Del. Boswell attends UNCF lunch in D.C.

Del. Hildagardeis Boswell, (D-4th, says she was the only legislator honored as a platform guest at last weekend's United Negro College Fund Corporate and Benefactors Luncheon in Washington.

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She says that 50 per cent of the fund's $150,000 goal has already been pledged by various corporations.

During a House Constitutional and Administrative Law Committee hearing on a bill that would allow stricter regulations for summer camps, Del Frank Conaway, (D-4th), noted that fewer lower income children may get a camp experience if the bill is passed.

One phase of the bill calls for 1 counselor for every 10 children.

The delegate noted that this stipulation, in addition to others in the bill, will raise the cost of summer camp for many inner city children who are now barely able to afford the experience.

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As amended, according to Del. Webster, it would require all hospitals to have a dentist on call 24-hours-a-day.

As amended, according to Del. Webster, it would require all hospitals to have a dentist on call and available to perform emergency treatment at all times.

Washington International Airport signs.

Del. Dixon has introduced a bill, heard this week, that would bring law books into concurrence with an executive proclamation from Gov. Mandel which renames the facility.

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The Maryland Dental Association and the Maryland Hospital Association, providing that proper amendments are added, will be supporting an emergency dentist services bill introduced by Del. Kenneth Webster, (D-5th.)

The bill originally would have required all hospitals to have a dentist on call 24-hours-a-day.

Habitability warranty extended under bill

ANNAPOLIS — Saying that the warranty of habitability provision in Baltimore's law has proved workable for both landlords and tenants and provides a useful tool in stemming deterioration in housing for the community, Sen. Clarence W. Blount D- 5th, took steps to extend its applicability.

Under a bill introduced by Sen. Blount, if a landlord fails to repair a defect in a dwelling unit in a reasonable amount of time after notice is given of the defect by the tenant at any time during the tenants term of occupancy, the tenant would be able to sue for damages from the landlord.

Under Baltimore's present law, habitability of a rental unit is guaranteed for the first 30 days of occupancy only.

After that period, if a serious deficiency develops, a tenant's only recourse is to Baltimore's complicated rent escrow regulations.

"That 30 day cutoff is nonsensical," said Sen. Blount. "If habitability of a dwelling unit is guaranteed, it should be guaranteed for the duration of the tenancy."

"A building that has not been kept up deteriorates rapidly," he adds.

"I am interested in preserving neighborhoods in the city as well as providing more equitable and adequate recourse for the tenant who finds his heat off or the plaster falling in his dwelling unit," he said.

General Assembly Notes

Bill may halt more strikes by teachers

ANNAPOLIS — Contract bargaining impasses, such as those preceeding Baltimore City's teachers' strike, may be reduced if a bill introduced in the Maryland Senate gets through the Legislature.

Sen. Rosalie Silber Abrams, D-5th, has introduced the bill which would roll back the date of elections for city public school employees.

"I believe that this bill will go a long way toward resolving the impasse that occurs when the elected organization does not have time to bargain on behalf of the teachers," said Mrs. Abrams.

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Sen. Clarence Blount, D-5th, a cosponsor of the bill says he feels city school teachers should not have had to go "8 to 10 months without a contract."

"The present law provides that elections take place between June 1 and 15. Since the budgetary process is begun in the spring, prior to the date of election, the newly elected bargaining unit has no time to negotiate before the budget is completed," said Mrs. Abrams.

The bill is also cosponsored by Sens. Robert Dalton, D-2nd; Verda Welcome, D-4th; Harry J. McGuirk, D-6th, and John Carroll Byrnes, D-3rd.

Welcome seeks arrest record expungement

ANNAPOLIS — A bill to provide for expungement of arrest records not followed by a conviction within one year was heard by the Judicial Proceedings Committee Wednesday.

The sponsor, Sen. Verda F. Welcome, D- 4th, is charging that "a person with an arrest record but no convictions is often treated as though he were a criminal by a prospective employer.

Under the terms of the bill, state law enforcement agencies would be required to remove all fingerprints, records and photographs from their files of persons arrested but not convicted of a crime after one year.

Copies of these arrest records sent to other agencies would be similarly expunged.

"With our present system, even if no crime is proved, an arrest record can haunt an individual throughout his life, hampering his ability to find or keep employment," says Sen. Welcome.

"This is no small matter when you realize that 50 percent of all U.S. males can expect to be arrested at some time in their lives," she continued.

LEGISLATURE — The AFRO's General Assembly reporter, Miss Claudette Newson, may be reached at her desk in the State House Press Room, Annapolis, by calling 269-5547. If there is no answer, call back. She may be on the floor of the Senate or the House or somewhere else gathering news. You may dial the number from Baltimore without toll. Miss Newson is on duty from Monday through Friday until the closing of the General Assembly in April.

Del. Dixon wants state hiring figures shown

Del. Isaiah Dixon, D-4th, has reintroduced a bill that would require the secretary of personnel in his annual report to the governor to include statistics on the state's racial hiring practices.

He told the House Appropriations Committee, "That is the identical legislation I introduced in 1970, on which the committee failed to take favorable action since the secretary promised in his testimony before the committee he would implement it without legislation."

H.B. 339 would require Henry G. Bosz, secretary, to include statistics relating to state employment of whites and non-whites in his annual report.

It would also require that a copy of the report be sent to each member of the General Assembly.

Del. Dixon said that the 1972 report "does not give the information that Secretary Bosz promised, although it is quite revealing in other matters concerning state employees."

He said he was told that copies of the 1973 report were not available at the present time.

"It is my belief that the only effective way to monitor and make sure that the state is accountable to the citizens of Maryland and the General Assembly as an Equal Opportunity Employer, is to enact this bill," he said.

MCEA backs Del. King bill

ANNAPOLIS — Theodore McKeldin, acting director of the Maryland Classified Employees Association, testified in favor of a House bill that will give state employees automatic cost-of-living salary increases.

The MCEA had taken issue with certain portions of the bill and started proceedings to have their own bill drafted.

However, McKeldin said that he had discussed the bill with sponsor, Del. Arthur King, D-Prince Georges, and feels that it is "one of the best" bills to come along in some time.

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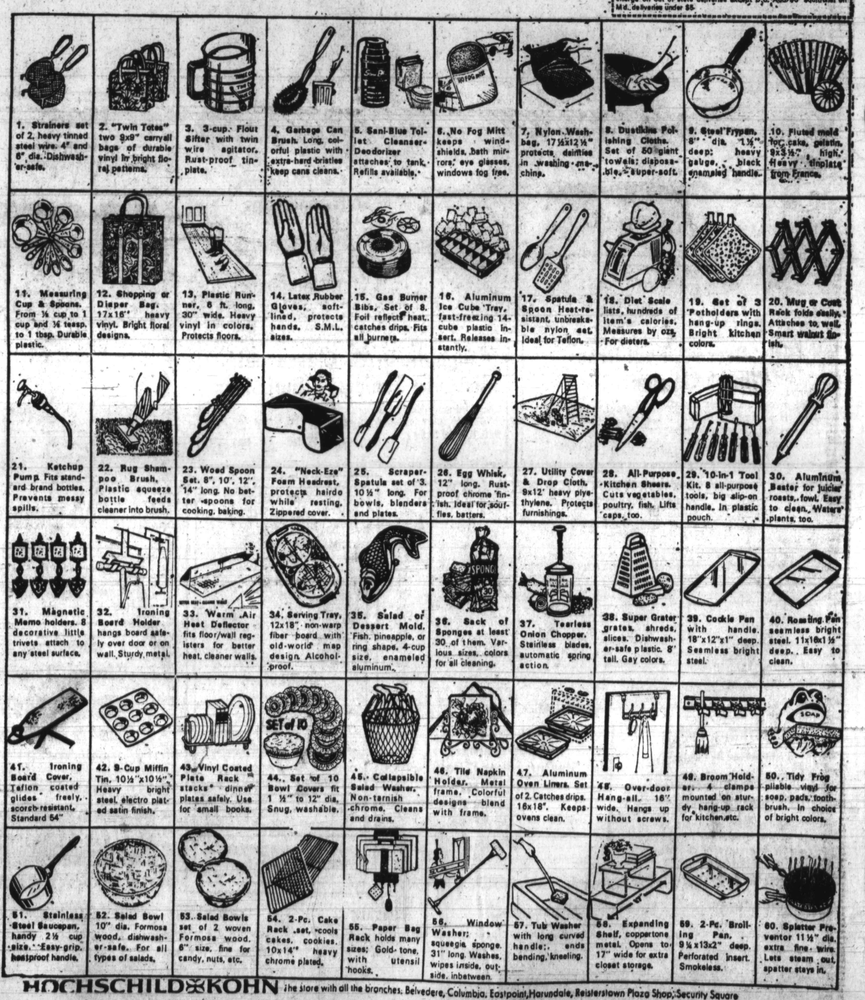

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MONDAWMIN MOTOR VEHICLES OPENS—Motorists stand in line at the new branch of the Maryland Dept. of Motor Vehicles at the old Sears building in Mondawmin Mall. In the photo at left, three title examiners pose for the AFRO cameraman Roman Hankewyez. From left, are Mrs. Dorothy Williams, Mrs. Ollie Boozer, and Mrs. Deloris Thompson.

Appeals Court ruckus

Officially, Governor Mandel is not yet considering anyone for a recent vacancy on the Maryland Appeals Court, according to his press office.

Letters requesting nominhas already been pledged made by the resignation of Judge Wilson K. Barnes, effective last week, have just been sent to the Judicial Selection Committee, said press aide, Thom Burden.

Names of several qualified black lawyers have been recommended to the governor by the AFRO and community leaders.

Judge Barnes, in explaining his resignation, charged that John C. Eldridge, former Mandel legislative assistant, and the governor's latest appointment to the court, was "not properly qualified" for the job.

"The dignity of the Court of Appeals should not be demeaned by a personal disagreement with one of its former members over the qualifications of a sitting judge.

"Judge Eldridge's qualifications are obvious and speak for themselves," the governor says.

Judge Barnes charges, "He (Eldridge) has never practiced law in any real sense. And, as far as I know, he has never tried a case in any Maryland court — certainly not before me in the courts of Baltimore City or before the Court of Appeals since my appointment in 1964.

—New learning center needs

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dren enrolled, but the facilities can accomodate 75 and for that reason the center is appealing to the public for help.

At present, the school is maintained from the $25 weekly fee paid by parents of children in the day-care program.

A 72-page proposal and budget, approved by the city's Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, is awaiting approval from the State Department of Health.

If approved, the money will be used to support the therapeutic portion of the project.

Glover, who holds a master's in Education from Coppin State College, first got his ideas from working the Crisis Intervention Center at Pimlico Junior High School where his subjects were with problem teenagers.

He considered the program good because it helped reduce the suspension rate and provided alternative solutions to fighting and disrupting classes.

"Somehow I felt that in that situation we were not dealing with the base of the problem. In some cases I felt that some of these students had exhibited behavior problems stemming from childhood.

"So, I felt that a program that would identify and work with children, early intervention at the preschool level in a normal setting would be a preventive measure to behavior problems and emotional difficulties," he said.

Glover explained, what constitutes a child being emotionally handicapped, "Children who exhibit hyperactivity, withdrawal, hostility, agressiveness or crying. All these behaviorisms are normal things we all do.

"But what labels a child being emotionally handicapped is the extent and frequency of the occurance. For instance, if a child cries, that's normal. But if he cries constantly, then there is a problem somewhere."

Glover added, "What we intend to do for the emotionally handicapped children is to provide support in terms of a staff psychologist or social workers to feed the child into a tract or program which is best suited for his own specific handicap.

"The ultimate goal is to integrate the child into a "normal" classroom, monitor his behavior and feed him into the public school system when he is old enough."

Mrs. Tillman, who is critically ill, has not yet seen the center she helped establish. Since its doors opened in December, she has been confined to the hospital.

Her daughter, assistant director, Mrs. Donna Hamiel, explained that the day care division is her mother's forte, as she taught special education in the Baltimore City schools for over 20 years.

Mrs. Hamiel told the AFRO that the teachers, Mrs. Susie Wong and Mrs. Debbie Keith, along with eight assistants, instruct the children in the basics of learning, or what she calls "fun learning."

The eight assistants are Miss Andrea Brown, Mrs. Victoria Gibbs, Miss Phyllis Mitchell, Mrs. Winerfred Willingham, Miss Mildred White, Mrs. Myra Worrell, Miss Rosalind Moore and Mrs. Marion Handy.

Center sponsors have special praise for the Catholic Archdiocese which rented them the St. Bernardine building at a modest fee; the Regional Institution for Children, Catonsville for providing therapeutic assistance; Provident Comprehensive Mental Health Center, 907 Edmondson Ave., for providing nutritional and psychological assistance and the Coppin State College for its research and evaluation of the center.

The center hopes AFRO readers will help. Tax deductible contributions should be sent directly to Glover-Tillman Learning Center, 3614 Edmondson Ave., Baltimore, Md. 21229.

Zollie Long, 47, AFRO distributor

"He wasn't ill, he just went to the doctor's for a regular check-up."

Mrs. Dorothy Long was telling the AFRO about the sudden death of her husband, Zollie Long, 47, 614 Hillview Rd.

Mr. Long had been an independent AFRO distributor in the Cherry Hill area for the past two years.

The family will receive friends Sunday between 7-8 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Cherry Hill. The funeral will follow the wake.

Mr. Long, a postal worker for 22 years, was admitted to the Veterans Hospital on Loch Raven two weeks ago for tests. He died there of a cardiac arrest Wednesday.

Born August 6, 1926, in Weldon, North Carolina, Long was the son of Buddy Long and the late Mrs. Ida Belle Long.

He came to Maryland at an early age and attended public schools here. He was a World War II veteran. He belonged to the Shriners and Masons.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Deborah and Pamela; sons, Rodney and Michael; two sisters, Mrs. [illegible] Riley and Mrs. [illegible] Harrison, Greensboro, N.C.

Also, three brothers, Aaron and Daryl Long and Sidney Folkes. Burial is Monday at 11 a.m. at Maryland National Memorial Park in Laurel.

RUDOLPH WALKER

MVA head back to old employment site

The man who first worked in Mondawmin Shopping Center as a porter years ago, is now back, in a managerial position.

Rudolph Walker, 38, is in his third year as manager of the Baltimore City headquarters of the Motor Vehicle Administration, which opened its new offices in the Northwest Baltimore shopping complex, Monday, Feb. 4. The offices were formerly at 610 N. Howard St.

"We relocated to the Mall because of its better parking facilities and to extend better services to the public," Walter explained. "We figure that this is now a more centrally located office," he added.

The MVA office now gives driving tests and driver rehabilitation classes, along with its previous services.

When he was discharged from the Air Force in 1969, he worked as a porter at Lerner's. "It was the first job available, so I took it," explained Walker.

After a brief stint there and at North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, he came to the MVA in 1961 as a teletype operator. In six years he advanced to license reviewer, finally becoming branch manager of the Baltimore office in 1971.

A 1955 Douglass High School graduate, Walker is married to Mrs. Vera Walker and has two daughters, Pamela, 13 and Kimberley, 10.

Walker enjoys "all Sports" and plays plenty of "pinochle and whist." He is a member of Providence Baptist Church.

Although Walker is back to the vicinity of his old job, he "has certainly moved far upwards since being a porter."

More bank robbery arrests

Thomas H. Farrow, special agent in charge FBI, Baltimore, has announced the arrest of Donald Lee Robinson, age 30, unemployed, of 4723 Reistertown Rd.

Robinson was arrested on the basis of federal warrant issued for his arrest, charging him with participation in robbery of the First Savings and Loan Association of Annapolis, Severna Park Branch, Severna Park, Md., on Jan. 16.

Robinson was taken into custody at the Southeastern District of the Baltimore City Police Dept., where he had been held on local charges.

Mr. Farrow also announced that a warrant charging Robert Webster, 724 Newington Ave., with the same bank robbery has been placed as a detainer by the U.S. Marshall's office at the Baltimore City Jail, where Webster is being held on local charges.

Mr. Farrow announced a warrant has been issued charging Clarence Hawkins, also known as "Huck", age 36, 1200 block Augusta Ave., Baltimore, with the same bank robbery. Hawkins is currently a fugitive.

Mr. Farrow stated all the warrants have been issued Feb. 5 after affadavit had been filed by the special agent of the FBI before the Judge Clarence E. Goetz, U.S. Magisrate, Baltimore, Md.

Donald Lee Robinson appeared before Goetz Feb. 6, when bond of $25,000 was recommended.

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Mrs. Myrtle Wexler files for divorce

Mrs. Myrtle Lillian Wexler, 31, of Dallas Texas has filed for a divorce from her husband Charles Warren Wexler Jr., 43, who also lives in Texas.

Mrs. Wexler formerly lived in Baltimore. She is the daughter of Mrs. Laura Pair and stepdaughter of the late Dr. James Pair. Mrs. Wexler filed for a divorce in the domestic relations court of Dallas, Texas on Jan. 2.

According to the records the couple was married on or about June 24, 1967 and has one child. They separated and ceased to live together as husband and wife on Aug. 1, 1973.

The record quotes Mrs. Wexler as saying, Mr. Wexler has been guilty of cruel treatment toward his wife. Mrs. Wexler claims she has insufficient income for her support and her husband is able to and should be ordered to support her.

Mr. Wexler, according to the record, is employed as a lawyer and owns property, some of which is unknown to his wife. The records say Mrs. Wexler is entitled to at least one half of all her husband's income during the pendency of the court action.

Mrs. Wexler states in the record, her husband has "a violent and ungovernable temper and is dangerous." She says in the record she fears and believes unless her husband is temporarily restrained immediately without hearing, he will injure and harass her and their child.

Mrs. Wexler has asked the court that a temporary restraining order be granted immediately without hearing to temporarily restrain her husband from contacting her in any manner or coming to her house. She is also asking in the court order that her husband not meddle in any way with possession and use of the house in which she is now living.

According to the records, Mrs. Wexler has also requested through the court that her husband not interfer in any way with their minor child or a temptt to take the child. Mrs. Wexler's motions for temoorary orders were filed Jan. 9, however the divorce has not yet been granted.

The court passed an order on Jan. 15 that Mr. Wexler appear in court and show cause why his wife should not be appointed temporary managing conservator of their child, why he should not pay support for his child.

Mr. Wexler is also to inform the court why he should not be required to file his sworn inventory and appraisal of property. He is also to show cause why a receiver will not be appointed for their property.

Freeman Robinson buried in Arlington Cemetery

FREEMAN JACK ROBINSON SR.

Freeman Jack Robinson, 65, died Sunday Feb. 3 at 5 p.m. at the U.S. Public Health Hospital. He was a retired Army veteran of 30 years service.

Mr. Freeman joined the Army in 1930 at the age of 20. He was a Buffalo soldier of the 9th and 10th cavalry.

After his retirement in 1957, he became a Pinkerton guard at a Union Trust bank where he was employed up until his death.

Mr. Robinson spent some of his spare time coaching a baseball team in the James Mosher Little League. The team he coached was the Giants.

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Funeral services will be held immediately after the wake Thursday night at John Wesley United Methodist Church. The wake will be from 7-8 p.m.

His body will be transported for final burial to Arlington National Cemetery Friday morning at 10 a.m.

Mr. Robinson is survived by his wife, Mrs. Norma M. Robinson; his only son, Freeman Jack Robinson Jr.; his sister, Mrs. Corlene Denmon of Taylor, Texas; his grandson, David Robinson; and his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Mona Robinson.

Mr. Robinson originated from Georgetown, Texas. He was born in 1908 the son of John and Mrs. Fannie Robinson.

Fred Nichols memorialplaque at Social Security

By Margie Green

Fred Z. Nichols, described as Social Security Administration's "Pioneering Civil Rights Professional." (1963-1972), was memorialized at the Woodlawn headquarters Tuesday.

At the ceremony in Commissioner Bruce Cardwell's conference room, Mr. Nichols was described as a man, "who cared so deeply about people that he committed his life to the cause of equal opportunities."

A plaque was presented to his teenage daughter, Miss Diana Nichols, Morgan State College senior. It was later placed in a display cabinet on the first floor link between the Altmeyer Building and the West Building.

The inscription says: "In commemoration of Fred Z. Nichols — SSA's pioneering Civil Rights Professional, 1963-1972 — In recognition of Excellence of Performance in the area of Equal Employment Opportunity."

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The memorial was arranged by a committee, representing a cross section at SSA headquarters. Members included Paul Everett, Walter Statham, Everett Priedman, Stanley Starr, Henry Moore and Mrs. Joan E. Cooper.

Louis Zawatsky, assistant commissioner for administration, said of Mr. Nichols. "Fred was courageous in Civil Rights when it was not popular to be so."

Arthur Hess, deputy commissioner, observed, "He was a pioneer and pioneers are oft forgotten . . . we don't want those early days to be lost in the memories of the next generation . . . remember him not so much for his accomplishments, but for the cause in which he believed."

Paul Everett noted, "He played a key role in the life-style of blacks who came later . . . he possessed three great qualities, sincerity, valour and intellect."

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Presentation of the plaque to Commissioner Cardwell was by Joseph Rosenberg, President of AFGE and Henry Moore, first vice President.

Commissioner Cardwell hailed Mr. Nichols, commitment to the EEO program.

Others who spoke were State Legislator Troy Brailey (D-4), who spoke of his "deep friendship with Fred" and how they had "walked together" in the civil rights movement for EEO."

Travis Vauls, executive director of the Baltimore Urban League, where Mr. Nichols was at one time, (1951-1958), Director of Industrial Relations, said, "He was more than an associate — he was a friend."

Mrs. Joan E. Cooper, the coordinator, said, "Fred left a heritage of love and concern for his fellowman and a heritage of true brotherhood."

Mr. Nichols began as claims examiner in November, 1958, and at his death in December 1972, was a GS-14, with the title Special Staff for Labor Relations and Equal Opportunity.

He was a graduate of Howard University and Loyola College.

Among others in attendance at the brief, but impressive ceremony, a first for Social Security, were, Mrs. Marguerite Campbell, Baltimore Mayor Schaefer's community relations specialist; Miss Maggie Wiggins, assistant to the deputy commissioner, director of the special staff for LR/EO; Herbert C. Creech, director of the special staff for LR/EO; Theodore Jensen, deputy assistant to the director; Jerome Mitchell, equal opportunity officer;

Also, Alonzo Rogers, insurance compliance specialist, Gerald W. Burton, executive officer; Joseph Bracey, equal employment officer; Mrs. Olga Baynard, fair employment officer; William P. MacNeil, equal employment opportunity director and LR staff;

And, Irwin Brown, equal employment opportunity specialist; Paul Arca, acting labor relations and equal opportunity staff director; Dick Parisi, labor management relations and EO staff director; William Bailey, assistant to the director; Mrs. Helen Tucker, secretary;

Also, Mrs. Evelyn T. Holland, former treasurer, Harry T. Woods and Roy Compton, former vice presidents; Walter Snead, visual informative specialist, OA; and Frank Dipple, labor management relations officer.

SOCIAL SECURITY HONORS were presented Tuesday to recall the contributions of deceased supervisor, Fred Z. Nichols, who championed equal employment opportunities. Among those present were (from left) Del. Troy Brailey (D-4), Mrs. Joan Cooper, Labor Relations; Social Security Commissioner James C. Cardwell who presented the memorium; Miss Diane Nichols, Morgan State student and daughter of deceased; Henry Moore, 1st vice president of Local 1923; Joe Rosenberg, president, Local 1923; Travis W. Vauls, executive director, Baltimore Urban League.
(AFRO staff photo by Roman Hankewyez)

Thomas Jones is new CPA

Thomas L. Jones, 627 Cheraton Rd. in Cherry Hill, is among the 170 candidates who successfully passed the Maryland CPA exam in November. The 1973 announced today, (Friday) by the Maryland State Board of Public Accountancy, of which Benjamin L. King is chairman.

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