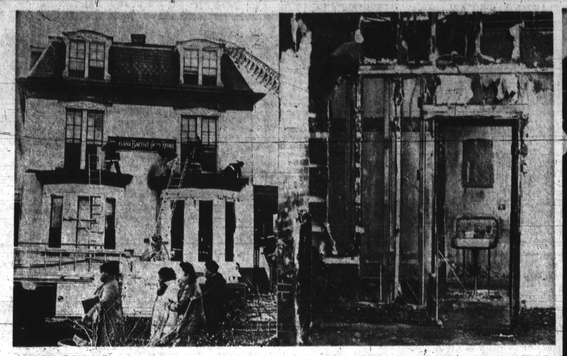

$100,000 DRIVE was launched this week by the trustees of the Maryland Baptist Home For Aged, 2801 Rayner Ave., in Baltimore, which was ravaged by fire in January. Left photo shows exterior of home. Right, a view of the building's chapel. The Rev. Lorenzo Graves is chairman of the fund-raising drive. Some 20 elderly persons remain housed in the gutted structure.

SENATOR CLARENCE M. MITCHELL, III, shown as he was welcome by Sargeant Shriver, American Embassy in Paris during his recent trip to Brussels, Belgium, for the meeting of the Atlantic Young Political Leaders Conference. Senator Mitchell was one of our U.S. representatives at the conclave of young political leaders of NATO countries.

Flag salute bill moves in House

AFRO Bureau

ANNAPOLIS — The bill to require a pledge of allegiance and a salute to the flag in all public schools appears to be headed for the Senate without further roadblocks in the House of Delegates.

The house has given tentative approval to the measure and is almost certain to pass it before the week ends.

It has been amended, however, from its original form to require the participation of all students and teachers.

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ON THE EASTSIDE:

Bright young 4th grader is today's Good Neighbor

BY CHARLOTTE W. MASON

Our Good Neighbor of the Week is a bright youngster, Tanya Williams the eight-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julius (Frances) Williams who live on our Eastside.

Tanya is a very alert 3rd grader at school No. 135, located temporarily in the First Baptist Center on Bond and Ashland Ave. This is the school that burned to the ground at Chase St. off Broadway.

Tanya's teacher is Mrs. Hazel Scott.

The youngster attends the Knox Presbyterian Church with her family and is also in the primary Sunday school class. The Rev. Octavius Graham is her pastor.

She is an excellent student who reads very well and is always seen reading a book at home.

Keep up the good work Tanya.

Her hobbies are many. . she likes to cook. Her grandmother, Mrs. Etta Williams, with whom she lives, tells me she is becoming a very good little cook.

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Tanya is also learning to crochet and likes to wear pretty clothes. At present she is practicing to be a Pixie model.

Her other activities include skating, taking trips, watching TV and playing with her Susie Homemaker that she received at Christmas.

Tanya is very found of her best little girl friend and neighbor, Iris Stokes who lives up the street from her.

Her other constant playmate is her active seven-year-old brother, Jeffrey, who is a second grader at school No. 135.

Our Good Neighbor likes to eat steak and french fries and ice cream. Her grandmother reports that she never misses saying her prayers at night and sees that her brother doesn't forget also.

She celebrates her birthday June 17. At presstime she is in bed with the flu and measles (Get well soon Tanya).

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Things are buzzing at School No. 116 on our Eastside.

The PALS (Parents As Leaders) are working like mad to make their February meeting a big success.

Come Thursday, Feb. 26, they will have as guest speakers the dynamic Mrs. Pearl C. Brackett, Asistant Superintendent, Community Schools, and the Honorable Robert Douglass of the City Council.

Chairman of the planning committee Mrs. Sarah, Stowe. Mrs. Arnita Woodlon is principal. I understand more good things are in store for those attending.

Support this group — they are off to a flying start and we want them to continue to go up and up (but not away). Keep up the good work members of PALs.

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Neighbors concerned citizens "should be informed citizens" . . after all . . if you know what it's all about you can help do your thing to help make our community a better place in which to live.

Just happened to read through a memorandum to participants of a "Drug Abuse Seminar." These meetings are sponsored by the Baltimore City Public Schools Community Relations Division. Director is Mrs. June G. Rose.

What caught my eye was Identification of Drug Abuse: Guidelines to parents.

Parents these are some of the common symptoms of drug abuse.

If you are having a problem with one of your youngsters take notice of some of these actions.

Changes in school attendance, discipline and grades; disinterested in homework; unusual flare-ups or outbreaks of temper; poor physical appearance; furtive behavior regarding drugs and possession; wearing of sunglasses at inappropriate times to hide dilated or constricted pupils; long sleeved shirts or blouses worn constantly to hid needle marks; borrowing of money from siblings, parents, friends to purchase drugs; stealing small items from home, school, mother's purse. . .and finding the adolescent in odd places during the day such as closets, storage rooms, etc. to take drugs.

Now Neighbor remember, let's find out.

Be in the know it will help so many people.

We need you and you, I'll pass on more tips later.

Congrats to the community Relations Division of the Baltimore City Public Schools for helping to make us aware of these problems.

In the mail this week is an appeal from the Lafayette Square Community Center (on your westside) to support their Building Fund Campaign which began Jan. 15 and ends Mar. 1.

The campaign is headed by Coach Earl Banks of Morgan State College and David Stiele, News Director of WMAR TV, Station (Channel 2) support this organization. . .more later.

Happy Valentine day. See you Tuesday.

Talk show won't be restored live

The management of Radio Station WSID told the AFRO Wednesday that the Russ Johnson talk show would not be re-instated "as a live show" on the air after being silenced last week following the commission, and we are doing this in order to protect our license and the license of Mr. Johnson as a broadcaster," Mr. Eaton explained.

Russ Johnson and members of an ad hoc community committee to have the show re-instated did not agree with Mr. Eaton's proposal.

Mr. Johnson, in a separate interview, told the AFRO that it is not his decision to present the show taped.

"I have never had anything to do with the planning or policy making for the show.

"If they are going to cut it and present it taped, they are the ones doing it.

"I think the black community wants the show live as it was," he said.

His attitude was echoed by Mrs. Goldie Baker and Mrs. Angela Lee, who, as spokesmen for the ad hoc citizens, said they wanted the talk show continued as it was because "it is the only talk show the black community has."

The committee offered a resolution to Mr. Eaton and station manager Tony Giordano embodying their views, but this was rejected.

The committee said it would hold a meeting this Sunday night at the SCLC School to rally support for restoration of the show.

They will also have a planning meeting on Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Union Baptist Church with the

Pierre Eaton, president of the board, said the show may continue to be presented on-air, but that because of complaints that profane language had been used on the show, it would not be presented live.

"We shall record the show in the morning, listen to it and put it on the air in the evening with profanity deleted." Mr. Eaton said.

"We have discovered that we are presently being investigated by the Federal Communications Commis-

Rev. Vernon Dobson.

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