GIFT FOR THE KIDS—The Past Exalted Rulers Council No. 27 I.B.P.O.E. Elks recently donated boxes of clothing to the pediatrics department of Provident Hospital. Holding one of the children is William Braxton, chief Antler of the Council. Dr. William Quivers (C), chief of pediatrics, accepted the gifts as other members of the Elks look on. Clarence Vincent is chairman of the Elks charity committee.

Ely named Md. Properties manager

Edward A. Ely has been named marketing manager of Maryland Properties, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of McCormick Co., Inc.

Leonard O. Gerber, president of Maryland Properties, which developes, designs, builds and leases a Maryland-based system of business communities, said Ely will be in charge of marketing real estate and rental properties for the firm.

Ely, a native of Catonsville, Md., joins Maryland Properties from the Exxon Corp., where he was field sales manager in Harrisburg, Pa.

He has a B.S. in marketing from the University of Baltimore and is studying for a Masters in Administrative Sciences at the Johns Hopkins University.

He and his wife, the former Barbara Nunn of Catonsville, live in Harrisburg but will be moving to the Baltimore area with their two children.

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Grand jury indicts Punch for perjury

Fred Punch, the controversial former head of Local 1199-E, the hospital union, has been indicted by a city grand jury on charges he commited perjury in testimony he gave at a trial at Western District Court on Oct. 28.

FRED PUNCH

The jury charges that Punch, 2100 block Vine St., gave false testimony in the disorderly conduct trial of Hiawatha E. Richardson, 25, manager of Punch's Fantasy Lounge, 2100 block Vine St.

Punch, according to the indictment, testified before District Court Judge Carl Bacharach that he had witnessed a fight between Richardson and demonstrators from Local 1199-E who had been picketing the bar on Oct. 9.

The fight ended with arrest of Richardson on disorderly conduct charges, according to assistant State's Attorney Marshall Feldman who took the case to the grand jury.

The court reportedly heard Punch say he had seen the demonstrators attack Richardson, Feldman said.

The prosecutor reported that charges against Richardson were dismissed as a result of Punch's testimony.

But, a Western District Patrolman, Tharmon Percell, later told prosecutors he had arrested Richardson and then followed him into the bar so he could call Punch, Feldman said.

Percell told prosecutors that Punch was no where near the incident at the time, Feldman reported.

If convicted of the charge, 'punch could receive a maximum 10-year prison sentence.

Swine flu side effects hit Pennsylvania again?

By Charles M. Madigan

HARRISBURG (UPI) — Federal officials Thursday suspended the swine flu vaccination program in Pennsylvania pending an investigation of several cases of temporary paralysis that followed administration of the shots.

Health Secretary Dr. Leonard Bachman announced the suspension after a meeting. Earlier in the day, Bachman announced a statewide investigation to determine whether a relationship existed between the shots and gullian-barre syndrome.

At least four Pennsylvanians who received swine flue shots have suffered from the syndrome, which is not fatal in most cases but can cause paralysis for several weeks, the syndrome requires hospitalization

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It was the second time the program has ran into roadblocks. Earlier there was an intensive investigation after the deaths of a number of elderly Pennsylvanians. However, the deaths were not related to the shots.

Bachman said all immunizations would end immediately, including the department's plans to administer swine flu inoculations for children on Saturday, Dec. 18.

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GETTING TO THE MARYLAND BAR

The bar exam: A pitfall for black law students

(First of a 2-part series)

By Clarence W. Hunter
AFROStaff Reporter

Out of the 125 black law graduates who took the Maryland Bar Examination in late July only 10 passed.

"I thought I had flunked," said Elijah Eugene Cummings, one of the few black law graduates who passed the exam. "I had started studying again a week after I took it so I could psyche myself up if I failed so I would be ready for the next time."

Cummings' statement represents just one reaction to the growing suspicion that the state bar exam could very well be a pitfall for budding black lawyers.

"It's a travesty," said Dwight Pettit, president of the Baltimore Monumental Bar Association and one of the leading black lawyers in the city.

"The exam is arbitrary and capricious because no standards have ever been validated to test the student's ability to practice law."

The state bar exam is a two day exam given twice a year on the last Tuesday and Wednesday in February and July.

Each exam is six hours long with three hours of testing in the morning and three hours of testing in the afternoon.

The Maryland essay section is given or the last Tuesday of each testing period with questions developed by the Maryland State Bar Examiners on key points of state law.

The other section of the exam is called the multistate exam.

Developed by the National Conference of Bar Examiners, this section is given on the last Wednesday of each period, with multiple choice questions centering around factual situations of law.

Although bar examiners have stated that candidates are not listed by race, or sex, the exam has come under attack because of allegations of racial bias and the low passing grades of black students.

Pettit believes the bar exam is discriminatory. He said there is currently a class action suit awaiting decision before Judge C. Stanley Blair contending that the exam is racially bias and that it should be reviewed.

Pettit also said the Supreme Court has not heled the case because by refusing to hear a suit brought by 45 prospective lawyers who failed the bar exam in Georgia and a case in Washington, D.C. where the police entrance exam came under attack.

"It's really a shame," he said. "If we can't change the exam by litigation maybe it needs to be changed by legislation."

John E. Boerner, secretary of the Maryland State Bar Examiners, said the exam is by no means discriminatory.

Boerner explained the exam has come under fire several times with allegations of this nature, however, there has not been sufficient proof to charge racial bias.

Although there are some black lawyers and prospective lawyers who believe the exams is racially bias there are some who are not quite sure.

Charles Duncan, dean of the Howard University Law School who took the exam 15 years ago, said while he personally does not know if the test is discriminatory, he stated statistics on the exam seem to suggest otherwise.

Cummings, who graduated from the University of Maryland Law School and plans to enter the firm of Johnson and Smith, stated if there is any racism in the exam he does not know where to look.

He agreed with Pettit that there is some question as to whether or not the test exam is a true tester of a lawyer. He suggested law schools, especially the one at the University of Maryland, should look into the test and gear their course of study towards the test.

Everett Goldberg, dean of the Maryland Law School, who stated it is "unfortunate" that so many black law graduates flunk the bar exam, contends that his school offers the best basic education in law.

Yet a recent tally revealed out of the 23 black law students who took the exams at Maryland Law School, only four passed the bar.

Michael Middleton, one of the Maryland law graduates who failed the exam, plans to take it again in February.

He, like Cummings, Duncan and others, have

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Mount Lebanon minister gets another degree

REV. DR. OLIN P. MOYD

Recently Rev. Olin P. Moyd, pastor of the Mount Lebanon Baptist Church, completed all of the requirements for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Theology.

His studies and research for this degree were done with the Ecumenical Institute of Theology, St. Mary's Seminary and University, 5400 Roland Ave.

In 1957 Dr. Moyd was graduated from Cortez W Peters Business School. He holds the Bachelor of Theology degree from Temple Theological College in New York City; Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology, Morgan State University, and Master of Divinity degree from Howard University, School of Religion.

In 1974 he received the honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from his alma mata, Temple Theological College, NY, and in 1975 he was the recipient of the honorary Doctor of Law degree from Lynchburg Seminary and College, Lynchburg, Va.

The Rev. Dr. Moyd embarked upon his doctoral studies in the Fall of 1972. The topic of his doctoral dissertation was "Redemption: A Theology From Black History (An Examination Of The Meaning Of Redemption As Reflected In Black Folk Expressions)". He said, "my findings in my research have sustained my hypothesis (thesis) that the idea of Redemption in Black religious thought in the masses of the black churches is very similar to the meaning of Redemption in Hebrew thought as reflected in the Old Testament.

Redemption in its original religious usage by the Hebrews and in its usage by the masses of Black religionists today means salvation from states and circumstances of oppression as well as salvation from sin and guilt.

In classical Euro-American theologies this salvation-from-oppression aspect of Redemption has been neglected. The reason why this salvation-from-oppression side of Redemption has been neglected by most Euro-American theologians who happen to be white is because these theologians are products and beneficiaries of colonial and imperialistic nations. They have overlooked the fact that Jesus himself announced that inherent in his mission was the concern of liberating mankind from man-caused oppression. Black theologians must re-examine many of the traditional theological concepts.

"The journey was long and tedious," says Dr. Moyd, "but a number of people have been very helpful to me along the way. Father C. Stephen Mann, Dean, Administrators, and the Faculty and staff of the Ecumenical Institute, St. May's Seminary and University were very helpful. "I was very fortunate to have Dr. J Deotis Roberts, Howard University School of Religion, one of the two leading theologians in the country as my first reader and advisor and Dr. Richard L. McKinney, Philosophy, of Morgan State University as my second reader.

Dr James H Cone the other leading Black American theologian traveled from the Union Theological Seminary, New York City, to serve as one of my examiners. To me this was a real honor."

The Rev. Dr. Moyd said, "I am most grateful to the officers, staff and members of the Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church who have been most cooperative, supportative, and understanding as I pursued my doctoral objectives. My wife and five daughters with patience, love, and understanding, have been willing to forego and to postpone family activities so that I could complete this program."

When asked what were his plans for the future Dr. Moyd said, "First, I see myself as a churchman-theologian. What I mean is that I intend to remain in the full-time pastorate while at the same time maintain my link and services in the academic arena.

Most persons known to me who have achieved their degrees serve primarily in the academic settings of the Colleges and Universities. I intend to stay in the pulpit.

Secondly, I do intend to continue to serve as teacher and lecturer. Thirdly, I've been active in politics since 1959; I ran for office (the Maryland House of Delegates) in 1966. Politics determines the quality of life of my people; therefore, I feel compelled to help determine the quality of politics in our community. My name might appear on the ballot again if I feel that this is the best means to the end of a better life for all of the people of Baltimore and the State of Maryland."

The Rev. Dr. Moyd has been the successful pastor of the Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church for 12 years. Among his achievements is the establishment of a second Federal Credit Union through which the members practice the thrift of saving and lending among themselves. The Mt. Lebanites have recently signed a contract for the purchase of a plot of land five blocks from their existing location for the construction of a new church.

During the summer, Dr. Moyd led a tour of 21 persons on an Africa-Europe tour marking its second visit to several African countries. He is frequently called upon to serve as lecturer, banquet speaker, leader in conferences and institutes and as guest preacher.

He is active in the American Baptist Convention and the United Baptist Missionary Convention, currently serving as its

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