400 N.Y.C. kids enjoy trip to New York by Amtrak

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Four hundred young people who have been working for the Neighborhood Youth Corps this summer took a trip to New York by trian last week.

They were accompanied by field supervisors from the Enrichment Staff of the N.Y.C.

Full expenses were paid for this trip which made their history and geography books come alive in a culminating experience of the summer's program.

They were picked up at Dunbar High School and at Mondawmin at an early hour Wednesday and taken by bus to the Penn Central Station where they began boarding their reserved coaches of the Amtrak train at 7:15 a.m.

On arrival in New York, they again boarded buses and were taken sightseeing in downtown New York, in Chinatown, at the United Nations Building, and through the Lincoln Center where they had their lunch.

An added feature of the trip was a ferry boat trip to Staten Island to see the Statue of Liberty.

Another group of Neighborhood Youth Corps students had earlier been taken to New York on a similar trip, Aug. 10. A third group of 200 enrollees who have been giving service in local hospitals this summer went to New York by bus last Friday.

Because of scientific interests, they spent most of their day at the Museum of Natural History in New York.

These trips and other exciting experiences have been made possible for large numbers of the 7,800 young people in the Summer In-School Neighborhood Youth Corps Program by a special grant from the federal government of $250,000 for a Cultural Enrichment Program for the young people who have been working hard all summer helping city, state and federal agencies in the city.

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They have been earning the money they need to buy clothing and other necessities for their return to school in the fall under the terms of an earlier grant funding the summer N.Y.C. Program sponsored by the Community Action Agency and the Department of Education to the amount of $3,477,630.

This made it possible for each enrollee to earn $1.60 an hour for a possible maximum of two hunired thirty-four (234) hours during the eight (8) week session of employment. If he worked the full time, an enrollee's full earnings could amount to as much as $374.40.

The trip was arranged by Nathaniel Morehead of the N.Y.C. Cultural Enrichment Staff.

Garland Brown, Coordinator, was assisted by Carolyn Chissell, M. Evelyn Johnson, and Michael Dobson. Miss Harriett Vernum is public relations director.

Other summer "Enrichment Activities" provided by the federal grant have been tours of Baltimore, trips to the City Hall, the Baltimore Art Museum, Walters Art Gallery, a boat trip to Annapolis, a bus trip to Hershey, Pa., several evenings at the Stadium watching the Orioles play, several evenings enjoying shows at Morgan State College, the Morris Mechanic Theatre, Bolton Hill Dinner Theatre and the Civic Center.

In addition, one group had the experience of spending an enjoyable evening and night at the Lord Baltimore Hotel, where they were joined by the Mayor as they watched a show. Several groups have also visited the Maryland Center for Public Broadcasting; and one group has participated in a drama workshop at Morgan State College after working hours.

At Painters' Mill they have enjoyed "Hair" and the Temptations and the Supremes. A large group also spent a day at Gwynn Oak Amusement Park.

Two groups of enrollees who could not be spared from work stations at University Hospital, City Hospital and Johns Hopkins Hospital went on trips Friday. Two hundred enrollees and field supervisors went to Luray Caverns in Virginia with a stop en route at the Carriage House Museum.

Two hundred other enrollees on the same day went to New York City by bus with their special goal to visit the Museum of Natural History.

N.Y.C. Enrollees who went on Amtrak Trip to New York on Aug. 16.

June Taylor, Larry Stanley, Clarence Spears, Jerry Towers, Debbie Wilson, Clifford Wiley, Jerome Spears, Bernadine Buffaloe, Toni McNair, William Matthews, Bernard Hayes, Leon Mathews, Ellvania Dixon, Monteray Jordon, Graham Johnson, Sadie Wise;

Also, Gale Watson, Brenda Carter, Denise Morgan, Daisey Carradine, Kim Brown, Michelle Gross, Keith Folks, Michael Young, Diane Lloyd, Sylvia Hall, Michael Hill, Renee Shavers, Larry Johnson, Phil Palmer;

And, Edward Blake, Wilford Johnson, Gregory Williams, Daryll Ford, Charles Wood, Sarah Neal, Yvette Joinson, Leon Scott, Ronnie Roles, Rodney Warren, Joseph Brown, Clyde Harrington, Marvin Douglas, Leroy Douglas, Lafayette Tyler, William Harriston;

Also, Ralph Warren, Denise Diggs, Yvonne Coleman, Steven Jordon, Rudolph Bell, Kim Chaire, Denise Jenkins, Jeff Patrick, Deborah Cunningham, Alexander Robinson, Judy McCuffie, Brenda Alston, Charlene Stewart, Rosetta Gasque, Emma Tisdale;

Also, Sandra Jones, Harold Butler, Stephanie Powell, Darlene Ford, Curtis Neblett, Robert Warrell, George Ellis, Janis Davis, Vanessa McCrae, Zarnea Hill, Diane Reddon, Linda Daniels, Sidney Farmer, Ricardo Jordon;

Lucille Dean, Wanda Pitts, Yvonne Pitts, Nellie Hughes, Samda Palmer, Rosalind Phillips, Annie Stevens, Andre Walker, Reginald Mollock, James Curbean, Charles Biddinger, Joseph Aredden, Eugene Marconi, Austin Marconi, Ernest Clark;

Also, Kelvin DeShields, Reva Brinkley, Berdina Owens, Kenneth Henson, Sharon Malve, Timothy Cunningham, John Bauce, Julius Dow, Gardner Parks, James Rodgers, Mary Hall, Lanette Britton, Marie Bowles, Sneila Thompson, Thomas Kennedy, Garietta Johnson, Charles Gainey;

And, Charleen Harris, Malcom Robinson, Robert Robinson, Carl Allen, Warden Lee, Martin Daniel, Shasta Gray, ZhaZata Gray, Tanya Beverly, Addieene Jackson, James Sydmon, Eric Gilliard, Dorothy Harris, Brenda Bunill, Curtis Allen, Lula Baker, Beverly Brown;

And, Anthony Lee, Mary Father, Billy Father, William Father, Mary Scott, Charles Pitting, Linda Brown, Dallas Boyd, Linda Carlton, Brenda Alston, Rodevlis Byrne, Anelie Jones, Velma Dillard, Wendy Franklin, Doretha Carney;

Also, Donald Castle, Clifford Willey, Clarence Spears, Larry Stanley, Juanita Dingual, Theresa Stevens, Shelia Dixon, Joxie Jovels, Yvonne Diggs, Joetta Queen, Delia Watkins, Sandra Watkins, Donna Gilchrist, Maurice Carroll, Garland Davis, Kyle Jackson, Karen Jackson, Sherwin Jackson, Guy Johnson, Enoch Richardson, Cunnie Hughes, Barbara Coleman, Maxine Hughes, Curtis Neal, Karen Arme Toug.

And Karen Mackey, Agnes Thompson, Ellenina Dixon, Gloria McHaulty, Gartine Cook, Berhadine Hird, Jean Cobbs, Catherine Davis, Celestine Lewis, Charlotte Rodgers, Drusilla Jones, Linda Jones, Barbara Summerville, Jentha Griffin, Paulette Whittington, Livia Stanley, Robin Smith, Garrison McClellan, Joyce Moire, Theodore Savage, Deborah Jackson, Verna Jackson, Denise Harold, Doretha Frazier, Gregory West, Melvin Allen, Samuel Brown, Rieker Lawson.

Also, Andrew Lively, Marian Cook, James Flood, Montry Jordon, Bert Cunningham, Lloyd Dorsey, Robin Smith, Ines Gilyard, Michael Rorie, Denice Jenkins, Clestine Hicks, Charles White, Henry Manigo, Robert Jonnson, Michael Johnson, Lenora Johnson, Curtis Jenkins, George Fletcher, Gale Coleman, Vincent Cherry;

And, Kevin Chambers, Ruth Williams, Frankie Williams, Deborah Sykes, Anna Sterling, Shirley Parker, Mary Parker, Roderick McNeil, Patricia McNeil, Diane McCovery, Sharon McCloud, Shafon McFadden, Robert McCall, Theresa Maurer, Dorothy Maurer, Rosa Peoples, Reginald Warren, Rosa Poole, Marie Jackson, Richard Barley, Beverly Wilson;

And, Maxine Durham, Carolyn Ireland, Ellen Roberts, Joann Henson, Eunice Lewis, Joan Gross, James Brown, Ridge Lyons, Carroll Scott, John Warner, Clifton Brown, Marie Pierce, Pamela Riddick, Sherry Savage, Cleste Rhodes, Phyllis Townsend;

DYNAMIC ORGANIZATION OF CITIZENS for Change, Inc., the newly formed Model Cities Area D Council group, recently toured the Community Service Center on Paca St. as part of its orientation on Model Cities Programs. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held on August 18. Mrs. Roberta Gains is director of Area D. Shown here are Mrs. Audrey Pollard, left standing, center director of the Model Cities Multi-Purpose Senior Citizens' Center. And looking on are from left, Mrs. Evelina Ryce, Mrs. Roberta Gaines, council director; Yusef Salim, Shahid Bey, Mrs. Elva Grandison and Miss Waltyn Prettyman.

In addition, Anger Thompson, Darlene Addison, Thelma Jones, Otis Alexander, Thomas Campbell, Dimitris Roscoe, Ronald Rucker, Michael Curtis, Delores Curtis, Doris Clanton, Barbora Smith, Joyce James, Melvin Estep, Thomas Brown, Willie Green, Julio Leto, Henry Moore, Larry Moore, Carl Winder, Vincent Winder, Denise Yancey, Antonio Jones;

Also, Cheryl Mallory, Ronald Priester, Jae Boston, Moelene Anthony, Jackie Bagley, Roger Bagley, Rudolph Bell, Diane Boyd, Diane Boyd, Edward Bright, William Brown, Michael Clark, Richaard Davis, Charlotte Faulkner, Dinnell Fitzgerald, Acquanetta Harrington, Jermaine Richardson, Kylla Williams, Alvin Sewell, Denise Stokes;

Plus, Harvey Tisdale, Robert Williams, Joyce Whittaker, Kelvin Weaver, Johnathan Barnes, Valerie Dukes, Patsy Fields, Charles Fyre, Angel Guith, Barry Gray, Cherlyn Hill, Vandell Harrison, Magnolia Ingram, Lorraine James, Phillip Langston, Charlene Lee, Charles Miller, Rodney Mouldin, Wanda Opher, Alfred Shelton, Yvonne Smith, Samuel Taylor, Earl Thomas, Beverly Henry, Jacqueline Harrison, Suzette Lewis, Ralph Barnes;

And, Donnell Broadie, Anthony Davis; Joseph Hall, Reginald Moore, Leroy Jackson, Steven Johnson, Andre Taylor, Angela Adams, Barbara Adams, James Adams, Rodell Brentley, Thomas Brown, William Harrston, Clyde Harrington, Cheryl Lingenfelter, Ronnie Poole;

Also, Leon Scott, Kevin Scott, Ronald Wilhelm, C. Bennett, J. Wilson, R. Bennett, L. Fisher, C. France, J. Willis, B. Jones, R. Arlington, M. Barry, D. Wilson, B. Peoples, D. Washington, R. Partlow.

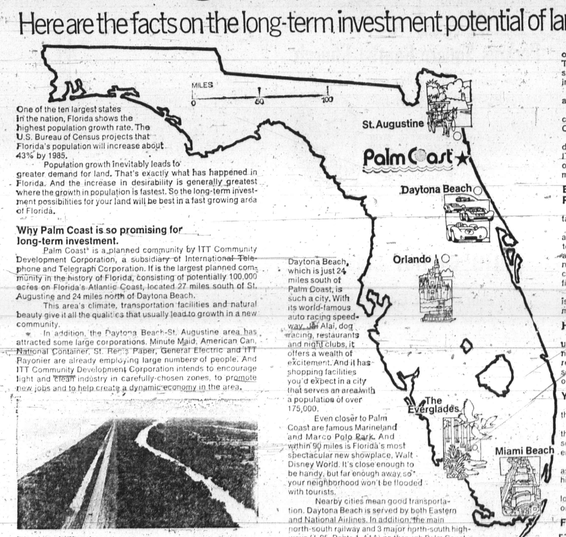
Field Supervisors that accompanied enrollees:

Lynn Holley, Jeannette Donaldson, Helen Cook, Karen Smith, Jackie Jones, Debbie Bennett, Carolyn Chussell, Nathaniel Morehead, Gertrude Hughes, Carolyn Bottoms;

And, Patricia Butler, Jamela Parter, Paula Hutchinson, Simon Crum, Steve Shannon, Janice Morton, Richard Brown, Brenda Fleet, Larry Foreman, Vivian Young.

What do you expect will happen to land prices in the fastest growing part of the fastest growing state in the Union?

Here are the facts on the long-term investment potential of land in Florida's Palm Coast.



One of the ten largest states in the nation, Florida shows the highest population growth rate. The U.S. Bureau of Census projects that Florida's population will increase about 43% by 1985.

Population growth inevitably leads to greater demand for land. That's exactly what has happened in Florida. And the increase in desirability is generally greatest where the growth in population is fastest. So the long-term investment possibilities for your land will be best in a fast growing area of Florida.

Why Palm Coast is so promising for long-term investment.

Palm Coast* is a planned community by ITT Community Development Corporation, a subsidiary of International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation. It is the largest planned community in the history of Florida, consisting of potentially 100,000 acres on Florida's Atlantic Coast, located 27 miles south of St. Augustine and 24 miles north of Daytona Beach.

This area's climate, transportation facilities and beauty give it all the qualities that usually lead to growth in a new community.

In addition, the Daytona Beach-St. Augustine area has attracted some large corporations. Minute Maid, American Can, National Container, St. Regis Paper, General Electric and ITT Rayonier are already employing large numbers of people. And ITT Community Development Corporation intends to encourage light and clean industry in carefully-chosen zones, to promote new jobs and to help create a dynamic economy in the area.

The ideal climate.

Some people feel that the climate of southern Florida is a little too constant, even too hot and humid, especially during the summer months.

In the north-central part of Florida's Atlantic Coast, where Palm Coast is located, the climate is somewhat more seasonal. There are, in effect, three seasons: spring, summer and a fall which virtually spans the winter, slipping right into spring. The average temperature in December is over 60 degrees; in July it is about 80 degrees.

The importance of being close to growing cities.

There are several reasons why your land should be near a "growth" city. One we've already pointed out: the greater possibility of long-term investment growth where population increases make land scarce.

Another reason is simply the fun, excitement and convenience of living around a live, dynamic community.

Daytona Beach, which is just 24 miles south of Palm Coast, is such a city. With its world-famous auto racing speedway, Mardi Gras, dog racing, restaurants and night clubs, it offers a wealth of excitement. And it has shopping facilities you'd expect in a city that serves an area with a population of over 175,000.

Even closer to Palm Coast are famous Marineland and Marco Polo Park. And within 90 miles is Florida's most spectacular new showplace, Walt Disney World. It's close enough to be handy, but far enough away so your neighborhood won't be flooded with tourists.

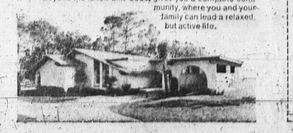
Nearby cities mean good transportation. Daytona Beach is served by both Eastern and National Airlines. In addition, the main north-south railway and 3 major north-south highways (I-95, Route 1, A1A) go through Palm Coast.

What Palm Coast offers you and your family.

To begin with, Palm Coast offers you a choice of homesites in carefully-selected sections that are being developed now and over the next few years. The typical homesite is 80 feet x 125 feet or about 10,000 square feet. There is a variety of land available, some is the golf club area, as well as many beautiful sites in other choice locations.

We are not developing Palm Coast as a haven for millionaires. It will be a community that welcomes people from a wide income range, from all walks of life and of all beliefs, whether you are retired, working full or part-time, or just enjoying a second home.

Beyond the land Palm Coast gives you a complete community, where you and your family can lead a relaxed, but active life.



"There are water sports of every variety. From just relaxing on the beach to water skiing on our waterways or nearby lakes. There's fishing of the kind that has made Florida a mecca for sportsmen; deep sea fishing, surfcasting and fresh water fishing in our many lakes, ponds and streams.

Our marina and yacht club, complete with swimming pool, are scheduled for completion by the end of 1972.

For the golfer we've already opened our beautiful new clubhouse and you can play on our championship golf course.* Our tennis courts are open for play right now.

Remember that Palm Coast is not an ordinary suburban development. It is a vast planned community. And in these plans ITT Community Development Corporation has put aside parcels of land for schools, shopping centers and other public and community facilities.

Everybody talks about ecology. Palm Coast is doing something about it.

ITT Community Development Corporation's environmental program is supervised by qualified consultants.

They are planning ways to keep Palm Coast water clear and pure; to keep industrial wastes from polluting our air or water; to help preserve the natural habitat of the area's wild life. We have already committed $14 million to projects like these. And they're not working just to preserve what's already there. They will be creating new lakes, waterways and ponds; stocking many with fish; creating parks and mini-parks.

The whole point of Palm Coast's environmental planning is to make your land or home a better potential long-term investment by protecting its surroundings.

How long can you afford to wait?

Wise investors are looking into Florida land now. Why the urgency? Why can't you wait until you're good and ready to buy a nice piece of land in Florida? Because when you're good and ready to buy, the kind of land you want may be gone. Or it may be so expensive you can't afford it. That is why we suggest you find out now about the advantages of buying land at Palm Coast.

You can still be a Charter Landowner at Palm Coast.

There are several important advantages of being among the first to purchase a homesite at Palm Coast.

You get first choice of sites. That means you can pick from the land around our golf course or from other beautiful locations, some on or near water. Because of its popularity, waterfront property is not always available—but ask.

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And of course, you will have the satisfaction of someday looking back and saying: "I was one of the first. I was one of the original landowners at Palm Coast."

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New rector elected to Holy Trinity

The Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity, Lafayette at Wheeler, will have a new rector, beginning Sept. 1, in the person of the Rev. Harwood Wilson Garrenton, until recently curate at Mount Calvary Church, on Eutaw Place.

He will preach his first sermon on Sept. 3, according to announcement by Norman E. Ross, senior warden of Holy Trinity.

Father Garrenton, age 31, was elected to his new post after Holy Trinity had been seeking a rector for 18 months, following the resignation of the Rev. Robert M. Powell, now vicar at St. Phillips, Annapolis.

He is a native of Portsmouth, Va. and was a naval architect before turning to the priesthood. He worked in the Norfolk Naval Shipyard and with the Department of the Navy, Washington, then entered the General Theological Seminary, New York, in 1967.

He was graduated in 1970 with the degree of bachelor of sacred theology. He also holds the bachelor of science degree from Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

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Father Garrenton was ordained a deacon in June, 1970, by Bishop William F. Creighton, in the Washington National Cathedral. The next February he was ordained a priest by Bishop Harry Lee Doll, of Maryland, in Mount Calvary Church.

While in seminary, Father Garrenton worked with parish, community and hospital programs.

Since coming to Baltimore he has served as president of the Project Area Committee of the Orchard-Biddle Neighborhood Development Program and is still in that office; he was director of the Mount Calvary Church Day Camp, 1970-72, and is presently secretary of the Catholic Clerical Union and a member of the Diocesan Appalachia Committee.

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Layoffs May Come Soon

$10 MILLION IN CUTBACKS BEGIN

By SCOTT PONEMONE

As promised if Congress did not approve revenue sharing by today (Sept. 1), Mayor William Donald Schaefer began a series of cutbacks that may reach $10 million, the amount City Council chopped off the city budget in the hope of getting revenue sharing funds.

The Mayor on Tuesday announced a suspension of $1.6 million in general fund spending, earmarked for renovating city markets, adding security wing in City Hospitals for jail inmates and a number of general street and building improvements.

No city employee, Mayor Schaefer remarked, will be laid off because of this suspension of spending.

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Presently, the Mayor said, Oct. 1 is the date his D.C. contacts claim "the revenue sharing bill could possibly be signed by the President."

Nonetheless, he stated, he and city department heads will be evaluating the situation day by day, to see if the city will be forced to make further cutbacks.

The next cutback, Mayor Schaefer declared, may very likely include laying off some city workers and start reducing city services.

He announced he is "at liberty to disclose" only one proposed reduction in city services, namely stopping collection of bulky trash.

Public Works Director Pierce Linaweaver told the AFRO ending bulky trash collection would mean about 35 workers would be laid off while the city would save about $500,000.

The Mayor added Public Works can not make up the full $10 million deficit, saying Dr. Linaweaver's budget is "extremely tight" that "Agnes caused him great difficulty."

Concerning layoffs, the Mayor commented, he presumed laid off workers, including those from Pratt Library (not really part of the city and its work force), will be allowed to get unemployment compensation.

Hopefully, Mayor Schaefer concluded, the series of cutbacks begun today would somehow avoid drastic reductions in city services.

ONE OF MANY RUNAWAY TEENS

Sheila Has Been Missing 14 Days

MISS SHEILA NEWKIRK

One of the hundreds of teenaged girls reported in the Missing Persons files as "missing" this summer is 16-year-old Miss Sheila Newkirk of the 2300 block E. Redwood St.

Her mother, Mrs. Daisy Byrd, told the AFRO that her daughter left home about 4 p.m. Aug. 18 to visit her father and said, "I'll be right back." As of today, Friday, she has been gone 14 days.

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Mrs. Byrd said the pretty Woodburn Junior High teenager had earlier received a special delivery letter from New York.

Last Monday night the grieved mother said she received a phone call from Sheila and when asked where she was, the youngster would not answer.

Mrs. Byrd quoted her as saying, "I am just letting you know I am alright. Don't worry. I will try to come home on the weekend."

Mrs. Byrd states she is constantly worried and very much upset because she does not know if her child is safe or not. She said her friends here have called each day to know if word has been received.

Anyone with knowledge of the whereabouts of Miss Newkirk can call the mother at 327-8014 or Missing Persons, MU. 5-1600.

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Eyewitnesses tell how youth was slain 'without a chance'

Eyewitnesses told the AFRO the 15-year-old youth slain by a policeman shortly after 10 p.m. Thursday night near North Ave. and Collington St. "never had a chance."

Dead is Willie Lemmon, 1700 block E. 25th St., who died of what police reports say was a bullet wound of the neck before he arrived at Hopkins Hospital. He would have entered Lake Clifton Senior High Sept. 5.

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A crowd of nearly 200 irate citizens gathered. They told the AFRO, 'He was shot from the back 7-even about three feet away. He never had a chance. The policeman didn't say 'halt.' He just took aim and shot and blasted his head."

Von a witness both close to the scene, a woman said, "He was shot dead in the back of the head. A policeman shot him from no more than three feet away. His brains are on the sidewalk.

"He could have shot his leg, or some other part of the body. He didn't have to kill him. Then, the policeman took off his hat and ran down the alley. I got the number off the hat of the policeman who was with him, No. 289.

"A lot of police cars came. Then every one of them left the scene. They put the boy in an ambulance and got away from there fast.

"The child wasn't even 18. He was just a kid. The people over here are raising hell."

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Police reports show Patrolman Michale Driscoll fired the fatal shot. This is the second police killing in a week. Officer Junius Wilson has been exonerated of any blame in the Aug. 29 "mistaken identity" slaying of William B. Outlaw Jr., killed on the street in South

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Prince Georges desegregation delayed again

By CAROL KOGER

The most important desegregation case to come before the courts since the historic nationwide decision of the Supreme Court opened all schools to all races in 1954, is the one that was heard by Federal Court Judge Frank A. Kaufman, in Baltimore Federal Court this week.

The suit was brought by the NAACP and the American Civil Liberties Union on behalf of black students of Prince Georges County, the 10th largest public school segregated in the nation. The board of School Commissioners had rejected a plan to desegregate.

In a ruling that came late Thursday night, Judge Kaufman decided the schools should be desegregated not later than Jan. 29, 1973 in elementary and junior high school grades.

He said the plan for the shift of students and faculty on all three levels, (including senior high schools)

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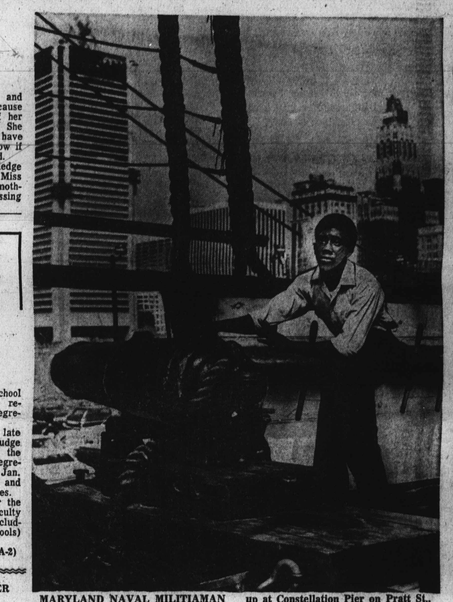
HOLIDAY WEATHER

Promised is ideal Labor Day Holiday weather with sunny mid-80 degree temperatures and small evening thunder showers through Monday.



MARYLAND NAVAL MILITIAMAN Dwayne Grant, 18, of Cator Ave., is one of the many servicemen taking part in ceremonies Sept. 1-7 aboard the historic U.S. Frigate Constitution, the first U.S. Navy ship and oldest ship continuously afloat. Launched Sept. 7, 1797, the ship (above) is tied up at Constellation Pier on Pratt St., within view of Baltimore's famous shipways and backed by the jewel box like skyline of the city. The celebration marks the 175th birthday of the city with festivities that began Aug. 30 continuing through Sept. 7. (Photo by AFRO's I. Henry Phillips.)

WHO IS GOING TO CARE?

When An Old Historic Church Passes Away

CORNERSTONE marker of history shows engraved in marble the date of the first construction as 1837, rebuilding in 1858 and in 1882 when the church was known as Metropolitan Methodist Episcopal Church.

By FLETCHER ROBERTS

What happens to a church when the neighborhood it once knew over 100 years ago, moves from around it and leaves it vacant and standing alone?

Such a meloncholy sight is Orchard Street Methodist Church which stands, hidden by vines and weeds on Orchard St. just off Druid Hill Ave.

The Orchard Church, oldest standing black church in Baltimore, abandoned and uncared for, has become victim of thoughtless vandalism.

Splendid pews of walnut, hand-carved by original members, slaves working by torchlight, now adorn the dining room of a nearby bar.

Stained glass windows, which in 1837 shone a gentle light on a proud, majestic house of worship with many distinguished members, have been stolen.

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Efforts to preserve and renovate the church (completed in 1837 under direction of the first pastor, Rev. Truman Pratt) are now spearheaded by the Orchard Street Improvement Association under William Perkins.

This organization has asked the Department of Housing and Community Development to preserve the church as an important historic site.

This year the fight to save the building was joined by the Commission on Negro History and Culture.

"I pass the church everyday on my way to work," says Franklin Showell, executive director of the group, "It wasn't long before my consciousness of history got the best of me."

Mr. Showell reveals he has contacted HCD to ask the city for the church and will then go to the National Historical Trust to hopefully create a museum and cultural center for black citizens.

He states, "When this is accomplished, the community will be free to decide how it wishes to structure the museum."

The church was fully operational until the fall of 1971 when the congregation moved to a new location.

The city then bought the property, boarded up the building and planned to tear it down as a part of urban renewal.

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On Wednesday in Annapolis, Del. Lee Lee addressed the state Historical Trust Committee on the preservation of the church.

Mrs. Lee, who also heads the Herbert M. Frisby Historical Society, charged, "Once again blacks have had their roots destroyed without consultation. We should have something left for black history for our children."

Money for renovation, Mrs. Lee hopes, will come from state funds. If unsuccessful, she intends to seek national aid.

"If local response is poor," Mrs. Lee asserts, "we will go national to create a national shrine on the site of our old church completed in 1837."

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STILL MAJESTIC although gutted and left in a sea of weeds and vines, the old Orchard Street Methodist Church is flanked on the left by three small abandoned row houses and, in the distance, the highrise 14-story Murphy Homes housing development. RIGHT in this unusual photo by I. Henry Phillips is the new multi-million $8 school under construction at Druid Hill and Biddle. Rising behind the school are the twin towers of the new addition to the McCulloh Homes at Druid Hill and Dolphin and still further at Druid Hill and Lanvale, the tower of yet another old historic church, Mother Bethel AME.