Hurricane losses can be deducted

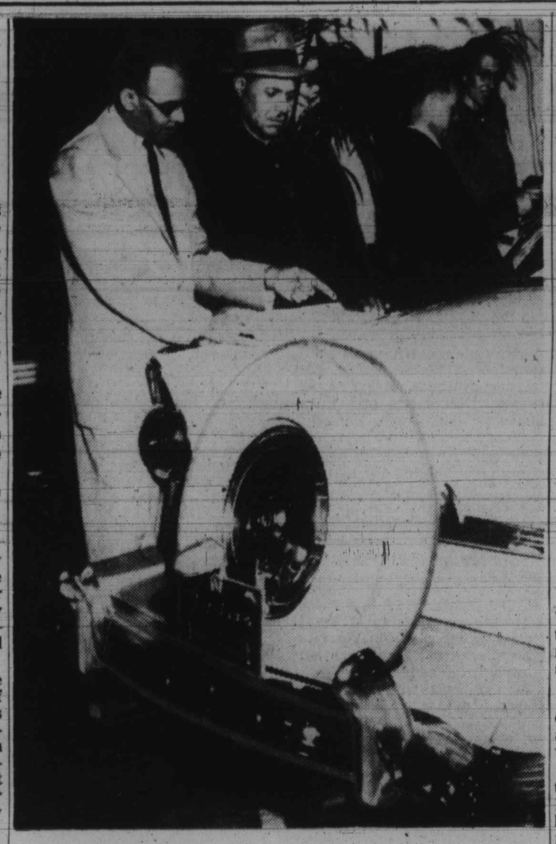
Taxpayers whose property was wholly or partially destroyed by hurricanes or other storms during 1954 are entitled to deduct losses on their Federal income tax returns for 1954, L. A. Chamberlain, District Director of Internal Revenue at Baltimore stated this week.

Mr. Chamberlain reminded the taxpxayers that unless these deductions are tkaen on the return for 1954, the taxpayer will lose the benefit of them.

The deduction applies to storm losses sustained on nonbusiness property, such as a residence, as well as on business property.

Losses on account of destruction of nonbusiness property are deductible only if the taxpayer itemizes his deductions. They cannot be deducted if the taxpayer uses the optional standard deduction.

Different rules apply in the case of destruction by storm of business property. In such cases where there is a partial destruction, the loss is the proportion of the adjusted basis of the entire property. Such a loss must be reduced by an insurance or other compensation received by reason of the damage.



1955 AUTO SHOW—Nat Ailor, salesman for Archway Ford Motors, points out the highlights of a Fairlane model to Roosevelt Coles, 1433 Bond St., at the Auto Show now being held at the Fifth Regiment Armory. Says Mr. Cole, a Bethlehem Steel worker, "There's nothing like a Ford Thunderbird."

Palsy victim wins $5 prize

Willie M. Berry in lucky photo

A number of persons have collected $5 awards since the AFRO started its Lucky Picture Contest, but perhaps none of the awards was more warmly received than that which went last week to Willie M. Berry, 8, of 1200 Young Ct., Somerset Homes.

The child is a victim of cerebral palsy, and to her the winning of the $5 was the biggest moment in her young life. She plans to use the money to purchase savings stamps which some day she hopes to convert into money to enable her to study medicine.

This is the dream of the child whose smiling face is well known to the teachers at the Wood Elementary School No. 153, where she is a third grade pupil.

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THE CHILD'S photograph was encircled in a picture taken at a party given for cerebal palsy victims by Pi Beta Sigma sorors.

The first person to discover that Willie May was the Lucky Picture winner was the child herself, who excitedly told her mother, Mrs. Artchie B. Berry, "Mother I am in the paper."

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THE MOTHER appeared at the office to collect the money for her daughter, who has already decided that she would purchase savings stamps.

Though the child was stricken with the disease when she was 10 months old, she has refused to be defeated by it, and has earned good marks in her three years in school. She is one of seven children, the oldest 13 and the youngest four months.

Her father, Charlie Berry, is employed by the Gas and Electric Co., while her mother works at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Somewhere in this edition there is another Lucky Picture worth $5. If you are the person who has been marked with the magic circle, come to the AFR office before noon on Tuesday to claim your $5.



APPOINTED assistant attorney general of Maryland, assigned to the State Accident Fund, this week was U. Theodore Hayes, Baltimore attorney. The appointment was made by Attorney General C. Ferdinand Sybert. Mr. Hayes succeeds Harry Cole, now state senator.

Judge upsets porter's jail record

Judge Michael J. Manley, Criminal Court, upset the record of a 51-year-old porter, this week when he sentenced him to two years in the House of Correction on a larceny after trust conviction.

For the past 26 years, Theodore Taylor, 900 block Argyle Ave., has been spending a portion of each year in a penal institution on minor convictions ranging from disorderly conduct to small gambling counts.

While released during 1952, Taylor took $151 of his employer's money which he was supposed to have deposited in the bank. Police were unable to locate him until January 1955 because he was in and out of jail, it was testified.

The judge imposed the two year sentence, adding, "This time he'll fool the calendar. He'll be gone for two years straight."

Both man and wife go home to mothers

Willard Brewington gets divorce after he and wife agree to part

When Willard U. Brewington and his wife, Mrs. Mary Louise Brewington, found that their marriage wouldn't wor, both agreed to disagree and both returned to their respective mothers.

The husband, who lives at 911 N. Broadway, told the court that the union lasted only a year and seven months. He applied for and was granted the divorce.

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A DIVORCE also went to Delmar Davis of 632 N. Fremont St. from Mrs. Nancy Davis of 2530 W. Mosher St. on grounds of desertion.

His wife, he said, was more interested in her brothers, sisters and parents than in establishing a home of their own.

On Mar. 22, 1952, after a disagreement on that score, he said his packed up his clothes and ordered him out of the family home, where they lived.

When he didn't move quickly enough, she phoned his mother to come and get his belongings, he said.

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WITH THE GRANTING of the divorce Mr. Davis agreed to pay Mrs. Davis $10 per week for support of their one child.

A divorce also went to Robert D. Jewell of 3000 Oakford Ave. from Mrs. Hazel Marie Jewell of Cleveland, Ohio. The couple, according to the husband, voluntarily separated in Nov. 1950 after their marriage in 1947.

Instruction sheet to accompany new tax forms

With the distribution of the 1040A's you will receive a yellow instruction sheet designed for the benefit of the taxpayers using the short form, in order to help them prepare their 1954 income tax return.

District Director L. A. Chamberlin requests taxpayers not to send the yellow instruction sheet as an income tax return. It will not be accepted. It will be returned to you and you will be required to file on the correct 1040A Card Form. This is most important.

This income tax form 1040A may be used by individual taxpayers if total gross income was less than $5,000 and consisted entirely of wages reported on Whitholding Statements (Form W-2) and not more than $100 total of other wages, dividends and interests. If you use this from the internal Revenue Service will compute your tax.

Wheel chair needed to help this child

Readers contribute $43 to cerebral palsy girl

Contributions totaling $43.25 have been sent to Bernice Douglass following the publication of an article in the AFRO which told of the child's need for a folding wheel chair.

A victim of cerebal palsey, the 15-year-old child's world begins and ends within the four walls of her room at 1832 W. Mulberry St., where she sits day after day, unable to move by herself.

Bernice already has a large wheel chair in which she sits during her waking hours, but she needs a smaller and lighter chair in which she can be carried up and down the steps.

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SUCH A CHAIR would enable the brave and smiling youngster to take trips out of doors, something she has not done in almost a year.

The price for the wanted chair ranges in the neighborhood of $75, and to date almost $45 has already been contributed to the mother, Mrs. Anna R. May, by AFRO readers.

The largest single contribution of $25 came from an anoymous donor who expressed the hope that other persons would be moved by the child's story. Another donation of $5 came from an inmate in the House of Correction who also sent along a prayer for the child.

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A SECOND donation came from a reader in Cambridge, Mass., while other sums were received from the following persons:

Mrs. Emma M. Diggs, Frank Hackey, Mrs. Etta Diggs, Miss Ruth Diggs, Mrs. Helen Lee, Mrs. Rosemond Fowler, Mrs. Florence Gray, R. S. Graham, all of Frederick, Md., and Mrs. A. R. Ford and Mrs. G. Johnson of Baltimore.

These persons have helped the child, but she still sits by the window and hopes that soon her dream of feeling the warmth of the sunshine, of hearing the laughter of other children, will come true.

That's her dream, and all she needs is a chair.

Wife hears noises, sees shadows, husbnad warned

James E. Myers, 42, 1000 Eden St. was told in Northwestern Police Court, Tuesday, to stay away from his wife, Mrs. Obella Myers of the 2800 block Walbrook Ave.

The advice was given by Magistrate-at - large Marshall Levin, when Mr. Myers appeared in court to answer a summons issued on the complaint of his wife.

Mrs. Myers testified that she and her husband are jointly purchasing the Walbrook St. property, but are not living together now.

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THE WIFE said that on Jan. 9 she was being visited by Mrs. Bernice Hutchins of the 400 block Walton Ct. and a male friend of Mrs. Hutchins, when her husband came to the house.

Mrs. Myers said that her husband accused her of being unfaithful and made an obscene remark. Since the incident occurred, Mrs. Myers testified, she has been hearing noises on the porch and seeing silhouettes. She thinks it was Mr. Myers.

Josiah F. Henry Jr., who represented the husband, told the court that he had begun proceedings for the sale of the house and an eventual divorce.

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MAGISTRATE LEVIN warned Mr. Meyers to stay away from the Walbrook St. home. The husband was arrested after he failed to appear in c ourt when summonsed previously.

Mr. Myers who listed an address in the 100 block Eden St., was found not guilty on a charge of failing to appear. George Parrish represented Mrs. Myers.

Mother of two in rundown home lived on 88 cents

Think you could feed yourself on 88 cents a week after using your last $15 to pay household bills?

Mrs. Edna Jennings, a 24-year-old mother of the 1800 block Ashland Ave., has been doing just that for over a year. The existence of her condition, however, got her in trouble with the law this week in Housing Court.

She was fined $26.45 for failing to clean up the area around her home. She remained in jail overnight because she was unable to pay the fine.

A friend came to her rescue Thursday and paid the fine.

She unfolded her story before Magistrate Helen E. Brown after a 30-day time limit from the Housing Court ran out.

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WITHIN THAT period she was supposed to have cleaned up her yard which was swarming with rats, remove an old ice box, and tear down a fence.

Mrs. Jennings said she had done none of these things because when the notice arrived last Oct. 19, she was pregnant.

She has been living with her sister in the house left her by her father. Asked why the father of her two children didn't clean up the yard she said they separated in 1952.

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THE $15 SHE receives each week comes through the State's Attorney's office for the support of her children.

The 88 cents she usually has left is used to "buy milk and things for the children."

Reminded that she should do something about the condition of her home she replied: "I couldn't do anything about it, but I'm going to as soon as I can find a job."

She broke into tears when Magistrate Brown informed her: "I'm going to have to fine you $25 and costs."

Mrs. Jennings used her last dime to telephone a friend for help which never arrived. Her sister is caring for the children.

Court rules minister's group could sell property

Judge E. McMaster Duer, sitting in Circuit Court, Tuesday, ruled that the Rev. Hurley L. Long and followers composed the majority of the membership of Little Mount Hebron Baptist Church and therefore had the right to sell the S. Schroeder Street property owned by the congregation.

The pastor and a portion of the membership had been opposed by a section of the congregation lead by Deacon George Jackson, who obtained an injunction to keep the property from being sold.

They charged that the minister had put the property up for sale without giving proper notice to the congregation. They also asked for an accounting for $1,106 raised in an anniversary rally.

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AT THE HEARING on Tuesday it was brought out that by an agreement, on-half of the rally funds were to go to the pastor, whose anniversary was being observed. The Rev. Mr. Long, had, however, given his share to the church.

The sale of the property, two houses at 10 and 12 S. Schroeder St., brought $6,200, which is to be used to purchase a church building at George and Perkins Sts. Rev. Mr. Long was represented by Linwood Koger Sr., attorney.

A peck of curiosity can cause a lot of trouble

When a 16-year-old youth stuck his head in a tailor shop window on Christmas Eve, little did he dream that minutes later he would be up to his neck in more trouble than his young shoulders could bear.

According to testimony bfore Judge Herman Moser in Criminal Court, Friday, here's the way it happened.

George T. Robinson of the 1900 block Druid Hill Ave., had just come from a visit with a girl friend, when he noticed the broken window of a tailor shop in the 1800 block North Ave.

George stuck his head inside and a voice asked:

"What do you want?"

"I'll take a blue charcoal suit," George replied.

Police said that when they arrived, George had an armful of clothes. Arrested along with the youth was "the voice"—Peter N. Penn, 29, of Turners Station. Officers said Penn had taken $15.92 from the place.

Penn received five years in the penitentiary. Sentencing of Robinson was deferred, pending a report by the probation department. Michael F. Freedman represented Robinson.

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