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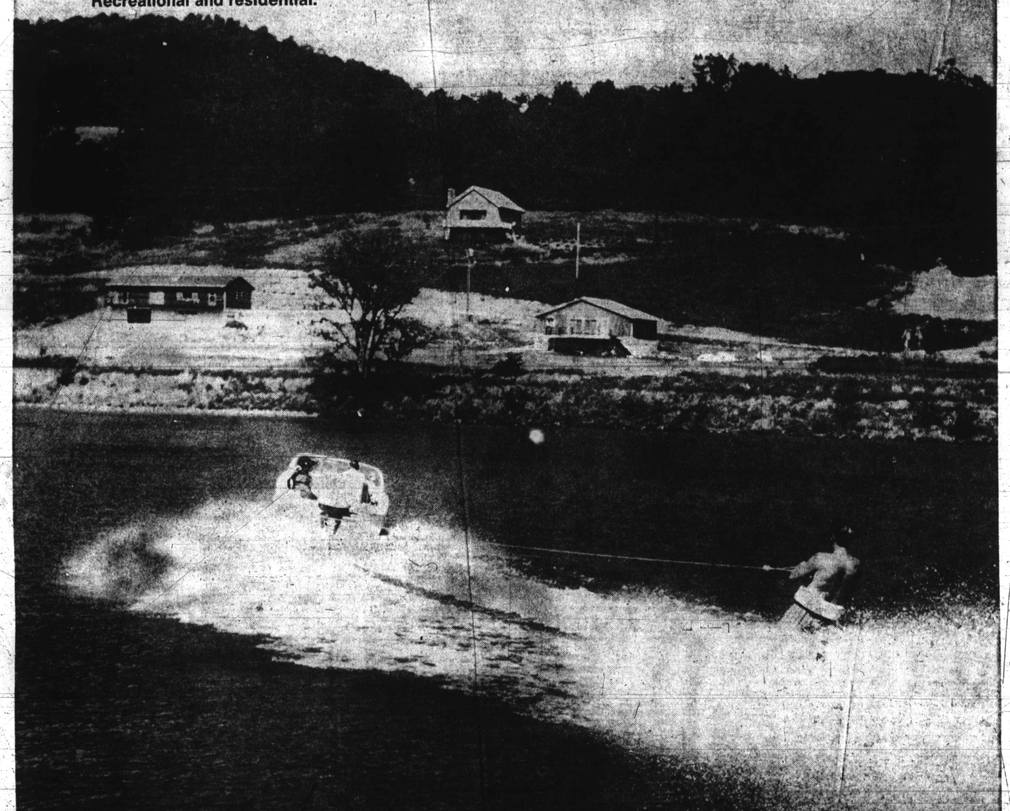

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18-year-old voters

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The books will open again Sept. 25 to Oct. 4 for registrations in time for the general election.

Raynor said that during this period his office will return to the high schools "to implement the next phase of our registration program before the general."

He says no problems are foreseen due to the lowering of the voting age.

Maryland's young voters got their first opportunity to vote this year in the First Congressional District where a special election was held to choose a replacement for former Rep. Rogers B. Morton who had been named interior secretary.

In Washington, President Nixon noted that some 11 million young people were enfranchised by the amendment. He said the unprecedented speed of ratification "affirms our nation's confidence in its youth and its trust in the responsibility."

He urged the eligibles to exercise their privilege.

Both North Carolina and Alabama also ratified the amendment on Wednesday, Alabama being the 35th state and North Carolina the 37th.

Georgia, which for years has been one of the few states granting the vote at 18 or below 21, was not one of the 38 to ratify the 26th Amendment.

Other states not among the 38 were Florida, Kentucky, Mississippi, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Utah, Virginia and Wyoming.

State Senator Clarence Mitchell III, a candidate for mayor states: "I think this is a tremendous victory for those of us who have fought fo so long to give the young people of our community in the 18 to 21 years age group the right to participate in the governing of ourselves.

"This is also the [illegible] of victory which we predict will assure that we [illegible] the next mayor of Baltimore City."

City Solicitor George L. Russell, a candidate for mayor, said, "I think it is wonderful that they have the ability to determine the course of government. This, I believe, is beautiful."

William Donald Schaefer, president of the City Council, and another candidate for mayor told the AFRO:

"I have today asked that all young people 18 years of age through 21 to register to vote. They have an excellent opportunity to work within the government."

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With the granting of the eighteen year old vote approved by a majority of the states in the Union, the AFRO called teenage and adult leaders in the community to get their reactions.

Here are some comments as recorded in telephone interviews.

The Rev. Vernon Dobson of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance said.

"This is the kind of thing which most of us who have been interested in participatory democracy have been looking for.

"In the last two elections in which the Ministerial Alliance has been involved, (in 1968 and 1970) one of the most gratifying experiences was the participation of large numbers of youth.

"Now with the vote that kind of creativity can be used to develop a conscientious concern for our humanity as it is affected by the political process.

Milton B. Allen, Jr., son of State's Attorney, Milton B. Allen, who will turn 18 in October said:

"I do think that we should have the right to vote because we will be the ones who will be running the country in a few years.

"Besides, if they can draft us and send us to war, then they should give us the right to vote."

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Delegate Troy Brailey (D-4th) said:

"I'm gratified that the 18-year-olds will be able to vote. I voted for the bill in the legislator when it came up in the last session."

"I believe in the young people and I've said time and time again that it's going to take the young people to save this country."

"Now that the 18-year-old will be able to vote maybe the present occupants of the White House won't refer to them as those "bums."

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Youth, 18, is charged with collector's death

Gerald "Jerome Cooper, 18, 2200 block Reisterstown Rd., has been charged with homicide in the fatal shooting on June 25 of an insurance collector in the 2400 block Reisterstown Rd.

The incident which came about 1 p.m., was seen by many shoppers in the vicinity of Mondawmin Shopping Center.

Cooper was apprehended on June 25 near his home by Homicide Dets. Jeff Risker and Howard Fromm after witnesses gave information.

The insurance man, Dale N. Baker, 49, 3000 block Edgewood Ave., Parkville, was shot four times as he dodged and zig-zagged through traffic to escape, according to police records.

Gas Co. sends own men to deliver mail

The Baltimore Gas and Electric Co. is doing an experimental study on mail delivery by sending a few of its men out to deliver mail to clients.

The purpose of the experiment is to evaluate comparative cost in the delivery of mail. The company is testing to see if it would be cheaper to deliver their mail or use the U.S. Post Office.

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