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"We are Americans and as Americans we would speak to America."
Frederick Douglass

A Worthy Project

The 27th annual AFRO-AMERICAN Clean Block Campaign got under way this week with the issuance of executive proclamations by Gov. Tawes and Mayor Grady. The proclamations designated the period from June 23 to August 27 as "AFRO-AMERICAN Clean Block Time."

Each year thousands of Baltimore children and adults participate in this worthwhile project which has attracted national attention. In addition to guiding the interests and boundless energies of youngsters into constructive channels, the Clean Block Campaign results in a healthier, more attractive city — which benefits all of us.

Enthusiasm is running high at the outset of the campaign and there is every reason to believe that this year's effort, under the able leadership of Mrs. M. Francis Mackay, clean block director, will reach even greater heights.

The AFRO Clean Block Campaign, originated in 1934 by the late Miss Frances Murphy, has been adopted by other cities throughout the nation. It has grown from 50 blocks in a narrowly prescribed neighborhood, to more than 250 blocks covering every section of the city.

The Clean Block program instills habits of cleanliness in young children, habits that remain when the youngsters grow up. In this regard, its intrinsic value would be difficult to measure.

But the Clean Block campaign is not exclusively for children. Every civic-minded citizen can be a Clean Blocker, not only by seeing that his own neighborhood is kept free of litter, but by making a substantial contribution to the Clean Block prize fund.

For Future Generations

We are happy to note that opposition to city plans for a school in the Presbury-Payson Sts. area has been withdrawn.

Plans to acquire properties in that school site area are now moving ahead once again. The proposed school, which all agree is sorely needed, was threatened two weeks ago by the introduction of a repealer ordinance in City Council. The ordinance would have repealed Ordinance No. 1153 which authorized the acquisition of property for the proposed elementary school site.

After reconsidering their action, and seriously considering the overcrowding at Robert W. Coleman Elementary School No. 142, the protesting homeowners withdrew their ordinance.

This was not an easy decision for them to make. It is always difficult to reverse your own decision, but mature persons occasionally find this necessary and they usually emerge the larger for it.

No doubt the protesting homeowners decided to make the necessary sacrifices for progress after weighing these facts:

That Coleman Elementary School, designed for 806 pupils, has an attendance of 1,456.

That 595 of these live above North Ave., in the immediate vicinity of Coleman School and 861 reside below North Ave., closer to the site of the proposed school.

That Coleman school has been on double shifts for five years.

Overcrowding at two other schools in the area would be relieved by construction of the proposed school.

And finally, while it will be necessary for them to sell their present homes, in the long run their children and those of future generations would benefit as a result of their personal sacrifices.

Once again we congratulate the homeowners on their wise decision to act for the greatest good of the greatest number. Future generations will benefit from their foresight and unselfishness in this important matter.

'It Was Time For A Change'

The Baltimore Sunpapers, this week, discontinued racial designations in news stories.

Citizens of both races, long offended by the Sun's 'Negro', will applaud the fact that the city's largest dailies have abandoned an outmoded practice.

We agree with Sun editor, Price Day, who commented, 'It was time for a change.'

McKeldin versus Tawes

In a recent interview with the AFRO, former governor Theodore R. McKeldin indicated that, if he were governor, he would appoint a qualified colored attorney to one of the three vacancies to occur on Baltimore's Supreme Bench.

We believe Governor Tawes should consider this when he names his choice for the vacancies.

Many colored voters lost faith in Gov. Tawes when he failed to reappoint Dr. Aris Allen to the Anne Arundel County Board of Education.

So far the appointments made by Gov. Tawes have left a great deal to be desired. Admittedly, he named a qualified colored attorney to one of the 15 Municipal Court judgeships. But his actions in other areas have done a great deal to offset this appointment.

It is becoming more and more obvious that he has not moved as vigorously to provide equal opportunity for all Marylanders as had been expected.

Perhaps Gov. Tawes learned his lesson in Annapolis last month when his candidate for mayor went down under a landslide of votes cast for the Republican candidate.

It is still not too late for Gov. Tawes to bring his administration in line with the new frontiers of the national Democratic administration. But time is running out.

Tokenism in Court

There will be one colored member of the Criminal Court grand jury for the September term.

This, in itself, would not be news, but considered in the light of the token representation that has characterized the selection of grand juries it becomes significant.

On the present grand jury, there are two colored members, another example of tokenism.

Baltimore's colored citizens comprise a third of the city's total population but non-white citizens have never made up more than a fraction of the grand jury panel.

In the Deep South the total exclusion of non-white persons from jury duty is still widely practiced, despite Supreme Court rulings forbidding such discrimination.

In Baltimore, a supposedly democratic city with a decidedly southern exposure, discrimination can be more subtle. By naming at least one colored juror, the judges of the Supreme Bench comply with the letter of the law.

It is difficult for us to believe that mere coincident accounts for the token representation that invariably occurs when grand jury lists are drawn for the Baltimore Criminal Courts.

It becomes even harder to believe when you look across the street to the Federal Court grand jury and see for instance, that the June panel there has six colored citizens.

Food For Freedom

President Kennedy, in one fell swoop, removed the cloak of hypocrisy heretofore covering the actions of Secretary of Agriculture Freeman in his attitude toward the "Freedom Fighters" of Fayette County, Tenn.

Back in January of this year, Rep. Charles S. Joelson (D.-N.J.) offered to sponsor legislation to send food to the farmers of Fayette County who had been kicked off of farms and deprived of jobs because they had dared to vote.

As a result of their plight, an entire nation took to raising food, clothing and money to keep them alive.

There was no question about their suffering and Rep. Joelson's humanitarian gesture was a recognition of a hurting need.

Now, along comes the President, who, by his action, admits that the people need food. The fact that he signed the order directing Freeman to distribute food to the inhabitants of the now famed "Tent City" is proof that Freeman should and could have acted then.

But he came up with the lame excuse that his investigators said the people were not suffering.

President Kennedy's action says differently.

This newspaper said before and it repeats it again — Freeman is a phony liberal, one more of the breed who touts his liberalism through press release, but fails to back it up with concrete action.

And once again, President Kennedy has proved to America that when it comes to race relations, he is well out in front of his Administration's associates.

We Can Use All Of You But Two

OFF THE BEATEN PATH

Calvert County Church Gets Its Pastor Back Once More

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

Last Sunday, June 18, was one of the most memorable in the lives of the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. William Edwards. He is pastor of the Mt. Hope Charge of the Methodist Church.

When the couple returned to their Sabbath duties in the quaint little country parishes in beautiful Calvert County, they were greeted with congratulations from scores of members.

The Rev. Mr. Edwards has been pastor at Mt. Hope, St. Edmonds and St. Peters Methodist Churches 12 years.

At the Methodist Conference at Morgan State College last week, a decision was made to send him to the Mt. Airy Charge.

But members of the Mt. Hope Charge asked the bishop to give the Rev. Mr. Edwards back to them. Their wish was granted, so they spent Sunday in rejoicing.

The late Rev. Charles E. Johnson was instrumental in sending the Rev. Mr. Edwards to Calvert County in 1949. Since then, he and his wife have endeared themselves to the entire community.

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SPENDING THEIR middle years traveling about the world are Mr. and Mrs. G. Wallace (Albertine) Hall, well-known in Baltimore and along the East Coast, who reside in Indianapolis, Ind.

They sailed on the Bremmen out of New York on Tuesday after two days visiting Mr. and Mrs. William Richardson, Annapolis.

Last year, the delightful couple visited England, Belgium, Holland, Germany, Austria, Italy, France the Isle of Capri on a second honeymoon.

This year they are following the European music festivals, will see the Russian State Ballet in London, the Goethe, Wagner and Straus celebrations in Germany, and attend the Lectures on Modern Symphonic Compositions in Heidleburg.

The Florence shopping trip includes purchasing gowns for Albertine (she's an Indianapolis socialite and teacher). The frocks are designed by Mr. Hall (real estate dealer) and will be made by the famed designer Anna Giavanni.

What with shopping in Venice for precious Italian made glassware, the European adventure this year will exceed $10,000, "because she wants to go," the adoring husband says.

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RETIRING FROM Public Health Nursing Service last week were Mrs. Marianne P. Aiau (36 years service); Mrs. Theresa M. Byrne (41 years service); Miss Virgie Finney-frock (39 years service); Miss May Isabelle Treckfuff (36 years service).

The luncheon which masked this event was at the Park Plaza Saturday. Each honoree received a certificate and a bouquet of flowers laden with money.

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OFF TO AN adventurous summer vacation and many happy years ahead are retiring teachers Mrs. Mattie Connor, Mrs. Frances T. White, Luther Mitchell, Tazewell Johnson, all of the Dunbar High School faculty, and Thomas B. Nelson and Miss S. Marion Reid, both of the Douglass High School.

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THE VALIANT WOMEN'S Democratic Club held a delightful affair Saturday at their 3423 Holmes Ave. clubhouse with Mrs. Edith P. Hill, Mrs. Myrtle Brown, Mrs. Mattie Ellis and Mrs. Elizabeth Boston as hostesses.

The event also marked the celebration of the birthday of Mrs. Ethel P. Wilson.

After the business meeting, plans were made for a Crab Feast set for June 30 at the clubhouse. For tickets call Mrs. Alverta Bowie, LA. 3-2767.

Delegate Verda F. Welcome, club advisor, gave a report on the Special Session in Annapolis.

Mrs. Lillian Cummings is president of the group which has been active in political circles since 1958.

Civil War Program

I attended a Civil War Centennial program recently at Baltimore Junior College. It is a pity our schools have nothing more constructive to do.

The glorification of the war between the states seems a waste of time to me.

In the Baltimore Junior College play, the two colored students were dressed like slaves and sang spirituals. Other members of the choir were in period costume. You got the idea that only colored people sang the beautiful spirituals.

A waste of time, I say. — JULIAN STEWART.

What Our Readers Say

Prefers Caps, Gowns

Readers are invited to submit letters for publication. All letters must be signed but signatures will be omitted if reasonsgiven. Letters should be on one side, from 200 words in length. Address them "Our Readers Say," AFRO-AMERICAN, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore 1, Md.

Dear AFRO:

I have attended several high school commencement exercises and I can't figure out why so many high schools have gotten away from the caps and gowns.

For many pupils, this will be their only graduation ceremony, as they will not have the money, the desire, or the opportunity to go to college.

When I was in school we used to rent the cap and gown for the ceremony for a few dollars, which did not work a hardship on the poorer families. Nowadays, parents with two or three children finishing school at the same time are placed in a difficult and embarrassing position.

In addition to the cost of the school yearbook, pictures etc., parents must pay $15 or $20 for a dress for graduation. This means some graduates are better dressed than others.

I make no claim to being a big brain or an educator, but it seems to me that our public school administrators should go back to the cap and gown, which is still the simplest and most democratic way.

Somehow, our public officials have fallen for the idea of change for change's sake. They should be intelligent enough to know that a change is not necessarily an improvement. I am sure other Baltimoreans feel the same way.

ROGER T. THOMPSON

Rather Be Told

Dear AFRO:

The article in last Tuesday's AFRO about whether a dying patient should be told the truth was quite interesting and caused considerable discussion at our house.

I am inclined to go along with some of the persons you interviewed who said it all depends on the individual. It might be a good idea to tell one person of approaching death, and at the same time be disastrous for another person.

Also, the point made by Dr. Emerson Julian—that doctors are not infallible — is also well taken. In my own experience, I have known of persons given up by the doctors, but want on living year after year. Perhaps it was because they had not been told they were dying, and had not given up hope.

The will to live is strong in all humans.

Personally, I would rather be told the truth, no matter how it may hurt.

MRS. JOSEPHINE T. SIMMONS

Liked Column

Dear AFRO:

In reference to "Off the Beaten Path" by Mrs. Elizabeth Oliver, titled "The Years Have Not Faded," — so true!

It was most touching. She has no idea how that column touched quite a few people.

Her write-up about Sinai Hospital was wonderful and was read by many of the professional staff and other employees.

I am a private duty nurse at Sinai and I met Mrs. Oliver while she was a patient here at the hospital.

I have been a reader of her column ever since it started, as well as a few more of my favorites in the paper.

I wanted to let her know that her column was noticed very much.

MISS ESSIE G. HOOD

Call For Leadership

Dear AFRO:

I think the American public can easily appreciate the President's suggestion that the Communists do not create all of the world's ills.

Most students of economics and government will at least concede that poverty is the common denominator of them.

Yet, it is not the absolute level of the people's poverty that gives the world picture such a grim appearance. Instead there are groups of unscrupulous individuals in many nations who control the economic power and contribute little, or nothing to the societies from which they take their tolls.

They are, in the main, responsible for the ugly fact that most of the newly created income resulting from outside financial assistance finds its way into the pockets of the fortunate minority while the frustration of the masses continues. It is no small wonder that the Communists find it comparatively easy in such fertile revolutionary fields to turn the bitterness of the people against existing governments.

The situation calls for sweeping innovations. And this does not mean that democratic governments dedicated to the welfare of the people cannot find the necessary support for the needed reforms.

It does require, however, an able leadership which is wide awake to the political consequences of continued failure to meet the issue. In the final analysis, there, I believe, that any benefits accruing to these nations from outside aid should, by law, be shared with the people.

JOHN W. NICHOLAS

Seeks Wheelchair

Dear AFRO:

I am a Missionary Sister and I am trying to help this lady whose home was burned out. She received two broken arms, two broken legs and fractured ribs.

Since she can not get around, she asked me to help her to get a wheelchair. If you could help me to do this, we would be doing it for the Lord. Through Him, someone might donate a chair or other things.

MRS. FRANCES JOHNSON
330 E. 20th St.
Baltimore 18, Md.

Morgan Alumni

Dear AFRO:

On behalf of the Executive Committee of the General Alumni Association of Morgan State College, I wish to express special thanks and our sincerest appreciation for your assistance in making the Alumni Day events a success.

MISS SALLIE PONZO
Executive Secretary

Hodge-Podge

Porch Swings Are Still In Style

By ROBERT W. MATTHEWS

Talking about time marching on—we've begun to believe that time is moving backwards.

President Kennedy has revived the old rocking chair.

Of course some oldtimers didn't know they had ever left, but now the most fashionable modern furniture houses are stocking rocking chairs again.

Went browsing through a mail-order catalogue the other day and nearly flipped when I discovered they still have porch swings available.

Not talking about these modern day gliders with all the chrome fittings and foam rubber cushions.

I mean those porch swings that are suspended by two chains to the ceiling of the porch. Mark my words, there'll be a revival of them, too.

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WHILE ON the subject of houses, it was once a source of embarrassment to move into a new house and not be able to furnish it completely. Newlyweds would plunge into debt from which they never escaped, trying to furnish every room in the house immediately.

But now, it is almost fashionable to have vacant rooms in a new house. Just goes to prove that we are acquiring taste and have changed buying habits.

Furniture is bought piece by piece in accordance with the family master plan.

'Course with the price of things these days, it isn't too hard to understand why.

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THOUGHT WE were in the midst of a gasoline price war when I started noticing signs at gas stations proclaiming straight gas at 28.9.

But, bless Bess, the price of gasoline has actually been cut a penny. Certainly hope this is the beginning of a general reduction - in-prices trend.

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STORY OF the week comes from a city school teacher, who will remain nameless. He's a kind of practical joker who simply can't resist needling the unsuspecting.

There was to be a meeting called by the principal of the school, and one teacher didn't want to attend because of a previous commitment.

"What kind of excuse can I give to get out of the meeting," she innocently asked our joker.

"Well," said joker, "I have a friend who can fix it for you. You contact him and get him to tell the principal that you're with him, and everything will be all right."

"Oh, thanks," gushed the teacher, "what's your friends name?"

"Charlie Law," said the joker with a straight face. Of course the listeners-in cracked up.

Just in case you didn't know Charlie Law is a mortician.

Noteworthy

VAG's Dedicated To Worthwhile Service

By HERB MANGRUM

There is nothing on earth like an angry woman, except a group of angry women.

Weeks ago I mentioned in passing the name of a club known as the "Vag's." Now the little women are on my neck.

They want to set the record straight on this matter.

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THE NAME "VAG'S" was created by using the initials of the late Mrs. Vivian Garth Alleyne.

The club raises funds to provide financial assistance to the organizations or groups selected by the members to be presented annually, a gift in the name of Mrs. Alleyne.

The group or organization selected by the Vag's must be functioning in the development and improvement of the economic, social or civic status of people in the community.

Their motto is: "Service is the rent you pay for the space you occupy on earth."

Mrs. Ruth B. Brown is president of the group.

Sorry if I offended you ladies.

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JUDGE HOWARD L. AARON mounts the bench at Western and right off folks hang a title on him.

They are calling him the "hanging judge."

Under the rotation system set up by the Municipal Court, Judge Robert Watts winds up at Southeastern, a district where things seldom happen.

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ONE LOOK in the courtroom at Western Tuesday and you would have thought you were at a church convention.

The place was packed all over. Spectators were even standing around the walls.

There were even a few visiting ministers on hand to hear THE case.

Members of the congregation sat on the edge of their seats as they strained to catch every word spoken by their pastor and deacons.

I never heard such charges made by church people before.

There was talk about guns, pushing, shoving, pet gripes, dislikes and what have you.

I hate to see a church bring its internal affairs into court.

At the rate things were going however, something was bound to give sooner or later.

AFRO Credo

A newspaper records because its management believes in itself, in God and in the present generation. It must always ask itself—

Whether it has kept the faith with the common people.

Whether it has no other goal except to see that their liberties are preserved and their future secured.

Whether it is fighting to get rid of slums, to provide jobs for youth.

Whether it stays out of politics except to expose corruption and stubborn injustices, even prejudices or complacency.

JOHN H. MURPHY Sr., 1922.

If You Ask Me

By B. M. Phillips

People, places, things

Bless these new parents:—Mr. and Mrs. James Arrington (Rosetta), 1837 E. Lafayette Ave., are brand new parents of two youngsters, Stephen, 3; and Shelly, 2.

You'll remember, these are the two children with sparkling eyes who had been in the care of the Family and Children's Society since birth.

Remember about Mother's Day, this newspaper ran their photo and asked for a mother and father to take them home? And, how we said the sister and brother did not want to be separated?

Well, the Arringtons, bless them, opened up their hearts and home. And, this column is bold to predict their future will be happy because of their unselfishness.

P.S. — If you would like to make your home happy, write or call Family and Children's Society, 204 W. Lanvale St. — North 9-9000. They have many youngsters of all ages, just waiting for a home.

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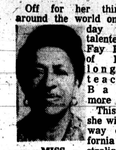
Off for her third trip around the world on Saturday will be talented Miss Fay Hershaw of D. C., long - time teacher in Baltimore. This time she will go by way of California to Australia, Indonesia, Suez Canal, and Europe, returning to N.Y.



MISS HERSHAW

Miss Hershaw, you'll recall is the author of four books — (Around the World With Hershaw and Collins; Memories of East South American, Some Aspects of Post-War Travel and Verse Along the Way.)

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More people moving about: Vernon R. Sheffey, who has been juvenile probation officer with the Baltimore Circuit Court for the past nine years, has a new job.

He is now clinical social worker at the Loch Raven Veterans Administration Hospital.

Mr. Sheffey is a graduate of Morgan, and earned his master's degree in social work at Howard University.

His family includes his wife, Ruthe (she's the English professor at Morgan), and their four-year-old daughter, Ilona Cecile.

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Former Baltimorean who visited relatives here over the weekend: Samuel D. Waters of Chicago, retired post office employee.

He was here earlier in the month for the Morgan State College Alumni activities. Remember his Chicago chapter gave a sizeable sum to the college loan fund?

This time, Mr. Waters accompanied famed Cab Calloway who was here to participate in the multiple sclerosis telethon.

Mr. Watkins' kin here include his brothers, William, department store employee; George, a postal worker; James Calvin, Lemmel teacher; and Joseph. Another brother, Granville is a rail road chef.

His sisters are Mrs. Edith Sydnor and Eva Price, and Margaret Waters.

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Up in New York this weekend to see Mrs. Mattie Gardner off on a European tour, books — (Around the World With Hershaw and Collins; Memories of East South American, Some Aspects of

More people and things

Happy birthday hellos to a lovely lady who always seems to have a pleasant word or smile: Mrs. Louise Perrin of the Coppin faculty (Mrs. H. C. Perrin). Address hellos for her by June 27, to 2004 Whittier Ave.

More June birthdays: June 24, Mrs. Margaret Wilson, 2019 Madison Ave.; June 25, Mrs. Margaret Johnson, 2826 Windsor Ave.; June 29, Mrs. Frederick Dedmond (Flossie), 2024 Whittier Ave.; June 30, Mrs. Mildred S. Stokes, 4716 Alhambra Ave.

Wedding anniversary cards before June 29 to Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Donaldson Sr. (Lillian) of 3225 Dorithian Rd.

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Out of Provident Hospital on Thursday after they had their tonsils removed were: Henry and Warren Barnes, twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Barnes, 3014 Vineyard Lane.

Hellos to Provident for Mrs. William Bowman (Martha), wife of the AFRO printer. She had an operation on Friday, is doing nicely.

Mrs. Cassius Evans (Estelle), entered on Sunday, is in room 210. Her husband's AFRO distribution inspector.

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OUT OF PROVIDENT on Tuesday was 11-year-old Ulyssa Glover. She had her tonsils out.

Dr. and Mrs. Archie Robinson's sons, Dwight, 12, and Ronald, 4, were in the hospital, are home now. Cards to them at 2420 Calverton Heights.

Cards to Room 213 for Mrs. Sadie Milbourne, the hat designer, who has been confined there since last Wednesday.

Mrs. Thelma Baltimore, Social Security employee, is in Room 212, as of Monday.

460 different hands

For the first time in my life, I shook 460 hands and discovered that there are:—

warm hands
cold hands
wet hands
lukewarm hands
hands with a firm grip
hands with a nervous grip

Learned all this at Lemmel Junior High, where we awarded diplomas on Thursday morning.

But whether hands were cold or hot, there was a smiling "thank you" from those young graduates.

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Too often, you find youngsters who accept awards or diplomas and mumble words under their breath.

Not at Lemmel — they stood right up and smiled their thanks.

By the way, 126 of the school's grads finished with honors. Beverly A Johnson had 92; Herbert Joiner, 91; and Brenonda Poulson, 90, led the group.

Perfectly beautiful: The senior girls' choir rendition of the Lord's Prayer under the direction of Mrs. Consuelo Newton.

Miss Hermione E. Wharton is principal of Lemmel.

She reminded grads there are no boundaries in this age. We live in a limitless society, but we must all be trained and ready."

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Graduates in the news 24pt.

Graduates in the news: — Fourteen-year-old Tama Myers was tops among 338 Houston Junior High grads ates, finishing with a 91.2 average.

Tama is the daughter of Morgan State College's Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Myers. She plans to enroll in Western High in the fall.

More about Tama: She was in the first enriched math course which was set up in Booker T. as an experiment. She excelled in math, English, history and just about everything.

In fact, she received the school's coveted gold medal given for excellence in scholarship. She maintained an average of 90 or above the entire three years.

Lana and Sarah graduate

Lana Turner and Sarah Vaughn were among the 136 graduates at Dunbar High on Friday evening.

Although they have the same names as the famed movie star and singer, Dunbar's Lana and Sarah looked refreshingly young and attractive in their white caps and gowns (with yellow tassels.) They boys wore blue-grey gowns.

Top honors went to three boys, No. 1 was Robert M. Bell, who copped approximately $1800 in scholarships, aid. No. 2 and No. 3 grads, Roland G. Fletcher and Timothy D. Robinson, received from $1,200 to $2,000 in scholarships.

As usual, the singing at Dunbar was excellent. Miss Vernoris M. Williams, music director, will be on leave next year, and the school community is sad.

Principal Robert P. Diggs is also bemoaning the loss of talented singer Jo Ann Hemphill (what a beautiful voice). Did you hear the group on TV Sunday? Jo Ann will pursue her music, along with math studies, at Morgan State College in the fall.

Prettiest number sung by the grads: Troyte's Chant.

City Council President Phillip Goodman almost didn't make it in time to award diplomas. A flat tire delayed his arrival until 8:25.

Interested members of the audience: Mrs. Vivian Cook, longtime Dunbar principal; and Luther Mitchell, veteran Dunbar teacher, who retired last year after four decades of service.

More graduation news

At Roosevelt Elementary School closing exercises for sixth graders, it was a joy to see what devoted teachers can do with youngsters who literally eat up the opportunities available to them.

The pre-teens in the class conducted the school orchestra, directed the class musical numbers, recited, played solos, without any apparent direction from teachers.

Nicest thing about it — no one child monopolized the program. Short children, tall children, some with red hair, black hair, blonde hair, some with brown skins, white skins — a great variety of children performed and performed beautifully.

Principal Dorothy Farmer explained to parents the youngsters were not considered graduates as they had simply completed one phase of their elementary education. She said the school had prepared them to move to the next level — junior high — and develop independence and think for themselves.

Instead, she presented certificates because 'we like to feel we've helped these children get a good start in education . . .

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Parents are still talking about the splendid closing exercises the sixth graders at Druid Hill Elementary (No. 137) put on.

This is the school headed by Mrs. Louise Dennis. They liked particularly, the 'We are Americans theme.'

Orchids to these Western High grads who maintained perfect attendance records during the three years: Carrie A. Dial, Judith L. McAllister, Margaret J. Moore, Cynthia N. Parrier, Joyce Y. Sancandi and Beverly V.

graduates last week included Philip and Victor France of 4515 St. Georges Ave.

Phil will go to the Hyattsville Tunitarian School in the fall; Victor has enrolled at the Archbishop Curley High.

Mrs. Alma Dorsey Williams can boast of three graduates in her family this month.

Daughter, Catherine, finished Douglass High. Son, Lawrence, Booker T. Washington Junior High; and daughter, Patricia, St. Pius Elementary School.

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City College graduates — 624 of them, looked handsome in their white coats and black ties on Thursday evening at the armory.

Principal Henry Y. Yost was proud as punch — 67 percent of the class have applied for college; 50 per cent have been accepted.

There were grants and scholarship aid totaling $41,968 for talented students. They had a four-year value of $117,000.

Top graduates were Arthur S. Mendelsohn with an average of 96.8; Maury Wolf, 96.5; and Johnathan Wahl, 96.4. That's real competition.

Among those receiving grants: Vincent D. Gordon to Hopkins, Michael C. McGoings and Marcus G. Wood to Morgan.

By the way, members of the class left the school $2,300 to be incorporated in a fund to help others who follow them at City.

Congratulations due

It was reunion time at Bethel AME Church last Sunday morning.

The Louis Woodsons of St. Louis (he's the AME Church architect), were here to have their first child baptized.

It was Mr. Woodson's father, (George F.), the late dean of Payne Theological Seminary, who married the Rev. and Mrs. Harrison J. Bryant 25 years ago, June 11.

Rev. Bryant is the pastor of Bethel who is marking his 12th year as minister there, and the 50th anniversary of his church.

Also baptized there on Sunday, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Burroughs (he's the real estate man).

By the way, members of Bethel gave a gala reception for the Bryants on Sunday evening — there were so many gifts of silver, the auditorium resembled a jewelry store.

This week, the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Bryant are in Indianapolis for the meeting of the AME Bishops' Council.

This has been a busy month for the first family of Bethel.

Their daughter, Cynthia, garnered a degree from the Howard University School of Social Work.

Her aunt, Mrs. Rebecca McCutchen was up from Bolling Green, Ky., for the commencement, later visited the family here in Baltimore.

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Memorable quip: To the Interdenominational Ministers' recent workshop on discrimination in Baltimore, C. and P. Telephone Co. sent souvenir packages of life savers labeled 'compliments of C. and P. Telephone Co.

C AND P's hiring policies are currently under attack, in fact, students have been demonstrating in front of the downtown offices.

Quipped Dr. Lillie M. Jackson, NAACP president: 'We don't want candy from C and P. We want jobs!'.

Coming up June 29, at the Sheraton Inn: Testimonial honors Miss Sarah Sampson, school social worker who retires from the Division of Special Services. She has given 31 years service in the Baltimore schools.

Save Your Hair
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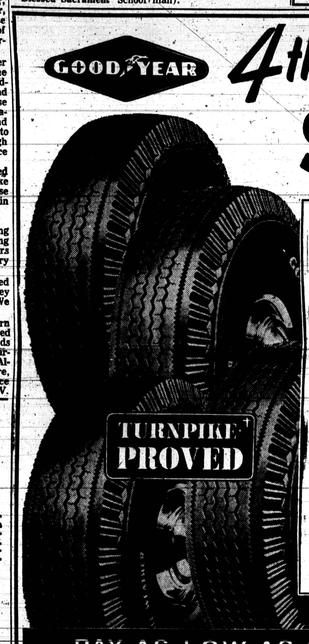
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