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Educator in the news

HONORED — Mrs. Annette C. Johnson, former principal of Fairmount Hill Vocational High School received a trophy from Walter Jeffries, a member of the school's Class of '71. The trophy, presented to Mrs. Johnson at a recent Senior and Alumni Day ceremony, honored her for her dedication to Fairmount Hill while she was principal from 1967-1971.

City-wide elections set

Baltimore city secondary school student leaders in public, private and parochial schools have assumed responsibility of the biggest project of their young careers.

In a joint press conference held at the Community College of Baltimore's Harbor Campus, last week the representatives of the Student Senate and the Association of Student Councils of Baltimore City (ASCBC) announced that they plan to hold all in-school and citywide student elections on the same day.

"We're going to show the skeptics what positive things students can do," said James King, president of the Student Senate and a senior at Northwestern High School.

The program, entitled "Vote in '77," is modeled after a national election campaign that will decide who will be the student leaders for the following school year.

Miss Yvette Fike, the school board's student commissioner, said there has not been an adequate transitional period for student leaders to learn the scope of their responsibilities.

Elections to the 1977-78 Executive Board of the ASCBC must be held on May 10 Election to the Executive Board of the Student Senate and the student commissioners should be held on May 13.

Miss Fike said that voting machines will be used if they are available and ballots will be counted at "election headquarters" at the school system's 25th St. headquarters.

Television and radio election results are planned for the evening of May 4.

City pupils observe Law Day

As a part of Law Observance Day, a unique selection of activities has been planned for today, Friday, for students at all grade levels to help improve the effectiveness of law.

Utilizing the national theme, "Partners in Law," educators will stress that to improve our system everyone must work with our court system, law enforcement agencies and other representatives of the justice system.

Nationally, Law Day U.S.A. is set aside each year by a joint resolution of Congress and Presidential proclamation as a special day of celebration by the celebration by the American people in appreciation of their liberties," and as an occasion for "rededication to the ideals of equality and justice under law."

Some suggested class projects will include inviting members of the court in for discussion on ways to work more closely to prevent crime, and field trips to courts and jails.

Incentive grant proposals planned for Title I schools

City Title I schools that have met certain established criteria will be given the opportunity to write mini-proposals for grants under an incentive plan designed to improve basic skills.

"The incentive program," explained Ms. Charlene Cooper, coordinator of Early Childhood Education, "was structured to improve the scholastic achievement of Title I children in the areas of reading, language and math by providing schools with grants based on particular needs."

Ms. Cooper said Title I schools eligible for presenting incentive plan proposals must meet the following criteria:

1. — Evidence of one month pupil growth per one month instruction in grades two and four in the areas of reading and mathematics as measured by the standardized tests cited in the ESEA Title I Basic Proposal.

2. Evidence of individualization of instruction by 50 per cent of the teachers working with ESEA Title I children as measured by observation and an analysis of pupil records. Determination was made by ECE Title I Specialists assigned to the regions.

3. Evidence of attendance rate of 90 percent for the month of November, 1976 was measured by the Regional Pupil Services Team. Determination was made by the Regional Pupil Services Team.

4. Evidence of decrease in the percentage of suspensions (disciplinary removals) as measured by the Regional Pupil Services Team. Determination was made by the Office of Research, Reports, and Records.

5. Evidence of involvement of 51 percent Title I parents in the educational process of their children as measured by active participation of parents in local school PAC. Determination was made by the Coordinator of Home-School and Community Involvement and an Executive Committee of the Citywide PAC.

6. Evidence of innovative approaches to individualization of instruction in at least two classrooms as measured by a rating of five on a five point scale assessed by ECE Title I Specialist assigned to Region. Determination was made by an ECE Area Committee and PAC Executive Committee. This criteria received one point.

It's happening

There is more to school life than just sitting in a classroom.

City schools offer many exciting activities. For example:

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

The department will sponsor the first citywide reading festival, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., today, Friday.

The festival will be held at Harford Heights Elementary School, 1901 N. Broadway.

The event will include Elementary schools selected for the grant proposal are: Steuart Hill, Madison Square, William Pinderhughes, John Eager Howard, Joseph H. Lockerman, Luther C. Mitchell, Rutland, Bentalou, Cherry Hill, Dr. Bernard Harris and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Workshops are being held for representatives of the selected schools sponsored by Staff Development and Project Development Offices to determine areas of responsibility and to develop proposal writing skills.

The third of these workshops has been scheduled for May 2 at the Cahill Recreation Center, 4001 Clifton Ave., 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For additional information contact Charlene Cooper at 396-6707.

junior and senior high school students reading published poetry, drama or prose selections to a panel of judges. Prizes will be awarded on both levels.

GUILFORD AVENUE ELEMENTARY

The school's dance group, the Guilfordettes, will perform at Beechfield Elementary School on Wednesday, May 4.

The Guilfordettes are young men and women between the ages of 7 and 12.

Hotline:

A bigger question

What will school officials do with schools on split sessions when Mayor Schaefer signs the curfew bill into law?

That is the question being asked by some Baltimore residents.

How is the curfew bill going to affect students who go to school on shifts?

The curfew bill will make it illegal for youths 16 years old and younger to be on the streets between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. on school days unless they have written permission from school officials.

If they are found on the street, police will take their names, addresses and parents' names and order them back to school.

The Department of Education has not expressed an opinion regarding the daytime curfew legislation.

However, when the bill becomes law officials will have to deal with the school shift problem.

One solution would be to issue all students who attend split sessions special ID's.

If you have any other ideas or want information call the school board central office at 396-6890.

A new group

A new private educational organization has been formed to offer help in improving the type of education in the state of Maryland.

LEARN, Inc. is an organization that will investigate and gather facts on educational matters that may adversely affect the quality of teaching within the school system.

It is not a decision making body but a group seeking answers. The group will take complaints from anyone — parents, teachers and students.

If you have a gripe about some problem in a school, call LEARN Inc. at 788-3220.

WINNER — Vincent Pitts, a student at Pimlico Junior High School, displays his project that won a science award at the Johns Hopkins University science fair held last month. Young Pitts was the only black student to receive a prize. (AFRO staff photo by Norma Spencer)

VIEWPOINT

By Dr. Rebecca E. Carroll

Special to the AFRO

(Editor's Note: Dr. Carroll is deputy superintendent of the Bureau of Education for the city schools.)

I find it hard to believe that there are so many urban students who have inferior potentials regarding communication skills, especially reading.

It is certainly absurd, in my judgment, to even hint about the Jenks' theory that there is a genetic inferiority.

There are two conditioning elements Motivation is one. Practice is the other.

A parent on any economic level can help the child see that reading is both enjoyable and important. Of course, many parents fail to do so.

A teacher in any school can seek help in communicating the joy and importance of reading to each student. Of course, some teachers lack the skill, and a few lack the interest to do so. The student is therefore unmotivated and becomes doubly handicapped. Moreover, there sometimes begins to emerge behavior that atests to student disinterest, to say nothing of poor achievement.

As the student lives and develops in certain urban communities, he becomes brainwashed or mimics his peers with constant use of loud music, the radio ear plug and television.

Sometime, there's the preoccupation with, "Hey man, what's happening!" In this milieu, right before our eyes and ears, another marginal citizen is born.

What can be done to change the pattern of life and the lack of motivation of too many of our urban youth — children who are poor and often black?

The answer is that everything needs change the home, the school, the community. Schools have to change scheduling patterns, grouping, subject interests and counseling techniques. They must compete with the media and the excitement prevalent for youth in the community.

Students need creative ingenuity experience to progress to a more efficient use of communication basics. Such a revolutionary educational philosophy not only demands modified environments, but more emphasis on individual interest and progress.

The total community must become more involved. There must be more jobs, more opportunities for internships, more opportunities for trips.

All media must sense and foster unique roles for student improvement in all curricula areas, particularly the basics.

Much more guidance is needed in the home than is currently there. Students are not born with inferior potential; the environment creates it.

Correction

Last week the AFRO school page ran a photo of Miss Karen Hall as parent of the week. The information below the photo indicated that Miss Hall is an educational dean and that her free time is spent in Rock Glen's child care center.

Miss Hall is an educational aide at the school, paid by the federal government. It was not our intention to say Miss Hall is a parent. Her full-time job is to help care for the children in the center. We regret the error.

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Reggie J. is a candy bar
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'Little Will' charged as the big dope man

William E. "Little Will" Franklin, young, wealthy and popular businessman often seen about town in either his luxurious Mercedes or sleek Jaguar has been busted.

Franklin, 34, who told the court he was employed as a "merchant," was released on $100,000 bond Monday after he surrendered and was charged with distributing heroin.

Police records give Franklin's address as the 6700 block Yataruba Dr and allege he is the head of a narcotics organization that brings heroin into Baltimore from the West Coast.

Federal agents searched his home and recovered $44,689 cash in paper bags last week.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Andrew Radding urged Magistrate Goetz to set bail at $250,000 and told the court he had proof that Federal agents had bought three ounces of heroin from Franklin on January 3 and later bought two ounces.

Franklin was scheduled to appear in Federal Court today (Friday) for arraignment.

Radding stated one of the drug transactions was recorded by the agents. Street value of the five ounces of heroin is approximately $90,000 or more.

Also arrested last week and charged with drug charges were Lorenzo L. Simpson, 32, of the 5300 block Cordelia Ave., and Kenneth Terry, 31, of the 3600 block Blair Rd. in Randallstown. Simpson, who is employed as a youth supervisor at the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's Maryland Children Center was released on $30,000 bond.

WILLIAM E. FRANKLIN "Little Will"

Terry is owner of a rug cleaning business and was released on $25,000 bond.

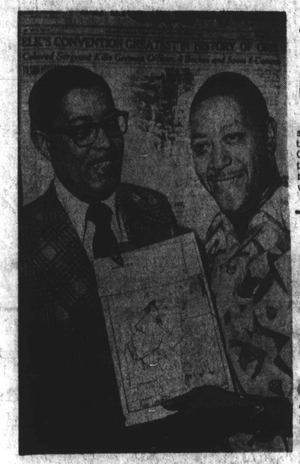
The AFRO learned Franklin is the proprietor of a grocery store and three laudromats in West Baltimore.

He is also affiliated with a promotion group called Franklin-Hill and Scroggins.

The most recent show his group was promoting was scheduled to be held last Monday at the Palace when they were presenting Ronnie Laws.

However, the show was cancelled because the promoters stated they were informed Laws' horn had been stolen and a local group appeared in his place.

'Mr. Fro with the dough' is the winning slogan



AFRO WINNER — Ernest Ayers, left, accepts check for winning slogan from Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN circulation manager Robert Rea Sr.

AFRO In The Home game begins

A winner has been chosen in the contest to name the AFRO IN THE HOME CONTEST investigator — the big money game for readers that kicks off next week.

"Mr. Fro With The Dough" is the slogan that won. It will be the moniker of the AFRO money man who will be coming to neighborhoods to spread cash around.

Creator of the "Mr. Fro"

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The new AFRO $ contest

So long, Ollie Stewart

By Elizabeth M. Oliver, City Editor

The AFRO this week says goodbye to one of the most unforgettable writers, a man who covered most of the worst conflict in history, World War II.

Ollie Stewart, the AFRO's longtime overseas correspondent died in Atlanta, Ga., May 3, the day before his 72nd birthday.

Last rites are set for Gibsland, La., his hometown, on Saturday, May 7.

Stewart's unprecedented career as a black journalist began when the AFRO sent him as the newspaper's first WWII correspondent to the North Africa fighting front in August, 1942.

He covered the campaign in which Rommel was chased out of North Africa, the invasion of Sicily and then followed black troops activities in Rome.

I recall vividly when newspapers around the globe carried on page one his photograph with Winston Churchill and President Roosevelt at the historic meeting in Casablanca.

As it was placed on the AFRO's front page, we stood and cheered although these were among the darkest days of World War II.

Another historic event for the AFRO and for Ollie Stewart was his March 6, 1943 broadcast worldwide from North Africa in connection with National Negro Newspaper Week.

He was sent by the AFRO home office to London for a rest and then back again in May, 1944, to cover the landing in Normandy, the break-through at St. Lo and then to cover the historic entrance of the first American troops in Paris.

Stewart's first story relayed back to the AFRO from Paris said, "I entered along Avenue de Fontainebleau in September, 1944, with Cecil Carnes of the Saturday Evening Post; Tom Henry of the Washington Star and Dave Baylor of Radio Station WGAR, Cleveland, Ohio."

Thus recording history in his own style, he continued, "Our arrival concluded three days and nights camping on the outskirts of the city waiting the mopping up of the last

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FUND RAISER — Cong. Parren J. Mitchell says hello to Mrs. E. Gaines Lansey, one of 1400 well-wishers at his fund drive party this week. Sam Daniels is in the background.

Parren J. exchanges 1400 fond hellos

By Paul Evans
AFRO Staff Writer

Tuesday evening found Rep. Parren J. Mitchell in high spirits as he walked from table to table shaking hands, smiling, gesturing and praising those who came to honor him at a gala fund-raiser that summoned a capacity crowd of more than 1,400 to Martin's West.

The 55-year-old congressman, who among other things is the head of the Congressional Black Caucus; the native son who made good; the social conscience of the black community and a formidable, veteran politician known for his ability to capitalize on the symbolic, the emotional, and rhetorical, pushed aside, gently, but firmly, questions on his use of dinner funds.

Asked by the AFRO what he is running for, Mitchell responded, "You name it, and I am running for it."

Still, a bumper sticker found among the campaign literature and the brochures boasting of his record over the past two years gave a clue.

Over a background of orange and blue, it spelled out, "Re-elect Parren J. Mitchell."

Approaching seniority now in the House, Mitchell is slowly but steadily acquiring the power and prestige that come with long hours in the political profession.

First elected to Congress from Maryland's Seventh District in 1970, Mitchell now sits on the Budget Committee, the Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs Committee and is vice chairman of the Joint Committee on Defense Production. Recognized posts of influence demonstrating the House's respect for what he has done both as a representative and a spokesman for, what he called, the "poor, the elderly, the black and the disinherited."

Rather than call the occasion a recognition or a testimonial, the Rev. Vernon Dobson, pastor, Union Baptist Church, called it, "A celebration of the life of Parren J. Mitchell — a testimony to his honesty and integrity."

"All of the big folk are here tonight," Dobson said, "but that is not the most important thing because Parren is about people."

The guest speaker for the dinner, Rep. Harold E. Ford, D.-Tenn., a 32-year-old black congressman, called Mitchell, "A golden-throated black warrior."

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FBI killed King?

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The FBI should be considered the prime suspect in a conspiracy to kill Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. because it engineered his movements to a Memphis motel room and then withdrew security, according to investigator-author Mark Lane.

Lane said the FBI inspired news stories criticizing Dr. King for staying at white hotels and motels. The stories led Dr. King to stay at the black-run Lor-

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That statewide political conference at MSU

What achievements came out of the much publicized statewide political conference at Morgan State University last week?

Conference chairman Larry Young said the establishment of a network, linking black citizens across the state who have an interest or expertise in eight issues of basic concern to the community is one achievement.

The issues are health, education, urban policy and rural development, criminal justice, employment and income maintance, housing and land use, business and industry and civic participation.

Young said the network would make recommendations from these areas for possible implementation as legislation by the 19-member caucus.

The other achievement is the agreement to call a statewide conference of young black professionals in April, 1978 to begin to pass the torch of leadership in the black community to a new generation.

The Next Step

On May 15, a re-assembling of the eight task force chairmen, from which the networks will grow, will take place. Task force chairmen will review the three-day session and begin the formation of statewide network. The network will provide technical assistance to the Black Caucus.

Dr. Augustus Adair, conference co-ordinator, will write a research monogram, with statistical support, to serve as a reference book for the conference out of his monogram will grow a report that will discuss the sessions in-depth. (This report will not

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Mr. Fro with Dough
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SUMMER BALL LEAGUES

Does your kid think he's Reggie, Dr. J?

A summer of dusty uniforms, late suppers, and good ol' family fun is in store for Baltimore youngsters who are members of teams in the city's Recreation Department-sponsored baseball leagues.

Thirty-five leagues had mid-April or early-May starts. The Roosevelt Major National Pub League No. 116-B is the only one opening play today (Friday, May 6) — the three games are played at Roosevelt Recreation Center, Falls Rd. and 36th St.

The Recreation Department's Division of Amateur Sports (DAS) is the overseer for all leagues, which will number over 100

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GRANDMOTHERS — Mrs. Bessie Scott, 87; Mrs. Mattiel Carter, 84 and Mrs. Ella Callahan, 94, all residents of the N. M. Carroll Home, look forward to many more Mothers' Days and invite you to their Open House, May 15, 1 to 4 p.m.

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