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205 Regional Advisory Council members receive awards

"We must move together to bring about an effective educational program," Dr. John L. Crew, interim superintendent for the city schools made this statement Jan. 28 as he spoke before a sea of faces at the second annual Regional Council banquet.

"Education must be rewarding to the recipient," he added.

The affair at Lake Clifton Sr. High honored 205 members of the Regional Advisory Council (RAC) on the first anniversary of its inception.

The theme "Together" was evident at the buffet in the lavishly decorated cafeteria.

RAC members and school officials from all nine regions chatted freely throughout the evening.

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Dr. Crew praised the council and referred to its efforts as "truly effective." He also said RAC has been effective in seeing to the total education of the student.

Mark Joseph, School Board president, was also a key speaker.

Joseph applauded the organization he termed "the heart of the community."

"Our business is education," he said as he pointed to the council as the school system's sounding board, support system and critics.

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Dr. Paul L. Vance, deputy superintendent of executive matters, presided.

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The Rev. Lovell Parham pastor, Ames Memorial United Methodist Church gave invocation.

After dinner, Mrs. Elsie Williams and Mrs. Fleurice Schwarzkopf, both RAC members gave impressions of the council.

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Mrs. Williams, chairperson of the group in Region 7, has been with the program since the beginning.

As she related the council's brief history, Mrs. Williams noted the most important function is the "caring of the total child."

Mrs. Schwarzkopf, who has been a member of RAC for a shortime, agreed with Mrs. Williams. She, like Mrs. Williams, said the biggest change that could take place in the council is to hold elections in the spring so the new officers can plan for the following school year.

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School Board members and regional superintendents awarded RAC members with certificates.

Among the persons present at the affair were the school commissioners, the regional superintendents and staff and members of the administrative staff of the school system.

WASHINGTON — The first bureau of labor statistics in the world was created by the state of Massachusetts in 1869. By 1883, 12 states had followed Massachusetts' example.

DR. JOHN CREW, interim superintendent and Mark Joseph, School Board president, stand with chairpersons of the Regional Advisory Council at a banquet Jan. 28 honoring the Council's first anniversary. (L to R) Mrs. Dorothy Nash, Region 5; Mrs. Queenie Robinson, Region 2; Mrs. Lucille Gorham, Region 2; Mark Joseph; Dr. Crew; Mrs. Jean Snyder, Region 3; Mrs. Gloria Turnquist, Region 9; Jack Oldham, Region 4; Mrs. Elise Williams, Region 7; Mrs. Pat Sacks, Region 5; Mrs. Anne Jackson, Region 8; Mrs. Dorothy Gaskins, Region 6 and Mrs. Juanita Wilson, Region 1.

State 'bare bones' proposal cuts all requests for school construction

ANNAPOLIS (UPI) — In a partial retreat from a state policy of funding all public school construction, school construction officials Wednesday released a bare bones proposal for funding discal 1977 projects worked out under a new set of state guidelines.

The Interagency committee for State Public School Construction approved only 61 projects at $247 million.

The proposal represents a delay of all school modernization projects as well as strict guidelines to limit new schools to those replacing hopelessly obsolete buildings or schools that are badly overcrowded.

No auditoriums, administrative buildings, gymnasiums or art and music rooms were allowed under the fiscal 1977 guidelines adopted in November by the Board of Public Works.

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Scores of local officials turned out at the Nov. 5 hearing to protest the policy and more are expected to appear at the Feb. 25 meeting when appeals of the decisions will be considered.

The program, which has funded more than $1 billion in school construction since its 1971 inception, has met hard times as Gov. Mandel has reduced capital expenditures to brake spiraling state borrowing and maintain the states AAA-bond rating.

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The program also was clouded by the indictment of its former head, Alford R. Skip" Carey for alleged embezzlement of state funds. Carey subsequently pleaded guilty to two counts of the 51-count indictment and was sentenced to three years in prison.

Leo J. Ritter, the current head of the program, noted that during the "controlled pause" in the program, a blue-ribbon commission will review the fiscal direction of the program which was plagued by construction costs higher than anticipated at its inception.

The panel is chaired by State Treasurer William S. James, who has expressed concern over the rapid growth in state borrowing brought on by the program.

Baltimore received tentative approval for 14 of 36 projects it sought: Baltimore County for four of 32, Anne Arundel for four of 12, Montgomery for four of 24 Prince Georges for six of 36.

Allegany County received exactly what it asked in getting permission for five projects of five sought and Worcester received one of one. The IAC approved no proposals for Garrett, Kent, Talbot and Wicomico Counties, although Kent asked for none.

Calvert received one of 13, Caroline one of two, Carroll one of 12, Cecil one of four, Charles three of 12, Dorchester one of six, Frederick one of five, Harford four of 14, Howard two of 13, Queen Annes one of two, St. Marys three of 12, Somerset two of seven and Washington two of six.

QUICK WORK OF A TWO-ALARMER —Baltimore City firefighters made quick work of a two-alarm blaze that broke out in the 500 block of N. Woodyear St. Tuesday night just before 9. AFRO staff photographer Roman Hankewycz arrived on the scene just minutes after the second alarm was sounded to find the fire well under control as seen here.

Accountant pleads guilty to embezzlement of $16,343

A father of three children pleaded guilty in Baltimore County Circuit to embezzling $16,343.90 from a company where he worked as an accountant and bookkeeper.

Judge Marvin J. Land will impose sentence after he receives a presentence report on Wayne Merrick paid back $4,500 to the Mosher St.

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Assistant State's Attorney Steven J. Scheinin told the court Merrick was employed for Allied Control Sales and within three months after he got the job, he was given the responsibilities of bookkeeper and accountant.

The prosecutor said Merrick was allowed to co-sign company checks.

When he was hired by the company in January 1974, he was a part time student at University of Baltimore.

Court records state there was a complete audit of all employees in the corporation for any possible criminal activity but there was none found.

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The result of the audit showed money was missing from the company. Merrick paid back $4,500 to the company and insurance covered all but $1,000 of the remaining losses.

According to court records, when Merrick was laid off in January 1975 he was earning $11,000 a year.

A spokesman for the company told the court, "He (Merrick) could have done well financially in the corporation because there was a lot of opportunity for him there."

MONROVIA — A two-man Chinese team of experts is in Monrovia to hold discussions with government officials on the implementation of the industrialized free zone projects as a result of the agreement signed by the minister of commerce and the Chinese ambassador to Liberia.

At the end of two weeks of discussions in Monrovia, another team comprising engineers is expected to arrive in Liberia in 1976 to formulate ideas on the phasing of the engineering work for the site preparation.

Ministeries participating in these talks include commerce, planning, finance and justice and the Liberian Development Corporation.

MORGUE ATTENDANTS take the body from 1301 Shellbank Rd. as Southern District officers stand by.

Hubble case gets special attention

BALTIMORE (UPI) — The Supreme Bench Wednesday voted to accept a petition by States Attorney William A. Swisher seeking a special prosecutor to evaluate a report on the official conduct of Circuit Court No. 2 Clerk John D. Hubble.

Chief Judge Anselm Sodaro said the matter has been referred to the Committee of Criminal Court Judges, which is expected to make its recommendation of a nominee to the full bench for appointment.

Hubble has been accused of neglecting official court duties and instead spending much time in his real estate business and political activities.

Promoted by news reports, three attorneys made a report on Hubble and forwarded it to Swisher's office.

However, Swisher asked for appointment of the special prosecutor, saying he could not handle the matter because of personal friendship and political association with Hubble.

The report, by three lawyers appointed by the Supreme Bench judges, was instigated by reports Hubble devoted much of his time to political efforts and some resources of his office to his real estate business.

Hubble's political campaign was trounced by Mayor Schaefer in the September Primary Elections.

Collector slain in Cherry Hill

Homicide police are seeking a ski-mask-wearing gunman who shot and killed a 59-year-old collector for a downtown clothing & appliance store in a Cherry Hill home last Tuesday.

Police said the apparent robbery try victim, Isadore Sherman, 9900 block Cervine Lane, Randallstown, was pronounced dead at the scene. He was shot once in the right cheek, according to police.

Investigators report the Charles Fish and Sons, Inc., employee was checking an account in the 1300 block Shell Bank Rd., at about 2:40 p.m. when he met a resident of the house and a neighbor and, together the three went into a home.

Police are unsure but they suspect the gunman was either waiting in the house or was following the three into the house. Police state Mr. Sherman was hit as they arrived in the house.

Police revealed they found the victim's wallet but refused to say if it were empty.

Southern District police responding to a call for shots found Mr. Sherman lying in the first floor living room of the two-storey townhouse.

What's taking place around the schools

Staff and the Parent-Teachers Association (PTA) of Woodhome Elementary School stress community involvement in school programs.

In a recent newsletter a need for parent supervision and help in the classroom was requested. Russ Atwood PTA president urged more fathers to become active in the organization.

Fathers with free time two or more Tuesdays a month between 2-3 p.m. are needed to help with the newly formed furniture group. Parents are also needed on Tuesdays at the same time to help and supervise arts and crafts activities.

Information on these programs may be obtained by calling the school office at 396-6398.

MRS. BROWN HONORED

A banquet attended by community and education leaders was held Jan. 30 to honor Mrs. Ola Brown the first woman school engineer in Maryland and possibly the nation on her retirement after a 30-year career in the city schools.

Mrs. Brown who spent the last six years at Hollins Square Elementary School, performed far more than her regular job, by helping in any way she could, according to school liaison worker, Ms. Margaret Talley.

"If a substitute teacher was needed or if someone was needed to help out in the office, she was there," said Ms. Talley.

Ms. Talley added that the school system was Mrs. Brown's life and the children were her family.

MR. KING NAMED

Brian T. King, a junior at Southwestern High has been selected to travel to Chicago for the 20th International Edison Birthday Celebration Feb. 10-12.

Because of his excellence in science, Brian will join 400 students and teachers nation-wide plus visitors from 10 foreign countries in a program that will feature seminars and tours.

BICEN CONTEST

The Bicentennial Committee for Educational Projects is sponsoring a contest for students in grades 9-12 throughout Maryland, the District of Columbia and the other 12 original states.

The contest titled, "Black and the Revolution", challenges students to uncover information about the role of black persons in Revolutionary history. Their findings may be expressed in art, music, writings and crafts.

The deadline for entries is March 1. Contest guidelines have been mailed to the area schools.

EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Walbrook Sr. High is participating in the American Field Service Exchange Program again this year.

Andrew Maina from Nairobi, Kenya, is 17 years old and a senior. He will be spending one year as a student at Walbrook.

Andrew hopes to major in science and to become an Electrical Engineer.

COLLEGE TEST

There are two more dates remaining in the school year to take the Scholastic Achievement Test (SAT) and the American College Test (ACT).

The SAT will be given April 3 and June 5, with registration due in by Feb. 27 and April 30. For the ACT, registration is due in by Feb. 16 for testing on April 10 and by April 12 for testing on June 12. The cost for taking SAT is $6.40 and $7.50 for ACT.

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