WHEN YOU FINISH READING YOUR AFRO PASS IT ALONG TO A FRIEND

Distraught Balto. Father Tells Of Child's Death

TAKING INFORMATION which will determine whether a claimant for unemployment insurance benefits is eligible for checks is Mrs. Veronia P. Greene, 118 Marley Neck Rd., Glen Burnie. Mrs. Greene and two other women were just promoted to position of claims specialists.

BEHIND THE LINES where the record number of unemployed are able to pick up their checks in a matter of a minute or more are a battery of workers including this trio in the record room. Reading from left with IBM machines, which assort up to 1,000 cards a minute, are: Mrs. Margaret Goodwin, Mrs. Louis Gray and Mrs. Elaine Blackman.

Benefit checks flow at 5,000-a-day clip

A man steps up to a counter for one minute and 10 seconds and walks away with a check.

It happens from 5,400 to 6,000 times a day—now down at 39 Hopkins Pl.

That's how fast the local office of the Maryland Department of Employment Security pays off the record number of unemployed drawing benefit checks here during the current recession.

Officials estimate that a claimant spends just 30 minutes getting his check and signing up for next week's check.

Because so many insisted on coming earlier than the hour assigned, and had to stand outside in rain, cold or snow, space has now been made for earlybirds to fall in lines inside the offices.

1,000 cards a minute, help keep tabs on the claimants.

The recession has cut the local office's placement efficiency. Where some 4,000 are usually being placed monthly during their period, only 2,200 were placed last month.

Efforts are being made to place as many older people as possible. One job that has placement possibilities now is for experienced long-distance drivers.

Despite the thousands upon thousands of cards and figures the offices must handle, fraud cases are spotted quite easily.

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NUMEROUS workers think that some of their social security payments go toward the 1,000 cards a minute, help keep tabs on the claimants.

In the midst of the recession, with files being over and workers crowded, the department is seeking permission to build its own building and put the state office and the Baltimore offices under one roof.

Robert B. Kimble, executive director, says this could be done with the funds now going for rent.

Lack of space, he says, is getting to be as big a problem as increased unemployment.

3 promoted to claims specialist

Mrs. Wilkins resided at 1628 N. Fulton Ave.

Hubby, daughter get estate of slain tavern manager

The estate of Mrs. Eva Mae Wilkins has been given to her husband, James Wilkins and her daughter, Miss Janet Scribner.

Mr. Wilkins received $391.41 and Miss Scribner, $782.82. The funds derived from sale of her automobile for $1,250 and $127.50 cash. Costs of administering the estate amounted to $190.95, leaving a balance of $1,174.24.

Milton B. Allen, attorney, was administrator.

Mrs. Wilkins, an East Baltimore tavern manager, was shot to death in a parked car in the 1200 block N. Central Ave. on Aug. 19.

Convicted of manslaughter in connection with the case and sentenced to five years in the penitentiary was the man's boyfriend, Robert Lee Hall, 24-year-old former convict, of the 1400 block N. Bond St.

Elliott saved from gas chamber

Governor McKeldin granted a stay of execution on Tuesday to John Wesley Elliott who was scheduled to die tonight (Friday) in the gas chamber at the Maryland Penitentiary.

In granting the stay, which does not change the death sentence, the Governor said that Elliott's attorney, Dallas Nichols, had made representations to him on behalf of his client.

At a result of this, the Governor said:

"Various investigations and medical studies are being conducted at my direction and which cannot be completed prior to the date set for the execution."

The Governor may now either commute Elliott's sentence or fix a new execution date.

The defendant was sentenced to die for the shotgun slaying of Lindsay Calhoun, a rival for the affections of a former sweetheart of Elliott's.

Suicide note explains death of businessman

"For eight long years I have suffered. Nobody knows but the Lord and me.

"People see all the good on the outside but no one knows what's on the inside but the Good Lord and me."

On a sheet of notebook paper tucked away in the pocket of his suit coat relatives found the above incomplete message from his wife, who had given the older girl a bath, and was about to go down stairs for some things for the baby's bath, when my

eastern District police that when he entered the room, he saw blood on the bed and his uncle lying on the floor bleeding from the left forehead.

Near the body police found a .38 caliber Colt revolver.

Relatives told the AFRO Thursday that Mr. Wyatt had

Colt Night slated

10 Police killings in Baltimore area

APRIL 19, 1956—Robert McLain, 14-year-old Dunbar High School student of 404 E. Chase St., shot while running away from a stolen car at Madison and Fallsway by Officer Donald F. Mitchell of the Central District. Magistrate Meyer Cardin exonerated the policeman.

JUNE 25, 1956—Harry Boyd Jr., 27, 1417 N. Broadway, shot in the neck by Northeastern Patrolman Charles Fenneil, who arrived on scene after a street fight. Magistrate Meyer Cardin ruled the officer acted in line of duty and the killing was justified.

JULY 7, 1956—Robert O. Harper, 38, 1614 Hareiay St., shot in leg and bled to death following shooting by Southwestern Patrolman Walter Mina Jr., who told superiors he was breaking up a disorderly crowd. Officer Mina was exonerated of the killing by Magistrate Meyer Cardin, who ruled he acted in the line of duty.

AUGUST 15, 1956—Frank J. Williams, 24, was shot and killed by Sgt. Albert Heck as a suspect in two hold-

Girl dies, 4 injured in blaze

"I jumped out of the window and told my wife to drop the children out and I would catch them.

"She dropped the oldest girl first. But there was so much smoke just then, I couldn't see her so well.

"She slipped through my arms some, and her head hit against the steps."

A distraught, young father, Leroy Brown, 23, of 1253-N. Broadway, was telling the AFRO Thursday of the fire in his home the night before. The first cost the life of one of his two children, and brought injuries to four other persons.

The dead child was Deborah Brown, 18 months old.

Injured were:

Michele Brown, four-week-old infant daughter of the Browns, under treatment at Johns Hopkins Hospital for smoke inhalation;

Mrs. Rose Marie Brown, 19, wife of Mr. Brown and mother of the children, bruised leg and hip;

James Underdue, 7, under treatment at Johns Hopkins Hospital for smoke inhalation;

Mr. Brown, sprained ankles and bruised feet.

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THE FIRE, discovered shortly after 10 p.m., forced the Browns to jump from the third floor front bedroom of their Broadway home, during the snow storm.

Mrs. Brown and the children were in night clothes, preparatory to retiring. Mr. Brown had on a tee shirt, khaki pants and house slippers.

Young Underdue, son of Charles and Mrs. Betty Nole, was rescued by firemen from a second floor rear bedroom.

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MR. NOLE is a stepfather of Mr. Brown. The Browns have bedrooms on the third floor, the Noles on the second floor, and the two families share the first floor kitchen, dining and living rooms.

At warehome at the time, except Mr. Nole.

The fire was confined to the first floor kitchen and dining room, destroying most of the furnishings in these rooms.

The fire and tragedy struck the Browns two days after their second marriage anniversary on Monday.

Cause of the fire had not been determined last Thursday.

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MR. BROWN, a furloughed steel worker, gave this account of the tragedy.

"My wife had given the older girl a bath, and was about to go down stairs for some things for the baby's bath, when my

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DEATH OF BLIND MORGAN COED STUNS CAMPUS

(Story in Column 1)

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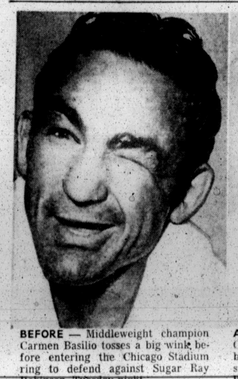

BEFORE — Middleweight champion Carmen Basilio tosses a big wink before entering the Chicago Stadium ring to defend against Sugar Ray Robinson, Tuesday night.

AFTER — Ex-middleweight champion Carmen Basilio exhibits the same eye, but it isn't closed in a wink. It was shut tight by new champ Sugar Ray Robinson.

Sugar Ray considers

CHICAGO — The three principals in the world championship middleweight fight, were busily engaged in assorted pastimes as the sports fraternity went into the weekend still aghast over the Tuesday night developments in the Chicago Stadium ring.

Sugar Ray Robinson, holding the 160-pound title for an unprecedented fifth time, was considering the feasibility of a

1957 AFRO Honor Roll

7 men and 5 women win places

Five women and seven men are cited on the AFRO's 1957 Honor Roll, published in this edition, for superior public service and/or outstanding displays of courage, ability, intelligence, tenacity, unselfishness or generosity.

This year's list of citizens includes:

An elderly couple who had 22 children, a public defender-at-large, a "visiting" homemaker, a merchant and a postal employee.

Also, two ministers, a volunteer health worker, social worker, a housewife and a deputy U. S. Attorney.

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WINNERS WERE selected from among names submitted by AFRO readers.

Readers were asked to choose persons who have reflected credit upon their city, state

THE WINNERS

1. Mr. and Mrs. William H. Powell
2. George L. Russell Sr.
3. Benjamin Goldberg
4. Mrs. Helen Roy
5. Hyman A. Pressman
6. The Rev. John L. Tilley and Mrs. Margaret Dyer
7. John W. Hargrove
8. The Rev. William W. Payne
9. Mrs. Harrison J. Bryant
10. Mrs. Doris Waddell

SENIOR LABORATORY ASSISTANT, Aaron Jenkins, is the young Morgan State College chemist who assisted in the blood test study at John Hopkins School of Public Health and Hygiene under the direction of Dr. Winston Price. (See story Page 14.)

'Got him in a web,' says mother of ousted pastor

School has 5 fires in four days

"The students are very orderly, and are settled back their classes . . . we do not know of any suspects, but I think from the way we are going about it, we are doing everything within the law.

"We haven't left one stone unturned for the good of our students.

"We have returned to normal."

Mrs. Grace H. Jacobs, dean of Coppin State Teachers' College, gave this picture Thursday of the aftermath of five mysterious fires in four days at the North Ave. school.

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BUT THESE pesky questions still remain unanswered:

1. Who in the heck is trying to burn down Coppin State Teachers' College?

2. **Is the annoying culprit a student, a faculty member, or just a lost little boy playing with cast-off lighted cigarette butts?**

3. Or, are the fires being caused, in some peculiar fashion, by rays from the missing sputnik?

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WHATEVER the answer, it can be authoritatively stated that these unexplained fires have irritated a lot of people.

Particularly, Miss Corinda Waters, 900 block St. Bentalou St., a teacher who found her hat and umbrella destroyed by one of the fires.

From all outward indications, things had been fair to middling normal at Coppin—until last Friday morning.

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THEN CAME the fires,