—OES conference

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Prince Hall was a black man from Barbados.

Mrs. Catlin, who is head of all 42 Eastern Star chapters in the state and 16 chapters overseas, calls her group a "charitable organization."

"Ours is an organization that believes in moral character," said the Grand Worthy Matron. "Fidelity, character, the way you carry yourself and the way people see you is very important. . . We're concerned about attitude. It gives one more interest in their community and in people. Then you develop a certain trust level. . .and then it make you humble. Anything dealing with all of this would have to make you humble."

Giving to charity plays a big role in Eastern Star affairs. The group gives money and provide scholarships to such groups as the Committee on Sickle Cell Anemia; the Keswick Hospital for Incurables; the N.M. Carroll Home; the Baptist Home for the Aged; the March of Dimes; the Kennedy Institute for Mentally Retarded Children; and the AFRO's own Mrs. Santa.

Donations range anywhere from $300 to $1,000. One of the newer projects receiving funds from the "Stars" is the Women's Crisis Center.

Though the Prince Hall Masons and the Eastern Stars are not considered religious organizations, they do have ritualistic proceedings and belief in a Supreme Being is a prerequisite to joining the group. The Baltimore Myra Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star was founded on November 26, 1896.

But what about all of the talk we've heard over the years about the Masons and the "Stars" being a secret society? What about them having secret symbols and signs only recognized by fellow Masons and Stars?

"Well I don't know about that," said Grand Worthy Matron Catlin, ". . .Sorry, can't help you there."

The Eastern Stars will be holding their annual conference at the Marriot Hunt Valley Inn, in Hunt Valley, Md., Nov. 9-11.

Friday morning's speaker will be the Rev. John Bryant of Bethel A.M.E. Church. After that the session will officially open. Committee will be reporting, bringing individual or subordinate chapters up to date on what's been happening all year. That evening there will be a series of workshops and a Divine Service honoring deceased members of the group.

Saturday will be Visitor's Day. Visitors from all of the concordant bodies of the Prince Hall family will be in attendance to bring greetings to the group.

Among them will be heads or representatives of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge; the Royal Arch Masons and the Heroines of Jericho; the Shriners and the Daughters of Isis; and Golden Circle. The youth fraternities will also be presented. Out-of-town jurisdictions from Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York Delaware, North Carolina, Virginia, D.C. and Pennsylvania are also expected.

Samuel T. Daniels is Grandmaster of all the Maryland Prince Hall Masons.

—Question P

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referendum to mean that the people are satisfied."

Sue Davis, press secretary for the Baltimore's Teachers Union said, "I think it's a case of sour grapes. They lost by a very wide margin and they're embarrassed by it." She added that the BTU is in favor of an elected school board, but it did not agree with concepts contained in Question P.

Enolia McMillian, national president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said, "We've had an appointed school board for more than 100 years. With low teacher morale, a lod budget, in trms of test test scores, despite publicity in recent years, what does an appointed school board have going for it?"

According to Denise Jones-Dorsey, the group will continue to fight. "We will try to put an elected board question on the city ballot again in 1986."

—BG&E rates

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more expensive than nuclear fuel. As a result, the fuel rate has increased."

She attributes much of the increase of usage to a colder than normal winter last year that resulted in a higher fuel demand for customers.

In related matters, Chevron and Gulf Oil Companies have joined several other oil companies in cutting the amount of money to be paid for crude oil — before being refined.

According to Dan Henson, vice president of G & M Oil in Baltimore, the cuts in crude oil will not affect residential customers much. He said that the price of oil in the local area is based primarily on supply and demand.

"If there are any cuts, they will be pennies, not anything substantial."

Henson explained that crude oil in its natural state has to be refined for use in aviation, driving and other purposes and that much of the savings customers could have, are consumed by other oil uses.

"I'd say if you see some price effects on gasoline, then there is a good chance there will be some effect on residential heating oil," he said.

—How 100 AFRO

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They harrassed everybody here," a disturbed Mrs. Brown inquired.

Despite these and other interruptions throughout the day, Tuesday, most voters, especially in the black community, continued to follow the Democratic tradition established in the city.

By supporting Mondale, a candidate many perceived as being a less than ideal choice having little if any chance of actually winning, poor and middle-class blacks around the city voiced even stronger opposition to Ronald Reagan.

As in 1980 when, of the 67,589 votes collected among the 100 AFRO precincts, 64,756 or 96 percent backed then president Jimmy Carter, while 2,005 or slightly less than three percent endorsed challenger Ronald Reagan, blacks have continued their commitment to certain Democratic ideologies.

Based on the latest election figures, it would appear certain that they see little or no difference in the Reagan of four years ago and the Reagan of today.

"We were not mesmerized by personality nor were we fooled by rhetoric," commented newly re-elected Seventh-District congressman Parren J. Mitchell.

"We who are black must see the pain each day in our community. The pain of black unemployment, the fear of black senior citizens about their Social Security, the need for food programs for our public school children; and a host of other concerns forced on this community by the Reagan Administration."

Responding to the continued support for the Democratic Party expressed by Baltimore blacks on Tuesday, second-district city councilman Nathaniel McFadden indicated that blacks were guided by the realities of a growing economic gap bewteen themselves and whites.

"We vote and base our decisions on the actions of candidates and not in any preconceived notion that things are better.

The real earning power, the gap between what a family of four that is black gets as opposed to a family of four that is white has widened not closed. That's what we understand."

It would also appear certain that the majority opinion expressed by Baltimore city blacks Tuesday answered the question of whether or not they would be willing to crossover and support the Republican ticket.

Black Marylanders for the President and Operation Crossover, two closely related black Republican political groups that emerged on the scene later in the campaign, had hoped to sway at least 20 percent of the black community support towards the president.

Said spokesperson Leonard Blackshear, "I have to agree we did not get 20 percent of the citywide vote. We recognized that citywide it would difficult to get that much. We focused on two precints."

Blackshear went on to say that the group was in the process of tallying the votes in those two undisclosed areas, and indicated that they would release the results of their findings in the next couple of days.

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Community Calendar

Housing Workshop

A Housing Workshop sponsored by Adopt-A-House, Inc. a non-profit Housing Development Corporation will be held Saturday; Nov. 10, 1984 from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. at the Homestead United Methodist Church, 1500 Gorsuch Ave.

The purpose of which is to provide potential new home owners with information on renovations and home ownership.

In keeping with its mission, Adopt-A-House continues to assist low to moderate income residents in the obtainment of housing utilizing every available assistance program.

Rev. St. George Crosse, special adviser for minority programs in the Office of Housing and Urban Development will be guest speaker.

For additional information, call 235-6721.

Goodwill Thanksgiving Dinner

Goodwill Industries will hold its annual Thanksgiving Dinner Nov. 21 at the Baltimore Convention Center. At the dinner, volunteers will assist Goodwill to serve the family-style meal to more than 1,300 guests invited to the event through selected organizations. The Baltimore Convention Center is fully accessible to persons with physical disabilities.

The dinner is held as a community service program of Goodwill Industries. Tickets to the dinner are distributed to families and individuals through the Baltimore City Police Youth Clubs, the Urban Services Agency and the Department of Social Services. The Franciscan Center, Project Plase, Our Daily Bread and C.O.I.L. also distribute tickets to the Thanksgiving Eve Dinner.

Goodwill's dinner committee is asking for volunteers to assist at the dinner. To volunteer, contact the Community Service Office at Goodwill at 247-3500.

Families of Prisoners Coalition Meeting

Do you need help because someone in your family is in prison and you don't know where to turn? Come to the next meeting of the Families of Prisoners Coalition, Monday, Nov. 12, at 7 p.m. at the Prisoners Aid Building on One E. Mount Royal Ave. in Baltimore. For more information call 727-8130.

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Wintley Phipps joins staff at Bowie State

Wintley Phipps

Wintley Phipps, who is widely remembered for his moving gospel performance at the Democratic National Convention this summer, has joined the staff at Bowie State College.

Phipps, a baritone whose uplifting rendition of "Ordinary People' followed the Rev. Jesse Jackson's 50-minute appeal at San Francisco's Moscone Center, has been appointed Assistant for Special Projects to Bowie State College President James E. Lyons, Sr. Phipps will have special responsibility for marketing the four-year liberal arts college located in Bowie.

During the one-year appointment, Phipps will be on leave from his position as Special Assistant to the President of Oakwood College, where he is employed as recruiter, marketing specialist and spokesman for his alma mater.

Phipps said he plans to involve himself in a number of projects at Bowie State but acknowledged that "marketing the institution will be my number one priority."

The 29-year-old marketing specialist imistergospel singer came to national prominence this summer when his delivery of the "Ordinary People" song capped the Rev, Jackson's appearance at the Democratic convention.

Phipps first met Jackson about 10 years ago when he was a student at Oakwood, a Seventh-day Adventist college in Huntsville, Alabama. The friendship was cemented with Phipps' participation in conventions of PUSH, Jackson's activist organization. Since then, he has been an intimate part of the Jackson presence, frequently sharing the podium with Jackson and even eulogizing in song, Jackson's father at his funeral.

Phipps chose "Ordinary People" from among three gospel songs considered by Jackson for the convention. Jackson's purpose was to leave people in a spiritual mood, Phipps explained.

"I was very honored to be chosen to sing," said Phipps, an ordained minister of the Seventh-day Adventist faith. "He could have asked anyone in America."

Phipps readily acknowledges that his national television appearance has opened a lot of doors for him.

One of those doors led to Phipps' affiliation with Bowie State College. Based on his convention performance, he was invited by the College's inaugural committee to sing at Dr. Lyons' October inauguration. He did so, and that was the start of his affiliation with Bowie.

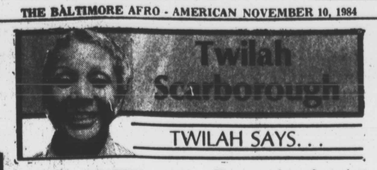
Phipps notes he was already familiar with Bowie State through his wife, Linda, a nurse, who had previously attended the College.

In several meetings with Dr. Lyons, Phipps said they discussed the College and its role. "He made suggestions about how to compete for students more effectively and articulated Bowie State's potential," stated President Lyons, who admits he was so impressed with Phipps that he began to recruit him almost at once.

"I'm here to bring to bear the experiences of marketing Oakwood and apply these principles to help Bowie State to thrive rather than only to survive," explained Phipps.

Among his tasks will be the compilation of data to make an evaluation and establish a strategy for Bowie State's recruitment effort. He speaks of developing and projecting an image of promulgating a theme.

"I want to tell everyone what Bowie State is all about," says Phipps, whose family resides in Columbia.



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To find out how to get this assistance, and for more information, contact the Baltimore City Urban Services Agency at 396-6280 for weatherization information and 396-5555 for energy assistance information. Or, you can call the Urban Services Agency's Public Information Office at 396-1663 for assistance on both.

There are lots of services and tips to help you stay warm this winter. So, call anyone of the above numbers to find out if you are eligible, how to apply, which information you would need for the energy assistance, and income eligibility standards.

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LITTLE YOUTH PAGEANT

Announcing the second Annual Youth Development Pageant. This pageant is sponsored by the Urban Services Agency's Youth Development Program's Teen Advisory Board. Eligibility is as follows:

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2. must be attending a Baltimore City Public School;
3. must be able to demonstrate a talent;
4. must maintain good academic grades in school;
5. must be willing to work and attend all rehearsals.

The purpose of this pageant, like its predecessor "Miss Inner City", is to encourage academic excellence and constructive career aspirations among our young people. Contestants will be judged on poise, personality, talent, academic and civic achievements. This year's pageant will be unique in that the stage will be jointly shared with contestants competing for the title of "Little Miss Sweetheart," ages 5 - 8 years.

Interested parties should contact the Office of the Urban Services Agency's Youth Development Program by calling 396-3229, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Recruiting now; pageant will be held in February, 1985.

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CRUSHED IN BETWEEN TWO PARKED CARS A man received a $180,000 verdict for the serious injuries he suffered after another person lost control of a car he was driving on an icy road and struck the Plaintiff's parked car which caused the Plaintiff to get pinned in between 2 parked cars.

STRUCK WHILE REMOVING TREE IN ROAD A street maintenance foreman was hit by a car while trying to remove a fallen tree from the road on a dark and stormy night. The jury awarded him a $16,000 verdict for his broken legs, hospitalization and lost time from work.

CROSSING DIVIDER CAUSES DEATH The estate of a 46 year old restaurant owner was awarded a $855,000 jury verdict after his car was involved in a head-on collision with another vehicle which crossed the divider on the highway.

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