Lawyer Starts New Year with 3-Point Victory

A victory won on three points was credited to a member of the bar, this week, as lawyers began their new year with a variety of cases.

Roy S. Bond, the winner of the case in question stated that it was his first of the new year.

He obtained freedom for Miss Agnes Henson, who was taken in a raid on her Pennsylvania home by police who were looking for reefers.

The woman was released by Judge Albert S. J. Owens, while when Mr. Bond said he thought that she ought to go free because possession was not proved, sale was not shown and transportation of the reefers was not established as a fact.

Club Incorporated

Everett Lane started his legal year by incorporating the Young Pals' Pleasure Club of which Charles Thompson, 1107 N. Stockton Street, is the president.

William Goenell's opening legal salvo was in the form of a divorce suit. He filed papers for an absolute separation in behalf of Mrs. Martha Waters, 1037 N. Mount Street.

Charles Waters, the husband, lives at 817 Pennsylvania Avenue, according to the allegation and refuses to tell his wife where he works. Mrs. Waters, who was married in 1932, charges desertion and seeks the custody of her child.

Potentate Cleared

The first case of Thurgood Marshall was that of John H. Murphy, Jr., imperial potentate of the Shriners, who was charged with reckless driving in the traffic court on Monday.

The charges against Mr. Murphy were dropped. The other driver, Miss Katherine Shoonmaker, white, was absolved from recklessness, also.

The settlement of a will in Akron, O., occupied the minds of Henry M. Daniels and George Evans after January 1.

They succeeded in securing $3,000 from a $15,000 estate for Eugene Wilkinson of New York.

The estate was left by Mrs. Hettie Wilkinson, mother of Mr. Wilkinson.

Dunbar Teacher Emphasizes Need of Wide Reading

"Reading Circles and Their Function in Service Training for Teachers" was the topic of a lecture by Robert Ford, instructor at the Dunbar Junior High School, Thursday, from 4 to 6 p.m., at the fourth professional faculty meeting since September.

The importance of reading for improving the teacher's cultural background and the advantage to be found in co-operative reading were the points especially stressed by the speaker.

Discuss Topic

Discussion followed the meeting which is open to all teachers of the school. Mrs. Catherine Law presided. Carrington L. Davis is principal of the school.

Graduation plans are now underway with the 9A classes of the school. A parents' meeting will be held Tuesday evening at 8 p.m., at which time parent-teacher conferences will be held.

The Dunbar Chorus will broadcast at the regular Public School Music Hour over Station WCAO during the middle of February. The annual spring operetta is already in progress. Both projects, the broadcast and the operetta, are under the direction of Mrs. Constantia Wharton, instructor of music.

Political Boss Called for Talk in Digit Probe

Information on Where Money Is Kept Believed Goal.

MINISTERS GIVE WELLS THEIR O.K.

One Member of Group Fails to Appear.

A new angle of the probe of numbers rackets in Baltimore developed this week when a prominent politician and his attorney were summoned to appear for questioning at the office of the State's attorney.

According to report, the probers are now seeking to locate a place in Northwest Baltimore where numbers barons bank their money each night.

At this place, it is reported, the pennies, nickels and coins of other denominations, neatly wrapped, have been placed in a safe.

Place Cleared

It is also indicated that recently, a place where numerous adding machines and other devices used in the drawing of the so-called night number, was ordered cleared when a tip from the police department indicated that a raid was imminent.

One white attorney who was summoned to appear before the probers is reported to have stated that he would have nothing to say. This lawyer, it is indicated, has handled a number of the lottery cases during the past year.

Another lawyer is reported to have said that he will be available for questioning at any time. Probers, it is stated, are seeking to find the lawyer who is alleged to have been giving numbers barons advice on how to evade the law.

Counsel Kept

Rumors indicate also that a verbal agreement with a lawyer and members of the numbers ring caused the attorney to be retained as counsel for violators of the lottery laws.

The first appreciation of the probe was voiced on Wednesday, when a committee of Baptist ministers visited J. Bernard Wells, white, State's attorney.

Mr. Wells told the committee that he appreciated the visit and that unless he had the support of the public in the action, he would be just knocking his head against a stone wall.

A written statement submitted by the committee said in part:

Forty Thousand

"Representing a constituency of forty thousand members, we are watching with interest and pleasure the strenuous efforts you are making to track down the offenders.

"Perhaps no group is more able to see the baneful effects this evil has upon the people in general and our race in particular.

"We pledge our support in any way that we can to stamp out this evil that has caused hunger and destitution among the people—sapping the very life's blood from the race."

Clerics Listed

The ministers present were the Reverends:

Simon Williamson, pastor of Faith Baptist Church; Junius Gray, pastor of Psalmist Baptist Church and president of the Mount Bethel Baptist Association;

G. A. Crawley, pastor of St. Paul Baptist Church; W. A. Hall, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Relay; L. L. Price, pastor of Mount Horam Baptist Church;

David Bryant, secretary of the Baptist Ministers' Conference; J. Timothy Boddie, pastor of Union Baptist Church; A. J. Payne, pastor of Enon Baptist Church; and E. W. White, pastor of Providence Baptist Church.

The Rev. W. W. Allen, pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church, was a member of the committee, according to the ministers, but he did not appear at the office of the State's attorney.

Woman Hands $113 to Flimflammers in Old Drop-Pocketbook Game

It cost **Miss Mary Jennings** of the 700 block of W. North Avenue $113, Tuesday, to learn that people who find pocketbooks on streets are not anxious to divide the contents with strangers, according to police of the Northwestern district.

Miss Jennings told police that he was on the way to a bank at Linden and North Avenues to deposit $35 for her employer, Dew Newbell, white, 749 W. North Avenue, when a woman asked her where an apartment could be found.

As she was talking, Miss Jennings told police the woman suddenly asked her whether she saw a man on the other side of the street pick up a pocketbook.

The strange woman accosted the man, according to Miss Jennings, and he said that there was a lot of money in the pocketbook which he would divide three ways but he needed some change to do it.

Miss Jennings went to the bank, she told police, drew out $73, added the $35 of her employer and $5 that she had with her and gave all of it to the man.

This still was not enough change, according to the story told police, and the man and the woman who was looking for the apartment went to get more.

They left Miss Jennings on a corner, according to her story, and failed to return.

Baltimore NAACP Takes Up Case of Shooting Suspect

Boy Held in Connection with Death of White Man Given Lawyer.

CHILD IN HOSPITAL AFTER QUESTIONING

Expert Will Not Say Pistol Was Used.

The Baltimore branch of the NAACP, Thursday, took over the case of Virtis Lucas, 16-year-old suspect, who is being held in connection with the fatal shooting of Norman Brilliant, white, on Christmas morning, in the Northeastern police district.

(Editor's Note—Lucas is listed on police dockets as 15. When the case began, his mother said that he was 14 and at present, however, she states that he is 15.)

Action by the branch followed on the heels of an executive meeting on Wednesday. According to Mrs. Lillie M. Jackson, president of the organization in the city, many requests that the branch investigate the case had come to her since the boy's arrest.

Thurgood Marshall, one of the branch's legal staff, was asked to take the case by the boy's mother, Mrs. Lula Hawley. Mrs. Hawley contends that her son was at home when the shooting took place.

Mr. Marshall held a conference with Capt. John R. Scheuler, white, of the Northeastern district, on Thursday evening.

No Formal Charge

During this conference, the captain admitted that Lucas has not been formally charged with the shooting, but will be as soon as he is released from the City Hospital where he is suffering with an attack of pleurisy.

Reports that the boy had been beaten into making an alleged confession, were denied by the captain. Mrs. Hawley stated also, that the present condition of her son is similar to what he undergoes almost every year at this time.

Capt. Scheuler insisted that a pistol, which was allegedly found in a mattress in the boy's home in the 1600 block of E. Madison Street, was the one that was used in the shooting.

Expert's Denial

The captain made this assertion, however, in the face of a denial on the part of Capt. James Downs, white, ballistic expert of the police department, that the weapon now in possession of the police was used.

Capt. Downs declared on Monday, after a second examination, that the pistol could not have been one that discharged the death bullet taken from Brilliant's body.

Under police guard at the hospital, the boy states that he was not allowed to sleep during five days of imprisonment at the Northeastern police station, when he was questioned.

Endless Questions

He was not beaten, according to his statement, but he was subjected to endless periods of questioning until he made a statement to police in order to get rid of them.

Capt. Scheuler's version of the confession is that Lucas made it by saying, "I have something on my mind that I want to get off."

Although there is no formal charge against the boy, Capt. Scheuler indicated that he will be charged with causing the death of Brilliant if any effort is made to get him out of the custody of police on a writ of habeas corpus.

Three Bullets Fired

The police official stated that he had six signed statements of persons who charge that Lucas bragged about doing the shooting and exhibited the weapon which police now have, with three missing bullets. Three bullets are supposed to have been fired at the time of the Brilliant shooting.

First Criminal Case

The NAACP's entrance in the case marks the first criminal case that the branch has taken in recent years. The main case handled by the NAACP during the year of 1935 in Baltimore, was that of the Donald Gaines Murray versus the University of Maryland.

The association was successful in getting Mr. Murray into the law school of the institution by an order of the Baltimore City Court.

Baltimore Teacher Loses His Clothes After N.Y. Dance

John Wood, teacher at the School for Handicapped Children here, and son of the director of city schools, lost his overcoat while attending the Cosmos Club's dance at the Savoy Hall in New York Friday.

Mr. Wood, Armstead Cooper of New York and two young women companions had placed the wraps including two fur coats, in Mr. Wood's car before the close of the dance to avoid the rush to the check room.

The garments were taken from the car.

Worst Enemy of Man, Subject of Forum Talk

The topic, "Man's Worst Enemy," will be the subject of a speech by Dr. George Cabbs, white, at the City-Wide Young People's Forum when it meets at Fountain Baptist Church, Monument Street near Gay, on Friday of next week.

This will be the first meeting of the forum at the church and a large crowd is expected to be on hand.

On Friday of this week the group meets at Enon Baptist Church, Park Avenue near Dolphin Street. The topic will be "Can Ethiopia Win?"

Police Asked to Help Find Mother

Police of the city are asked, this week, to aid Washington authorities in locating Mrs. Bertie M. Cheeks, a 16-year-old mother, who allegedly deserted her baby, which is four months old, in Washington.

The mother is reported to have an uncle in Baltimore by the name of Roger Nolan.

To Conduct Drive

JESSE O. THOMAS,
Southern field director of the National Urban League, who will arrive in Baltimore, next week, to conduct a financial campaign for the organization. The drive is expected to last for three weeks.

Jones to Talk at Workers' School

William N. Jones, of the staff of the AFRO-AMERICAN, will give a lecture and report, on a recent trip in the Soviet Union this Sunday evening, January 12, at 8 p.m., in the auditorium of the Baltimore Workers' School, 209 South Bond Street. The lecture will be given under the auspices of the Baltimore Workers' School. Questions and discussion will follow the speaker and the lecture is open to the public.

Mr. Jones, while in the Soviet Union, was one of the few Americans who had the opportunity to have a personal interview with Kremlin officials. On his return to America, Mr. Jones headed a delegation of Americans to interview the Ethiopian delegates to the League of Nations in Geneva, Switzerland.

Stove Causes Fire

Fire caused by an overheated oil stove in the home of William Hux, 805 Stag Street, was extinguished, Wednesday, before serious damage could be done.

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Four Nabbed at Gas Station with Bogus $20 Bills

BALTIMORE — As they attempted to pass an allegedly fake $20 bill at a filling station on Lafayette and High Streets, Saturday, two men and two women were seized by State police.

Sergeant John J. Kries and Officer Albert McKeown, both white, made the arrest when they identified the car in which the accused persons were riding as one that a radio broadcast had informed them to be on the lookout for.

The accused are listed on Federal dockets as:

Theophilis Hise, 2043 Springfield Street, Boston; Miss Jeanette Pacific, 225 Penn Avenue, Scranton, Pa.; George Anderson, 2008 Federal Street, Philadelphia, and Miss Elizabeth Sweatt, 625 McCowan Street Providence, R. I.

Had Eighteen Bills

According to Federal agents the people arrested had eighteen of the $20 bills in their possession and all of them are being held for questioning.

Each of the men is being held under bond of $2,500 and the women are being held under bond of $1,500 each. They were given a preliminary hearing before James K. Cullen, white, U. S. commissioner, in the Post Office on Monday.

Agents advance the belief that the money was secured from a ring of counterfeiters in New York.

Bogus Pastor Gives Out Fake Checks

A man posing as the Rev. E. W. White of Providence Baptist Church, is being sought this week by police of the Western district in connection with the passing of bogus checks and fake solicitations.

According to police, the checks are supposed to be drawn on the National Central Bank.

The Rev. Mr. White, when interviewed on Thursday, declared that the matter first came to his attention on Sunday, when a white man told him that somebody was going around getting subscriptions that were supposed to be for the church. Police were unable to say how much money the man got.

Veteran Dies Five Minutes After Chat

Five minutes after he had been talking with her, Mrs. Emma Oliver of 244 Dallas Street found John Brooks, a war veteran, dead in his chair, Monday.

The dead man was 50 years old and lived at the same address. He was a victim of heart failure.

Charles Anthony Is Held for Robbery

One robbery charge against Charles Anthony, 35, of the 600 block of W Fayette Street was dismissed at the Northwestern police station this week when the victim failed to appear, but he was held for the action of the grand jury on another under bond of $2,000.

In company with Eugene Jones of the 600 block of W. Lafayette Avenue, Anthony is supposed to have assaulted and robbed Lawrence Solomon of the 1600 block of Pennsylvania Avenue of $4.90.

Shot Him

Later Solomon met Anthony on the street and shot him—causing the alleged bandit to go to Provident Hospital for treatment.

Although both Jones and Anthony were in their hands, police were unable to locate Solomon.

On December 11 Anthony is supposed to have robbed Herman Goldsmith, white, of the 1800 block of Pennsylvania Avenue on December 13. He was held on this charge.

Jones was held under bond of $2,000 also in connection with the assault and robbery of Richard Copeland, white, of the 1500 block of N. Mount Street on December 11.

Miss Taliaferro to Hold Demonstrations

After school demonstrations for fifth grade teachers will be conducted by Mrs. Myrtle Taliaferro, instructor at the Henry Winter Davis School 125, each Monday from 4 to 6 p.m., during the next ten weeks.

The demonstrations, sponsored by the department of supervision, are directed by Mrs. Marguerite Seldon, Science, in the realm of astrology with special emphasis on the moon, its phases, and the reason for the eclipse, composed the lesson of the Monday demonstration.

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Law Student Wins Right to Stay at Maryland University

BACHELOR JOE IS READY

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Louis Says He'll Win by Fourth

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Joe Louis says his strategy for this fight is to beat Charley Ratzlaff to the punch.

Bachelor Joe Louis Ready for Charley

Wife with Her Parents as He Trains for Friday's Bout.

JOE SAYS HE NEEDS FOUGHT TEACHING THE FIRST BLOW OF COMMUNISM

Retzlaff Dangerous, Practiced 30 Years; Blackburn Admits.

HOW THEY COMPARE

Joe Louis	Charley Retzlaff
22 Age	27
200 Weight	198
6 ft. 1½ in. Height	6 ft. 3 in.
76 Reach	78½ in.
16½ in. Neck	16½ in.
44 in. Biceps	15 in.
12½ in. Forearm	13 in.
34 in. Wrist	7½ in.
41 in. Chest (Normal)	42 in.
43 in. Chest Expanded)	44½ in.
35 in. Waist	33 in.
25 in. Thigh	21½ in.
15 in. Calf	15 in.
10 in. Ankle	9½ in.

"Bachelor" Joe Louis is ready for Charley Retzlaff, his opponent in the big bout at the Chicago, Ill., Stadium, Friday night. Mrs. Joe is living with her parents while her husband is training.

Strategy for the fight as outlined by Jack Blackburn, Joe's trainer, will be different from that used with the other opponents.

With Carnera, the Brown Bomber had the problem of ducking in under the Italian's left arm and socking him in the stomach or in the kidneys with a counter punch.

It was necessary to keep his left hand in Baer's face all the time. Keep him off balance and wait the chance to poke him on the chin.

Blackburn has handled Retzlaff, the North Dakota farmer, in several workouts.

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CITIZENS VOTE WET

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Barry Farms Citizens' Association voted their disapproval of the Guyer bill, which would make the District "dry," at their regular meeting held Tuesday night.

Bill Gibson Grabs Chicago Rattler to Report Louis Fight as Usual

On a crack Chicago train, Westward bound, is Bill Gibson of the AFRO, en route to a ringside seat for Friday's Louis-Retzlaff prize fight.

Bill predicts Joe will K.O. his man in the third. After the battle, he'll chase down in the dressing room to give the Brown Bomber the once-over and pick up those intimate details with which he has regaled AFRO readers following each Louis fight.

You'll find the unusual angles of the Louis-Retzlaff fight in next week's AFRO, told in Bill Gibson's own inimitable style.

Judges Fire Questions in Torture Case

Supreme Court Flares Up When Told of Mississippi Horrors.

NAACP LAWYERS MAY WIN APPEAL

Three Beaten, Hanged and Made to Confess.

The Supreme Court of the United States, the highest court in the land, was profoundly shocked Friday.

Mississippi attorneys-general admitted their courts had sentenced three "ignorant men" to death on no other evidence except confessions obtained from them by hanging and whippings.

The three, Edward Brown, Henry Shields and Yank Ellington, Mississippi sharecroppers, convicted of slaying a white farmer, had twice been refused a new trial in the State Supreme Court on the ground that the men's lawyers had not asked to have the jurors excluded at the proper time.

However, the decision was so raw that Justice Supreme Court Judge Anderson, dissenting, called the Scottsboro

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Last Rites for U. Grant Tyler to Be Saturday

Mass for U. Grant Tyler, pioneer Baltimore attorney, who died at his residence, 3119 Barclay Street, Tuesday evening, will be conducted at the St. Peter's Claver Catholic Church, Saturday, at 9 a.m.

U. GRANT TYLER

Mr. Tyler, a native of Frederick, Md., began the practice of law here in 1895, after completing the legal course at Howard University. His first celebrated case

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Mitchell Tests 15 Candidates for West Point

WASHINGTON — Asked whether he intended to fight to have Felix J. Kirkpatrick, Jr., DePriest-appointed West Point cadet, who was let out December 7, reinstated, Representative Arthur W. Mitchell (Dem.) of Illinois, told the AFRO-AMERICAN that he did not care to discuss the case.

He said he had no desire to aid in "trying the case in the newspapers."

The Illinois Representative revealed that he himself, had named fifteen boys, ten of them white,

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Leaves Virgin Isles

ALONZO MORON,
commissioner of public welfare of the Virgin Islands, who is now in Washington on leave of absence, enrolled at the National Housing School, here. It is reported that he may head the Government's low-cost housing project in Atlanta, having been offered the post last summer. Moron arrived in the United States on December 30.

Second Romance on Rocks

MRS. YOLANDE DuBOIS WILLIAMS and DAUGHTER, Nina Yolande. Mrs. Williams filed suit for divorce from Arnett Williams, here, this week.

Yolande DuBois Files for Divorce

Another discord in the marital lute of the former Yolande DuBois was heard this week when she filed suit for an absolute divorce from her husband, Arnett Franklin Williams, charging cruelty.

The petition was filed Thursday through Josiah F. Henry, Jr., attorney.

The proceedings mark the end of a marital relationship that began on September 2, 1931, in New Castle City, Mo. Williams, who is the daughter of William E. B. DuBois, is a teacher at the Harrison Johnson Junior High School and the mother of one child.

Second Marriage

Her marriage to Mr. Williams was the second of her matrimonial adventures. The first husband was Counter Cullen, popular American poet, in 1928.

In 1930 the teacher was divorced from Mr. Cullen and her marriage to the present husband occurred the following year.

Mr. Williams met his wife while she was a teacher at Douglass High School and he was a student. At the time of the marriage, he was a student of Lincoln University in Pennsylvania.

In her plea for a divorce, Mrs. Williams alleges that her husband deserted her on January 3 after a married life that was interspersed with harshness and assaults that at times became so severe that she was forced to leave home.

Asks Alimony

She seeks a grant of alimony pending the litigation and such other relief as the case may require.

The husband at present is living at a house in the 2300 block of Madison Avenue.

NAACP to Celebrate With Mass Meeting

A mass meeting in connection with the victory in the University of Maryland case will be held by the Baltimore Branch of the NAACP, Tuesday, at Enon Baptist Church, Park Avenue near Dolphin Street, at 8 p.m.

Mrs. Lillie M. Jackson, president of the branch, stated that Thurgood Marshall, who with Dr. Charles Houston, served as counsel in the case, will be the speaker.

A delegation from Baltimore County is expected to be on hand at the meeting for it will be in this county that the next legal action will begin.

It will be the effort of the branch to secure a high school for the children of this county who are at present without such an institution.

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Appeal Court Opens Md. U. to All Races

Body Upholds Lower Court in Making Murray a Student.

TREATMENT FINE, SAYS AMHERSTER

Exams Now His Big Interest, He Reports.

By CLARENCE MITCHELL
Staff Correspondent

ANNAPOLIS — Compliance with the Constitution of the United States cannot be deferred at the will of the States, the Maryland Court of Appeals held on Wednesday when it ruled that the University of Maryland must permit Donald Gaines Murray, Amherst graduate, to remain as a student in the law school.

The court held that any denial of education to Mr. Murray will at present be a violation of the Fourteenth Amendment. It also pointed out that amendments to the Constitution are not meant to be subjects of the pleasure of any individual State.

By its action, the court upheld the writ of mandamus which compelled the institution to per-

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D. Wright to Serve with CCC Six Months

BALTIMORE, Md. — With his consent, Dr. Whittier B. Wright, 1848 N. Twenty-second Street, Philadelphia, Pa., first-lieutenant in the Medical Corps Reserve, has been ordered to active service with the Civilian Conservation Corps for six months, the local U.S. Army headquarters announced this Friday morning.

Telegraphic instructions were sent to Dr. Wright on Thursday. He will be assigned to CCC Co. 349, Brunswick County, Va. The order was effective on Thursday.

Numbers War Figures in Arrests as New Barons Take Field

Thomas R. Smith Gets Quick $25,000 Bail; Attorney for Charles Harris Fights for Client as Latter Is Held Under Big $35,000 Bond.

Is the present numbers flare-up the direct result of a big digit war?

Is someone being put on the spot to make way for other numbers barons?

Are the developments in the numbers racket a political move on the part of men anxious to replace those who have been in control of the traffic?

Among Rumors

All these questions were buzzing up and down the avenues this week, behind closed doors in the underworld and among the initiated who have been accustomed to placing their daily bets on the digits.

In the meantime, the arms of the law swung into action and the result was the arrests of Thomas R. Smith, Democratic leader and hotel proprietor, and Charles Harris, insurance man.

Mr. Smith was released shortly after his arrest Thursday under $25,000 bail, which is said to have been furnished by Harry Berman, white, professional bondsman, and which is said to have cost the politician $1200.

Harris had harder luck, for following a court tilt, in which David S. Kaufman, white attorney, sought to have his $25,000 bail reduced, he ended up by being held under a total bond of $35,000.

Big War Hinted

Whether the complicated numbers war, which flared up in this city several weeks ago, and which sent Ralph Turner, husband of a local school teacher, and Ralph Brown, Temple University student, to the house of correction on numbers violation charges, resulted in belching out evidence which implicated the men arrested; or whether the outcome was a more carefully laid plan to put them on the spot, is being debated throughout the city.

It will be recalled that Brown and Turner were arrested first on a charge of assault and robbery of a white man, but gave testimony freely to the effect that it was not a robbery but frankly a numbers war affair.

Tells AFRO-AMERICAN

Turner told an AFRO-AMERICAN reporter that he and his associate had attacked the white man after they found him poaching in their territory, and they said it was not money but numbers slips they took away from him. These, they stated, they refuse to and tossed into the street.

It was rumored about the city, at the time, that they were being backed in their numbers fight by the poaching syndicate. Brown is alleged to have stated that some of the boss attempt-ed to put him out of the business. It was upon his testimony, given after being brought from the house of correction, that it is believed some of the recent arrests were made.

Perjury Charge

When Kaufman entered a plea for a writ of habeas corpus for Harris, he was taken before Judge Eugene O'Dunne Thursday morning. The jurist slapped an additional $10,000 bond on him and stated from the bench that Harris was a pick-up man for a numbers syndicate.

Expected Acquittal

While some friends of Mr. Smith express assurance that he will be acquitted, they realize that something has happened in the numbers racket in Baltimore. Some of them express the opinion that he is being made the goat, while others dismiss the affair with the feeling that it is one of those things which comes as a day's work in the life of a politician.

No one expects the present flare-up to halt the numbers racket here. Some of those supposed to be in the know say that already two new banking syndicates have set up business and are writing numbers.

Others Sought

Others sought by police are Charles Gaither, white; Louis Nash, Jack Fairview, white, and Edward Bookbinder, white.

Those arrested in addition to Mr. Smith and the insurance man are Guy Martin, white, and Mrs. Mildred Sutton, white beauty parlor operator.

If Numbers Go, What Is the Substitute?

If the people who started the numbers investigation knew where they were going, there might not be so much enthusiasm for the extermination of the business.

What the numbers business needs, after all, is regulation, instead of extermination.

As long as it is legal to bet on horse racing and buy tickets on the Irish sweepstakes, it ought to be legal to wager two cents on a number.

The gambling instinct is as old as human nature. It is older than the Roman soldiers who gambled for the robe of the man they crucified; older than the Prodigal Son, who spent his substance in riotous living. It is natural for the human race to take a chance.

In Maryland, the rich and the middle class gamble openly at the race tracks. Daily papers, filled with race-track news throughout the year, are the best indications that book-making goes on in this city, even after Maryland's tracks are closed.

But the poor people who haven't $2 to invest in pari mutuel tickets have two cents to risk on a number. Why aren't places provided where they may legally do this?

The numbers game, as it is managed at present, is undoubtedly a menace to the people.

Too much money goes to the bankers for overhead and expenses; too little comes back to the bettors. There are all kinds of trickery and fraud. Bettors have only a 1,000-to-1 chance of winning.

Numbers betting should be taken out of grocery stores and away from pick-up men and lodged at some recognized center where the draw is open, the pay honest, and the bettors get smaller odds.

Until this is done, experience shows that undercover gambling will continue. Already the report is current that the present agitation is merely driving one group of numbers bankers out of business and leaving an opening for newcomers, who are already in operation.

What the numbers game needs is what racing, church lotteries, sweepstakes and club raffles now have—namely, proper regulation.

Dr. Houston Denies Report of Pending D.C. Divorce

Dr. Charles Houston, special counsel for the NAACP, declared this week that he had had no report of an alleged pending divorce action against his wife, Margaret Gladys Moran Houston, of Washington, D.C.

"I have filed no action," Dr. Houston declared, "and I doubt seriously that my wife, who is a Catholic, has taken any such steps."

Dr. Houston declared that he will make his home permanently in New York and has no intention of returning to Howard University next year. He also declared that he has no intention of resuming residence in Washington. He makes his home at the YMCA and believes there is no likelihood that Mr. Houston would like to come to New York to live.

Jail 31 Servants, Recover Loot

ATLANTA, (ANP). — With 31 of the servants of Emory University Hospital in jail, here, Friday, internes and clerks were forced to take off their hands at menial tasks themselves.

Police arrested orderlies, cooks and maids and recovered from their homes loot roughly valued at $3,000. The stolen articles, all traced to the hospital, included linen, surgical instruments, silverware, watches, rings and other jewelry.

Crisis May Be Hit by Proposed Ban on "Subversive Literature" in D. C. Schools

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Fear was expressed here, this week, that The Crisis, organ of the NAACP, might be included among the publications to be removed from the public school approved list, in a campaign pushed by the Federation of Citizens' Associations, white, against "subversive literature circulated among students."

A mixed committee was appointed by Superintendent Ballou, last week, and according to reports, The Crisis came in for some unfavorable criticism at the hands of the committee, as being too radical for school authorities to approve in the face of the Congressional rider barring the advocating of Communism in schools.

It and Opportunity, Urban League organ, which is not on the proved list, but is being donated to several school libraries, are said to be on a list "for further study" by the committee and school authorities.

In connection with the campaign, Dr. Ballou, this week, made public a letter written in 1932 by a white citizen in protest to the publication in the Scholastic Magazine, of a "sex story of colored life in the South," by Julia Peterkin, white.