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YOUTH COMMITS MURDER

SEEK TO FIX ATROCIOUS CRIME ON NEGRO—GIRL'S LOVER CONFESSES

STENOGRAPHER MURDERED BY "WHITE" NOT BY "NEGRO"

Albert Ellis, an Electrician, Confesses to Police That He Killed Edna Ellis, an Eighteen-Year-Old Typist, Whose Mutilated Body Was Found in Clump of Weeds in Vacant Lot and of Which Crime, as Usual, a Negro Was Suspected

GIRL'S SUITOR ENRAGED BY UNREQUITED LOVE

Information by Girl's Mother That Ellis Had Threatened Her Daughter for Breaking Engagement Led to Man's Arrest—Had Formerly Made His Home With Family—Knocked Girl Down With His Fists and Slashed Her With Razor

(Special to The Monitor)
ST. LOUIS, Nov. 11.—Last Friday the daily papers carried front page stories of the finding of the mutilated body of Miss Edna Ellis, an eighteen-year-old typist, in a clump of weeds in a vacant lot in the northwestern part of this city. As usual, it was taken for granted that a Negro had committed the crime, the motive being criminal assault. This was the theory advanced by the police who at once set to work to arrest some Negro upon whom the crime might be fixed. Your correspondent overheard this significant remark from a rather staid and dignified self-respecting St. Louisian whose indignation was justly aroused by the box-car type headline, "Police Hunt Negro Seen Near Lot." I feel quite sure it will not shock readers of The Monitor many of whom doubtless have thought the same thing although they have not expressed it in the forcible language of this man. It was this:

"Why in hell do the police always try to fix crimes of this character upon some Negro and give the criminal who, in nine cases out of ten, is some degenerate or criminal white, a chance to escape? This constant stigmatization of our race makes my blood boil and is enough to make a pious preacher cuss a blue streak, if it would do any good."

Your correspondent would add, "them's my sentiments, too." But to the story. The body of Miss Ellis, who was a stenographer employed by the Bell Telephone company, was found Friday morning in a vacant lot at Garrison avenue and North Market street, her throat slashed with a razor and her hands and arms bearing slashes showing that the plucky girl had put up a desperate fight for her life.

Several boys reported that they had seen a tall Negro loitering around the lot where the unfortunate girl's body had been found. Women in the vicinity also recalled seeing "a tall Negro" around the same place whose description tallied with that given by the five boys—Walter Dugan, aged 14; Henry Gerlich, 13; Howard McHenry and Chester Boenker, 16, and "Babe" Mackey, 7—all living in the immediate neighborhood. Mrs. Francis, who resides next to the Ellis home, volunteered the information that she had frequently seen a tall Negro loitering around the Ellis home.

The information furnished by the boys and Mrs. Francis, taken in connection with the fact that a razor handle was found near the body strengthened the belief of the police that the crime was committed by a Negro, for whom a hunt was made and several suspects were taken into custody, but were subsequently released.

Lieutenant O'Brien Suspicious
One police official, at least, did not hold to the theory of his fellows. That was Lieutenant "Darby" O'Brien of the Davton street police station. He believed that the deed was that of a jealous suitor. Holding to this theory scouted by his fellow officers, Lieut. O'Brien asked the girl's mother if her

daughter had told her of any friends whose society she spurned. Mrs. Ellis immediately named Albert Ellis and told Lieut. O'Brien that she had forced him to leave her home some months ago after his engagement to Miss Edna Ellis had been broken. Mrs. Ellis told of her daughter's having returned her engagement ring.

Confronted by Girl's Mother
Lieut. O'Brien, in company with Sergt. Gartland and Officers Richardson and Ryan, went to the home of Ellis early Friday morning, but he was not in. They waited until he returned at 11 o'clock and then took him into custody. He was taken to the scene of the murder and called upon to view the body of the girl. He was confronted by the mother, who accused him of the crime. He stoutly denied it, however.

Lieut. O'Brien worked upon the case for eighteen and one-half hours and near midnight Saturday surrendered the prisoner to Sergt. Martineau and Lieut. Gerk, who continued the questioning and finally obtained the confession from Ellis.

Ellis Makes Confession
Sunday morning Ellis, who bears the same name, but is no relation of his victim, made a confession of his crime which was subsequently reduced to writing and signed by him. He said that jealousy had prompted the murder and that he had intended to take his own life, but was prevented from doing so when the razor snapped as he slashed the throat of his victim for the third time. He made no attempt to lessen the magnitude of his crime and admitted that he had deliberately planned to murder the girl when convinced that there was no possibility of their marriage.

Miss Ellis begged for mercy. Ellis said, but he ignored her plea and struck her in the face with his fists. She fell to the ground, but arose quickly to her feet and grappled with him. He reached into his vest pocket while holding her with his other hand and drew out the razor.

She divined his intention and grasped the razor, pleading, "Oh, Al, don't cut me, please!" He said he wrested it from her, and as he did it opened, severely cutting her hands. He then held her at arms' length and, in the words of his confession, "slashed right and left until she fell to the ground."

TWO REPRESENTATIVES ELECTED IN PENNSYLVANIA

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Nov. 11.—Two colored Americans, J. C. Asbury, insurance company president, and Andrew F. Stevens, bank cashier, were elected to the legislature of Pennsylvania Tuesday. Both received majorities of more than 5,000.

TO PUT UP ANOTHER COLLEGE

DENISON, Tex., Nov. 11.—Rev. A. R. Griggs, father of Sutton E. Griggs of Memphis, Tenn., is leading in a movement for the erection of a college here. The Northwestern Baptist Association is expected to meet shortly and endorse the proposition.



REV. O. C. MAXWELL, D. D.

Who Will Conduct Ten-Day Evangelistic Campaign at Zion Baptist Church

The Baptists begin next Sunday a state-wide evangelistic campaign. All branches of the denomination enlist in this important work. At Zion Baptist church the Rev. Dr. O. C. Maxwell of St. Louis, Mo., will be the speaker and conduct services for ten days. The pastor has issued the following invitation to the public to attend: "Look, Listen and Learn! We are fortunate in securing the services of

Dr. O. C. Maxwell, pastor of the First Baptist church, St. Louis, Mo., who will conduct evangelistic meetings at Zion Baptist church, 2215-17 Grand street, beginning Sunday, November 14, to which the public is cordially invited. It is reported to hear this eminent divine is to listen to one of the world's greatest theologians. Come and bring a friend.—Dr. W. F. Bots, Pastor; Elizabeth Howard, Church Clerk."

HOWARD UNIVERSITY APPORTIONED MANY Y.M.C.A. SCHOLARSHIPS

Nearly Three Score Students Benefited—Gifts Aggregate \$4,830.50—Come From Nineteen States in All Parts of the United States—Professional Departments Also Get Large Sums.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 11.—Howard University has had the following scholarships apportioned to it by the various Y. M. C. A. organizations of the United States. The Inter-Racial Committee of Kentucky has also awarded a number of scholarships to the university, the full and complete list, with the amount of the scholarship, being as follows: Alabama, one student, \$125; Arkansas, one student, \$100; Connecticut, three students, \$50 each, one student \$100; Delaware, two students, \$100 each;

Maryland, one student, \$64; West Virginia, one student, \$60; District of Columbia, seven students, \$50 each; Florida, one student, \$60, one student \$51.50; Georgia, two students, \$100 each, one student \$150; Louisiana, one student, \$200; New Jersey, one student, \$200; New York, two students, \$100 each; North Carolina, five students, \$50 each; Oklahoma, one student, \$200; Pennsylvania, one student, \$125, one student \$100, one student \$60; South Carolina, one student, \$150, one student \$100, one student \$50; Texas, one student \$135, six students \$100 each; Virginia, five students \$75 each, two students \$50 each; Kentucky Inter-Racial, two students, \$75 each, one student \$60.

In addition to these Y. M. C. A. scholarships, the Federal Board for Vocational Education has provided for the training of fifty-eight students in the college, music, architecture, law, dental and medical departments of Howard University.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO BE ORGANIZED

(By the Associated Negro Press)
KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 11.—The business and professional men of the city are anxious and ready to go ahead with the formation of a Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber of Commerce is drawing up plans for the organization. The interest in such an organization follows a meeting held at which F. C. Sharon, president of the Chamber of Commerce, and John M. Guild, general secretary, spoke. The leaders in the new movement are Prof. J. R. E. Lee of Lincoln High school, L. C. Stewart and R. Mosely. The latter is chairman of the committee.

ST. LOUIS ORGANIZES LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

(By the Associated Negro Press)
ST. LOUIS, Mo., Nov. 11.—The Douglass Life Insurance company is now one of the strongest business ventures of the colored people in this city. This has been brought about by a big boosting campaign among the colored people themselves. Discrimination practiced by the white companies was the chief reason for the initiation of the campaign, although the need of giving practical encouragement to race business ventures also entered largely into the matter.

MONUMENT FOR DUNBAR

(By the Associated Negro Press)
CHICAGO, Ill., Nov. 11.—A Paul Dunbar monument movement has been started in this city. Funds for the monument have been collected by local enthusiasts and a "white friend" has agreed to duplicate every dollar raised by popular subscription. The Chicago Defender is the local custodian of the fund.

FOR FREEDOM OF SOLDIERS

(By the Associated Negro Press)
LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Nov. 11.—T. W. Bell, the attorney for the imprisoned Negro soldiers in the federal penitentiary, is working hard on the case and confidently expects to win. While he has not disclosed his latest plans, he declares that he is confident he will be able to procure the freedom of the accused men. The case will be argued here within a short time.

URBAN LEAGUE DISCUSSES RACE PROBLEM IN INDUSTRY

(By the Associated Negro Press)
NEW YORK, Nov. 11.—The race problem in industry furnished the topic of discussion at the opening session of the National Urban League here.

Main points brought out by the men who addressed the league were: The necessity of better housing conditions; the desirability of using Negro foremen over Negro employees; the obstacles offered by overdeveloped race consciousness in the Negro, and the urgency of more frankness between Negro and white.

MICHIGAN GOVERNOR GRANTS EXTRADITION

Strenuous Protests Given by N. A. A. C. P.—Fear of Lynching Causes Protest—Determine to Fight Extradition Through Court of Last Resort.

SEEKING TO ESTABLISH NEEDED PRECEDENT

Denial of Extradition to Southern States Which Grant No Protection to Colored Prisoners, But Virtually Hand Them Over to Mobs.

NEW YORK, N. Y., Nov. 11.—Walter F. White, assistant secretary of the N. A. A. C. P., gave the following interview for the Associated Negro Press on the case of Tom Ray of Wilkinson county, Georgia, whose extradition to Georgia for trial on a charge of murder the association is fighting. Ray is at present in custody in the Wayne county jail, Detroit, Mich.

"Tom Ray, in self-defense killed a white man named Faulkner," said Mr. White, "in Wilkinson county, Georgia, after Faulkner had several times made attempts on Ray's life. Ray escaped to Canada, later returning to Detroit, where he was arrested.

"Governor Sleeper of Michigan granted extradition to the Georgia authorities for Ray, although the last Negro for whom he granted extradition was lynched twelve hours after he had arrived in Kentucky.

"Attorneys Willis and Hinton and Attorney W. Hayes McKinney, acting for the Detroit branch of the N. A. A. C. P., immediately applied for a writ of habeas corpus. A hearing on this was held before Judge Hunt in Detroit Wednesday, October 13. Judge Hunt granted the writ, but Ray was immediately rearrested when Georgia officials wired that an indictment was being forwarded.

"A new hearing was held before Governor Sleeper on the indictment on Wednesday, October 20. I testified at that time as an investigator of lynchings and as one of the compilers of "Thirty Years of Lynching," showing that if Ray were taken back to the state of Georgia he would not only fail to receive a fair trial, but would very probably be lynched immediately upon his return.

"In spite of the facts presented, Governor Sleeper said he saw no reason why Ray should not be returned. The attorneys for Ray immediately applied for a new writ of habeas corpus and in the event that that fails the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will take the case to the federal court.

"This case," said Mr. White in conclusion, "ought to be of especial interest to colored people of the United States as it may establish a precedent in the denial of extradition to southern states where Negroes accused of crime are lynched or denied justice."

MISSOURI ELECTS FIRST LEGISLATOR

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Nov. 11.—In the landslide Tuesday, Missouri elected her first colored man to the general assembly.

He is Walthall Moore of St. Louis, who ran on the regular republican ticket, and will represent one of the exclusive districts of St. Louis at Jefferson City.

Langston Harris, who ran in another district, was defeated.

CELEBRATE OPENING OF FRATERNITY HOUSE

(By the Associated Negro Press)
BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Nov. 11.—In honor of the opening of the fraternity house on Main street, the first of its kind to be erected in the state, more than 1,500 members of colored fraternities throughout the state celebrated the occasion of the opening with a reception and dance held in the State Street Casino.



The Home of the New Branch of the Y. W. C. A. Located at Twenty-second and Grant Streets, Omaha, Neb.