Concern shown over school lawlessness despite decline

Although lawlessness among school children shows a decline in 1961, disturbances after school and during school hours remain a problem of concern for school officials, teachers and parents.

The 1960 figures show that 68 persons were apprehended with 42 appearing in Juvenile Court, 14 in Municipal Court; 4 before the Grand Jury and 8 in Criminal Court.

Stepped - up efforts to apprehend offenders, produced 90 persons to appear in court in 1961 with 47 in Juvenile Court; 15 in Municipal Court; 5 before the Grand Jury and 23 in Criminal Court.

While more persons appeared in court last year than in 1960, it was pointed out that this was due to a more vigilant approach to the problem rather than a rise in incidents.

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AN AFRO survey of three city junior high schools, with an enrollment of more than 2,000 students, also shows a decline in incidents for the fall term.

However, the principals of the three schools disclosed that an unrecorded number of instances are not reported by children who are "afraid;" many cases are "elusive," and no special records are kept except when the case goes to court.

Nevertheless, an attitude of foreboding exists and, as one principal states, "you never know when a rash of disturbances will break out, you never know when the total will rise of a sudden."

The top reason for the occurrences is traced by the principals to "parents who have failed at home."

All three principals summarize the situation, which can present serious problems at times, as indicative of a nation - wide trend of "an era of lawlessness."

Speaking of those particular instances resulting in pupils ending up in court or in correction schools, one principal says:

"There seems to be a spirit of lawlessness in children today. This includes all children, regardless of race, regardless of the type of home from which they may come.

"Parental control is not what it used to be. Children are not taught to be law abiding. They have no fear of parental control."

Another principal states:

"I was no angel when I was a child and I know children will be children. But, I had respect for father and mother and authority.

"Some instances of lawlessness are alarming today. I would say this is an era of irresponsible parents. Some of them are apathetic.

"They have an attitude of 'why should I interfere with what happens in school?'

"It's everywhere — the apathy of citizens — with the result that some of the children of today, mostly those who end up in trouble, have never seen things in the right light.

"I feel sorry for these children, for, some of their parents are helpless, do not know what to do with their children and have no training for the job."

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WITH THE idea that each individual child's welfare is of importance to the school, a third principal states:

"It's the concern of all of us. The increase of lawlessness in the schools over a period of the last four or five years is obvious.

"I have been in the school teaching business for over 22 years. We have always had some disturbances. But, in the last few years there is an increase which should tell us something.

"Misbehavior of children in the public streets and in the schools should be accounted for by parents, the teachers, the church and the community in general."

INCIDENTS WHICH occur between children after the school may be classed in four general categories:

(1) Children approaching other children to ask for money. (The shake-down)

This action may result in fights with injuries ranging from minor to serious proportions. Also a result, is the theft of clothing, books, pens, watches, other belongings when money is not available.

(2) Children threatened placed in fear throughout a period of time ranging from a week to sometimes months.

This action involves so-called "gangs" or individuals, either adults or older children, from the same or other schools.

(3) Children assaulted. Actual victims of fights and violence.

Such events have as a background, jealousy, because of difference in economic status, so-called social status, "better marks," or "better looking," or simply "she thinks she's cute;" or the victim may be a member of another "gang" marked for the assault in so-called "Gang war."

(4) A general category of miscellaneous action such as upsetting garbage cans, breaking windows, other forms of vandalism in the neighborhood or at the school.

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IN THIS category falls the unauthorized visits young outsiders pay to the schools.

The procedure followed when complaints come in is (1) attempts to identify and apprehend the offender (2) find out if he is an "outsider," a pupil of the school or of another school.

(3) Call the police who are always on the alert for calls from various schools.

If the offender or offenders are enrolled in the particular school, the principal, vice - principal or counselors seek the aid of parents, attempt to solve the problem within the school.

If the offender or offenders are from other schools, the officials are notified.

In the cas of adults or persons not enrolled in any school, court action is taken, depending on the seriousness of the case.

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ONE SCHOOL has devised a "preventative method" which seems to work fairly well in reducing incidents.

Male teachers are stationed at various points along the streets leading away from the actual school grounds. Their duty is to keep the students "moving."

Another school instructs the pupils to "go straight home." However, a principal discloses that some children of working parents have no one to go home to, no duties to perform, return to the street, and cause trouble.

The school Safety-Patrols also serve to "keep the children moving" and keep an eye out for disturbances.

WITHIN the school, teachers are placed on cafeteria duty and on duty on the school grounds on pleasant days when pupils are allowed out of doors.

One principal sums up a method which may overcome the situation:

"If parents, teachers, church, school and community continue to work hard to teach the children the right thing, the day may come when we have law abiding youngsters who have respect for themselves and others."

Another suggests: "We must teach children to think constructively instead of destructively; to act constructively instead of destructively; to use their time in worthwhile activity."

A third principal gives this method: "Closer parental control is needed. Closer relationship between the school and the home is needed.

"The action of the court should be that an offender must pay for his misbehavior. There should be no suspended sentences when a youngster is found guilty.

"He should know that he has done wrong and will be punished. This will serve to show other youngsters they must be law abiding or else."

CONCERT PARTICIPANTS — When the Junior Missionary Society of the Mt. Olive AME Church of Annapolis sponsored its first public activity recently the school chorus of 120 voices of the Parole Elementary School was featured in a program of songs accompanied by and under the direction of its music teacher, Mrs. Irene Richardson. This is a segment of the chorus, which is considered one of the best - trained elementary school singing groups in Maryland. The Miller Trio of Washington, D.C., appeared on the program.

Dr. Fleming to speak at Hampton

Dr. G. James Fleming, professor of political science at Morgan State College, will be the Founder's Day speaker at Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va., Sunday, marking the 94th anniversary of the institution.

Dr. Fleming who is also director of Morgan's Institute for Political Education, is a 1936 graduate of Hampton's Academy. In 1948 he received the School's Alumni Distinguished Service Award.

Another Morgan faculty member is involved in similar activities of his alma mater is Dr. Clifton R. Jones, chairman of the Founder's Day arrangements for Virginia Union University, Richmond.

Dunbar students to hear science talk

An estimated 1,200 students at Dunbar High School will hear a talk at a school assembly March 8 on the challenges of medical research.

The event was arranged by the Heart Association of Maryland.

On March 7, an expected 400 young people at Carrollton Junior High School will be addressed on the same subject; the values of careers in medicine and health.

The talk at Carrollton will be given by Dr. Erwin Bondareff of the Department of Pediatrics, Baltimore City Hospitals. Dr. Benjamin Rush, assistant chief of surgery at City Hospitals will speak to the students at Dunbar.

Dr. Robert J. Wilder, chairman of the Research Careers Committee of the Maryland Heart Association, announced the engagements as part of a series of seven assembly programs at Baltimore area high schools on the subject of research.

Dr. Wilder said that the speakers will reach an estimated 4300 high schoolers before the current series ends early in March.

In addition to Drs. Wilder, Bondareff and Rush, other speakers are: Dr. Glen Lambert, Dr. Robert Freisinger and Dr. Philip David Zieve.

1100 students at Booker T. Washington School heard Dr. Wilder on January 17. Dr. Zieve spoke to 300 youngsters at Saratoga Junior High School, January 23.

Menus

Menu for schools beginning Feb. 5.

Monday — Grilled cheese sandwich, buttered string beans and tomatoes, mixed vegetables salad or glazed apples, peaches and ½ pint of milk.

Tuesday — Beef stew with vegetables, buttered cabbage, hot biscuits and butter, baked custard, and ½ pint of milk.

Wednesday.—Jr. submarine sandwich, potato salad, buttered peas, jello, and ½ pint of milk.

Thursday — Cheese meat loaf, oven brown potatoes, buttered carrots, hot roll and butter, fruit cup and ½ pint of milk.

Friday — Tuna fish salad on lettuce, pickles, chips, potato chips, garnish; buttered mixed vegetables, cinnamon sticks, tomato juice, saltines with peanut butter and ½ pint of milk.

Three company men to discuss job outlook

Representatives from three businesses in the Baltimore area will discuss "New Careers Outlook for Teenagers" at the City-Wide Youth Forum, YWCA Feb. 2, 7-9 p.m.

George Fulton, Westinghouse Electric Corporation; Theodore Elliot, Martin Marietta; William Schwabe and L. M. Detmer, Johns Hopkins Hospital, discuss jobs at their companies and other available jobs in the Baltimore area.

They will be questioned by a panel of teenagers from Baltimore schools; Melvin Ashe, Inez Durant and Leslie Simon, with Isaiah Fletcher, vocational services secretary of the Baltimore Urban League as moderator.

Sponsored by the Baltimore Urban League family life project, the YWCA and YMCA and the Me-De-So Wives, the forum runs thru May.

In the coming months the forum will discuss such topics as the proper work attitude, labor laws, social security, summer jobs and college scholarship grants, and racial discrimination to be faced in seeking a job.

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Talent program held at Cahill

The Cahill Recreation Center held its first talent night recently.

Chuck Richards, popular radio personality, was master of ceremonies. Approximately 175 persons attended.

The winners were:

The Web Tones Quartet, Chris Ross, pianist and Janice Johnson, interpretive dancer.

Other participating groups were: The Galores Quartet; Charles Smith, soloist; The Capertettes; the Cahill Steppers; the Teens Quartet; and Steven Ross, pianist.

Donald A. Millard is Center Director.

Webb Center plans March talent revue

The Chick Webb Recreation Center is planning a city wide talent revue on Friday, March 9, at 8 p.m.

All persons interested in performing are invited to contact Mrs. Delano Thomas by Tuesday, Feb. 20, at the Center, 623 N. Eden St., or through DI. 2-3660.

A tot's birthday party, for children from 5 to ten years old, was held recently at the Center. It was planned by Miss Rachel Lockett, leader. Forty children attended.

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THE WEBB Charmettes recently presented a fashion show at the Center. Participants were Carson models and included:

Dvorak Maddox, Terry Woods, Sandra Sharp, Theresa Smallwood, Ellen Hoskins, Brenda Carter, Paulette Smith, Rosita Carter, Florice Hearn and Carmen Carter.

Clarence Carter is the volunteer leader of this activity.

UN youths set China debate

The United Nations Youth of Maryland holds the second in their current series of debates at Johns Hopkins University's Levering Hall on Feb. 4 from 1 - 4 p.m.

The debate is entitled "Resolved: Red China should not be admitted to the UN"

Taking a position against admission will be Clifton Wharton of Morgan College; speaking for admission, Owen Edwards, Irish graduate student at Hopkins.

School budget shows 18-step salary scale

A school budget to provide enough money to attract further salaries presently being paid, and achieve an 18 - step basic salary scale from $4,500 to $7,800 for teachers with bachelor's degrees, was approved on Thursday by the Board of School Commissioners.

Mayor Grady's two new appointees to the board, J. Percy Bond and Jack Sweeney, attended their first meeting.

The scale also calls for two training wage differences of $300 for each year of professional study beyond the bachelor's degree.

The 1962 budget as adopted by the Board of Estimates and City Council, did not include sufficient money to put into full effect 1962 schedules previously adopted by the school board, and included in this year's budget request.

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SALERIES OF special substitutes will be gauged as to their experience and training. At each step they will be $300 less than elected teachers, and will not advance beyond the ninth step.

The superintendent's salary, fixed by action of the school board, will not exceed $25,000.

Salaries for assistant and deputy superintendents, fixed by action of the school board include $15,000-$18,500 for deputy superintendent; $13,000 - $18,500 for assistant superintendent in charge of business administration.

Other assistant superintendents will be paid $15,000 to $16,750.

The board approved the appointment of Mrs. Margaret A. Dick to special assistant at Gywnns Falls Park High School No. 91, where she was formerly a counselor.

In other action the board approved leaves of absence for Mrs. Anne M. Dickens, Leonidas Hyman, Mrs. Beulah Cassell, Mrs. Mary Chapple, Mrs. Mary Johnson, Mrs. Florence Owings and Mrs. Ruth Simmons.

Resignations were accepted from Valentino Buttarazzo, Mrs. Edith Gillespie, Mrs. Judith B. Katz, Mrs. Judith E. McCready, Mrs. Audrey Nusbaum, Mrs. Ida B. Prentis and Frances F. Saunders.

Also Mrs. Joanna F. Lipscomb, Mrs. Mary Tarntino and Max Rabinovitz.

Omega Wives honor 'Pearlie'

WASHINGTON

The Omega Wives of Washington will honor Mrs. Pearlie Pratlie Harrison at a dinner on Saturday Feb. 24 at Baldwin Hall, Howard University.

Mrs. Harrison made many friends in and out of the city through her column "Pearlie's Pratlie" which she penned for the Washington AFRO-AMERICAN for more than 12 years.

The Omega Wives, avid readers of Mrs. Harrison's column, and steady contributors always found Mrs. Harrison able to write an interesting story about any occasion or any person. Celebrities or just plain Jane Doe's all received the same careful treatment from Pearlie's pen.

Mrs. Mignon B. Johnson, heads the Omega Wives. Mrs. Ethel H. Oliver chairs the committee.

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Kindergarten gives program at School 160

The kindergarten classes of the Carter G. Woodson *School No. 160 presented their* devotional program in January. On the program were: Reginald Vaughn, John Harris, Renee Douglas, Daryl Spence Jerri Barnes, and Michele Johnson.

The teachers are Mrs. Agnes Smallwood, and Mrs. Geraldine Fowlkes.

A large group of girls are participating in "Y"-Teen activities such as bowling, swimming, games, roller skating, trips, arts and crafts and parties. Mrs. Dorothy Washington, advisor, meets with the girls on Tuesdays at the school on Saturdays at the YWCA.

Mrs. Curry's class presented a devotional program recently. Leonard Lee, presided. Stephanie Butler read the Bible. Ralph Rudd held the flag.

Sandra Hayes, Bruce Allen, Sylvia McCree and John McCain told about safe rules for winter fun.

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SCHOOL NO. 160's Gra-Y began three years ago.

Its members have increased from 8 to 30. The purpose of the Gra-Y is to help boys, not only to attain skill at sports activities but to instill those characteristics necessary to become worthwhile men of the community.

The yearly activities are: sports activities such as football, baseball, basketball, table tennis and volley ball.

Officers are Paul Carter, president; Atwell Palmer, vice-president; Carlton Carter, secretary, and Ronald Cutler treasurer.

Advisors are Edward Blanchard, Robert Wilson and Joseph Lee, chairman of activities at the Druid Hill Avenue Branch.

The Gra-Y members are: Samuel Graham, Carl Washington, Heywood Cuffie, Chester Jordon, Rodney McBride, Gerald Seiker, Michael Johnson, Larry Gordon, Frank Johnson, Otis Gee, Ronald Palmer, William Smith, Michael Mallory, Ernest Jefferey, Benny Thomas, Jerry Rouser, Harrison Dailey, Patrick Campbell, Jerry Cheek, Mazlone Caldwell, and Edward Thomas.

Brotherhood Week set at School 180

In keeping with this year's Brotherhood Week Theme: "Democracy Is Brotherhood in Action", at the Cherry Hill Junior High School, there will be four distinctively different activities in which pupils of varied abilities will participate.

For the display of creative aptitude there will be a contest focusing attention on ability in skit writing, essay writing, poetry writing, and the interpretation of the brotherhood theme through art and the dance.

Three assembly programs also are planned to augment the week's activities. On Tuesday, Feb. 20 and Wednesday, Feb. 21, the best creative efforts will be presented. On Friday, Feb. 23 there will be a special Brotherhood Week Assembly.

—School drop-outs

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The problem of dropouts mS who quit school two years ago, said when he advanced in grades, the work was too much for him So he quit.

He has held three jobs since leaving school, none offering him a chance to move up. His latest job is a busboy.

As for going back to school, he has no plans. But he says others should be told to go back.

Married, his wife has to work on two jobs to make ends meet.

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ONE OF the more important reasons youths quit school, according to William E. Jones, placement counselor, is the inability of underprivileged or culturally deprived pupils to adjust to school work and its demands.

They feel lost, become discouraged, fail, and finally quit when they reach the required age of 16 years.

Drop - outs look for work, but when there is none, they stand on corners, gather at others' homes to listen to records, or create disturbances at public events, basketball, football, or baseball games.

In so doing they degrade the community and present what Dr. James B. Conant, noted educators, calls "social dynamite."

The job for the schools is clear.

They must tailor curricula to fit the pupil's background, needs, and abilities, Mr. Jones explains.

The pupils themselves must be deeply interested in the importance of their education or lack of it.

Pointing up success stories of persons who have climbed to greatness in their field despite, culturally deprived backgrounds, helps potential drop-outs to realize the importance of education.

Such persons as Wilma Rudolph Ward, Dr. George Carver, or Leontyne P rice, are mentioned.

Parents, churches and community organizations can all encourage pupils to stay in school and, says Mr. Jones, "make progress."

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SIMPLY remaining in school is not enough, Mr. Jones explains. Pupils must strive to get as much education as possible to prepare for future jobs, and for college.

The effort to persuade colored to remain in school must be stepped up when racial discrimination in employment is considered as a potential bar.

Why should they continue schooling, colored youth complain, when they can't get a job after graduating.

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ON THE Eastside

By CHARLOTTE W. DOWNIE

Many of our livewire eastside clubs are getting off to a good start with their plans for the year.

Officers and members of the Royal Moon Beams Charity and Savings Club met with Ida Petty, vice prexy, at her charming home, 306 E. Lafayette Ave.

Members reported about the various projects completed in 1961 and immediately decided on several projects for the year 1962, Mrs. Viola Jones, president, presided.

One of their pet charities last year was the Anna Mae Hunter Home for the Blind. Each year the club makes a handsome contribution to this foundation.

For their annual trip, the Royal Moon Beams will go to Coney Island in July.

MEMBERS OF the group are Mesdames Jones, president; Petty, vice president; Alberta Barrett, recording secretary; Marie Smallwood, business manager; Sarah Scott, treasurer; Doretha Barnes, lady at arms; and Elsie Knight, financial secretary.

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ANOTHER ONE of our "live by doing" clubs is the Jolly Friends Charity Club Inc. The group was organized 27 years ago by Mrs. Alma Johnson.

It contributes to various clubs, the sick, blind and needy.

At Christmas time they give many baskets and money to destressed families.

Frances McGlotten has served as president for over 19 years. Members include Mesdames Lillian Perry, Edith Marshall, Peggy Jones, Beulah Addison, Alma Johnson, Ollie Leak and Connie Cartwright.

The Town Choir, under the direction of William Wright, will be presented in a recital at Waters AME Church on Sunday Feb. 4 at 5 p.m. for the benefit of Woman's Day.

Waters is located at Aisquith St. near Orleans. Mrs. Marjorie Oximey is chairman. Mrs. Eliza Nash, chairman. The Rev. W. B. Nash, pastor.

Remember also to attend the Youth Day Celebration to be held at Waters on Sunday, Feb. 11.

Guest speaker for the 11 a.m. session will be Dr. S. R. Cousin, president of Kittrell College.

At the 3 p.m. service, Mrs. Ether Jackson, district superintendent of the Baltimore Wesleyan Service Guild of Sharp St. Methodist Church, will be the speaker.

Highlight of the 6 p.m. Fellowship Hour will be the presentation of talented youth from around the city. President is Miss Shirley Thomas. Miss Evelyn Trusty is superintendent.

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OUR HONOR Class of the Week:

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OUR HONOR class of the week is the third grade class of Miss Lestrice Miles at School No. 149.

Miss Miles' students are studying about colonial Maryland. They are learning to compare the clothes, furniture, occupations, homes and the amusements enjoyed now as compared to colonial times.

The pupils are carrying on some of the activities engaged in by the colonists such as sewing and weaving.

Members of the class are: Robert Beauford, Reginald Bennett, Michael Blackwell, Gonzalee Bruce, Clarence Davis, Donald Debnam and Alexander Doose.

Carlos Edwards, Eric Harris, Tyrone Johns, Gregory Matthews, Cornelius Shepard, Gregory Smith, Terry Smith, Milton Walker, Abel Williams, Vivian Bailey, Marjorie Baxter and Jacqueline Boatwright.

Francinia Carrington, Delores Davis, Vanessa Griffin, Carolyn Hinton, Patricia Holly, Brenda Hursey, Phyllis Jefferson, and Machell Johnson, Rosie Jordon, Cheryl King, Dorothy Knight Adell McCalla, Rosalyn Morrison, Rene Perkins, Patricia Pittman, Jo Ann Price, Alice Scot, Diane Smith, and Nancy Toliver.

Edward L. Murray is principal and Miss Irma O. Dancy is vice principal.

NEIGHBORS, NOW HEAR THIS ... Be a volunteer at Provident Hospital.

Dynamic Ruth Tibbs, one of our Eastside up and coming young leaders, is the director of the volunteers. Mrs. Tibbs is asking all interested persons to get in touch with her at once.

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Johnnie Wilson, 1509 Chapel St., Feb. 7; Theodore Whitley, January 26; - 1617 E. Lanvale St.; Clyde Davis, 1911 Crystal Ave., Jan. 28; Janice Edwards, 1617 Llewellyn Ave., Feb. 11.

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REMEMBER TO send messages to cheer to our sick and shut-ins.

Mrs. Bertha Johnson, 2220 Lauretta Ave.; Mrs. Carrie Smith, 2204 Leigh Ave.; Mrs. Ella Stevens, 231 Patterson Park Ave.; Mrs. Estella Chester, 1426 E. Monument St.; Mrs. Lillian Mitchell, 1823 E. Chase St.; Mrs. Florence Nicholson, 1606 Grogan St.; James Fields, 2334 N. Eden St.; Eugene Muse, 1506 Ashland Ave.;

William Jenkins, 447 E. Lanvale St.; Mrs. Pearl Pack, 1734 Mulligan St.; Mrs. Annie Howard, 1029 N. Caroline St.; Mrs. Pauline Jenkins, 1120 N. Bond St.; Cato A. Stuart, 2307 Orem St.; Frank Brown, 2311 Poplar Grove St.; Mrs. Bernice Redwine, 906 McKean Ave.; Ollie O. Smith, Bar Wil Ba Convalescent Home.

Mrs. Bertha Woolford, 1741 E. Preston St.; Mrs. Aurelia Parker, 910 E. Lanvale St.; Mrs. Janie Westly, 2537 Brookfield Ave.; Mrs. Mary Taylor, Johns Hopkins Hospital; Mrs. Viola Ceaphas, Johns Hopkins; Mrs. Florence Small, Siani Hospital; Mrs. Maude Lindsey, Siani Hospital; Mrs. Annie Harris, Box 26, Severn Md.; Frank Phillips, 2047 N. Bentalou St.

Experts to push mental programs

An all - out educational attack for mental health, the nation's and Maryland's number one health problem, has been planned for February 8 by the Maryland Association for Mental Health.

Participants in this program include Governor J. Tawes, Maryland's legislators, international psychiatrist, Dr. William C. Menninger, television personality, Miss Jayne Meadows, recognized Maryland authorities in the medical and social welfare fields, community organizations, individual citizens.

Dr. William C. Menninger, president of the Menninger Foundation in Topeka, Kansas, will address the Joint Assembly of the Maryland legislature in Annapolis on February 8 at 2:30 p.m.

An afternoon workshop, with Miss Jayne Meadows (Mrs. Steve Allen) as keynote speaker, will be conducted at St. John's College in Annapolis from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

League of Women schedules luncheon

The League of Women Voters of Baltimore City will holds its annual Legislative Luncheon on Feb. 13 at 12 noon at St. Anne's Church, Annapolis. The entire Baltimore City delegation to the State Legislature has been invited to attend the luncheon at which time Dr. Carl N. Everstine, director of the Department of Legislative Reference, will be honored.

Public Places Open To All

BALTIMORE MUSEUM OF ART, Wyman Drive and 32rd St.; Wednesday through Saturday, 10 - 5 p.m.; Tuesday, 2 - 5 p.m.; and 8 - 11 p.m.; Thursday 10 - 5 p.m.; and 7 - 10 p.m.; Sunday, 2 - 6 p.m.; closed every day Monday; special exhibits: Parade of the past. French nineteenth century prints. Recent photographic accessions. Artist craftsmen of Eastern Europe;- Sales and Rental Gallery mid-winter show. Ornament prints.

PEABODY INSTITUTE, 17 East Mount Vernon Pl.; Daily 9-5 p.m.; closed on Sunday; special exhibits, "Calligraphy and handwriting in America."

WALTERS ART GALLERY, Charles and Centre Sts., Monday, 11-5 p.m.; Tuesday through Saturday, 11-5 p.m.; Sunday 2 - 5 p.m. Permanent display, Story in Medieval art through Jan. 7. Permanent display. Art and history of civilization, from the ancient empires of Mesopotamia and Egypt to Europe in the Nineteenth Century. Opened Saturday— "Ivory and boxwood"— Exhibit of boxwood statuettes. Through Feb. 25.

MOUNT CLARE, Carroll, Park and Monroe St., daily, 11 - 4 p.m.; Closed Monday; admission 50 cents.

Mary in the Civil War through April.

FLAG MUSEUM HOUSE, Albermarle and Pratt Sts., Tuesday through Saturday, 10 - 4:30 p.m.; Sunday, 2 - 5 p.m.; closed Monday; admission 50 cents. Relics of 1812.

MORGAN STATE COLLEGE, Carl Murphy Fine Arts Center, daily 9 - 5 p.m.; works by art students. Perception and visual expression; Murphy Fine Arts Center, Jan. 14 - Feb. 4.

PEALE MUSEUM, 225 North Holliday St.; Tuesday through Saturday, 10:30 - 4:30 p.m.; Sunday, 1:30 - 5:30 p.m.; closed Monday; special exhibit, Album of Baltimore's Volunteers—story of early firefighters. Architectural ideas. Gallery of American Heros.

ENOCH PRATT LIBRARY, Cathedral and Franklin Sts.; Weekdays, 9 - 9 p.m.; Saturday, 9 - 5:30 p.m.; closed Sunday; Special exhibition; Dr. Benjamin Quarles' book on the colored man's role in the American Revolution, now in display until Feb. 15. Also displays of books by other local writers.

Plates showing architectural details, from ancient Egypt to Renaissance Italy. Pimlico branch: Paintings by Hilda Kunstadt, through Feb. 19.

FINE ARTS GALLERY, 903 Cathedral St., Monday and Thursday, 4 - 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 2 - 6 p.m.; contemporary paintings by Peggy Holloway and Charles Giddings, through Feburary.

GALLERY ONE, 7 West 25th St., Wednesday through Friday, 12 - 4 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 7-10 p.m.; Sunday 2-5 p.m. Christmas show of prints, printings and cards.

DONALDSON M. CLEVELAND MEMORIAL GALLERY, Arts Center McDonogh High School, open Monday through Friday, 9-5 p.m. evenings by appointment. Paintings by E. Corey Kennedy.

SIX REALISTS GALLERY, 817 N. Charles St.; Tuesday through Saturday, 11 - 4 p.m.; Thursday, 1 - 10 p.m.; Sunday, 3 - 6 p.m.; closed Monday. Joseph Sheppard: Recent paintings through Jan. 31.

EVERGREEN HOUSE FOUNDATION, 4545 North Charles St., Monday through Friday, 2 - 5 p.m., through Nov. 15. Christmas exhibition of dolls and books through January.

BALTIMORE ZOO, open daily 10 - 5 p.m.

Mr., Mrs. Green mark anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Green of 921 N. Bentalou St. will have been married 14 years on Saturday.

The couple, parents of three children, will celebrate the anniversary with a party on Sunday.

Mrs. Green is the former Miss Catherine Atkins.

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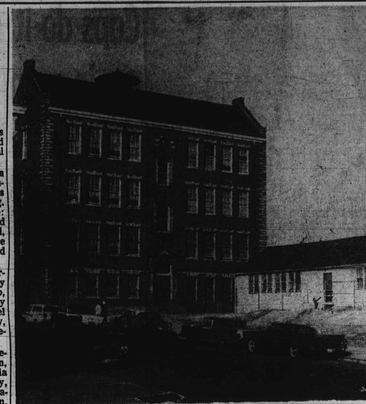

Fort Worthington School

Population	2,140
Built For	624
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Fort Worthington School sees another crowded year

Fort Worthington Elementary School No. 85, Lakewood Ave., and Oliver St., is the most overcrowded school in Baltimore with 2140 pupils jammed into 26 classrooms and eight additional portable units, and it's likely to remain so at least for another year.

Originally built to house 624 pupils, the school now has some 1,500 in excess of that number. The portable units which house 414 pupils, were moved there from Gardenville Elementary and Cherry Hill Elementary Schools.

But what principal Harold M. Galperin would like to stress in this overcrowded school, as in all others over the city, "the pupils are being short-changed on their education."

The sixth grade, totaling 236, is the only school class on a full - day. The kindergarten class of 315 attends. school half a day.

This leaves 1,589 pupils in the first through the fifth grade who get only four-hours schooling daily.

In a year's time these pupils are cheated out of more than a month's education. Irony in this situation, for as

THERE IS also a rate of Mr. Galperin says, "As well as our pupils do on a four-hour day, they would do much better on a full-day."

For the 58 teachers it take to staff the classes, Mr. Galperin called them, "a young eager interested and dedicated group of teachers."

The PTA also drew praise from the principal. Performed with his coming three years ago, it has grown progressively larger.

Speaking for the association, its president, Mrs. Gloria Farrar, a teacher herself, said:

"You can tell they are interested by the extremely well attended meetings, usually between 400-500 parents.

"They are willing to do anything that will help."

Thus far to help, parents have donated to the school a vision testing set which they operate themselves, and two portable television sets used in teaching. The population for the school is drawn from as far away as ten blocks. Morning classes run from 8:20 to 12:20, and in the afternoon, from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

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HOWEVER BOTH teacher shifts are required to spend an additional fifth hour in activities of some kind. These may be clay molding, tutoring, or club activities. Summing up the situation, Mr. Galperin declared:

"You can take a picture of any classroom in the school and what you will see is a teacher and pupils.

"What you will fail to realize is that each room is used daily by two teachers with two different classes."

The school may get some relief on the west side from its overcrowding condition from the Collington Square Pak School, Patterson Park Ave. and Oliver St., scheduled to open in 1963.

"But," says Mr. Galperin, "The Collington school will not give us a great deal of relief. It's planned to relieve Patrick Henry Elementary No. 37 and Samuel F. B. Morse Elementary No. 99."

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BOTH TEACHERS and pupils assist in the school - wide safety program so necessary in an overcrowded condition.

Within the building, organized safety council s i x grade pupils and teachers direct pupil traffic through the school; an intercom system connects the main building with the portables; an automatic fire alarm system runs throughout the main building and portables, a n d fire extinguishers are mounted in both the main building and portables.

In addition, 20 fire drills, both announced and unannounced, are called during out a school year; air raid drill is practiced once monthly; a nurse in on duty four days weekly; a doctor visits the school on Thursday afternoon, and periodic office bulletins emphasizing safety, are distributed.

Five phones strategically placed in the school, are kept open constantly to receive emergency orders from the central office of an alert call, practice air raid for all schools, or emergency school closing.

Outside, crossing guards and local police aid pupils across the street and keep the ground clear of disturbances.

Finally, the school gets extreme co - operation from parents in the neighborhood who alert office to community needs and safety measures.

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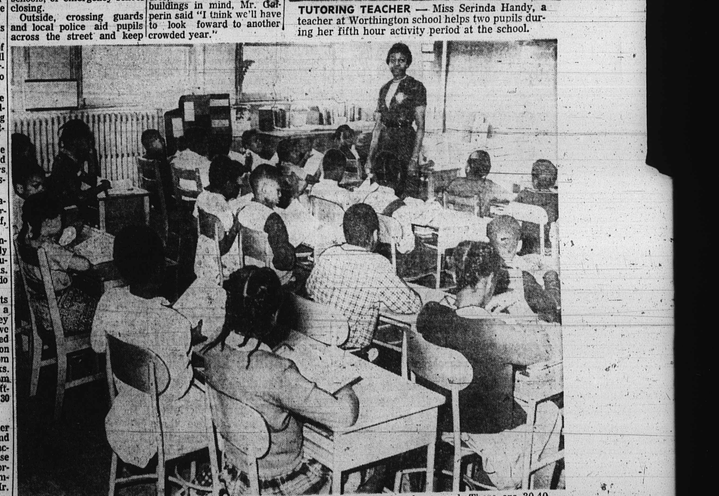
AN ADDITIONAL measure of transporting children to No. 229, 1101 Winston Ave., was tried, but laments Mr. Galperin, "We have so many children involved, it doesn't help very much."

However now on the drawing board for 1964 to ease the problem is a new building to be constructed at Kenwood Ave. and Oliver St., according to Director of Facilities, Amos Chlada.

Bearing the same name, the new school will stand next to the old one, and will have an auditorium, cafeteria and gymnasium, centrally located for both schools.

Mr. Chlada said the department is also interested in a piece of land on Gilmor St., and Lakewood Ave. to build a primary unit to house the kindergarten and first grade. However, comes the fall of 1963, with these planned buildings in mind, Mr. Galperin said "I think we'll have to look foward to another crowded year."

TUTORING TEACHER — Miss Serinda Handy, a teacher at Worthington school helps two pupils during her fifth hour activity period at the school.



TYPICAL CLASSROOM of the 28 at Fort Worthington school, is filled to capacity, as teacher, Mrs. Thelma Tucker, fourth-grade, leads class in a discussion of what they have read. There are 30-40 pupils to a room, some even more.

Albany boycott forces transit out of business

ALBANY, Ga. — Cities Transit, Inc., was forced out of business Thursday after colored passengers "just stopped ri