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Smith was one of seven children of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Smith of Chuckatuck, Va. His father works as a sandblaster at the navy yard at Portsmouth.

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Leslie D. Smith Jr., 26, the first black graduate of the W&L law school, was the victim.

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The police report said Mr. Smith was found fully clothed and unconscious about 12:45 a.m. at the Canterbury House, near du Pont Circle.

The young lawyer had been stabbed and also strangled. No details were available as to the circumstances surrounding the violent death.

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on school desegregation cases.

In the law school here he was a good student and was a member of the Law Review. He was remembered as having had a particular flair for writing.

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RICHMOND TIMES-DISPATCH, June 10, 1971

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Friends received Thursday at the Robertal Home, 4308 Suithehere services will be June 14, at 11:30 Cedar Hill Cemetery.

June 9, 1971, HILTON in Echo Heights, be Eleanor Lowe; father owe, Lynette Hender, and Hilton C. Lowe by six grandchildren, received at Pumphrey's Chase Funeral Home, Ave., Bethesda, Md., Sunday, from 3 to 5, where services will day, at 11 a.m. Interment Cemetery.

US PHILIP 11, 1971 at Arlington; PHILIP MacSWEEN d Lane, McLean, Va., d of Margaret Macf Mrs. Catherine Karf J. and Mrs. Margaret Lake, N.J.; brother iler, Mrs. Ann Masuire d Donald MacSween; sson and Cathy Karson, Mrs. Sharon Opperlake, N.J.; Mrs. Bonnie nville, N.J. and Gary Lake, N.J. Also survivi-grandchildren. Friends the Arlington Funeral Fairfax Dr., Arlington, 4 and 7 to 9 p.m., Sunday, June 12 and 13 will be held on Mon- 71 at 2 p.m. Interment Cemetery. Family re- su of flowers, contribu- made to the Walker Methodist Church Educa-

A. ednesday, June 9, 1971 (ONY of 10118 Dallas Spring, Md., beloved n C. Brown. Relatives y call at Collins Fu-) University Blvd. West, Md., (parking on prem- and Sunday, 2 to 4 and qulem mass at St. Ber- h, 72 University Blvd. y, June 14 at 10 a.m. of Heaven Cemetery.

father of Miss Iodie Rodney, Washin- ton, D.C. and Max Rodney, Norfolk, Va. Funeral services at the Bernard Danzansky and Sons Funeral Home, 3501 14th St. NW (parking facilities ad- jacent), on Sunday, June 13, at 11 a.m. Interment Cemetery of the Keshet Israel Congregation (new). Memorial week 1133 24th St. NW. In lieu of flowers, the family suggest that con- tributions may be made to the Cancer Fund. (Baltimore papers please copy.)

SHOEMAKER, MAY ISABELLE On Wednesday, June 9, 1971, MAY ISABELLE SHOEMAKER of 2840 Hurst Terrace, N.W., wife of William E. Shoemaker; mother of Aubrey Shoemaker and Mrs. Mildred Elliott, one grand- child and three great-grandchildren also survive. Friends may call at Joseph Gawler's Sons, 3130 Wisconsin Ave. at Harrison St., N.W. (parking on premises) Saturday and Sunday, 2-4 and 7-9 p.m., where services will be held Monday, June 14 at 11 a.m. Interment Cedar Hill Cemetery.

SMITH, LESLIE D., JR. On June 8, 1971, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie D. Smith of Chuckatuck, Va. He is survived by six brothers and sisters. Services at The Little Bethel Baptist Church in Chuckatuck, Va. on Monday, June 14th at 3:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to The Leg. Defense Fund, Inc. of the NAACP, Suite 2030, 10 Columbus Circle, New York, N.Y.

TEMPLETON, GEORGE W. Of 1800 Arcadia Ave., Dillon Park, Md., on June 10, 1971, father of George P. Templeton of Washington, D.C.; brother of Edna M. Thompson of Joliet, Ill. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. Services at Chambers Funeral Home, 5801 Cleveland Ave., Riverdale, Md., on Monday, June 14, at 10 a.m. Visitation Sunday, 2 to 5 p.m. Interment Fort Lincoln Cemetery.

THOMPSON, HOWARD B. On Saturday, June 5, 1971 at Philadel- phia Hospital of Osteopathy, Philadel- phia, Pa. HOWARD B. THOMPSON of 40 N. 50th St., Philadelphia, Pa. Son of the late Bland M. and Susie B. Thomp- son of 520 Varnum St., N.W., Washin- gton, D.C. He leaves to mourn their loss, five sisters, Mrs. Emma Johnson, Mrs. Catherine Brockenborough, Mrs. Rosa Jackson, Miss Angie Thompson, Mrs. Dorothy McMillan, four brothers, Bland M. Jr., Robin J., William H., and Har- ry D. Thompson, two aunts, one uncl-

Roanoke Times June 10, 1971

Spong Protege Fatally Stabbed

WASHINGTON — Leslie D. Smith, 26, a lawyer with the Civil Rights Division of the Justice Department and a protegee of Sen. William B. Spong, died early Wednesday of stab wounds.

Smith, who was bound and gagged, was found by his roommate, Anthony Ashley, 22, about 12:45 a.m. An autopsy has been scheduled.

Sen. Spong met Smith in the summer of 1966 when Spong was a commencement speaker at St. Paul's School in Lawrenceville, Va. Smith, the first black graduate of Washington and Lee University Law School, was a summer intern for Spong in 1967.

In 1968, Spong helped Smith get a summer job as a clerk for Septcoe & Johnson, a Washington law firm.

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