AMONG 4,000 GUESTS at the testimonial for the Archbishop of Baltimore, Cardinal Shehan were (from left) William Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Haysbert, Mrs. Ethel Rich and Henry G. Parks.

Gas and Electric asks 7 percent increase

Hold on to your wallets, consumers. Gas and electric costs may be on the rise, again.

The Baltimore Gas and Electric Co. has filed a temporary application with the Public Service Commission asking for an addition $17 million in actual revenue.

If allowed this would mean a 4.5 per cent increase in electric rates and a 2.7 per cent increase in gas rates.

The request made on a "temporary basis which means that all consumers would be given a refund if the PSC discovers that the new rate hike is inordinate.

The new application for increased rates was made on an emergency, temporary basis which means that the additional revenues, if granted would be subject to refund if the PSC ruled that the new rates were inordinately high.

Baltimore Gas and Electric has also filed a permanent application for $61 million in addition revenues.

This would result in 15 per cent rate increases for electricity and a seven per cent increase for gas.

The Public Service Commission held the first hearing on the request Thursday.

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Prior to the Thursday hearing, the PSC held a public fuel adjustment hearing which was attended by 17 major electric utilities in the area.

The purpose of the meeting was to determine the factors used in determining fuel rate adjustments.

The commission also wants to determine whether or not the companies are doing everything possible to obtain fuel at the lowest cost on the open market.

At the conclusion of Wednesday's meeting a set of questions were presented to each company representative. The commission ordered each company to answer each of the fuel related questions in detail.

For information on public hearings or fuel rate adjustments call: 383-2340 and ask for Mr. Wasowicz, acting secretary of the Public Service Commission.

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Rafael Hernandez Colon, governor of Puerto Rico and a Johns Hopkins alumnus, will be the principal speaker.

Ceremonies will be held at 9:30 a.m. in the Keyser Quadrangle on the Homewood Campus.

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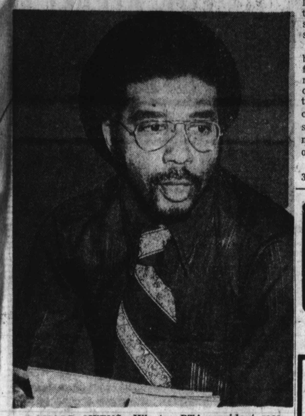
Winston PTA head:-new middle school racist

"I feel that by excluding Winston as a primary feeder school to the new middle school, the community and the committee leave themselves open to possible charges of racial discrimination and create a climate of discontent within the community by those parents and children affected.



DONALD OWENS—Winston PTA president sees new Middle School for northeast Baltimore "creating a climate of discontent." (AFRO Staff Photo by Benjamin Murphy Phillips IV)

"This situation is remarkably similar to the Falstaff decision by the School Board, several weeks ago (whereby a predominantly white school was established, excluding Arlington, a predominantly black school, geographically chosen).

"It seems a precedent is being established that favors the white community's demands for racial considerations that usurp the rights of the black community to attend schools in their immediate neighborhoods on the secondary level."

The words are those of 33-year-old Donald Owens, president of the PTA of Winston Elementary School, 1101 Winston Ave., in the northeast Baltimore hear The Alameda.

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He was reacting to the May 9 action of the School Board which by a vote of 6-3 approved creation of a middle school (grades 6-8), at the Woodbourne Junior High in the Alameda area to open this September, and to be called the Chinquapin Middle School.

Mr. Owens based his objections on the fact that even though Winston is located closest to the proposed school most of its pupils predominantly black, would be excluded.

Instead, he points out, they have included schools furtherest away from the Woodbourne-Chinquapin.

These, he explained, include Northwood Elementary which is approximately 80 per cent black, Leith Walk Elementary, 90 per cent white, maintaining an intact 50-50 racial balance.

The secondary feeder schools would be Winston, Yorkwood, Govans and Waverly.

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Mr. Owens complains: "On the surface, this seems to be a pretty equitable plan, especially to some Middle School Committee members.

"But, in light of the Health, Education and Welfare guidelines, which the school administration is seeking to comply with; I saw the committee's work as an excellent opportunity for the neighborhood groups to reintegrate Woodbourne (which in my estimation might be desirable considering the racial composition of the neighborhood).

At the same time, they had the opportunity to take positive action toward eliminating racial isolation at Winston which like Woodbourne, presently is all-black."

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Mr. Owens, who says he favors an equitable middle school concept, told the AFRO he hopes to get the school board to reconsider the feeder schools for the Chinquapin project at its next meeting.

He added: "The situation that I find deplorable is that many members in the community for whatever reasons have come to regard Winston children and parents as not being a part of the community.

"This lack of sensitivity is shown in the plan that was approved by the School Board. I'd hate to think that because Winston is a school with approximately 500 children in the free lunch program or having approximately anywhere from 100-150 foster children within the school, or having many families on some type of governmental assistance program, or that many are not home owners.

"I look upon the children of Winston as just children, in need of the same educational considerations as any other children in the neighborhood, black or white."

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Bowling champs awarded trophies

Mrs. Hattie Richardson, a certified bowling coach, is singing praises of her champion Liberty Heights Bowling Team today (see photo in this issue).

The youngsters were organized under her leadership in October, 1973 as a group, not interested in wandering the streets but in worthy use of leisure time.

Mrs. Richardson, principal of Hillside Elementary School No. 302 and a teacher 34 years, describes her team as composed of "wonderful boys and girls." Each one was awarded the special Richardson trophy at a May 18 party.

She adds, "I hope with the next bowling season coming up we can have a larger group."

In possession of two earned master's degrees, one from American University, the other from Coppin State College; Mrs. Richardson has a special gift as to children. She was voted AFRO teacher of the year twice in succession, 1967 and 1968.

Member of Faith Baptist Church the Senior Choir and NAACP membership chairman, she is the mother of Northwestern Senior High School teacher, Mrs. Gloria Marrow, wife of James Marrow, "a wonderful son-in-law." Her grandchildren are Vernon 8 and Kevin, 7.

MRS. HATTIE RICHARDSON
bowling team sponsor

Besides bowling since 1956 and averaging 115, Mrs. Richardson takes her school on boatrides "whenever there's a boat going out." The youngsters have been to Washington by bus and train, New York on the train; around the N.Y. harbor by boat; to Radio City, Christmas Village, Pa., and certainly everywhere of interest in Baltimore.

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