THE STATE OF THINGS

The Ark lists to port

By Don and Val Hymes

It was like Noah's Ark at the state elections office on the last day for filing.

They came two by two (with their treasurers or running mates), some silently, some braying loudly in their nervous terror, some balking, some fleeing at the last minute, and some chomping at the bit to get started.

In the line were old war horses, some young fillies and bucks, a few long-time elephants and donkeys from parties past, some tigers of the new politics, some ivory tower giraffes, and even down-to-earth domestic animals complete with families (some to accompany them and others to run with them.)

They came by car and bus and ambulance, some carrying themselves proudly under the weight of grand jury investigations.

The campaign reformers had not won the whole hog in their bid to remove politics completely from the smoke-filled back room. Thus the limbo status of Maryland's election laws attracted a potpourri, including familiar faces who wouldn't run without machine support in 1970 and wouldn't run with the new disclosure requirements in 1978. So 1974 is their last hurrah.

Speaking of the smoke-filled room, there's irony that the apathy we expected from traditional political circles came true so dramatically in some races that the political machines must gear up to fill vacancies in the general election.

Five of the eight incumbent congressmen, for example, have no primary opposition so they won't even appear on the September ballot.

That's why GOP gubernatorial candidate Lawrence Hogan wanted Louise Gore to stay in the race against him. And, it turns out, she had exactly the same idea.

A great many candidates, including Comptroller Louis L. Goldstein, Attorney General Francis B. Burch and dozens of others for state senator and delegate, have no opposition at all from the Republican Party.

Why? Rep. Robert E. Bauman, whose First Congressional District is the largest in the state (13 counties), says fund-raising has been a problem for both parties. But Bauman feels his fellow Republicans fear that Watergate will rub off on a local level, and that many of them tend to bemoan and bewail what's going on in government but are unwilling to do something about it.

At any rate, they did not file and the Democrats did.

In the U.S. Senate race, for example, the Democrats' ballot will look like a page from the telephone book with eleven candidates. Many races on that side are chock full of choices while the Republicans will have a hard time finding somebody to vote for.

So although everybody supports the concept of a two-party system as vital for a healthy government, in Maryland it doesn't seem to work. In order to take part in the real political battles, you've got to be a Democrat, it seems.

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It's now up to the local central committees in the districts involved to meet and vote for candidates to go on the ballot where there is no competition against the Democrats for senate, delegate and congressmen. The full state central committee must meet in convention to find opponents for Burch and Goldstein.

And it all has to be done before July 31, just five days after the last day candidates can withdraw and makes make more vacancies. And contrary to the kind of harmony one might expect in a meeting of that type, a GOP convention could rekindle the hostilities that have haunted the party for several years.

Outside of the governor's race, there are really no dramatic confrontations in the offing. That's why many observers were disappointed when Helen Delinch Bentley decided not to run for Senate, because they were licking their chops over the prospect of a Bentley-Barbara Mikulski super-cat fight.

Some familiar names reappeared without much fanfare, like former Sen. Joseph D. Tydings, running for the Democrats' mini-convention, and Tom Anderson, who led the entire GOP ticket in 1970 when he ran for attorney general under Stanley Blair. He is now seeking readmission to the State Senate.

And how about the Gloria Swanson-like comeback attempt of Hervey Machen, who decided to take on Gladys Spellman for the Democratic nomination to regain the congressional seat Hogan took from him in 1968.

Big names or no names, it was gratifying to see such a melting pot of Maryland lining up to run for office.

Maybe there weren't the 1,300 candidates anticipated for the statewide and regional races, but there were 890 men and women, young and old, from every neighborhood in the running.

It's kind of a tribute to Maryland that in the wake of Watergate, the state refuses to tar and feather — or bury — politicians just because they are part of the system.

In the voting booth, they're on their own.

Adair receives award, files for House seat

BALTIMORE — Carl Adair, businessman, educator and politician, has received another honor in connection with his interests in Liberia.

This time it is a certificate marked distinction for service rendered through the African Methodist Church in the West Africa country and presented by Bishop Frank Madison Reid, presiding prelate of the 14th Episcopal District in Monrovia.

This citation came about a year after Adair was presented the honorary doctorate of humane letters at Monrovia College during a visit to Liberia.

On the same day that he received the latest Liberian citation, Adair, joined by U.S. Senator Charles McC. Mathias, Archie Jones, GOP city chairman; Dr. Leroy Fitzgerald and Dr. Enlo F. Roundtree, filed as candidate for the Maryland House of Delegates from the city's 41st district.

Jones said the Republican candidacy of Adair would offer to the district a fresh breath of air and a common sense approach to the problems of state and local government by an independent and unbossed spokesman for the people.

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Adair, former dean of students at Coppin State College, operates Amoco stations at North and McCulloh Sts. and at Greenmount and 25th St. He is a member of the Amoco Oil Company's advisory council.

Adair also holds the honorary doctorate of law from Morris College in Sumpter, S.C., was named an outstanding young man of America in 1966, chosen alumnus of the year by Virginia State College in 1967 and was listed in Who's Who in the Black World in 1968.

CARL M. ADAIR

Mrs. Grace D. Briggs was Payne Memorial member

Funeral services for Mrs. Grace Dorsey Briggs, 71, were held Thursday at Payne Memorial AME Church, where she was an usher for 50 years.

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Mrs. Briggs who lived at 501 Dolphin St., died July 8 at Provident Hospital after an extended illness.

The Rev. W. P. Mitchell, minister of the church officiated, assisted by the Rev. Marion Bascom. Music was by the church choir.

Mrs. Briggs, a member of an old Maryland family, was born May 29, 1903, the daughter of Mrs. Louise Dorsey, still active at age 88, and the late John H. Dorsey.

She grew up in Howard County, came to Baltimore as a teenager and was a graduate of the old Colored High School.

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Mrs. Briggs was married twice. Her first husband, the late Otha L. Davis Sr., died in 1947, and her second husband, the late Edmond Briggs, died in 1966.

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Survivors in addition to her mother, include three sons, Otha Davis Jr., John Davis, Harold Davis, all of Baltimore; nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; a brother, James T. Dorsey, the Prince Hall Masonic leader and businessman; two sisters, Mrs. Elaine Nash of Philadelphia, Mrs. Louise Sanders; two daughters-in-law, Mrs. Edna Davis, Mrs. Fannie Davis; and son-in-law, Edward Sanders.

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Burial was in National Cemetery.

Community school courses

Free educational and recreational programs have been scheduled by Baltimore's Community School Program. Classes for youths, 5 through 21, are to be held in the areas of the arts, athletics, and business.

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Featuring as part of Baltimore Shakespeare Festival is also the Taming of the Shrew at the same location, Sept. 14 and 15.

The public is invited. Admission is free.

Tunnel police cars get warning device

Five Baltimore Harbor Tunnel police cars have recently been equipped with a new device which will help to warn motorists of traffic difficulties on the Tunnel Thruway.

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The new device is called a Vu-Control and is attached to the tops of the police cars. It consists of two rotating lights, one red and one blue and a four-foot directional arrow which can be lighted.

The Vu-Control can be raised to 2 maximum height of seven feet above the car to ensure its visibility to oncoming motorists.

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The purpose of the arrow is to advise motorists of traffic problems on the Tunnel Thruway and to direct them away from the area of difficulty. The arrow can direct motorists to the right, left or both sides of the police car.

Morgan prof. named to state board

Dr. Broadus E. Sawyer, chairman of the department of economics and business at Morgan State College, has been appointed by Maryland Governor Marvin Mandel to the Board of Building, Savings and Loan Association Commissioners.

He fills the unexpired term of four years vacated by David Sigel.

A member of the Morgan faculty since 1950, Dr. Sawyer received the MBA degree from the University of Pennsylvania and the Ph.D. degree from New York University. He is also a certified public accountant.

Provident technician for course

Miss Myra Owens, staff x-ray technician at Provident Hospital, has been selected to participate in the Health Careers Summer Program at the Harvard Summer School in Cambridge Mass. from July 1 to Aug. 3.

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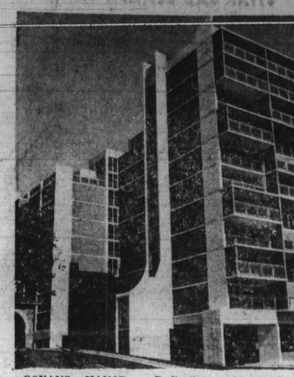

GOVANS MANOR — Dedication and opening ceremonies for the over $4 million Govans Manor for the disabled and elderly were performed by Mayor Schaefer Monday. The 11-story housing project is air-conditioned and fully heated and there are several features designed for the comfort and safety of its residents.

Military rites honor servicemen, women

From now through autumn the Armed Forces expects to be called upon for an unusual number of military funerals of deceased veterans.

Survivors who wish to arrange for last rites may contact Fort Meade officials at 667-6361 by day and 677-4311 or 677-4522 by night.

Every month Fort Meade burial detail teams composed of personnel from Headquarters Command and the 42nd Transportation Battalion render the final honors to men and women who have served in the military.

As an Official Casualty Commander for counties in West Virginia, Delaware, Virginia and Maryland, Fort Meade has the responsibility of providing pallbearers, a firing squad, a bugler, and sometimes a chaplain for military funerals held in this area.

From mapping out routes to calculating the tolls, it's quite a complex operation.

Fort Meade has approximately five burial teams consisting of men from the 661st Transportation Company, 581st Light Maintenance Company, 414th Signal Company and Headquarters Company, United States Army Garrison.

A full military funeral requires approximately 15 soldiers, seven for the firing squad, plus the bugler, pallbearers and the NCO in charge.

Not all military funerals have the complete contingent of the team. It all depends on the deceased's military service.

A person dying while on active duty would receive full honors including pallbearers, while a veteran would have the firing squad and bugler. Each case is different.

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Miss Fernandez was a nurse

A requiem mass was held Tuesday for Miss Mary Fernandez at St. Gregory The Great Catholic Church.

Miss Fernandez died Friday at her home. Miss Fernandez of 1800 block N. Mount St., was a graduate of St. Agnes Nursing School.

She was the last survivor of the original four black nurses who were accepted for Public Health in the Baltimore City Health Department under sponsorship of Dr. B. M. Rhetta in 1920.

Miss Fernandez gave nursing service in elementary schools, clinics and made home visits to patients in Eastern, Druid and Southern health districts until her retirement on Sept. 1, 1956.

She is survived by a son, Eugene A. Briscoe of Denver, Colorado; two grandchildren, Michael and Diane Briscoe; two sisters, Miss Julia Fernandez of Atlantic City, N.J. and Mrs. Sarah Diggs of Baltimore.

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Kids lose cut on strike jobs

By Bill Rhoden

Some 300 Baltimore Summer Youth Corps enrollees will be temporarily out of work as a result of the three-day-old strike by 2,000 of the city's sanitation, sewer and highway workers.

Mrs. Marion Pines, director of the Mayor's Office of Manpower Resources, said Wednesday that the "temporary furlough" of all summer youth corps enrollees at worksites affected by the strike would be necessary "as a safety precaution.

"All youths will be re-assigned to their sites after the strike is over," she said, adding that these teens furloughed should listen for public service announcements as to when to return to work.

Mrs. Pine said that the time which is lost now will be made up when the strike is resolved.

"Payroll checks due enrollees for the time worked prior to their furlough will be mailed to enrollees homes," she added.

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But there is a big question as to when the strike will end. During a Board of Estimates meeting Wednesday, Mayor Schaefer told reporters that he doesn't "see an early end" to the dispute.

Workers went on strike Monday after rejecting a proposed 6 per cent package offered by the city. The contract had been ratified by union officials June 28 but was never signed. Although the mayor admitted that no signature had been placed on the city's offer, he said that "there was no question about the contract."

City Labor Commissioner Robert Hilman amplified the mayor's comments and said "in labor law agreements are reached whether they are signed or not.

"As far as I'm concerned, this strike represents a breakdown of the collective bargaining process," Hilman added.

The 6 per cent package rejected by the street workers is the same package offered and accepted by city nurses, firemen, teachers and clerical workers.

But the city's policemen have rejected the offer and are asking for substantial rate increases.

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Both the mayor and the labor commissioner warned workers earlier this week that if they did not return to work within the next couple of days, their jobs would be filled by other applicants.

Hillman said, "We are going out to fire people for the sake of firing people.

"We are trying to hire new employees to haul out the garbage," he said adding that many striking employees would be out of jobs because "you can't hire workers without promising permanent employment.

James Lancey Jr. was known as 'Yam'

Funeral services will be held for James Edward Yancey Jr. tomorrow (Saturday) at the Powell Funeral Home, 319 North Schroder St.

Mr. Yancey, who was known throughout West Baltimore aw "Yam", died July 8 in the Loch Raven Veteran's Hospital. He was 57.

The son of the late James and Olivia Yancey, he was born in Baltimore on January 6, 1917. He attended the public schools here and was graduated from the Colored Vocational School where he had learned the trade of shoe repairing.

Mr. Yancey enjoyed sports and played on the old Mt. Vernon and the Royal Dukes softball teams.

He is survived by his wodow, Mrs. Laura Yancey; five children, grandchildren, three brothers and other close relatives.

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