Fire hits Morgan library; probers see attempted arson

Fire Department investigators at presstime were probing what they called a "strong possibility" of attempt to burn down the Soper Library on the campus of Morgan State College.

Capt. Anthony A. Spann told the AFRO that he could find "nothing in the area" that would have caused the fire discovered in the basement of the Library shortly after noon Thursday.

Walter Fisher, director of the library, said the fire was detected by Robert Howard, a library aide who was riding the elevator.

Mr. Howard, Mr. Fisher reported, took the elevator to the first level after smelling smoke. He immediately returned to the seventh level and reported the discovery, the director added.

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FIRE COMPANY No. 8 headed by Battalion Chief Capt. Francis Ticha, responded. Capt. Tischa called in Fire Investigation Bureau agents when he could not determine the cause of the blaze.

Capt. Spann said arson is suspected because "there are no heating devices or other objects in the area which could start a fire."

Due to the early discovery, Mr. Fisher, said, "There is little or no damage." Because the fire started in an area where old newspapers are stored, a delay in its detection would have resulted in serious damage.

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"THE IRONY of the thing is that Mrs. Virginia Richardson, our associate director, had just been on that level a half hour earlier to locate the AFRO-AMERICAN'S 50th Anniversary Edition and there was no smoke then," Mr. Fisher declared.

Voter registration opens Wed. to Aug. 7

If you have not registered to become eligible to vote, you may do so beginning the coming Wednesday through Aug. 7.

Registration has been closed since May 8, because of the special Constitutional Convention election June 13.

The coming Wednesday through Aug. 7 will be the final registration period prior to the Sept. 7 primary.

Who should register?

Those persons who are or will be 21 years of age by time of the Nov. 7 general election, have lived in Baltimore for one year or more — and are not yet registered to vote.

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

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

The books will also open Wednesday for change of voting address.

Dad gets children, home in Campers' divorce

Five children went to the father and the title of the home was also transferred to him, when Nixon Camper, 2918 W. Lafayette Ave., divorced Mrs. Joyce Campbell last week.

Mrs. Johnson had been charged with misconduct by her husband, who named a Walter Smith, special policeman, as co-respondent.

Mrs. Camper had been he and a friend, Fred W. Buchanan, held vigil on Mrs. Camper and Mr. Smith at an apartment on Wakefield Ave., and when the officer, left, followed him to his home on Ellamont St.

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FOR A consideration of $200 the wife transferred her interest in the home to Mr. Camper.

The latter also paid her attorney $150. She will receive no alimony.

The Campers were married on Sept. 6, 1953. The marriage ended on May 13, 1966.

ALSO CHARGING that their marriage was wrecked by unfaithfulness was Mrs. Beatrice Brown, of 2324 Eutaw Pl., who divorced Alexander Brown, of 1728 N. Broadway.

Married on Aug. 30, 1948, the wife said that the union ended in Oct. 1966, when she confronted him with being the father of a child born to Miss Hazel Powers.

Along with her testimony, Mrs. Brown produced copies of a birth certificate and an income tax report that listed the child as a dependent, to substantiate her charged.

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ARTHUR JONES, 1711 Linden Ave. divorced Mrs. Bernice Jones on grounds of desertion.

The couple was married on March 31, 1950 and separated on April 2, 1951.

Mr. Jones said his wife left without giving and reason, in fact, without saying anything.

Agnew will address ConCon seminar Mon.

Gov. Spiro T. Agnew will address the delegates elected last week to Maryland's Constitutional Convention at a special session of an orientation seminar 5 p.m. Monday at Goucher College.

Gov. Agnew will describe for the delegates the functions and responsibilities of the office of governor.

Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin and J. Millard Tawes, former governors, will join him in a panel discussion on the governorship and its relationship to other branches of the state government.

The orientation seminar will be conducted at Goucher from 11:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday afternoon, with morning, afternoon and evening sessions until the Thursday afternoon closing.

Sponsored by the Constitutional Convention Commission, the seminar is designed to give the delegates an intensive briefing on the provisions of the present state Constitution and to present a detailed review of the organization and operation of the present state, county and municipal governments.

Delegates will have an opportunity to discuss informally with informed persons proposals which have been made and are being considered, both in Maryland and elsewhere in the country, for strengthening state and local government through constitutional revision.

2nd D. integrated slate gets McCourt's backing

The 2nd District's Center City Democrats Club has just filed an integrated slate for the City Council, backed by the district's Senator Frank J. McCourt.

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THE CANDIDATES are:

John D. Alexander Jr., 37, an attorney, of 1419 John St.; Allen L. Fox, 27, attorney and Tyson St. resident, and Floyd E. Rogers, an inspector at the Bethlehem Steel Co., who lives at 2220 Cecil Ave.

AFRO readers will recall that Mr. Rogers ran for the City Council unsuccessfully in 1963.

The three candidates have opened a volunteer headquarters at 810 N. Charles St.

They have promised to campaign as a team this summer.

Tuskegee students filling vacuum at City Hospitals

Tuskegee Institute of Tuskegee, Alabama and City Hospital here in Baltimore are continuing a program of lend-leasing student nurses from the Institute to City Hospitals.

There are 53 student nurses participating this year in the program which has been in existence for your years.

They are helping to ease the nurse shortage at the hospital at no additional cost to the city. Tuskegee provides both room and board for its student nurses.

Also, to Baltimore's advantage, many of the student nurses are expected to return here after they graduate to continue their careers.

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TUSKEGEE is one of 33 colleges and universities associated with the United Negro College Fund.

The Fund, which raises money to help colored students in need of assistance in going to college, makes possible programs like the lend-lease nursing project.

ON A CURRENT financial campaign to increase UNCF operating funds, ministers of Protestant churches all over the city held special collections recently during "UNCF Day."

Their interest and support were spurred by Clarence C. Cope, assistant regional director of UNCF.

At a conference of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, Mr. Cope spoke of the need of money for the survival and success of the organization.

He also stressed the desire for more citizens and organizations to support the fund.

The majority of the money received now comes from outside groups, he said.

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SOME MINISTERS of the Alliance, the Revs. Vernon N. Dobson, Frank L. Williams, William W. Payne, and Marion C. Bascom, agreed that the "churches of Baltimore have not participated in the fund-raising drive with any real strength or consistncy."

The ministers are hoping to correct this oversight, they said. They voiced the belief that the mutual struggle for equal rights includes a maturing responsibility, and as ministers, they wish to accept their responsibility, the clergymen declared.

Demos fail to agree on party head

By MAX JOHNSON

Maryland's Democrats are still without an official head of their party, though the Democratic State Central Committee met Wednesday afternoon at a downtown hotel to pick one.

The reason they did not choose a party chairman was because top brass was fearful the choice at that time would split the already shaky party.

They recessed the meeting and will try again in about 30 or 60 days.

Up for consideration Wednesday were Dale W. Anderson, Baltimore County executive, and Peter F. O'Malley, Prince Georges County attorney.

When an approximately two-hour caucus on these and a compromise candidate in Thomas J. Hatum, former Hartford County General Assembly member, drew no agreement, the assembly turned its attention to drawing a constitution.

Earlier, George P. Mahoney announced his endorsement of Mr. Anderson, who though not known as a liberal, let it be known he did not want to be associated with the Mahoney "your home is your castle" theme.

Mr. O'Malley had the support of former governor, J. Millard Tawes and the forces of Sen. Joseph D. Tydings.

Mr. Mahoney showed up at the confab and strongly hinted he would be a candidate for Sen. Daniel B. Brewster's seat.

CHERRY HILL SMASH — Car at left crashed into fence at Round and Bethune Rds. Tuesday evening. Vehicle then caromed into a parked 1963 sedan, climbed on top, then drove it onto lawn. Parked car, said to be total loss belongs to Allen Cureton, 924 Bethune Rd. Barrett L. Jefferson, a roofer of the 3200 block W. Rogers Ave., was charged with reckless driving, operating on a revoked license, and failing to identify himself after accident. Police say he attempted to leave scene and was intercepted by Cherry Hill residents.

10,000 Jaycees to invade city Sunday for 6-day stay

City Council President Thomas J. D'Alesandro 3d today urged Baltimoreans to extend a real welcome to some 10,000 Jaycees arriving here Sunday from all parts of the nation for their 47th annual convention.

"It will be the biggest convention of its kind ever held in Baltimore and, hopefully, the forerunner of many more like it at the Civic Center," Mr. D'Alesandro, who is also chairman of the mammoth convention's advisory committee, said.

The visitors are expected to spend more than $2 million during their six-day stay, and one way Baltimoreans could how their appreciation is by attending Wednesday morning's giant "Parade of State" from the Fifth Regiment Armory (9 a.m.) to City Hall via Howard, Baltimore and Holliday Streets, Mr. D'Alesandro added.

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THE CITY COUNCIL president, founder of the Baltimore Promotional Council, which is promoting tourism for the city, has worked for three years to bring the Junior Association of Commerce convention here.

He was one of 25 young men who, in 1964, flew to Tulsa, Okla., as a successful "bid team," convincing the national board of directors that Baltimore really wanted the convention in 1967.

Chairman of the team was Samuel J. Fonte Jr., who began a friendship with Mr. D'Alesandro that led to the creation of a Volunteers for D'Alesandro for Mayor organization now headed by Mr. Fonte.

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BECAUSE OF the convention, there will be a rerouting of certain bus lines which operate on Baltimore St. between Howard and Calvert Sts.

The alternate routes shall be in effect between the hours of 10 p.m. and 2 a.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Bus lines affected will be:

No. 1, east and southbound: regular route to Baltimore and Howard, then via Howard, Lombard and Hanover, then regular route.

No. 1, north and westbound: regular route to Sharp and Camden, then via Camden, Howard and Fayette, then regular route.

No's. 5, 8, 15, 19 and 20; and the All-Night service on No. 7 will operate eastbound: regular routes to Baltimore and Howard then via Howard, Lombard, Calvert and Baltimore, back to regular route.

No. 11, east and northbound: regular route to Eutaw and Lombard, then via Lombard and Charles, then regular route.

No. 28, All-Night service northbound: regular route to Howard and Lombard, then via Lombard and Charles, then regular route.

1967 CAMPOREE A BIG EVENT

150 Scouts pitch tents tomorrow deep in the heart of Baltimore

One of the most unusual sights ever seen deep in the heart of any big city will come about here early tomorrow (Saturday) morning at Lexington Terrace Housing Project, in the area of Saratoga St. and Fremont Ave.

Mushrooming up out of the very pavement, so to speak, will be scores of tents, all in neat and orderly fashion as some 150 Baltimore Boy Scouts begin their 1967 Inner City Camporee.

The now famous event starts at 8 a.m. with the gathering of nine troops and two Cub Packs and extends through Sunday afternoon.

Lexington Terrace Troop 259 is the host troop.

Oscar Jenkins is the Lexington Terrace BS representative.

The public is invited to witness the occasion which not only gives the city youngsters all the joys of outdoor camping but also helps to interest boys, ages 10 to 16 to join up, to come in for wholesome fun, work, play!

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NO TROUBLE has been spared to see that the Camporee is just as good as any held in the forest, woods or countryside and Scout executives here had the support of all of Baltimore to make it a glowing success.

Before breaking camp at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, the Scouts will take part in many activities besides cooking outdoors over open fires, raising and lowering the flag with ceremony and working on their merit badge projects.

Highlighting the program Saturday is the parade at 12:45 p.m.

At 2 p.m. the Scouts will assemble in the Courtyard for the opening event at which L. Robert Kilmer, Scout executive, David Brigham, producer of TV's "To Promote Good Will" and City Council president Thomas D'Alesandro III will speak.

Roy Hilton of the Baltimore Colts, other invited guests from the Bullets and the Bays, and citizens from all walks of life will also be present.

Preceding the main event at 11 a.m. will be a 1-hour visit from TV personality Kerby Scott.

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AWARDS TO be distributed throughout the Camporee include Boy Scout Certificates of Merit and Achievement for performance in the campfire events.

Also, more than $400 in prizes will be given out to winners of various competitions staged during the two-day period.

The scores of gifts donated just for the Camporee range in value from $1 to $20 and include box seats to ball games, records, bats, radios, play tapes, hams, sausages and games.

Julian named to board for Dimes March

Dr. Emerson R. Julian, prominent Baltimore physician, was elected to a one-year term on the Board of Directors of the Greater Baltimore Chapter of the March of Dimes recently.

Results of the balloting were disclosed at the Board's annual dinner meeting held last Friday in the Jubilee Room of the Sheraton Belvedere.

"As a Board member, Dr. Julian will be called upon to serve on one of the committees operating in the board," Judge Robert Hammerman, chapter chairman, reported.

"It will really be up to him," he continued, "to select the area in which he is desirous of lending his efforts."

At present, the possible areas from which he may choose are the Medical Advisory Committee, Public Education Committee, Fund Raising Committee, and Executive Committee.

Dr. Julian and his wife, Elizabeth live in the 2300 blk. of Arunah Ave.

He is on the Executive Committee of the NAACP and the brother of the internationally famous research chemist, Percy L. Julian of Chicago, Ill.

Dr. Patterson accepted by Jaycee group

Dr. Theodore C. Patterson, a Turner Station physician was elected recently into the Dundalk Junior Chamber of Commerce.

He is the first colored person to be elected to the Chamber in 15 years.

Currently, Dr. Patterson is secretary-treasurer of the Baltimore County Medical Society.

In December of last year, he was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Baltimore County Cancer Society.

Dr. Patterson, originally from Sparrows Point, has been a general practitioner in Turner Station for three years. His office is at 105 Main St.

He is a graduate of Morgan State College and the University of Maryland Medical School.

Dr. Patterson and his wife, Sylvia, are the parents of three children: Gina, 9; Tina, 5; and Chavis, 3.

They live in the 8100 blk. Bullneck Road, Dundalk.

1801 Madison faces zoning

An appeal asking the continued housing of seven families at 1801 Madison Ave. is to be heard by the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals on Tuesday.

Also scheduled, beginning at 1 p.m. in Room 231 City Hall, are these appeals at the following locations:

1723 W. Lanvale St. — Continue first floor confectionery; 1321 W. Fayette St. — auto repair garage; 1602 Abbotston St. — first floor confectionery and shoe shine parlor; 137 and 139 N. Broadway — continue to house six families in each dwelling; 1129 N. Caroline St. — two-story rear addition.

THE PAST Tuesday, the Board approved the requested housing of three families at 3508 Oakmont Ave.; the construction of a rear garage at 3812 Cedardale Rd. and the, reconstruction of a service station at 1550 N. Monroe St., with the provisions that there be no revolving advertising signs or other obstructions on the sidewalks.

An appeal asking the continued housing of six families at 1800 Madison Ave. was withdrawn.

Dean Waters hospitalized

Dr. E. Worthington Waters, Morgan State College dean, was reported to be in fair condition late Thursday at Provident Hospital.

The dean was admitted to Provident 6 a.m. Thursday. He has been ailing since he left Morgan Monday with a high temperature, it was announced.

Cause of his illness has not been determined, physicians reported.

Curtis Chapman made fire Lt.

A 10-year veteran of the Baltimore City Fire Department has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant

Lt. Curtis L. Chapman, 1609 Montpelier St., assumed his new duties June 7.

The 32-year-old 1951 Douglass High School graduate has been assigned to Engine House 27, on Lombard St. near Eutaw.

Chapman took the department's competitive examination last October and rated seventh on the list of candidates for promotion.

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MARRIED TO the former Miss Shirley Steward, a Westinghouse employee, he is the father of five children.

Curtis Jr., 13, and Jeavonna, 12, attend Woodbourne Junior High School, Kevin 9, and Teresa, 6, are pupils at School 5, Gorsuch and Kennedy Aves. Karen, 5, will attend kindergarten at the same school.

Lt. Chapman becomes the fourth member of his race to achieve that rank in the Fire Department

"My family is proud and overjoyed," he said this week of his promotion.

Board sanctions funds for CAA

A Community Action Agency request for an appropriation of $2,000 for its Emergency Services Program was approved Wednesday by the Board of Estimates.

This appropriation is to be used to defray a part of the cost of turning on gas and electricity for large families in those instances where service has been disrupted because of non-payment.

Nearly all of the 81 families helped so far, the Board was told, are in the low wage earner category, with from six to 12 children in each family.

Assembly okays revised tax law

The General Assembly met in special session at Annapolis Thursday and quickly approved enabling legislation to fully legalize Maryland's new tax reform law.

This means that Baltimore and the state's 23 counties can now share in the state's tax returns by some $98,000,000.

In a test case, the Court of Appeals had held that the new law was valid, but the section covering the distribution of funds to the subdivisions was not.

Gov. Spiro T. Agnew called the special Assembly session to correct the oversight.

NEWLY-PROMOTED Fire Department Lt. Curtis L. Chapman chats with firefighter Joseph Wodarski at Engine House 27.

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Parks hit on blast at McKeldin

A Republican candidate for City Council from Baltimore's Fourth District declared this week that the all-Democratic council and not Mayor McKeldin is responsible for the death of an ordinance that would have brought all taverns under the public accommodations law.

"The assertion that Mayor McKeldin scuttled civil rights legislation for the right to make 10 political appointments is not only unfounded but is also politically motivated," said Mrs. Bernice S. White.

Mrs. White, a member of the Human Relations Commission that promotes integration in Baltimore, added, "This assertion made by Councilman Henry Parks (D., 4th) was obviously to promote Thomas D'Alesandro for mayor.

"A great disservice has been done to the colored community by the attempt to have us believe, wrongly so, that the mayor is unconcerned about the advancement of the cause.

"This allegation is also illo-

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Moore raps Prucha vote

An educator who plans to seek a council seat from the Second District said this week the defeat of Councilman Henry Parks' proposed amendment to the public accommodations law, shows again the district lacks voices in the council that are concerned with the welfare of all the citizens.

The speaker was George L. Moore.

At a meeting of the 9th Ward Republican Organization, Mr. Moore said Councilman Clement J. Prucha and Charles Panuska are out of step "with these times which demands unqualified recognition of citizens as citizens and untainted respect for human dignity."

Pointing to the fact that close to 48 percent of the voters in the Second District are colored, Mr. Moore said Prucha and Panuska, who has been moved into the First District, appear to be hearing a drum whose beat is muffled by bias and indifference toward colored persons.

Winborne ouster being probed by governor's aide

Gov. Spiro T. Agnew has ordered Dr. Gilbert Ware, one of his six program coordinators, to investigate the charge that Mrs. Miriam Winborne was fired from her Mt. Wilson State Hospital job because of discrimination.

Troy Brailey, international vice president of the American Labor Council, president of the Baltimore chapter, and Fourth District Delegate to the General Assembly, requested the probe.

Mrs. Winborne was fired from her position of a laboratory analyst last week.

CAUSE GIVEN for the termination of her services was that her findings did not agree with those of hospital consultants.

Mrs. Winborne, an unsuccessful candidate for a seat on the Constitutional Convention, charged that discrimination was at the root of the action. She complained to Mr. Brailey who asked Gov. Agnew to step in.

IN A telegram to Mr. Brailey, Gov. Agnew said:

"Thank you for your recent wire about the employment of Mrs. Winborne. I have asked Dr. Ware to look into this matter and appraise you of his findings."

Hospital officials said her probation period had been extended from six months to one year and a hearing before the State Commissioner of Personnel was not necessary before she was ousted.

Dr. Ware is responsible to the governor for matters pertaining to Health, Social Welfare and Civil Rights.

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