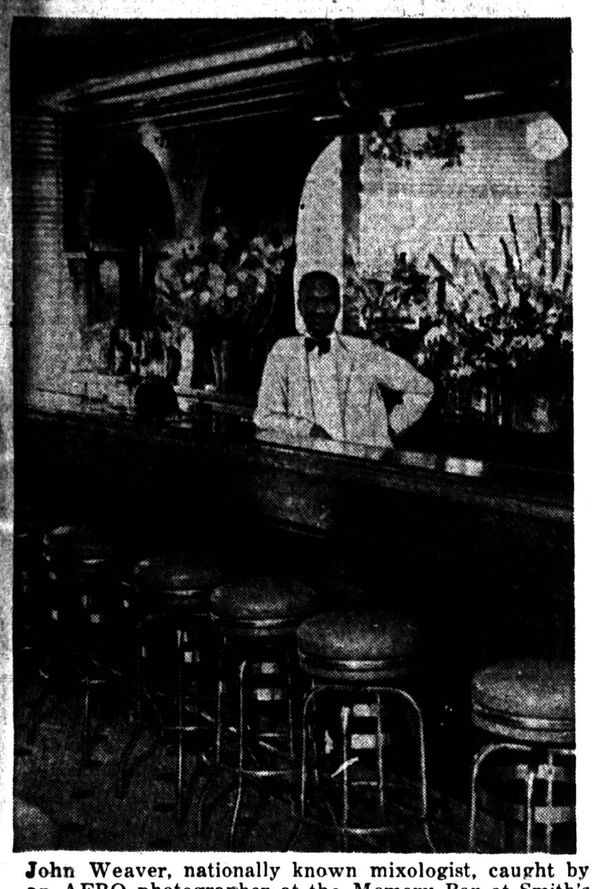
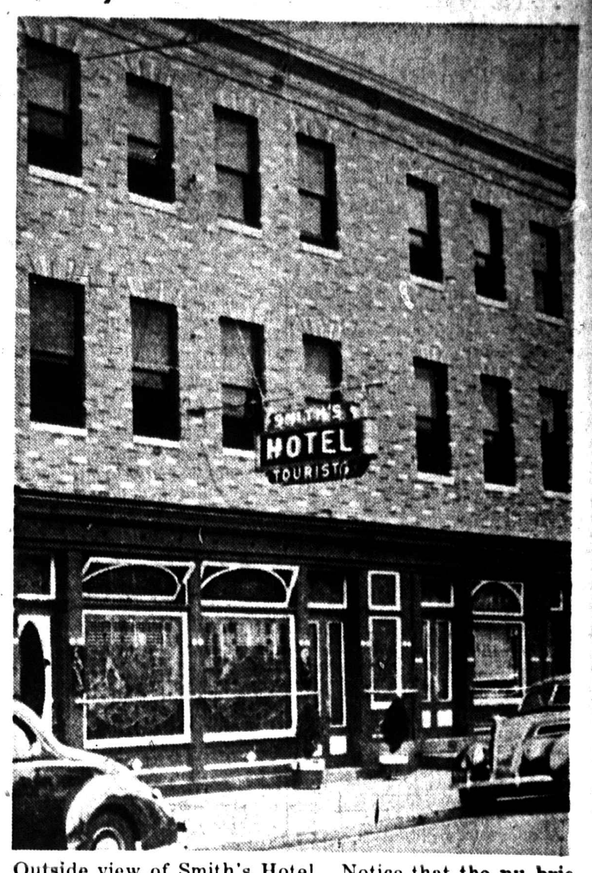
Historic Smith's Hotel, with Face Lifted, Has Gala Reopening Party



John Weaver, nationally known mixologist, caught by an AFRO photographer at the Memory Bar at Smith's Hotel, 437 Druid Hill Avenue, Baltimore, long famed as one of the East's leading hostelries, during formal reopening party on Saturday evening. Mr. Weaver, who gave long years of service when the hotel was operated by the late Thomas R. (Tom) Smith, Democratic leader, was in charge of the bar, which dispensed light wines and beers.

Mrs. Hazel Hughes Smith, proprietor, is shown seated in the center in white. She received a profusion of flowers from friends on the opening night and these were placed all over the first floor of the hotel. Mrs. Smith is the widow of the late Wallace Smith, who was willed the hotel by his brother Tom. Shown in the picture with Mrs. Smith are friends who served as hostesses on opening night. Left to right (seated) are: her daughter, Mrs. Gertrude Gatewood, of Boston; Mrs. Smith; her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Vivian Hughes; standing, Mrs. Lee Shipley and Mrs. Theresa Waters.



Outside view of Smith's Hotel. Notice that the nu bric staining has been used to decorate the building. First floor of the hotel houses the memory bar, which was installed thirty years ago at a cost of $20,000; Shan-Gri-La dance floor, grill, summer garden and cocktail lounge, all of which have fitted with modern fixtures and decorations. The cocktail lounge has new leather-upholstered booths and music is provided for dancing by a modern automatic record-player.

Beauty, 16, Is Afro's Choice

Billie Burke of Washington Seeks the Title of "Miss America"

BULLETIN

NEW YORK — Competing among a bevy of fifty-one beauties from all over the nation, Miss Billie Burke, entered in the "Miss Sepia America" contest at the New York World's Fair as "Miss Washington," under sponsorship of the Washington AFRO - AMERICAN, took second honors on Thursday.

First prize went to Miss Helen Lewis, representing Columbia, S.C., and third to Miss Christine Cook, entered as Miss Virginia.

WASHINGTON

What threatened to be a disappointment for pretty 16-year-old Billie Burke of 405 Twelfth Street, Northeast, suddenly turned into good fortune Monday when the Washington AFRO-AMERICAN picked her to represent the nation's capital in the "Miss Colored America" beauty contest at the New York World's Fair, Thursday.

Miss Burke walked away with all honors at a beauty contest several weeks ago at Carr's Beach under the sponsorship of the Father Burgess Chapter of the Federated Colored Catholics of Washington, Baltimore, and vicinity.

Miss Burke vanquished a score or more contestants from Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, and the District of Columbia before several thousand rabid partisans.

An invitation had been extended the sponsors of this and other beauty contests held throughout the nation to enter their winner in the "Miss America" contest at the World's Fair.

When reporters in a casual check-up, Friday, learned that Miss Burke had not been entered, the editorial and advertising departments were pushed into high gear and no effort was left unturned to see that the capital would be represented.

Francis Spriggs, sponsor of the Carr's Beach contest, informed the AFRO that he had not been sufficiently urged to participate and had subsequently misplaced the invitational entry blanks.

Without the blanks and the entry date passed, thinks looked blue for "Miss Washington" until Ralph Matthews, managing editor of the Washington AFRO phoned New York and contacted the World's Fair direct.

The special event division in charge of Negro Day at the fair in turn called Eddie Green, director of the "Miss Sepia America" contest, who immediately welcomed the capital representative in the contest.

Though the intervention of Advertising Manager Joseph LaCour and Mrs. Viola Porter, Miss Burke was outfitted from head to foot by Morton's Ladies' Apparel Shop and the Family Shoe Store, both of the 300 block Seventh Street, Northwest, Washington.

Morton's had previously previously presented her a loving cup when she won the Catholic Day contest.

Her hair was dressed by Mrs. Clementine Dade of the Fremont Beauty Salon and presented a bouquet of flowers by Horace Anderson, proprietor of the Lincoln Flower Shop in the 1200 block of U Street Northwest.

Miss Burke, who is a high school graduate and has never been to New York before, left Washington Wednesday accompanied by Miss Mable Alston, AFRO society editor and conductor of the AFRO "Charm School" column.

There, she was met by Edward Rouzeau, the AFRO's New York representative and taken on a sightseeing tour before she was

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Citizens Push Plan to Vote on Daylight Time

Whether Baltimore citizens will be allowed to vote on daylight saving time when they cast ballots in the general election in November hinges on the success of plans set forth by a group of citizens during a meeting in the Baltimore Association of Commerce Building, Tuesday evening.

The session, attended by fourteen persons representing various businesses, was the second in which plans were made for the circulation of a petition to enlist 10,000 names to have the question of daylight saving time placed on the ballot.

Backed by Commerce Body

The petition was drawn up after the issue was turned down at a hearing before the city council in the latter part of June The group favoring daylight saving time is working under the auspices of the Junior Association of Commerce.

In order to have the question placed on the ballot sheet, the 10,000 signatures, which must come from registered voters, are required to be in by September 1. Another meeting of the group will be held, Tuesday at 3 p.m., in the assembly hall of the Commerce Building, 22 Light Street.

CHICAGO FHA RENTALS RANGE FROM $18 TO $23

CHICAGO.— (ANP)— Monthly rentals in the Ida B. Wells Homes, Chicago's first Federal Housing Project for other than whites will range from $18 to $23, with the average apartment renting for $14.23, it was announced, Saturday, by the Chicago Housing Authority.

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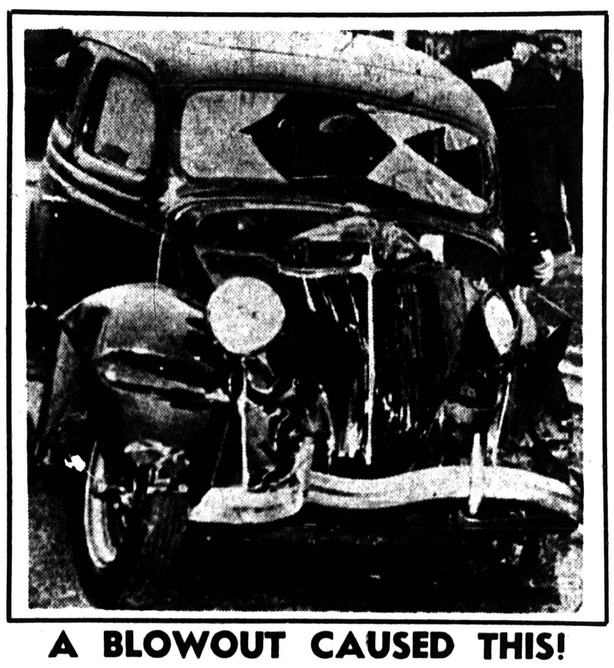
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