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Money Tree Pays Off

Coronation Togs

Carrying a fly-whisk, the distinguishing mark of his rank, Paramount Chief Mwanawina III of Barotseland, Northern Rhodesia, Africa, will wear an identical uniform to the one he has on at the coronation of Queen Elizabeth at Westminster Abbey. The uniform includes a cocked hat, gold lace coat, sword, and tassels. The original uniform is said to have been given to Chief Lewanika, Chief Mwanawina's father by the colonial secretary in the early 1900s.

Buried Loot Pays Off For Lucky Finder

Curious Caretaker Uncovers Bundle Worth $3,200

WILKES-BARRE, Pa.—Money may not grow on trees, but anyone will have a hard time convincing William E. Douglas, caretaker of the Kingston armory here, that it doesn't grow under them.

On Monday of this week, Douglas was slated to receive a nice package of currency adding up to the sum of $3,200 — tax free—money that he found beneath a big tree on the armory's grounds back on Dec. 4, 1951.

On the previous day, just a few days before Santa Claus was scheduled to arrive, the caretaker was busy with his chores when he saw a stranger acting suspiciously around the base of the tree on the east end of the grounds.

Fearful Of His Find

The next day, he went to the tree, dug around it and he found

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Home Entry Probe Still On

Templeton, Brown Ask Further Action

Police Commissioner Beverly Ober said Monday that he is still investigating the case involving Mrs. Bernice Wilkins, 22-year-old Edmondson Avenue housewife, and two policemen who arrested her in her home last Tuesday.

"The investigation was never closed," he said, "I have been handling the probe personally all along."

Some reports have circulated that the police department considered the matter closed following published reports that Chief Inspector Joseph Itzel's investigation found that the officer's "acted properly."

Public Aroused

The inspector's findings created wide public furor.

Urban League Executive Secretary Furman Templeton and

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Afro Writer Will Witness Atomic Tests

WASHINGTON (NNPA) — The AFRO will be represented at the atomic test at the United States Atomic Energy Commission's Nevada Proving Grounds near Las Vegas, Nevada, March 17, Carl Murphy, president, AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers, announced this week.

Mr. Murphy said arrange-

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Where $2 Bet Caused $6,000 Fire

Because he lost a $2 bet in a card game, Willie R. (Fats) Millings of the 700 block W. Saratoga st. kicked over a coal stove and started a fire estimated to have done $6,000 worth of damage at this three-story brick apartment house in the 1100 block of Pennsylvania ave. Friday morning, according to police. Hundreds of persons congregated at the scene of the blaze along the busy thoroughfare.

GAMBLING BET HELD AS CAUSE:

Selina Morris Linked To Apartment House Blaze

The name of Selina Morris, fabulous one-time queen of the underworld in Baltimore, was linked Friday with a two-alarm fire that swept through a three-story apartment house in the 1100 block of Pennsylvania ave., causing injuries to three persons and sending several others fleeing for their lives.

Willie R. (Fats) Millings, 26, of the 700 block W. Saratoga st. is being held in $10,000 bail on a charge of arson by setting fire to the building, following the loss of $2 in a card game.

An anonymous telephone call to The AFRO about 11:30 a.m. Friday — while the building was still blazing — revealed how the fire began and identified the starter of the blaze as "Fats."

The man, who refused to give his name, also said that gambling quarters had been set up in the house by 58-year-old Se-

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Mystery Shrouds Murder At 'Cut'

The murder of a House of Correction inmate by another prisoner, Thursday, has been shrouded in the veil of official secrecy.

Willie Garrett, 35, was stabbed in the back with an improvised dagger while he and other inmates milled around a first-floor cell block, waiting to go to dinner.

According to Warden William F. Steiner, Garrett died almost instantly after receiving the

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Scarlett Takes Digit Case To High Court

Lawyers Contend Faulty Indictment Violated Rights

(By NNPA)

WASHINGTON — Austin Scarlett, Baltimore numbers operator, last Friday asked the United States Supreme Court to review his conviction on charges of violating the Maryland lottery laws.

In a brief supporting his petition for a review, Scarlett contends that his constitutional rights were violated.

The Maryland Court of Appeals, which upheld his conviction and sentence, erred in upholding the refusal of the trial court to quash the conspiracy indictment against him, Scarlett asserts.

Indictment Faulty

He says the indictment was faulty because it failed to state the object of the conspiracy and, so doing, ignored the statutory form of indictment in Maryland and the declaration of rights in the Maryland Constitution.

These defects, he maintains, deprived him of due process of

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Gatewood Held On Tax Charge

For the second time within less than six months, the Treasury Department's new "racket squad" has ensnared a local sportsman on income tax evasion charges.

Bland Gatewood, 1130 Druid Hill ave., was released in $1,000 bail on charges of failing to file income tax returns during 1949 and 1950.

After an intensive investigation, an undercover special agent —who must remain anonymous — swore out a complaint charging Gatewood with failing to report $11,646.28 allegedly received by the sportsman during the two-year period.

The T - man specifically charged that Gatewood, during 1949:

"Had and received a gross income of $6,734.04, that by rea-

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Spring Is Just Around The Corner

With the official beginning of spring just eleven days away, Baltimore awoke Sunday morning to find itself beneath a blanket of snow recorded as the season's heaviest. Predictions are for even more snow before the first robin makes his appearance with light flurries expected today (Tuesday) and rain forecast for Wednesday. Temperatures dipped below freezing in this city this week and reached lows of 25 degrees in the counties. This photo, looking toward the corner, was made in the 2500 block Calverton Heights.

Inside Your Afro

- THE THIRD LETTER—James H. Hill tells what happened when a colored school principal grew weary of his pupils' being shoved around by a prejudiced school board. A short story.
- THE BITTER WILL—A colored girl fought it out in court with her white father's relatives who were out to get her fortune.
- PICTURE PAGES ON OXFORD, N.C. AND TAPPAHANNOCK, VA.—Two more towns in the AFRO roving photographer series.
- WAR BABIES AT HOME—A full page of pictures about cute German tots who were adopted by American couples.
- SPRING BASEBALL TRAINING—With Sam Lacy, AFRO's sports editor. What are our stars doing in the Indians, Browns, Cubs, Giants and White Sox training camps? See sports page.
- HOW TO SAVE MONEY—On your income tax, the last of a series of articles giving vital information on this pertinent question.

Here Thursday For Benefit

Sidney Poitier, one of the stars of the movie, "Cry The Beloved Country," which opens Thursday at the Regent Theatre as a benefit for Crownsville State Hospital under auspices of the AFRO and the Regent. Mr. Poitier will make two personal appearances Thursday at 7:45 and 9:45 p.m.

Benefit Movie Opens Thursday

Gala Premiere At Regent For Crownsville Benefit

The stage is all set for the benefit show for Crownsville State Hospital which opens Thursday at the Regent.

Governor McKeldin and representative citizens of both races are expected to attend the opening night performance of the benefit movie, "Cry The Beloved Country," which features Sidney Poitier and the late Canada Lee in the lead roles.

Poitier Here

Mr. Poitier, who will arrive at Friendship Airport Thursday at 11:30 a.m., from New York, will make two personal appearances at the theatre on Thursday evening only at 7:45 and 9:45 p.m.

Prior to his appearance, Mr. Poitier will tour the city, visit Crownsville, and be guest of the benefit sponsors at dinner at the Club Tijuana.

Morgan Band

The Morgan State College band, under the direction of R. Hayes Strider, will entertain at the entrance of the theatre, a half hour before the 7:30 p.m. scheduled opening. Spotlights will play on the guests who will be photographed by movie and still photographers as they arrive for the opening.

An entire two-block area on Pennsylvania ave. has been reserved for convenience of guests who arrive for the opening night. The police department has promised to allow parking in this area only for guests whose cars bear the official sticker which reads: "Official car, AFRO-Regent Crownsville Benefit."

First In Baltimore

The showing of the movie at the Regent marks the first

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Paris Plane Event Back Of Ike's Win

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Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower would not have been elected president of the United States if Maryland's Gov. Theodore K. McKeldin had not been bumped off a plane in Paris two years ago.

The Governor's account of the incident told facetiously at the Men's Day exercises at Enon Baptist church Sunday morning provoked a gale of laughter.

As the governor explained, he was en route to Palestine with Judge Sobeloff. He thought he had through accommodations all the way to Tel Aviv in Palestine, but in Paris plane officials said no and the governor and his party found themselves stranded in Orly airport.

The governor said Judge Sobeloff was peeved about it but he himself took it philosophically and thinking about what he might do to improve the time, he said he decided to call General Eisenhower on the telephone.

At that time, Eisenhower was in Paris and was assigned by the U.S. government to the job of

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MRS. DYSON ENTERS HOPKINS HOSPITAL

Mrs. Mae Dyson, AFRO advertising executive, entered Johns Hopkins Hospital on Sunday for a checkup.

Vet Beaten By Policeman

Baltimorean Sought To Protect Women

BROOKLYN — New York police and the citizens they are sworn to protect continued to line up in opposing camps Saturday night as a Baltimore-born veteran demanded the arrest of a white policeman after charging that the cop beat him when he asked him not to insult a group of colored women in a tavern.

The policeman countered with the charge that the veteran attacked him.

The veteran Joyce E. Gilliam an apprentice machinist of 240 Gates Avenue, Brooklyn, charged through his lawyer that Patrolman Peter Marcello knocked him through the door of a bar at 373 Franklin Avenue, Brooklyn, when he asked the officer to treat a group of women patrons of the bar with courtesy.

Gilliam's lawyer, Simon Hilli-

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567 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.