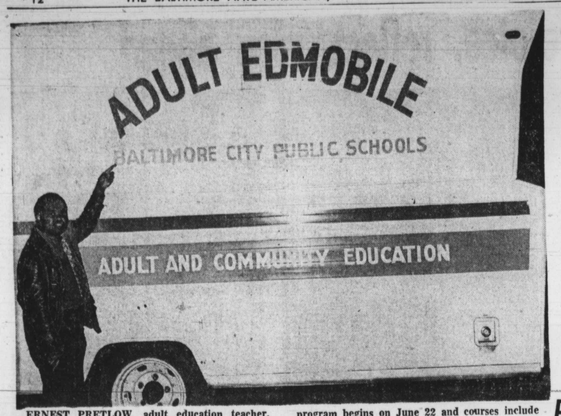

ERNEST PRETLOW, adult education teacher, standing by the Adult Edmobile, a mobile classroom being launched by city schools, reminds the Baltimore community that the start Adult and Community Education Summer Program for the Baltimore community that the start of the Adult and Community Education Summer Program for the Baltimore City Public Schools is just around the corner. The tuition free adult program begins on June 22 and courses include business, vocational, high school credit, and high school equivalency. A free youth program will begin in July offering educational and leisure activities, such as ceramics, reading enrichment, music, typing, art, and modeling. To obtain school locations for both adult and youth courses, Call 396-6702 or 396-6704.

SURPRISE—Family and friends gave Ms. Emily Barnes a surprise birthday party on Saturday, June 5. She is shown with her husband of 41 years and six of her eight children. Standing (L to R) are Mrs. Bettye King, Orlando Barnes, Mrs. Barnes, Clifton Barnes, Lawrence Barnes (husband), Joseph Barnes, Ms. Linda Barnes, and Mrs. Emily Blackwell.

Disruptive youth center sites selected by school official

By Clarence W. Hunter

City school officials announced this week they have chosen two tentative sites for two special centers for disruptive youths.

Officials also announced plans to eliminate one of the system's nine regional administrative offices.

Both plans are scheduled to be implemented in September.

According to Robert Rinaldi, executive director of the system's Area for Exceptional Children, a building on Morgan State University campus and the Ralph Young School, 1427 N. Caroline St., will be part of one school, the Alternative Learning Center for Socially Maladjusted Children, and will serve some 150 pupils, 13 and 15 years of age.

Rinaldi told the AFRO the deal with Morgan is firm and the center will open in September.

However, he said, negotiations with the Archdiocese of Baltimore to use the Ralph Young School are still on.

Plans for the disruptive youth centers have been in the making since early last year when several teachers on the junior high school level complained that a few unruly students were making teaching impossible.

Rinaldi said that his office looked at Woodrow Wilson and Jane Addams Schools, slated to close this month, as possible sites but were rejected because of lack of community support and the condition of the buildings.

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The center, according to one school official, will be a totally individualized program with emphasis on academic achievement and behavior. There will also be a vocational program that will include industrial arts and business education.

According to Rinaldi there will be a seven to ten member central office screening committee that will decide which child should be sent to the school. He stated he hopes the pupil would spend no more than one school year at the center.

"We want to help them develop appropriate behavior and then return them to the sending school," he said.

Rinaldi said the two centers will share a total of 10 teachers, a psychologist, a social worker and a counselor as well as a principal and an assistant principal. While the city has budgeted about $300,000 for the disruptive youth program, Ely Francis, the school system's controller, estimates that the elimination of one region will eventually save the city about $1 million a year as well as phase out about 45 administrative positions at the regional level.

The phasing out of one region is part of Supreintendent John L. Crew's plan to realign the 1973 reorganization of the city school system which divided administrative duties formerly handled by a central office.

According to officials it has not been decided which region will be absorbed but did point out the attendance zones that are part of the school's desegregation plan will not be affected.

Another factor behind the doing away of a region according to officials, is the school system's declining enrollment.

About 167,000 youths are currently enrolled in public schools as compared to the 183,000 in September, 1973 when the regions were designed.

NOTICE

The AFRO takes pride in congratulating high school and college seniors and invites them to have their pictures on the new school page coming soon. Send a black and white glossy photograph with biographical information and future plans to Clarence W. Hunter, The AFRO City Desk, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore, Md. 21201.

Prserevation planned for Old Western

The city school system has received the go ahead this week from the state school construction agency to preserve the old Western High School building as a community middle school.

The action represents a complete about face in policy which requires most old school buildings to be demolished if renovation costs totaled more than 50 per cent of the cost of building a new school.

The building, at McCulloh St. and Lafayette Ave., is now Booker T. Washington Junior High School and was occupied by Western High School from 1895 to the late 1920s when it moved to a site on Gwynns Falls Parkway.

According to Curtis Lantz, assistant superintendent for school physical plants, his department considers the school to be of "outstanding architectural character that deserved to be saved."

He stated the city may consider applying for special preservation funds from state and federal sources to complete the project.

As far as work to the building is concerned, Lantz stated a rear addition to the school would probably be torn down to fit in with various architectural schemes under consideration

Government economic plans in the past few years have taken into account an annual population increase of 2.7 per cent, and some projections from the past census indicate that there could be more than 15,500,000 Tanzanians when the next count takes place.

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AGE: 26

PROFESSION: Writer, businesswoman, one of America's most original and successful wig designers

HOBBIES: Collecting contemporary art, Southern cooking, water-skiing.

MOST MEMORABLE BOOK: "Pathos of Power" by Kenneth Clarke

LAST ACCOMPLISHMENT: Wrote the encyclopedic "Naomi Sims' Health and Beauty for the Black Woman."

QUOTE: "I feel that true beauty must be a reflection of the spirit as well as a quality of the face or body. Good health is crucial to beauty, and too many women overlook the importance of an annual checkup."

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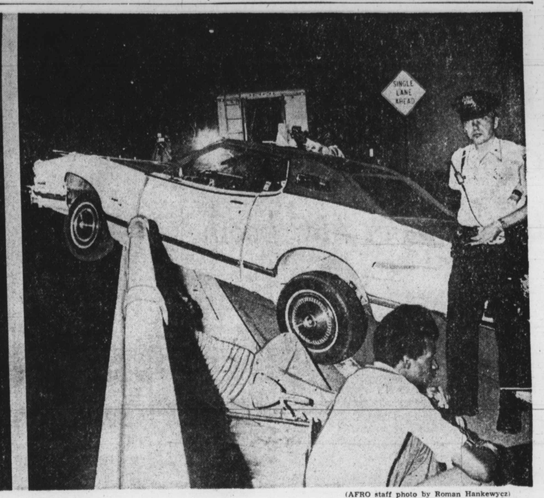

(AFRO staff photo by Roman Hankewycz)

A REAL CLIFF-HANGER — That's the way it was Tuesday night when a car driven by George Lloyd, 24, of Richmond, Va., went out of control on the 28th St. exit over the Jones Falls Expressway. Three passengers in the car had to be taken to Union Memorial Hospital, where they were later treated and released. The car stopped just inches from falling to the expressway below. Llyod said, "All we could think was this is it, we're going over." He also said he recently had work done to the car in Richmond.

Baltimore County Fair books local entertainment

The upcoming Baltimore County Fair — to be held June 17-27th at the Glenn L. Martin State Airport in Middle River — has booked an impressive array of local talent and entertainment, including groups Such as Touch the Earth, Myca, Black Ice, Silver Arches, No Fooling, the Maynard Parker Ensemble, Coyote and the Reyes Brothers, plus Milton Freewater, 14-year-old actress/TV personality majorette Katrina Owens and impressionist Joe Roberts.

Mr. Roberts (who does impressions of John Wayne, Kirk Douglas, Richard Nixon, W. C. Fields, Rod Steiger and Peter Falk, among others) will appear at the Fair at noon on Sat., June 19th, it has been announced.

Also appearing during the Fair's gala 11 days will be several local theater and dance groups: the Baltimore Actors' Theatre, (originators of the official Baltimore County Fair Song), Baltimor City's popular Spotlighters, the Catonsville Playhouse troupe, the Essex Community College Theater Department and Doris Jean's Studio of Dance, among others.

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On Thurs., June 17th (opening day at the Fair) and on Fri., the 18th, the 16-member Christ and Country Church Ensemble will perform the Bicentenial musical, **I Love America**, under the direction of George E. Trout, Jr.

Attired in red, white and blue outfits, the groups will divide their songs into three basic sections: patriotism, praise and prayer. The numbers will include **I'm Just a Flag-Waving American, Johnny Bull, In God We Trust, My Home America, Battle Hymn of the Republic, The Red, White and Blue, Praise the Lord and Give Thanks** and variations of **America the Beautiful.**

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Delighting children and adults of all ages will be Dundalk's own Bozo the Clown (Stephen G. Brenner, 81) and Ashton, MD's Piegari Puppeteers.

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In addition, Baltimore County's renowned Phoenix Choir will perform at the Fair.

In 1927, when students of the late Henrietta Baker Low gathered at the Peabody Conservatory of Music for extra vocal practice and pleasure, the Peabody Junior Choir was born. Encouraged by the late Virginia Blackhead, superintendent of the Peabody Department, the students met weekly for their own enjoyment and appreciation of group singing. This involvement led to disciplined rehearsals for a series of spring and winter concerts annually. For 30 years the choir's candlelight Christmas concerts were held in the Walters Art Gallery. Currently, Goucher College's Kraushaar Auditorium is the setting for this winter tradition.

Some 20 years after its inception, the Peabody Junior Choir became an independent, non-denominational organization, changing its name to the Phoenix Choir of Baltimore, signifying a rebirth as did the legendary bird. Marie Spilman Meurer, the choir's original director, continued her leadership until her retirement in 1971. Other directors have included George Woodhead, who served in an interim position in the late 1940's and Ruthanna Metzgar, who led the choir during the 1972-73 seasons. Following Mrs. Metzgar's move from Baltimore, Sandra St. Jean Haug was appointed as director of the Phoenix Choir.

A native of Baltimore, Mrs. Haug is a graduate of Towson High School and the Peabody Preparatory School. She earned her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in music at the Peabody Conservatory. She has taught at the Peabody and at Towson State College and is presently teaching in Baltimore County and privately. Mrs. Haug has served as organist and choir director in several Baltimore area churches and as director of the Pot Spring Choral Group.

The women of the Phoenix Choir are as diverse as the communities they represent. The background of choir members varies from student to teacher, from housewife to professional, from amateur to experienced musician. Selection by audition unifies this diversity into the Phoenix Choir.

The age range (15-40-plus years) of members results in a blend of young and mature voices that gives the choir a unique vocal quality. The musical bond that exists among the women has nurtured a closeness that is evident throughout rehearsals and performances. It makes each woman's contribution of tution and expenses a worthwhile step toward the goal of excellence in performing: a goal that includes exact memorization of lyrics as well as accurate musical interpretation of each selection.

Repertoire emphasis is on a balance between religious and secular, between traditional and contemporary music. The choir works to achieve tone color appropriate to each piece a variation of sound that will best communicate the message of every song.

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The Phoenix Choir has appeared on radio and television, in concert halls and churches locally and regionally. It has sung with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra on three occasions and has appeared in the Rotunda of the Senate Office Building in Washington. The choristers accepted an invitation to sing at a reception for the White House staff in 1970.

Two overseas tours have highlighted the choir's career. In 1956, at the request of the U.S. Air Force, choir members visited air bases in Iceland and the Azores to entertain service personnel. An 18-day European tour in the spring of 1973 took the women to the Netherlands, West Germany, Austria, Switzerland, and France.

Much of the choir's music has been made available to the public through several recordings on sale at concerts.

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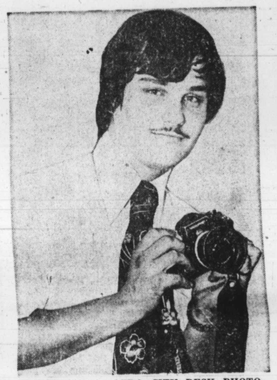
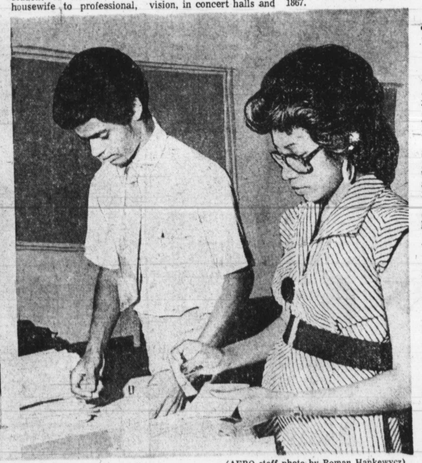
For additional information on bookings, call Don Wehner at the Fair, 574-1867.



PRIZEWINNING AFRO CITY DESK PHOTOGRAPHER Roman Hankewyez is a winner in the National Newspaper Publishers Assoc. 1976 photo contest. His photographs of Baltimore police arresting an escapee were chosen over those from 142 other newspapers.

THREE OF 10 black clerical workers employed at the Baltimore branch FBI located on Ambassador Rd. are, left panel, clerk, Miss Joni Weaver works with Mrs. Carolyn Sylvester. In the right panel Dennis Matthews and Mrs. Wendy Newton sort the daily mail.



(AFRO staff photo by Roman Hankewyez)

Black men and women needed in the FBI

The Baltimore office of the FBI, which serves the Maryland and Delaware area, has been actively seeking qualified black men and women to fill key positions.

"We're looking for a few good men and women," said Frank Rabena, special agent in charge of recruitment.

According to Rabena, to date there are 13 black persons working out of the Baltimore office. Of those 13 person, 10 work in clerical positions and three are special agents.

Rabena told the AFRO what is wanted is more black-persons to fill the post of special agent.

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"We are especially interested in persons with accounting or law degrees," he said.

He also said the bureau is interested in persons who have three years professional experience behind them and are looking for a new career.

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Rabena told the AFRO the black special agents at the area bureau serve as recruiters.

He stated one of the agents goes to area colleges during the career days to talk to students who might be interested in the FBI as a career.

He also said that another agent, who came to the bureau seven years ago after a career as a Mathematics teacher, has contacts in banks, schools and businesses throughout Maryland and Delaware.

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Not to long ago the Baltimore office recruited Arthur Amy who is presently undergoing a 15-week training course at the FBI Academy located at Quantico, Va. Amy was formerly an agent for the Baltimore Police Department.

"He is an exceptional young man," said Frank Quinn who is the special agent in charge of the Baltimore office. He stated he hopes at the end of his 15 weeks training Amy returns to the Baltimore office pointing out that he may be sent to one of the 58 other offices.

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Rabena pointed out the salaries for a special agent are quite attractive. He said an agent starts out at the GS 10 level at $14,824 a year, receiving $3,808 in back pay after his training period and going as high as $19,000 a year.

However Rabena emphasized the person has to meet all the qualifications to join the FBI. He said the appliant must be a citizen; be available for assignments anywhere; graduated from a resident four year college with a degree in law, accounting and-or three years of professional experience; must be between 23 and 35 years old and in good physical condition.

Rabena said applicants who meet all those requirements and pass the necessary examinations are put under an intensive background investigation before being appointed.

Rabena backtracked a bit and pointed out that anyone in the Baltimore area who wants to apply does not have to travel to the Washington, D.C. office.

He said the applicant can come into the Baltimore office and apply and the necessary information will be forwarded to Washington.

—For All We Know

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week famed Johns Hopkins authorities said cancer may be caused by STRESS, a mental condition. Hopkins has long been noted as an authority.

HOWEVER, Christian Scientists have for many years cured cancer. The theory is that un-Christian and sinful, secret thoughts manifest themselves into a belief of a disease which eventually consumes the human body.

Remove the thought and the cure comes instantly.

THE METHODISTS' Bicentennial program at the Civic Center witnessed some 14,000 believers singing the song which was your — or "theirs."

Why? The last verse is said to be "healing verse," one which brings those who believe instant freedom from disease.

YOU KNOW IT — John Wesley's "O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing"

THE FINAL VERSE: Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb; your loosened tongues employ; ye blind; behold your Savior comes, and leap, ye lame, for joy.

(The prior portion of the Hymn of praise — sung in secret at Chautauquas in the Middle West in the 1920's — rises to a crescendo, and when the last verse is reached, it was reported, thousands were completely healled.

THE LITHUANIAN COMMUNITY (around Hollins and Parkin Streets area at their Ethnic Festival last Sunday had amber jewelry on sale from their native Baltic Sea, rising in price from $30 to $500. really fabulous.

A JOBLESS ADULT who took our advice a week or so ago and sold can openers reports utter success. Now he says he has added BLACK PEPPER to his items for sale. In going from door to door, he found housewives were most often out of black pepper and continually "forgot" to get it when at the supermarket.

MRS. DOROTHY MILLER, head nurse at the City Jail hospital, is a pleasant, courteous person. We found this out after an hour's continuous calling about the status of the health of an inmate.

The inmate suffers a heart condition from birth and relatives called the AFRO to find out if the jail knew he could gush blood if he does not get enough oxygen.

Here's what took us soooo long: No. 1 — The warden was out of town, No. 2 — someone on the switchboard at the jail cut us off, No. 3 — Deputy Warden Parker was at a meeting outside the building, No. 4 — Shift Commander Major Parks was in the gym at a show and could not come to the phone, No. 5 — Capt. Rutherford Richmond took up time wondering why we needed to know his FIRST NAME, No. 6 — We finally called the Mayor's office — and got results.

MAYOR'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE aide got through Dan Lipstein helped. Then Mrs. Miller called after checking the inmate out.

Mrs. Miller says the jail hospital, in this torrid heat, has two big fans, is well lighted and ventilated, clean and not too unpleasant.

She also reports patients get as good treatment there as in a hospital.

We are also invited to go and see. Patients get shaves and showers and baths.

Leonard Fox, hospital administrator, extended the AFRO a cordial invitation to "come see."

LEAFLETS sent to the press claim the KKK burned a cross in the 800 block N. Calvert St. May 30. The release notes a Maryland Klan leader goes on trial 14 for cross-burning. This is one case we must hear. The Klan here in the center of Baltimore ??? ?