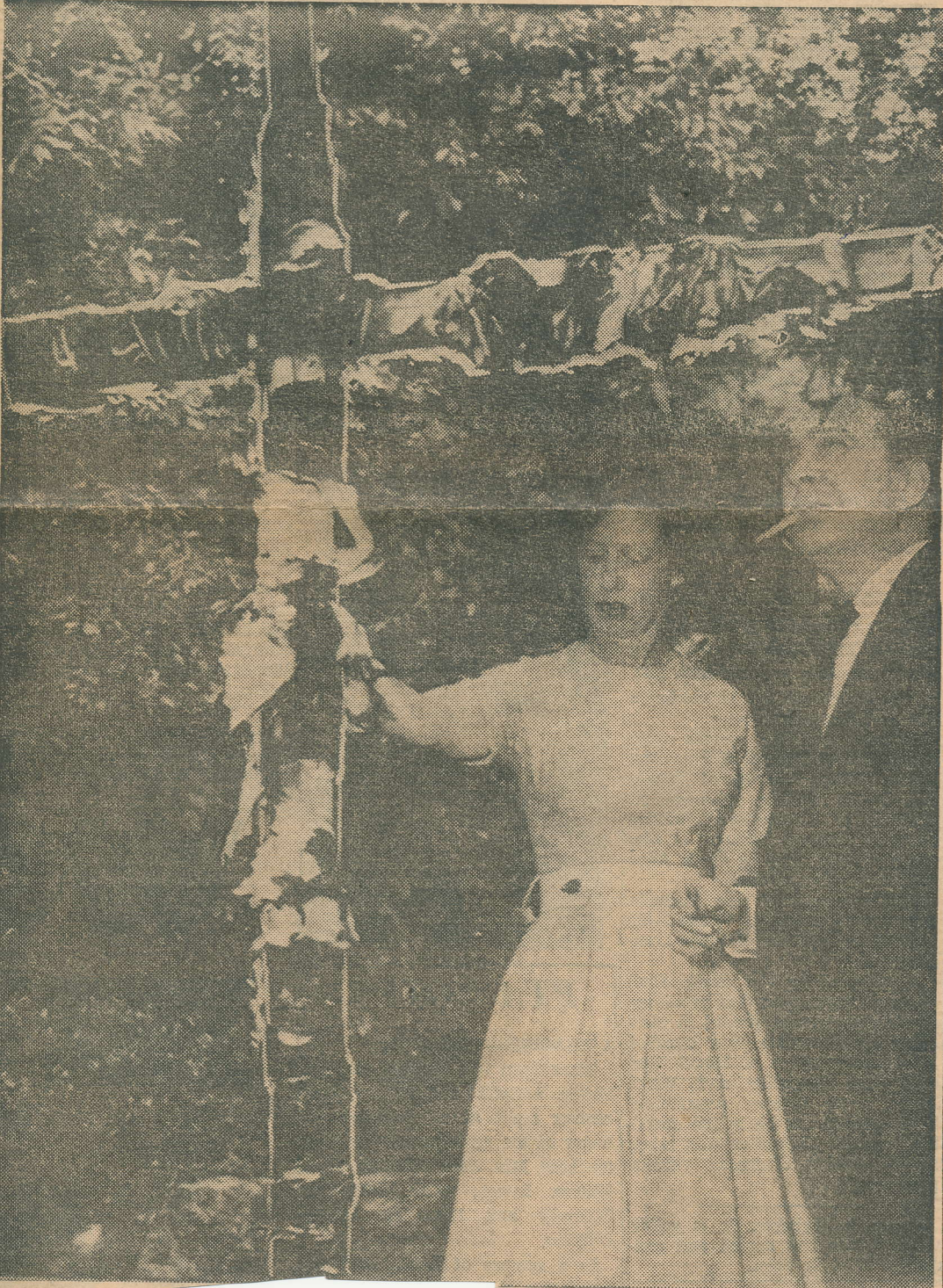


Cross Burned On Rye Lawn



Housing Ruling Tie Seen

A seven-foot cross was burned last night on the front lawn of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Sterling of Kirby Lane, Rye.

Mrs. Sterling said she thought the cross-burning was the aftermath of the assistance she gave to Mrs. Oriol Redd of Rye in the latter's attempt to rent an apartment at Rye Colony apartments. Mrs. Redd is a Negro.

A son of the Sterlings, Peter, 20, a student, was jailed in Jackson, Miss., for breach of the peace as a "freedom rider." He was released after his father, a public relations man, paid a \$195 fine for him.

Mr. Sterling discovered the cross, soaked in kerosene rags and ablaze, at 11:32 p.m. after he heard what sounded to him like a small explosion and scream.

Flames Extinguished

Mr. Sterling extinguished the blaze with a garden hose. Police were called. The cross was left on the lawn overnight to await examination by detectives today.

Mrs. Sterling said both she and her husband are on the executive board of the local National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Jurisdiction Lacking

Mrs. Sterling said that she did not believe that the cross was placed on the lawn because of her son's participation with the "freedom riders," but rather because of her activities with the local NAACP. The Sterlings are white.

Mrs. Sterling said that at present her son is living at home and working in New York City.

In New York City yesterday, State Atty. Gen. Louis J. Lefkowitz lost a State Supreme Court application to permit an inquiry into a discrimination charge against Rye Colony.

Justice Abraham N. Geller said that the application was made despite the fact that the State Commission against Discrimination had held it had no jurisdiction under existing law.

The court noted that SCAD will have jurisdiction of the woman's complaint when the law is amended as of Sept. 1.

REMAINS of fiery cross which was burned on their lawn last night are examined by Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Sterling, of Kirby Lane North, Rye, this morning. The Sterlings, long active in local NAACP affairs, said a "shot," and a scream announced the burning cross at 11:32

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