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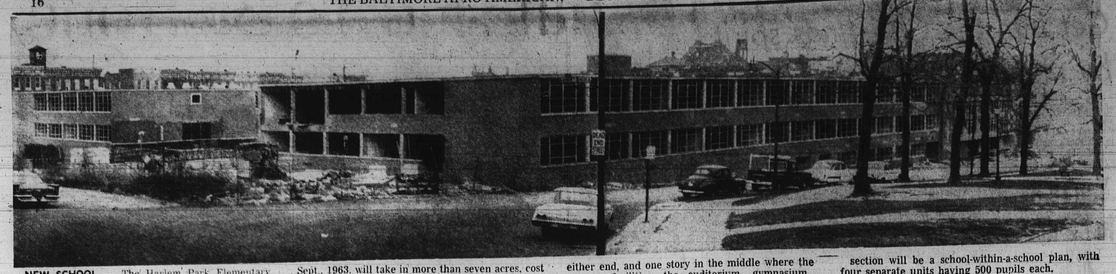

NEW SCHOOL — The Harlem Park Elementary Junior High School, Gilmor St., and Harlem Ave., to be complete in June, 63, opening for classes in Sept., 1963, will take in more than seven acres, cost some $5 million, and enroll more than 2,800 pupils. The "H" shaped building will be three stories on either end, and one story in the middle where the common facilities, the auditorium, gymnasium, cafeteria and library are located. The Junior High section will be a school-within-a-school plan, with four separate units having 500 pupils each.

W. SCOTT DAVIS, the Yonkers, N. Y., lawyer, who complained that he was forced to subsist for five days nude in a dungeon on bread and water at Eastview Prison, was interviewed by the 23 members of the Westchester County grand jury Wednesday. Scott was convicted Oct. 31 for mishandling money of clients.

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WHO'S WHO AT MORGAN — pictured are 14 of the 21 Morgan State College students who have been elected to **Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, 1962-63.** They are, first row, left to right: Beverley Jackson, Phila., Dennis Fisher, Balto., Julia M. Hansen, St. Croix, Virgin Islands; Rudolph Norton, Greenville, S.C.; Katherine Ruffin, Waverly, Va. Second row: Carolyn May, Jamaica, W.I. Third row: Curtis Smothers, Ellen Dixon, Balto.; B. McKinley Hackett, Hurlock, Norma S. Brown, James G. Dashiell Jr., Balto. Not shown are Russell Binion, Detroit, Reginald Lewis, Balto.; Gregory Miller, St. Croix, Virgin Islands; Joel McLeod, Wash., D.C.; Barbara Quinton, Salisbury, and Lyle G. Roberts Jr., Balto.

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Sightless Morgan student is elected to 'Who's Who'

A 21-year-old Baltimorean who has learned to master the world he cannot see has been selected for recognition in the national directory that cites outstanding collegians, "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

Dennis Fisher, a junior English major at Morgan State College, earned the national honor by being an egghead, an athletic champion, a devotee of the arts, a student leader and an all-round regular fellow.

Sightless since childhood when an unsuccessful operation to remove a cataract that had impaired his vision since birth brought total blindness, Fisher has maintained an honor average ince coming to Morgan.

His cumulative average is 3.5 out of a possible 4.0. He has earned as high as 4.0 — the maximium — for a semester's work.

In addition, he is vice president of the English Club, chief justice of the Dormitory Court, the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association's 130 - pound wrestling champion, a Student Government Senator and a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

He was pledged to Promethean Dappa Tau, the freshman honor society, when he entered Morgan.

Dennis has studied at Morgan as a Trustee Scholar, a Vocational Rehabilitation Scholar and as an Emmanuel Chambers Scholarship awardee.

He attended the Maryland School for the Blind and Baltimore City College, from which he was graduated the fifty-fourth ranking student in a class of 599.

He is the son of local disc jockey Kelson Fisher.

Twenty other Morgan students have been slected to share the national honor of being cited in the publication which annually recognizes students who have made outstanding contributions to their campus communities.

Others elected to Who's Who were: Calvin H. Allison, senior economics major from Jamaica, West Indies; Russell Binion, business administration major, honor student, track and football S. Brown, English honor major, Baltimore; James G. Dashiell, Jr., psychology, and Ellen Dixon, English, both from Baltimore; B. McKinley Hackett, mathematics honor student from Hurlock, Md.;

Also Julia Hansen, **modern languages major, St. Croix, the Virgin Islands, and "Miss Morgan for 1962-63:" Beverley E. Jackson, biology major and Joyce A. Johnson, home economics, both from Phila., Pa.; Reginald Lewis, history honor major and Student Government President from Baltimore; Joel E. McLeod, Jr., mathematics major from Wash., D.C.**

Also, Carolyn J. May, physical education honor student, Baltimore; Gregory E. Miller, business administration major, St. Croix, the Virgin Islands; Lorraine Morgan, mathematics honor student, Baltimore; Rudolph Norton, science education major, Greenville, S.C.; Barbara A. Quinton, biology honor student, Salisbury, Md.; Lyle G. Roberts, Jr., political science major, Baltimore; Katherine D. Ruffin, health education, Waverly, Va.; Robert S. Smith, major in mathematics, Baltimore; and Curtis R. Smothers, a policical science major from Baltimore.

Morgan chapel dedicated to Bishop Love's mother

The board of trustees of the Morgan College Corporation has voted to name the chapel of the Morgan Christian Center in memory of the late Susie Carr Love, first woman graduate of the college, in 1888.

Mrs. Love was the wife of the late Rev. Julius Love, a member of the Washington Conference of the Methodist Church for 51 years.

Of their seven children, five grew to maturity, and included a daughter who was a school teacher; two sons who were lawyers in West Virginia; a doctor in Kansas City, Kansas, and a bishop of The Methodist Church.

The prelate is Bishop Edgar A. Love, who is head of the Baltimore Area of his denomination. He will preside over the session of the Washington Annual Conference next June when the chapel will be dedicated in memory of his mother.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.—Two Gibbs Junior College teachers, Mrs. Margaret Arnold and Miss Jewel Merchant, were among the more than 3,000 attending the National Council of Teachers of English meeting at Miami Beach recently.

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Dr. Logan will speak at U of Md.

Dr. Rayford W. Logan, chairman of the Howard University history department, will speak on "Pan-Africanism: Myth or Reality?" on Tuesday in the Student Union at the University of Maryland.

Dr. Logan's speech is sponsored by the University of Maryland history honorary society, Phi Alpha Theta. He is the author of several books and articles on history and a former editor of both the Journal of History and the Historical Bulletin.

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CORE staging state-wide sit-ins

CORE will continue its demonstrations Saturday against segregated public accommodations in Maryland with a state-wide series of sit-ins.

Sit - in and picket teams will hit restaurants all along Route 40 to the Baltimore City line, in Westminster, Baltimore County and "possibly in Aberdeen as well," a CORE official said.

Some 200 demonstrators are expected to take part in the multi - pronged nonviolent protests against continuing racial discrimination in Maryland.

SAN FRANCISCO — Former newsman Sp. 5 Conrad Clark is back in the States following a 14-month tour of duty in Korea. After a week on the West Coast, he will fly East for a few days in Washington, Baltimore and NYC before reporting to Fort Monmouth, N. J.

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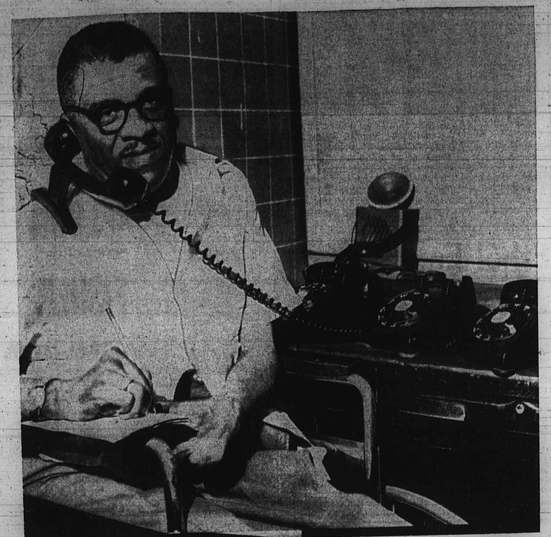

TRIUMPH — Joseph R. Pratt, polio paralytic, takes calls for client in office he has also converted into an amateur radio station.

By GEORGE W. COLLINS

Most of Joseph R. Pratt's waking hours are spent in a tiny room at 728 N. Carey St.

To an outsider the room could easily be a prison where its helpless captive watches the days pass in loneliness, with little anxiety to see a tomorrow that promises only more of the same.

But to Mr. Pratt, the room is anything but a prison because he has the raw courage, determination, and heart of a young man on the move—UP!

Mr. Pratt is a HAM (amateur radio operator) and operates a telephone answering business.

Measured against normal standards of achievement, Mr. Pratt's feats could go unnoticed with justification.

But viewed in the arena of the endless human struggle against handicaps, his achievements take on mountainous proportions.

MR. PRATT is a paralytic.

Since 1935 the only legs he has known have been a wheel chair. When he was stricken with polio, the Salk and Sabin vaccines were mere dreams.

His body and muscles were left twisted and gnarled, and even now, the mere act of picking up a pencil and writing is a major triumph.

But Joe does much more than write because long ago he made a decision:

"While lying in the hospital for nearly four years, I was determined to get used to the way I am because I knew I would be that way for the rest of my life.

"I also knew that we were poor and I had to learn to do what had to be done."

Joe said he was stricken when he was 18, a typical teenage boy who loved to play sports and follow other pursuits that capture the imagination of the young at heart and body.

THE SHOCK of the sudden realization that he would never walk again was a heavy blow, he recalled this week.

But being a firm believer in the axiom that nothing is all bad, Mr. Pratt feels he was fortunate even in the face of tragedy.

"I was lucky enough to be hospitalized with elderly persons who were chronically ill.

I was the youngest patient on the ward, but it was a great help in getting me conditioned for a new life."

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Part of his new life would include becoming an amateur radio operator. Joe decided while he lay helpless in City Hospitals, listening to conversations between HAMS on a short wave radio in the ward.

When he was released from the hospital in 1939 — "still helpless" — his desire said "yes," but economics said "no.

My father died two months after I was stricken," he said, "and when I came home my mother had to work because we had to eat. So you see there wasn't money for radio equipment."

For the next 14 years, Joe's dreams of becoming a HAM remained just that — a dream.

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BUT IT wasn't an empty dream.

While waiting for it to become a reality, Joe taught himself the Morse Code. His proficiency was rewarding. Soon he was teaching other aspiring HAMS.

As a token of their appreciation and a symbol of admiration, his former students and fellow radiomen in 1954 pooled their resources and purchased a used receiver and transmitter for Joe.

In 1953, he qualified for a license as a novice HAM. A year later, the Federal Communication Commission certified him as a full fledged amateur radio operator.

To fellow HAM's around the world he is W3ZCK. Among his records of acknowledged conversations are cards from:

Nicaragua, Netherlands, Switzerland, Germany, Italy, Morocco, Northern Rhodesia, Iceland, Puerto Rico, Scotland, Panama, Argentina, Venezuela, Bulgaria, Finland, Cuba, Denmark, Peru, Virgin Islands, San Salvador.

In addition he has maintained constant contact with members of the fraternity in most of the 50 states, including Alaska and Hawaii.

What do they talk about?

"Well, we talk of anything that's not political or controversial," Mr. Pratt said.

"The weather, who we are, what we do, where we live, customs, and about anything you'd discuss with your neighbor are topics of our conversations," the HAM said smilingly.

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MORSE CODE is still the main method of communication among HAMS, but transmitters and receivers are equally popular, he said.

Despite the marvels of electronics, however, Mr. Pratt said transmitters and receivers have one handicap—language barriers.

"But it's surprising how many people in foreign countries speak English," the HAM said.

A contributing factor, he thinks, is the large number of American service men strung out around the world, many of whom themselves are HAMS.

Joe is careful to point out that while these international and domestic tete-tetes are the sources of endless enjoyment, they do little to keep the proverbial wolf from the door. Hence the need for finance.

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"I KNOW that I will have to live with the fact that I can never be completely independent physically. It woud be much easier though if I could find a bit of financial independence," he said.

Joe's mother, Mrs. Mae Pratt, is ill and confined to bed. They share quarters with a family friend, Mrs. Elvira Carter, who operates a sandwich shop and dry cleaning business. ("We have been here 21 years") A sister, Mrs. Jennie Grose, lives at 2021 McCulloh St.

The radio operator said he dropped out of school after reaching the 10th grade at the old Douglass High School.

"At that time a widowed mother needed all the help she could get," he said while explaining why he was forced out of school.

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A YEAR ago, he opened up a telephone-answering service.

To date "the business can't be described as a howling success," Mr. Pratt said.

The major reason, he feels, is "I'm unable to advertise. Advertising takes money and right now, money is something I don't have a lot of."

But with the courage, hope, and fighting spirit that helped him triumph over adversity, Mr. Pratt looks to the future with confidence:

"I can take care of the phone from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. or 12 midnight, if necessary. All I want is a chance!"

Here, the AFRO joins Mr. Pratt in his plea for a chance.

Individuals and firms who make use of answering service can gladden the heart of a stout - hearted young man by calling LA. 3-7558.

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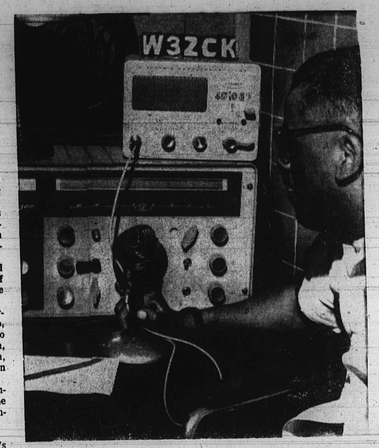

AN EVENING'S CHAT — Mr. Pratt, an amateur radio operator, simulates an evening's call to fellow HAM, who could be around the corner or around the world.

Truly Unique Toys For 107 Children

PACKING CHRISTMAS GIFTS — Mrs. Louise W. Green, packs animals carved from soap into boxes. The carvings will be given to children at Provident and Kernan Hospitals at Christmas.

Young patients at Provident and Kernan Hospitals are in for an unusual treat this Christmas, thanks to Mrs. Louise W. Green and her soap carvings.

Mrs. Green of 1619 Preston St., started last Christmas carving little soap images of various types of animals.

Her original plan was to have 50 of these figures ready to give to children patients at Provident Hospital this Christmas.

Before she realized it, Mrs. Green said she had carved over 50, and decided to keep going.

She then checked the bed capacity of Provident and Kernan Hospitals and finally made 107 carvings, to be divided between the two.

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EXPLAINING WHAT inspired her to begin the project, Mrs. Green said:

"I read in the paper last year of a lady who knitted over 200 mittens for needy children."

Showing the clipping she had taken from the paper, Mrs. Green continued:

"So I thought that there was perhaps something I could do too. That's when I got the idea to make these soap carvings."

MRS. GREEN stated that she became interested in the art 22 years ago.

"At the time, I was working at the Dunbar Playground, as an instructor of arts and crafts," said the Social Security clerk.

"Mr. Samuel Irby, who now lives in New York, was also an instructor there, teaching boys how to make wood carvings. I asked him to teach me.

Since then, continued Mrs. Green, "I have been carving all kinds of things, such as animals, birds, and flowers."

In practically every room in her home are samples of her craftsmanship.

Mrs. Green displayed a beautifully carved Bible about 4 x 6 inches, and made from 12 large cakes of soap.

Inscribed upon its pages was the Lord's Prayer. In the center, representing a marker, was a gold ornament with ten circles, each having one of the Ten Commandments.

A TRUE ARTIST, Mrs. Green, traveling on the train, the bus, in her office while on a break, and at the beauty parlor.

"Last summer," said the pleasant-natured artist, "I went down to Florida by train. I carved my little soap images all the way down and back.

Several people asked me to sell one or two to them. But I usually gave them away."

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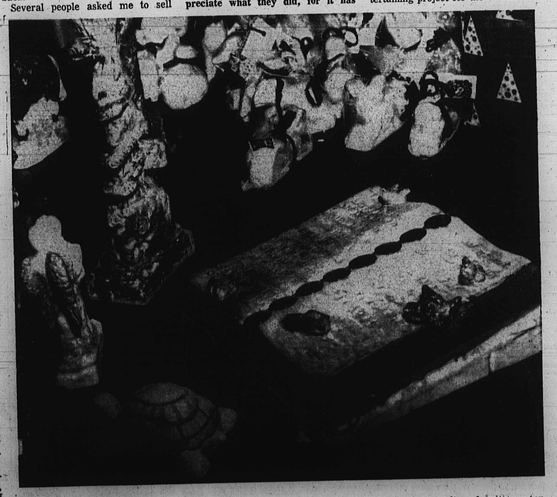
ESTIMATING THAT she has carved more than 1,000 soap images over the past 22 years, Mrs. Green says she has given most of them away, except for the approximately 150 she has around the house.

"Some of my co-workers at the office contributed soap, money and wrapping material. And I really appreciate what they did, for it has taken a little more than 107 large cakes of soap to make these images," she said of her planned gift to the hospitals.

Among the 30 different types of animals Mrs. Green carved for the hospitalized children are bears, goats, turtles, sheep, fish, cats and dogs.

Mrs. Green stated that she did not paint the carvings because she thought this task would make an entertaining project for the children.



BIBLE CARVED OF SOAP — Twelve blocks of soap were tooth-picked together, softened with water until they could be molded into one cake then Mrs. Louise W. Green, using only a pen knife, carved the Bible above. In the background are other animals carved from soap that Mrs. Green will present to children in hospitals at Christmas.