—Mrs. Chester

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more, the area where she resided many years, Mesdames Viola James, Annie Brown and Ellen Moore Jones.

Of course Mr. Chester, his wife, the former Miss Georgeanna McMechen, Georgeanna McMechen, Chester and sister Mrs. Beulah Giles, Philadelphia, were there.

Mrs. Chester's husband and father of the children, William Wesley Chester, died in 1962 after they had been married 36 years.

Mrs. Chester was born Nov. 15, 1875, daughter of a local Druid Hill Ave. barber, and his wife the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Griffin.

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Mr. Chester tells the AFRO that his mother possesses a marvelous memory and can recall when her father worked at the Customs Office and they had to move out the records because of the history-making Great Baltimore Fire of 1904.

She also recalls when the city had horse cars for public transportation.

He states that she attributes her long life to her eating bananas as often as she wishes every day.

Quoting the jolly lady, he says, "She can eat them anytime day or night with out indigestion and she has at least three or four a day, sometimes two at a sitting."

Coincidently, Mr. Chester remarks, recently a friend of his said that his physician recommended eating bananas for good health.

Mr. Chester left his post as science teacher at Northwestern High School this week and spent some time observing at the Court of Common Pleas in the Courthouse. He had been a city school teacher since 1946, a total of 24 years.

His wife, the daughter of the late lawyer, George McMechen, who formed the first black law firm with her uncle, Abby Hawkins, is presently head of the Edmondson High School music department. They have been married 28 years.

Their daughter, Paula, is music teacher at Franklin Square Elementary School No. 95.

THEODORE R. McKELDIN

—McKeldin

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United Methodist Church in Rockville, Montgomery County, at the 9 a.m. and 11 services.

Then on Thanksgiving Day, he will be narrator at services at the Second Presbyterian Church in this city.

Those who have known Ted McKeldin down through the years know him as a man who loves to speak before church congregations, whatever the faith or race. He adapts easily and is at home, apparently, any place he goes.

Friends of Mr. McKeldin, including former Gov. J. Millard Tawes, former Mayor Thomas J. D'Alesandro Jr., and present Mayor Thomas J. D'Alesandro 3rd, are holding a private luncheon for him at 12 noon today at the Belvedere Hotel to help him celebrate his birthday.

Happy birthday, Ted McKeldin!

—Killed on job

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gency leave from Vietnam, where he is in military service.

"She really loved her brother," said Miss Barker. "She was always saying 'I'll be glad when my brother comes home.'"

She is also survived by a 9-year-old daughter, Diane, and an 18-year-old sister, Miss Gladys Allen, who was cut by broken glass when Mr. Sye allegedly fired at her in the cleaners after shooting Mrs. Allen.

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Schools money plea now faces Council

By MAX JOHNSON

The City Council is bracing itself to receive Monday evening Mayor Thomas J. D'Alesandro's supplemental budget request of $2.8 million, to relieve the Department of Education's critical financial plight.

The ordinances are not expected to be greeted warmly, for little warmness exists between some key elements of this Council and the Department of Education, particularly its School Board.

Whatever salvation for the measures is seen contained in two factors:

1. Few Council members are brazen enough at this time openly to reject vitally needed educational advantages;

2. The Council faces an election next year.

Nonetheless, the supplemental budget request is sure to provide some stormy sessions, and a ready sounding board for several of the known recalcitrant Council members.

Whatever is done must be done with dispatch, for the Council is scheduled to adjourn for the Christmas Holidays on Dec. 14, three weeks hence.

The supplemental budget request comes in two ordinances. One asks $1.5 million for books and supplies, and another seeking $1.1 million to employ on a full time basis 140 teachers who were hired on a part-time scale.

The Board of Estimates received, the reuquest last week, and on Friday George L. Russell Jr., city solicitor, and Robert Edelson, one of his assistants, held that the ordinances are valid, and that the source of revenue proposed may be used for funding the appropriations.

In essence, the $1.5 million would be financed with unexpected surpluses from the last fiscal year, and the $1.1 million would come from additional state aid and $342,000 in settlement of disputed water system improvements involving Baltimore County.

Here is some background on the supplemental budget request by Dr. Thomas D. Sheldon, superintendent of schools, who wrote the Board of Estimates on Nov. 6:

"During the past several months members of the Department of Education and the City Department of Finance have been studying the effects of the FY 71 Department of Education budget on the operations of our public schools.

"These operations have been most severely curtailed by insufficient allocations for professional staff and classified personnel, and through the fact that it was necessary to curtail pporximately $3.8 million of text material and equipment expenditures at the close of FY 71 in order to effect a balanced budget.

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"In view of the very serious situation existing in our school system as noted above and the availability of the resources, the Board of School Commissioners respectfully requests that your honorable board approve a supplemental budget request to the City Council in the amount of $2,623,400."

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Tight money crisis faces city budget

In one of his grimmest statements to date on the financial crisis facing Baltimore, Mayor Thomas J. D'Alesandro 3rd ordered city department heads Thursday to immediately institute sharp cutbacks in services where possible.

He ordered that the leanest possible budgets be presented for the coming fiscal year.

The mayor warned that for the city to provide the same municipal services next year as now in effect would cost an additional $21 million over the present budget.

This, he stated, would require a 76-cent hike in the already record high property tax rate of $5.34.

Mayor D'Alesandro said he wants to hold the tax rate at least in the neighborhood of its present level.

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Having earlier said that it might be necessary to fire some city employees to meet necessary expenditures, the mayor was careful Thursday to duck this point in his statement to the agency heads.

He did say that in drawing the reduced budgets, it "should be done where possible by allowing normal attrition to absorb the reduction with the funds reallocated rather than by laying off personnel."

Here is the complete text of Mayor D'Alesandro's statement:

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"I asked City Department heads to meet with me today (Thursday) in order to set up the course of action I want each of them to follow as they prepare their budgets for the next fiscal year.

"In doing this, I stressed:

"1. There are to be no new expenditures in the cost of operating programs.

"2. Negotiations for salary increases or benefits will be contingent upon economies realized by these policies, and what additional revenue sources are made available by the General Assembly.

"3. They are to submit to me the leanest possible budget, pointing out areas of services which can be reduced, even if only by one job.

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"Moreover, I emphasized that budget projections must reflect a serious and genuine response to the city's financial plight. That means submitting budgets which hold to this year's level of dollar expenditures.

"Additionally, I asked each department to develop an alternate budget which shows a five percent reduction in local dollar expenditure for fiscal 1971.

"I told them this should be done where possible, by allowing normal attrition to absorb the reduction with the funds reallocated rather than by laying off personnel.

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"As all of you have heard and read in the past few days, the Director of Finance has submitted a bleak and gloomy report on the projected city budget for fiscal 1971-72.

—CORE says

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Cities Agency who is awarded the $93,000 contract to CORE which financed the Half-Way House.

Following their investigation the steering committee recommended that the contract be withdrawn from CORE and turned over to a local offshoot of CORE, the Target City Youth Program, Inc. which is headed by Mr. Holmes.

Mr. Innis opposes this action and declared that "CORE was not given a chance to speak. Because of what we consider illegal and unfair procedures and lack of due process offered CORE we will seek injunctions of the action against the Model Cities agency."

While legal proceedings are pending and because of the emergency situation, the CORE chief said, "Charles Cook, a national officer from Cleveland and a very experienced project director has been brought in to be the interim director of halfway house to straighten out the mess and get the project rolling.

"In addition to this, he will find a permanent director of the project from Baltimore. In the Halfway House project he is the only non-local person employed if a black man can ever be considered non-local in a black community," Mr. Innis concluded.

HELP SOMEBODY this Christmas. Send your contribution to Mrs. Santa, AFRO Charities Inc., P.O. Box 1897, Baltimore, Md., 21203.

—TCYP says

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"merely smoke screens covering up this power grab."

In renouncing Mr. Innis' position against him, Mr. Holmes said "this statements came as no surprise to me. He is an ineffective leader and this quality has led to the deterioration of the organization around the country."

Mr. Holmes accused Roy Innis of "exploiting the last HEW contract awarded to national CORE to the detriment both financially and physically of the project and seriously effecting the benefits the trainees should have received.

"When this exploitation was attempted on the Model Cities Halfway House project," Mr. Holmes declared, "a determination was made by my entire staff that TCYP would split from the CORE organization and fight to keep the program from being destroyed as other CORE projects have been."

Mr. Holmes stated that he therefore took steps "to protect financial and other records of the project which will clearly point out the wrong doings and problems TCYP has been faced with."

Among these records, Mr. Holmes claims, which were examined by Model Cities' auditors before the $93,000 contract for the Halfway House was awarded, "is proof that no real question as to the leases or any misappropriations of any funds exists."

In conclusion he declared, "It is with great reluctance that I have to make a public statement against a black brother, but it is necessary at this time to defend the integrity of good hard working staff members here in Baltimore.

"I have informed Mr. Innis by telegram that his misrepresentation of the facts and his bully tactics will not prevail in Baltimore because men of honor and justice will not allow it."

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