Pupils from damaged schools make best of bad condition

By ROGER J. NISSLY

Cooperation is the key to the relatively smooth changeover two elementary schools made this week in parceling out their students to six schools in the wake of natural destruction (fire and flood).

A fire Sunday night destroyed Beale Elliott Elementary School 108, Gilmor and Pressman Sts.

And the 1,400 students of Carroll Elementary School 139, Central Ave. near Lexington St., arrived Monday morning to find their school flooded from a frozen water pipe.

Both the Carroll pupils and the 548 from Beale Elliott have been accommodated without breaking up their regular classroom sections and without losing their identities as separate schools.

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TRUE, THERE are some problems, but on the whole the transition into their new surroundings have been effected smoothly.

Mrs. Anne L. Payne, principal of Thomas G. Hayes Elementary School 102, which houses the bulk of students from the nearby Carroll school, could have been speaking for all the accepting schools when she said her teachers offered to share "everything" in welcoming the additional classes and teachers.

Because of the large number of students at the flooded school, 41 classes, they and the two schools which are accommodating them, had to go on half day sessions.

Thirty classes attend the Hayes school in the afternoons (12:30 to 4:30) and 11 are housed in the afternoon at School 116, Aisquith and Orleans Sts., where principal Calvin N. Carrington says he welcomes the new pupils as "guests."

Regular students at the two schools attend in the morning (8:15 to 12:15).

"We lose about one hour of teaching time a day," S. Reginald Watts, principal of the water-damaged school, reports, "but we don't lose out on the basics."

He explained that basic subjects such as reading, arithmetic, social studies receive full consideration.

The subjects that would receive attention in a fuller day, music, art, physical education, are dropped of necessity, "but not entirely," he said, "we have time for some."

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AT ANY rate the part-time sessions are temporary. Mr. Watts said that workmen are already in the 43-year-old school and predicts a return to the former school "sometime in April, maybe before."

The operation had gone so smoothly — all students were assigned to their new classrooms by Tuesday morning — that Mrs. Payne said she didn't mind if the new situation lasted until June, so the damaged school could be renovated for its occupants.

Her school had supplied coffee and dry shoes for the teachers of drenched school Monday morning.

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PUPILS FROM the fire wrecked school have been fitted into four other nearby elementary schools and the Gilmor Homes Recreation Center without losing their full day of instruction.

The majority of the pupils, seven classes, are being housed in Gilmor Elementary School 107, Gilmor and Laurens Sts.

One kindergarten class is housed in the unequipped kitchen of the cafeteria, four more in the cafeteria, which also is not used, and two more in regular classrooms.

Principal of Gilmor, Sa-

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Vietnam hero rescued men during battle

For S/Sgt. Willie P. Haskett, a native of Baltimore, the Vietnam war means action — and plenty of it.

Haskett, 38, who has been in the Army for more than 14 years was recently awarded the Silver Star for leading his platoon out of an area that was under heavy enemy fire.

Haskett, along with other members of his unit, was on a search and destroy mission when the enemy opened fire. Haskett crawled three-hundred yards under heavy attack to rescue and retrieve men who had been wounded by the initial battle.

Haskett then engaged in hand-to-hand combat and finally led what was left of his platoon to a position of safety.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Haskett of 2543 Lauretta Ave. He and his wife, Shirley, have one child, a boy.

S/Sgt. WILLIE P. HASKETT

AFTER 22 YEARS, Mrs. Julia Reid is retiring from Bureau of Recreation. Co-workers crowned her "Queen for a Day." Attending the "Queen" here are Mesdames Ernestine Ward and Gertrude Dinsmore.

Teachers oppose edict to bring staff mixing

The Baltimore Teachers Union and the Public School Teachers Association oppose a measure which they say would force integration of public school faculties thereby destroying teacher morale

The teacher organizations have suggested that the Department of Education conduct an "active recruiting effort" to persuade white teachers to go to colored schools.

The PSTA made its proposal in a report to the education committee of the Mayor's Task Force for Equal Rights.

The Baltimore Teachers Union is expected to issue a formal stand next week.

Dennis Crosby, head of the BTU, said his group was especially concerned with promoting the "quality" of education. Asked why his union opposed the so-called forced integration staff plan, Crosby said that trials, similar to the Baltimore situation in other cities, including Detroit, did not work.

Last November the Mayor's education committee had asked the two teacher organizations for recommendations on faculty integration.

Marriage bill seen passing

ANNAPOLIS—The bill to repeal Maryland's age-old ban on mixed marriages appears headed for General Assembly passage, without opposition of note.

The SB 72 passed a routine second reading in the House Wednesday, and may likely face final third reading and passage today (Friday).

The Senate passed the bill Feb. 9 by a 35-7 vote.

The seven votes against the bill at that time were cast by:

Senators Joseph A. Bertorelli, Joseph J. Staszak (both D. 1st Balto.), Joseph L. Manning (D. 3rd Balto.), James A. Pine, Norman R. Stone Jr. (both D. Baltimore), Robert P. Dean (D. Caroline - Cecil - Kent - Queen Anne's - Talbot) and Frederick C. Malkus (D. Dorchester-Somerset - Wicomico - Worcester).

School fire was arson

Fire Department officials have found that the fire which ravaged Beale Elementary School 108 Sunday was set, probably by youths.

Elmer Katzenberger, acting chief of the fire investigative unit, said the fire began outside a wooden door at the top of one of two steel corregated fire escapes.

It then spread through the top floor and loft of the school.

Chief of Katzenberger said a steel gate, normally locked at the bottom entrance of the fire escape, had been removed for repair several months ago.

He believes the vandals, probably "under 16 years," may have started a paper fire next to the wooden door.

No arrests have been made as investigation continues.

New bid starts to make easier liquor moves

ANNAPOLIS — Two bills of a special interest to property owners, in that they ask relaxing restrictions on the transfer of liquor licenses, are now before the House of Delegates.

HB 837 ask that there be a substitution of the usual rule of protest that denies a transfer when the establishment is protested by over 50 percent of the property owners within a 300 feet radius.

The bill would provide that this hold true when actually 50-percent of such property owners would appear in personal attendance before the Liquor Board to protest.

A COMPANION HB 858 would provide that transfers under the exercise of imminent domain by a governmental agency, that is forced relocations, could be refused only when the Liquor Board determines that the transfer is not necessary for the accommodation of the public.

Another exception would be the usual limitations of approximity to schools and places of worship.

Both bills are sponsored by Del. Carl J. Holub (D. 2nd, Balto.) and a number of First District, Baltimore City delegates.

Finnerty named to Liquor Board

ANNAPOLIS — Gov. Spiro T. Agnew has won the round with Baltimore's Democrats over the Democratic appointment to the city's Liquor Board.

Late Thursday, he named Joseph G. Finnerty Jr., an attorney, to replace Jerome C. Dashner, the present board chairman.

Democratic leaders for weeks had been insisting that Mr. Dashner be reappointed. Gov. Agnew, however, had firmly let it be known he did not want Mr. Dashner.

There still remains on this board a vacancy, created a few days ago with the death of Royce C. Hanson, long-time member.

Gov. Agnew integrated this board for the first time in its history a couple of weeks ago, with his appointment of Elmer O. Harris, 3025 Walcott Ave., a veteran Republican leader and communications clerk with the city's Department of Transit and Traffic.

Mrs. Reid retires, named 'Queen for Day'

By STERLING A. PAIGE

The retirement of Mrs. Julia Reid, after 23 years with the Bureau of Recreation was announced this week.

The retiree, who lives at 1126 Mosher St., was crowned "Queen for a Day" Tuesday at a party held in her honor.

The affair was held at bureau headquarters, 1129 N. Calvert St.

Henry J. Ernst, superintendent of maintenance and supplies, spoke in glowing terms of Mrs. Reid.

"She first came here during the WPA days, as a seamstress. She has been a mother hen to everybody around here.

"Mrs. Reid has grown right up with the department. She is one person who is going to be hard to replace."

ACCORDING TO other workers in the "Rec" Department, the seamstress became indispensable as she spread her talents into other activities surrounding her job.

"Lately she has been handling supplies, record forms, etc., Mr. Ernst said.

"Mrs. Reid has always been our wardrobe expert," said another supervisor. "She had made all our costumes for special affairs."

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MRS. REID told the AFRO: "I have worn so many different hats since I have been on this job.

"For a long time I moved around the various centers and taught people to sew. I had classes all over the city up to 1965."

How does she feel about leaving her job?

"I leave with a little regret but I think it is about time to leave.

"I have enjoyed the people, made lots of friends."

What will she do now?

"Well I love to sew. I will do lots of sewing. We have a project at our church (Douglas Memorial). We make items for the needy and show them how to make use of things."

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A MEMBER of Douglas Memorial the past 24 years, Mrs. Reid is a widow. She also will spend more time cooking things she likes and building things around the house.

"I love to cook, and you could say I am a carpenter. I like to build things with wood."

A great deal of time will be spent with her flowers and plants, too.

"They say I have a green thumb," she confessed.

Mrs. Reid also expects to get in a bit of traveling.

"I will get a chance to visit my daughter, Mrs. Rosearie Garner, in Scranton Pa. and my brother in Wilmington N.C. my native home."

The long-time "Rec" employee has another daughter, Mrs. Eileen Rodgers, of Baltimore; two granddaughters, one grandson, and two great great grandsons.

Step right up! Circus is here

Ladies and Gentlemen, the "greatest show on earth" is in town.

The annual visit of the elephants, lions, llamas, horses, and other Ringling Brother-Barnum and Bailey Circus animals is currently taking place at the Baltimore Civic Center and will continue through March 12.

Baltimore is one of thefirst cities on the 60-city tour, and is playing here before their Washington, D.C. engagement.

Home buyers tax cut asked

ANNAPOLIS—A bill of high significance to Baltimore property owners has been placed before the House of Delegates this week by De. Troy Brailey (D. 4th Balto.)

Mr. Brailey noted that a home owner is assessed taxes on both the home and the property he actually owns the ground.

His bill asks that taxes on the ground be paid, instead, by its actual owner, thus preserving tax savings in many instances for home owners.

Many home buyers in Baltimore purchase their homes, but not the ground at the same time. Instead, they pay a yearly ground rent.

OIC seeks $100,000 for Baltimore training center

The big white sign over the door of the redbrick row house at 1371 Stricker St. reads "Opportunities Industrialization Center We Help Ourselves." The building is actually part of the offices of the Sharon Baptist Church, donated for the use of OIC. The message, proclaimed in blue block letters, is the creed of the thousands of persons who have made good through a vocational training program that has been called "one of the most exciting and hopeful programs in America" by the Readers Digest.

"If there's any single reason why OIC has a record of success it's because it gives these kind of individuals (the 'unreachable and unpreachable') a stake in the affairs of his community," says Robert Bagley, executive director of Baltimore Opportunities Industrialization Center.

"At the same time, OIC tries to make the community realize it has a stake in the development of this individual," Bagley continued. "Once we get these two points across, we are well on the way to full mobilization of a working program."

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OIC WAS started in Philadelphia in January, 1963, before the poverty program, by the Rev. Leon Sullivan, a dynamic articulate advocate of self-help and "preparing for expanding opportunities."

Sullivan's Philadelphia project has a 97 percent record of success in its job placements, and has been funded by the anti-poverty program.

The idea has spread to some 66 other cities across the nation, about 16 of which are now federally funded. Baltimore OIC too, is hopefull of receiving federal funds.

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THE PROGRAM was started in Baltimore last April by the Rev. Arthur J. Payne, pastor of Enon Baptist Church. The Rev. Mr. Payne gathered a group of leading civic figures, mostly ministers, into a board of directors, and established contact with local business leaders.

Mayor McKeldin, the City Council, the Board of Education, other city agencies and leaders have approved the program.

"There is a certain spiritual quality about the whole concept upon which OIC is based, "the Rev. Payne said. "It takes the whole man—it's just as important to show a person what it takes to keep a job as it is in getting him one."

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MONTHS OF groundwork, including a pilot pre-vocational class in December, will reach a climax Monday, March 6, in the beginning of a $100,000 fund drive, and opening of pre-vocational training classes.

Some 200 persons are expected to register by the end of the week. The classes will be conducted in the Maryland Baptist Center and School of Religion Center at Mosher and McCulloh Sts. from 6 to 10 p.m.

The organization has been assured of the use of three other buildings in the area, two by the Prince Hall Masonic Order, F and M, and another by the Roman Catholic Church of the Immaculate Conception. All except the Baptist center require some renovation.

The Baptist center, which became vacant when the OIC will expand its classes in response to the support from the community.

NEW DEPUTY — Boyd L. Chriscoe, 1703 Bloomingdale Rd. left, began Monday as a new deputy in the sheriff's Court House office. At right is veteran deputy Sheriff, Bertram I. Dorsey, 3323 Leighton Ave.

Boyd Chriscoe is new deputy

Boyd L. Chriscoe, 1703 Bloomingdale Rd., is a new deputy in the Court House office of the sheriff.

Mr. Chriscoe is an appointee of Sen. Verda F. Welcome, and began his new duties Monday.

He is a member of Sen. Welcome's 4th District Democratic Organization.

He joins Betram I. Dorsey, 3323 Leighton Ave., a veteran deputy sheriff and also a member of the Democratic Club. He, too, was appointed by Sen. Welcome.

A third colored deputy sheriff is Robert L. Morsell, 2331 W Lanvale St., who is a member of the Pollack faction's Trenton Democratic Club.

Two trips to say vows fail to save marriage

Two ceremonies, one in Washington and another in Baltimore, failed to perpetuate the marriage of Mrs. Delores Dorsey of this city and James L. Dorsey Jr. of Bel Air, court records show.

The decree went to Mr. Dorsey after a petition filed earlier by Mrs. Dorsey was dismissed.

The couple was married in a religious ceremony by the Rev. Rossie L. Patterson of Mount Carmel Baptist Church, Washington, on Nov. 5, 1964.

On Jan. 24, 1965 they went through a second ceremony in Perkins Square Baptist Church, performed by the Rev. Ward D. Yerby.

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MRS. DORSEY said in her petition that they lived at 2462 Keyworth Ave., until March 4, 1965, when she left and went to the home of one of her brothers. She later moved to the home of her mother, she said.

She said that he falsely and fraudently concealed from her certain material facts bearing on his eligibility and desirability as a prospective husband.

Had she had this concealed information, she said, she would have never married him.

In the testimony that won a divorce for him, Mr. Dorsey said that when he came home from work on March 4, 1965, he found the house stripped of furnishings and his wife gone.

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ISIAH ANDERSON of 3607 Liberty Heights, said that Mrs. Ella Anderson left him after an argument over his feeding their baby.

The couple, married on June 17, 1961, separated on April 1, 1964.

Under the divorce granted to the husband, Mrs. Anderson received custody of their child, and is to receive $8 per week until she, now 5, is 21 and $150 for her attorney.

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Marriage Plans Upset By 2nd Man

New teachers take lead in big contest

A charming school marm who has been playing a "waiting game" while two perennial front runners have been locked in a see saw battle for top Favorite Teacher honors made her move this week as the contest moves into the home stretch.

Her Mrs. Joan Hines of Calverton Junior High leap frogged to the lead this week with a total of 266,200 votes.

When the Contest Editor completed her tabulations for this edition, she found that there had been a complete shake up in the top three positions as reported in Tuesday's AFRO.

At that time Louis Williams of Fort Worthington No. 85 was heading the pack with 158,000 votes. He was followed by Mrs. Hattie Richardson of Elementary School No. 30. She had 137,300.

In today's tally, Mr. Williams is in second place with 206,700 and Mrs. Richardson has dropped to third with a 167,100 vote total.

WHETHER Mrs. Hines' 59,500 vote lead will stand up will be determined by developments over the next eight days.

The contest deadline is March 18 after which no votes will be accepted.

Winners and the final standings will be published in the Good Friday Edition of the AFRO, March 24.

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THE TWO top winners will get to San Juan, Puerto Rico on Easter Sunday for a week of fun in the sun.

First place finisher will take down $100 in cash to complement his or her hotel reservations and free plane tickets. Second place winner will pick up $50 in cash, plus transportation and hotel accommodations.

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AS THE Contest Editor

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Paquin raps busing series, hits silence on 'overtones'

By ROGER J. NISSLY

School Superintendent Lawrence G. Paquin has forcefully questioned the widespread silence which met an "upsetting" series of education articles in the local Hearst newspaper.

The series of three articles on busing, printed Sunday through Tuesday in the News American, had not brought objections from a "single person" by Wednesday, he said.

He stated his chagrin that until now "I haven't heard a single person make a statement about the discriminatory overtone of these articles."

"The issue does not seem to be the busing at all," the superintendent declared.

"You have a multi-racial society," he continued. "The question (in the articles) seems to me to be whether the bused students can go together with the others in the same school.

"Historically, if I understand, this has always been the great strength of the public schools."

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THIS VERY strength was the taking of groups of people of different backgrounds "and helping them to live together in harmony and peace," he said.

He added that the public school, in the past of the country, "was the only place this was happening."

"Why can't we do it in this case?" Dr. Paquin asked.

"Are we going to abandon it?"

He repeated, "I don't think the busing is the issue here," and asked a pointed question.

"What would they do if they (the bused students) got there by living in the neighborhood?

"Would they rule them out? Would they say they couldn't go there?"

DR. PAQUIN restated his department's present policy of busing students only when there is crowding "to relieve class load."

Without busing, the pupils of crowded schools would have to go on part-time sessions.

The pupils from crowded schools are taken to schools

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All Our Pupils Deserve the Best

(AN EDITORIAL)

School Supt. Laurence G. Paquin sees a "discriminatory overtone" in the three-part series on busing of pupils that ran this week in the News American.

It was worse than that.

Intentionally or not, the series promoted the vicious, racist supremacy view that some pupils are more worthy human beings and deserve better treatment than others.

Not long ago the same newspaper ran a series on welfare recipients, using quotes from unnamed critics to allege that crime took a dizzy spiral after checks came out. "Mothers' Day" the paper called it.

A group of legislators, some of them anti-welfare and anti-colored, visited police courts after a few "Mothers' Days" and found exactly what the AFRO had reported after checking court dockets for a period of several months — there were no figures to back up the sensational crime-spurt charges.

Much is made now of the figures indicating white pupils are moving out of Baltimore or going to private schools where busing is taking place.

But even the News American chart, run on Sunday, supports what a very Baltimorean long has known, that whites are and have been fleeing the city by the thousands for years.

In fact, the News American chart shows that the greatest number to leave the city was 6,824 in 1958—before busing was thought of. The largest number to leave during the period busing has been underway was 6,398 in 1963-64.

There is a slightly higher number going into private schools, and the series shoud boost this figure even more.

It seems more accurate to us to say that busing, rather than creating a lot of new problems here, has resulted in more schools sharing some of the existing ones.

Every intelligent person knows that inner-city residents are not entirely responsible for the problems and that alone they are not going to solve them.

It seems to us only a supremacist could favor a system where part of the public school pupils attend overcrowded and inferior schools while others enjoy small classes and the best teachers. Hitler thought that way.

It also seems ridiculous for PTA leaders and parents to blast the school system for not trying to do anything about the multitude of problems it has when they won't even take the time or effort to prosecute when some bully bashes in the head of a child.

And doesn't it say something about the thinking of a people who would insist that good little children be shipped to their schools while all the baddies make it as best they can?

What every parent in Baltimore should be interested in is how we can give each child the best possible education despite the problems which abound.

Many more white families will move away before those who remain to fight the problem achieve enough success to turn the tide.

But the tide will be turned.

Hopefully, more and more white and colored families will devote increased effort to the cause.

Those who work at it would find their way eased if they did not have to overcome unnecessary roadblocks created by stories that many will agree appeared to have a "discriminatory overtone."

BATTERY OPERATED pacemaker for her heart does not keep Mrs. Mary Whitfield from household chores. At right, Dr. Kenneth Lewis, head of cardiology division at City Hospitals, holds one of the pacemakers. (AFRO staff Photo By Phillips.)

Battery-powered pacemaker helps widow's heart do job

Mrs. Mary Whitfield of 1101 Orleans St. has a battery-operated heart and it has been keeping her alive and healthy for more than three years.

In 1964, Mrs. Whitfield, a native of Virginia, began to have blackouts.

An examination by doctors at Baltimore City Hospitals disclosed that Mrs. Whitfield's heart could no longer do the job of pumping blood through her body.

City Hospitals doctors suggested that Mrs. Whitfield have a battery operated pacemaker installed. She agreed and has been chipper and healthy ever since.

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THE PACEMAKER, a small device about the size of a pocket watch, generates an electrical impulse which triggers a response from Mrs. Whitfield's heart.

She believes she was the second person in Baltimore to be fitted with one of the life-saving devices.

The pacemaker was inserted into Mrs. Whitfield's left side and two wires were run up through her chest and into her heart.

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WHEN SHE had the operation for the first pacemaker, the 68-year-old widow told the AFRO, she was advised that the batteries would have to be replaced about every three years.

Last month she entered City Hospitals again and was fitted with a more advanced pacemaker that will last for more than five years.

Mrs. Whitfield, mother of 15 children, credits the scientific advancements of man and her strong faith in the Lord she told a reporter.

"But I put the Lord first," she told a reporter.

"I am able to do my own cooking and cleaning everyday by myself," she said. "I don't need any help in doing my household chores."

"I don't even know that I

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Bride-to-be not sure now what to do

Miss Daisy Murray's wedding day did not go exactly as planned Wednesday.

Before the young couple's civil ceremony could be performed in the courthouse, Fayette and Calvert Sts., the proceedings were broken up by a knife threat and a wild gun chase through the courthouse.

The 18-year-old prospective bride's husband-to-be, seeking only a simple ceremony, was booked for disorderly conduct.

Instead of a honeymoon trip, Nathaniel Williams, 21, of the 2400 block Guilford Ave., spent some time in the Central District jail on the technical charge which stemmed from a melee after an argument at the Marriage License Bureau.

The wedding was postponed.

POLICE BROUGHT charges against two other men, one for possession of a deadly weapon (a .25 cale automatic) and the other for threatening the prospective bridegroom with a knife.

Charged were:

Leroy Bolton, 19, a laborer of the 2400 block Guilford Ave., with possession of a deadly weapon (a .25 cal, automatic) and with disorderly conduct in the courthouse.

Clarence Allen, 26, a laborer of the 1400 block Goodwood Ave., with assault by attempting to cut with a rigged knife, and with possession of the knife as a deadly weapon.

In a court appearance Wednesday afternoon, Bolton was identified as a cousin of the bridegroom-to-be.

Sitting in Central Municipal Court, Judge Robert B. Watts postponed the case for a week to allow Allen time to procure a lawyer. He placed Allen under a total of $1,000 bail on the two charges and Bolton on $600 bail.

The bridegroom-to-be was

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Agnew drops board head

By MAX JOHNSON

ANNAPOLIS — Two Baltimore Fourth District senators scored an unprecedented victory here Wednesday night, in blocking the reappointment of a nominee to the Board of Electrical Examiners and Supervisors, which they accused of racial discriminatory practices.

As a result of complaints by Senators Verda F. Welcome and Clarence M. Mitchell III to Gov. Spiro T. Agnew, he withdrew his nomination of George Winters, who had been on the board for more than 20 years and was its chairman.

Sen. Julian Lewis Clark Jr. (D. Howard-Montgomery), chairman of the Executive Nomination Committee, said the governor withdrew the Winters nomination without comment.

No replacement had been submitted by the governor as of Thursday afternoon.

Four other nominations to

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Singer to play 'biggest tent'

Rock and roll singing star James Brown and his Flames will play Baltimore at 8 p.m. March 25 under the "world's biggest circus tent."

Promoter Edward J. Kahn, barred from the Civic Center and every other area big seat outlet with his show, finally worked out plans for the spectacular tent presentation.

The tent, rented from Clyde Beatty, is being trucked in from Florida by a 22 vehicle caravan.

Up to 11,000 fans can be

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Southern Life says bill may force it to close

ANNAPOLIS — The 61-year-old Southern Life Insurance Co. in Baltimore may be forced out of business, if a bill before the House of Delegates is not passed.

It is HB 534, put in by request of the company's officials, would exempt the organization from an earlier General Assembly statute, which set a financial basis for insurance company's to meet.

The earlier law set a minimum asset of $1,250,000 in capital and surplus for such companies to have by 1973, or go out of business.

Linwood G. Roger Jr., attorney for Southern Life, appeared before the House Banking and Insurance Committee Thursday to press for the exemption bill.

He said his company has total assets of $750,000, but, as now foreseen, would be unable to meet the $1,250,000 requirement by 1973.

The HB 534 would exempt from the financial require-

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$20,000 scholarship to City's Curt Anderson

Curt Anderson, member of the AFRO's 1966 All-MSA football squad, has been given a full scholarship to Johns Hopkins University.

Curt Anderson City College

A 4-year grant at the influential Baltimore institution represents an investment estimated at $20000 or more.

Anderson was an outstanding lineman on the Lisbon City College football team and its captain for 1966. He also served as captain of the Collegian track and field team.

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WHILE IT was a foregone conclusion with his teachers and coaches at City that young Curt would receive an athletic scholarship from one of several schools, the Johns Hopkins grant is on the basis of his academic achievement.

Anderson is in the upper one percent of his class of over 600, and according to athletic director Bill Anderson "has maintained an average of 92 since he came to City from Woodburn Junior High School."

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF the award to Anderson may lead to other revelations in connection with scholarships to City athletes.

His teammate, Kurt Schmoke, the All-MSA quarterback in 1965 and 1966, and the Collegians' "scholar-athlete" of the past year is re-

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Radio minister hurt in crash

DALLAS, Tex. — The Rev. P. H. Franklin, radio minister on station WSID in Baltimore and pastor of the St. Martin's Church of Christ in Baltimore and Dallas, was injured here Tuesday, in an automobile crash.

Parkland Memorial Hospital, where the Rev. Mr. Franklin underwent emergency surgery, listed his condition as "fair" on Wednesday.

A spokesman at Parkland said the popular Baltimore minister sustained a broken thigh, three fractured ribs, a broken collar bone and numerous facial cuts.

Radio station WSID told the AFRO that the minister's radio program, regularly scheduled Sundays at 11 p.m. will not be heard this week.

The Baltimore church is on Orchard St. The minister went to Dallas once a month for services.

Baltimore Slums-IV: Urban Renewal role

By MICHAEL DAVIS

Baltimore has in operation 10,230 public housing dwelling units contained in 17 city housing projects.

These projects are home for more than 40,000 people of whom approximately two-thirds are under 21 years of age.

The average annual income of families residing in public housing as of Sept. 30, was $2,638 and the average monthly rent was $52.67.

Many of these families have been placed in public housing as a direct result of the programs of the Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing Agency.

As BURHA has removed properties and placed them in public facilities, new problems have been created.

Many citizens, especially older ones, are hesitant about moving out of the old neighborhoods. Many feel secure and safer among the friends they have known for many years.

Many feel better when they are just a block or two a way from the neighborhood grocer who has always been willing to extend a few days credit until the next welfare check arrived.

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A BALTIMORE welfare worker who was informed of the deplorable living conditions of an East Baltimore apartment said the city had offered to move the tenent into a public housing project and that the offer had been refused.

The tenent told the AFRO that she had lived in the neighborhood for more than thirty years and that all of her friends had lived there too. She felt she might have difficulty in "just picking up and moving" to another, unfamiliar section of the city.

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BUT THESE are the problems that face the people most directly involved in Baltimore's slum clearance program.

"It is not always easy," a BURHA worker said, "to provide better housing for people. It is not just a matter of a better place to live."

BURHA has been in oper-

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