# 7 Gunmen Loot $75,000 From 150 At Charity Party

## 14 Banks' Resources Exceed $35,000,000

WASHINGTON

The eighth annual report issued by the Department of Commerce, under the supervision of Elmer M. Lancaster, on the operations of 14 banking institutions owned by colored persons in the United States, showed that assets of these enterprises reached a new high level, exceeding 35 million dollars.

The assets listed by 12 colored banks in 1940 were 7¼ million. In 1947, the resources of 14 such banks were 31 million; while in 1951 they exceeded 35 million.

It is estimated, though, that if the same rate of increase in assets occurs from 1950 to 1960 that transpired between 1940 and 1950, then the total assets of our banking institutions will exceed 65 million dollars.

**Loans And Discounts**

Those assets which have shown a remarkable increase are loans and discounts. In 1940, loans and discounts of 12 reporting banks were nearly 3 million dollars; in 1947 for 14 banks reporting they were nearly 9 million; while for 1951, they exceeded 13½ million.

It is an encouraging sign to note that loans and discounts have shown a steady increase. Loans represent the principal source of income for most banking institutions and this increase points toward the conclusion that a larger volume of capital is available for loans.

Too, it indicates that there is greater activity in the banks, that capital is circulating at an accelerated velocity and that the number of transactions are more numerous.

**Rise In Confidence**

The unusual increase in deposits from 6 million to 3 million dollars is indicative that there is a rise in the confidence that persons have in colored banking institutions.

It is singular that government securities held by these enterprises have shown a steady decline. In 1945, the aggregate government securities exceeded 16½ million, while in 1951, the government securities held by the 14 banks were less than 12 million.

## Rob Guests Of Cash, Furs

5 Of Gang Masked, All Tote Automatics

CHICAGO — Almost $75,000 was taken from 150 guests at a West Side charity and card party here last week by seven colored gunmen, who robbed the assembled men and women of cash, jewelry, furs and clothing.

The scene of the raid was the Austin Jewish Community Center, which the gunmen, five of whom wore masks, invaded after they had surprised the janitor, and used him as a shield to effect their entrance.

"This is a stickup," the leader of the gang cried, when they burst into the large hall where 150 persons were playing cards. "Everybody lie on the floor and turn over money and jewelry. If you don't, we'll tear it off you," he cried.

**Made Two Searches**

Confusion reigned as persons dropped to the floor, under the muzzles of .45-caliber automatics aimed at them, and began tossing cash, billfolds, purses, rings and necklaces toward the robbers, who picked up furs and other coats from tables and the cloak room.

After stripping the rings off the women, who had not discarded them and making a second search of the coved victims for other valuables, they walked out with their guns still drawn.

Despite their second search, it was reported by one of the guests, they missed a $5,000 mink coat which lay under a cloth coat and a $1,000 caracul coat which fell to the floor and was walked upon.

## 29 Morehouse Students Hold Ford Scholarships

A total of 29 students are enrolled at Morehouse College, Atlanta under the Ford Foundation scholarship plan. The plan allows bright students under 16½ years of age to enter college before finishing high school. Pictured here, front row, left to right: Bobby English, Houston; Dewit Alfred Jr., Chattanooga; and Johny W. Barber, Detroit. Second row, Charles Elkins, Birmingham; Charles Brown, Jacksonville, Fla.; and William Baron, Austin, Texas. Third row, Van Harden, Memphis, Major Owens, Memphis; Ronald Owen, Conway, Ark.; Victor Partridge, Atlanta and Robert Jones, Tuskegee, Ala. Fourth row, Charles Walton, Indianapolis; William Jackson, Mobile, Ala.; Everett Reaves, Birmingham; Peter Chatard, New Orleans; Lucius Walker, Washington; Edmond Guitry, Houston; Donald Richardson, St. Louis; Fred Xan Catledge, Montgomery, Ala.; James Anderson, Jackson, Miss.; and James Teal, Houston. Fifth row, Maynard Jackson Jr., Atlanta; John Covington, Philadelphia; Melvin Ladson, Miami; Joseph Kyle, Chicago; Walter Gibson, Memphis and Sonny Williams, Gary.

## Perfect Alibi Saves Man From Life Prison Term

CHICAGO (ANP) — Because he had a "perfect" alibi, a Chicagoan was saved from a possible life term sentence in prison despite supposedly having confessed to an attempted burglary charge.

William I. Brooks, 32, did not realize it at the time, but his efforts to convince the veterans administration here that he was not dead as reported, proved the straw that broke the back of the state's evidence against him.

Brooks, a parolee, was charged with the attempted burglary of an apartment. The state asked he be returned to prison for life. Brooks signed a confession with police that he broke into the flat on April 4, according to the state's attorney office. The crime occurred at 1:30 p.m.

**Telegram Saves Him**

Brooks, who had contracted ulcers in the Army, had been treated at the veterans administration hospital. When he left in March, hospital officials confused him with another man of the same name and listed Brooks as dead.

On April 4—day of the burglary—Brooks went to the VA office to convince them he was not dead so that his disability pay would not be stopped. Once convinced, the officials wired the records office, while Brooks was still there. The telegram was sent at 1:44 p.m.

The time element ruled out Brooks' participation in the burglary attempt.

## Md. Medic Maintains 2 Homes So Children Can Get Schooling

WASHINGTON

In order that he may be able to send his children to school in Washington, Dr. Webster Sewell told the Bethesda-Chevy Chase School Board, last week, he maintains an extra home in the District to establish their eligibility to attend.

He went to that great expense, he said, because the school for colored pupils in Montgomery County is not satisfactory.

The physician, who is one of the 10 candidates for seats on the Montgomery County School Board, remarked that he "hoped" the county school will be improved so that he will be saved the expenses of maintaining two homes.

## Matron Dies Of Poison While Jailed

BOSTON—Mrs. Dorothy Tucker, 21-year-old Roxbury mother of two children, died at the Charles St. jail, Sunday, a victim of poison. She was serving a three-month sentence for assault with an ice-pick.

Scheduled for release in December, Mrs. Tucker was reportedly in good spirits all day Saturday and anticipated rejoining her children for Christmas.

Her husband, Robert, 29, a painter of 15 Madison st., Roxbury, is an inmate of the same jail in which she died. News of his wife's death in the same building was given him by the jail chaplain.

**Autopsy Necessary**

Sheriff Frederick R. Sullivan permitted him to attend his wife's funeral Thursday afternoon. He was escorted by a deputy sheriff and returned to jail after the services.

Dr. William J. Brickley, medical examiner, said that Mrs. Tucker died of "ingestion of poison, the type and manner to be determined."

Mrs. Tucker complained of severe stomach pain at 8:30 p.m. Saturday. She was ordered sent to from the international zone of Tangiers. To travel inside the country from one zone to another a special permit is required.

Massachusetts General Hospital by the sheriff, where she was treated and returned to the jail.

Early Sunday morning, guards were attracted to her cell to find her moaning and writhing in pain. They called the jail physician, Dr. John S. Kelley, but she was dead when he arrived.

## Morocco Asking For Independence

By LUCILE SELZ

UNITED NATIONS, NY. (NNPA) — Ahmed Balafrey, representative of the Istiqual, nationalist party of Morocco, charged Friday that there is "no freedom of Moroccans to travel outside or inside their country."

"The budget is distributed for the benefit of the French settlers," he declaimed in an interview.

He went on further to state that in order to get a visa from France a Moroccan must get it

**Must Be Stooge**

Unless a Moroccan is a stooge of the French administration, Mr. Balafrey said, he cannot get a permit to travel.

"All political parties are outlawed except the French section of the Communist party," he said sarcastically.

Mr. Balafrey gave no indication what the representatives of his group would do when the question of his country's grievance against the administration of Morocco came up for discussion before the United Nations General Assembly, probably this week. But he deplored the absence of civil rights in Morocco for the native population.

Hadj Mohammed Mokhtar Tensamani, a native Moroccan and member of the French delegation to the UN General Assembly, told this reporter what was best for Morocco was a gradual and "solid independence" under a constitutional monarchy.

He said he wanted discussion between France and Morocco and not between France and the Sultan.

Mr. Tensamani conceded that both Arabs and Communists have contributed to the nationalist movement.

**HAITI'S NATIONAL BANK ESTABLISHED IN 1911**

The National Bank of Haiti was established during the year 1911, reorganized in 1941 and serves as the principal depository of the Haitian Government.

## City Commerce Board Admits Detroit Medic

DETROIT — Another "first" in racial advancement was written in the history of the city when Dr. Alfred E. Thomas Jr., was elected a member of the Detroit Board of Commerce.

Dr. Thomas becomes the first of his race accepted to membership with the organization. Medical director of Haines Memorial Hospital and president of the Thomas Realty Company, Dr. Thomas is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Alfred E. Thomas Sr.

## Airman's Marriage To Student Nurse Bared

CANTON, Mass. — Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy F. Mason recently announced the marriage of their daughter, Miss Sally T. Mason, to Richard C. Smith of Stoughton, Mass.

The bride is in training at the Metrose Hospital School of Nursing; while the bridegroom is a member of the U.S. Air Force.


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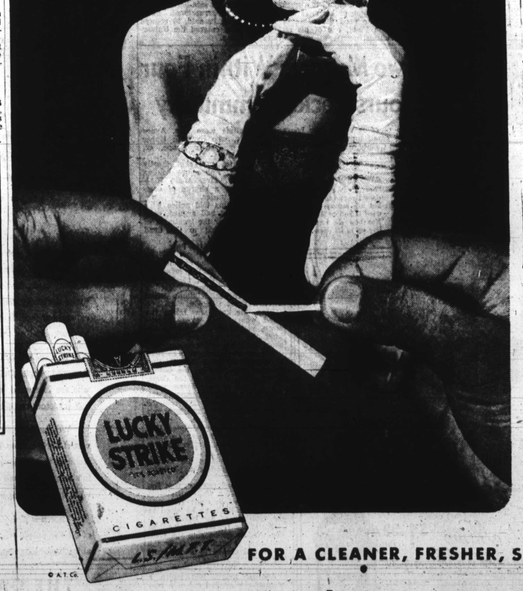


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## Meet After Eighteen Years

George Gaymon, with glasses, grins happily as he shakes the hand of his son, Lucius, 19, whom he hadn't seen in 18 years before the youth paid a visit to Baltimore recently. Young Gaymon lives in Saginaw, Mich., while his father, a resident of Baltimore for the past 15 years, lives at 611 N. Appleton st. The pair got together while both were on vacation. Looking on are David Foster, extreme left, of Saginaw, Mich., and Daniel Moser, extreme right, of Bishopville, S.C.

## Land Grant College Appropriations Have Not Been Equal In 62 Years

Many States Spend Lion's Share Of Federal Funds On White Population

By LOUIS LAUTIER

WASHINGTON

Although colored land grant colleges are due to receive a "just and equitable division" of federal funds given states to support them, the colored land grant colleges in 17 states have not received this fair distribution.

Sixty-two years ago, the second Morrill Act was passed, providing for annual grants for funds from the Federal Government for the landgrant colleges.

The second Morrill Act conditioned federal aid to the landgrant colleges on the absence of racial discrimination in the admission of students, but declared that the establishment of separate landgrant colleges for colored students would be deemed to be a compliance with the act.

**Lincoln Signed First Act**

President Abraham Lincoln signed the first Merrill Act in 1862. This act authorized grants to the states of 30,000 acres of land for each representative and each senator for the support of colleges of agriculture and mechanical arts.

After the landgrant colleges had become established with financial assistance from the Federal Government, the states found it difficult to support them adequately. Consequently, a second Morrill Act was passed in 1890.

**Population Counts**

Federal funds for education are distributed by several methods. one is allotment in proportion to population figures. On such a basis, colored people are zero in the general population or a state for the purpose of fixing its allotment.

In many cases, however, the state, in spending such funds, forgets about its colored population.

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