200 attend celebration for Turner Station health center

More than 200 persons from the Turner Station Community and surrounding area turned out for the open house celebration of the Turner Health Center Sunday afternoon.

The building houses the health facilities that were previously located for 10 years in the Soliers Homes Administration building.

The center was moved when the Turner Health Committee, Robert Abbot chairman, decided not to invest anymore money in privately owned property.

Plans to move the center began about five years ago.

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PUBLIC CONTRIBUTIONS totaled $4,000 and another $5,000 was raised through churches, schools, private individuals and service, fatenal civic and social organizations.

Banquets, dances and other affairs were also used to raise funds, and these affairs are continuing to raise more money for the center.

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IN SEPTEMBER 1960, the committee purchased a duplex home 11-13 South Lane, in the Dundalk community for $9,300 and converted it into a health center.

The committee bought paint, curtains and other matherials for the inside of the building. Mr. Abbott said the outside of the building is due for a painting and touching up in the near future.

A total of $2,000 was spent in renovating the new center and $725 was used when the oil furnace had to be replaced.

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AN X-RAY machine from the Baltimore County Public Health Association was installed when the center opened for business in February.

Other additions to the building include two folding walkers and a wheel chair donated by the Northern Central District of the American Legion Woman's Auxiliary, $25 and two baby layetts from the Towson Health Center.

Mrs. John Chilcote, vice-president of the auxiliary, made the presentation for her group.

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OTHER EQUIPMENT in the center was furnished by the Baltimore County Public Health Association.

Charles Law Funeral Home and the Dundalk Health Center sent flowers to the open house.

The center serves an estimated 7,000 persons.

The staff includes Dr. William C. Wade, Dr. Joseph H. Thomas, Dr. Cecil Rudner; two public health nurses, Mesdames Ann Parker and Evelyn Moran, and a secretary, Mrs. Drayde McGuire.

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THREE CLINCS are held by the center which is open daily 8:30 to 4:30 p.m.

The well baby clinic which seeks to keep children healthy by giving them shots to protect against common diseases and instructing mothers in the care of their babies, is held three times a month.

The polio and chest clinics are held once a month.

Among the guests was Mrs. Helen Corbin, executive secretary of the Baltimore County Public Health Association.

Also in attendance were members of the Turner Health Center Committee of which Mr. Abbott is chairman.

They are Mesdames Alberta Eley, Josephine Venerable, Carrie Delks, Marie Wilson, Beatrice Winston, Margaret Abbott, Marguerite Cain, Mary Temple, Viola Devine and E. S. McDaniel.

OPEN HOUSE — An open house for the Turner Station Community Health Center brought more than 200 persons from the Turner Community to view the building. Standing in front of the building are members of the Turner Health Committee, representatives from donating organizations, and members of the food committee that provided free refreshments to visitors. The two walkers and wheel chair were donated by the Northern Central District of the American Legion Women's Auxiliary.

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AFRO writer enters hospital

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Oliver AFRO writer, entered Sinai Hospital for surgery on Monday. She is in room 338, and expects to be confined for at least a week.

A NEW HEALTH CENTER FOR TURNER — This is the Turner Health Center. It is located at 11-13 South Lane and is a renovated duplex building which was converted into a health center. The center has been in operation since February.

37 named to honor society in ceremonies at Morgan

Thirty - seven new freshmen and sophomore members were initiated into the Promethean Kappa Tau Honor Society at Morgan State College recently.

Five pledgees were named to the society from February entrants to the college.

The pledgees students are: **Yvonne C. Allen, Germaine S. Dennaker, Osborne B. Dixon, Tona A. Smith and Lawrence J. Valentine.**

The initiation charge to new members was given by assistant dean of the College, Eugene Stanley. Following this, Edward N. Wilson, registrar of the college presented certificates and pins to new members.

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NEW MEMBERS are: Marion E. Artis, Valentina J. Ball, Alice A. Brown, Carvin Cook, Dale J. Covington, James E. Crosse, Johnetta C. Daugherty, Christanta Dejesus, Dorothy A. Duvall, Cheila B. Early, Barbara D. Evans and Tony B. Ewell.

Others are: Dennis J. Fisher, Bernice L. Gibson, M. Yvonne Gilkes, Linda L. Hackett, Hugh M. Harris, Carol R. Jenkins, Carol L. Johnson, Blanche J. Jones, Beverly E. Lipscomb, Ralph D. McCloud and Levin C. Mathews.

Also Carolyn J. May, Bernice E. Morris, Mildred E. Nunnally, Claude A. Parker, Jestine A. Pinder, Vicki A. Reed, Patricia A. Roberts, Curtis R. Smothers, Nikolaos Soumilas, Alletha N. Stanford, Barbara J. Strickland, Betty J. Swan, and Randolph Williams.

Dennis J. Fisher, a blind student from City College, who was initiated into the society, later was awarded a plaque for having the highest scholastic average among the male freshmen students for the first semester.

Gregory Miller presented the award on behalf of the Beta Alpha Alpha Chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

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Knox bypassed in elections post

Arthur W. Sherwood, 34 year-old attorney, was named by Gov. J. Millard Tawes Wednesday as the Republican minority member of Baltimore's Supervisors of Elections Board.

He will serve as an interim appointee and will not come up for Senate confirmation until the General Assembly meets next yehr.

The appointment of Mr. Sherwood killed the hopes of supporters of Augustus D. Knox, prominent GOP stalwart, who had urged that a colored person be named to the post.

Meanwhile, Gov. Tawes has still another person to name to this board.

Basil A. Thomas, one of the two Democratic members, has resigned to accept appointment as one of the new Municipal Court judges.

Thomas D'Alesandro 3rd is the other member and president of the board.

The delayed appointment of the GOP minority member came when the city senators last month rejected Gov. Tawes' selection of Charles A. Dorsey, a former board member.

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Worthy speaks here Saturday

"The Truth Behind the Cuban Invasion" will be the topic of the talk to be delivered this Saturday by William Worthy at Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church, 2320 Reisterstown Rd.

Mr. Worthy is being sponsored by the Baltimore Chapter of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee. The meeting begins at 8:30 p.m.

Mr. Worthy is a correspondent for the AFRO-AMERICAN.

Illegal operation case to grand jury

Charged in Pine St. Police Court Friday with performing an illegal operation on a 14 - year - old girl, Mrs. Zelma Alberta Foulks, 36, 1400 block Mountmor Ct., was ordered held for grand jury action.

Sgt. Ethyle Divens, police woman handling the investigation in the case, requested that the case be made a special one to the grand jury for immediate attention.

Bishop Love at Miami meeting

Bishop Edgar A. Love, resident bishop of the Baltimore Area, the Methodist Church, and the Rev. J. B. A. Dyson, district superintendent of the North Baltimore District, Washington Conference, attended the meeting of the General Board of Evangelism in Miami Beach, Fla.

Crownsville plans Open House

Crownsville State Hospital has scheduled an Open House on Sunday, May 7, from 1 to 4 p.m. as part of its observance of Mental Health Week.

The hospital has arranged to have busses available to transport visitors They will leave the State Office Building at 10 a.m. Interested persons may call BE. 5-9786.

Granger due at local meeting

The Peace Corps in the United States will be the subject of an addresss by Morris B. Abram, acting general counsel of the Peace Corps, at the annual meeting of the Maryland State Conference of Social Welfare on May 3.

The private citizens organization, which has a membership of over 1,300, will meet in day long session at the Oheb Shalom Congregation on Park Heights Avenue.

A discussion will follow by Lester B. Granger, executive secretary, National Urban League, and Dr. Julian W. Reed, assistant professor of medicine, Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Albert Berney, president of the Conference, will preside. Dr. Furman L. Templeton is chairman of the program committee.

E. Lloyd Davis gets study grant from Carnegie Corp.

The Scholarship Committee of the University of Omaha has awarded E. Lloyd Davis, business manager of Morgan State College, a grant from the Carnegie Corporation of New York to attend the 1961 Short Course Business Management this summer.

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The Evolution Of Boy's Village

- **The present Boys' Village was established in 1872 to rehabilitate boys, but never did.**
- **Officials at the school at one time rented the boys out to farm owners for $100 a year. The boys never received any of the money.**
- **In 1937 the State took over the school and when attempts to integrate the staff and board were made, several staff members resigned.**
- **School now has modern buildings and practices modern treatment.**

By George Collins

"This institution will rank as one of the most outstanding of its kind in America."

The speaker was Gov. J. Millard Tawes as he addressed an assembly at Boys' Village, last week.

He was guest speaker at ceremonies dedicating two of the latest buildings to be added to the training school, once known as Cheltenham, home for wayward boys.

The governor was predicting a status Boys' Village expects to achieve by late summer, 1961.

This is a far cry from names used to describe the 89 - year - old institution in the past.

According to the record, all concerned generally agreed that to call it a national disgrace was being more than kind.

Until recent years, such graphic tags as "torture chamber," "hell hole," "concentration camp," "slave colony," and "house of horrors," were heard when discussions of the training school came up.

From facts on file at the AFRO morgue, these graphic titles appear justified.

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BOYS' VILLAGE, formerly known as the House of Reformation for Colored Boys and Cheltenham, was opened in 1872 to rehabilitate colored juveniles who had run afoul of the law.

Until recent years, the school couldn't have been accused of justifying the purpose for its existence.

Instead, it proved to be a colossal success in returning hardened and bitter youths to the community.

In 1927, published reports detailed how the institution released boys confined there to plantation owners.

Beaten, starved, half clothed and worked seven days a week, they lived in slavery with little chance of escape.

Although white plantation owners paid the institution $100 yearly for working the youths, according to accounts, the boys never saw a dime of the money.

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AT THE school, the all-white staff was accused of tormenting young, defenseless boys with all manners of inhuman treatment.

Brutality was part and parcel of the rehabilitation program, published accounts of the 20's and 30's declared.

Boys returning from the then Cheltenham gave vivid descriptions of how they were forced to stand in awkward and strenuous positions for hours as punishment for minor offenses.

One returnee told the AFRO many boys were beaten so badly, school officials would hide them in solitary confinement when their parents visited.

Parents were told they had escaped.

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ESCAPING FROM the "hell hole" in 1939, one youth told of others, refused medical treatment when injured while working or by beatings, who died without ever getting hospitalization.

The food, he said, was fit only for pigs. Guards got the best part while the boys only got scraps, if any at all.

Decent clothing, shoes, and food while at the training school were only a dream as far as inmates were concerned, the youth declared.

Brown bread and black molasses constituted the main bill of fare, an AFRO story of 1936 revealed.

Another account of life in the "hell hole," which then Gov. Nice called a "blot on the name of the Free State," dealt with violence among youths.

No effort was made to separate them according to age and seriousness of offense for which they were committed.

This arrangement resulted in endless fights, many resulting in death. But always concealed by the all-white staff.

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ONE SUCH incident, according to a 1936 report, involved two 15-year-old youths. One, confined for having killed a girl, was himself beaten to death with a baseball bat.

The bat - wielder, committed for killing a child while driving a stolen car, was exonerated when attendants stated the former was injured while falling down the stairway.

Other returnees told of perverted sex practices, involving school attendants. Any boy refusing to "cooperate" was punished. This included vicious beatings, restricted diets and solitary confinement.

A letter smuggled out of the school and mailed to the Committee to Abolish Cheltenham, complained that boys were being beaten with pick handles, iron pipes, and hearing threats of being "pine boxed" (killed) from guards. One was actually shot.

Pulling frozen kale without gloves, picking hay in rain and snow, cleaning the grounds without sufficient clothes, were among other charges in letters slipped out of the institution.

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WHEN INMATES complained, they were put in solitary for an indefinite period of time, according to the boys, and fed bread and water.

Attendants made sure the bread was brick - hard before it was given them, along with state water.

Youths were sent to solitary confinement for anything attendants considered an infraction of rules, it was charged.

Those included anything from eating food sent by one's family to not moving fast enough for a guard.

Upon release from dark and damp dungeon - like cells, inmates were greeted with 100 lashes on their naked body, a letter signed "Inmate" declared.

In the early 30's the reputation of Cheltenham triggered several movements, including efforts to abolish it altogether, or have the state take over.

For more than two decades, grand juries from Baltimore and Prince Georges County condemned the institution with monotonous regularity.

Government agencies, community groups, churches and individuals followed suit until the name Cheltenham stood for all that was repulsive.

Yet all efforts to improve conditions met with little success as long as it fell under the control of "private interest" who found it a source of easy money.

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FINALLY IN 1937, the state took over the school. Although the mountain of crises didn't disappear, at least some efforts for improvement got off the ground.

Agreeing that one of the main sources of the lingering ills could be found in the all-white staff, government officials and citizens launched movements to integrate the staff and board of managers.

These moves created new crises. Raging controversies over segregation and discrimination took over the headlines.

The bitterness created by the endless hassles resulted in the resignation of many staff members, including the chairman of the board of managers.

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DUE CHIEFLY to its sordid past, and a brilliant expose by the AFRO, conditions at Cheltenham took on an encouraging look during the 40's.

Judge Charles E. Moylan Sr., was named head of the Juvenile Division of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore.

City courts were the source of the bulk of Boys' Village population. This fact caused Judge Moylan to take a personal interest in trying to eradicate the role thus far served by the training school — "The dumping ground for problem youngsters," is the way he remembers it.

With Judge Moylan's interest, blistering attacks from newspapers, citizens groups, and welfare agencies gradually brought some semblance of a bona fide training to Boys' Village.

Convinced of the wisdom in having a colored staff operate the all-colored institution, concerned officials appointed same in 1947. The board of managers followed suit the following year.

During the 40's too, the name Cheltenham, along with some of the evils associated with it, disappeared.

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THE PRESENT superintendent, Lawson J. Veney, became head in 1949. Under his administration, the institution began justifying its existence.

A scientific approach to the problem of rehabilitating wayward youths soon became evident.

Floggins, solitary confinement, starvation diets and general inhuman treatment were replaced with tried and proven methods of preparing youngsters to return to a useful life in the community.

Mr. Veney is the first to admit that the school is far from being a correctional Utopia. But he takes justifiable pride in the distance it has covered on the ladder of progress.

The present rate of youngsters returning to the school following initial confinement is 30 per cent, records show. This compares favorably with a national average of 50 per cent.

There is also encouragement in another vital statistic, runaways. Today's rate of runaways stands at an average of 50 per year. This contrasts with an average of 100 per month in bygone days.

It is no longer the inevitable subject of critical grand juries reports.

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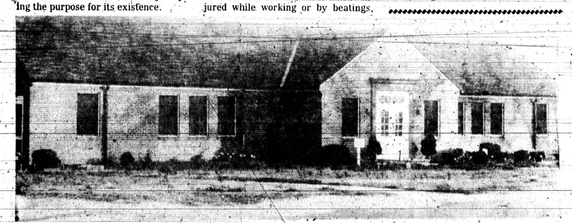
TODAY THE beautiful campus is dotted with 70 - odd buildings, housing modern and adequate facilities for the 250 boys and 172 staff members.

Present day Boys' Village attendants, unlike those of yesteryear, are a group of highly trained experts in the art of rehabilitating wayward boys.

A greater truth is rarely uttered. Obviously, Howard H. Murphy, State Welfare Board member, in whose honor a $220,000 building was named, last week, was thinking of the old and new school when he said:

"Boys' Village has come a long way."

A greater truth is rarely uttered.



ONE OF MANY—Colbert Cottage, one of 70-odd buildings now dotting the campus of Boys' Village. With the completion of the Murphy Building in late summer, Gov. J. Millard Tawes said the school's building problem will be solved.

Murphy Bldg.

The Howard H. Murphy Building, dedicated last week, will be ready for use by late summer. For the first time in its history, it will enable Boys' Village to place juvenile delinquents in a rehabilitation program best suited to their needs.

It will be known as the Admission and Orientation Cottage where newcomers will be tested and orientated to determine how they fit in the overall scheme.

An average of 25 boys will spend the first six weeks of their stay at the institution here.

The modern and scientifically equipped cottage will remedy the age-old evil of lumping all youth together in a hodge-podge treatment program, with no consideration for individual needs.

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IN MANING the new building in his honor, the state was taking official recognition of the valuable service Mr. Murphy has rendered its welfare agencies over the past 26 years.

Dr. William E. Henry, board president, said it best while introducing the honoree:

"Champion of the underprivileged, great scholar, great leader and gentleman."

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DUNGEON OF THE PAST—This damp, dark cellar basement room was once security quarters at Boys' Village. Then board secretary, Wallace Rehll, points to cavelike hole where boys were held in confinement.

Board Of Managers

The Board of Managers of Boys' Village has been instrumental in lifting the correction institution from its lowly state of ill repute and disgrace.

It is made up of prominent citizens who are acutely aware of the needs of youngsters who find themselves under the school's jurisdiction.

The managers are a symbol of what Gov. J. Millard Tawes called the "dramatic transformation of Boys' Village."

They represent the last of four cycles in which the board has undergone during the school's life.

IT WAS first all - white, then integrated, now all - colored.

Consistent with recent decrees integrating all state institutions, it will soon again become an integrated body, working with an integrated staff, serving an integrated student body in search of a common goal — rehabilitation.

In addition to Mr. William E. Henry, board president, other members are

Mrs. Violet Hill Whyte, Charles Cornish, Dr. Robert G. McGuire, Joseph H. Neal, Garret D. Rawlings, Leonard Curlin, Clarence Anthony and William T. Briddell.

BURHA Services

By Max Johnson

Two valuable aids have been set up in the Harlem Park Urban Renewal Area for property owners who will be required to bring their homes up to the strict standards set by the Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing Agency.

After your property has been inspected and a notice sent you stating the violations to be corrected, the following services are available at the BURHA Harlem Park Office, 801 N. Arlington Ave., from the—

1. Senior housing renewal estimator, who may:

A. Advise you as to the reasonable cost of improvements required to remove your violations.

B. Make suggestions as to the time and material to be used.

C. Help you prepare work specifications of the job that has to be done.

D. Help you with unusual problems by consulting with contractors, engineers and inspectors.

E. Assist you in reviewing any contracts that you may sign to include all work that is to be done at a fair price.

F. Assist you in following up the work as it is being done to see that all items in the contract are properly performed.

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2. PROPERTY RENEWAL investment advisor, who may:

A. Advise you on finance and improvements.

B. Introduce you to lending agencies who are lending money in the area.

C. Assist you in preparing loan applications.

D. Explain the advantages of certain types of financing.

All of the above services are free.

R. Clarke Davis, chief of renewal operations for this BURHA area, offered this explanation:

"We are hoping through these services to keep people from signing contracts where they will be abused by unfair practice."

This is a new BURHA service to be established in an urban renewal area.

The Harlem Park Area has five housing estimators and four property investment advisors to conduct these new aids for property owners.

Mr. Davis has a staff of 45 persons.

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THIS AREA'S BURHA office moved to 801 N. Arlington Ave. Monday, from its former location at 724 N. Carrollton Ave.

The Harlem Park Urban Renewal Area is bounded on the north by Lafayette Ave.; on the east by Fremont Ave.; on the south by Franklin St., and Monroe St. on the west.

Inspections of 540 properties have been completed in eight of the area's square blocks.

Mr. Davis revealed that 7,828 violations of city codes, relating to housing, health and fire prevention, have been uncovered in the eight square blocks inspected.

The law provides that the city may acquire any property where the violations are not corrected within one year after the owner is given notice of them by BURHA.

While BURHA now offers the property owner assistance in obtaining financing for necessary repairs, the agency itself has no money - lending arrangements.

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REHABILITATION PLANS for the Harlem Park Urban Renewal Area will necessitate the relocation of approximately 400 families.

Homes and structures on side streets within the area's square blocks are to be acquired by the city and demolished.

These inner blocks are to be made into park - like recreation areas — each designed in accordance with the wishes of the residents of the square blocks.

This means that the existing private garages throughout the area will no longer remain.

BURHA's new office at 801 N. Arlington Ave. provides three floors and a basement for office space.

The first floor has a large room which will be used for meetings of community groups.

This property, adjacent to Lafayette Square, was acquired at a cost of $25,000, and rehabilitating expenses totaled $34,125.

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THE HOUSE, built before the Civil War, was once a private family mansion. Both the American Institute of Architects and one of the local museums have found it noteworthy both historically and architecturally and have made it a subject of considerable study.

Although the house was in need of extensive repairs, every effort was made to preserve its original design features. Colonial columns on the front and side of the house, for example, were left standing.

The house was converted to office use without removing any of the existing partitions or substantially altering the interior.

When renewal in Harlem Park is substantially complete, the building will be sold and should continue to enhance the neighborhood for many years.

Health Notes

The respiratory stimulant, Emivan, a life - saving drug rigorously tested in hospital emergency wards for the last two years, has been made available for general use by physicians.

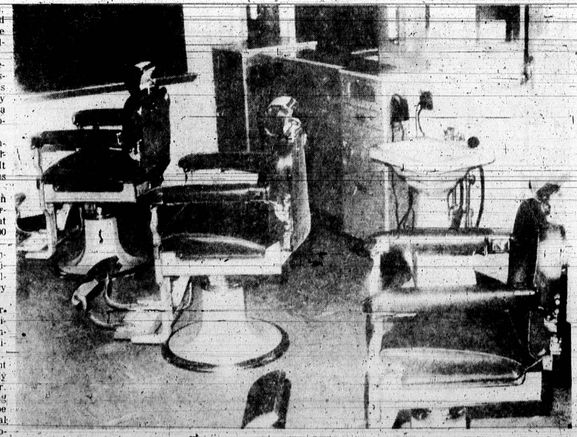
Emivan will be employed to revive persons in coma from overdosage of barbiturates, other sedatives and hypnotics, narcotics, and many depressant chemicals, according to a spokesman for the firm, which produced the compound.

Chemically, Emivan is 3 - methoxyl - 4 - hydrobenzoic acide diethyramide, a vanillac acid derivative. It is administered both by intravenous injection and by mouth.

In clinical tests Emivan has been employed successfully to lighten surgical anesthesia as well as to treat emergency cases. More than 1,000 successful medical case histories—some of them reported to the 1960 annual meeting of the American Medical Association — support the usefulness of the drug as a respiratory stimulant.

Dr. Melvin L. Bernstine, then chairman of the department of anesthesiology, Albert Einstein Medical Center, Philadelphia, first tested Emivan in 1958-1959.

He reported prompt revival of eight patients suffering from potentially fatal overdoses of barbiturates. Dr. Bernstine said other stimulating drugs were inadequate and had to be used in conjunction with surgical opening of the windpipe (tracheotomy). He said this operation was unnecessary, in his experience, when Emivan was used.



NEW ERA—This sparkling and modern barber shop reflects the new era that has come to Boys' Village. Both hair cuts and barbering training is provided here. In the past the job was done by cottage masters who had to be able to cut hair in order to be [illegible]