Police seek arsonists in Uplands project fires

The Arson Squad of the Police Department and the City Fire Department are taking a joint investigation into the recent series of weekend trash fires at the Uplands Apartments project where more than 400 tenants are on strike.

The most recent of the suspicious fires was set last Monday in the projects community center which houses a children's day-care center, according to police.

Lt.Colonel James A. Watkins, commander of Western and Northwestern Districts, told the AFRO Monday's fire was discovered at 3:30 a.m. The fire, police records show, was started with gasoline and rags but burned out or had been extinguished before it was discovered.

Lt-Colonel Watkins said as a precautionary measure police have been detailed in the area. Five fires which police suspect were arson were set last weekend.

Refusing to speculate who are responsible for the arson, Lt.-Colonel Watkins said "We are definitely on top of the situation. The fire has been de-escalated almost to the point of non-existence."

Mrs. Kay Boyd, spokesman for the tenants, while condemning the fires told the AFRO, "I don't know who is responsible for the fires but I know the tenants are not. We have been fighting for over a year to live here not to burn it."

The federal government has approved an 18 per cent increase in rent which has been the object of protest by the tenants.

Last week Judge Alexander Harvey 2nd, in the United States District Court, ruled that HUD pay half of the 18 per cent increase for 424 tenants. The federal court order could cost HUD more than $100,000 a year at Uplands.

However, in a separate court, more than 300 Uplands tenants were told in a Housing Court last week to pay a 9 per cent rent increase if they were named in the federal order, or pay 18 per cent if they were not.

Children's summer day camp set June 23

This year's Church of the Redeemer-Martin Luther King Day Camp will be held five days a week for six weeks, beginning June 23 to August 1. The hours are from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Seen as an opportunity to reach out and serve the community the program affords children the chance to participate in several activities including sports, games and crafts.

Half of the youngsters are bused to the Church of the Redeemer grounds from the Lafayette-Douglass inner city housing projects. Their tuition is contributed by the Martin Luther King Parent-Child Center, the Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development and the Church.

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The tuition ranges from $5 a week to $15 a week with group rates available to encourage car pools of neighborhood children.

Other children will come from the North Baltimore area.

The children are usually divided into smaller groups according to ages. Teachers are recruited as counselors and teenaged volunteers are also on hand to help.

An additional benefit of the program is a large food budget that allows for a substantial lunch every day.

"We have a cook on the staff and the children are sometimes introduced to new foods. Sitting together in a group like this sometimes they'll even eat things they've always said they didn't like," Mrs. Mary Whitehead, director of the camp, said.

The youngsters also enjoy movies, ride a fleet of bikes, and take occasional "field trips." Last year the children visited the city Zoo, Baltimore Transportation Museum, the Constellation, Charles Center, Lake Roland, a farm, and Cylburn.

"Just being out in the open spaces is a big thing for some of the city kids," noted Mrs. Whitehead. "They also get a chance to compare their experiences with children raised in the suburbs."

The camp began six years ago when concerned parishioners and staff of the Church of the Redeemer expressed a desire to use the facilities of the Church during the summer when other programs are not in session.

A Day Camp Program was seen as an opportunity to "reach out" and serve the community. And so, for the past 5 years Redeemer's grounds and buildings have resounded with the shouts, squeals, stories and songs of youngsters ranging in age 5 through 8.

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Mondawmin Council opposes bid to build restaurant

The Greater Mondawmin Coordinating Council voted unanimously against rezoning an acre of Mondawmin Shopping Center's parking lot that would permit building a McDonald Hamburger Drive-In Restaurant.

The vote was taken at the Monday meeting held at Douglass High School.

An ordinance was introduced in the City Council May 19th by Councilman Dr. Emerson Julian to re-zone a portion of the parking lot from Business 2 (B2) to Business 3 (B3), which lis the required zoning classification to build this kind of "Fast food" facility.

State Senator Verda F. Welcome, a resident in the community and a member of several neighborhood associations that surround the shopping center, said this will be the third time a "fast food chain" has tried to build a drive-in facility in Mondawmin that would be separated from main buildings.

She offered the full services of her office to work against the passing of the ordinance.

Other members commenting on Councilman Julian's ordinance stated this kind of food operation would have a terrible impact on the surrounding community. It would be another "hang out" for young people with all kinds of happenings on the parking lot.

With Douglass High School "across the street," the situation at Mondawmin Shopping Center would get worse.

It is believed the real problem for the neighborhood would be at at night and weekends, especially Saturday night and Sunday afternoon.

It was also indicated that this "spot zoning" would be a precedent to open all kinds of nuisance businesses on other parts of the less used Mondawmin parking area.

Several speakers expressed amazement at Councilman Dr. Julian sponsoring such a bill.

Special guests at the meeting were high police officials in the Northern, Northwestern and Western Police Dilstricts. They were Colonel James Watkins, Area Commander, and the Commanding Officers of the Northwestern and Western Police Districts.

Lt. Col. Watkins and his associates spoke on techniques neighbors may use to protect their community. In responding to several questions on the fears of exposing oneself to harrasament and injury by "being the one" to call the police, Col. Watkins repeated several times that you do not have to give your name and address.

His advice is to call the police even when you observe trouble starting. The police would rather "prevent a crime" than to come when the damage has been done.

Also present was Earl

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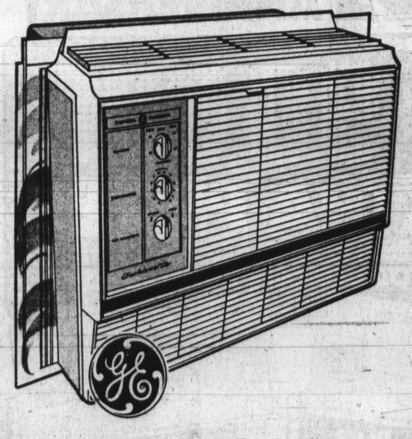

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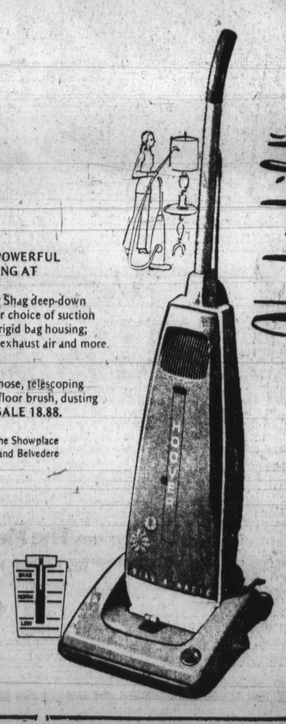

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CONVENTION MEMORIES of the 1975 gathering in Baltimore at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church on the Eastside included these photos by J. D. Howard from left, the Revs. Clarence Poole, Dr. George A. Crawley, Dr. Julian Price; the two presidents, Mrs. Mary E. Harrington, head of the Baptist Women and the Rev. C. C. Alexander, happy at re-election for a 2-year term; Dr. Eddie O. Wilson, Dr. E. Walter Paige and Mrs. Celia McLeod receiving a presentation from Mrs. Minnie Crofton.

It's Always Fair Weather When Md. Baptists Get Together

The 49th Annual Convention-1975

MRS. VIRGINIA L. BROWN, historian and guest; Mrs. Atwood Hargrove, president; the Revs. Arthur Benn, Eugene Carter, James Covington and Dr. Montague Brackett; the Rev. James Gray and Dr. Charles Franklin.

The United Baptist Missionary Convention and Auxiliaries of Maryland assembled 3,000 strong last week for the 49th Annual Session.

The 4-day event at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in East Baltimore witnessed delegates present from 105 churches in cities throughout the state.

The Rev. Clifford M. Johnson, pastor of Mt. Pleasant and his congregation were hosts. Highlights included the reelection of all officers with the Rev. C. C. Johnson, returned as head of the main body and Mrs. Mary E. Harrington as head of the Women's Auxiliary.

Another highlight was the resolution adopted to support the superintendent of the Baltimore Public Schools, Dr. Roland N. Patterson, a member of New Shiloh Baptist Church.

LOVELY LADIES from across the state of Maryland were in session during the convention to solve the problems of women in general and church women. Mrs. Mary Harrington was returned to office to head the important division of the assembly.

REV. CLIFFORD JOHNSON — MRS. CLIFFORD JOHNSON — REV. WILLARD E. CLAYTON — REV. WILLIAM H. MILLS — MRS. ALICE RICE — REV. LORENZO GRAVES — REV. E. JERRY WILLIAMS — REV. J. E. REDD — DR. MATTHEW SILVER — DR. WALTER E. PAIGE — REV. DR. HAROLD CARTER — MRS. R. MOSES WILLIAMS

REV. A. J. PAYNE (right) dean of all Baptist ministers and the Rev. William Johnson.

BEFORE THE FINAL SESSION — Mrs. C. C. Alexander, wife of the president; Mrs. Walter W. Paige, liaison officer; Dr. Myra L. Taylor, publicist; Miss Helen V. Benton, coordinator; Mrs. Laura C. Whitfield, parliamentarian; the Rev. A. C. D. Vaughn, Dr. R. Moses Williams, the Rev. Mark Reddix Willie Williams, Mrs. Sarah Hawkins, Mrs. Laura Giles, Rev. Vernon Dobson.

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