.

Through his attorney, William Sinsky, Mr. Wilson entered a plea of not guilty when Chief Magistrate Meyer Cardin read the charge against him at the outset of the hearing. The defense is expected to be accidental shooting.

Miss Paulina Johnson, 1313 N. Broadway, sister of the dead girl, was the only other witness called by U. S. Harold Grady, deputy State's attorney, to testify at the preliminary hearing.

Miss Johnson testified that the deceased girl was very jealous of her sister, adding that "he always said threatening things to her."

The witness related that on the night Miss Johnson disappeared she went out on a date with another man. She said Mr. Wilson came by the house during her sister's absence and was told Helen was not there.

Miss Johnson stated that Mr. Wilson returned after her sister came home and the two of them left together.

The witness further said that a day after her sister disappeared Mr. Wilson came by the house to inquire about her. Miss Johnson related that the man was told that her sister was missing.

"He turned around to leave and I called him and said, 'Barcie, where is my sister?' " Miss Johnson related.

She said she became suspicious because when Mr. Wilson inquired about Helen "he was acting real nervous."

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AT ONE POINT during the cross examination of Lt. Elmer Mick, Mr. Sinsky asked, "Isn't this just an accidental death?"

The question was objected to strenuously by the deputy State's attorney and Magistrate Cardin upheld the objection.

Lt. Mick testified that Mr. Wilson gave police three different statements, two of which were signed by the defendant.

"The only thing the state has offered so far were the confessions," Mr. Sinsky said, in asking for a directed verdict of not guilty for his client.

Mr. Sinsky argued that the shooting was accidental. He agreed that his client's actions following the death were "foolish."

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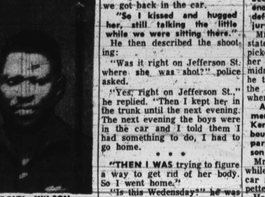
MR. GRADY pointed out that in his statements to officers Mr. Wilson maintained that the shooting was accidental. The deputy State's attorney added:

"However, he gives no explanation as to why he dis-



BARCIEL WILSON

His statement that he killed Helen read in court.

from the bridge to a tempestuous watery grave.

Mr. Wilson's rambling confession to police reveal for the first time many of the unanswered questions raised after Miss Johnson's body was discovered a week after she vanished.

Prior to Tuesday's hearing, police had made no mention of the fact that the girl's married ex-boyfriend drove around the city with the body stuffed in the trunk of his late model automobile.

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DESCRIBING THE events leading up to this, Mr. Wilson said in his statement:

"We were sitting and talking and by that time it had started to rain pretty hard. So, while it was raining pretty hard . . . we got in the back seat.

"On the back seat we (were played a game of jacks after making love to her."

In his ruling, Magistrate Cardin said, "The court finds that although death may have been caused by accidental means, there is enough evidence to hold the defendant for the grand jury."

Mr. Wilson related in his statement to police that he picked Miss Johnson up at her home sometime before midnight on May 22. He said he took the girl to a house in the 1900 block Kennedy Ave., where they were intimate.

According to the statement, the couple left the Kennedy Ave. address, bought some hamburgers and parked on the lot at Jefferson and Bond Sts.

Mr. Wilson maintained that while they were seated in the car it began to rain and they petted.

He stated that when he took the revolver from his glove compartment "she turned facing me."

At this point, he contends, Miss Johnson became panicky and grabbed the weapon with both hands.

"When the gun went off I didn't know whether she was dead or what happened," he said. "So I grabbed her and shook her and she didn't say anything. And I pushed her back over on the side and pulled her back up and she still didn't say anything."

Following the shooting, Mr. Wilson related, "I just don't know how long I was sitting there and thinking what to do."

He said he got out of the car, threw the revolver away and then put the body in the rear of the vehicle.

According to the statement, Mr. Wilson obtained several pieces of concrete and some clothes hangers in preparation for disposing of the body.

That evening he related, he drove to the Potomac River Bridge and threw the body over after putting the weights around it He said he first made sure no other vehicles were in sight.

When asked by police why Miss Johnson screamed when he displayed the revolver, Mr. Wilson said, "She usually gets excited when she gets afraid."

He related in the statement that he and his companion had been parceling at the time of the shooting.

One killed in brothers' gun battle

An escaped patient of the Crownsville mental institution was shot and killed Wednesday afternoon during a gun duel with his brother at Fairmount Heights.

Prince Georges County police reported Luke Hayes Jackson, 47, 1105 Addison Rd., was slain after he opened fire on his brother, John Henry Jackson, who suffered two gunshot wounds.

John Jackson was taken to the county hospital with a bullet wound in his left shoulder and a shattered right elbow. His condition is good.

Det. Sgt. Richard Pearson stated he was a block away from the incident, which occurred at Addison Rd. and Lee St.

He reported he heard a volley of pistol shots and ran to the scene with his partner, Det. John F. Wilding.

They disarmed John Jackson who was walking towards them. Two pocketfuls of bullets were found on the slain man, Sgt. Pearson reported.

Police aren't certain how many shots hit the victim, who died almost instantly. Both used, 38-caliber pistols, police reported.

Tenn. Bar approves bill to curb courts

NASHVILLE (ANP)— The Tennessee Bar Association has become the first group to endorse the Smith bill that would prohibit the Supreme Court from changing any decision which has been upheld for years or more, without the consent of Congress.

Unanimous support the measure, which would curb the power of the U.S. Supreme Court in decisions vitally affecting the states, was given at the first general assembly of its 75th convention.

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FIRE RECORD

SUNDAY

604 N. Carey St., 3-story brick dwelling owned by Eugene Abrams, occupied by Kittie Moore. Damage slight, cause, pot of food on gas stove unattended.

1106 E. North Ave., 3-story brick apartments owned by Roger Berry, occupied by Charles Tyson, damage, slight, cause unknown.

1136 E. North Ave., 3-story brick dwelling, owned by Lewinter Realty Co., occupied by Doris Church. Damage slight, cause unknown.

1609 Regester St., 3-story brick store front and dwelling, owned by Janie Dixon, unoccupied. Damage, slight, cause unknown.

TUESDAY

35 N. Potomac St., 2-story brick tavern and dwelling, owned and occupied by Joseph White, pot of grease.

1015 Somerset St., 3-story brick dwelling, owned by Lutcher Realty Co., occupied by Mamie Thorpe. Damage slight, cause unknown.

Rear 903 S. Sharp St., partial burning of old discarded overstuffed chair and door in yard, cause unknown.

1200 N. Stricker St., 3-story brick dwelling, owned by Morris J. Huffman, occupied by Ora Turner and others. Damage slight, cause, stove left unattended.

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Youth faces 2nd degree murder in death of pal

WASHINGTON

A 16-year- old youth faces arraignment today (Friday) in District Court on a charge of second-degree murder in the death of his pal, also 16, who was fatally struck with a table leg on May 7.

The defendant, James E. Johnson, of the block Bass Pl., SE, was indicted earlier this week by a District grand jury on the charge.

Young Johnson is accused of striking Horace E. Rodwell Jr. on the head with the weapon during a fight in the 600 block Burns St., SE.

POLICE SAID the fight occured in the kitchen at the address where the two boys had gathered with other youths for a songfest.

Witnesses told officers the fight started between the pair after Rodwell and another boy engaged in a brawl over a cigaret.

Rodwell, 4400 block E. St. SE, died of a fractured skull in D. C. General Hospital on May 17.

Funeral held for auto victim

WASHINGTON

Funeral services were held Wednesday for John T. Watts, 19-year-old youth killed in an automobile accident last Saturday while returning from Sparrows Beach, Md.

Final rites were conducted at the District Morticians Funeral Home, 1700 block Vermont Ave., NW. Burial was in Woodlawn cemetery.

Young Watts died in D.C. General Hospital after being brough from 15 miles outside the city after the car in which he was riding overturned.

Police said the victim was riding with his brother, Robert; Miss Yvonne Liverpool, and Robert Caldwell, the driver. A hearing has been scheduled in the case.

Survivors include his mother, Mrs. Mabel Curry; his brother, Robert; two half brothers, Edward and Albert Curry, and several aunts and uncles.

'Give her some presents sometimes,' Koger advises
"I didn't hit her that hard I just smacked her on the cheek."
"You didn't have a right to do that." This was the exchange Wednesday in Northwestern Police Court between Lonnie Smith, 35, 500 block Dolphin St. and Magistrate Lindsay Koger, Sr.
Mr. Smith was charged with assaulting and slapping Mrs. Geneva Smith, 500 block Dolphin St. Mrs. Smith testified: "It began on Friday night. He wanted me to go with him on Madison Avenue. I wouldn't.
"You'll never get her back by striking her and bullying her. Give her some presents sometimes," Magistrate Koger told the defendant before fining him $15.

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Operation Elks up in Labrador

Dr. Adolphus W. Anderson, grand commissioner of veterans affairs of the Elks, is in Goose Bay, Labrador this week on a good will mission for the order.

He was invited there to speak at a John Brown celebration Sunday by the Armed Forces Branches of Freedom Lodge No. 1370 in the Northeast Air Command.

His hosts are members of the 6606 Air Base Squadron stationed at Goose Bay.

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FREEDOM Lodge has members serving in the Armed Forces at home and abroad. The lodge was established at the John Brown farm in Maryland in 1952. The farm has been rededicated as a national shrine by the Elks.

Traveling alone, Dr. Anderson flew to Labrador on Saturday.

Top military officials were invited to the banquet, and later Dr. Anderson was taken on tour of the air base.

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PURPOSE OF the celebration was to interest the Armed Forces in the Elks' program geared toward helping the transition of a serviceman back into civilian life.

Leaving Labrador on Wednesday, Dr. Anderson will visit Elks lodges in Montreal, Canada, before returning home.

He is exalted ruler of Philadelphia's Quaker City Lodge No. 720. His wife is State Legislator Sara A. Anderson.

ON URBAN BOARD

NEW YORK—The Very Rev. James A. Pike, dean of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, has been elected chairman of the housing committee and member of the board of directors of the Urban League of Greater New York. He will head a citywide committee working to get better housing for minorities.

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'NAACP is stronger than ever'

By KENNETH C. FIELD

SAN FRANCISCO (NNPA) — Thurgood Marshall, NAACP chief counsel, said Tuesday that the organization is stronger now than "ever before" in its history in keynoting the association's 47th convention here.

He added that the association is also enjoying the "outspoken support of more Americans of both races."

"Behind all of this," Mr. Marshall went on, "we have the basic equalitarian principle which undergirds true democracy."

The keynoter and rampart of the NAACP legal battery devoted his hour long speech to a rundown of association gains, losses and hopes for the contentately hushed and boisterous delegates.

He said that the strength and growth of the association is demonstrated in increased memberships and public awareness.

MARSHALL SAID that state after state is using its legislature and its courts in efforts to bar the NAACP from operation, but that campaigns of "intimidation" had succeeded only in building up "the strength of our organization."

In an earlier press conference, Marshall asserted he expects convention delegates to extend the legal aspects of the school desegregation fight into other forms of action, including "ballots, boycotts and general protest."

Devoting his one considerable portion of his speech to what he described as the "political front," Marshall said:

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"WE SHOULD at this convention carefully evaluate the records of other senators and congressmen to determine what, if anything" they have done to counteract the obstruction tactics of Senator Eastland and others in his group.

"We should leave this convention with an executive program of the action and inaction of both parties in regard to civil rights legislation and action by both political parties minimum demands for strong uncompromising legislation," he said.

He was preceded to the rostrum by Mayor George Christopher of San Francisco, who extended the city's greetings; C. L. Dellums of the NAACP West Coast region, and R. J. Reynolds of the San Francisco NAACP branch, the convention general chairman.

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AT THE press conference, Marshall said he is renewing the position taken at last year's convention: "Segregation in the North is just as harmful as segregation in the South."

"Neither the North nor the South can be excused or considered the problem as its own affair," he concluded. "The race problem is a national one."

During his keynote address, Marshall implied that citizens of the eight states still fighting Supreme Court rulings are tired of bucking the high court.

"THE GOOD people of the South — including the many good white people of the South — must realize that the governments of the eight states we have been talking about are part and parcel of this open rebellion against the 14th Amendment."

He was referring to the hard core of resistance being exerted in Virginia, South Carolina, Florida, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana and North Carolina.

Marshall concluded his speech on this hopeful plane:

"To all concerned we should say:

"Certainly the ending of racial prejudice and segregation is a tough job; each step toward complete democracy has been tough; every move toward this end has met some opposition;

"However, one of the sustaining characteristics of our democracy is that it has always survived these crises and moved ahead stronger than ever before."

Integration battle area dwindles

SAN FRANCISCO — (NNPA) — Top-flight NAACP attorneys attending a pre-convention strategy parley, heard Special Counsel Thurgood Marshall warn that henceforth "the struggle (for desegregation) is going to have to be moved to our own communities."

This warning came on the eve of the NAACP's 47th convention meeting this week at mammoth Civic Auditorium here.

Marshall said: In the field of law the area of fighting has been moved. From here on out the struggle is going to have to be mounted in our own communities on social and political fronts to bring about desegregation."

Attorney General Edmund G. Brown of California greeted the attorneys on behalf of the state. Loren Miller, "attorney of Los Angeles, was master of ceremonies.

Clerics say Lecher club barred pastor

OMAHA, Neb. — —The local American Legion post was under fire this week for refusing to admit a colored delegate to rooms in its club in violation of the Negro's civil rights statutes.

A. Houston Gordon of Chicago had registered for a room at the Legion's club but was refused after it was learned he was colored. The Rev. Edgar Hawley, white, of Chicago, was offered a room at the same time Gordon was turned away.

FBI seizes suspect in Sanford Place shooting incident

NEW YORK—A third suspect in the Sanford Place Gunfight was arrested here early Wednesday by FBI agents following a chase through the subway system.

Eugene Rambert, 25, had been sought on charges of assault and shooting since last April when three men, caught in a police trap, opened fire in the 500 block Sanford Place.

Officer Lawrence W. Hughes Jr. was wounded in the exchange of fire. Officer died on the spot and later sentenced to two years in prison were Alfred Edwards, 36, and Robert Middleton, 18, both New Yorkers. The third man escaped.

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Dr. Paul Cornely, medical director at Freedmen's Hospital, said Sunday, no disciplinary action is planned against Dr. A. J. Adebonojo, senior interne, who had a dying patient transferred to another hospital.

He also stated no charges of negligence would be lodged against the 28-year-old physician, but stated rules forbidding internes to make decisions about transfers would be reemphasized.

Dr. Adebonojo exercised "what appeared to be mistaken judgement on the basis of his experience," Dr. Cornely stated.

According to the director, Dr. Adebonojo gave the following account of circumstances resulting in the transfer:

He (Dr. Adebonojo) was in the emergency surgery room with another patient when Mr. Howard was brought in. The nurse called him to look at Howard. Immediate treatment was needed but the ward was full.

He told ambulance aids to take the patient to Emergency Hospital and he (Adebonojo) would call to alert Emergency.

A few minutes later, officials at Emergency called to say the patient had been received in a state of shock and should not have been transferred. Fifteen minutes later, Emergency officials called to say patient had died.

Dr. Adebonojo informed his superiors of the incident and was told he should not have made the decision without checking with resident physician or admitting physician, both of whom were on their way to the hospital at the time, Dr. Cornely said.

Dr. Charles Burbidge, Freedmen's superintendent, said he ordered a probe after receiving reports of an incident that a traffic accident victim, Nathaniel Howard, 40, no fixed address, was denied treatment at the hospital. Friday.

Friday, Mr. Howard, the District's 32nd traffic fatality, was struck by a car while running from an alley in the 1300 block of Ninth St., NW.

He was taken to Freedmen's emergency room by a fire department ambulance. The doctor on duty was working on another badly injured patient, and reportedly told the ambulance men to take the victim to another hospital right away.

Mr. Howard was admitted at Emergency Hospital at 9:35 p.m., and died of depressed skull fractures at 11:59 p.m.

Lieut. E. R. Currier of Rescue squad No. 1 said the accident happened at 9 p.m. and the squad took Mr. Howard to Freedmen's.

According to Lt. Currier, his men were told at Freedmen's to take the victim to another hospital as they didn't have any beds available. He said it takes about four minutes to drive from Freedmen's to Emergency.

Dr. Burbidge ordered his medical director, Dr. Paul B. Cornely, to conduct the investigation.

"It is our general policy to take all emergency cases," stated Dr. Burbidge, "I won't be able to determine what happened until I get a complete report."

Police identified the driver of the accident car as Leon Sherman, 200 block G St., NE. He is scheduled to face a July 13 hearing.

Rules unit sends rights bill to floor

The House Rules Committee voted, 8 to 3, late Wednesday to send the Eisenhower administration's civil rights program to the House floor for debate and vote on passage.

Rep. Howard W. Smith (D-Va.), committee chairman, said the House will probably take up the bill during the week of July 9.

Smith, who had fought the bill, indicated when the committee met Wednesday morning that the fight was over except for the mere formality of hearing some of the 18 or 20 southern Democrats who wanted to appear before the committee in opposition to a rule clearing the bill for floor action.

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ASKING THE Southerners to shorten their statements, Smith said: "I haven't encouraged any shortening in the past, but when the jigg's up I know it."

The rule voted by the committee will permit two days of general debate.

The time will be divided equally between Reps. Emmanuel Celler (D-N.Y.), chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, which approved the bill and sent it to the Rules Committee, and Kenneth B. Keating of New York, ranking Republican member of the Judiciary Committee.

THIS MEANS that opponents of the bill will have to get time to speak from either Celler or Keating, both of whom are supporting the measure.

Voting for the bill were four Democrats and four Republicans:

Reps., Ray J. Madden (Ind.), James J. Delaney (N.Y.), Richard Rolling (Mo), Thomas P. O'Neill Jr. (Mass.), Democrats; Leo E., Allen (Ill.), Clarence J. Brown (Ohio), Harris Ellsworth (Ore.), and Henry J. Latham (N.Y.), Republicans.

Voting against scrap three southern Democrats — Reps. Howard W. Smith (Va.), William M. Colmer (Miss.) and James W. Trimble (Ark.). Rep. Homer Thornberry (D-Tex.) was absent.

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