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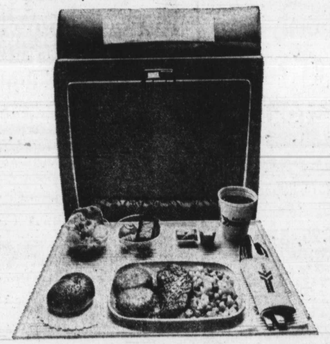

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What's taking place around the schools

The United Teachers of Baltimore City (UTBC) announced Tuesday that after extensive arbitration, an agreement was reached on the interpretation of salary steps for classroom aides.

According to Mrs. Loretta Johnson, UTBC spokesperson the dispute centered around the definition of the para-professional step system. She stated the teachers' union argued that the aides should be allowed to advance to the proper step equal with their years of experience.

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The city's stand, said Mrs. Johnson, was that if a para-professional has seven years experience and is currently at step four, he must go to the fifth step and not to the sixth which is the basis of UTBC's argument.

Arbitrator Ronald A. Leahy after weighing the extensive and detailed testimony stated that UTBC's interpretation was a correct one.

School Celebration

Lafayette Elementary School celebrated the Bicentennial Nation Brotherhood Week and Afro-American History Month with speakers and assemblies.

The program began Feb. 12 with a combined third and fourth grade assembly which featured noted radio personality Isaiah Fletcher. The remainder of the calender included, Cong. Parren J. Mitchell and Judge Joseph Howard speaking to fourth and fifth, sixth graders on Tuesday, a gospel singers performance on Wednesday; Ms. Mary Claxborne of radio station WWIN along with a Bicentennial program on Thursday and the Lafayette Modern Dance Troupe today, Friday.

Education Program

"Our nation is two hundred years old, Black History is celebrating its fiftieth anniversary, and the organization I represent is also in its fiftieth year," noted Ms. Delores Winston of the local chapter of Phi Delta Kappa national education sorority.

In honoring the three milestones and in emphasizing the significant contributions blacks have made to American history, Phi Delta Kappa held annual education program wednesday at Rosemont Elementary School.

The highlight of the presentation was a performance of songs, dances, choral speaking, and dramatization by students from Douglass Senior High High School.

Reading Emphasis Program

What happens to the student who gets to senior high school without the reading skills necessary to compete in the required subject areas? Acting Principal William Anderson of Patterson Senior High School has worked with his staff to provide a reading thrust for between 80 and 100 of these students in the 10th grade.

Students with regular attendance records who are having trouble in the major academic areas because of poor reading skills will be asked in mid-February to become part of the school within a school reading emphasis.

The effort will consist of one teacher from each of the four major subject areas and one reading teacher serving as team leader and consultant.

Man convicted of second degree murder

A 21-year-old man was sentenced to 25 years in prison for killing the man who robbed him.

Criminal Court Judge Martin B. Greenfeld imposed sentence Feb. 17 on Garner Fallin Jr., 2200 block W. Fayette St.

Fallin pleaded guilty to second degree murder in the shooting of Edward L. Ingram, 27, 2200 block Booth St.

Court records state Ingram, also known as "Stink," used a shotgun to rob Fallin, while he was selling pants on the street July 11, 1975.

Ingram took $105 and nine pairs of pants from Fallin. Assistant State's Attorney Michael Glushakow told the court Fallin tried to borrow a gun and stated he was going to kill Ingram.

According to court records, Fallin saw Ingram the next day, July 12, at a crap game in the 100 block S. Pulaski St., and shot him in the heart.

Church bombing 'fiends' watched

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. (UPI)—Alabama Attorney General William Baxley said Wednesday he knows the "fiends" who killed four girls in the 1963 bombing of a Birmingham church, and they "know someone is looking over their shoulders."

He indicated some of the suspects are dead.

"We've been working on that case for several months and we've made some progress in it," Baxley said in Huntsville, where he was scheduled to give two speeches. "I know who the suspects are."

A dynamite explosion ripped the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church on Sept. 15, 1963, while about 200 persons were attending sunday morning worship services. Cynthia Wesley, 14, Denise McNair, 11, Carol Robertson, 14, and Addie Mae Collins 14, were killed and 19 other persons were injured.

No one was ever prosecuted in connection with the incident.

"Certainly I think that was one of the worst days in the history of Alabama," Baxley said. "Those people responsible for it are fiends and they should be brought to justice.

"Those that are still alive ought to be resting very uneasily and know someone is looking over their shoulders," he said.

Baxley said the Birmingham Post-Herald, which reported Wednesday that the attorney general had re-opened the investigation into the case was wrong in saying former FBI informer Gary Thomas Rowe Jr. gave him the names of nine suspects.

"We were working on this thing way before Gary Thomas Rowe ever went to Washington," he said. "We did, as a matter of course, go up there and interview him, but we were on the case long before that."

The attorney general also said Rowe was not a suspect in the bombing.

"I'm very sorry it came out in the paper now," he said. "It's very premature. But we are going to keep prosecuting this case and we hope to bring these people to the justice they deserve."

MORGAN CLINIC

The Morgan State University Planned Parenthood Clinic reopened on Feb. 11. Clinic hours are from 4 to 8 p.m. and is located in the Woolford Infirmary on the south side of the Coldspring Lane and Hillen Road campus.

For appointments call 752-0131.

Federal retirees to meet

The next regular meeting of Baltimore Chapter 600, National Association of Retired Federal Employees will be held on Friday, March 5 at the Waverly Methodist Church Hall, 33rd and Frisby Sts., at 1:30 p.m.

Full reports will be received on federal and state legislative activities. National Vice-President Michael Tamburri, of Philadelphia, Pa., will also be present to address the chapter on current organizational programs.

Pettit hits Banks' bar exam opinion, calls it 'weak'

(EDITOR'S NOTE: In our last Tuesday's edition Dr. Samuel Banks, coordinator of Social Services for Baltimore public schools, wrote an opinion criticizing Delegate Walter Dean's proposed legislation seeking the elimination of bar examination for black students at the University of Maryland. Below is a comment on Dr. Banks' opinion by A. Dwight Pettit, vice-president of Monumental Bar Association.)

Mr. Pettit writes:

Upon reading the article by Dr. Banks, in the Feb. 17 AFRO-AMERICAN, I feel it is necessary to make a point of clarification.

Again, I will do this briefly, since I have already consumed several hours in the press, radio and TV in trying to explain to the public what is at issue.

What the purpose of the legislation of Delegate Dean, Delegate Murphy and Senator Mitchell and the litigation as brought by Kenneth L. Johnson and myself has been, is to correct an inequity.

No one is trying to create an affirmative action program in the passing of the Bar examination; no one is trying to create a double standard for blacks and whites; and no one is trying to lower the standards of the profession, so that blacks may practice law, simply because they are black.

DWIGHT PETTIT

What we are trying to do (I'll make this as clear as possible) is to correct the situation which has led to a disparity in passing percentages, of 50 per cent for whites and 10 per cent for blacks. It is our position that:

1. If there is an [illegible]unity to disc[illegible] (and we allege ti[illegible] because there is an opportunity to racially identify [illegible]) [illegible]

2. If there is a subjective standard which gives the opportunity for arbitrary and capricious action (and we allege there is);

3. If the examination cannot be shown to test one's ability and competency to practice law (and we allege that it cannot); and

(4). If what results from the first three (3), creates a racial impact (which we allege there is); then in conclusion, either the state must come forth and (1) correct the inequities; or (2) justify the racial impact; or (3) abolish the examination and create a better system.

Personally, I refuse to believe that since 1970, that of the approximately 500 black law graduates that have taken the Maryland Bar Examination that only approximately fifty (50) were qualified to practice law; or as Dr. Banks would put it, that the other 450 were so busy with rhetoric, that they failed in properly "hitting the books."

After Dr. Banks' strong attack on Del. Dean's bill per se, one of the major weaknesses of the doctor's position is the fact that he failed to read or in fact [illegible] the bill. Signed A. Dwight Pettit, Vice-president of Monumental Bar Association.

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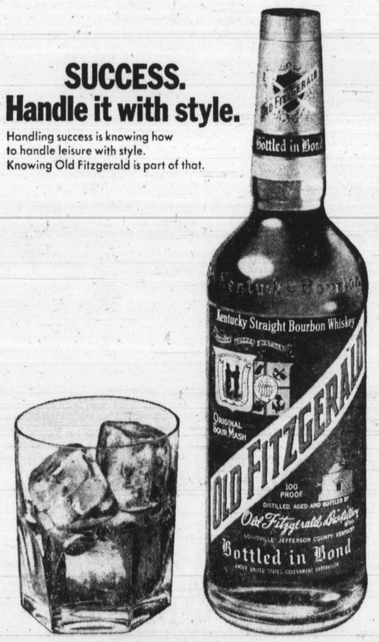

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