$800,000 back pay for 3,600 city hospital workers

After months of waiting, Local 1199-E of the National Union Union of Hospital and Health Care Employees has finally won approval from the Cost of Living Council for contracts negotiated as far back as December of 1972.

Some 3,600 members of 1199-E at Johns Hopkins, Greater Baltimore Medical Center, Sinai, Maryland General and Lutheran Hospitals will receive an approximate total of $800,000 in back pay and wage increases amounting to 7.6 per cent.

Local 1199-E representatives stated that hospital workers wages were still being controlled by the Cost of Living Council and that any increase above the 5.5 per cent limit had to be approved through the Pay Board mechanism, which is not known to move quickly.

Hospital workers whose wage scales are considerably lower than those of industrial workers, are among the few groups to remain under wage controls. Industrial workers were freed from such controls several months ago.

Fred Punch, president of Local 1199-E stated, "In light of the galloping cost of living, the 5.5 per cent wage guideline is grossly unjust." Mr. Punch added that he hoped the 1199-E victory at the Pay Board would set the tone for the Union's Winter Organizing Drive. Mr. Punch stated, "The Pay Board decision has once again proven the ability of Local 1199-E to defend the interests of the hospital and nursing home employees it represents."

JAMES FARMER

James Farmer, BNI dinner speaker

James Farmer, executive director of the Council on Minority Planning and Strategy, formerly Assistant Secretary in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare and Director of C.O.R.E., will speak at Baltimore Neighborhoods, Inc. annual meeting. A buffet dinner will be served at 6:30 P.M. Jan. 14 (cost is $6 per person).

There will be a cocktail hour from 5:30 to 6:30 P.M.

A brief business meeting (in last year's tradition of brevity) will begin about 7:30.

Mr. Farmer will speak at 8. The scheduled program will conclude no later than 9 P.M. leaving time for those who wish to socialize.

Call 243-6007 for reservations ($6.00 per person if dinner is included) or mail the form on Page 3.

Reservations must be made for dinner and the meeting or for the meeting only which begins at 7:30 P.M.

The Governor's Club is just north of Preston Street and the State Government Buildings.

Baltimore Neighborhoods has performed a singular service to all all residents in housing problems and deserves note as an worthwhile organization.

Out of concern for individuals who have been the victims of housing discrimination and want to take legal action but can't afford to, BNI has set up a special fund to assist them.

The fund will pay "out of pocket" legal expenses to lawyers who are handling the case. The BNI volunteer attorneys contribute their time and other expenses.

All contributions are tax deductible and should be made payable to: BALTIMORE NEIGHBORHOODS, Inc./ENFORCEMENT

Jan. 17

The OUTLOOK FOR INVESTMENT IN 1974 will be the subject of the Jan. 17 meeting of the Baltimore Area Council of The National Association of Investment Clubs at 8 p.m. at University of Maryland, Baltimore Campus (Exit 12, Baltimore Beltway) in the Biological Sciences Building.

MSTA secretary announces retirement

Dr. Milson C. Raver, executive secretary of the 32,000-member Maryland State Teachers Association, presented his retirement request to the Association's Executive Board Jan. 4.

The board's action on Dr. Raver's request calls for the appointment of a successor by July 1 of this year.

Screening Committee to recommend a successor to Dr. Raver has six members of the Association's Executive Board, with Ms. Betsy Moyer, chairperson and members John H. Burke, MSTA second vice-president, Parkville Senior High School, Baltimore County; Mrs. Dorothy S. Murray, MSTA Treasurer, Forestville Elementary School, Prince George's County; George Smith, member-at-large, Clear Spring High School, Washington County; Rudolph Norton, member-at-large, Bel Air Middle School, Harford County; Mrs. Margaret Goldsmith, member-at-large, Whaleysville Elementary School, Worcester County; and Thomas G. Bush, National Education Association Director for Maryland, educational specialist in publication services, Baltimore City.

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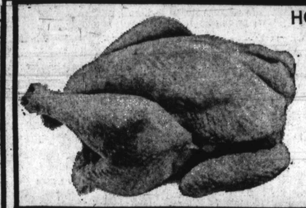

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Homeownership aid program proposed

A plan that would reduce the high cost of homeownership has been proposed by Delegate John W. Douglass (D., 2nd Dist., Balto.).

The plan, known as the Homeownership Assistance Program, would encourage homeownership by limiting the high cost of settlement including down payment, tax stamps, etc., to 5 per cent of the purchase price.

A family buying a $16,00 home, for example, would only need $750 whereas under normal circumstances they would need $2,500 or more.

The program would operate by allowing any family with a combined income of less than $20,000 to receive a second mortgage on all settlement charges in excess of 5 per cent of the purchase price.

The second mortgage could be up to a maximum of $2,00 0and for a period of 15 yrs. The interest rate would be considerably below the market rate and at about 5 or 6 per cent.

Del. Douglass who sees homeownership as a primary means of strengthening our neighborhoods and city has long been in the forefront of devising innovative ways whereby the state could take a more active role in assuring homeownership to those who desire it. He has proposed a state supported Homestead Act and was one of the key supporters of the overwhelmingly successful Maryland Home Financing Authority.

Del. Douglass indicated that his program will be financed by a $3 million State Revenue Bond.

Russell on Appeals Court? 'ridiculous', he says

Gov. Mandel told the AFRO Thursday morning he is considering no one at all at the present time as an appointee to the Appeals Court vacancy. He said that he has not discussed the appointment at all with George Russell or anyone else.

After discovering that City Solicitor George L. Russell, Jr. was absent from Wednesday's Board of Estimates meeting, the AFRO phoned his office to inquire about rumors that he was a possible candidate for a vacancy on the Appeals Court.

Although weakened by a continuing battle with the flu, Mr. Russell told the inquiring reporter: "That's ridiculous, I don't know anything about it!"

He stated that one must first apply for a seat on the Appeals Court. That application must in turn be approved and recommended by the Governor.

"That's all newspaper talk, he stated, adding that he has "from now until June to decide what I'm going to do.

"It's all in my letter, (of resignation to the Mayor), I've got to find another mountain to climb. I was voted best city solicitor in the nation, what else can I do?"

When asked why his resignation comes so early in the year, Mr. Russell commented that it was only procedure and asked "what difference does it make. . .

The retiring city solicitor also stated tin his letter that he would soot relinquish his post as chairman of the Maryland State Commission oh Judicial Reform and as president of the Bar Association.

He added that the highlighted activities in which he has been a participant, particularly the receivership of Provident Hospital will be coming to an end.

Energy crisis might make you depressed

Dr. Neil Solomon, secretary of Mental Health and Mental Hygiene, said people should be aware of increasingly depressing psychological effects of the energy crisis and understand how to deal with them.

He stated that the feeling of indicision, depression and frustations now appearing as a result of the scarcity and high cost of many types of energy be recognized and dealt with.

Dr. Solomon explained the feelings are quite normal, but that when they become overpowering and affect the ability to cope with life they become destructive.

He suggested that the home should once again become the focus of family activity, and that this could provide not only a feeling of family solidarity, but also the forum for a new sense of family communication, the absence of which has led to such social problems as divorce drug abuse and alcoholism.

Businessmen whose livelihoods are affected by the energy crisis are dealing with a much more complex problem, Dr. Solomon said.

He noted during World War II, when the nation was under very strict controls and rationing of many items was imposed, people pulled together and helped each other over rough spots. This same kind of interdependence among families, neighbors, communities and even towns can help solve serious problems that the current crisis is bringing about.

Register now for driving lessons

The Baltimore Safety Council states that registration for Defensive Driving courses for the metropolitan area are now being accepted.

All classes are held 7:30-9:30 p.m.

The eight-hour program is given in four two-hour sessions over a four week span.

Classes start Feb. 4 and continue Feb. 11, 18 and 25 at Parkville High School, 2600 Putty Hill Road and Catonsville High School, Bloomsbury Avenue and South Rolling Road.

Tuesday classes Feb. 5, 12, 19 and 26 are at Milford Mill High School, 3800 Washington Ave. off Liberty Road and the Baltimore Beltway.

Wednesday classes beginning Feb. 6 at Northern High School, 2201 Pinewood Ave.

To register, send $4, the name of the school to be attended and your name and address, to the Baltimore Safety Council, 1401 West Mt. Royal Ave. 21217. For further information call 462-6678.

Jan. 4 lottery winners missing

Maryland State Lottery Agency announces number 667660 won cash prizes and 467504 merchandise at the Jan. 4 drawings at Frederick, Md. Many winners have not called for their money.

Cash prizes are as follows: 667660 wins $50,000; x67660 wins $1,000; xx7660 wins $100; xxx660 wins $25; xxxx60 qualifies for millionaire's playoff.

The Agency said scramble of 667660 in Lottery number or serial number wins -35.

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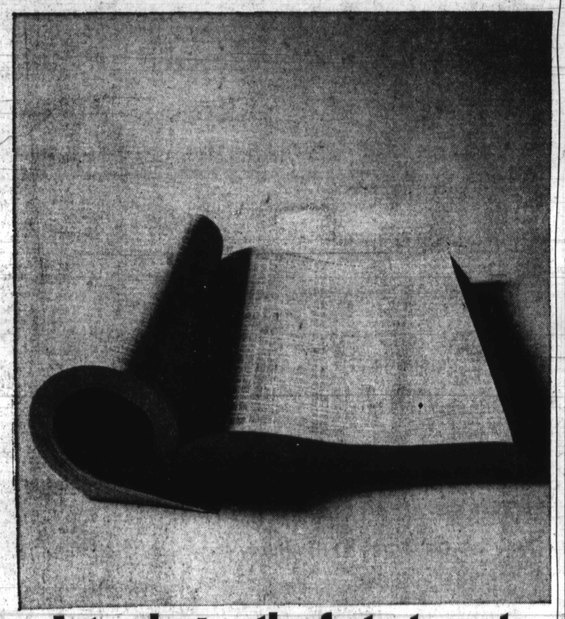
Merchandise prizes are 467504 wins new car; x47504 wins color TV; xx7504 wins camera and xxx504 wins radio.

Cash and merchandise prizes can be claimed at any Maryland State Lottery Center. Merchandise prizes must be claimed by Monday, March 18, 1974.



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