## SURPRISES

Mary Washington reads
the obituaries
with liturgical solemnity
Cella Pointer
216 New Day Apartments
killed February 22, 1982
pauses
on George Washington's
birthday
age twenty three
she was young, Lord, Lord
survived by sixteen brothers and
sisters in Detroit, Michigan
Lord, nobody knowed that and
a grandmother in Columbus,
Georgia

## HOMICIDE

Cella Pointer
had eyes in the back of
her head
to catch
admiring
glances
She rolled them backward
one time
too often at someone else's
husband