Over 400 at testimonial for Dr. Harris, Dr. Jackson

Fellow citizens led by Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro gathered Friday evening at Carver High School to honor Dr. Robert L. Jackson and Dr. Bernard Harris Sr., for 35 years service to Provident Hospital and the community.

The testimonial, held in the school auditorium, was attended by 415 persons. It was sponsored by the Former House Officers of the Hospital who were here for a two-day convention. It was the first meeting of the group in eight years.

Dinner music was by a Rivers Chambers outfit which included Ambrose Smith at the piano; Robert Smith on the violin; and Bruse Hocker on the drums.

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MAYOR D'Alesandro in his tribute said: "I come here tonight to pay tribute to two men who have contributed so much to the welfare of our community.

"On Monday, I would have been mayor of this great city for ten years, and will have served my 32nd year in elective office.

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"As mayor of the city, I have attended many affairs. I have never been any prouder than to pay tribute to these two men who have done so much to help make Baltimore a better city to live in."

The Mayor presented both honorees with certificates of merit, and called attention to Dr. Harris's long service on the Park Board and the School Board and Dr. Jackson's long service on the City Planning Commission.

He added: "At no time have I interfered with their decisions on these boards. They are men of high integrity and men of action. It is a high privilege for me to be here tonight to pay tribute to them . . ."

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OTHER SPEAKERS and the highlights of their remarks follow: J. Arnett Frisby, chairman of the Provident Hospital board of trustees: "The board holds in high esteem, Drs. Jackson and Harris. But for the persistence of our honorees for three decades to make the hospital first-rate, I would not have the privilege of presiding over this board."

Dr. James D. Carr, speaking for Dr. Charles Woodland, vice president of the hospital's medical staff, who was absent because of illness: "On behalf the staff, we are deeply and humbly grateful to these men for their unstinting sacrifice and professional guidance and for the continuing leadership they have given. A body without a head gets nowhere . . ."

Dr. Huntington Williams, commissioner of health: "The element of kindness is at the very heart of the work of these two leaders . . . the city health department is proud of them . . . the entire medical profession of the city is proud of them and look up to them. . . ."

Dr. George Finney Jr., Johns Hopkins: "I am delighted to say a word with other friends . . . not only to congratulate them on what they have done, but to wish their work will continue to broaden to serve us and the city of Baltimore."

Dr. Richard W. TeLinde, Johns Hopkins Hospital: "When the old Provident Hospital started, it presented an opportunity to these two men, an opportunity to serve, not an opportunity for financial gains.

"They have remained at Provident and operated at a great financial loss. Just before I came tonight I talked with Dr. Allen Chesney, who asked me to extend his regrets. He would have been here tonight except that it is his 40th anniversary." (Dr. Chesney is advisor to the Provident medical staff.)

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DR. SAMUEL McLANAHAN, chief consultant in surgery: "I am happy to be here to attest to a long friendship with these two men at Provident . . ."

Theodore Perkins, Provident Hospital, administrator: "Through the years, Dr. Harris and Dr. Jackson have been the men who have always stood out. I am looking forward to many years in the future with them. We have many programs and plans . . ."

Dr. I. B. Higgins, chairman of the testimonial committee, presented books with testimonial letters to both honorees.

He prefaced his remarks with "Friends, Advisors, Critics, Honored Guests," and said: "There comes a time in the life of every man when he looks back and tries to reason why he is, what he is, why he's where he is.

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"THOSE OF you who know me know how often I have referred you to one who without a doubt has given me all the inspiration—my father.

"In my profession, have come some individuals who have checked in where my dad left off.

"In spite of seeming differences, seeming differences of personality, these two men have offered encouragement and inspirations to be something, to attain something.

"I am honored to present these testimonial letters written and signed by the medical staff and the 140 men whose lives these two men have penetrated, in recognition of 35 years service to the hospital and the community."

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IN HIS acknowledgement, Dr. Jackson, chief of surgery and former chief of the medical staff, said:

"I feel highly honored. I don't know that I can express what is in my heart. It is indeed gratifying to know that some of the things we've tried to do over the years have been appreciated. Thanks to all of you."

Dr. Harris, present chief of the medical staff and senior physician in surgery, said: "Both Jack and I are pleased with this expression of your friendliness and good will.

"We were not alone in laying the cornerstone of the hospital. Others did a job just as fine as ours . . . I am grateful to the young men now serving as house officers. The expression of their gratitude has touched us very deeply."

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DR. HARRIS had reference to a surprise presentation of gifts from present house officers by Dr. Turjot Jeudy, present resident in surgery.

Dr. N. Louise Young, guest committee chairman, presented orchids to Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Harris.

Flowers were also presented to Mrs. Barkley Butler, widow of the physician who was to have been honored for his service had he lived; and Mrs. Reginald Neblett, Owensboro, Ky., wife of one of the hospital's first interns; and Miss Jennie Jacobsen, director of nurses at the hospital.

Announcement was made of a gift of a surgical instrument cabinet to the hospital in honor of Dr. Jackson by Louis Silberstein, attorney.

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AMONG GUESTS at the head table were: John L. Procope, former Provident administrator, now administrator of Mercy-Douglass Hospital in Philadelphia.

Invocation and benediction were by the Rev. A. J. Payne, pastor of Enon Baptist Church.

Delegates to the house officers' convention elected Dr. James D. Carr president.

OUT-OF-TOWNERS registered for the two-day meeting of the Formr House Officers Association were:

Maryland: Dr. H. L. Small, Denton;

Kentucky: Dr. R. C. Neblett, Owensboro;

Virginia: Dr. A. B. Harrison, Franklin; Oswald Hoffler, Norfolk;

Pennsylvania: Dr. William C. Rogers, Philadelphia;

New Jersey: John H. Holmes, 3rd

Michigan: William L. Farmer, Detroit New York: L. L. Burrell, Buffalo;

District of Columbia: Jack E. White, K. A. Harden, E. W. Purcell, Mitchell Spellman, John B. Johnson, David M. French, T. W. Davis, A. W. Beverley, R. Kelly Brown, Raymond L. Standard, John W. Robinson and Elroy Young.

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BALTIMOREANS registered included: Drs. Haron H. Perry, Talmadge H. Pinkney, George Adams, George Pendleton, Wayland R. Jones, Glenford P. Mussenden, Leroy Berry, Thomas J. Woolridge, Raymond Gray, Bruce V. Banjamin, Lonnie W. Greene, J. Harold Nichols.

Also Drs. Richard H. Hunt, Gilbert Banfield, I. Bradshaw Higgins, Bruce Allcine, Eugenie Phillips, Alan Harris, Bernard Christmas, N. Louise Young, Simon H. Carter, Louis E. Harmon, John C. Jones, Lucius W. Leeper, Emerson C. Walden, and Henry C. Welcome.

ADMIRING ART—Eugene Allen (left) and Cornell Barnes take time out to examine one of the exhibitions at the Art Show which was sponsored at Fellowship House last week.

TURNBULL BANQUET

A dinner planned as a testimonial tribute to leadership will be tendered John Grason Turnbull, floor leader of the Maryland Senate by 1000 of his friends, Monday, May 27, 7 p.m.

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A total of 268,478 doses of polio vaccine, have been given in Baltimore since January 1, 1957, the City Health Department announced this week. The Department reemphasized the need to obtain, not less than three doses of polio vaccine promptly.

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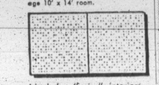

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'LOOK THERE," is what Mrs. John Edwards seems to be saying to her husband as they enjoy Bavlieds cabaret party held a Friday ago at the Odd Fellows Hall. Good music, pretty girls and tasty food marked the club's cabaret party which attracted over 300 guests. The club has been organized 15 years and includes in its charity programs camperships to send boys to Camp Druid Hill.

ALSO enjoying the affair were Mr. and Mrs. Travis White pictured here as they sat one out. Both are city teachers. Bavlieds took unusual name from first names of original members.

AT LEFT, Mrs. Doris Wallace, Grafton Matthews and Mrs. Courtney Valentine, caught in a somewhat serious discussion.

WHATEVER it was, it brought amusement to Mrs. Samuel Blackwell (the former Pauline Caulk), shown here with her husband.

MORE PROOF that everybody had a good time at the Bavlieds. Mr. and Mrs. Deaver Smith shown enjoying a good laugh.

SHE DID too—yes, had a good time. She is Mrs. Samuel Beasley. Her husband designed the pretty table and wall decorations.

MEMBERS OF the Bavlieds. Front row, left to right, Danee Rawlings, Betty Fry, Berine Gall, Elsie Scott and Vera Flint. Back row, Carrie Staten, Ann Evans, Audrey Pinderhughes, Irene Thomas, Lorene Smith, Doris Wallace and Ruth Tonkins.

Bavlieds Club Party

ANOTHER happy guest was Mrs. Carolyn Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Bennett Sr., were caterers.