Harbor National needs $$$ to open first black bank

Harbor National Bank, the proposed first black-owned all purpose bank, will not come into existence unless more citizens purchase additional shares of its common stock.

Directors told the AFRO this week that 5 p.m., Friday, April 18, is the deadline to raise the needed $1,500,000, if the bank is to open by July 1975.

Stock at $5 per share is available for purchase by the general public.

Some 300,000 shares must be sold to establish Baltimore city's first minority-owned and controlled bank.

THEODORE N. HOLMES
Harbor National Bank interim director

Plans are to locate the business at Baltimore and Holliday Sts. in downtown Baltimore.

A number of church and civic leaders and individuals have already purchased shares totalling $200,000, and many others have pledged they will subscribe, but they must purchase now if the venture is to succeed, spokesmen told the AFRO on Wednesday.

Typical of latest supporters is the Rev. Willie S. Chambers, minister of New Antioch Baptist Church, who purchased 40 shares as soon as he heard the urgent call.

We hope other ministers and individuals will follow his lead," the spokesmen said.

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Organizers of the bank who are serving as interim directors are Dr. Curtis N. Adams, Herbert B. Cahan, Joseph A. Chester, Jr., Harry S. Davis, James T. Davenport, Samuel J. Ponte, William H. Manger, Michael D. Quinn, Dr. Harvey Webb, Jr., and Theodore N. Holmes, interim board chairman.

Checks or money orders for purchases are being accepted at Harbor National Bank, 31-14 E. Baltimore St., Baltimore, Md., 21202. Phone, 837-3686 or 296-3276, after 5 and weekends for further information.

—Estimates Board

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board to come to the aid of our youths. We have not devoted enough resources to our educational system the way we should to benefit all children."

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At least 20 persons including students, parents, teachers and community leaders requested time to speak before the board in its chambers on the 8th floor of the temporary City Hall at 25 S. Calvert St.

One student, Ivan Hale, a senior at Douglass High pleaded before the board, 739 letters from students in Region 7, asking that the budget not be cut.

After reading several of the letters, the students said, "It is quite obvious that this budget must not be cut. You have before you statements from the very people this budget affects."

Dr. Harry Bard, president of the Community College of Baltimore, in a 50-minute presentation of his school's request, asked that the board give full support to CCB.

He pointed out as the most important factor that $75,000 be restored for the Continuing Education part-time staff.

"We have increased our Continuing Education enrollment from 4,000 to well over 6,000 students. These are students who must work and maintain families and households. The part-time staff is most needed if these students are to appear," stated Dr. Bard.

A student, Mrs. Gloria Stills, a mother of seven stated, "We need these resources to keep us competitive not only in our areas but throughout this country."

She added that CCB was one of the best qualified community colleges in the country with students of all ages from all walks of life.

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City Delegation vice-chairman, member of the Ways and Means Committee and Management Committee.

CAPITAL BUDGET

Senators Clarence W. Blount and Tommie Broadwater (D 25th) of Prince George's County have been assigned to the Joint Subcommittee on the Capital Budget. Also on the committee is Del. Joseph A. Chester (D 45th).

The Capital Budget Committee is responsible for inspection and funding of state construction projects.

Chairman of the committee is Sen. Alfred J. Lipin (D 30nd) annd vice chairman is Del. R. Charles Avara (D 37th).

—Teacher

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fore the court claim that Officer Goode found five pounds of marijuana in a bag on the back seat of the car.

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In her own defense, Ms. Patterson testified at the trial that she gave the officer her keys after she went in the house to visit a friend.

She testified she knew nothing about any marijuana being in her car.

Ms. Patterson's attorney, Michael Mitchell, contended to the jury that someone placed the bag of marijuana in her car after she entered the Culver St. house.

According to police reports, the raiding officers recovered from the house, 36 envelopes, a bag of marijuana, 33 manila envelopes and two scales. The trial in which Franklin was found guilty of distribution of marijuana was on March 28.

Woman arrested in church

Special to AFRO

CHESAPEAKE — Mrs. Susie Keele attended church-school exercises Sunday at Fellowship United Church of Christ despite the fact that she and two other women were arrested a week earlier for trespassing at Easter Sunday worship.

This time, said Mrs. Keele, nothing happened. On the previous Sunday, a detective served a warrant on her in the church sanctuary after the service. Also served were her daughter, Miss Doryce Keele, and a friend, Mrs. Eunice Moore.

The three are booked for District Court April 23.

Mrs. Keele had a dispute last October with the pastor, the Rev. Ben Elton Cox and was officially "silenced" by him, she related in an interview this week. From here on, the story as she told it was substantially as follows:

On Nov. 21 she went to Circuit Court with her lawyer, Edward Delk of Norfolk, charging that she had not been given a hearing as required by church bylaws before the board of deacons before being "silenced." Judge William H. Hodges agreed and ordered a hearing held, meanwhile urging the woman and the pastor to make peace.

On the following Saturday about 8:45 p.m., Mrs. Keele received a letter by hand ordering her to appear before a meeting of the deacons and deaconesses the next morning at 9 o' clock. Advised by her lawyer that the notice was insufficient, she stayed away.

Another hearing was called, and Delk asked that the charges against her be spelled out, but there was no response, and she again declined to appear. As a result, she was suspended for six months. Later the congregation voted to suspend her for three years.

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Before the October fuss, Mrs. Keele was church-school superintendent. Since then, she said, she has been attending regularly but has held no office. Last Sunday she went to church school, but not morning worship.

"I had another engagement," she explained.

The whole thing started last Oct. 20, said Mrs. Keele, when as superintendent she called a meeting of the church-school staff before starting time and informed them "how the church-school money was being spent." During the worship service afterward, the pastor criticized her by name, she said.

She and the pastor had words, she said, and a few days later the church lawyer wrote her a letter saying she was to attend the church henceforth "only as a visitor."

APRIL 14

Ms. Bella Abzug, congresswoman from New York, will continue the second annual "Next Step: A Festival of Women" at The Johns Hopkins University with a lecture on Monday, April 14.

Presented by the M. Carey Thomas Women's Center, the lecture will be held at 8 p.m. in Shriver Hall on the university's Homewood campus. The program will be open to the public without charge.

If you get a missing heir letter-beware

The Baltimore Better Business Bureau has been flooded with calls about letters citizens are getting from Nationwide Abandoned Property Recovery Agency, Inc., of New York.

The BBB here, says the letters seem to be part of a "missing heir" scheme that is spreading across the nation.

Bureau President Warren W. Gelston suggests that people receiving the letters may wish to contact the U.S. Postal Inspection Service about them since the possibility is remote that solicited persons are entitled to the unclaimed property.

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The letters tell recipients that the company's research into state records has revealed an unclaimed bank account under the same surname as their own.

A finder's fee of $15 must be paid to find out if the person has legal claim to the account.

BBB experience with such companies has indicated that the only service usually provided for the money is copies of certain court records and the possibility of having a claim to a bank account of this kind is extremely remote.

Usually every effort is made by bank officials and state abandoned property officials to locate the rightful heirs.

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The fact the surnames are identical is not conclusive evidence that the person has claim to the account. It is perfectly possible for someone named Smith to have a claim to an account of someone named Jones.

The amount in the accounts is undetermined and usually smaller than the fee asked for by the agency.

The BBB suggests that anyone with valid reason to believe that he may be entitled to abandoned property seek the advice of an attorney.

Montgomery County schools will get deseg ruling in May

ROCKVILLE, Md. (UPI) — A decision from the federal government is expected within the next 30 days on whether Montgomery Countys 10 racially imbalanced public schools, according to federal officials.

County officials met this week with department of Health, Education and Welfare official's in Philadelphia over a suit by parents of the Rosemary Hills Elementary School in Silver Spring.

The school PTA filed a complaint in November, 1974 alleging their children were being denied equal educational opportunity because of racial imbalances at the school. Eighty-five per cent of the schools enrolment is made up of minority students.

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The suit asks HEW to order changes by September, 1975, a full year before the county school board had planned to act on the matter.

Dewey Dodds, an HEW regional Civil Rights director said his office would have a decision on the Rosemary Hills complaint within the next 30 days.

Dodds said any finding on the Rosemary Hills case will be applied throughout the county.

School Board President Thomas S. Israel expressed optimism that the ruling would allow the county until September, 1976 to plan for desegregation changes.

If HEW finds the situation to be illegal, federal funds to the school system could be cut off unless the county complies with the September 1975 desegregation deadline included in the parents suit.

New fire ordinances proposed

Two proposed ordinances dealing with safety-related issues have been referred by Mayor Schaefer to the Mayor's Committee on Fire Safety and Building Code Revision headed by City Council President Walter S. Orlinsky.

One bill, requested by the Fire Department, would require all dwelling units in the city to contain aproved smoke detectors.

The other measure, requested by the Department of Housing and Community Development, would allot more allowable space in buildings equipped with sprinkler systems.

Mr. Orlinsky says, "The committee will study the recommendations and report findings as quickly as possible."

'Y' offers tennis clinic

Beginning Saturday, April 19, the Center City YMCA, located at 24 W. Franklin St. will be conducting an outdoor tennis clinic at Druid Hill Park.

Classes will be co-educational for all ages, beginners thru intermediate, Saturday mornings from 8:30 to 10 p.m.

Advance registration will be required either by phone or by writing in and sending a check. Phone registration will be accepted by calling the YMCA Physical Education director Joung Suh, at 539-7350, ext. 36.

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Also, by writing to the YMCA at 24 W. Franklin St., Baltimore 21201. The fee for the course for members is $18 or $28 for non-members.

Increase in unemployed brings lag in benefits

Nearly 150 persons demonstrated at the Department of Employment Security and Social Services on Eutaw Pl. Tuesday afternoon in protest of the long wait for unemployment benefits.

Mrs. Rudell Martin, head of the Welfare Rights Organization, told the AFRO, "At one time, a person could expect to receive his unemployment check in three weeks. But with the sudden upsurge of unemployment it is taking several months to receive one check."

A letter had been sent previously by the organization to Richard Batterton, secretary of Employment Security, stating the various problems persons face while unemployed.

One point brought was the fact that persons are denied welfare assistance since they have money pending and are refused food stamps until it is known how much unemployment compensation they are receiving.

At least six demonstrators along with Mrs. Martin were allowed to meet with Mr. Batterton in his office on Tuesday.

It was reported by Mrs. Rudell that Mr. Batterton promised that an information table would be set up on the main floor of employment headquarters to handle special problems dealing with food stamps and public assistance.

He also stated that his staff would study the feasibility of a special emergency program to help those persons in need of immediate assistance.

Mrs. Rudell expects to meet with Mr. Batterton today (Friday) to further discuss what the department will do to solve the problems facing unemployed persons.

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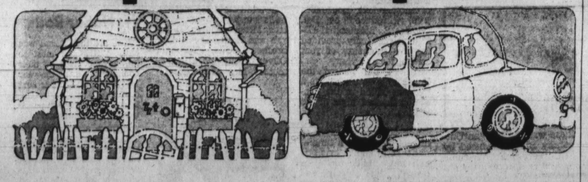
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