FOUND INNOCENT—Mrs. Marguerite Lightner, wife of Raleigh's Mayor Clarence Lightner (L), refuses to give an interview after she was found innocent of charges of conspiring to receive and dispose of stolen goods. (UPI Telephoto)

School appointments need City Council OK

The Executive Nominations Committee will forward its decisions on the appointments of School Commissioners Grover L. McCrea, Norman P. Ramsey, David E. Sloan and Howard E. Marshall to the City Council Monday, Feb. 3.

Hearings were conducted by the committee in the Council Chambers, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

It is expected that each member will receive favorable report from the committee which includes Mrs. Victorine Adams, Allen Soector, Dominic Leone, Frank Heintz and Dominic Di Pietro.

A variety of questions on school problems was presented to the appointees including the performance and future of Dr. Roland N. Patterson, school superintendent.

Mr. Sloan said, "I have a great deal of respect and admiration for Dr. Patterson. He is a tough man handling a very tough job."

Mr. Marshall, questioned if he is satisfied with the present school system, replied, "No. It is very necessary to improve the caliber of students who come out of school but it won't be an easy task."

After the board members' appointments are confirmed, they will serve until Dec. 31, 1980 when their terms expire.

Schools safety group plans Feb. 6 meeting

The newly-formed Commission on Safety in Our Schools (SOS) sponsored by the United Teaching Profession in Maryland will meet Thursday, Feb. 6.

Charles H. Wheatley, executive secretary of the Maryland State Teachers Association, has been appointed executive director of SOS Commission by Karl Boone, president of the Public School Teachers Association in Baltimore City. Wheatley will coordinate plans for the initial session of the group whose members represent a broad segment of community interests.

SOS is the nucleus of Project Educational Neglect in Baltimore City and is charged with identifying causes and developing solutions for the problems which have resulted in crime and violent disruptions in the city's schools and classrooms.

Project Neglect, a nationwide effort by the National Education Association to eliminate specific causes of educational insufficiencies in given areas of the country, was launched here about three weeks ago when Boone joined with MSTA President Betsy Moyer and NEA President James A. Harris to solicit public, civic and governmental support to halt crime in the schools.

In an effort to restore an atmosphere conducive to learning in the public schools, Boone, acting on behalf of the teaching profession, called upon representatives of civic, governmental and community groups to assume membership on the commission.

"The response has been excellent," Boone said, adding that another facet of the program, the Project Neglect Hot Line, "has also proved successful and we would hope that there will be even further utilization of this service as we progress."

Fire protection seminar

A seminar on fire standards under the Maryland Occupational Safety and Health Act will be conducted by the Safety Council of Maryland on Tuesday, Feb. 4, 8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m., in Towson.

Registration fee of $20 includes lunch, coffee and Danish, afternoon refreshments and student materials. Registrations can be made by calling the safety council at 462-6678.

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City to get $2 million to fight crime this year

Baltimore City is eligible for a total of $2.2 million in crime fighting funds during 1975 under the State's Comprehensive Criminal Justice Improvement Plan.

The plan seeks approval of a block grant to the State of $10.2 million in funds from the Federal Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA).

The Plan outlines major problem areas in the State's criminal justice system, five-year and long range plans for improving the system and a 1975 funding program to begin meeting Plan objectives.

Of the total $10.2 million requested for State and local government, $1,083,000 is in special Part E funds, which may be used for correctional purposes only. These funds have been allocated to State-level agencies having specific responsibilities in the corrections area, and are planned for use in the continued development of community correctional facilities and other adult and juvenile offender programs.

The remaining $9,305,000 is in Part C funds, available for improving all areas of the criminal justice system, including police, courts, corrections, and juvenile delinquency prevention and control.

State agencies have been allocated $2,905,000 in Part C funds; the remaining $6,400,000 has been allocated to local units of government.

The $2,240,000 available for Baltimore City will be used to fund new criminal justice and law enforcement programs as well as to provide continued support for a variety of currently-funded projects.

Among major new programming efforts anticipated for Baltimore City is a Crime Specific project aimed at reducing juvenile crime.

Under the Crime Specific concept, an intensive planning process in undertaken and specific projects are designed to impact on the problems identified.

Funds are also planned for efforts designed to upgrade the operations of the City's juvenile court, and to develop a public employment program for juvenile under supervision of the Department of Juvenile Services.

An additional juvenile project is planned which would involve local community participation in programs whereby youths may be diverted, provide restitution, or provide alternative public service depending on the nature of the offense and circumstances of the case.

In the police area, funds are planned for development of a civilian auxiliary unit and to obtain protective body vests for patrol officers.

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FIJI ASSIGNMENT — Peace Corps volunteer Larry Goodwin (R), of Los Angeles, Calif., explains the operation of an offset press to an apprentice at Fiji's Government Printing Department. Goodwin, 37, a journeyman printer with 10 years of experience, is in his second year of training Fiji government apprentices in offset printing. Earlier, he trained printing apprentices in the African nation of Lesotho.

Scott's 26-point plan aimed to end disorder

School Commissioner W. Eugene Scott has completed his report on investigations of violence and disorder in the city's junior high schools.

Dr. Scott in a 16-page, handwritten report proposes a 26-point plan that would curtail disciplinary problems.

The proposals are based on hearings he conducted with administrators and teachers in 11 junior high schools.

Contained in the plan are two special schools for disruptive pupils that Dr. Scott states would not require additional city or state funding. "Schools under-utilized could provide the necessary space and staffing could be obtained from the regional offices," said Scott.

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The issuing of identification cards would help determine students who are trespassers in the schools, classrooms and hallways.

The Department of Social Services, Juvenile Services and the Baltimore City Police Department in a joint effort would provide sociologists and psychologists for mental health services.

Although, Dr. Scott previously favored armed security officers, the issue was excluded from the plan.

Instead, he questioned the exact duties of the officers and suggested that they be allowed to arrest students as a deterrent for disruptive behavior.

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Dr. Roland N. Patterson, school superintendent and other board members have withheld comment until the plan is presented in an open meeting.

It is expected that the presentation will come at the next scheduled meeting after the one on Thursday, Jan. 30 which will be devoted to the desegregation plan.

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Other proposals in the Scott plan are:

Slightly greater percentages of the wages being negotiated by the teacher unions for those in inner city schools. If the salary boost is 5½ per cent, the inner city teacher would get 5 5/8 per cent all others would get 5 per cent.

Students placed on disciplinary removal (1 to 3 days) would only be re-instated with an accompanying parent. If after that time, the child does not return, he would be declared truant and the parent would have to pay a $50 a day fine.

A uniform tardiness rule to be formulated by the board members.

Mrs. Elgin Baylor granted divorce

Los Angeles (UPI)—Mrs. Ruby Baylor was granted a divorce Monday from former Los Angeles Laker Basketball great Elgin Baylor.

An attorney for Mrs. Baylor said the couple will divide community property valued at $400,000.

Baylor, 40, now an assistant coach with the New Orleans Jazz NBA team, was ordered to pay $650 monthly in support for their two children, Alan, 14, and Allison, 10.

Mrs. Baylor, 35, works for the Los Angeles City Department of Urban Development.

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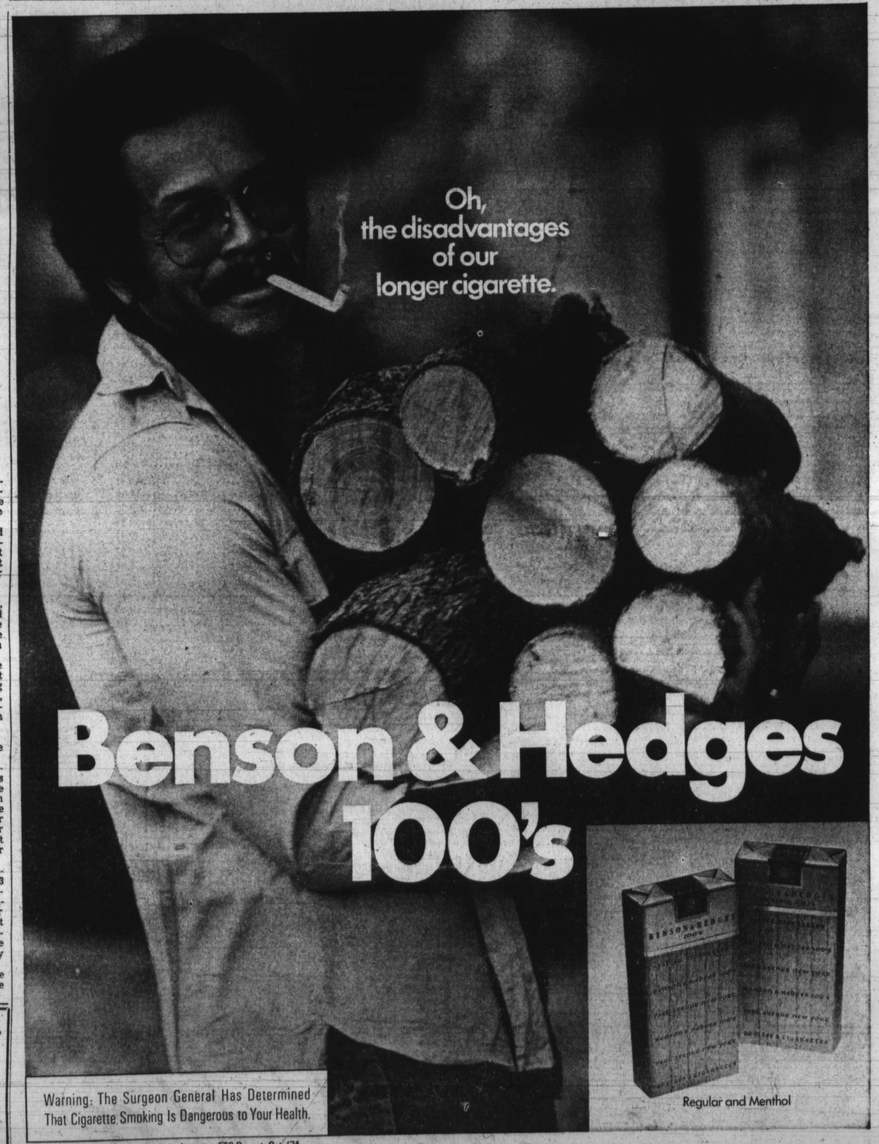

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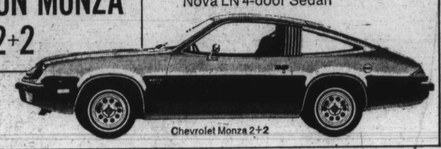
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