NOW THAT'S ITALIAN—As part of the City School's Adopt-A-Culture program, 4th grade students from Coldstream Elementary School were guests of the Sons' of Italy Wednesday morning. Students were shown different Italian dress, dance, and given a spaghetti and meatball lunch complete with parmesan cheese and bread. At left, Benny Shaw, 9, and Michael Crowder, 10, dig into the eats while at right, Mrs. Helen Celluci, dressed Italian style, serves spaghetti and meatballs to Tanya Solese, 9, and Michele Smith, 9.

(AFRO staff photo by Roman Hankewych)

CELEBRATING DR. KING—Tommy Butler, (left) the producer of "Selma" a musical commemorating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., is shown with his stage manager Norma Wright and Hayard Williams Jr. of the Crusade for Christ which is presenting the show Feb. 20 through March 4 at the Civic Center.

Kurt Schmoke on Domestic Council

Baltimore's Kurt Schmoke, who parlayed a brilliant high school career and Yale University scholarship to gain a Rhodes Scholar entry to Oxford, currently is installed on the Domestic Council of President Jimmy Carter's new administration.

Official announcement of the appointment, the AFRO learns, awaits only the completion of the usual FBI investigation for clearance.

According to information available, Schmoke, a junior member of the Piper and Marbury Law Firm in Baltimore, was recommended for the position by Sen. Paul Sarbanes with solid backing from officials at Yale.

Schmoke, the sar quarterback of Baltimore's City College's undefeated football team of the mid-sixties, received on academic scholarship to Yale. While in high school, he was the recipient of the 1967 Scholar-Athlete Award, presented annually to the Maryland schoolboy adjudged the best classroom student who excels on the athletic field.

At Yale, he won nomination as a Rhodes Scholar, acquired election and entered Oxford University for expense-paid graduate work in law.

RSVP moves offices

The Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) has moved its headquarters from 1900 St. Paul St. to the Health Department's Eastern Health District facility at 820 N. Caroline St. The program's new telephone number will be 396-8146.

This new location wil enable RSVP to serve the elderly of Baltimore more effectively through a closer coordination with other Health Department services.

There are currently over 1,000 RSVP volunteers serving more than 16,000 hours per month in 71 locations across Baltimore

Fire Board adopts discipline guidelines

The Board of Fire Commissioners at its meeting on Feb. 2 adopted changes in the Fire Department's Trial Board procedure for handling disciplinary matters within the Fire Department, according to Calhoun Bond, board president.

"Trial boards were established by the Fire Board and chief of the department in July, 1976 as a means to dispose discipline at the "peer" level. This program is in keeping with the Fre Board's expressed confidence in the personnel of the Fire Department to administer discipline in a fair and equitable manner," Bond and Chief Burke said in a joint statement.

"Disciplinary cases involving charges of serious magnitude wherein dismissal, reduction in rank, transfer to other jurisdiction or extra hours of duty may possibly be considered, will be heard by the Fire Department and the other

"Any Trial Board decision accepted by the member charged will be considered final and no higher level may countermand the punishment imposed.

"Both the Baltimore Fire Officers Association and the Baltimore Fire Fighters Association concurred in the plan as adopted," the rest of the statement said.

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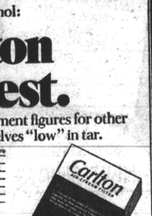

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Monumental bar assoc. urges changes in lawyers' exam

In testimony presented to the House of Delegates Judiciary committee, A. Dwight Pettit, president of the Monumental City Bar Association, once again stated his organization's opposition to the Maryland Bar examination on grounds that elements of this test for aspiring lawyers discriminate against minority candidates.

Pettit told the legislators that the Monumental City Bar Association's opposition is based "on the fact that there has been a continuous disparity in the passing rates between blacks taking the exam and whites."

Pettit's full testimony is as follows:

Whites have been passing at a rate of over 50%, while blacks have been passing at a rate of less than 10%. During the past exam over 100 blacks took the exam and approximately 10 passed. Such statistics are atrocious and cannot be justified.

"Further, it has been pointed out that the exam has never been validated or certified or that it does in fact test what it purports to test, and that it ones ability to practice law.

"The main element of concern over the exam has been the subjective portion, which has been the alleged traditional hurdle for blacks.

This subjective written portion serves as an optimum conduit for the interjection of bias and prejudices which may be inherent in the readers or graders.

"Further, Maryland is one of the few states which allows for oral interview, by persons connected with the exam, prior to examination, thus enhancing the opportunity for racial identification of applicants.

"Therefore, to repeat, the Monumental City Bar Association opposes the exam, in its present form and would support is abolition in the enitret,y or at least abolition of the subjective written part or any other bils designe d ot remove subjectivity and the opportunity for discrimination."

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Legislation providing $100,000 compensation for Clarence Norris, the recently pardoned "Scottsboro Boy," is expected to pass this state's House Judiciary Committee this week.

NBC offers assistance on problems of aging

The geriatric team of the North Baltimore Center, the Community Mental Health Center, serving the northern section of Baltimore City, will be offering an educational program in cooperation with the Commission on Aging for the benefit of anyone in the community who is concerned about an aging friend or relative.

The objective of the program is to discuss problems common to the process of aging and work toward solutions within the group.

The Center, located at 100 E 22nd St. will hold an open meeting on Tuesday, March 8 from 6 to 7 p.m. to describe the program and give interested community members an opportunity to register for one of two series of eight weekly meetings.

The sessions will be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, and repeated at 2 on Wednesday. Call 366-4300 for information.

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eleros drove in their 1200 cc Harley Davidson motorcycles, known as the "hog." These large cycles sell for $4,000, perhaps the most expensive of motorbikes.

Other motorcyclists were seen riding Kawasaki 900's, the "cow" and smaller Hondas that cost around $2,700.

Many members of the Banderleros are self-employed, several own taverns or clubs. Other members are involved in construction work, charter bus services and a detective agency.

The club is known to sponsor yearly activities some of which include children.

Lucas was characterized by friends as "a care-free, fun loving guy." Since 1969 he had been self-employed as owner of a club formerly located at Franklin and Carey Sts. The club was then called "Lucas Tavern."

He later moved his business to 2022 Edmondson Ave. and then to 2019 Edmondson Ave. He was recently honored and received an outstanding service award from Liberty Detective Agency for dedication to his community. He had also been given an award and certificate from the police and fire departments for saving the lives of three children in a house fire.

Lucas is survived by his wife, Mrs. Pauline Lucas, parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otha (Creddie) Lucas, nine children and one brother, James Thomas Lucas.

Joseph Parker, chaplain for he Banderleros's Motorcycle Club said at the Otha Lucas funeral:

APPOINTMENT

"Monday a funny thing happened that sticks in my mind.

"The phone rang at my office. The caller said, 'Jotling Joe, I have an appointment to meet with you the day after tomorrow. I am caling to say I will be on time.

"On Wednesday, at the precise time and place the appointment was kept.

"The word appointment to be somewhere or to meet someone.

"On Wednesday night, Lucas served free food to everyone who came in the doors at his place of business. He stopped and talked to every one and addressed us by name and ended each conversation with a smile as though he was saying, 'Good Bye.'

"A happiness and the radiance about him I have never seen before. He kissed his oldest daughter on the cheek. He spoke to Ellie and said something kind about the newest edition to the family.

"He spoke of a new motorcycle he wanted to get for another daughter. He complimented all of his children and employees on the way they pitched in to make that night a success.

"Each one of us loved Lucas in our own way and Lucas had an appointment to keep.

"Thursday was a routine day. We spoke that morning and went about our usual way. On Friday, some of the Banderleros met and rode to York, Pa.

"After arriving, Lucas said he was going to leave at 3:15 p.m. but God is his wisdom, no one left until after 3:15 p.m.

Saturday some of the club rode to Columbia on the motorcycles.

"After arriving, Lucas said he had to leave at 3:30 p.m.

"Some asked for rides as it was a first for some of them. But when they asked Lucas, he replied, 'You can't get on this bike today!'

"When it was decided to leave, Lucas said, 'It's not 3:30 yet.'

"Lucas had an appointment to meet someone somewhere and he did not want to be early. He did not want to be late. He wanted to be on time.

"Let not your heart be troubled. Lucas was ready.

"How many of us can say, 'Lord, I'm ready?'

"How many of us can say we're ready?

"We know there's a God somewhere and Lucas is there in God's kingdom smiling down on us. He's in a better place now for his work on earth is through. And he's kept his appointment with God."

Mr. Parker continued, telling how this portion of the service ended.

"We called all the club members names in the Roll Call. Then we called the name of Otha Lucas. He did not answer.

"I asked our members, why doesn't he answer? They said, 'Because he had an appointment with God.'

I said, "Who will play his dues?" The members answered, 'His dues are paid in full.'

"Let our records read that Otha Lucas is forever excused from club meetings — reason given: 'He kept his appointment with God. His dues are paid in full.'

"The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

—Gasoline

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said the major oil companies have increased their retail prices uniformly between two and three cents in two weeks."

"Even before the start of gas increases this summer, the price of gas will go up three to five cents," said Rasheed.

Rasheed said new Federal Energy Administration (FEA) rules allow the gas companies to pass on the true cost of gas production to he wholesalers. As are salt, unleaded gasoline, which costs more to produce than regular gas, has climbed higher in price he said.

"Unleaded gas will continue to outstrip the increased costs of regular and premium gases. Someday it will be the most expensive type of gas," he said.

He said the FEA must authorize price increases but noted that "the gas companies get any increase they want." In return, the wholesalers pass the cost to the retailers.

At present there is no problem with obtaining gas, according to Rasheed.

Charles Gladstone, a Baltimore dealer and Association official, said the gas companies are rushing to raise prices because they fear tougher controls.

"The companies are afraid of what President Carter might do in his push for strict conservation measures. They're protecting themselves for a possible price freeze," he said.

Morgan expressed dismay at his two price increases in the last month. "I thought that gas companies could only apply for one price increase a month," (UPI)

—Drownings

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brook stated, "An initial investigation into the incident involving Walbrook student Anthony McCoy is being conducted.

"The students have been given proper training on pool procedure prior to entrance into the pool area in two separate class sessions."

Funeral services were held Tuesday for McCoy at Mount Olivet Freewill Baptist Church. A press conference was postponed Tuesday after city officials learned the possibility of litigation by the victim's family.

MORGAN STUDENT DROWNS

Dr. Hormez R. Guard, an assistant state medical examiner, stated the Morgan State University student who was found February 14 at the bottom of the school's swimming pool may have drowned after suffering a heart attack.

William Dunlap, of Chester, Pa. was discovered around 11:05 a.m. by another student. Dr. Guard told the AFRO. "An autopsy report is being delayed pending a toxicology report.

According to Dr. Guard there was a "fresh bruise" on the victim's forehead and he might have been struggling to get out of the pool and hit his head.

At AFRO presstime funeral arrangements were not completed and the victim's body was still at the City Morgue.

—For All We Know

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50th wedding anniversary.

OUR GUESTS this week included Mrs. Pauline Murel a member of the United Tents, an organization founded by slaves. Here's an interesting feature you'll be seeing in the AFRO soon. The Rev. Mrs. Aurelia Riddles heads the group which has 14 chapters and has Hampton, Va. as headquarters.

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AMONG MANY persons inquiring about visits to Orchard Street Church during this black History Month were Mrs. Keifer Jackson, wife of the physician; the Order of United Tents and Herring Run Junior High School No. 77 classes of the dynamic teacher, Mrs. Venus Green.

REGRETFULLY, the old slave church which never fails to arouse interest is closed while restoration and rebuilding is going on. It's possible it may be open for tours in early spring. A notice will be given in time for alterations to be made to the tunnel Black History Month could last all year.

CHORUS LINE [illegible] night Monday saw the Mechanic Theatre packed to the top. Having a good time together in orchestra seats were the Orlinskys and the Bob Embrys.

HIT TUNE "What I Did For Love" was unknown to the daily critics who claimed you could not come away humming any of the songs. The music, actually, was very good, the orchestra unusually fine and the dancing superb. You'll like it. Prune faced critics never like anything and we doubt they even saw Chorus Line. The star was the black youth who received sustained applause for acting and dancing. There was no intermission. None was needed. The audience was enraptured all the time.

MOST POPULAR [illegible] on Capital Hill in Washington today is Marion [illegible] only Congressman Parren J. Mitchell. During inaugural events, his reception had the most guests, the most gracious setting, most delicious food and most interesting conversation.

COUNCILMAN WANTS CITY TO STOP BICKERING

Irby says 'time running out,' urges black political unity

COUNCILMAN NATHAN IRBY (D, 2nd)

Nathan C. Irby Jr., the second district city councilman, laid it on the line Monday night on the floor of the City Council.

Going beyond his remarks, addressed to the visit of the Rev. Jesse Jackson here last week, the East Baltimore politician said "time is running out" for his Eastside colleagues and their Westend counterparts.

"... It is high time that the political forces of East and West stop egotistically aspiring for total leadership in one camp or another and join forces for the betterment of the whole of Baltimore. For no longer do we have the luxury of time to bring about a sense of unanimity," he declared.

Irby added, "The social climate of Baltimore is in such disarray that we need to turn our energies collectively toward solving the problems that affect the vast numbers of Baltimoreans.

"The disparity between the haves and the have-nots is getting larger. It is my hope that we can move everyone forward at the same time, but not at the same pace. Today clearly indicates that the gains of the sixties have been lost. In the seventies, I ask my God every night, let me be a part of the de-programming process of my people."

The 43-year old native Baltimorean, lives in the Eastside neighborhood of Berea, "near the site of the proposed medium security prison, the state wants to build at 3500 E. Preston St."

He was appointed to the municipal chamber in December, 1974, after Robert L. Douglass (D. 45th) was elected to the State Senate. He won election in his own right in November, 1975.

"I endorse his statement as far as it goes," State Senator Verda F. Welcome said Thursday afternoon. "But I don't think that this is the whole picture. I want to compliment the elected East Baltimore officials for working together and supporting each other."

She added, "West Baltimore could learn a lot from the united efforts put forth in East Baltimore.

"There is no fight between East and West political officials. Everyone seems to be going his way, more or less. The 38th district elected personnel work together very well. There seems to be no problem. But God bless the 40th and 41st.

"I would hope that somehow in the future that delegates in the district would work with the senator in the district. This is what is badly needed in the 40th and the 41st.

"The one saving grace is the Black Caucus. In this body, the black elected officials seem to be able to work together as a body much better than working together in their own district. In my opinion, Councilman Irby's statement is very well taken."

In the 38th legislative district the black elected assemblymen are: Sen. Clarence M. Mitchell, III, Del. Isaiah Dixon Jr., Del. Lena K. Lane, and Del. Larry Young.

Assembly persons in the 40th district are: Sen. Verda Welcome, Del. Troy Brailey, Del. Lloyd Rangel and Del. Kenneth L. Webster. Officials in the 41st legislative district are: Sen. Clarence W. Blum, Del. LeRoy Mitchell, Del. Jay Pinkney A. Howell and Del. Arthur G. Murphy Sr.

NEW YORK — An odd row has been taking place here over rolls of toilet tissue. The Italian firm Gucci, which sells expensive leather goods and jewelry, is very angry about a firm of toilet tissue manufacturers who put on sale a line of their product carrying the famous "GG" Gucci symbol.

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Tribute to George G. Kelson

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George G. Kelson

The magnitude of his life is still being revealed in the community where he lived by the people whom he served. He was more than a mortician or a funeral director. He was concerned about the people who needed him—so he gave help. He was interested in making the community better so he gave untiring service to the community—thus the city officials named the George G. Kelson Elementary School in his honor. He was hopeful about the future so he extended resources to others so that they might carry on in his illustrious Spirit.

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