CIG opens group for 16-year-olds

The Civic Interest Group, headed by Irvin J. Conway met Monday night at the St. Peters Claver Catholic Church to organize a new group called the Poor People's Democratic Organization.

This is the only group of its kind organized dealing with young people from 16 years and up, Mr. Conway said.

The meeting was attended by 120 persons of 270 that have already joined. At that meeting the executive board was formed consisting of 15 members. They are as follows:

Mr. Conway, chairman Walter Stevenson, Vice chairman; Miss Ditsey Bradford, treasurer; Joseph Johnson, Coleain Stewart, Miss Sarah Daniels, Elijah Skinner, Miss Elnora Lee, James Prettyman, Tim Conway, Ellis Young, Miss Paulette Garrison, Miss Roberta Gaines, Harris Marshall.

The purpose for organizing the new political group Mr. Conway said, is that theey feel that the young people should be given some responsibility and deciding wha t the future should be. also because poor people are usually forgotten after the election is over.

This organizationwill also be an educational to bring out the issues and trainnew voters on how to use the voting machine. They will also help to get people out on election day.

Also, at the meeting Monday, they discussed many of the days problems such as drug abouse. The young people also were interested in jobs not only for the summer, but for the winter after school.

They discussed planning a march on the Federal Building demanding jobs Yale University; and for the unemployed, expanding health facilities in the Baltimore area. Headquarters are at 2408 Eutaw Pl., telephone 523-3964.

MR. AND MRS. DOUGLAS DELEAVER of Baltimore, are shown in the gardens of the Bermudiana Hotel, Hamilton, Bermuda. Mr. Deleaver, a Maryland State Trooper is the son of Mrs. Clara DeLeaver of Baltimore. His wife is the former Miss Denise Sydell Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Williams of Rosedale, N.Y.

WILLIAM MYERS is new conductor of the Baltimore County Musicial Theatre.

EAST BALTIMORE NOTES:

What A Party That Was Last Sunday, The One For Ned, The Singing Barber

By SUSIE S. LEWIS

Last Sunday, the birthday party for Ned, the Singing Barber, was a delightful affair held at the Unbocked Generation, 532 N. Chester St.

The owners of the unusually pleasant lounge, Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald Smith (she's better known as Betty) fixed a beautiful table with the finest of foods. The centerpiece was a 5-tier fruit mold, colorful and delicious.

The birthday cake was decorated in white and green and bore inscribed wishes, "Happy Birthday, Ned."

Music by the "Young Generation" group was good to the ears of old and young.

200 GUESTS

The 200 guests from all walks of life and all sections of the city were fashionably dressed for the significant occasion. Mrs. Mary Beverly, the honoree's wife, was frocked in a navy blue mini, pretty as could be, as she introduced guests.

Ned Beverly has an up-to-date barber shop at Chase and Gay Sts. and is probably the warmest, most beloved barber over here on the Eastside of town.

He well earns the title, "The Singing Barber" and the birthday party was enhanced by his singing to his guests, "Danny Boy" and "Fools Rush In."

Proud to be honored by so many people, Ned's voice was never more magnificent.

Highlighting the occasion was the appearance of William Elliott, owner of the tailor shop at 27th and Greenmount, a longtime and well loved resident over here.

Most interesting person was the elderly man, an East Baltimore drummer for over 50 years, who is a member of the "Young Generation" group.

And how about the wonderful entertainers, the young lady who sang and the other beauty who did an exotic dance, left and returned to give Ned a drag greeting.

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Report proposes changes in housing code enforcement

A 74-page report by Professor Frank P. Grad, of Columbia University Law School, proposes sweeping changes in Baltimore's system of housing code enforcement.

The report, released recently by the Department of Housing and Community Development, which commissioned it, urges:

1. A change from criminals to civil proceedings in Housing Court.

2. Retention of criminal penalties in cases of willful failure of a property owner to make repairs.

3. Authority to the Department of Housing and Community Development to make emergency repairs.

4. Adoption of rent Liens to assure collection for emergency repairs—made by the City.

The report contains draft legislation for the implementation of these reforms.

The report will form the basis of a broad proposal by HCD for legislative action. Housing Commissioner Robert C. Embry said.

"Unlike the criminal fine, which places premium on delay, the civil penalty procedure would place a premium on prompt compliance," Professor Grad wrote. He pointed out:

"The aim of the Department should not be to exact heavy retribution, through criminal penalties or otherwise. Rather, the aim should be to improve the condition of the dwelling through compliance. Because it discourages delays in making repairs... the civil penalty appears to be better designed to secure compliance than retributive criminal prosecution."

Another significant recommendation is that the owner of an unlicensed family dwelling be denied the right to collect rent.

The report stresses the importance of a strong housing court, which it says should be part of the District Court.

"The effectiveness of any court, whether criminal or civil can be greatly enhanced," Professor Grad writes, "if the judge... is aware of the severity of housing problems and their social consequences, and is interested and experienced in their resolution."

Commissioner Embry said that while HCD is not committed to each detail of Professor Grad's report, is would provide the structure of a HCD legislative program.

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Tax policy remains for private schools

By ED ROGERS

WASHINGTON (UPI) — South Carolinian Johnny M. Walters, sworn in recently as new international revenue commissioner, announced there will be no change in the policy of denying tax exempt status to so-called "segregation academies" of the South.

Walters, for two and one half years head of the Justice Department's tax division, was sworn in at a brief Treasury Department ceremony.

He succeeded former Commissioner Randolph Thrower a Georgian who stirred a controversy by challenging the tax exempt status of private schools springing up in Southern communities whose public schools are ordered desegregated.

Walters, in one of his first acts as commissioner, reaffirmed Thrower's policy in answer to a reporter's question.

"Internal Revenue Service policy with regard to tax exempt private schools is and will continue to be the same throughout the United States," Walters said.

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Baltimore And All That Jazz

By ARCHIE MANGRAM

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Things are looking up for Jazz in Baltimore. It has always been the contention of this columnist that jazz would be more widely accepted, if it was presented to and accepted by our youth.

As I said, things are looking up. Arnold Sterling, one of our local jazz musicians Supervisor of the Model has been named Musical Cities' Operation Champ.

It is his job to line up the entertainment for their Showmobile that tours parts of the inner city giving shows for the kids that reside therein. This has to be, for Arnold, a golden opportunity to spread the gospel of jazz throughout a portion of Baltimore.

It is our understanding of the program that they are not presenting jazz exclusively, rather they have varied programs. But the important thing to this writer is that, at lease, jazz has been included. And that is a step in the right direction.

One of the first shows was Donald Criss and his group. He gave a History of Jazz replete with examples and musical demonstrations. Donald Criss has given this History of Jazz before and it is excellent in content, as well as musically.

We wish Arnold much success in this endeavor, and hope that through his efforts, the continuing battle of a small minority to make jazz relevant to the people, will be brought closer to reality.

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If you like soul in your jazz and soul in your food, then you can have both on Tuesday August 17th at Lenny's. Seems as though somebody named Bessie and Richard are giving a Barbeque and Jazz affair.

Carlos Johnson and his new, augmented group will supply the jazz, and you know how soulful he is!

Sounds like something you should consider making if you dig the culinary bit with your jazz. Personnally I'm for barbeque, with or without jazz.

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The Jimmy Heath group appeared at the Famous Ballroom last Sunday, and did their usual outstanding job. This is about the third time that his group nas appeared so it would be somewhat redundant to review their performance. Needless to say, they grooved.

Jimmy plays tenor, soprano and flute. Assisting him were: Curtis Fuller, trombone; Cedar Walton, piano; Sam Jones, bass; and Freddie Waits, drums.

The annual boatride, Jazz on the Chesapeake is scheduled for this Sunday, August 15th. It sails from Pier 1 at St., hopefully, at 8:00 p.m. I said hopefully, because last year . . . well lets just hope it doesn't happen this year.

In really looking forward to it as I have never sailed on the Chesapeake.

Richard "Groove" Holmes will supply the Jazz, I don't know who is supplying the Chesapeake!

$30 FOR THE NAACP Mississippi Emerency Relief Fund is presented by Mrs. Dorothy Stern to State Senator Clarence Blount, who has in turn presented the money to NAACP President Mrs. Enolia McMillian.

Miss Calvary beauty contest set

Mrs. Diana Kane, producer and pageant director Ed Terry of the Miss Black America Beauty Pageant, will coordinate The First Miss Mt. Calvary Beauty Pageant.

The contest will be held Dec. 11, at the University of Baltimore, Langsdale Auditorium.

Entry blanks for the Miss Mt. Calvary Beauty Pageant may be obtained by contacting the coordinator or at the office of the Mt. Calvary Holy Temple Church, 1911 Bloomingdale, the Rev. Harold I. Williams, phone no. 433-0058.

To qualify for entry as a contestant, the applicant must be a high school graduate and between the ages of 17-25. There will be a total of 15 contestants selected. Applicants should apply early.

Seven judges will select the Miss Mt. Calvary based on talent, evening gown, personal wardrobe and physical qualities.

HAWKINS, Texas — The Institute for Services to Education (ISE), in Washington, D.C., has notified Jarvis Christian College that it has been designated as the coordinating institution in an eight-college consortium which will be granted $800,000 for the purpose of developing special types of study programs for college freshmen.

Aberdeen schoolboy preps for college as base aide

ABERDEL, Md. — An Aberdeen High School athlete is utilizing his athletic talents as a summer aid for the third consecutive year at Russell Gym here.

Lawrence H. Johnson, a senior at AHS, IS WORKING AS A RECREATION AID AT THE Proving Ground under the Summer Employment Youth Program (SEY).

In high school, Larry has played guard and center on the school basketball team and was a member of the first year varsity soccer team. His ambition is to attend the University of Maryland, major in physical education, and become a physical education teacher.

The employment here enables him to keep in top physical condition while earning money toward a college education.

Larry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Guss Johnson of Havre de Grace.

What's Happenin' on the Eastside

By GEORGIANNA MOODY

How often have we joked about friends and acquaintances belonging to 400's or 500's or 900's groups of people. We in a certain way are saying or referring to snobs who are always pretending to be something better — especially richer or more fashionable than others.

Yet, the labels we often attach to people don't necessarily fit the people to whom we attach them. Many deserve better labels than those we're willing to give.

The Webb Court 900's is a new neighborhood group of ordinary, plain people working for the betterment of the Latrobe Homes.

The club came together as a result of complaints about how the Court was beginning to deteriorate. It's aim is to bring residents closer together and to provide services and activities for them.

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Recently, the Club sponsored a block party to raise funds for a trip to Gun Powder State Park. The Soul Creation Band provided free music. The party was a tremendous success.

The President, John Wheeler said that the 900's are now thinking in terms providing some small financial tokens for the many children who are taking an interest in helping make Webb Courts a cleaner, beautiful place to live.

In addition to the President, Mr. Wheeler, other officers are: Mrs. Gwendolyn Wheeler, Vice president; Mrs. Rosa Lee Jackson, sub. relations; Mrs. Clara Dixon, Pub. relations; Mrs. Anniebelle Ross, business manager; Mrs. Shelia Evans, secretary; Mss. Judy Maddox, treasurer.

The true label for the Webb Court 900's is a label of unity. One that seeks to bring the Latrobe Homes together in all aspects of life.

Wouldn't this world be a wonderful place in which to grow and live if we as American citizens would "get ourselves together," and decide just what we can contribute in service and love to our fellow man? Have you the widow's mite?

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Recently, two friends of mankind died. However, one was famous and made many contributions for the betterment of mankind. He was Walter P. Carter.

Nevertheless, it wasn't until I attended the funeral services of the second friend that his service to mankind was known.

It was during these services that a long forgotten service was revealed through the eulogy, obituary, and individual comments from various members of the audience.

It was mentioned by many that they had been helped by my second friend, Isaiah (Billy) Tates, through a kind and encouraging word and financial aid during their hour of need.

Also, most of them had gained the desire and strength to go the second mile.

Although he was a hemophiliac, Billy faced life with a smile and a heart full of love.

Thus, a final farewell to two faithful servants of mankind. May God forever bless friends and loved ones left behind by Walter P. Carter and Isaiah (Billy) Tates.

SREB aids 5 colleges with funds

BOCA RATON, Fla. — The Southern Regional Education Board, (SREB) along with five colleges, is presently developing programs to strengthen institutional instruction.

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