# WIFE SOUGHT IN SLAYING

FROM ESKIMO-LAND—After travelling 12,000 miles to drop a Bible in Russia, Elder Solomon Lightfoot Michaux returned to Washington last week, with this little Eskimo girl from Nome, Alaska. Her name is Aeeda and she is six years old. Elder Michaux says he and his wife will rear Aeeda and she will be educated to become a missionary. (STAFF PHOTO BY DAVE HARRIS.)


"We are Americans, and as Americans, We speak to America." —FREDERICK DOUGLASS

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**Deadline**—Thursday, July 9 is the deadline for filing application for city firemen's jobs, qualified applicants are urged to file at the City Service Commission, Room 107 City Hall. "It is imperative that all interested qualified applicants sign up by that time," Fred Nichols, industrial secretary of the Urban League emphasized on Monday.

Applicants must be between 21 and 30 years of age, have completed a sixth grade education, have ability to follow orders with agility.

**Riot!**—State troopers and prison guards stormed a cottage at the Women's Reformatory at Jessups Tuesday where some 50 women prisoners were rioting.

Approximately 15 of the screaming women were seized from behind barricades as they hurled crockery, broken furniture and kitchen utensils. One policeman was injured.

A detail of 17 state troopers led the attack on the women who began rioting Monday night.

# TUNNEL JOE PLACED IN SOLITARY AGAIN

## Man Slain, Wife Sought In 13 States

### Victim Shot Same Day He Was Freed For Stabbing Mate

Sitting on their steps to escape the torrid summer heat, residents of the 600 block W. Saratoga st., gasped with horror as they saw a man crumple to the ground after being shot in the face, Friday night.

The unconscious victim, James Brewton, 34, 600 block W. Mulberry st., was rushed to University Hospital. He died at 9:30 a.m. Sunday.

The dead man, known as J-B, had a special reason for celebrating July 4 — Independence Day.

On the same day he was shot Brewton had been released from the House of Correction where he had been serving a one-year term for cutting his wife, Mrs. Rena Brewton, 748 W. Lafayette ave.

**Looking For Wife**

Police are looking for Mrs. Brewton in connection with her husband's death.

Earl Peete, 748 W. Lafayette ave., identified by police as a boy-friend of Mrs. Brewton, has been picked up for questioning by Southwestern district police.

Brewton was in a private "club" located in the basement at 650 W. Saratoga st., when the shooting occurred.

According to James "Big

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## Miss Scott Left $15,352 Estate

The $15,352.63 estate of Miss Bertha C. Scott will go to relatives, the closest of which are an aunt and cousins, according to a will drawn shortly prior to her death, on Sept. 13, 1952.

Miss Scott, who taught in the Baltimore county schools for more than 30 years, lived at 304 24th st.

In the will, Miss Scott decreed that a cousin, Mrs. Fannie R. Johnson, select any of the jewelry she desired.

**Coat To Cousin**

She gave a fur coat to another cousin, Mrs. Edna P. But-

## 4 Children Rescued From Flaming Home

### Fifth Child Leaps To Safety From Second-Story Window

By CARROLLTON SHEPPARD

Four youngsters were rescued from their burning home at 651 S. Avondale rd. in Turner Station early Sunday morning by two young men who were attending a holiday celebration nearby.

A fifth child miraculously escaped injury by leaping from a second-story window. None of the children ranging from two of 12 years of age, was injured.

The youngsters trapped in the flaming building were: Peggy Jean Crowther, 8; Geraldine Crowther, 4; Marsha Crowther, 3; Stanley Crowther, 2, and the Crowther children's 12-year-old cousin, Jo Ann Walton.

The rescuers, Louis Shields, 24, who resides at 1523 Guilford ave. had his hair singed in the ordeal. His companion Lee Morgan, 28, received a slight burn on one arm.

**Breaks Glass**

Mrs. Gertha Davis the first to arrive on the scene received cuts on her right hand as she proceeded to break the glass in the front door of the flaming building.

The fire, according to Mrs. Davis, who resides at 109 Willow ct., and others who joined her afterwards, started shortly before 1:30 a. m. Sunday morning.

Mrs. Davis stated that she became alarmed by the pathetic cries of the youngsters and went to her front door to see what was wrong.

She discovered that the living room in the children's home was ablaze. Mrs. Davis then returned to her own bedroom, put on a skirt, raced across the street and proceeded to break the glass in the front door, cutting her hand in the process.

Luther Tracy, who resides at 100 Willow ct. joined Mrs. Davis and opened the door in the flaming room.

**Leaps To Safety**

Seconds later, 12-year-old Jo Ann Walton, who was told that she would be caught, leaped from a second-floor window to safety.

At this point, Mr. Shields and Mr. Morgan who were attending a holiday celebration in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Booze, 107 Barberry ct., arrived on the scene.

After a brief discussion with Shields, Morgan went into the flaming building, raced upstairs and returned, bringing two of the panic-stricken youngsters with him.

His companion, Shields then entered the building and rescuer, who had crawled under a bed.

**Another In Closet**

As he brought the child to safety, someone in the crowd disclosed that there was still another child in the building. Shields returned to the building and after a brief search found the one remaining child in a bedroom closet and carried her from the house.

The fire, according to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph and Zelma Crowther, the children's parents, was believed to have started, from a television set which one of the children might have turned on.

Mrs. and Mrs. Crowther said that they left home shortly after midnight to meet Mrs. Crowther's father at a train station. They first learned of the fire upon their return at approximately 5:00 a.m. Sunday.

**Sofa Next To TV**

A close inspection of the fire revealed that the blaze probably started from a sofa located next to the television set in the Crowther living room.

The sofa was completely ruined, the television set was burned slightly and operating normally at 5:30 p.m. Sunday.

Two pieces of fire apparatus from nearby Dundalk were on the scene shortly after the rescues were performed, and firemen joined neighbors who had already begun to toss out damaged furnishings.

## Clean Block Prize Fund Now $1,109

A gift of $500 from the City of Baltimore, plus $21 from other sources, skyrocketed the Clean Block prize fund to a total of $1,109 over the holiday weekend.

The Board of Estimates in announcing the grant, informed the AFRO that the money had been appropriated from its contingent fund.

In a letter signed by Allan L. Dell, clerk, the Board said it "appreciates the good work done and the results accomplished through this campaign."

Assurances were also given

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## Haitians Deny U. S. Queries About Envoy

### Mrs. Vann Never Suggested, Two Officials Say

By JAMES L. HICKS

WASHINGTON

The United States government never submitted the name of Mrs. Jessie M. Vann to the government of Haiti for approval as U.S. ambassador, the AFRO learned from two reliable sources last week.

The first denial came from Cirina Lecomte, consul-general of Haiti. The second was made by Jacques Leger, Haitian ambassador to the United States.

Mr. Lecomte granted a half-hour interview with this correspondent at his offices, 32 Broadway, New York City.

He stated that his position makes him the "direct representative" of Haitian President Paul Magliore in America.

**No Names Submitted**

He not only denied that the American government had submitted Mrs. Vann's name to his government, but he also said the U.S. government has never formally submitted the name of any colored person to his government for approval.

The Haitian consul-general did not say, but strongly implied, that colored Americans have been deceived by their own government into believing that his government will not accept them as ambassadors.

He stated categorically that this is not true.

"Haitians would be happy to have Mrs. Vann as ambassador," he declared.

He also said Haitians would have welcomed Raymond Pace Alexander, but said Mr. Alexander's name was never submitted for such a post.

**Named By Truman**

Former President Truman was reported to have suggested Mr. Alexander for the Haitian ambassadorship in 1949, but had been told the Haitians would reject him.

Mr. Lecomte said the Haitian people are very much "disturbed" over newspaper articles stating Haitians have rejected the names of colored Americans as ambassadors.

Declaring that this is "absolutely untrue," he said his president, because of diplomatic protocol, had not been able to an-

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## Here's That First List Of Dilly Dollars

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| K 92 233 453 G | 5.00 |
| Q 78 686 355 C | 5.00 |
| P 02 063 041 G | 5.00 |

*Dollar bills bearing these numbers are redeemable at the AFRO, 628 N. Eutaw St., on any day between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. until Friday, July 17.*

*Watch for Friday's AFRO for another set of Dilly Dollar numbers. Get in the game of getting cash for nothing. It's so easy and simple. Winners of Tuesday's game will be pictured in Friday's edition.*

## Check These Rules Of New Dollar Game

1. Each Tuesday and Friday, the AFRO will select and publish 10 serial numbers taken from dollar bills. Persons having possession of them may redeem them for cash ranging from $5.00 to $25.00.

2. The value of the cash awards will be listed in the AFRO opposite the serial numbers.

serial numbers are selected will have been put in circulation on Monday for numbers published Tuesday and on Thursday for numbers published Friday.

4. If you have in your possession a dollar bill bearing a serial number published in the AFRO, call in person at the Circulation Department of the AFRO, 628 N. Eutaw st., between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

5. It is not necessary to buy copies of the AFRO nor show a copy to win an award.

6. Winners must claim their awards and produce the winning "Dilly Dollar" no later than Friday 6:00 p.m. of the week following publication.

7. Any person or persons may participate in the "Dilly Dollar"

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## 2nd Escape Plot Foiled On Eve Of July Fourth

Joseph Holmes 41-year-old Maryland prison inmate whose ingenious engineering of a 70-foot tunnel from his cell to temporary freedom in 1951 earned him the nickname of "Tunnel Joe," was in solitary confinement on bread and water Saturday after a new escape plot collapsed.

Holmes was identified by Warden Vernon L. Pepersack as the ringleader in an escape plan which may have involved as many as 43 prisoners in the penitentiary's tough south wing segregation cell block.

**Plot Falls Through**

The plot fell through Wednesday with the discovery of a cache of improved knives, hacksaw blades and homemade keys in Holmes' cell during a routine inspection.

Warden Pepersack said that notes were also found indicating that a prison break was being planned and that other convicts were being invited to join in.

**Two Others Named**

Only two other men were identified as major participants in the escape plot—both of whom are also getting the bread and water treatment. They are:

Benjamin Gillium, about 30, doing 40 years for two counts of robbery with a deadly weapon and also wanted in Texas for jail breaking, and Gerald Day, about 26, serving a life sentence for the robbery and murder of a Baltimore trolley car conductor.

Both men have served about five years, it was reported.

Holmes is serving 40 years for armed robbery, burglary and jail breaking, Warden Pepersack said.

The trio's punishment for the escape plot is bread and water for two days, with full rations each third day, for 10 days.

Warden Pepersack said that other disciplinary action may be taken against the men, such as recommending the taking away of good conduct time, — which accrues at the rate of five days each month — and of time earned for working while in the penitentiary, gained at the same rate.

Warden Pepersack said that

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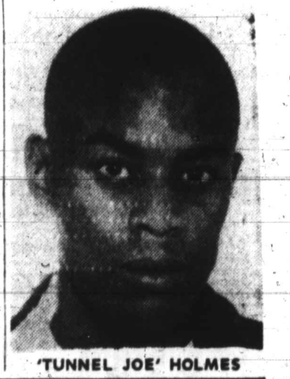

'TUNNEL JOE' HOLMES

## Sandy Point Case Scheduled For Argument In U. S. Court

A hearing on the motion made by the State of Maryland requesting Federal Judge W. Calvin Chesnut to vacate the injunction ordered against Sandy Point was to be heard at 10:30 this morning (Tuesday).

The hearing was originally scheduled to be heard last Thursday. Judge Chesnut indicated, however, that he was under the impression plaintiffs

lifting of the injunction.

When Linwood G. Koger, NAACP attorney represesenting the plaintiffs, declared he gave no such consent, Judge Chesnut ruled that Mr. Koger and associate counsel must be given time to file an answer.

The state - owned park and its two beaches remained closed over the sweltering holiday.

**Balked At Integration**

Last Thursday, the original hearing date, W. Giles Parker, and Sidney Peverley, director of Forests and Parks, refused to open Sandy Point on an integrated basis so that citizens could enjoy beach facilities for the Fourth of July week end.

This week, the Progressive Party of Maryland dispatched a strongly - worded letter to Gov-

"shameful actions of your administration with respect to Sandy Point.

"The events which culminated in this area being completely

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**REV. A. H. WHITFIELD'S CONDITION STILL SERIOUS**

The Rev. Andrew H. Whitfield, 75, retired Methodist minister and former superintendent of the N. M. Carroll Home for the Aged, was still in serious condition in Provident hospital late

hospital Saturday night he

lapsed into a coma.

## Report To Be Given On NAACP Parley

A complete report on the 44th national NAACP convention which convened in St. Louis, Mo., a week ago, will be given by Baltimore delegates at the NAACP office, 402 Dolphin st., Tuesday (tonight) at 8 p.m.

The local chapter will present at the meeting the NAACP program for 1953 - 54. Free refreshments will be served.

## Balto. Couple Gets War Baby

NEW YORK — Dr. and Mrs. George Adams were on hand here Sunday noon at Idlewild Airport to greet their six-year-old adopted son, Robert Ullrich, who arrived by Scandinavian airlines.

"He's all we dreamed he would be," said the Baltimore physician as he clasped his new son in his arms.

Adoption of young Ullrich by the Adamses was arranged by the AFRO's Mabel Grammer

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## 740 DAYS

since charges were filed and sustained against the Superintendent of

**Boys' Village**

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

# Bibles Dropped Near Russia

WASHINGTON

Elder Solomon Lightfoot Michaux is back from Alaska after a Bible-dropping flight near Russia's Siberia.

Returning with the founder of Washington's Radio Church of God was Aeeda, five - year - old Eskimo girl, whom he adopted. He plans to train her as a missionary to help her people in the frozen wastelands.

The radio pastor told the AFRO he was delayed five days in Nome Alaska, trying to charter a plane to fly him to St. Lawrence Island.

That island, he explained was as close as he could get to the international boundary line at Siberia. The Russians, he pointed out have a nasty habit of shooting at any plane that flies across the boundary line.

**Drops 10,000 Bibles**

The chartered plane enabled him to drop 10,000 Bibles printed in the new Russian language on the shores opposite Siberia.

The Bibles were wrapped in water-proof tin.

Elder Michaux expressed confidence that they would be eventually picked up and carried behind the "Iron Curtain." His belief is the Russians need the Bible. It is the only thing, he said, that will penetrate their hearts.

So valuable are the Bibles to the Russians, he said, they are sold in the Communist country for $2,500 each.

**Had Audience In Stitches**

Elder Michaux treated hearers at Anchorage, Alaska, to a new type of sermon. He preached at the Tenth Ave. Church of Christ on "The Word of God."

During the discourse, Elder James T. McCorkle, also of Washington, who accompanied Elder Michaux to Alaska, read passages from the Bible.

Elder Michaux would then drive home the point. He alternately had his audience in stitches with laughter, Elder McCorkle told the AFRO, and deep in sober thought.

The church, which is composed chiefly of white worshippers, had many colored, Eskimo and Indian visitors for the sermon.

Also present in large numbers were members of the armed services.

**BOY DIES AFTER FALL**

Oliver Cooper, 3, of 1947 Clifton ave. died in Provident hospital Sunday as a result of injuries he suffered Friday when he fell down some steps at his home.