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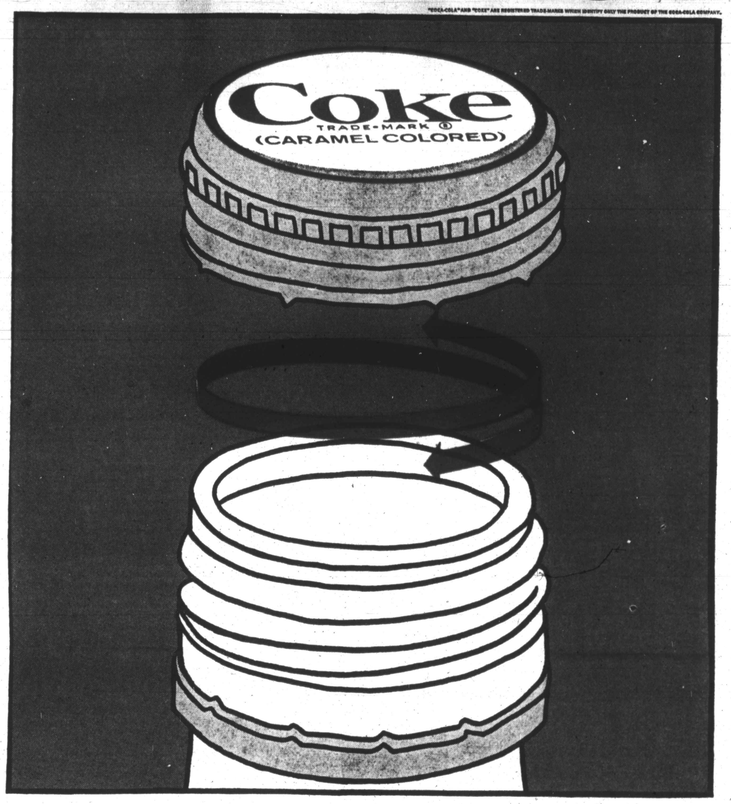

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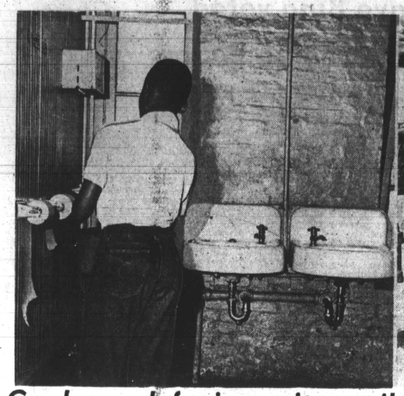

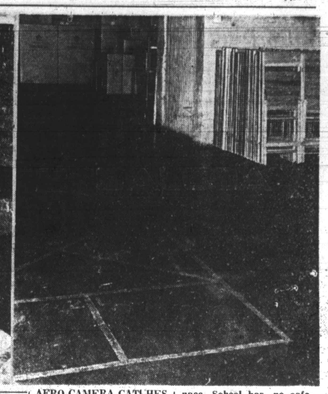

AFRO CAMERA CATCHES some of the deplorable physical conditions at the Captain Henry Fleete School, 76-year-old building has no hot water facilities in toilet and is still heated by an out-of-date coal furnace. School has no cafeteria or regular gymnasium and basement area used as physical education facility is often used t store chairs and other school equipment. (Phillips Photos)

Good enough for inner-city pupils but not good enough to be warehouse

(Story detailing school shortcomings elsewhere in this issue)

By MICHAEL DAVIS

A 76-year-old building, declared 46 years ago to be "obsolete" and "unsatisfactory" is still being used as a school for 254 Baltimore children.

The Captain Henry Fleete Elementary School in East Baltimore, built in 1891 was the subject of a 1921 survey which charged that the school was: "... an example of the very worst kind of school building planning. The stairways have a number of turns and would add to the confusion of children in their haste to leave the building in case of danger ... The toilets are particularly defective."

The school was vacated and used as a city warehouse for 10 years but when city officials decided that the building was even inadequate for a warehouse, it was reopened and used as a school to "catch the overflow" from schools Nos. 27, 37, 97 and 99.

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EACH DAY five busloads of students are brought to the school, which was cited in this week's NEA report rapping Balimore schools.

The students —207 colored 47 white —have no cafeteria facilities. Each day they must eat their lunches in the classroom.

There is no gymnasium or large auditorium and teachers are forced to make the best of a small "all purpose" room located in the low-ceiling basement of the school. school.

The two bathrooms, also located in the basement, are equipped with outmoded facilities and there is no hot water.

The building is heated by a large coal-burning furnace, one of the few still in use in public schools. The majority of schools in the city have been oil heaters installed.

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A TEACHER told an AFRO reporter that until a new custodian was hired it was not uncommon to find the building cold during the winter months.

Outdoor playground facilities are inadequate. A small courtyard, a school official said, is not large enough to accommodate the entire student body and for that reason it is necessary to hold outdoor functions in groups.

The interior of the school is badly in need of paint. In hallways and classroom, the paint is chipped or cracked.

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IN AUGUST of 1966 a request was sent to the school maintenance department asking that the school be scheduled for a paint job.

Today, eight months later, the school is yet to see the first coat of fresh paint.

H. Earle Hudgins, manager of school building maintenance, said the school is scheduled for an interior paint job some time this year and that it was not painted last year because of a lack of funds.

"We've had plans to do something about it for some time," he said, "but we just haven't had the money."

Hudgins added that other renovations, such as putting toilets on the upper floors of the three story building would cost from $8,000 to $10,000.

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THE OVER-ALL appearance of the building is that of a tired and worn facility that has seen its better days.

"It's so run-down," a teacher commented, "that it hardly seems worth trying to patch it up all the time.

"It's like throwing good money after bad."

The wooden staircase in the school is a hazard in itself. Not only because of the twist and turns which could cause panic in the event of a fire but because the balusters are low and there is a clear drop from the top floor to the ground floor.

"We have a wonderful staff," Mrs. Lucille Williams, principal of the school commented, "and they do a remarkable job under the circumstances, but the physical plant is inadequate."

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THE CITY has said that it is trying to eliminate the necessity of shifts in the school system before it does anything about the obsolete schools.

And apparently there is no immediate plan to close down or make any major renovations on the Fleete School.

The paint job, which is incorporated in the 67-68 fiscal budget for the school is prima facie evidence that the city intends to get a few more years out of the old building.

QUICK ACTION — The quick action of these four sixth-grade students is credited with saving the life of 82-year-old Mrs. Irene Lee, when her clothes caught fire. The students, (L to R) are Randolph Williams, Gregory Richard, Ernest Jordan and Adrian Wilson. (Phillips Photo)

EDWARD MYERS, 1632 Ruxton Ave., recipient of the Gold Cord Honor presented to graduating seniors with average of 3.5 or higher, is a music major at Central State University, Wilberforce, Ohio.

Shorty Powers to speak here

Lt. Col. John A. (Shorty) Powers, voice of Mercury Control for the astronauts' first space flights, will speak 8:15 Tuesday, April 11, at Towson State College.

His talk, "American on the Moon," will be given in Stephens Hall auditorium free to the public as part of the college's 1966-67 special events program.

New Harlem Park tour scheduled April 22

An unusual type of house and garden tour is scheduled for Saturday, April 22, when interested citizens will have an opportunity to view the "New Harlem Park" — Baltimore's first residential community to receive full-scale rehabilitation treatment.

The tour, sponsored jointly by the Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing Agency and the Harley Park Neighborhood Council, will start at 10:30 a.m. from the Emmanuel Christian Community.

The Rev. Sidney Daniels, president of the Harlem Park Neighborhood Council, and Edgar M. Ewing, associate director of the Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing officers and deliver opening remarks.

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THE GUESTS will then separate into smaller groups, each of which will have two guides, — one a member of the Harlem Park Neighborhood Council, and the other a BURHA staff person. Each group will visit one or more of the rehabilitated homes and will be invited to see the interior as well as the exterior.

In addition, they will see the Recreation Center attached to the new Harlem Park Junior High School and some of the 29 inner block marks which are the unique feature of the Harlem Park Urban Renewal Plan. Nineteen parks have already been completed, and the remaining 11 are under construction.

Persons wishing to take the tour should make reservations by calling NO. 9-4020 or by writing to the Harlem Park Neighborhood Council, 801 N. Arlington Ave., 21217. There is no charge for this tour.

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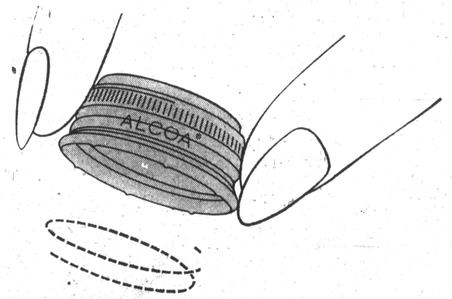

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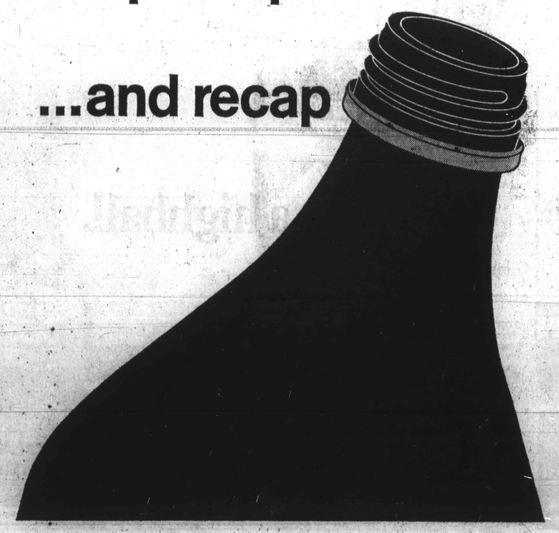

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