General Assembly Report

Storm brewing in Senate on aid to handicapped

Annapolis — Caught between public pressure to hold down taxes and demand for more services, the state and local governments have begun a tug-of-war over who should foot the bill for new programs.

A proposal for education of handicapped children has become ensnarled in this contest, claimed Senator Clarence W. Blount (D., 5th Balto. City).

At the present time, he indicated, the state pays $200 for each educable retarded child and $1,00 for each severely retarded child. However, estimates are that only 60 per cent of the handicapped children in the state are being served by a program which cost Maryland taxpayers $28 million last year.

A Task Force set up by the State Department of Education, on which the Senator served, provided the basis for the Governor's current legislative proposal which calls for local implementation of programs meeting state guidelines for all handicapped children up to 20-years of age.

Under terms of a complicated funding formula, state contribution to the program would be limited to a 10 per cent a year increase which Senator Blount asserted would "allow for only a $2 to $3 million increase of state funds annually."

Since educational costs rise more than 10 per cent a year and the city and many other subdivisions are already paying in excess of the average costs per pupil for the education of the handicapped combined with an increase of pupils to be included in the new program, the "local financial burden would increase," he said.

The Task force recommended that the subdivision be required to pay the same amount for each handicapped child as it pays for the other children and the state pay all excess costs.

"Although I am most interested in the establishment of adequate measurse for the handicapped, I can not at this time support any measure which will thrust an added fiscal burden on the city, the senator concluded.

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The funds, made available under the federal Safe Streets Act, will be allocated by the Governor's Comission for pdojects aimed at reducing crime and improving the criminal justice system.

The award was made after the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration approved the State's 1973 Comprehensive Plan for criminal justice improvements.

The Plan, developed by the Governor's Comission, idenifies pdoblem areas in the State's criminal justice system, outlines a five-year plan for improving the system ad sets up a 1973 action program to meet those objectives.

Of the $10.2 million available, $1,075,00 will be used for adult and juvenile correctional projects only. A major portion of these funds would be allocated to the State Division of Correction for the construction of community correctional facilities and to further implement community-based adult and juvenile offender programs.

A total of $9.1 million will be used for programs in all areas of the criminal justice system—police, courts, corrections, juvenile crime prevention and rehabilitation.

Major funding emphasis is on Baltimore City and the four urban counties (Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Montgomery and Prince George's), which will receive over 80 per cent of the locally-available funds.

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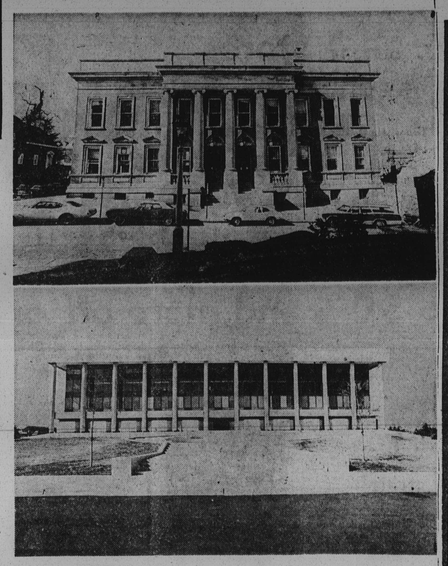

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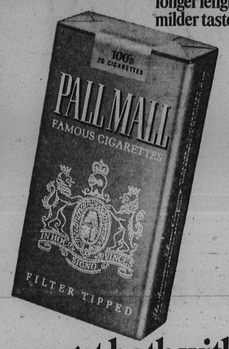

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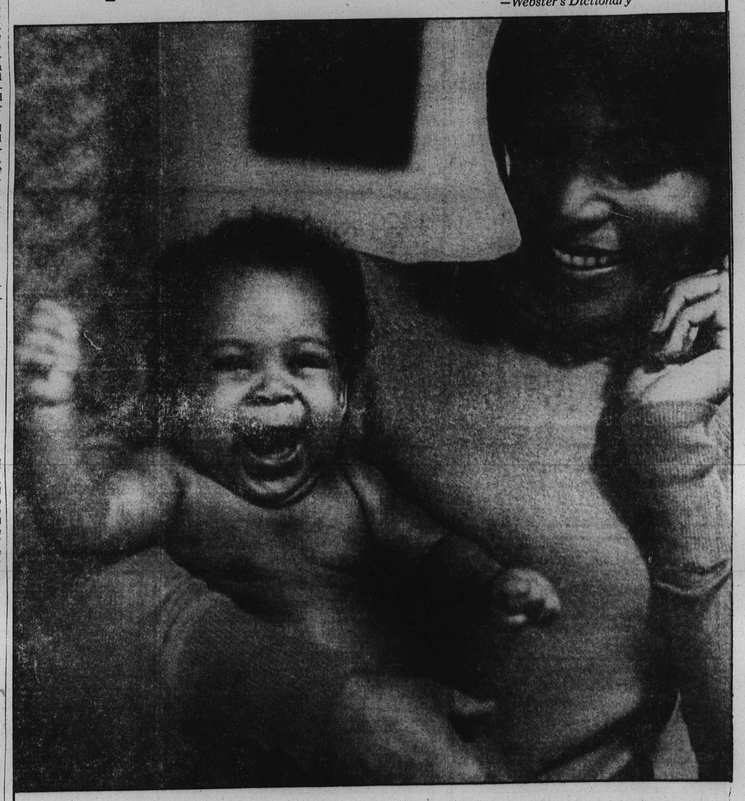

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Hints For Homemakers

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This past weekend was a most pleasant one for me. My son's fiancée, Carolyn, was over early Saturday morning to go shopping.

We've spent many Saturdays together shopping and making wedding plans. I always try to give her a few motherly tips on keeping house as well as a happy husband. We usually begin our day with a nice breakfast and lots of girl talk.

"You know, Carolyn," I said, "the best way to be sure your marriage gets off to a good start every day is to fix your husband's favorite breakfast. Ricky is a great pancake lover. He says I make the best pancakes in the world."

"Well, I guess I'll have to really practice on my pancakes," she replied.

"Making pancakes really isn't hard," I said. "The secret is MRS. BUTTERWORTH'S syrup. MRS. BUTTERWORTH'S syrup's rich, buttery flavor will make him think you're the greatest little cook ever.

"You'll find MRS. BUTTERWORTH'S syrup is so rich and thick, there's no worry about having a soggy mess left on his plate. What's more, MRS. BUTTERWORTH'S syrup is good for cooking purposes, too.

"I've found MRS. BUTTERWORTH'S cookies are nice to have around for snacks. You know how Ricky loves to snack, and these cookies are simple to make.

MRS. BUTTERWORTH'S MAPLE COOKIES

"You only need ½ cup shortening, ½ cup brown sugar, 1 cup MRS. BUTTERWORTH'S syrup, 2½ cups flour, ½ teaspoon ginger, ½ teaspoon baking soda, ½ teaspoon salt. Cream shortening and brown sugar together until fluffy. Then add MRS. BUTTERWORTH'S syrup. Sift 1 cup flour, ginger, soda and salt together. Add to first mixture. Add more flour to allow handling. Roll out and cut into shapes. Bake in moderately hot oven for 10 to 12 minutes."

"I'll bet I can fix Ricky pancakes for breakfast this Sunday," Carolyn declared.

"Just be sure to have MRS. BUTTERWORTH'S syrup on the table. That should really win his heart," I said, as a mother-in-law-to-be.

WISK SOLVES LAUNDRY PROBLEMS

"I'm really looking forward to being a wife," stated Carolyn. "The only thing I dread is washing clothes. I already know getting things clean is not the easiest job in the world, especially when you have stained clothes or soiled collars."

"That's no problem if you use WISK," I said.

"But it seems so much trouble to pre-soak things with one detergent and wash them in another," she continued.

"There's no need for other detergents or pre-soaking with WISK if used as directed," I further commented.

"Unlike bleach, WISK doesn't harm clothing and is effective on all fabrics in all temperatures."

"But does it really get stains out?" she asked.

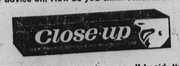
"I've found with hard-to-remove stains, that if you just pretreat by pouring WISK directly onto the soiled areas and rubbing it in, stains will come right out in the washing. WISK removes most all stains—with no traces of them. Just follow the easy directions on the label of each WISK bottle."

My last statement on this subject was that she would find WISK most helpful in keeping Ensign Kaiser's white shirts from having a ring around the collar.

CLOSE-UP FOR ROMANCE

Just before we left, I paused to brush my teeth and winked at Carolyn.

"I see you use CLOSE-UP toothpaste," she said, then smiled, "That's one thing I don't need any advice on. How do you think I met Rick?"



"Oh, that's how you got my son," I said, "with that CLOSE-UP smile."

"Maybe so, and I really like the way CLOSE-UP gets my teeth sparkling clean and leaves my mouth feeling fresh. With CLOSE-UP you aren't always worried about your breath offending people when you're in a close-up social situation.

"I know that CLOSE-UP contains real mouthwash as well as two special whitening agents to help keep teeth bright and sparkling."

"I guess Ricky won't have to worry about denture problems," I said in jest.

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"You're really sold on DOVE, aren't you?" Carolyn asked.

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