PARENTS HELPING OUT—As part of a program designed to uncover any possible eye defects among the pupils enrolled in Elementary School No. 137, these parents have been giving eye tests. Shown here, left to right, are Mrs. Dorothy Mills, school nurse, and Mesdames Marion Banks, Harriett Miller, Pearl Weatherspoon and Regina Ward, parents.

Dr. Jenkins hits thesis of McGurk

"Colored children are like other children similarly situated. Give them the same opportunity for development that other children in our society have and they will do as well as other children in our society do."

That was the conclusion reached by Dr. Martin D. Jenkins, president of Morgan State College, in his answer to charges that colored people are innately inferior in learning capacity.

Dr. Jenkins spoke to the seminar on controversial issues in education, a post-graduate study group at Johns Hopkins University Wednesday night.

His address was a rebuttal to the argument that school integration tends to lower academic standards because of the lower learning ability of colored people — an argument advanced a week earlier before the same group by Dr. F. C. J. McGurk, associate professor at Villanova University.

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DR. JENKINS never mentioned Dr. McGurk by name but his line of reasoning was directly contradictory to the thesis of the professor who has admitted that his writings had been rejected by several scientific publications before being published in a magazine.

"My unequivocal answer is that colored children per se do not depress standards," Dr. Jenkins stated.

"It is even possible that under certain conditions and in particular schools a given group of colored children would tend to elevate standards."

Dr. Jenkins based this argument on "socio-economic" factors that enter into the learning capacity and affect the psychometric intelligence tests "on whole—colored students have averaged lower scores than whites.

HE SAID that the colored race in this country is an "isolated" group, and as such, has been influenced by lower and middle-class environments. This, he said, would be true of other races "similarly situated."

"However, to the extent that children who happen to be colored children are lower class, to the extent they have attended qualitatively poor schools — to that extent these children threaten academic standards.'"

The seminar was attended by a mixed group of about 60 persons which applauded him warmly at the close of his question and answer period.

IN THE QUESTION and answer period, Rabbi Benjamin Bak of the Harizon Tiferith Israel, asked Dr. Jenkins if it would not have been better for the colored race to improve its social standards before trying to integrate the schools.

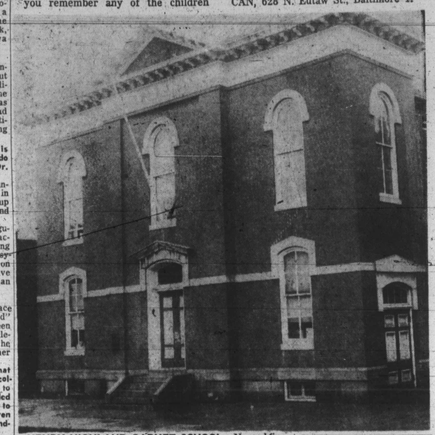
"We cannot get a higher level environment in a segregated economy," Dr. Jenkins answered. "As long as the caste exists in our society, it will also exist in education."

Another student asked Dr. Jenkins if he did not feel that it was in the best interest of education to segregate students according to their levels of ability.

Dr. Jenkins repeated to the student a last part of his detailed paper to answer the question:

"Sometimes that which is educationally best, that which is logically defensible must give way to that which is socially best in terms of the basic premises of our society. They should not be separated," he said.

CAN YAU REMEMBER?—This is a second grade class from Henry Highland Garnet Elementary School No. 103. The time is January 1929. Can you remember any of the children shown here? If so, the School Reporter would like to hear from you. Write to City Desk, AFRO-AMERICAN, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore 1.



HENRY HIGHLAND GARNET SCHOOL—Named in 1918 in honor of the great abolitionist, Henry Highland Garnet, Elementary School No. 103 at Division St., near Lanvale now has 606 pupils and 17 teachers. It serves the kindergarten through sixth grades. Mrs. Beatrice Rawlings is principal and Mrs. Catherine Greene, counselor.

Baltimore Afro-American SCHOOL PAGE

GARFIELD HINTON, School Reporter

The AFRO solicits news from all public and parochial schools. Address releases to City Desk, AFRO-AMERICAN, Baltimore 1, Md. — Tuesday edition deadline Friday noon. Friday edition Tuesday noon. If you desire photos of school events call City Desk, MU. 5-6015 at least one week prior to event.

Honor unit inducts 18 at Morgan

Eighteen Morgan State College students who earned honor roll status the first semester were recently inducted into Promethean Kappa Tau, freshman honor society at the college.

Induction of the students brought the total membership of the honor group to approximately 60, Dr. Ruth Brett, director of the Lower Division and adviser for the group, disclosed.

The honor society was established as a part of the college's freshman honors program, which is designed to encourage and stimulate promising freshmen to develop to the optimum.

FIRST GROUP of the 1956-57 freshman class to enter the society was inducted in the late fall on the basis of outstanding high school records and superior performance on entrance examinations.

Last week's initiation of Group II brought into the society Hayes B. Banks, president, freshman class, Lynchburgh, Va.; Delois I. Barnes, Baltimore; Kathryn L. Beard, Brunswick, Md.; Carole Bish, Baltimore; David Byrd, Elkton, Md.; Evon Handy, Baltimore, Brenda Hemingway, Dorchester, Mass.; Elva Hicks, Annapolis.

Also Hazel Jenkins, Bryans Road, Md.; Elaine McCoy, Baltimore; Barbara L. Moore, Copaiaque, Md.; Raphael Plummer, Washington, D.C.; Russell Sisco, Nyack, NY.; Arthur L. Stewart, Mitchellville, Md.; Roberta J. Thomas, Cambridge, Md.; Lorraine Turner, Baltimore; and Francine Zachary, Baltimore.

Red Cross chapter opens baby care class for mothers-to-be

The Red Cross Nursng Service has announced a mother and baby care class for expectant mothers to be held at headquarters, St. Paul and 22nd Sts., which began Wednesday, March 27. Classes will meet once a week for six weeks from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

A couples class for prospective parents has been scheduled to start Wednesday, April 3, at Chapter headquarters. The class will meet once a week from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Classes will be taught by a registered graduate nurse. Certificates are awarded to those who complete the course. Registration may be made by calling Nursing Services, HO 7-9905.

N.Y. author to speak at Morgan meet

"Guidance — A Shared Responsibility" is the theme of the one day meeting which is being sponsored by the Division of Student Personnel of Morgan and the College of Education of the University of Maryland. The conference will be held in Morgan's Calloway Hall, Saturday, Mar. 30.

Keynote address of the conference will be delivered by Dr. Janet A. Kelley of City College of New York. The noted author, lecturer, teacher, consultant and American Personnel Guidance Association national award winner for outstanding research in the field of guidance will speak at 10:15 a.m.

A panel discussion will follow the keynote with Dr. Richard H. Byrne of the University of Maryland as the moderator.

Participants will be Dr. R. Brown Hardesty, president, State Teachers College, Frostburg, Maryland; Herbert S. Hilliard, vice principal, Bates High School, Annapolis, Maryland; and Dr. James E. Spitzrass, Director, Division of Instruction, Maryland State Department of Education.

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MRS. LEONA C. BUCHWALD, director of Guidance and Placement of the Baltimore City Public Schools, will preside at the Group I meeting which will consider "Planning for the Gifted Child."

Dr. Paul F. Brandwein, staff member of Columbia University and science editor for Harcourt, Brace and Company, Publishers, will address this group.

MORGAN DEAN GRANT AT MEETING IN OKLAHOMA

Morgan State College Dean George C. Grant is attending the annual meeting of the National Association of Collegiate Deans and Registrars being held at Langston University, Langston, Oklahoma, March 20-23.

Dean Grant also attended the recent meeting of the Association for Higher Education in Chicago, Illinois.

Easter seal goal set at $92,000

Residents of Metropolitan Baltimore are being asked to contribute $92,000 to the current Easter Seal Drive, which continues through April 21, accord ing to Joseph Mullan, campaign chairman and president of the city's Easter Seal agency, the Baltimore League for Crippled Children and Adults.

The goal for the city represents more than half of the $177,000 that officials hope to collect in Maryland through direct contributions and the sale of Easter Seals, Mr. Mullan said.

The remaining $85,000 has been set as the goal for Maryland's counties.

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THE LEAGUE conducts training programs as well as a three-fold camping program, a bank in which the handicapped may borrow equipment and appliances, clinics for cerebral palsied children and social service programs.

In addition to the sheets of 1957 Easter Seals which will be sent to more than 200,000 Baltimore homes, some 5,000 purple and white Easter Seal coin collectors are being distributed this week to commercial establishments throughout the metropolitan area.

THERE'S A LUCKY picture in this and every edition of the AFRO. Look for it. If your head is circled, you can collect $5 cash by calling at the AFRO City Desk before the next edition is out.

Henry Fleet School plans PTA program at 8 p.m. March 28

An open house PTA meeting of Henry Fleet School No. 25 at Bond St. near Fleet St. will be held Thursday, March 28 from 8 to 9 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting is to give parents the opportunity to see the school building, which opened officially, November 5, 1956, to observe their childrens' work and to confer with the teachers.

Parents and friends are invited. Refreshments will be served. Mrs. Alfreda J. Pinkney, principal; Mrs. Elsie B. Robinson, PTA chairman.

TEEN AGE MEDLEY

By LAVANIA RICE

"On Friday at Carver the basketballs were really rolling. Western played Carver, and it was a tough, but good game. Both teams displayed good sportsmanship.

The score was 16-14 (A team in favor of Carver) and 18-13 (B team in favor of Western). A few Western players were: Sally Robinson, Barbara Willis, Norma Fauntlroy, Virginia Alexander, Carol Watt, Alice Brown Mageline Folks.

Two western cheerleaders were: Beverly and Vernalia Jackson. The Carver players were: Marie Kimbrough, J. Johnson, D. Hux, O. Dean, E. Porter, E. Ralley, A. Samuels.

Others were: E. Shropshire, A. Artoway, Dorothy Chambers N. Tucker, G. Ceasar, A. Ross, M. Tarver, G. Everette, L. Williams, L. Young, E. Mitchell, C. Cromwell, D. Rivers and C. Willis.

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WESTERN also played Douglass. The scores for this game were (35-14 A-team) (50-6 B-team). Both scores were in favor of Western. Douglass players were: Jackie Johnson, Julia Butler, Hilda Nelson, Louella Wylie, Elnora Brown, Barbara Mayo.

Also, Frances James, Phyllis Stevenson, Carol Perkins, Inez Lloyd, Shilleen Lofton, Alicia Barrett, Brenda Radcliff, Joyce McCrery, Pat Morton, Brenda Radcliff, Joyce McCrery.

Others were: Pat Morton, Brenda Brown, Carolyn Bryant and last but not least, La Snookie.

Morgan board gives approval to promotions

Mrs. Lillian J. Brown has been promoted from assistant librarian to associate librarian at Morgan State College.

The promotion was approved by the Board of Trustees at a Thursday meeting that also saw the approval of five other appointments and the acceptance of four resignations.

Mrs. Shirley D. J. Hodge was appointed as a senior typist; Mrs. Nannette Hardy and Mrs. Bertaree C. Monroe were given temporary appointments as junior typist.

Also, Lincoln C. Bledsoe was named a policeman, and Herbert Daniel was given a temporary appointment as a cleaner.

Resignations were accepted from William J. Johnson, policeman; William C. Brown as a handyman;

Also, Herbert H. Krause as storekeeper, and Miss Joyce M. Shepherd as senior typist.

Square dance caller calls Morgan dances

Ed Durlacher, nationally known folk and square dance caller, was one of the main attractions when coeds of the University of Maryland joined the Morgan State College coeds recently in a Women's Sports Days.

Held at Morgan's Hurt Gymnasium, with approximately 300 participating, the Day featured folk and square dancing, relays, basketball, volleyball, tennis, badminton and other activities.

Opportunities discussed at Arlington PTA

"Enrichment and Association in the Baltimore Public Schools" was discussed Monday evening at a meeting of the Arlington PTA in the Arlington School No. 234 auditorium, Rogers and Magnolia Aves.

The topic was aimed at clarifying the opportunities offered to superior students from elementary through high school.

Mrs. Marie W. Frank spoke on the enrichment program at the Arlington School; Miss Emma Shed, project leader, Junior High School, discussed the opportunities available at that school.

Vernon Vavrina, director of secondary education, discussed the various courses offered in the more able students in Baltimore senior high schools.

Mrs. Marie W. Frank is principal of Arlington School; Mrs. Margaret Freudenberger, vice-principal and Mrs. Jeanette Cullen is PTA president; Mrs. Letita Gordon, publicity chairman.

Your School honors Henry Highland Garnet

By GARFIELD HINTON

"Brethren, arise, arise! Strike for your lives and liberties. Now is the day and the hour. Awake, awake, millions of voices are calling you!

"Let your motto be resistance; Resistance! No oppressed people ever received their liberty without resistance."

The year was 1843, the city was Buffalo, NY., and the occasion was a meeting of the Convention of Colored Citizens, an ardently anti-slavery group.

The speaker, a tall, dark-skinned young man of 28, a former slave, to be sure, used a cane to support himself, as he hobbled about the speakers' platform.

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HIS CAPACITY audience did not know that one of his legs had been badly injured when he was a teen-ager, making him a cripple for life, nor did they give the matter any thought, because his resonant voice and fervent call for freedom electrified all who heard him, causing them to overlook everything except his message.

Henry Highland Garnet was the orator, and he was born December 23, 1815 on the Eastern Shore in Kent County. Although he was born into slavery, on his father's side, he was a descendant of African kings.

When Henry was about nine years old, his father carefully hid the boy, his little sister and their mother in a covered wagon, and fled with his family to Wilmington, Del., and to freedom.

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LATER THE family moved to New York City, where Henry went to school. Two of his boyhood friends were Alexander Crummell, also destined to be a powerful figure in abolitionist circles, and Ira Aldridge, who became one of the foremost Shakespearean actors of the 19th century.

Henry Garnet later attended school in Canaan, New Hampshire. In 1839, he graduated from Oneida Institute in Whitesboro, N.Y. After this he migrated to Troy, N.Y., where he taught school and studied theology in his free time. He was ordained a Presbyterian minister in 1842.

The Rev. Mr. Garnet lived during a era when anti-slavery feeling was as big as issue, as integration is today. Perhaps, it was even bigger, and the Rev. Mr. Garnet was very much a part of the fight.

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ALWAYS ON the go, the dedicated minister in 1850 carried the anti-slavery fight to Great Britain. He served as a missionary in Jamaica, B.W.I., and as a chaplain during the Civil War.

He was also the first colored minister to conduct religious services in the Representatives' Chambers of Congress. He was interested in the development of Africa and died there in April, 1882, while serving as American ambassador to Liberia.

The Rev. Mr. Garnet was known as a radical. He pastored a white church in Troy, N.Y., he pastored Shiloh Presbyterian Church in New York, and also was an active pastor in Washington.

He moved in the circle of such better known figures as Frederick Douglass, Sojourner Truth, William Lloyd Garrison and John Brown, of Harpers Ferry fame. He saw his people as the equal of any others. It was said of him, he spoke with a "terrible pride."

It was no surprise in 1918, when Elementary School No. 103, at Division St. near Lanvale, was named the Henry Highland Garnet School.

The school was erected in 1877 and has 606 pupils and a faculty of 17. It serves kindergarten through the sixth grade. Mrs. Beatrice Rawlings is principal; Mrs. Catherine Greene, counselor.

Professional activities at School No. 146

Many professional activities have been carried on throughout Elementary School No. 146 beginning with a professional faculty meeting. Mrs. Hilda Swartz, a member of the Educational Testing Service, was guest speaker.

At the regular PTA meeting held at Grace Memorial Baptist Church, the parents were entertained by a film entitled, "The Child in the Middle." This film showed some of the emotional problems affecting children in the home and school and pointed up the need for parent-teacher cooperation for the fullest understanding of the child.

Many of the grades have been holding their Parents' Club meetings. The second grade parents heard Charles M. Thomas, psychologist, tester in the Division of Special Services, who cited many behavior patterns of seven year olds and their emotions and reactions.

Second grade parents present were: Martha Gray, John Brown, Dorothy Henry, Ernestine Nunnally, Verna Beane, Mamie Brown, Alice Brown, Gilbert Clark, Herbert Harris, Shirley Bennett, Edrelee Brazie, Elizabeth Ball, Merdias Young, Jewell McElwell, Barbara Rogers, Margaret Todd and Cynthia Dorsey.

The second grade teachers are Erla McKinnon, Dorothy Pollard, Ruth Cooper and Mary Silva.

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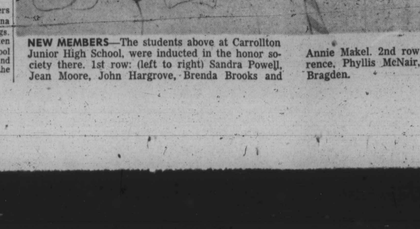
THE FIRST grade parents had an opportunity to see some of the materials used by the teachers for the teaching of reading as the teachers conducted a panel concerning the topic "How parents may help with the reading program at home."

The first grade parents present were: Ethel Nunnally, Johnnie Hall, Carson Buchanan, Gialys Bentley, Eunice Evans, Eunice Lewis, Helen Johnson, Nannie Cannady, Mary Pierce, Clara Smalls, Rosetta Waters, Rosa Gillis, Lillian Knox, Geneva Blackwell, Elizabeth Ball, Lucille Marcus, Mabel Bagwell, Elizabeth Nicholson and Juanita Keene.

The first grade teachers are: Myrtle E. Langley, Regina Wright and Anna M. Gittings.

Mrs. Ruth Cooper had taken moving pictures of the school Christmas activities and showed them throughout the school.



NEW MEMBERS—The students above at Carrollton Junior High School, were inducted in the honor society there. 1st row: (left to right) Sandra Powell, Jean Moore, John Hargrove, Brenda Brooks and Annie Makel. 2nd row: Ronald Bailey, Dolph Torrence, Phyllis McNair, Robert Smith and Donald Bragden.

Mt. Winans School 156 has morning of music

A series of music demonstrations in new music teachers was held recently at the Mt. Winans School for The Music Division of the Public Schools.

The sessions were under the supervision of Miss Abie Jackson, specialist, and William Meredith H. Birche Jr., teacher of vocal music.

A model assembly program with Mrs. Christine Hill in charge.

The theme was "March Birthdays."

was given by the sixth grade Mrs. Mary Newton and class six together with Mr. Birche demonstrated music and the language arts showing the creative song in classroom music. her class four presented a lesson "Music and Science" showing the use of sounds and the

A PRIMARY LESSON, "Music and Literature for the Tiny Tots," was demonstrated by Mrs. Madeline Harding with poetry, nursery rhymes, bodily movement and instrumentation.

Mrs. Lillian Martin and the song flute group performed for the visitors demonstrating the song singing.

A luncheon conference was held in the faculty room.

Guests included Mrs. Alice Beck, Supervisor of elementary music; Miss Jackson, specialist of the area; Miss M. Allitsen, teacher of music, school 225.

Mrs. Blanche R. Powell is principal of the host school.

Rev. John Hammond honored for 57 years given to church

A soft-spoken, scholarly gentleman who is over 80 years of age, was honored at a testimonial last night (Thursday).

He is the Rev. John Hammond, pastor-emeritus of Mt. Pisgah CME Church, who has led a long, interesting and useful life.

The testimonial, under the auspices of the Interdenominational Ministers' Alliance, was held at Douglas Memorial Church.

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THE REV. Mr. Hammond was for 12 years the pastor at Mt. Pisgah and in May, 1956 at the Annual Conference he retired to spend a quiet but serviceable life at home and with his church.

He had spent a total of 57 years in the ministry upon his retirement having entered the Baltimore Conference of the AME church in 1899.

He joined the CME Conference 12 years ago at which time he came to Baltimore to live.

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THE REV. Mr. Hammond was born in Hamilton, Canada, in the Province of Ontario, June 22, 1871.

He is the son of Richard Hammond who was a plasterer and Mrs. Harriett Hammond.

When he was 30 years old, he came to the United States especially to attend Howard University.

"I took up theology there," the Rev. Mr. Hammond said, recalling his college days," and I finished in 1899.

"Immediately, I took a church in Frostburg, Md., and I remained with the Baltimore AME Conference for 32 years," he added.

The Rev. Mr. Hammond pastored various churches in the area and joined the CME Conference in 1945.

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HIS WIFE was the former Mills Elnora Watkins of Danville, Va., who died in 1949.

The Rev. Mr. Hammond lives at 817 Brooks Lane with his daughter, Miss Elnor Hammond. He has four other children and four grandchildren.

His only son is John Hammond, a teacher in a Denton, Md. high school.

One daughter, Mrs. Marjorie Cooper, is a Howard County teacher.

His daughter, Lucy, is the wife of Dr. James Saunders of Washington, while the youngest, Miss Anita Hammond, is a government worker there.

HONORED—The Rev. John Hammond, 86, pastor-emeritus of Mt. Pisgah CME Church, was honored at a testimonial given by the Interdenominational Ministers Alliance, Thursday, at Douglas Memorial Church.

Hodge-Podge

By BOB MATTHEWS

Seems like the children these days learn to dance at an early age. Around "Madhouse Menagerie," they'll jump up and start rockin' and rollin' every time some of that minerals music blare from the radio.

Even children's parties have changed. Gone are the days of party games like "pin the tail on the donkey," or "musical chairs."

Now kids over the age of six go to dancing parties. Take a party given recently—there was a band and everything, and believe thee me, the kids really had a ball.

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THE IDEA has merit too, for the boys get a chance to learn courtroom "DeWOP" at dances where we hope will carry over into later life.

Noticed one little boy—he was eight—dour—facedly dancing with a cute little miss of six. Grimly he gritted his teeth and pushed her around the dance floor in rhythm with the music.

But just as soon as the music stopped, away he went—leaving the poor girl stranded in the middle of the floor.

Her mother, who caught watched the proceedings from a vantage point, was aghast. She just couldn't imagine her son committing the almost unpardonable sin of dancing per the protocol—leaving a girl in the middle of the floor.

Why, she had told him over and over again to take the girl back where he found her.

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NOT WHISHING to embarrass him in front of all those people, she waited until she got him home—then let into him.

The poor guy took it, head bowed, and waited until she paused for a breath. Then he spoke up:

"But mama, you told me to take her back where I got her from—but I got her in the middle of the floor. I was walking along when some lady swerved her towards me and said 'why don't you dance with Mary, Jane?'

"Had to dance three dances before I could get rid of her."

Mama broke up.

SPRING-LIKE weather with temperatures in the 70's, over the weekend attracted many Baltimoreans outdoors. Photos here were made in Lafayette Square. Left, Henry Johnson, 68, 1724 Stockton St., who remembers when spring did not arrive in the city until around May 1 "as far as warm weather was concerned. We always had a fire until the middle of May. Now we have much milder weather and spring comes earlier." Right, Clarence Kellam, 1020 Stockton St., 70, shown here with his dog, Rover. Mr. Kellam, says he will follow his old rule and not take off his overcoat until March is gone.

PHILOSOPHER—J. B. Willis, 1361 N. Stricker St., sunbeams in Lafayette Square sunshine. Mr. Willis, 59, has joined friends in the area for over 30 years to discuss world, national, and local problems, plus baseball and the weather. Of the changing Baltimore climate through the years, he says: "It seems like winter used to be longer and colder when I was a kid. On St. Patrick's Day we used to have snow, sleet and ice. Now the tulips are coming up and the weather is much warmer."

Family of Gospel Temple's founder revives traditional hymns in service

By E. M. OLIVER

Far off down the years, there resides an memory, like all of us, the swelling rhapsody of old familiar church hymns.

Who has not heard "His Eye is on the Sparrow" or "In the Garden"?

Do you recall the old members singing with full heart and troubled spirit, the consoling melody, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" or with plaintive sorrow, "Do Not Pass Me By"?

Should you like to satisfy the unvicced longing to hear them once more, go to Gospel Temple Baptist Church, 723 Poplar Grove St., on Sunday morning.

There the Rev. Joshua Webster Green, who is the pastor and founder, has moulded these songs into a stirring background for the impressive religious services.

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HIS MOTHER, Mrs. Goldie Green, who is the church minister of music, plays the organ.

His nephew, Raymond Kelly, plays the piano and the choir soloist is his sister, Mrs. Bernice Kelly.

Mrs. Gladys Green, his wife, directs the senior choir and another sister, Mrs. Lydia Starks, directs the junior choir.

All choirs have talented members who, each and every Sunday, provide a glorious pageant which is background for the Sunday School and church services which begin at 9 a.m. and do not end until the benediction of the regular service at 2 p.m.

There the Rev. Joshua Webster Green, who is the pastor and founder, has moulded these songs into a stirring background church with the fastest growing congregation.

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THE PASTOR, the Rev. Mr. Green, says that David and his harp and the poetic Psalms, have influenced his love for music and the church.

The organized Gospel Temple in May, 1955.

He is the son of the Rev. Dr. J. H. Green, who died in 1956, and who was the founder of Metropolitan Baptist Church at Mosher and McCulloh Sts.

His mother was minister of music there for 50 years, and became as her influence that church as well, became known for its beautiful music.

Prior to founding the new church, the younger Rev. Mr. Green was the minister of Bethel Baptist Church in Lynchburg, Va., as a student pastor from 1944 to 1948.

He was graduated from Douglass High School in 1940 and attended Johns Williams University and the Virginia Seminary College in Lynchburg.

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IN 1934 he was married to the former Miss Gladys Mae Jacobs and they now have a daughter, Faye Webster Green, who is 15, and who is named for her father.

The Rev. Mr. Green has seven musical sisters.

Miss Theresa Green, who is a concert singer now on tour abroad and Miss Dorothy Green, who is minister of music at Peace Baptist Church in Detroit, are the two nationally known sisters.

Mrs. Alice Tyler, who is also talented, is the mother of Miss Veronica Tyler who recently received the AFRO scholarship and is a promising voice student at Peabody Conservatory of Music.

Mrs. Starks, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Bernice Hodge, and Miss Cornelia Green are the other sisters who sing and play the piano.

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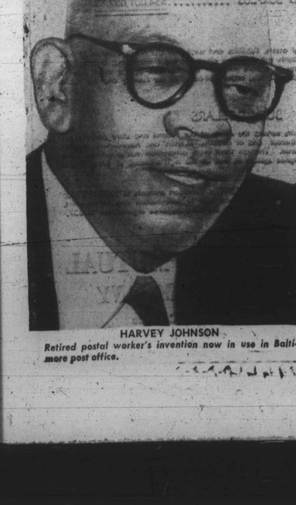
THE REV. Mr. Green's brothers, who are accomplished musicians are Samuel Phurkel Green, who is a pianist and Simione Green, who has published many songs including a spiritual.

The high point of the Rev Mr. Green's musical church services came when the blessing of the children of the church.

The choir accompanied the children in the singing of a rhythmic song, "Jesus Loves the Little Children of the World" as the little folks marched to the altar for the benediction.



HARVEY JOHNSON

Retired postal worker's invention now in use in Baltimore post office.

Harvey Johnson, ex-P.O. employee, has invented new time-saving device

Harvey Johnson, 2332 McCallon St., is a pretty well-known fellow about town.

But who realized that he would come into prominence as an inventor?

Mr. Johnson, himself, was surprised.

The other day, 17 years after he had patented a very useful invention, the Baltimore Post Office informed him that it has been put into operation there.

He was advised in a letter signed by M. R. Clarke, Regional Director for the U.S. Post Office. The letter said—

"The cancelling slide, prepaid shelf in the secondary unit of the Baltimore Parcel Post Station to Permit convenient cancelling of parcel post a those units has now been put into operation.

"You are commended for your contribution toward the improvement of the operations."

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MR. JOHNSON presented the idea of his invention prior to his retirement and it is merely one among the many which he has to his credit.

He describes it as a shelf which measures approximately 4 by 10 inches. It has holders where labels for the various sacks to be dispatched to different states and offices, are filed.

The invention which he worked out and patented 17 years ago, is considered a time and labor saver in that it is portable and can be carried from rack to rack.

It may also be tied to any rack at any location.

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ABOUT THE entire exciting matter, Mr. Johnson has this to say:

"I'm very, very proud. I guess you might say the Post Office has been my life."

And, it seems as though it has indeed occupied a good deal of his time, for until he retired in Dec. 1956, Mr. Johnson had spent 44 years there.

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IN 1913 when he was just 9 years old, he began working at the St. Paul Parcel Post Station.

He was there when they inaugurated the station in August 1913, and when he retired just 2 months ago he had the distinction of being the only remaining person in employment there who was present on that inauguration day.

He has been awarded a certificate of service and merit by the Postmaster General, Arthur Summerfield.

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HOWEVER, THE now famous Mr. Johnson has long been distinguished for other things.

When his daughters, Inez, Theodosia and Lois were popular high school girls, he was known as "the father of the pretty Johnson girls."

Now married they are, Mrs. Inez Reed, a public school teacher, Mrs. Theodosia Stokes and Mrs. Lois Hendricks.

Their mother, Theodosia, the first whom he married 44 years ago, is one of the "pretty Lee kins sisters" of Baltimore.

Her other four equally attractive sisters were Mrs. Lucie Gilbert and Mrs. Montray English, Mrs. Corrine Smith, of Baltimore, and Mrs. China Watson of New York.

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IN ADDITION to being the head of an all-girl household, Mr. Johnson is known as the owner of Baltimore's only decorative fountain which is for hire and which has been used at many church, school and social functions.

The ornate fountain spouts real water from a large bronze basin which is leafy with fern and woodland greenery.

For many years he has enjoyed setting up the huge "piece de resistance" to make beautiful, the many very special and out-of-the-ordinary occasions.

Recently, he acquired two other fountains.

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HE HAS been a long time faithful member and "pillar" of the Union Baptist Church, Druid Hill Ave., but he joking-ly states:

"I've been on the choir for something longer than I just had the book for others. I can't sing a note."

And, he smiles as he mentions another record he holds: "I was in three automobile accidents in one day a long time ago.

"I was in a hurry to get from one place to another, but things kept happening to hold me back."

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NOW, hale and hearty, and definitely all in one piece, Mr. Johnson stands six feet tall and is a jolly person.

Next to decorating fountains, Mr. Johnson's favorite hobby is raising. His favorite spot is the "little place in the country" he and Mrs. Johnson have acquired "now that the girls are grown up and gone from home."

NEPHEW of the pastor is pianist Raymond Kelly, who is a member of the third generation of the musical Green family. He accompanies all choirs and soloists on the church music program, which includes regular services each Sunday and many programs throughout the year. Mr. Kelly is a Morgan State College student.

TALENTED MUSICIANS make up the Gospel Temple Church choir. Shown above, left to right, are: front row, Mrs. Lydia Starks, Mrs. Shermia Wright, Mrs. Beatrice Carroll. Back row, Mrs. Bernice Kelly, Mrs. Eldore Hayes, Mrs. Helma Hadoe, Mrs. Rosalind Haither, Mrs. Themasine J. Hardy.

MUSICIAN PASTOR and founder of Gospel Temple Church is the Rev. Joshua W. Green, who is also a planter, and as he says, "I sing a little, too." His 51-year-old daughter, who is named Faye Webster Green for her father, is able to play the piano very well for her age, although she has had little training. According to the Rev. Mr. Green, who has nine talented sisters and brothers, "it runs in the family."

GOSPEL TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH, 723 N. Poplar Grove St., is a one-story, unfinished building which was purchased in May, 1955 for $35,000. The church organization, composed of 122 members, made a $7,000 down payment, has earned the name of being the most progressive and fastest growing church in the city. The Rev. Joshua W. Green, who is the pastor, organized the church in 1955.

ORGANIST is Mrs. Goldie Green, wife of the late founder of Metropolitan Baptist Church, the Rev. J. H. Green, who pastored there until his death in 1956. She was the minister of music at Metropolitan for 30 years. The mother and grandmother of 12 gifted musicians, Mrs. Green is an accomplished organist.

Hampton Alumni holds regional conference

The North Carolina Conference of the National Hampton Alumni Association will hold its regional meeting at Bricks, N.C., on April 6-7, according to Mrs. Fannie T. Newsome, (class of 1921) of Rich Square, conference president.