Army-Sponsored Indoor Tennis Tourney Roadblock Overrun

$500 LOT BRINGS TRIO $750,000

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Burns, Stubbs Play In Matches At Armory

Two Baltimore tennis players, Harvey Burns of the 1500 block Druid Hill ave., and Wesley Stubbs of the 2200 block Madison ave., smashed through the 175th Regiment's tennis tournament roadblock at the National Guard Armory to become the first participants in a mixed indoor tournament Saturday.

Virtually shunned by officials from the time they sought entrance in the doubles matches, which were open to the public, until their game with two of Baltimore's more experienced players, the duo was permitted to play only at the last minute.

Against a No. 1 seeded team composed of city champion Bernie Schriber and Mickey Pardem, Stubbs and Burns lost the match, 6-0; 6-1.

Delayed Three Days

Members of the Baltimore Tennis Club which is comprised

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$500 Tract To Net $750,000

3 Children To Share In Property Sale

FAIRFAX, Va. (NNPA) — A 65-year-old custodial employee of the Federal Government, who stands to receive one-half of the proceeds from the sale of a 33-acre tract of land in Fairfax county, plans to continue working, even though it looks as if she will be $375,000 richer.

Mrs. Margaret Foote Jackson, who lives in an apartment at 516 Forty-fourth st., ne, and is a custodial worker at the Census Bureau, is one of three children of a former servant who are heirs to the property, for which $750,000 is offered.

The property was bought for $500 by Frederick Foote, a Virginia servant who was freed after the Civil War. Foote died in 1895 leaving a will which bound his heirs "to keep the property forever in the Foote family."

But a ruling last December by

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Band Leader, 52 Others Nabbed In D. C. Dope Raids

Fire Wipes Out Men In Family

Father, 3 Sons Die In Two Alarm Blaze

Mother, Daughter In Critical Condition After Sunday Fire

A father and his three sons are dead, and the mother and a daughter in critical condition after a pre-dawn flash fire gutted their home early Sunday morning.

Dead are: Willie Murray, 27,
Willie Jr., 7,
Wallace, 4,
Archie, 3,

The two-alarm fire completely gutted the three-story apartment house at 522 Brune st.

The bodies of the children, who suffocated from the dense smoke which filled the house, were sprawled on the bedroom floor of the third-floor apartment occupied by the Murrays.

Mr. Murray died from a head injury received when he jumped from the third-floor window to escape the flames. When the man's body plummeted to the ground it struck an automobile parked at the curb and caromed into the street.

At Provident Hospital

Confined at Provident Hospital suffering from internal injuries are Mrs. Alethia Murray, 26, and her daughter, Bertha,

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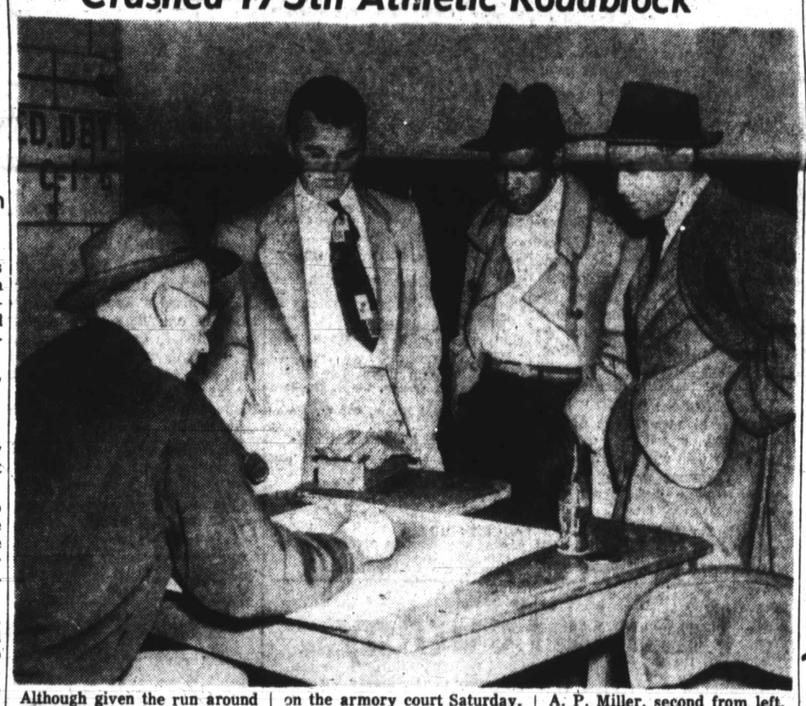
Crashed 175th Athletic Roadblock



Although given the run around from the beginning in the 175th Regiment's tennis tournament which was open to the public at the National Guard Armory over the weekend, two members of the Baltimore Tennis Club, Wesley Stubbs right, and Harvey Burns second; were permitted to play on the armory court Saturday. Their registration fees for the doubles event were accepted by the regiment's recreational officer Captian Norman A. P. Miller, second from left. Stubbs and Burns were defeated by city champion Bernie Schriber and Mickey Pardem.

24 Held In Bail Ranging Up To 20 Gs

U.S. Agent Charges Suspects Scrambled For Catfish's Realm

WASHINGTON

Fifty - three persons were rounded up in lightning - like series of raids on more than 25 suspected dope pads in the nation's capital, Friday night and early Saturday morning, in what federal agents said was a concerted effort to smash a million-dollar dope ring operating here.

On Saturday, before U.S. Commissioner Cyril Lodge, 24 were held on narcotics charges in bail ranging from $3,500 to $20,000 each, while the remaining suspects were freed.

Among the suspects held for

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CHRIS POWELL

Bandit Blasts Way Through Three Holdups

1 Dealer Wounded; Another Exchanges Shots With Bandit

A bold, gun-blasting desperado wounded an auto parts dealer, shot it out with a liquor store owner, and attempted to hold up a laundry in quick succession Monday morning in three unsuccessful robbery tries.

The bandit was still eluding a city wide police dragnet late Monday and his foray hadn't netted half a cent. Instead his rampage cost him half a dollar.

Believed to be the same bandit who robbed six Northwest Baltimore stores of $360 in less than three hours ten days before, the holdup man started off his day with a blazing gun battle with Max Cooper, 60, white, of the 2700 block Reisterstown rd.

Ordered Wine First

Mr. Cooper told police that the man came into his liquor store in the 300 block of Bloom st. about 9 a.m. and ordered a pint of wine, laying 50 cents on the counter.

The store owner got the wine and turned to set it on the counter just as the man whipped out a gun and said:

"Gimme'—"

Before the gunman could finish his demand, Mr. Cooper lunged for his own gun, lying three feet away on a table be-

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Gunther's Buys 150 Crownsville Tickets

Supports AFRO-Regent Benefit; Dr. Rhetta Jr. Buys 50 For Vets

The Gunther Brewing Co., through its public relations department, announced on Monday it was purchasing 150 tickets to the AFRO-Regent Theatre benefit for Crownsville State Hospital.

In addition, Dr. B. M. Rhetta Jr., local physician, purchased 50 tickets for the benefit movie, "Cry The Beloved Country," to be shown at the Regent March 12-18 to raise funds for television sets and radios for Crownsville patients.

For Service Personnel

Both Gunther's and Dr. Rhetta, in becoming co-sponsors of the

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Benefit Facts In A Nutshell

WHERE TO report benefit ticket sales—AFRO office, 628 N. Eutaw st.—Phone MU. 6016 —Miss Edna Hopkins.

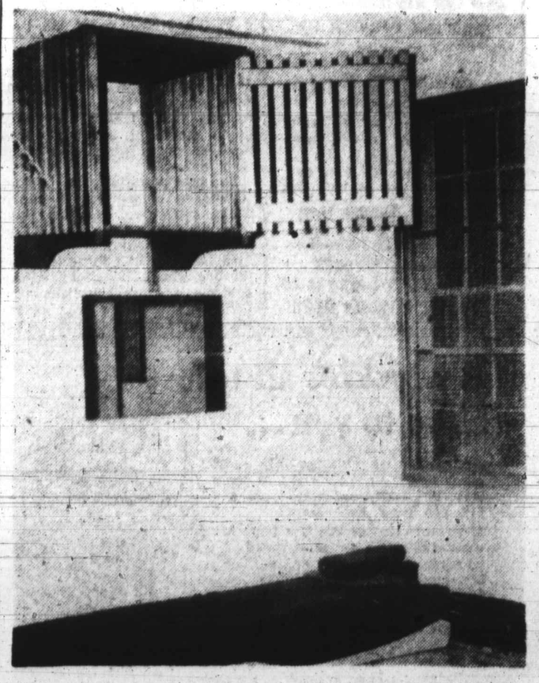
or

Rich Stenographic Center, 1737 Druid Hill ave., Phone Mad. 7419—Mrs. Ethel Rich

DEADLINE for ticket reports—Monday, March 9

HOW TO make checks or money orders — payable to Crownsville Benefit Committee, Miss Edna Hopkins, treasurer

Wanted—One TV Set



This home-made cabinet was erected to hold a 20-inch television set in the criminally insane ward at Crownsville State Hospital. Because of lack of funds, however, the appliance was never purchased. The AFRO and Regent Theatre are currently sponsoring a benefit to purchase radio and television sets for the hospital.

IS THE FIGHT REALLY AGAINST COMMUNISM?

Group Wants Whites Only To Battle Reds

By JAMES L. HICKS

BRIDGEHAMPTON, N.Y. — A Long Island newspaper published a news story in the middle of Brotherhood Week which called for a meeting of "All American-born white males" to join in a fight against communism.

The story was published in connection with a mat display of a poster sent out by the Junior Order of the United American Mechanics from its national headquarters in Philadelphia.

The Mechanics, which claims to be the oldest patriotic organization in America, is distributing five million stickers for automobile windshields which read "I am an active fighter against communism."

Picture In News

In reproducing a picture of the stickers in its news columns the Bridgehampton News, a weekly paper in this predominantly white community, ran a news item which said:

"All American - born white males who are interested in keeping America for Americans are cordially invited to attend an open meeting of Huntington Council 26 on Monday February 23, 1953, at which time there will be a film showing some of the objects of the order. Also a prominent member of the order will be present to explain it more thoroughly."

Another item in the columns of the paper said that Clyde F.

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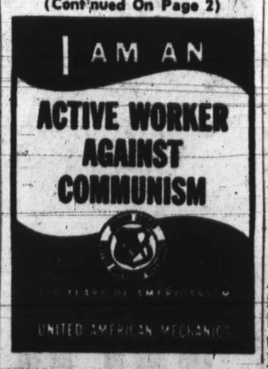
560 DAYS

since charges were filed and sustained against the Superintendent of

Boys' Village

The January, 1952, grand jury recommended that no State employee should be named to the Board of a State Institution.



Ex-Numbers Backer Given Six Months

The first colored man in the State of Maryland ever convicted on a state tax evasion charge, Albert J. Williams of the 2000 block Whittier ave., was sentenced to six months in prison Saturday and fined $5,000 for attempting to evade payment of $16,379 in taxes.

The 49-year-old ex-numbers backer who quit the rackets in November of 1951 after the government required all gamblers to pay $50 for a gambling stamp, pleaded guilty to the tax charge before Chief Judge William C. Coleman in Federal Court.

The self confessed numbers baron admitted reporting a net income of $18,976 for the year 1949 when he actually earned $45,453.

According to Assistant U. S. Attorney Paul C. Wolman Jr., Williams allegedly entered the the numbers business as a writer. Later he took over as the backer of a syndicate that employed 15 writers.

Williams was brought to trial following his arrest by a "T Squad" of the revenue department.

The court was told by Attor-

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Women Hurt In 2 BTC Accidents

Three women, who were on their way to work, ended up in Provident hospital as a result of two Baltimore Transit accidents, Monday. All were released from the hospital last night.

Two of the victims were on the No. 21 trackless trolley when it skidded into a trolley pole at Calhoun and Lanvale sts.

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Baseball In The Air!

Spring is near and baseball is in the air, and the AFRO's Sports Editor and Baseball Authority Sam Lacy is once more on the move, swinging around the various baseball training camps. Don't miss Lacy's up-to-the-minute, spicy, vivid stories of the inside dope on the Big League teams each week in the AFRO sports pages.

Man Just Blinks At Life Term In Attack Case

Dennis E. Harris, 31, just blinked slightly as he was given a life sentence on a criminal attack charge, Monday.

Victim of the attack which occurred on a vacant lot after she had lapsed into unconsciousness was Mrs. Flossie Brown, 41, a maid in the nurses' home of a local hospital.

In pronouncing sentence, Judge James K. Cullen called the attack "a brutal crime, the type of which must be dealt with severely for the benefit and protection of the public."

Attacked On Lot

The attack occurred at about 4 a.m., Sept. 20 on a vacant lot behind a store on Ogston st. near Franklin.

Mrs. Brown said that she was

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HOW TO SAVE MONEY ON YOUR INCOME TAX (Please Turn To Page 13)