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Cops Scored In Inmate's Death

Double-barrelled action followed recently the slaying by police of a 37-year-old inmate of Central State Hospital at Petersburg, Va.

The first action—a verbal blast—emanating from official circles, came when Dr. Joseph E. Barrett, State commissioner of mental hygiene and hospitals, criticized the hasty action of State police, resulting in the six-hour battle in which two persons died and several others were wounded.

Slain in the gun duel, in which some 100 policemen and the Central State Hospital inmate took part, were a State police investigator and the criminal ward patient who had barricaded himself in a farmhouse in which he shot it out with police.

The other action was circulation of a petition Friday in the Kenilworth section of Petersburg and the Dinwiddie County area adjacent to the mental hospital, asking an investigation of "the whole matter."

Dr. Barrett's criticisms of the actions of police came as authorities opened an investigation of the tragedy which was climaxed by the slaying of Herbert Johnson, an inmate at Central State for the past 14 years about 4:30 p.m. Tuesday.

The head of the State's mental hospital system asserted that Johnson, who took refuge in the two-story farmhouse after fleeing from a potato patch in which he was working, "might have subsided from his acute upset and surrendered without violence" if police had exercised patience.

Indicating that the officers should have pursued a course of "watchful waiting," Dr. Barrett added: "There is some question in my mind as to whether it was necessary to get him (Johnson) so fast, but nobody can say for sure what would have been the case otherwise."

In addition to its demand for a probe of the incident, the Petersburg petition charges that Central State officials, prior to Johnson's alleged escape, were "utterly negligent and careless in the matter of safeguarding both inmates and the public."

The petitions, now being signed by hundreds of persons, are scheduled to be presented to Dr. Barrett at a meeting of the State Hospital Board soon.

JOHNSON-JOHNSON

On Saturday, Nov. 17th, at 3 o'clock at the home of Mrs. E. Johnson in Ingersoll, Ont. among friends and relatives her daughter Doris and Lorne Johnson from Nova Scotia were united in marriage by Rev. E. Richardson, assistant pastor of Bethemanuel Church, of London, Ont.

The bridesmaids were the bride's sisters, Misses Edna and Vera. Best man was Mr. John Smith from Woodstock. She was given in marriage by her brother Robert Johnson. They received many useful gifts.

The bride and groom will reside in London, Ont.

COUPLE TO LIVE IN LONDON



Mr. and Mrs. James Edward Booker are pictured following their marriage at Bethemanuel Church here. The bride is the former Christine Elizabeth Jenkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Howson, Glenwood Avenue, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Booker, Dundas Street. Following a wedding trip to Chicago, the couple will reside on Grey street.

BOOKER-JENKINS

In a setting of white chrysanthemums and ferns, at Bethemanuel Church, the Rev. E. A. Richardson united in marriage Christine Elizabeth Jenkins and James Edward Booker, London. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Howson, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Booker, all of London. The soloist was Garnet Brooks, and Stanley Drake, of Detroit, provided the wedding music.

The bride, given in marriage by Mr. Howson, was gowned in ivory satin fashioned with a nylon yoke, long lily-point sleeves and a full skirt caught with tiny bows. Her fingertip veil of nylon and French lace was gathered to a braided coronet, and she carried red roses interspersed with ivy.

Mrs. George Livingstone, Toronto, was, her sister's matron of honor, wearing a gown of pink satin with matching headdress and carrying pink chrysanthemums. The bridesmaids were Mrs. Garnet Brooks, Detroit, and Miss Vera Duncan, Cayuga and the flower girl was Patricia Turner, London. Mrs. Brooks and Miss Duncan were similarly gowned in pale green organdy with net peplums and capes and wore matching head-dresses and gloves. They carried pink chrysanthemums. The flower girl was attired in floor-length dress of mauve net with matching bonnet and carried a nosegay of chrysanthemums.

Don Booker as the best man. The ushers were Fred Jenkins, London, Ross Jenkins, Welland.

A reception was held in the church auditorium, where Mrs. Howson received in a black velvet dress, with black accessories and a corsage of pink roses. The groom's mother chose a mauve dress with black accessories and a corsage of yellow

HUNDREDS PAY TRIBUTE TO JOE LOUIS AT CITY HALL

Reticent as ever, poker faced Joe Louis managed many smiles Monday in Mayor Cobo's offices, as he was honored by the citizens of Detroit, headed by the mayor and common council.

Mayor Cobo presented Louis with a scroll honoring him for his many contributions down through the years to Detroit, the youth of America and the boxing world.

Accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Lilly Brooks of 2100 McDougall, Joe chatted with hundreds of friends from church, civic, theatrical, sports and other walks of life during the hour or more celebration.

What Next?

Monday, one would hardly have known that Jersey Joe Walcott carried the official title—Heavyweight Champion of the World. To most of those present Joe, the Brown Bomber, was the Champ.

Following his tour of Japan, where he will box six or seven exhibition bouts, Joe returns to America; his plans for the future obscure, insofar as the public knows.

Those close to the ex-champion however, will hint that Joe is "not through as a fighter." Only time will reveal exactly what the greatest fighter of the century will do from here onward.

roses.

For traveling to Chicago, the bride donned an Oxford gray suit trimmed with gray Persian lamb and blue velvet hat, with which she wore black accessories and a corsage of pink carnations. Mr. and Mrs. Booker will make their home in London.

Joe Walcott To Retire Undefeated

Vet Boxing Writer States in Magazine Article

Chicago, Ill. — Jersey Joe Walcott will never defend his heavyweight championship title.

So predicts Dan Burley, veteran boxing writer and an associate editor of Ebony Magazine, in an article, "Why Walcott Won't Fight Again," in the current issue of the Negro picture magazine.

Burley, first Negro member of the New York Boxing Writers Association, insists Walcott will announce his retirement after cashing in on title without lifting glove.

1. His wife insists Jersey Joe quit after 21 years of fighting.

2. He is much older than his claimed 37 years and the toll of age is showing.

3. Walcott feels he can make a great deal of money as title-holder, or even retired champ, from personal appearances.

4. He would like to devote his time to fighting juvenile delinquency and also to go into politics.

Louis Example

"Walcott and his practical minded manager, Felix Bochochio, have been devising plans for getting every nickel that's out there for a non-fighting heavyweight champion," says Burley. "Joe Louis is an example for them, for the Brown Bomber added thousands of dollars to his income through endorsements, public appearance, books, movies and exhibition contests."

Burley also believes Walcott intends to pick up some money for endorsement of political candidates in the 1952 elections, recalling that the champ recently was introduced to President Truman and the President told him that both had acquired titles "when nobody figured us to win." Walcott will have several books out soon and is considering opening a restaurant or tavern in either New York or his home town of Camden, New Jersey.

DIABETES "CREEPY"

National Diabetes Week will be observed in Detroit and nationally from November 11 to 17. Many physicians in this neighborhood are co-operating with the Wayne County Medical Society and the Detroit Department of Health in an effort to discover all persons who may have diabetes without knowing they have it.

A number of hospitals in this section of Detroit will observe National Diabetes Week by doing laboratory tests at the hospital for persons in the neighbourhood who request it. Reports of tests which indicate that further examination by a doctor is required will be sent by the hospital to the individual's physician.

If you have diabetes, finding out that you have it may add years to your life. Diabetes is a chronic disease which has few symptoms in the early stages when it responds to treatment best. Fortunately, it can be discovered in the early stages by a physician through a simple laboratory test. Diabetes may be hereditary, and because of this it is par-

Baltimore Y.M.C.A. Is Not Consistent

Every so often we find that certain organizations holding themselves up as leaders in this nation are infected with the cancerous disease of inconsistency.

We point out, from time to time, the contradiction in their professed programs when matters involving colored persons come up.

This week, we reproduce here the membership card of the Baltimore Young Men's Christian Association.

Close scrutiny reveals that the small print of the card limits the membership of the card issued to a colored citizen to the Druid Hill Branch only.

By coincidence, we have at hand the membership card issued by the Pine St. Branch of the YMCA, under a heading marked "Conditions," it is stated: "While every YMCA is an independent unit, this card is generally recognized in Associations around the world, subject to local regulations."

Thus it would appear that the YMCA has many faces, or at least two faces. It might even appear that the St. Louis Y and the Baltimore Y are different organizations, espousing entirely different objectives.

MAYORS MEET IN NASHVILLE

Nashville, Tenn. — Benjamin A. Green, attorney and mayor of the all-colored town of Mound Bayou, Miss., was formally welcomed to Nashville on October 28th by Mayor Ben West, who presented Mayor Green with two keys to the city before a Men's Day audience that filled First Baptist Church auditorium and overflowed into the outer corridors.

In welcoming the Harvard-trained lawyer, the Nashville Mayor said that he and his city staff were working hard to "free the Nashville community from bigotry, hatred and prejudice" and that "in facing problems of all types squarely Nashville will become an even more progressive city."

Mayor Green responded by saying: "Nashville has exerted a great influence on the town of Mound Bayou because Nashville architects designed and built the hospital

ticularly important that all blood relatives of a person who has this disease should have tests for it periodically.

Dr. Joseph G. Molner, commissioner of health, estimates that there may be 20,000 unknown diabetics in Detroit. If you have any of the symptoms of diabetes, you should be examined. Symptoms include loss of weight, excessive thirst and excessive urination. Examination for diabetes includes an analysis of urine and sometimes of blood.

The hospitals doing these laboratory tests which are located so that they are convenient to the people of this neighborhood include the following: Bethesda, Detroit Memorial, Grace, Harper, Kirwood, Parkside, Receiving, Trinity, Wayne Diagnostic and Woman's.

You are urged to have a test made during the week beginning Nov. 11. Go to your doctor's office and consult him about it.