(AFRO staff photo by Robert Holsbrey)

FIRE DAMAGES COUNTY HOME — A wood frame dwelling on Winters Ln. near Edmondson Ave., was all but destroyed Tuesday morning as fire engines were called to the scene just after 11:30 a.m. Hampered by thick smoke, and a wind-chill index of minus seven degrees, county firefighters managed to bring the fire under control by 12:04 p.m. with no serious injuries.

MINI NEWS

Race, ethnic course at UB

A course in race and ethnic relations will be offered during the spring semester at the University of Baltimore. Spring registration begins Jan. 25 on the downtown campus at Charles St. and Mount Royal Ave.

The three-credit course is a study of racial and ethnic minorities in modern America and their social and cultural contributions to American life. The class will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. on the downtown campus.

Also being offered are day and evening classes in modern African history.

For details, contact the University of Baltimore Admissions Office at 727-6350, extension 363.

HEW official speaks Wed.

The Director of the Office for Civil Rights for Region III of HEW, Dewey Dobbs, will speak at the Jan. 19 meeting of the Community Health Council of Maryland. He will speak on "Civil Rights Enforcement in the Field of Health" with a question and answer period following his presentation. The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Madison YWCA located at 1912 Madison Ave. The public is invited to participate.

Spain trip hosted by TSU

A spring trip to Fuergirola, Spain will be sponsored by the University Box Office at Towson State University April 3-11. The $399 price for the eight-day excursion will cover air transportation, deluxe hotel accommodations, all transfers, taxes and gratuities, sightseeing, two meals a day and sangria parties. Deposits must be made before February 18. For information call 321-2244.

Elite school has vacancies

The Roland Park Country School has a few remaining openings in most classes for the 1977-78 school year, according to Mrs. Robert Latshaw, Jr., director of admissions. Applications for the preparatory and first grades should be submitted immediately as pre-school testing for these grades is done individually prior to Feb. 1.

Applications for grades two through 12 should be received in time to permit the student to be scheduled for the pre-school testing on Saturday, Feb. 12.

Further information may be obtained by calling the school at 889-5757 or by visiting the office at 817 W. University Pkwy.

Scouts to laud principal

Boy Scout Troop and Cub Scout Pack No. 233 will hold "An Appreciation Dinner" for Mrs. Dorothy F. Bennett, principal of Rosemont Elementary School No. 63, Friday, Jan. 21 at the Holiday Inn (Downtown), Howard and Lombard Sts., 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. There will be an open bar. Subscriptions are $13 per person. If interested, call 396-0576.

JHU evening registration

In-person registration for second-term classes of the Evening College of The Johns Hopkins University will be held in Shriver Hall on the University's Homewood campus Wednesday through Friday, Jan. 19, 20 and 21, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Persons whose last names begin with letters A through K may register on Wednesday Jan. 19; those whose last names begin with the letters L through Z may register on Thursday, Jan. 20. Registration on Friday, January 21, is open to all individuals.

For those unable to register at this time, a late registration period will be available from Jan. 24 through Feb. 4. Late registrations will be taken in the Dean's Office in Shaffer Hall from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Payment of a late registration fee will be required.

Second-term classes begin Monday, Jan. 24. Further information is available from the Evening College office at 338-7185.

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Seminar on child abuse set Jan. 27

A seminar entitled "Families in Crisis: Child Maltreatment" is scheduled for Jan. 27 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Evergreen House, 4545 North Charles St.

Introduction of the day's program will be given by Andrea Savage-Abromovitz of the H.E.L.P. Resource Project.

Highlights of the day include discussions on children and families who need help, social services resources for helping parents and the legal aids in helping the family.

Questions-answers periods, film strips, and discussions groups are scheduled during the day for participants with specific problems and questions concerning child maltreatment.

Sponsors of this seminar include Maryland Committee for the Day Care of Children, H.E.L.P. Resource Project and the Early Childhood Department at Towson State University.

All interested are invited to attend. The fee is $7.50 and for more information call the Maryland Committee for the Day Care of Children at 243-7040.

HONORED — In a recent edition of its newsletter, the Citizens Planning and Holding Association praised the late Hans Froelicher Jr., humanitarian, for the 32 years he was president and honorary president of the civic group. Mr. Froelicher died Nov. 16.

Arbitration program planned for consumers and businessmen

Attorney General Francis B. Burch has announced that the Consumer Protection Division has instituted an arbitration program to provide consumers and businessmen with an alternative to litigation to settle disputes.

Either party to a dispute may request arbitration provided that direct negotiation between the parties has failed to bring about a settlement, and that both parties agree to be bound by the arbitrator's decision, Burch said and added that arbitration can deal with any type of consumer-controversy.

Burch said that the arbitration procedure calls for the selection of a legally trained person to serve as arbitrator from a pool of arbitrators maintained by the Attorney General's office.

The proceedings will be informal and legal counsel is not required. There will be no charge for the arbitration service and the arbitrators will serve voluntarily, he said.

The voluntary arbitration program, which is authorized by the State Consumer Protection law, is subject to the provisions of the Uniform Arbitration Act which makes arbitration awards binding and enforceable in the courts.

Burch stated that members of the Bar may want to suggest the consumer arbitration program to their clients in that (1) it is easily accessible to both consumers and businessmen; (2) the arbitrators will be totally independent and will be legally trained; (3) the procedures are simple, informal and involve no costs to the parties; (4) the arbitration award is binding on both sides and is enforceable by the courts; and (5) arbitration concludes the dispute because neither side may appeal except in very limited circumstances.

Kids can be scouts and help police

Anne Arundel County youths will have an opportunity to participate in the Explorer Scout program and assist county police at the same time under a new project getting underway later this month.

County Executive Robert A. Pascal said Jan. 5 that an Explorer Scouting Post for young people 14 years of age and over will be formed at County Police Headquarters in Millersville. Membership requires no previous scouting experience

GREAT SOUTHERN TEMPLE No. 30 of I.B.P.O.E.W. gave the Anna Mae Hunter Home for the Blind $50 as part of their Christmas project. Members (L to R) are Daughter Pearl Smith, treasurer; James Duckett, a cook at the home; Daughter Anita Stevenson, daughter ruler and Daughter Julia B. Miles, financial secretary.

Carter aide to be in Maryland soon

Peter G. Bourne, deputy campaign director for the Carter campaign, will be the speaker at the Annual Legislative Dinner Meeting of the Maryland Association for Mental Health (MAMH) to be held at 7 p.m., Jan. 27 at the Annaoplis Hilton Inn.

Dr. Bourne, a psychiatrist who, was closely associated with President-elect Carter's administration when he was Governor of Georgia and is one of four intimates of Carter who conceived and developed the initial strategy for the presidential campaign.

In addition to Dr. Bourne, Gov. Marvin Mandel is expected to be a guest speaker. Other guests include the Rev. Loren L. Gisselbeck, MAMH president and Dr. Robert W. Gibson, president of the American Psychiatric Association.

A reception will be held prior to the Dinner at 6 p.m. at the hotel. Reservations are required, and may be made by contacting the Maryland Association for Mental Health at 325 E. 25th St.

While in Georgia Dr. Bourne served as a health and mental health advisor in Carter's administration and was appointed by him to set up Georgia's drug abuse program.

In 1972, Bourne became assistant director of the Special Action Office on Drug Abuse Prevention in the White House and later worked as Carter's main man in Washington during the presidential campaign.

He came to the United States from England in 1957, received his M.D. degree from Emory University Medical School and went on to Stanford for advanced training in psychiatry.

Bourne is the author of five books. The sixth book on Gov. Carter, will be published by Little, Brown sometime this year.

His wife, Mrs. Mary King Bourne, steered Carter's Health Policy Task Force among other duties during the campaign for the Presidency.

ISLAND OF PEACE, TRANQUILITY — The camera of prize-winning AFRO photographer Roman Hankewycz recaptures for readers the isles of beauty created in Leakin Park, along Franklintown Rd., by the recent city snow storms. Scene depicts how nature continues her seasonal schedule undisturbed by the hustle and bustle of a busy, sometimes unnoticing world.

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A NEW BEGINNING

Double date ends in 3 murdered found frozen, buried in snow

FT. LEONARD WOOD, Mo. — The FBI has arrested an Arkansas Army sergeant in connection with the shooting deaths of two young men and a young woman found shot to death and buried in the snow here last Thursday.

The victims were identified as Anthony Lee Bates, 18, Wesey Hawkins, 18, and Linda Needham, 16, all of Plato, Mo.

The FBI found the bodies after Juanita Deckard, 19, only survivor of the incident, was found staggering out of the woods by a passing motorist.

The four young people were apparently out on a double-date Wednesday night when a man forced them into the military vehicle he was driving.

The four were then driven to the south part of the base and shot. All four were buried in snow according to the FBI.

Ms. Deckard survived by pretending to be unconscious as she was buried, the FBI added.

Army officials reported that the Arkansas man was arrested by the provost marshall after a pick-up bulletin was broadcast.

Earlier reports said the two couples were walking at the time, but the FBI said later information indicated they were in a car when they were stopped.

According to the FBI, the arrest was made on information primarily furnished by Ms. Deckard.

U. S. PRESIDENT Jimmy and Mrs. Carter are radiant and hopeful for the new America in this unusual UPI photo taken as they boarded the jetliner at Plains Wednesday on the way to Washington for his swearing in as the 39th chief executive of the most powerful nation in the world.

Carter becomes 39th President

WASHINGTON — This week marks a new beginning for the nation.

It officially began Thursday (Jan. 20) at noon when Jimmy Carter took the presidential oath of office administered by Chief Justice Warren Burger.

The swearing-in put behind us eight troubled years of Republican rule which included the Nixon era that produced the Watergate scandal, a sick economy and insensitivity to the rights and aspirations of black people.

A number of black persons arriving here for inaugural activities likened Carter's inauguration to that of President John F. Kennedy.

"There's a new hope in America now," said one.

However, there were other blacks who were saying they must keep the pressure on Carter in order to collect from him.

That view is in reference to the fact that more than 90 per cent of blacks voted for Carter and, in doing so, provided him the margin of victory over Gerald Ford in last November's narrow election.

One of the foremost advocates of the collect-from-Carter view is the Rev. Jesse Jackson who tells his followers.

" . . . Put pressure on President-elect Carter. We selected him, elected him and now must collect from him."

Black Carter aides, in response to this view, are saying that the new president is giving returns — and will give more — to blacks for their investment in him.

They point to the fact that Carter has pledged to involve blacks from top to bottom in his administration, that he has already appointed two blacks to Cabinet-level positions, that he has clearly demonstrated his commitment to racial and equality by enrolling his daughter in a predominantly-black public school in Washington. They also remind that these actions sympathetic to black people came before Carter took office and, they assure, that black citizens can expect more similar actions by Carter.

However, everybody isn't buying all of the pro-Carter view. Those who aren't point quickly to Carter's appointment of former U.S. Circuit Court Judge Griffin Bell as attorney general. Bell has been criticized by the NAACP which has called him an opponent of school integration.

Inauguration day began at the Lincoln Memorial at 8 a.m. Thursday with an interfaith prayer service conducted by the Rev. Martin Luther King Sr. and the Rev. Bruce Edwards, pastor of the Carters Baptist Church in Plains. Also included were opera star Leontyne Price, the 400-voice Atlanta Doi-

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Southeast clinic services sent to City Hospitals

All clinic services of the Southeastern Health District Building except dental services will be carried on at Baltimore City Hospitals starting Monday Jan. 24, the Baltimore City Health Department has announced.

Clinics for child care, prenatal care, family planning, chest and senior citizens will be temporarily located on the second floor of "C" building City Hospitals.

The move is being made to permit the renovation of Southeastern Health District Building to provide better primary care, employ space more efficiently, and to make way for other governmental services as the old building becomes a multi-purpose community center.

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Those wishing to change appointments for any but the chest clinic may call 396-8077. All changes in the chest clinic appointments must be made by calling 396-8065.

The move will only be for approximately four months.

Baptists shocked by death of Mrs. Paige

Mrs. Irene Woods Paige died Jan. 19 at Provident Hospital. Relatives state she was taken to the hospital after complaining she had a headache.

Mrs. Paige, 60, of the 3100 block Liberty Heights Ave., was the wife of Rev. Dr. Walter Paige, pastor of Faith Baptist Church, 833 N. Bond St.

The family will receive friends Sunday from 7 to 9 p.m. at Faith Baptist Church. Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Monday at the church.

Mrs. Chessie Brailey, wife of Del. Troy Brailey told the AFRO she was "surprised to learn of the death of Mrs. Paige."

Mrs. Brailey said she talked to Mrs. Paige late Monday night about the F.R.E.D. banquet and quoted Mrs. Paige as saying she "felt fine" and was in good spirits.

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The degree of Humane Letters was recently conferred upon Mrs. Paige at Virginia College in Lynchburg, Va., at its annual Hayes Day Observance.

Mrs. Paige was widely known both locally and nationally for her civic, religious, education and missionary work. She was known as a charming person who loved to help others.

Born in Little Rock, Arkansas, Mrs. Paige attended Tuskegee Institute and took a correspondence course in English at Sherwin Cody in New York and numerous courses in Christian Education.

Nearly 300 friends and members of Faith Baptist Church attended a birthday party May 30, 1976 at Faith Baptist when the Rev. Dr. Paige honored his wife.

Dressed neatly in a three tier fitted midi length green dress, Mrs. Paige was described as being "genial, considerate, understanding and a loyal friend."

She received birthday greetings from Mrs. Jeanne Mandel, Mrs. Betty Ford and Mayor Schaefer who presented her a citation and a silver platter.

The Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Paige were married 35 years and he presented his wife with a birthstone ring and numerous gifts from friends.

In honoring his wife, the Rev. Dr. Paige said, "May today be the beginning of a truly happy year. With God's blessings all around you and His presence ever near.

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"May your heart be filled with gladness and may He richly bless all the days that lie ahead with lasting happiness. All that I am and all that I hope to be I owe to God and you

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PARTED BY DEATH — Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Walter Paige are shown in AFRO file photo on the 19th anniversary of his pastorate at Faith Baptist.

What Rev. King said on his way to D.C.

By John Templeton
AFRO Staff Reporter

On his way to an almost certain rebuff at the White House, the Rev. Clennon King issued an ultimatum to President-elect Jimmy Carter's church in Plains, Ga.: admit a black to church membership by Jan. 23 or "I will just have to continue with this crazy image I've been maintaining."

King had invited reporters into his Richmond hotel room last Thursday, where he sat on his bed in robe and T-shirt, surrounded by scattered papers, which he said were letters of response to the church's denial of his membership application.

The 56-year-old, who taught history at Richmond's Virginia Union University between 1948 and 1950, said at one point during his rambling discourse, "God tricked me into going to the church the Sunday before the election" to enable Carter's election.

He said he had received angry letters from blacks who said they had only voted because of his action. Carter received overwhelming black support.

But he said that he would again try to join the church because "a white Southern segregationist judge" had pulled him aside in a Richmond restaurant the night before and urged him to continue his effort.

King said the judge told him: "You have let us phony white Christians down . . . Do not let us get away so easily. Don't stay up here; please go back to Georgia. Go back and get some black person to join." He declined to identify the judge.

Since the Plains Baptist Church had said he was not a resident of the community, King said he would establish a residence in the town by Jan. 23 and reapply for membership.

Richmond was the fourth stop of King's Quixotic journey to ask President Ford to lift the church's tax-exempt status. Here, as he had in the state capitals of Georgia, and South

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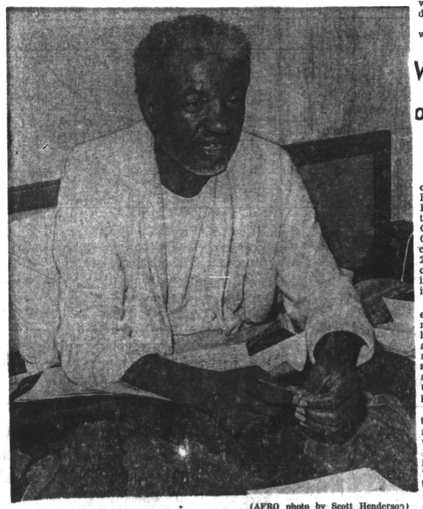

PROTESTING FROM BED—The Rev. Clennon King, sitting up in his bed at a Richmond motel, tells (AFRO photo by Scott Henderson) reporters his latest plans in his efforts to become a member of President Carter's church in Plains, Ga.