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Readers Ask HELP!

Insurance Setup OK

Q. Today we received a notice to pay another \$20 on our homeowners insurance plan due to a recent policy change. We had not requested any changes, so I called our independent insurance agent who handled the policy. He said the insurance company added these changes and we have to accept them whether we want to or not. What we can't understand is now that we have paid for one year in advance, why should we have to pay more on the current premium? Also, how can the company do this without having us sign for the additional coverage? Can you HELP! us.

—ALAN GINGHER, SPRINGWATER

A. An agent for the company explained to you and to the independent insurance agent that the increase was recommended and not mandatory. You now say you are satisfied with the explanation and the company.

Ranger Rick Home

Q. I've tried for four months without success to locate Ranger Rick and would now like to enlist HELP!'s aid in the search. Ranger Rick, a National Wildlife Federation magazine, regularly visited my grandson's home until last summer. At that time, my grandson's family moved from Ohio to Maryland. Although a change of address and a subsequent subscription renewal have been sent, Rick has just never found his way to the new address. My daughter-in-law spoke to one of Rick's superiors who assured her that the situation would be corrected. My letters to Rick's boss have gone unheeded. Can HELP! cut through the dense delay and bring Rick back home?

—HAROLD A. BENHAM, PENFIELD

A. Ranger Rick is alive and well and is again making the monthly jaunt to your grandson's home. Rick has also presented your grandson with a copy of his insignia.

Error Cleared Up

Q. My new refrigerator was damaged when it was delivered. The dealer said he would allow me \$10 for the damages. To date, my time-pay account has not been credited. I've called the store to remind the dealer about it, but everytime I receive a new bill I find that nothing has been done. Can you HELP! correct my account?

—V. R., ROCHESTER

A. The error was actually a misunderstanding, which has now been cleared up. The \$10 was discounted from the purchase price before the financing was entered into the time-pay account.

Refund on Chair

Q. I ordered a chair from a local furniture store. After three weeks I told them I did not want it, but that I did want my \$5 deposit refunded. There was no delivery date on the chair, as I said I would advise them when I wanted it delivered. Since I asked for the refund, the manager refuses to speak to me on the phone anymore, the salesman says it is the credit department's decision and the manager's secretary has promised to send it. After all that, I still don't have the refund. Could you do something about this?

—M. N., RUSH

A. HELP! contacted the store's customer relations man who HELP'ed resolve the problem and obtain your refund.

Firm Returns Deposit

Q. I signed a contract for cookware from International Enterprises, Inc. of Saddle Brook, N.J. I gave their saleswoman a five dollar downpayment. The contract stated that I had two days in which to cancel the order. The following day, I called the saleslady and requested cancellation. She said she had already sent the order to the company and she refused to refund my money. I wrote a cancellation letter to the company on the same day, but they have not replied. Besides cancelling within the allowed time, I am a minor and had no co-signer on the contract, so I don't feel that they should withhold my deposit. Can you HELP!?

—MARILYN ANN HUFF, ROCHESTER

A. International Enterprises immediately contacted the saleslady and she promptly returned the deposit.

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D&C Photo by Len Maxwell

Police, youth scuffle during Charlotte disturbance.

Most High Schools Closed After Strife

All but one of the city's high schools closed early yesterday after racial fighting broke out at Charlotte High School.

Minor disturbances were reported at two other high schools in the morning and at elementary schools throughout the day.

A 15-year-old boy was hospitalized with a head cut as a result of the melee at Charlotte and vandals smashed windshields on four faculty cars at Madison High School.

A spokesman for the school district cited "greater exuberance than usual" on the last day of school as the reason for closing early.

Eugene F. Conant, assistant superintendent for administration, said the disturbance at Charlotte was not the main reason for the closings.

"We had calls from other schools saying that the exuberance this year... was greater than usual, and they thought it might be wise to close early," Conant said.

Charlotte was closed at 8:30 a.m., about 10 minutes after fighting broke out between black and white students in a third-floor hallway. The students threw eggs and stones.

Principal Ronald Heidenreich said the trouble "must have been planned" because "people just don't bring eggs to school."

As the school emptied, groups of black and white students faced each other across Lake Avenue with police in the middle.

Initially, there were about 60 blacks gathered in front of the high school and about 100 whites across the street. But as others arrived, the crowd swelled to about 1,000.

Some youths brandished tree limbs, tire irons and leather belts. Another had a baseball bat.

They yelled racial epithets at each other and at one point pelleted each other with rocks and bottles.

School authorities identified the injured youth as John (Larry) Rowe of 122 Sheraton Drive, Greece. He suffered a cut over his left eye that re-



John Franco was named School Superintendent last night. ... But his appointment almost was forgotten. Story, 3B.

quired 16 stitches and was admitted to Rochester General Hospital in "satisfactory" condition.

The stand-off between blacks and whites went on almost two hours. It ended about 10:20 when most of the

black youths boarded buses that took them out of the area. Yesterday was the third time this year that Charlotte closed early because of racial tensions. The school closed

Please turn to 3B

Green Light for Alterations

By JOHN G. MAGUIRE

The city's Bureau of Traffic Engineering yesterday decided to raise a low curb and speed up the painting of crosswalks and stop lines at Browncroft Boulevard and Merchants Road, an intersection criticized by area residents.

The city hopes the new curb will reduce the chance of children being struck by cars, which now roll over the low curb. Crosswalks and stop lines may make traffic at the intersection more orderly, officials said.

Engineer William A. Baumgarten recommended the changes after he spent an hour at the intersection yesterday. He said the

recommendation has been accepted but that he does not know when the changes will be made.

Baumgarten drove through the intersection about a dozen times in a special truck to measure the speed at which vehicles can safely make the turn from Browncroft onto Merchants Road.

He found that a car could make the turn at 25 miles per hour, within the bureau's specifications for safe turns.

But when a reporter invited him to stand on the curb while traffic took the turn at 25, he declined.

"I'm not an idiot," he said.

Citizens who live near the intersection have asked the city to remove traffic lights there because they feel the lights have increased traffic and made the intersection more dangerous for the school children who cross it to reach School 46 at 250 Newcastle St.

Mrs. Portia Chandler of 205 Browncroft Blvd., who has criticized the traffic lights, said yesterday she has received replies from several officials saying they will study the intersection.

"Children are afraid to cross with the light, so they don't use it" and cross whenever they wish, Mrs. Chandler said yesterday.

down to JFK, over the clouds at 9,500 feet.

We arrived at JFK a few minutes after 8, then rushed our package to Pan American. The plane was to leave at 9. The flight will deliver the drug in London, where it will be picked up by British European Airways. The drug will arrive in Prague at 2:30 p.m., our time.

It is a small container. There are only three vials of what Dr. Clarkson calls "N-Acetyl D1 Penicillamine." In all, there are only 11 grams on their way to Prague.

The man who wrote "we beg you" in behalf of a friend will be waiting in Prague this afternoon.

remedy is known in cases of poisoning by di-methyl mercury.

"If the answer is yes, we beg you for the granting of a sample since the poisoning of our colleague is very serious.

"We beg you for the answer as soon as possible," wrote Dr. O. Cervinka, of the Prague institute.

By the time I arrived at Rochester-Monroe County Airport, Bill Standing had us cleared for a special air evacuation mission. The Federal Aviation Agency cleared us with a direct route to JFK.

We took off at 3:30 p.m. in a single engine, four seater Piper Cherokee. It was flying on instruments all the way

recreation programs, especially at playgrounds.

May said "we will be making some internal judgments" about use of the \$87,728 expected state aid.

The mayor said the aid would prevent cutbacks in many programs.

said it was not yet clear how it is to be spent and what the guidelines will be.

The restoration of budget for summer recreation funds cuts by the state legislature will affect programs in towns throughout the county. Much of it will go for staffs for town

City to Get Job Center For Youths

A residential job training center for area youths will open in Rochester within two weeks, the U.S. Labor Department said yesterday.

A \$308,300 contract has been awarded to a New York City corporation to operate a Jobs Corps Center for 30 poor youths aged 16 to 21 in a converted nursing home at 96 Chili Ave.

The two-year contract was awarded to the United States Research and Development Corp.

The first trainees will begin the six-month program at the center June 28.

The program is designed for low-income youths who are not in school and who lack job skills.

Trainees for the program are being recruited by the state Department of Labor's Division of Employment and other agencies.

In addition to job training, the center's residents will be tutored in basic academic subjects and will get family counseling and health services.

Trainees will receive clothing and a monthly \$80 allowance, \$50 of which will be set aside until they leave the training center.

While the average program lasts six months, trainees are eligible to remain at the center for up to two years.

A 10-man staff will direct the center's program.

Blind Deaf Mute Slain, Husband Is Wounded

By THOM AKEMAN

A blind deaf-mute was stabbed to death in her bed yesterday afternoon.

The woman's husband, Carol L. Merklinger, 72, also a deaf mute, was being treated for abdominal stab wounds in the intensive care unit at St. Mary's Hospital early this morning.

The woman, Mrs. Nornia Merklinger, 64, of 85 Sutorius Drive, Greece, was stabbed once in the heart, authorities said.

She was found dead in her bed about 2:40 p.m. by a niece who has been helping the childless couple.

Her husband lay beside her,

police said. A bloody butcher knife was on a nightstand beside the bed.

On a nearby dresser, police said, a note said, "Cremate both of us."

Deaf since birth, according to a family member, Merklinger suffered a slight stroke about two weeks ago that blinded him in one eye.

Mrs. Merklinger became a deaf mute after a childhood disease, a family member said. She was blinded by another disease about 16 years ago, shortly before the Merklingers moved into the then-new ranch house on Sutorius Drive.

Although forced to stay in her own soundless, sightless world, neighbors said, she maintained "one of the best-looking" flower gardens in the neighborhood in her back yard. She had crawled through the plants to feel and pull the weeds.

Her house was spotless, neighbors said. Dusting was one of the few activities her handicaps allowed.

'I Flew the Emergency Vials of Serum'

(Roger Lawrence, a Democrat and Chronicle reporter, has been a pilot 10 years. He learned to fly while attending the University of Manchester in his native England. This is the story of his first emergency medical mission).

Three small vials of an experimental drug developed at the University of Rochester School of Medicine might save a man's life in Prague, Czechoslovakia, later today.

Bill Standing, chief pilot at Hylan School of Aeronautics, and I were asked to fly the life-saving drug from Rochester

to John F. Kennedy Airport in New York City yesterday afternoon.

The mission was in answer to a plea from the Katedra Organix Chemical Institute in Prague.

Dr. Thomas W. Clarkson, associate professor of pharmacology and toxicology at the University of Rochester, received a letter asking for samples of an experimental drug he developed to treat di-methyl mercury poisoning.

A researcher at the Prague institute is suffering from acute poisoning, the letter to Dr. Clarkson said.

"We beg you for the information, if any



ROGER LAWRENCE ... emergency mission

Schools Appoint John Franco... Barely

The City School District's sixth superintendent since 1910, Dr. John M. Franco, almost didn't receive his long-awaited appointment last night.

After listening to 30 speakers and reading three pages of resolutions, City Board of Education president David R. Branch almost forgot to introduce the resolution about Franco's appointment.

As Branch was about to adjourn the meeting at 11 p.m.,

Franco nudged board member Dorothy B. Phillips, who then whispered to Branch about the resolution.

"It must be the hour," Branch explained after three hours in the warm gymnasium at Frederick Douglass Junior High School.

Franco, in a 3 to 2 vote, finally received his six-year \$36,000-a-year appointment.

The three board Democrats, Thomas R. Frey, Wyoma Best

and Branch, voted for Franco.

"After a nationwide search, we found a man here with the qualities we wanted," Frey said.

Franco, who earned about \$23,000 as administrative director for elementary education until Jan. 18 when he was named acting superintendent, was chosen from 100 candidates.

The board Republicans, Mrs. Phillips and Gordon J.

DeHond, voted against Franco's appointment. Both earlier had said they would work with Franco but preferred an out-of-town candidate.

The board listened to 20 persons speak against school reorganization plans and also heard six persons ask for restoration of the \$19,000 that had been cut from the guided observation program.

In the program, which is in its 33rd year, mothers and

their pre-school children attend school together.

Many parents asked the board for help in cooling school violence. Yesterday all city high schools except one closed early because of strife.

The board also:

- Appointed Santo L. Patti to the \$18,964 position of principal of Charlotte Junior High School. Patti, the architect of the secondary school reorganization and integration plan,

- begins in July. Charlotte now a secondary school, becomes a junior high in September because of the reorganization plan.
- Named Roy E. Van Delinder Jr. acting principal of Jefferson High School at \$17,727.
- Van Delinder, vice principal at Jefferson, replaces Norman J. Morreale, who is taking a one-year sabbatical leave.
- Named Lewis M. Marks Jr. to the \$15,241 position of

- project director of the senior high school without walls. Marks will direct the new school, which will conduct classes in community buildings rather than in the normal classroom setting.
- Appointed Mrs. Leita G. Findlay to the \$19,553 position of principal of School 55. Mrs. Findlay, principal at School 31, replaces Mrs. Dorothy S. Voss, who is retiring.
- Named Richard J. Louck

- principal of School 31. Louck, who will earn \$16,770 has been acting principal at School 6.
- Appointed Mrs. Kristin Hondorf as School 50 principal to replace Michael A. Chirco, who has been named School 9 principal.
- Appointed Joseph Maranda to the \$20,109 position of principal of School 2. Cedric P. Lambert, now School 2 principal, is taking a one-year leave of absence.

Teachers Hint At Sept. Strike

By KATHLEEN MATICHEK

About 1,500 of the city's 2,500 classroom teachers and administrators last night rejected the City Board of Education's current salary offer and hinted that they might strike in September if there isn't a contract by then.

Led by David Glossner, president of the Rochester Teachers Association, the teachers expressed noisy dissatisfaction with the board's \$7,650 starting salary offer.

During a 45-minute rally at East High School called by the RTA, the teachers were asked to sign a petition demanding that the board "begin serious collective bargaining which recognizes the challenges of urban teaching and the professional worth of the city's teachers."

Glossner received a five-minute standing ovation after he told the audience that the plan of action contained this provision:

"We agree to convene again on Labor Day, Sept. 6 at 7:30 p.m. At that time and place RTA members will ratify a negotiated contract or vote to take other appropriate actions."

RTA spokesmen said later that they couldn't ask any teacher to start classes in the fall without a contract.

Contract negotiations between the board's team and the RTA began Jan. 18. Then the teachers asked for a \$10,500 starting salary and a 40-per cent across-the-board raise.

Not until June 4 did the board's team make its first offer, that of a \$7,650 starting pay and a 5 per cent across-the-board hike.

This represents a \$165 cut for teachers on step 5 of the present contract and similar cuts for other brackets.

"Don't let this make you ill. The board hasn't allowed for that. They've decided to take back 50 per cent of their contribution to your annual health insurance premium. This means an additional \$180 burden for a Rochester teacher with a family of four," Glossner said.

The RTA has lowered its proposal to \$8,800.

Glossner told the teachers that a crisis committee of two teachers has been formed to serve as a liaison between the negotiation team and the teachers during the summer.

The RTA plans to continue negotiations during the summer but members complained last night that they expected little to be accomplished.

Emanuel Kafka, president of the New York State Teachers Association (NYSTA), said the state association would throw its full support behind the RTA.

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SCHOOL STRIFE

From 1B

once in April and again last Friday.

The resulting lack of communication between the races has bred "a feeling of prejudice and fear among a sizeable number of whites," he said.

Madison and Monroe were the only other high schools where incidents were reported. Principals at both schools said it was simply year-end "horsesplay" with no racial overtones.

Students skipping classes threw water balloons at each other outside Monroe, and Theodore DeSoto, the principal, described it as "all fun." He said there were no fights.

Water balloons also were flying at Madison, but the ballooning was accompanied by "some wanton acts of vandalism," the principal, Henry M. Williams said.

The four windshields broken on faculty cars included his own.

Students also threw eggs and sprayed shaving cream on

each other but there were no fights, Williams said.

Madison and West High School closed at 9:30 a.m., an hour after Charlotte. All others were closed by 10, except John Marshall High School which stayed open until 11, and Jefferson High School, which closed at noon, the scheduled time.

No trouble was reported at West, but Ben Richardson, the principal, said he decided to close after hearing about Charlotte and Madison.

Police reported minor incidents involving thrown objects later in the day at No. 22 School, 27 Zimbrich St., No. 33 School, 500 Webster Ave., and Holy Family School, 40 Lorenzo St.

City elementary schools remained open all day and will be open as usual today, school officials said. Thursday is the last day of school for elementary students.

All high schools will also be open today, Conant said, as students begin final exams that continue through next week.

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Witch Hazel

Women dressed as witches demonstrated at Strong Memorial Hospital yesterday. Their literature said they put a curse on hospital administrators because of what they said are high prices for abortion and unfair pay for female employees. Woman called herself Witch Hazel.