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O'Dell Murphy "Blind Worker of the year" for the state of Maryland operates a high pressure stamping machine which compacts and shapes cakes of top quality, fragrant French milled soap.

Although he can enjoy this fragrant aroma and can come close to estimating the total number of soap cakes he's produced in one hour, he has never seen any of the luxury pastel tinted soaps.

Mr. Murphy, 32, is deeply religious and active in church work. He sums up his philosophy of life this way: "I feel that the greatest reward for doing is the opportunity to do more."

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Mr. Murphy is one of 40 blind and multi-handicapped persons who has received a new full time job at the Workshop.

Originally NIBee brand blind made soap was introduced in the USA by National Industries for the Blind and was promoted to Lions Clubs for their fund raising projects.

Traditionally Lions Clubs raise money to support sight conservation projects.

A dual benefit is accomplished by Lions fund raising through the sale of NIBee luxury quality soap; funds are being raised for local sight conservation projects, while simultaneously persons without sight are being employed by the Maryland Workshop for the blind to manufacture these products.

NIBee quality blind made toiletry products such as bath oil and bath soap, will now be offered to all non-profit organizations such as schools, church groups, clubs and youth groups to help them raise funds for their special projects.

IN VIENNA — Michael Hackard (l.), 21, student body president of Sacramento State College and Willie Edwards (C), 25, of Palm Springs, Calif., a Vietnam veteran and student body president at California State College in Los Angeles, presented petition to U. S. Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT) press spokesman Nedville E. Nordness here, last week. The disarmament petition, signed by 380 U.S. colleges and universities, was presented to the Soviet and American delegations to the talks. (UPI Telephoto)

Hubert H. Humphrey, D-Minn.

The President defeated Humphrey 44 per cent to 38 per cent, but lost to Senators Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., George McGovern, D-S.D., and Edward S. Muskie, R-Maine.

WASHINGTON — Miss Ruth V. Washington, of the New York State Workman's Compensation Board, has been appointed to the newly established Federal Advisory Council on Unemployment Insurance. Secretary of Labor J.D. Hodgson announced the appointment of Miss Washington and 13 other persons to the council. It is composed of five representatives each from employers, employees, and the public. Miss Washington is serving as one of the public members.

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Extradition awaited for killing suspect

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Larry Jackson, wanted here for two murders, is awaiting extradition hearings in the Cook County jail. Chicago police picked him up on a weapons charge just before Thanksgiving.

Local police have warrants charing Jackson, 24, with six armed robberies, an assault with a deadly weapon and the double murder.

The murders were those of Mr. and Mrs. Houston P. Johnson, shot during the robbery of their grocery store two years ago.

Their daughter, Jeannette S. who was 21 at the time, was beaten with a pistol during the robbery.

It could take two months to return Jackson to Charlotte because Gov.Bob Scott must request and Gov. Richard Ollivie of Illinois grant, extradition.

Governors usually grant such requests, said Maj. Tommy Ginn of the Police Investigations Bureau, but time is consumed by the paperwork involved.

The Chicago district attorney dropped the charge of unlawful use of a firearm when the National Crime Information Center said Jackson's fingerprints showed he was wanted here.

This will make extradition easier.

Survey of nation's high schoolers reveals accent is not on drugs

CHICAGO (UPI) — A survey of the nation's top 23,000 high school students showed they prefer alcohol to marijuana although 76 per cent said they had never smoked it.

They also believed — 50 per cent of them — that sex before marriage was all right under certain conditions, but 35 per cent were opposed to it.

The survey was conducted by Merit Publishing Co. The students participating came from 18,000 public, private, and parochial high schools.

The students gave the same top priorities for the nation as they had given in last year's survey. They were:

End the Southeast Asian war.

Eliminate pollution.

Contnue the war on poverty.

The survey showed that "drinking is a heck of a lot more prevalent than the use of drugs," according to Merit President Paul Krouse.

Of the 24 per cent that said they had tried marijuana, only six per cent said they used it more than once or twice. Sixty per cent opposed its use while 30 per cent approved it.

Krouse said 80 per cent of the students surveyed were seniors, 20 per cent juniors, with 96 per cent college bound.

The students favored Democrats to Republicans with 34 per cent saying they identified "most closely" with the Democrats. Thirty-four per cent said they were independents, while only 20 per cent listed themselves Republicans.

The students believe that three Democratic presidential candidate possibilities could defeat President Nixon in 1972, but not Sen.

JACKSON, Miss. — Doctors Melvin I. Evans and Hugh Studdard of Jackson State College presented papers at the Mississippi Association of Health, Physical Education and Recreation at its annual convention, last week. Dr. Evans, head of the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation at Jackson State College discussed the effects of steam baths on the cardiovascular system. Dr. Studdard, assistant departmental professor talked on the effect of exercise on the fat level in the blood of rats exposed to noise.

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Bleak Surroundings Belies Success In Teaching Reading

By KATHLEEN NEUMEYER

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — The world is bleak outside Ann Street School, surrounded on three sides by a low-cost housing project and on the fourth by a liquor store.

Residents of the neighborhood — two-thirds of them Mexican-Americans and the rest mostly blacks — are caught in the welfare trap.

Three-fourths of the families are fatherless, receiving aid to dependent children and food stamps ferried in on Brink's armored trucks because it is difficult for residents to travel out of the housing project.

Street gangs have scrawled ugly messages on the walls outside, but inside Ann Street School there are children who would rather stay in their classrooms and read during recess than go outside to play.

The public school, with about 370 students, has been mentioned in a report by the Council of Basic Education in Washington, D.C., as one of four inner-city schools which are successful in teaching reading. The others are the Woodland School in Kansas City, Mo., John Finley School and Public School 11 in New York City.

"That's not saying we are the top four in the nation," reading specialist Mrs. Dorothy Brumbaugh points out.

"It's just saying that inner city children can be taught to read and here are four schools which are doing it."

"Eight years ago, we were nowhere in reading," she says. "Then teachers at Ann Street School started pushing reading.

"What good does it do to teach social studies if the kids can't read the books?" Mrs. Brumbaugh asks.

With federal funds boosting the amount available to educate each child to about $1,000 a year, compared with $750 in other Los Angeles schools, the student-teacher ratio was reduced to 24 to one, and teaching aides were hired to help during reading classes.

The school day was staggered with some pupils arriving at 9 and staying until 2 and others arriving at 10 and staying an hour later. Reading lessons were scheduled during the first and last hours, so that only 11 or 12 students were reading during each class.

Special reading books and workbooks (the Webster/McGraw-Hill Programmed Reading Series) were purchased which allowed each child to work individually at his own pace. After reading a lesson quietly aloud, the child answers questions and fills in blanks, checking his own work on his answer sheet, as the teacher moves from child to child.

When he has completed one book, the child moves on to the next, unimpeded by the pace of his classmates.

One seven-year-old girl is already reading in the 19th book of the 21-book series.

"Too often in the inner-city schools, teachers are so busy with the low achievers, they neglect the high achievers," Mrs. Brumbaugh says. "That doesn't happen with this method.

"Jose, at seven, was a mental dropout," Mrs. Brumbaugh said of one student. "He was cocky and a trouble-maker.

"But his teacher liked spunky little boys, and she didn't give up on him. You can't let a child paint himself into a corner with his own behavior. She didn't give up on him, and when Jose made responses in his workbook, and moved his ruler to reveal the answer, he was right," she said.

"It may have been the first time in his life that Jose was right about anything.

"One day during recess that teacher called me in. There was Jose, up on his hands and knees on the desk, engrossed in his reading book.

"It's a terrible thing to say, but Jose is the only one of his 14 brothers and his sisters who is going to make it.

"As far as I'm concerned, that's a success story."

KITTRELL, N. C. — The Academic Standards Committee of Kittrell College recently approved a recommendation from T. Jerome Chesk, director of cooperative education to give six hours credit for students successfully completing that program. Cooperative education combines work experience with academic study.

IN APPRECIATION for the inspiration Claflin College has given to many youths and in recognition of its great heritage over the past century, Superior Motors, Inc., turned over to the Orangeburg, S.C. college this 1972 Pontiac Catalina car to be used in furthering its educational and its reach-out to the neighborhood programs. J. M. Guthrie, owner of Superior Motors (L), presents keys to Timothy E. Maybank, business manager of Claflin.

Hawkins seeks door-to-door voter listing

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Gubernatorial Candidate Dr. Reginald A. Hawkins says members of his organization will request the Mecklenburg County Board of Elections to conduct door-to-door voter registration.

Hawkins notes that many blacks and low-income whites find it too difficult to get to registration locations.

The dentist, who ran unsuccessfully for governor in 1968, says he may institute a suit charging the board with discrimination if it refuses to conduct door-to door registration.

JACKSON, Miss. — Jackson State College has been awarded twenty-two federal and private grants totaling more than $2.2 million for the 1971-72 academic year. The grants cover a wide range of areas and are meant to serve varied purposes in strengthening and developing academic programs.

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Gen. James speaks at Cheyney State

PHILADELPHIA — Brigadier General Daniel James Jr., the only black Air Force General on active duty, spoke at Cheyney Sstate College on Dec. 1.

General James spoke at the invitation of Cheyney's Student Pennsylvania State Education Association.

The 51-year-old general is now deputy assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs. His assignment is to keep the public informed about all branches of the Defense Department.

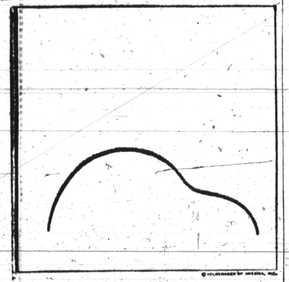
General James earned his B.S. at Tuskegee Institute and was commissioned as a pilot in 1943.

During his 28 years in the Air Force General James has flown 101 combat missions over Korea, served as an all-weather jet pilot commanded the 60th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, and served as Staff Officer at the Pentagon.

In 1961 he was assigned to the Royal Air Force Station at Bentwaters, England and because Duty Wing Commander for Operations.

General James served a tour of duty in Southeast Asia which included 78 combat missions over North Vietnam. He was appointed to his present post in March 1970.

President of Cheyney's Student PSEA, the sponsoring group, is Gwendolyn R. Rivers, a junior who plans to teach English. Ernest R. Berry, associate professor of psychology, is advisor of the student group.



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Maddox terms delegates Reds

DALLAS — A coalition of peace and civil rights advocates holding a political convention here read a telegram from Georgia Lt. Gov. Lester Maddox who called the delegates communists who should be meeting in Peking or Moscow.

The text of the former Georgia governor's message was released in Atlanta about the same time as Max Shawn, 25, a bearded delegate to the "People's Party" convention, read it to the delegates.

Shawn read the telegram to the laughing delegates without telling them who sent it. He could only read about five words at a time because of the laughter that kept interrupting him.

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The telegram Shawn read said:

"You socialist, leftist communists and haters of America having housing and meeting space problems, you can look to Peking or Moscow for facilities.

"Whether you call yourself communists or not you are acting like communists. You are making the same demands of America as the communists enemies, dotting every I and crossing every t like the communist platform of the United States.

"You mean people who act like communists and work for the communist cause are communists. Therefore I call you communists and urge you to leave to Peking or Moscow for your convention."

After reading the telegram, Shawn paused and said:

"And, oh, you're really going to like this." He paused again, "Maybe you know who this is." Another pause. "Lester Maddox"

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