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Prayer for Today
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'Thump, Thump' In Car Trunk Traps Boys Who Killed Kindly Teacher

'God led me to 'em,' --alert cop

By RUFUS WELLS

BLACKSTONE, Va. — Two teenagers are in jail facing a murder charge because a Blackstone policeman made a habit of memorizing auto license numbers.

Patrolman R. L. Edds flagged a car down for a minor traffic violation and made a mental note of the tag number as the car drew to a halt.

As a direct result of the officer's alertness, Russell and Samuel Thomas were arrested two hours later for the bludgeon slaying of Mrs. Lucille Overby, a veteran Kenbridge school teacher.

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THE KILLING, described by Sheriff Emerson Hardy as "the most cold-blooded murder I've ever heard of," took place last Saturday.

The two youths joked and laughed during the interview following their confession of the murded. In their account, they said:

"She begged us not to kill her, to spare her life, but we had to, we couldn't let her squeal on us..."

The youths told police they had gone to Mrs. Overby's home and told her that Samuel had an injured knee. The aged sympathetic ex-teacher took them in and bandaged the knee, which had been hurt in an accident.

"YOU'VE GOT too far to walk on that bad knee," she told them as they prepared to leave. She drove them to a fork in the road near their homes.

As she turned the car around, the boys flagged her down and told her they had left a pair of shoes in the car. As she leaned over to look for the shoes, they struck her on the head with a soft-drink bottle, they said in the confession.

Mrs. Overby pleaded with the youths to spare her, she told them to take the car and the $2.10 she had in her purse.

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THE TWO TEENAGERS told the police that they continued to beat her until she slumped unconscious. They then put her in-

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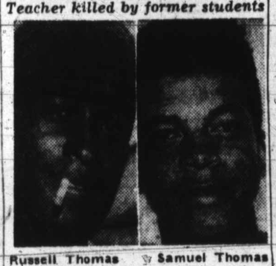
MRS. LUCILLE OVERBY
Teacher killed by former students



Russell Thomas | Samuel Thomas

"She begged us not to kill her, but we had to . . ."

"THUMP, THUMP, THUMP"— That is what Patrolman R. L. Edds of Blackstone, Va. heard as he flagged the car in which Mrs. Lucille Overby, veteran school teacher, was being carried on a midnight death ride. The noise in the trunk caused him to make a mental note of the license numbers. It was this alertness that led to the arrest of two teenagers, who are suspected of slaying the teacher and throwing her body into a Camp Pickett, Va. reservoir.

Tydings, Mahoney confident

"We think we will carry six districts."

"We hope to carry all districts but we think we will be successful in the 4th, 5th and 6th districts."

On the eve of Monday's primary election, that's the opinion of campaign managers of both of the Democratic candidates for the senatorial nomination.

The first statements was made by Paul J. Reed, Baltimore campaign manager for George P. Mahoney.

The second statement was given by Bruce Livey, state campaign manager for Millard E. Tydings.

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IN AN EFFORT to shake as many hands as possible before the voters began their trek to the polls, Mr. Mahoney carried his campaign to Harford County Thursday afternoon.

Rallies in the First and Second districts were scheduled later in the afternoon.

For Friday, Mr. Mahoney planned a rally for the Sixth District.

According to Mr. Reed: "Our candidate has been warmly received by various groups that comprised a cross section of the city. The response has been overwhelming.

"As for the districts, Mahoney has never won in the 4th, but we think he will this time. We feel that he will carry it completely.

"We feel we have a strong organization in the 4th," Mr. Reed declared.

Asked to comment on his candidate's views on the U.S. Su-

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'O God, we found Mama, she's dead'

Family in same house unaware; casket must be sealed for funeral

"I don't think I'll get myself together for many a day.

"I heard her son holler, 'Aunt Marie . . Oh . . . Oh . . .' just like that. He was calling his aunt.

"Then they said, 'Oh, God! we found Mama, we found Mama, she's dead!'

"It was one sight. She was on the floor, they feel she must have gotten up. She couldn't have slid off the bed right on her back.

"She must have felt herself going or felt something happening and she must have come to the door and slid and fell on her back.

Mrs. Jackson

"I imagine that's the way it was."

A near neighbor and very close friend of the Rev. Mrs. Geneva Jackson, 2318 Pennsylvania Ave., was telling how the badly decomposed body of the 60-year-old minister was found in her room Tuesday morning.

Dr. Ralph Reckling, who pronounced her dead, estimated she had been dead three days.

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"THE LAST time she was heard from," the neighbor said, "was Saturday night about 10 o'clock when her niece, Geraldine, (Mrs. Geraldine McCall) came down from her house up the street at 2332 and came in and hollered, 'Oh, shucks, Everybody here's gone to bed.'

"And Geraldine said, 'I came here to get a tub . . .' and Mrs. Jackson answered, 'I'm not in bed, I'm up here reading.'

"She always read her Bible at night when she turned in. And when Geraldine went on upstairs, she didn't stop at her aunt's door.

"It was closed anyhow. She kept right on up to the third floor."

Mrs. Jackson occupied a front bedroom in the second floor apartment. Three other relatives lived in the same three-story building.

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"WE TALKED together Saturday. She was around to see me Saturday right here," said the Rev. Mrs. Mary Edwards, 536 Baker St., another friend of the deceased minister.

"We just talked as usual. She didn't say anything at all about being ill or depressed or anything like that. We just talked natural talk.

"It certainly is sad. Honest to God it is."

The body of Mrs. Jackson was discovered about 8:45 Tuesday morning by her son, Louis Jackson, and her niece, Mrs. McCall.

According to the five-year-old son of Mrs. McCall:

"My uncle found her. He broke down the door."

The cause of death was officially listed as a cerebral hemorrhage. No foul play was suspected by police.

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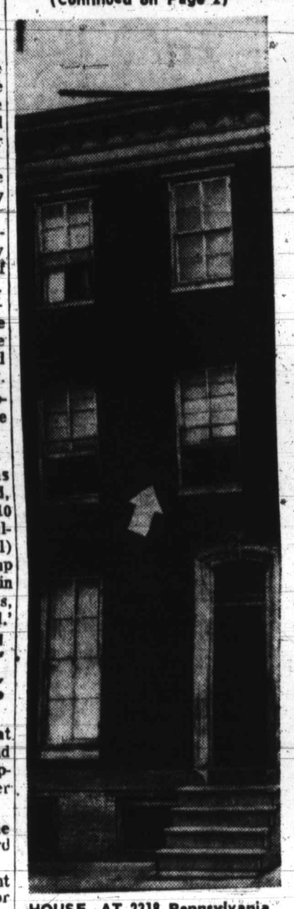

HOUSE AT 2318 Pennsylvania Ave., where woman paster was found dead. She was last seen Saturday night.

Methodists vote to end segregation

By SHIRLEY KYLE

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—"May the wisdom of God abide in our hearts and minds in an hour like this."

These 16 words of benediction gave birth to a "miracle" that united Northern and Southern delegates at General Conference of Methodist Church Wednesday morning to take definite action towards abolition of the segregated Central Jurisdication, a spokesman told the AFRO.

The short prayer was deliv-

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Crash victims' families mourn

A Cherry Hill Family was left motherless and a Piedmont Ave. family was left fatherless following the Saturday evening automobile accident which killed Mrs. Ophelia Drummond, 622 Cheraton Rd., and J. Carl Hudgins Sr., white, 3438 Piedmont Ave.

The accident occurred at the intersection of Reed Bird Ave., and Potee St. The car driven by Mr. Hudgins, "at excessive speed" according to the police report, ran through the red light at the intersection.

Going south on Potee St., it struck the rear of the Drummond family car, proceeding west on Reed Bird, killing both victims instantly.

Mrs. Drummond's sister and daughter were both injured in the collision.

The AFRO attended funeral services for both victims on Wednesday. The accounts of the rites follow:

'We turn to God...'

"I'm glad that in the uncertainties of life we can turn to the comforts of God. We pray, dear Master, that the comforts of Heaven be opened to this family in its hour of bereavement."

The Rev. Dr. S. Carroll Coale spoke these solemn words Wednesday afternoon at the final rites of one of his parishioners, Carl J. Hudgins Sr., 3438 Piedmont Ave., who was killed in the automobile accident Saturday.

Mrs. Lillian F. Hudgins, grief-stricken wife of the deceased, fainted and had to be carried out of the flower-decked chapel minutes after funeral services for her husband started.

Other relatives and friends of

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'Death did not rob her'

"Lillian Ophelia Drummond has entered eternal life.

"Death has not robbed her. Now she has been released from the confines of this earthly existence.

"For, in the presence of Christ, she is living and growing toward pefection."

With these words, the Rev. Edgar W. Ward paid a few last words of respect to the Cherry Hill matron of 622 Cheraton

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Rd. who last Saturday was the victim of an automobile accident.

The walls of Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church at the Wednesday service were lined with floral tributes to the deceased. The lavender-colored closed casket was flanked and topped by dozens of bouquets of gladioli, lilies

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Ala. city sues local bus lines

By ART CARTER
AFRO Managing Editor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — "A desegregated bus operation affords an open invitation to irresponsible elements of the community to breach the peace, cause disorderly conduct, and incite riots and civil commotion."

That is what the City of Montgomery said Tuesday in filing a suit that would require the Montgomery City Lines to comply with local and state bus segregation laws or cease operating in continued violation of these laws.

Filed in Circuit Court here, the suit avers that continued adherence to the bus company's desegregation policy, begun here April 23, "threatens the public health and safety by creating a

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300 here to sing-play

The sound of music filled the air at Morgan State College this morning (Friday) as the sixth annual All State Sing Play got under way with over 300 young musicians from 20 Maryland schools taking part in the activities.

Appearing at the 10 a.m. program were the Morgan Symphonic Band, under the ba-

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ton of R. R. Hayes Strider, and the Baltimore Boys' Choir under the direction of William M. H. Birche Jr.

The highlight of the morning concert was the playing of

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Church conventions

AMEs in Miami

By ART CARTER
AFRO Managing Editor

MIAMI, Fla.—"The lengthening shadow of Wesleyism will be enhanced by integration and John Wesley will be more of a hero to all of us than he is today."

Thus declared Bishop George W. Baber of Detroit as he delivered the sermon at the opening session of the 35th Quadrennial Conference of the AME Church here, Wednesday night.

Earlier Bishop D. Ward Nichols of New York City, saying the invocation, appealed for

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AMEZs in Pitt.

By LOUIS LAUTIER

PITTSBURGH (NNPA) —The 35th quadrennial session of the AME Zion Church opened Wednesday morning with religious services and communion in Wesley Center Church

Delivering the quadrennial sermon, Bishop Raymond L. Jones of Salisbury, N.C., reminded lay and ecclesiastical delegates of past errors of the AME Zion Church.

He said the church has failed:

1. To promote the Christian church and replace ministers who have already given "a full

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Death cheats the courts; doomed man dies of cancer

"He was looking forward to going home to his wife and son . . . now he's gone home to his Heaveny Father.

"God moves in mysterious ways, His wonders to perform."

A slim, handsome, brown-skinned farm youth who was saved from the gallows last month by an appeals court de-

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cision has cheated the courts again.

Robert Jackson died early Sunday morning at Montebello Hospital.

Cancer, which had infected his leg when he was kicked by a horse in 1953, spread to his lungs and transformed him from a robust lad to a mere skeleton of himself, saved him from a new trial and a possible conviction and death sentence.

He died in his sleep early Sun-

day after spending his last few to.

And he didn't know that he was dying.

His family knew, his friends knew and his pastor knew, but the stricken lad who bore his sufferings so hopefully was never told by the officials.

BECAUSE OF the slim hope held for him, the regular rules regarding hospital visitors were relaxed to let his family and pastor visit whenever they wanted.

One of his disappointments was the hospital's inflexible rule about letting children into the wards. He couldn't see his three-year-old son, Robert Jr.

The Rev. M. Lane, who looked constantly after the patient's mental and spiritual welfare, solved this problem.

He arranged with Head Nurse B. Davidson to hold the child up in the first-floor window of

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Bishop's wife sues for divorce

WASHINGTON

Bishop Samuel Kelsey, pastor, Temple Church of Christ in God, is being sued by his wife, Mrs. Annie Ruth Kelsey, for divorce.

Mrs. Kelsey, 34, 1600 block C St., SE, a stenographer at the Pentagon, alleged desertion, Monday. The minister, 58, lives

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Apex Estate Settled

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.—State inheritance and Federal estate taxes took a $175,360 bite out of the $840,149.19 estate left by Mme. Sarah Spencer Washington, founder and president of the Apex News and Hair Co.

The figures were disclosed Thursday with the final settlement of the estate in Surrogates Court here.

After payment of bills, taxes and operating expenses, a balance of $183,486 remained. This did not include $125,000 outstanding in mortgages. One was for $100,000 on the local Brigantine Hotel and $25,000 on another building in Brooklyn.

OF THE RESIDUE of the estate, approximately $32,368.04 was in cash, the executors, William A. Dart of this city, and William Gosnell of Baltimore both attorneys, reported.

The court approved payment of $27,102 to the executors for their services, while $30,000 was awarded to William E. Stringer, who handled the legal affairs of the estate since Mrs. Washington's death in March of 1953.

Mrs. Sarah John Washington Hayes, adopted daughter of Mrs. Washington, had contended she was entitled to the cash balance. The matter reportedly was settled out of court.

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THE FINAL action which was dated March 21, 1956 had 66 items of allowances and distribution.

Some of these were:

April 15, 1953—cost of funeral, $1,375.

May 26, 1953—opening of safe, $45.

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J. E. Wilkins on board of the Westminster Theological Seminary

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—J. Ernest Wilkins, assistant secretary of labor and former secretary of the Judicial Council of the Methodist Church, became the first person of his race to be named to the board of governors of Westminster Theological Seminary in Baltimore.

He was elected to the post here, Thursday, by the General Conference of the Methodist Church. Mr. Wilkins, a Chicago attorney, will serve on 28-member board with Governor Theodore McKeldin.

Delegates this week also reelected Mr. Wilkins to judicial council on which he has been serving for past eight years.

McKeldin at Morgan State

Gov. Theodore R. McKeldin will speak at 7 p.m. Thursday to the Morgan State College faculty in the Memorial Refectory on the topic, "Responsibilities of State Institutions of Higher Learning."

Sedan or coupe debate decided . . . costs $50

"We were coming up from work at Bethlehem and we got in an argument about a car, whether it was a sedan or a coupe. He bet me $10 that it was a coupe, and we went in a car place and found out that it was a sedan.

"He paid me the money then we went down the street and he said he wanted his money back and that's when the fight started."

This was the story from Ray L. Bagley, 2300 block Koko Le., in Northern Police Court on Thursday, as he explained how a fight started between himself and John W. Sharp, 1500 block Poplar Grove St.

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OFFICERS SAID when they reached the scene in the 1700 block Gwynns Falls Pkwy., they found the men fighting and placed them both under arrest. Each was charged with disorderly conduct and assault.

"I didn't think he had won the bet," said Sharp, in explaining the disturbance.

Each man was fined $50 on the disorderly charge and $50 on the assault charge.

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