'He is a tall man'

By ARTHUR RENDALL

"He is a tall man. Tall in stature. Tall in his civic and political work for the community of Turner Station. Tall in his ministry."

This is the tribute paid the Rev. Harold G. Nixon by the Rev. James Everett, pastor of New Shiloh Baptist Church, who also gave the invocation at the community testimonial held at Sollers Point High School for the minister of New Life Presbyterian Church and his wife, Friday on the eve of their departure for New York.

Co-chairman of the committee which planned the affair were Alfred Tyler and Clyde A. Rucker. The testimonial was not a church affair, but one in which the whole community cooperated to wish the beloved couple a fond goodbye.

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MANRICE JONES was master of ceremonies and the guest speaker was Dr. Walter R. Cremeans of the General Presbyterian Episcopal Diocese of Baltimore. Some 300 persons were present.

The YMCA, represented by Rudolph Wheeler; the NAACP, the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, the Republican Organization of the 12th District, Baltimore County, and Rev. H. Octavius Graham, pastor of Knox Presbyterian Church, Baltimore, all paid tribute to the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Nixon.

REPSESENTATIONS were made by many community groups, including one from Mr. and Mrs. George Fletcher, he is the principal of Sollers Point High School, where Mrs. Sanoma Nixon is vocational counselor.

Mrs. Nixon is also president of Epsilon Sigma Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, and chairman of the program committee Co-operative Women's Civic League, in addition to assisting her husband in his pastoral duties.

The Rev. Mr. Nixon has been ubiquitous in his civic and fraternal activities. He and his wife are embarking on socio-religious roles in Hudson County, N.Y.

Dog bite not cause of death

The Medical Examiner's office reported Tuesday that the death of Mrs. Ruth Mapp, 35, 1100 block Myrtle Ave., bitten by a dog before her fatal illness, resulted from acute alcoholism.

Mrs. Mapp died at her home April 17 and the nature of her illness was then undisclosed. The Medical Examiner's office immediately began a series of tests to determine the cause of death.

'Dr.' Dubois charges no fee in 'free delivery' taxi ride

"The fare was $1.60. I didn't collect it but I don't care about the money." I gladly paid the company that $1.60 myself."

William I. DuBois, a Belle Isle Cab driver who was briefly cast in the role of obstetrician or midwife Wednesday, said he was "too sick, nervous and scared" to collect the $1.60 fee.

Dr. DuBois, who lives with his wife (they have no children) at 1021 W. Lafayette St., told the AFRO that this was the first time a baby had been born in a cab he was driving in his two-and-a-half year experience.

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ACCORDING TO Harry O. Kaylor, building supervisor at Baltimore City Hospitals:

"Mrs. Fannie Parker, 22, 2844 Rayner Ave., was admitted to the hospital about 7:30 p.m. Wednesday after having given birth to a baby girl in a cab.

"The baby, a girl, weighed 3 pounds, five and a half ounces. The condition of both mother and baby are good. Mrs. Parker was released from the hospital Thursday morning. The baby will be released in a few days."

MR. DUBOIS, the cab-driver said:

"I picked her up about 7:15 p.m. at 2844 Rayner Ave. on a call. There were two ladies who helped her to get in the cab. I asked if one would go with her. I could see that she was in pretty bad shape—they wanted to get home.

"When we got to Mulberry and Payson Sts., she was in so much pain until she lay on the seat. When we got to Eastern Ave., and Ponce, she started screaming.

"I stopped the cab and she told me to hold her hand. She said 'I don't think we'll make it.'

"I told her that it wasn't but a few blocks more and got in front and started off again.

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"ALL THE WAY to the hospital, she kept moaning and seemed to be in great distress.

"When we pulled up in front of City Hospitals, I asked her if she could raise up so I could help her inside. She said that she could.

"When I came around to the side of the cab and the door—the baby was lying there on the seat!

"I ran right straight into the hospital, grabbed a nurse and took her out to the cab. She said that I would have to take her around to the emergency entrance.

"I said 'I'm not going by myself, you'll have to go with me.'

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"I DROVE around to the emergency entrance and an orderly told me to turn the car around and follow the ambulance. I did. I was just climbing the ladder out of the hold was blown so high he could be seen for a long distance.

"It blew me 25 feet, but I did not get a scratch. That happened on a Thursday morning—one of the men who was killed had been planning to quit the next day, Friday.

"He said the job was too dangerous."

A native of St. George, S.C. Mr. DuBois has lived in Baltimore since 1941. He attended Francis Junior High School in Washington.

WILLIAM I. DUBOIS

Funeral employees tell it to the judge

THIS IS NO FISH STORY—This 50-plus pound carp was caught recently by Clarence Mangram and his wife ("It was on both our hooks," she said) recently. They were fishing off the Cherry Hill Bridge using earthworms for bait. Sir Fish himself solved the landing problem—he ran into a crab net and was hauled up therein. The Mangrums, natives of Boydton, Va., reside in Baltimore at 1430 W. Lanvale St.

"Friday morning I had given Mr. James His check. He wanted to see the check of another employee. I told him, 'no.' He went out and came in later and said: 'Ruth, I want it.'

"He jumped up, hit me on the side of my face, on the top of my head and in my abdomen. I felt like I was going to black out. I called Mr. Coleman P. Johnson down stairs. I suffered contusions of the head, face, arms and abdomen."

Miss Ruth C. White, 200 block N. Aisquith St., an employee of a Madison Ave. funeral home, was speaking Wednesday in Northwestern Police Court before Magistrate Lindsay Koger.

As further proof, attractive Miss White, showed Magistrate Koger a large bruise on her left chest. The James referred to was Henry James, 28, 800 block Madison Ave.

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MR. JAMES, a neatly dressed young man, was charged with assault by striking White on June 8. Although a warrant was out for him, Mr. James surrendered to Northwestern authorities on his own recognizance.

He testified Wednesday: "I serve as manager of the establishment. I proceeded to take the check from her. Her hands flew up. I don't know what she had in them."

The reference here was to the fact that Miss White, who was writing prior to the disturbance had a pen in her hand that could have been used to ward off the attack.

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ATTORNEY WILLIAM GOSNELL, counsel for Mr. James, pointed out that he had never been in trouble before. Magistrate Koger fined Mr. James $75 after telling him:

"You went too far. You attempted to take the check forcibly.

"It's pretty disgraceful to have a fine, intelligent young lady like Miss White here. It didn't require such a spirited attack as you put up."

More Cherry Hill residents fined

The following ten Cherry Hill residents were tried in Housing Court Thursday afternoon by Magistrate Marshall Levin. They appeared on charges of failure to provide adequate refuse containers. They were:

Grant Brooks, 3043 Seamon Ave., fined $5 and costs;

Lester McMillen, 102 LaRue Sq. North, $5 and costs;

Mrs. Mary Scott, 3018 Seamon Ave., $1 and costs;

Mrs. Luella Trayham, 3017 Southland Ave., $5 and costs;

Also Mrs. Mary Fuller, 3027 LaRue Sq E., $5 and costs suspended;

Mrs. Ruth Johnnson, 110 LaRu Sq. N., $5 and costs suspended;

Mrs. Lillie Allen, 3013 LaRue Sq. E., $5 and costs suspended;

Calvin Johnson, 3002 LaRue Sq., $5 and costs;

Mrs. Mary Walker, 305 Seagull Ave., who failed to appear for a June 7th hearing, and for whom a warrant was issued, was fined $10 and costs.

A $10 and cost fine against Mrs. Minnie Pratt, 511 Roundview Rd., was suspended.

Officer Henry Plunkett of the Pine St. Police Station, and Phillip Bray of the Department of Sanitation, prosecuted the defendants. They are conducting a clean-up drive in the area in cooperation with local residents.

Army Band Schedules Annual Concert June 27

FORT MEADE, Md. — The United States Army Field Band, known as "Kings of the Highway" after travelling hundreds of thousands of miles in the past 11 years, will play its annual concert at the band's home station, Fort George G. Meade, on Thursday evening, June 27.

Funeral set for victim of drowning

Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Law Funeral Home, at 802 Madison Ave., for Melvin Wright, 16, who was drowned Tuesday while swimming in the Marley Creek near the Johnson Lumber Co. pier at Marley Park, Md.

According to Anne Arundel County police, young Wright, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Wright of Pasadena, Md., had been swimming with two friends, Francis Smoot, 17, and Ronald Stevens, 16.

Police said that the two boys told them that Wright, unable to swim, had been playing in shallow water at the side of the pier, and then ran down the pier and jumped into 15 feet of water.

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WRIGHT, A sophomore at Bates High School, is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Wright; a sister, Mrs. Marion Hall, and a brother, James Wright.

REV. AND MRS. JULIUS CARROLL They escaped with minor injuries in auto crash near Blacksburg, S.C., last week. They were en route to their new home here in Baltimore, where the Rev. Mr. Carroll is the new associate pastor at Sharp Street Methodist Church in which his brother, the Rev. Edward G. Carroll is pastor.

Mrs. Douglass named to high Presbyterian policy council

"It's a very high office and a very high honor."

Mrs. Mercedes Bailey Douglass, director of Christian Education and director of music at Knox Presbyterian Church, was elected to the General Council of the Presbyterian Church of the USA.

In explaining that "it's a very high office," Dr. Walter Creighton, general presbyter for the Baltimore Presbytery, said:

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"THE GENERAL COUNCIL is the policy-making body of the Church. It is composed of ministers, laymen and lay-women all over the country.

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"MRS. DOUGLASS was elected at a meeting of the General Assembly, the highest organization of the national church, held in Philadelphia, May 26.

"She is the only representative from the Baltimore Presbytery. General Council members don't represent just the areas in which they live — they represent the church — the whole church.

"They are elected from different parts of the country so there will not be too many from the same area.

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"WE HAD A vacancy in this area and were asked to recommend someone to fill it. Mrs. Douglass was recommended and elected.

"We are very proud that the Baltimore Presbytery can be represented by an able woman like Mrs. Douglass."

Contacted at her home, 2910 Auchentoroly Terrace, Mrs. Douglass told the AFRO:

"It is an exceedingly high honor. As I understand it, I am elected for a six - year term. During that period, I will attend about four meetings a year.

"This year there will be three meetings of the Council in New York and one with the General Assembly in Omaha, Neb."

Mrs. Douglass is the wife of Calvin Douglass, attorney. She is a native of Concord, N.C., where she attended Barber-Scotia College. She is also a Bennett College graduate.

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SHE IS A teacher in the Parent Education system of the city which is administered by the department of education and the juvenile court.

A former member of Grace Presbyterian Church, she has been director of music at Knox for six years and director of Christian Education for one year.

The Rev. H. Octavius Graham, pastor at Knox, said:

"This is one of the highest honors that can possibly come to an individual who is connected with the Presbyterian Church.

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"WE ARE happy that those who recommended her feel that she is a good representative for the entire denomination.

"We at Knox feel happy even in the point of knowing that with the honoring of Mrs. Douglass, prestige has come to our church."

Mrs. Douglass is the mother of two children, Calvin Jr., New York, and Mrs. Mercedes Rawlings, Baltimore. She has one grandchild, Wanda Rawlings.

Teenage mother given 5 years on narcotics rap

"I think you are a hard-boiled person for your age. We'll be doing you a favor and your mother too by sending you away to get you off that stuff."

Judge Joseph L. Carter directed these remarks to a teenage mother of a two-month-old infant Tuesday before imposing a sentence of not more than five years in the Maryland Reformatory for Women for violation of narcotics laws.

The defendant was Mrs. Delores E. Johnson, 19, 700 block W. Franklin St., on trial as a second offender. In November, 1955, she received a one-year suspended sentence for narcotics addiction and was sent to a governmental hospital in Lexington, Ky., for treatment.

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"I DON'T think Lexington did you any good," Judge Carter said, after Martin Shor, court-appointed defence counsel, asked that his client be given a suspended sentence and sent back for further treatment.

"If you were a little older you'd get the maximum," Judge Carter warned. "A third offense would mean not less than 10 years or more than 20 years. And incidentally, that means as an addict or a peddler."

Detective Sgt. Jacob Simonsen testified that before her arrest on May 22, Mrs. Johnson sold two capsules of heroin to a police informer.

During the admonition by Judge Carter the young woman glanced fearfully from her counsel to the jurist, displaying none of the defiance befitting an earlier description of her by a detective.

"If I could get a break to be with my daughter I wouldn't do it any more this time," pleaded Mrs. Johnson at one point in her testimony.

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"YOU'RE ONLY 19 now," said the judge, "and you've got a good many years before you. If you have any regard for your mother and that baby, you'll stay off the stuff."

Detective Sgt. Simonsen testified that when Mrs. Johnson was arrested at her home she had in her possession five capsules of heroin and six marked one dollar bills he had supplied the informant.

"Where did you take the capsules from?" Judge Carter asked the detective.

"From her bra," answered the officer.

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THE OFFICER said he examined the girl's arm following the arrest and "she had numerous fresh needle marks on her right arm."

"Our office received certain information that the girl was peddling narcotics," Detective Sgt. Simonsen said.

He then told the judge that the defendant was very uncooperative, and that during the trial last year she refused to make a statement.

"Despite this, girl's youth she's quite a cold and callous person," Detective Sgt. Simonsen added.

Mrs. Johnson denied pushing narcotics.

"Well, the five capsules he got out of my bra belonged to me but I don't know anything about the other two," she said.

"How long did you stay at Lexington?" asked Judge Carter.

"Four months and 15 days," the young woman replied.

"Did it do you any good?"

"Yes, sir."

"When did you go back on the stuff?"

"This year."

THE JUDGE then questioned the defendant about her reason for returning to dope after taking the "cure." Mrs. Johnson did not answer his queries.

"Did somebody else get you to go back on it or did you do it yourself?" the judge continued, but got no answer.

He then added, "I say only trying to find out why you went back on the stuff after you got off it."

The defendant's mother, Mrs. Hattie Allen, 700 block W. Franklin St., and the defendant's estranged husband, Andrew Maith, testified in her behalf.

Mrs. Allen, who collapsed after the sentence was passed, said she was unaware that her daughter had returned to the dope habit.

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"I'D LIKE to say that maybe I have done this to my wife because I walked out on her," Mr. Maith said. "After that she went back on it because she loved me very much."

"Why did you walk out on her?" interrupted Judge Carter.

Mr. Maith said "Because we had a misunderstanding."

Mrs. Johnson, a small, thin young woman, grasped the table and stood with downcast eyes as Judge Carter passed the sentence. She wore a pair of tan slacks and a matching long sleeve sweater over a dark knit one.

Perkins appointed to head Provident

In a surprise move on Wednesday the trustee board of Provident Hospital named Theodore Perkins as the hospital's new administrator.

The action came during a meeting called specifically for taking action on recommendations dealing with the future of the hospital, and the question of a new administrator was not listed on the agenda.

Several weeks ago at a testimonial banquet for John L. Procope, who left the hospital for a new post in Philadelphia, Dr. Bernard Harris introduced Mr. Perkins as the new administrator.

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PUBLICATION of the story brought the comment from the board that the announcement was premature, and several persons were being considered for the post, but no action had been taken.

With the official appointment of Mr. Perkins, it brings to an end his being acting administrator, a situation which had existed since Mr. Procope resigned to go to Mercy Douglass Hospital in Philadelphia.

Mr. Perkins has been at Providence for three years: He formerly worked in a similiar capacity at Columbia University. A Richmond, Ind. native, he has a degree in hospital administration from Columbia University.

He is married to the former Miss Antoinette Abrams of Washington.

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AT THE Wednesday meeting, the board of trustees adopted a declaration of intent which outlined its plans for the future. Included in this declaration were the following points:

1. "We propose, within the measure of our means, to conduct Provident Hospital as a voluntary general hospital dedicated to the relief of whoever is sick or injured and as properly be taken care of within its walls.

2. "We propose to continue to maintain a training school for nurses and to foster the training of members of Provident's professional staff.

3. "Aware of the fact that of facial bodies competent to judge have publicly stated that there is a need for a hospital such as Provident in the northwestern section of Baltimore where it is now located, we propose to draw up a long-range plan for future development of the institution and pledge ourselves to work unremittingly for the fulfillment of that plan.

4. "We propose to seek the best advice that we can obtain in developing the projected long range plan for Provident, and, as a corollary to that endeavor, we propose to do all that we can to strengthen the organization of the institution and the staff required to operate it."

Clarence Hopkins Sr., well-known paperhanger, found dead at his home

"We found him dead in the chair . . . he didn't work last week he stayed home . . . when I came in from school on Friday he was sleeping, I thought . . . I just went on about my business.

"Then my niece came in, and said she couldn't get any response from the telephone, and asked me did I have the receiver off in my room, and I told her 'no.' Then I told her to look in Unc's room . . . she called me from Unc's room.

"She went down to look, and said, 'Hi, Unc.' He didn't answer.

"So she came and called me, and said, 'Aunt Mildred, come here quick, something has happened.' I went in the room and I said, 'Clarence, are you feeling badly?' He didn't answer me.

"Then I shook him, and he didn't answer. Then I felt his hands, and they were so cold. And I said 'Oh, my Lord!'"

Miss Blanche Williams was describing the sudden death of her brother-in-law, Clarence Hopkins, 59, on Friday at their home, 1405 Madison Ave.

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A NATIVE of Jamaica, British West Indies, Mr. Hopkins came to the U.S. as a child. He was well known as a paperhanger.

He was a member of St. Mary P.E Church, and one of the original members of the Cheasapeake Club.

His wife, Mrs. Lillian Hopkins, was not at home when her husband's body was discovered. They had been married 39 years. She said that he had suffered a minor heart ailment.

Besides his wife, Mr. Hopkins is survived by a son, Clarence Jr., a teacher in the N.Y. schools, and a granddaughter, Audrey.

Funeral services were held at the home on Tuesday afternoon. The Rev. Marion Bascomb officiated at Douglas Memorial Community Church and the Rev. George Crawley Jr., pastor of St. John Baptist, officiated. Burial was in Mt. Auburn Cemetery.

Rigby gets year, $1,000 fine on numbers charge

James Allen Rigby, 49, 3700 block Cedarcroft Rd., well-known barber and sportsman, was sentenced to one year in the Maryland House of Correction and fined $1,000 when Judge Joseph L. Carter found him guilty of a lottery charge.

Detective Sgt. Robert McKay said he and two other officers arrested Mr. Rigby in his barber shop in the 500 block of Laurens St. after obtaining a search and seizure warrant.

The officer said that at the time of the arrest Mr. Rigby had secreted between his belt and pants two slips and 70 numbers indicating a play of $15.35.

Morgan freshmen on trial Tuesday

Five freshmen accused of the criminal attack on an 18-year-old Morgan College coed on May 13 are scheduled to go on trial in Criminal Court Part 3 Tuesday.

The youths were indicted by the grand jury on May 28. They are accused of attacking the coed when she was seated in a parked car on the campus in company with John R. Lee, another freshman of Chicago.

They are: William M. Pratt, 20, 615 Front St., Palmyra, N.J., charged with rape and conspiring to commit rape.

Stephen S. Thomas, 19, 237 S. Clinton St., E. Orange, N.J., rape and accessory before the fact;

ALSO STERLING M. PARKER, 19, 716 610 Ave., Fairmount Heights, Md., conspiring to commit rape and accessory before the fact.

Kenneth W. Parker, 18, 133 Princess St., Dobbs, Md., conspiring to commit rape and accessory before the fact.

Alan E. Jones, 19, 14 Weynah Ter., New Rochelle, N.Y., conspiring to commit rape and accessory before the fact.

Henryton sets Thursday exercise

Commencement Exercises for the practical nurses at the Henryton School of Practical Nursing will be held at Henryton State Hospital on Thursday, June 28, at 3 p.m. A private bus will leave the corner of Mosher St. and Pennsylvania Ave. at 2 p.m.

GOING OUT OF BUSINESS
Call for all clothes immediately. Not responsible after June 15th.
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FEMALES WITH THE MAILS—The group of women pictured above was photographed during the two-day district convention last week-end of the National Alliance of Postal Employees. First row, from left: Mesdames Jane Gorman, Washington; Sadie Coles, Baltimore; Marie Barnes, Washington; Fostine Riddick, Norfolk, Va., district president; Virgie Waters, Baltimore; Marie Woolridge, Washington; second row, from left: Edith Myers, Baltimore; Lena Davis, Norfolk; Almeda Lightfoot, Baltimore; Leona Cobb, Washington; Laurie Parker, Baltimore, third row, from left: Rosana Wood, Gilda Gray, Hilda Johnson and Melvin Ginyard, all of Baltimore.

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Prayer For Today

Father of all man, in this convalsive day of the world's passion and pain, we would purge and purify our own hearts as we face the high demands of the public good committed to our keeping. Amen.

Weather

Friday, cloudy with temperatures rising near 88 degrees; thunder storms likely in afternoon. Saturday, warmer and clear. Sunday, continued warm and clear.

Coed's Story Flops

'This is not a rape case'—Judge

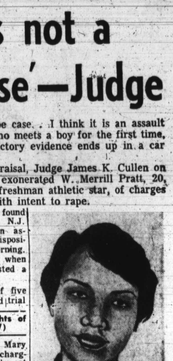
"This is not a rape case. . . I think it is an assault case. Here is a girl who meets a boy for the first time, and by the uncontradictory evidence ends up in a car in lovers' lane. . ."

With this frank appraisal, Judge James K. Cullen on Wednesday afternoon exonerated W. Merrill Pratt, 20, Morgan State College freshman athletic star, of charges of rape and assault with intent to rape.

However, Judge Cullen found the handsome Palmyra, N.J. youth guilty of common assault but withheld final disposition until Tuesday morning. This action was taken when counsel for Pratt requested a probation report.

Pratt was the first of five Morgan freshmen to stand trial after an 18-year-old coed, Mary E. Harper of Pittsburgh, charged she was raped while she sat in a parked car on the campus last May 14.

The other four accused youths, through their attorneys, requested a jury trial and the cases were postponed.



MARY E. HARPER She cried

(See photos and highlights of testimony on Page 27)

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JUDGE CULLEN'S decision came unexpectedly—shortly before 3 p.m., as the crowded courtroom was intently waiting for final arguments by attorneys.

Earlier, they had sat through two days of proceedings marked by tearful testimony of the girl; and emotional outburst by her mother.

The most guilty verdict caused an audible sigh of relief in the crowded courtroom, which built had to call for order.

As the decision was rendered, the girl in the case hung her head in resignation. The defendant, Pratt, appeared relieved. Conviction of rape carries the death penalty or life imprisonment.

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IN COMMENTING on a medical report of the coed following the alleged attack, the judge said, "That the girl has had experience before has no bearing on the case."

Judge Cullen then pointed out that there was no evidence that the girl's panties were torn during the alleged attack.

"A woman is given great latitude in the case of a young girl, gray shoes, light purple shirt and a dark purple tie.

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CONDUCTED BY Judge James K. Cullen, the trial got under way at 11:35 a.m. with the coed being called to the witness stand first.

One of the two dramatic moments of the trial occurred approximately ten minutes later when Miss Harper burst into tears when asked "what happened" when one of the boys climbed into an automobile with her.

Consoled by her mother and given a glass of water and a box of Kleenex, the young woman then continued with her testimony.

Dressed in a blue flowered dress with sky blue coat draped around her shoulders, Mrs. Godfrey remained at her daughter's side until the questioning of Pratt's attorney Milton Allen became too much for her to bear.

Her outcry startled the court room and a recess was taken.

On the final day of the trial, the girl and Lee sat side by side in the courtroom but never once spoke or looked in the direction of each other.

The two-day trial of William Merrill Pratt on rape and conspiracy charges in criminal court this week was marked by tears, conferences among parents of the five boys involved, and trips to surrounding five and dime stores for coffee and snacks.

On the opening day of the trial, Mary Elizabeth Harper, the Pittsburgh coed who accused the athletes of the attack, arrived early at the court house in company with her mother, Mrs. Miriam Winborne of Baltimore, her mother, Mrs. Juanita Harper Godfrey, Pittsburgh beautician, and was taken to the State's Attorneys office.

The coed was dressed in a blue sweater, a green and white dress, and beige ballet slippers.

Other early arrivals were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pratt, of Palmyra, N.J., parents of the accused; Mrs. Hilda Thomas, E. Orange, N.J., mother of Stephen Thomas; and Dr. Maurice Lee, professor of English at Morgan and the uncle of Bobby Lee.

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THE LAST to arrive were Pratt, Stephen Thomas, and Sterling Parker.

They were accompanied by their attorneys, Milton Allen, and William Billups.

Billups, a June graduate from Morgan, was dormitory counselor in the building where the boys resided.

Looking dapper in a brown suit, Pratt frowned and squinned into the mid-morning sun as the clock atop the court building tolled off the hour of ten.

By far the fashion plate throughout the hearings, Pratt appeared in court the following day attired in a gray suit, gray shoes, light purple shirt and a dark purple tie.

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THE WILL directed that the

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'I'm So Happy I Can Keep My Baby', Says Grandma

Boy, 6, will stay here, court rules

REASON TO SMILE—After two and a half years, Mrs. Ruth Butler had reason to smile this week when the Maryland Court of Appeals ruled that she may keep her six-year-old grandson, Warren Scott 3rd. They are shown here with Michael Freedman, the attorney for Mrs. Butler.

"I am happy that we won the case. I love Warren very much. I couldn't bear to lose him."

"I'm so happy I can keep my baby."

In an attorney's air conditioned office on the 17th floor of a downtown building on Tuesday, Mrs. Ruth Butler, 46, 1707 W. Lexington St., had this comment to make on the Md. Court of Appeals decision that will allow her to continue to rear her six-year-old grandson, Warren Scott, 3rd.

For Mrs. Butler, for her attorney, Michael F. Freedman, and for Warren, the decision brought an end to two and a half years of uncertainty as to what the future held for the grandmother and her grandson.

(See why the court gave the child to Baltimore grandmother —excerpts from decision on Page 2)

The question of Warren's future first arose in 1953 after the child's father, Warren Scott Jr., stabbed his (the child's) mother, Miss Marjorie Butler to death in Pittsburgh.

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FOR A BRIEF time, the parents of the father had the child, but then Mrs. Butler, the mother of Marjorie, went to the Pennsylvania city and returned to Baltimore with her daughter's body and her grandson.

Back in Pittsburgh, the father's mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Perry, took steps to have the child returned to them, and thus began the two and a half years during which Mrs. Butler admits she spent "many sleepless nights."

On their side, Mr. and Mrs. Perry could offer the young master a world of material things that Mrs. Butler could not match.

The Perrys are in comfortable circumstances, owning their own home in Pittsburgh and having an income in excess of $500 a month.

On the other hand, Mrs. Butler is on the rolls of the Department of Public Welfare, receiving $70 a month, and she lives in a third-floor apartment on Lexington St.

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School bill up for vote in House

By LOUIS LAUTIER

WASHINGTON (NNPA) — The House Rules Committee Wednesday voted to send the Federal-aid-to-school construction bill to the House floor for consideration.

The vote was 8 to 3. The three votes against the bill were cast by Southerners—Reps. Howard W. Smith of Virginia, committee chairman; William M. Colmer, Mississippi; and James W. Trimble, Arkansas, all Democrats.

Voting to report the bill were four Democrats and four Republicans—

Reps. Ray J. Madden, Indiana; James J. Delaney, New York; Richard Bolling, Missouri; Thomas P. O'Neill Jr., Massachusetts, Democrats; and Joe R. Allen, Illinois; Clarence J. Brown, Ohio; Harris Ellsworth, Oregon; and Henry J. Latham, New York, Republicans.

ONE MEMBER of the 12-member committee was absent. He is Rep. Homer Thornberry (Dem., Texas), who is ill.

The committee voted to report the bill with an open rule, which will permit Rep. Adam C. Powell (Dem., N.Y.), to offer his amendment.

The Powell amendment would bar Federal aid for school construction to school districts which are not complying with the Supreme Court decision outlawing racially segregated schools.

Funds to which such districts would be entitled would be held in escrow and if a district should comply with the decision at any time within the court year period in which the school aid bill is in effect, it would be entitled to receive the funds held to its credit.

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THE RULE ALLOWS six hours of general debate, after

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WILLIAM MERRILL PRATT Not guilty

Judge bans writing aid

The noon recess had ended on Tuesday in Youth Court and Judge James K. Cullen had just returned to the courtroom when a reporter from a local afternoon newspaper hustled to the bar and spoke softly to the black-robed jurist.

The spectators in the crowded courtroom waited for the judge to resume the trial of W. Merrill Pratt.

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Pratt, charged with criminally assaulting a Morgan coed, had just after listening to the reporter Judge Cullen ordered a brief recess and walked back to his chambers.

With the judge gone, the daily reporter walked over to the press table and whispered to an AFRO reporter:

"Where is the recording machine?"

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WHAT THE daily reporter had reference to was a small recording device measuring 8½ inches by 3¾ inches, which had been used for the sake of accuracy to record part of the testimony in the case.

The device was self-contained and could not be seen by anyone in the courtroom. Noiseless in operation, it had done nothing to disrupt the orderly procedure of the courtroom.

One of the few people to know that the device was being used was the daily reporter who had seen it being tested in the press room earlier the same day.

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WITH HIS question going unanswered, the daily reporter leaned back in a chair and waited.

For a few moments Judge Cullen was back in the courtroom where he called a bench conference of the judge, attorney, the defense attorneys and other court officials.

It was later learned that in

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Grand Master's daughter weds here tomorrow

By LULA JONES GARRETT
AFRO Woman's Editor

This season's most talked-about wedding, locally and throughout the State, will take place, Saturday, when Miss Elizabeth Sarah Allen becomes the bride of James Robert Nalle.

Miss Allen is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Willard W. Allen. The father is grand master of Maryland Masons, president of the Southern Life Insurance Company, veteran businessman and civic leader.

The bride-elect, a member of the faculty of Coppin Elementary School, is active in the work of the John Wesley Methodist Church of which she is a member, and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

Mr. Nalle is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Bailey of this city and is an employee in the city's Post Office.

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THE WEDDING CEREMONY will take place in Morgan College Christian Center, and will be followed by a reception, in the Masonic Temple at 3:30 p.m.

Three hundred guests are expected at the ceremony and 500 at the reception.

The bride will wear a traditional wedding gown of white lace and net. The V-neckline is embroidered in sequins.

The overskirt of net, which flows into a train is also embroidered in a floral pattern of sequins. Her jewelry will be a

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Mrs. Waters 1st to shore school board

CAMBRIDGE, Md. — Mrs. Helen Coleman Waters, Cambridge businesswoman and civic leader, was named to the Dorchester County School Board Thursday by Governor McKeldin.

Mrs. Waters, a 51-year-old beauty shop owner, succeeds Earl W. Orem to become the first member of her race to serve on an Eastern Shore school board.

A former school teacher, Mrs. Waters was named to the Dorchester County advisory board on integration of county schools following last year's Supreme Court decision on school integration.

She is the wife of Stephen Waters and the mother of Dr. E. Worthington Waters, dean of Md. State College at Princess Anne.

Dr. Byrd appointed

Gov. Theodore R. McKeldin announced the appointment Thursday of Dr. Eugene A. Byrd, Turner Station dentist, to succeed Dr. Carrington L. Davis as a member of the Trustee Board of Morgan State College.

Dr. Davis, the retiring member of the board is a former vice-principal of Douglass High School, and served as principal of Dunbar

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'It Will Never Be Contested', Pastor Says Of Ex-Wife's Will

WASHINGTON

"It will never be contested . . . I don't want anything.

"I am a divorced man, and she was not my wife when she died.

"We separated in 1947, and I secured a divorce in 1950 and have been divorced ever since. I have never remarried, and may never remarry.

"What she had was hers, and always had been . ."

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THIS WAS THE reaction of the Rev. John R. Monroe of Arlington, Va., when asked-by-the AFRO to comment on the provisions of the will of Mrs. Gertrude F. Monroe of Baltimore and Washington.

Mrs. Monroe, who died at her Baltimore home in April, left her $15,739.94 estate to 33 persons.

In her will, drawn in 1947, she left specific directions that nothing was to be given to the Rev. John F. Monroe, then her husband. He is now pastor of Callaway Methodist Church in Arlington.

Chief beneficiary under the will was her cousin and godchild, Mrs. Merila J. Stokes, of 3203 Carlisle Ave., Baltimore to whom she gave property at 1807 McCulloh St. and the balance of the estate after other bequests were paid.

Mrs. Stokes was also made joint executor with William L. Fitzgerald, attorney.

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THE ESTATE consisted of Baltimore properties at 1807 McCulloh St. and 2036 Druid Hill Avenue, valued at $6,000 and $7,000 respectively, rings, $10; cash, $134.94 and furniture $595.

In addition to the bequests to Mrs. Stokes, the will provided:

Mrs. Mary Wesley of 2228 Division St., one set of dishes and six ornaments to be selected by her;

Mrs. Mary Cole of 1523 N. Carey St., table, bed linens, silver and a wheel-out stand;

Mrs. Sally Anthony of Washington, a dozen pieces of glassware, a half dozen dessert plates, a half dozen ornaments;

Miss Jacqueline Breckenridge of 1440 Pressman St., one set of dishes and dining room furniture; Miss Nancy Breckenridge of 1440 Pressman St., bedroom, living room and kitchen furniture.

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THE WILL directed that the

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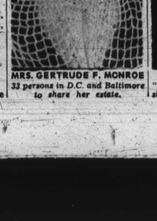

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Grandfather, grandson drown on fishing trip

PHILADELPHIA

There were three score years and 10 between 78-year-old James Washington and his eight-year-old grandson, Gregory, for whom and with whom he lost his life on Saturday in the Schuylkill River.

But Mr. Washington got a kick out of taking Gregory and even his younger brothers, Victor, six and Nathan, five, as well as the eldest, Jerry, 12, on weekly fishing trips.

The four brothers took turns to go with their grandfather, a fisherman with some 40 years' experience in the sport. Two to a week, it was Gregory and Victor's turn on Saturday.

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SO THE PARTY of three left their home at 2423 N. 16th St. They headed for Fairmount Park and grandfather's favorite fishing spot in Strawberry Mansion. As proud as he was of his regular fishing equipment, his grandsons were more so of their homemade tackle.

By mid-afternoon, Victor was playing about as his grandfather

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