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MRS. BOBBIE HAMILTON DIES

Slain In Dice Game Brawl; Another Killed By Clubbing

CUT TO DEATH ON DEFAULTING OF DICE DEBT

Another Slain With Club After Heated Argument

One man was knifed to death and another came to his death as the direct result of a terrible beating over the past week-end.

James Clayton, 30, of 2168 Monroe street, was cut to death late Saturday evening in a pool room at 1403 Russell street. Reuben Ebow, 23, of 1530 Ripelle St., was held by police for the killing of Clayton.

According to statements made to an assistant prosecutor by witnesses, Clayton was engaged in a dice game in the pool room. Ebow was also a player in the game, and when Clayton defaulted on a bet of thirty cents he had with Ebow, the latter attacked Clayton with a knife, inflicting wounds which caused his death less than an hour later at the Receiving Hospital.

Witnesses said that Clayton was standing near the gambling table when he was attacked by Ebow. Ebow was captured a short time later by police.

William Neal, 38, of 629 Adelaide street, was beaten to death by DeLoney Anderson at the corner of Hastings and Winder streets.

The two men had become involved in an argument. Anderson who lives at 697 Napoleon street, struck Neal several times on the head with a large club, wounding him fatally.



Enters Race

PERCIVAL R. PIPER, who announced his candidacy for the Common Council this week.

PIPER ENTERS COUNCIL RACE

Young Lawyer Drafted By Many Friends

Percival R. Piper one of the leading attorneys, was drafted at a meeting held at Great Lakes Mutual company Monday to run for the office of councilman for the city of Detroit.

Mr. Piper, an outstanding citizen, is active in numerous civic and social affairs. He is executive chairman of the board of management of the St. Antoine branch YMCA, national treasurer of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, and a member of the National Negro Bar. He is also actively affiliated with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

A graduate with the June class of 1917 at Howard university, Mr. Piper was for a number of years connected with the research department at Westinghouse Electric company. He later studied law, graduating from the Detroit College of Law in 1926. He is a member of the Booker T. Washington Trade Association.

Mr. Piper has practiced extensively in the state and federal courts. He is now associated with the firm of Loomis, Jones, Piper and Colden.

Youth Council To Sponsor Mass Meeting

The Detroit Youth Council of the N. A. A. C. P. will hold a special meeting Sunday, July 25 at 4 p. m. at Lucy Thurman Y. W. C. A.

The theme for discussion will be "After the National N. A. A. C. P. Conference, What?" Speakers will be Rev. Horace White, Dr. J. J. McClinton, and Miss Marie Henry. Youth speakers will include Louise Blackman, Theodore Smith, Julian Wheeler, Pauline Dotson, and John Hill.

Pep singing will be led by C. S. Davis, physical director of the Y. M. C. A.

The public is invited to attend the meeting.

Robinson's Death May Hurt Bill

Washington, D. C.—The death of Senator Joseph B. Robinson, major leader of the Senate, has thrown Washington circles into a turmoil and may result in grave danger of the anti-lynching bill.

The Senate was being driven through a hot summer session by Senator Robinson, leader of the administration forces, in an effort to get action on the President's supreme court bill. With the death of the leader, there is talk on all sides of dropping the court bill and going home speedily.

If those opposed to the court bill are able to have their way, they will sidetrack it by recommending it to committee and then dump overboard all controversial legislation, and drive for a quick adjournment.

MAY SLOVE ASIDE

Unless the friends of the anti-lynching bill can get it through before the adjournment, the bill will be shelved.

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Georgia Girl Weds Detroit

Interest and color marked the brilliant wedding of Miss Gladys F. Ellis, of Augusta, Ga., and Walter Bowen, former Morehouse college gridiron star and mailing clerk in the office of Leon B. Case, secretary of state of Michigan. The ceremony took place Monday, July 5, at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Augusta, with Father Charles Dukes officiating.

The bride, at the time of her marriage, was a teacher in the schools of Augusta.

Following the marriage, the couple spent a few days in Atlanta, the former home of the groom, and then motored to Detroit, where they will make their home.

Attorney Liebowitz To Take Case To The Supreme Court

WANTS A WIFE POLICE SAY NO

Pastor McGruder Has Wife and Children

The Rev. Jesse McGruder, former pastor of Macedonia Baptist church but now pastoring another church failed to convince authorities that he had received a revelation from God, telling him to marry a member of his choir.

The authorities, learning that the Rev. McGruder had not gone to the trouble of severing the marital strings which held him to Mrs. Myrtle McGruder and five children, called him in and warned him that he could not follow the dictates of the celestial revelation as they were in violation of mundane laws.

It was during a conference in the prosecutor's office that the Rev. McGruder unraveled his story about receiving a message from heaven which told him to marry Mrs. Izzetta Irby, who, incidentally, is also married.

NOT DIVORCED

When it was pointed out that he had not been divorced from his present spouse, the minister ignored this fact and told how he had made three attempts to get a license so that he could wed his new love. Each attempt met with failure.

Rebuffed by authorities, the Rev. McGruder, was adamant in his persistency to procure the license. He expressed his intentions of going ahead with his plans. Laws made by man were superseded by those coming from celestial powers, he declared.

Police learned of his intentions when he informed the members of his congregation that he had applied for a license to wed Mrs. Irby, a member of his choir.

Arkansas Farmer Praises The A A A

MADISON, Ark.—(C)—Theodore Bond, son of the late Scott Bond, noted planter of the White river valley who was a staunch friend and supporter of the late Booker T. Washington, praises the A A A program for what it is doing for the South.

"From the very beginning of the A A A program," says Mr. Bond, "it has meant a new day for the Southland and our people. The tenant and sharecropper have made money, and in my opinion, are living better than they have since 1918-19. The landlords have paid their back taxes, lifted most of their mortgages and if this crop year will equal that of '35 and '36 I see no reason why the Southland will not enjoy the prosperity of '29."

African Gets Degree From Yale University

NEW YORK—(C)—Balamu J. Mukasa, native of Hoima, Uganda, East Africa, son of a Gombolo chief, and former secretary to the chieftain of his tribe, received the M. A. degree from Yale and sailed for home on the Aquitania on June 30. The late Dr. John Hope, who met the young man in Jerusalem in '28, influenced him to come to America for study. Mukasa entered the Moorehouse Academy and went straight through to the Master's degree at Yale. The young graduate will teach at home.

DEATH ENDS TROUBLES



Convicted of causing the death of Alex Miller to collect his insurance of \$3,200, Mrs. Bobbie Hamilton, who was serving a life term sentence at the Detroit House of Correction, died July Fourth. Her body was taken to Texas for burial.

Scottsboro Defense Committee to Meet

DIVINE WRITES JOHN W. HUNT Expresses Sympathy To Disciple

New York—(C)—In an air mail, special delivery letter to John Wuest Hunt, at Los Angeles County Jail, Father Divine wrote his former disciple, who was convicted of violating the Mann act, in part as follows:

"I am writing to say it is a consolation to know that Court's sentence was not as severe as it might have been, and that it was lenient by MY spirit with mercy and compassion under the violation of the law of both God and man.

"By an open confession, compassion and mercy were considered, and God in compassion extended clemency, to a certain degree. Therefore, as I have often instructed, I am instructing, an open confession is good for the soul....

"It is understood, by others as well as yourself, that even the act of any person participating with (Continued on Page 11)

Form Economic Union

An organization of local clergymen, known as the Ministers' Progressive Forum, met at noon Monday, July 19, at New Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Chene and Mack avenues, and outlined definite plans for the economic betterment of colored citizens of Detroit.

The meeting, which was extremely interesting, was presided over by the Rev. J. C. McGhee, and was attended by thirty-five progressive clergymen, in addition to other citizens and representatives of the Detroit Tribune and other local papers.

President Williams' message to the members of the organization was read by Rev. H. B. Bronson, as follows:

To the Pastors and Citizens of Detroit, Greetings:

"It has been the burden of my heart during all of my ministerial life, even when pastoring a coun-

CONSPIRED IN DROWNING OF ALEX MILLER

Sentenced To Life In Detroit House Of Correction

Death wrote the last chapter in the turbulent life of Mrs. Bobbie Hamilton last week in the Detroit House of Correction where she was serving a life imprisonment term for plotting the death of Alex Miller, 19-year-old imbecile, in 1935.

Convicted by a jury in Recorder's court for the death of Miller to collect \$3,500 in insurance policies, Mrs. Hamilton and Braddie Kennedy were given life term sentences by Judge John V. Brennan in January of 1936. Kennedy was sentenced to the Michigan State Prison at Jackson.

Alex Miller, a well known character in the lower east side, disappeared from his home on Aug. 15, 1935. Two days later his dead body was found in the Detroit River. He had apparently been drowned in one of the canals on Belle Isle where he had been lured on the pretext of a fishing trip. His body was entangled in a small fishing net.

INVESTIGATION DEMANDED

Mrs. Hamilton was arrested Oct. 29, following an investigation by police officers when some of the insurance companies demanded an investigation of Miller's death.

In her testimony on the stand, Mrs. Hamilton, a motherly looking woman, admitted having her son, Spencer Washington, substitute for Miller in the physical examinations for the insurance policies. There were four policies.

She stated, however, that the policies were taken out at the request of Alex's mother, Mrs. Virginia Miller, whom she had met in 1933. Mrs. Hamilton said that Mrs. Miller had been unable to continue payment on the policies, and agreed that Mrs. Hamilton should take care of them until she could do so.

SON AGAINST HER

The testimony of Sebastian Mareno, a 22-year-old Italian, sealed the fate of Mrs. Hamilton. Mareno told how Mrs. Hamilton (Continued on page 3)

FALLS IN LOVE, TRIES SUICIDE

Two women tired of life, tried to end it all by drinking poison. One was successful and the other is in a serious condition in Receiving Hospital.

Mrs. Catherine Nevels, 29, of 3112 Vermont avenue, attempted suicide Thursday by drinking iodine. Her condition is serious.

On questioning, it was discovered that Mrs. Nevels had fallen in love with another man and because of this unrequited love, had become despondent.

Despondent because of continued illness, Mrs. Clara Grehom, 40, of 5440 Tillman avenue, committed suicide Sunday by drinking carbolic acid in her home.

Mrs. Grehom, who had been ill for the past three weeks, had displayed symptoms of depression for the past several weeks, according to Mrs. Pillar Trilume, sister of Mrs. Grehom.

Sunday morning Mrs. Grehom retired to her room. A short time later Mrs. Trilume heard groans coming from the room. She called neighbors and James Scales, 5442 Tillman, took Mrs. Grehom to the Receiving Hospital. She was dead upon admittance.

Miss Bernice Cecil Given Post By Sec. Commission

Miss Bernice Cecil, 15402 Binder, secretary to Manager Thomas B. Orum, of the Vernor Highway Branch office of the Secretary of State, was recently given an added position as secretary to J. H. Hannon, who is the first and only colored investigator in the Michigan Securities Commission, at St. Antoine and Vernor Highway.

YMCA Secretaries Hear Max Yergan

Bordentown, N. J.—(C)—The YMCA Secretaries' Study Institute held here July 6-10 heard Max Yergan declare: "An effective program for the aid of Africa must include world-wide and accurate publicity concerning the conditions under which the native African is living; the training of promising young Africans to provide intelligent leadership for their people; and the development of an economic system will give employment to Africans."

Atty. E. Mitchell Reopens Law Office

Attorney Ernest C. Mitchell, well known local lawyer, who has been on the administrative staff of the Works Progress Administration for Wayne County from October 1935 to July, 1937, announces his return to private practice of law.

Attorney Mitchell is now located at 251 E. Warren avenue. Phone Terrace 2-8116.

WPW WOMEN GET JOBS

Washington—(C)—A large number of colored women—nearly 200,000—were employed by the WPA during the past year, than by any other single agency, according to Mrs. E. S. Woodward, assistant administrator.

Dorothy Darby Hurt As Auto Is Demolished

Miss Dorothy Darby, parachute jumper and aviation student, received severe injuries Friday evening when her car was struck by another, and then burst into flames. She had parked so a friend could alight.

Miss Darby, who is known as the "Brown Demon of the Sky" discovered that she was suffering from a dislocated shoulder, broken nose, and other minor injuries. Her car was demolished.