# Furlough Program at prison, success

A survey of the Division of Correction's weekend furlough program, which allows minimum-security offenders to leave State institutions for up to 48 hours, shows the program is successful, says M. D. Barry.

Correction authorities are authorized to release the offenders from institutions for periods up to 48 hours, providing the offender is serving his last two months, or is awaiting release after approval for parole.

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Mr. Barry, director of the Division's work release program—the second largest in the nation—oversees the weekend furlough program, which is one of only a handful of such operations in the country.

A survey of the program over the past year shows that 148 offenders were recommended for 48-hour passes by their supervisors. The program was begun in July, 1969, following General Assembly legislation.

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Only one offender failed to return to an institution when his furlough period had expired. He did return voluntarily, however, after overstaying his leave by 44 hours, according to Mr. Barry.

Another offender returned from furlough in an intoxicated condition, and was immediately transferred from the Maryland Correctional Camp Center to the Maryland House of Correction, a medium-security facility in Jessup.

The only other offender who reflected unfavorably on the weekend furlough program was a 38-year-old man, serving an 18-month sentence for non-support, who walked off his community-based job on May 29, five days after returning off furlough.

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His sentence would have expired in another 10 days. He was later apprehended and now faces escape charges.

"Considering that only three of the 148 inmates approved for weekend leave presented any problem, it appears that the program can be considered quite successful," said Mr. Barry, reflecting back on the year-long study.

The weekend furlough program is used for offenders to re-establish family ties, extend the transition and readjustment to the community, and to make final arrangements for employment prior to release.

# insurance Conaway asks investigation

Frank Conaway, canlidate for the House of Delegates from the Fourth District and an insurance salesman, is again questioning the practices concerning insurance for municipal employees.

In a letter to Baltimore Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro, Mr. Conaway asked that a full investigation take place and said the municipal employees should "have access to insurance coverage that is most advantageous to them."

Mr. Conaway's letter went on: "Baltimore City is deducting about one million dollars a year from wages to pay premiums for insurance policies the City Government has never examined and never endorsed."

The Mayor answered the letter, saying he appreciated the letter but that he was unfamiliar with details of the program and was forwarding the information to officials for their "review and reaction."

The officials named were the Honorable George L. Russell, City Solicitor, Edward J. Gutman, Esq., Labor Commissioner, and Charles L. Benton, Director of Finance.

In Sept., 1966, Mr. Conaway charged that the city had been negligent in authorizing pay deductions for the insurance policies being held by 5,000 city employees, and called on then Mayor McKeldin for an investigation.

The present plan began with a group life insurance plan in 1957, Mr. Conaway said, but is now negotiated on an individual basis.

# Mrs. W. M. Johnson's rites at St. Martin's

Final Rites were held on Monday at 12 noon for Mrs. Willie Mae Johnson, at the St. Martin's Church of Christ, 405 Orchard Street.

The eulogy was by Father P. H. Franklin. She joined St. Martin's Church of Christ in Dallas, Texas in 1950 and was President of the Senior Choir.

She was born in Dallas, Texas on August 9th. In 1901 she was married to the late Lucas Johnson.

She came to Baltimore, Md. in 1965 and was also President of the Senior Choir at the St. Martin's Church here.

Mrs. Johnson died, on August 25th at the Bolton Hill Nursing Home.

She is survived by two grandchildren and nieces and nephews; three devoted friends, Father P.H. Franklin, Miss Geneva Atkins and Mrs. Minnie Parrish of Dallas, Texas.

Interment was in Mt. Auburn Cemetery.

Adolphus Halstead was funeral director.

## Marine Corps. guarantees training course

The U.S. Marine Corps is now offering guarantees to new enlistees for the kind of programs they would like the same as the other branches of the service.

According to staff sergeants. Godfrey D. Conrad and Elmer Sewell, both local recruiters, "as of October 1st, men and women enlisting get signed written agreements for training in the career area of their choice."

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Sergeant Sewell described the groups as being: "Group I, combat and combat Arms; Group II, Clerical; Group III, Technical; Group IV, Electronics and Electronic Data Processing."

Sergeant Conrad added that by bringing the guarantee into the Marine Corps "greater and broader opportunities are available for the enlisted man now".

Sgt. Sewell's office is at 1200 Mondawmin Concourse and Sgt. Conrad is at 25 S. Howard St.

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INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS
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## Girl, 18, is still in coma

Miss Paula Spencer, 18, 3000 block Westwood Ave., still remains unconscious after nearly two months in University Hospital, intensive care.

The June graduate of Houston-Woods Junior Senior High School was found on July 26 shot twice in the head in the old Mount Calvary Cemetery in Cedar Hill, Anne Arundel County.

After neighbors reported hearing shots and terrifying screams before dawn, police searched the graveyard in vain.

The next morning burial ground workers and neighbors discovered the young woman in a pool of blood.

No suspects have been apprehended.


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# —Sen. Welcome

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they should have been held.

Senator Welcome introduced and saw through the legislature the resolution which awarded the young man the $18000 compensation for the error.

Asked about her official work this week, the Senator also revealed that she has recently turned over to the Residential Center for Rehabilitation of Ex-prisoners in the Druid Hill Ave. YMCA Building a check in the amount of $50, a gift from a prisoner who was convicted of assault on the senator two years ago when her life was threatened.

The prisoner's check was sent for help in the senator's own campaign, but she refused it, preferring to turn the money over to the center.

Earl Maulsby, director of the center, told the AFRO that it is his aim to involve more widely the concern of leading citizens in the work of the center.

"We hope to develop here not only a half-way house out of prison for persons who have already been inside, but in proper cases to provide a half-way house into the prisons.

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"This would take much of the load off the prisons and do a more effective job in the rehabilitation of unfortunate people," he said.

Mrs. Welcome, by her contribution, was showing her concern for this new effort in community betterment.

Roland Morsell and Andrew Ellsworth are the names of two 4th District men convicted of crimes and recipients of pardons from the Governor through the efforts of Senator Welcome.

At her office this week, she produced these pardons from a large number of others that she has been able to secure for those for whom they were writed during her years in the State Senate.

The reason she still happens to have Morsell's and Hill's is that they have never come to her office for them, even though she has sent letters to them at the last known addresses.

Mr. Morsell received a sentence of one year for burglary in 1946 and the record had been hampering him in getting a worthwhile job ever since, even though he had not been in any more trouble.

Mr. Hill received a sentence of 30 days in 1942 for larceny with the like result of not being able to get adequate employment because of the conviction.

The pardons will help the men gain better jobs.

VOTERS MEET TYDINGS — Teas for Tydings have been in vogue in all sections of the city this primary week. The U.S. senator, Joseph D. Tydings is shown greeting neighbors in these AFRO photos by Ben Phillips. Left, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey W. Matthews of Forest Park Ave., and right, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Smith say hellos. Mr. Smith, is associate grand patron of Prince Hall Masons. Mr. Tydings is seeking reelection in Tuesday's Primary. His opponent is George P. ("Your Home is Your Castle") Mahoney.


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# —Residential

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members knows what it is all about, added, "We don't believe there is any actual rehabilitation as the system is set up."

The center is run at the ground level by what the director and other staff members termed "ex-offenders" but the administrative work is done by the Prisoners' Aid Association of Maryland.

The center's staff encountered a financial problem in November, 1969, when the idea was put into operation but didn't let that stop their plans.

Many times the staff had to share and supply funds from their individual pockets before the yearly federal grant of $177,518 was made in July, 1970.

The staff members agreed there was political concern and named several Maryland officials as instrumental in having the program funded.

Among them were: Senator Clarence Mitchell, Gov. Marvin Mandel, Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro, Senator Verda F. Welcome and Councilman Robert Marshall.

Letters were sent to community organizations and churches, "assuming that they were part of the community," but they didn't respond or appear interested.

Mr. Maulsby said that it is important to let the program contain a "full scope of rehabilitation," involving the community, church, family, places of employment and anything else he may have contact with after his release.

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The pre-release program would allow a prisoner to be released in the center's custody 60 days prior to the end of his sentence.

Ninety days prior to release selected prisoners are placed in an orientation program which develops into a screening test.

Mr. Maulsby and the staff are looking for men who haven't made parole, haven't had the advantage of participating in another program, could not easily adjust to an incarcerated way of life or those that are sure to return to jail after their release if they aren't aided by the program.

During the first orientation program, while still in the institution, the men are subjected to sensitivity sessions and instructed in applying for employment and budgeting money.

The staff then evaluates each man and makes a decision.

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When the selected man VE MOVED FROM THE INSTITUTION, HE IS PROCESSED AT THE Prisoners' Aid offices and taken directly to the Druid Hill Key Club where he begins an intensified two-week orientation program.

After an evaluation of his skills are made, the staff discusses his outlook on the institution and society with him.

While at the center the man is involved in two therapy sessions and anumber of tests which have been revised to meet the individual situation.

Then the question is: Will industry hire him?

He has developed and is ready to take on responsibilities and a job.

The men select their jobs based on their skills and desires. Some have become and city employees.

The staff points out that their "success rate" is, up to now, 88.3 percent of 68 persons who have been involved in the program.

These 68 men decided to spend time in the program after they were released because they could see how they could accumulate a small bank account and a job before they were actually out on the street again.

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In Oct., the staff will begin to help the men, those released 60 days early) entrusted to their custody by the state Corrections Board.

One center staff member said they had reviewed the program and decided it would be a "calculated risk."

The center staff is looking forward to the future when they can expand the program to include female offenders, a drug abuse program and a juvenile program.

The director, speaking for the center and the progress made, said, "We think we have some answers and some suggestions on what direction to take."


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## Worker falls to death from high-rise

At 3:41 p.m. yesterday Curtis Goodwin, 34, 457 Mense Court fell some 12 or 13 floors to his death at the Ames-Innis construction site at Dolphin St. and Druid Hill Ave.

Mr. Goodwin was pronounced D.O.A. at 3:45 p.m. by physicians at Maryland General Hospital.

Police investigators have been unable to determine what caused the veteran construction worker to topple from the superstructure of the unfinished high-rise, low-income apartment house.

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However, witnesses on the scene speculate that the fall was due to high winds just preceeding yesterday's rain storm.

William E. Reinohl, the man in charge of the construction site told the AFRO (as of presstime) "we have no conclusive information as to how the fall occurred.

"Police investigators have been here questioning people and we won't know anything until the investigation is over", he said.

The Medical Examiner's Office is performing an autopsy to determine cause of death but the results have not been made public.


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