Court fees go up but no jobs yet

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

On June 1, fees to file cases in the various courts at the courthouse went up from $3.75 to $10 by action of the 1966 Legislature.

The money, paid in advance, goes into the treasury to pay salaries of employees in the various courts.

With twice as much money coming in, colored taxpayers and voters now see the old excuse of "not enough money to hire more people at the Courthouse" as "gone with the wind."

They're asking :

Since the facts clearly show the workload has tripled in the past few years, isn't there need for more employees, regardless of race?

Since the Supreme Bench has the power to do so immediately, why not show good faith and supply the needed employees by hiring colored citizens in every department?

ACCORDING to a recent survey made by the Lawyers Wives and the AFRO, there are so few colored employees in the offices of the Clerks of the Courts at the Courthouse, it amounts to gross discrimination.

The Lawyers Wives, headed by Mrs. Madeline Murphy president, this spring determined by talks with the Clerks themselves that the more than 400 persons working for up to $15,000 a year pay are put in the jobs by the old political plum system.

They also found the Supreme Bench approves the appointments freely.

Many have been okayed to work although they have not as much as a high school diploma.

The Lawyers Wives also discovered the judges of the Supreme Bench, aware that the majority of the payroll is white, have made no effort to see that colored citizens get their share of jobs.

Further conferences with individual judges, however, brought the reply, "We'd be glad to hire colored persons if there were enough money to pay for extra help."

AS TO the money for salaries the new advance costs started rolling in ample cash as of June 1.

As to obvious need for employees:

During recent years, the work of the courts has increased to the extent that in 20 years the number of judges has gone up from 11 to 16.

Judge Charles Moylan Sr., at the special Supreme Bench meeting last week said, for example, the case work of the Juvenile Court alone has tripled and increased personnel must be provided this fall.

It is estimated that more than 15,000 suits to be filed in the balance of 1966 will bring in over $200,000.

The average total cost of filing a new suit is $15 with $10 going to the court clerk and $5 to the attorney.

INAUGURATION of new "Operation Champ," is recreational program "Operation Champ," is heralded by Officer Allen Burke, project director; Rick Harris, national director; Police Commissioner George Gelston; Officer Edward Moses and Charles Curtis, associate project director.

Police Start Swinging Rek Program

An instant recreation project, fittingly dubbed "Instant Program," will be a feature of life in many inner city blocks this summer, sponsored by the Police Department.

However, the program's alternate title of "Operation Champ" is just as descriptive of the project which will bring cook-outs, "swim" sessions, basketball games and insturction, music, dance and storytelling into neighborhoods which are sorely in need of recreation facilities.

The unique plan of action was forged by the Police Department, in conjunction with Charles Curtis, president of the Harlem Park Neighborhood Council, to meet a specific problem well known to inner city youngsters: namely, that recreational facilities are either very limited or non-existent.

Since it is practically impossible to take the children the long distances to the playgrounds, the simple solution was to bring the playground to the kids.

Responsible for bringing the playground to the kids will be Officer Allen Burke, director of the new program and his associate director, Mr. Curtis.

The plan is being sponsored by the Western Police Youth League.

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THE ADVENT of "Operation Champ" in a neighborhood will first be heralded by announcements over radio stations and a sound truck which will travel through the streets of the area playing rock 'n' roll.

The truck will announce "when, where and what" the action will be.

After the neighborhood knows when the playground" will arrive, "Operation Champ" staff members will enroll adult volunteers to help with some of the activities.

The facilities to be used will include those of the Recreation Department (playgrounds and recreation centers in conjunction with schools within the target areas) and local street areas when other facilities are not available.

Then "Operation Champ" arrives, complete with police escort and sirens, and both ends of the block selected are blocked off.

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IN ESSENCE, the "Instant Program" is a large van containing equipment and facilities for a completed program: team games, arts and crafts, dancing, story time, and a cook-out with free refreshments.

Fire hydrants will also be opened for an "instant" swim session.

Instruction in sports skills will be handled by the staff leaders of the program.

Sports figures will also be on hand to conduct skill clinics, some with the aid of a portable basketball backstop which will be secured against the truck.

After several hours the operation can be moved to a new location.

"Operation Champ," already a going concern in 10 large cities, will be an expansion of the Western Police Youth League.

Its headquarters will be at the Harlem Park Recreation Center.

In addition to the project directors, the program will employ eight program supervisors, 25 assistant program supervisors and 250 youth advisors.

ROBERTA DAVIS

The 15-year-old student of 504 S. Eager St., left home for school on May 5 and has not been heard from since. Five feet six inches tall and weighing 102 pounds, the dark - complexioned student was wearing a black wig. Contact Roberta's mother, Mrs. Virginia Davis at 752-2417 if you have information.

Dr. Jackson at NAACP meeting

Dr. Lillie M. Jackson, president of the Baltimore NAACP, is head of the local delegation attending the national NAACP convention in Los Angeles.

She went out early to visit with her daughter there.

156 registered this week

If you have not registered to become eligible to vote, you may do so.

Who should register?

Those persons over 21 years of age who have lived in Baltimore for one year or more—and are not yet registered to vote.

Where to register — Supervisors of Elections, ground floor of People's Court Building, Gay and Fayette Sts.

Hours you can register — Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Final registration date before September primary — August 15.

Scheduled Dates Pertaining To
1966 Absentee Ballots

Final filling date for military absentee ballots prior to primary election — September 3rd.

Final filing date for military absentee ballots prior to general election — October 29th.

Total registered for Nov., 1960 election 106,306.

Total registered for May, 1962 primary, 115,761.

Total registration for Nov., 1964 election, 132,687.

Registered this week period, 156.

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Thursday	58	9	0
Friday	18	2	1
Monday—Holiday	0	0	0
Tuesday	24	6	0
Wednesday	35	3	0
Totals	135	20	1

Waters Catering Co. closes after 48 years

By BETTYE MOSS

Waters Catering Co., whose services were widely sought by hostesses here and on the East Coast, closed its doors as of July 1 after 48 years in business.

Andrew Chatman, described as 'one of the best chefs in the country,' and Mrs. Virgie Wood Waters, widow of the founder, told the AFRO their decision was due to the times.

'People are getting away from large affairs, they're going to hotels. A business can't operate with small affairs,' explained Mrs. Waters.

Mr. Chatman added: 'This is like having a member of the family die . . . we're living in a different age . . people still want good food, but formal entertainment is out.'

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WATERS CATERING CO. was organized in 1918 by the late T. Henry Waters and his son, the late T. Randolph (Randy) Waters.

At their deaths, in 1953 and 1956, the business went to the widow of Mr. Waters Sr., (the former Mrs. Francis Wood), and to Mr. Chatman, the chef who closes out 47 years with the firm.

In its heyday, aWters had over a dozen regular employees. When it went out of business last week, there were just a half dozen, Mr. Chatman, John Steele, head waiter, with 22 years service; Thomas Chaney, chauffeur, 29 years; Mrs. Eleanor Thomas, laundress, 35 years; and Mrs. Virginia Tyson, secretary, 9 years.

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HOSTESSES OF both races considered they 'had it made,' if Waters Catering Co., was in charge of food arrangements.

Through the years, Waters has been noted for tasty food and elegant table appointments. Its tuxedo-clad waiters were efficient and alert.

One of the last events served by the firm was the annual Philomathian Club closing last year at Morgan.

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FOR THE PAST 40 years, Waters has served Baltimore's Bachelor's Cotillion, at the Lyric Theatre.

It used long buffet tables, aglitter with delicacies, including the terrapin, the Maryland dish, for which it was famous.

This past December when Waters employed 120 waiters and served 1100 at the Cotillion was the last one.

Waters also provided the food at parties when the Duke and Duchess of Windsor visited her native Baltimore.

When the B and O Railroad marked its 100th birthday with the 'Fair of the Iron Horse,' it was the Waters touch which kept the 80,000 visitors happy.

AFRO files show this six-day event was the largest assignment ever handled by our caterers.

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WHAT WILL the co-owners do now that the business is closed?

Mrs. Waters comments: 'I'm up in my seventies. It is time to close down.'

Mr. Chatman said: 'Well, I'm down here every day. It is hard to stay away.'

Meantime, local caterers have been negotiating with Waters for purchase of equipment. The Linden Ave. home where the business operated is not for sale.

Pickets due at welfare

Mothers — Rescuers From Poverty, the welfare mothers group affiliated with U-JOIN (Union for Jobs Or Income Now), was scheduled to picket in front of the State Department of Welfare today (Friday) to protest the conviction of three welfare clients for fraud.

The demonstration was slated for 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in front of the State Welfare building at 1315 St. Paul St.

The group has also planned a demonstration in front of the city Welfare Department next Tuesday—the day after the montly checks come out — to dramatize the need for clothing allowances for children.

According to Mrs. Margaret McCarty, president of the group, the mothers will bring their youngsters along with them for that demonstration.

ANOTHER demonstration sponsored by U-JOIN was scheduled for Friday night from 6 p.m. to 8 at the home of Jacob Klotzman, a realtor, at 6511 Western Run Drive.

U-JOIN, which was issued with a show cause order last Friday signed by Circuit Court Judge Charles Harris asking why it should not be restrained from picketing Mr. Klotzman's home, is demanding that the realtor make repairs on his buildings in the inner-city.

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Thunderstorm drenching netted youth a new shirt

Need a new shirt? One way to get it is to stand out in front of The Rack Men's Clothes at 1737 Pennsylvania Ave. in a thunderstorm and get drenched by a driving rain.

That is, if you are ten years old, crying and looking like you are too scared to move.

Matthew Smith, son of Mrs. Doris Smith of the 1400 block of Carey St., got caught in Tuesday's sudden summer storm in front of the clothing shop and was seen by manager Jerry Hammond.

"He was standing there shaking and shivering and crying like he was petrified and my heart felt so sad I told him to come in," Mr. Hammond said.

The manager gave him a new shirt to replace the wet one, waited for his pants to dry, and sent him home.

"I would have given him a pair of pants too, but he was so little we had nothing to fit him," Mr. Hammond added.

His mother learned of the act of kindness when Matthew came home with the new shirt.

"It was such a nice thing to do, I thought people should know about it," she said.

THE RAINS CAME on Tuesday and in many basements across the city unhappy residents had to do the same thing as Mrs. Norvell Jones, 1632 Barnes St. in East Baltimore. The thunderstorm caused considerable damage from water and lightening strikes. (Photo by Phillips)

BIBLE WAY CONVOCATION SET

Bishop Williams sees need for 'partnership of power'

A veteran Washington, D. C. bishop who heads the 50,000 member Bible Way Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ World Wide, Inc., is convinced that "partnership power" not "black power" is the answer to the civil rights controversy.

Bishop Smallwood E. Williams who leads the Bible Way Church in its week-long annual convention in Baltimore beginning Monday (July 11), said "we need a partnership of power between blacks and whites to make continued progress in civil rights."

A PROGRAM of partnership between the races is the only way to "positive progress" educationally and economically and "the true way to freedom" in the American way of life, Bishop Williams emphasized.

Such "partnership power" would eliminate extremes of black power as well as end any trend toward extremism in non-violence.

"We cannot produce any type of program that indicates racial cowardice," "we must work together with all races in this transitory period of civil rights."

This is the message Bishop Williams will give to the delegates to the ninth annual Bible Way Church convention which opens Monday at the First Apostolic Faith Church, 27 S. Caroline St., Baltimore, with the hope of guiding them toward a "partnership power" in civil rights matters.

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BISHOP WINFIELD A. SHOWELL is the host pastor and the theme of the convocation is "Laymen's Soul-winning Evangelism." This marks the second convocation to be held in Baltimore, the Bible Way Church having met here in 1961.

More than 2,000 delegates are expected for the convocation which runs until Sunday, July 17, with Bishop Williams presiding.

Founded only nine years ago, the Bible Way Church now has more than 300 churches in the United States Jamaica, Trinidad, Africa and England.

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MONDAY'S OPENING session will include a welcome address by Mrs. Sarah Peacock of Baltimore and a response by Mrs. Rose Jones, Petersburg, Va., the day's program being dedicated to missionary reports and discussions.

Bishop, District elders, pastors, missionary workers and members from all parts of the United States and the foreign countries are expected to participate in the week's program.

NAACP voter registration stepped up

Voter registration and activities for school desegregation in the state for the NAACP will be handled this summer by two representatives of the national office of the organization.

Richard R. Hicks, who will direct "voter registration and education," said he will be working closely with each branch president in the state.

His job will be to convince the "average man in the counties of the power of his ballot and right to vote" in a "vigorous" campaign.

MRS. JANICE GRANT, heading the school activities, will work to compile "a profile of school desegregation to date" and from that hopes to influence speedier integration of "children and, especially, teachers."

A teacher for 12 years in Harford County, Mrs. Grant was the initial plaintiff in a 1954 Harford County desegregation ruling.

The work of the two directors will be focused on areas of the state that need special help, and will not be limited to voter registration and schools.

Meeting slated for minority businessmen

Meredith R. Hoffmaster, Baltimore regional director of the Small Business Administration, and C. Frank Hopkins, Baltimore Field Director of the Department of Commerce, announced a meeting to be held on Tuesday, July 12, at 8 p.m. at the Enoch Pratt Library, Cathederal and Mulberry Streets in the Wheeler Auditorium, third floor.

The purpose of the meeting is to assist the development of minority group business enterprises, encourage minority group entrepreneurship and describe the Federal resources to assist such efforts.

Participating in the program will be Dr. Jessie Colson and Richard Philbin from the Office of Economic Opportunity Assistance, Small Business Administration, Washington, and Abraham S. Venable, assistant director, representing the Office of the Under Secretary, United States Department of Commerce.

Local minority group businessmen and prospective business people are invited to attend.

TAKING A 'BREATHER' during fire Tuesday in the 400 block N. Fulton Ave. is the fireman who comes up for air in the top of the picture while his fellow fireman waits on the ladder below.

Witnesses push campaign for guest housing

A house-to-house canvass of the metropolitan area for guest rooms in private homes is being stepped up sharply by Jehovah's Witnesses as early reports indicate heavier attendance at their August convention here than first anticipaed.

Officials for the group's "God's Sons of Liberty" District Assembly, slated for Memorial Stadium August 17-21, say a compilation of early requests from delegates for overnight accommodations during the gathering indicate that attendance may exceed the anticipated 50,000 delegates from the middle-eastern states.

Convention rooming director Walter R. Wissman of New York City issued an appeal for metropolitan residents who have spare rooms in their homes to telephone 288-5604 to list their rooms or to obtain further information.

Watchtower Convention Headquarters has been set up at 7824 Eddlynch Rd, Dundalk, and persons may feel free to write or to stop in, he said.

"We have already received over 6,400 requests for rooms from delegates in 35 states and Canada with the bulk of requests yet to come," Wissman explained.

Intensive TB X-ray drive to be conducted

The Baltimore Tuberculosis Association, working in collaboration with the City Health Department, will launch an intensive drive to get residents X-rayed. The drive will be conducted Aug. 8-Sept. 29.

Using Western Health District as its base of operations, a mobile X-ray unit will be moved about in "area 18" to cover strategic locations.

The boundaries of the area to be covered are Edmondson Ave. east to Fremont, south to Pratt St., west to Carey St., south to the B and O Railroad, southwest to Monroe, north to Baltimore St., west to Fulton Ave. and north to Edmondson.

Mrs. Harriet Jones is director of the program. Dr. Gottfried Baumann, health officer of Western District and Mrs. Anna Scholl, administrative supervisor at Western, also are coordinating the drive.

The mobile X-ray unit will be open, free of charge, to all residents in the area over 15 years of age. The tentative times for those wishing to be X-rayed will be from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Approximately 350-400 persons are expected to be checked for TB daily.

Residents will be contacted in their homes. Any other diseases detected during the TB drive will be followed-up by public health nurses to assist those residents who may need medical aid.

Others working with the program include: Mrs. Mindell Moon, Dr. James E. Peterman and Dr. Allen Moody.

KILLED IN VIET NAM

'He was a lovely boy, hoping to come home . . .'

'He was a lovely boy, very quiet, very personable, very mannerly . . he had just been promoted and was looking forward to coming home in October . .'

A relative was speaking of Sp./4 Aaron Hopkins, 20-year-old Sharptown, Md., youth, who died in Viet Nam June 24.

Funeral services were held July 6 at Zion Methodist Church in Sharptown, with burial in the church cemetery.

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SHARPTOWN IS fourteen miles north of Salisbury, where young Hopkins went to school. He was a 1964 graduate of Salisbury High, and starred on the basketball team.

He entered the Army in October 1964 and was stationed at Ft. Gordon, Ga., where a relative said 'he had no pleasant experience.

'It seems a shame he was over there fighting for something he could not enjoy here.'

Immediate relatives are a sister, Miss Portia Hopkins, 1965 Salisbury High graduate and a grandmother, Mrs. Sarah Johns, Sharptown.

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