ORCHARD STREET CHURCH SLAVE TUNNEL visitors Wednesday included persons from all over the nation who are in Baltimore attending the National Association Council of Community Churches of America at the local Salem Community Church, Rev. Irvin K.Harvey, host pastor, 3610 Eldorado Ave. In AFRO staff photo by Roman Hankewycz

Scores make pilgrimage to see Orchard Church tunn el, many mysteries and legends are yet to be revealed

Orchard Street Church has had many persons making the pilgrimage to the Underground Tunnel this week.

Some visitors have come from as far away as California as the news of history-making discovery spreads.

Most are deeply impressed. Many say they experience overwhelming emotion as they recall the suffering of the slaves who longed so much for freedom they constructed the escapeway by hand.

Standing on the brink of history, some of them weep openly and prayers always come spontaneously.

Orchard Street Church not only has the priceless slave tunnel but also its legends of ghosts as some old timers recall they used to hear the slaves, long dead, still singing in the rafters and the tunnel.

Pilgrimages are soon to be enhanced in days to come as guides, Glasco Ryales, who discovered the tunnel hidden over 150 years, and Mrs. Mary B. Adams, director of programs, disclose the history. Astounding discoveries are yet to be revealed.

The underground kitchen and dining room are expected to be open early this fall.

Other stories and revelations are due to be told in coming T V and radio specials now being taped for early fall programs. One is originating from Washington by nationwide radio for preview in September.

The Preservation Committee is headed by Mrs. W. A. C. Hughes with Mrs. Mildred Kington vice-president; Norman Brailey and Joseph L. Clayton, treasurers and Mrs. Viola Jackson and Mrs. Bernice Thompson, secretaries.

VISITORS SCHEDULE

Pilgrimages to view the Underground Tunnel are set for Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.; 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m., and from 3 to 4:30 pm.

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The schedule is the same on Thursdays, with an added hour from 6 to 9 p.m.

The church is open on Saturday and Sunday from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. It is closed on Monday.

Special arrangements for groups may be made by calling Mrs. Mary B. Adams, at 462-4099 or 945-7127.

Mrs. Louise Williams, Philadelphia; Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Walton and their Children, Philadelphia, Pa. and Olive Daniels, Philadelphia. Also Mrs. Neaua Williams, Virginia Beach, Va.; Robert H. Brown, Philadelphia; Isaac Tolbert, Philadelphia; Rev. Richard Jarmin, Philadelphia; Rev. Cynthia Jarmon, Philadelphia; Marilyn Harvey. Baltimore; Keith Letterlough; Irma P. Murphy, Philadelphia, Lorretta Mac Kenney, Baltimore; J. T. Freeman, Philadelphia; Dennis Aikens Jr., Philadelphia; George W. Richardson, Washington; Caldwell Thomas, Philadelphia; and Rev. Earl S. Williams, Phildelphia.

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Meteors expected in August

CRANFORD — "August's showers won't be pennies from heaven, not even violets, or rain, but meteors," said Arthur Cacella of East Brunswick, president of Amateur Astronomers, Inc. which operates the Sperry Observatory at Union College jointly with the college.

The three major meteor showers are expected to illuminate August's skies, he said. The Perseid Shower can be seen between August 10 and 14; the Kappa Cygnids Shower, between August 10 and 20, and the Zeta Draconids Meteor Shower is expected to be the most spectacular, Cacella reports, because the night sky will be darker at that time of the month. A full moon may diminish the effect of the earlier meteor showers.

Meteorids, or shooting stars, Cacella noted, are very small solid particles moving in orbit around the sun. They become visible through intense heating when they chance to strike the earth's atmosphere.

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For All We Know

By Elizabeth M. Oliver
City Editor

School Board gives approval of Vance, Jaffa replacements

By Clarence W. Hunter

The Board of School Commissioners, in a special meeting this week, approved appointment of Dr. John G. Gist to the newly created position of deputy superintendent of public instruction and Region 6 Superintendent Lewis Richardson as the new deputy superintendent of management services.

Dr. Gist replaced Dr. Paul L. Vance, who resigned his post as deputy superintendent for executive matters effective Aug. 31. According to school officials, Vance's position will be eliminated on Aug. 31 as a part of Dr. John L. Crew's new staff realignment project.

Gist, who officially starts Sept. 1, will have the task of coordinating many of the functions of the superintendent's office thus freeing Dr. Crew to work closely with the regions and the schools.

At the meeting, Dr. Crew said another factor of the realignment will involve the four executive directors of the areas of Adult Education, Early Childhood Education, Exceptional Children and Vocational Education.

Crew stated that these divisions currently under the Bureau of Executive Matters will fall under the Bureau of Education after the office is abolished.

Dr. Gist, a native of Baltimore, returns to Baltimore after serving three years as superintendent of the American International Schools of Kabul, Afghanistan. He spent 20 years in the city's community School division.

Dr. Crew said he considers one of Dr. Gist's key qualifications to be the fact that he has been superintendent and in terms of staff coordination can recognize the important facts of the operation of a superintendent's office.

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Richardson, who holds a master's degree in Education Administration and is currently working on his doctorate will replace Dr. N. Neubert Jaffa who retired in June.

According to Crew, Richardson will not assume his new post until a replacement can be found for him as regional superintendent. Mark Joseph, president of the School Board, stated a replacement will be found before the start of the school year.

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In commenting on the key appointments Joseph stated that the decision of the board was acted upon at Dr. Crew's recommendation.

"We are not talking about massive upheavals or switching jobs," he said. "These decisions were carefully thought out by the superintendent to bring the type of complimentary help close to him."

APPOINTMENTS

The board also announced other personnel changes within the school system thus bringing the teaching staff to under 8,500 persons and about 165,000 students for the 1976-77 school year.

CENTRAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Rebecca E. Carroll, presently acting deputy superintendent, Bureau of Education appointed deputy superintendent of the same bureau.

Dr. Thomas R. Foster, presently acting assistant superintendent, Division of Instruction and Curriculum Management, appointed Assistant Superintendent of the same division.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION DIVISION

Ms. Faith Dean, presently department head at Pimlico Junior High School appointed Acting Educational Specialist of Home Economics in the Vocational Education Area.

ADULT AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Hilton W. Welkos, presently educational specialist in the Area of Adult and Community Education appointed coordinator in the Area of Adult and Community Education.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

The following persons have been appointed department heads in the Vocational Education Area in the subjects indicated for the 1976-77 school year.

Ms. Bertha A. Goodman, Practical Nursing; Ms. Elsie J. Kaspar, Cosmetology; Noel Markridge, Needle Trades.

Ms. Gertrude R. Smith, COLT Program; Ms. Mary E. Snow, Data Processing; Ms. Frances Waters, Home Economics, and Ms. Janet Williams, Food Services.

ELECTIONS TEACHERS

The following persons have served successfully the required probationary period and have been elected to tenure on the date indicated.

Juanita Caldwell, Elementary School Librarian at 13, June 16; Solomon Easterling, Staff Associate at 513, June 16; George M. Fenwick, Elementary School Teacher of Physical Education at 157, June 16; James L. Flanagan, Secondary School Teacher of Art at 57, June 16, and Cecilia Brisentine, Secondary School Teacher of German at 80, June 2.

Mary S. Bonn, Elementary School Teacher at 138, May 19; William Howard, Industrial Arts Teacher at 82, May 19; Peggy Roebuck, Secondary School Teacher of Social Studies at 403, May 19; Pamela Tyner Early Childhood Education Teacher at 26, May 5, and Arthur Brown, Vocational — Trades and Industry Teacher at 298, April 21.

Daisy Franklin, Elementary School Teacher at 150, April 21; Leo J. Rosendale, Secondary School Teacher of Mathematics at 407, April 7; Margaret Joyner, Elemeutary School Teacher at 223, March 24.

Mary Clark, Elementary School Teacher at 223, Feb. 11; Luther Hardin, Secondary School Teacher of Science at 411, Feb. 11; Susan J. Sacks, Elementary School Teacher at 223, Oct. 22, 1975, and Betty Manning, Librarian at 301, Sept. 1, 1975.

RESIGNATIONS

The following resignations have been accepted.

ASSOCIATE

Roland N. Rogers, effective April 20.

DEPARTMENT HEAD

Barbara J. Lease, effective April 30.

SENIOR TEACHER

Norma J. Smith, effective April 21.

Cheryl L. Brown, effective May 14; Shirley Carrington, May 5; Maria A.

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SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT MARK K. JOSEPH may need more education on top of his law degree. We suggest he check facts. Our Indiana University Masters Degree thesis (which was published) proves high grades in school do NOT necessarily mean success in life for any individual. Persons who WORK while learning in school are the most successful. Knowledge of the WORLD OF WORK and experience are the things that are more important.

WHAT brings about this remark above is the fact that Mr. Joseph in a recent statement pooh-poohs the fact that some educators do NOT place emphasis on test scores.

We agree, we want to give the best edccation to our children, yes. But scoring is not where the emphasis should go.

DECOY SQUAD police officers were at first the lady members of the force who were placed at bus stops to trap the Northwest Baltimore Rapist.

During the two-year man hunt, Top Brass found there was too much danger for the policewomen. So they substituted men dressed as women. Commissioner Pomerleau hired a professional make up expert to disguise the men. That didn't work either.

I'LL TELL YOU WHY According to Top Brass information, the men in women's nurses' uniforms and dresses, wigs and shoulders bags still "looked funny" and phoney. Many citizens called in to report "somebody who doesn't look right is standing at the bus stop."

AND GET THIS (Theeeee) Even the rapist himself called in on one occasion and complained.

THE AFRO and ORCHARD STREET CHURCH have been nominated for "Bicentennial Makers of U.S. blacks who have made contributions to the development of our country" by Miss Josephine O. Young.

THE NOMINATIONS went to Dr. J. Ruppert Picott, executive director, Asso., for Study of Negro Life and History.

ORCHARD STREET CHURCH visitors making the pilgrimage to the Underground Tunnel are carrying the news of the moving experience across the nation and around the world. The old church and the suffering of the slaves in starvation, hunger and with frozen feet, does bring tears.

WHAT A PITY vandals are still breaking and entering the building.

THE POLICE DECOY SQUAD is hiring around there, waiting to arrest someone who will be an example of the kind of citizen we do not need. When he or she is cuaght very soon, this will be a criminal case for the books.

WHY would anyone want to destroy his own heritage.

AUG. 16 is the cruise we're making with the Equitable Trust Bank folks who are to build new headquarters in the Inner Harbor.

THE FREEDOM HOUSE Summer Youth Corps closing event revealed the youngsters accomplished fantastic things under guidance of the officials. We'll tell this story in a subsequent edition.

ANOTHER group worked at the Civic Center, building, tearing down, cleaning, painting and renovating. Their closing today shows the great job this group did. We'll tell it later.

COL. JAMES A. WATKINS went to the Social Security site downtown Thursday morning and helped black contractor Robert Clay get his trucks into work. The whites wanted to keep him out.

POETESS MARY CARTER SMITH likens the AFRO event to a great camp meeting, "where we met friends we haven't seen in years and talked and laughed together."

AFRAM DIRECTOR Frederick A. Bailey reports he has received many messages of congratulation on the planning and success, a gigantic job.

HERE'S MARY'S POEM:

AFRAM Expo 1976
You stood
In the rain
To hear an old tale
A simple tale
Often told amongst us
A rhyme with laughter
A rhyme with hope
That the small
Can outwit the large
And between us
I felt
The love
"That runs from heart to heart"
I was honored
To stand before you
I was happy
Being with you
Us people
Together
In that rain
Was out of sight

Marshall due back at court

WASHINGTON — Justice Thurgood Marshall, 68, who suffered a heart attack in July is expected to return to work part time in mid-August, a Supreme Court spokesman said.

By September the justice plans to be working full time, the statement said.

The new term does not start until Oct. 4 but the justices keep up with cases as they come in during the summer.

Marshall, the first black member of the court, was admitted to Bethesda Naval Hospital on July 4 and was released July 24. He is recuperating at his home in a Washington suburb.

NEW ORLEANS — Dr. Samuel DuBois Cook, president of Dillard University, was the keynote speaker for the awards luncheon at the 56th annual convention of the National Insurance Association which met in New Orleans recently.

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