WIFE CAN'T GET ASHES OF 'LOST' HUBBY

Legal move pending in Burns case

"I am working on something now that involves a petition but I don't wait to say anything until it's ready . . . It's a very technical and involved procedure from a legal standpoint."

Herbert Myerberg, attorney for Charles T. (Charlie) Burns, made this comment when queried as to whether his client's release from the Maryland Penitentiary was imminent.

Mr. Burns, 42-year-old former restaurant and night club figure, last June was sentenced to two years imprisonment as a second offender of the State's lottery law.

THE MAY 1 raid on his home at 3442 Auchentoroly Ter. raised questions of police irregularities and the grand jury probing the police matter heard from Mr. Burns and others involved in the raid last week.

A codefendant with Mr. Burns on the numbers charge was acquitted last Thursday on request of J. Harold Grady, State's attorney. He is Phillip Taylor, 37-year-old produce man, of the 2809 block Auchentoroly.

Mr. Taylor contended that officers pulled him out of his car and took him inside Mr. Burns' home during the May Day raid.

Two former ranking Rackets Division officers have subsequently been charged with subornation of prejury in grand jury presentments.

Last Friday Inspector Clarence O. Forrester and Capt. Hyman Goldstein, both under suspension, was accused in grand jury presentments with ordering two officers to give false testimony at the Taylor trial, which resulted in a hung jury last June.

ALSO LAST Friday Messrs. Myerberg and Grady conferred with Judge S. Ralph Warnken in connection with the possible release of Mr. Burns.

Immediately after the conference in the judge's chambers Mr. Myerberg told the AFRO the jurist felt he should not take formal action until the case was "presented to him in some form of procedure so that it can be heard in open court."

Following the meeting with Judge Warnken, Mr. Myerberg and Alvin J. T. Zumbrun, managing director of the Criminal Justice Commission, held a conference in Mr. Grady's offices with Mr. Rendi, parole commissioner.

Details of this meeting were not released.

SMILING DEPARTURE — Nurse Louise Marian Gray was smiling Saturday morning as Patrolman Donald C. Scible escorted her from Edgewater Police Court where she had just been held without bail, charged with causing the death of an aged Crownsville State Hospital patient Sept. 22.

Crownsville nurse remains in jail

C. Osborne Duvall, State's attorney for Anne Arundel County, told the AFRO Tuesday that bail for the 36-year-old nurse charged with causing the death of an aged Crownsville State Hospital patient would probably be between $3,500 and $5,000.

Since the offense with which the nurse, Miss Louise Marian Gray, is charged is ordinarily non-bailable one, Mr. Duvall said it would be up to the Circuit Court Judge to determine the amount of bail.

There were no immediate indications from Miss Gray's lawyer, Tucker Dearing of Baltimore, whether he would seek bail for his client.

Miss Gray was formally charged on Saturday morning and ordered held without bail for action of the grand jury.

Mr. Duvall said the case would be presented to the grand jury when it next convenes "probably the end of November or the first of December."

Meanwhile, Mr. Dearing disclosed that he had first talked to Miss Gray in the Anne Arundel county jail at Annapolis for about 45 minutes last Friday night.

The following morning the hearing was held in the Edgewater Police Court before Magistrate Norman T. Hazard.

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MISS GRAY was arrested last Wednesday on a warrant connecting her with the Sept. 22 death of 81-year-old Marshall Snowden.

Dr. Charles L. Ward, superintendent of Crownsville Hospital, had already placed an administrative charge of striking a patient against Miss Gray and asked that her temporary suspension be made permanent.

Miss Gray later advised the State Employment Commission she desires a hearing on the charge but this hearing cannot be granted until after a disposition is made in the criminal case.

Miss Gray, who is praised by co-workers at Crownsville as a good nurse who was kind to her patients, maintained at the hearing that if she caused Mr. Snowden's death, the injury must have been inflicted as the two engaged in a struggle the night of Sept. 16.

The Medical Examiner's certificate was caused by "aspiration of vomitus due to fracture of the jaw."

'...I am my brother's keeper...'

"He is innocent — I was driving," insisted Mammon Gamble, 27, 1407 W. Lanvale St., in Traffic Court on Thursday.

The honest testimony of his brother came to the rescue of Elwood Gamble 25, 112 N. Carrollton Ave., wiggling him off the hook of the law.

Charged with reckless driving and failure to stop after an accident, Elwood Gamble was hauled off to jail Saturday insisting he was innocent.

His comments did not convince Officer Charles Schlotthober of Northwestern Police Dist. who arrested him because he had heard the same song many times.

THE YOUNGEST Mr. Gamble told Magistrate Richard Gilbert, ". . . he was asleep—I wanted to go home and take him home . . . I didn't think something like this would come up."

Asked why he left the scene of the accident, Mr. Gamble replied, "I didn't stop because I didn't want him to wake up in jail and not know how he got there — I knew he would know better what to do when he awoke."

The magistrate, impressed with his honesty asked, "Do you know what you are admitting to?" since he had no driver's permit.

But the younger Mr. Gamble insisted that he was the guilty one.

The magistrate fined him $111.50 on the reckless driving and failure to stop charges formerly attributed to his brother, plus $50.75 for a license.

9 die in headon auto crash

WALLER, Texas—Nine persons, four of them children, died Sunday night in the headon crash of two speeding autos on a two-lane road about 41 miles northwest of Houston.

All of the victims except one infant were thrown clear of the fused wreckage of the two cars by the force of the impact.

Seven of the victims died instantly. There were no survivors. The fronts of the two cars were telescoped into the front seats.

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POLICE SAID that the crash took place at 7:42 p.m. Sunday on U.S. Route 290, a divided highway curving blacktop road in Texas.

Eight of the dead were passengers in one car, driven by Henry Gaines, 52. The other car contained Walter M. Newcomb, white, 51, of Hempstead who was driving alone.

The dead in the Gaines car were identified as Mr. Gaines, his wife, Mrs. Gertrude Gaines, 54; Mrs. Emma Lee Cunningham, 45, Mr. Gaines' sister; four of Mrs. Cunningham's children;

Mrs. Hattie L. Taplin, 25; Mrs. Catherine Gantt, 22; Emma M. Bearden, 10; Vernice Ray, 1; and Mrs. Gantt's six-week-old daughter, all of Houston.

State police fixed the time of the crash by a crushed watch on the wrist of Mrs. Cunningham.

Officials clam up on police probe

By MAX JOHNSON

An unexplained air of mysterious silence appeared to be fast surrounding officials conducting the current probe of irregularities within the Police Department, particularly its Rackets Division, as a new development was brought to public attention on Thursday.

Whether this is an indication that officials are actually closing out concentrated attention on the probe, or whether they have little else that merits such attention could not be determined.

This latest development concerned a lottery raid this past April on a tavern in the 400 block E. Baltimore St., which was led by the now suspended Rackets Division police officer Inspector Clarence O. Forester and Acting Capt. Hyman Goldstein.

Two men were arrested and later jailed on lottery charges, as a result of this raid.

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ELI GOLDSTEIN, 52, manager of the establishment, received a six-month jail term and a $1,000 fine, and Alexander Williams, 54, of the 1600 block Ashburton St., a porter at the tavern, was sentenced to 18 months in the House of Correction.

Court records indicate that Mr. Williams had a previous conviction for a lottery law violation. Both men were sentenced by Judge S. Ralph Warnken on June 18.

On Thursday morning, State's Attorney J. Harold Grady had both Mr. Goldstein and Mr. Williams brought to his office for conferences which began about 9:30 a.m. and lasted three hours.

Afterwards, Mr. Grady would not reveal whether alleged evidences of faked lottery operations prompted this new investigation, such as has been charged in the cases of Charles T. (Charlie) Burns and Phillip L. Taylor, or just what other information was being sought.

Mr. Grady did not indicate whether this new development would subsequently be a matter for Grand Jury attention.

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MEANWHILE, Police Commissioner James H. Hepbron has ordered complete physical examinations for all captains and inspectors.

Commissioner Hepbron, as of Thursday afternoon, had no further report to make. He said earlier in the week that the "probe is still being continued."

Prosistant reports that a general shake-up of Police Department personnel throughout the districts is being planned, including the transferring of all captains, brought no confirmation so far as denied from Police Headquarters.

Acting Chief Inspector Oscar L. Lusby said Wednesday that he had no knowledge of a planne d action Inspector Lusby is filling the position of Chief Inspector Frederick L. Kirby has been on leave since the probe was launched.

Commissioner Hepbron announced some weeks ago, however, that certain transfers would fall on policemen on whose posts vice, gambling, or lottery violations were uncovered by the Rackets Division or the special investigating unit out of his office under Inspector Murphy.

Capt. Clarence German, former head of the Northern Police District, was recently placed in command of the Rackets Division.

This edict from the Commissioner followed the transfer of six Northeastern District policemen. At that time, he said second offenders would face a departmental hearing.

MEANWHILE, IT HAS become increasingly apparent to close observers during the current week that probe officials who have, heretofore, discussed certain phases of their basis, now suddenly appear to have little knowledge of what, if anything, is taking place.

These close observers have expressed the opinion that each department of the investigation is now waiting to see what the other will come up with for further attention.

This includes the Criminal Justice Commission and Alvin J. T. Zumbrun, its director, whose information to Commissioner Hepbron launched the probe on September 20; the Police Commissioner's staff, and Mr. Grady and his staff. Assisting Mr. Grady in handling a phase of the investigation are Assistant State's Attorneys John C. Weiss and John A. O'Connor Jr.

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THE PROBE TO DATE has resulted in Grand Jury presentments against Inspector Forrester and Capt. Goldstein, charging:

1. Malfeasance in office.
2. Maintaining a disorderly house.
3. Subordination of perjury, in inducting Acting Sgts. Herbert Meekins and Charles E. Richter, Rackets Division policemen, to give false testimony in the May 1 Auchentoroly Terrace raid of Mr. Burns' home, as the subsequent charges affected Phillips L. Taylor, produce man, who was later brought to trial on a lottery charge.

Mr. Taylor was brought before Judge Warnken in Criminal Court last week and acquitted, as a result of the Grand Jury's investigation of case. Previously, a jury had failed to agree on a verdict during a court trial of his case.

Sgts. Meekin and Richter are presently under suspension. Another former Rackets Division officer, Acting Sgt. Charles Gross, committed suicide shortly after the probe began.

Policewoman Joan Gable, another member of this unit, is under suspension for giving conflicting statements before Commissioner Hepbron.

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SGT. EDGAR KIRBY is presently the only veteran police officer left on the Rackets Division. Sgt. Kirby has been before the Grand Jury on a number of occasions during this body's phase of the investigation.

The probe has shifted from a morals angle, involving a blonde woman's alleged association with Inspector Forrester and Capt. Goldstein, to the Auchentoroly Terrace May 1 raid, to the Baltimore St. lottery raid, as revealed by the conferences on Thursday, and to a previous scrutiny of the alleged operations of a blond lawyer and a reported fee from a blond client, a portion of which fee was supposed to go to a policeman as a bribe.

Latest reports are that the policeman has been cleared, and the probe officials have no further interest in the case, other than to state that it is now one for the Bar Association.

Remains of slain man cremated

ROY LEE WRIGHT
Lost hubby cremated

MRS. LEE WRIGHT
Can't have his ashes

"We don't have facilities for saving these ashes, so she wouldn't be able to get them. We used to try to save the ashes and supply them to people but the facilities that we have don't permit this and also we couldn't always guarantee that these were the ashes of the person involved . . ."

Dr. Frank H. J. Figge, chairman of the Maryland Anatomy Board, was explaining to the AFRO on Thursday why the request of Mrs. Lucille Wright could not be granted.

Mrs. Wright is the widow of Roy Lee Wright, 37, whose body was turned over to the Anatomy Board and cremated last July 12, after it lay unclaimed at the Baltimore City Morgue for two weeks.

Mrs. Wright, who resides at 5323 Clay Terrace, NE, Washington, told the Washington AFRO last week that she had been searching for her missing husband since last February.

She charged that after her husband was killed, authorities failed to notify her even though she had filed a missing person report both here and in Washington.

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POLICE RECORDS show Mr. Wright was slain on June 22 while visiting in a Madison Ave. apartment.

George Smith was charged with his death and is now serving a 15-year term in the Maryland Penitentiary.

Mrs. Wright said, "my husband deserved military burial. After all, he was a veteran, and his body should lie in Arlington National Cemetery."

However, Dr. Figge explained that unclaimed autopsied bodies can not be kept over a period of time and for that reason Mr. Wright's body was cremated.

He added: "I feel sympathetic to the people involved, and I wish there was something I could do, but I can't . . . in some cases we have had we have suggested that the people might make a memorial contribution to the cancer society . . ."

$1,500 fire

Alexander Carpenter, 32, formerly of Virginia, was jailed Monday in Hyattsville on a charge of starting a $1,500 motel fire.

The fire took place in the 3900 block of Kenilworth Ave., Bladensburg, destroying a motel unit at the Uncle Ben Cabins.

Prince Georges County fire inspector said Carpenter admitted smoking in the cabin when the $1,500 blaze started.

Mrs. Randall named first senior clerk

"And all I wanted was a job."

With a smile on her face this was what Mrs. Sylvia Randall, 852 Peach Orchard Lane, Tipton Station, had to say on Friday after she became the first senior clerk in the city's Bureau of Receipts.

In her new post Mrs. Randall will be assigned to the cashier's office at City Hospitals.

The groundwork for obtaining the post was laid in August when Mrs. Randall took the civil service test, easily clerk and was notified that she was 15th on the list of eligibles with an average of 84.2.

Then followed a series of half a dozen interviews with various city officials that produced no job for her.

LAST WEEK she was asked to appear at the Bureau of Receipts in connection with a job but once again she was told that post was filled.

This was on Thursday and later the same day she was notified at home that she was wanted back in the office on Friday morning.

There she met William M. Kinnersley, superintendent of the Bureau of Receipts who told that she had the job and then took her from the Municipal Building across the street to City Hall where she met the Mayor.

She began work on Monday.

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MRS. RANDALL is a graduate of George Washington High in New Orleans and attended college at Virginia State. She spent four years with the finance office of the War Department.

She is member of the board Station YMCA and a member of managers of the Turner of New Life Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Randall is married to Arthur Randall, AFRO assistant managing editor.

They have two children, Shirley Ann, 11, a pupil at Sparrows Point High, and Phillip, 9, a pupil at Fleming Elementary School.

MRS. SYLVIA RANDALL

J. A. B. Callis on YM Council

James A. B. Callis, 2113 Druid Hill Ave., has been selected to serve as a representative on the National Council of the YMCA, which is the highest body of that organization.

The election took place Wednesday at the Johns Hopkins University YMCA building, Lovering Hall, on the Homewood campus.

As a representative, Mr. Callis will work other area delegates of the United States in forming policies and overseeing matters which affect the group.

Mr. Callis is also a member of the Central Atlantic Area Board. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the YMCA of Baltimore and is the board of the Druid Hill YMCA Branch.

Morgan man convicted of larceny

A Morgan State College evening student convicted in Northwestern Police Court of larceny Monday attributed his action to "a drinking binge."

Robert Gee, 24, 2500 block Carlton Heights Ave., was given a 60-day suspended jail term and placed on probation for 18 months in connection with the Oct. 27 larceny of a vending machine containing $10 from a Poplar Grove St. tavern.

A codefendant, Robert C. Bentley, 25-year-old government worker, of the 1500 block N. Bentalou St., was held in $500 in connection with the larceny charge when he elected to have a jury trial.

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Magistrate Linwood G. Kroger Sr., ordered Gee, an unclassified student at Morgan to pay half of the $150 damages done when the machine was pulled from a wall in the place.

This Von Nordeck, the tavern proprietor, told the court he saw Mr. Bentley run out of the establishment and put the machine into a car driven by Mr. Gee. According to testimony, the machine was valued at $43.

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Register and vote drive intensified

Plans were laid Tuesday to intensify the current register and vote drive for the month of November, according to the Rev. John E. Tilley, chairman of the Register and Vote campaign.

The Rev. Mr. Tilley said his group hopes to canvass 170 precincts in colored neighborhoods still untapped since the register and vote drive began last April.

So far the majority of volunteer workers and canvassers have been solicited through churches. However, at Tuesday's meeting the group agreed to seek volunteers in business and professional organizations and neighborhood clubs, the chairman said.

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THREE PERSONS were cited at the first fall meeting of the group for outstanding work in the drive, which has been termed a success by the Rev. Mr. Tilley. Regular meetings are held at Sharp St. Memorial Methodist Church, Dolphin and Eliing Sts.

Those cited were Clinton S. Agnew, 3207 Mondawmin Ave. Joshua Brown, 1130 W. Franklin St., and Mrs. Dolores Washington 2946 Edmondson Ave.

Other persons will receive recognition for their contributions at subsequent Tuesday night meetings which will run through Dec. 3, the Rev. Mr. Tilley said.

The chairman also announced plans to hold interim meetings at other churches and invite councilmen, legislators and other public officials to address the group.

"We plan to make the meetings educational as well as inspirational," the Rev. Mr. Tilley said.

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THE REV. MR. Tilley explained that his group has volunteers for each legislative district in which colored Baltimoreans reside. The legislative district leaders are:

The Rev. Winfield A. Showell, First District; the Rev. Isaac Williams, Second District; The Rev. Moses Williams, Third District; the Rev. Harrison Bryant, Fourth District; the Rev. W. W. Payne, Fifth District, and the Rev. George W. Baynard, Sixth District.

Homes needed for youngsters

Because of the increasing demand for requests for placement of babies in adoption homes, the Family and Children's Society is stepping up its efforts to find suitable homes for these babies.

Couples interested in adoption are urged to call Mrs. Flozella Clark, Madison 3-7332 for an appointment.

During the first ten months of 1957 the Society accepted 25 babies for adoption study as compared with 21 babies for the same period in 1956, a 19 per cent increase.

$50 is the total set aside this week for **News Tips and News Photos. For News Tips, call MU. 5-6018, 6016, 1812 and 1813. If no answer, call LA. 3-3024. Bring your News and Photos to the City Desk.**

Seaman gets jail term for assault

A 38-year-old seaman was sentenced to four months in prison in Central Police Court Thursday morning for assaulting a police officer and disorderly conduct.

Chief Magistrate Standley L. Richardson imposed the sentence on Willie Foote of the 1200 block of E. Oliver St.

Mr. Foote was convicted of assaulting officer Edward Budacz while being arrested for disorderly conduct shortly after midnight.

Magistrate Richardson was told Mr. Foote attacked the officer after being apprehended for panhandling.

The policeman was treated at Mercy Hospital for head and chest injuries.

REGISTER SO YOU CAN VOTE

A GOOD CITIZEN IS REGISTERED SO HE CAN V-O-T-E. ARE YOU?

Who must register: Any new resident who plans to make Baltimore his home.

Any resident who has just turned 21.

Where to register: Basement People's Court Building, southeast corner of Fayette and Gay Sts.

When you can register: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturdays, 9 to 12.

If I have already registered, do I have to register again? — Ans. — No, not unless you have changed your address.

Show your voting card in your church Sunday.

2 given 4 years for flim-flam try

Judge John T. Tucker sentenced two men in Criminal Court Tuesday to four years each in the Maryland Penitentiary for allegedly attempting to operate a fim-flam game on a man, as a policeman watched from a distance.

The two are William E. Kye, 32, of the 600 block W. Franklin St., and James W. Plump Jr., 30, of the 800 block Chauncery Ave.

Testimony produced by Assistant State's Attorney Preston A. Parin Jr., revealed that the pair approached a would be victim at Carrollton Ave. and Baltimore St. on the afternoon of October 4, and flashed a "Michigan bank roll," to induce the man to show his own money. However, the man fled the scene, apparently suspicious.

The "Michigan bank roll," Judge Tucker was told, was in two parkets, one wrapped with at $2 bill over play money, and the other with a $20 bill over play money.

FATHER CLEARED IN 'COFFEE DEATH' OF HIS SON

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'A Roaring Furnace'

TAKE ME HOME—Five months old and a bundle of joy. That's Betsy, one of the infants who is available for adoption. In most cases, a child can be placed in a home for adoption within 60 days. Persons interested in adopting a child should either visit the Department of Public Welfare at 1500 Greenmount Ave., or call Mrs. Louise Gilliam or Miss Dorothy Croswell at Mulberry 5-3600.

Clear dad in death of infant

"He was trying to keep the baby from falling off the bed with one hand and holding onto the coffee pot with the other.

"The coffee pot fell right on the bed between the baby's legs and splashed all over him. I ran to him and picked him up and he had started to blister on his face."

Grief - stricken Mrs. Jannie Wiggins, 29, was telling her version on Wednesday of how her husband, Roy, spilled hot coffee on their nine-month-old son, Lawrence, early Sunday morning.

The baby died at Provident Hospital Monday afternoon of

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Whatnik?

"They have no idea what it is. They tried to explain it on the basis of a magnesium flare from a jet or something.

"Actually, the only thing I was interested in was whether there was any danger to the patients or the employees, and they said there was absolutely none."

On the heels of sputniks, whatniks, etc., Dr. Thomas Ward, superintendent of Crownsville State Hospital, Thursday was relating a conversation he had with authorities at Fort Meade.

Basis of the conversation with Army authorities was a mysterious, pinkish object which floated serenely from a shaky sky at about 9 a.m. Wednesday, making a three-point landing on the grounds at Crownsville.

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ACCORDING to Dr. Ward, the mysterious object came down from the atmosphere (or outer space) and rested at the feet of Officer Dick and Gaze Manager Cassell.

Dr. Ward said the two men looked up and saw what they thought was a "flaming furnace coming down to earth." By the time it landed it had just about disintegrated, he continued.

The hospital superintendent said the men described the object as being, adding that when it hit the earth it was about the size of a postage stamp. It was turned over to Army authorities for analysis.

"This sounds weird," said Dr. Ward in relating the story of the men. "I believe those guys were telling the truth."

Dr. Ward said that although Army authorities did not disclose to him what the mysterious object was, he was given the assurance that people at the hospital had nothing to fear.

FIREMEN battle "flaming furnace" fire at 3327 Sun St., Fairfield in which two children of Mrs. Elizabeth Green died Thursday. This was the second fatal fire in Baltimore area in four days. Two small children of Mr. and Clinton Bennett died in fire at 2553 McHenry St. on Monday.

2 children die in fire in Fairfield

BULLETIN

Two fires were reported in Baltimore about 7:45 p.m., Thursday by AFRO newstipsters. Flames were reported shooting from the windows at 1632 Edmondson Ave. A house on Orem Ave. and Auchentoroly Ter. was reported on fire at about the same time.

"When I came over, the mother was screaming, 'Save my children, save James, save the baby.'

"We finally quieted her down and got her over to the school. We wanted to get her away from there before they brought the children out."

These were the comments Thursday from Mrs. Charlotte Flanagan, principal of Victory Elementary School No. 238 which is about a block from where two young children burned to death Thursday morning while their hysterical mother had to be restrained from entering the flaming house.

Dead in the fire that turned the two - story frame dwelling in Fairfield into what firemen called "a flaming furnace," were:

James Green, 7, and Raymond, two months.

They were the sons of Mrs. Elizabeth Green, 3327 Sun St., who was sent to South Baltimore General Hospital because of her hysterical condition.

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THE MOTHER was first observed out in front of the house screaming for someone to save her sons and it was later learned she had gone to the store to purchase aspirin

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'Frisco ashamed of snub of Willie Mays

By LOUIS E. LOMAX

NEW YORK — "It is a shame that this has happened. I don't think it typifies the feeling here in San Francisco. I feel confident that there will be a number of offers to sell to Mr. and Mrs. Mays. They would be an asset to any community."

That's the way the San Francisco supervisor, who was the pioneer in getting the New York Giants Baseball Team to the West Coast, summed up his feelings over the snub given the team's star centerfielder in his attempt to buy a home there.

On Thursday it was announced that Mays had purchased a $37,500 home in a formerly all white San Francisco area.

The new home is located in the western San Francisco hills with a view of the ocean.

It was sold by owner Walter A. Gnesdoloff.

Originally Mr. Gnesdoloff had refused to sell the house to Mays and explained:

"I was willing to sell the house to Mays but the neighbors put so much pressure on me I could not do it.

What kind of pressure?

"Well," Gnesdoloff told the AFRO, "I'm just a small contractor and most of the time I work for other contractors. If I sold Mays that house I couldn't get any more work in this town."

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IN THE MEANTIME, Mayor George Christopher, who set the incident in motion by his drive to get the Giants moved from San Francisco, said that whereas he was against housing discrimination there was no law that would make the owner sell the house if he did not wish to.

The incidents have highlighted the temperamental differences between the flash Giants outfielder and his wife.

Mays said:

"I am disappointed but I ain't mad at nobody. I'd like to live in San Francisco but I didn't want to make an issue about it. I've never been through this kind of thing and

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COMFORT for mother of two fire victims was provided by Joshua Gross and Mrs. Charlotte Flanagan, principal of the Victory Elementary School, a block from the fire.

A mother grieves for lost daughters

A motionless woman sat rigid in a hard back chair on Wednesday, almost oblivious to

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the people who moved about her and the words of comfort they spoke.

In the eyes of Mrs. Mathilda Bennett there were the shadows of sorrow and the hint of fresh tears still to be shed for her two daughters.

The youngsters, Jackie, 5, and Beverly, 3, died on Sunday night in a fire at their home, 2553 McHenry St.

NO ONLY did the fire claim the lives of the children and on inv- wiped out all the worldly possessions of Mr. and Mrs. Bennett, leaving them and the three remaining children with little but the clothes they had on their backs.

With their dwelling gone the Bennetts moved into the home of Mr. Bennett's sister and brother - in - law, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Glover, 2131 Walbrook Ave.

It was here on Wednesday that Mrs. Bennett paid a visit to the scene of her husband, Henry Bennett, told of the last few horrible minutes before his children died.

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MOMENTS BEFORE the fire was discovered, the family was asleep in the second floor bedrooms when Mr. Bennett smelled smoke and on investigation found that the liv-

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Remarriages reveal 2 divorces final

Two recent marriages — one in Baltimore and one in Frederick, Md. — revealed for the first time that the bridegrooms involved had been granted divorces from their former wives.

Papers on file in the Baltimore Circuit Court show that Robert H. Diggs, 30, trustee of the Diggs Motor Coach Co., was divorced in September from his wife, Mrs. L. Rowena Diggs, 30, a Housing Authority clerk.

Although the divorce was signed by Judge Reuben Oppenheimer on Sept. 20, papers in the proceedings were not on file in the Clerk's office until Wednesday of this week.

Six weeks after the decree was handed down, Mr. Diggs was married to the former Miss Ellen Gray, a City employee, on Nov. 2, in a formal ceremony at the bride's home.

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PAPERS ON file in the Frederick Circuit Court show that Dr. Ulysses Bourne Jr., sued and won a divorce on Dec. 31, 1956, from his wife, the former Barbara Adams, now a D.C. teacher, following a year of litigation.

Up until Thursday of this week, however, court records showing the amended bill of complaint in which Mrs. Bourne was denied alimony but was awarded $30 a week for the support of their infant daughter, were not available.

The Clerk's office reported these papers were still in the attorney's possession and the attorney advised reporters they were in the clerk's office.

Dr. Bourne was married on Nov. 30 to a New York teacher, Mrs. Lois Black, a widow.

IN THE DIGGS divorce papers, Mr. Diggs admitted that he deserted his wife and their

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Pastor will preach on police shakeups and corruption

The Rev. N. B. Carrington, pastor of Union Memorial Methodist Church, Harlem and Warwick Aves., will preach Sunday on the shakeup in the police department.

There is a popular song titled "There's A Whole Lot Of Shakin' Going On."

But the minister said today he will preach from Hebrews 12:27, ". . . this word, signifieth the moving of those things which are shaken that those things which can not be shaken may remain."

His sermon will deal with illustrations of graft, bribery and corruption by public officials from both the Old and New Testament.

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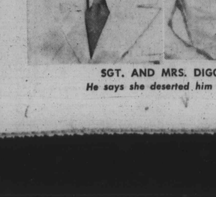
$3,600-YEAR ARMY SARGE SUES $6,300 PROFESSOR WIFE



SGT. AND MRS. DIGGS
He says she deserted him . . .

His college professor wife deserted him and there is no hope of reconciliation.

That is the crux of a suit for limited divorce filed in Circuit Court on Tuesday by M/Sgt. Raymond A. Diggs, wartime hero who won many decorations while serving with the 24th Infantry Regiment.

Through his attorney, the professional soldier charged that Mrs. Carol Blanton Diggs, professor of music at Morgan State College, deserted him on July 18, 1957, without cause.

Sgt. Diggs, now a mathematician in the finance office at Ft. Meade, was himself at one time a professor on the Morgan faculty. After the war, he served as assistant professor of military tactics and science at the college.

In his petition, Sgt. Diggs states that his Army pay approximates $3,600 a year and that his wife earns $6,300 a year.

She has been on the Morgan faculty since 1947, and is known as an accomplished pianist.

SGT. DIGGS'S petition for the divorce, filed in Circuit Court No. 1, states:

"That although your complainant has behaved himself as a kind, faithful and affectionate husband, the respondent did, without just cause or reason, desert and abandon your complainant on or about July 18, 1957.

"The said desertion and abandonment is deliberate and final. The parties have neither lived together nor cohabited as man and wife since that date and there is no hope of reconciliation."

He gave his address as 3105 Arlington Ave. and that of his wife as 3701 Clifton Ave.

The couple was married on March 26, 1951. There are no children.

In order for the divorce to become final, it will be necessary for either Sgt. Diggs or his wife to return to court after 18 months and file another petition if the decree is to be operated on grounds of desertion.

Dr. Reid 'fair'

Dr. Albert O. Reid, local dentist, was reported as doing "fair" at presstime today (Friday). He was admitted to Provident Hospital on Oct. 28.

George Russell new magistrate

George L. Russell Jr., attorney, was named magistrate-at-large on Wednesday by Governor McKeldin.

At 28, he becomes the youngest magistrate assigned to police stations.

It is expected that he will be called upon to substitute at the Northwestern and Northern Police Stations when the sitting magistrates are on leave.

He was recommended for the post by State Senator Harry A. Cole (R-4th).

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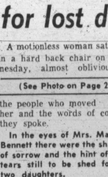
MR. RUSSELL is a member of the law firm of Brown, Allen and Watts. An Army veteran, he rejoined the firm in July 1956 after two years duty with the Judge Advocate General Corps Headquarters at Heidelberg, Germany.

The new magistrate is a 1954 graduate of the University of Maryland Law School. In his senior year, he was named student assistant to the U.S. District Attorney, a first.

He is also an honor graduate of Lincoln University, Pa.

Mr. Russell is a native of Baltimore, son of the senior George Russells and makes his home with them at 820 N. Fremont Ave.

Mr. Russell is a vice president of the Southern Life Insurance Co. and a member of the firm's board of directors. He also belongs to Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and St. Pius Catholic Church. He is single.



GEORGE L. RUSSELL JR.
McKeldin appoints him magistrate - at - large to relieve in Northern and Northwestern

Dr. Holmes 80

Dr. D. O. W. Holmes, 2355 W. North Ave., president-emeritus of Morgan State College, celebrated his 80th birthday Friday, November 15 (today).

Charlie Burns petition filed

Charles Burns, through his attorney, Herbert Myerberg, today (Friday) filed a habeas corpus petition and Judge Michael J. Manley has signed an order directing the State on that petition for 1:30 p.m. next Tuesday.

The 13-page document claims that Burns was coerced into pleading guilty because he, as a colored man, and facing white officers, could not take the risk of contradicting the officers and face charges of perjury.

In the petition he asked that his plea of guilty be set aside and that he be given a fair trial.