Adults learn new skills

The Industrial Sewing program of the Adult Education Division of the Baltimore Public Schools is a training program which does more than just teach a skill.

Important enough is the fact that for the last year and a half, the program has placed each of its graduates who wanted employment on a job.

Equally important is the significant reduction of hopelessness, emptiness and instability displayed at the end of the student's training.

In order to raise the student's expectancy of success, the teachers recognize each new learning achievement from the very first day of training. Student achievement is measured on charts with gold stars as each step of training is mastered.

The average student completes the program of individualized instruction in about eight weeks after moving through the phases of training at his or her own pace.

The students, mostly female and black, between 18 and 30 years of age, attend classes in a classroom resembling a typical industrial setting equipped with 40 industrial-type single-needle machines and one double-needle machine. A nominal two dollars material fee is charged.

Along with skill training, a job clinic is conducted by Joseph McGarvey, Job Placement coordinator for Adult Education, where the students discuss what a job is, how to choose a job, how to approach an employment interview, applications, raises and promotions and how to quit a job when that time comes.

Teachers and students of the Industrial Sewing program agree that it is a success. After graduation the students find they can have the pride, satisfaction and prestige that goes with a job.

Enrollment, open to any state resident, will continue through the summer. A three-week vacation will begin July 2, but classes will resume July 23.

GOOD CITIZENS—At the Westside Elementary School Good Citizenship Awards Day Program last week, these five smiling kindergarten students were among 119 pupils who received Good Citizenship Awards. Front row, L-R, Pia Johnson, Edward Brown and Ronda Nichols. Back row, L-R, Kenneth Ruffin and Cheryl Murdock. Principal of the school, Mrs. Amy H. Weaver, presided at the ceremonies.

PTA summer leadership conference

More than 200 PTA leaders from throughout Maryland are expected to attend the annual summer Leadership Training Conference according to a report from Dr. Gary Schweitzer of Rockville, the program chairman.

Persons from every county in the State and Baltimore City will convene for the conference at Hood College in Frederick on Saturday, June 23 and spend two days discussing the theme, Planning Tomorrow's America.

If you have not learned of this conference through your local PTA president and wish to attend you may get complete information from the Maryland PTA office in Baltimore at 17 Commerce St. or phone 685-0865.

119 pupils named good citizens

The Westside Elementary School, No. 34 recently awarded 119 pupils with Good Citizenship Awards at its third annual Good Citizenship Awards Day program.

Mrs. Amy H. Weaver, principal of the school, and Malcolm L. Marcus, assistant principal, presided at the ceremonies.

A 9-member faculty committee headed by Mrs. Turner selected students for the awards.

Mrs. Theda M. Wilson represented the City Public Schools administration.

State Senator eVda F. Welcome, D-4th district, also addressed the school assembly which boasted more than 100 parents in attendance.

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The winning students were:

KINDERGARTEN: Pia Johnson, Cheryl Murdock, Rhonda Nichols, Edward Brown, Kenneth Ruffin, Denise Brewer, Sandra Coleman, Donna Bell, Robin Summ[illegible], Vanessa [illegible] son, Gerardo Sampson, Desiree Kellam, Devona Stallings and Dozetta Lewis.

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FIRST GRADE: William Cameron, Daryl Jackson, Marvin Mack, Fontella Harris, Arlene Johnson, Teresa Johnson, Tracy Newsome, Thommasina Dawins, Carla Coleman, Earn Fullard, Marshea Jones, Andrea Fair, Mark Lee, Yolanda Shearn, Tanya Brown, Quentin Lee, June Allen, Dorothy Hunter and James Long.

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SECOND GRADE: Allen Coleman Rhonda Lane, Sharon Talley, Lois Jackson, James Brown, Shirley Harkless, Kennard Brown, Sheila Allen, Loris Jackson, Teresa Ockimy, Kathyrn Smith, Rhonda Harris, Latonia Wright, Gloria Artes, Kathy Montgomery, Vincent Edwards, Vella Jones, Wanda Byrd, Yolanda Mayer, Chavonne Davenport, Angelita Graves, Darryl Hargrove, Ronette Mitchell and Neville Walker.

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THIRD GRADE: Jill Earl, Lorra Gaines, Michelle Crosby, Roosevelt Roy, Andre Jefferson, Rochelle Jackson, Diane Alexander, Brunetta Phair, Calvin Dawkins, Glen Austin, Patricia Roary, Herman Hayes, Natalie Felder Carol Baker, Wanda Lee and Kevin Reynolds.

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FOURTH GRADE: Andre Blackwell, Carol Jones, Benjamin Benson, Carol Wilson, Shella Johnson, Elizabeth Skates, Benita Hill, Yvette Halford, Lisa Jenkins, Henrietta McLain, Yvette Talley, Kevin Chapman, Laura Reed, Aaron Reed, Roscoe Williams, Charles Williams, Gregory Slaughter and James Walls.

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FIFTH: John Staton, Carmenlita Banks, Alison Lane, Mark Hall, Erica McCleary, Diane Green, Lori Hayes, Lisa Wilson, Warren Hargrove, Monica Phair, Leroy Simmons, Kirk Thomas, Mary Davis and Veronica Talley.

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SIXTH GRADE: Anita Jackson, Ellery Handy, Jacqueline Holden, David Gillmore, Kathaleen Greene, Linda Thomas, Rosemary Hotcherson Antoinette Simons, Shawn Ward, Wayne Forte, Michael Francis, Mary Long, Patricia Carr and Almeda Harris.

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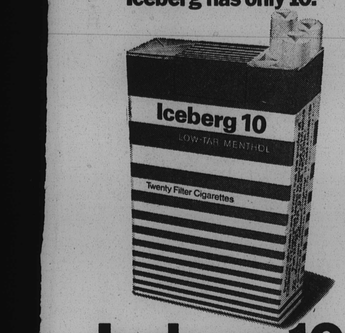

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Goodwill asks donators' aid in campaign

"Use but don't abuse" — that's the theme of Baltimore Goodwill's clean-up campaign aimed at people who leave large donations scattered outside Goodwill Collection boxes.

"Some people insist on leaving large bulky items on the ground outside our yellow collection boxes," said Harvey E. Kettering, II, the executive director.

"These items are often ruined by bad weather," he said. "They litter the area and become an eyesore to the neighborhood."

Goodwill's yellow collection boxes are located in 72 places in the Baltimore-Annapolis area. They are primarily to receive clothing, shoes and small household appliances.

"Anything repairable that fits through the chute in the box is welcomed by Goodwill," Mr. Kettering explained. "But larger items should be picked up by the Goodwill truck directly from homes."

To have large and valuable items picked up by Goodwill trucks, call 247-3111. From Annapolis call 247-3133, and from Harford

ALL THE MARBLES — Baltimore City's 1973 Bureau of Recreation Marbles Champion Chauncey Foust, 13, gave the winners smile recently as Mayor William D. Schaefer places the victor's crown on his head. Foust is currently in Philadelphia competing for the National Marbles Championship. In 1972 his older brother, Leonard, placed eighth in the national tourney after winning the city championship. Foust is accompanied to Philadelphia by his coach Charles E. Halm who is also the director of the Mt. Royal Recreation Center.

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Day care training course set

The Maryland Committee for the Day Care of Children has announced its third volunteer course will be held June 18 through June 22 at Brown Memorial Church, 1316 Park Ave.

Programs are planned for each day which will assist the volunteers' aides in understanding the overall picture of day care needs and resources, child growth and development and specifics of working with children.

The workshop is planned with emphasis on preparation for high school and college student volunteers of half day or more a week in a day care center during the summer.

The public is invited to participate in the Volunteer Training Course. Telephone 823-5647 or 567-7000 for further information.

THE STATE OF THINGS

The jackpot went thataway

By VAL HYMES

The cacaphony of 1,200 clanking slot machines provided the background music for the National Governors Conference at Lake Tahoe, Nev.

But while the bedlam in the "world's longest casino" dominated the atmosphere of a troubled meeting of the nation's chief executives, the Watergate case was the overriding theme.

Like a discordant note, it sounded loudly and often, angering some governors and pleasing others, but distracting everyone from the issues they had hoped to spotlight.

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This was not the first time. The Strauss-Westwead battle had disrupted the winter meeting in Washington and the Democratic Caucus in St. Louis. Maryland's Marvin Mandel had his work cut out for him as chairman to keep the conference on the track of the energy crisis, special revenue sharing due this July, new welfare regulations, the impoundment of federal highway and pollution funds, and inflation.

If he could have come out with a bipartisan consensus on any of those issues, it would have been his jackpot.

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But it was impossible—not only because the reporters were looking for everybody's reaction to the Watergate inquiry, but because in some ways Watergate is tied to all these issues as closely as Siamese twins.

When Wisconsin's Patrick Lucey demanded the President's resignation, he cited a "disrupted decision-making in Washington" as a result of Watergate, calling for a bipartisan cabinet under Vice President Spiro Agnew to work closely with Congress.

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That led to angry defenses of the President by the Republican governors, but they quietly backed Virginia Gov. Linwood Holton's suggestion that President Nixon agree to a public "cross examination" by newsmen to clear the air.

The governors could not agree on resolutions calling for new price wage and rent controls, or urging a postponement of special revenue sharing, despite their efforts to "depolitic" those issues.

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But they urge the building of the Alaska pipeline to help meet the fuel crisis, and demand federal petroleum allocations if the oil industry cannot work them out fairly. Governor Mandel, in one of the few chances he had to react publicly to anything, used this national forum to announce his first fuel-saving move, a moratorium on the construction of new gas stations in Maryland.

Even more important, though, they flushed Vice President Agnew out of Washington. We leaked the fact that he is going back to his old liaison role with the states, cities and counties — a job he liked and handled well. The naming of Melvin Laird as the President's domestic adviser during the conference couldn't have been accidental either.

As a move designed to reassure these seasoned politicians, it may not have been total waste. But none of the moves quite erased the nagging uncertainty so many of these governors revealed — that the "new federalism" to return decision-making to the states, cities and counties may not work — at least with such an abrupt birth.

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For as Watergate has evoked a question of Presidential credibility, it has also eroded faith in the new programs.

The theory is good, but the practical problem of planning budgets and paying the bills is another thing altogether. Some states don't know yet how they will meet July 1, with less money coming in revenue sharing funds than in the grants that were cut from identical programs.

The jarring setting in a gambling resort, therefore, has an ironic twist. Revenue more and more states are waiting around to see if the new "swing to local control" will work. They are turning, as Nevada did decades ago, to legalized gambling for revenue.

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Several governors were annoyed at the aura the casino gave their meeting, but it did have a practical effect of showing the holdouts what a gambling town looks like, even in most states, like Maryland, are still drawing the line at a lottery.

The conference was held on the state line between Nevada and California, with the governors commendering a 600-room hotel in one state — with gambling—the press put up

The one casino signs.

and shouting "Jackpot!" "Pun!" and "Win!" clashed hideously with the spectacular snowcapped mountains, the iceblue lake, and towering pine trees.

Money seemed to flow everywhere, jangling out of the slots or fluttering onto the blackjack tables, and it was obvious in the plush service provided the governors.

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The conference officially cost $175,00, but 200 cars (with National Guard drivers) were rounded along with a shuttle bus. And the place bristled with steely eyes and bulging belts as hundreds of plain-clothesmen from 19 Nevada agencies joined each governor's security entourage.

During the day there was golf, tennis (Agnew won), swimming, boating, and tours for the wives and Bill Cosby for the children. At night, the drinks and wine flowed at receptions and pseudo-gourmet dinners, where stars entertained in slick but hokey shows.

It was a success, if you count efficiency or the value of bull sessions and briefings, but once again the real goal of these governors seems to have eluded them.

When it came down to showing the unity they need for the clout to change what's happening on Capitol Hill or in the White House, their voices at least were heard. So it would not be fair to say they came up with lemons.

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