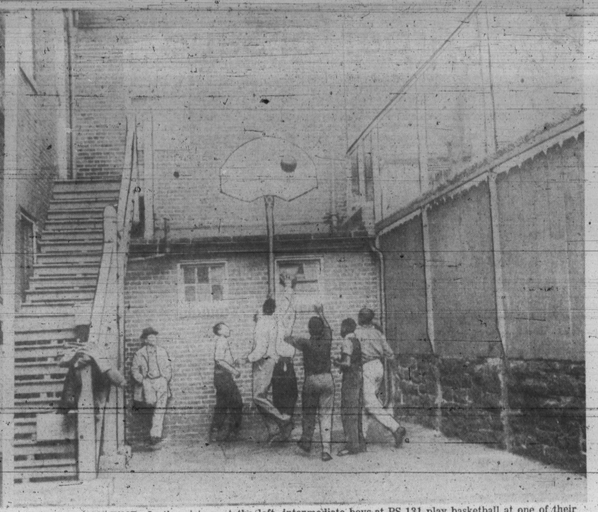
LEAVING FOR HOLIDAY—An intermediate pupil gets at the head of the younger set as they leave the school on the last day before the Christmas holidays. This stairway is one of two exits of this type. They would normally be used as fire escapes.



RECREATION TIME—In the picture at the left, intermediate boys at PS 131 play basketball at one of their three goals in this small recreation spot. At the right, two of the boys play table tennis in the only other place provided for their recreation.

Teachers do a good job despite 115-year-old building

"We try to make them feel comfortable with respect to their age and grades, for to do otherwise makes them a problem."

Thus John Wood, vice-principal of Public School No. 131, expressed part of what he and his faculty of nine teachers try to do with the 197 boys enrolled at the 115-year-old school reputed to be the oldest in Baltimore City.

Located on Druid Hil Ave. near Biddle St., the school was erected in 1841, and has since become hemmed in by apartment houses, a tavern-cafe and the busy thoroughfare that is Druid Hill Ave.

A Strayer' report of the school's facilities as early as 1921 stated that the school should be abandoned and that no more money should be spent in putting it in a state of repair.

A survey by the Federal Government in 1951 found the facilities at the school "inadequate" and stated that the structure could not be enlarged because of the other structures that have encompassed it.

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HOWEVER, Dr. Lorne Wolfit, head of the city's school research and statistics, said that the School could not be abandoned until other facilities are available. He declined to say just when other facilities could be expected.

He did say, however, that no renovation of the school is likely, since the plan is to let it go out of existence when new ones are available.

Meanwhile, nearly 200 boys attend classes in the schools nine antiquated rooms.

The ages of the boys range from normal third and fourth grade to 16 and even 18 years, in rare instances.

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"THE BOYS come here after they have failed repeatedly, or in some other way shown that they are slow learners," Mr. Wood explained.

"Some of our big boys—15-year-olds, for example—want to read but cannot," he said.

This, he said, is the reason for the establishment of "opportunity and shop center classes."

There are no grades, as such, at the school.

"Wherever they can achieve they work," Mr. Wood said as stating the underlying principle by which the boys find their place in the school curriculum, and vice versa.

The curriculum presently consists of two opportunity classes and one shop class.

The opportunity classes are divided into primary and intermediate, a distinction made this schoolyear to "permit a smaller range in chronological and mental ages in a single class," according to Dr. Harrie Selznick director of special education.

Dr. Selznick said that the curriculum at 131, as in all of the schools, is constantly changing to "better suit the needs of the children."

The needs of the community dictate what changes take place in the school's curriculum he said.

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LAST YEAR, the school had one shop class and only one opportunity class which did not afford the closer "ability" achievement grouping that the present two opportunity classes provide.

The boys who make up the primary opportunity classes are generally between eight and 11 years old, a group in which age is given more weight than in the other groups.

Boys in this group study the academic subjects taught normally in the other public elementary schools. Other classes, such as sheet metal, woodwork, clay work, and the like are also taught.

The boys move into the intermediate opportunity group, as they develop, between the ages of 11 and 13.

Great effort is made to strike a balance between the boys' ages and their achievement so as to avoid feelings of inferiority, Mr. Wood said.

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AFTER THE boys reach 13 they are placed in the shop center group which also gives them academic classes plus shop classes.

These boys are generally working on third grade level, Mr. Wood said.

"For most of these boys, this is terminal education," he said, "although some of them go over to Carver Vocational - Technical High School."

Because that is final, Mr. Wood said, the school affords the boys more of the much needed "individualized attention."

The average size of classes at the school affords the average size for public schools throughout Baltimore, last year was 30.

The fact that the school does provide small classes and special attention for the pupils may validly be given in answer to the charges that, because of its old age and inconveniences, the school has outlived its usefulness.

However, the sterling job beirfg done by the teachers at the school are done in spite of the inconveniences born of old age, and the fact that the school building could be abandoned is recognized by the school administrators who in general, give high praise, to the school's teachers.

DR. SELZNICK, for example, described Mr. Wood as "a mighty fine young man whose understanding of the children's needs has brought about a most receptive tone for them at the school."

"As important as the facilities are," he said, "the understanding of the teachers and their effort to meet the needs of the pupils is more important."

Mr. Wood and his staff have both of these conditions uppermost in the school's program.

The order and cleanliness inside the building that belie actual age of the building is the caliber of work being done despite of inadequacies in both equipment and facilities.

Mr. Wood explains it in this way: "Of course, the best is always desirable, but we can ly modern conveniences."

The school's nine teachers Mrs. Margaret D. Finch, Mrs. Emma Gilkes, Mrs. Elizabeth Demby, Mrs. Geneva Woods, Miss Margaret Gatsaway, Jean S. Hunt, and J. C. Lassiter Jr.

IN SMALL REST-ROOM—James Shearn, 1524 Brunt St., intermediate pupil at PS 131, pushes up in the tiny boys' rest-room after a recreation period. This rest-room must accommodate 197 boys enrolled at the school.

Mrs. Roberts buried on Thursday

"I suppose she has been in failing health for 17 years, but she kept right on going and was working up to about two months ago."

Mrs. Hilda Holly was telling the AFRO about the death of her mother, Mrs. Rosie Roberts, 58, of 2000 West Lanvale St. A native of Baltimore, Mrs. Roberts had spent all of her life in this city.

Funeral services were held at the George G. Kelson Funeral Home Thursday. The Rev. Walter Butler officiated.

In addition to her husband, William S. Roberts, the deceased is survived by two daughters: Mrs. Gertrude Turner and Mrs. Hilda Holly.

Also two sons, Alford and John Roberts.

Interment was in Mt. Auburn Cemetery.

Sadie Veney tops list of Booker T. graduates

By EMMA DORSEY

Sadie Veney, Margaret Harmon and Maxine Dates are the top three graduates of the February 1957 graduating class at Booker T. Washington Junior High School.

Miss Veney, with an average of 90, was the top pupil to receive a diploma on Wednsday as graduation exercises were held in the school auditorium.

She is a member of the National Junior Honor Society and the United Nations Club.

Miss Harmon, with an average of 87, was also a member of the Honor Society, as was Miss Dates with an average of 86.

Other members of the class who were members of the Honor Society are as follows:

Barbara Neverdon, Dorothy Butler, Doretha Burley, Addie Carter, Beverly Green, Regina Bowen and Archer Stitch.

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THE commencement stressed the theme "Youth Will Build A Better Tomorrow." Parficipating on the program were:

Archer Stith, George Butler, Margaret Harmon, Juanita Arvin, Barbara Neverdon, Sadie Veney, Nancy Harris, James Lofton, Wesley Jennings, Rhoda Williams, Theodore Smith, Myrtle Jackson, Joyce Brown, Charles Turner, Morgan Tabb and David Gualman.

Others included: James Watts, Regina Brown, William Bowe, Doretha Buler, Edith Robinson, Barbara Dortch, John Hensley, Janet Turner, Gerald Holloy, Edward Snowden, Frances Morgan, Lawrence Hearn and Elaine Davis.

THE PTA made presentations to Rhoda Williams for outstanding citizenship; Miss Veney for outstanding scholarship; Wesley Jennings for service to the school; Joyce Brown for leadership, and Lawrence Hearn for character.

Addie Carter was cited by a group composed of former commercial pupils at BTW as the outstanding commercial pupil in the graduating class.

An award was also presented to Juanita Arvin from the Interdenominational Ministers' Wives Association.

The invocation was given by the Rev. Marion C. Bascom Sr., pastor of Douglas Memorial Church. Vernon S. Vavrina, director of junior and senior high schools, awarded the certificates.

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THE LIST of graduates follows:

William H. Anderson, Cornelius R. Askew, Charles Bassner III, John J. Birdsong, Samuel H. Bowser, James Brewer, Gerald L. Brooks, Leon J. Brown, William B. Brown, Roy J. Brown, George B. Butler, Willie Butler, Winston R. Byrd, Thomas A. Casgar; Carson O. Carter;

Nelson Carter, William H. Carter, Ronald E. Christian, Willie G. Coffield, Bobby L. Collins, Vernon W. Coleman, William Coleman, Charles Conway, Warfield Curry, Woodrow Curry, Bernard E. Denby, Joseph Elzeba, David Ellis, James E. Evans, Matthew Evans, Richard W. Evans;

William T. Ferguson, George L. Fossett, David A. Gaulman, Benjamin Gibson, William Gilmore, Edward J. Gray, William Hailey, Rodney D. Hall, Daniel Y. Hammett, Thomas Hannah, John H. Hanley, Laurence E. Hearn, Frederick Hendricks, Melvin S. Henson; Reeves Hill, Joseph L. Hopkins, Gerald Hollier, Aaron Hosley, Coleman Howard Jr., Robert Howard, Leonard E. Johnson, Raymond Johnson, Ronald Johnson, Ronald E. Johnson, Samuel W. Johnson, William H. Jolley;

Ronald Jones, Darryl M. Jones, Richard B. Jones, Joe W. Kennedy, Edward F. Kennedy, Charles M. Kyler, Robert A. Little, James A. Lyles, Harry A. McClelland, Jesse McCoy, Donald A. McCoy, Oscar L. McGee, Billie G. McGill, James E. McGuire, Charles L. McKinney, Charles Marlow; Mark P. Mason;

William T. Mason, John Matthews, William L. Monroe, Richard Moore, Bernard Moore, Willie J. Moss, Clarence E. Murdow, Dawson Nelson, Charles Nelson, Robert B. Pittman, James M. Powell, Ivan E. Queen, Edward W. Randolph, Robert H. Rheubottom, James M. Rice Jr.; Ronald Richardson, Roland Richardson, Roland Savage, Stanley Savory, Donald E. Scribner, Leon Sherry Jr., J. Ronald Shelton, Charles Shorter, Charles Shorter, Leonard Skates, Harold Smith, Leonard Smith, Robert Smith, Edward R. Snowden;

Ralph Spain, Archer L. Stith, Augusta M. Tabb, Carl Tabb, Charles H. Tabb, Charles Taylor, Jesse S. Walker, James W. Wagner, Charles E. Wagner, Leon D. Widgeon, Charles J. Widgeon, Donald E. Williams, Charles H. Williams;

Wayne Arnold Williams, Sarah A. Arvin, Mable V. Ashton, Goldie M. Alston, Ruby A. Bailey, Dorothy M. Barbee, Carol Y. Berry, Doris J. Berry, Margaret Berry, Carolyn J. Brown, Catherine V. Brown, Joyce L. Brown, Reg nald Brown, Mable Bule, Dorretha E. Buley;

Arrenta Butler, Dorothy R. Butler, Delores A. Byrd, Joann Cannon, Ruth Carter, Gladys Carter, Lucy Carter, Gladys G. Christian, Diane D. Coates, Maryetta Conley, Corbina B. Corbin, Lillie M. Crawford, Maxine G. Dates, Bettye J. David, Gilaine D. Davis;

Daisy L. Dingle, Barbara A. Dobson, Richard J. Dortch, Olivia L. Douglas, Sandra A. Epps, Edith Evans, Marion G. Franks, Rita Gaines, Rosetta R. Garry, Doris L. Gilmore, Jane E. Gough, Angela L. Graves, Marian L. Gray, Beulah L. Green, Dorothy Green, Marie O. Green;

May A. Hammond, Patricia Hardison, Mildred E. Hazlee, Margaret F. Harmon, Shirley Harvin, Nancy L. Harris, Marjorie A. Harrison, Delores E. Harvey, Ethel M. Hawkins, Catherine T. Hogard, Ida Hundley, Clara E. Hunt, Myrtle L. Jackson;

Brenda H. Johnson, Joyce Johnson, Georgia E. Jones, Susie E. Jones, Willie M. Jones, Yvonne A. LeCompte, Delores M. Lowery, Esther McCants, Eloise McCook, Arthur H. McCrorey, Mattie B. McNeill, Gloria Mack, Rae M. Mack, Celestia Madden, Yvonne Martin, Marva R. Miller, Delores D. Mitchell, Dorothy M. Mitchell, Majel E. Moody, Frances Morgan, Harriet L. Myers, Barbara J. Neverdon, Margaret L. Nicholas, Jacqueline L. Nicholson, Rosyln E. Ogburn, Lucille Owens, Ruth A. Pfull ips, Rebecca L. Preston, Carol A. Rhodes, Hattie C. Richards, Bernice E. Richburg, Janie M. Roberts, Edith Robinson, Willie M. Rose, Winnie R. Sanderlin, Sandra E. Shaw, Mary E. Smith, Velma O. Smith, Alyce J. Spaulding, Marion M. Spriggs, Brenda F. Stokes;

Audrey M. Taylor, Frances Taylor, Barbara J. Thompson, Flora E. Thompson, Louise F. Tyler, Janet A. Turner, Marjorie Turner;

Reeder Walker, Joseph E. Walker, Brenda Warren, Willie J. Weaver, Alice A. Wilkerson, Nettie L. Williams, Mary C. Williams, Rhoda L. Williams, Marie C. Wilson.

Dunbar has 110 in mid-year class

Dr. Bernard Harris Sr., a member of the Board of School Commissioners, presented diplomas to 110 pupils of the Dunbar Junior High School on Wednesday afternoon in the school auditorium.

The ceremonies opened before an audience composed of proud relatives and friends as the graduates filed into the audience with the girls wearing green jumper dresses that they had made themselves.

Esther Keeley read the scripture and the invocation was given by the Rev. Dennis Barrow, pastor of Fountain Baptist Church.

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VALEDICTORIAN of the class was Christine Baker while William Bridgeforth was the salutatorian. Constance Humphries was the third ranking graduate.

Remarks were made by Robert P. Diggs, Dunbar principal.

Special awards were presented to Miss Keeley by the Maryland Society, Sons of the American Revolution; to Carlyn Quick and William Bridgeforth by the Walter Green Post of the American Legion, and to Miss Baker by the East Baltimore Citizens' Committee.

The complete list of graduates follows:

Sandra Adams, Mary Bailey, Barbara Baker, Sandra Bastien, Mortha Barnes, William Bridgeforth, Lucy Brock, William E. Brooks, Carroll Brown, McKever Brown, Ruby Brown, Shirley Bullock, Evelyn Burley, Brenda Butler; Annie Carter, Barbara Carter, Patricia Carter, Marcia Chase, Clarence Cheek, Clarence Clay, Carole Christine Coleman, Gloria Coleman, Gloria Coleman, Gerald Dodson;

Annie Bennett, Bernice Everhart, Joan Fetterstone, James Floyd, Anna Fort, Charles Galloway, Mary Gill, Joseph Graves, Florence Green, Frances Green, Frances Green, Ernestine Hamlin, Julia Hanson, Constance Humphries, Stella Hunter, William Hyman, Marquis Jeffries.

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FRANK JENNINGS, Brenda Johnson, Charles Johnson, Eugene Johnson, Jessie Johnson, Barbara Jones, Lorenzo Jones, Linwood Jones, Lorraine Jones, Robert Jordan, Esther Keeley, Cynthia Lashley, Charles Leach, Laforest Lee.

La Nae Lewis, Leviticus Loyal, Sara McClurkin, Nita McGray, Barbara McGlotten, Eleanor Maddox, James Mason, Jerome Matthews, Leonard Miles, Earl Miner, Elise Mobley, John Moore, Alvin Morant, Lindsey Morrow, Elise Morton, Bertley Mosley, Noah Myles.

Susie Oliver, Brenda Owens, Tommy Owens, Robert Perry, Hazel Phillips, Willie Phillips, Earl Powell, Sterling Pointer, Henry Price, Carolyn Quick.

Fred Redfern, Dorothy Redmond, Gloria Richardson, Ernest Robinson, Marion Saunders, Paul Saulsbury, Thurman Sewell, James Scott, William Simmons, David Smith, Mr. Zillian Simmons, Carl Smith, Jasper Smith, Nora Smith, Clyde Stokes.

Florence Stevens, Warren Street, Bernard Swann, Alice Sykes, Patricia Thompson, Harold Thompson, Elizabeth Vaughn, Lee Vaughn, Theresa Vaughn, Marcia Washington, Rosalind Watts, Arthur Weatherbee.

Rudolph White, Brenda Whitfield, Beverlyn Wilson, Carolyn Williams, Judy Williams, Jerome Williams, Gloria Wise, Brenda Woodson, Lucy Wright.

Corrine Wyche, Brenda Butler, Bernard Jones, Sandra Bastien, Joyce Gwynn, Claudia Chandler, Constance Coleman, Delores Howard, Carol Allen, Lorraine Fassett, Gwendolyn Lee, Alicia Butler, Fayetta Clark.

Eric Blake, Bernard Dukes, Gary Davidge, Stanley Butler, Leon Conley, George Henderson, Ronald Hodge, Howard Hodge, Howard Ayres, John High, Henry Johnson, Avon Mackell.

Mrs. Pauline H. Pope was the teacher.

Children in the square dances from School 148 were:

Brian Castle, Robert Mackin, Howard Sharps, Tyrone Cooper, Ralph Milan, Herman Savage, Reginald Thomas, Ronald Kelch, Alex Jefferson, George Smith, Lawrence Barber, Jeffery Miller.

Carolyn Smallwood, Arnetta Carter, Cassie Dickson, Beverly Weeks, Joyce White, Carol Ann Morgan, Gwendolyn Rector, Thelma Jackson, Sheila Thompson, Juliette Burney, Bernadetta Green, Cheryl Young.

Special dances were done by Tilly Hector and Robert Michie.

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DANCERS FROM School 141 were:

Carson Parker, Thomas Johnson, Ronald Dillard, James Highsmith, Raymond Murray, Eugene Kenny, Julius Spell, Roger Matthews, Jerome Dean, Larry Pollard, Hiawatha Mugar, Eugene Miller.

Ann Wallace, Sally Lander, Terry Jones, Diretha Hall, Joan Lee, Loretta Lee, Dorothy Harris, Cassandra Dudley, Geraldine Harris, Bessie Barber, Joyce Weems, Theodoria Williams.

Sen. Beall has free tickets for concerts

Want to hear a concert by the National Symphony Orchestra when you are in Washington?

Well, this week Sen. J. Glenn Beall (R. Md.) announced that groups of Maryland High school pupils who will be visiting the nation's capital from April 17 through April 21 can obtain free tickets through his office.

The "Music for Young America" concerts will be given by the National Symphony under the baton of Howard Mitchell.

IN HIS newsletter tellin g of the free tickets the senator also noted that the Meriweather Post Music Contest will be held in conjunction with the concerts.

Open to all high school violinists, pianists and cellists, the contest will offer young musicians a chance to win a first prize of $2,000 or one of the $100 prizes which will be awarded to all finalists.

Entry forms may be obtained from the National Symphony Orchestra office at 1779 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington 6, D.C. They must be returned by March 1.

UP THE LADDER—Forgive a little corn, but with a ladder and three young junior high school graduates what better way to illustrate the idea of "moving up" than to do what has been done. The ladder climbers are James Maker, Theodore Smith and Irvin Johnson. They were awarded diplomas at the Wednesday graduation exercises of Booker T. Washington Junior High School.

Dance festival at school 145

The Mary E. Rodman School No. 145 played host to Schools 148, 141 and 138 at its second annual "Dance Festival," Friday, as over 175 pupils took part in the festivities, while 300 more looked on.

The purpose of the program was to have pupils enjoy community experiences that would enable them to live together harmoniously.

The following guests were present:

Mrs. Vernice Matthews, Dr. Mary E. McCoy, Miss Eloise Thomas, Mrs. Hazel Duvall, Mrs. Pauline Holt, Mrs. Robinette Williams, Samuel Phillips, Walter Gant, Leo Woods, Samuel Wilson, James Grant, and Eugene Jubilee.

Members of the host school present were:

George Simms, principal; Mrs. Lillian Wilson, principal; Mrs. Vera Carrington, Mrs. Sarah Newton, Mrs. Dorothy Brooks, Mrs. Carole Lowman, Harry Carpenter and Harry Bruce, coordinator of the program.

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TUMBLING TEAM members were:

Bernard Davenport, Michael Parrish, Thomas Jackson, Ronald Green, William Brown, Leroy Pettie, Ronald Foote, James Richardson, Otis Mann Jr., John Sampson, Joyce Lowey, Vivian Hough, Patricia Gettings, Joseph Humphries, Vincent Kellam, Walter Pitts, Ronald Harper, Jeffery Pinder, Walter Holmes.

Square dancers were:

Irene Salter, Mattie Martin, Phyllis Talley, Ernest Durham, Frank Everett, Audrey Wilham, Harris Jefferson, Howard Easley, Mae Cox, Ernest Stokes, Mildred Parks, Dora Woodley, Geraldine Turner, Yvonne Brown.

Eunice Cook, Mansfield Newton, Walter Pickett, Joseph Humphrey, Stanley Morris, Lacristia Armstrong, Larry Phair, Godfrey Phair, Vincent Kellam, Sandra Oliver, Mariana McGlotten, Eleanor Maddox, Lynn Smith, Diane Brown, Leonard Clinton, Rodney Brodley, Yvonne Thompson, Avon Lindsey, Shirley Bumpers, James Moore.

Specialities were done by:

Patricia Gittings, Yvor Rapson, Bernardine Parker, Joan Ann Knight, Sandra Williams, Sandra Oliver, Brenda Dickerson, Brenda Brown, Diane Parham, Patricia Miller, Ruth Bigsby, Lisa Cole, Gloria Thompson, Walter Holmes, Brenda Cromer, Yvonne Brown; Ronald Saunders, Tissa Sye.

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DANCE FESTIVAL participants from School No. 138 were:

Mattie Williams, Shirley Reed, Carolyn Stevenson, Joyce Gwynn, Claudia Chandler, Constance Coleman, Delores Howard, Carol Allen, Lorraine Fassett, Gwendolyn Lee, Alicia Butler, Fayetta Clark.

Eric Blake, Bernard Dukes, Gary Davidge, Stanley Butler, Leon Conley, George Henderson, Ronald Hodge, Howard Ayres, John High, Henry Johnson, Avon Mackell.

Mrs. Pauline H. Pope was the teacher.

47th birthday Feb. 6-12 for Boy Scouts

The 47th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America will be marked from Feb. 6 through Feb. 12 by more than 4,500,000 Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Explorers and their adult leaders.

"Onward for God and My Country" will be the theme for observance and special emphasis will be placed on the rededication ceremony to be conducted by each unit at its own meeting place on Feb. 8.

Other activities scheduled for the observance include church and the issuance of the 15th million copy of the "Handbook for Boys," the manual of the Scouts.

Since 1910 the Handbook has been second in sales only to the Bible. A special bound edition of the book will be presented to President Eisenhower who is honorary president of the Scouts.

59 graduate at Cherry Hill

On the stage of the Cherry Hill Junior High School on Thursday afternoon certificates were presented to 59 seniors at the mid-term closing exercises.

Dr. Houston R. Jackson, assistant superintendent of schools, awarded the certificates during the program opened by the invocation delivered by the Rev. Edgar W. Ward, pastor of Cherry Hill Community Presbyterian Church.

Faculty awards went to Joyce Wilson, Joyce Lynn and Sylvia Elliott. Lawrence Jones received the award from the Maryland Society, Sons of the American Revolution.

Miss Wilson also received the American Legion award.

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THE COMPLETE list of graduates follows:

Edgar Allen, Edna Alston, Joseph Alston, Doris Bailey, Guy Bryant, Hubert Burke, Jean Colemanl, Ronald Davis, Jean Coleman, Ronald Davis, Gertrude Dennis, Kathryn Oliver, Raymond Peacock, Ronald Francis, Judy Gardner, Joyce Green, Thomas Greene, John Harris, Robert Harvard, Paul Hayes, Lydia Hoey, Gloria Jeffers, Norman Jenkins, Mayo Johnson, Lawrence Jones, Calvin Knox, Marvin Lane, Edwyne MacMurray, Frank Mashack, Sylvia Elliott.

George McCullers, Kenneth McLendon, Robert Moore, Christine Nelson, Carolyn Owens, William Owens, Catherine Richardson, Ernest Rivers, Carolyn Ryan, Ethel Scott, Robert Sherrod, Carlton Simmons, Joseph Small.

Eugene Smith, William Smothers, Milton Stevenson, Lawrence Taylor, Ann Wade, Frances Warfield, Lewis Wheatley, Arthur White, Norma White, Joyce Wilkerson, Clifford Wilson, John Williams, Willie Williams, Edward Woodard, Harry Woolford.

DANCE DANCERS DANCE —Tillie Hector and Robert Michie, both ten years of age and both fifth grade pupils at Elementary School No. 148, are shown as they took part in last week's Community Dance Festival at the Mary Rodman Elementary School No. 145, Poplar Grove St. and Lafayette Ave. The dance is called "Rag Doll," and that explains the costumes.

Baltimore Afro-American SCHOOL PAGE

JAMES D. WILLIAMS, 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.

Houston diplomas go to 173 seniors

The Faculty Award and the PTA Award to the valedictorian of the graduating class went to Barbara Marshall on Wednesday afternoon as the Charles H. Houston Junior High School No. 181 held its mid-term commencement exercises in the school auditorium.

A total of 173 senibrs received certificates from Dr. Houston R. Jackson, assistant superintendent of schools. The presentation of honor pupils and award winners were made by Frank J. Sorrell, the principal.

The Rev. Edward G. Carroll, pastor of Sharp St. Memorial Methodist Church, delivered the invocation and the benediction.

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THE FACULTY AWARD to the salutatorian went to Andre S. Wickham. James Gilliam won the Student Council Award for all around personality development.

Other award winners were:

Barbara Bedford and Andre S. Wickham, Danforth Foundation Awards; Franklin D. Roche and Hilda Rice, Sons of the American Revolution; Donald Young and Ruby Vann, Walter Green Post of the American Legion.

Cited for outstanding participation in physical education were:

Charles Dial, Nathaniel Gardner, Louis Savage, Douglass Thomas, Howard Johnson, Barbara Bedford, Patricia Franklin, Regina Ellis, Rebecca Noakes, Doris Kelly, and Barbara Marshall.

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CERTIFICATES OF merit for general excellence in scholarship and for continuous service to the school went to:

Harold Alston, Doris Dyson, Ronald Fassett, Rudolph Goines, Milton Scrimner, Alfred Chenal, Howard Tuttman, William Dorsey, Donald Young, Frank Shipley, James Gilliam, Walter Salley and Andre Wickham.

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THE COMPLETE list of graduates follows:

Josephine E. Abrams, Deborah Adams, Charles Alexander, Chenal Alford, William Autry; Earl Bailey, Irvene E. Bailey, Crystal D. Baker, Johl L. Barksdale, Hesn M. Barnes, James Barnes, Alfred Barnes, Barbara A. Bedford, Elsie E. Bey, Leon A. Blackman;

Robert J. Balckwell, Hilliary Robinson, Jean M. Boulden, Leroy J. Boyd, Harold B. Braxton, David W. Brown, Edward C. Brown, Vivian Bruce, Tyrone Carr, Frances A. Carter, Robert P. Cephas, Frederick D. Chase, Pearl S. Clark, George Coper, Patricia A. Cole, Minnie C. Courtney, Joan D. Cure, Lawrence Y. Davis, Charles E. Dial, Lonia A. Dobson, William Dorsey, Ruby L. Dukes, Marylin Edwards, Regena Ellis, Roberta A. Epps, Ronald A. Fassett, Arthur Ferrell, Irving H. Fields;

Jesaretta M. Jones, Linda D. Jones, Ruth I. Jones, Terry W. Jones, Doris L. Kelly, George A. Concert Jr., Brenda E. Kyler, Betty J. Lane, Owen Link, Dean Logan, Andrey J. Mallory Jr., Barbara A. Marshall, Sylvia A. Martin, Marilyn J. Mason, Moses McAllister;

Lawrence McDaniel, Cynthia F. McGuire, Ethel M. McQueen, Barbara Y. Meaney, Hart Mobley, Louise E. Montgomery, Barbara A. Moore, Albert Murrill, Howard Muse, Rebecca M. Noakes, Dorothy L. Norfleet, John Owens, James W. Parham, Yvonne H. Patterson, Stanley L. Peterson, Birlie Pace, Lillian Marie Powell;

Joyce Randall, Charles T. Randolph, Emma J. Rice, Hilda L. Rice, Hiram J. Rice, Arnold D. Rich, Romaine Richard, Wendell A. Ridgley, Patricia E. Riley, Donald Robinson, Thomas Robinson;

Marvin L. Flood, Theresa Floyd, Doris B. Fort, Patricia A. Franklin, Willie W. Fuller, Julia M. Gardner, Samantha S. Gardner, Jr. James L. Gilliam, Howard J. Giggings, Rudolph R. Goore, Alice L. Gough, Iverrell E. Graham, Rosabnell B. Graham, Bernella Green; Edward J. Green, John W. Green, Thalma Y. Griffin, Cornelius Guarte, Ruth M. Gualtney, Delores A. Hamilton, Janet L. Harding, Robert L. Harris, James Hart, Arne R. Hayes, Nan S. Henry, Laold Hines, Barbara A. Holley, Theodore W. Holliman, Cynthia V. Holmes, Dennis C. Holmes, Bernell House;

James E. Hughes, Freddie C. Hunter, Barbara J. Jackson, Dorothy M. Jessup, Dorothy Johnson, Elrow E. Johnson, Elwood R. Johnson, Howard A. Johnson, Leonard Johnson; Percy Johnson, Doris Jones, Janet E. Jones, Franklin D. Roche, Evelyn V. Ruffin, Barbara A. Parker, Walter T. Sallee, Tyrone C. Salvadore, James R. Sound, Cora Louis E. Savage, Herman L. Scott, Janet E. Scribner, Milton S. Scriner, Margarita Shields, Frank R. Shipey, Yvonne S. Slight, Harry M. Smith, Jeanette M. Smith, Lorraine Smith, Caroyn M. Sneed, Norman M. Spencer, Anne L. Stalan, Margeret E. Stewart, Phylis E. Taylor, Mora Tharpe, Douglas M. Thomas, Earl L. Thomas, Virgie M. Tillman, Brenda Y. Trattley, Walter T. Truitt; Howard Tutman; James E. Tyrer, Ruby J. Vann, Donald M. Wainwright, Barbara A. Washington;

Norman A. Wesson, Irving C. Whitehead, Andre S. Wickham, Irvin A. Wilson, Loretta Wilson, Maurice Wilson, Edward M. Wilson, Helen C. Winder, Delosie Wise, Ronald Ware, Donald K. Young, Ella Young.

Graduation Calendar

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Dunbar Senior High School—Cadoine and McElder Sts., 8 p.m.

Eastern Junior High— 33rd St. and Loch Raven Blvd., 8 p.m.

Douglass Senior High School—Gwynns Falls and Pulaski St., 8 p.m.

Patterson Park Senior High—Pratt St. and Elwood Ave., 8 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Southern High— Warren Ave and William St., 8 p.m.

Western Senior High, at Easton— 33rd St. and Lochraven Blvd., 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Morgan State Vocation Technical High School— 35th St. and Hollen Rd., 8 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

City College— 33rd St. and the Alameda, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Polytechnic Institute—North Ave. and Calvert St., 8 p.m.

FAREWELL TO CLIFTON — Scenes like this one at Clifton Park Junior High School were duplicated throughout the city this week as local junior high school seniors received their certificates and planned to enter either senior high or vocational schools. Here are Mary Smith and Nancy Gaines, two of the pupils at Clifton, on their way to the stage for ceremonies. "We're loyal to Clifton, and to the gold and blue," they sang as the school song closed the exercises.

Pupils take reins at Carver High

Last Thursday pupils reigned over activities at Carver Vocational-Technical High school for the second annual observance of Student Day. The pupil administrators were:

Reginald Mitchell — Principal; Kiah Harvin—vice principal; Lucille Ellis and Cathe Matthews — counselors; Dorothy Farabee and Nelson Taylor — coordinators;

Also Larry Clay — doctor; Lester Coles, Odessa Palmer, Deborah Hux, and Sandra Brogden — office clerks; Ethel Beckton — librarian; Lee Harvin — custodian; Douglas A. Curtis — engineer.

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AN ASSEMBLY program initiated the day's activities. The principal addresses were given by Reginald Mitchell and Kiah Harvin.

A 24-inch bust of Dr. George Washington Carver, purchased with funds provided by the 1956 graduating class, was unveiled and presented to the school at the conclusion of Harvin's remarks.

Honors were bestowed upon the junior varsity football team for its perfect record and upon the M. S. A. Musical selections and interpretative dances by visiting guests and Carverites provided entertainment.

Schools participating included: Soldier Point High, Bates High School, Douglass High School, Dunbar High and Springarn High School of Washington.

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THE CLOSING activity was the fiesta hop held in the school gymnasium on Thursday.

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Edward S. Lewis, former executive secretary of the Baltimore Urban League and a member of the advisory committee; Dr. William L. Dawson, composer and director of music at Tuskegee Institute and Robert L. Young, local real estate broker, visited the building during the week.

Morgan State set for debate tourney

Morgan State College will be among the more than two dozen presented at the annual Johns Hopkins debate tournament on Friday and Saturday evenings at the Homewood Campus.

Open to the public, the tournament will concern itself with the question:

"Resolved: That the United States should discontinue direct economic aid to foreign countries."

Other schools scheduled to participate include Dartmouth, Pittsburgh, Fordham, the University of Maryland and Villanova.

TEEN AGE MEDLEY

By LAVANIA RICE

As February approached the word "love" became quite common. To all of those who are graduating from the various high schools the word of jaunty sad but a welcome one.

Douglass presented its farewell assembly on Thursday with a play base on the theme that opportunity depends on responsibility. Lillian Brooks, Josephine Armstead and Warren Hobbs took the roles of the three administrators.

Other persons taking part were:

Robert Nelson, Clarence Dixon, Earl Booker, as general chairman of the program and president of the Student Council led the council in sponsoring Student Day.

Edward S. Lewis, former executive secretary of the Baltimore Urban League and a member of the advisory committee; Dr. William L. Dawson, composer and director of music at Tuskegee Institute and Robert L. Young, local real estate broker, visited the building during the week.

Also Pearl Griffin, Arthur Jackson, Sonia Scales; Delfuld Young, Rosemarie Staples, Clarence Cox, Josephine Miner, Paul Brown, and last but not least, Clayton Tucker.

On Friday, Robert Carter, gave a party at 1309 Argyle Ave. Everything was very well planned. Some of his guest included:

Norma Brown, Jerry Dorman, Robert Clark, Caoonger Cameron, Venon Lackleat, Walter Creech, Bobbie Owens, Patricia Murray, Lonzella Prailean, Charline Taylor, Lawrence Newton, Bernard Moton, Evelyn and Sherrie Brown, James Hill, Nero Treet, Thomas Hall, Robert Saunders, James Mason and Johnnie Hartington.

Douglass talent shown in 'Sparks of Culture'

By DAISEY WILSON and LOUISA MILER

A variety of talent was presented last Thursday at Douglass High School in "Sparks of Culture," a program given by the Toussaint L'Ouverture Literary Club.

Manuel P. Maramba of the Peabody Conservatory presented three piano solos. The history of the club was given by Warren L. Hobbs. A portion of "Julius Caesar" was dramatized by Napoleon Odoms and James Ford.

Lillian Brooks presented a monologue as did Peggy Roselle. Solos were sung by Seroun Churo, Barry Sheppard and Warren Edmonds.

A READING from "Macbeth" was presented by Richard Lockhart. A dramatization of "Romeo and Juliet" was given by Clarence Dixon. Rebecca Woodson also partipated in the program.

Miss E. Wise is the faculty advisor.

Miss Barbara Smith, an exchange teacher from England, recently visited Douglass to observe the school.

A leadership clinic was organized recently at Douglass to train pupils to become good leaders at Douglass, in college and in their communities.

Meetings will be held twice a month on Wednesdays.

THEY WERE VISITORS — These are members of the senior class at Cortez Peters Business School. They recently visited the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers plant. Shown here are: Olin P. Moyd, Alice G. Turner, William Fussell, Avril L. Stewart, Constance Spell, William H. Lewis, Venus P. Green, Mary E. Wallace, Joanne E. Stewart, Dorothy L. Davis, Gloria Vince, Avon Jewett, Marie W. Lewis, instructor, Marie Williams, Geraldine Long, Mary Hayes, Elouise Oliver, Carolyn Blow, Maysie Jones, Rosetta Mills, Vonetta Johnson and Philis Whittington.

AFRO worker sets Morgan typist mark

Miss Sophronia Higgins, an AFRO teletype operator, set a new record for typists at Morgan State College on Thursday.

Miss Higgins, a member of the s