Garnet pupils in 2 programs

The celebration of Brotherhood Week at the Henry Highland Garnet School No. 103 showed reasons why various races and nationalities have reason to appreciate the contributions of others.

Two assemblies were given with the glee club providing music under the direction of Mrs. Geraldine Bell and Miss Jeanne Sheridan. Participating on the program for the primary grades were:

Juanita Givens, Nathaniel Mitchell, Sonia Manning, Michell Johnson, Geraldine Bell, Robert Stewart, Andrea Gilmore, Orlo Reed, Theresa Lloyd, Michael Taylor, Lauren Laneey, Michele Mackay, Olivia Grady, Stanley Franze, Felicia Ringgold, Theresa Lloyd, Roslyn Shields, Geneva Evans and Shannan Byrd.

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DURING THE CELEBRATION Miss Ruth L. Russell's second grade class learned about the customs of China, Italy, Holland, France, India, Mexico, Germany and Spain.

As an outgrowth of this they made native costumes and presented a skit. Pupils taking part were: Rhea Jacks, Eugene Briscoe, Dwight Oliver, Wilson Trueheart, John Carter, Jerome Brown, Australia Sewell, Oliver Key, Jacqueline Paige and Paul Mooney.

Miss Jeanne E. Sheridan's third graders had as their interest "brotherhood through foods." They demonstrated how many foods eaten in America had their origin in Africa or Asia. Pupils taking part were:

Laura Tilghman, Rita A. Harding, Dwight Dunn, Donald Tilghman, Lewis Payne, Joseph Sewell, Patricia Peterson, Jeannette Figgs and Lois McNeil.

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THE FOLLOWING pupils in Mrs. Thelma C. Rice's third grade class participated in a skit:

Karen Long, Inez Smith, Anne Lansey, Paula Gwynns, Crafton Reed, Gregory Coleman, Dolly Lawson, Marie Givens, Alphonso Collins, Suzette Cooper, Everett Marshburn, Sandra Aldridge, Alicia Winston, Wanetah Wilkins, Tanya Page, Carol Gibson, Earl Burnside, Faye Pines, Irene Bynum, William Blake, Arnold Briscoe and Ceclia Grady.

Appearing on the intermediate program were the following:

Cynthia Brown, Jolivette Palmer, Charles Dugger, Robert Walton, Jack Spain, Linder Myers, Demetria Ridgers, Jane Cook, Leslie Robinson, Lynn Mallory, Mitchel Smith, Tyvonne Harding, Joan Brown, Patricia Kyler, William Bundy, Patricia Scott, William Beverly, Betty Ann Dawson.

Kenard Wright, Andrea Barrett, Carroll Woodford, Paulette Thomas, William Gibson, Deborah Johnson, William Hill, Jacqueline Mackey, Michael Taylor, Victor Henderson, Jeanne Dougherty, Sandra Glenn, Carolyn Scott, Charlene Jordan, Geraldine Hunter, Romaine Logan, Thomasine Mitchell, Rebekah Wilkins, Yvonne Laney, Charlene Jordan, Audrey Hawkins, Romaine Logan, Patricia Scott.

Marvelle Sampson, Gwendolyn Harrod, Freddie Gamble, Evangeline Bullock, Sylvia Harris, Angelita Jones, Howard Langston, Angela Peck, Nancy Carroll, Ursula Meredith, Anthony Barkley, Carl McNeil, Patricia Grimell, Michael Weaver.

Tranzana Beverly, Paulette Lentz, Norma Carroll, Randolph Long, William Lansey, Barbara Taylor, Myria Cofield, Cheryl Jackson, Michael Mitchell, Alicia Bynum, Joan Bigby, Carolyn Tilghman, Gwendolyn Tilman, and Carolyn Pulley.

Mrs. Catherine Greene, counselor, was chairman of the observance. Other committee members included Mrs. Mabel Newsome, Mrs. Thelma Rice, Miss Jeanne Sheridan and Mrs. Frances Wooten.

Mrs. Beatrice T. Rawlings is principal.

DODGE BALL CHAMPS—Under the direction of Miss Mary Clark, this team representing the Somerset Home Recreation Center, won the dodge ball championship at Clifton Park last Friday. Team members in first row are: Michelle Newton, Peggy Wells, Joyce Camphor, and Gloria Bellamy. Second row: Dorothy Doles, Diane Edwards, Brenda Smith, Veronica Camphor, Emmalene Brown and Dorothy Bolden.

Douglass pupils visit Capitol to watch government in action

ANNAPOLIS — Mrs. Catharine J. Mayo, teacher of modern problems in history at Douglass High School, took more than 50 of her pupils to see "government in action" during the civil rights hearings last week.

Mrs. Mayo of 3438 Auchentoroly Terrace, said that visiting the state capitol was a good way for her pupils to see what is going on in state government.

The group gathered for a picture and autographs with Governor McKeldin and Sen. Harry A. Cole (R. 4th Dist.) before watching the civil rights hearings from a balcony of the legislative chamber.

The hearings resulted from four bills and a resolution sponsored and introduced by Senator Cole. The hearings lasted two hours.

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THE DOUGLASS pupils making the visit to the capitol were:

Alston Atkins, Willie Walker, Clarence Byrd, Bernard Johnson, Charles Berry, Rosemarie Chapman, Frances Bean, Agnes Davis, Audrey Ifer, Bernita Brooks, Constance Butler, Adele Logan, Margaret Holland, Loretta Milan, Dorothy Smith, Maxine West;

Laura Clayton, Gwendolyn Lomax, B.-V. Phillips, Charles Barnett, Ernestine Jefferson, Blanche Kimbrow, Eleanor Sessoms, Carole Wilson, Maxine West, Alverta Christmas, Josephine Davis, Gussie Sanders, Shirley Robinson;

Delores Brister, Dessie Hopewell, Patricia Stewart, Barbara Blake, Jeannie Harper, Jacqueline Wheatly, Edith Jones, Willie Pearson, Deanna Carter, Shirley Hutchinson, Jane Rosber, Gloria Jones;

Johnnie Dean, Alice O'Bannon, Oliver Powell, Dwan Barnes, Lillie Wilkins, Vernadine Tubman, Joyce Bantum, Clara Williams, Earlene Collins, Percy Anderson, Edna McCall, Bertha Thomas, Doroty Johnson, Brenda Hill, Rosella Owens, Zelda Sye, and Mildred Kennedy.

Your school honors Phillis Wheatley

"I, young in life, by seeming cruel fate,
Was snatch'd from Afric's fancied happy seat:
What pangs excruciating must molest,
What sorrows labor in my parent's breast!
Steel'd was that soul, and by no misery moved,
That from a father seized the babe beloved."

Phillis Wheatley, one of early America's distinguished poets was describing in verse, as a child of seven, she had been kidnapped, enslaved and brought to America.

The life of Phillis Wheatley, like that of many poets, was brief, tragic and beautiful.

As a little slip of a girl, out walking one day in her native Africa, she was captured by a slave-trader.

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Bewildered by all, she was crowded in the hold of a ship with hundreds of her countrymen. Men, women and children were all around her.

Some became ill. Some who died, were thrown overboard. Some prayed to their tribal gods and some just stared blankly ahead, unable to comprehend what was happening.

Finally, after what seemed like an eternity, and after crying herself to sleep, night after night, the vessel docked at Boston, Mass.

There this little girl was placed on an auction block. With husky men and grown women all about her, she wasn't much to look at.

Even so, she attracted the attention of Mrs. Susanah Wheatley, the wife of a wealthy Boston tailor. Mrs. Wheatley had two teen - age children and thought that this little girl might be trained as sort of a companion for her daughter.

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MRS. WHEATLEY, a kind and cultured lady set about teaching Phillis reading and writing. She was amazed at the rapidity with which Phillis absorbed book learning.

Within 18 months the child was speaking and writing English. To this, she soon added Latin and read the classics. She studied the Bible, astronomy, geography and history.

As a teen-ager, she was already writing verse, that was attracting critical acclaim. It was as if fate realized that whatever she would do in life, she would have to do it early.

A brilliant conversationalist and blessed with a charming personality, she was welcomed into the homes of the Boston elite and even became a member of the same church, the Wheatley family attended.

Mrs. Wheatley looked upon her, more as a daughter than as a servant, and, it goes without saying, soon set her free.

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PHILLIS WHEATLEY dedicated her classic-styled poetry to outstanding people of the day. One was dedicated to George Washington. The general was so pleased, he immediately invited the young writer to visit him at his camp headquarters during the American Revolutionary War.

She accompanied her foster-brother, Nathaniel, Mrs. Wheatley's son, to England, where the mayor of London presented her a copy of the 1770 folio edition of "Paradise Lost," a treasure now in the Harvard University library.

Her fame rests largely on her one book of verse, "Poems on Various Subjects," published in London in 1773, and which by 1840 had gone through 12 editions.

She wrote, however, many poems not included in that now rare volume.

Although she married and had three children, her marriage was a disappointment to her and the three children died in their childhood.

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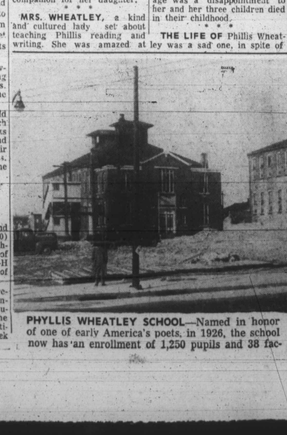
THE LIFE OF Phillis Wheatley was a sad one, in spite of the kindness she received from the Wheatley family.

She witnessed the deaths of several members of the Wheatley family, as well as those of her own children. Besides these things, her own health was poor. Perhaps her many sorrows enabled her to write her beautiful poetry.

In 1926, Elementary School No. 110 at Fremont Ave. and Wasuche St. was named the Phillis Wheatley School, in honor of the poet.

Henry N. West is the present principal of the school and Mrs. Lillian H. Dantley, vice principal. The school serves two kindergarden classes, a mixed opportunity class and grades one through six. There are 1,250 pupils there and 38 faculty members.

PHYLLIS WHEATLEY



PHYLLIS WHEATLEY SCHOOL—Named in honor of one of early America's poets, in 1926, the school now has an enrollment of 1,250 pupils and 38 faculty members. It serves grades 1-6, as well as two kindergarten classes and a mixed opportunity class.

Egyptian sun dance staged at School 110

An Egyptian sun dance in costume of exotic color and design was only one of the many unusual numbers presented in a science summary by Mrs. Edna B. Henderson's sixth grade class at the Phyllis Wheatley Elementary School No. 110.

The unit was concerned with the solar system and the aim was to give the children a modern concept of space and the heavenly bodies in relation to our planet.

Original poems, songs and stories were featured during the program.

Visitors included Mrs. Alice S. Beer, music specialist, Miss Evelyn Douglass, physical education specialist, Milton Murray, education specialist; Mrs. Lillian Reed, art specialist; Mrs. Lillian Bantley, vice principal; Henry West, principal.

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DURING BROTHERHOOD WEEK at the school the children in Mrs. Genevieve Meekins' class wrote letters and sent valentines and books to Donald Bates, a classmate who is in the hospital.

Mary Robinson, a youngster in the class of Mrs. Ethel P. Wilson, used her money to buy valentines for each of her classmates. She is always trying to bring happiness to someone.

Mrs. Bertha Gwynn's second grade class is preparing to have breakfast in their room after having learned how to set the table and important facts about eating.

The first grade class is having a wonderful time learning about the sun, moon and stars, Mrs. Beulah Cladwell is the teacher.

The second grade class held a breakfast party in which each child brought in six cents to cover the cost of milk and biscuits. They brought in their own books and cereals. Mrs. Frances C. Hayes is the teacher.

Posters used in clean-up campaign

Posters publicizing Maryland Clean-up Week (April 13-20) are being distributed throughout the State by members of the Boy and Girl Scouts, 4-H Clubs, and Future Farmers of America.

The posters have been prepared by the Governor's Committee to Keep Maryland Beautiful, which is sponsoring the statewide clean-up and beautification drive during the week preceding Easter Sunday.

Charlie Robinson is 'doing fine'

"He is doing fine."

That was the latest word from Provident Hospital at presstime on the condition of Charlie Robinson, Carver High School wrestling coach.

Mr. Robinson was admitted to Provident following an automobile accident on Feb. 10.

Awards bill urged by Congressman Beall

Sen. J. Glenn Beall (Rep. Md.) introduced a bill authorizing the Congress to make annual awards of bronze medals to United States citizens selected for their outstanding contributions to the arts and the sciences.

Home Ec. for boys at Douglass

By DAISY WILSON and LOUISE SILER

The first home economics class for boys was formed recently at Douglass High School. The course for this semester will be of general homemaking, which includes foods, grooming, social ease, budgeting and family relationships.

The boys are using an interesting book, entitled, "Boys Will Be Men."

Those taking the course are members of the 12A. They are: George Ashby, Leonard Goodson, Melvin Snowden, George Whittle, Myrnuth Lorture, George Brown, Earl Nesbitt, James Mathews, Robert White, Purnell Richardson and Donald Grant.

Others include: Roland Autry, Patrick Scott, Joseph Palmer, Frederick Brown, George Carter, Edwin Johnson, William Holland, Harold Henderson, Gilbert Hanks.

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PUPILS IN the art curriculum at Douglass are participating in the annual project sponsored by the Red Cross, which involves the drawings of scenes depicting American life.

The drawings will be exchanged for those of other countries to help pupils understand better the life in various countries.

Another project being undertaken by the Art Department is participation in a contest for inclusion in an exhibit sponsored by the NEA State Headquarters Committee of the Maryland State Teachers' Association.

The exhibit to be shown at the NEA Centennial Convention in Philadelphia, June 30 to July 6, will depict the history of education in Maryland.

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THE DISPLAY will be shown later at various places in Maryland, in museums, at Baltimore, and at the MSTA convention to be held in October.

With Mrs. Yates as sponsor, the Scholarship Club of Douglass High School was organized. It is an outgrowth of an idea that originated in the Honor Society.

The purpose of the organization is to increase citizenship, scholarship, leadership and fellowship among pupils.

Characteristics of members were discussed by Elvear Allen, Senora Reckling, Donald Perry and James Young at a well-attended initial meeting.

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THE GIRLS' CHOIR of Douglass participated in programs at Mergenthaler and Carver High Schools, last week.

Members of the choir are: Doris King, Mary Barnes, Gloria Williams, Betty Lockbell, Carol Jones, Jeanette Wood, Dorothy Massey, Barbara Finney.

Also, Allease Lee, Patricia Jones, Dorothy Parker, Lua Dobson, Myrna McGuire, Barbara Cox, Cynthia Bryant, Priscilla Carter, Phyllis Taylor, Lavinia Savoy, Annie Dailey, Mary Fowlkes, Florence Fowlke, Jean Shand, Joyce White, Marion Smith.

Other members are: Catherine Branson, Dore Jones, Daisey Wilson, Mildred Arthur, Juanita Lyles, Patricia James, Peggy Glover, Barbara Mayo, Vera Smith, Juretha Joyner, Carmella Banks, Lillian Barnes.

Also, Leora Reid, Naomi Smith, Roweena Anderson, Nelena Green, Patricia Fields, Lillian Lewis, Gloria Knox, Elvear Allen, Barbara Jones, Cynthia Ford and Constance Davis.

Other pupils from Douglass attending the program at Mergenthaler were: James Neal, Beverly Briscoe, Ann Smith, Sheila Chapman, Shirley Sodern, Betty Denie, Mikie Johnson, Dorothy Meade, Edna Johnson, Mary Readley.

Also, Lorraine Morgan, Dorothy Cale, Catherine Hayes, Barbara Owens, James Blanche, Romona Bradford, Elsie via Johnson, Carolyn Ford, Janice Evans, Patele Green and Joyce Coller.

THE MODERN Charm Club of Douglass recently held its initiation ceremony. Members include: Viola McGee, Annie Smith; Adinoria Askew, Earlene Henry, Ruth Mayers, Patricia Gayles, Helen Fleming, Gwendolyn Askew.

Other members are: Genevieve Kennedy, Devota Smith, Carole Owens, Dorothy Massey, Norma Brown, Artis Thaniel, Esther Cooper, Elsie Turner, Barbara Jackson, Carolyn Claiborne.

Mozelle Lee, Rosalin Smith, Beverly Butler, Mary Brown, Cecilia Fleming, Betsye Rodgers, Darolyn McDowell, Wilhelmina Dickerson, Brenda Watts, Barbara Brooks.

Also, Frances Gamble, Barbara Bullop, Arlene Carney, Ann Hardy, Carolyn Hardy, Yvonne Wright, Beverly Marson, Barbara Turman, Frances Green, Patricia Murray, Gloria Brown, Barbara Burrell, Linda Hammond, Juanita Murray, Virginia Holland.

Others were: Barbara Street, Peggy Alston, Anabell Carter, Lena Sherrod, Shirley Hickson, Brenda Grimes, Rosemary Howell, Patricia Hardison, Margaret McDonald, Barbara Goldsmith, Janice Francis, Betty Pierce, Gloria Lynch.

Also, Connie Perkins, Jean Watty and Barbara Jackson.

Former members are: Annette Holley, Joyce Blyther, Binah Phillips, Ernestine Ferrett, Mary Culber, Barbara Battle, Barbara Jones, Gloria Jones, Roberta Morton, Diana Lewis, Mary Johnson and Gwendolyn Lomax.

The Modern Charm Club is sponsored by Mrs. Eliza Robinson.

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.

Somerset girls win tourney crown

The Somerset Recreation Center girls defeated Gilmor Homes and Northwood to clinch the title in the under 13 age group in the Bureau of recreation's Annual City Wide Dodge Ball Tournament.

Members of the winning team included: Evangeline Taylor, Emmaline Brown, Gloria Bellamy, Betty Brown, Peggy Wells, Veronica Camphor, Brenda Smith, Joyce Camphor, Michelle Newton, Helen Jones, Dorothy Balden, Carolyn Larry, Diane Everett and Dorothy Doles.

The team was coached by Miss Mary Clark.

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WINNING THE under 15 age group championship were the Elmcrestes from the Elmer Henderson Center who defeated the Hamilton Rec team. Members of the team are:

Norma Wortham, Regina Hoppe, Frances Thompson, Carolyn Moore, Carole Wilson, Barbara Dixon, Marlene Evans, Rose Wortham and Francine Dailey.

Mrs. Ernestine Ward coached the Henderson team.

The championship games were played at the Gwynns Falls Parkway Elementary School No. 60.

School 128 has special program

A special program was given at the Fannie L. Barbour Elementary School No. 161, located at Schroeder and Saratoga Sts., by children from School No. 128. The playlet that was presented was "The American Dream."

Choral speaking "The ABC's for Everyday Living," square dancing, and novelty songs made up the wonderful program by the intermediate classes of the school.

School guests included: Miss Evelyn Douglass, physical education specialist, Miss Abia Jackson, music specialist, Melvin Sherman, school social worker, G. Albert Wright, principal of School No. 161.

Also, Mrs. Lillian Reid, art specialist, Mrs. Vernice Matthews, helping teacher, Mrs. Williams and her class from School No. 10, Public School No. 140, one intermediate class and two classes from School No. 161 parents and friends.

MISS MOLLIE A. MILLER was at the piano. Pupils participating were: Marvin Alsup, Patricia Scott, Valentine Davis, Samuel Ball, Laura Lemon, Deborah Bass, Norma Mayer, Edgar Jones, Sheila Moss.

Others were: Brenda Edwards, Gladys Harvin, Maxine Pendleton, Patricia Wiggeon, Donna Green, Aubry Alexander, Joann Green, Alice Evans, Ida Ransdall, Kenneth Mason, Frances Miller, Shedrick Tyler.

Also, Howard House, Jackson Scott, William Carr, Robert Sherndon, Loretha Lewis, Linda Johnson, Freda and Ritz Wells, Barbara Thomas, William Smith, Earl Matthews, Gloria Opher and Gloria Madison.

Chairman of the program was Mrs. Hilda H. Brown and Mrs. Rosa F. Bright, principal of school No. 128.

Health Week celebrated at School No. 112

Mrs. Corheda Better's first grade class at William Alex. Lander School No. 112 presented a physical education program in connection with "Health Week."

The program was planned and directed by Mrs. Better, and Mrs. Elizabeth Matthews, physical education instructor.

Acting as announcers were Cassandria Edwards, Roslyn West, and Joyce Jones.

Other pupils in the class participating in the program were: Robert Ferrell, Clifton Johnson, Sandra Matthews, LeRoy Thomas, Toya Ball, Pauline Dommeys, Annette Smith, Alano Johnson, Anthony McClary, Pamela Mack, Gregory Stewart, Jeanette Canteen, Louise Davis, Bessie May Jones, Harry Gregory, Reuben Brown, Ernesta Robinson, Jerry Seiber.

Remarks were made by Mrs. Viola C. Jackson, principal and Mrs. Woods, physical education specialist.

Arthur Jones, the father of Joyce Jones, took several pictures of the pupils.

Undersea life draws interest at School 116

The reading resource class of Elementary School No. 116 has made an extensive study of undersea life with audio-visual aids and reading.

During this unit interest remained so high that it resulted in the making of friezes, pictures, ceramics and mobiles depicting undersea life. Poems, songs and an original playlet were written by the class.

Participants were: Deborah Dorsey George Harlee Naomi Young, Sonia Willis, Alexander Neal, Joseph Baker, Willie Woods, Anne Spencer, Mary King, Ella Williams, Ronald Edwards. Linda Williams was the announcer.

Other participants were: Vernice Wright, Donald McKnight, Jurena Welch, Jerome Watkins, Ronald Kyrer, Love, Jennie Kirby, Annie Mae Eleven, Roner Foster and Linwood Newby.

After the playlet, the class served a tasty seafood luncheon by their teacher, Lillian M. Smith. S. Reginald Watts is the principal.

Spelling demonstration at Guilford Elementary

JESSUP, Md.—The upper grade teachers at Guilford Elementary School witnessed a demonstration lesson in spelling recently.

Demonstrator was Miss Wise, representative of the Carnahan Co. After the demonstration, the teachers conferred with her and with Miss Oldfield and discussed teaching problems.

Miss Billy Morgan, a reading consultant, representing Scott Foresman Co. was present with the primary teachers on another date and discussed their problems with them.

Many helpful hints were acquired from both meetings.

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WHILE THE teachers attended the meetings several parents served as "room mothers" and directed classes for the teachers.

The "room mothers" were Mrs. Dorothy-Moore, Mrs. Jeanette Powell and Mrs. Shirley Harding.

Mrs. King's fourth graders were winners in attendance for the month of February with an average of 98.8 per cent. The runner-up was Mrs. Young's third grade with a percentage of 96.9

The second grade pupils of Mrs. Tilghman were winners for lunches. They purchased a total of 210 lunches. Mr. Moore's sixth grade ran a close race by having 206 lunches. Parties will be given the two winning classes.

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ALL CLASSES contributed items to the Junior Red Cross. Each class filled at least two Red Cross boxes, one for a boy and one for a girl.

The pupils took great pride and much interest in carrying out this project. Mrs. Ethel Boone is chairman.

On Friday, the PTA presented two comedies. Characters in the plays were enacted by the parents.

The plays were entitled "The Trial of Lucy Leadbetter" and "The Embarrassing Moment."

The participants were as follows: Morris L. Woodson, Rev. Samuel Moore, Albert James, Mrs. Mildred Greene, Mrs. Leola Dorsey, Mrs. Abbie Dorsey, Mrs. Cozette Harding, Merrell Greene, Charles Harding, Charles Holland, Luther Williams, Henry Harris, Mrs. Sedonia Blackwell, Rogers Dorsey and Mrs. Bessie Mae Dorsey.

Evaluating the news

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

Schools these days are teaching the kiddies to evaluate the news. Now, even the little tots know how to weigh the headlines.

They can judge whether to believe what they read or take the propaganda with a grain of salt.

A recent magazine article records that the Sunday School, according to their evaluation, is the most wasted hour in the week.

Housewives, who have been evaluating the news over the back fence and on the telephone, however, say that the most important note behind the Sunday School criticism, is that the Sunday School has taken a peculiar switch in the last few years.

This turn of events is the real news story.

IN POSSESSION of behind-the-scene facts which remain unprinted, the housewife evaluator says that there is no longer need to send pretty daughters to prep school or fashionable colleges a husband seeking.

They point out that Sunday School sweet young things who have attended regularly, have, for merely the weekly nickle or dime in the plate caged some "birds of husbands."

A much less expensive deal than the semi-annual college tuition, parents have discovered that the Sunday School lassie has every chance of lassoing the pulpit sage or even those of higher ecclesiastical rank.

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AND WHY not, little sis. Why can't the pretty little chick fly from the Sunday School coop into the mink-lined nest of an elder deacon?

Isn't it just like the secretary - marries - boss occasion which has been going on for years?—or the professor - marries-student headline?

Isn't it the same when a ministerial eagle takes a Sunday School pullet under his wing, as when a between-lady coon preens his feathers and weds a clerical barnyard beau?

The backfence news evaluators claim that it is.

These biddies have been experts in weighing the news for over a century, and, trained through many hours of practice in scratching below the face of the printed word.

They're right, most of the time, these backfence biddies. You've got to believe them.

Community services to be highlighted

Community Service Week, sponsored jointly by the Council of Social Agencies and the Junior Association of Commerce will be observed from March 17 through March 23.

This week seeks to tell the citizens of Metropolitan Baltimore about the health, welfare, and recreational services made possible by their gifts and taxes.

Further plans are to thank all those whose help has made many of the programs possible.

Three outstanding events will mark this week. The Annual Meeting of the Council of Social Agencies, to be held on March 18 at the Alcazar, will feature as its luncheon speaker Mrs. Victor Shaw.

Mrs. Shaw is a national figure, whose subject will be "Social Planning in Our Time." Reservations may be made through the Council office, PLaza 2-4146.

RECOGNITION of Foster Parents, to take place on Tuesday, March 19, at 8 p.m. at the Mergenthaler High School, Hilton Road and 25th Street, pays tributes to the 1,500 families who have opened their homes to children in need of foster care.

Those who have given some thought to being foster parents will have a special interest in this program, but the public is cordially invited to join in this tribute and learn at first hand about the services to which they have always given generous financial support.

The Hobby Show for Older persons will be held on Friday, March 22, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday, March 23, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Meeting Room, Memorial stadium, E. 33rd St., near Ellerslie Ave.

The public is invited to visit the Hobby Show (admission free) to see what persons 60 years of age and over are doing to help make their lives interesting and happy.

NAACP '57 youth talent show Sunday

Gloria Lockerman and Barbara Prestwidge will be among the special guests appearing at the NAACP Annual Youth Talent Program at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Sharp St. Memorial Church, Dolphin and Eutaw Sts.

Also appearing at the affair will be Buddy Young and other members of the Baltimore Colts football team.

Cash awards will be made to winners in categories of vocal, piano and oratory competition.

PARTICIPANTS HAVE been selected from various high schools throughout the city. The program is being sponsored by the Jackie Robinson Youth Council of the NAACP.

Mrs. Emma Michel is advisor to the Council and Miss Esther Peeples is acting president.

SCHOOLS AND their representatives are:

Douglass High School — Cerenus Churn, oratory; Mary Fowlkes, piano, and Herbert Muldrow, vocal.

Houston High School — Victor Cole, oratory; Brenda Carroll, vocal, and Marilyn Polk, oratory.

Dunbar High School — Angela Skinner, oratory; Mary Adams, piano, and Joan Distance, vocal.

Booker T. Washington High School — Rita Epps, vocal, and Joyce Vinson, oratory.

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MISS PRESTWIDGE will offer a piano selection.

Other special musical selections will include the mixed chorus of Dunbar under the direction of Venoris Williams; a vocal solo by Eleanora Louise Bryant, of Garrison Jr. High.

The Bethel AME Church young people's chorus, under the direction of Harrison Bryant Jr., will also perform.

Participants from School No. 180 will be Myrtle Crowner, vocal; David Cook, violin selection; Betty Nelson, piano, and Charles Gordon, a reading from James Weldon Johnson.

'Frozen Lady' is 'fine and dandy'

Mrs. Elizabeth Burton, 80, No. 1 Jones Ave., Calonsville, was reported as "getting along fine and dandy" by Johns Hopkins Hospital officials at presstime.

Last week she underwent operations and skin grafts on her feet and legs and is confined to Halstead surgical clinic.

During January, below freezing weather Mrs. Burton suffered frozen legs and feet and gangrene set in.

Mrs. Burton's response to medical treatment was termed "miraculous" by hospital officials.

A word about polio, from a busy doctor

"I am pleased to have that opportunity to give a word of advice to the parents of Baltimore concerning the very important need of having your children inoculated against this dreadful killing and crippling disease—poliomyelitis.

These were the words of Dr. Ralph J. Young, a member of the Maryland State Board of Health and a founder of the City Health Department venereal disease clinic and in a recent message to the Mayor on the polio vaccine drive.

Dr. Young continues: "In the first place the vaccine is now perfectly safe and there need be no more fear of having your children inoculated.

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"INDEED YOU are aware of the good that has been accomplished by having your children inoculated against diptheria for we now very seldom have a case in Baltimore.

"The same can be accomplished with poliomyelitis if you cooperate by having your child inoculated by your family doctor, your school doctor, or at a polio prevention clinic.

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"DON'T DELAY and be sorry, but instead hurry and have your children inoculated immediately as this is the proper time of the year to get real protection from this dreadful disease.

Free vaccine is available for persons three months to 20 years of age and for expectant mothers at the following clinics:

914 W. 36th St., Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m.

620 N. Caroline St., Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m.

2817 Oakley Ave., Fridays at 8:30 a.m.

3411 Bank St., Thursdays at 12:30 p.m.

1211 Wall St., Fridays at 12:30 p.m.

University Hospital (Lombard and Greene St.) Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m.

1325 Druid Hill Ave., Druid Health Center, Tuesdays at 12 noon.

Progress Has Been Good'

"Progress has been good. We feel there is a very favorable climate for continued improvement.

"We feel the majority of people in Baltimore want to see changes which would end segregation and discrimination in public places."

These were the comments that came this week from Samuel T. Daniels, executive secretary of the Maryland Commission on Interracial Problems and Relations, as the agency released its annual report.

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IN REVIEWING the past year, Mr. Daniels said:

"The most significant accomplishment was the effort the Commission made in stabilizing neighborhoods and in getting people not to 'run' when the area became racially mixed.

Turning to the question of segregation in downtown hotels, restaurants and theatres, the report told of futile attempts to persuade management to change these policies and concluded with recommendations that legislation be passed to prohibit such segregation.

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IN OTHER areas the report credited Baltimore with making rapid strides" toward integrating its schools and said that 79.011 children in the total school population of 154,996 are now attending mixed classes.

The report also said that of the 194 schools in Maryland counties, 138 now have desegregated and that number equals 17 per cent of the total.

Summing up the county situation the report noted that 21 per cent of the county schools that were all white prior to a year ago now have mixed enrollments.

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ON THE QUESTION of employment the report said that colored workers were not being utilized to the full extent of their skill but that the Commission had not stressed this point due to the fact that its efforts in this field might well be coordinated with those of the employed Baltimore FEPO Commission.

Surveying the entire field, the report noted:

"Admittedly, progress has been made in improving inter-group relations in our Free State.

"Yet, only a beginning has been made and many of the obstacles to complete equality loom as large as ever. It is questionable whether the current agitation for civil rights legislation in itself or of itself can serve as a 'cure-all.'

"Certainly recent legislation and court rulings would indicate that something else is needed.

"It might well be that greater effort should be directed toward education and conciliation as a means of bringing the rights of a minority into a more acceptable focus for the majority."

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REPORTING ON a survey of various places of public accommodation the report noted that segregation existed in all of the downtown hotels, 75 per cent of the restaurants, 20 per cent of the department stores and 97 per cent of the theatres.

Dealing with the hotel situation, the Commission said that during the past year it had continued to receive complaints that colored delegates to national conventions had been refused rooms in local hotels and the conventions had subsequently been moved to other cities.

"An instance of this is the Mid-Eastern Conference of the United Community Chests and Councils, which was scheduled to be held in Baltimore on Feb. 5, 1957.

"All arrangements had been made for meeting in November of 1956, the people in charge of the conference cancelled all reservations and moved the convention to Buffalo. This is simply an example of what has happened," the report said.

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TO BLAME for this situation, said the report, is the Hotel Association, which it described as the "hard core" of resistance.

"The Association refuses to appreciate the fact that in other border cities such as Washington, Pittsburgh, Cleveland and St. Louis, progress has been made in doing away with discrimination without interfering with the profitable management of the hotels."

The report also predicted that even if Baltimore completes the proposed Civic Center, which will make the city more attractive to conventions, that the present attitude of the hotels will prevent large conventions from being held here in the city.

"It does seem that the Hotel Association could work with and not against the rest of the city," the report suggested.

THE REPORT also said that during the year attempts were made to hold conferences with the Hotel Association.

"The requests, however, for such interviews were rejected by the Association, which simply stated that they had nothing further to discuss with the (State and City) Commissions, and that their minds were closed insofar as lifting race barriers were concerned.

"The hotel people took the position that they refused to make even a partial compromise as a beginning, such as admitting members of teams representing individual cities in the American Baseball League.

"Baltimore is the only city having a major league baseball team where current members of teams are not welcome as guests in the city's hotels," it was reported.

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AFTER REVIEWING the interest of the City Council in the matter (the Council considered and then rejected a resolution asking the hotels to re-examine their policies) the report said:

"The Commissions enter 1957 with the firm resolve to make every effort within their power to convince the Hotel Association as to the injustice of the kind of discrimination being practiced, and at the same time, to use their influence to have the City Council pass an ordinance which would revoke the present situation."

On the question of restaurants, the report noted that the question of integration received almost the same treatment from the Maryland Restaurant Association as it had from the hotel men.

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"THE COMMISSIONS, in their attempts to meet with representatives from the Restaurant Association, are of the opinion that the Association officials are unwilling to discuss the matter with them," the report said.

Specifically the report called attention to the White Coffee Pot in the Gwynns Falls Parkway shopping center, which is the only restaurant in the center to maintain discrimination.

It then commended several restaurants for serving all patrons regardless of color. These were listed as:

The Sun Ray Drug Co. in the Gwynns Falls shopping center; Howard Johnson's Restaurant, Pulaski Highway; the Yellow Bowl Restaurant, 1234 Greenmount Ave.; YWCA dining rooms; the Coffee Shop of the Central YMCA, the Snack Shop of the Young Men's Hebrew Association; Manhattan Drug Store, Monument St. and Ashland Ave.; Atwell's Pharmacy, St. Paul and Madison Sts.

"And perhaps countless others whose names have escaped us at present but have not been publicized."

THE COMMISSIONS directed the major part of activities on the theatre question to three movie houses located in the largest section of the city.

The report said that three of the owners were willing to change policy if a majority of other owners did likewise. Three were opposed to a change and three had no comment.

"The Commissions feel that a public accommodations act either on a statewide or municipal level should be enacted making discrimination of this kind unlawful," the report continued.

"Such would serve to provide the kind of legal support to those theatre owners who desire to make policy changes, and would further extend the privileges of using these public accommodations to all citizens," the report stated.

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IN THE AREA of hospitals, convalescent homes, welfare institutions, family and child care agencies, and group work and recreational agencies, the report said that many discussions and conferences have been held in reference to the policies to encourage the official boards of these institutions to change discriminatory policies and practices wherever they exist.

Following this, the report said, the next steps appear to be the establishment of additional information, adopting of programs of education, and the staging of conferences to bring about changes in present policies.

Focusing attention on the housing problem, the Commission noted:

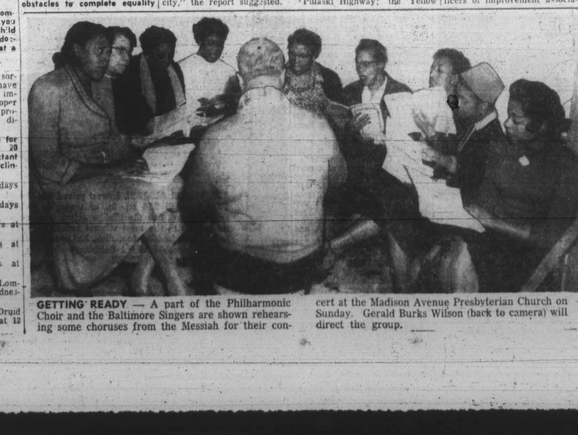
"Early in 1956 it became increasingly apparent to the Commission that the immigration of colored families into formerly all white neighborhoods was becoming the most troublesome area of friction between the races.

"Numerous complaints were received at our office from home owners and also from officers of improvement associations from any self-employment.

In other words, any income derived from rendering services of any kind must be included in the $1,200 retirement test.

All beneficiaries should notify the Social Security Administration as soon as it appears that earnings may exceed $1,200 a year. Unless this is done it may become necessary to repay some benefits received.

BROWNIE TROOP 1106—Under the supervision of Miss LaNita Blake, this Girl Scout troop was organized a month ago at the Windsor Hills Elementary School No. 87 at Alto Rd., and Mt. Holly St. Tryon Scouting for them is from left to right are: Ethel Smith, Randy Pollack, Hilary Pollack, Susan Feldman, Becky Scouller, Leslie Kraus, Carolyn Stein, Renee Thompson, Lorraine Bogat, Vera Conwell, Nancy Bouchee, Virginia Broadbeck and Carol Bailey. Nationally, The Girl Scouts are now celebrating their 45th birthday with a week long celebration which opened on March 10 and closes on March 16.



M.P. Members — (Left to right) Army Pvt. Roy T. Cog