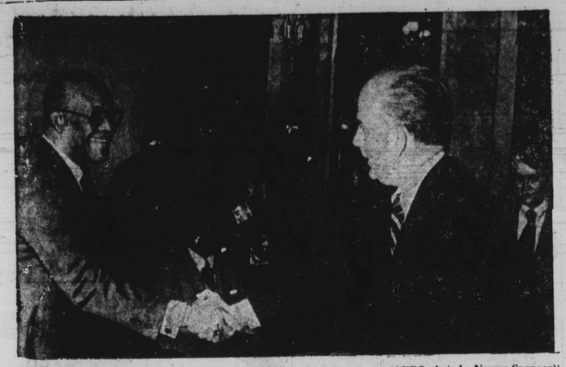

BISHOP MONROE SAUNDERS is congratulated by Mayor William Donald Schaefer after he was sworn in as the new school board commissioner. (AFRO photo by Norma Spencer)

Veterinary school proposed

PRINCESS ANNE, Md. — Dr. William Hytche, chancellor of the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES), said he is "generally pleased" with the University of Maryland board of regents' decision to establish a veterinary school at the predominantly black college.

The board of regents voted unamimously to establish the veterinary school on the Eastern Shore campus but vetoed a proposal to move the college of agriculture from University of Maryland College Park.

A task force apointed by the board of regents recommended adding the two department to the Eastern Shore campus as a way to end curriculum duplication between UMES and Salisbury State College.

School officials rejected moving the agriculture school because they said it would cost $50 million to relocate it at Princess Anne.

Eastablishment of a veterinary school was approved because it would cost less than $25 million, school officials said.

Hytche said he has no strong reservations about the agriculture school not moving to the Eastern Shore because it "is a very large school.

"Anyway, I'm a firm believer that a school should be developed, not sprung up overnight," he said.

Hytche also said he is apprehensive that the recommendations will have an unfavorable reception with the State Board for Higher Education and the General Assembly.

"The recommendations still have to get funding approval by the state board and the legislature," he said.

"Sen. (Robert) Douglass testified at the taskforce hearing and said the programs would face tough time in the legislature."

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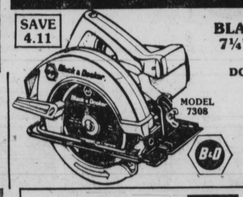

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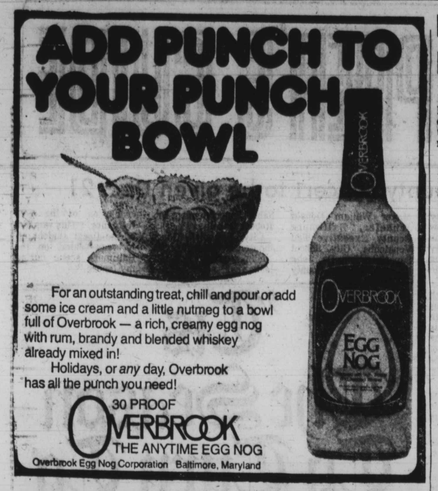

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Employees reject Lee's pay offer

Acting Gov. Blair Lee III made Maryland state employees an offer he thought they couldn't refuse.

But refuse it they did.

In a meeting with officials of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Council 92 Wednesday, Lee made a new pay raise offer which included a fringe benefit package totaling $32.1 million.

But Lee said the pay increase would only be about 2 percent across the board, 1.5 percent lower than his original offer.

According to union officials, Lee said it was all he could scrape together.

"The fringe benefits are very nice, like icing on a cake," said Ron Samuels, spokesman for Council 92. "But the 2 percent increase is ridiculous and we say no. We still stick to our original demand of $1,100 across the board."

The fringe benefit package includes for all employees a comprehensive prescription program; an optical program; 80 percent Blue Cross, Blue Shield coverage; a longevity program, which guarantees payment to employees for 10, 15 or 20 years depending on their grade and elimination of the Grade 2 increments.

The meeting between Lee and union officials was the second in a series held after Lee announced plans to up the cost of living raise to 3.5 percent.

Union officials contend 3.5 percent was not enough for employees and contend the proposed $1,100 increase would put the workers just below the 1978 level of the cost of living index.

Samuels said he has no idea what the council's next step will be until he meets with the associate director, Curtis Johnson; the international director, P. J. Ciampa and union official Austin Hill.

He said until they find another route they will continue to flood Lee with mailgrams.

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HONORED AT LUNCHEON — Stewart Smith, Mass Transit Administration, office of personnel; Mrs. Juanita Mitchell, attorney and David W. Hornbeck, state superintendent of schools (L to R) were honored recently at a luncheon given by the Maryland Association of Equal Opportunity Personnel. The association cited their community and civic endeavors.

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Oct. was a jobless month

Unemployment throughout Maryland rose in October by almost 8,000 and the rate increased by four-tenths percent above the 4.9 in September reaching 5.3 percent, according to the monthly employment report released by the Employment Security Administration of the Maryland Department of Human Resources.

Compared to October 1976 the jobless total was 13,500 less and the unemployment rate was seven-tenths percent under the 6.0 percent of last year.

Total employment in the state was up by less than 12,000 while the labor force surged by more than 19,000 during the September to October period. Agency officials pointed out, however, that over the year jobs rose faster than the labor force by 14,000 as employment increased by almost 36,000, the labor force by 22,000.

Unemployment in the Baltimore Metropolitan Area showed a 30-day increase of 7,200 over September to 66,200 in October. The unemployment rate was 6.8 percent, compared to 6.1 percent in September and 7.3 percent in October, 1976.

Employment in the Baltimore area rose by 10,200 as the labor force expanded by 17,300. However, over the past 12 months the job increase of 17,000 moved ahead of the labor force rise of 13,000.

During October, the Unemployment Insurance Division received, statewide, a weekly average of 5,136 initial claims under the regular unemployment insurance program and an average of 27,907 continued claims for a total weekly average of 33,043. During October 1976, initial claims averated 5,038 and continued claims averaged 29,803 for a total weekly average of 34,841.

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