FIRE VICTIMS HELPED—The Obstetrics Department of the Provident Hospital has donated baskets of food and cash to the Chestnut family who were burned out of their home in the 2200 block Brunt St. resulting in the death of a grandmother and a granddaughter. Shown here are (L-R) Cathy Harris, 6; Jacqueline Chestnut, 9; Mrs. Linda Fisher, a Provident nurse; Ms. Antoinette Floyd, Provident nurse; Ms. Marlene Preston, Provident nurse; Mrs. Edith Holmes, a nurse; and Ms. Mildred Watson, a nurse; Mrs. Marie Harris, aunt; Linda Chestnut, 14; Tony Harris, 4; Franklin Harris, 3; Shannon Chestnut, 15.

About the business of education

By Clarence W. Hunter
AFRO Education Reporter

The spotlight this week is on the city schools' superintendent Dr. John L. Crew who returned earlier this week from the three day conference of the Council of the Great City Schools held in Chicago Nov. 18-20.

Dr. Crew, who is a member of the steering committee, helped develop an education platform the Council hopes President-elect Jimmy Carter will adopt.

Another person in the spotlight this week is Miss TriDonna Hall, a 9th grader at Diggs-Johnson Junior High School.

Miss Hall was presented with the Mayor's Student Achievement Award for the month of October Wednesday for maintaining a 95 point scholastic average.

Well liked by her peers and always willing to help them, Miss Hall has placed first in social studies, second in math and third in English and has always remained in the upper tenin of her class.

READING PARTY

The second graders at Samuel Coleridge-Taylor Elementary School, under the guidance of Mrs. Jennie Bennett, invited their parents to a reading party.

Each child has a role to play at the party ranging from poetry recitals to playing reading games. Refreshments of cookies and punch added to the festive occassion.

OPEN HOUSE

Students who are now in the 8th, 9th or 10th grade at any parochial or public school are invited to the open house at the Cardinal Gibbons High School Sunday from noon to 3 p.m.

Pupils and parents will be given a chance to tour the building meet with the faculty and the student body and discuss the school's educational program. The school is located at Wilkens and Caton Aves.

FACE FACTS

Did you know that. . .

. . . School system officials don't know why 79 employes resigned their position in the system this year. They do know however that 26 are studying, 22 moved and 12 either have home responsibility or left because of personal reasons.

. . . Mark Sewell, Mr. Wendy Merrick and Robert Smith all residents of Baltimore and all students at Western Maryland College recently participated in the college's production of "In White America."

. . . William C. Anderson, a law student at the University of Baltimore, recently won the $250 first prize in the 1976 Nathan Burkan Memorial Competition. The title of his essay was "Holograms: proper Subject Matter of Copyright? Attendance at Chinquapin Middle School reached 95 percent for the month of October.

REGION IV's UNITED FUND DRIVE

The Region IV office and its 24 schools collected $17,053 in this year's United Fund-CICHA campaign.

According to the region's chairman, David Luber, this year's drive was 15 percent higher than last year.

WORKSHOP

The University of Maryland at Baltimore's School of Nursing Continuing Education Program will offer a course in "Conflict Management" for nurses in administrative positions.

The workshop, designed to assist nursing service administrators and staff development directors to manage work conflict through application of communication techiques and assertiveness, will be held next Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Center for Adult Education University Blvd. and Adelphi Rd. in College Park, Md.

NATIONAL RECOGNITION

The Student Facilitators in the Guidance Process Project funded under Title III of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) and operating out of Regions 2 and 4 have received national recognition by the Elementary School Guidance and Counseling Journal.

Workshops are still being held in the project with three remaining on Dec. 4, amd 8 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 3 p.m to 5 p.m.

COLLEGE GRADUATE EMPLOYMENT

A meeting designed to investigate trends in hiring college graduates with ing business and industry will be held at the University of Maryland Baltimore County Thursday.

Approximately 40 representatives from business, industry and federal and local government, as well as UMBC administrators, faculty and students are expected to attend.

Highlighting the meeting will be a panel of four representatives who will discuss their individual firms' current and projected employment needs.

COMPUTER EXAM REVIEW COURSE

A review seminar for persons planning to take the qualifying exam for a certificate in data processing will be held this winter at Catonsville Community College.

The credit free course is scheduled to start Monday and run every following Monday until Jan. 31. Further information call 747-3220 ext. 318.

CHINQUAPIN OFFERS 75 MINI-COURSES

Chinquapin Middle School has, once again, initiated its fall mini-course program. This year's roll of fare consists of 75 mini-courses designed to facilitate and complement vatied areas of interest such as games, dancing, drama, arts and crafts, sports, cooking and physical fitness.

New additions include ballroom dancing, beginning piano, film study, future nurses, pottery, school beautification, slimnastics and wood restoration.

The mini-courses are held on Wednesday mornings and employ the knowledge and skill of both faculty and staff coupled with those contributions of many parents. For additional information call 396-6424.

Lloyd expected to get MCHR post

By Paul Evans

Samuel J. Lloyd, 31, an attorney with the city's Charles Center Inner Harbor Management Inc. project, is expected to be named to head the Maryland Commission on Human Relations sometime early next year, the AFRO learned this week.

When Lloyd was reached this week, he would neither confirm nor deny his expected appointment.

However, the AFRO was told Lloyd has the job if he wants it. The governor is expected to meet with him "in the next few days."

He will succeed Gilbert L.A. Guillory, the out-going executive director, who still maintains that he never resigned from his post. However, the commission's chairman, Jacob J. Edelman, sent Gov. Mandel a letter in September informing him of the resignation of both Guillory and his deputy director, Washington Green.

Both men insist they never resigned.

The governor's aide, Col. William "Box" Harris, says neither man has been dismissed from their positions, nor have they been given a specific time to leave. But Harris did emphasize, "They do serve at the governor's pleasure."

Shortly after Mandel, through his press secretary, Frank DeFilipo, declared the positions vacant, a five-man search committee was set up to find placements for Guillory and Green.

At least 75 local persons made application for the position, Col. Harris said.

As of last week, the final date had passed for new applicants to apply and the committee began narrowing the search.

Members of the search committee are:

Councilman Thomas J.S. Waxter (D, 5th), State Senator Robert L. Douglass (D, 45th), State Senator Clarence W. Blount (D, 41), Del. Arthur G. Murphy (D, 41st) and Eugene Armstead, a former human relations commission investigator, now with state Department of Personnel.

Lloyd is a 1969 political science graduate of Morgan State University and 1972 graduate of Catholic University's School of Law.

He was an aide to former U.S. Senator Joseph Tydings, and former clerk to retired judge, William McWilliams, of the Court of Appeals of Maryland.

He is married and has one son.

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AWARDS ASSEMBLY AT FRANKLIN SQUARE ELEMENTARY—Over 350 pupils had perfect attendance since the opening of school. Shown L. to R. are a portion of those receiving certificates (Bottom row)—Valerie Lockwood, Darnell Smith, Vickie Leonard, Elliott Bridges, (Middle row)—Yvonne MacDonald, Angelica Lee, Karl Thompson, James Dandridge, Perez Darden. (Top row) —Preston Rooney, regional director, Region 8. Other awards made by the principal, Mrs. Louise Murphy, were Westchester Academy summer program; Merit. to pupils who had accomplished tasks beyond their school curriculum; achievement to pupils who had made outstanding progress since September and Perfect Attendance Certificates to teachers.

Black Madonna attracts crowds

PHILADELPHIA — Crowds are flocking to St. Mary of Czestochowa Church in Southwest Philadelphia to see the "Black Madonna of Poland.

It is the "miraculous picture of Our Lady of Czestochowa," brought from Poland and unveiled in St. Mary's in 1957. It hangs over a side altar at the church.

Tradition has it that the picture is a copy of a painting St. Luke the Evangelist made on a piece of cypress cut from the table of the Last Supper.

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The shrine for the picture of the Black Madonna was donated by the family of the very Rev. John A. Klekota, OSA, former president of Villanova University, and Msgr. Peter Klekotka.

Ironically, the attractive little Polish Roman Catholic Church is in an Italian-Irish neighborhood.

"There's a great need for it." said the Rev. John S. Klapp, pastor of the church, at 59th St. and Elmwood Ave.

He said, "The church serves 1,280 souls, has been a great source of meditation and contemplation for immigrants and Polish-Americans for more than 40 years.

Father Klapp, who was born in the Nicetown section of Philadelphia, became its pastor in 1971, said that during Holy Week thousands are attracted to the 400-seat church.

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"They pile into here," he said. "Crowds of faithful visit us from far away to see the Black Madonna of Poland."

Man accused of pouring gas over car seat

WILLOW GROVE, Pa. — A Philadelphia man, Douglas Simmons, 24, of the 7300 block of Limekiln Pike, was arrested on charges of criminal mischief and disorderly conduct.

Simmons was named in a complaint filed by Ms. Esther Pinder, 1622 Washington Ave., Willow Grove, who told police that she saw a man, whom she identified as Simmons, near her car and that the suspect fled when she yelled at him.

A five gallon gas can was found on the front seat of the car. Gas had been poured over part of the seat, and two of the tires were flat, police said.

Simmons was arraigned before District Justice William Peterson and was remanded to county prison when he was unable to make $500 bail.

LUSAKA — Zambia Minister of Power, Transport and Communications James Mapoma has held talks in Malawi on the possibility of a rail link between the two countries.

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Educators voice support of curfew extention

By Clarence W. Hunter

Mrs. Evenlyn Beasley, principal of Roland Park Elementary-Junior High School said Wednesday that as an administrator she thinks the proposed extension to the existing curfew is "a fine idea."

"This is the kind of help we need from the larger segment of the community to help us put pressure on the parents," she said.

The proposed addition to the curfew law received wide approval from education, community and juvenile judicial officials who attended a City Council committee hearing Tuesday.

The new bill, co-sponsored by 8 of the 19 councilpersons, forbids youths under the age of 16 to be on the streets between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. on school days.

Mrs. Beasley believes this new component will help apply the right pressure on the parents.

She stated parents too often quickly criticize the schools for shirking their duty when it comes to keeping the student in school or notifying them as to when a child is truant without their knowledge.

Donald Know, principal of the recently trouble-plagued Rock Glen Junior High School, said he is all for the proposed extension if it can be statistically proven that the present law has heloed to decrease juvenile crime.

However he pointed out that it is "a sad commentary on life that such a law should regulate a youth's life when it is the responsibility of the parent."

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Booker T. Washington Junior High's principal John Daniels told the AFRO he concures with Dr. John L. Crew's statement that "If it will help fight truancy I'm all for it."

John Waters, Lemmel Junior High's principal, also has no objection to the bill extension. He stated that the proposed law will only harm those "up to no good" and it would be an aid to his current truancy programs.

Henry Wolpert, principal at Gwynns Fall Junior High School said, "the bill makes a great deal of sense."

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The current curfew proposal was much more well received than the current year old law which forbids a youth under 16 to be on the street after 11 p.m. on weeknights and midnight Friday and Saturday.

During those hearings large groups of city residents argued vociferously that the proposal was racially inspired and a dangerous infringement on their constitutional rights.

Tuesday's hearing only drew a handful of persons giving their approval.

A spokesman for Project Open, the community group that spearheaded the present fight against truancy, testified that a daytime curfew would be "a further step in curbing absenteeism."

Judge Robert L. Karwacki, head of the city's Juvenile Court, commented the extension of the curfew would assure that parents are notified of their children's truancy.

Larry Burgan, chief of the school's security division, who accompanied Dr. Crew to the hearing, echoed the superintendent's statement that the bill will be a good addition to the fight to get the young persons in school, before they can get into trouble.

In an AFRO interview, Burgan stated although his division will not be responsible for the curfew breakers if the bill is passed he will cooperate fully with the police department and lend them any support.

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