NEW SCHOOL GUARDS—Some of the fifty new school crossing guards who were sworn in last Thursday by Police Commissioner Ober are shown here.

After a week of training at the Police Academy, they will go to work. Baltimore now has 285 women assigned to police intersections near city schools.

NEW DOUGLASS POOL—In rear of new Douglass High School on Gwynns Falls Parkway work is under way on new swimming pool, plus a balcony for spectators, and equipment rooms. City is spending over $579,000 in construction work at building which is due to be completed by August of next year. Tennis courts are next to pool site. Exit from building leads to tiled lockers and shower rooms. Divided gymnasium is on second floor.

County hires, dismisses, then re-hires teacher!!

NEWARK, N.J. — The Battlitary School was cancelled by more NAACP has been asked to telegram August 19.

Investigate the case of Miss Hilda Barrett, whose contract to teach at Victory Villa Elementary school was cancelled by the county superintendent Fullerton, of Belair Road.

MISS HILDA BARRETT
Hired, dismissed, re-hired

Miss Barrett, who is a graduate of New Jersey State Teachers' College, was appointed teacher by B. Melvin Cole, director of elementary education, and signed a contract on August 10 at a salary of $3,300 a year.

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SUBSEQUENTLY, Miss Barrett asked the Baltimore County School authorities to aid her in finding living quarters.

When they discovered she is colored, she received a telegram from James B. O'Toole which stated: "Because of organizational changes, we are forced to withdraw our contract to you for the Victory Villa School."

Miss Barrett had already signe her contract four days before.

The case was referred to Mrs. Lillie Jackson, president of the Baltimore NAACP, by Theodore P. Pettigrew, president of the Newark NAACP.

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WHEN the matter was called to the attention of Thomas G. Pullen, State Superintendent of Schools, Miss Barrett was offered an assignment at another county school, as the Victory Villa school is presently considered a school for white pupils only.

County schools have not yet abolished segregation pending further hearings to be held this fall by the Supreme Court when that body is expected to implement its May 17 ruling abolishing segregation in public schools.

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younger than the old Douglass. It was built in 1928 whereas the old Douglass was erected in 1925. But Western was constructed for girls only.

Approximately 2,600 pupils are expected to enroll in the new Douglass this year. At old Douglass last year around 2,500 pupils were enrolled, but this included junior and senior high school pupils. Only senior high pupils will attend the new school.

Approximately the same number of teachers who were at the old building will make up the staff. This will mean 103 teachers plus three persons on the administrative level.

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IN COMPARING the inferior and superior features of the old building to the new one, the fact that reconstruction at the new building is under way now and will continue until next year cannot be overlooked.

William E. Lehr, director of school facilities, says the schedule calls for all reconstruction work on the new building is due to be completed in August, 1955.

When completed the building will contain a new swimming pool in the east wing, new shop rooms in the west wing, new locker rooms, shower rooms, field bleachers and dressing rooms beneath the stage.

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BY THE TIME school opens next week work should have been completed on new toilets, a bandroom, physics laboratory, demonstration shop, counselor's room and auxiliary rooms.

Since the old Western was a girls' school and Douglass is coeducational, new toilets had to be constructed.

One of the few features in which the new building is now superior to the old plant is the cafeteria.

Located in the western end of the building the new Douglass cafeteria will seat 750 students, 200 more than the cafeteria in the old building. It also has space for teachers to eat alone, a service absent in the old Douglass.

"It is considerably larger," says Mr. Reckling.

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ON THE OTHER hand, the auditorium at the new building will only accommodate 1,200. This is comparable to the seating capacity at Booker T. Washington Junior High. Old Douglass now known as School No. 181, can accommodate 1,550 persons.

Another feature in which the new building is inferior to the old Douglass is in the heating system.

"I do prefer the oil system we had at the old school to the coal system we have here," says Mr. Reckling.

"But I think we're better off here," he adds.

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MR. RECKLING is keenly appreciative of the broad spance of the new Douglass campus and what it has to offer the pupils there.

"Just think what we'll have here when everything is completed," he beams. And he takes in the wide, sprawling grounds with a broad sweep of his hands as he points out how cramped the school was in its old building.

This photo shows part of spacious grounds at new Douglass High School with basketball court, volleyball courts and other play areas.

The new grounds have double tennis courts which are to be paved for year-round use, an oval track, a practice field for baseball and football, and volley ball courts.

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ANOTHER OF the immediate sore spots at the new building, however, will be the lack of shop rooms for the technical classes.

Work is being rushed on new shop rooms but they will not be completed until 1955. Under construction are a woodwork shop, metal shop, brick shop, electrical shop and drawing room, plus a corridor which will connect the new wing to the western end of the main building.

But this year all general technical classes will be forced to return to the old school for shop classes. About four classes will be in this group.

A special room, however, has been equipped in the new building for mechanical drawing classes.

"All construction work at the new building is being done in conformity with the architecture of the school," says Mr. Reckling.

"We're paying strict attention to that," he adds.

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THE HOME economics department at the new building is not as satisfactory as the one in the old building, nor is the music department.

"Our home economics kitchen in the old building was the latest with us heat," Mr. Reckling points out.

"We have nothing to replace it here yet." The home economics department in the old building was one of the city's most modern.

"We did have a new music unit at the old site which was a distinct advantage to what we have here," Mr. Reckling admits.

"We obtained it after years of struggle, too."

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BUT THE NEW building has a new guidance department with reconstructed offices, classrooms, soundproof rooms with flourescent lighting, and blonde wood furniture. Five guidance counselors will be in charge here.

When completed, the physical education facilities will be a "vast improvement" over the old building, Mr. Reckling agrees. They are being almost doubled.

In addition to the new swimming pool, the exterior of the east wing of the building will be remodeled, tiled shower rooms are being rebuilt, two auxiliary rooms, equipment storage rooms, a balcony for spectators and general instructors' office are being constructed.

In the gymnasium, the old girls' shower room has been demolished, two locker rooms, shower rooms, drying rooms, toilets, drying rooms, community lockers, a varsity room and basketball backstop are being completed.

The gymnasium will be a divided gym instead of separate gyms for boys and girls as was in the old Douglass High.

The locker rooms for both boys and girls are located on first floor. The gymnasium is on the second floor in the new building.

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THE SCIENCE department in the new school is located on the west wing of the building, with biology on the first floor; physics on the second and chemistry on the third.

A conservatory is located in the window of each of the biology rooms.

"We have more room in these spacious rooms than we did last year," says Mr. Reckling.

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ANOTHER SOURCE of pride to the principal is a new store which has been built on the second floor.

This store is for distributing education classes and pupils will have the opportunity to practice window dressing, display, selling, etc.

Another improved setup in the new building, according to Mr. Reckling, will be the art department.

"We contemplate a very improved situation," he declares, "with multi-purpose room to be constructed when the money is available."

A tower in the new building has been converted into an art studio.

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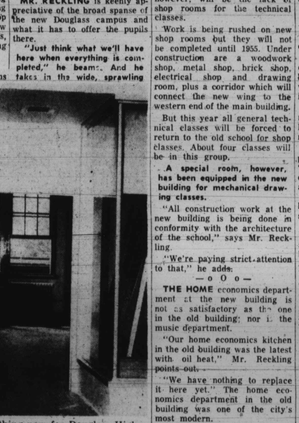
NO PAINT JOB inside, nor sandblasting on the outside, has been done on the new Douglass, as has been done on the new Western. This is because the construction work at Douglass is still going on while that at the all-girls school has been completed. When the work at Douglass is completed it will be repainted inside.

Work on the new building did not begin until June 18. The Piracci Construction Co., Inc., 2552 Woodbrook Ave, is in charge of the work.

Although the School Board allotted $579,000 for the remodeling job, additional costs are expected to raise this figure before the work is finally completed.

IN HONOR SOCIETY

CHARLESTON, S.C. — Clinton I. Young, 498 Rutledge Av, principal of Buist School, here, was elected to the Phi Delta Kappa national honorary educational fraternity at Teachers College, Columbia University, during the last week of his eighth summer session there.



NEW FEATURE—Something new for Douglass High School pupils this year will be this Demonstration Store where classes in Distributing Education will have the opportunity to learn dispaly and selling. This room is an added feature which was built this year for the school. It's located on second floor, west wing.

MORE LOCKER SPACE—The new Douglass High School building offers students more room between their lockers as shown here than they had at old building where they were always bumping into each other. 2,600 students will be using these lockers beginning Tuesday. New school is located on 35 acres of beautiful rolling land.

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time he revealed that only seven colored students have applied for admission to the undergraduate schools and colleges at College Park.

"Three have been admitted, he said, one rejected on an academic basis and three applications still are pending.

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DR. ELKINS said he did not know where the applicants were from except "they were all from Maryland."

He gave no figures on applicants to the graduate level since colored students have been admitted to the graduate schools in the past. This fall will mark the first year the bars have been dropped for colored undergraduates.

Dr. Elkins told his press conference that he does not expect an "avalanche of colored students in the fall."

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"INDICATIONS from applications and from observations I have heard," he said, "show that the average applicant is not in position to afford going to school here.

"Many of them find it cheaper to attend Morgan State or Princess Anne."

Because of these indications, Dr. Elkins declared that he feels integration will be gradual.

"It will not create any serious problem," he stated. "We will be in a position to work out our problems rather easily."

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DR. ELKINS is the successor to Dr. H. C. Byrd, who resigned this year to successfully seek the Democratic nomination for governor.

President of Texas Western College since 1949, Dr. Elkins was an eight - letter athlete at the University of Texas as an undergraduate.

Although a former athlete, he said the university "will not place a premium on trying to win national championships." This remark followed a question as to whether Maryland would de-emphasize football.

"Football," he said, "will be given a reasonably amount of attention. We're due not to emphasize it or de-emphasize it.

"Athletics," he continued, "make a distinct contribution to our country and I am for a strong athletic program."

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directive to change that policy.

Dr. Leo J. McCormick, superintendent of Catholic schools, also refused to discuss the policy of the Catholic elementary schools when approached by the AFRO two weeks ago.

When asked on Thursday to comment on the Jones case in particular, he interrupted the reporter's question to say: "I'm sorry, I can not discuss it. I will have to hang up on you. Thank you."

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ALTHOUGH some secondary as well as college level Catholic schools and colleges have enrolled colored students, none has been admitted to parochial or elementary schools, so far as is known.

At the time of Supreme Court ruling last May, Superintendent McCormick indicated the Catholic schools would possibly follow the public schools in integrating their students.

The AFRO said editorially last week:

"Some Catholic high schools and colleges in Baltimore and the surrounding area have been open to all who could qualify for sometime.

"Colored students are enrolled at Loyola College, Notre Dame College, Catholic University, Mt. St. Agnes College, at Catholic High, and just this past week at St. Mary's High in Annapolis and there is some integration in local parishes.

"BUT in parochial or elementary schools, there has been no instruction from the Archbishop as to a definite policy on integration.

"Last week, an 11-year-old girl was refused by St. Cecilia's School. The reason given by a school spokesman: 'We have always been a white school. We have no directive that the policy has changed.'

"While that policy, when enunciated, will perhaps come through the superintendent of Schools who is the Rev. Leo J. McCormick, it is generally understood that he can not speak without authority from the Archbishop.

"We think a statement from our Catholic Archbishop is in order.

"We hope that our Catholic leader in this area will speak out now, so that all within the sound of his voice will have the guidance they seem to be waiting for."

The AFRO also pointed out that parochial schools in the nearby Washington archdiocese, and in the St. Louis, Little Rock, Ark., Richmond, Va., Raleigh, Wilmington, Del., diocesses, parochial schools have been opened to all under directives given by the archbishop or bishops of the area.

VISIT CLERGYMAN

RIDGEWAY, S.C. — Mrs. Tobias Robinson and Miss Ruth Robinson, mother and sister of the Rev. P. J. Robinson of this city, are visiting him while he is recovering from injuries received in a recent automobile accident.

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Out-of-state scholarships to hit $12,500,000 by '58

After '58 only new grants go to few medical students

Edward N. Wilson, secretary to the Morgan State College Trustee Committee for out-of-state scholarships, estimates that by 1958 the State of Maryland will have expended twelve and one-half million dollars.

The Scholarship Committee was set up in 1935 at a time when colored persons were barred from the University of Maryland in order for students to get courses available at the University of Maryland and not available at Morgan State College or Princess Anne.

The State started with an annual appropriation of $25,000.

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LAST YEAR, the Scholarship Committee spent $239,000. All of this money was given Maryland students to study in colleges outside the state.

The actual sum paid each student was a differential between what it cost the individual to go to the University of Maryland and what he actually spent in the out-of-state college.

Mr. Wilson estimated that the scholarships represented one-fifth of the students' total cost.

If the State spends twelve million dollars for these scholarships up to 1958, the students' actual cost would be fifty million dollars.

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NEW YORK University, Columbia, Pennsylvania, Howard, and Meharry were the favorite colleges selected by the out-of-state students.

Many of them chose to go as far as California, Mexico, and Iowa to do their college and graduate work.

The general opinion is that they secured a better education through scholarships than they would have gotten at the University of Maryland.

The Supreme Court held in the Gaines case, however, that scholarships were not a substitute for the provision of college or university work within the state.

Following this decision, the Attorney General told Morgan Trustees they could continue to award such scholarships on a voluntary basis.

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THIS YEAR, the Scholarship Commission, with the consent of the Governor and Attorney General were told to discontinue these scholarships effective in 1958 since the University of Maryland is now open to all who may apply.

Students holding scholarships at present may continue to receive them up to the year 1958.

However, no new scholarships will be granted. The sole exception will be in the case of one or two medical students.

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS at School No. 72, Hanover and Lee Streets, discuss class preparations with principal, Milton Dickman. Left to right are: Arnold Mermelstein, Robert Gerrity, Mrs. Enolia P. McMillan, James Simonette, Miss Dorothy Cochran, Miss Linda Wine, Miss Ruth Green and Mrs. Alberta Abbott. Mr. Simonette and Mesdames McMillan, Cochran, Wine, Green and Abbott, are the new teachers at the school. Mr. Mermelstein has taught there four years; Mr. Gerrity, two years. Miss Green formerly taught at Dunbar High School; Mrs. McMillan at Booker T. Washington Junior High.

—Hail integration in schools

will be in the third grade, while John, 7, will be in the second grade.

They are the children of Mrs. Rosa Burton.

It's the same story for the Herman Duncan family at 1613 E. Lafayette Ave.

This week, they were able to register five-year-old Lois in kindergarten at Sir Robert Eden School No. 20, Eden and Federal Sts.; only four blocks away, instead of facing the problem of getting her to Elementary School No. 143, Hoffman and Eden Sts. which is a distance of eight blocks from their home.

As for their son, Theotus, 13, who finished sixth grade at Elementary School No. 146 last spring, Preston and Eden Sts. he can now transfer to Clifton Junior High School No. 90, Harford Rd. near 25th St., which is eight blocks away.

If integration had not come, he would have had to go to Dunbar High School No. 133, McElderry and Caroline Sts., which is over a mile from his home.

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CATHERINE, JEAN, John, Lela and Theotus are among the approximately 680 pupils who will go to integrated schools this term.

Figures, released at press time by the Department of Education, show that 566 children will attend 15 elementary schools and 114 pupils will attend secondary schools. This means 23 of the city's 180 public schools are integrated.

Mrs. Mary A. Adams, assistant superintendent, in charge of elementary education, explained:

"There are many more schools which will have several children enrolled but we have no figures for them because we are not dealing with school registration on a basis of race.

"Our main aim is to make sure we have the facilities and space for all children."

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MANY MORE children who live near white schools will not be eligible to transfer because these schools have already been districted due to overcrowdedness.

For parents out in the Arlington area, the opening of all schools has made it possible for them to send their five-year-olds to a kindergarten near their homes.

The Fannie Braxton Lowe Elementary School No. 157, 5217 Dennons Ave., has no facilities for pre-first graders, as does the Arlington Elementary School No. 224 at Rogers and Magnolia Aves.

MRS. MARIE FRANK, principal of the Arlington School, pointed out that most of the 20 colored pupils who were registered this week are kindergarteners.

"We're very happy to have the children, here," she smiled. "It's such a nice, big school."

The huge red-brick building is situated on acres of green rolling lawn with a large playground to the right of the school.

School 157 is a tiny two-room building, which holds classes from first to sixth grades.

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ON THE SECONDARY level, six former Dunbar High School girls have enrolled at Eastern High School, 33rd St. and Loch Raven Rd., according to Mrs. A. Marguerite Zouck, principal.

The first pupil to register, there, was Emily Price, 15, 1715 E. Preston St., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Price.

Enrolled in the 11th grade, Emily plans to take a commercial course in preparation for a stenographic job which she hopes to obtain here after she finishes her education.

Anxious for school to open next Tuesday so that she can meet her new classmates, Emily has already purchased a zipper notebook, and new clothes.

Though the school is 13 blocks from her home, she said, "I don't mind. That walk will do me good, especially after a big breakfast!"

AT BALTIMORE City College, 33rd St. and the Alameda, nine youths from Douglass, Booker T. Washington and Druid Junior High Schools, were registered this week.

Four of the boys will be in 10th grade; four in 11th grade and one in 12th grade.

Henry T. Yost, vice principal, said, "I hope by next year I will not have to know how many colored children enrolled here. After all, the boys are individuals and that's the way they should stay."

One school which was previously all colored has been integrated. Located at Broening Highway and Holabird Ave., it is now the Elementary School No. 200, but was formerly Elementary School No. 153.

Original plans to abandon the school because of the razing of the housing project in the area, were changed to take care of the overload of pupils at Graceland Park-O'Donnell Heights Elementary School No. 240, at O'Donnell and Gusryan Sts.

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BECAUSE THERE are still some families living in the projects anxiety for the term to begin.

WEDNESDAY WAS also "Orientation Day" for new teachers entering the system and for those returning after leaves of absence.

The 456 teachers gathered at ect, the school will serve approximately 70 colored pupils and 175 white pupils.

Many of the parents complained about the poor conditions of the school, but Miss Adams said, "This building has had some repainting on the inside and will be redone on the outside.

"I have inspected this school and it is coming along fine," she added.

Meanwhile, the dissatisfied parents have set a mass meeting for tonight (Friday) at 8 o'clock, in the O'Donnel Heights Housing Project, O'Donnell Heights and Dundalk Aves.

Sound trucks in the area advise that everyone attend "for the welfare and safety of our children."

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ANOTHER INSTANCE of a former all-colored school which is now integrated is Booker T. Washington Junior High School No. 130, Lafayette Ave. and McCulloh St.

A Park Ave. white pupil was registered there, this week, and more are expected by Tuesday when the school opens, it was reported.

And at the Junior High School No. 72, Hanover and Lee Sts., two new teachers have been employed. They are:

Mrs. Ruth Green, 2400 W. Lexington St., former Dunbar High School teacher, and Mrs. Enolia McMillan, 3304 Hawkins Pt. Rd., former Booker T. Washington Junior High School teacher.

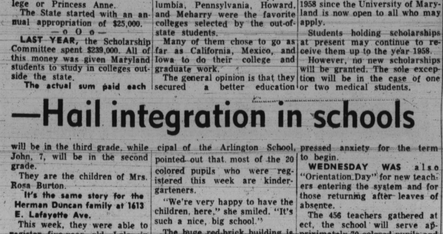
Miss Green, who has been in the school system 16 years, and Mrs. McMillan, who has taught 28 years, will handle the seventh grade mathematics courses.

As of this week, no colored pupils had enrolled in the school, Milton Dickman, principal, said.

THROUGHOUT THE city, the largest registration of colored pupils in white schools has been reported at School No. 74 where approximately 240 students are enrolled.

The classes and facilities are overtaxed, here, Miss Adams said, and the school will not accept additional students until the administration has had an opportunity to study the situation.

At the faculty meeting at this school, on Thursday morning, there was much enthusiasm among the teachers and all ex-



HAPPY WELCOME — The pleasant smile on the face of Mrs. Marie Schmuck, vice principal at School No. 53, 26th St. and St. Paul, is the typical expression which greeted colored families as they registered for the first time in white schools. Here, Mrs. Mrs. Schmuck gets information from Mrs. Mary Gaither, 2421 Guilford Ave., who is enrolling daughter Deborah, 5, in kindergarten.

TEACHERS IN WORKSHOP SESSION—Among the 300 city and county teachers who attended the recent workshop on industry, business, labor and education at City College were: Miss Mildred Joab of School 231, Mrs. Eva Beezley of School 228, Thomas Greene and Harold Martin of Baltimore County, W. J. Glenn of Anne Arundel County, Mrs. Edna Shumate of School 61, Miss Sonia Shulman of School 61, and Miss Dolores Wise of Dunbar High School.

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Lakewood Ave. and Fayette St., 4;

Samuel F. B. Mores School No. 98, Ashton and Pulaski Sts., 4;

Columbus School No. 99, 43;

School No. 200, 70;

Guilford School No. 214, York Rd. and Cold Spring Lane, 4;

Mt. Washington School No. 221, Sulgrave Ave. and Lochlea Rd., 3;

Arlington School No. 234, Rogers and Magnolia Aves., 16;

Samuel Compers General Vocational School No. 298, 1.

William S. Baer Handicapped School No. 301, 12

Hampden School, Chestnut Ave., and 37th St., 20.

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THE NINE secondary schools are:

Robert E. Lee Junior High School No. 49, 1205 Cathedral St., 1.

Southern High School No. 70, Warren Ave. and William St., 2.

Clifton Park Junior High School No. 90, Wildwood Pkwy. near Edmondson Ave., 12.

Polytechnic Institute Senior High School No. 403, North Ave. and Calvert St., 35.

Eastern Senior High School No. 404, 33rd St. and Loch Raven Rd., 6.

Forest Park Senior High School Chatham Rd. and Eldorado Ave., 1.

Western Senior High School, No. 27, Howard and Centre Sts., 23.

Baltimore City College Senior High School, 33rd St. and The Alameda, 9.

Booker T. Washington Junior High School No. 130, Lafayette Ave. and McCulloh St., 1.

Mergenthaler Vocational-Technical High School, 35th St. and Hiller Rd., for two sessions, the first beginning at 10 a.m.

At this meeting they were greeted by Dr. John H. Fischer, superintendent of schools, had group singing and the working of the system explained by Walter A. MacCubbin, director of personnel.

A panel of four who entered the system a year ago discussed problems the new teachers meets, and directors and supervisors were introduced to the group. Participating on this program was Miss Camilla Williams of the faculty of the Thomas G. H. Hayes School No. 102, Jefferson and Bond Sts.

FOLLOWING THIS meeting the teachers had lunch in the cafeteria.

At the afternoon session the teachers met with the directors of the areas in which they will teach this year, and were introduced to the supervisors under whom they will work during the coming term.

The new area directors include Mrs. Marian Johnson and Mrs. Romaine Jones.

Similar meetings were held Thursday and Friday for teachers who have already been in the school system.

Dr. Francis Keppel, dean of education at Harvard University was a guest speaker on Thursday. At the Friday meeting Dr. Samuel H. Brownell, U.S. Commissioner of Education, spoke.

A BUSY DAY it was for Dr. Mary Braun, principal at School No. 99, North Ave. and Washington St., as she registered pupils for the fall term. In left foreground are: Mrs. Bertha Rohe, 1923 N. Pearlman St., and daughters Mary, 9, fourth grade; Frances, 6, first grade; Mrs. Edith Coleianne, 1748 E. 25th St., and children, Vicki, 3, and Tony, 7, third grade. Right are: Mrs. Rosa Burton, 1805 N. Broadway and children, Barbara, 8, third grade and John, 7, second grade.

READY FOR SCHOOL—These smiling youngsters wait anxiously to be registered at Sir Robert Eden School No. 20, Eden and Federal Sts., by Miss Frances McGinity, vice principal. Left to right: Mrs. Mary Tate, 1729 Aisquith, who registered niece (second from right) Pearl Queen, 12, seventh grad; Mrs. Audry Orem, 933 McAleir Court, and her two children, Carol, 10, fifth grade . Douglas, 6, first grade; Miss Anita Glasgow, 1212 E. Oliver, who registered a friend's youngster, Jesse Davis, 5, kindergarten, 1214 E. Oliver.

A LONG WAIT—Parents and children lined along walls outside principals' offices of schools throughout the city, this week, to register for the fall term. Over 143,000 pupils are expected to enroll in the city's 180 public schools, this year. This group was taken outside the office of Mrs. Elizabeth Storm, principal, School No. 74, 22nd St. and Homewood Ave.

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