The Young Outcasts

By VAL HYMES

Marylanders are only young once, like everybody else, and no different when it comes to juvenile delinquents. Until their own children are involved, it's out of sight and out of mind.

What was once called the high jinx of youth is now too often full-fledged crime and the total number of cases reaching court levels has increased 1'8 per cent in the last 10 years.

Last year nearly 38,000 cases were tallied, but this year, more than 40,000 are expected and more than 3,000 will require institutional care of some kind.

That's the rub, because nobody wants these youngsters next door.

The problem is no longer centered in the urban areas, although 6,000 youths were added to the rolls when Baltimore City moved its age limit from 16 to 18 to conform to the rest of the State. Today, the trend shows more and more juvenile problems in suburban and middle and upper income communities.

40,000 This Year

Although the figures will nearly double this year, the number of problem juveniles handled by the Department of Juvenile Services last year from Baltimore City, County was 8,973, ranking it first in the State.

Local courts had the responsibility for these young people until 1966 when Juvenile Services were created by the Legislature. But since 1969, Maryland has been unique in the nation by treating its juvenile cases as health problems under the care of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

The many obvious advantages of this move have been hampered somewhat by a curious public reaction to attempts by health officials to work with communities to find locations for resident facilities for the juveniles.

As long as the problem was treated as a criminal issue and the young skeleton in the family closet, it was easy to ignore until the problem juvenile became an adult, expensive burden on the community, the taxpayer and the corrections system.

But recent attempts to place home-like facilities for these youths in several communities have pushed the problem into the political firefront, leading to costly delays and resulting in "a crisis" health officials feel must be faced immediately.

Everybody seems to agree with Maryland's director of Juvenile Services, Robert C. Hilson, that prison-like institutions contribute more to the cause than the cure. But few taxpayers want either an institution or modern, open facilities next door.

A Tragic Example

A classic and almost tragic example because of the human waste is the hope for a 200-bed modern facility that has been planned as far back as 1959 to relieve the four overcrowded training schools in Baltimore, Frederick and Prince George's Counties.

During the last year, the location for the facility has bounced from Prince Georges to Anne Arundel to Washington and Baltimore Counties to the City and back to Washington.

The delay caused by the successful veto of the sites by community protest, according to Finance Committee member Sen. Jervis S. Finney, "has wasted five years of intensive work to nothing, has inflamed a genuine crisis in our State. "It has cost the taxpayers so far at least $1 million in climbing construction costs and $5.6 million in appropriated but unspent tax money.

The Board of Public Works finally gave an okay to a modified plan for 100 beds in a maximum security facility for those young men who do not adapt to the group homes or cottage programs, which were the original goal.

Then group homes were cut from the budget by the Legislature on the last day of the session, and those 10 are badly needed today in Baltimore City, Southern Maryland, in the Kent Cecil and Frederick-Carroll areas.

The City has three in operation now, but if the schedule had been followed, five more would have been added in the next two years around the State.

There are regional detention centers, now in Anne Arundel and planned in Cumberland (for Western Maryland), in the Baltimore Metropolitan area and on the Shore, but they provide only temporary shelter, as does the Maryland Children's Center for diagnostics in Baltimore County.

Group Homes Answer

The answer lies, Hilson feels, in supervised group homes and in preventive programs where young people can learn to live with community values.

Detection programs through such mechanisms as Youth Service Bureaus now in operation in Southern Maryland and Baltimore City (and planned across the State) are also vitally needed to slow the growth of problems that already exceeds population growth.

Public attitude cannot be changed overnight, all agree, but the public is confused and irritated by what appears to be bureaucratic uncertainty, or even bungling. They are simply not used to an approach that requires community support.

It is obviously time to look at the big picture as if it involved our own children, and to remember that the cost of keeping a man in prison and his family on welfare is close to a quarter of a million dollars.

It may be gratifying to flex the political muscles of a community to soothe political alarm" over the thought of these young delinquents in the neighborhood.

But without the help of the community, the juvenile delinquent is virtually guaranteed a long career in crime.

What's News Dept.

The Board of Public Works and Westinghouse have joined funds to find out how many insecticides and PCB pollutants are affecting shellfish in Shore waters while also mapping oyster beds and tracking sediment polluters. The State Board of Education has given priority in its budget to improving reading levels, with plans for staffers on the Shore, in Central Maryland, Southern and Western Maryland.

The Chances for more aid for school operating costs dims as fiscal experts predict a deficit of $90 million for next year after existing programs are funded.

'Glen Campbell Show's hosts State of Hawaii

Along with guest stars Jack Lord, the Smothers Brothers, Anne Murray and Jerry Rited, the State if Hawaii could easily be billed as a special guest on the broadcast of "The Glen Campbell Show," to be presented Tuesday.

The episode was shot completely on location in the 50th state.

FIRST C AND P TELEPHONE DIRECTORY copy is placed in the datestone as part of the dedication by Mrs. Rebeckah Bain, representative at the Northwest Mayor's Station. William M. Dunbar, C and P Community Relations manager is in the rear.

C and P dedicates new exchange here

The C. and P. Telephone Company recently dedicated its newest exchange at 3015 West Cold Spring Lane with a datestone ceremony and a demonstration of the most modern telephone equipment.

In attendance were a number of community leaders and neighbors who participated in the ceremony by placing various articles of memorabilia in the datestone. James J. Jacobs, Vice President of C. and P. and the General Manager of the Maryland Company, in the dedication address, reviewed 70 years of telephone history of the area and the rapid growth during the past several years which has caused this building to be built.

Participating in the ceremony, besides Mr. Jacobs, were Mrs. Rebeckah Bain, Mayor's Representative, the Rev. Lorenzo Graves, Pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church who gave the invocation, James M. Gutman, resident of Mt. Washington, Delano R. McCallum, Vice President, Calloway-Garrison Improvement Association, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Miller, neighbors, Elston Palmer, President of the Cedardale Road Improvement Association, Mrs. Margaret Pollard, Executive Director of the Northwest Baltimore Corporation, Alex Cochran, Architect and Roman Steiner, Builder.

C. and P. participants included William M. Dunbar, Community Relations Manager, the master of ceremonies, Fred I. Musser, District Plant Manager, and Frank A. Troiano, Division Commercial Manager.

In attendance were Noel Acton, Architect, Charles R. Brown, Jr., President of Denison Road Improvement Association, Mrs. Agrathare Byrd, Executive Director of the Lower Park Heights Improvement Association, Mr. R. Green and Mr. S. Marx, of the Northwest Baltimore Corporation and Mrs. Shirley Robinson of the Calloway-Garrison Improvement Association.

Thomsen wants equality in city employment

John S. Thomsen, 5th district Republican candidate for City Council, has urged that the next City Council take positive steps to assure true equal opportunity in City employment.

"The Community Relations Commission, of which I am a member, recently issued a report on the City employment picture," Thomsen explained.

"This study indicates that, while the City has been enforcing equal opportunityin the private sector for some years, its own record still needs improvement.

The report shows that the overall percentage of black employment is not unreasonable, but some agencies are still in the vicinity of 10 per cent or even less; minority employment in the professional and managerial categories is still generally low, except for the school system." Thomsen, running for City Council with Carl Adair and Thomas Mickle, has served on the Baltimore Community Relations Commission for six years and is currently Vice-Chairman.

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Printing unit gets loan

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. — The Jander Printing Corp., of Port Chester, is the first recipient in Westchester of a small business loan from the Vanguard Capital corp, a subsidiary of General Foods Corp.

The GF agency was formed to provide financial assistance and free consulting services for minority-owned businesses. Derrick Shipp heads the printing concern.

The loan was initially funded by Vanguard with a supporting federally guaranteed loan from the Main Street branch of The County Trust Co.

Vanguard is licensed under the Small Business Administration (SBA) as one of its "Minority Enterprise Small Business Investment Companies" (MESBIC) and is located at 222 Westchester Avenue, White Plains.

When Vanguard was established last year, Gentral Foods' initial commitment was $150,000 which can be supplemented through a $300,000 loan from the SBA.

Additionally, Vanguard will be assistine in obtaining bank loans for its customers totaling up to 1,800,000 bringing its total financial leverage to $2,250,000.

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Morgan college gets best chapter award

The Eta Omega chapter of Phi Alpha Theta International Honor Society in History at Morgan State College has been awarded the best chapter award of the society.

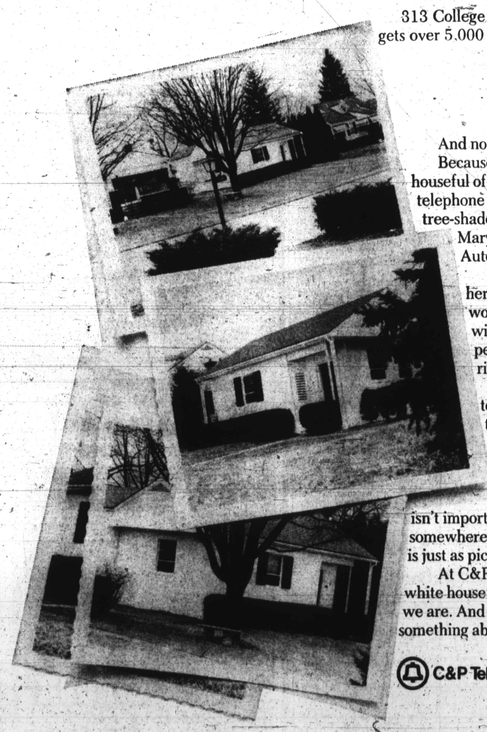
The award was announced here by the Morgan chapter adviser, Dr. Howard H. Bell, upon notification of the award by Donald B. Hoffman, international secretary-treasurer.

The Morgan State chapter was grouped with chapters from other member colleges with enrollments of 4,000 to 10,000 students. The award to Morgan State consisted of the graning of books to the amount of $250.

The Eta Omega chapter, headed by Josephy Woodfolk of Baltimore, Md., was presented the Best Chapter Award on the basis of overall participation in activities, operation of chapter and faculty members' activities in the chapter.

The criteria in these areas included such specific items as historical presenations, group-sponsored activities, and presentation of intellectual papers.

313 College Avenue gets over 5.000 calls a day.



And nobody lives there.

Because it's not a home, really, but a whole houseful of complex switching equipment. All the telephone calls that come in and go out of this tree-shaded, storybook town called New Windsor, Maryland, are channeled through this house Automatically.

Time was when Marguerite Anders and her sister Adella used to run things from a small wooden switchboard beside their parlor window. Sometimes they would shout to people in the street that their phone was ringing.

When Marguerite and Adella retired, it took a lot of automatic equipment to replace them, and a new building to keep it in. That's when we decided that the building didn't have to look as "automatic" as what was in it. After all, in a town like New Windsor, *seeing* the phone company isn't important. What is important is that it's there somewhere; it works; and the town of New Windsor is just as picturesque as it's always been.

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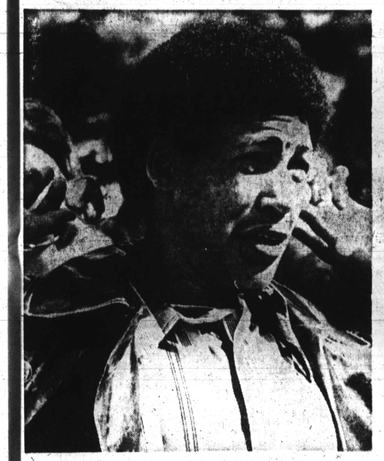
Hey now, like man, she's gotta be kidding



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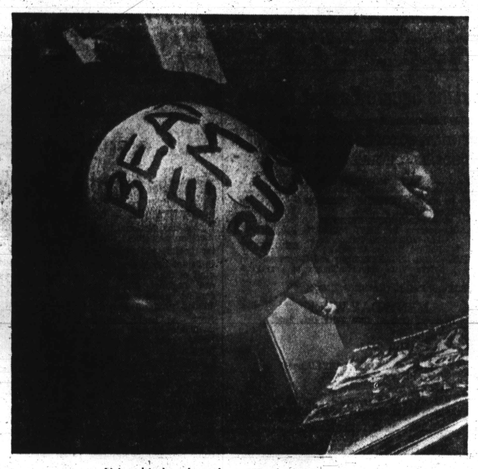
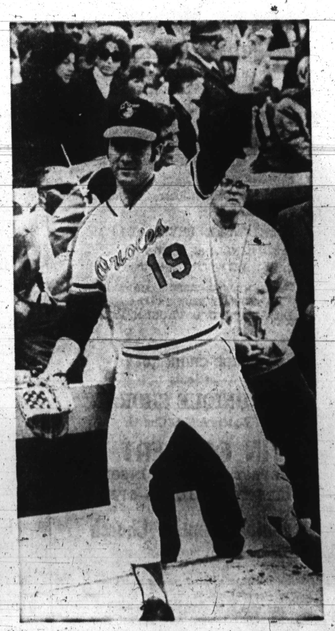


Using his head to show us where is his heart

Howdaya like that apple?

Dock Ellis said he'd be back

Baltimore's Jim Palmer, "Our Man Saturday"



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