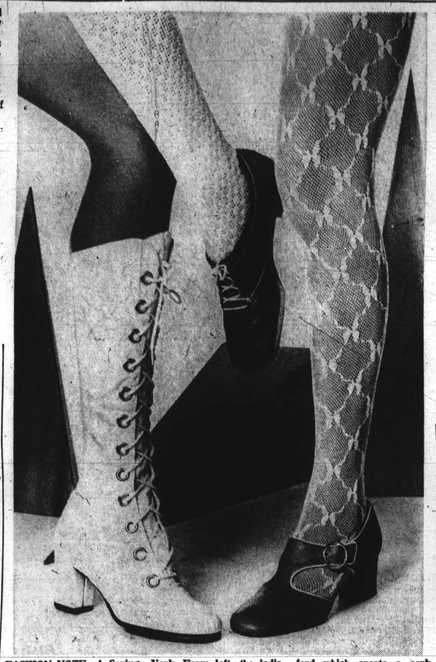
No rules announced on books

Following a recent controversy at a meeting of the Board of School Commissioners over the procedure to be used in the selection of textbooks and other copyright material for classroom use, the following procedure has been recommended by Dr. thomas D. Sheldon, superintendent of Public Instruction to be effective immediately.

1. New titles are to be recommended by staff personnel and publishing companies.
2. There is to be continuous reviewing by screening committees and preparation of lists of new titles each month.
3. Monthly lists of books are to be sent to the Superintendent.
4. The Superintendent will submit recommendations for lists of books to the Board of School Commissioners each month.
5. Approval will be given by the Board of School Commissioners of the lists submitted by Dr. Sheldon, the following month.
6. There will be a distribution of lists of new titles to schools each month by the Business Office.
7. Schools will not place major orders in November for books, and supplementary orders in March.
8. Orders for books will now be processed by the Business Department.
9. Books will then be delivered directly to the schools.



FASHION NOTE: A Spring wardrobe of shoes may well begin with these selections by the American Footwear Institute, New York. From left, the indispensable laced boot in quilted white by Sandler; the tie-dye brown calf oxford which sports a cork sole by Oomphies; and the high T by Risque in delphinium blue iced with white.

Warnings given on microwave ovens use

Dr. Neil Solomon, Maryland's Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, has issued a cautionary note to users of microwave ovens.

He said that the ovens have proved to be a boon to industries and housewives because of their cooking speed. He added, however, that some possible dangers accompany the use of ovens resulting from the leakage of radiant energy from the ovens.

"Leaking microwaves," Dr. Solomon said, "can cause catracts, skin burns, and blood damage. The problem stems from the fact that the damage from the microwaves may be painless when it occurs and the sensation of pain is not felt until it's too late to take action.

"The microwaves heat deeper tissues where there are fewer nerves, unlike open flames which produce immediate pain."

He urged anyone who operates one of these ovens to follow these precautions:

1. Do not allow anyone but authorized service personnel to repair the oven.
2. Have the oven examined periodically for leakage, according to the manufacturer's instructions.
3. Do not allow anyone to remain close to the door while the oven is in operation, due to the risk to the eyes in case of door leak.
4. Make certain the power is off whenever the door is open.
5. Never operate the oven while it is empty.

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High school dropout back in school at 30

By DR. SIDNEY KOBRE

William Richard Smith, age 30 plus and a high school dropout, has come to college.

A machine-operator at the Koppers Company, Mr. Smith realized that he needed more education to move up in the business or industrial world.

Fed up with school, he says, he dropped out of Carver High School in 1948. Then he began drifting from job to job, trying to find his place in the economic world. The list of his occupations in different companies makes you think of the U.S. Labor Department's huge guide to occupations in the nation.

Bill became a chipper in the Standard Steel Company, which made asphalt plants; the Holtite Rubber Heel Company; Read Drug Company; and others, many others.

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Finally, he seemed to come to a rest in 1963, when he landed a job with the local Koppers concern, which has a forward-looking management team. The company offered a program to help those employes interested in obtaining high school diplomas. Recognizing the educational advantages he had missed, Bill enrolled in the high school courses, taught by an instructor of the Baltimore City College, right in the company's plant in Southwest Baltimore. The program was given even on company time.

Eventually, Bill passed the high school equivalency examination and was awarded his diploma in 1969.

Bill was awakened now to the value of an education, and enrolled part-time at the Community College of Baltimore, in September, 1969. He later found that the company would pay his tuition at the college — if he passed his subjects.

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He entered as a freshman in the mechanical technology courses, under Prof. Donald Lutton. These courses in the Day Division, headed by Dean Martin S. Reff, are offered in the Engineering and Technology Department, of which Prof. Charles E. Schissler is chairman.

This year Bill is enrolled full-time in the Speech, Drama, Radio and Television Department, where he is studying speech and learning the fundamentals of broadcasting. He has a clear, well-modulated voice, and both his professors and other students say he comes over the air effectively. He broadcasts live news over FM Station WBJC, operated by the college. You can hear him by tuning in on your radio dial at 91.5 FM at 2 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays.

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Bill says that he hopes to go into radio and TV sales and public relations work and combine this with news-casting. He thinks that his background in industrial work and his studies in the mechanical engineering department at CCB will be useful because companies are using radio and TV now more than ever, and he will have perspective on industries' media needs.

Employers with job vacancy listings for the Baltimore Job Bank operation of the Maryland State Employment Service are reminded that state agency telephones are now in the Centrex system effective the past Monday.

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UN Condemns Hijacking

UNITED NATIONS — The U.N. General Assembly has condemned aerial hijacking and urged all U.N. members to "take all appropriate measures to deter, prevent or suppress" all acts of interference with civil air travel.

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AIN'T LOVE GRAND — Two marine iguanas in this picture "seem to be thoroughly integrated," according to Prince Philip of Great Britain. He took this picture in the Galapagos Islands. The picture, published in LOOK MAGAZINE, "must be one of my favorite photographs," the Prince said, adding, "anyone who has ever tried to photograph animals knows how much depends on luck."

Bishop Doll asks support for follies

The Right Reverend Harry Lee Doll, D.D., Bishop of Maryland has urged area clergy and vestry to support to Church Home and Hospital's special benefit performance of the Ice Follies January 13 at the Civic Center.

Bishop Doll is vice president of the hospital's Board of Trustees, and has been active in supporting the hospital's drive to raise $100,000 or more through the Ice Follies. Proceeds will go toward the planned multi-million dollar expansion and modernization program to include emergency room, coronary and intensive care units.

"I hope the spectacular Ice Follies benefit will attract those who have been served by the hospital in the past and others interested in furthering quality health care in our community," Bishop Doll said.

HEW Denies Head Start Cut

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Three top officials of the Nixon Administration told a crowd of angry parents last week that it now will oppose any cut in spending on the popular Head Start program for needy children.

The administration has said on several occasions that reductions could be expected and about 400 persons from various parts of the nation gathered at the Health, Education and Welfare Department to protest any cutbacks.

They got assurances from HEW Secretary Elliot L. Richarason, Director Donald Rumsfeld of the Office of Economic Opportunity and Dr. Edward F. Zigler, director of the HEW-administered Office of Child Development.

But Grandma Invented The Bra . . .

LONDON — A girl who chooses to go braless is anything but unusual these days. But Serena North figures she's just a bit different.

"It's not really the fact that I like the see-through said last week. "It's just -- well, I'm not sure what granny would have said."

Serena's maternal grandmother, Caresse Crosby, generally is credited with having invented the brassiere in 1914 by cutting the lower section off a victorian-style corset.

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Baltimore And All That Jazz

ARCHIE MANGRAM JR.

Well things are really popping in and around Baltimore, jazzwise. I missed last week's column due to an earlier deadline (because of Thanksgiving), and for that I apologize.

On Sunday, November 22, the Left Bank Jazz Society brought in Clifford Jordan, tenor saxaphonist, and his Quintet to the Famous Ballroom.

Clifford's group consisted of Roy Burrows, trumpet; Kuumba Heath, drums; Jymie Merrit, bass and our old friend, Cedar Walton at the keyboard.

Clifford plays a very 'cool' tenor sax. His tone is almost Stan Getzish in nature (with a little soul of course). This group was my type of group. Modern enough not to be staid, and traditional enough not to go over everybody's head.

Roy Burrows' trumpet was in the Lee Morgan-Clifford Brown tradition. And that says enough in itself. All of those Heath brothers swing and there is no reason why Kuumba should be an exception. He wasn't. Incidentally, if you don't recognize Kuumba Heath, try Al Heath!

Jymie Merrit has got to be an exceptional bassist. This is the third group that he has come with in the past six months. And I have already waxed, hopefully eloquently, about my home boy and favorite pianist, Cedar Walton. He was here with another group just a couple of weeks ago.

The Clifford Jordan Jazz Ensemble was well worth your time and the modest price of admission. Next time he is in town, be sure and catch him.

Last Sunday, Hank Levy fronted the Towson State College Jazz Orchestra at the Famous Ballroom. Hank is a Stan Kenton Alumnus.

In addition, he is an excellent composer, arranger, and teacher. His group is a well-disciplined one. Since the group was composed of College musicians, they didn't quite have that total professional sound. They did a good job, however, and managed to get through some extremely interesting and difficult charts.

Had another chance to visit with and talk with Left Bank's Chapter at the Penitentiary. It is Left at the Maryland State Penitentiary. It is Left Bank Jazz Society 695. They are planning some interesting things for the upcoming year. There is also planned an inmate show, Christmas Eve, and a show from the outside during the holidays. It is always a pleasure 'rapping' with the fellows of 695.

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Damita Jo did so well with her engagement at the James Brown Motor Inn that she was 'held over' for an additional week-end engagement. She will be appearing the 3rd thru the 6th of December.

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Walter Carr Sr. is still writing "boss" editorials for his Nitelifer. Keep up the good work, Walter. We hear you.

The Coppin State Jazz Society will present Leon Thomas in a three-hour concert on Thursday, December 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the Tawes Student Union Bldg.

Leon, who describes his vocal work as African, has appeared with Ray Charles, Roland Kirk, and other top names in the music field. Mr. Thomas will bring a group consisting of Roy Haynes, drums; Lonnie L. SMith Jr., piano; Cecil McBee bass, Richard Landrum bongos; James Spaulding, alto sax and flute, and Little Rock, tenor sax.

This should be quite an evening of jazz. Miss Elanora Mills, a regular at Lenny's, will also appear.

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Ernie Andrews closed out at Biddy's last Sunday night. He will be sorely missed. At press time, where he would be appearing was undetermined. While Ern was at Biddy's though, he really showed what a tremendous vocalist he is. He recorded "Bridge Over Troubled Waters" that is steadily climbing on WWIN. Here's hoping that he will be back on the scene soon.

Baltimore's own Tiny Tim left last week for California to seek his niche in the musical world. Good luck Tiny Tim. We were going to do a feature on Tiny before he left, but could never get together with him.

Next week Wynton Kelly and his Trio will be at the Famous Ballroom along with Hank Mobley. That should really be a hot one!

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SOUTH BALTIMORE NOTES

Bethany youth group charms in local recital

By WALTER W. E. HILL

The Rev. Sister Sarah E. Johnson extends gratitude to the anonymous person responsible for the very kind act of benevolence rendered on her behalf.

The Young Adult Choir of Bethany Baptist Church was presented in recital at the Star of Bethlehem AME Church under the directorship of Robert J. Gladden. The 30-voice choir performed to perfection, and was redated for Youth Day sometime in June.

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After many meetings and discouraging replies, the CAA of Mt. Winans Westport finally received the "OK" on location of their Food Store, which will be in the basement of the Agnes Bevans Day Care Center, cornered on Hollins Ferry Road across from the former Bertie Brooks Tavern.

The store is expected to provide savings for residents of the area compared with the existing prices.

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The Mt. Winans Civic Interest Group, Inc., The Department of Housing and Community Development and the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, will begin their much-delayed project of the building of homes, paving of streets, laying of sewage, lights, trees and the renovation of the privately owned homes in the area.

There will be a mobile office placed in the area within the next two weeks.

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The Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Roland Howard and family were the guests of honor at the Thanksgiving Dinner given by Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. E. Hill Sr., at their residence.

Attending were Mesdames Elizabeth Polk, Viola Howard, Amie Price, Misses Elizabeth Simons, Sadie Smith, Elsie Graham and Grace Jines.

Also Mrs. Cora Johnson and Eugene Pratt from Sandy Spring, Md., Darrell S. Greene; Kenneth Roland, Jr., Mary James, Claude, Marleene and Crafton Howard.

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Bert Lionard, who produced the popular "Naked City" and "Route 66" series, has another video prospect. For Screen Gems, he is producing a two-hour film for NBC's "World Premiere" skein entitled "The Catcher." It is a pilot for a projected one-hour weekly series for the 1971-72 season. Has to do with a former city detective who turns private eye to exploit his special talent for running down fugitives, missing persons, etc.

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