—Fuel aid

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Dupree said his agency is "ahead of last year in all aspects. Having a year's experience under our belts helps too."

A portion of the smoother flow in the administration of the energy program is due to things being done in Baltimore and by hand. Computer problems caused some of last year's delays. Hand processing the applications is a "much faster" process, he said.

Delays in awarding grants to families also were avoided by a $300,000 loan to the agency from the Board of Estimates. That money paid for two months operating costs of the program and provided salaries for about 20 temporary workers.

USA officials said the money would be paid back to the city once funds to operate the program were received from the state. The first of the funds arrived in Baltimore around Dec. 1, they said.

Joan Jackson, vice president of Brock Fuel Oil in Catonsville, told the AFRO last year's program was slow in getting started, but basically her company did not have any problems receiving funds and delivering fuel.

The company expects to handle about 600 accounts this year, most of which are located in the city. She said her company does not wait for the USA to mail the checks, instead a company official picks the checks up at the USA office once they have been written.

Checks averaging about $200 worth of fuel per household arrive in batches of about 20 "every other day," Mrs. Jackson said.

Some of the company's accounts receive as much as $285 in fuel assistance, but that amount can be as little as $185, she said.

Camille B. Wheeler, director of the County Department of Social Services, said "low income Baltimore County residents who need help paying their heating bills, can now apply for energy assistance grants," a press release quoted her as saying.

Federal grants are available to county residents through the Maryland Energy Assistance program, the same program that funds the USA. Those interested in more information or to make an appointment, should call 494-2795 or 494-2863.

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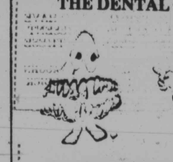

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—Angels

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These days, the Angels go about their business of patrolling city streets and housing projects, Sissy Henson, a 22-year-old squad leader and University of Maryland law student, told the AFRO.

Almost 40 members of the first Baltimore class of Angels graduated Nov. 11. Another class of about 30 recruits now are being trained and are scheduled to become full-fledged Angels in about eight weeks, she said.

Patrols, comprised of Angels and recruits, can be observed marching, unarmed, in East and West Baltimore, as well as in the Lexington Terrace and Lafayette Court housing projects.

The patrols pretty much are uneventful for the Angels, whose mission is to reclaim the streets for the law abiding and to make neighborhoods safer places to live. While the Angels have made no arrests and have not had many run-ins with some of Baltimore's criminal elements, they have suffered their share of verbal abuse from a portion of the city's residents, Ms. Henson said.

"Things are quiet whenever we are there ... we get a lot of verbal abuse ... some of the people standing - on corners, but we've been trained to not let verbal abuse affect us," she said.

Ms. Henson said some of their abusers probably are bored and harassing the Angels could be their way of enjoying themselves. However, the Angels have their fans, mainly in the form of children, age 11 and younger.

"Small kids like to follow behind us ... and talk to us and ask questions about being Angels," she said.

The children are warned to not follow too closely, "we don't want them to get hurt," Ms. Henson said. Some of the most often asked questions "are we Guardian Angels," "do we carry weapons," and how old to you have to be in order to join.

Ms. Henson said she joined the Angels because she believed in what the group stands for.

Even with all the media attention the Angels have received since their summer arrival, Ms. Henson said a lot of people have misconceptions about the anti-crime patrol. Angels try to counter those impressions by talking to people and explaining the Angels' mission.

Citizens also are urged to take a more active interest in their communities, she said.

"People don't fully understand what the Guardian Angels are all about. Since we have been out talking to them, people are more aware of what the Angels are doing ... we're not just another gang."

—McFadden

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The union is relatively even in terms of black and white membership, he said. Most of those who cast votes for him were black, but McFadden said he also received a lot of white support.

For the moment, he is content to savor his victory. McFadden assumes leadership of Local 333, Jan. 1. There will be problems, but "when you put 2,300 people together, you can always anticipate some problems," he said.

"I don't think the job that I have will be an impossible task ... I'm capable."

Also elected were Albert T. Poremski, as vice president; Horace Alston, as recording secretary; and Richard Poremski, as secretary-treasurer.

Morgan student creates Fund

Stating his concern for the struggle for survival that goes on in any community and the need to express that concern in a demonstrative manner, Frank G. Newton, a graduating student at Morgan's graduate program in sociology, is establishing a scholarship to be awarded to students who by way of their activities show concern for communities as he has done through this "small, but perhaps meaningful way."

Newton made an initial contribution of $200 to the scholarship fund and established the criteria for its awarding. The requirements are the recipient should be an undergraduate or graduate student majoring in sociology, who has completed at least nine credit hours in the major and has an overall grade point average of 2.5.

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—Welfare

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Officials said changing the standard of need represents a potentially valuable tactic in coping with the the effects of the Reagan cutbacks.

Cheeks said he supports some aspects of the plan but also feels it does not go far enough in alleviating hardships imposed by the present economic climate and by Reagan administration activity.

"We support it as it counteracts the punitive aspects of the Reagan cuts," he said.

Cheeks suggested raising the standard of need and raising the grant level as steps to be taken to relieve welfare recipients. He claimed the level of support received by a mother and three children today, $326 per month, is not significantly higher than it was in 1969, eons ago in an inflationary era.

The Baltimore Welfare Rights Organization estimates the need is closer to $700 per month.

In a letter from the governor to a legislative committee responsible for changing the state's standard, Hughes said he would reach a conclusion on the proposal within three weeks.

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—Teen fugitive

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Police report when Watts opened his door, the two men forced their way in and demanded money. Police report the men shoved Watts around and forced him to open a safe in an upstairs bedroom.

According to police after the suspects took money from the safe, one of the suspects slashed the dentist across the throat.

His wife, Mrs. Watts, was asleep in another bedroom and was stabbed five times in the back and then pushed off her bed.

Mrs. Margaret Wiley, 79-year-old sister-in-law of Dr. Watts was sleeping in the rear bedroom and was not hurt. The dentist managed to stagger to a neighbor's house who called the police and an ambulance.

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Luskin's faces suit for illegal sales practices

Attorneys for Maryland filed suit contending that Luskin's Inc., one of the state's largest appliance dealerships, has regularly employed illegal sales practices and failed to honor repair contracts.

The suit, filed Tuesday in Howard County Circuit Court, seeks an injunction barring Luskin's from further illegal practices, restitution to consumers victimized by the allegedly deceptive trade practices and the appointment of a receiver to insure Luskin's complies with the Maryland Consumer Protection Act.

The suit against Luskin's alleges that from 1974 to the present, the company regularly attracted customers to its stores by advertising "name - brand" appliances and then tried to get the customers to buy other non - advertised appliances. The reason for the "bait - and - switch," the suit claims, was to obtain a more advantageous profit margin.

The suit also contends the company failed to keep sufficient supplies of advertised products on hand to satisfy "reasonably expected public demand" and in some cases failed to advertise that only a limited quantity of an advertised good would be in stock.

The suit alleged owner, Jack Luskin, along with his son, Cary Luskin, and former sales manager Paul F. Insley III, all "participated in, directed and approved" of the illegal sales practices.

In a prepared response, Cary Luskin, who is also the firm's executive vice president, said: "The attorney general is wrong about Luskin's. We have not broken the law. While we fight in court to vindicate our good name, we will keep on giving our customers the same great prices and great service we have been giving them for 33 years."

The other major part of the suit contends the company failed to repair appliances, including those covered by warranties. Many consumers had to wait many months before their appliances were returned to them and others had to take an appliance to a repair facility several times before repairs were made, the suit charges.

Luskin's has been in business since 1948 and has 12 stores in Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Howard, Montgomery and Prince George's counties, along with Baltimore and the District of Columbia. It is based in Dorsey.

Unions reject governor's proposed pay hike

By John W. Freece

ANNAPOLIS (UPI)—Over the past few months, Gov. Harry Hughes had said the pay raise he would seek for state employees next year would probably be in the neighborhood of 8 or 9 percent.

The governor acknowledged last week there will not be enough money in next year's budget to finance the full 10 percent pay increase recommended by a private consultant, but that his proposal would be close.

And, when Hughes made it official Tuesday that he will ask the general assembly to approve a 9 percent pay raise for state workers next year, he asked for the support of the two unions of state employees.

The unions turned him down, flat.

Despite the previous indicators of what was to come, union spokesmen reacted to Hughes' proposal with surprise and disappointment and one even said his union was ready to look elsewhere for a 1982 gubernatorial candidate to back.

"We feel the governor has not been fair with state employees," said Bill Bolander of Council 92 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees. "They have lost about 25 to 30 percent in purchasing power since he's been governor."

Bolander said union officials planned to meet later in the day with State Sen. Harry McGuirk, D - Baltimore, who has been mentioned as a gubernatorial challenger to Hughes next year.

"There are no endoresements, yet, and we're still trying to talk with the governor. So far, though, it does not look good as our support for him," bolanders said.

In announcing the pay plan. Hughes reiterated his intention to propose further pay increases for state police, other law enforcement personnel and other unspecified special categories of state employees.

He said the increases, combined with automatic raises for length of service, promotions and reclassifications, "will go far toward proving that this administration is committed to designing a salary structure which is fair both to state employees and to the taxpayers they serve."

He called on both AFSCME and the Maryland Classified Employees Association to support his proposal. "NCEA recognizes the governor feels constrained by the fiscal squeeze and other budget cuts, but salary inequity has reached crisis proportions," said Joseph Adler, MCEA's executive director.

The latest Hughes proposal comes after a year in which no increase was approved by the legislature, but also after a 6 percent increase in 1979 and a 7 percent raise in 1980. Hughes said the cumulative, 22 percent raise over the four - year period would be "the highest in a decade - and - a - half."

"It's a big raise in one year," conceded Adler. "But you take a look at it over a long period of time and when compared with (increases for) the private sector, it is about 6 percent below that."

Hughes stressed state efforts in finding other jobs for state employees forced out of work by budget reductions Of 998 employees whose jobs have been threatened, Hughes implored union leaderships to "take into consideration" those statistics and "the great importance this administration has placed upon their job security" before criticizing the size of the proposed raise.

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