—Provident volunteers

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"Even prior to our asking, people came in to volunteer their services as early as Monday morning. They were assigned various duties and pleased to do anything they could—big or small," said Thomas Chapman, president of the hospital.

"The dedication of the employees on the night shift who were here from Sunday night was tremendous. Many stayed 48 hours. Other employees made it here by hitch-hiking and walking. They were fantastic."

Among the employees and volunteers were: Brenda Walker and Martha Deanada who operated the switchboard; Jacqueline Bell who worked 48 hours in the Operations Room; Dr. Fitzpatrick Wilson of Owings, Md. who made his way through the snow; Joe Jordan, Ed. father of two children who worked both Monday and Tuesday at the hospital;

Also, Mrs. S. Lightfoot who put in more than 20 hours; and Col. Arthur F. Holquin, who was effective in getting the National Guard's help.

The National Guard aided the hospital in clearing off the parking areas and transporting employees and emergency cases.

There were also some heroic things happening around the hospital.

Some five to six residents of the area had carried a woman eight blocks to the hospital to deliver a baby and later the same day, the National Guard found a car stuck in the snow that was also transporting an expectant mother to the hospital. Both women delivered their children without complication.

Throughout the snowstorm there were nine babies born at the hospital, in addition to 2100 meals served, 25-30 employees and volunteers spending the night, and 38-40 volunteers per day.

—Swisher

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The Episcopal preacher also warned his congregation that Swisher is what the city inherited for being divided, and for not starting earlier enough last year to get a strong candidate to defeat him.

He also warned the predominantly black congregation that "The time is not too early now to begin planning for the election three years ahead to put Swisher out of office." He made a place, too, that the community "be not divided this time."

Father Garrenton also asked the congregation to pray for Swisher, "because he is a human being, although, as public official, he has been captured by evil."

—2 gospel singers executed

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his grey shirt was up under the arm pits exposing his back. His front pants pockets were turned inside out.

Police have not ruled out robbery and are still investigating the case. Relatives of both victims stated that the men were never involved in drugs and they believe the victims both knew the person or persons who killed them.

An old mattress and blood stained clothing were found in the garage. Police declined to say if they believed the clothing belonged to the victims and would not say if Hamilton's shoes were found in the area.

Outside the garage were bloodstains that lead to the murder scene and a pair of eyeglasses and a comb. Police also recovered a soda can and a liquor bottle in the gutter.

Hamilton, unemployed, often sang at churches and funeral services. Just last Saturday, he sang, "Lord I'll Go," at a friends funeral held at the William C. March Funeral Home. Last rites will be held for Hamilton March 2 at Calvary Star Baptist Church, 1725 Milton Ave.

His mother, Mrs. Ruth Williams told the AFRO the last time she saw her son was Monday morning around 10:30 a.m. when he left her house and promised her that he would return to take her to the dentist.

Mrs. Ruth Pettaway, Mr. Casey's mother, said, "It hurts when people are sick and die but it really takes something out of you when your child is killed. He would always call me if he was planning on staying out all night.

"My child never used drugs and would never hurt anyone. He and Earl were very close friends and I would never believe someone would kill them."

Mrs. Pettaway was also a member of the Johnny West Gospel Singers.

Before singing gospel music, Mrs. Pettaway said her son sing popular music in local clubs in East Baltimore.

Funeral services for Mr. Casey will be held 6:30 p.m. March 4 at the William C. March Funeral Home.

For six years, he was employed as a telotype operator with the telephone company.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his father, Sylvester Pettaway, one sister, Ms. Catherine Cox and a brother, Ronald Cox.

Child Care Expenses

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Internal Revenue Service

—Senator Blount

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Sen. Blont is also chairman of the powerful Senate Budget and Taxation Committee and chairman of the Subcommittee on Education and Health.

In addition to protecting the allocations for employment programs, public assistance and aid to families with dependent children, displaced homemakers, foster children, handicapped and health programs, Blount concerns himself with state funding for public education, community colleges, Morgan University, Bowie, Coppin and UMES budgets.

"With todays cry to cut government expenditures, even the most important programs are subject to scrutiny and can lose funding if someone isn't right there to champion and protect them," said the senator.

From the his position on the Executive Nominations Committee, Blount has the opportunity to influence some of the appointments to state positions.

In recent hearings by this committee to confirm the governor's cabinet appointments, Senator Blount defended and was influential in swaying approval for Gordon Kamba to be the new Secretary of Corrections and Public Safety, and Theodore Thornton, the first black to serve as a member of the cabinet as Secretary of Personnel.

Blount who took an active part in the passage of a resolution supporting the D.C. voting rights amendment, has several bills before the Senate which includes requiring the state to pay the costs of applying for financial assistance for low income students; establishing a procedure for non-collegiate and post-secondary educational institutions to be advised of deficiencies if denied certification; and requiring that the level of public assistance payments be brought up to the state standard of need.

—Lawrence Parker

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ran from the building where the suspect was last seen.

The building has a front door which is kept locked at all times and the police report says that how the suspect entered through the front door is unknown. The report also says that a follow up is required.

There were no witnesses available, the police report says.

But Fire Department investigators say Parker's statment is good enough and there will be no further investigation.

"The man (Parker) claims he was attacked and accidentally knocked over a heating stove that cause the fire," said Capt. Harold Letts of the Fire Department. "As far as I'm concerned I'm satisfied."

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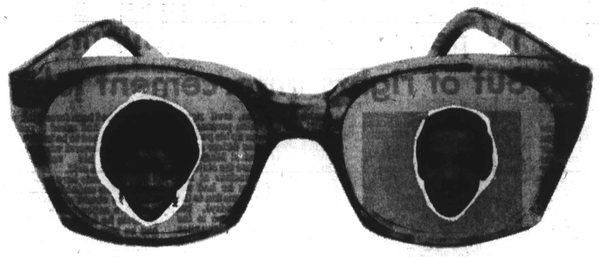

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Loss of Iranian oil prompts MTA, BG and E to find ways to save fuel

The loss of Iranian oil has prompted the Mass Transit Administration (MTA) and the Baltimore Gas and Electric Co. to take alternative measures that would save them fuel.

The MTA fearing a possible energy crisis due to the loss of Iranian oil, has decided to keep 40 buses it had planned to scrap.

MTA planners and developing a strategy to anticipate the increased demand for bus service should a U.S. energy crisis similar to the one in 1974 develop.

"At the height of the (1974) crisis, ridership increased 20 percent and we were using every vehicle that we could conceivably use," said Assistant MTA Bus Manager Edwin M. Kahoe.

The MTA received 60 new buses last month for its 1979-bus fleet, but will not retire 60 old buses as originally planned.

Instead, all but 20 will be kept in reserve and used only if necessary.

"They're a cushion," Kahoe said. "If there is an energy crisis, we're going to be very glad that we have these buses."

Meanwhile, the Baltimore Gas and Electric Co. says it wants to look futher for supplier of low sulfur oil before requesting permissions to burn more polluting oil in the wake of the loss of Iranian oil.

The utility asked the state Department of Health and Mental Hygiene for a postponement on its request to burn fuel that does not meet state pollution standards.

BG and E last week petitioned the State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene for permission to burn with a 2.9 percent sulfur content instead of the 1 percent sulfur content oil it now burns to cover possible Iranian oil shortages.

Utility spokesman Charles Franklin said BG and E has asked for a postponement of consideration of the request until "we can scour the market" for other supplies of low sulfur oil.

U.S. Energy Secretary James Schlesinger said fuel shortages caused by the loss of oil from Iran may get 60 percent worse in coming months and could force mandatory conservation, but President Carter said he has avoided calling for such measures.

BG and E burns about 12 million gallons of oil annually. Two-thirds of its power comes from nuclear power plants in Calvert County.

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—Local Club Notes—

The Baltimore Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. recently observed their 41st National Founders' Day at All Saints Church. Jack and Jill is a family and service organization dedicated to the interest of children. It was founded in Philadelphia in January 1938.

The Baltimore chapter was established in 1946. The organization now has 150 chapters in 40 states with membership totaling approximately 30,000. Jack and Jill is one of the two black organizations in this country having its own foundation. The Jack and Jill foundation was created in 1968.

The theme for the next two years is "PEP." ThePEP Profram is an acronym for Parenting, Education and Political Involvement. It embraces the purposes of Jack and Jill.

Mrs. Delores Sykes chaired the Founders' Day program. The officers of the Baltimore chapter are Mrs. Brenda Johnson, president; Mrs. Rita Selby, vice - president; Mrs. Judy Neale, recording secretary; Mrs. Carolyn Stansburg, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Laura Byrd, treasurer and Mrs. Catherine Howard, parliamentarian.

Iota Phi Lambda

Negro History Week was recently observed by the members of the Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Kappa Chapter in services at the Crockett Realty building, 2300 block W. North Avenue.

Special feature for the afternoon was the presentation of the 1978 tour of Africa by the Africa '79 Committee of UMBC by Ms. Shelia Dixon.

Kappa Chapter donated $50 to these students and their efforts.

VAG's

The VAG's, Inc., a local service organization which is dedicated to providing financial assistance to various groups or ganizations, recently donated $2,000 to the Provident Hospital Development Fund. Mrs. Rose Lewis, president of the group, made the presentation to Thomas W. Chapman, president of Provident, and Dr. Joseph Miller, who heads the cancer and sickle - cell anemia clinics at the hospital. This $2,000 donation will be used specifically for sickle - cell research and continuation of the sickle - cell clinic.

Provident Hospital offers free cancer and sickle cell screening for the community. The clinics are made possiblelargely through contributions from foundations and organizations such as the VAG's.

The VAG's was founded in 1960 by Mrs. Vivian Garth Alleyn, for whom the club was named. It makes an annual contribution to an organization or group which demonstrates a need for assistance based on its active and on going development projects and its attempt to improve the economic, civic or social status of the people in its surroungind community.

American Business Women

Mrs. Lorraine Reynolds was recently elected president of the Francis Scott Key Chapter, American Business Womens Association. Mrs. Reynolds is employed at the Social Security Administration.

Other officers elected to serve for the coming year include Ms. Mary Rice, vice president; Ms. Eileen Hanley, Recording Secretary; Ms. Bernice Kinney, corresponding secretary and Ms. Barbara Collins, treasurer.

The chapter held its monthly meeting at the Lodge Cliff on Belair Road, Monday, Feb. 12.

Peter Wolterock, an accountant and instructor in the evening division, Loyola College will be the speaker for the February meeting.

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