Still time to enroll in YW summer programs

A variety of summer activities for children at the YWCA of the Greater Baltimore Area begin this month.

The YWCA summer sports series for youth begins Monday, June 23. The program provides children 4-15 years old an opportunity to develop skills in sports, physical fitness, coordination and poise in dance. Classes will be held on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays for three two-week sessions beginning June 23.

Also available for children this summer at the Central YW are evening classes, Saturday swimming and swimming for children 3 months-3 years.

Day Camp at the YWCA Swim Club in Edgewood offers summer fun for boys and girls ages 6-12. Outdoor skills, crafts, nature study, music, drama, sports and swimming are included. Limited transportation for campers is available from the downtown Central YW Center at 128 W. Franklin Street, and from the Harford County YW Center, 2023 Emmorton Road, Bel Air.

Camp will be held for 4 sessions beginning July 23-August 15, 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Cost per session varies from $36-$40.

Kindercamp for children 3-5 years old will be held at YWCA Centers in Baltimore County, Harford County and Northern Anne Arundel County with most classes beginning June 23. Campers participate in outdoor activities, water play, arts and crafts and music.

The Baltimore County YW Center will also offer 3 sessions of gymnastics for children 6 years and up at the Franklin Elementary School on Cockeysville Road in Reisterstown. Session I begins June 16-26, Session II June 3-July 11, and Session III July 14-15. Classes meet Monday through Friday.

For further information on YWCA summer programs call 685-1460.

NURSING HONOREE — Sinai Hospital nurse Rosetta McCullough, LPN, (R) accepts a certificate of appreciation from Dr. Medea Marella, vice-president, nursing services (L) as hospital president Dr. Spencer Foreman looks on. Mrs. McCullough was recently elected Sinai's Licensed Practical Nurse of the Year by fellow members of the nursing staff on the basis of her competency and the quality of nursing care she delivers. As recipient of the award, she was also presented with a check for $100 in appreciation for her hard work and dedication to nursing at Sinai.

—McAllister mystery

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Dr. Guard told the AFRO there was no evidence of external causes of death, such as beating, shooting or stabbing. He said McAllister was a "healthy and handsome man."

But proving foul play, however is something the medical examiner's office has not yet done.

If foul play was involved, what was the motive?

Money heads the list. Speculation is that McAllister had financial holdings which only a very few people knew about. This money was unknown even to his widow, Shirley.

The second theory is that McAllister died of natural causes in someone's home and that his hosts "panicked" because they felt they would not be able to justify the attorney's presence on their premises even if his death was perfectly natural.

The person's premises where McAllister apparently died, goes this second version of the mystery, enlisted the aid of two or more friends who volunteered to place his body far away from the actual scene of his death.

County investigators have told the AFRO that one or the other theory is close to the mark but they still lack sufficient proof.

As yet, a major unanswered question is just how so many people in Baltimore's legal and social communities knew that McAllister was dead long before his body was discovered.

A dramatic example of this "on the street" rumor that proved to be true was the experience of an AFRO writer at a social affair.

The writer was handed an unsigned note by a guest at the party which stated, "A prominent attorney will be found dead." The writer then asked the note writer just who was being referred to and the answer was "James McAllister."

The AFRO also learned early in the investigation that the son of a prominent minister, his girlfriend and another young male, had told friends that they had transported the lawyer's body from the house where he died to the lot on Winands Road.

McAllister's widow confirmed that she had a call from an unidentified clergyman who said he had strong "vibrations" that something had happened to her husband.

Despite the many clues and leads, Baltimore county homicide detectives have been unable to wrap up an official solution as to how and why James McAllister died.

Unofficially, detectives report this is a most frustrating mystery because while they are sure they know how it happened and who was involved, they still lack enough legal evidence to bring the case to a point where it can be successfully prosecuted.

The death of James McAllister much like an earlier celebrated mystery, Shirley Parker, "The lady in the lake case," remains unsolved.

The irony is that as with the lady in the lake, those involved in the McAllister mystery are known.

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Gas, electricity rates go up

Many Maryland residents can expect their gas and electric bills to increase considerably because the Public Service Commission (PSC) has granted Baltimore Gas and Electric Co. a $94.3 million rate hike.

The PSC Tuesday Tuesday decided to allow BG9E, the state's largest utility, to increase the cost of its electricity by 10 percent. Gas prices will go up 6 percent and steam rates 9 percent. BG & E had requested a rate hike of $147 million, 35 percent more than it received.

Lilo Schifter, PSC commissioner, said the increase was granted because inflation has driven up the firm's operating expenses.

"It would have been difficult for the company to continue adequate service (without a rate hike)," she said. "Therefore t was necessary to increase the rates. it has been a long case and it was not easy to decide."

Thearing panel, comprised of Mrs. Schifter, PSC commissioner Wayne Hamilton and hearing examiner Allen Freifeld, unanimously approved the rate increase.

THE commission gave careful consideration to the needs of the company, the requirements of the investor and also the impact on the ratepayer of a substantial increase in the rates for electric service," Mrs. Schifter said in announcing the decision.

Under the ruling, the utility's "rate of return" on its investment will increase from 9.11 to 9.55 percent. The company had requested approval of au9.98 percent rate of return.

In its decision, the commission described as "Not just and reasonable" the company's proposed rates for electricity and gas.

As for steam, the ruling said the utility's proposal would have produced less revenue than the across-the-board 9.55 percent rate of return approved by the commission.

Mrs. Schitter said the increased rates will take effect after the company's revised rate schedules are submitted and approved by the PSC. A PSC staff member predicted the schedules would be submitted this week.

On other issues, the commission rejected arguments by federal agencies to exclude all constructioniwork in progress charges from the utility's rate base.

The Panel also rejected the utility's equest to add a temporary surcharge to its customers' electric fuel rate for three months to recover "deferred fuel" costs.

Multi-purpose center opens

The Rosemont Multi-Purpose Center will hold a grand opening celebration, Saturday, June 14, from 10:30 a.m. to noon. The Center is located at 2700 Rayner Ave. at Dukeland Street.

The Rosemont Multi-Purpose Center will provide services to approximately 37,000 people through the Rosemont Mayor's Station, the Baltimore City Department of Social Services, and Project SAGA.

The Mayor's Station will function as a mini City Hall through the mayor's representative, Grafton Francis. The Franklintown Office of the Department of Social Services, which moved to the Rosemont Multi-Purpose Center on May 16, was renamed the Rosemont Neighborhood Center because of its new location and serves residents by accepting applications for public assistance and food stamps and by providin social services, some of which are available to persons not receiving public assistance.

Project SAGA moved into the Rosemont Multi-Purpose Center on May 1, 1980. Activities of this project include trips, recreation and eating together programs, and other social activities.

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IN HIS GARDEN behind his inner city rowhouse in Baltimore, Clarence Mitchell Jr., has a pond, fountain, shrubs and a variety of ever-blooming roses, all his hobby, but his love is his grapevines, both purple and white — the old fashioned kind.

RYALES PHOTO

—Mitchell gets award

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A luncheon followed in the White House State Dining Rooms where he was presented the honors of the state of Hawaii by Mrs. Marsha R. German who represented the Governor of Hawaii.

Among others who received the Medal of Freedom was the late President Lyndon B. Johnson, a close Mitchell friend, who was represented June 9 by Mrs. Lyndon Johnson.

Other famed recipients included Rachel Carson, Hubert Humphrey, Admiral Hyman Rickover, Beverly Sills, John Wayne and Tennessee Williams.

Mitchell was noticeably the lone black citizen. Few other black citizens have received the Medal of Freedom (see For All We Know, Page 5 inside today).

Mr. Mitchell was accompanied by his wife Attorney Juanita Jackson Mitchell; their sons, State Senator Clarence M. Mitchel, III; City Councilman, Michael Bowen Mitchell, Dr. Keiffer Mitchell and George Mitchell; his brothers and sister, Mrs. Anna Mae Gittings, George Mitchell and Congressman Parren J. Mitchell; nephews, nieces and grandchildren, his secretarial staff and several of the Washington Bureau NAACP staff.

Also Mrs. Evelyn Harvey, his secretary for 20 years; Mesdames Rose Grady and Marion Brody, Mildred Roxoboro, associate director of the National NAACP and Althea Simmons, his successor at the Washington Bureau.

Also Frank Pohlhous, counsel for the Bureau; Ms. German and Oliver; Angie Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. James Gittings, Clarence, IV, Lisa, Michael, Kenyatta, Mitchell, Baltimore, and Carleen Mitchell of Los Angeles, Calif.

MITCHELL served in the NAACP Washington Bureau starting as labor secretary and becoming director in 1950. He retired Dec. 31, 1978, but continues as a consultant for the National NAACP. He is the Chairman of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, a coalition of 150 organizations formed 29 years ago.

Mr. Mitchell was awarded the Spingarn Medal at the National Convention of the NAACP on July 1, 1969, in Jackson, Miss. for his efforts in obtaining passage of civil rights bills such as:

The 1957 Civil Rights Act which gave the U.S. Attorney General power to institute civil suits to protect the right to vote;

Established the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, and the United States Civil Rights Commission;

The 1964 law forbidding discrimination in places of public accommodation, establishing an Equal Employment Opportunity Agency and prohibiting discrimination in the expenditure of federal funds;

The 1965 Voting Rights Act banning literacy tests for five years and establishing a system of Federal Examiners to aid in voter registration;

The 1968 Civil Rights Act which outlaws discrimination in sale and rental of housing and also increases penalties against those who interfere with persons exercising their civil rights.

In 1970 and 1975, Mitchell and his colleagues led the successful fight to extend the Voting Rights Act's ban against literacy tests for an additional five years.

They joined in supporting efforts to permit 18-year-olds to vote in all elections.

They led the successful effort to pass the 1972 legislation giving enforcement powers to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

In 1978, Mitchell joined the women's organizations in successfully amending the Equal Employment Opportunity Act to forbid discrimination against women workers during pregnancy and childbirth and to assure their coverage under company health plans.

This had been denied under a Supreme Court decision (Gilbert v.General Electric).

In 1978 and 1979 he worked successfully with others to get the Carter administration to propose and Congress to approve strengthening civil rights reorganization, including establishing for the first time a top level civil rights unit in the Office of Management and Budget.

Mitchell also worked successfully with members of the American Bar Association for increases in salaries for federal judges, and joining with others to increase the number of federal judges.

He is a member of the American Bar Association's Commission to Establish A National Institute for Justice.

Mitchell gave his first Congressional testimony on his eyewitness account of a lynching that occurred in 1933. His government service includes executive posts with President Roosevelt's Fair Employment Practice Committee, the War Production Board.

He has also given volunteer services to government agencies in the fields of housing, employment and other government problems under the Truman, Eisenhower and Johnson Administrations.

President Ford appointed Mitchell as a member of the five person delegation representing the United States at the Seventh Special Session and the Thirtieth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations in the fall of 1975.

Other members of the delegation were two ambassadors from the Department of State and two members of the House.

On Jan. 26, 1976, Democratic and Republican leaders of the U.S. Senate and House offered resolutions honoring Mitchell for 30 years of legislative service and "expressing gratitude for his contributions to the enhancement of life in America."

President Ford sent a message of commendation. A similar action was taken by the Senate in 1978 on his retirement.

He has an A.B., Lincoln University, Pa.; graduate work at Atlanta University and University of Minnesota; L.L.B. Law School, University of Maryland; Honorary L.L.D.'s from Morgan College, Lincoln University, Oxford, Pa.; Boston University; Howard University, Georgetown University; Honorary L.H.D. from Western Maryland College; Honorary Doctor of Civil Law, Temple University.

In 1973, he received the Adam Clayton Powell Award from the Congressional Black Caucus for his contributions in the field of human rights.

HIS FAMOUS FAMILY — (L to R). Bottom Row — Sons, Dr. Keiffer Mitchell, George Mitchell, City Councilman Michael B. Mitchell, James Gittings, nephew; Middle Row — Brother, Congressman Parren J. Mitchell; sister, Anna Mae Gittings and Brother George Mitchell. Top Row — Wife, Attorney Juanita J. Mitchell, daughter of the Civil Rights nationally known First Lady the late Dr. Lillie M. Jackson and Clarence Mitchell Jr., himself noted as the 101st U.S. senator. A fourth son, State Senator Clarence M. Mitchell III was in Washington pursuant to his post as national president of all state elected officials.

CITY COUNCILMAN Michael B. Mitchell and State Senator Clarence M. Mitchell III, two of the elder Mr. Mitchell's famed sons.

AFRO AWARD — Clarence Mitchell Jr. and Benjamin Hooks NAACP chief are centered by AFRO City Editor Elizabeth M. Oliver as she presented Mitchell the award, the third he has received including the coveted Honor Roll, the AFRO's highest, the

SIGNING of the Minimum Wage Legislation — President Carter, Similion Jennings Randolph, DWV, and Clarence Mitchell Jr.

IN 1980 Clarence Mitchell and wife, Juanita; her mother, the late Dr. Lillie M. Jackson and the late George E. C. Hayes, famed Brown vs. Board of Education lawyer and D.C. Commissioner of Utilities, shown leaving U.S. Surpeme Court after Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell, both lawyers, had been admitted to practice before the Supreme Court.

AT THE UN — Delegate Clarence Mitchell Jr. votes for the United States.

CLOSE FRIENDS, Clarence Mitchell Jr., and President Lyndon Baines Johnson

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