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Admits Fatal Poisoning, But 'Victim' Is Alive

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla.—A man reported dead and upon whose life two life insurance policies have been paid, has been found alive. Another man confessed poisoning him.

Randolph Harris has been found alive, Chief Deputy Sheriff Earl Laughren reported late Thursday night. Although a skeleton found here Feb. 3 had been identified and buried as Hollis.

The skeleton, found near Halifax District Hospital and half a mile from a housing section, was identified as that of Hollis, 40 years old, through teeth and bone defects.

Poisoned Drink

Laughren said Willie Maxwell, 27, who confessed March 2 to killing Hollis by poisoning a drink, will be given a mental examination.

The deputy said officers stumbled onto the fact Hollis was alive when they questioned Alfonso White, who had known Hollis 15 years. White reported he had been with Hollis in a work camp at Palatka and Laughren said Hollis was found there serving a 60-day sentence for vagrancy.

—Dorsey Quizzed

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conference was held at the Elks Headquarters, S. 16th and Fitzwater sts. on Saturday, March 14.

"Not A Trial"

This "was not a trial," Mr. Johnson said, but an effort to determine what the facts of the case are. Mr. Johnson further stated he thought it was the healthy thing to do since there had been so much controversy around this issue.

No trial will be instituted by the Grand Lodge, he said, unless it is started first on the local level and comes up through the proper channels.

Mr. Johnson also said that testimony had not been completed and that he would have no further word on it until after the testimony had been compiled and read.

Termed "Gestapo Tactics"

Angered by what they termed "Gestapo-like tactics," members of seven Elk lodges throughout Maryland are—seeking to oust Mr. Dorsey from his position of District Deputy.

On the week of Feb. 14, Mr. Frazier, financial secretary of the Monumental Lodge charged that "Mouse" Dorsey broke down the door of his office and forced him to open the lodge's safe at gun point.

He reported that between $700 and $800 in cash and checks were taken from the safe. Mr. Frazier underwent treatment for injuries allegedly suffered in the ensuing scuffle with Mr. Dorsey.

In retaliation to the charges brought by Secretary Frazier, Mr Dorsey while not denying the charge at the time, charged that Frazier was responsible for a $10,000 shortage in lodge funds.

In connection with the case many members have voiced the opinion that as a holdover from the administration of J. Finley Wilson, "Mouse" Dorsey will ultimately be ousted.

Others contend that Dorsey, as district deputy is compelled to remove all lodge officials, including the Exalted Ruler, when a shortage exists in the treasury.

—Feuders Air

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four of the 600 block Baker st., said that he spent six months in a hospital as a result of the wounds.

Exchange Opinions

"He's known to be a dangerous character," Corbett told Magistrate E. Everett Lane.

"He seems like a maniac on the streets," Dobbins said of Corbett.

"This man's the biggest liar I've ever seen in my life," Corbett retorted.

Magistrate Lane commented that Dobbins had done "a noble thing" in taking his wife back, and dismissed Corbett with a warning that the two men should stay apart.

Convocation On Urban Life Planned

COLUMBUS, Ohio (ANP) — Four representatives of the Central Jurisdiction of the Methodist Church recently attended a meeting of the planning committee for the Convocation on Urban Life to be held here, Feb. 24-26, 1954.

Those in attendance were: Bishop Matthew W. Clair Jr., resident prelate of the St. Louis area; J. Ernest Wilkins, Chicago attorney; the Rev. Clarence T. R. Nelson, pastor of McKinley Mehodist church, Dayton; and the Rev. Charles F. Golden, associate secretary of the Board of Missions.

Clubs Give Full Support To Benefit For Crownsville

In support of the benefit movie being shown at the Regent Theatre to buy radios and TV sets for Crownsville Hospital patients, two local clubs had each member buy a ticket from Leon Moore, AFRO agent.

The clubs are the Carrollton Ave. Charity Club and the Arch St. Sport and Charity Club, headed by Mrs. Florence Dickens and Mrs. Rosie Curtis.

Co-sponsored as a charity affair by the Regent Theatre and the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers, the movie, "Cry, the Beloved Country!" may be seen at the Regent through March 18.

—Benefit Show

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of the movie as follows: 1:09 p.m., 3:21, 5:33, 7:37 and 10 p.m.

Gi's Get Tickets

Businessmen and local citizens who purchased blocs of tickets in advance of the benefit opening on Thursday evening, assured success of the venture. All who bought or sold 50 or more tickets qualified as co-sponsors, will be published in the AFRO.

Four business firms and a local physician purchased outright, tickets which they asked be given to service personnel and youth groups. They were distributed on Friday as follows:

150 to service men and women at Ft. Meade given by the National Brewing Co., 150 to service personnal at the U.S. Naval Training Center, Bainbridge, from the Gunther Brewing Co., 100 to the Eastside Community Center from Samuel Hendin, president, Hendin's Hollywood Fashion Shop; 50 to the Northwest Police Boys' Club from Dr. B. M. Rhetta Jr., and 50 to the Chick Webb Community Center from Henry Parks, president, Parks Sausage Co.

First Time Shown

Although the benefit film was made over a year ago, it has not been exhibited in any Baltimore theatre until this benefit showing. Called a startling and realistic picture of conditions in South Africa, the movie is based on the best-selling book of the same name by Alan Paton.

Leading roles in the film are taken by the late Canada Lee and Sidney Poitier. Mr. Poitier flew from his home in New York to make two personal appearances at the theatre on opening night (Thursday). Rain, however, kept the crowd to a little over 1,000 persons.

Mr. Poitier told the opening audience its support of a project to help persons less fortunate than themselves was an effort deserving of special commendation. He praised Canada Lee as a fine American who had don. much for his country and for the theatre before his untimely death last year.

NAME COMMITTEE FOR LITTLE ROCK CENTER

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (ANP)—The committee to direct the activities of the colored Community Center which is to be constructed at a cost of $200,000 this summer, was announced by Mayor Emmell of Little Rock this week. Among the members are Dr. G. W. Ish Mrs Sadye Thompson, Dr. H. A. Powell, Atty. J. A. Hibbler and J. C. Crenshaw.

Here's Where Free Tickets To Benefit Were Distributed

Here's how free tickets, purchased by local business firms for the AFRO-Regent Crownsville benefit movie now showing at the Regent Theatre, were distributed by the benefit committee:

150 to service men and women at Ft. Meade, Md., given by the National Brewing Co.,

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Crownsville Riot

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can to cause additional trouble.

"We are taking every precaution we can, but the situation is handicapped because of limited space and attendants," Dr. Eichert commented.

Instead of lasting 20 minutes as stated in the dailies, an AFRO investigation disclosed that the latest disorder lasted for almost three hours.

Some Attendant Involved

In circumstances similar to the first riot, a blackjack was also described as being the cause of the second outbreak.

A white attendant, William Corns, has been identified as the man wielding the blackjack. Corns is one of the three attendants who were forced to seek cover during the first riot.

According to an inside source, the patients, who were already tense, grabbed Corns when the man brandished a blackjack he carried on his person.

They bound and gagged the attendant, took him to a window and threatened to throw him outside. When other attendants arrived armed with a high pressure fire hose, the patients threatened to kill Corn if the hose was used on them.

Set Mattresses Afire

The inmates set several mattresses afire, but attendants used the hose to extinguish the blaze.

No one entered the cell block until two ambulances and ten police cars, five from Ferndale, four from Edgewater, and one from Annapolis, answered the emergency call flashed from the hospital.

When police arrived Corns found, still bound and gagged, walking around the building.

Police did not use tear gas and quelled the disturbance without further incident.

All the furniture in the ward was smashed. Two barred windows on the south side of Building C were smashed with bench legs used as clubs.

According to Dr. Eichert, the police were called as a precautionary measure.

Four Attendants Resign

As a result of this latest riot, four attendants at the mental hospital resigned early Monday morning. One employee said "Building C is like a powder keg and will more than likely explode any minute!"

An improvised knife made from a spoon handle was found at the scene of the latest riot. Employees believe that other weapons are in the building.

The March 7 edition of the AFRO warned:

"BRUTALITY OF ATTENDANTS MAY SET OFF ANOTHER AND MORE DESTRUCTIVE RIOT AT THE CROWNSVILLE STATE HOSPITAL UNLESS IMMEDIATE REFORMS ARE MADE.

"THE UNREST AND TENSION WHICH PRECEDED THE RECENT RIOT AT CROWNSVILLE IS STILL BREWING."

Basis for the AFRO's accurate prediction was information gleaned from a stack of letters which were smuggled out by patients in the hospitalry ward for the criminally insane.

More Letters Received

This week another batch of letters was received.

In one of them a female patient contends that police sexually abused her after severely beating her about the body. She identified one of her attackers as a policeman wearing badge No. 1636.

Police records reveal a Northwestern district policeman has been assigned that number.

Another female patient writes that she was half-choked to death by a male attendant when she suffered a "spell" while getting out of a bathtub.

A male patient writes that he was sentenced to serve a three year term for larceny in 1948. Although his term was up three years ago, the man is still confined at Crownsville where he was transferred from the House of Correction.

Other Letters Published

Letters published in the March 7 edition of the AFRO asserted that:

1. A patient was brutally beaten by an attendant identified as Thomas A. Alexander.

2. Attendants have flashed switch blade knives on the patients.

3. Brutal attendants remain on the hospital payroll despite patient's complaints.

4. A black jack discovered in the riot debris was used on a patient before the full-scale riot began.

Perkins Cites Blackjack

In his report oncircumstances surrounding the first riot, Dr. Clifton Perkins, state director of mental health, called attention to the blackjack and several other "instruments" found in the riot wreckage.

Appearing before a state legislative committee, Dr Stanley Sargent, staff psychiatrist, declared that the riot was provoked by ill treatment on the part of white attendants.

On receipt of Dr. Perkins' report, Governor McKeldin ordered a two - pronged investigation of the riot as possible criminal action against any offenders.

Results of this investigation have not yet been disclosed.

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Heart Attack Kills Crownsville Doctor

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Dr. Neinhardt, who had been a staff member for more than six years, died in his wife's presence at their apartment located on the hospital grounds.

The funeral will be held today (Tuesday) from an Annapolis funeral home.

Man Slightly Injured In Three-Car Accident

Russell T. Willard, 34, 2800 block Lauretta ave., sustained cuts on the left hand and a strained neck muscle in a three-car accident about 2:10 p.m. Sunday at Bentalou and Baker sts.

Police reported that Willard was driving north on Bentalou st. when his car was struck on the right side by an auto driven by John C. Meeks, 38, 1600 block N. Monroe st., who was eastbound on Baker, and on the left side by a car driven by Elnio Miller, 42, 2900 block Walbrook av., westbound on Baker.

Both Meeks and Miller told police that they had the green light when the accident occurred. Charges of reckless driving were placed against all three.

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State's Proposed Budget To Include Tax Cut

The opportunity to reduce the tax burden is in addition to the already contemplated reductions in Income Tax and Real Property Tax. To provide for those particular reductions, the State merely increased its original estimates of revenues to be available for the 1954 fiscal year.

The State's plan for financing the proposed budget include s as one item an estimated unexpended appropriation balance (Reversion) of only $500,000 for 1954. This represents only one-half of one per cent of the total appropriations to which it applies.

On the basis of past experience, this estimate of unexpended balances in appropriations is too low. For example, Reversions for the 1952 fiscal year approximated $4,000,000 and for 1953 there now are estimated to be almost $5,000,000. This Commission suggests that the estimate of Reversions for 1954 be increased from $500,000 to $2,500,000.

In this connection, it hould be noted that the budget for 1954 provides $63,600,000 for Personnel. Approximately $1,500,000 of this is in lump sums for special, seasonal and the like employment, and 36,370,000 is for 1,716 positions now vacant and 622 new positions.

Anticipating that all positions will not be filled for the entire year, the State has applied a reduction of from 1 per cent to more than 10 per cent to the various agencies. This resulted in an over-all estimated saving of approximately $1,400,000, which the State has taken into account in the $63,600,000 aggregate provision for Personnel.

This anticipated saving due to turnover expectancy and positions unfilled during 1954 should be some $2,000,000 greater than the State's estimate of only $1,400,000.

In support of such a revision, it is generally recognized that considerable difficulty in recruiting employees, particularly for non-clerical and institutional positions; such positions constitute a large portion of the State's total employees.

Even should all vacancies be filled at some time or other during the course of the year, the budget provision for the full year's pay would not be expended. Moreover, the money in any event very likely will be available without the need for retrenchment in other spending, because experience has shown that the State's estimates of revenues are conservative by wide margins, to say the least.

Ix the plan herein suggested, the State's proposed appropriation for personnel, including vacant jobs, could remain unchanged and the $2,000,000 additional saving (suggested above) due to jobs unfilled during 1954, could be applied to the revenue of the budget.

This would be accomplished by increasing the State's present estimate of "Reversions" from $500,000 to $2,500,000.

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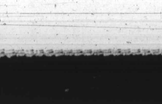

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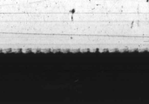

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Carl W. Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Thompson, 1204 N. Central ave., has recently been promoted to technical sergeant in the U.S. Air Force. Sergeant Thompson has served with the Air Force for five years, spending three at the Nellis Air Force base in Las Vegas, Nev. A graduate of Dunbar high school, he is now serving on the base's training board.

Gets Promotion

Lady Evangeline In New Quarters

Beginning Wednesday night, Lady Evangeline will conduct nightly meetings, except Monday and Tuesday, in her permanent location, 1000 Pennsylvania ave., up stairs, next to the Lincoln theatre.

She has just closed successful meetings at the Middle and Good Hope halls, turning away crowds nightly.

Dr. Emerson Nye and the Rev. A. Sheppard, with his choir and gospel singers, will be assisting ministers.

Lady Evangeline has been instrumental in giving spiritual and financial aid to more than a score of persons since the opening of her meeting here.

Enraged Rider Smashes Auto

Angered because a motorist sought payment for a ride given him, James Sorrell of the 1700 block Thomas st. broke out the windshield, windows on both sides of the car, and wrecked the steering wheel it was testified in Northwestern police court Sunday.

Magistrate E. Everett Lane ordered Sorrell held in $1,000 bail for action of the grand jury on a charge of malicious destruction of property.

Sorrell had been given a ride across town by Elmer Finch of the 1100 block Rutland ave., although Finch first objected, Magistrate Lane was told.

When Finh asked Sorrell for payment at the end of the ride, the defendant became offended and began smashing up Finch's auto, it was testified.

Chickenpox, Scarlet Fever Cases Decrease

A decrease in the number of cases of scarlet fever and chickenpox as compared with the preceding week was noticed in the iseases reported during the wee diseases reported during the week ending March 6, accord- Health department.

Scarlet fever cases numbered 19, as compared with 22 for the week before. Only 18 chickenpox cases were reported, against 27 for the week ending Fe'. 27.

Four cases of mumps were also reported for the week ending March 6.

Boy Scouts Name New Scouting Official

Franklin O. Curtis, president of the Baltimore Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, has announced the appointment of John L. Smith as Director of Program and Activities for the local scout council.

Mr. Smith, who is now serving in the capacity of Assistant National Director of Camping and Special Events for the Boy Scouts of America in its national office in New York City will assume his new duties on April 1.

"Has he gone yet?"

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Wife Badly Beaten, Seaman Gets 1 Year

A woman who didn't want to testify against her husband had to anyway Sunday, and the result was that her spouse was sentenced to a year in the House of Correction by Magistrate E. Everett Lane in Northwestern police court.

Mrs. Jane Saylor of the 1600 block Park ave/ admitted, after being held by police as a state's witness, that her husband, beat her so brutally Friday that she had to be taken to a hospital, where attendants first thought she had received a fractured skull.

Her husband, Willie B. Saylor, a seaman, pleaded not guilty to the charge of assaulting and brutally beating his wife, but said that they argued about another man after the two had been drinking.

NAMED TO ANNAPOLIS

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