Set safety drive for swimming pool

By JOHN M. WILLIAMS

NEW YORK (UPI) — The swimming pool industry in an effort to reduce an increasing number of home swimming pool accidents — many fatal — has started a pool registry program designed to raise the standards of pool construction.

The program has the endorsement of the American Red Cross, which said that some 270 people died in pool accidents in 1971.

Announcement of the program came from the National Swimming Pool Institute, sponsor of the plan.

In an interview with UPI, Robert Steel, executive vice president of NSPI, said builders under the program will construct pools to conform with revised minimum design and construction standards that concentrate on a safe match between the pool and the diving board.

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Steel said the NSPI has rated five "types" of home pools according to critical dimension — width, breadth and depth — and then approved certain boards for use with each pool type according to the capability and installation specifications of the board.

The pools then are given registry numbers by the NSPI and a permanent plaque is placed in the pool decking to remind present and future owners of the pool's rating.

According to Steel and Edward J. Mongeon, director of water safety for the Red Cross in Washington, D.C., misuse of diving boards has led to a rising number of serious injuries over the past several years.

In a telephone interview, Mongeon said the NSPI action was "generated by the increasing number of (new) suits resulting from personal injuries in diving accidents." He said he had advocated for a long time that home pools should not be built with diving boards, mainly because people use them incorrectly.

Mongeon said divers have a tendency to dive out and into the upswing of the bottom rather than into the deepest portion of the pool.

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The Red Cross was unable to furnish statistics on home swimming pool accidents, but Dr. Richard W. Rado, a Riverside, N.J., physician who has conducted an extensive study and produced a film on home swimming accidents said board misuse is a reason for many accidents.

The doctor said that as best as he could determine, about 20 persons each year suffer broken necks in New Jersey home pool mishaps. Rado estimated that the nationwide figure probably is near 1,000 such injuries each year.

Mini-college plans course for women

BALTIMORE — The meandering mini-college program of Essex Community College will offer a course in Personal Psychology for Women to meet in the school library at St. Pius X Elementary School, 6428 York Road, beginning Wednesday, June 14.

The course will meet Wednesday for six sessions from June 14 through July 19. Participants will examine a psychology of health, special problems of women, growth motivation, identity experiences, creativeness, and special human values of women, in addition to other topics. Mrs. Eileen Silbermann, assistant professor of psychology at Essex Community College, will be the instructor for the course.

Tuition is $11 for residents of Baltimore County and $26 for Maryland residents who live outside of the County. One college credit may be earned for the course.

Andrew Drance, coordinator of religious education at St. Pius X explained that the course grew out of interest expressed by Mrs. Joan Vaillancourt, a parishioner, who had heard of other meandering mini-courses offered by Essex Community College. More than 15 parishioners have now registered for the course. Registration will be limited to approximately 25 participants.

Boatmen urged to get free boat checkups

ANNAPOLIS — Maryland boatmen received a special plea to habe their vessels checked for safety under the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary examination program.

James B. Coulter, secretary of natural resources, cited the program as "another valuable tool" available to Maryland in its effort to reduce boating accidents.

June 3 through 11 is "Courtesy Motorboat Examination Week" and has been so designated by Governor Mandel. In his proclamation, the governor said:

"I do hereby recommend that all boatmen avail themselves of the opportunity to have their boats examined."

During the special week, trained "Courtesy Examiners" will be available at yacht clubs, marinas, launching ramps and other locations to conduct free checks if boat owners so desire. The vessels are checked for proper ventilation, fuel lines, and presence of adequate safety equipment.

Boats which the xaminers approve are awarded a decal, "The Seal of Safety," which is recognized by the Maryland Natural Resources Police and the Coast Guard as outward evidence that the vessel meets and exceeds legal safety requirements.

Businessmen's Teach-In class cited

Ten students received certificates recently for participating in Phase One of the Businessmen's Teach-In, sponsored by the Model Cities Economic Development Program.

The classes, which were held each Tuesday and Thursday evening at the office of the MOEDP, offered an eight-week overview of the fundamental principles and practices of small business management essentials.

Those receiving certificates were: Henry B. Hagley Sr., Linwood Epps, Thomas Butler, Mrs. Mamie Scriber, Curtis Bount, Andrew Mallory Jr., Mrs. Gloria Mallory, Mrs. Barbara J. Bush, G. Phillips, T. R. Wheeler, John J. Allen, Mrs. Jane Wyatt, Mrs. La Wanda Sneed, George E. Dempsey Sr., John A. Miles, Abram O. Mitchell, Larry Mackall, Mrs. Anna R. Gibson and Mrs. Constance Burley.

Instructors who helped to make Phase One successful were: Eddie Montgomery, president, Pride and Groom; Harold Nash, staff specialist MOEDP; Roger Sanders, Baltimore businessman; Raymond Haysbert, vice president Parks Sausage; Roosevelt Nixon, chairman of the board, Businessmen's League of Baltimore, Inc.; George Carroll, Baltimore City Realtor; Fred Nunley, president of the Businessmen's League of Baltimore, Inc.; B. N. Deaton, Western Electric Company and Earl Koger, Koger Insurance.

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Did Denise's Love For Her Teacher Lead To Death Leap From Bridge?

Missing girl, 12, found floating in the harbor, death remains a mystery

SIGN X shows the spot where the body of Alice McClain, 12 missing since May 7 was found in the harbor in the 300 block W. McComas St.

Police are investigating the mysterious death of Alice McClain, 12, 1800 block Whitmore Ave., who had been missing since May 7.

Investigating officers report the skeleton of the 6th grader of Elementary School Number 142, was found face-down floating in the harbor in the 300 block W. McComas St., June 8.

Police reports show the well-beloved girl failed to return when she and her girl-friend went for a walk. Police state they suspect foul play.

Dr. Ronald N. Kornbloom who did the autopsy, has ruled the cause of death as drowning.

Police statements quoting the medical examiner's report indicate the body of the girl was identified by her teeth and shoe.

She was last seen wearing pink sweater, blue

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Reward rises to $1,900 for lost boy

The latest contributions of $500 from the ABB Roofing Company and $500 from the L. and M. Bail Bonding Agency raise the total reward for Soloman G. Rose III to $1,900.

Missing since April 1, the 2-year-old child was last seen shopping with his mother at Mondawmin Shopping Center.

Notify Mrs. Daisy Jackson, 462-3076 or Missing Persons, Police Department, MU. 5-1600 or AFRO City Desk, 728-8200 if information is found leading to Soloman's whereabouts.

9 Blount bills take effect July 1

Some nine bills introduced by Sen. Clarence W. Blount (D-5) will become law effective July 1.

Gov. Mandel signed the bills on May 26 and 31 which include a measure (Bill No. 166) requiring the State Department of Education and local boards to create a program of educational accountability, to set goals and measure the achievement of children in schools throughout the State.

This will call for a cooperative assessment by the State, local boards and departments to establish guidelines and goals so that each school can work towards assuring every child a quality education.

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Another, Bill 706, prevents harassment of deb-

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MISS LINDA MONTGOMERY, 14, Walbrook High 9th grade student, will be buried at 1 p.m. Monday after last rites at Mt. Olive Church in the 2600 block Frederick Ave.

AUTOMOBILE CRASH

Walbrook Hi coed, friend killed

Funeral services for Miss Linda Montgomery, 14, Walbrook High School ninth grader, will be held in the Mt. Olive Christian Church 2600 block Frederick Ave., Monday at 1 p.m. Burial is in the Mt. Auburn Cemetery.

Miss Montgomery and a boyfriend were struck by a car in front of her home in the 3400 block Gwynns Fall Parkway Sunday at 1 a.m.

Her friend, Melvin Mitchell, 16, 2200 block Pressman St., died on the spot. Miss Montgomery died Wednesday at the Lutheran Hospital.

He was buried in the Arbutus Memorial Park Thursday afternoon.

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An eyewitness account states the two were struck by the car when they were crossing the street.

Mrs. Emma Timmons, 3400 block Gwynn Falls Parkway, told the AFRO she stimates Melvin Mitchell was dragged about 50 feet before finally landing on the pavement. Miss Montgomery was thrown about 20 feet away from where they were hit.

1,500 Elks here for convention

Some 1,500 members of the Tri-State Elks and friends will begin to converge on the city this evening Friday for the June 16-21 convention, headquarters at the Lord Baltimore Hotel.

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Tonight's event is the 8 p.m. Shrine Boosters' Pagent-Cabaret. Saturday sessions open at 9 a.m. for brothers and daughters from Maryland, Delaware, Washington and Pennsylvania Improved Benevolent, Protective Order of Elks of the World (IBPOE of W).

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Saturday's beauty-talent show is at 8 p.m. Sunday's highlights are the 10 a.m. Memorial Service; 1 p.m. parade through the heart of downtown Baltimore and the 8 p.m. boatride.

At 3 p.m. Monday is the oratorical contest with achievement awards to come at 7 p.m. Tuesday night is the brilliant Tri-State ball.

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Wednesday ends the convention with 9 a.m. closed sessions. David Shockley of Baltimore is the convention chairman.

William S. Fountain and Dtr. Amy Warden, state presidents. Carl Dickerson, Philadelphia, Grand Secretary is expected to be present to represent Grand Exalter Ruler Hobson Reynolds.

Honor pupil, 14, buried in yellow frock, white casket

Fourteen-year old Denise Handy, the Houston-Woods Junior High School honor student who met with a tragic death last weekend, was buried June 14 after last rites at Simmons Memorial Baptist Church.

For burial she was dressed in a yellow frock embroidered with white flowers, white gloves and slippers. She had a corsage of red roses on her wrist.

Her white casket was banked by floral designs of rainbow hues and included a design from the staff of her school No. 181. She would have graduated June

Miss Handy died Saturday when she fell from a 75 ft. bridge in the 3100 block Edmondson Ave.

It is still argumentive whether or not it was suicide, as stated in the police report, or an accident, as was claimed by parents and friends.

The teenager's close friends told the AFRO a secret love for one of her school 181 male teachers had recently plunged the youngster into a feeling she did not want to live.

However, her parents said they knew nothing about it and Denise had expressed nothing of the sort to them, nor had she displayed any melancholy.

They maintain the youngster is not a suicide victim.

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The Rev. William King, pastor, presided at the funeral.

People were filing past the casket as late as 20 minutes before the services started.

Mourners began arriving as early 11:40 a.m.

The procession arrived at 11:49 a.m. for the noon rites.

The night before more than 1,000 persons filed past the casket.

Her parents, Mrs. Rosie

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AFRO VICTORY

City spends $744,000 more in Rosemont area

"You can call this a victory for the AFRO," Housing Commissioner Robert Embry told the AFRO Wednesday when he won Board of Estimates approval to spend $2,000 more to rehabilitate each of the city's 422 Rosemont houses for a total of $744,000 additional cost.

The commissioner was referring to an AFRO picture-story in January showing Congressman Parren Mitchell inspecting the Rosemont model home at 2409 Lauretta Ave.

Rep. Mitchell then told the AFRO he was quite displeased with the rehabilitation work done on the home being sold for $15,800.

He simply stated, "I don't want people to go into a home with a 30-year mortgage only to have it fall apart in 10 years."

During the inspection, the model houses's refrigerator and stove were called "the cheapest models you can get," and walls were said to be so thin "a child will go through this in no time."

Rep. Mitchell complained to the Department of Housing and improvements began to be made. Now, through Commissioner Embry, the Board approved additional spending for those improvements.

The commissioner reported the extra $2,000 are being used to put up new dry walls instead of patching the old walls with plaster, to guarantee new plumbing and wiring, new bathroom fixtures, new baseboards and a hood over the stove.

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On learning the board's action, Rep. Mitchell de-

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Six longshoremen awarded $99,000

Six longshoremen, who received injuries in a 1968 traffic accident at the Dundalk Marine Terminal, were awarded damages totaling $99,000 Wednesday by Superior Court Judge Shirley B. Jones.

The largest single consent award went to William Simmons, 1000 block West Lafayette Ave., who received $52,00 for spinal injuries he sustained when he and other plaintiffs were thrown from a van.

According to Bernard Goldstein, attorney for Plaintiffs Simmons, 66, and George McGill, 42, the acci-

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$1,000 starts AFRO Clean Blockers on the way to beautify Baltimore

This year marks the 38th year for the AFRO Clean Block Campaign. Many citizens, young and old, will volunteer to participate in the annual event willingly to rid their surroundings of unsightly litter and filth.

Young people and adults can enroll now in the 1972 AFRO Clean Block Campaign by mailing the coupon on Page 2 this issue to the AFRO Clean Block Office, 624 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore, 21201. Two doors from the main AFRO Office at 628 N. Eutaw St.

Rules, regulations, registration blanks, workers sheets, victory reports and other materials are ready now to be distributed to workers.

Misses Michele McRae and Amy Woolridge are the co-directors for 1972.

This week, as the campaign opened, Phillip C. Brown, president, Pre-Birth Clinic, Washington, made the first contribution to the Prize Fund.

His $1,000 check was received on Monday.

Mr. Brown, a native Baltimorean said, "The AFRO drive gives Baltimore a good image, motivates the city's youth and gives them pride in their communities.

He added, "The AFRO Clean Block Campaign makes a tremendous effort to encourage the betterment of communities. I find that in the beginning of every campaign there is a lag in funds, therefore I feel this contribution will help the prize fund and also encourage others to give.

Contributions to the AFRO Clean Block Prize Fund are tax deductible.

Interested persons should make checks and money orders payable to AFRO Charities, Inc., 628 N. Eutaw St., Balto., Md. 21201.

Last year 150 blocks enrolled in the annual AFRO drive. Money raised from AFRO readers was used to give cash awards to winning blocks.

Because of the expected enlarged number of blocks to register this year, the prize fund goal has been set at $4,000.

Names of all contributors will be published.

Here is how to organize your block for the AFRO annual campaign.

1. Get as many neighbors together as you can. Explain to them that you would like to enroll the block in the AFRO Clean Block Campaign.

2. Elect your officers—President, Secretary, Treasurer, Captain, Co-captain, Block Inspector and Marshal.

3. Hold regular meetings:

a. The captain or co-captain will be expected to attend Friday morning weekly meetings. If the captain or co-captain can not attend, a representative should be selected to attend meetings. We like to have Adult Advisors to attend the Friday morning meetings.

b. The Inspector will see that no trash accumulates anywhere in the block.

b. Secretaries are asked to send reports to the Clean Block Office or to the Friday meetings as to what is happening in their block meetings.

d. The Marshal will call out the Clean-up brigade at a definite time each day, so that by all working together at the same time the block will soon improve in appearance.

BEAUTY DOWNTOWN — Among spectators at Thursday's Community Action Agency and Model Cities Day Exhibition Day in Hopkins Plaza was pretty Miss Tara Matthews, who struck this pose for AFRO Photog. Ben Phillips.

STRICKEN at his home Thursday morning was State Corrections Commissioner James Jordan who is now confined to Church Home And Hospital Cardiac Care Unit. His condition was reported at AFRO presstime as stable and physicians were uncertain as to whether he suffered a heart attack. Authorities said Deputy Commissioner Robert W. McColley will receive a definite report as soon as possible.

The Inside Story

- COMING in Tuesday's edition, photos and scenes of the dedication of the black soldier sculpture by noted artist James E. Lewis. The bronze statue can be seen downtown in Monument Plaza near the Court House.
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ATTRACTIVE COUPLE at the unveiling of the black soldier sculpture this week was Commander Sgt.-Major and Mrs. Eldern Holley, stationed at Edgewood Arsenal where he is in the 4th Bn. Hercules, 1st Artillery. Mrs. Holley is Army Air Defense Command Wife of The Year.