Fire Fighters seek MD aid

Fire Fighters Night at Civic Center next Thursday night will be highlighted by the hockey game between the Clippers and the Hershey Bears.

The game is under joint sponsorship of the Baltimore City Fire Fighters and Fire Officers, and will be played as a benefit for the fight on muscular dystrophy.

Tickets are being sold by members in various price ranges.

The rebate from the ticket sales will be donated to Muscular Dystrophy.

Tickets can be obtained by calling Fire Fighters Union Hall 837-4043 or Muscular Dystrophy Offices 435-5821.

—Attack on guard

(FROM PAGE ONE)

"Roughly three or four officers came to Sgt. Gerhart's aid until other officers were able to secure their areas. We apprehended the inmate who was on him (Sgt. Gerhart) and took him off the section."

Sgt. Cimino told the AFRO that Correctional Officer Webster Cox was hit over the head with a picture by an inmate during the incident.

Lt. Calvin Melocik told the AFRO, "After the inmate who attacked Sgt. Gerhart was subdued and taken off the section, we heard noises. Inmates were breaking windows, mops, [illegible] mattresses, chairs, throwing buckets and startin. small fi[illegible]

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At this point, Warden Hiram L. Schoonfield summoned about 75 members of the riot squad and members of the Tactical STOP squad under Lt. James Watkins.

Lt. Melocik said, "We tried to talk to the inmates who were breaking up, but tear gas had to be used to subdue the commotion."

About 4 p.m. the police officers said they had convinced the inmates that clashing with officers would only result in both sides getting hurt.

During the confrontation, inmates demanded that reporters be permitted to enter the cell block and talk with them and that Marshall E. Conway, an inmate awaiting sentence on the first degree murder of a city policeman, not be harmed in an isolation cell.

Prisoners told reporters that Conway had been placed in isolation after allegedly attacking Lt. Gerhart.

Spokesman for the city jail refused to comment on the accuracy of the prisoners' statements replying only, "Lt. Gerhart was attacked by an inmate."

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Upon entering the building, reporters and photographers were met with tear gas fumes and police attired in everything from riot helmets to bullet proof vests. They were EVERYWHERE!

Prisoners were walking around with metal window levers, chair legs giving signs of victory, power signs, peace signs and signs to the on-looking police force.

Arthur Turco, the white lawyer accused in the torture-murder of a Black Panther informer and spokesman for the prisoners enumerated three major complaints of the inmates.

First of all, Mr. Turco claimed that the Warden has refused to hear the prisoners' grievances, which range from brutality to overcrowding in the maximum-security section.

Second, Mr. Turco expressed prisoners' concern over the period of incarceration pending trial and sentencing. Inmates are presently being held on excessive bail for as long as one and two years, they claim.

Third, most of the prisoners are represented by lawyers appointed by the court. These attorneys meet only once or twice a year with their "clients," the inmates stated.

The AFRO talked with Dr. Bernard Harris Jr., a member of the jail board. Dr. Harris had no comments concerning the Wednesday afternoon meeting of the jail board. He said, "At the time of the meeting we had no information of the cause of the riot or the demands of the inmates."

Dr. Harris said however that the jail board makes periodical inspection of the jail and in his opinion, "It is one of the prettiest jails in the country. It has very modern facilities."

Dr. Harris stated, "Last Wednesday on a tour we had a doctor visiting the city jail. This M.D. told us of a previous visit to a New York City jail and his conversation with an inmate.

"After learning of the doctor's visit to Baltimore, the inmate said, 'you're from Baltimore? You have a nice little jail there."

THE CAUSE of disturbance at Baltimore City Jail Wednesday can be seen in this panel of photos taken by AFRO's Frank W. Phillips 3rd. Center is view of a cell with wash basin and urinal. The small cramped quarters were filled with water. Left panel, some of the prisoners who were maced, including, inmate Arthur Turco accused in the torture-murder of a Black Panther informer, tell newsmen of grievances. In right panel inmates give "right on" sign as their demands are listed for reporters.

Allen elected to board of State's Attorneys

Maryland State's Attorneys Association Winter Seminar.

At the conclusion of a very successful seminar and two day meeting at the University of Marzland Adult Education Center in College Park, attended by a majority of Maryland prosecutors on February 5th and 6th, 1971, Arthur A. Marshall Jr., state's attorney for Prince George's County was unanimously re-elected as president for the years 1971 and 1972. Also elected as president-elect was Andrew L. Sonner, state's attorney for Montgomery County, Robert S. Rothenhoefer, state's attorney for Frederick County was elected as first vice-president, Richard J. Kinlein, state's attorney for Howard County was elected as second vice-president; Donaldson C. Cole Jr. state's attorney for Cecil County was elected as treasurer; Fred A. Thayer, state's attorney for Garret County was elected as secretary for the Maryland state's attorneys association, Inc.

Elected to the board of directors were Milton B. Allen, state's attorney for Baltimore City, Edwin H. W. Harlan, state's attorney for Harford County, Donald W. Mason, state's attorney for Allegany County, L. Robert Evans, deputy state's attorney for Baltimore County for associate memberships, Edward P. Camus, attorney of Prince George's County for alumni membership and Professor William W. Greenhalgh of the Georgetown School of Law for special memberships. The Honorable Charles E. Moylan Jr., associate judge of the Court of Special Appeals of Maryland and former state's attorney for Baltimore City is the immediate past president of the Maryland State's Attorneys Association.

Hole left uncovered, unmarked; man injured

Last Saturday night Henry Hicks, 44, of 2924 Ulman Avenue, was driving by the intersection of Bethune and Round Roads in the Cherry Hill district when he thought he saw smoke coming from a house.

He left his car and went toward the house to warn its occupants, when suddenly he fell up to his neck in a pool of scalding water, the source of the steam he had mistaken for smoke.

Mr. Hicks managed to get himself out of the hole and drive to a gas station in Cherry Hill, from which police took the badly burned man to a hospital.

He is now reported in "fair" condition at South Baltimore General Hospital.

An investigation by the AFRO showed the hole had been dug by T. A. Gorman, Inc., a mechanical contractor hired by the city's Department of Public Works to repair a ruptured steam line.

The contractor claims to have placed barricades around the hole, though witnesses state that no barricades were there Saturday when Mr. Hicks went toward the spot. The hole had not been covered.

The steam line had apparently not yet been fixed, and escaping steam heated to the scalding point the water which filled the hole during a rain storm.

Mr. Hicks' lawyer has contacted T. A. Gorman, Inc. but suit has not yet been filed against that company.

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Adultery law repeal killed

AFRO BUREAU

ANNAPOLIS — Those who may have been looking forward, in light of a General Assembly bill, toward perhaps committing adultery and avoiding a possible legal fine, can forget about it.

A House of Delegates sub-committee killed with dispatch Tuesday afternoon a bill which would have repealed the long standing $10 fine on conviction for such an offense.

The HB 211 had been introduced by Del. Arthur A. King (D. Prince George) Jan. 29 and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. King said the law's "archaic" and should be repealed. The sub-committee obviously did not agree.

Talbot County teacher's case heard this week by State Bd.

Mrs. Clarissa J. Foster, veteran 27 year teacher in the Talbot County schools, appeared before the State Board of Education Tuesday on her appeal of a ruling from the Talbot County Board of Education.

Represented by the State NAACP Branches Legal Redress Committee attorney, Mrs. Juanita J. Mitchell, Mrs. Foster repeated her charges that the Talbot County school authorities are upholding discriminatory practices instead of correcting them.

Mrs. Mitchell told the State Board of Education when Mrs. Foster complained of racial discrimination against her as a teacher, she was transferred to a school at Easton on the Shore.

Specifically she said Mrs. Foster said in 1969 when she first filed suit, she was excluded from participating in workshops of the County Board.

She also said, by design the 40 percent black school was increased to 60 percent white and her first grade white pupils decreased to imbalance her class racially.

Mrs. Mitchell added that Mrs. Foster was, in addition, given an "average" rating for 1968-1969, the lowest ever in her teaching career.

The attorney also told the state board the Talbot County superintendent of schools scoffed at her and said if she continued complaints she would be further subjected to penalties.

Mrs. Mitchell told the board her client is a portrait of most black teachers in the Maryland public schools.

To illustrate, Mrs. Mitchell cited the sharp decrease in Talbot County from 70 black teachers and principals in 1967 to 61 in 1969 while whites of 158 in 1967 increased to 158 teachers and administrators.

The figures snowed results contrary to Health, Education and Welfare guidelines, Mrs. Mitchell stated. Failing to comply with HEW's demand for proper racial proportions, Talbot County finds itself deficient 18 black staff members, she said.

Mrs. Foster's complaints came an appeal before the State Board of Education after her principal, Albert Anders had demoted, transferred and inflicted reprisals after the superintendent and Board of Education had upheld him.

Richard Schifter, state board vice chairman presided at the hearing. Among board members present were Edward Wilson and Jerome Frompton, chairman.

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CALVERT COUNTY NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Young njujured in falls

By MELVINA EDWARDS

Howe Young has returned to Veterans hospital after suffering a fall at his home. His wife, Mrs. Indianna Young, also fell while trying to help her husband. Both are former residents of Calvert Co. They will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary on Sunday. They are prominent members of Ames United Methodist Church in Baltimore. Send cards of cheer to Mr. Young at Fort Howard Veterans Hospital.

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The Rev. McPherson Carter was recently beaten by robbers who took his watch.

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Aasron Reid entered Calvert Co. hospital and underwent surgery. He is improving and is expected to return to his home in Owings, Md. He is the husband of Mrs. Ruth Reid.

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The writer of this column has been ill with pnemonia and is now improving. She is expected to be out this week.

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Ailing is Herman Coats of Cheasapeake Beach. Mr. Coates was a patient at Hopkins. He is now improving.

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Mrs. Rebecca Booze of Dunkirk is confined to her home due to a very badly burned arm.

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Sympathy is extended to Milton and Walter Jones and family at the passing of their sister, Mrs. Annie Jones, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James (Ella) Jones, formerly of Chesterfield, Md. Services were held last Saturday.

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W.S.C.S. Women's Day was held at St. Edmonds United Methodist Church on Sunday. Guest speaker was Mrs. Isabelle Green, lay speaker of Mt. Hope Church. Singing was by the Mt. Hope Volunteer Chorus. They sang the favorite hymn of the writer who was ill at the time.

The group was accompanied by the Rev. Mrs. Laura Edwards, pastor of Mt. Hope Church. Remarks were made by the Rev. William Edwards, pastor of St. Edmonds Church. Mrs. Pauline Rice is president of W.S.C.S. at St. Edmonds. Dr. James D. Foy, district superintendent.

The condition of Mrs.

MRS. MELVINA EDWARDS

Florence Ray Brooks remains the same.

The Rev. James E. Adams is improving at Hopkins hospital and plans to return home next week.

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Belated anniversary wished to Mr. and Mrs. Ollie B. Harris of Bloom St., Baltimore.

All churches are invited to attend special services on Sunday at Cooper United Methodist Church. The Rainbow Gospel Singer and the Zenith Harmonizers will render musical selections. There will also be a special sermon. Mrs. Mary Taylor, president of the pastor's aid; Mrs. Ellen Gray, treasurer; Mrs. Melvina Edwards, corresponding secretary.

Mrs. Isabelle Randall of Dunkirk is ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Charlotte Taylor of Parole. Mrs. Randall is president of the senior choir at Peters United Methodist Church. She has been sick for over a year and her condition is the same. Send her cards of cheer.

Mitchell gets Nixon reply

Congressman Parren Mitchell, Thursday, received correspondence from William E. Timmons, assistant to President Nixon, which read as follows:

"This will acknowledge your Feb. 16 letter to the President in which you join with several of your colleagues in requesting a meeting with the President to discuss the problems of black Americans.

"You may be assured the request will be given full consideration".

Mr. Mitchell told the AFRO, "I am pleased to have received this communication from the White House and hope that the President will meet with us in the very near future.

"Our nation will confront many complex and difficult tasks in the months to come. My job as the representative of Maryland's 7th Congressional District is to make recommendations and to propose solutions for the problems presently before the nation as well as those which lie ahead.

"If indeed the President meets with us I shall approach that meeting with rancor and recriminations. It seems to me that the proposed meeting could hopefully set the stage for positive developments which will serve the best interests of all."

Congressman Mitchell's letter co-signed by all 12 black congressmen, was mailed to Nixon Feb. 16.

"This is the first time any kind of real acknowledgement has been received from the White House," explained Rep. Mitchell.

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