City schools re-open

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the coming academic year.

The problem which faces the Baltimore School is endemic of a country-wide problem.

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During the late fifties, with the advane of Russian science and technology, there increased in emphasis in America, a desire for excellence in the nation's public schools.

Money poured into the schools for research from private foundations for the advancement to mathematics and science, along with foreign languages.

The nation had been greatly upset over the launching of Sputnik I by the Russians.

Leaders throughout government and industry argued, along with parent-teacher groups, for more money for public education.

That money poured in to the various city school boards in America. Students who specialized in science and mathematics became privileged in the nation's schools and colleges and universities.

But with the coming of the sixties, and the civil rights movement, along with other social awareness, science and mathematics received less emphasis.

Nos-technical subjects as the humanities, English, and social reform subjects attracted more and more student interest.

As students became more socially aware, they tended to discredit those values of their parents which stressed getting ahead in the world through a business, scientific or technical field.

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Social concern grew in the schools and universities. Students became more restless over the pace of change in the schools. Often their restlessness turned to demonstrations and sometimes violence.

The public at-large, being displeased at the attitudes exhibited on the campuses and in the public schools, called for increased control over the lives of young people at a time when these same young people were loosening that control.

Riots, violence, demonstrations, new trends in dress, values and life styles have all contributed toward the apathetic and at times hostile attitude which many of he nation's adults have toward education and funds.

Taxpayers are no longer willing to hand oht money unquestioningly as to its use. Too many adults are irritated. They say that their money which is being used to support education, is helping the youngsters who are allegedly trying to tear the schools down, remain in these same

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Subsequently at election time, questions to "float" bonds for the public schools for construction and expansion have been voted down.

Grants and aid to colleges with large numbers of demonstrating students have been denied from some private foundations.

This may be essentially the same plight which Baltimore city schools find themselves in as school starts for the fall term.

The demonstrations at Eastern and Poly last year, opened up a storm of criticism of the School Board and the Department of Education by an irate citizenry. The invitation may have been expressed by way of the City Council; the proposed budget as submitted by the board was cut so drastically that staff personnel at the Department of Education and in the schools have to be dismissed.

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There are still schools remaining on shifts as a result of expanding populations.

The sithation in the Department of Education is critical!

Problems of school decentralization, the relation of black studies to the total school curriculum, and the parent-community control of the schools are still questions which have not been throughly answered and examined.

The Department of Education estimates that there will be a total of 74,555 students in the city's secondary schools. Reports from Dr. Wilmer Bell, assistant superintendent for secondary education stated:

For Junior High Schools, the enrollment is 36,424; for Junior-Senior High Schools, 5,383; for Senior High Schools, 30,508; and for Special Education, 2,240.

The Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education, Clarence J. Gittings, reports that elementary enrollment is expected to be 117,000 for 1970-71.

The new school year will be an interesting one to watch. The Mayor, the School Board and the City Council along with Dr. Sheldon fill have a difficult time in reckoning with a deflated school budget and a decrease in school services.

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WINNERS OF the Name The Monkies Contest Richard Thomas, 10, 581 Pressman St. and 13-year-old Rolanda Jenkins, 2511 Valley St. received their awards from AFRO Reporter Mrs. Brenda Wright. Judges choses Richards entrant for the female monkey: Bonnie as the best and Miss Jenkins' entry was Bam Bam for the male monkey. The checks for the winner amounted to $25 each.

C and P official

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property and all costs of the divorce.

The agreement states that the couple's 14-year old daughter, the only minor of their three children, will receive from her father "such as she needs and requires".

At the divorce hearing Mr. Johnson testified that he left his Bentalou St. home after he and his wife had marital problems and they later reached the agreement to separate.

He testified that he has returned to the Bentalou St. address which he owns jointly with his wife, only to visit his minor laughter.

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Aiding the divorce of her parents to become final was the Johnson's 20 year old daughter, Miss Michele Arlene Johnson, who resides with her mother in the Bentalou St home.

Miss Johnson is a C and P Telephone Co. personnel interviewer.

The daughter told the court that she knew her father left because of marital problems, that her parents agreed to live apart and that the agreement to end their marriage was voluntary on the part of her mother and father.

Miss Johnson also testified she heard her parents say so and that her father has never been back to reside in the house.

She also testified that her parents will not become reconciled.

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Mrs. Mallory buried at Mt. Auburn

Mrs. Augusta King Mallory, 76, of the 900 block Valley St., recently died in the Bolton Hill Nursing Home following a long illness.

She was buried at the Mt. Auburn Cemetery, following funeral services at the John Russ Funeral Home.

Mrs. Mallory had been a member of Ames Memorial United Methodist Church since she came to Baltimore some 60 years ago.

She was an active member of several church groups including the Jewel Circle, and the Home and Foreign Mission Society.

Mrs. Mallory is survived by a daughter, Miss Alice King; by a number of cousins and other relatives.

Large Md. realtor

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on July 29 of this year she obtained verbal agreement from Fred B. Worden, rental agent at the Park Pleasant Apartment, 1211 Harwood Ave., to allow her to come in look at an available two-bedroom apartment which she decided to take it, would have to return on August 6, to make the full payment.

When she arrived, she claims she was shown an apartment but told she would have to return with "some more money" for a deposit.

When she arrived "on July 29, she claims "Mrs. Worden, (wife of the rental agent), said that she was unaware that her husband, had been saving the two-bedroom apartment" for her. It had been rented to someone else.

Mrs. Wyman was also told that no two-bedroom apartments would be available until December.

Subsequently, tests were made of the apartments by Mrs. Charles Obrecht and Mrs. Margaret McKeen (both white) on August 20. Mrs. Obrecht's sworn affadavit declares that they were told "there were two bedroom apartments available and that Mrs. McKean could move in tomorrow."

The suit further claims that after the two white women visited the apartment complex and were told that two 2-bedroom apartments were available, Mrs. Wyman again returned and was told nothing was available.

The suit asks $750 in actual damages and $5,000 in exemplary damages.

John H. Lewis

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be selected, but not from the list".

Mr. Lewis announced his withdrawal from the controversial nomination due to extensive "harrassment and verbal abuse" he and his family have received since the nomination by the Nominating Federation was announced six weeks ago.

The harrassment stems from it having been revealed by anti-Lewis factions in the County that, he has a minor criminal record growing out of an assault charge eight years ago, he was fined $100 and a bad check which was covered some weeks later.

Mr. Jones is an engineering technician with the United States Conservation Service in Westminister, Md. His nomination brought more publicity to Carroll County than anything "has in many years" an Annapolis official

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Recently, Arthur G. Murphy, chairman of the Governor's Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice announced that the Commission agreed to fund a project that will provide defense attorneys to indigent criminal suspects at preliminary hearings in the criminal divisions of the Municipal Courts of Baltimore City.

The new program will cost $80,127.00 in the next five months, with the Federal share alloted by the Commission consisting of $48,076.00. Baltimore City will be required to appropriate an additional $32,052.00.

Speaking to the AFRO, Monday Mr. Murphy said that he hoped the additional monies from Baltimore City could come from Model Cities or that the Mayor could ask the Board of Estimates for the approprication.

"The new program is merely a stop-gap method on the way toward providing a statewide public defender system," Mr. Murphy said.

"Black people constitute a large percentage of those arrested in the city," he added, "and many of those persons are unable to afford attorneys.

"Many times preliminary hearings are bypassed and the person is directly indicted by the Grand Jury, which is often a rubber stamp for the prosecutor the chairman said.

The person being indicted must post bond and then pay expensive legal fees for the trial," Mr. Murphy explained.

If lawyers were provided for indigent persons during preliminary hearings, according to Mr. Murphy, many cases would be dismissed, thus freeing the person from further financial worry.

Present plans call for staff to operate from the Legal Aid Bureau representing persons in the Municipal Courts.

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Mr. Murphy also stated that some of the conditions of the grant were that persons participating in the program must obtain training to acquaint themselves with the recent changes affecting the criminal justice system as well as administrative machinery dealing with the jails and probationary system.

Mr. Murphy concluded that the Commission voted to request that Governor Marvin Mandel include in his legislative program for the up-coming General Assembly programs which would embrace the oncept of a statewide office of Public Defender.

—Dr. King B. Cheek

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senbaugh, State superintendent of schools, ex officio.

State Colleges stipulate that the Board of Trustees has sole power to select presidents. However, the newly-created Board of Visitors for each individual college must be consulted for recommendations.

In addition, faculty and student committees may make recommendations

The Morgan chairman of the board of visitors was make recommendations.

The Morgan chairman of the Board of Visitors was Judge Harry A. Cole. He appointed a special committee headed by Morgan professor G. James Fleming to recommend several names to the whole Board of Visitors.

Members of that committe were, Mrs. Edna O. Campbell, Douglass High School principal; Mrs. Odessa Haan, instructor at the Community College of Baltimore; Jerome C. Scheer and Jerry C. Lymas, vice president of the Morgan Student Government Association.

Chairman of a faculty and alumni advisory committe was Dr. John F. Richardson, III.

Other members of that committe were, the Rev. Howard Cornish, director of the Morgan Christian Center; Dr. Edward Wilson, registrar emeritus of the college; Mrs. Jean Turpin, member of the faculty, and Leroy Murray, student member.

Upon taking the helm at Morgan, Dr. Cheek will be groups of men whom have often been "architects" of Morgan State as well as "educators.

Chartered in 1867, Morgan began its first years as the Centenary Bible Institute, located on Fulton Ave. (1867-1890).

Its second phase (1890-1938) saw the school moved to the Hillen Road property located in the Northeast section of the city. Its contemporary period began in 1939 when it was taken over by the state.

Six presidents have brought Morgan from the small institute "to train pious young men for the ministry," which it was, to liberal arts college, which it is today.

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Those men included:

J. Emory Round, D.D. 1873-1882; W. Maslin Frysinger, D. D., 1882-1888; Francis J. Wagner, G. C., 1888-1901; Charles Edmond Young, D. D., 1901-1902 (Acting); John O. Spencer, Ph. D., 1902-1937; Dwight O. W. Holmes, Ph. D., 1937-1948; Martin D. Jenkins, Ph. D., 1948-1970 and Thomas P. Fraser, Ph. D. 1970 (Acting).

Dr. Jenkins has stated several times publicly he feels that Morgan is on the verge of continued significant contributions to the state and the natin is an "urban-oriented integrated university."

The idea of a university status was first proposed by Dr. Jenkins at the College Centennial in 1967. His acting successor, Thomas P. Fraser, had pledged his active support to the proposal however long or short his tenure was to be. Many eyes and ears will be focused upon Dr. Check to see if that thrust is continue dand enhanced.

Dr. Cheek will be assuming the presidency at a changing time in the history of education in the state.

There is a new black President at Coppin State College. The former Maryland State College at Princes Anne is now the University of Maryland, Eastern Shore, with a long, hard-struggle ahead before it can take its place within the university system.

Bowie State students are demanding that more monies and energy be funneled into their school to make up for past neglect.

Even at Dr. Cheek's own future school, Morgan, long known for being a "gem" al crown, angry students besieged the state capitol demanding that the school budget not be cut.

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In the nation, black university presidents have been urging more and more aid to the state-supported black universities in the country.

Dr. Cheek comes to his position well qualified. He is just 33 years old. He assumed the presidency of Shaw University in 1969 when his brother, James E., went to Howard University as its president. Dr. Cheek had served his brother at Shaw as dean of the college.

He is a graduate of Bates College and the University of Chicago. He is married to the former Annette Walker of Durham.

One of the unusual and interesting sides of the expected Cheeks' venture to Morgan is that his brother will be only 40 miles away in Washington as president of a university which for years has had a friendly rivally with Morgan.

Funeral service held for Mrs. Millie Chapman

Funeral services for Mrs. Millie Purnell Chapman, widow of the late Captain Henry E. Chapman, were held in Stockton, Md. last week, at the St. Paul United Methodist Church with the Rev. C. Russell Burke officiating.

Mrs. Chapman, 84, died at the St. Joseph Hospital after a brief illness.

She was the mother of Harold T. Chapman, a Snow Hill businessman, Dr. Oscar J. Chapman, administrative dean at Lincoln University, Missouri, and Dr. Roland H. Chapman, a Detroit psychiatrist. Other survivors are her three brothers, Frank, Clarence and Audre Purnell of Stockton; and three grandchildren, Mrs. Robert Thweatt, Long Island, N.Y., Mrs. Jeannette Victor, Elizabeth, N.Y., and Oscar J. Chapman, Jr., Wilmington, Del.

Fine Arts festival

The Lafayette Square Community Center plans to present its Third Annual Fine Arts Festival in Lafayette Square, Lafayette and Arlington Avenues, on Sunday, September 13, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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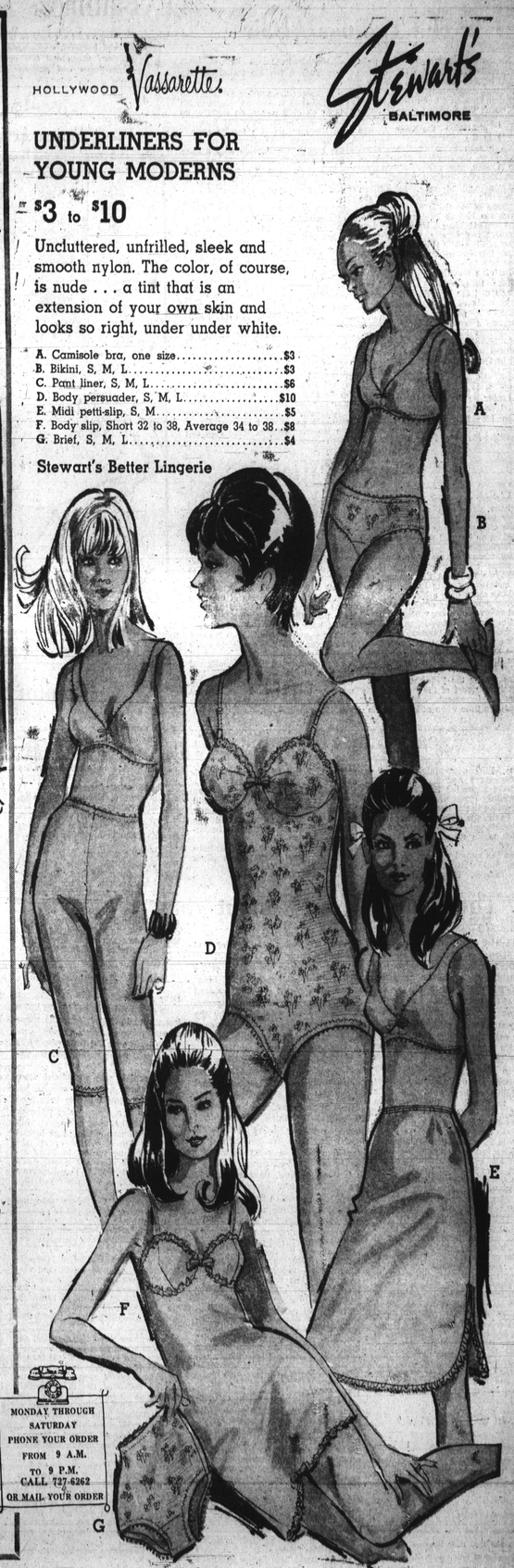

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