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Bd. member enjoys new job

"When I became a member of the Board of Education, I felt as if I were coming home," stated Mrs. Lorraine F. Chircus who was appointed to the Board by Governor Mandel in July.

The attractive, vivacious mother of three had long been active in community and educational work especially with the Public Education Nominating Convention. She served as the legislative chairman for the PTA Council and has been a member of the Northwest Area Educational Advisory Council. While holding these positions, she continued an active role in local PTA's at Fort Garrison Elementary School, Pikesville Junior High School and Pikesville Senior High School.

"Children are our most precious commodity . . ."

"The Board has always made very deliberate efforts to provide outstanding education for the children of Baltimore County," stated Mrs. Chircus who strongly objects to the idea of an elected school board. "Politics must be kept out of the realm of education if we are to continue to effectively educate our children."

From Mrs. Chircus' viewpoint, the future looks bright for the school children of Baltimore County because of the excellent

teachers presently seeking employment. "With the cream of the teacher crop presently applying for jobs in Baltimore County, we should be able to offer students a superior instructional program."

Asked whether she had a particular educational area which she wished to explore while serving with the Board, Mrs. Chircus indicated universal interest in all aspects of the Board's operation. "I know I'll enjoy this work since it involves my dual love for children and the educational process. Children are our most precious commodity, and education is our wisest investment for the future. I hope that budgetary reduction will never force us to cut back on our standards for quality education in Baltimore County."

Mrs. Chircus and Dr. Richard W. Tracey, who was reappointed to the Board in July, will serve five year terms ending in 1980.



Ft. McHenry gains mural

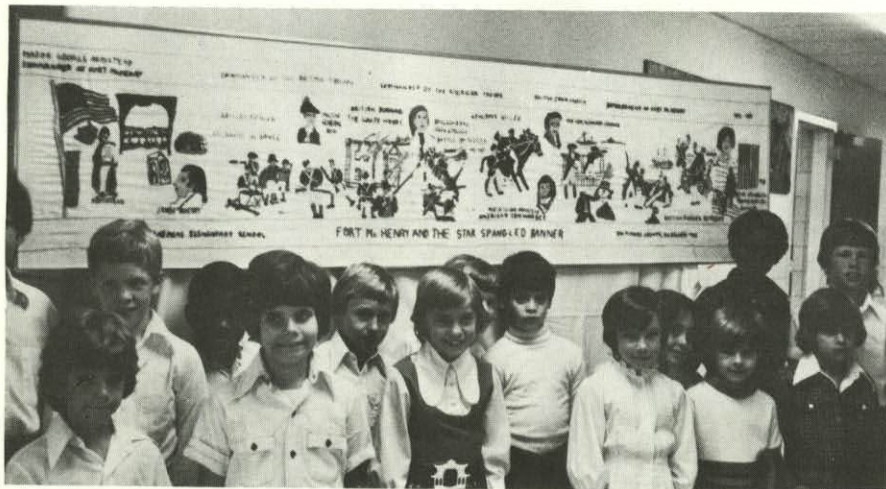
The War of 1812 is alive and well at Cedarmere Elementary School where a two-year art project has recently reached fruition. A hand-stitched mural depicting the war and the birth of the Star Spangled Banner was recently presented to officials of Fort McHenry where the mural will be displayed.

As motivation for the project, the upper grades visited Fort McHenry where they toured the area and viewed a film of the battle. After returning to school, the children drew and painted what most impressed them during their visit. A committee of pupils then selected the most appropriate sketches and completed a rough draft of the proposed mural.

After extensive refinement, the story was transferred to a 24" x 8' piece of linen fabric. Mary Prince, art instructor, gave stitchery lessons to all classes and work on the mural began.

According to Mrs. Charlotte S. Willasch, vice principal, the project was an overwhelming success. "Every child placed at least a stitch on the mural, so it really belongs to the whole school."

Although the sixth graders did most of the stitchery work, each of the grades participated in the project. Following its display at Fort McHenry, the mural will become a permanent part of the art collection at Cedarmere.



Mural of War of 1812 was recently presented to officials at Fort McHenry.

Courtyard becomes sculpture garden

A sheltered courtyard at Deep Creek Junior Senior which once harvested dandelions is presently a budding sculpture garden.

Through the efforts of Hugh Jacobs, art teacher, and his tenth graders from last year, two modern steel sculptures now grace the

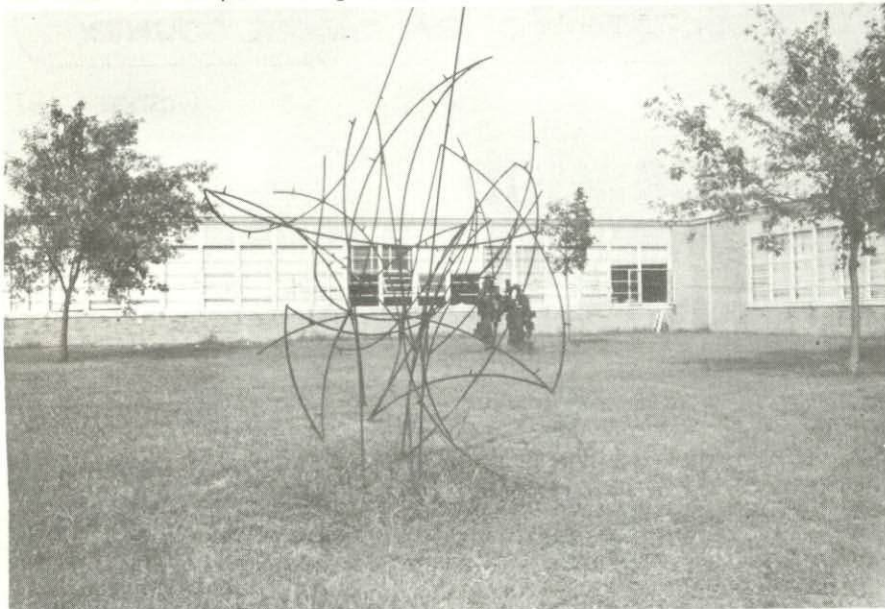
courtyard. Edwin Legg, a parent of one of the students and an official of Iron Workers Local #16, arranged for his union to donate the steel, welding rods and cables, and Arc Welders, Inc. provided the welding equipment.

"Genesis," the first sculpture completed by

Mr. Jacobs' students; is a free form sculpture constructed from curved welding rods. According to Jeff Legg, who, along with Rick Brandenburg, spent many after-school hours working on the piece, the sculpture is "a natural growth from the earth stretching upwards towards the sun." As he described the sculpture, Jeff was quick to point out that both of the pieces may represent a variety of things to the people viewing them. "That's the great thing about these sculptures; they can be anything you want them to be," stated Jeff.

A triangular grouping of monoliths representing man, woman and child was the second sculpture erected. Composed of T-shaped pieces of steel, the figures seem to change positions when viewed from different angles.

Before beginning the sculpture project, Mr. Jacobs took his Art I students to the Hirschhorn Museum in Washington to study steel sculptures and instructed them in the use of positive and negative space in abstract art. "The project taught students a great deal about making aesthetic judgments. They had to decide where to weld each piece in order to create the image they had in mind," said Mr. Jacobs who hopes that his students will wish to add to the sculpture garden during the coming school years.



"Genesis," steel sculpture, rises from the ground in Deep Creek Junior courtyard

Librarians receive training

"I can't get this tape recorder to work. What should I do?" As a result of a special one day training program, elementary librarians will be better equipped to answer this question and others like it.

During the intensive training session recently conducted at OIMS by members of the MET staff and the Office of Library Services, elementary librarians new to Baltimore County in 1974 and 1975 had direct experience with media use and repair.

According to Ms. Marian R. Capozzi, Library Services Supervisor, the day was a most

successful one. "The librarians were very pleased with the amount of information they received and with the 'hands-on' approach which gave them a chance to learn many techniques which they'll need in the schools." Participants received a handbook and a packet of materials which are designed to help them better meet the needs of teachers and children early in the school year.

Don't let flu get you!

Personnel wishing to receive free flu shots should report to one of the following centers between 2:30 and 6:00 P.M. on the dates indicated:

Tues., Oct. 21—Milford Mill Sr.
Wed., Oct. 22—Patapsco Sr.
Thurs., Oct. 23—Loch Raven Sr.

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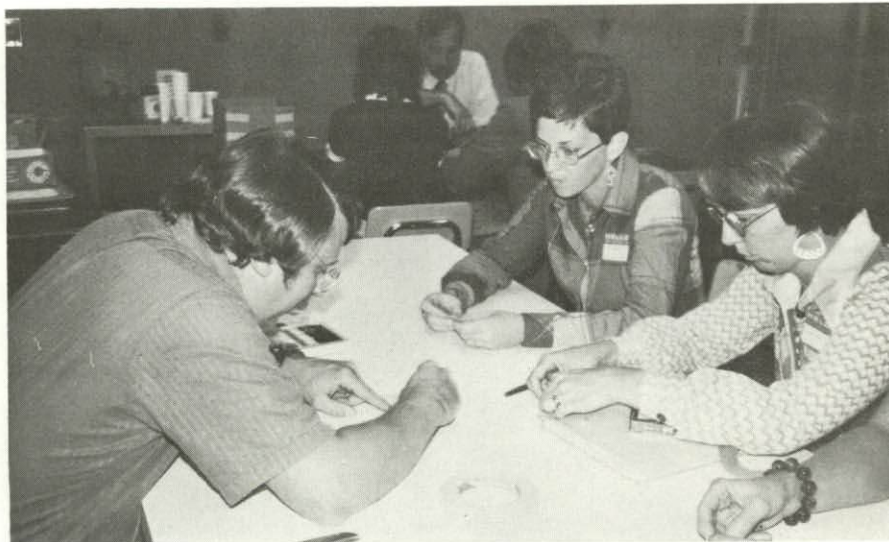
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Elementary librarians learn to repair cassette tape at media workshop.

A Bit of Hawaii in Balto. County

Walking into the Office of Instructional Materials is a little bit like taking a quick trip to Hawaii. Because of Anne DeVille's avocation, exotic orchids adorn her Office of Instructional Materials reception desk each day.

Anne and her husband Ed DeVille,

Specialist in Graphics at OIMS, became orchid enthusiasts five years ago when they added a greenhouse to their country home in Sparks. "Orchids become an addiction, but a lovely and rewarding one," stated Mrs. DeVille explaining that their greenhouse now includes over 190 orchid plants. Mr. DeVille,

who recently had a one-man show of his art work at the MSTA headquarters in Baltimore, was reluctant to begin the growing of orchids. "Now, he's after me to get rid of the other things in the greenhouse to make more room for orchids," explained Mrs. DeVille.

Although the DeVilles claim that orchids are quite easy to grow, they do confess that it is a very time consuming hobby since the plants frequently require repotting. Additionally, they were required to install a fan and an electric heater to provide moving air and a 60° - 70° temperature which orchids require for maximum growth.

"Every morning I go into the greenhouse to tell them how pretty they are," said Mrs. DeVille explaining an orchid's need for tender loving care. Although the DeVilles currently do not sell their orchids, they have plans to turn the hobby into a business when they retire.



Anne DeVille examines orchids in home greenhouse.

Students build model house; Volunteer craftsman assists

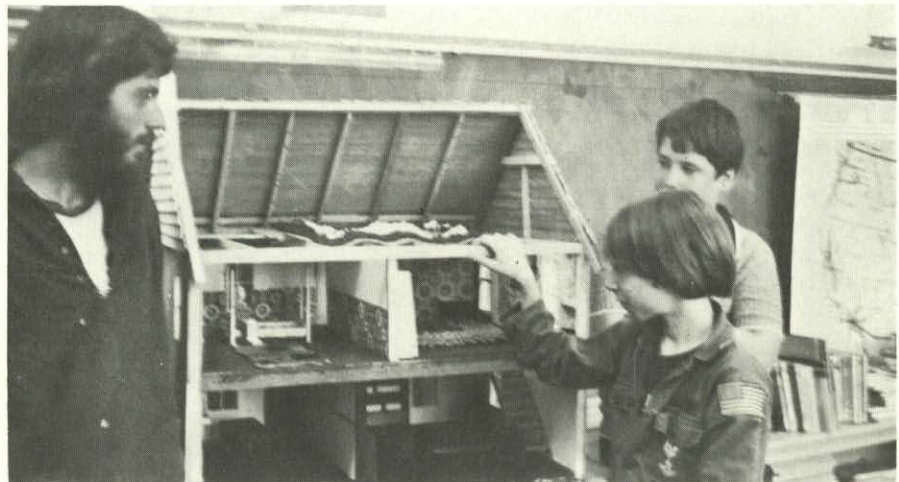
Two years ago, Tom Latané, a 20 year old craftsman, pulled his homemade cart laden with tools and a model colonial house to Hebbville Educational Center. Tom had been asked to show his project at the school in conjunction with a unit in colonial history. As a result of the visit, he has volunteered his services one day a week as an instructor in woodworking.

At the end of the last school year, the eldest students at Hebbville completed the designing, building, furnishing and shingling of a model colonial house. Made entirely with the handmade tools of colonial craftsmen, the house took several months of concentrated work.

According to Mrs. Irene McLaughlin, the children's teacher, her class learned a great deal from woodworking. "Besides learning how to handle tools, the class learned that the invisible tool, 'patience,' went along with every step of the process."

During the summer, Mr. Latané began construction of a colonial cabin on property

his family owns in West Virginia. He expects to continue his volunteer work at Hebbville during the present school year.



Tom Latané (left) puts finishing touches on colonial house with Hebbville students.

reminder

According to Joseph Kiel, Assistant County Solicitor assigned to the Board of Education-

"In April of 1975, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit ruled that the Baltimore County regulations relating to student expression were constitutionally vague and overbroad. (Reg. 5130.1-14) Since that decision, the Board, through counsel has been redrafting regulations which will conform to the requirements of the Constitution.

Until such time as the redrafted regulations have judicial approval for publication and implementation, the staff is reminded that under no circumstances are students to be required to submit literature to school personnel for review and approval prior to distribution. This directive is being made under direction of the Chief Judge for the United States District Court for the District of Maryland and must be strictly adhered to."

Secretary named to managerial post



In a variation of the Horatio Alger rags to riches story, Mrs. Louise Bertrand recently went from a secretarial job to a managerial position with the Board of Education.

Formerly a secretary in the Office of Elementary Education, Mrs. Bertrand was named manager of the Media Processing Center located in a converted one-room school house on East Joppa Road. In her new position, Mrs. Bertrand supervises a staff of four women and one man.

The Media Processing Center is responsible for cataloguing and distributing and labeling material for software such as cassettes, filmstrips, etc. to school media centers. Mrs. Bertrand also works closely with librarians to determine ways in which the Center may further assist them.

"With the growth of the role of school media personnel I don't know how these people can handle their jobs. However, with the help of

Mrs. Bertrand, their job is being made a little easier," said Willard A. Strack, Coordinator for the Office of Instructional Materials and Services.

"I couldn't be any happier than I am with my job here. My staff, Osma Warnkan, Carol MacCaulay, Margaret Haddaway, Gisela Schade and Joe Beck, are really great. They work so well together that we've been getting materials out to the schools very quickly," stated Mrs. Bertrand.

The new manager is presently completing her last year of undergraduate work at the University of Baltimore, in addition to course work in media at Towson State College. "Both of my children have been terrific about my job and my going to school. Most nights, I just collapse and then study, so they've been a great help."

Safety first!

Frank H. Grieb, Jr. Specialist in Occupational Safety and Health, recently presented safety awards to the following employees:

Plant Industrial Truck Drivers

Roland Cox	William King
Paul Dorsey	John Koch
George Ensor	Robert Piazza
Donald Fyock	William Simmons
Thomas Hunt	

Chauffeurs

Herbert Brewer	Hugh Poe
Steve Clemmer	William Poe
Harold Dorries	William Rogers
Sam Good	Harry Sweisford
John Henning	Joseph Tegeler
Jack Hyatt	William Vogtman
Warren Jackson	Enos Willis
Robert Kinchen	Ronald Wingerd

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Joseph M. Hobbs, Teacher, Johnnycake Junior, 27* yrs.

Martha Hoffman, Teacher, Rolling Road School, 23* yrs.

Elaine E. Lyons, Teacher, Glenmar Elementary, 9½ yrs.

Lyda E. Orgain, Asst. Principal, Glenmar Elementary, 25 yrs.

Albert J. Sargus, Teacher, Stemmers Run Junior, 24 yrs.

Mary L. Smardo, Teacher, Victory Villa Elementary, 21 yrs.

James P. Yeater, Teacher, Woodlawn Junior, 20 yrs.

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Fort McHenry's walls are finally breached

Time, winter ice do what British couldn't

By Robert A. Erlandson
Staff Writer

Time has done what British rockets and cannon shells couldn't do, breached the ramparts at Fort McHenry.

In the visitors center yesterday, the film about the American resistance to the bombardment in 1814 ended with "The Star-Spangled Banner" as the curtains retracted to reveal the 17-by-25-foot, 15-star-15-stripe battle flag streaming above the red-brick walls.

Closer inspection, however, reveals where bricks have cracked and fallen out, and walls have buckled. Water leaks have weakened the curved brick ceilings of underground Civil War-era powder magazines. Floor joists and window frames are rotting in some places.

But all is not lost, said Park Superintendent John W. Tyler.

Congress has approved a special \$3 million appropriation for a three-year restoration, which is scheduled to begin this summer, Mr. Tyler said.

He said it will be the most extensive repair since the Army renovated the fort before turning it over to the National Park Service in the 1930s.

The appropriation will meet only part of the need, however.

In a ceremony at the fort yesterday, Maryland American Legion posts donated \$14,700 to the Patriots of Fort McHenry, a volunteer organization established in 1984 for the preservation and enhancement of the fort through patriotic and educational programs.

"It's a phenomenal site, probably the most historic place in the country. Volunteer organizations and the government have to get behind the preservation," said Dominic DiFrancesco, of Middletown, Pa., American Legion national commander. "We [the Legion] want to expand our own effort."

The Patriots group has raised \$250,000 so far, said Alan Walden, of WBAL Radio, who is the current president. But he lamented what he said is "very little support from the city and very little corporate support."

He also criticized the House of Delegates for twice failing to go along with the state Senate in passing a bill for state funds — \$250,000 — to match what the Patriots have raised.

"A perception exists that because this is a federal institution the federal government should pay for everything. The Park Service provides

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Fort McHenry's ramparts finally breached by effects of time, ice

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money for maintenance and general operation, but more is needed. We ask more awareness and help from the private sector. This is the only national monument that is also an historic shrine," he said.

"The War of 1812 is the Korean War of the 19th century — a forgotten war. But it enabled us to keep the freedom we won 30 years earlier in the Revolution, and it gave us our National Anthem," said Mr. Walden, a history buff.

Robert N. Ford, Maryland Legion adjutant, said yesterday's contributions came from 20 of the state's 168 Legion posts, "and we'll hit the rest, too."

During a tour, Superintendent Tyler said the outer fortification walls have suffered the most damage because they were built without foundations or a drainage system. The buildings and walls of the inner fort are in "pretty good shape," although some window frames, floor joists and other wooden parts will be repaired or replaced.

The damage to the bastion walls has been cumulative over decades, mainly for lack of drainage, Mr. Tyler said. When water built up in the earthen-fill areas between the brick and stone facings it froze and thawed, contracting and expanding in relentless pressure on the walls.

Chinks have appeared where ce-

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ALAN WALDEN

ment has been forced out, bricks have split and sections of brickwork have fallen out; a sightline down some walls reveals how they have buckled.

Fort McHenry was begun in 1797 and was modified periodically through the Civil War. "In doing archaeology and reviewing documents, we have found no hint of a drainage system," Mr. Tyler said.

A survey by the Baltimore architectural firm of Grieves, Worrall, Wright & O'Hatnick is nearly complete and will recommend what needs to be done and how it should be done, Mr. Tyler said.

Once the restoration plans are firm, he said, contracts for the work will be drafted and put out for bid. While modern restoration techniques and materials may be used, the objective will be accuracy, Mr. Tyler said. For example, the Park Service will go to brick manufacturers to obtain bricks that match as nearly as possible the existing masonry.



Bricks have fallen from this interior wall at Fort McHenry, which withstood British shells in 1814. American Legion is raising money for repairs to the monument.

KIM HAIRSTON/STAFF