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VICTIMS — Dead after a brief, but lethal hammer attack by 16 - year - old Ronald Singleton of 117 N. 60th St., are, (l-r), Mrs. Norene Young, 49, grandmother; Mrs. Ruth Anne Singleton, 34, his mother; and Helen Singleton, 11, sister. Mrs. Young, police say was bludgeoned while in bed and in whose room, Helene had fled after seeing her mother on the first floor with blood covering her head.

A 'Good Boy' Explodes, Mother, 2 Others Dead

By BOB QUEEN

PHILADELPHIA

Young 16 - year - old Ronald Singleton walked through the door into Judge Clifford S. Green's municipal courtroom Monday morning, arms at his side and seemingly in a daze.

"This is an arraignment," intoned Judge Scott, "to advise you of the charges against you." "You know you are being held on a charge of homicide in the death of your mother, your grandmother and sister."

He was held without bail for a preliminary hearing on April 27, as the processes of justice will decide whether he is to be tried as an adult, or the teenager that he is in the tragic circumstances that erupted at his home, 117 N. 60th St., on Saturday night.

An Overbrook High senior, who will reportedly be 17 next month, Singleton was officially charged with one of the most shocking cases of "matricide" in years within the city of Philadelphia — more shocking because of his excellent reputation both in school and at home where only he and his grieving father survive.

Dead are his mother, Ruth Ann Singleton, 34; his grandmother, Mrs. Norene Young, 49; and his sister, Helen, 11. All three had been bludgeoned to death, police say with a claw hammer in an explosive few moments.

Young Singleton was not represented by counsel as he stood at the bar, and the fixed stare of his eyes seemed to indicate a semblance of remorse. Deeply hit by the tragedy and bearing up amazingly under the tremendous tragedy that had befallen his home, was his father, Arthur Singleton, 36, a Curtis Publishing Co. elevator supervisor.

It was clear to be seen that all concerned, including a number of Mr. Singleton's relatives present, were still in a state of numbness, a feeling of disbelief shared by both neighbors, friends and Young Ronald's classmates.

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BUT THREE bodies in the Undertaker Parlors of Frederick Lewis, 1400 Blk. Fitzwater St., were grim evidence of the terrible reality that was slowly turning into grief.

The case histories of psychiatrists are filled with similar tragic happenings — what makes a generally good kid, no history of delinquency, a record of good grades and rated by teachers and friends as intelligent, suddenly explode into an individual beset by fatal violence?

But something else apparently entered into Ronald's former easy - going life recently —the normal interest in a girl, a special girl and his pattern of activity changed. There had been no trouble in maintaining a evening - home hour set by his parents until lately.

On a recent evening, Ronald... it was reported... was out until 2 a.m. on a school week day. He had begun to monopolize the family telephone and had been warned against this practice. Because of his family's curfew and for holding up the phone for periods described as over an hour at a time, his parents restricted him to home and banned phone calls.

(Was this the seed of conflict as a young man suddenly feeling the masculinity of courtship and seeking to maintain that element in the eyes of his new heart interest, becomes rebellious in being hurled back into the image of a little boy?)

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MR. SINGLETON went out to visit friends. His mother settled down in the living room watching TV. Little sister Helen was upstairs as was his grandmother, asleep in a front bedroom. Ronald, according his statement to detectives, had gone into his own room brooding over his punishment.

Some 20 minutes later it happened. Securing a claw hammer on coming downstairs his first blows lashed out at his mother seated on the sofa. Her screams attracted Helene who ran downstairs and saw blood running down her mother's face. Screaming hysterically she ran back up the stairs with Ronald chasing her into the room where Mrs. Young was sleeping.

Repeated blows finally felled the little girl, and Mrs. Young, apparently stunned by the tragedy unfolding before her never had a chance. She was bludgeoned as she lay in bed. The grandmother was pronounced dead at the scene. Helene died in Misericordia Hospital about an hour later, with Mrs. Singleton succumbing 30 minutes later.

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DETECTIVES SAID that Ronald attempted to take his life by slashing his left arm, but failed at that and after picking up the hammer and the paring knife he used —then in a moment of remorse, kissed his dying mother and went out.

PUZZLE — Wearing a dazed expression as he is being escorted to Judge Clifford S. Green's municipal court last Monday morning, Tall Ronald Singleton, 16, of 117 N. 60th St., exhibits no evidence of the fury shown on Saturday, when, according to police, he admitted bludgeoning his mother, grandmother and sister to death with a hammer. Singleton is in the custody above, of Philadelphia Deputy Sheriff James Coleman, left. The young man had a reputation of being quiet, well - mannered and maintained satisfactory school grades.

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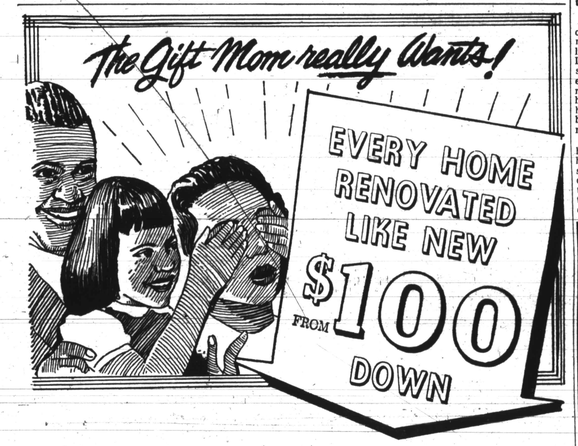

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