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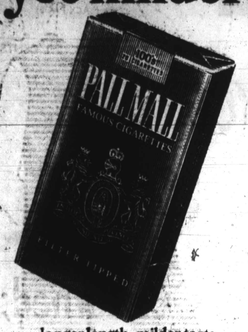

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—2 new mayors

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is considered sympathetic to the aims of a group of radicals which swept into political office Tuesday. But he refused to endorse its ballot proposal that would have split the police department into three "community-controlled".

The police department shake-up conceived by Black Panther leader Bobby Seale, was defeated by a substantial margin.

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Widener was elected mayor by only a 56-vote edge over another black candidate, Wilmot Sweeney, 45. The final tally was Widener 21,921, Sweeney 21,865.

The three "April Coalition" radical candidates came in second, third and fourth, in the council election, behind a moderate white attorney.

"My victory represents a victory for change in this country," Widener said.

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In East St. Louis, with all of the city's 31 precincts reporting, Williams had 10,813 votes to Calvert's 8,202.

The vote total was about 83 per cent of the city's 36,019 registered voters. East St. Louis has a population of about 70,000, and about 70 per cent is black. The voter registration is about 50 per cent black.

Williams won the election after being endorsed over the weekend by Illinois Republican Gov. Richard Ogilvie.

The voters also chose four new councilmen, two black and two white. New Commissioners Robert Mays and Gordon Bush supported Williams, and the other two councilmen-elect, Elmo Bush and Edward Horrigan supported Calvert.

Mays and Horrigan are white, and Bush and Bush are black.

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Williams will succeed Mayor Alvin G Fields, who is retiring after 20 years in office.

Williams, 49, is director of the St. Clair Legal Aid Society and has remained aloof from the city's political pros.

He won with virtually no organizational support, and his campaign workers were principally young persons and professional men.

Williams took an uncompromising stand against any deals or promises.

Calvert, also 49, heads the Paramiunt Democratic club, the black arm of the local Democratic organization.

APRIL 14

The Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Missionary Convention will hold a mass meeting at 7:30 p.m. at Faith Baptist Church, Bond St. and Ashland Ave. Dr. Walter E. Paige is president; Dr. Wendell C. Sommerville, executive secretary. The public is invited.

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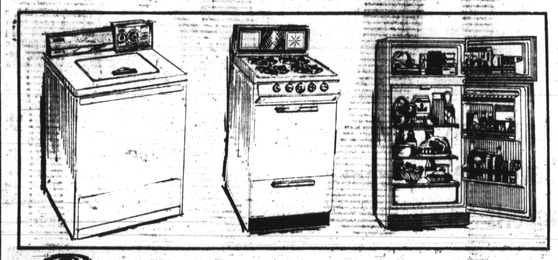

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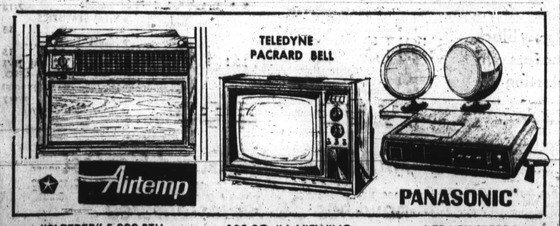

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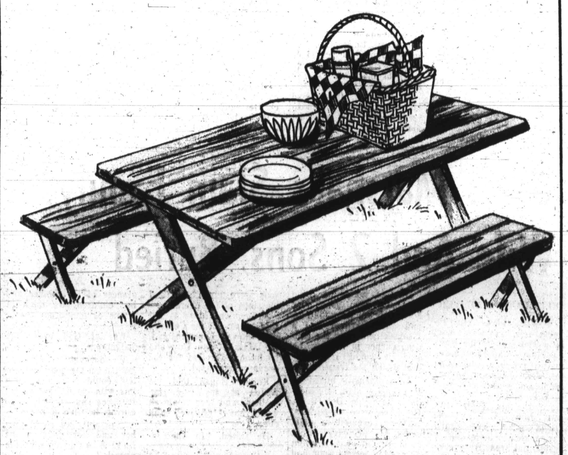

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Boy, 16, claims shakedowns were 'temporary loans'

A 16-year-old former Clifton Junior High School pupil has been committed to Boys Village for 30 days for making "temporary and unauthorized loans" last week from a close friend and an 11-year-old newspaper carrier.

Although his attorney, Douglass Sharretts, termed the shakedown of the two boys "friendly borrowing," Juvenile Court Master U Theodore Hayes shook his head, "No indeed."

Instead, the jurist stated, "There was no contract for lending negotiated. It was plain theft. He had no intention to pay back nor did he. His grandmother returned the money this morning just before court."

Highlighting testimony was the statement of the 11-year-old newsboy who despite the appearance of a cherub, was mature, self confident and a convincing witness.

Sitting straight and poised on the witness stand, he revealed that the defendant approached him for his money while he was on the porch of a lady customer. He stated after the woman closed the door, he calmly knocked again and asked her if he could use the phone. "I called the police immediately," the small child said.

Opinions differ on enrollment plan

By PAUL EVANS
AFRO College Writer

In an unusual session held to hear the public view on the proposed plans for school enrollment, the Board of School Commissioners met for nearly five hours last night in the Poly-Western Auditorium.

A lengthy list of citizens, parents, teachers and students aired their concerns and opinions to Board members on the four plans which are now being considered by the Department of Education and the Board for future immediate implementation.

School officials feel certain schools are under-utilized while others are overcrowded to the point where teaching and learning are handicapped.

The plans under consideration by Commissioners and Acting Superintendent, Roger S. Keyes are:

I. Complete Open Enrollment

This is the existing plan which under-utilizes some schools and overcrowds others.

At last night's session Commissioners probed the public mind as to why students chose one school over another. Curriculum offerings was heard again and again as the predominant reason.

Others plans include:

II. The Neighborhood Districting Plan

This would restrict certain schools only to take in students from neighborhood areas in relation to the capacity of the school to seat the students.

This plan was regarded as favorable by some citizens, but many asked that schools with specialized curriculum as Poly and Carver not be included in the neighborhood-district concept.

III. Free Choice Plan

This plan would enable each senior high school student to choose three schools. If the first, second, and third choice is overcrowded, then the student would be assigned to an under-utilized school as near as possible to his home.

The above plan was highly favored by many of the citizens. However, some black citizens were against the plan because they felt that black students would not be given an equal opportunity if they were assigned schools on the basis of first, second and third choice.

IV. The Quadrant Plan

This plan was highly regarded by many of the parents and other speakers. The main concern of most of those speaking was a good education for their children.

Many blacps pointed out that their children were willing to travel to schools farther away from the immediate neighborhood high schools because the outer area schools tended by far to have better curriculum offerings.

The Quadrant Plan is based on the full utilization of all secondary schools as of September, 1971 and will amost entirely eliminate overcrowding.

Each student makes one selection. Selections and capabilities are compared to the space now available. The student is then informed he has the following options:

(1). Choose one of the under-utilized schools.

(2). Choose to have his name placed in a lottery with the understanding should he be successful in his choice he will be assigned to an under-utilized school in his quadrant or one from the central group.

The five groupings of schools are:

I. Forest Park, Northwestern and Walbrook, II. Douglass; Edmondson and Mergenthaler; III. Southwestern. III. Lake Clifton and Northern. IV. Dunbar, Patterson and Southern. IV. The central group schools are made up of Carver, City, Eastern, Mergenthaler, Poly and Western.

The overcrowded or "over-utilized" schools include: Douglass, Edmondson, Mergenthaler, Northern, Northwestern, Patterson and Poly.

The under-utilized or "under-crowded" schools are: Carver, City, Dunbar, Eastern, Forest Park, Lake Clifton, Southern, Walbrook, Western and the Western Annex.

Much discussion was centered around how the schools could achieve a racial balance as dictated by the 1954 Supreme Court ruling and still maintained a well balanced number of students in the classroom.

Particular applauds was given a plan submitted by Commissioner Larry S. Gibson called the "Magnet" Plan.

This plan would create high schools with special programs to offer students.

Proposed is: Baltimore City College — Center for the Study of Humanities; Eastern High School — Center for Professional Business Education; Southwestern — Center for Biological and Physical Sciences.

Also: Lake Clifton — Center for the Performing Arts, Communications and Media Study; Walbrook — Community Center for Metropolitan Studies.

The meeting ended at 11:30 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Board is April 22 at 4 p.m. at the Barclay Elementary School, 29th and Barclay Sts.

All commissioners were present except Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy Moss.

Free buses to Walbrook protest

April 15 is the Zoning Board hearing on the dispute between Walbrook Junction neighborhood groups and Suburban Bar located nearby the new multi-million dollar Walbrook Senior High School now under construction.

According to Vernon Robinson, resident agent for the Mt. Holly Improvement Association and chairman of the Zoning Committee, hundreds of citizens will form a buscade to City Hall for the 4 p.m. hearing in Room 214.

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Any and all citizens may board special free buses which will be stationed at 3 p.m. at the Junction; Garrison and Gwynne Falls Parkway and Mt. Holly St. and Clifton Ave.

As many as 10 other neighborhood organizations have joined in to protest the re-issuing of the Suburban Club license.

Petitions filed by the citizens before the Zoning Board protest the establishment as detrimental of the area and as posing many problems when the new school opens for nearly 2,600 teenagers in September.

Richard Campbell is president of the Mt. Holly group which has spearheaded the "Clean Up the Junction" drive the past few years.

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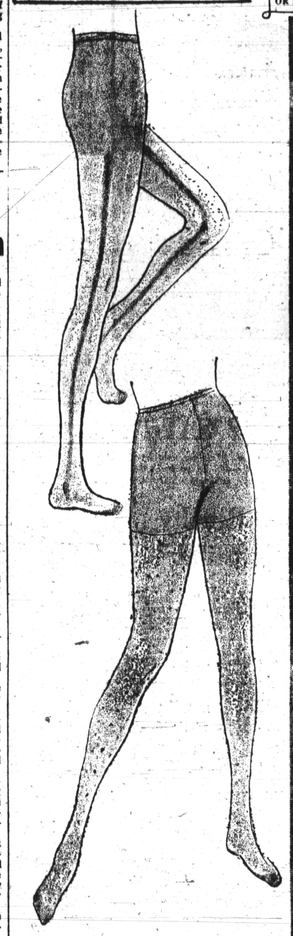

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