

Baltimore Schoolgirl Wins \$16,000 in Spelling on TV

NEW YORK, Aug. 24.—(AP)

—A 12 year old Baltimore schoolgirl, grinning wide in self-confidence, has spelled herself to the \$16,000 mark on "The \$64,000 Question" television show.

Gloria Lockerman calmly spelled out this sentence:

"The belligerent astigmatic anthropologist annihilated innumerable chrysanthemums."

The little Negro girl was acute and methodical as Master of Ceremonies Hal March read her the sentence last night. She asked him a question. Did he want that last word singular or plural?

Before the show, Governor Theodore McKeldin of Maryland had sent Gloria a telegram saying:

"We're all watching you and all certain that you will pass

the \$16,000 barrier just as easily as you completed the earlier hurdles."

Gloria's success last night makes her eligible to try for \$32,000 next Tuesday night in her spelling category on the show.

The decision whether to keep the \$16,000 or go on is up to her grandmother, Mrs. Bertha Key.

If Gloria tries for \$32,000 and misses, she still will have a consolation prize of \$4,000. If she tries and wins, she can go on to the \$64,000 question the next week.

All the child's winnings will be put into a trust fund, where the money will be kept until she needs it for her education or reaches legal age.