'We were standing at the red light . . .'

"We were standing at the red light . . . we were not even moving . . . if we had been moving, I guess we would have been dead . . . .

Mrs. Mary Blackwell, well-known church worker of 2598 Edmondson Ave., was describing the auto accident in Richmond, Va., Sunday in which she suffered back and leg injuries.

The car in which the matron was riding was rammed from behind by a lumber truck which pushed it into a refrigerator truck.

"They thought I was dead. I couldn't walk. I couldn't move. My husband said he thought I was gone. You see I had just had an operation here at Mercy Hospital and I was just released last month, and now this happens," Mrs. Blackwell added as she recalled the accident.

Then, she added thoughtfully, "I had planned to enter the AFRO Cooking School cake baking contest this year, now I won't be able to . . .

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THE ACCIDENT occurred at the intersection of Brook Place where the Baltimoreans' car was standing awaiting a light.

Mrs. Blackwell was a passenger in a 1953 Plymouth operated by James Henderson, 1076 W. Fairmount Ave., Mr. Henderson, Mrs. Blackwell's husband, William, and their stepdaughter, Mary 7.; and Garland Gay, 455 Oxford Ct., escaped uninjured.

Mrs. Blackwell was knocked unconscious. She was treated at St. Philip Hospital and released.

At the time of the accident, the Baltimoreans were on their way home from Wakefield, Va., where they had been to attend funeral services for Mrs. Blackwell's brother, Andrew Gay, 47.

Mr. Gay, a farmer, died following a 14-month illness. He was the son of the late James and Nannie Gay. He is the first of the Gay children to die. Besides Mrs. Blackwell, he is survived by six brothers and two other sisters.

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MRS. BLACKWELL and her husband are both active in Pennsylvania Ave. AME Zion Church, where he has been treasurer for 11 years; and she is a missionary worker.

The driver of the lumber truck, Ernest Stephenson, 56, Emporia, Va., was given a hearing in Richmond Traffic court on Tuesday, afternoon where he was fined $50 on a reckless driving charge.

In his own defense, Mr. Stephenson said that he had just witnessed the fatal accident further down the road in which four persons had been killed.

Mrs. Blackwell returned to Richmond for the hearing Tuesday afternoon. When young Stephenson saw her, he walked up to her and said, "Oh, lady, I am so sorry I haven't rested I just worried for you."

BALTIMOREAN HURT—Photo of accident in Richmond, Va. Sunday in which car operated by James Henderson, 1076 W. Fairmount Ave., was rammed between two trucks while it was standing at an intersection. A passenger, Mrs. Mary Blackwell, Baltimore church worker, was injured. (Scott Henderson Photo).

At Random

By JOSEPH A. SHEPHARD

I know that I'll hear more about having written this column, since the wife says I never do anything involving work, until I've been urged, coaxed, threatened and finally starved into doing it.

She also insists that I never do even the least chore around the house without bragging about it for at least two weeks afterward.

About ten days ago the little woman said, "Better get home a little bit early tomorrow or that grass will get a running start on you. Remember what happened last time?"

I fully remembered the last time and had a couple of bottles of liniment and a heat lamp that I had used on my aching back to prove it.

Nevertheless, I took a glance at the lawn and back yard and figured that I could let them slide until the weekend.

Sooo—last weekend I had to work unexpectedly.

The grass didn't get cut. It rained sometime in the interim. Then we had that couple of hot, 95-degreeish days.

The grass grew, and so did the dandelions.

THEN, YESTERDAY afternoon I had a few hours off and went home with the idea of reading a little, or watching a ball game on TV, or maybe just loafing.

Remember, now, I said that it was just an idea.

The wife had another one.

"We bought this house," she said, "because of the big corner lot and the lovely terraced lawn. Right now, the man across the street could drive his sports car into that lawn and lose it."

"Aw, it's not that bad," I countered, "I've got something in town I've got to take care of, and I'll do the lawn Saturday."

"You've got a lawn mower in the cellar and you'll take care of whatever you've got to do in town Saturday."

"Look, baby," I said, "let's compromise."

We did. I got the lawn mower out of the cellar and went to work.

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SO, DEPRIVED of my right to rest and liberty to loaf, I took it out on the lawn mower. For the first half hour the grass was spraying so high that it was sticking to my eyeglasses.

I finished the back yard and called out between puffs—"Hey, Brooklyn, dinner about ready?"

"You've got the side and the front of the lawn to do yet. You'll start dinner just before you finish."

"First she fouls up my freedom and then she messes with my meals," I muttered under my clatter of the mower as I tackled the lawn around on the shady side of the house.

This new burst of indignation was sufficient to get nearly all of the grass on that side cut, and at just about when I ran out of indignation I also ran out of energy.

I went into the house for a cold drink, and started to make some lemonade.

"No point wasting time with those lemons," the little woman called from upstairs, "I've already made a pitcherful, it's sitting over there on the drainboard of the sink."

"Now she's reading my mind," I muttered, and took the pitcher outside with me.

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TWO GLASSES of lemonade later I felt even less like tackling the sun-drenched and steeply terraced front lawn.

Brooklyn came out: "The side and back really look nice," she said, "but thought you told me last time that you were always going to do this front part first, before you got tired?"

"Never mind last time," I muttered. "Who's doing this job, anyway?"

"You are, darling," she cooed, "the hard way," and tripped on into the house.

On the last patch of the terrace the mower started down the hill and almost pulled me down with it. I stopped it by sitting down in a hurry, and around the corner of the house came a smell of steak just pulled out of the broiler.

The next time I'm gonna cut that grass before it gets so high and tough. And the time after that I'm gonna get a power mower, so help me!

Cherry Hill Church anniversary set

By MARJORIE J. WARD

Cherry Hill First Baptist Church will celebrate the Eighth Anniversary of its pastor, the Rev. J. H. Clark, Sunday, May 20 at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. The Rev. Oliver Page, pastor of Gethsemene Baptist Church, will preach at 3 and the Famous Young Sisters will sing at 8.

Mrs. Aretha Jennings Mayo, Girl Scout executive, will be the guest speaker at the Annual Women's Day at the Community Presbyterian Church at 11 a.m., Sunday. Mrs. Claudenia Brown will be the guest soloist. Mrs. Isolene Crowner will preside.

A dramatic presentation, Women of the Bible, will be presented by the Women's Organization at 6, Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Ohrea Mitchell will direct. Mrs. Jennie Butler is general chairman and Mrs. Marjorie Ward is president of the organization.

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Isaac, 9, all of whom were cut badly.

Funeral services for the twin dead children were held Wednesday in Windsor at the Morning Star Baptist Church with the Rev. A. D. Harrell officiating.

The sisters were eulogized Thursday at the Morning Star Baptist Church, Capron.

Mr. Goodman is a deacon of Morning Star Baptist Church, a former Sunday school superintendent, missionary of the Sunday School Union; Past exalted ruler of Tidewater Lodge No. 272 Elks; senior warden of W. F. Jackson Lodge A.F.A.M. and president of the PTA of Georgia Tyler School at Windsor.

Mr. Goodman lived in Windsor and commuted to Portsmouth daily. He attended St. Paul's Polytechnic Institute at Lawrenceville and Virginia State College.

'They disagreed about a gun—hospital, jail

MR. AND MRS. NOW—Dewey Watkins and Miss Cecelia Rose were married Sunday in a private ceremony. The couple above was made last January when Mr. Watkins was convicted and sentenced to six months in the House of Correction on a larceny charge. Mr. Watkins made a counter-charge that Vice Squad Officer Wilbur W. Rose "framed him" when he stepped an alleged $36-a-month "pay-off." Miss Rose, a roomer in Watkins' home at the time and an ex-Morgan physical education student, testified at the trial that she was with Officer Rose in the house on two occasions. The couple now resides at 1928 W. Lanvale St. Mr. Watkins is working as a presser at Liberty Cleaners while the new Mrs. Watkins works at the Sphinx Club.

They disagreed over a gun.

One man, the victim, said it was "too good."

The other man, the accused apparently knew it would work."

And it did.

James A. Robertson, 33, 822 First St., NW, currently is in a critical condition at D.C. General Hospital.

He suffered two bullet wounds in the stomach and one in the head when shot three times, Saturday.

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POLICE arrested Curtis Sims, 27, unit block DePreen St., NW, on charges of firing the shots. Officers say the accused man admits the shooting.

They say he gave them the following story:

DEATH CAR—Four persons, including two children, were killed when the car in which they were riding left the road and ploughed into a tree. The driver, it was said, went to sleep at the wheel.

ONE HURT, FOUR ESCAPE — Attendants carry Mrs. Mary Blackwell to ambulance after auto accident in Richmond, Va., Sunday. Four other Baltimore-residents in the car escaped uninjured. The Baltimoreans were returning from a funeral in Wakefield, Va.

'I hate to send you to House of Correction'

"I hate so badly to send you to the House of Correction," **Magistrate Lawrence Koger, presiding in Northwestern District Police Court, Wednesday morning, made this compassionate remark to a 17-year-old youth facing him on three charges of larceny and a charge of violation of probation.**

The youth, Charles P. Johnson, 2100 block W. North Ave., was accused of theft of a hydraulic jack from the Tydol Service Station, 530 N. Franklin St. on April 26; an automobile fender skirt from Penic B. Harper, 2203 Bisiel St., and a chrome hood from Cleveland Truesdale, 2200 W. North, last September.

"I MIGHT admit taking the bird or something, but I didn't take that jack," Johnson said, after the magistrate found him guilty of that charge and of stealing the fender skirt.

Magistrate Koger sentenced him to three months each in the House of Correction on two charges of theft and three out a third count when a witness, Mrs. Mary Leonard, 902 N. Wheeler St., said the person she saw taking the fender skirt "looked more mature than this boy."

On the recommendation of Robert L. Johnson, parole officer, Magistrate Koger changed the two House of Correction terms to 30-day jail sentences, to run concurrent with a 30-day sentence for violation of probation.

SPEAKS AT Aand M.

NORMAL, Ala. — Coyness L. Ennis, Birmingham attorney, was speaker for the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity during their observation of Bigger and Better Business Week at Alabama A and M College here recently.

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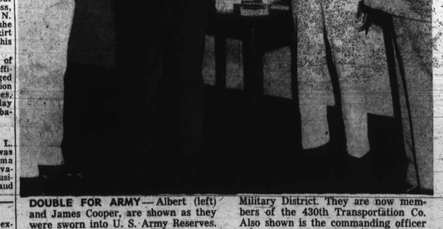
SANDY—Send names of two experienced linotype operators and a compositor to me at 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore—Hurry!! JAKE.



DOUBLE FOR ARMY—Albert (left) and James Cooper, are shown as they were sworn into U. S. Army Reserves. Doing the honors for the twins is Col. John L. Keefe, chief of the Maryland Military District. They are now members of the 430th Transportation Co. Also shown is the commanding officer of that unit, Capt. James H. Pinkney. The youths are the sons of Alfonsus Cooper, 183 Colvin St.

—POLITICS—

Republican Viewpoint

By HARRY A. COLE

The primary election is over and conclusive as to what persons were nominated for certain offices.

Two questions logically follow as a result of the returns: (1) Why did George P. Mahoney lose? (2) What gave Millard E. Tydings his margin of victory?

Mahoney had run in three previous elections. His role had always been that of the underdog.

He fought an uphill battle, claiming to champion the cause of the little fellow and attacking the right of the political bosses to say who should or should not seek political office.

Perhaps many of you recall that it was he who gave meaning to the phrase "You're the Boss."

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MAHONEY STARTED his campaign early in this election. It appeared at one time that he had solidified the dissident elements into one united group.

It was conceded generally that if he could maintain this unity through the primary, he would win his seat in the United States Senate.

The bosses, however, chose to oppose him in spite of this, until three weeks before the election, he seemed favored to win. Then, it happened.

Mahoney was down on the Eastern Shore and unwisely double-talked on the segregation issue.

This was political naivette: for Mahoney had no record in office and the average person would rather take a chance on an unknown than bet on a person whose every major decision was against the interest of colored people as was Tydings.

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THE EFFECT of Mahoney's blunder was to create indifference in voting in the minds of many of his previously staunch supporters. Many had no zeal to persevere as before.

Many of those who might have come out to vote stayed home with the idea that one was as bad as the other.

In this way, he lost the popular vote; he lost the colored vote which previously had been his, and so lost the election.

What gave Tydings his margin of victory? A quick glance at the returns leaves no mistake.

He received his seven unit votes in the Fifth district of Baltimore City from misguided and misled colored voters. He received his plurality from misguided and misled colored voters throughout the state of Maryland.

THESE VOTERS were misled into believing that Tydings was the lesser of two evils. This propaganda was intended to lead and did succeed in leading these voters into accepting the idea that Tydings' record was "not so bad."

At a matter of fact, Tydings should have been rejected to convince him that he could not render costly disservice to his constituents and then presume that after 24 years of such disservice the people would not remember.

His record in 24 years in the Senate reveals no constructive effort on behalf of minorities generally and certainly not with regard to darker people.

He voted against FEPC, soldiers' protection in the South, housing, and other social reforms.

He has initiated no progress bills of our group. He has been five steps for individual members of the servant of the selected few, not of the mass.

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WHILE IT is true that Democratic voters had little basis for distinguishing these two candidates in the primary, My sincere and fervent hope is that they will exercise the wise judgment of denying him the honor to represent this state in the Senate of the United States by voting against him come November.

Democratic Viewpoint

By ROBERT B. WATTS

Last weekend I attended the National Convention of the Americans for Democratic Action held at the Shoreham Hotel in Washington and I feel that several political matters are deserving of comment, with respect to that meeting.

This organization is dedicated to the policies of Franklin D. Roosevelt and represents the liberal wing of our party.

In attendance were such democrats as Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Senators Hubert Humphrey, Herbert Lehman and Wayne Morse, Joe Rauh; Robert Nathan, and many others.

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THIS GROUP took the Republican Administration to task for its failure to assume the proper leadership in the field of civil rights.

Civil rights in the opinion of a vast majority of the delegates, will be the prime issue in this campaign.

For three years the Republicans took no steps in this field, but realizing that this is an election year, we now see them busy with what they call an omnibus civil rights bill which you can read about in other pages of this paper.

This bill appears to be political in nature, and a last minute effort on the part of the Republicans to compensate for their years of doing nothing.

ADA does not intend to allow the Administration to get away with this.

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WALTER REUTHER, vice president of AFL-CIO, stated that he could not stand by and see the Democrats ignore this issue either.

Mr. Eisenhower was taken to task for refusing to take the lead, when we had the outbreak of violence in the South, when by intimidation men were refused the right to vote.

Mr. Eisenhower was asked to call an immediate conference of both white and colored leaders to do something about the rise of bitter hatred in the South.

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ROY WILKINS, executive secretary of the NAACP, made the most profound statement of all.

He gave as that side cited, the colored voter is sure to judge the Republican Administration's failure to give leadership to the movement to implement the ruling of the Supreme Court, and he added that the Democrats have failed, too, in the civil rights field for their party controls the state governments which have disenfranchised and otherwise demeaned the colored citizen. He then made this profound and thought-provoking statement:

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"IN THE super-heated atmosphere engendered by the reaction to the Supreme Court's decree, both parties are on trial as never before.

"The harsh and revealing language of revolt has made it much easier for the voter to discern the ambiguous phrases and the meaningless movements that heretofore have served so well as smoke screens at election time.

"Make no mistake about it, as far as the colored voter is concerned, desegregation is the issue of the day.

"No candidate or party can command his allegiance, if he or it fails to stand boldly for civil rights, and the enjoyment of them without discrimination and delay."

LINCOLN UNIVERSITY (MO) HONORS READER'S DIGEST

NEW YORK — The Board of Curators of Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Mo., and the faculty of the department of journalism have honored The Reader's Digest with a citation for the magazine's "significant contribution to better human relations."

—Coed tells of attack

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group of coeds turned in a false alarm.

Students said the girls sound ed the alarm after they returned to the campus from weekend trips home, and found their dormitory doors locked.

Fire Department records show that on that date, firemen were summoned to a dormitory on the Morgan campus at 2:15 a.m.

Of the panty raid report, Dr. Martin Jenkins, president of Morgan, said:

"There was no panty raid here at Morgan. There were rumors of a raid, but this very serious case (referring to the coed attack) has brought a damper on any activity of that kind . . ."

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THE ATTACK on the freshman student allegedly took place on a dirt road behind the school infirmary around 9:30 p.m. Monday.

In the three-hour police court hearing before Magistrate Simon Schonfield, testimony indicated that the girl was attacked by a group of boys while she and her date were seated in an automobile on the campus.

After the first attack, her screams attracted the attention of a campus police officer.

Officer Edward Ballard of the 2200 block Gittings Ave., said the young women "was screaming for dear life when I heard her.

"I had gone around the building to investigate another matter when I saw a car parked at the end of the road.

"I started down to see what was wrong and heard screams. The car started up. I yelled, 'stop that car,' and the driver almost ran me down. I fired two shots and it kept going.

"I went back and got the girl and boy and took them to the dean's office and called Dr. Jenkins."

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TESTIMONY AT THE hearing was given by the coed and John Robert Lee, 6400 block Kenwood Ave., Chicago.

A packed court room sat in silence as the girl, who resides with a sister in the 2000 block Longwood St., tearfully described how "they argued over who would be first."

Lee, who admitted that he was in the car with the girl when "we heard noises," stated, "There was nothing I could do."

One of the accused students, Pratt, was a roommate of Lee's.

Relatives of all the boys involved attended the police hearing.

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BEFORE THEY were brought from their cells to the courtroom the accused students spent their time reading papers and talking with relatives.

They went before the magistrate attired in bright-colored short-sleeved sports shirts and appeared to have had a good night's rest. Each entered a plea of not guilty.

One of those who expressed concern over the outcome of the preliminary hearing was William Thomas, brother of Stephen Thomas. He stated:

"I can't believe it. My mother is really upset about this. Stephen is her baby boy.

"He was an all-state football player in E. Orange and was on the track team.

"The school notified us by telegram. I still can't believe it."

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THE GRANDPARENTS of Kenneth Parker declared: "We just don't know what to think."

In small groups the families talked quietly among themselves while arrangements were made for the boys to obtain the services of an attorney.

Assistant state's attorney Francis Meagher interrogated the witnesses. William M. Tesdvine and Robert Watts represented Lee and the young woman.

Milton Allen represented Thomas, Sterling Parker, Kenneth Parker and Alan J. Emerson Brown represented Jones.

Among spectators in the courtroom were President Jenkins; Dean of Men Leonard Anderson, Father Cedric E. Miller, Dr. J. C. Cambridge, school physician; Dr. Maurice Lee, Morgan professor; and McQuay Kiah, Morgan instructor.

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ALSO, RELATIVES of the accused boys including: Mrs. Viona Delauder, Dobbs, Md., mother of Kenneth Parker; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Parker of Fairmont Heights, Md., parents of Sterling Parker;

Mrs. Mary Pratt, Palmyra, N.J., mother of Merrill Pratt; and twfo of his brothers and his girlfriend, all of Palmyra;

And, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Thomas, E. Orange N.J., parents of Stephen Thomas; and his brother, William Thomas, E. Orange.

—They just walked up . . .

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friends on the campus. These boys I didn't know at all.

"I'm going to transfer to another college," she said. "I have been going to mixed schools all my life.

"I'm from Pittsburgh, and for fraternal relationships, I came to Morgan," she said wistfully.

"I guess I will go to another mixed school now. I can enroll in the University of Pittsburgh."

HER VOICE, showing her concern over the situation, was troubled as she said:

"My mother and father are very much upset over this. My father is coming down here to see what he can do.

"I hope those boys are found guilty. This is a terrible thing."

Meanwhile, at her Pittsburgh Beauty shop, the girl's mother told the AFRO:

"I am just so upset."

Asked if her daughter had been requested to withdraw from Morgan, she said:

"I understand that my daughter did withdraw.

"I don't like it at all. I spoke with someone yesterday and he said that it was the best thing to be done but I don't."

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THE MOTHER said that the person she had talked with was Dr. Martin Jenkins, the president.

"I'm having my lawyer get in touch with college officials," she said.

"She is my oldest daughter," she said. "She just got out of high school last year.

"She's always been a quiet girl who studies hard. She was an honor student at Taylor-Allerdice High School. She made a very good record there."

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ASKED BY the reporter if she planned to come to Baltimore, she replied:

"Yes, I'll be down . . . for the trial."

To the question about the other children in the family, she said:

"I have one 17, one 15 and one 12. There are two other girls. She was the first to go to college—in fact, the first to be away from home."

She said that she sent her daughter to Morgan because "I have another daughter living there in Baltimore, and I thought it would be nice if she lived there.

"Her real father is dead but her stepfather is very concerned.

"He is also coming down for the trial."

She said that the other children are just like his own children to him.

She said her daughter called her Wednesday morning. "She thought maybe she could take care of the matter herself," she added.

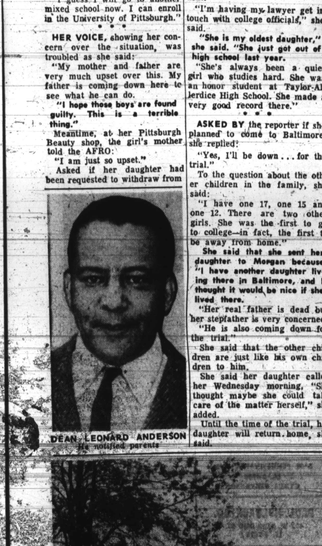
Until the time of the trial, her daughter will return home, she said.

WORRIED—Leaving the Northeastern District Police station where a man was charged with assault upon a freshman student, the grandparents of Kenneth Parker commented "We just don't know what to thing."

DEAN LEONARD ANDERSON *A worried parent*

CHARLES PRATT *His brother's bail was $5,000*

EDWARD BALLARD *Fired at boys*



X MARKS THE SPOT—In this area behind the Morgan State College infirmary, five freshmen allegedly attacked an 18-year-old coed Monday night. Her screams attracted the attention of an officer who fired on a speeding car owned by one of the students.

Highlights of the testimony in Morgan campus attack case

(Editor's Note—The name of the coed is purposely omitted in line with AFRO policy which eliminates names of women involved in rape cases.)

Here are highlights of testimony given by the 18-year-old Morgan coed, and her escort, John Robert Lee, in Northeastern Police Court Wednesday, before Magistrate Simon Schonfield.

The girl, who accuses five Morgan freshmen of criminal assault, was interrogated by Asst. State's Attorney, Francis Meagher.

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UNDER QUESTIONING the girl testified:

Q—What's your age?

A—18

Q—Where do you live?

A—In the 2000 block Longwood St., with my sister.

Q—On May 14, about 9:30 p.m., were you in company with any persons?

A—Yes

Q—Who were you in company with?

A—About 9:30 I was in company with Bobby Lee and Merril Pratt.

Q—Do you see Merril Pratt in the court room?

A—Yes

Q—Now you say you were in their company at about 9:30. Where were you in their company?

A—In Pratt's car.

Q—Where were you sitting?

A—I was sitting in the back seat with Bobby Lee.

Q—Anyone else in the automobile?

A—No.

Q—Where did you go in the automobile?

A—We drove down near the reservoir then back to the campus.

Q—When you came back to the campus, where did you go?

A—We parked in front of Baldwin Hall. Pratt got out.

Q—Did Bobby Lee stay in the car?

A—Yes

Q — How long did you stay there?

A—About 15 minutes. Then Pratt came back to the car.

Q—When Pratt came back what did he do or say?

A—He told Lee that he had better go and see about his tires change. (Lee and Pratt are roommates in Baldwin Hall. (This referred to picking up clean sheets handed out that day.)

Q—Then what happened?

A—About ten minutes later, Lee got out of the car.

Q—How long was he gone?

A—About ten minutes.

Q—Then what happened?

A—He (Lee) got in the front seat and drove off between the infirmary and Baldwin Hall and parked on a dirt road.

Q—When you were parked there what happened?

A—Bobby Lee and I just sat and talked.

Q—Was Lee in the front and you in the back?

A—No. He got into the back, where she was seated.

Q—Now while you were parked there what happened?

A—We heard noises behind the car. I saw forms of heads. I said, 'let's see who they are.'

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WHEN QUESTIONED as to what took place after she heard noises the freshman coed broke into tears and stated:

"They pulled him (Lee) out and got in. They were feeling all over my body."

Q—How many were there?

A—There were four. One was under the wheel.

Q—What did the one in the front seat do?

A—He got out and climbed into the back seat.

Q—Where was Bobby Lee at that time?

A—He had been pulled out of the car.

Q—What happened after that?

A—They began to discuss who would be first.

Q — Who would be first to what?

A—To have an intercourse with me.

Q—Then what did they do?

A—They told me if I didn't do what they wanted me to my name would be slandered if I didn't cooperate. I told them to go ahead.

"Then they argued over who would be first. They finally agreed that Pratt would be first since it was his car.

Q—Then what?

A—Everybody left the car and he pushed me against the side.

Q—Then what did you do?

A—I screamed, but there was nothing I could do. He forced my legs apart.

Q—Did he force you to pull off your clothes?

A—No. I had on a very wide skirt.

Q—Then what?

A—After he finished, he got up, and another boy got into the car. Pratt got out.

Q—After Pratt had done this to you, what happened after that?

A—The other boy tried to force me into a position to rape me. He tried to put his hands under my dress.

Q—Did he say anything?

A—He said nothing.

Q—Did you struggle with him?

A—I was fighting him and screaming. We didn't struggle long. He didn't get on top of me.

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UNDER QUESTIONING by Milton Allen who represented all of the defendants with the exception of Pratt, the girl testified:

Q—How long have you known Bobby Lee.

A—I met him that day. He asked me to wait for him after a basketball game.

Q—Where did you all go after that?

A—We went to the reservoir near the school. I don't know which one.

Q—Did you remain on the back seat?

A—Yes.

Q—Did you have a date with Lee that night.

A—No he asked me to wait.

Q—Who drove the car to the reservoir?

A—Pratt.

Q—What did he do when you got there?

A—He got out of the car.

Q—Do you know why he got out?

A—I didn't know why.

Q—What did you and Lee do then?

A—Lee and I began to talk.

Q—What did you talk about?

A—Bobby Lee asked me to be his girlfriend.

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IN HIS testimony, Lee told the court that his home was in Chicago and his Baltimore address was now in the 2200 block Montebello Terrace, where he resides with an uncle. The questions and answers follow:

Q — Tell what happened on May 14.

A — Around 9:30 we drove around Lake Montebello. Pratt was driving. He drove back to Baldwin Hall after we left Montebello.

Q—Where did you pick the girl up?

A—We picked her up near Thomas House and parked behind Baldwin Hall.

Q—Was Pratt with you then?

A—No. He sent word for me to change my dress.

Q—Did you ask him to take her home?

A—I asked him was he going to take her home. He said no. I told him I was going to drive her to the bus stop.

"We drove about 25 yards past Baldwin Hall and I stopped. We parked. I and Dave at the tercourse with her.

Q—What happened after that?

A—I looked behind me, and the fellows were coming up behind the car. I tried to talk to the boys.

Q—Who were they?

A—Pratt, Steve Thomas, Sterling Parker, Alan Jones, and Kenneth Parker.

Q—What did you do?

A—They were molesting the girl. I tried to stop them. They pulled me out.

Q—How many came into the car?

A—Two or three came into the car. I tried to talk with them.

Q—Did you tell her anything?

A—I couldn't do anything with the fellows so I told her the easiest thing to do was to have sexual intercourse with one of two of the fellows because she would get off easier, but she didn't want to do that either.

Q—What did they do?

A—They were trying to pull up her dress. I couldn't do anything so we all went to the back behind the car.

Q—When you say we all went behind the car, was that your decision?

A—No.

Q—Did you say anything else when you told her it might be best to have intercourse?

A—No. I told her it probably would be best to have intercourse with the fellow — she'd probably get off easier.

Q—Who was in the car?

A—Pratt was in the car five or six minutes.

Q—Did you go up to the car?

A—I didn't hear anything. When I got to the car, Pratt was getting up off the girl.

Q—What happened after that?

A—Pratt got out and two or three fellows got in.

Q—Who remained inside?

A—Kenneth Parker got in the back after Pratt, but I didn't see him do anything.

Q—Did the girl scream?

A—She screamed a little before. She screamed louder when she saw the special officer.

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UNDER QUESTIONING by Attorney Allen, Lee testified as follows:

Q — When did you meet this girl?

A—Same date. I was going to take her home. We went out to Montebello. Pratt got out and left us there. He got back in and we drove back to the campus. He refused to drive her home.

Q—Did you tell him that you were going to take her home?

A—I may have said him.

Q—What were you all doing behind Baldwin Hall?

A—Necking. Petting.

Q—Could the boys see you?

A—They could see the car. I saw that I couldn't do the girl any good.

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STATEMENTS SIGNED by the five boys were brought to the hearing, but were not read.

In summarizing Pratt's statement the assistant state's attorney said that he (Pratt) admitted:

"That he was doing the driving while the two (Lee and the girl) were in the back seat that he left the car twice, and that he was with the others when they walked down to where the couple were parked.

He was asked if he had relations with her and said "yes," Mr. Meagher stated.

'They can't believe it . . .'

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be absolutely right if you say that at Morgan today we are all ashamed, and many of us are bitter that this thing had to happen ."

Some credence to this report of campus attitudes was given on Thursday afternoon when the AFRO asked the public relations office whether a statement was available from the student government association or the dormitory council. None was.

All six of the Morgan students involved in the incident are freshmen. All range in age from 18-20. Five are athletes. They are:

William Merrill Pratt, 20, a member of the Morgan track team. He was an honor student at the Palmyra, N.J., High School.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pratt, he is a physical education major.

In last week's CIAA meet at Morgan, Pratt ran the opening leg on the mile relay race. He was anchorman on the freshman's mile relay team.

HIS BROTHER, Charles Pratt, one of those who attended the hearing Wednesday, was hurdles champion at Manhattan College. He is in the army and is stationed at Fort Dix, N.J.

A younger brother, Eugene, is rated by many as the best high school quarter-miler in the East. Eugene is 15 and attends Palmyra High School.

Stephen S. Thomas, 19, is the son of Mrs. Hilda Thomas of E. Orange, N.J., and is majoring in business administration.

Sterling M. Parker, 19, is a graduate of Northeastern High School, Fairmount, Md., and is a physical education major.

Kenneth W. Parker, 18, of Dobbs, Md., is a graduate of Lincoln High School in Frederick. He is the son of Howard Delander and is majoring in business administration.

Alan E. Jones, 19, is from New Rochelle, N.Y., and is also majoring in business administration.

Jones is a half-miler on the Morgan track team and plays on the football team.

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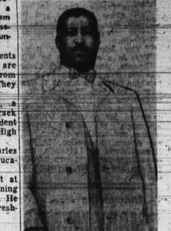
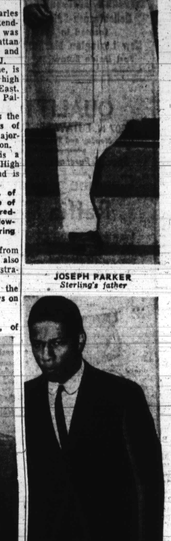
JOHN ROBERT LEE, 19, of Chicago, is the son of Dr. J. R. E. Lee Jr., business manager at Florida A. and M. College.

He was the girl's escort at the time of the assault, and is listed by police as a witness.

He is the nephew of Dr. Maurice Lee, professor of English at Morgan, and was a physical education major.



JOSEPH PARKER *Sterling's father*



DR. MAURICE LEE *Johns uncle*

JOHN R. LEE *Girl's escort*

SHE CRIED—In the middle of her testimony against five college athletes at Northeastern Wednesday morning this 18-year-old coed cried. Her testimony over, she was led away by her sister at left, and her attorney.