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SEEKS $10,000 DAMAGES

Alleging that she was seriously injured when she fell through an apartment at 732 N. Fulton ave., Aug. 16, Mrs. Evelyn Chew, 2309 Lauretta ave., is seeking $10,000 damages from her former landlord, William Mason of the Fulton ave. address. The suit was filed in Superior Court, Tuesday.

ROYALITY IN BALTIMORE:

Afro visited by Nigerian king-designate, he says

The AFRO was visited by a self-styled king-designate, Monday evening, when "Prince" Madarikau Deniyi of Nigeria, West Africa, called at the office on Eutaw st. and chatted briefly with Carl Murphy, president of the newspaper chain.

Madarikau Deniyi

The "prince" who was en route to Florida for a series of speaking and money-raising engagements, reported that he had just left New Jersey, where he had spoken in Newark and Montclair to a total of over 10,000 persons in various churches.

His last public address was given, he said, at Mt. Calvary Baptist church, Newark, on "The Bright Side of Africa." The Rev. J. Wendell Mapson, pastor of the church, introduced him, he said.

Radicalism Decried

"If Africa is to be redeemed" Deniyi declared, "it must be through a Christian civilization education, thrift, industry, brotherly love, but not through fanatical or radical movements.

"It is better to make friends than enemies of those who do not agree with you," he went on, pointed out that the United Nations and England will have a hard time now trying to fool the African people.

Deniyi, who is 61, has been practicing pharmacy since coming to the United States in 1914. He is a graduate of the Lagos school of pharmacy in Lagos and passed the pharmaceutical science board's exams of Great Britain in July, 1912, in Nigeria. He also has been ordained a Baptist minister.

Grandson Of King

He calls himself "king-designate" because, according to him, he is the grandson of the late King of Baloqun Ijemo, who ruled the Yoruba people in 1851. This king was deposed by the British for refusing to sign a certain treaty with Queen Victoria in 1851.

The "prince," who calls himself heir to the throne, says that he will soon return to Nigeria to claim the crown, and that he is engaged in the task of raising money in the U.S. to equip his country's armed forces with modern weapons so that they can defend the sovereignty of their nation.

Florida couple sued

A 60-year-old widower of Brooklyn, N.Y., filed $100,000 suit in federal court here last week against a Florida couple for the death of his wife.

In the petition, George A. Young, claims that his 60-year-old wife was killed when their car was hit by an auto driven by Mr. and Mrs. Franc Foti, Marathon, Fla., on U.S. route No. 301, one mile north of Wauchula.

Mrs. Young died the following day as a result of the impact which threw her from the car, the petition states.

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Nine firemen get certificates

Nine colored firemen — the first for this city — received certificates Thursday marking their completion of the Baltimore city training course for fire fighters.

The nine were among 45 new firemen receiving their certificates from Frank J. Bauer, president of the Board of Fire Commissioners.

The men reported Monday to the companies to which Chief Michael H. Lotz has permanently assigned them. They all received their appointments on Oct. 16 and have since completed a 35-day training period.

The men and their assignments are:

Lindsay Washington Jr. and and Roy Parker, Truck Company 18; Louis Harden and Charles T. Miller, Engine Company 8; George E. McKnight Jr. and Charles L. Scott, Engine Company 9; Earl C. Jones and Cicero Baldwin, Truck Company 10 and Ernest H. Barnes, Truck Company 28.

Yule celebration at Pratt Library

A special Christmas celebration will be held at the Enoch Pratt Free Library's Branch No. 17, Pennsylvania and North aves. Tuesday, Dec. 22, at 7:30 p.m., in the auditorium.

Featured on the program will be a film titled, "Christmas Rhapsody."

Mrs. Thelma Bell, children's librarian at the branch, is scheduled to tell a Christmas story, and carols will be sung by students of Douglass High school under the direction of Mrs. Georgeanna Chester and Mrs. Marion T. Smith.

Community Sing

A community sing will conclude the entertainment. Parents and children living in northwest Baltimore are invited to attend.

Free tickets may be obtained at the branch, according to Miss Janet Stevens, librarian in charge.

PROPERTY FOR SALE

Property located at 2718 Mosher st., will be sold at a trustee's sale on Monday, Dec. 28. The property, subject to a ground rent of $96, includes a porch front brick dwelling. A deposit of $600 will be required at time of sale.

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Bride, 15, Shot; Question Husband

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT? — For the lack of $33 to pay two weeks' rent for their modest home in the 1000 block Vine st., these two elderly women, both in their early seventies, were evicted Tuesday. Miss Lucy Gresham, left, and Mrs. Sarah Grant were temporarily quartered at Pine Street police station. Arrangements were made Wednesday to register both women as patients at City Hospitals. They were ousted within two weeks following the death of Mrs. Grant's husband. Mrs. Grant is partially blind.

Elderly pair made homeless over $33

Death, illness, a lack of money and their eviction from a modest home in the 1000 block Vine st., spoiled the meaning of a merry Christmas for two elderly women Tuesday.

Ousted from their three-room apartment, provided by a friend who died two weeks ago, Mrs. Sarah Grant, 73, and Miss Lucy Gresham, 71, were forced to spend Tuesday night at the Pine Street police station.

The two women—one a native of Norfolk, Va., the other a Marylander—were evicted by a deputy sheriff on orders from the Baltimore Housing Court for failing to pay $33 in back rent.

Home Delapidated

The home which they occupied, property of Harry Perlman, was without lights, gas, and bath room facilities. The rent on the apartment was provided at one time by a friend of the two women, Harrison Parker.

In an effort to secure housing facilities for the couple, the Rev. H. J. Parker, assistant pastor of Gillis Memorial Baptist church offered to help.

Along with neighbors and friends attempts were made to secure aid from the welfare agency, three churches, and an old folks home.

Turned Down

Turned down at all five places, the Rev. Mr. Parker found help for the couple only after calling the office of the chief police inspector.

A patrol car was dispatched to the apartment and the two women were taken to the Pine Street station for the night.

Mrs. Grant, who is partially blind in both eyes, had to be led to the car by police. Neither of the women has relatives living in Maryland.

They were forced to sit outside their former home for more than three hours after they were evicted.

Clad in tattered clothing, the two women told newsmen they knew of no place they could possibly go. Soup and sandwiches were provided for the couple by two neighbors, Mrs. Clara Brown of the 100 block N. Schroeder st., and Mrs. Annie Wilkes of 43 Vine st.

Wednesday morning, both women were taken to the welfare agency where preparations were made to register them as patients at City Hospitals.

Efforts, however, are being made by the Rev. Mr. Parker, to find living quarters for Mrs. Grant and Mrs. Gresham near their home in the 1000 block of Vine st. The couple were told that if they raised $45 they could rent another apartment.

Wednesday they received $8 through contributions, and secured $8 more by selling parts of their furniture to a junk dealer.

Burned boy reported 'fair' at hospital

George Queen, the 5-year-old child who was seriously burned in an oil stove explosion at his home, 239 N. Fremont ave., Sunday was reported to be in "fair condition" by officials at University hospital, late Wednesday.

The child suffered second and third degree burns of the hands and face, when the oil stove in the second-floor apartment exploded, setting fire to the living room and hallway.

Mother-in-law calls tragedy 'an accident'

Wounded in chest, victim in need of blood donors

Honeymooning Mr. and Mrs. Guy Thompson of the 1300 block Myrtle ave., will celebrate their first Christmas apart, because the 15-year-old bride is hospitalized with a bullet wound of the chest and the husband is being held by police.

While no formal charges had been placed against the 18-year-old husband as of Wednesday, he was in jail pending the completion of an investigation.

However, Mrs. Mary Thompson the bridegroom's mother, said that the shooting was an accident and that her son is too deeply in love with his young bride of three weeks to harm her intentionally.

The bride, Mrs. Mary L. Thompson, was taken to Provident hospital on Tuesday afternoon following the shooting which took place in a third floor bedroom in the Myrtle ave. home that the young couple shares with the bridegroom's mother.

Four-Hour Operation

She underwent a four-hour operation on Tuesday night, and on Wednesday night physicians reported that she was still in a critical condition.

One of the physicians who performed the operation, Dr. Anselmo Lagaset, said that Mrs. Thompson needs at least eight quarts of blood, and issued an appeal for donors. The other physician is Dr. William Palmer.

Plans For Christmas

Meanwhile, with her daughter-in-law in the hospital and her son in jail, the elder Mrs. Thompson continued to make plans for the holiday season, though she admitted that it will

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BRIDE, 15, GUN VICTIM—Mrs. Mary Loretta Thompson, 15, a bride of three weeks, undergoes treatment at Provident hospital after being shot in the chest. Her mother-in-law maintains that the shooting by the bridegroom was accidental.

Normal baby dies suddenly

Hospital released tot 4 hours earlier

A newborn baby diagnosed as "normal" by City Hospitals physicians, died from a colored lung just four hours after being released from the hospital, Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Mae Carter was rushed to the hospital by ambulance shortly after giving birth to the baby at her home in the 1000 block W. Mulberry st., 2 o'clock Tuesday morning.

When they reached the hospital an obstetrician examined Mrs. Carter and a pediatrician examined the baby.

The doctors pronounced both mother and baby as being in good condition. At 9:30 the same morning, Mrs. Carter and the still unnamed baby were returned home from the hospital.

The baby died four hours later.

Nose Bled

The child was sleeping, the still bed-ridden mother reported, when she noticed his nose was bleeding. Looking further she discovered that the infant was unconscious.

Police were summoned and after they arrived, found the baby was dead. A morgue wagon was called which took the baby's body to the morgue for an

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Postpone rites for girl suicide

Pending the arrival home of a brother from Alaska, funeral services for Inez Jefferson, the 19-year-old Douglass High grad who's body was recovered from the Druid Hill Park lake Sunday, will be held later.

The announcement regarding the decision to await the arrival of Pvt. Thomas Jefferson, was given Wednesday to an AFRO reporter by the dead girl's mother, Mrs. Inez Jefferson of the 1400 block Druid Hill ave.

It is believed that Pvt. Jefferson, a veteran of 13 months army service will arrive in Baltimore within the next three days. He is one of five boys in the family. There are also five girls.

Motorist Sees Her

The fully clothed body of the teenager, an apparent suicide, was recovered late Sunday afternoon after a woman motorist saw her climb a fence surrounding the lake.

Her identity was established earlier by a 1953 Douglass class ring inscribed "Inez Jefferson."

Neither parents nor friends were able to shed any light on the question of why Inez would want to commit suicide.

It was learned however that the teenager was in an automobile accident last October and had since been unable to work steadily.

The Jefferson family also revealed that Inez had to have an operation. The girl however never told her parents what kind of operation.

Senate body hears Veney on D.C. morals

WASHINGTON

Lawson J. Veney, Boys' Village superintendent, against whom morals charges were filed and sustained two years ago last week reported on juvenile delinquency conditions in Washington before a Senate Judiciary subcommittee.

After listening to the testimony of Mr. Veney and Joseph Taney, a former assistant U.S. attorney and FBI agent, Sen. Robert C. Hendrickson of New Jersey, subcommittee chairman, told Mr. Veney that "the moral conditions you have described are shocking."

Mr. Veney has been superintendent of Boys' Village formerly Cheltenham School for Boys in Prince Georges County, Md., since 1949. In September, 1951, a staff member, Daniel Conaway, accused the superintendent of improprieties with his wife who was then Mr. Veney's secretary.

Trailed To D.C.

During a hearing before the Board of Managers, a private detective testified that he had traced the superintendent and Mrs. Conaway to a Washington rendevous.

Subsequently, the Board retained Mr. Veney, on a probationary status. One board member the late Dr. John T. Colbert, cast a vote for his immediate dismissal.

The board demanded and received an undated resignation from Mr. Veney which could be dated by the board at any time.

Following the action by the board retaining Mr. Veney, the grand jury in January, 1952, issued a report on the case lodged against the superintendent.

Criticized Board

The grand jury criticized the Board of Managers for its light treatment of the morals charges brought against Mr. Veney. The grand jury expressed the opinion that "drastic or firmer action" should have been taken.

The grand jury stated that such matters "are treated too lightly by those persons of authority and we question the ability of a superintendent to maintain the needed discipline and to receive the respect required to operate such a school in the face of disclosures fully aired in the press, and therefore known to all the staff.

"The committee feels that it is most unwise to condone such behavior," was the grand jury report on Mr. Veney.

Mr. Veney was given a leave of absence this year to conduct the intensive investigation in the

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Holiday Gang broken up as police nab 3

Brother of 'Cat Burglar' suspect in NW holdup gang

A string of armed holdups and robberies which have plagued Northwest Baltimore since the start of the holiday season appeared near solution this week, with the arrest of three youths believed by police to be members of a well organized group of bandits.

One of the suspects, Clement E. Banks, 18, of the 600 block W. Mosher st., appeared in Northwest police court on Tuesday and was ordered held in $10,000 bail for a further hearing tentatively set for Dec. 31.

Police indicated that on that date they will produce the other two youths and there is a strong possibility that other suspected members of the gang which has earned the name "The Holiday Gang" will be rounded up in the meantime.

Brother Of 'Cat Burglar'

Banks, identified by police as a brother of Joseph Banks, the "Cat Burglar" now serving an 8-year term in prison, appeared sullen as he stood before Magistrate E. Everett Lane and heard two women identify him as the man who had robbed them.

Police said that Banks was recently released from prison where he served one year on a burglary charge.

Linked To Robberies

According to official sources, the "Holiday Gang" has been responsible for the bulk of the armed holdups and robberies in Northwest Baltimore in the past few weeks.

These sources described the members of the gang as youths who met while they were serving prison terms, and on their release formed an organization that specialized in armed robberies.

One veteran police officer described "Holiday Gang" mem-

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Judges select four for Jan. grand jury

Four persons were selected by the Supreme Bench, Tuesday, to serve on the January term of the grand jury. They are:

Mrs. Verda P. Welcome, 1131 Harlem ave.; Mrs. Bertha G. Jones 4300 Roland ave.; Percy J. McConnell, 2309 Ellamont st., and James A. B. Callis, 2118 Druid Hill ave.

Marian Anderson to sing here again January 8

The voice that Toscanini said "comes once in a century" returns to Baltimore on January 8, when Marian Anderson appears at the Lyric Theatre.

Miss Anderson last sang in Baltimore in March, 1950 when she appeared at the Polytechnic Institute before an audience of 2,400 under the auspices of the Delta Sigma Theta sorority.

MARIAN ANDERSON

This time, the noted contralto is being sponsored by the Baltimore Fellowship, an interracial organization of which Miss Anderson is herself a member.

Her appearance at the Lyric Theatre will mark the first time a colored artist has appeared there in many years.

Where To Buy Tickets

Tickets for the concert are available at the Bonney Concert Bureau, 327 N. Charles st., and the Baltimore Fellowship, 21 W. Preston st. The tickets are scaled from $1.21 to $4.82. The concert begins at 8:30 p.m.

The sponsors of the concert have advised that those intending to attend to purchase their tickets early.

Some tickets are also available at Morgan College for the students and teachers there.

Miss Anderson has been called "the high priestess of song" by the New York Times. Critics throughout the world have hailed her as one of America's greatest singers.

Her appearance in Baltimore will mark one of her first American recitals since her recent tour of South America.

ROOKIE OF YEAR — James (Junior) Gilliam, who turned in outstanding work at the displaced Jackie Robinson as second baseman of the Brooklyn Dodgers, on Wednesday was named "1953 rookie of the year" for the National League. In addition to fielding sensationally for the pennant-winning Bums, the former Baltimore Elite Giant batted .278 and stole 21 bases.

Frontiers hear Orioles pledge unprejudiced team

Members of the Frontiers Club (the Baltimore chapter) heard Arthur Ehlers, general manager of the Major league Orioles, promise a thoroughly objective policy in the operation of the new American League franchise Monday afternoon.

The Oriole official, appearing as guest speaker at the club's weekly luncheon at the Druid Hill YMCA, declared that the chief concern of his administration will be "to build a winning team in Baltimore," regardless of the race or religion of the best available players.

"I only hope that the people of Baltimore will be patient," said Ehlers. "It may not be this year, of course; it may take two years, three, or maybe more, but some day I hope to be able to give Baltimore a winning team.

"If I don't produce, I'll be fired. Pay no attention to the stories you read about managers resigning jobs with major league organizations. There's no truth to that sort of thing. Men don't resign from well-paying jobs. Any sensible person knows they don't resign; they're fired.

"So, I'll be fired if I don't get a winning team here. And that's what I intend to do. And I don't care if the man is a Negro, or if he's Chinese, or Japanese, so long as he can play ball. If he's the best man I can get for a position, I want him. His race or his color doesn't mean a thing to me."

The Oriole official lamented the fact that Baltimore presents a situation where certain factions which should be working together as a team for the public good, are constantly at war with one another. He said he

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COMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 25

"Babe In The Manger," Christmas pageant, Sharp St. Methodist church, 4 a.m.

TV Christmas story pupils at School No. 116, WAAM-TV, 1-1:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 27

Christmas play, Douglass Homes Community building, 1500 E. Lexington st., 7 p.m.

JANUARY 8

Marian Anderson concert, Lyric Theatre, 8:30 p.m.

Perjury trial set for Cooper

Leroy Cooper, attorney and civil defense official, will definitely face trial within the next two weeks on charges of subornation of perjury in a divorce case.

Indicted by the grand jury in September, Mr. Cooper was released in $1,000 bail and has since that time, filed two motions through his defense counsels, requesting dismissal of the charges.

The motions, which charged that the indictment was insufficient to make a case, were denied, Tuesday, by Judge James K Cullen of criminal court.

Urged False Testimony

Mr Cooper is accused of urging Winfred Harrell, of Brooklyn, N.Y., to give false testimony as to his Baltimore residence when applying for a Baltimore divorce from his wife, Mrs. Florence Harrell.

The state charges that Mr. Harrell gave the address of his brother, Jack Harrell, of the 100 block N. Smallwood st., instead of the Brooklyn address.

Both men are also under indictment for perjury and entered pleas of not guilty at their arraignment, recently.

Defense counsels in the case are Ernest Perkins, Calvin Douglass and Donald Murray. J. Robert Brown, assistant state's attorney is the prosecutor.

Burglary, assault, arson charged to jealous hubby

David Lee, a short, shy, 36-year-old Washington man, came to Baltimore Sunday with the idea of winning his estranged wife back in time for Christmas.

Instead, Lee wound up being held in bail of $4,500 Monday in Northwestern police court after being charged with robbery, assault and arson.

Lee, who lives in the unit block Q st., ne in Washington, was arrested in his wife's Baltimore apartment in the 1500 block John st.

Won't Testify

Pleading not guilty at a hearing before Magistrate E. Everett Lane, Lee declined to testify on his arrest.

His wife, however, Mrs. Hattie Lee, with the help of Henderson Chandler, also of the 1500 block John st., told the rest of the story.

The Lees, it was learned, separated from each other two months ago.

Climbed Through Window

Mrs. Lee charged that her husband slipped into her apartment Sunday by climbing through a second floor bathroom window, then struck Chandler with a hammer, and set fire to the apartment.

In relating his version of the story, Chandler said Mrs. Lee alerted him when she heard a creaking noise on the second floor landing. He looked outside, he said and found Lee creeping

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911 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.