THE STATE OF THINGS

Energy crisis at home

By Don and Val Hymes

Maryland has come a long way, baby, since the first Earth Day in 1969 — in fact, almost full circle.

Remember the days (not so long ago) when the power companies vowed to switch from coal to oil to prevent air pollution? Now they're scrambling to switch back to coal because oil is harder to get. The smart ones use both.

But Maryland's largest power company, Baltimore Gas and Electric, is facing a real emergency, with the Arab embargo threatening to cut off its entire supply. That could force the closing of businesses, factories and shopping centers.

Public schools aren't much better off, to the kids' delight, because they are caught in the same environmental-energy confrontation. To combat air pollution, many systems spent thousands of dollars to convert school furnaces to burn "clean" oil. Now they can't get "clean" oil, so they must convert back to the dirtier kind, if they can get that.

CRISIS

One proposal to the kids dismay, would be to close school this winter and stay open in the summer. But a shortage of gasoline for school buses may jinx that.

These are the ways — and there are many others — that bring the crisis home.

Some of the ways in which the average Marylander will feel the crunch came to light last week as the legislature examined the governor's bill for emergency powers. Up to that point, voluntary conservation as urged by the President had inspired only the normal reaction of "Let George do it." But if George won't, Marvin will.

He started out by slowing down state cars, lowering thermostats and turning off extra lights in state buildings, and even darkening the State House dome for the first time in decades. Many county governments, schools, and businesses followed.

SOCKS AND SWEATERS

So it's going to be socks and sweaters for everybody this year, especially if homeowners go along with keeping temperatures between 65 and 68.

In areas, it will be more like 30 in their living rooms. The COD Oil Company supplying 1,700 inner-city homes in Baltimore ranout of fuel last Saturday. Fuel companies always leave poor neighborhoods for last because those people do not buy on a contract.

A less familiar crisis faces hospitals that rely on gas, but have an oil backup system. They have been told there may be no more gas for them unless private homes cut back their use.

This is because these hospitals, like many factories and shopping centers, have "interruptible" contracts that offer fuel at a bargain with the provision that service will stop if there is a shortage.

By the end of last week, gas service had been interrupted in hospitals and universities in two metropolitan areas. Sewage treatment plants and water pumping stations were threatened, as was the entire bus system in Baltimore, by shotages of fuel oil and gasoline. In other words, nothing seems safe this year.

The governor's request for emeergency powers to combat the energy crisis raised quite a fuss. One side said he was asking for no more than he could do during a natural disaster or riot. Others protested that an energy crisis is an "all-pervading part of life" involving everything and everyone, so it would give one man the power to control everyone's live.

DISASTER MOVES POSSIBLE

Mandel insists that conservation by all citizens will avert the need for the National Guard around to tell homeowners to turn off their lights, but in fact the bill would give him that power.

Theoretically, he could suspend any law on the books and enforre any regulation he considered necessary to deal with an energy emergency. But any governor who would abuse that kind of power in an election year would be crazy, and the legislature did make those powers exnire unless renewed by the General Assembly.

Mandel's energy adviser, Thomas M. Downs, feels that conservation, plus the elimination of some of the most "obscene waste of power," could get Marylanders through the winter, a little chilly perhaps, but with some new habits that may give them a leg up on the future.

But it can't be done without the new Office of Energy Policy, headed by Richard A. Batterton, having the power to shuffle available fuels around to where they're needed the most when they're needed the most.

WORST WASTES

Some of the worst wastes, says Downs, are all-night shopping center display lighting, open freezers in supermarkets that compete with heating systems and color television, which burns five times the power of black and white.

The kids won't like, and Dad won't like having to drive under 50 miles an hour to work, or to stop running the hot water while shaving. And Mom may not like giving up that hot bath for a quick shower, or waiting to wash clothes or dishes until the machine is completely full.

These problems seem trivial compared with the tragic results that face the elderly, the sick and the poor.

But we could emerge from this winter with a nice result as well — because as Marylanders donned their sweaters and turned off their lights, a cameraderie grew among strangers in hasn't been seen since the hardships of World War I.

Otis Warren Jr.

Warren joins real estate directors

Otis Warren Jr., of Warren and Co., Realtors, is on the board of directors of the Real Estate Board of Greater Baltimore.

In addition, he has been named to head the Mortgage Task Force Committee of the Baltimore board, which was set up to study and ease the current mortgage money squeeze.

He has also been made a director of the Maryland Association of Realtors.

His father founded the firm of Warren and Co., nearly 30 years ago and in recent years passed the reigns on to his son.

Warren was born in Baltimore, attended Douglas High School and graduated from the University of Maryland. He is married to the former Miss Mary Johnson of North Carolina who is with the city Social Services Department.

Md. parents, teachers convene here

Hundreds of parents and teachers from across the state were in Baltimore this weekend for the 59th annual convention of the Maryland Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc.

The delegates, at meetings Friday and Saturday, discussed problems of the exceptional child, career education and curriculum development. They also held sessions on the proposed legislation program for 1973-74.

Congress officers are: Mrs. Lester B. Reed, president; Mrs. John W. Shoap, 1st vice president; J. Harrison Ager, Dr. Walter G. Schweitzer and Mrs. Samuel Capecci Sr., vice presidents; Mrs. Harry E. Sturdevant, secretary; and Malcolm A. Steele Jr., treasurer.

Homicide in Hee Haw Lounge

Harry Leroy Davis of the 2800 block Glen Hunt Road was shot to death Monday night in the Hee Haw Lounge on West Baltimore St.

Police have arrested James Arthur Hawkes, 1500 block of N. Stricker St. According to police reports, "Mr. Hawkes walked into the bar and fired a gun."

Mr. Hawkes is being held without bail.

Student elect officers

Officers inducted into the Student Council of Fallstaff Middle School are: Misses Bonnie Berman, president; Mariel Strickland, vice president and Susan Duckett, secretary. Russell Kelly is treasurer.

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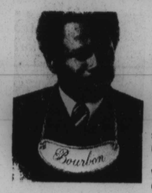

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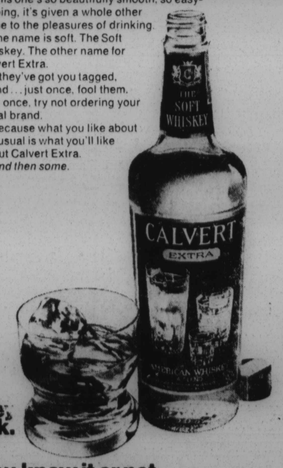

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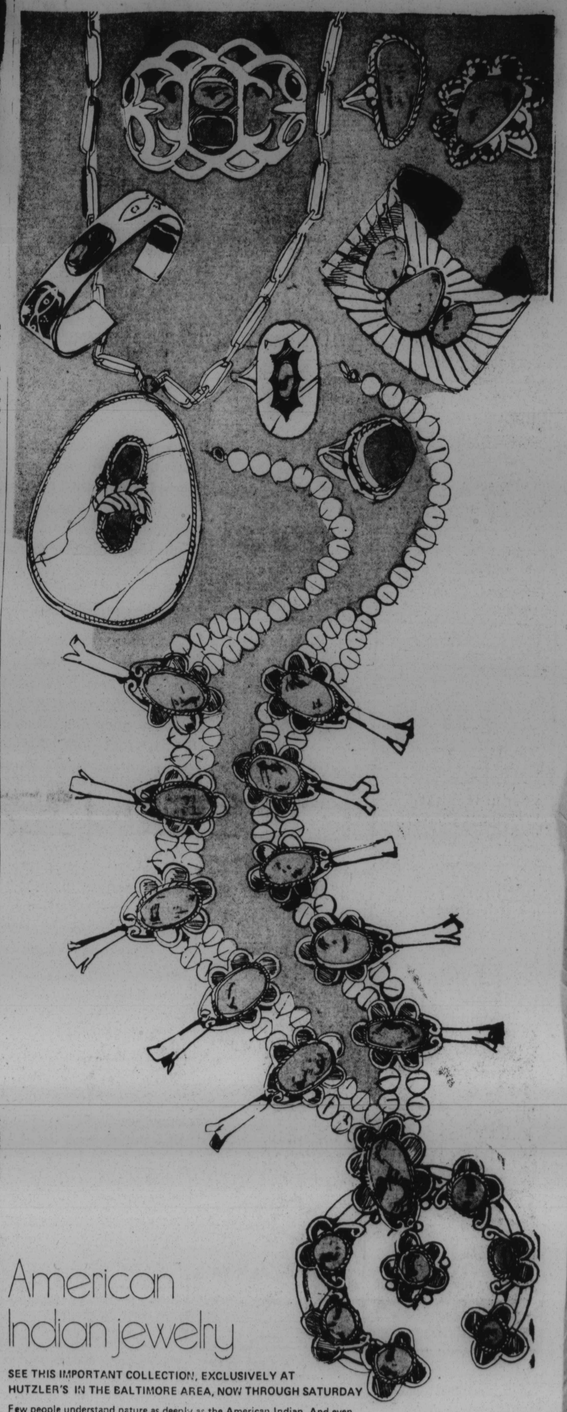

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With increasing interest and concern about crime and law, where can students in the secondary schools in Baltimore learn the necessary skills and experiences to operate successfully as law-abiding citizens?

Probably the only secondary school offering an independent course in Law and Criminal Justice, is Lake Clifton Senior High School located at 2801 St. Lo Drive.

The heart of the law course is an array of topics discussed by lawyers and law students; visits to criminal court and seminar classes.

Nelson Stewart, a law student from the University of Baltimore discussed "Hitched and Unhitched": Domestic Relations.

Ray Stokes, another law student from the University of Maryland explored the topic "Civil Rights."

"Problems of the Consumer" was the seminar topic of Attorney Harry Fox of Legal Aid.

State Senator Robert Dalton was the speaker for "A Day With A Lawmaker."

A basic reference used in the course is the publication by State's Attorney Milton Allen, Youth and the Law.

A visit to Criminal Court, presided over by Judge Robert Watts, was the culminating activity of the course. Not only did Judge Watts entertain questions from students, but as a follow-up activity, defense attorney Samuel Eulbaum, and the prosecutor, Assistant State's Attorney, Thomas Kane, visited Lake Clifton to discuss aspects of criminal law.

The course was written by Mrs. Jessie Glaudin and Herbell Adams to stimulate students to discover the importance of law and justice in their lives.

Boyce Mosley is principal of Lake Clifton High.

Safety Is For Us, The Living

By JAY GASKINS

(Editor's Note: Mr. Gaskins is a 15-year-old honor student at Baltimore's Walbrook High School and a part-time employee in the AFRO mailing room).

From October 28 through November 1, I had the opportunity to go to the Youth Sessions of the National Safety Congress and Exposition in Chicago, Illinois. The AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers sponsored my trip.

The main objective of the Youth Safety Congress was to make young people more aware of safety in and around their communities. Ignorance of safety causes many an accident. By being made aware of conditions conducive to accidents, one can become more cautious and safety conscious.

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This year was the second year for the Youth Sessions, which have been found to be beneficial to the represented communities. Each day, we had a tight schedule planned by the coordinating committee, consisting of youth and adults.

Our day bagan at 8:30 and our last activity did not end until 12:30 that evening. We had workshops planned relating to farm, house and road safety. The remaining portion of the day was for tours of the city and parties in our hotel.

Fortunately, I am able to say that I accomplished my two goals. (1) Falsify the stereotype of blacks, and (2) Prove that blacks cohere.

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This year there were four black young people at the sessions. Last year I was the lone black.

The names of the three other blacks and the organizations they represented are: Miss Clara Lewis, "Four H," Clarkesburg, West Va.; Miss Rosalind Abington, Camp Fire Girls, Ponca City, Okla.; Andy Springs Future Farmers of America, Sycamore, Ill.

In all, there were 230 youth present from the following organizations: AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers, Boy's Clubs, Boy Scouts, Anchor, Camp Fire Girls, Girl Scouts, Key Club Pilot International;

Also Future Business Leaders of America, Future Farmers of America, Future Homemakers of America, Farm Bureaus, Texas Safety Associations, Explorers, Grange, Junior Acheivement, Vocational Industrial Clubs of America.

It was an educational experience for me just to see how wrongly we are judged.

Each time I was questioned about the AFRO-AMERICAN, I answered intelligently and with PRIDE.

I appreciate the AFRO-AMERICAN making my trip to Chicago possible and maybe for others.

Decoy Squad — 'eyes in back of its head'

The Baltimore Police Department has a new "Decoy Squad" which specializes in use of disguises to catch street criminals.

Fanning out all over town and passing as anything from bill and insurance collectors to elderly ladies, the Decoy Squad "has eyes in the back of its head and sees everything."

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