Education Forum sees reading as major concern

The first of the newly formed "Education Forum" met Wednesday night at the Northern Parkway Junior High School. The topic discussed was "Reading and Testing."

Dr. Roland N. Patterson, new superintendent of schools, attended along with an enthusiastic audience of more than 200 persons from all parts of the city.

In a format chaired by Board of School Commissioners member, Kalman Hettleman and Dr. Vernon S. Tavrina, associate superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, a number of Education Department staff members presented the various facets of the job of teaching children to read and the value of testing programs.

The audience was introduced to the "Goals and Objectives" of the forum in the first section of the program.

In the second section parents were invited to attend small group sessions to discuss the problems and policies of each grade level in the area of testing and reading.

In the final section an open discussion was held wherein parents could ask questions.

The Forum was initiated earlier this year to get parents interested in the particular problems of education as they affect their children. Each week on Wednesday nights a single topic will be selected and explored in depth.

Dr. Rebecca Carroll, acting assistant superintendent for Elementary Education said the group the major issues in the area of reading and testing are: (1). Teacher education being oriented to teach the science of reading. (2) more resource personnel available to teach and assist in the schools. (3). Pupil motivation both in the schools and at home and (4). Parental involvement.

As participants in the forum walked through various classrooms to attend the discussion sessions, they were introduced to the latest material used in the schools in literature and testing. Most prominent among the testing maedial on display was the "Iowa Test of Basic Skills."

Pupil test scores will be sent home at the end of October. They are constantly being reappraised in light of their accuracy in determining pupil potential and ability.

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Primarily important to the audience was the question of why so many students reach the upper levels of high school with their reading ability at the elementary level.

The community was most vocal on this issue and repeatedly asked for reasons as to why this continues to happen.

One audience participant asked, "We are in a crisis situation, what are we going to do about it?"

Answers from the educators present included an analysis of the procedures for the teaching of reading, and the explanation if a child reaches senior high with an elementary reading level it does not mean necessarily he has not grasped the fundamentals of language.

It was expressed that children must be led to reading sometimes through "other avenues." Children must be motivated to read in groups in which they are comfortable, it was said.

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Although no clear-cut agreement was reached on the problem of why children are not reading more and reading frequently simply for pleasure, a multitude of suggestions and plans was gleaned from the discussion.

Parents and community showed they are disturbed at the "reading problem" in the public schools.

Budget problems, staff problems, etc. are part of the reason it was suggested. Parents wondered how much they could do if they felt the child was not receiving the basic techniques in the classroom.

The discussion was brisk with pointed comments from educators and the audience on the problems of reading. Each side on leaving agreed the discussion had been fruitful. Both sides vowed to continue to find answers to a question which plagues most urban school systems and more often rural districts: "Why children attending public schools for 12 years are not learning to read to keep in step with the needs of our society."

The next forum meeting is Wednesday, October 13 at Stuart Hill Elementary School No. 4 at 30 S. Gilmor St. The topic will be "Methods and Techniques "Methods and Techniques of Elementary Teaching."

Money Saving Dinners

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The drama and music School are presenting for classes of Northern High their annual play production, Teahouse of The August Moon, a popular satire on the westernization of the Eastern Culture on Friday, November 5 and Saturday, November 6 at 8 p.m. in the school auditorium (near McClean Blvd. and Northern Parkway.

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THURSDAY
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Ice cream
Tea

FRIDAY
Swiss steak
Rice-a-roni
Broccoli
Apple pie
Coffee

SATURDAY
Hot diggety dogs
Tossed salad
Corn bread
Tea

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Recipe for the week is for Hot diggety dogs.

Use 1 pound franks, 3 tablespoons salad oil, 1 teaspoon accent, 2 onions thinly sliced, 2 tablespoons flour, one 8 ounce can tomato sauce, ½ cup can of consommé undiluted, two 1-pound cans kidney beans drained, one 1-pound can kidney beans endrained, ¼ cup vinegar, 3 tablespoons brown sugar, 2 teaspoons worcestershire sauce, 1 teaspoon chili powder, and 1½ teaspoons salt.

Quarter the franks diagonally in hot salad oil; saute them with ½ teaspoon accent until brown. Remove franks and set aside. In the same skillet saute onions until slightly tender; stir in flour, then tomato sauce and consommé. Cook, stirring, until mixture thickens; add beans, vinegar, brown sugar, worcestershire sauce, ½ teaspoon chili powder, and salt.

Bring to a boil, cover, and simmer gently for 10 minutes. Add franks, cover, and simmer 5 minutes longer.

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Mrs. Strother named to federal posts

MRS. ELLA L. STROTHER named by Nixon

Mrs. Ella L. Strother, president of the Provident Comprehensive Neighborhood Health Advisory Council, and a member of the AFRO Honor Roll, has been named to serve on two federal health commissions.

"I've always had an interest in health. If I had a chance I would have been a doctor, but when the children were born there was Strother said when the AFRO asked her about the high honors.

Her first appointment is to the Commission on Medical Malpractice established by Elliot L. Richardson, Secretary of Health Education and Welfare.

The Richardson Commission is an advisory body established to investigate medical malpractice problems in the United States.

A few days later Mrs. Strother received a telephone call from HEW officials asking her to serve on President Nixon's Committee on Health Education.

As a member of the Medical Malpractice Commission, Mrs. Strother will evaluate the whole health system in this country, attend a series of hearings and determine the cause and effects of malpractice suits.

She will attend hearings in Los Angeles, Calif. on Oct. 22 and 23 andin Cincinnati, Ohio on Nov. 12 and 13.

Mrs. Strother states that she is waiting for more information from the Health Education Commission to learn what her specific duties will be on that commission.

Mrs. Strother was born n Hampton, Va. in 1915. After finishing a local high school she attended Hampton Institute and was graduated in 1937 with an A. B in chemistry.

She taught chemistry two years at the Yorktown Training School, in Yorktown, Va. Then moved to Baltimore in 1939 and taught school at Sparrows Point.

While at Sparrows Point, she was married and later had four children.

Miss Ellen Strother and Miss Evelyn Strother, her daughters, are school teachers. Her son, Charles Strother, is a junior high school music teacher. A third daughter, Miss Elba Strother, attends Morgan State College.

Mrs. Strother said: "I became concerned and exposed to health programs when my children were young and I had to take them back and forth to the hospital.

"I worked in several neighborhood organizations until was appointed to head the Provident Comprehensive Neighborhood Advisory Board, which I have been working with for the last three years."

Mrs. Strother had also worked with other health organization and the National Health Organization.

Mrs. Strother states, "In these organizations, we have tried to lower the cost of health insurance for those who can pay. For those who cannot pay we have suggested that the federal government pay the health insurance."

She concluded. "High cost of medical care, inadequate health centers and a shortage of medical providers are the three most pressing problems of health in this country."

Inspite of her busy schedule, Mrs. Strother finds time to work with Girl Scout troops in the Gilmor Homes Project. She is executive vice-president of the Girl Scouts of Central Maryland.

Mrs. Strother received the AFRO's highest award in August this year for her work in 1970 as head of the Provident Hospital Health Center's Advisory Council.

In final comments Mrs. Strother said: "people do not want the federal government to provide foods to train professionals and para-professionals in medicine."

White House protest formed

The Maryland Center for United Labor Action is calling for a demonstration at the White House on Saturday, Oct. 9 at 10 noon to protest the "New Economic Policy" of President Nixon.

"The New Economic Policy is another one of Nixon's tricks," said Astrid Noder, a spokesman for the Maryland Center for United Labor Action. "It freezes the prices working people need to keep up with the constante increasing cost of living but only pretends to freeze the prices we have to pay. The freeze hits black and women workers particularly hard, because most of them already hold low paid, menial jobs."

18 Chicagoans refused entry to Israel

TEL AVIV (UPI) — Israel yesterday deported 18 black Americans from Chicago who were refused permission to enter the country Wednesday night. They sought to immigrate as "black Hebrew Israelites" and their spokesmen said the government's refusal to let them enter the country was a racist act.

They were put aboard TWA and KLM airliners today to return to New York. They were kept at the airport overnight.

A woman and two children left on the TWA flight, and the remainder of the group on the Dutch airliner.

Before they were put aboard the aircraft the group argued loudly and scuffled with escorting police officers, witnesses said.

Eastern coed found in Florida

The 16-year-old coed who had been missing from her home on Cottage Ave. since Oct. 1 has been located in Orlando, Fla. The story of her disappearance was in Tuesday's AFRO.

Police officials told the AFRO when they talked with the missing girl's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Spears, the mother, Mrs. Consuila Spears said that she received a phone call from her daughter Wednesday.

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Police quote Mrs. Spears as saying that her daughter had gone to Orlando, Fla. with a neighbor.

The girl asked her mother to send her money to come home, because the neighbor, a man, did not intend to return to Baltimore, she revealed.

The Eastern High student left home Oct. 1 to go to class.

When she failed to return home her parents called the Northern District Police Station and then issued a 13-state alarm for the missing coed.

Miss Betty Williams, principal of Eastern High School, told AFRO that the teenager had a successful school record.

Mr. Spears said that she was as average student and well-liked. He offered no reason as to why his daughter would want to leave home.

Police officials say the girl was not forced to go to Florida, but seems to have consented to go.

Her mother reports that her daughter did not take any clothes and carried an unknown amount of small change. At AFRO press time she was still in Orlando.

OCT. 8

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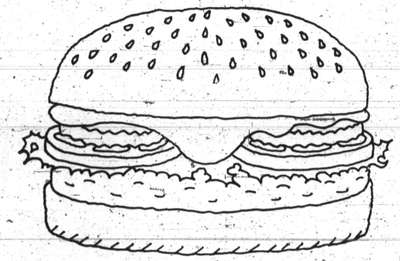

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Perjury trial set for block murder witness

An Oct. 28 prejury trial has been scheduled in the Harford County Circuit Court for Gordon "Reds" Nash, who was indicted in connection with testimony he gave during the block murder trial of Thomas J. Bruno.

Mr. Nash, a former nightclub doorman on the "Block," pleaded not guilty during his arraignment earlier last month and requested a jury trial in the Harford County court.

alleged conflicting testimony h gave concerning Mr. Mr. Nash will be tried for Bruno, a former night club manager found innocent in the Feb. 28 slaying of Michael McCray, 17.

Mr. Nash, court records reveal, implicated Mr. Bruno in the Douglass High School senior's death during a March Bail hearing in Baltimore City Criminal court.

During the hearing before Criminal Court Judge Anselem Sodaro, Mr. Nash reportedly stated Mr. Bruno had confessed to killing the McCray youth, who died of a gunshot wound in the head.

However, Mr. Nash allegedly changed his testimony when he appeared before the Bel Air jury trial of Mr. Bruno, and stated he had seen an unidentifid "white-haired man with a gun" on the night of the slaying.

Defendants seek new trial in $40,000 suit

Although a jury has awarded a 20-year-old woman $40,000 in damages for injuries she susained in a car accident, the case is still before the court.

A new trial has been requested by the defendants, Donald M. Burwell, 3200 block Barrington Rd. and Mrs. Lillian O. Loving, 4000 block Bareva Rd. No date has been set for the trial.

The plaintiff, Miss Lynn Anderson, 2010 block Dorchester Rd., was awarded the money by a Superior Court jury when it returned the verdict in her favor during a Sept. 20 trial before Judge James A. Perrott.

In addition, her father, Earl Anderson, was awarded $3,028 by the jury, according to reports, to cover anticipated future medical costs for his daughter.

Medical reports show Miss Anderson sustained permanent scarring when she received multiple lacerations of the forehead extending from the scalp to the eyebrow and left eyelid, in the 1966 car accident.

Court records show the drivers of the cars involved in the Sept. 28 accident at the intersection of Dorchester Rd. and Cedardale Ave., were Mr. Burwell and Mrs. Loving.

Miss Anderson, who reportedly was a passenger in the car driven by Mr. Burwell, contended the accident was a result of reckless and negligent driving on the part of both defendants.

According to records, Miss Anderson specifically charged Mrs. Loving with reckless driving by failing to give the right of way to Mr. Burwell, as both cars approached the intersection.

However, Miss Anderson also accused Mr. Burwell of excessive speeding which allegedly led to the accident when the car driven by Mrs. Loving collided with his car.

Both defendants deny that the accident was caused by any negligent or reckless driving on their part. The motion filed by the defendants for a new hearing has been heard to date.

A Veterans Administration campaign to provide more on the-job training opportunities for returning Vietnam Era veterans provides help for employers in setting up training.

Inauguration of Dr. Cheek set for 11 a.m. Oct. 16

Presidents of colleges and universities from across the nation will be present when Dr. King Vergil Cheek will be inaugurated as the seventh president in the 104-year history of Morgan State College Saturday, Oct. 16 at 11 a.m.

The inauguration will climax week-long festivities including opening of new gallery in the Murphy Fine Arts Centre; a concert by the Morgan choir and orchestra and a symposium on "The college presidency today."

The affair will be presided over by Mathias J. DeVito, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the State Colleges of Maryland, who will administer the oath of office to President Cheek.

According to the official inaugural program there will be a number of greetings brought from notables from all over the contry to President Cheek.

These include Dr. Percy H. Baker, dean of the college; from the Alumni, by Mr. Warren Waters, President of the General Alumni Association; and from the student body of Northern Long, president of the Student Government Association.

On the national level, greetings will come from such personalities as William Donald Schaefer, acting Mayor of the City of Baltimore who will on behalf of the people of the city and Mayor D'Alesandro, greet the assemblage and Dr. Cheek; and as Governor Mandel's representative, Lt. Governor of Maryland Blair Lee III, will bring message from the State of Maryland.

The investiture ceremony will involve chairman DeVito; Judge Harry A. Cole, chairman of Board of Visitors of Morgan State College where he received the Martin D. Jenkins, now director of Urban Affairs of the American Council of Education; Dean Baker, Alumni President Waters and Student Government President Long.

After the investiture, President Cheek, will deliver his inaugural address.

Born in Weldon, North Carolina, Dr. Cheek was formerly president at Shaw (NC) University before taking over the helm at Morgan.

The 34-year-old educator is a graduate of Bates College where he received the A.B. degree in economics and the University of Chicago where both the M.A. degree in economics and the Doctor of Jurisprudence degree were conferred.

James Earl Ray asks for retrial

A retrial of the alleged assassin of Martin Luther King was asked for by his lawyers in a Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals Wednesday.

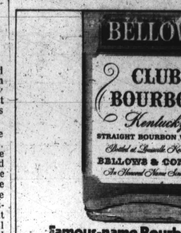
They claim James Earl Ray, serving a 99-year sentence for the crime, was pressured into pleading guilty by his defense counsel.

The lawyers, Bernard Fensterwald of Washington and Robert I. Livingstone of Memphis, were appealing the Feb. 25 decision of a Memphis Criminal Court judge denying the trial request. They said they will appeal to the US Supreme Court if necessary.

They contend that plea bargaining took place between Mr. Foreman and the trial judge, W. Preston Battle, even though Foreman had decided to plead not guilty the day before his hearing.

They argue that evidence was withheld by the state. Ray was doubtful of Judge Buattle's impartiality and crucial witnesses where unavailable. Finally, the constant guard presence and lifting and other aspects of Ray's confinement in the Shelby County Jail rendered Ray docile and unresponsible for his guilty plea.

The decision of judges Mark Walker, William S. Russell and Charles O'Brien, who heard the request is not expected for some weeks.



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