New rehabilitation center to open here in January

The first full time, community - based pre - release operation for the Maryland Division of Correction will begin in Baltimore next month with the opening of a Community Vocational Rehabilitation and Release Center.

In making the announcement this week, Joseph G. Cannon, commissioner, said the new facility is the first step in establishing a workable, community-based treatment program in Baltimore and other areas of the State.

J. Raymond Montgomery, a five-year veteran and former classification supervisor at the Maryland Penitentiary, has been selected to direct the operations of the facility.

He will be assisted by Lieutenant George H. Collins, who joined the Division in June, 1960, and was previously assigned to the Central Laundry Correctional Camp.

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In explaining the role of the new facility, Commissioner Cannon said, "Many clients leave our institutions without any reintegration process. Some leave without the prospect of employment.

"Some have financial and home adjustment problems and others need to be tied into community resource to continue the educational and vocational training they received while in carcerated in our facilities. "The unique operation of this facility will enable us to link up these outgoing clients with the existing community resources, so that the transition back into the community might be more effective."

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The facility, located at Eager St. and Greemount, Ave., raises to seven the number of facilities now under administrative authority of the Maryland Correctional Camp Center, Jessup.

Even though the camp residences, located mainly in Southern Maryland and the Eastern Shore, house minimum-security clients who leave the institutions daily for community work-release program, the new facility is the first to handle fulltime clients in pre-release status.

Clients in the new facility, scheduled to be in full operation by mid-January, must qualify under vocational rehabilitation, be in a pre-release status and within 90 days of release, or on work-release programs.

Clients will be reintegrated back into the community through supporting programs. During the day, clients will participate in work programs in the community and will have the opportunity, in a supervised program, to use community educational and vocational training resources.

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Evenings for the clients will center around individual adjustment needs and counseling, using community-based resources such as the Department of Social Services, the Division of Parole and Probation and other agencies.

The 76-bed facility, built at a cost of $464,000, will have a staff of 22 personnel. Operation is a joint venture between the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and the Division of Correction, Cannon said.

AlButler is supervisor of the Division's Vocational Rehabilitation programs, under the direction of the Maryland Department of Education.

City faces possible property tax hike

By MAX JOHNSON
AFRO Political Analyst

As Baltimore moves into this holiday season facing in a few weeks the knotty problem of next year's budget, Mayor Thomas J. D'Alesandro 3rd sees a critical tight money situation, but not necessarily a gloomy picture.

It is a nervous picture also for the property taxpayer, in respect to a possible new hike tacked on to an already record high for this city.

The mayor does not rule this out of the picture, though he says all possible means will be explored to avoid such an increase.

The fact remains, however, that built in commitments in the new budget will of themselves require such a tax hike, if money is not forthcoming from some other source.

Whatever, Mayor D'Alesandro promises there will be no curtailment in essential city services.

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Still undetermined is where the necessary new revenue will be obtained and how.

The mayor is not optimistic over a proposal advanced by delegate-elect John W. Douglass (2nd D.), who says he will introduce legislation in the General Assembly to tax county residents who work in the city

"It would be a big yielding tax," the mayor said Tuesday, "but looking at it from a realistic political standpoint, it wouldn't get through the General Assembly."

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Mayor D'Alesandro's own proposal is a united fund for the metropolitan area, including a uniformity of tax for Anne Arundel and Baltimore Counties, along with Baltimore City.

This could include a metropolitan sales tax and a possible increase in the area's income tax.

The mayor will detail this proposal and submit it along with other suggested legislation the city wants after the Assembly convenes.

Actually, city Assembly members will be given some details of the proposal at the mayor's dinner for these legislators on Jan. 11 at the Center Club.

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Mayor D'Alesandro, meanwhile, is pressing for a tightening of the economy of the city through a greater efficiency in the operations of its agencies.

He wants less expenditures through more efficiency, with a curtailment of all excessive manpower.

He does not want to fire anybody, but he is placing emphasis on not keeping a city employee on a job where he is not necessarily needed when he could be moved to fill a vital vacancy elsewhere.

The city's tight money picture is critical, but not to the point of gloom.

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Yet, it is already loaded with nuisance taxes which aid but fail to raise alleviating new revenue to substantially halt a new property tax bite.

There is little prospect, too, that Gov. Marvin Mandel will propose a degree of monetary aid for Baltimore nancial plight.

City to bail it out of its fi-

The governor has already indicated as much.

Heretofore, the General Assembly has not balked with too much favor on aiding the city.

Whether the incoming body, with a majority of incumbents, will do a turnabout face remains to be seen.

Mayor D'Alesandro, however, who may know something not generally known, is looking to Annapolis with marked optimism.

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Board approves school programs

The Board of Estimates on Wednesday approved two musical cultural enrichment programs for the city's public schools.

One is with the Joseph Eubanks Ensemble for services in the amount of $4,500 for the school year ending the coming June.

The other is with Asha Sangavi, director of Dances of India, at a cost of $1,375 for the same period.

Credit-on-wheels now rolls in Arundel

Low-income residents of Anne Arundel County now have a unique service at their disposal.

Thanks to the efforts of the county's Community Action Agency credit union those people who live in isolated areas of the county are now able to make regular savings deposits, borrow money at low interest rates and obtain money management counseling without leaveing their neighborhoods.

These services are being made available through a new "credit-union-on-wheels" which will travel throughout the county in an effort to bring its financial services to its members.

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This mobile office of the credit union was dedicated in ceremonies at the credit union's main office at 145 West Street, Annapolis last week.

The dedication and open house were attended by over one hundred credit union members and guests.

Among guests at the ceremony included Anne Arundel County Executive Joseph W. Alton, Delegate Aris T. Allen (R-6C), Annapolis City Alderman Stu Whelan, State OEO Director Frank Welsh, Stephen Pirt, Regional Director of the National Credit Union Administration and numerous other credit union and OEO representatives.

The credit union, officially known as the Community Enterprise Development Association of Anne Arundel County (CEDAAAC) Federal Credit Union, was incorporated last December under the sponsorship of the Community Action Agency.

It now has 361 members and total assets of over $11,000.

"We are a low-income credit union," emphasizes John Smith, the credit union's manager. "We're here to serve low-income people. Transportation has always been a problem. With the van, we'll take the services to the people."

Membership in the credit union costs only twenty-five cents. Each credit union share is $5, but Mr. Smith is quick to add that a member can deposit "any amount he wants."

In order to apply for a loan, a member must own at least one share. The interest on a loan never exceeds 1 per cent per month on the unpaid balance.

Life insurance and loan protection insurance are provided for all members. The credit union and its employees are bonded up to $1 million in case of theft.

Student editors form association

Editors of the student newspapers of nine of Maryland's fourteen community colleges met at Catonsville Community College in mid-November to form the Maryland Association of Community College Newspapers, the first organization of its kind in the state.

The association, which was totally developed by the student editors and will be completely administered by them, will be devoted to "upgrading the quality and performance of the community college papers," as well as to tackling general student problems of mutual interest, according to Cell Gruel, editor of "The Red and Black," student paper at the Catonsville college.

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PROSPECTIVE DEBUTANTE Alice Tucker, center in first group, is shown with Mrs. Charles Campbell, left, and her mother, Mrs. Lewis Tucker, right. In center group are Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Wright and daughter, Venita; and at right, Mr. and Mrs. HERMAN Person and daughter, Miss Joan Pratt.

MISS CASSANDRA ROCK and Peter Jackson were married in Saint Pius Catholic Church, Saturday afternoon.

Miss Rock married to Peter Jackson

Miss Cassandra Rock, daughter of Mrs. Delores Taylor and Hezekiah Rock, was married to Peter Jackson in Saint Pius Catholic Church, Saturday afternoon.

The double-ring ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mr. Cox.

Given in marriage by her father, Miss Rock wore a gown of white velvet trimmed with lace. Her veil, also lace-trimmed flowed into a cathedral train and she carried a bridal bouquet of white carnations.

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The bride had as maid of honor Miss Renee Hicks, Miss Hicks was gowned in rouge velvet trimmed in white lace and wore a headpiece of the same colored velvet.

Bridesmaids, all of whom wore pink velvet gowns, with matching headpieces, were Misses Bernadette Brown, Catherine Justice, Antoinette Stanley and Pamela Jackson. The attendants carried muffs to match their gowns.

Nikki Taylor and Pernatha Taylor were flower girls. Their frocks were in pink velvet. Rodney Taylor was ring bearer.

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Serving as best man for Mr. Jackson was Francois Taylor.

Ushers were Arnold Taylor, Lawrence Hicks and Stanley Jackson.

A reception for 100 guests was held in the church auditorium. Music was by the Ultra Tones. Miss Leslie Starr of New York City was the out-of-town guest.

Mr. Jackson, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Barmer, and his bride are at home in the Greeniyn Apartments after their wedding trip to New York City.

Mrs. Jackson is a secretary with KAPS.

Ministers' wives at St. Paul

The Interdenominational Ministers' Wives of Baltimore and vicinity met at St. Paul C.C. Church, Wolfe and Federal Streets, Rev. Edward Revels, pastor.

The beautiful Christmas service was conducted by Mrs. Pearl Williams, who performed in a monologue skit, "His Name at the Top of the List." It had both humor and pathos.

The ladies are producing in April, 1971, a play. The title is, "Journey into Africa", with Mrs. Verna Day directing.

Those present were, Mesdames Ethel Burgess, Jannie Walker, Evelyn Byrd, Gladys Floyd, Kathryn Brown, Marie E. Taylor, Goldie E. Kitchen, Amanda Marcus, Anna M. Jordan, Emma J. Swann, Pauline Redd;

Mable Williams, Leola Mae O'Neal, Maurine Smith, Pearl S. Williams, Mary E. Harrington, Mary K. Revels, Pauline E. Logan, Doreatha Jordan, Esther Edwards, Verna L. Day, Felicia E. Adams, Estella Dobson, Katherine Dixon, Emma Lee Daniels, Elease Garrison, Christina Nance and Alease Garrisin.

MRS. SANTA says thanks to ALL who contributed nearly $10,000 to help me buy food, clothing and toys for needy families.

Gadabouting in Baltimore

Christmas parties set pace; debutantes in honoree roles

with Lula Mackay

They call her "Auntie B" and she got more attention at the party, Sunday afternoon, than parents, friends or party hostesses . . . though the only auntie I can recall she has any resemblance to is the one of Mame fame. When she popped into the Me-De-So Wives' Christmas affair at the Me-De-So Club, wearing a brown velvet pants suit along with a mink hat, I could think of more appropriate names for Mrs. Bernice Monroe.

But then, the party was the background for the introduction of the young women who will be presented by Me-De-Sos at the April 16th cotillion, practically all of whom have been under her direction during their sub-deb days, and they were overwhelmed that she will direct their presentation. They clustered about her like bees in a honeycomb.

Of course the club was in its usual fantastic Christmas decor, but this year, Miss Brown, who arranges this reception for the group, did the table in the Me-De-So colors of black and red . . . adding a second Christmas tree which held gifts for each of the prospective debutantes.

Dr. Albert LaForest, cotillion chairman, saluted the young women, giving them a "pat on the back" for their having been foresighted enough to have bypassed many of the things young people mistakenly interpret as pleasure to remain in school and prepare for a worthwhile future.

Mrs. Monroe, who also talked to the group, told them that "Black Power" was decidedly her thing, but so are education, culture and dignity that will put more pow into power.

The young women who will be presented this year, all of whom are college sophomores, are:

Venita Wright, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Wright, and who attends City College; Janice Medders, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Medders, Juniata College; Kay Leslie David, Mr. and Mrs. Pierre Davis, Juniata College;

Alice Tucker, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Tucker, Hood College; Gayle Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Williams, Johns Hopkins University; Ardyth Diggs, Mr. and Mrs. John Winfield, Frostburg State College; Felicia Alston, Mr. and Mrs. Burdette Alston, Bowie State College; Sadie Lottier, Mr. and Mrs. George Lottier, Virginia State College;

Joan Pratt, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Person, Hampton Institute; Mureen Peck, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Peck, Morgan State College; Wanda Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Fields, Morgan State College; Delores Burwell, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Burwell, Howard University; Cynthia Burrows, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Burrows, Community College; and Serelain Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Bailey, Pembrooke College.

Missing the party was Kay Leslie Davis, who was in the hospital having tonsils out. But her parents were on hand.

Eliza Robinson and Irma Roy were hostesses for the Girl Friends' Christmas party at the Hilltop Inn, Saturday, and a romping good party it was.

The hostesses provided gifts for each GF, which, in addition to the usual exchange of gifts by the members, piled high the loot under their beautiful Christmas tree.

Chef Albert Johnson of the Inn staff prepared a special soul food menu (from the cornbread and greens to the sweet potato pie) for the dinner, which followed the long, long cocktail hour.

About for the fun as well as the business of the meeting were Margaret Driver, Ruth Jennifer, Laura Jones, Catherine Law, Gwendolyn Lunch, Olga Parker, Mae Parrott, Agnes Patterson, Gwendolyn Roper, Gaynell Spaulding, Lula Mackay, Elizabeth Stewart, Mae Williams, Vera Williams and Theda Wilson.

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That energetic group of Young Matrons, who comprise the Spockette Child Study Assoc. has been going strong with their program for this year. Involved is the word, and this they are!

They've taken an active part in many phases of current happenings, including politics, cultural and intellectual activities, aiding the needy and sick and religion.

Keeping abreast with the current trends, speakers such as Dr. Will Massey, headmaster of Homewood School, "How To Help May Child With His School-work," and Dr. F. Zollicoffer, "Feed Habits of Children" and others have added spice to the already spicy happenings. These gals have participated in their annual Worship Service at Morgan Christian Center, Political Pow-wow With Black Politicians, Bowling, Ice-skating, cultural trips and their "pet project" for the year, assisting the veterans at the VA Hospital. Now that's something!

They contributed coupons (to be used in the commissary) and are volunteering one Saturday a month to set up Bingo Parties for these men who have given more than their fair share. This project is headed by Mrs. Ruth Hunt.

Upcoming is the Spockette's Christmas party. This is to be held at the home of Mrs. Marie Bessicks. Hostesses for this gathering (which is a family affair) are Joy Carter, Jean Butler, Patsy Dankins and Bettye Fitzgerald. Gifts will be exchanged, songs sung, games played and praises given in hopes that soon there will be Peace On Earth.

Hostesses for the previous meetings were Mesdames Effilee Payne, Fanneal Robinson, Minyon Adkins, Shirley Ammons, Clara Bailey, Marie Bessicks, Regina Bernard, Eugenia Britt, Cherry Blackwell, Lorraine Brown and Peggy Brown.

Spockette's president is Mrs. Alice Shelton; vice president, Yvonne Mitchell; secretary, Shirley Robinson; corresponding secretary, Grace Taylor; treasurer, Juanita Morton; program committee, Regina Bernard, sub-set sponsor; Shirley Ammons; publicity, Clara Bailey; civic chairman, Ruth Hunt and Mignon Adkins, hospitality.

Members of the group also include:

Flora Ghant, Sylvia Grace, Cordrienne Griffin, Norma Griner, Carolyn Hawkins, Marie Hicks, Norma Jones, Juanita Morton, Ponjola Priest, Helen Patterson, Monzella Saunders, Marie Randall, Shirley Stewart, Shirley Swafford and Ernestine Lewis.

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The Just Twelve Club held its Christmas party at the home of Clarissa Mathews, Saturday evening.

Cocktails, dinner, cards and gifts exchanged were on the agenda.

Hostesses were Bessie Womack, Phyllis Walston and Clarissa Matthews.

Members are Margaret Gassaway, president; Marion Jones Jackson, Carrie O. Johnson, Jane Harrison, Willa Mae DeShields, Elizabeth Demby, Mary J. Jenkins and Emma D. Dudley.

Guests were Mary Johnson, Isoline Crowner, James Pulley, Frank Jackson, Henry Matthews, John Walston, Maurice Harrison Sr., Charles Demby.

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Edna Stanford, flitting about in a tri-colored modsculptured jumpsuit, in her exquisite apartment, Saturday evening, was as enticing a hostess as you'll find in a year of weeks. She and Bill hosted the Couples' Club at dinner.

The Stanfords had as extra guests Olga Chambers, Gertrude Urquhart, the Ted Philers, the Edgar Ewings and Bernard Cooper.

The couples there were the James Murphys (who were off a couple of days later for a winter cruise in the Caribbean; the Tom Warringtons, the Medford Reynoldses, Bea Butler, Mary Catherine Laws, the Ben Foremans, Ethel Rich the Lonnie Greens and the Cliff Mackays.

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Just arriving at Soron Beulah Diggs' Spa Roamanse in Annapolis, where the lawn and windows were decked with a galaxy of blue lights, put those Alpha Kappa Alpha women in the Christmas spirit.

Mrs. Diggs was hostin Delta Pi Omega chapter's Yule fete . . . and a charming hostess she was in blue gray satin pants and tunic tied at the waist with a fringed rope belt, and sparked with multi-colored slippers.

Mrs. Diggs, who is counselor at Bates High School in Annapolis, had as extra guests, Mr. and Mrs. Houston Thompson and Mrs. Eloise Richardson.

Sorors attending were Mesdames Elmora Pinckney, who is basileus of the chapter; Yvonne Matthews antibasileus Annie Garrett, grammatus; Henrietta Dalton, anti-gramatus; Mary Hunt, tamiochus; Pearl Spruill, epistoleus Melloe Carter, parlimentarian; and Miss Marita Carroll, graduate advisor;

Mesdames Sarah Kane Ivy Leaf reporter; Eva Chesley, chaplain; Hannah Chambers, hodegus; Carrie Brown, Alcella Butler Ramony Green, Irene Mills, Geraldine Scott Appye Morse, Frances Thomas; and Miss Joyce Pergerson.

IN PHOTO AT TOP are Mr. and Mrs. John Winfield and daughter, Miss Ardyth Diggs; and at bottom, Miss Janice Medders and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Medders.

THE ENGAGEMENT OF MISS CARMEN KARENE McGLOTHEN to Clifford E. Reid of Washington has been announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James J. McGlothern, Sr. of Baltimore. Miss McGlothern, a senior at George Washington University, Washington, is studying journalism. Mr. Reid, a graduate of George Washington, is currently a graduate student in economics at Princeton University. He is the son of Mrs. Dorothy L. Reid and Charles E. Reid, both of Washington.

INTRODUCED TO sponsors and their wives at a reception on Sunday afternoon were young women who will be presented at the Spring Cotillion of the Me-De-So Club. At left, Mrs. Burdette Alston and daughter, Felicia, chat with Miss Alston's sponsor, Dr. T. C. Patterson. At center are Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Fields and daughter, Miss Wanda Gibson; and at right, Mr. and Mrs. George Lottier and daughter, Sadie.