A first: Public housing delegates to meet Thursday

A new trend in Baltimore's public housing program will be set in motion this Thursday when the newly-created Resident Advisory Board holds its first meeting with commissioner of Housing and Community Development, Robert C. Embry Jr.

One of the key items on the agenda will be the consideration of the make-up of the Board itself, in an effort to determine which method of selecting representatives reflects the wishes of the public housing residents.

Each of the 16 projects will be represented by one delegate and one alternate chosen either through a general election by the project residents or by the executive board of existing project tenant councils.

The creation of the Board was first announced on Sept. 8 by Commissioner Embry who stated, "No one knows better the needs and aspirations of public housing residents than they themselves, and no one should be prescribing programs for them without their continued consultation."

The new Board will be concerned with the whole range of public housing management. It will advise the Commissioner on rent structure, occupancy standards, eviction policy, modernization programs and maitenance problems.

It will review budgets and make recommendations as to the size and amenities when new public housing projects are being planned.

Through these activities, the Commissioner says, the residents will be given a feeling of control over their environment and the public housing program will become more responsive to the needs of the tenants.

Additional items to be discussed on Thursday will be the formation of garden clubs, project beautification — possibly through expansion of the Beano clkl Cision of the Clean Block campaign and a review of recreational activities in the projects in addition to those items suggested by the delegates.

Delegates who will represent the projects at this meeting are:

Brooklyn Homes: Howard Watson; Cherry Hill Homes, Milton Dorsey; Claremont, Thomas Peters; Douglass Homes, Mrs. Mildred Lee; Fairfield Homes, Mrs. Sarah Singfield; Flaghouse Courts, Mrs. Harriet Graham; Gilmor Homes, Mrs. Ella Strother; Lafayette Courts, Mrs. Eugenia Ellis.

Latrobe Homes, Mrs. Hattie Taylor; Lexington Poe Homes, Mrs. Elizabeth Harris; McCulloh Homes, Samuel Mitchell; Murphy Homes, Mrs. Helen Burgess; O'Donnel Heights, Mrs. Rosaline Lundford; Perkins Homes, Mrs. Marion Edwards; Somerset Homes, Mrs. Mary Edges and Westport Homes, Mrs. Sarah Smith.

FIRST STEP — Demolition begins on the convent building of Bon Secours Hospital on the northeast corner of Baltimore and Payson Sts. Mother Theophane, administrator of the hospital, said the demolition is the "first step in the long-range program that was conceived after we elected to stay (in the hospital's city location)." It was announced last week that a fund drive was underway with an initial minimum goal of $1,650,000 against a $7,000,000 ultimate need for the expansion program.

Fired educator won't leave town

BALTIMORE — John O. Hopkins, who was fired last week from his job as head of community schools, has no plans to leave town.

"I will remain in Baltimore as long as there are people here who feel I can be of service," Hopkins told the AFRO this week.

The controversial assistant superintendent of community schools lost his job when the School Board voted 7-1 to dismiss him. The Board's decision came after a six-and-half hour session, interrupted several times by noisy militant supporters of Mr. Hopkins.

Only several clusters of the some 1,000 persons remained in the auditorium of Douglass High School when the Board gave its verdict at 1:30 a.m. Thursday.

The verdict was met with jeers from the cluster of persons who remained for the 1:30 a. m. decision.

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"I WAS ASTONISHED at the Board's action," Hopkins told the AFRO, adding, "of course, I have been astonished by the action of the Board several times."

"Some things aren't worth fighting," he replied when asked if he would pursue his case in court.

The public hearing to fire Mr. Hopkins was held at his own request.

Mr. Hopkins requested the hearing after he was asked to resign by Baltimore's new superintendent of schools, Dr. Thomas D. Sheldon.

Among other things, the superintendent charged that Mr. Hopkins did not move the community school program ahead in his year and a month in office.

Murnaghan will speak at Hopkins

Francis D. Murnaghan Jr., president of the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners, will speak on "Federal Funding of the Great Cities Program" to members of the Johns Hopkins University Chapter of Pi Lambda Theta on Saturday, Oct. 12.

The luncheon meeting will be held in the Garrett Room of the Eisenhower Library at Johns Hopkins.

As chairman of the Legislative Committee of the Great Cities Commission, Mr. Murnaghan submitted recommendations for the Great Cities Program to the Platform Committees of both major parties.

These suggestions and an analysis of each party's plank on this subject will be presented to the women educators who are members of the national honor society, Pi Lambda Theta.

President of the society this year is Mrs. Anna K. Bloom; Mrs. Dorothy W. Martin is program chairman.

Mental Health group needs fall volunteers

The Metropolitan Baltimore Association for Mental Health has openings this fall for volunteers in its programs of public education and patient services.

Both men and women volunteers are needed for daytime and evening work. Some projects require clerical skill only, others provide an opportunity for working directly with recovering mental patients.

Interested persons are encouraged to call the Association at Belmont 5-9786 for further information.

The Homecoming program is designed to prepare patients about to be released from the hospital for the changed world they are going to enter.

Volunteers in this program spend one day each week with the patients visiting shopping centers, restaurants and other community facilities that will be lives out side the hospital.

For those already returned to their homes, socialization program to bring together former patients and volunteers for evening discussions and parties or nights out at the theater or ball game.

Fron now through mid-December, there will also be openings for volunteer workers at the Association headquarters, 323 E. Twenty-fifth St., to help in the annual Christmas project which provides gifts for nearly 7,000 otherwise forgotten patients in the state mental hospitals.

Series shows pitfalls of consumer Saturday

"The Thing About Money," a new series designed for the consumer, will be televised on WJZ-TV, Channel 13, Saturdays at 12:30 p.m., beginning this Saturday.

Produced in cooperation with KYW-TV (Channel 13's Group W sister station in Philadelphia) and Opportunities Industrialization Center, Inc., the series will present scenes which reflect real situations.

Money" will show viewers

The Thing About Money" will show viewers the various pitfalls in credit buying that can be avoided by increasing product knowledge, by understanding advertising and by knowing the true buying power of the dollar.

Ron Howard of the Opportunities Industrialization Center is host.

The first program will be a study of buying attitudes and will depict a man buying a television set and how his lack of understanding sales techniques and the rules of credit purchasing can lead to trolble.

Other programs include a world of false and misleading advertising, a study of the varied reactions and attitudes on loan companies, an examination of the common fallacies about credit ratings and some of the rules of consumer bargaining.

Glasgow's choice for mayor is unanimous

GLASGOW, Ky. — Luska J. Twyman, 54-year-old school principal last week became Kentucky's first colored mayor. He was chosen unanimously by the Glasgow City Council.

Twyman, who was mayor pro-tem, became Glasgow's acting mayor two weeks ago when Mayor Robert Tessenberry resigned unexpectedly.

The action of Glasgow's 12-member council gave Twyman the mayor's job until January, 1970, the end of Tessenberry's unexpired term.

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TWYMAN, PRESIDING over the meeting, thanked the councilmen for their action and pledged that he would serve to the best of his ability.

The new mayor said, "I find no reason to prevent Glasgow "from having a good city government" for the remainder of the term.

"I seek your advice and solicit your support," Twyman told the council. "We will work as one family as we have done in the past."

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TWYMAN, WHO was serving his third consecutive term as the only colored councilman, was principal of Bunche School here for the past 20 years.

AFL-CIO boss rebuts Nixon's labor speech

AFL-CIO President George Meany has said that candidate Nixon's recent statement is the most vivid example of his statistical juggling designed to confuse the American worker.

On Labor Day he opened his campaign with a falsehood, charging that the worker had lost $1,000 in income through inflation since the last presidential election.

The AFL-CIO promptly nailed that lesion, pointing out that since the last presidential election the average worker with a wife and two children had gained more than $400 in real wages after deductions for price increases and taxes.

Nixon Candidate Nixon charges that "the average American worker has been marking time for the last three years because the economic policies that my opponent applauds."

THE FACT is that the pay envelopes of American workers have kept pace with, and exceeded, price increases brought on by the profit and pricing policies of giant corporations during this three-year period.

During this period, America has been engaged in a massive war effort to preserve the freedom of South Vietnam, and it has met this economic challenge without wage or price controls, thus preserving a free economy — an extraordinary and unparalleled achievement of Administration policy, under the most difficult circumstances.

During this same period, the American worker has won substantially higher minimum wages, a vastly improved Social Security system including Medicare, badly needed housing legislation and a federal education program that was long overdue

More local control of schools urged by Mrs. Koontz, NEA head

WASHINGTON, D.C. — "The schools in the big cities if this country are being strangled by bureaucracy and red tape. They are dying from an elephantiasis of school board and central office control," said Mrs. Elizabeth D. Koontz in a news conference Monday.

Mrs. Koontz, president of the National Education Association, a rival organization to the United Federation of Teachers, said that the dispute in New York is a national one with "implications for all major urban school systems."

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SPEAKING STRONGLY in favor of school decentralization she urged a "return to the individual schools and to the separate publics they serve." But she decried the current controversy as being "little short of bedlam and complete disorder."

"In all this mad scramble for power and influence within the adult community, the forgotten element is the American child," she said. "It is he who is being neglected and who is completely lost in our fight for control of other things."

Mrs. Koontz stressed that she was not taking sides in the dispute and was not seeking to spark organizational rivalry. "We have enough rivalry in New York," she said.

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THE NEA, which struck the New York schools to protest policies of a local school governing board, has endorsed the principle of school decentralization but has opposed the manner in which it was instituted in New York.

Mrs. Koontz said that within each school the principal and a committee selected by the faculty should have greater authority over the selecting of new staff members.

"They should seek the advice of the comunity in so doing," she said.

She added that school programs could be handled in this way and that "schools with the toughest problems should get more money per pupil."

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SHE SAID that the "current chaos in New York will cause us to sharpen and accelerate programs to prevent its recurrence." She added that the NEA will develop a program "to bring unity between community and teachers in these urban school districts."

Mrs. Koontz is a junior high school instructor from North Carolina, and has been president of the NEA since last July.

5 states put Dick on ballot

NEW YORK — Comedian Dick Gregory is assured of a place on the presidential ballots of five states and may run in 10 more.

A national Gregory for President Committee said his candidaey had been certified for ballot status by Virginia, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Colorado. New York will follow shortly.

Court disputes have delayed certification in Indiana and Tennessee and supporters in California have filed a slate of electors to start a legally recognized write-in campaign.

Other states where Gregory might run are Oregon, Washington, North Dakota, New Hampshire, Vermont and Delaware.

The committee said Gregory was expected to be substituted for Senator Eugene McCarthy as a new party candidate in Illinois when McCarthy withdrew his name.

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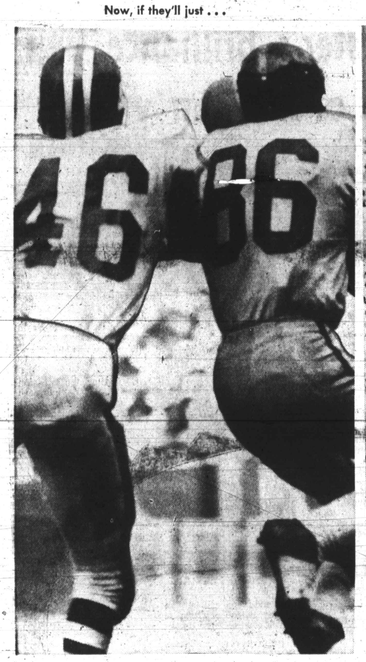
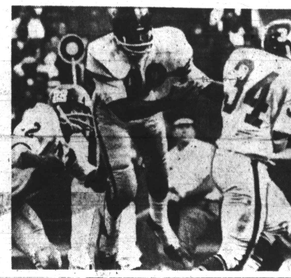
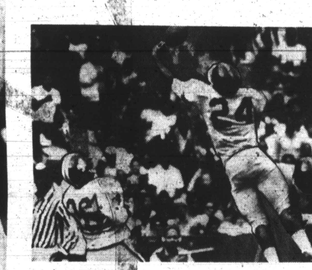


Hayes like glue on Grambling's touted Charlie Joiner (86)

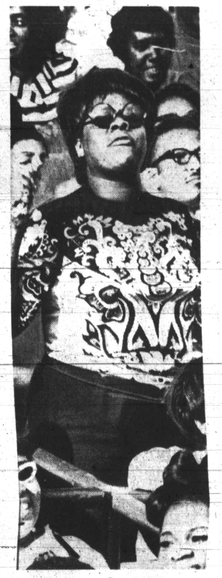
"Go, Bears, go," says cheerleader she's Morgan's Valerie Robinson



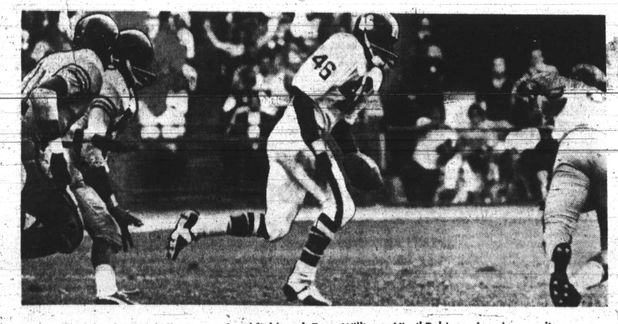
Bears' Don Mitchell (34) snatches Joiner-bound pass



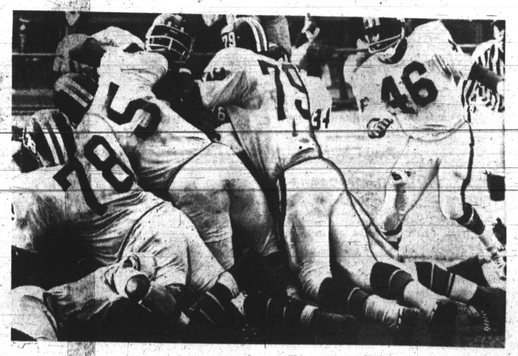
Grambling's Roger Williams intercepts, sets up tie



Mixed emotions on Grambling side Mom's pleas were in vain



Morgan's Ed Hayes (46) returns missed field goal, Terry Williams, Virgil Robinson in vain pursuit



End of a struggle. Spectacular goal-line stand thwats last Grambling thrust

"Something's wrong . . . "I didn't expect this . . . "I sure didn't . . . "How can you . . . "S-h-h-h-ucks . . . "Wadda YOU want . . .