$111,600 grant to Provident

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This grant was awarded by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Dr. Lionel Rose has been named as the director of the clinic which is tentatively scheduled to be administered by the Department of Pediatrics.

Sickle Cell Anemia afflicts perhaps 45,000 black Americans.

Nearly half of its victims die before age 5, and about 80 per cent by age 30.

It occurs about once in every 400 to 500 black births, a frequency six times greater than cystic fibrosis and Phenylketonuria (PKU) both almost exclusively with diseases.

An inherited disease, it is the most common long-term illness among black children and is caused by a defect in the hemoglobin molecules within the red blood cells which carry oxygen throughout the body.

Although this may seem so minor, for the afflicted individual it is a matter of life and death.

Estimates place the number of blacks carrying the trait at between 8 and 13 per cent.

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Dr. Lionel Rose says that it is hoped that the program is designed to screen 20,000 individuals during the one-year period the grant covers.

Provident Hospital will provide four beds for treatment of those who develop complications or experience a crisis. There will also be out-patient follow-up for those patients who do not require hospitalization.

According to Dr. Rose, "This grant represents the only one in Maryland to my knowledge, one of 20 such awards to be in the country."

Assisting Dr. Rose in the administration of the program will be an Advisory and Review Panel consisting of the following people:

C. Alex Alexander, M.D., M.P.H., Dr. P.H., Cyairman, Director of Medical Affairs Provident Hospital.

Mrs. Mary Clayburn, Cbmmunity Representative, Chairman of the Baltimore Sickle Cell Cbmmittee.

Mrs. Mary Chappell, Community Representative, Member Provident Sickle Cell Committee.

Roland T. Smoot, M.D., Chief of Medicine, Provident Hospital.

Fitzpatrick Wilson, M.D., M.P.H., Chief of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Provident Hospital, effective July 1, 1972.

Henry P. Smith, M.D., Chief of Pathology, Provident Hospital.

Eric White, M.D., Chief of Pediatrics, Provident Hospital.

Betty Wright, R. N., Director of Nursing Services, Provident Hospital.

Charles G. Tildon, Associate Director for Development and Public Relations, Provident Hospital.

D. S. Borgaonkar Ph. D., Assistant Professor Johns Hopkins School of Medicine.

Lawrence Green, Dr. P.H., Assistant Professor, Johns Hopkins University, School of Public Health.

Kay Partridge, R.N., Sc.D., Johns Hopkins University, School of Public Health.

Mrs. Dodd, foster mother, buried Wed.

Funeral services were held Wednesday for Mrs. Florence Dodd, 76, at Hemming Way Temple.

Mrs. Dodd died on Saturday at her home. Born in Virginia, she lived at 453 Roundview Rd. She was a member of the Stewardess Board at Hemming Way Temple.

For over 35 years, she had been a foster mother and had taken care of over 30 children. She is survived by a son Howard Mason, three daughters, Mesdames Rachel Watkins, Mary Smith, and Dorothy Madison, 13 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and a nephew, Charles Carr.

She is buried in Mount Auburn Cemetery.

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Mitchell seeks aid for flood victims

Congressman Parren J. Mitchell (D., 7th) dispatched telegrams Thursday to the Secretary of Commerce, the Director of the Small Business Administration and the Office of Emergency Preparedness.

The telegrams were sent in the wake of flooding conditions throughout Baltimore City and in anticipation of requests for Federal assistance for disaster victims, Congressman Mitchell stated.

"I have alerted these agencies that our requests may be coming through and have urged that my Congressional office be fully utilized in expediting the requests," he told the AFRO.

Congressman Mitchell later toured the 7th district and other portions of the city to asertain that all of the emergency flooding centers were operating properly and that citizens were aware of services available to them.

JUNE 24

The Cherry Hill Senior Citizen's Club will sponsor a bus trip to Harper's Ferry, Va. Bus departure is scheduled for 9 a.m. from the Cherry Hill Recreation Center, 2700 Spelman Rd. Tickets, $4 per person and will be on sale at the center Wednesdays between 12:30 and 2:30 p.m. For more information phone 354-1731.

-Conaway charged

(FROM PAGE ONE)

William Gerwig.

Lt. Genwing said "We understand that they both reside there. Both he and his former wife reported to Trooper S. Macken that they are divorced and reside at the Clanford Rd. residence.

Lt. Gerwig said the warrant issued June 18 about 4 p.m. states a trial is set for the Rte. 45, Main St. Cockeysville District Court at 9 a.m., July 21.

He reports that the document is termed a "criminal summons" and that Mr. Conaway was not apprehended 'as such.'

The commanding officer stated that Mr. Conaway called him (Lt. Gerwig) on the phone and then came in to the Randallstown Station on June 20 around 6:20 p.m. and signed the warrant guaranteeing he will appear in court when called.

"That's the way it is done now days," Lt. Gerwig added.

Lt. Gerwig said when the state trooper responded to "a call for policea id," to the Clanford Rd. address at 8 a.m. June 17, both Mr. and Mrs. Conaway were present.

He stated the trooper's reports show that the initial call to the residence came as the result of Mrs. Conaway's mother's saying her daughter had been shot at with a gun.

Lt. Gerwig's reports show the Conaways both denied the gun charge.

He said when knowledge that a warrant had been obtained came later to the barracks, he himself talked with Mrs. Conaway, checked the hospital and verified the injuries she sustained.

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Death toll mounts in Agnes wake

-Worst storm

(FROM PAGE ONE)

Tropical storm Agnes punished the east coast with the up to a foot of rain Thursday spawning deadly flash-floods from the Carolinas to New York. Tens of thousands of persons fled their homes and others were swept to their deaths as overflowing rivers inundated parts of at least 11 states.

The death toll in Agnes' weeklong rampage mounted to 42. At least 26 persons were reported dead Thursday, mostly drowning victims, and nine were missing or believed dead as the storm lumbered up the Eastern Seaboard and into Western New York State. Damage was estimated in the millions.

Nine persons were killed in Virginia, 10 died in Pennsylvania — four swept to their deaths by the Susquehanna River — four persons died in Maryland, two in North Carolina and one in Delaware.

Authorities in the Washington area warned the death toll could rise when rescuers reached numerous submerged cars.

Agnes blew up into a hurricane last weekend and killed 16 persons when it swept through Cuba and Florida causing more than $25 million damage in Florida alone.

Thursday's victims included an infant boy torn by flood waters from his father's arms in Pennsylvania and three children who died when their mother's car was swept from a Baltimore highway and covered with water. The mother was rescued by firemen in rowboats.

More than 10,000 persons were given temporary shelter in schools and fire houses in Virginia and Maryland suburbs of Washington — which was hit with up to a foot of rain in its worst storm in 44 years.

Pennsylvania Gov. Milton Shapp mobilized the National Guard to cope with a "state of extreme emergency" and winds of up to 50 miles an hour and heavy rains lashed New York City.

Thousands of persons were ordered evacuated from the heavily populated Jones Falls Valley of Baltimore when the earthen walls of Lake Roland began crumbling.

In Pennsylvania, the state capitol was closed and most roads leading into Harrisburg were under water. The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation reported nine major bridges out and all Penn Central Railroad service south of Philadelphia was halted.

In the Washington area, the Potomac River was believed to be at its highest since 1942. It was six feet over flood stage at some points, and lapped close to the end of a runway at National Airport, which was virtually cut off by flooded roads.

Thousands of government workers — all those except in emergency positions — were encouraged to stay home. Hundreds of capital motorists were stranded and some had to be rescued. Scores of trees toppled and power was knocked out in parts of Washington and its suburbs.

Washington bedroom communities were hard hit. Some 4,500 persons from Montgomery County, Md., were put up in shelters, and 1,650 were sent to schools and American Legion posts in neighboring Prince Georges County.

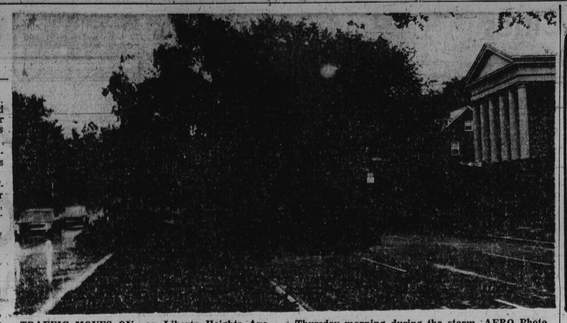
About 400 persons were evacuated from their homes in Covington in southeast Virginia as flood waters knocked out electricity.

The Virginia highway department estimated damage to bridges and roads in its state alone at $1 million. In Richmond, two Washington bound trains were forced to stop by floods and 537 passengers were temporarily stranded. Other train service was severely disrupted.

The Needham Lake Dam near Cockville, Md., was structurally damaged but was holding back 44 feet of water — 30 more than usual. At Laurel, the Brighton Dam was keeping back the murky waters of the Patuxent River but officials began evacuating hundreds of persons as a precautionary measure.

The 7.1 inches of rain that fell at Washington's National Airport was the most since the record 7.31 recording Aug. 11-12, 1928. Twelve inches fell on Big Meadows, Va. and 11 on Dulles International Airport.

Water trouble also reported at the White House — reportedly the carpeting wet in the basement level of the press room.



TRAFFIC MOVES ON—on Liberty Heights Ave., and Ellamont Rd., after this heavy tree fell over under the train tracks. About 20 feet of soil had been washed from under the tracks. Thus the tracks were suspended in air. Thursday morning during the storm. AFRO Photo by Ben Phillips

According to Miss Johnson the water level was about 16 feet high.

The incident caused traffic congestion from Poplar Grove to Woodington Rds., she said. No one was reported hurt in the incident.

The torrential rains caused other calamities around the city.

Mrs. Margaret Fisher of the 1100 block of Orlean St. noticed a giant tree that had fallen in the 1700 block of Eutaw St.

A fallen tree on Liberty Heights Ave. in front of Community College of Baltimore forced traffic to be detoured.

Closed as of Thursday were the Jones Falls Expressway, the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, Wilkens Ave. and Gwynns Falls Parkway, Russell St., Falls Rd., Bayard St., Frederick Ave., Liberty Hgts. and Liberty Rd. in some areas.

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As the AFRO reporter toured the city Thursday morning following the storm, a group of people were standing at Gwynn Oak Ave. and Purnell Drive where cars had been submerged and were abandoned by their drivers.

"I tried to make it to Westinghouse where I work, but I could not get there. I got as far as the Beltway and could not go any further, I decided to go back home," said George Wilson.

Another bystander, Miss Marguerite Alfrod stated "This is the first time I have ever watched anything like this. I have seen it on television but never before like this. I was awake through the storm and afraid to go to sleep. This is really something to see."

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There was flooding of the area near the 2600 block of Purnell Dr.

In this neighborhood the level of the water came to a couple of feet from the houses.

Cars had to be floated down stream. One driver of a tow truck reported that he had a total of seven calls before noon and expected more when the water level went down so he would be able to tow the cars out.

Police and firemen had to knock on doors in the Village of Cross Keys early Thursday morning to evacuate all tenants.

Jimmy Eastman, of the Police Department told the AFRO "It's a bad thing, people were being evacuated because we are afraid the dam might break. It's about 30 or 40 feet of water. The dam is located at the southern end of Lake Roland Rd.

The water also caused telephone failure and a loss of the use of water for many Baltimoreans. The actual emergency put many agencies on the alert.

Provident Hospital according to an official, Charles G. Tildon, was without water when a water main broke about 3 a.m. Thursday morning.

The water line was repaired around 11 a.m. in an emergency situation. However, Mr. Tildon said some of the 204 patients who were due for morning surgery were cancelled.

After the water came on, only emergency operations were scheduled, he stated.

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Many people blame the unusual and violent weather on the astronauts' trips to the moon. They feel that this tampers with the earth's weather cycles.

Meantime the AFRO Inquiring Reporter found that 15 people of the 23 interviewed blamed the disaster on the astronauts' "messing around with the moon."

Still others feel that man's cloud seedings and similar experiments upset the weather.

Whatever the reason why Baltimore has been plagued with rain-fall the last couple of days, the worst seems to be over.

However, Friday's forecast does predict variable cloudiness with a "chance of showers." Probability of precipitation is 50 per cent.

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