Johnson Junior High Graduates 37 Pupils

The twenty-second closing exercises of the Johnson Junior High School on Hill St. near Sharp St. were held last Friday at Ebenezer AME Church. William V. Lockwood, adult counselor, Department of Education, awarded diplomas to 37 pupils. Shown in the center is Mrs. Vivian Cook, principal. (Photo by Paul Henderson).

Jobs at Steel Company Next Turner Forum Topic

Opportunities for employment and promotions at Bethlehem Steel Company for Turner Station residents will be the subject of a public forum to be held Feb. 20 at Sollers Point High School.

Donald F. Lane, director of the steel company's training division and principal of Baltimore County Evening Schools, will lead the discussion.

Other Speakers

Cecil H. Scott, industrial secretary of the Baltimore Urban League, and Joseph Neal and Milton Barnes, labor leaders, will assist in the discussion.

The forum is expected to create considerable interest since the Turner Station area is largely populated by employees of the steel company and other nearby industrial plants.

The forum is the third of a series sponsored by the Turner Station Progressive Association. Previous subjects included sex education in high school and the significance of Christmas.

Mrs. Bethune Sought

Joseph H. Fitts Jr., chairman of the forum committee, will preside at the meeting.

Mr. Fitts said plans are being made to bring Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, founder of the National Council of Negro Women and of Bethune-Cookman College, to the Turner Station area in March. Mrs. Bethune will lead a discussion on Human Rights Bill.

Vet Shoots Self in Leg Toying With .22 Pistol

Ernest Pritchett, 21, of 3306 Remley Ave., who accidently shot himself in the left leg on Tuesday as he was showing a .22-calibre pistol to a fellow pupil at a W. Baltimore veteran's school, was treated and released from University Hospital.

Principal Named Wilkinson Aide

WASHINGTON

Mrs. Gladys T. Peterson, 1002 Kenyon N.W., principal of Randall Junior High School, was named administrative assistant to Dr. Garnet C. Wilkinson, first assistant superintendent of schools, by the Board of Education, Wednesday. The Board also announced the closing of the old Ambush Smallwood School unit.

Mrs. Peterson succeeds Dr. Harold A. Haynes, who was recently appointed associate superintendent in charge of research and chief examiner for Divisions 10-13.

The Board approved the retirement of two teachers, Miss Lillian A. Duckett, 24 O St., N.W., an instructor of the Monroe Laboratory School, after 24 years service and Mrs. Alice W. Tucker, 2025 I St. N.W., after 25 years at Noyes School.

Transferred to Bowen

Pupils and teachers effected by closing of the Ambush-Smallwood School were transferred to the Sayles J. Bowen School upon request of the Southwest Civic Association, and concurred in by the Parent Teacher Associations of the schools concerned.

Smallwood School will be discontinued for classroom purposes and used for other purposes. The newly created unit to service these pupils in the Division 13 area has been designated Ambush-S. J. Bowen.

Bowen School was transferred last year, from Divisions 1-9 for use by Randall Junior High pupils until the new annex to their building was completed. They vacated the structure last November.

In other action taken by the Board, Mrs. Annie E. Duncan was appointed principal of Cardozo Night School. A request of Mrs. Mabel T. Covington, teacher at the Thomas School, for permission to practice law outside of school hours during the current school year was tabled.

Denied Previously

School officials had denied her this privilege in a recommendation read by Dr. Corning, but the Board thought the matter deserved further study.

As assistant to Dr. Wilkinson it will be Mrs. Peterson's duty to:

"Attune her activities to the policies of the First Assistant Superintendent; prepare and accumulate information essential to working out solutions to many problems, and generally take care of matters in the absence of the assistant superintendent."

A native of Washington, Mrs. Peterson graduated from Miner Normal School in 1918. Later she earned the bachelor degree in education and her master's degree from Howard University. In 1940 she received a master's degree from Columbia University.

At present she is a candidate for the doctorate in education at Columbia.

Mrs. Peterson has had broad experience both as a teacher and officer in the public schools, having taught at Mott Elementary School and Francis Junior High School.

On Oct. 24, 1940, Mrs. Peterson was promoted to principal of Browne Junior High School and served there until Oct. 16, 1941, when she was transferred to the principalship of Randall Junior High School.

On Examining Board

Mrs. Peterson served for five years as a member of the Board of Examiners, Divisions 10-13.

Mrs. Peterson participates extensively in community activities and is associated with the following movements for social uplift as evidenced by membership on the Executive Committee of the S.W. Civic Association; chairman of Committee on Social Welfare of S.W. Civic Association; Board of Directors of S.W. Community House; S.W. Community Council; superintendent of Young People Department, Zion Baptist Church; School teacher of Youth Group at Sunday School and sponsor and director of William L. Washington Missionary Circle of Zion Baptist Church.

Boy Overcome by Smoke in Mysterious Ave. Blaze

A 3-year-old child was overcome by smoke and the lives of two other small children endangered when a fire of undetermined origin threatened the second and third floors of a dwelling at 2113 Pennsylvania Ave., Wednesday afternoon.

The child is Roger Tazwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tazwell. He was found unconscious on the second floor of the premises by firemen and rushed to Provident Hospital for treatment.

The two other children, both under 8 years of age, were not affected.

Second Fire Extinguished

Through late Thursday, Fire Department officials had not determined the cause of the blaze which was confined to the upper floors of the building.

The same afternoon, 15 minutes after the above reported fire, firemen were summoned to extinguish a blaze in the second floor front room in the home of John Rock at 1357 N. Carey St. The blaze was confined to a mattress, officials stated.

Law Prohibits Proposed Building at Morgan

Morgan College officials ran into an unexpected zoning problem this week, when it was learned that city building regulations prohibits the construction of buildings higher than 40 feet in the college area.

The officials have plans for a three-story classroom building to be erected on the campus at a cost of $600,000. The building will have a clock and tower much higher that 40 feet.

Because of this fact, college authorities have sent application to the Board of Zoning for permission to erect the new building.

Cases of Measles Still on Increase

The epidemic of measles in Baltimore raged unabated this week as the City Health Department reported 561 cases, an increase of four cases over the previous week.

Of the total cases, 100 were in children under three of age, which doctors consider the dangerous stage. The health department said serious complications and death can often be prevented if children suspected of having measles are kept from school if they detected symtoms of measles.

Aline Arundel County health authorities took steps to prevent an epidmic in that community after Baltimore's incidence of the disease showed no signs of subsiding. Residents of the county were urged to keep their children from school if they detected symtoms of measles.

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Dr. Cyril H. Dolly (second from right), retiring president of the Manhattan Central Medical Society of New York, congratulates the newly elected president, Dr. John C Lord (second from left) at last Wednesday's installation ceremonies and annual banquet, held at the Concourse Plaza Hotel in the Bronx. The witnesses are Judge Francis E. Rivers (extreme right) and Dr. Louis T. Wright, Diplomate of the American Board of Surgery.—Chick Solomon photo.

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Electrical Training Urged Despite Licenses Barrier

The difficulty of getting licenses should not discourage interest and training in the field of electricity because there are many job opportunities which do not require licenses.

With this thought in mind, the Baltimore Urban League, this week, cited these various job possibilities and requested that persons interested in the electrical field register at the League office, 2404 Pennsylvania Ave.

Only One Electrician

While there is only one colored licensed electrician in the city, the League points out that others who are properly prepared may qualify for a license by passing an examination.

It also emphasizes the following facts:

Practically none of the electrical firms or industries hire or train colored men as electricians, but this does not stop them from operating their own business.

Should a Fair Employment Practice Commission be set up in this area, chances for employment in private industry will be increased.

Not License Field

Some of the electrical work which does not require a licensed operator are electrical appliance repair, electrical motor repair, construction of neon signs (must be connected to current by licensed worker), door bell installation and oil burner repair.

In order to wire a house, install outlets, switches, fixtures and repair conduits or wire systems, one must have a license.

Currently in Baltimore County and other Maryland Counties, no license is required for the latter form of work.

Expressing the hope that with this knowledge, more men will become interested in electrical work training, the League will soon publish a list of schools and training facilities.

Jealous Suitor Given 8 Years

The May-December romance which ended fatally for a 26-year-old woman sent her slayer to prison for eight years on Wednesday.

The sentence was imposed on Governor Barnes, 56, who pleaded guilty to manslaughter in the shooting of Miss Geraldine E. Floyd, mother of his two children.

Barnes who lived at 1242 Sharp St. told officers that he was driven to homicide by his suspicions over Miss Floyd's interest in a younger man. The couple had lived together for a number of years.

Following the slaying on Dec. 9, Barnes surrendered to police after taking the small children to the home of a relative. The Criminal Court case was heard by Judge Robert France.

Limited Hearings in Rate Rise Hit

Aroused because of the limited public hearings on the telephone company's petition for a temporary rate boost, the Progressive Party, which is opposing the increase, has launched an intensive campaign against additional increases for the various utilities companies.

Seeking public support in this campaign, the party is urging mass attendance at a town meeting to be held at 8 p.m. Feb. 16 at Union Temple Church, Pennsylvania Ave. and Cumberland st. for discussion on the subject of "Is the Public Service Commission Serving the Public?"

This commission determines whether or not the rate increases should be granted.

The Progressive Party is also sponsoring a house-to-house petition campaign and distributing leaflets demanding a probe of the commission.

Annual Civic Youth Program Applauded

At the annual NAACP Youth Council mass meeting on Sunday at Sharp St. Methodist Church a talent program was featured with singing groups, instrumental performers, vocal soloists and young "orators" were warmly received. William A. Carr Jr., presided.

Eighth-year-old Annabelle Carter of Morning Star Baptist Church gave an effective reading of "Tom Gray's Dream"; and Miss Portia Minnis gave an impressive oration, "The Fortification of Youth for Tomorrow."

Other Performers

Singing groups included the Grace Girls Choir, Mrs. Mercedes Douglass, director; the Shining Star Gospel Singers, the Juniorettes trained by the Rev. Mrs. Lillian Thompson, and the E. Baltimore Girls Choir, led by Clarence Carter.

Instrumental numbers were offered by Lionel Jiggets and Edward Lane, pianists; and Miss Margaret Sharp, flute player. Readings were presented by Misses Roberta McGuinn, Delores Maith, Jean Camper and Odessa Henry. Miss Thelma Watson is council president, Macea Howard, advisor.

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2,000 Boy Scouts Set to Participate in Unit's 39th Anniversary, Feb. 6-12

Baltimore's 2,000 Boy Scouts will step into uniform, this week, to participate in activities marking the 39th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America.

The local lads in khaki will be joined by over 2,000,000 other scouts throughout the world in observance of the birthday of the national organization which was incorporated on Feb. 8, 1910.

Though Boy Scout Week, Feb. 6 to 12, begins on Sunday, activities will get under way Saturday morning when the full-length feature, "Henry Aldrich—Boy Scout" will be shown at the Regent Theater. Prizes will be awarded lucky Boy Scouts.

Pre-Opening Program

Monumental district scouts will present a pre-opening program beginning at 9:15 a.m. to be followed by the move at 10. Admission is 20 cents and the theater will be open to the public.

The official celebration begins on Sunday, with special religious programs in various local churches. Andrew R. Johnson, assistant Scout executive, said nearly 2,000 Scouts and Cubs will attend their various churches in uniform and in a group.

Boy Scouts will have their day in Cherry Hill on Feb. 11. Morris Norris, manager of Hill Theater, has announced that Scouts will be admitted free of charge that day, when they show their unit registration card. Throughout next week a movie on scouting entitled "Men of Tomorrow" will be shown along with the regular feature picture.

On the Street Demonstrations

The short will also be shown to the Scouts.

The Boy Scouts will take their program directly to the public on Feb. 5 and 12, by giving on-the-street demonstrations of Scouting at Pennsylvania Ave. near North, and Gay St., near Monument St., Mr. Johnson reported. These demonstrations will be presented by the Order of the Arrow, a Scout camping club.

Since 1910 when the Boy Scouts of America were established with 40 members, 15,500,000 Scouts and leaders have been actively enrolled in the organization. Baltimore has 146 units composed of 1200 Boy Scouts and 700 Cubs.

792 VETERANS ADVISED

GREENSBORO, N.C. — The Guidance Center of the Veterans Administration at A. and T. College handled 792 requests for assistance during 1948, B. A. Bishchi, vocational advisor disclosed recently.

EAST ORANGE GOP GROUP TO HEAR 2

EAST ORANGE— Colburn Hardy, former assemblyman and member of the Veterans' Housing Authority, and Edward Bruen, chairman of the Fourth ward, will be among speakers when the Republican Political and Civic Council meets at the home of Mrs. Rosa L. Lawry, 55, Hollywood Pl., on Monday at 8:30 p.m.

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