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Demos air names for top city posts

By EDWARD PEEKS

Two prominent Democrats of color are said to have strong backing among top members of their party for a seat on the District Board of Commissioners.

They are John B. Duncan, D.C. recorder of deeds, and Frank B. Reeves, who represents the District on the Democratic National Committee.

Meanwhile, Wesley S. Williams, vice president of the District school board, stands a chance to become the first colored citizen to head the board in view of changes to occur in city administration.

Walter N. Tobriner, school board president, has strong support of Democrats for appointment as a commissioner to succeed Commissioner Robert E. McLaughlin, who is chairman of the District Board of Commissioners.

The change would put Mr. Williams in line to become president of the school board, whose nine members choose their own president and heads of various board committees.

A SPOKESMAN for the District Democratic Central Committee said Mr. Reeves indicated that he is not interested in an appointment as a commissioner, but his name is prominently mentioned in party circles for the post.

He or Mr. Duncan would replace Commissioner McLaughlin, who is not expected to resign until June.

Mr. Tobriner would succeed Mark Sullivan Jr., who stated in the outset that he would resign as commissioner if Republicans lost the national election.

President Eisenhower appointed Mr. Sullivan to succeed the late David B. Karrick.

If appointed by the new Administration, Mr. Tobriner would be in line to become head of the Board of Commissioners.

SITDOWNERS AND SUPPORTERS—Annapolis leaders, arrested on trespassing charges leave court, freed on bail. From left, first row, Miss Marita Carroll, Tucker R. Dearing, Dr. Theodore Johnson, Mrs. Ethel Thompson. Back row: William Johnson, Lacey McKinney, and the Rev. Leroy Bowman. Mr. Dearing, of the NAACP represented the group while Dr. Johnson and the Rev. Mr. Bowman came to "give moral support."

CALVERT COUNTY NEWS

The Rev. Mr. Parker and family escape injury in auto accident

By MELVINA EDWARDS

Accidents marred Sunday in Calvert County, however, residents are grateful no one was seriously injured.

The Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Hilton A. Parker and daughter, Miss Amelia Parker, escaped injury as they were returning from Sunday services at Mt. Hope and St. Edmonds Methodist Churches.

The Rev. Mr. Parker is district superintendent and resides in Baltimore.

On the return trip the steering wheel of his car became locked. The front of the car was demolished.

Both Mrs. Parker and Miss Parker were treated at South Baltimore General Hospital and returned home where they are reported improving.

MR. AND MRS. Milton Emerson of Owings also escaped serious injury while driving to church Sunday morning.

Mr. Emerson lost control of the car.

However, the Calvert County scene was brightened by many persons returning for the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, students home from college, visitors and family dinner.

Ernest Eugene Evans, a freshman at Maryland State College was home.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Henry Evans, who are the parents of 17 children, and reside in Dunkirk.

MR. AND MRS Jerimiah Hall Jr., Lusby Crossing, hosted many guests Thanksgiving.

Included were their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. John Prann and daughter, Miss Winifred Prann; son John Jr., of Eastport; Mrs. Martha Clarke, Mrs. Bertha Williams, the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. William Edwards and Mrs. Hattie Carter.

Mrs. Rosalil Lake, 926 Carrollton Ave., spent Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Mooney of Easton, Md. She was accompanied by her sisters.

Miss Patty Ward and her sister Miss Eunice Hayward, 210 Payson St., are motoring to North Carolina for the weekend. Clarence Gray, Fulton Ave., visited Mr. and Mrs. Milton Emerson at their home in Owings on Saturday.

HOLIDAY WEDDINGS also made the Thanksgiving week end a brilliant one.

On Sunday the Rev. William Edwards united in marriage John Wesley Mackall and Miss Evelyn Virginia Stepney at rites in Prince Georges County.

Miss Stepney is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Contee, Jr., of Dunkirk.

Miss Peggy Ann Sullivan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Sullivan, Easton, Md., was also married last week.

Annual Freeland and Creek Family Day was celebrated on Sunday at Coopers Methodist Church.

The welcome address was by Kinser Jones with response by Mrs. Mary C. Ray.

Russell Freeland served as master of ceremonies while introductions were by Alex Ford Jr.

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MAIN SPEAKER was the Rev. Charles Creek. Prayer was by James H. Creek, remarks by the Rev. Mr. Edwards and Joseph Gray.

Music was by the Freeland sisters, Peters and Wards Church choirs, the St. Edmonds Church Methodist Men, Mt. Hope Methodist Men and Mrs. Anita Freeland, Mrs. Frances Creek.

Receipts for the day were $104.

James Oliver spoke at the Mt. Hope Methodist Church, 3 p.m. Sunday services when Mrs. Laura J. Smith served as sponsor.

The Mt. Hope Volunteer Chorus presented an exceptional program at Peters Methodist Church Sunday.

Among those on the program were the Rev. Mr. Edwards, sponsor; the Rev. Mr. Parker, district superintendent; Mrs. Frances Creek, Ames Methodist Church, Baltimore; Daniel Evans, Mrs. Sarah Hawkins, Mrs. Melvina Edwards.

Also, Mrs. Isabelle Green, Mrs. Evelyn Booth, Mrs. Alice Smallwood, Mrs. Doris Gray, Mrs. Augusta Young, Warren Plater, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Carter, Mrs. L. Long, Mrs. Inex Jennings, Mrs. Laura Holt.

Among those present were Mrs. Laura J. Smith; Mrs. Anita Freeland, the Rev. Mrs. Deloris Smith, Mrs. Mary Hicks, L. Coates and children, Richard C. Smith, Mrs. Frances Creek.

COMING EVENTS

A supper is scheduled to be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Emerson, Owings, Md., on Dec. 3 for the benefit of the Men's Rally.

Sunday, Dec. 4, at 1 p.m., Coopers Methodist Church, Dunkirk, Md., will hold the 9th Anniversary celebration. More than 25 groups are expected to attend.

Among those on the program are Mrs. Lydia Franklin, who who will give the history of the church; Mrs. Lillian Wilson, who will give the history of the pastors.

The Rainbow Gospel Singers will furnish music.

Also, the Rev. William Edwards, pastor, will speak. Wesley Contee, Jr. Will give the welcome address, Prayer will be by Everett Gray, introductions by Daniel Evans, master of ceremonies, Judge Watkins, response to the welcome by Mrs. Laura Jones.

Family and Friends Day at Peters Methodist Church is Sunday, Dec. 11 at 2 p.m. with Mrs. Rebecca Booze as sponsor.

The writer is grateful for the many compliments from AFRO readers who have increased sales of the newspaper.

Among them are C. H. Mullenburg, Mr. Lee, Howard Rayand others too numerous to mention.

Additional AFRO's have been ordered, Mrs. Deloris Smith, Lothian, Md. renewed her subscription.

African PO chief is Postal cabaret guest

Ali Hasson Roble, chief postal inspector of one of the regions in Somolia, East Africa, on an inspection tour of the United States, will arrive in Baltimore on Saturday to observe the local post office system.

A former Somolia postmaster, Mr. Roble will be guest of honor at the Baltimore Branch National Alliance of Postal Employees Winter Cabaret at 9 p.m. at the Coliseum.

The cabaret, held for the benefit of Christmas for needy families, features Lionel Hampton and his orchestra.

Mr. Hampton will appear in person and he and the band will play for dancers from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Added attractions will complete the 5 - hour program.

GUESTS ARE asked to bring a can of food for the Christmas baskets in addition to the admission ticket.

John W. White Jr., president of the group, announces that tickets will be available at the door at the price.

Christmas baskets are being filled from donations from cooperating merchants, contributions from members of the organization and from organization funds.

They will be delivered on Dec. 4 to families whose names are taken from the AFRO's Mrs. Santa Claus list and from the rolls of the Department of Public Welfare.

Also guests at the cabaret will be Postmaster William Laukaitis; James B. Cobb, national president; Samuel Coward, district president; Bob White, Washington president.

Hosts and sponsors of the affair are members of the public relations committee of which Milton Holmes is chairman. Clifton Harris is chairman of the social committee.

'The Drum' at School 176

As a fitting climax to the study of "Indian Life," Primary 131, of School No. 176 presented "The Drum" as one facet of the lives of the people who made this instrument famous.

Those present were: Mrs. Marion Johnson, area director; Mrs. Elsie Bevans, specialist; Mrs. Lillian Maith, specialist; Mrs. Koma Stinchcomb, supervisor, Junior High Special Curriculum; Mrs. Ivora Evans, physical education teacher; Edward Wilkin, Counselor; Miss Enola Jackson, community resource assistant; Mrs. Sarah J. S. Manns is the principal.

The characters for the play were, Harvey Johnson, Leon Stafford, Ronald Hall, Fred Allen, Lorenzo Stafford, Alberta Miller, Brenda Shatten, Thomas Hall, William Taylor, Lorenzo Stafford, James Rose, Norman Lacey, Earl Flanagan, Phyllites Butler, Sarah Davis, Alfonso Knox, Samuel Henderson, Arthur Smith, Lawrence Green, Lewis Savage, Jeremiah Taplor and Carolyn Fitch.

Narrators were Thomas Hall, James Rose, Sarah Davis and Phyllites Butler.

Others taking part were: Floyd Holmes, Miss Fenwick, Mrs. Boseborn, Mr. Watts, Mrs. Burrell and Miss Fenwick.

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Library to show films for family

A free program of films suitable for family viewing is set for tonight (Friday) at 8 p.m., in the central Enoch Pratt Free Library, 400 Cathedral St.

Among the works to be shown is "Moonbird," an animated presentation of an imaginary nighttime adventure for two small boys who go out to catch a bird.

Also to be seen is "The Red Balloon," a fantasy about a boy who makes friends with a balloon, playing with it in the streets of Paris. Produced by Albert Lamorisse, this artistic film won the Cannes and other awards.

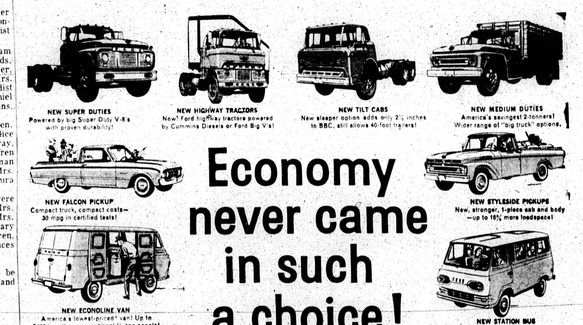
Roofing Co. indicted

A Federal grand jury on Tuesday indicted a local roofing company and its owner and employees on charges of conspiracy to make false statement on FHA loan documents.

Charged in the 21 - count indictment were the Phillips Roofing Co. and Theodore J. Phillips, Leroy Swain and Merrill Thomas.

The indictment, alleged that members of the company would secure signatures of persons on work completed forms and sign statements to the FHA saying that they had completed work on the customer's house or had delivered material when they actually had not.

They did this, it was alleged, in order to secure payment from the FHA before the work was done.



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Why There Is No Place To Park

- Over 100,000 new cars were registered in the State of Maryland so far this year
- Only 28,000 cars were junked and taken from the streets
- 1961 will find 500,000 cars on the streets

JOURNEY'S END—Here are some of the 1,500 autos at the Eichelman Bros. parts dealers yards, 3400 block Washington Blvd., which have reached the end of the line. 28,000 motor vehicles have been junked in Maryland this year—but titles have been issued for 419,000 more.

By Max Johnson

A citizen and his wife drove recently from their West Baltimore home to a central downtown area to keep a morning business appointment.

Three parking lots in a four - block radius of their destination were already filled — and no street parking was allowed in the area.

Result — the citizen was forced to drive around while his wife kept the appointment first.

Then, she circled the area with the car while he went in for the same appointment both should have kept together.

When they finally returned home — somebody had parked in front of their home in the only open space in their block.

The then agitated citizen turned to his wife and said in disgust:

"Things are getting so, a car is hardly convenient anymore."

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THIS OBSERVATION might well become a true picture of our motoring public much sooner than most people realize.

For example — John R. Jewell, commissioner of motor vehicles, has announced that more than 449,100 automobile titles have already been issued this year.

He said the department is currently issuing between 1,500 and 2,000 titles a day.

Mr. Jewell predicted that the total for this year would be a record - breaking 500,000 titles.

Or nearly 38,000 more than in 1955, when 462,162 titles were issued to set a record.

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POPULATION-WISE, this adds up to one motor vehicle for every six persons of Maryland's 3,000,000 residents—including children.

So, this raises the questions:

1. Are we fast becoming a totally motorized people?
2. Where will we park this growing number of motor vehicles?
3. What affect is the increasing number of autos having on public habits?
4. Are current traffic safety measures adequate?
5. Are motor vehicles being junked in proportion to new ones placed in use?

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TAKING THE last question first, here are statistics from the Automobile Trade Association of Maryland.

There were 115,075 new motor vehicles sold in Maryland this year, as of Oct. 31.

And 27,477 of these were sold in Baltimore.

The State's total shows 96,569 domestic make passenger cars, 7,703 foreign, and 10,803 commercial vehicles.

Baltimore City had 23,101 domestic, 1,335 foreign and 3,041 commercial vehicles.

Similar statistics are not available in the used car market.

However, by contrast, Department of Motor Vehicles records show that just 28,000 certificates have been returned this year for junked motor vehicles.

This means that only one vehicle has been junked to four now ones sold.

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ON THE question of parking facilities, strangely enough, the Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing Agency has all but ignored the ownership of motor vehicles by residents in designated renewal areas.

In the Harlem Park Urban Renewal Area, for example, plans call for the demolition of all private garages.

No new ones are to be erected, nor are any special parking facilities planned for the autos of residents there.

The same holds true for the plans of BURHA's Project One in the Mt. Royal - Fremont Area.

This is the sector between Dolphin and Laurens Sts., and McCulloh St. to Park Ave., to be almost completely rebuilt.

With night parking for residents in both areas already a problem, the question arises what will happen when the garages are demolished?

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ON THE business side of the point of increasing usage of the automobile, a check shows that about the only people happy are those operating at shopping centers.

Max Meyers, who has operated a shoe store in the 1700 block Pennsylvania Ave. for 40 years, said:

"Parking meters have hurt business on the Avenue. People with cars go other places."

Another merchant who asked his name not be used stated:

"People have cars, and they like to shop with their cars. There just isn't enough space around the Avenue for people to park, so we're losing business."

By contrast, a shopping center on Reisterstown Rd. has 4,000 parking spaces which are filled during a heavy shopping period.

Shoppers usually stay anywhere from a half hour upwards to three hours, he said.

Time such as that, spent in a shopping center, means more money spent in the store. Not having to worry with traffic meters, shoppers aren't normally in a rush.

Traffic and increasing parking problems are drawing more and more complaints from downtown merchants, who say they are losing business.

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ONE THRIVING business though is that in junked motor vehicles.

Not so much due to the number junked yearly — but because everything serviceable on such vehicles is sold.

Joseph Eichelman, who operates an auto junk yard in the 3400 block Washington Blvd., put it this way:

"When a car comes in here, we strip it clean like an old turkey, and then it goes to the scrap yard."

Mr. Eichelman has about 1,500 such cars on his lot now, which he has operated for 20 years.

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IN THE face of the rising number of motor vehicles in use, M. A. Nappinger, deputy motor vehicles commissioner, offered this observation on safety:

"If a man is a courteous driver, he is a good driver."

And for those who are considering buying a car, Mr. Nappinger revealed:

"We have a new system now that cuts the waiting period for issuing a title from between a half hour and an hour, as of old, down to five minutes."

To make it even easier for you to get going with your new car — they are even considering issuing tags at district police stations.

How soon will we reach the point when our streets will be jammed with cars, when the motorized vehicles will take over?

Well, no one can answer that with any certainty, but from the manner in which automobile registrations are increasing, that day may not be too far away.

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TOP MEN—The State's Department of Motor Vehicles is headed by John R. Jewell, left, commissioner. M. A. Noppinger, right, is his deputy.

Behind The Scene With The NAACP

By George Collins

What does it takes to stage an NAACP membership drive?

A close-up of the inner workings of such a drive in one of the branch offices is revealing.

After a visit with officials of the local branch handling a membership campaign, an outsider leaves with one conclusion:

"It takes everything — and a little bit more."

For a peek at what goes on inside, let's follow the insiders themselves, Dr. Lillie M. Jackson, president, and Phillip H. Savage, campaign director.

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FIRST STEP brings into view the intricate and complicated organization and planning phase.

In a room resembling headquarters of a combat postrin a war zone, the city is cut into districts.

Churches, organizations and groups in each district are plotted on the map.

A staff worker is assigned to head each of the six districts.

A minister, coordinating the activity of the people in the district, serves as a liaison between them and the NAACP staff workers.

A breakdown of staff leadership in the various districts follows:

Charles Michaels, fifth; Mrs. Charlotte W. Dorsinc, East, Baltimore; Clarence Logan, sixth; Addison Warren, second; Mrs. Ruby Davis, first; Raymond Young, fourth; and Troy Brailley, labor and industry.

Mr. Savage, Dr. Jackson and Mrs. Juanita J. Mitchell coordinated the total effort.

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THE TASK of handling the tremenous load of correspondence required of such an undertaking fell to the two NAACP secretaries.

They are Mrs. Gladys Fields, 12-year veteran, and Miss Norma Collins.

The church-staff worker combination was the source of the bulk of the 1,000 volunteer workers who served in the recently-closed campaign.

Reaching other areas in the district not working through the churches calls for more planning.

Raymond Haysbert went to business and taking care of the interracial phase of memberships was Mrs. Augusta Chisell.

After the operating machinery is set up and following organizational meetings in the districts and the main office, "the real work begins," said Mr. Savage.

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IT STARTS with the distribution of literature.

In a drive to get 15,000 members, Mr. Savage estimates that literature, kits, post cards, and letters mushroom to a staggering total.

The literature carries the message of NAACP accomplishments.

Although the brilliant work of the organization in every phase of American life, is well known, a surprisingly large number of people are unawäre of just how much it has achieved, Mr. Savage found.

Therefore, workers are urged to retell the part the NAACP has played in helping millions, share in the American dream.

When comes the amazing number of conferences and meetings during the course of the drive throughout the city.

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INCLUDED ARE the district meetings at the church heading that particular district.

Here goals are set and workers are told of their importance to the drive.

They are thoroughly orientated, covering all facets of the operation.

Regular city-wide report meetings were held once weekly, Thursday or Sunday, at Sharp Street Memorial Church.

Here progress reports, detailing membership idles, contributors, and solicitors are given.

News of the fight for rights in all parts of the nation are also heard at these gatherings.

"Little Rocks, Louisianas have a tremendous impact on the drive," Mr. Savage reports.

From such assemblies, the director stated, workers gain a new sense of dedication.

"Such incidents make pep talks easier," adds Mr. Savage.

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ONCE THE campaign picks up steam, there are a number of ingredients that come into play, according to Mr. Savage:

1. The speaking ability of a smooth-tongue, hungry, but professional politician.

"Workers, staff and volunteers, must be ready, willing and able to tell the story of the NAACP at the drop of a hat."

"This can happen on street corners, churches, schools, or any place where listeners are anxious to hear it."

The stamina demanded is that of a decathlon champion.

"You forget time. Your main concern is getting the job done. An average work week of a staff worker runs around 84 hours."

2. Vitally needed is the diplomatic touch of an ambassador.

"You are dealing with people from every walk of life. In your dealings you must convince the big, small, and in-between that the effort is put forth in behalf of all.

"And without their support, it would be useless.

"In short, all must be united in a common cause, is the plea of workers."

3. Last, but by no means least, honesty and integrity.

"You are handling money belonging to the people. You have promised them that it will be used for their benefit.

"Hence, they must be fully aware of how much is collected, by whom, and where it's going."

At each progress meeting, volunteer accountants count, receipt, and place dues in safes while workers are present.

4. Also present in such drives is the persistence of a Fuller brush salesman.

"While soliciting, workers take the positive approach. Instead asking 'can I leave you a blank number of envelopes, they ask, "How many envelopes should I leave you?"

"If at first they don't get the message across, they return again and again. In most cases, they ultimately succeed."

Generally, Mr. Savage added, when a potential member hears what the NAACP has done for the colored American in education, housing, transportation and other areas of civil rights, it doesn't take much persuading.

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ELEMENTS OF a missing person's bureau also play a part in the dramatic promotion.

Just before and after a drive ends, staff and other volunteers must locate and bring in final reports from volunteers who have become wary along the way.

At the drive's end, comes the time for rewarding faithful workers.

"Such meetings see citations presented, gold pins, certificates and the like.

"Also a fellowship meeting where workers and new members meet, greet, and discuss affairs of state, nation and the world.

As it is in the drive, central theme of these conversations is the struggle for freedom everywhere.

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SINCE 1935, Dr. Jackson said, the local branch membership has grown from an "insignificant group of letter writers to more than 10,000 (final returns are not yet reported), dedicated men, and women anxious to become first class Americans."

During that period, more than a quarter of a million dollars have been sent to the national office in New York, the president added.

"It was all made possible," Dr. Jackson concludes, "because a lot of people were willing to give a lot of everything —and a little bit more."

They Play By Ear

Two Morgan State College freshmen are not only good scholars but manage to find time to entertain other students with their musical talents in their spare time.

Jerome Brooks, 20, of 940 Brooks Lane, and Dennis Fisher, 19, of 161 Monastery Ave., are both talented pianists, as well as vocalists, with Jerome taking a turn at the drums now and then for a little variety.

Both boys, graduates of Baltimore City College, have a 3.0 average or better for the first - half semester.

When they team-up on the piano with their own arrangement of Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer and White Christmas, your feet just automatically start beating rhythm along with them.

Jerome handles the melody while Dennis plays a slam-bang background of chords and running bass.

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DENNIS IS majoring in English and at the present time hopes to go into speech therapy work while Jerome is a psychology major and would like to do research after his school years.

The talented pair do get a lot of help in their studies from classmates and they are the first to admit it.

They also want their fellow students to know that they appreciate the time that is given so freely to assist them in maintaining their grades. They need help.

Jerome and Dennis are blind.

Jerome doesn't remember seeing very much of this old world.

He has been blind since he was a little over four years old.

Dennis fared a little better. He had some sight until he was seven. Like Jerome, an operation failed and so did their sight.

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THEY BOTH attended the Maryland School for the Blind where they studied music along with other subjects.

Their junior and senior years were spent at City so they could get used to the routine that would be expected of them when they entered college.

The most difficult handicap in keeping up with studies is finding students to read assignments to them while they take notes in braille. A typewriter is used to turn in a completed assignment.

Notes are taken in class with a pocket braille guide.

Tape recordings are also a great help to the young men.

JEROME BROOKS AND DENNIS FISHER