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School News

AFRO writer receives letters from pupils at School 107

"Your letters to me were so genuine and so sincere, I could almost see your pencils in your little hands, taking pains to write well.

"No one knows how much I appreciate your letters, pupils of Grades 3 and 4 at Elementary School 107. This is the kind of response we like to receive from AFRO readers.

"Thank you, everyone, including Linton, Robert, Mazella, Gloria, Clarether, Ronald, Edward, Deborah, Mary Elizabeth, Otis and Gilbert. I love you."

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THE above open statement comes from AFRO reporter, Elizabeth M. Oliver, who received 11 letters in the mail from pupils of Elementary School 107, 1300 N. Stricker St.

In the letters, the youngsters expressed appreciation for the story on the Baltimore Zoo written by the reporter (AFRO, Friday, Oct. 28). They told her: "It was fun to read about the zoo animals getting ready for winter."

The children also said: "You have a wonderful newspaper. You have many things in your paper for the little and big people." This statement was from Linton Dartey, grade three.

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IN HIS letter, Robert Miles Grade 4, disclosed: "I am sorry George, the hippo, died. I liked to give him peanuts and had fun looking at him moving around in the water."

Mazella Johnson, also Grade 4, said: "Thank you for writing that article. We were surprised to hear how much the animals cost. Thank you for telling us how George, the hippo, died. You solved that mystery."

Gloria Grant, Grade 4, wrote: "You have done so much to help us. You are our friend although we have not met you. We are studying about what animals do to get ready for winter."

Clarether Rhodes, Grade 4, stated: "Thank you for letting our class know about George, the hippo. George was so good to feed when he opened his big mouth."

Ronald Anderson said: "I was surprised to know how the Zoo keepers keep the animals warm."

Edward McFadden asked: "Can you write some more for our class?"

Deborah McCard informed: "Your article helped us learn more. We may come to see you one day to see what a newspaper building is like."

Mary Elizabeth Ford disclosed: "I was surprised to find some help in your newspaper. Thank you for the good news."

Otis Johnson, Grade 4, wrote: "You have a wonderful newspaper and we like to read it."

Gilbert Grant said: "Your newspaper is very good. We enjoyed your writing about the Zoo animals."

ON WEDNESDAY, Charles Pitts, principal at 107, told the AFRO: "Our pupils have limited experiences. You don't know how they appreciated that AFRO Zoo story.

"I think the children did a magnificent job. Their real sentiments were so well expressed.

"A newspaper person is a pretty big person to these children. It was quite a pleasure for them to write to Elizabeth M. Oliver. She seems to be a real person to them. It would be good if they could get more of her kind of stories. Learning would be easier for them."

Mr. Pitts also invited the AFRO reporter to visit the children at the school. Mrs Myrle Koger is teacher of the combined 3rd and 4th grades which study in Room 200.

VISIT AFRO PLANT — Grade Two of the Coppin State Teachers College Laboratory School visited the AFRO building recently, accompanied by their teacher, Mrs. Leanna M. Webster, left, and Mrs. Carolyn Hawkins, a parent. The pupils included: Alice Burley, Clifford Jackson, Sherrye Larkins, Nina Shipley, Adele Wilson, Jacqueline Hawkins, Nathan Taylor, Lexine Thomas, Yvette Dawkins, Lorraine Street, Richard Walker, Edward Richardson, Thomas Hayes, Leo Jones, Deborah Chambers, Denise Campbell, Eleanor Grogan, Arnez Gillis, Gwendolyn Young, Terry Lewis, Carol Hawkins, Karen Barham, Kevine Meads, Vernon Reid, Shelley Gordon, Wendell Sutton, Joseph Johnson, Anita Bailey.

Conant book answers big educational problem

In reviewing Dr. James B. Conant's fourth book about education, "Slums and Suburbs," James Haywood Harrison of the Morgan State College department of Education, believes it "is essentially concerned with the question of how to 'improve' education for the colored population.

Dr. Conant, Mr. Harrison, says, begins with a summary of the social and economic condition of colored persons in slums of large cities, much like Baltimore.

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THE UNCLEAN LIVING conditions, the many children born out of wedlock, the backward family life, the large number of school drop -outs and the sorry picture of unemployment, are most often written up in newspapers.

These conditions are, Mr. Conant says, a challenge to our social workers and welfare workers of today. They are the conditions under which many of our colored population must get their education.

How then, Mr. Conant asks, can we best provide enough education for the culturally deprived youngsters? How can we arouse and cause these youngsters to raise their levels of ambition and achievement?

Dr. Conant has some answers:

1. Disagreeing that colored schools can not provide enough education if more money is spend for staff and facilities, he calls for a complete integration of the staff.

Dr. Conant is strongly against unnecessary shifting of pupils to have both races study together.

2. He puts development of the reading skill as the first thing to do in improving colored schools. Foreign languages taught in the seventh grade, and algebra taught in the eighth, have no place in a school in which half the pupils read at a fourth grade level, Dr. Conant declares.

Repeater courses in reading for educating culturally deprived children must be stressed, Dr Conant said.

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THE APPARENT dislike of colored people of the use of racial names, more or less, works against any significant efforts to actually identify and correct evil situations, Dr. Conant says.

Also, racial tags have made it somewhat harder to encourage colored youngsters to want to reach a higher level. Dr. Conant notes the small number of successful colored persons in the world of scholarship and science. This, Dr. Conant says, fails to encurage others to make an effort to each a similar goal

Concluding his review of Dr. Conant's book, Mr. Harrison says the author impresses upon all parents the need to be more realistic in their ambitions for their "talented" children; to be aware of the differences in the objectives and programs of the "better" colleges as compared to the other colleges.

In that regard, Dr. Conant says, every youngster graduated from an American high school can find some college to meet his or her need.

"Perhaps the real merit" of the book, says Mr. Harrison, "rests in the fact that it contains things which needed to be said by an educational statesman of Dr. Conant's stature. The book will please some, inflame others.

"It is this provocative nature that makes it a good book." Mr. Harrison believes.

CAMPUS NOTES

Convention set at Morgan

By LAVANIA RICE and ROBERT WATTS

The Morgan State College Legislative Council recently met to draft a platform for the forthcoming Mock State campus, Dec. 6.

A public accommodations bill is sure to be on the platform, stemming from the recent round of restaurant discrimination incidents.

DELEGATES FROM nearby colleges and throughout the state will attend the convention, joining in political discussion on higher taxes, lottery, Urban Renewal, abolishment of the compulsory ROTC, and redistricting of the Senate and House in the state.

Thanksgiving recess began Nov. 22 and ends Nov. 27.

On Thanksgiving Day Morgan State tangled with Virginia State in the final game of the football season for both schools. Game time was 1:30 p.m.

Cherry Hill marks Educational Week

One of the finest programs of the fall season presented at the Cherry Hill Junior High School was the American Education Week Presentation on Wednesday, November 8 in the school auditorium.

Donald Wainwright, Alicia Brown, and Brenda Harps participated.

Thirty-six Cherry Hill Junior High School boys and girls attended the matinee performance of "Elizabeth the Queen" at Ford's Theatre with Mrs. Shirley Chambers, English instructor. Attending were:

Ricky Johnson, Sharon Howard, Beverly Pryor, Theotius Sanders, Donald Wainwright, James Bryant, Patricia Reed, Michael Bayton, Sheila Custis, Richard Bryant, Bobby Lynn Hairston, Loraine Johnson, Inell Grimes, Pamela Michael Turner, Robert Cheatham, James Moody, Toni Mills, Christopher Miller, Cynthia Turner, Mary Tyler, Deborah Curry, Donna Tyler, Charleen Easton, Joann Black, Romaine Green, Gloria Day, Panthea Wilson, Wilhelmina Wilkes, Patricia Tinsley, Martha Truit, Mary Armstead, Barbara Mills, Elizabeth Allen, Hosea Chamberlain, and Sandra Hughes.

Education week at Johnson Junior Hi

The climaxing activity for American Education Week at Harvey Johnson Junior High School was an assembly program on Nov. 8.

The key speaker on the program was the dynamic Father Charles W. Fox, Vicar of St. Matthew Episcopal Church.

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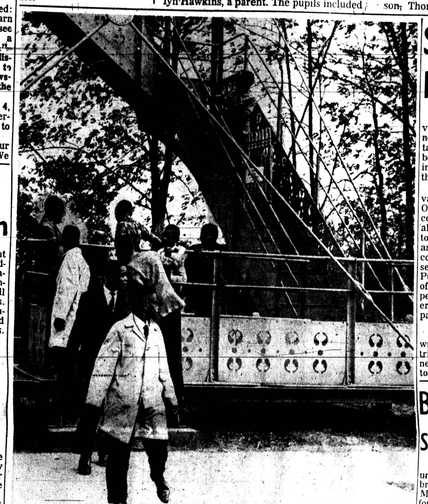
FATHER FOX RELATED experiences of his educational background and of the sources of inspiration, which caused him to return to high school in the 9th grade at the age of 20.

Speaking on the topic "Right Living in a Dizzy World," Father Fox developed a formula for living from words beginning with L-I-V-E. The Words were: lift, inner-self, vision and exercise.

The Girls Ensemble, under the direction of Miss Goldie Ford also appeared on the program.

Other pupils appearing were: Deborah Ellis, Karen Jackson, and Linda Baily.

Mr. Harrison Thomas is chairman of American Education Week Activities.



PUPILS VISIT GETTYSBURG: Members of the Fairmount junior High School, recently visited Gettysburg, Pa., scene of the historic Civil War battle, were taken on a guided tour, and viewed the spot where Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address. From left to right, in front, Ronald Pettis, Preston Halloway, Donald Pettis, Ervin Bailey, Vernon Waters, Ernest Davis, Samuel Rose, Randolph Linn, and Dorothy Scott on the steps.

Home committee plans lessons

The benefits of having a home away from home are legion. Homeroom teachers of the Cherry Hill Junior High School are doing a commendable job of instilling this feeling in their pupils through the homeroom guidance program.

The Homeroom Guidance Committee felt that it needed to know more about the problems peculiar to their school teachers on the faculty to find out what they felt needed to be emphasized periodically with the boys and girls.

Some of the problem areas were found to be: School loyalty, boy - girl relationships, school procedures, parliamentary procedures, personality development, voice control and speech habits, cleanliness and appearance, leadership and scholarship. Lesson plans were developed to cover each area.

The Homeroom Guidance Committee is composed of Nancy L. Arnez, chairman, Bernice Brown, Jerrelle Foster, Irving Green, Robert Griner, Albert James, Groman Joyner, Jessie Moulton, John Scott, Charlotte Shockley and George Yorkman. Those teachers represent a cross - section of the subject areas in the school.

James R. Hite is principal of the school.

The school reporter is Nancy L. Arnez.

Morgan women admitted to AAUW

Morgan State College has been listed among institutions approved for membership in the American Association of University Women, Dr. Martin D. Jenkins, Morgan State president, announced this week.

The 79 year - old association has a membership of more than 145,000 among its 1,400 branches in the 50 states, the District of Columbia and Guam. The Baltimore branch is located at 601 W. 40th St.

Douglass play slated

Douglass High School dramatics classes under the direction of Mrs. Mary West Jones will give "A Raisin in the Sun" by Lorraine Hansberry on Friday, Dec. 15 in the school auditorium.

44 Carver pupils present program

American Education week was celebrated appropriately at Carver Vocational - Technical High School on Nov. 8. Approximately 44 Carver students presented a well organized and beneficial program to the Carver Family.

The purpose of the assembly was to show the relationship between Carver's program and the topic "To Explore New Ideas."

Miss Stella Spears, was M.C. The panel consisted of Delores Parsons, Ronald Stokes, Maceo Cox, Hugh [illegible] and Emanuel Deese. Earl Adkins.

Following the initiation the men were honored at a banquet held at the McKeldin Student Union Building on the campus.

ANTHONY POWELL showed the contributions of the Art Department to the school program by a display of two portraits. Other participating on the program were: Robert Womack, Diana Braxton, Stella Brown, Norma Dean, Wilma Drummond, Vera Green, Patricia Harrington, Cynthia Wilkens, Juanita Yerby, John Lanir, Leroy Smith, and Donald Le Count.

The Home Economics demonstration was narrated by Lela Sledge. Participants were Edna Pitt, Elizabeth Whelchel and Edward Golder. Mable Armstrong served as narrator for the Cosmetology skit which included Loretta Wagner, Margaret Mackey, Martha Paisley, Brenda Lawson, Margo Downs and Joan Kersey. Elizabeth Hicks, Fayetta Clark, Veronica More, Vivian Cartwell and Cecilia Sherwood were participants in the Dressmaking demonstration narrated by Brenda Morris. William Falson, a band member, and Mr. Stone, the band instructor, participated on the program.

School No. 116 uses pupils' letters to fight vandalism

Letters to combat school vandalism are going out now from pupils of Elementary School No. 116 who have been shown the harm it does in community relations, and the money lost.

A school frequently hit by vandalism, School No. 116, Orleans and Aisquith St., recently began a program in all classes to educate pupils to appreciate their school and its relationship to the community and to create sentiment against vandalism. Pupils were also made aware of the cost of school property which means higher taxes to pay for their parents.

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THEN THEY set to work writing a letter to be distributed throughout their neighborhood, urging parents to help keep down school vandalism.

Excerpts from some of the letters follow:

Richard Powell, grade 5, asks parents to "watch out for vandals that are around our school."

Joyce Vinson, grade 5, calls on parents "If you see any vandals breaking in our school, call the police."

Linda Frazier, grade 5, tells parents damage of property is also "hurting you" who have to pay more taxes to replace it.

Deborah Dennis Lee, grade 5, makes a plea to parents, "Will you help us keep our school attractive?"

In addition to the letters, some classes have written creative poetry encouraging action against vandalism, others have composed songs; wood working classes have constructed window boxes, and posters.

An open letter and a bulletin of the school program was also mailed to parents.

Policemen and civic officials have been brought in to be interviewed by pupils as to what they can do to stem vandalism.

Breakfast in school

At the conclusion of their unit on a well - balanced breakfast, the chiltren of Mrs. Rose B. Williams' fourth grade at School 128 had a breakfast in school.

Children who participated were: Victor Beasley, Marvin Burke, John Coles, James Coombs, Roger Dorsey, George Felder;

Marvin Green, Joseph Henry, Larry Joynes, Rodney Ruffin, Major Smith, Joe Lee, Dennis Masbburn, Charles Matthews, Bernard Ruffin, Major Smith, Joseph Ward, Romeo Joyner;

Edna Arter, Carolyn Blake, Nadine Cox, Sonya Fortune, Deborah Holly, Mary Etta Hurel, Wilhelmina McMillan, Janise Nelson, Adrian Nicholson, Josephine Pugh, Janice Sowry and Deborah Trayers.

12 initiated

The Alpha Iota chapter of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity recently initiated 12 men into its ranks on the Morgan State College campus.

They are: Robert Bagley, Clarence McDonald, Ralph McCloud, Edward Davis, Allen Ward, Frank Sartor, Robert Jones, Leon Smalls, George Black, Robert Smith, Robert Smith, Lawrence Hughes, Emanuel Deese, Earl Adkins.

Open house held at Washington Junior Hi

Open house night at Booker T. Washington Evening Center was observed on Wednesday, Nov. 8. Friends of the pupils observed classes at work during the first period of the evening.

Afterwards, the guests assembled in the library where they were welcomed by the principal and officers of the Student Council. Then they were given a guided tour of the building by members of the Council.

Guests who registered included:

Blanch Russell, Venus Harris, Catherine Saunders, Ethel Chambers, June F. Gee, Carole D. Green, Ruby Booth, Rev. W. M. Brown, Rosetta Johnson, Barbara Dorsey, Rev. Otsego H. Anderson, Mrs. Mildred Armstrong, Edward L. Stephens, Ernestine Whitfield, Mr. and Mrs. Julius T. Cobb, George Chowning, Dorothy Boyd, Mary E. Wilson.

Frances Harley, Nancy Corbin, Mrs. M. Ryans, Lillie M. Hill, Christine Powell, Mrs. L. T. Kellum, Roosevelt Lertor, Cecil Callaway, Emma R. Campbor, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest C. Owens, Inez and Vanessa Johnson, the Rev. Edward Brown, and Mr. and Mrs. Hay Joslie.

Geraldine Delaney, Mrs. Patricia Taylor, Mrs. Dollie Walker, Mrs. Hazel H. Flemiqg, Mrs. Beryl Williams, club president; Mrs. Mabel Byrd, Mrs. Dorothy Atkins, Mrs. Mary M. Allen, Mrs. Vivian Barghardt, Mrs. Margaret J. Proctor, Mrs. Helen Baker, Mrs. Jacqueline Lewis, Mrs. Bernice Brown, Mrs. Marie L. Fraser, Mrs. Mae Campbell, Mrs. Janie Ford, Mrs. Vyna M. Skinter, Mrs. Alice M. Wilson, Mrs. Faye Costa, and Mrs. Louise Lamb.

New home dedication for Dr. and Mrs Martin Jenkins

A service of dedication marked the meeting of the Morgan State College Faculty - Trustee Wives Club, Nov. 19 at the home of President and Mrs. Martin D. Jenkins. The service was led by Reverend Howard Cornish.

Included among the guests who enjoyed this memorable evening were: Mrs. Beatrice Hurt, Mrs. Gaynelle Spaulding, Mrs. Sara A. Nix, Mrs. Althea S. Cornish, Mrs. Liliam O'Daniel, Mrs. Marian Myers, Mrs. Jean Turpin, Mrs. Dorothy Stanley, Mrs. Alice Wilson, Mrs. Ruth Hutcher, Mrs. Rebecca H. Davis, Mrs. Mary Cushing Nabrit, Mrs. Helen S. Toney, Mrs. Phyllis K. McKinney, Mrs. Dorothy Proctor, Mrs. Isabel McConnell;

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Pupils, parents get together for a week

National Children's Book Week recently held at the Coppin Elementary School, Mount St. and Riggs Ave. gave parents, children and books a chance to get together.

At various times parents had expressed a need for guidance in helping their children enjoy reading and in finding the right books for home reading.

This desire gave the schools a chance to invite the parents to a "Book Week program" in the school library in "How to Guide Your Child's Reading."

The Reading Enrichment Group, directed by librarian, Mrs. Helena Hall presented many types and kinds of literature required for a broad and deep experience in reading.

Books for each age level of elementary school children were presented in "chalk talks," flannel board illustrations, puppetry, dramatization, musical selections, and readings of original poetry.

Mrs. Hall emphasized home atmosphere as essential to a child's attitude toward reading.

Pupils who participated were: Faye Barrack, Bernadette Bascom, Lorna Brown, Clifton Coleman, Michelle Coleman, John Crosms;

Jacqueline Cross, Erselle Datcher, James Gaines, Gwendolyn Green, William Hackett, Deborah Holley, Guy Jackson, Gregory Johnson, Irvin Johnson.

Annette Lambson, Anita Mason, Celestine Robbins, Venable Scott, Cynthia Simms, James Sligh, Geraldine Timberlake and Sedgwick Williams.

Miss Dunson joins AF medical unit

Miss Linda H. Dunson, a 1961 graduate of Frederick Douglass High School left Baltimore last week for Lackland Air Force Base Texas, where she will enter the Air Force medical division.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Dunson and a niece of Miss Hazel Meyers, local teacher, with whom she resided at 2432 Eutaw Pl.

Dunbar students told about jobs

Nicholas K. Rice of Westinghouse - Baltimore Speakers Bureau told 100 students of Dunbar High School, Monday, some of the requirements and opportunities for professional and skilled employment in industry.

A 20-year veteran of the Westinghouse Corporation, Mr. Rice has also been a Baltimore City magistrate, and justice of the peace. Long active in youth work, he served in both church and boy scout activities.

The company's speakers bureau is made up of 42 speakers who will address civic, fraternal, school organization meetings, on a number of non-technical topics.