White Man Misses $62, but Defends His Girl Companion

Although Karl Lenker, Richmond, Va., white, man out for a little pleasure, missed $62 from his wallet after he paid a social visit to a house at 716 Ajax Alley with Miss Pearl Watts, he testified, Tuesday, that he did not believe she took the money.

As a result Miss Watts was dismissed on the theft charge, but held on a disorderly house charge

Money Recovered

Lenker admitted that he visited the young woman's room and spent some time and money there. He stated that he did not miss the money until he left the house. At the hearing police, who recovered the money, stated that the young woman told them she found it on the bed after her companion had left.

William Brown, 1011 E. Fayette Street, who Lenker stated introduced him to Miss Watts, was held under $1000 bail on a pandering charge.

Brown, it was testified, declared that he introduced Miss Watts to from fifteen to twenty gentlemen friends each week for which he received a small commission on the deals.

Drop Pocketbook Game Nets 3-Year Sentence

Pleading guilty to charges of flimflamming Miss Pauline Pendergrast of 1307 Ashland Avenue out of $68 on October 20, by the drop-pocketbook game, Garland Frazier of 912 Shields Place was sentenced to three years in the Maryland penitentiary, Friday.

Frazier, it was stated, accosted Miss Pendergrast in the 900 block of North Gay Street and during a conversation stated that another man had found a pocketbook. The second man, it was asserted, agreed to share the $600 which he had allegedly found.

Borrows $40

Miss Pendergrast borrowed $40 and gave the men a gold wrist watch as security for the pocketbook purporting to contain the $600. When she opened the purse it contained only imitation money, it was stated.

Frazier was arrested two weeks ago by Detectives William Murphy, Edward Dunn and Robert Porter. He was identified by the young woman from a group of eight men, it was testified.

The detectives are still hunting his alleged accomplice. The watch, it was stated, was recovered several weeks after the alleged flimflam, in a local pawn shop.

Measles Will Kill Babies

All children under three years of age will receive letters of warning against the epidemic of measles, which is increasing in Baltimore.

This announcement was made Tuesday by officials of the Health Department, when the epidemic reports began to increase in severity and number.

Dangerous for Babies

The cards will be addressed to the infants and will bear a message in red ink, for the benefit of the parents, stating that measles is forty times as dangerous for babies as for children of school age.

May Kill 50 in 100

The outbreak, which has been under way since October 1, is now running at the rate of one hundred cases a week.

Dr. Adolph Weimirt, director of that bureau of communicable diseases, expects that thousands of cases will be reported by spring and will bring from fifty to one hundred deaths.

One InEvery Twenty

Baltimore disease statistics show that deaths from measles average about one to every 200 cases, but that the rate is one death for every twenty cases when the child is under one year of age.

For children from one to two years, there is one death in every thirty-five cases; and for children from two to three years old there is one death in every 100 cases.

Whiskey Still and Pistol Cause Arrest

Henry **Dixon**, of 1106 Ashland Avenue, not only operated an **illegal whiskey still**, but also had, and threatened **to use**, a revolver, according to a police officer.

He is **under $2,000** bail.

Police **testified** that they made a raid on the Dixon domicile and **found the bootleg plant** together with a quantity of **material** used in the manufacture of alcoholic liquor. **The arrest** followed.

Mrs. **Leola Glenn**, 708 Harford Avenue, was also arrested on **Christmas** Day and fined $25 and costs for having a **revolver** in her possession.

Kick in Mouth Costs $10

Because he allegedly kicked Miss Esther Norman of 918 Mulberry Street in the mouth, Lawrence Butts, 24, of 738 Bradley Street, was fined $10 and costs in Western police court, Monday.

Police stated that the woman was attacked when Butts attempted to stop her from fussing with him. Angered, the man kicked her in the mouth loosening two teeth, policemen said.

Kills Girl of Brother

Confronted by statements that he fatally shot Miss Mary Wagstaff, 32, of 1707 Brentwood Avenue, because he objected to her association with his younger brother, Willis Carver, 30, of 2218 Mt. Royal Avenue, was held on charges of murder, Monday.

At the inquest in the Central police station witnesses stated that the couple met when Carver went to the home of an older brother at 1716 Brentwood Avenue. While talking to his sister-in-law, Mrs. Pattie Carver, Mrs. Wagstaff entered.

The woman, it was stated, accosted him about his objection to her associating with his brother, Levi Carver. During the quarrel, witnesses stated, Miss Wagstaff approached Carver in a menacing manner, after threatening his life, his sister-in-law stated.

Flem Crawley, a visitor at the house, from Roxborough, Md., stated that he was in the room at the time of the shooting. On cross examination, the man stated that Miss Wagstaff used profanity but he did not see or hear her threaten Carver.

Miss Wagstaff was taken to the St. Joseph Hospital shortly after the shooting and died a few minutes later without regaining consciousness. James Myers, her nephew, testified that she could not have threatened Carver as she had only a door key in her possession.

Investigation disclosed that Carver's alleged objections were based on the fact that she was nearly ten years older than his brother and that she was married and had a son over 15 years of age.

Held in Theft from "Mr. X"

Two men, Andrew Quarles, no home, and Walter Jackson, of 320 S. Spring Street, were ordered held under $500 bail each for a hearing in the Western police court on charges of stealing a suit from some one unknown.

The two were arrested by Sergt. Joseph Wilson. The officer stated that he caught them in a pawn shop attempting to dispose of the suit. They were unable to tell where they received the suit, he declared.

Plan to Isolate Young Culprits

Recommendations for the establishment of a **separate penal** institution for **youths under 21**, and first **offenders will be** part of the State's new **prison program** and will be **presented to Governor** Harry W. Nice **within the** next week prior to the **meeting of the** Legislature.

The recommendations will be presented as a **result of the study** made by a **committee appointed** by Governor Nice. **The group** made studies of **prison conditions** in several States **and the Federal** penal institutions.

Necessary Step

However, **virtually all of them** agree the **segregation of youthful** law violators is **one of the most** necessary steps in **any program** aimed toward **rehabilitation of the** "reclaimables" **among the State's** prison inmates.

At the **present time**, it was pointed out, **Maryland has no in**stitution for **offenders above the** age of juvenile **classification** except the penitentiary **and the** house of correction.

In either institution **the youthful offenders are thrown in con**stant contact with **hardened crim**inals of all ages, **habitual offenders** and, in many **cases "repeaters."**

20 or Under

Penitentiary **records** show that 141 of the present **inmates** were committed when **they were twenty** or under.

In the group is **one** who was committed there at **the age of** thirteen, one at **fourteen**, three at fifteen, eight at **sixteen**, ten at seventeen, thirty-three at eighteen, thirty-seven at **nineteen** and forty-eight at **twenty**.

Howard B. **Gill**, nationally known penology **expert and ad**viser to the **Maryland Commission** on Prison Labor, **has been one** of the principal **advocates** of a separate institution **for youthful** offenders and **those** of the first-offender class **whose sen**tence, background **and intelli**gence indicate a **strong** likelihood of rehabilitation.

May Prevent Idleness

The classification system for prisoners, Mr. Gill **pointed out**, also would b- of **considerable** value in assigning **inmates** of both the penitentiary **and the house** of correction to the **various indus**trial projects due **to be recom**mended to the **governor** and the general assembly by **the Maryland** Commission on **Prisons Labor** as a vitally necessary **step in eliminat**ing the present **prison idleness** in this State.

Fate of Gibbons Causes Musing

The recent formal opening of St. Mary Academy and the appearance of the Rev. Horace B. McKenna, before the Board of State Aid and Charities has revived speculation as to what is to be finally done with the defunct Gibbons Institute, according to a letter from a Leonardtown Md., citizen.

The academy, formally opened early in December, got off to a good start despite the inclement weather, he said. The fact that Catholic officials thought it expedient to make the necessary outlay in cash at this time, had occasioned considerable comment throughout the county.

Campus Deserted

Since the closing of Gibbons, even colored Catholic communicants are generally inclined to pass comment on the increased expenditures for white institutions while little is being done for the colored.

What will happen to this living monument to the late Cardinal Gibbons is likely to be taken as an evidence of the church's attitude towards colored children in the St. Marys County community many are saying.

It is recalled that at the time the institution was being shut down, the Catholic organization was purchasing three additional farms, had unveiled an expensive bronze plaque of the late Cardinal and employed a business manager for the institution when curtailment of expenses were in order.

Disposed of Stock

The auction sale whereby the stock of the institution was virtually givenaway on the pretext that there was not sufficient feed for them when as a matter of fact the people's barns were full, it still a matter of caustic comment.

What is to be the future of the institution, or whether there is to be a future, many who worked and sacrificed here in Baltimore, are asking themselves.

3 Turn Stoolies After Burglaries

Implicated by one other in burglarizing a store and stealing two overcoats, three men were held for the grand jury under $1000 bond each after a hearing, Monday, in the Western police court.

The men gave their names as Dudlois Hill, 25, of 711 School Street; William Thomas, 23, of 836 Archer Street, and Welton Humphrey, 21, of 508 Oxford Street. Police stated that one of the men was arrested in the store.

Break Window

He implicated the second man, who is accused the third of participating in the theft. Police stated that they broke a plate glass window to gain entrance to the store and then stole the coats.

A sweater Thomas allegedly was wearing when arrested was identified by Miss Elizabeth Lovenstein, white. She stated that it was stolen from her car at about the same time that the store was burglarized.

WOMAN'S LEG INJURED

Mrs. Lois Aydelotte of 701 N. Carrollton Avenue received injuries of the left leg and knee when struck by an automobile at Harlem and Carrollton Avenues, Saturday.

Girl's Help Fatal

Arraigned before a coroner's jury in the Eastern police court on charges of fatally stabbing Lloyd Butler, 34, of 1332 Calhoun Street, December 4, Miss Dora Wooden, 17, and Charles Henson, 31, of 1612 Presbury Street, were held, Monday for the grand jury.

Butler was attacked, according to police, during a fight with Henson, whom the young woman sought to protect when the other man attempted to strike him with a chair.

Suffering with stab wounds of the chest and arms, Butler died in the City Hospital from peritonitis, on December 22.

WOMAN HURT BY FALL

Miss Louise Rice, 24, of 304 Hoffman Street, was treated at the Provident Hospital, Christmas Day, for injuries received when she fell near her home.

Accuser Proved False

Proving that he had obtained the guitar he was accused of stealing on a condition purchase plan, Joseph Stanley, 25, of 423 Henrietta Street, was dismissed in the Western police court, Monday, on theft charges.

The man was arrested on complaint of a white woman who stated that he had stolen the instrument. A receipt for the purchase of the instrument paved the way for him to obtain the dismissal.

Window-Smasher, 15, Is Declared Insane

Declared insane following his arrest for smashing plate glass windows near his home, Samuel Jones, 15, school boy, of 1011 McCulloh Street was ordered committed to the psychopathic ward of the city hospital, Monday by Magistrate Harry Fine.

Required Hospital Treatment

Briscoe was treated at the Provident Hospital for lacerations of the scalp.

During 1936, five cases in which policemen are alleged to have slugged colored persons were reported. Last week, a Northwestern policeman shot a man who was later freed of charges of assaulting the officer.

Probe Ordered in Slugging by Cop

An investigation into the slugging of James Briscoe of 1309 Stricker Street, by a Northwestern district patrolman, was ordered by Chief Inspector Stephen Nelson, Wednesday.

The officer stated that he and another patrolman arrested Briscoe on charges of larceny. At Lafayette Avenue and Baker Street, while en route to a patrol call box, the accused man resisted, the officer said, and it was necessary to strike him with the but of his revolver to subdue him.

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CHILD, 11, BURNED FIGHTING BLAZE

Mary Simmons, 11, of 337 N. Calhoun Street received burns of the body while attempting to extinguish a blaze in her father's garage at 1319 W. Saratoga Street, Thursday.

The girl was playing near the garage when the blaze was discovered by her father. While assisting to extinguish the flame, the girl's dress caught fire.

FACES TRAFFIC CHARGE

Carrying a case of beer across the intersection of Edmondson Avenue and Franklintown Road, Monday, George Aro, 42, white, 1200 block of Franklintown Road, was knocked down by an automobile operated by Moss Eppes of the 1700 block of West Lafayette Avenue, according to police. Eppes was summoned to traffic court on a charge of failing to give right-of-way to a pedestrian.

AGED MAN INJURED BADLY

Joseph Brown, 68, of 2236 Druid Hill Avenue, received injuries of the body when struck by a taxicab at Lanvale and Calhoun Streets, Christmas Day.

Dallas Wright Is Coal Prize Winner

The selection of Dallas Wright of 1104 N. Carey Street, as winner of the free ton of coal was announced by officials of the E. S. Brady Coal Company of Lanvale and Monroe Streets, Wednesday.

The company has awarded a ton of coal free, weekly, for the past two months in connection with a contest. The details of the contest can be obtained from the Brady Coal Company's ad in this paper.

17th Ward Club Gives Out Baskets

The seventeenth ward of the Fourth district Republican Club held its weekly meeting on December 23 at the Chaldean Hall.

Isadore Oliver was the speaker and later joined the club.

The president and ward executive, Charles F. Woodland, was given a vote of thanks for his services.

Poor Remembered

Well-filled baskets were sent to the poor of the ward for Christmas.

A vote of praise was given to Mrs. Woodland and her helpers for, getting together the baskets.

Mrs. Estellina Pritchett, chairman, read the list of those who had contributed to a surprise gift for Mr. Woodland.

Mrs. Woodland and her helpers presented each one present with candies, oranges and apples.

The officers of the club are:

Charles F. Woodland, president; Mrs. Mamie Pinder, vice president; Mrs. Florence Snowden secretary; Charles Otho, financial secretary; Mrs. Blanche Cummings, assistant financial secretary. H. Grafton Broune, treasurer; William H. Brown, chaplain and Mr. Tongue, assistant chaplain.

The club meets each Wednesday night at Chaldean Hall, 1223 Myrtle Avenue.

Wife Changes Mind About Erring Hubby

Although she haled her husband, James Haskins, of 1105 E. Monument Street, into the Northwestern police station on a non-support charge, Mrs. Carrie Haskins changed her mind and refused to prosecute him, last week, resulting in his dismissal.

Didn't Know Liquor Was Stolen, Men Say

Accused of **breaking** into a garage at 1201 Bush Street and **stealing** twenty-eight cases of whiskey, James **Washington**, 62, of 1307 Bayard Street, was held under **$5000 bond** for the grand jury after a hearing in the **Northwestern** police court, Thursday.

Police **stated that** Washington and James F. Thompson, **white, of 3332** Baker Street, broke in and stole the liquor. **They were arrested** when they attempted to **sell part** of the loot, it was stated.

The two **men said** that they had been engaged to haul the **liquor, valued at $336**, and were unaware that it was **stolen**. Thompson was held for the grand jury after **witnesses** stated that they saw him leaving the garage.

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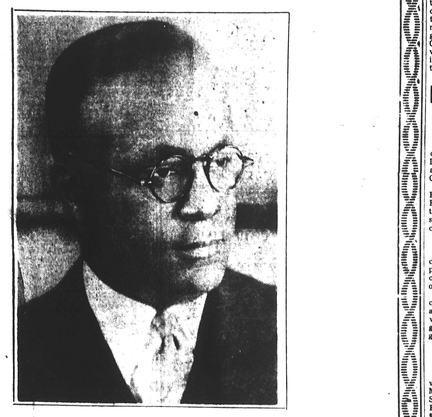

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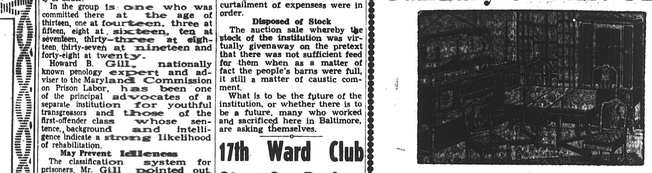

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In This Issue
A text of Governor Nice's speech to the State Legislature, a complete biography of the Rev. George F. Bragg, Jr., two sermonettes and a summary of news in Baltimore for 1936.

NICE LISTS STATE NEEDS

THE Governor's Message

Urges State University and and Fight on T.B.

ANNAPOLIS, Md.—Declaring that the State has never met its obligation in this respect, Gov. Harry W. Nice on Wednesday urged "distinct advancement" in the provision of higher educational opportunities for colored high school graduates, in his opening message to the Maryland General Assembly.

Concerted efforts toward the eradication of tuberculosis among the neglected fifth of the State's population, and consummation of plans for State ownership and management of the Cheltenham reformatory were also strongly urged.

Gov. Nice

The Governor praised the all-colored board at the Maryland Training School for Girls, whose efforts, he said, have returned many of the inmates to the community, fitted for useful citizenship.

"Undoubtedly," he said, "the most neglected phase of higher education in Maryland has been the meagre efforts of the State to provide, or assist in providing, opportunities for colored people."

He expressed agreement with the report of his Commission on Higher Education, to the effect that any movement for betterment of conditions should be based on Morgan College, recommended "vast improvement" at this school, and that with the report of his Commission on Higher Education, to the effect that any movement for betterment of conditions should be based on Morgan College, recommended "vast improvement" at

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FLASH

Lt. B. O. Davis, Jr., 24th Infantry

MOTON BOY IN PERIL

NEW YORK—The fate of Battling Siki, famous Senegalese fighter who was found slain in Hell's Kitchen is feared for Allan Moton, tempestuous son of Dr. R. R. Moton, former principal of Tuskegee within the next six months unless something intervenes.

Allan, who came suddenly into the limelight as a New York playboy about five weeks ago, has been in several escapades which have made even a news reporter gasp.

Hotel Breakage $300

On Christmas Eve Allan and his titian haired wife, Helen Sissle Moton were involved in a disagreement in the lobby of the Broadway Central Hotel on the edge of Greenwich Village, which cost his parents $300 when an expensive marble desk piece was crashed.

Bellboys claimed that Allan threw the ornament at his wife and that she was led from the building.

The trouble is alleged to have started when she arrived early one morning at the hotel with a party of Harlem friends. A quarrel ensued and Helen quit the building.

Allan's second affair created a stir in the grill of the Renaissance Casino when he and an unknown man exchanged blows. Allan was clipped on the chin and knocked over two tables.

When the bartenders rushed to

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Victor Ends Day in Ice Packs

ETTORE GETS LICKING AND DECISION FROM LEWIS

13,000 BOO DECISION

By OLLIE STEWART

(Photos on Sports Page)

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—IT WAS TWO WEEKS TOO LATE FOR 1936 AND ELEVEN MONTHS TOO EARLY FOR 1937, BUT SANTA CLAUS CAME TO PHILADELPHIA, Monday night, with just one present—a gift for Al Ettore, blonde Italian heavyweight battler. Ettore's present—an unpopular 10-round decision over John Henry Lewis, world light-heavyweight champion, was presented by Nate Lopinson, a judge, and Joe McGuigan, referee, both white, before 13,000 spectators who paid $30,000 to pack themselves into Convention Hall.

Placing the blame upon Santa Claus is the easiest way out. Few imaginations are elastic enough to conceive of Ettore, game but outclassed, his face a puffy mass of red flesh, both his eyes practically closed, his nose bulbous, fighting two final rounds so superbly that he could overcome the lead piled up by Lewis for eight rounds.

Didn't Seem Possible

It didn't seem possible they could give it to Ettore. But they did. Lewis, in the opinion of the writer and a majority of those in the press section and those who crowded into the dressing rooms after the fight, was too far out front to make voting even close.

"It was a steal," could be heard in the corridors as the charity fund crowd surged from the hall. "They zapped the guy! Because he didn't knock Ettore out like Joe

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Newest photo of last year's West Point graduate, made while visiting his dad at Tuskegee, recently.

Rev. G. F. Bragg Celebrates His Golden Jubilee

By WILLIAM N. JONES

Climaxing fifty years' service as a rector in the Protestant Episcopal Church, forty-five being passed at the St. James First African Church in Baltimore, the Rev. George F. Bragg, Jr., 74, will begin to celebrate his golden jubilee, Sunday.

The opening service of the celebration of his half century in the priesthood will have as its speaker the Rev. Arthur B. Kinsolving, white, of St. Paul's, who will preach at 11 a.m.

Bishop to Preside

In the evening, the Rt. Rev. Edward T. Helfenstein, white, Bishop of Maryland, will preside.

In honor of the event, the Maryland Clericus, which includes all ministers of the Episcopal Church in Maryland, will convene at St. James at noon, Monday. Edward S. Lewis, executive secretary of the Baltimore Urban League, will speak at this meeting.

The public reception, closing the celebration, will be held at the St. James parish hall on Tuesday at 8 p.m. The public is invited to all of the services, the chairman of the committee in charge announced, this week.

Details of his long career are published in another section of this paper. His active work as an Episcopal priest began in 1887, when he was ordained at the age of twenty-four in St. Stephen Church at Petersburg, Va., where his parents had taken him as a baby from Warrenton, N.C.

Immediately following his ordination he was sent to Norfolk, Va., where he began a mission, which later developed into Grace Episcopal Church.

Records Cover 75 Years

Like many a young priest who was not conscious that he would figure in the celebration of a

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VARIED NEW YEAR HONORS

With the advent of the year 1937, a baby and two adults shared honors as being the first in the year, in one respect or another.

A baby girl was born at 2 35 a.m. Friday, at Johns Hopkins Hospital, to Benjamin and Mrs. Elizabeth Land of 1600 Chesapeake Avenue.

A petition filed by William T. Buckner at 9 01, Saturday, in the circuit court, for Mrs. Rachael Fletcher against her husband, Samuel Fletcher.

Arthur Monroe of 632 Josephine Street, who was arrested at 12 10 a.m. Friday, was fined $1 and costs, the following morning in the Western police court

Queries Sale of Morgan

The right of the Morgan College board of trustees to dispose of that institution through a sale to the State without the approval of the Washington and Delaware M.E. Conference was questioned by the Rev. Adolph E. Haynes at the local M.E. Preachers' Meeting, Monday.

The inquiry provoked a lengthy discussion, during which the Rev. A. J. Mitchell stated that under the charter the board of trustees has power to complete the sale without reference to any other body in existence.

He said further that the board had appointed the chairman of

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Shunned as Mail Censor

"Speaking for myself, I will say that a colored mail censor would not fit into our organization at either of the penal institutions."

Thus wrote Charles J. Butler, chairman of the Maryland board of welfare, to Benjamin Price, 1516 Druid Hill Avenue, whose examination for the post placed him third on the list of eligibles.

On July 20, Mr. Price took the examination and on August 18, was notified that he had made a general average of 79.4, and was third on the eligible list.

Following the usual formalities, he learned that he had not been given favorable consideration for appointment and wrote a letter to Gov. Harry W. Nice. The governor referred his letter to Harry

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First Photo of New U.S. Legation to Be Built at Monrovia, Liberia

Photo by J. H. Schaefer and Sons

Funds for the erection of an American Legation at Monrovia were allocated by Rep. McReynolds, chairman of the Foreign Service Buildings Committee of the House, this week. The new legation, which will occupy a five-acre tract, will be a copy of the house (above) built in 1801 in Baltimore for Charles Carroll, Jr., son of the signer of the Declaration of Independence of the same name.

Mama Thought Dead in Fire, Only "Took a Walk"

NEW YORK — Mrs. Anna Mae Roseman, Harlem beauty culturist, who frantically urged Memphis, Tenn., authorities to seek the remains of her mother, Mrs. Emily Mayfield, of Baltimore, after a tabernacle had been destroyed by flames, discovered last week that her parent had left the building long before the conflagration and was safe and sound.

Mrs. Roseman.

Mrs. Mayfield, who was one of those in attendance at the convention of the Church of God, was missing for four days.

Reported Lost

At first reported lost, Mrs. Mayfield was later discovered to have escaped with some eight thousand other delegates who were assembled in the wooden building when the flames broke out.

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