MINI NEWS

Gas sales up in Sept.

Gasoline consumption during September jumped by more than 10 million gallons over the same month of 1975, State Comptroller Louis L. Goldstein said Tuesday.

Goldstein said September consumption totaled 159.8 million gallons. "This dramatic increase in consumption reflects increased travel, especially over the Labor Day Holiday," Goldstein said at the same time, motor fuel revenues for the month of October, which are based on September sales, amounted to $15.1 million, an increase of 6.3 per cent from the total collected during the same month a year earlier. "This percentage is the largest single month increase thus far in fiscal year 1977, Goldstein said.

MSU Bicen lecture series

The final two lectures of the first semester Bicentennial Lecture Series held at Morgan State University will be presented Dec. 1 and 8. Both talks will be held at 6 p.m. in Room 109 of the Jenkins Behavorial Science Building which faces Hillen Road on the university's north campus. On Dec. 1, Dr. Richard I. McKinney, retired professor of philosophy at Morgan State University will discuss "Theodicy and the Black Experience." On Dec. 8, Calvin Lampley, assistant professor of music at the university, will discuss "The Jazz Trend." Additionally, the Morgan Jazz Ensemble will perform. Admission to these lectures is free and the public is cordially invited to attend.

UMBC chamber music Dec. 8

The New Music Ensemble of the University of Maryland Baltimore County will perform a program of contemporary chamber music at 8 p.m. Dec. 8 in the UMBC Fine Arts Recital Hall. The student ensemble, which specializes in the performance of 20th-century music, will be directed by Stuart Smith, instructor in music at UMBC. The program will include selections by Patrick Castle, Ralph Athey, John Cage, Luciano Berio, Edward Diemente, Christian Wolf, Mr. Smith, and Felix Powell, chairman of UMBC's department of music. Pianist Paul Hoffman, instructor in music, and Dr. Powell will be guest soloists. The performance is free to the public. For more information, call 455-2942.

School No. 32 workshop

A parent involvement workshop was held at Guilford Avenue Elementary School No. 32, Guilford and Lanvale St. The theme was "Parents Key To Success." The aim of the workshop was to convey the message to the parents on how best to aide the child at home in the areas of reading and language skills. The coordinators, Mrs. Leah White, reading resource teacher, Mrs. Louise Smith, senior teacher, and Mrs. Maizie Hill, ECE senior teacher, offered varied suggestions for types of activities that parents could utilize in helping children make vast improvement in learning skills. The parents participated in skits after the discussions to demonstrate how some of the activities they had learned in the workshop could be effectively used at home. Great enthusiasm was shown by all who participated in this wholesome and well attended project in celebration of American Education Week.

13 die on state highways

Thirteen persons lost their lives on Maryland Highways according to the Maryland State Police. Of those killed ten were drivers, two were passengers and one was a pedestrian. Seven of the deaths in the opinion of the investigating officers could have possibly been prevented had seat belts been in use. Still not using your seat belt when you drive? The cold, hard facts prove you should be. No one would carry eggs as poorly protected as the children in most family cars. Children are much more valuable and harder to replace. A child riding in a vehicle without a restraint to keep him in place during a sudden stop, or crash, is in as much danger as if he were playing in the street. Whether the bumper of a car hits the child at 30 miles an hour, or the child hits the dash of the car, the impact is still there.

Higher education board

The State Board for Higher Education will hold its first "on-campus" meeting of the year, Friday, Dec. 3 at 10 a.m. in the library of Hagerstown Junior College in Hargerstown. Action on the finance committee's recommendations is a major agenda item at this all day meeting. The committee recommended on Nov. 5 increasing the level of state support for instructional operating costs at four-year public institutions, raising state support from $700 to $800 per student at community colleges, an across the board faculty salary increase, and additional State aid for private colleges. The committee also recommended the establishment of a uniform system of accounting procedures for higher education institutions. Recognizing the effect of rising costs on students, the group headed by Board member Austin Penn, also proposed the establishment of a new 5 million dollar State capitalized student guaranteed loan program.

Md. road projects hit by inflation

GLEN BURNIE, MD. (UPI) — Maryland's transportation budget, squeezed by inflation and a declining growth rate, apparently will not permit major projects at least through 1982, Transportation Secretary Harry R. Hughes said Tuesday.

Hughes said funding will be provided only for projects already underway and plans for new projects must be delayed.

"Our allocation of state funds through 1982 for both our operating and capital programs, totals $1.6 billion," said Hughes, who began his annual tour of the 23 Maryland counties Tuesday to discuss the state program with local officials.

"This is a transportation program that lives within our income," Hughes said. "To assure some degree of solvency for the department beyond 1982, it is a program that, with a few exceptions, includes no new primary or secondary highway projects, and no new major transit, port or aviation projects, projects now underway will be completed."

Hughes said by early January he expected to meet with officials of each county and delivery essentially the same message to all of them.

"For several years, I have described how the combination of leveling highway user revenues and inflation have greatly reduced our ability to finance transportation projects," Hughes said.

"Last year, I told the General Assembly and the people of Maryland that without additional funds we would have to curtail our capital construction program, the year has passed and that situation has not changed."

The secretary said the state "cannot reduce basic maintenance and operating expenses any more without harming our existing transportation system.

WAYLAND BAPTIST CHURCH observed 67th anniversary of women's day Sunday, Nov. 21. Women's day commmittee members are from (l-r) Mrs. Theresa Bailey, Waylandettes; Mrs. Harriet Johnson, hospitality; Mrs. Gertrude Steele, publicity; Mrs. Eula Hinton, general; Mrs. Thelma Kilby; program and her daughter, Miss Phyllis Kilby, narrator of the Black Experience. Others not shown are Mrs. Margaret Walker, co-chairperson; Mrs. Lucille McCormick, program; Mrs. Gloria Caldwell, theme; Mrs. Mary Drake, Mrs. Rosaline Wilson, Mrs. Marie Shaw, decorations; Mrs. Dorothy Waddy and Mrs. Iner McCulloh, ushers; Mrs. Geneva Dobbins and Mrs. Odessa Coates, finance; Mrs. Clarice Handy and Mrs. Ruth Wilson, souvenir book.

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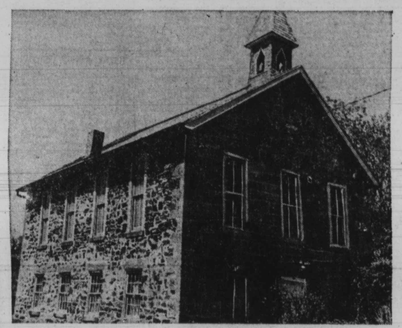

MT.GILBOA CHURCH, located on a land formerly owned by Benjamin Banneker, in Oella, Md., has been placed on the National Register for Historical Places by the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Mt. Gilboa Church placed on national historic register

The U.S. Department of the Interior has placed the 100-year-old Mt. Gilboa AME Church in Oella, Md., on the National Register for historical Places. A ceremony marking the event will be announced later.

Lt. Gov. Blair Lee signed papers almost four months ago nominating the 100-year-old structure to the federal rolls.

The church, built by free blacks in 1859, is situated on land once owned by black astronomer, surveyor, Benjamin Banneker. He inherited 100 acres of land, known as Mount Gilboa, through a 1786 will.

The move to recognize the old black church was spearheaded by the Rev. Roland Howard, pastor of the Mt. Pisgah AME Church, near Columbia.

He is president and founder of the Banneker Memorial Foundation, and is a man very much interested in black history.

The Rev. Mr. Howard told the AFRO, "I was working with Board of Education in Howard County, and was looking for information on black contributions in the State of Maryland, I found none (no information) at all. This was kind of disturbing."

The distinguished cleric, who began the organization in 1964, said that even if the church is not approved for the National Register, he planned to open a museum to recognize black contributions made in the state.

Pastor Howard said, "We would really like to use the church as a museum, but it is very small and they still have services there.

"We will set up some place nearby to house articles of black history and recognize our achievements made in Maryland."

Mt. Gilboa will be opened to the public, eight hours a day for touring.

Working with the Bicentennial Commission for the past three years, he feels that a museum should help to awaken people to the fact that "blacks have shared in the growth and development of this country."

The Rev. Mr. Howard stated that a lot of other black organizations had been talking about "doing something" but no one ever held out long enough to get anything done.

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Swine flu program slated

The Baltimore City Health Department has announced plans for the vaccination of healthy children aged 3-17 who are city residents. On Saturday, Dec. 11 four swine flu vaccination sites will be established to vaccinate children against swine flu.

"Since the city has only received sufficient doses to inoculate 15,500 children, vaccination will be handled on a first come, first served basis," Alvin Watson, deputy commissioner of the City Health Department stated.

The vaccine being distributed for children is a split product virus vaccine which requires each child to take two doses one month apart. The vaccine has been found safe for children and as effective as the vaccine prepared for adults.

After Dec. 11 the vaccine will be made available to local physicians. Any parent who is unable to attend the vaccination sites on Dec. 11 may contact his private physician or a hospital. Children who are refused the vaccine due to a recent illness may receive it at the regularly scheduled inculation clinics in City Health Department district buildings.

The exact location of the vaccination sites for children will be announced. Currently, the Health Department is studying facilities which can handle the anticipated large turnout of parents and children. Any questions regarding the swine flu vaccinations may be directed to the Flu Information Center, 332-0900.

Dowdell named center director

Albert A. Dowdell has been appointed to the key position of Mental Health Program director of the Walter P. Carter Mental Health and Retardation Center, according to an announcement by Dr. Neil Solomon, Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene.

The Walter P. Carter Center, named for the noted Civil Rights leader, is located at 630 W. Fayette St. The Center's mental health program provides service for over 200,000 residents of South and Southwest Baltimore City, with psychiatric care provided through three satellite neighborhood facilities and in the Center itself.

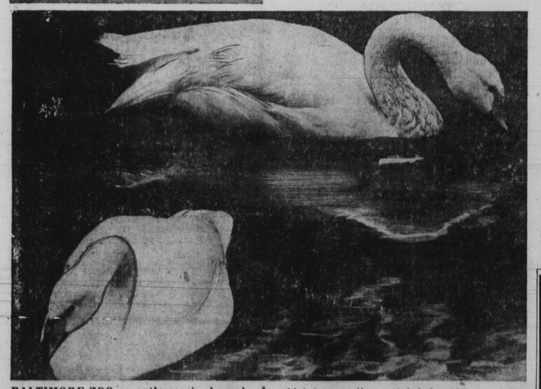
Dr. Solomon said that Mr. Dowdell has had extensive experience in mental health, having begun as a social work assistant at Spring Grove Hospital Center in 1963. The Secretary explained that the new program director was recommended for the position of director by Dr. Gary Nyman, Maryland's new director of the Mental Hygiene Administration.

"Dr. Nyman and I agree that Mr. Dowdell's commitment and dedication to bringing proper mental health care to the area the Center serves makes him an excellent choice for this position," Dr. Solomon said.

"It is another step in the department's determination to achieve an excellence of care in its community programs," Dr. Solomon added.

Mr. Dowdell is a graduate of Morgan State University and received a Master's Degree in Social Work from Howard University in Washington. He is married and lives in the Woodmoor section of Baltimore County with his wife, Edith.

ALBERT A. DOWDELL



BALTIMORE ZOO recently received a pair of trumpeter swans. Named for their trumpeting call the birds are completely white and have long, thick, black bills, unlike their whistling cousins which have yellow patch below the eye. Adults weigh about 30 pounds and have wingspan of 10 feet. The birds are seen swimming in the pool.

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Is the 'Boogerman' after Col. Watkins again and what for?

Who is after Lt. Col. James A. Watkins this time and what for? This is one of many questions being asked today about recent news on the city's second highest ranking black police official who is oldest from the time of service.

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Highly respected and member of the AFRO's Honor Roll, Col. Watkins was a few months back subject of news relating him to narcotics traffic. This petered out and he has a $ multi-million damage suit pending.

ROBBERY VICTIM SPEAKS

Main citizen asking "what the devil are they tring to do now" is the city's leading businessman, Charles Burns, owner of a $ multi-million food chain, Super Pride Markets, a firm with several hundred stockholders.

Mr. Burns told the AFRO this week what's in the air about Col. Watkins is said to revolve around the armed holdup of the Lafayette Ave. Super Pride early this year.

After consulting his attorney, George B. Russell Jr., Burns said he went to the police. Col. Watkins successfully set up a detail, the robbers were caught, prosecuted and sentenced and money returned.

IGNORED

The high spirited Mr. Burns said, "What in God's name are other folks worried about? I'm happy. For the first time in 20 robberies, the problem was solved perfectly and because of Col. Watkins and his men.

"And, get this, with all this talk of investigation and total ignoring of the facts, they have never asked me a thing, me the victim."

Here are the facts surrounding the Super Pride Market robbery which Mr. Burns, the victim, says recent investigations "should have but never bothered to ask me about."

The facts are further stated by Theodore Peters, Mr. Burns' Lafayette Ave. Super Pride manager and a young woman who had the shotgun of one of the robbers "square in the face."

FACTS

Mr. Burns, fondly known as Charlie has been in the grocery business since he had a small store in the 2400 block of Madison Ave. in the early 1930's.

He told the AFRO:

"I put a manager in this store when it first opened. The store was stuck up five times. Everybody was upset, customers scared to come in. I have $600,000 invested in here. After being in here a week or two there were rumors that all you have to do is come in here and stick them up and you get the money. The police never solved a one of those robberies.

"The last time they took $10,000. My insurance was cancelled. Everything went wrong. So I came on over here myself. The police gave me no relief. I made up my mind I was going to provide my own relief.

"But first I went to my lawyer. He said Watkins is in charge of this district. Go to him.

"That's what I did. I did what all the Jews and whites do in Baltimore city. I'm a taxpayer and a big one. I am a part of this city. I don't live in Pikesville or anywhere outside of town. I went where a man is supposed to go to solve his problem.

"A Detective Brice whom I had never met had heard that my company performs a service to black citizens who for various reasons have no opportunity. My company today has many employees who are on parole. If this black company doesn't give a man a chance, who will?

"Det. Brice brought a man to me, a former police informer who had been in jail half his life. He was on parole and Brice said he

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COL. JAMES A. WATKINS

POST FILES SUIT IN MANDEL TRIAL (see inside)

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CHIEFS RESIGN MCHR POSITIONS (see inside)

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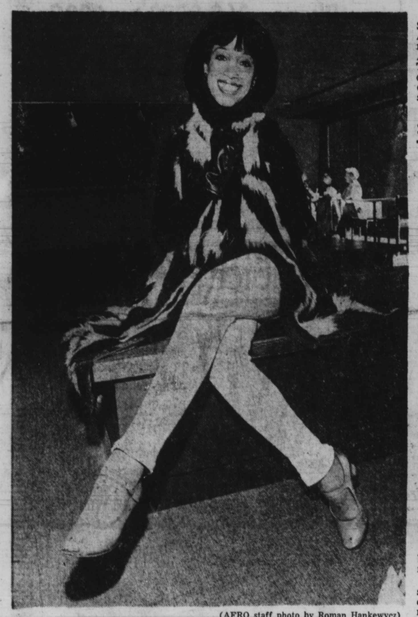
COURT TOLD CHARLIE IS IN NATIONWIDE MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR NARCO RING, HAS JAGUAR, MERCEDES, PLUSH HOME

Burman indicted, held on $150,000 bail



PRETTY COLD — Miss Mercedes Ellington, granddaughter of the famed Duke, in Baltimore with the Hellzapoppin cast, is bundled up in skunk fur against the record blast of the North wind. See story inside

(AFRO staff photo by Roman Hankewycz)

Charles Robert Burman Sr., a well-known, longtime Avenue figure, was arrested in his 1321 Burmont Ave. home in Randalstown Thursday following his indictment along with 11 other's nationwide for conspiracy to distribute heroin, possession and distribution of heroin, interstate racketeering and continued criminal enterprises.

Burman who was placed on $150,000 bond by Federal Court Judge Clarence Gertz, and the 11 others, according to the indictment, "represent the upper echelon of a heroin distribution ring responsible for the importation of heroin from Mexico into S. California and the transhipment of the heroin to major figures in Baltimore, Philadelphia and Miami."

Also arrested Thursday were Leroy Tiller Jr., alias Leroy Tillery and Ms. Rene Doughty, both of Churchville, Md. The two were to appear before Judge Gertz Thursday for a bail hearing.

It was not known at AFRO press time whether Burman who, according to federal assessment officials, was worth $160,000, would secure himself with his property to stay free on bond until his trial.

The indictment, according to Federal Prosecutor, Andrew Radding, resulted from a year-long investigation by the Federal Drug Enforcement Admin-

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CHARLES ROBERT BURMAN

SUB-FREEZING

Hundreds evicted in the cold

Here's what the AFRO finds in this early December, 1976.

The plight of the hoard of the silent and helpless poor is being cruelly exposed by the 4-day cold spell now on us, the coldest since 1955.

Temperatures will remain sub-freezing and with snow over the weekend adding to the extreme misery of the jobless, the aged, the hopless and the helpless.

Among them are some 232 evicted because of nonpayment of rent in recent weeks.

Some 102,97[illegible] jobless and laid-off persons have already lost their homes, cars, families and faith. They're hugged up with already too poor relatives and friends or wandering among hideouts in vacant buildings with no heat nor food.

The Gas and Electric Co. says 1,937 homes are without light or heat for the month of No[illegible].

School rolls show hundreds of pupils from needy

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Wife headed back to God on gift of mate's spirit

Mrs. Ann B. White, a Morgan State University student, served as her own lawyer and won her case against the husband's lawyer, a highly qualified local woman attorney in September 1975.

Mrs. White, 34-year-old mother of two, told a Circuit Court judge she waived her rights to alimony because, "He (Mr. White) has given me his poetry."

She testified before Judge Robert Watts in September, who signed the decree, "He (Mr. White) has given me his poetry and it is a gift of the spirit.

"I figure that in my life somehow, since he and I can't get along, then the gift of his spirit, something creative, that's truth and I am supposed to use it as I grow and develop as a person and reach my ultimate destination back to God."

Mr. White's poetry is about hate, death and destruction.

He is the manager of Chee's Save Rite Supermarket at 2136 McElderry St.

Mr. White filed for a divorce in September 1975 on the grounds of voluntary separation. However, it was denied by Judge Joseph C. Howard who ruled, "The grounds on voluntary separation have not been satisfactorily proven."

Calling for a grant of divorce for her client in Sep-

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MRS. ANN B. WHITE
happy divorcee

The inside story

BANK ROBBERY—Woman, 21, tries to flush down $4,000 bank robbery cash in her home.

EXPLOSION IN CHERRY HILL—Dramatic photos taken Thursday morning tell the story of the natural gas explosion and a fire on the other side of town, Poplar Grove Street.

CONGRESSMAN MITCHELL reveals the inside agenda on the Carter administration appointments includes high-powered strategy and maneuvering.

LEROY F. BASS, longtime Washington Blvd. motel owner, is murdered and left in his offices. Girl, age 11, tells police what she witnessed on the scene.

FORCED TO WORK under bad and biased conditions? Are you?? A new proposed law might help you get cash money as compensation.

TOYS ARE TOO HIGH—Last Christmas $46 billion was spent on children's toys. Approximately 700,000 youngsters were injured.

ACTING GOVERNOR of New Jersey is Assemblyman Ronald Owens of Newark who was sworn in Wednesday in Trenton.

MAN GETS LIFE for killing his 19-year old girl friend.

PAUL CHESTER gets a suspended sentence and suspended jail term.

For All We Know

Washington scene today: Payback, musical chairs, name dropping

Roberta Flack among 1,000 women slated

By Elizabeth M. Oliver
City Editor

AMERICUS, Ga. — Jimmy Carter's press secretary, Jody Powell said here last week there will be a lot of name dropping, political jockying and flip flops before the admiuistration gets straight and ready to go.

The rainbow-type government is in the making but the end is not just around the corner.

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POLITICIANS dealing in payback maneuvers, Republicans and Demos too arranging their own musical chairs games, guessing sessions, fantastic schemes and outlandish rumors abound in Washington and state houses across the land.

TRANSITION TEAM POSTS are said to be salaries at $35,000 while some volunteers, just to be on the panel, get not one cent.

LET ME DROP THIS BONE ON YOU

"The Transition Team will self-destruct Jan. 20 and most of the people on it will sink into meaningless jobs. The top folks will go into the White House. They're already in the know and may not be listed in the newspapers.

"Those who have never been so close to power before are scrambling and groping but it's futile.

"SOME CITIZENS, flying high in the Plains White House, are silent. Others lured by what seems to be "the goodies" have jumped for the Little Fish, like invites to the secret balls and parties.

OTHERS just to be on the scene in Washington, are going for coffee for the Big Shots, assembling lists, carrying them across the hall to secondary biggies.

THE WASTE BASKET is

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