Columbus Elementary program

Charles Williams' fifth grade class at Columbus Elementary School No. 99, has enrolled in the President's Environmental Control Program.

The children have already begun to redecorate two rooms previously used for storage, to become comfortable reading and study areas.

Letters of inquiry have been written to national, state, and local agencies in order to gain information on environmental control.

These materials will be compiled and presented to the school library as a "data bank".

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Programs of awareness are planned for presentation to other classes in the school.

Community tours have been planned and arrangements are being made to have speakers representing various civic departments share their view points with the class.

As a special highlight a "Recycling Day" is being planned at that time the pupils will take some waste materials to the recycling plant on Cold Spring Lane to see the actual operations.

For their efforts all pupils enrolled in the program will receive recognition from President Nixon.

Patuxent 13 appeal planned

The Dec. 1 ruling by the Maryland Court of Appeals that threw out six of the $290 Circuit Court-ordered changes at Patuxent Institute did not surprise Julian Tepper, one of the lawyers for the Patuxent 13.

He told the AFRO on Monday the Appeals Courts ruling is based on a "hands off doctrine" that state courts ought not dictate how prisons are to be run.

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This "hands off doctrine" he added, is not recognized in federal courts and "is being disregarded" by most of the state courts.

"In terms of its decisions," Mr. Tepper declared, "The Maryland Court of Appeals is not generally known for its enlightenment. It is rumored this court is among the most 'reversed' courts in the country."

He explained a 'reversed court" means its rulings frequently are overruled or "reversed" by the Supreme Court.

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The lawyer is planning an appeal either before the Supreme Court or a federal court in Maryland.

The six rules vetoed were 1) censoring of certain mail, 2) having a soecial officer for the disciplinary section, 3) allowing daily medical visits, 4) granting special diets for Muslims, 5) using an independent hearing officer, and 6) having intensive accelerated treatment in disiplinary cases.

Student tells of murder of stepfather

Don Calvin Wilson, 17, 2400 block Annor Ct., was found guilty of manslaughter on Thursday by a Criminal Court jury of seven black and five white citizens.

Judge Anselm Sodaro has not imposed sentence.

The youth is charged with murdering his stepfather, Johnnie Smith, 28, Sept. 19. Court records show Mr. Smith was shot three times in his left side and once in the left eye.

The youth is a 10th grade student at Southwestern High School.

Young Wilson told the court, "I heard my little sister and brother crying. My mother was screaming for help. I ran straight to the other room and got the pistol. I was protecting my mother.

"I told him to get up off my mother. When he got up he started coming toward me. When I saw he was not scared, I pulled the trigger."

Mrs. Ruby Smith, wife of the victim, told the jury, "I did not know my son had a gun in the house. My husband has beaten me in the street in front of people. He pulled me into the room by my hair. I know he was going to kill me. He beat me in the face on our wedding night."

GETS $150 CHECK — Melvin A. Hill won an award for outstanding performance of duties at the U.S. Coast Guard Yard, Curtis Bay.

JULIUS BOGIER RETIRES (left) as an employee at Ft. Hollbird since 1944 and shown receiving his Certificate of Retirement from Lt. Col. David M. Kitheart, post commander, at a ceremony held in the retiree's honor recently. Mr. Bogier, of N. Bentalou St., was boiler plant operator and received the Sustained Superior Performance award for outstanding service in 1967.

Sgt. Washington named 'Soldier of the Year'

Staff Sgt. Samuel H. Washington, Liberty St., Aberdeen, has been named "Brigade Soldier of the Year" by the 58th Brigade evaluation board.

SSG Washington, a member of Troop D 1st Squadron 223d Cavalary, Bel Air, since 1970 scored highest among thef inalists representing all units of the 58th Brigade Maryland Army National Guard.

He was decorated in Vietnam with the Bronze Star for bravery and was also awarded the Combat Infantry Badge.

He is married, the father of a daughter and is employed by Proctor and Gamble Company.

His father is a retired masker sergeant who operates the Post Special Services at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland.

GETTING THE EYE—Senator Verda Welcome and eight women, dressed for a funeral, marched into the auditorium of the new Police Headquarters during dedication ceremonies. Their unexpected appearance turned many heads but not a single word of their presence was mentioned by Commissioner Donald Pomerleau on stage. (Photo by C. Ponemone).

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4 youths charged in Gough St. shooting

Four youths are charged with homicide in the Nov. 28 shooting death of Mason E. Lucas Jr., 24, unit block N. Bradford St., shortly before 4:30 p.m.

Charged are Jonathan Hamlet, 16, 200 block S. Dallas Ct., a student of City College; Howard Williams, 15, of the same address; Michael Williams, 15, 1000 block E. Pratt St.; and Ronald Young, 16, 200 block S. Herring Ct.

All are under charges of homicide and attempted robbery. The juvenile court has waived jurisdiction in the case.

The victim died of stomach wounds shortly after 6 p.m. while undergoing surgery at the Church Home Hospital.

Police records show, acting on information two of the youths were arrested at 11 p.m. and the others shortly after 5 a.m. Nov. 29.

Witnesses told police the victim was walking in the 1500 block Gough St. when three or four youths grabbed him and ordered him to hand over his money.

There was a struggle and one witness said, she heard what sounded like a gunshot, then the man clutched his stomach and fell to the ground. His assailants fled.

Police said Mr. Lucas had no money on him at the time of his death.

New Ramada Inn to be built in Baltimore

Ramada Inns, one of the biggest motel franchise companies in the U.S., has announced that it is building an $8 million, 23-story, 300-room motel at the corner of Howard and Baltimore.

The new tourist facility will be next to the Civic Center and will fit in architecturally with the Charles Center, Inner Harbor and Camden Station sports complex projects.

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