Post office closed Feb 19

Monday, Feb. 19, is a legal holiday for the U.S. Postal Service. No regular window service or mail delivery will be offered by Baltimore area post offices, Sectional Center Manager - Postmaster Warren M. Bloomberg said. However, there will be full city - wide collection of mail.

The Postal Service will observe a holiday mail schedule that will provide special delivery, express mail and lock - box service. Perishable matter will be handled and delivered promptly.

Self - Service Postal Centers offering stamps, envelopes and insurance up to $15 for packages and open 24 hours a day, are available at the following locations:

Annapolis (Eastport Station), Chesapeake Avenue at Americana Drive;

Columbia Post Office, 6601 Oak Hall Lane;

Eudowood Post Office, Eudowood Shopping Center;

Glen Burnie Post Office, 7696 Ritchie Highway;

Northwood Branch, 1200 E. Northern Parkway;

Pikesville Branch, 3703 Old Court Road;

(No insurance available);

Towson Plaza, Towson Plaza Shopping Center;

Westminster Post Office, 85 E. Main St., and

Main Post Office, 900 E. Fayette St.

UMES honors program to split $185,000 grant

The Minority Honors Programs at the University of Maryland's Baltimore and Eastern Shore campuses will split a $185,000 grant for scholarships and counseling, school officials announced last week.

Students in the premedical program at Eastern Shore are assured admission the University's School of Medicine located in Baltimore if they meet the basic admission qualifications.

"The purpose of the program is to give minority students an opportunity to enter an excellerated program at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore that would channel their admission to the University Medical school," said Peter Stanton, spokesman for the university.

"By channeling minority students to the professional school hopefully after graduation they will go back to their native communities and provide health care to those communities."

Stanton said eventually the other professional schools, including law, dental, pharmacy, nursing and social work, will have similar programs.

The funds, from the Josiah Macy Foundation, will be distributed for the med - school program over a four year period beginning April 1. $30,000 of the grants is to be used for stipends.

WORKING ON SNOOPY — Development engineer Emma Churchill visually matches the color of the cord with a new Design - Line phone at Western Electric. The Baltimore works, which manufactures most of the telephone cords for the Bell System, is responsible for matching the cord color whenever a new model or color is introduced. Western Electric's Baltimore Works is celebrating its 50th anniversary during 1979.

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Marijuana use increase among people in 20s

The frequent use of marijuana and other "soft drugs" by people in their 20s in the five Baltimore Metropolitan Counties increased significantly between 1976 and 1977, a study by a Washington firm said Thursday.

The study commissioned by the State Drug Abuse Administration found an increase in drug use people between 20 and 24 in Baltimore County of 140 percent, while consumption by younger people doubled during the period.

The report by the Pace Management Co. defined "soft drugs" as everything but heroin and methadone. Occasional use of soft drugs was not included in the study.

The study said the general use of drugs by persons between 20 and 24 rose 58 percent in Anne Arundel, Howard, Harford and Carroll Counties and 54 percent in Montgomery County.

The study was based on information provided by police and local social services agencies. Pace president Rayburn Hesse said.

He said the information, including demographic information and other statistical data, was fed into a computer, which produced the final figures.

Users of heroin and methadone in Baltimore County during the test period rose 72 percent from 4,362 to 7,511, the study said.

Small increases in soft drug use was noted in Prince George's County and Baltimore.

According to the study, soft drug use rose 9 percent in Baltimore from 8,838 to 9,523 persons, while hard drug users climbed 7 percent.

Thomas Dorman, chairman of the Baltimore County Advisory Council on Drug and Alcohol Abuse, said he found the results of the Pace study "surprising."

"I think it's mainly due to the expanding use of marijuana and its availability," he said. "People are becoming millionaires by pushing marijuana."

Local black writers work published

Exciting, interesting and most of all informative. Those are the words that most accurately describe Baltimore's newest journal, "The Black Review No. 1"

The biannual publication made its debut in January and was published by Blackberry Press. It contains poems, book reviews and essays.

"Communication, first and foremost, is what we were trying to accomplish," said Makin Tulingwe, editor of the journal.

"I've been writing since high school and I guess I was just a frustrated writer and didn't feel there was an outlet for me as far as what we were trying to do.

"I hope we can present as much prose and poetry as we possibly can and make it completely self supporting in issues to come."

Although Ms. Tulingwe said the first issue of the publication was "a give away," the second issue (scheduled for April) will only be sent to subscribers.

For further information write: Blackberry Press, P.O. Box 9405, Baltimore, Md. 21228.

Students choose time for AACC courses

The principles of child development as they relate to providing a healthy environment for the care of children, ages two to six, will be discussed in an upcoming non-credit course at Anne Arundel Community College.

Entitled "Child Development Training," this course is being offered in two sections by the College's Office of Community and Extension Services and Evening Administration.

The first section will meet at AACC's main campus in Arnold on Mondays and Thursdays, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., Feb. 26 through May 14 while the second section will meet at the institution's Glen Burnie Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Feb. 27 through May 15.

To learn more about this offering and to find how to register for it, contact the College's Office of community and Extension Services and Evening Administration at 647-7100, ext. 327.

Fleshman retires from Beth Steel

Madison Fleshman, a resident of Baltimore, retired from Bethlehem Steel, Feb. 1, where he had been employed for 33 years, two months and 25 days.

He has been a faithful employee and plans to enjoy his retirement. Mr. and Mrs. Fleshman reside at 212 N. Culver St. in Baltimore.

They are members of the Ray of Hope Baptist Church of which Dr. Charles M. Franklin is the pastor.

Mr. Fleshman was ordained as a deacon of his church on Sunday, Jan. 21, 1979.

He is the son of Mrs. Gla Fleshman and the late Sam Fleshman, brother of Deacon James Fleshman of Lynchburg, Va., sister Mrs. Dorothy Thornton of Appomattox. His wife, Mrs. Marion Fleshman is a native of Baltimore.

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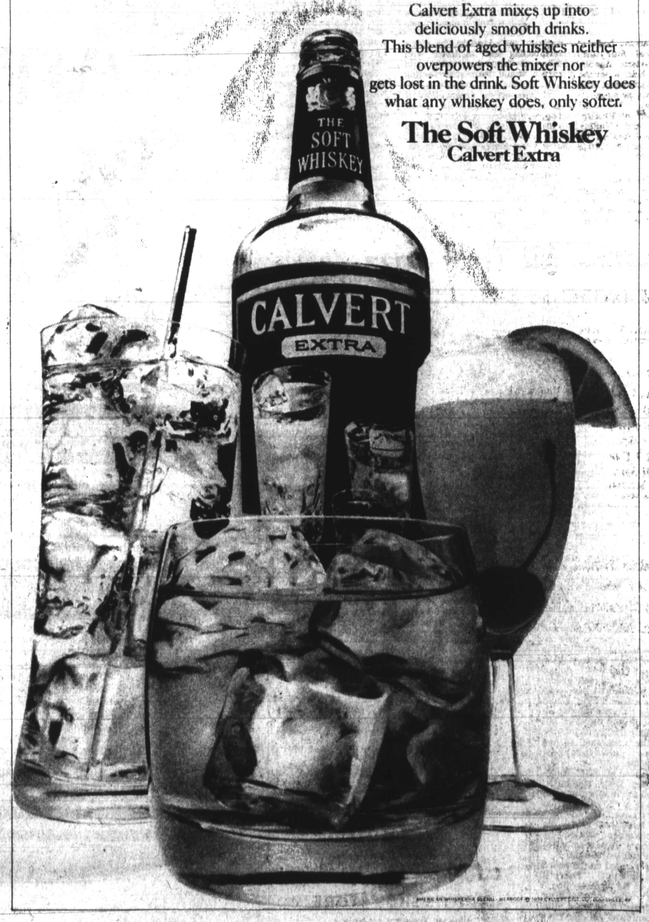

First business renewal project

Avalon Home Center to open soon

Construction is nearly completed of the new Avalon Home Center, located in the 5000 block of Park Heights Ave., one block south of Pimlico Race Track.

The project is the first in the nation in an urban renewal area to be authorized under President Carter's new plan, "Neighborhood Business Revitalization Program." The new building site in Pimlico will encompass more than 24,000 square feet to start, and covering approximately 1.1 acres.

The owners of the new Avalon Home Center are Stanley Bush and Howard Rovner, present owners of Avalon Paint and Hardware in the 4000 block of Park Heights Ave. in the Avalon section, below Pimlico.

This idea brings under one roof merchandise Bush and Rovner have decided to keep the name of Avalon, changing their trading name to Avalon Home Center. The home center concept, which originated more than 25 years ago in California, is a new concept in the East Coast.

from hardware stores, lumber yards and household wares stores, presenting shopping facilities for the home owner and renter in the area of housewares and home fix-up.

A computing system will keep every item in stock under a permanent inventory control.

To commemorate this first Pimlico project, a block laying ceremony was held at the new site, 5011 Park Heights Ave., on Sunday, Oct. 22, 1978.

Speaking at the ceremony were Rep. Parren J. Mitchell, Mayor William Donald Schaefer, Daniel Henson, regional administrator, Small Business Administration (SBA); Diane Semingson, secretarial representative, Region III, U.S. Department of Commerce, and Thomas Hobbs, area manager, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

During the ceremony citations were presented by Mayor Schaefer from Baltimore City to Bush and Rovner in recognition of public service in the revitalization of the Pimlico Commercial Area.

Other organizations represented were the Pimlico Merchants Association, Park Heights Community Corporation and other neighborhood improvement associations.

President Carter's "Neighborhood Business Revitalization Program" consists of finding a local developer and coupling them with the city, SBA and a private lending institution, so that long term loans and developer's funds makes a funding package for commercial development.

The private lending institution for the Avalon Home Center project is Baltimore Federal Savings and Loan Association.

Bush and Rovner said that when the Avalon Home Center will be completed, it will be the largest single store in the Pimlico area.

An outdoor sales area of 2,000 square feet will be added in the summer of 1979. The store will be self - service with check - out counters and a special customer service assistance counter.

A fenced in 38 car "Customers Only" parking lot is situated at the store's entrance for convenience.

The architect designing the project is William D. Pefo, AIA, and the builder is Ira C. Rigger Inc.

Bush and Rovner stated that the tentative store opening is late February with a grand opening celebration April 5, 6 and 7.

Wise penny expanded

After a busy holiday season The Wise Penny Thrift Shop, a donation and consignment shop, located at 5802 York Road and Belvedere, specializing in quality used women's and children's, housewares, bric - a - brac and new hand crafts, is in the news once again.

The Wise Penny has expanded, and is, now selling furniture as well!

We also expanded our fashions to include a maternity boutique as well as selective men's fashions - blazers, sportcoats and ties.

Every Wednesday is Senior Citizen discount day, and we are glad to present 20 percent discount on all white tag items. Focusing on the senior citizens, the Wise Penny is proud to announce "The Wise Penny on Wheels." Once a month we visit Keswick with selective items of clothing. If this operation is successful we hope to expand to other nursing homes as well.

February 17 - 24 will be the end of season sale with three for the price of one occasion not to be missed.

The Wise Penny is operated by the Junior League of Baltimore and is entirely staffed by volunteers (except for a paid manager). All proceeds of the shop are returned to the various community projects such as the Parent - Infant Learning Center that opened January 24 in the Govans area. For further information, pease call the Wise Penny at 435 - 3244.

BG and E ordered to revise rates

The Maryland Public Service Commission ordered Baltimore Gas and Electric Co. to revise its rate structure for non-residential customers so costs will be "put where they belong."

"The rate design changes directed by this commission are a first step in an effort to utilize improved rate structures in order to put the costs where they belong and thereby promote conservation of energy, modify seasonal peaks and, hopefully, defer the need for costly new generating facilities," the PSC order said.

The new rate design modified the declining block rate structure BE and G now uses, under which non-residential customers who used less electricity and gas paid smaller charges at the same rate as large users.

Under the PSC order, a new two-part rate structure composed of a customer charge and a commodity charge will be substituted.

The PSC said total revenues from non-residential BG and E customers under the new rates will remain the same as under the declining block rate structure.

The Commission said the costs recovered through the customer charge previously were included in the initial blocks of the commodity charge. They include the fixed monthly costs that exist regardless of the amount of gas or electricity used by the customer.

Health agency plans public meeting

The governing body of the Central Maryland Health System Agency Inc., will hold a public meeting Wednesday, Feb. 21, regarding the agency's application to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare for continued funding for the period April 27, 1979 to April 26, 1980.

The University of Baltimore's Langsdale Auditorium, 1420 Maryland Ave., will be the site of the 7:30 p.m. meeting.

Persons wishing to speak at the hearing may register in advance by telephoning the CMHSA office at 752-3500, or in person at the hearing.

Written comments may be submitted prior to the hearing to the agency's office.

Copies of the grant application are available for public perusal at the Baltimore City and the five county public libraries.

The meeting is open to residents of Baltimore City, and Baltimore, Harford, Howard, Carroll and Anne Arundel counties.

Mitchell appointed at-large whip

WASHINGTON — Rep. Parren Mitchell, D-Md., has been appointed an at - large whip.

Mitchell, beginning his fifth term in the House of Representatives, will be one of 11 congressmen assigned the responsibility of pulling in votes on bills supported by the Democratic leadership.

The appointment was made Wednesday by the Democratic leadership in the House.

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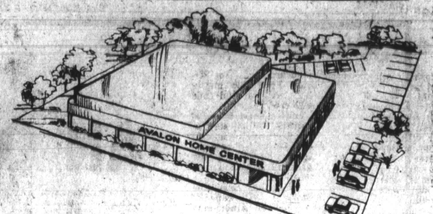

NEW STORE — The Avalon Home Center, offering hardware, do - it - yourself supplies and housewares, is scheduled to open late this month.

Kamka announces appointments

Gordon Kamka, secretary of Public Safety and Corrections, Wednesday, Feb. 14 appointed a former warden of the Patuxent Institution as deputy secretary for correctional services.

J. Brown Hardy, 54, will be responsible for coordinating parole and correction operations and seek ways to find alternatives to incarceration, Kamka said. The appointment needs no legislative approval and pays an annual salary of $30,000.

Kamka also announced the appointments of two whites, Edwin R. Goodlander, a deputy warden for community services at the Baltimore City Jail; and Norman B. Gluckstern, head of the Prince George's County's Bureau of Rehabilitation and Programs.

Ms. Gluckstern will be acting warden at Patuxent, Kamka said, and her appointment must be approved by the prison's board.

Goodlander was named by Kamka to be the new Commissioner of Corrections where he will administer the Correction Division's $61 million budget and supervise its 2,300 employees.

Goodlander's appointment must be approved by the Senate. The job pays $28,700.

Kamka said the appointments were made to help find solutions to the Maryland prison system's overcrowding problems. The state is under federal court order to reduce its inmate population by 1,000 by 1980.

The Corrections Secretary said finding ways to deal with offenders, such as supervised work programs, is one way of meeting that federal mandate.

"The public is not protected by locking people up for long periods of time," Kamka said. The long term solution to crime cannot be found in prison. Community based programs are needed to deal with the problem, he said.

"We're not going to build our way out of the problem. We have to manage the criminal justice system rather than be managed by it," Kamka said.

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