Division Champion Baltimore Colts Off For West Coast Games

VALUABLE CARGO — Tackle Sherman Plunkett (left) and center Buzz Nutter attach signatures to $50,000 insurance policies for coverage to the West Coast, as airlines counter agent stands by.

WHAT TO READ — Halfbacks Milt Davis (left) and L. G. Dupre check reading material before boarding the Colts' airplane charter to Los Angeles.

YEAH, WE'RE HERE — Defensive halfbacks John Sample (center) and Andy Nelson make a last-minute check to make sure their luggage is going aboard, while skycap Henry Lawson (left) waits patiently.

Track group honors Gorn

The Greater Baltimore Track Association paid tribute to one of the cinder sport's principal benefactors Tuesday evening in the Coach Room of the Park Plaza.

Samuel Gorn, wealthy local building contractor, was guest of honor at a dinner, attended by some of the city's best-known track and field personalities.

Gorn was feted for his "untiring efforts in the development of the sport" in this city. He was credited with "bringing order out of chaos" and influencing the making of peace between hitherto hostile organizations.

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INCLUDED AMONG those felicitating Gorn were officials of the Baltimore Olympic Club, Cross City Club, Cross Country Club and Oriole Track and Field Club. Also present were heads of the South Atlantic Association and the Amateur Athletic Union.

C. C. Jackson Jr., president of the Greater Baltimore Association, presided at the dinner and served as toastmaster.

Complacency, Staleness now Colts' main foes

By SAM LACY
BALTIMORE

Just what effect, if any, the carnival atmosphere of division champion will have on the Baltimore Colts may be revealed tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon when the recently-crowned Western Conference kingpins meet the Los Angeles Rams on nation-wide TV.

Coach Weeb Ewbank figures to be at wits end to keep the club from becoming complacent, what with its early wrap-up of the division title. And with complacency comes staleness.

Winning the 35-27 decision over the San Francisco 49ers at the same time Pittsburgh was beating the Chicago Bears, assured the Colts the title in their half of the National Football League.

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THEY NOW must wait more than three weeks for the play-off game with the Eastern Division titlist. Such a long wait produces a feeling that the job was easy. And that is the feeling that breeds complacency.

If the Rams succeed in thumping Baltimore tomorrow afternoon, it could shake them up and make them realize the importance of knuckling down and keeping in condition.

THE MOOD the Los Angeles crowd figures to be in could be the life saver for Baltimore, the town that is seeking its first major league title in a long and colorful sports history.

The Rams are still smarting from their worst defeat of the season, two weeks ago in Baltimore. They were humbled 34-7, in that meeting, one which ushered Sid Gillman's outfit to the verge of elimination from the Western division race.

Baltimore then finished the job by bouncing San Francisco last Sunday. This combined with Pittsburgh's victory over the Chicago Bears, also eliminated the Bears and gave the Colts their first title.

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THE COLTS have won only one of six games with the Rams and have never beaten San Francisco in all their trips to the West Coast. They get another chance at the 49ers in the final game of the regular league season next Sunday at Kezar Stadium.

The Colts' only victory over the Rams in the Coliseum came in 1954 when quarterback Cotton Davidson engineered the Hoosiers to a 22-21 victory.

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ANOTHER CAUSE for incentive in this trip is quarterback John Unitas' bid to set a National Football League record for consecutive games throwing touchdown passes.

Unitas pitched a 7-yard payoff toss to end Raymond Berry for the final TD against the 49ers Sunday, and thus ran his streak to 23 straight games. This equalled the existing league mark set by Cecil Isbell with the Green Bay Packers in 1941-42.

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Colts must await title game tix announcement

BALTIMORE

Although the Colts are winners of the Western Conference title, the Colt management is still at a loss as to what to expect regarding tickets for the championship game.

The Eastern Conference crown, still scrambled, could very easily not be settled until the final week of the season, December 14, when the New York Giants play host to the Cleveland Browns, current league leaders.

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IN VIEW of the possible tie, we cannot assume the location of the game or ascertain the number of tickets that will be allocated to Baltimore. Seating capacity of the stadium and number of season tickets held by the home club fans will be factors in the number of seats available to Colt fans.

An announcement will be made on either Tuesday, Dec. 16, or Wednesday, Dec. 17, regarding the manner in which tickets for the championship game will be allotted and distributed.

OFF TO CALIFORNIA is Gene (Big Daddy) Lipscomb, "a very important person' these days, as are all the Colts, is interviewed by Sportscaster Joe Tonahan prior to his departure with the team for Los Angeles and the season's last two games.

NFL title game hero to get sports-car award

NEW YORK—The top performer in the National Football League's title playoff game will be awared a new Chevrolet Corvette by Sport Magazine, according to Ed Fitzgerald, editor-in-chief.

This new award is a logical outgrowth of the award given to the outstanding performer in the World Series for the past four years.

FITZGERALD STATED that the pro football award will go to the player who, in the opinion of the editors, "does the most to bring the championship to his club."

Announcement of the winner of the Corvette will be made immediately following the championship game.

The only difference between the two awards is in the color of the Corvettes. The football Corvette will be a fire-engine red, while the car given to the World Series hero has traditionally been white.

Holley, Brown burn Lafayette alleys

Herbert Holley, member of the Point Breeze Mixed Bowling League, set a new record for the league with a 171 game. He rolled two spares and four strikes.

Calvin Brown also hit a new high with a blazing 200 single with nine marks, comprised of four strikes and five spares.

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Bear swimmers open tomorrow

The Morgan State College swimmers, 1953 and 1957 CIAA champions, begin their home season tomorrow (Saturday) against St. Peter's College in a 2 p.m. meet in Hurt Gymnasium.

Eight meets are listed on the swimming schedule as announced by coach Stewart A. Brooks. The season will close with the twelfth annual CIAA Swimming and Diving championships at Morgan on March 5-7, 1959.

The remaining schedule is:

December 6 — St. Peter's College, Baltimore, 2 p.m.; December 13 — Millersville State, Millersville, Pa., 2 p.m.; December 20 — Brooklyn College, Brooklyn, N.Y., Baltimore, 2 p.m.;

January 10 — Howard University, Baltimore, 2 p.m.; January 17 — Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va., 2:30 p.m.;

February 14 — Hampton Institute, Baltimore, 2 p.m.; and February 21 — Lock Haven State, Pa., 2 p.m.

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BACK FROM MIDDLE WEST

Morgan educator calls for code on freedom, equality

"The big job of American education today is to educate our people to live by the code of freedom, justice and equality, to which our nation is committed."

An American educator has come back from the troubled Middle East thoroughly convinced that this is what America must do.

Dr. Virgil A. Clift, professor and head of the department of education at Morgan State College, on a two-year U.S. State Department assignment in Libya, watched trouble burst into revolution and watched mounting public opinion question "America's good intentions."

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HE IS NOW convinced that what America is trying to do through its Mutual Security Program is a "noble ideal" that could win friends and the cold war — if it is backed up by America's actions at home.

Dr. Clift shared these convictions with the Morgan community as he discussed "Education in the Middle East" during the college's observance of American Education Week.

He says that never before has educating the people to believe in democracy been so important to the nation abroad.

He says:

"I believe that Americans do not realize the importance of keeping as many people as possible friendly to the West.

"Already there are some 700,000,000 people behind the Iron Curtain.

Another 700,000,000 people are on the brink of going either way . . . and this 700,000,000 people who haven't decided whether to join with the West or go behind the Iron Curtain come from an area rich in resources and could contribute to the economic welfare of the whole world.

"The United States cannot afford to be an island cut off from such large numbers of people who subscribe to another political and economic system which is so adverse to the ideals and welfare of the Free World.

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BUT, DR. CLIFT warns that these people have become suspicious of America's good intentions by the stories they read about dissension and discrimination in American life.

Dr. Clift gives this explanation of the situation:

"The United States has become a military, economic and political leader in the free world. Millions of people who have been less fortunate have looked to America to provide inspiration, moral courage and an example which could be followed in achieving democracy.

"The success of our leadership is gravely hampered because we at home are not mature, stable and enlightened enough to deal effectively with Little Rock, Little Rock and the bombings of places of worship here have caused damage to American prestige abroad than any propaganda the U.S.S.R. could have devised.

"People throughout the world have learned to recognize propaganda and treat it as such. They also in this case recognize racial discrimination and religious bigotry as the truth, and in this case it is certainly 'the truth that hurts'.

"Much more serious than Sputniks I and II, which merely dramatized the fact that the Soviet system is capable of prodigious feats of invention and production, is the giant strides they are making in education, science, technology, and influence on others.

A decade ago the Soviets lay devastated by the Nazi war machine. In areas of Africa, Asia, and even South America where ten years ago we were paramount and the Soviets hardly had a friend, today they are an influence to be reckoned with.

"Unless we declare a moratorium on various types of discrimination, bigotry and other anti-democratic behavior at home, we will find ourselves more divided against ourselves and pitted against the world."

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IN TRIPOLI, his second assignment for the State Department, Dr. Clift served as an educational administrative advisor and worked with the Libyan government in organizing programs of education principally in the area of teacher education.

Another phase of his work was to help to get established a program of education that would get the "largest number of people educated in the shortest period of time."

Remarkable progress is being made, Dr. Clift says. He gives this striking illustration: At the end of the Italian regime in Libya, there were 17 college graduates. Today there are more than 2,000 in teacher training colleges and universities. This has happened in a period of less than 10 years.

Point Four or Mutual Security Program, the educator says, is helping to get this big job done. For the most part in Libya, he explains, the government finances its own educational systems, but through Point Four the U.S. provides the technical advice and the technical skills.

This is done largely through the U.S.-sponsored demonstration schools.

DR. VIRGIL A. CLIFT

IN OTHER WORDS

Yardbird Jazz Club opens door for 8

By PORTIA SMITH

The latest good book out is a novel by Robert Nathan called "So Love Returns." It's a very moving story and I urge all of you to read it.

Nat Stewart and Lee Coleman are at home recuperating from bruises and fractures which they obtained in a car accident last week. Pay them a visit, I'm sure they would appreciate it.

Eastern High School and City College will combine their singing talents at the annual concert on Dec. 19.

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CAROLYN MAY was one of the Westernites who participated in the basketball clinic at Eastern last Tuesday afternoon.

Carolyn not only plays basketball but is prominent in volleyball, badminton and tennis.

Olivia Cole from New York was guest of Dr. James Davidson during the holidays. She attended the City-Poly game and various other functions around the city.

The Yardbird Jazz Club has several pledges this year to increase their membership.

The pledgees are: Margaret Taylor, Irene Burke, Angela Williams, Jeanette Griffin, Joan Young, Gloria Brown, Yvonne Wright and Joseph Hayes. Dave Hubbard is president.

Mabel Roberts, a Bates High School student, made her debut last Saturday night at the Contemporary Hotel in Washington. She was escorted by Alvin Jones.

THE JAZZ Monitors, the newest club in town, wants to promote jazz among the teenagers of the city.

They are a very enthusiastic group of teenagers.

Introducing: Anita Turks, president of Phi Beta Gamma Sorority . . . member of Time Pharatia . . . treasurer of "Tots and Teens". Hobbies — roller skating, dancing and singing.

Career — psychiatric social worker. School—Morgan State, now attends Eastern. Likes — basketball and tennis. Her Word — "Hey, Play."

Introducing: George Barrett, member of Jack and Jill . . . former chaplain of KKK feminine company . . . There's nothing like it. Career—philosopher . . . Plans — service first . . . then Columbia U. . . . Now: a senior at City . . . Likes — his individuality . . . traveling . . . people . . . His Word — "I'll be forced to resort to fisticuffs." . . . "I'm shy around girls."

Combo from School 109 makes debut

The Junior High Curriculum of Broadway Elementary School No. 109 presented a program in the auditorium at Henderson Elementary School No. 101.

A skit entitled "The Thanksgiving Pilgrim," was presented before an audience of approximately 400. Music for the program was rendered by the instrumental combo which was under the direction of Solomon Birch.

It was the first public appearance for the combo.

Participants in the program were:

Stanley Bowman, Zo Brown, Harold Coleman, Adrian Epps, George Fitzgerald, Clifton Edward Ginn, Wilbur Thomas Green, Robert Hamilton, Joseph David Harvey, Ned Francis Lee, Lonnie Mc Coy, Samuel Meredith, Willie Moncur, James Joseph Muse, Jertson James Muse, Lorenzo Earl Neal, Marvin Reles, Harold Scott, Horace Shanks, Hayes Stokes, Henry Talbert, Paul Earl Valentine, Lawrence Washington, Jerome Watkins.

Walter Elliott, Calvin Harvey, Samuel Kennon, Jimmey McCasker, Joy Watkins, Percy Carnelius, Calvin Johns, John Harvey, Carl Cannaday, Harold Crudup, Linwood Garrett, John Green, Willie Cleveland, Charles Jones, Thomas Jones, Sylvester Lewis, Robert Manning, Bernard Miller, Windell Murray, Jimmie Parker, Marvin Smith, Charles Smith, William Suggs, Paul Valentine, Luther Williams, Andrew Woodland, Victor Wright, Robert Davis, Grady Stimpson.

The program was under the direction of Herbert Rice and Roy Pope.

Other Thanksgiving activities at School No. 109, through the efforts of the Junior Red Cross, under direction of Mrs. Elizabeth Berry, three baskets were filled, decorated and delivered to needy families in the vicinity.

Officers and members are: Lillian Hamilton, president; Cornelia Woodlide, secretary; Evelyn Smith, treasurer; Cynthia Cooper, Sonia Daniels, Christine Davis, Kassandra Gibson, Terry Gray, Carolyn Grimes, Lillian Hamilton, Deborra Jones, Helen Jones, Joan Lloyd, Linda Logan and Patricia Minn.

Also, Bernice Renteria, Evelyn Smith, Sandra Smith, Esther Williams, Eva Wingate, Louis Curtis, Lee Barton, Leon Barksdale, Joseph Chapman, William Davis, Winston Green, Milton Griffin, Robert Holmes, John Harvit, James Knight, Scott Dozier, Alma Muse, Eric Ward, Stanley White, Milton V. Matthews and Charlie Mills.

Travelogue set for Y on Dec. 8

A travelogue, "80 Minutes Around the World," is being sponsored by the M. J. Nayloe Chapter, Morgan State College Alumni Association, at the Druid Hill YMCA, on Monday night, Dec. 8 at 8 o'clock.

John C. Burton, laboratory technician at the State Hospital at Henryton, Md., will be guest speaker.

Mr. Burton is a graduate of the Douglass High Evening School, former Morgan State student and a graduate of the Franklin School of Technology.

Edward J. Watson, publicity director for the alumni chapter, says the travelogue will include a stop at the Brussels World Fair.

There will be no admission. Refreshments will be served.

Harvey Johnson PTA to map fashion show

The second PTA meeting of the semester will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 9, at Harvey Johnson Junior High School.

Plans for the Fashion Show in January will be discussed. Parents are urged to attend and confer with teachers concerning their children's progress in school.

Mrs. Rosa Dingle is president.

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THE Y-TEENS OF Harvey Johnson sponsored their annual Harvest Dance last week.

Canned goods collected at the door were given to a family in the community. Other proceeds paid for items purchased for a box that was contributed to the Social Hygiene Association of Baltimore.

Edmonia Vaughn is president of the club.

The eighth grade Soccer-Kick Ball Tournament, ended with class 8-205 the champions.

Participants on that team were: Constance Smith, Ernestine Miller, Jeanette Lincoln, Harriette Johnson, Ernesta Wingate, Cecilia Grundy, Carolyn Harold, Barbara Ray, Andra Lemon and Gloria Johnson.

Team 8-101 came in second place.

Participants were: Barbara Hendricks, Beltina Cannaday, Harriet Turner, Rosalie Carter, Rosa Lemon, Beverly Brown, Tuester Blanding and Edmonia Vaughn.

Other participating classes were 8-103, 8-104, and 8-203.

Miss Dorothy Gempis is the physical education instructor.

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MEMBERS OF the Future Teachers of America were academy during American Education week.

Participants on open house Tuesday.

Parents who visited classrooms and attended the luncheon were:

Albert Williams, Jr., Mrs. Viola Manning, Mrs. Margaret Smith, Mrs. Mitchell, Nathaniel Taylor, Mrs. William McFaddden, Mrs. Addie M. Clowney, Mrs. Tillie Gambrill, Mrs. Sylvia B. Holland, Mrs. Inez Hunt, Mrs. Evelyn Pinkney, Mrs. Rosa E. Dingle, Miss Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Shirley Coates, Mrs. Margaret Smith, Laurie Cummings, Miss Zelma Tyler, Miss Eleanor Smith and Miss Rebecca Brooks.

Mrs. Carolyn Boston and Mrs. Charlene Griffin are club sponsors.

ADVENTURES IN READING in theme of the Book Fair to be held at Coppin Elementary School No. 132, Mount St., near Riggs Ave., Dec. 8-11, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. This group of pupils, with Mrs. Helena M. Hall, librarian, study a display, one of the exhibits which will illustrate books children will be on sale during the fair. Fourth graders, seated from left, are: Stewart Brooks, Carolyn Peters and Judy Daniels; all 9 years old. Sixth graders, standing left to right, are: Paul Vonverde, June Page and Leslie Smith, all 11 years old.

Elton Fax to be featured at Houston's Book Fair

Featured guest at the Book Fair sponsored by Houston Junior High School No. 181 on Thursday, Dec. 11 will be Elton C. Fax, a soft-voiced native Baltimorean.

Fax, who is a free-lance journalist, book illustrator, and artist was born in Baltimore some 40 years ago. He attended school No. 112, the old Colored High School, and was in the first class to be graduated from the new Douglass High School.

Though Mr. Fax was quite interested in art, not too much was offered when he was attending public schools. One teacher, however, Mrs. Leah Dickerson, encouraged him to pursue his talents further.

When his father died before he and his brother were even out of elementary school, life was not too easy for the Fax family. Mrs. Willie Fax, his mother who resides in Cherry Hill, tells with an amused smile how he wanted to leave school in the sixth grade to work to help her.

A great believer in prayer, she strongly encouraged him to "keep studying" because her prayers would see them through. Not only did prayer see them through, but he never forgot her words and, she says, he is still studying.

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HE STARTED out in engineering at Syracuse, but after a half year dropped that course and went into his real interest — the study of art.

During the Depression when he came to Baltimore and freelanced awhile, he got a chance to do murals at Dunbar High School on a Government art project.

While here he also participated as the first artist in the first all-Maryland Art Show held at the Baltimore Art Museum.

Through a friend, he secured a position to teach at Claflin College in Sumpter, S.C., where his two daughters, Betty and Virginia, were born. Realizing opportunity for his interest might be found in New York, he began to establish roots there in 1936.

Augusta Savage, prominent sculptor, employed him as a teacher in the government-sponsored Harlem Art Center where he stayed three years before transferring to another project.

On the new assignment he was given the opportunity to illustrate remedial reading books for children and get his first practical experience in illustrating. By 1941 he had gained enough practical experience to work for Street and Smith publications illustrating stones.

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HE IS AT present employed by many big publishers including Random House, Julian Messner, and William Morrow.

He illustrates many books for young people published by these in addition to book jackets and allied illustrations.

His most recent drawings were for a Henry Holt publication, "Terrapin's Pot of Sense," a collection of Southern Folk Tales. All eighteen on sale at the Houston Book books he has illustrated will be Fair.

During his junior year at Syracuse he married Grace Turner from Syracuse, who was also a student at the university. She died last spring, after an extended illness.

In 1953 the family went to Mexico, where they found the climate agreed favorabel with the younger daughter, Virginia, who had an illness aggravated by the New York climate. She has remained there after graduating from the University of Mexico and is teaching Art Crafts and English at her alma mater.

The older daughter is a housewife and mother in New York City.

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IN 1954 the Department of State through its International Educational Exchange Service sent Mr. Fax traveling through South America making friends for the U.S. and exhibiting his versatility with chalk and charcoal.

Although Mr. Fax earns his living as a book illustrator, his first love remains the difficult field of caricature.

While in South America he left behind over 700 sketches, charcoal caricatures, portraitures, and illustrative drawings. Hundreds of people including school children, educators, professional journalists, industrial workers, and businessmen listened to the lectures he gave or watched his deft fingers illustrate striking chalk drawings.

He gave several demonstrations at Houston Junior High School before many students two years ago when he substituted briefly there.

Mr. Fax's immediate relatives in the Baltimore area include his mother, Mrs. Willie Fax, his aunt, Mrs. Carrie Cargill, a brother, Mark Fax, music instructor at Howard University and an accomplished organist, and several cousins.

Girl Scout Troop 830 celebrates new unit

Chilling winds did little to dampen spirits as Girl Scout Troop 830 held a fun night festival to celebrate the formation of a new senior troop in the Walbrook area.

The affair was held at the Fashion Academy. Troop leaders are Mrs. Dorothy McGowan and Mrs. Evelyn Meyers.

Others serving as chaperones included Mrs. Julia B. Martin, Edward Marshall and Clifton B. Martin.

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TROOP MEMBERS are:

Carole L. Martin, Treva Brown, Freddine Sifford, Marcia Smothers, Maria Clark, Patricia Rideout, Imogene Rhone, Debbie Davis, Veronica Benson, Sandra Queen, Marion Gee, Harradene Williams, Phyllis Jennings, Victoria Dixon, Brenda Jennings and Shirley Coates.

Girl guests were Sonia Cannaway, Brenda Jefferson, Jacquetta Murphy, Dorothy Brown, Ruby Sifford, Charlotte Mellon, Carol Matthews, Vivian Jones, Arnetta Stevenson, Darlene Plummer, Nona Carter and Vivian Gaddis.

Boy guests were Thadeus Lozan, Charles Covington, Luther Harden, Clifton Marion, Grad Flippen, Arnold Sampson, Warren Teeo, Barry Cibse, Harold Adams, James Windel, Gene Windel, Earl Bird and Bod Washington.

Other guests included:

Laura Jude, Carol Antchouf, Beverly Cox, Betty Carter, Sheridan Umphery, Tara Barth, Jo Ann Cley, Serafyn Hill, April Cox, Joan Donaldson, Barbara Lewis, Leonore Brown, Rosemary Backus, Virginia Dyson, Joyce Jackson, Yvette Barnes, Barbara Ducell, Jeanita Covington, Doris Hill, Andrea Lane, Elizabeth Scott, Mary Almond, Arlene Colbert and Berta Gettings.

Also, Imogene Brown, Darlene Plummer, Sandra Dowell, Brenda Webb, Valerie Peyton, Shirley Williams, Elaine Brown, Vivian Jones, Gwen Watts, Lucy Keeney, Patricia Carter, Joan Patterson, Cynthia Jefferson, Willie Jefferson, Elaine Pope, Elaine Henderson, Lynn Hamlet, Ruby Hughlett, Jessie Dougherty, Lavern Wallace, Cynthia Williams, Marilyn Moore and Lydia Dobson.

ALSO, Durant Harvin, Jimmy Kaye, Judy Kerr, Harold Mitchner, Daniel Henson, Phil Watson, Alvin Brown, Frank Coakley, Terrance Shadd, Larry Robinson, Frank Johnson, William Purdie, Leroy Johnson, Lemuel Vee, George Scott, Frederick Tillman, Jerome Howard, Wade Hosier, Lewis Hadnell, Charles Lynch, Royston Blackwell, John Patterson and Erasmar Earl.

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Dover teachers pick Stevenson

By ELOISE RICHARDSON

DOVER, Del. — William Stevenson, for the past 17 years, a teacher at the Booker T. Washington School here, was recently elected as the first colored president of the Dover Educational Association for the Dover Special District.

The organization, made up of all educators in its district, has a membership of 140 teachers.

Also, it was in 1957 that Mr. Stevenson became the first colored vice-president of the group and was made program chairman of human relations.

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A NATIVE of Dover, Mr. Stevenson was educated in the public schools here and is a graduate of Delaware State College. He attended Temple University and the University of Delaware for his graduate work.

An ardent fraternal leader, he is a 32nd degree, Mason and member of the Shrine, and is Illustrious Commander of Corinthians Consistory No. 5 of the State of Delaware.

He is also a dedicated church worker. A member of the Whatcoat Methodist Church—one of the landmarks of Delaware — he is lay leader for the Methodist Church of the Dover District.

Mr. Stevenson is also a past vice-president of Si Iota Chapter of Omega Phi Si Fraternity.

Will re-check all schools for fire hazards

The School Board at a meeting Thursday voted to recheck all schools in the city for fire hazards.

This action came after the board was advised school officials had received telegrams and phone calls from anxious parents since fire claimed the lives of 90 students and teachers in a Chicago school.

John W. Lewis, assistant superintendent, disclosed in his report to the Board that an average of 20 fire drills per year are conducted in every school in the city and that at each drill the buildings are emptied of all occupants within 2-3 minutes.

He also reported that all schools in the city are inspected by the Fire Department and promulgated through the Fire Protective Association at least twice a year and that fire alarm systems are strategically placed in all schools.

IN HIS REPORT, William E. Carr, assistant superintendent, stated that new buildings are constructed completely fireproof except for some furniture and that old buildings have been renovated and completely fireproofed.

He stated also that exits, particularly those in cafeterias, gymnasia, and auditoria, have been carefully marked and placed so that children in either of these places are never more than 125 feet from an exit.

The survey of schools for possible fire hazards is expected to take two weeks, the board was advised.

YMCA Week set for Jan. 18-25

Two events will dominate the Young Men's Christian Association Week, Jan. 18-25, it was announced today by J. Cookman Boyd Jr., president of the YMCA of Baltimore.

Outstanding leaders are being selected for all phases of the observance, Mr. Boyd said, adding that their names are to be announced soon.

Emphasis will be upon the moral and Christian values promulgated through the Y. Mr. Boyd declared, with the week to get underway with the inauguration of a Laymen's Dedication Service, at 4 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 18, at the Cathedral Church of the Incarnation.

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ALL YMCAs and YMCA members across the city and Baltimore County will participate in this and the other features planned for the week.

The concluding day will be observed in churches here as YMCA Sunday. Efforts have been started already among clergy and laymen to enlist churches throughout the community in an appropriate celebration for that day, Jan. 25.

Guilford School has Book Week

The Library Club of Guilford School recently sponsored Book Week where posters, slogans, essays, and poems were judged by a committee of teachers and parents.

The activities were culminated with an assembly program by the Library Club which included the history of Book Week, songs, recitations, original poems, induction of new members and the presentation of awards for the contest winners.

The recipients of the awards this year were: Miss Holland's class—best poster (primary grades), James Sharbs—best poster (upper grades), James Sewell — best slogan, and Virginia Craft and Ronnie Hebron —best original poems.

The awards were presented by Mrs. Marjorie Cooper and Mrs. Delores Taylor.

A gift or a check

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Send your check or money order to Sheila Sheilds' Toy Chest, the AFRO, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore.

Stanley to talk

"Major Educational Challenges in the Twentieth Century" will be the subject of a talk by Eugene Stanley before the Baltimore Ethical Society on Sunday, 11 a.m., Dec. 7, at 1017 N. Charles St.

Mr. Stanley is the acting head of the department of education at Morgan State College.

Grant heads drive

Dr. George C. Grant, dean of Morgan State College, is heading a drive to establish a $50,000 loan fund to aid needy graduates of Morgan State College to develop their potential by continuing their education.

To support this project the General Alumni Association of Morgan will sponsor a card party on the campus, Jan. 24.

State represented

Louis G. Sheppard, instructor at Douglass High School, represented Maryland in the annual meeting of the National Council for Geographic Education which was held in New York.

The convention theme for this forty-fourth year of the organization was "Widening Horizons Through Geographic Education."

U. N. Posters

The United Nations Association of Maryland, 1 West Mount Vernon Place, announced that it has large display posters of the Declaration of Human Rights which are available to schools, churches and organizations planning meetings in observance of the Tenth Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights on Dec. 10.

Thanksgiving marked at School No. 146

Thanksgiving was celebrated at Elementary School No. 146 with appropriate exercises at Grace Memorial Baptist Church, Eden and Chase Sts.

The kindergarten classes presented choral speaking with Carolyn Booker, and Delores Simmons as soloists.

Mable Byrd and Miss Joyce Wheatley are the teachers.

The first grade of Mrs. James Fitts presented choral speaking featuring Doree Ford, Gregory Gray, Jacquline Scott, William Lloyd, Deborah Pierce and Robert Vaughn.

Mrs. Mary Silva's first graders recited and sang "Thanking God."

Doretha Gray, Julia Prince and Sandra Swan gave "A Thanksgiving Prayer."

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THE COMBINED second grades of Miss Constance Morton, Miss Tabb, Mrs. Florence Kidd, and Mrs. Ellis Diggs gave a choral speaking with the background of a chor "We Give Thanks."

The intermediate grades presented a flute group under the direction of Miss C. Garner.

Children in this group were: Blondola Terry, Joya Blackwell, Barbara Collins, Russell Keene, Gloria Crawford, Brenda Jones, Lucille Williams, Gretchen Williams, Earl Todd, Theodore Bragg.

Vernice Nunnally, Joan Oliver, Francine Murchinson, Edna Johnson, Myra Raye, Jackuline Blackwell, Audrey Hawkins, Allen Wilkens, Bernadine Slascoe, Verna Williams, Julia Haskins, Felicia Waynsboro, Hemphin, Vivian Greenidge.

Deborah Marshall, Deborah Jones, Jerry Brown, Leila Purnell, Eric Byrd, Henry Duncan, Sharon Todd, Ronald Lawson, Christena Cole, and Barbara Pennick.

Mrs. Dorothy Pollard's third graders featured a group poem "Thanksgiving Day" with Andrey Robertson, Loris Patman, Ronald Jones, Edward Foster and Jerry Pierce.

They also featured a French song "Fa-Do-Do" with Paul Cannaday, Evelyn Thomas, Glaoia Duncan, Gloria Hatton, and Virginia Harrison.

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MRS. CARROLL'S fourth grade class expressed thankfulness in songs, poems, and solos and an aerostic with Deborah Williams, Linda Burch, Renee Pruitt and Claudine Kinard as participants.

"A Thanksgiving acrostic of the fifth grade of Miss McKinson starred Vondale Lewis, and Julia Pierce.

Mrs. Hill's fifth grade also had an acrostic with Frederick Gray, James Nealy, Vernice Nunnally, and Joan Oliver.

A play, "The Pilgrims See Progress" was given by the combined fifth and sixth grade classes of Mrs. Claire Dorsey.

The performers were Barbara Pennick, Cheseteena Cole, Joan Ames, Walker Foster, Allen Lee, Charles Moore, Charlotte Williams, Ronald Lawson, Hilder Jenkins, David Hayden, and Ray Artis.

A history of Thanksgiving was given by Julie Haskins.

Mistress of ceremonies was Helen Pugh, the pianist was Barbara Pennick.

Clifton S. Murray is the principal.

MORGAN HONOR SOCIETY INITIATES— These are some of the 34 students who were initiated into Promethean Kappa Tau, freshman honor society at Morgan State College. Another 38 freshmen were pledged.