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King's Point, N. Y.—Florrie Smith is a black young woman who is a teaching fellow at the all-male United States Merchant Marine Academy.

The title of "teaching fellow" might be a matter of protest for Women's Lib but it suits Miss Smith just fine. "Beng a teaching fellow here is a great experience," she said.

She is assigned to the Dept. of Math and Science at the Merchant Marine Academy that is operated by the Maritime Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

Miss Smith is one of four teaching fellows at the Academy under a minority assistance program but, she is the only woman in the group.

The daughter of Mrs. Julie Smith, East Elmhurst, Queens, has a high regard for the Midshipmen in Kings Point. "The Midshipmen are well-disciplined and their study habits are good,' remarked Miss SSmith as she finished a lab class in her department that is headed by Capt. John M. Dittrick.

"The education level of the Midshipmen is fine and I also appreciate the kindness of my associates in Math and Science. The professors have been very patient and most kind," the teaching fellow observed.

Miss Smith majored in biology and had her minor in chemistry at Savannah State College in Savannah, Ga. She is presently working on her Master's degree at New York University.

Acting is her hobby and she participates in the NEC Workshop in Queens.

"However, the attractive Miss Smith said. "I think I would prefer to stand in front of a classroom rather than on the stage of a theater."

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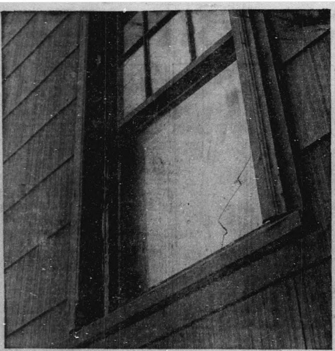

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HOSPITAL GIVEN FUND APPROVAL

The Comprehensive Health Planning Council of Western New York has approved the application of The Buffalo General Hospital for a $75.8 million expansion and modernization program. This is the first step n the approval required for the hospital to go ahead with the construction and renovation program, tentatively scheduled to begin in the spring or summer of 1974.

Eugene P. Wilczewski, Acting Executive Director of the WNY Council, said the Council recommended approval of the Buffalo General program "on the basis of need and to avoid increases in the cost of the project which would occur as the result of any delay."

He explained that Buffalo General has maintined a high rate of occupancy of its present 689 beds and that the new cnostruction will primarily involve the replacement of obsolete facilities, while adding only 15 beds.

The Buffalo General now goes before the State Hospital Review and Planning Council for its consideration. If that agency also recommends approval, the State Heath Department must then decide whether to authorize the project.

VOICES FROM HOME ON TAPE

Voices From Home tape recording sessions are being scheduled by the Greater Buffalo Regional Chapter of the American Red Cross at five locations throughout the Buffalo and Erie County area on November 30, and Dec. 1, from 3 to 9 p.m., and from December 2, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Through the Red Cross Service to Military Families, relatives of servicemen, foreign students and faculty, may tape record holiday greetings and send them to their loved ones anywhere in world.

[illegible] twenty minute tape, recording equipment and facilities for familes to record are offered free of charge. A polaroid picture is taken and given to the group.

Families and individuals are encouraged to call 886-7500, to make a recording appointment.

EPIS Program Has New Name

The official title of the Experimental Program in Independent Study (EPIS) at the State University of New York at Buffalo, has been changed. It will now be called the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP).

The change was made "to bring the title into conformity with that used generally throughout the state," explained Dr. Albert Somit, Executive Vice President. The title change is effective immediately.

Begun in 1968, in the wake of Martin Luther King's death, the program is designed to give economically and educationally disadvantaged students the opportunity and the assistance to pursue higher education.

Hard of Hearing

Fiedler Helps Them 'Get Through'

Twenty million Americans experience hearing problems today, and only two or three million use hearing aids.

Millions more simply neglect to investigate sources of rehabilitation. This major health problem is both little known and misunderstood by most persons with "normal hearing."

Getting Through

Renowned conductor Arthur Fiedler holds the free phonograph record, "Getting Through", a guide to better understanding the hard of hearing.

Arthur Fiedler, world-renowned conductor of the Boston Pops orchestra, is concerned about this problem. He observes, "The sounds we make when we talk have almost the same range as the tones of musical instruments. When we cannot hear some of these sounds or tones, we cannot fully appreciate music or understand conversation."

The obvious question: Why is partial hearing a major health problem when the solution is so readily available? The answer is complex, involving numerous factors beyond that of simply wearing a hearing aid.

One factor may involve a lack of awareness by the person who has a hearing problem. Lack of understanding on the part of those with normal hearing is another.

Too often, the majority of persons take the good hearing of others for granted, and fail to recognize the symptoms of hearing impairment. As a result, millions of persons go through life in an acoustic twilight or complete acoustic darkness.

Through modern electronic technology many aspects of impaired hearing can be electronically corrected to produce near-normal hearing. However, while the physical adjustment to wearing a hearing aid is quite easy, the psychological and social adjustment to one's environment is extremely difficult, according to James H. Johnson, president of the hearing aid subsidiary of Zenith Radio Corporation.

People often incorrectly view hearing impairment as a disabling physical handicap. But it need not be. Corrective action can bring happiness and a quality of life not possible to them before.

Fiedler suggests that those interested should write and request the phonograph record "Getting Through". The record, a guide to better understanding the hard of hearing, is offered free to the public. It simulates how hearing impairment affects a person's ability to hear conversation and music, as well as to detect meaningful sounds.

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WOMEN'S DAY PROGRAM A SUCCESS

Women's Day was recently heid at the Lackawanna Church Of God In Christ, Ingham Ave., Rev. Earl Nelson, pastor. The services were well-attended during the day. Missionary M. Simmons of Rochester was the guest speaker for the afternoon service. Mrs. Anna Nelson, wife of the pastor, was mistress of ceremonies.

Since Rev. Nelson has taken over the pastoral ship of the church in 1963, it has been beautified from the interior as well as exterior. Other fine workers are Deacon Ernest Troxler and wife, Sis. Lorraine Troxler; Sisters Mary Walls, Maggie Jackson, Ella Booze and Evangelist and Mrs. Dorsey as well as Sister Harriet Smith.

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Keep It Clean

Skin breakouts are still the biggest problem teenage girls face. But today's blue jean-clad girls fight complexion blues differently than their pre-Beatle era sisters. Mechanical-minded kids press a button to dry their hair, shave their legs, buff their nails — now skin care has entered the machine age. (Why not? Everything else is mechanized!) The kids are using The Skin Machine by Clairol to zap blackheads, remove excess oil. Doctors don't agree on the cause of acne, but they do say to keep skin clean. The contest is on: machine vs. washcloth. And it looks like technology may win the clean-face-race.

CHURCH DRIVE ON

ROCHESTER — A $5,000 Building Fund Drive is being conducted by the Faith Deliverance Church Of Jesus Christ, 609 Hudson Ave., Rev. Sarah Dunbar, pastor; Min. Joyce Shaw, Ass't. Pastor. Donations and pledges will be accepted.

The date of the church anniversary will be announced soon.

Thanks are extended to those who contributed to the former drive held at the Flagship Hotel in October.

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EXHIBITS: Burchfield Center — The Frederick Law Olmsted Tribute exhibition continues thru Sunday, Dec. 3rd. Hours are Monday thru Friday, 10 - 5: Sundays, 1 - 5. Exhibition commentary can be arranged for group visitation by calling 862-6011.