Insurance 'bargains' backfired

By JAMES KAUFMAN

To the man with a bad driving record, it was a chance to get auto insurance; to the man short on cash — or looking for a "bargain" — it was a chance to insure for a little less.

But Aug. 25, the bubble broke, and thousands of Marylanders — mostly "low income people" according to the state, found that all this time they have been co-owners of two big insurance businesses — now big bankrupt businesses.

Soon after Sept. 1 the assessments to pay off the nearly $6 million in claims against the companies began appearing in mailboxes all over Maryland.

About a total of 30,000 to 45,000 assessments of at least $160 per "policy-holder" were sent out by court-appointed receiver — mostly to Prince Georges and Montgomery County residents, but some to city people.

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SINCE "POLICY-HOLDERS" in this case referred to how long a policy was held, not just who held it, those with two or three years of a policy were slated to pay double or triple $160.

John Doe's all over Maryland are now protesting they only bought auto policies with the National Guild Insurance Co. or the Olympic Insurance Co. — the brankrupt firms.

They did not, they say indignantly, buy a share of the $4 million and $2 million in bills the companies owe respectively.

The sting of buying someone else's misery could be felt all the way to the AFRO, where complainers lodged complaints of $250 assessments and more.

Unknowingly they did buy a share of the bills.

They also bought the right to share in the selection of company directors.

Few, if any exercised it.

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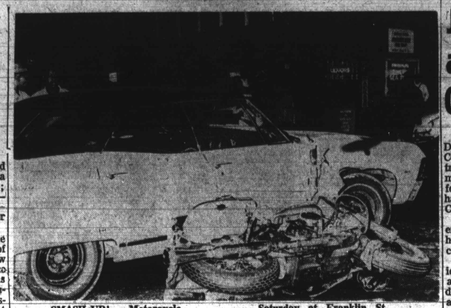
UNDER A business set-up with a long American and Maryland heritage called "mutually assessable" companies, these Marylanders will find their obligations are legally binding.



SMASH UP! — Motorcycle lost to car as two collided Saturday at Franklin St. and Braddish Ave.

WHAT I AM DOING

Two-day conference to study role of Americans of color

The role of the colored citizen in American history, his cultural roots in Africa and his impact on the nation's educational process all will be examined in a two-day conference Sept. 22 and 23 for Baltimore County teachers.

Sponsored by the County's Board of Education and Human Relations Commission, the "Conference on the Life of Colored Americans" will be held at the Pikesville Senior High School Friday from 8 p.m. until 11 and on Saturday from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Conference proceedings are open without charge to professional personnel of the Board of Education and to the general public as well.

"The aim of the sessions is to provide an historical insight into the colored man's life in this country," conference officials said, "and to discuss the implications of civil rights and civil strife on the nation.

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"IN THIS context, the conference also is expected to review the challenges our public schools must confront in relationships between urban and suburban education.

Curriculum Development, Baltimore County Board of Education;

Robert R. Richards, executive director, Teachers' Association of Baltimore County, and Mrs. Wilfred Johnson of Hartford, Conn.

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THIS SESSION is scheduled to run from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. There will be an hour luncheon break.

The conference will conclude with an address, beginning at 12:30 p.m., by Lerone Bennett, Jr., senior editor of Ebony Magazine, a colored author and social historian. A question and answer period is to follow his remarks, and the conference is scheduled to end at 2 p.m.

During the course of the conference, exhibits from book publishers, African Embassies and examples of art by colored artists will be on display.

Co-chairmen of the conference are H. Clifton Osborn, supervisor, of Social Studies, County Board of Education, and Edgar L. Feingold, executive director, County Human Relations Commission.

Mrs. Marion S. Sjodin, Commission Executive Secretary is Conference Secretary, and the members of the conference committee are;

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JOSIAH A. BLACKLOCK, coordinator of Social Studies, Board of Education; David Donald, director, Institute of Southern History, Johns Hopkins University; Walter Fisher, director of the Library, Morgan State College; Mrs. Dorothy Green, librarian, Holabird Junior High School;

Mrs. Charles Hildenbrand, vice chairman, Human Relations Commission; Nicholas M. Schloeder, teacher of American History, Gilman School; and Charles A. Springer, teacher of American history, Woodlawn Senior High School.

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Julian asks apology for Colts' show

Dr. Emerson R. Julian, Democratic nominee for City Council from the Fourth District, issued a scathing indictment of the display of Confederate flags Sunday at the half-time ceremonies at the Colts-Falcons game.

"'Only in America' is an expression that we have heard so often that it has become somewhat trite.

"Yesterday, 'Only in America' was clearly played with a sour note at Memorial Stadium when I, my children and thousands of other spectators at the Colt game were 'treated' to the half-time entertainment provided by the Yankee Rebels of Maryland.

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"Their parading of nine confederate flags and only one American flag on the stadium field was an act certainly tantamount to public defamation of, and total disregard for the feelings and sensitivities of the entire colored community of which I and my children are a proud part.

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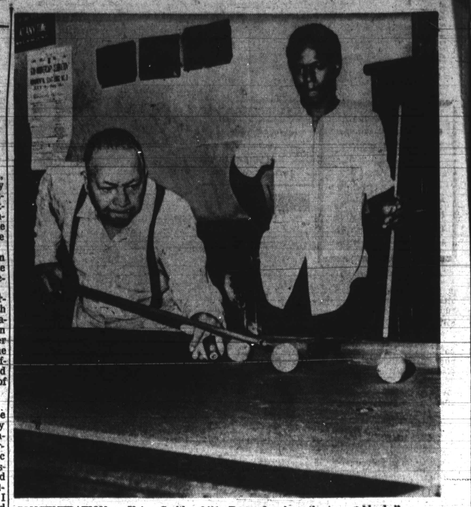
"This action was, to me, extremely represensible, irresponsible and inexcusable.

"I therefore call upon the Colt management not only for an apology to their colored fans and our community for this affront to them, but also for a firm and definite assurance that such will never again occur."

Brown pleads not guilty

George Melvin Brown, 3000 block Seamon Ave., appeared in Criminal Court Monday before Judge Edwin Wolf to plead not guilty to the murder of Mrs. Edna Pierce Carter, the Crownsville State



CONCENTRATION — Veteran pool player, Ronnie Smith, 2401 Pennsylvania Ave. enjoys a game with the 'young bloods.'

'YOU ARE BOUND BY BOND OF COLOR'

Morgan faculty spanked for staying 'aloof' from inner city

Parren Mitchell, director of Baltimore's Community Action Agency, chided the integrated Morgan State College faculty for staying "aloof" from the people in the inner city.

Mr. Mitchell, a Morgan graduate, was invited by President Martin Jenkins to speak at the annual dinner for faculty members and their spouses, in the Memorial Refectory, Friday night.

Dr. Jenkins, in his introductory remarks, stated that "as much as the college is doing, it is not doing enough."

Mr. Mitchell, in supporting this statement, said, "Although I do not agree with

he was "very frightened" because "unless this problem is solved we might have a civil war."

He closed by saying he was "naive enough to believe that Democracy is the best system. The only place it is not working is in the inner city."

Among the guests at the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. William Wilson, Dr. Elaine Davis and Judge Robert Watts, Mr. and Mrs. Mathias DeVita, all members of the Board of Trustees of the State Colleges; Mr. and Mrs. Comer S. Coppie and Dr. and Mrs. Jerusa Wilson, of the executive staff of the board.

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Mysterious Bench Death Probed

Gunfire, mortars leave GI's numb

By MIKE DAVIS
AFRO Correspondent

SAIGON — What does it feel like to be in the middle of a fierce fire fight? What does a man think about when mortars and bullets are flying overhead and his friends are being killed and wounded all around him?

The AFRO talked with three soldiers in Vietnam this week who have been in a number of rough fire fights.

Pfc. Emmett Lee Jr. of Corsicana, Tex. was walking through high elephant grass in the central highlands of Vietnam when the jungle silence was broken by the reports of automatic weapons.

"We couldn't see anything," he said. "We took up defensive positions and the radio man attempted to call our base camp and ask for air support.

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"I WAS NUMB with fear and I seemed to be loading my weapon and firing auto-

where the North Vietnamese were. They were shooting out of the brush and most of the shots were going over our heads. I don't think they knew exactly where we were.

"After a few minutes we got organized and marked off sectors for each man to defend.

"We had been walking through the jungle for a long time and we were loaded down with a lot of equipment.

"'I remember that I was very tired and all I wanted to do was lie down and rest.

"I didn't think too much about getting wounded or killed until after it was all over.

"THIS WAS MY first time in combat under fire but I had talked to a lot of the fellows in my unit. It was different from the way they said it would be.

"Most of all I remember the pretty colors in the jungle and I remember thinking to myself 'this is a hell of a

Money Man makes last call Friday

With less than a week to run (it ends Saturday) the Lucky Coin contest draws near its end with four winners splitting $48.

Taking the lion's share of the booty was Mrs. Louise Cummings, 1612 E. 29th St., who won $30 for her top number, 53,389.

A member of the Apostolic Faith Church, Mrs. Cummings is a faithful AFRO reader who would like to see more feature stories.

Winning $6 for having both lucky coin and AFRO, was Leon Haynie, 1737 N. Carey St.

Mr. Haynie is a retired rigger who attends Provident Baptist Church.

Mrs. Ethel Hill, 3227 Yosemite Ave., and Mr. Riley Mills, 728 N. Cumberland St., were also $6 winners.

Mrs. Hill, a housewife, attends Douglass Memorial Community Church and enjoys all the news in the

Young father was wearing orange pants

By JAMES KAUFMAN

The body of Calvin Johnson — a man described by his 16-year-old widow as "interested in people he hardly even knew" — will undergo medical tests this week as police seek clues to his mysterious death.

Western District police found Mr. Johnson lying dead Saturday morning on a bench outside the Murphy Homes, 700 block W. Mulberry St.

Police said Mrs. Geneva Brice, of the 700 block W. Saratoga St., noticed from her apartment window a man "who appeared to be in an intoxicated state" lying on a bench outside. This was at about 4 a.m., police said.

When she still saw the man lying on the bench at about 6:30 a.m., she called the police.

Police examined Mr. Johnson, a 24-year-old orderly at South Baltimore General Hospital, who lived at a nearby