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taries, Mrs. Marie Gibson, treasurer. Members who are assisting with tickets are Mrs. Catherine Colburn and Mrs. Anita Scott.

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PEREGRINATORS: A note from Dorothy Lee Davis, who was in Germany when the message was posted, says she has been having the time of her life traveling around Europe this summer. She spent a week or two in Stuttgart with her daughter, Gloria, and grandchildren, Mike and Theresa, having arrived just in time to witness the promotion of her son - in-law, Obie D. Robinson, to the rank of major. At the nonce she was headed to paris.

Herbert Frisby, who was at Frobisher Bay, Baffin Island, N.W.T. Canada, last week gave his family the thrill of their lives when Annie (Mrs. F.) picked up the phone to hear his voice on the other end, Thursday . . . and luckily, all the children, including Russell, Sr. and Kathryn, Russell, Jr. and Janet Thomas of Philadelphia were home at the time to participate in the conversation.

Laurie G. Parker is recovering nicely from the illness which beset her while visiting relatives, the Thomas Whites in Amityville, N.Y. in July. The Whites, who here this week, were accompanied by their daughters, Jacqueline and Jerilyn. They are en route to Washington to enroll Jacqueline in Howard University.

Maria Clark left this week, for Birmingham, Ala. to visit with relatives . . . then on to Nashville, Tenn., on the 13th, to continue study at Tennessee State University.

Keiffer Mitchell (son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence (Juanita) Mitchell, left Wednesday for Nashville. He will begin the study of medicine at Meharry Medical College this semester.

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THE OLD TIMERS, a club composed of men who spent their childhood and teen-age years in East Baltimore, had themselves a time when they got together for their fifth annual stag party in the Halethorpe Community Center, recently.

They even arranged a program of their own, including barbershop quartette singing (Alonzo Stevenson, James Thomas, Samuel Ray and Lawrence Blake) demonstrations in tap dancing (Daner Bedford); the charleston (Sanford Maddox); the twist (William Lewis).

Paul Chester heads the group. Melvin Roy is secretary, and other members include:

Allan Knight, Curtis Laney, Lawrence Lee, William E. Lewis, William Lewis, Eugene Magruder, Ernest McGee, Whitfield Moore, Sammy Morris, James Meyers,

Joseph Murdock, William Owens, Roland Pinkney, Charles Ray, Howard Redd, Bernard Reed, Wadsworth Robinson, Orange Robinson, Leonell Rouse, Edward Schley,

Charles Scott, Philip Shearill, William Simmons, Anderson Skerritt, James Stanbury, Alonzo Stevenson, Leonard Stokes, Aaron Stanley, Rodney Talley, James Thomas, Charles Thompson,

Edward Thompson, Joseph Thompson, Milton Taylor, Milton Thompson, Ernest Threat, William Thrower, Cornelius Trent, Rudy Tyrell,

Norris Tynes, Paul Wainwright, John Ward, Daniel Waters, Howard Watts, Vernon Watts, Walter White, Edward Williams, Charles Wilson,

Oscar Winfield, George Wise, Creston Woingust, Thomas Wood, Robert Butler, Charles Moore and H. S. Street.

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LABOR DAY weather was ideal for cookouts. Janet and Alfred Woolridge, had a relaxing one on the lawn of their spacious Edgewood Rd. home.

About were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cephas and son, Charles; Mr. and Mrs. William Garner, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Brown, and son, Michael; Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Woolridge and son, Garry; Dr. and Mrs. Edward McDaniels;

Also Mr. and Mrs. Royal Weaver and son, Kenneth; Dr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Proctor; Mr. and Mrs. Gene Neal of D.C., and daughter, Vondalee; Robert Burkett; Miss Yvette Myers; Little Misses Denise and Jan Newbold; Marie, Benjamin and Rachael Phillips.

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THE NIGHT before (Sunday) the Charles Hillens (Gwen), turned the clubroom of their Warwick Ave. home into an Hawaiian luau, with lanterns, lei, multi-colored balls et al.

Mrs. Hillen, who has great culinary talent, charmed her guests with Hawaiian dishes.

Assorted fruits in a watermelon dominated the table. Alongside: assorted fruit in pineapple halves. Hawaiian salad and Hawaiian turkey served on rice, rounded out the menu.

Occasion was the Hillens' 22nd wedding anniversary.

Helping them celebrate were: Clifton and Ethel Murray, Bea and David Wright, Leo and Hattie Hillen, Rudolph and Marylou Redd, Bettye Phillips, Margaret Stewart, Hollis Posey, Alonzo Moss, James Wesley, and Natalie Parr.

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM L. FENDER celebrated the 50th anniversary of their marriage, in Baltimore, recently. At a second ceremony in their home were, left to right: the Rev. L. A. Dyson, minister of St. Matthews Methodist Church, who officiated; the Rev. Joseph Campell of Wilmington, Del., Mr. and Mrs. Fender, and Mrs. Joseph Campbell, who, with her husband, were attendants.

CORRECTION

A story appearing in a recent issue of the AFRO, through a typographical error, stated that Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith of 1029 N. Washington St. celebrated their 14th anniversary.

It was actually their 40th anniversary.

Baltimoreans tour Canada

A group of Baltimoreans who have been on tour of Canada and sections of the States including Montreal, Thousand Islands and Hyde Park, have returned home.

In the party were Messrs. and Mesdames William Savoy and Claude Davis; Mesdames Sarah Wilson, Arnita Askins, Olivia Askins, Marie Freeman, Lola Bowie, Louise Taylor, Ophelia Finn;

Mesdames Emma Matthews, Estella White, Corrine Reid, Audrey Sheppard, Katherine White, Ella Weems, Sarah Roberts, Virginia Brown, Annie Dorsey, Agnes Leonard,

Mesdames Blanche Thomas, Wakena Johns, Ethel Bacon, Lelia Bridgeforth, Alice Daniels, and Daisy Brown, who headed the tour.

George Johnson party honoree

George Johnson was given a birthday party by his wife, Mrs. Viola T. Johnson, at their home in Patapsco Park, Sunday afternoon.

Guests included:

Messrs. and Mesdames Thomas Johnson, Isaac Matthews, Otho Hill, John Gwynn;

Mesdames Sadie Medley, Eva Mathews, Mary Hill, Margie Brown, Alice Taylor, Emma Smith; Leonard Gray and Lloyd Hill, Sr.

Miss Spencer recent bride

Miss Wilhelmina Spencer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Spencer, Sr., and Walter W. Burford were married in the home of the bride's parents, here Tuesday.

The Rev. Hiram Smith officiated at the singlering ceremony.

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MISS SPENCER, given in marriage by her father, wore a dress of white lace and nylon and carried white chrysanthemums. She was attended by her sister, Miss Linda Spencer, whose ensemble was of pink and white lace and whose bouquet was of pink chrysanthemums.

For her wedding trip to New York, the bride wore a navy blue dress with matching accories. The couple will live in Brooklyn, N. Y.

UNCF drive being pushed in Baltimore

Robert C. Embry, president of the Maryland Division of the United Negro College Fund Inc., has announced plans for the completion of this year's campaign.

Mr. Embry said, "At this time of crisis for all Americans, when racial strife makes headlines, it is refreshing to hear of steady, though unpublicized advances being made by the 32 member colleges of the United Negro College Fund. These colleges have never been segregated."

Mr. Embry and Charles E. Moylan Jr., the local chairman, along with all committee members are making a final effort to secure contributions from citizens and the business and professional communities.

The Women's Committee of the United Negro College Fund will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 4:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Martin D. Jenkins, who is the wife of the president of Morgan State College.

The total Committee will meet on Sept. 17 at 1:30 p.m. at the Union Trust Company auditorium on St. Paul St.

Beauty Culture Association schedules seventh workshop

The Maryland State Beauty Culturists Association will hold its seventh annual workshop and beauty clinic, Sept. 7, 8, 9, and 10

The workshops and clinic will be held in Wilson's Restaurant.

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WORSHIP SERVICES at Bethel AME Church, with the Rev. Harrison Bryant as speaker, will open the conference on Sunday at 11 a.m. Social affairs include a cabaret party and dance in the Winchester Armory on Saturday night.

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THE CLINIC, at Wilson's will be open to the public. Any licensed beautician is eligible to participate in the hair style contest.

Demonstrations on advance phases of beauty culture will be conducted at the Roger Beauty Supply Co.

A special period will be devoted to problems confronting beauticians.

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MRS. CLARA STANLEY is president of the Maryland State Beauty Culturists Association. Other officers include Mrs. Ethel Page, general chairman; Mrs. Virgie Waters and Mrs. Ethel Felder, co-chairmen, and Mrs. Jeannetta Wilson, publicity chairman.

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Segregation, religion key issues in new school term

Elimination of problems caused by racial imbalance (segregation) and religious devotions in city public schools are the two major issues facing the 7,000-member staff of the Department of Education, Dr. George B Brain, superintendent, declared Tuesday.

Addressing the second annual televised General Staff Meeting of city teachers and other staff personnel, Dr. Brain said that "equality of opportunity demands the immediate attention of every member of the school staff."

In his address, televised by WBAL-TV, the superintendent called for "a firmer stand on inter-group relations by the board of school commissioners, the staff and citizens in general."

Dr. Brain indirectly conceded that charges brought by the NAACP contending that defacto segregation exists in city schools in both the student body and faculty ranks are true.

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He told the staff:

"Our task in this realm is not merely to eliminate the educational problems growing out of racial imbalances, but more significantly to counteract the discriminating aspect of the practical segregation that results from the countless practices of modern urban living."

Dr. Brain pointed out that "times are calling upon us to take a major stride forward," and proposed these steps as a solution to the problems growing out of "racial imbalance:"

"I am asking all school principals to lead staff members into discussions of cultural and religious differences.

"I ask that you examine the value of church groups, social agencies and other community institutions toward the end that we enlist their support in constructive activities that will make the most of our cultural variety."

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DR. BRAIN, who along with former City Solicitor Francis B. Burch, agreed to head-up a nationwide movement to restore Bible reading and recitation of the Lord's Prayer in public schools after the practice was outlawed by the Supreme Court last June, told his staff:

"School staff members must maintain strict neutrality toward religion in the classroom."

While in classrooms as the agent of the state, the superintendent declared, "staff members must prefer no religion.

Citing the First Amendment to the Constitution — "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof," Dr. Brain warned that:

"Teachers must be neutral, protecting all beliefs and promoting none."

Ideas and perspectives are the most needed, but "scarcest commodities" as the school system seeks to cope with many social problems," the superintendent declared.

Among these he listed:

"Exploding population, migration, racial tensions, accelerating technological progress, relaxing moral standards and other social changes."

Lamenting the lack of ideas and perspectives, Dr. Brain said:

"We are walking into our future somewhat like crabs, backwards, without the frontal perspective that spots problems before they become large and immediate."

In the search for ideas, Dr. Brain said the system reservoir of energy, and has tapped "that large talent" in the community—citizens.

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They are being used to study school needs. Pointing out that the proposal to create a citizen group for this purpose has been fulfilled, Dr. Brain introduced Clark Hobbs, chairman, Citizens School Advisory Council.

Mr. Hobbs called the task of studying a large, complex school system a huge one which calls for sound organization and dedicated citizen leadership."

Dr. Furman L. Templeton and Rabbi Morris Lieberman, co-chairmen, were also introduced.

School board commissioners present at the televised annual meeting seen by teachers at schools throughout the city included:

Mesdames Elizabeth Murphy Phillips, M. Richmond Parring; John R. Sherwood, Dr. William S. Stone, and Eli Frank Jr., board president.

Administrative assistants in attendance were:

Dr. Edwin Stein, deputy superintendent; Miss Mary A. Adams, assistant superintendent, elementary education;

Also Dr. Houston R. Jackson, assistant superintendent, pupil personnel and staff services; John W. Lewis, assistant superintendent, business management; Walter A. Maccubbin, assistant superintendent, staff personnel; and general administrative services; Dr. Vernon S. Vavrina, assistant superintendent, secretary, Vocational and Adult Education.

The gathering was the prelude to the return of 184,000 city children to public schools Thursday.

—New school policy

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the school will not improve education."

Dr. Stone declared that students should have "similar backgrounds" when they are attending the same schools.

He said many students come from areas where their parents leave their care in the "hands of others or to the the public as a whole" and where there is a "high rate of crime, dishonesty" and other anti-social behavior.

Commissioner John J. Sweeney Jr., disagreed with Dr. Stone:

"Public school is no place for similar backgrounds. If students are looking for similar backgrounds, they should go to private schools," he declared.

J. Percy Bond denied that the board is "introducing" racial imbalance in the education system.

"We are not introducing racial imbalance. It's a fact. Just look around you," he said.

MRS. ELIZABETH Murphy Phillips took sharp issue with Dr. Stone bringing in personal characteristics of some students:

"I was amazed to hear some of the speakers refer to a "white school" in northeast Baltimore.

"No race has a corner on discourtesy or brains. We had 170 people here (meaning persons protesting board action) many were not courteous.

"I don't want members of this board to forget the fact that children are children. see that they get the best It is our responsibility to education possible."

Hooting parents

The mild discussion among commissioners, however, was like child's play compared to the hooting, shouting, jeering demonstration put on by by white parents who disagreed with the board action to reduce overcrowding and racial imbalance.

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OPPONENTS were divided into two groups. One was opposed to colored children being transferred to Hamilton Elementary School No. 236 by bus.

The second delegation bitterly attacked the board for transferring handicapped (brain injury victims) from the Yorkwood Elementary School No. 219 to Winston Elementary No. 209.

Because of the overflowing and noisy crowd, the board reversed its order of business and held the hearings first.

For one hour and 20 minutes board president Eli Frank Jr. was kept busy gaveling for order as angry tirades echoed from all parts of the room while spokesmen for the respective groups tried to present their grievances.

Protesting the transfer of colored children to Hamilton, Morris Jaslow declared that "forced integration" could violate the rights of white parents.

Mrs. Oscar Tayman was concerned about children being carried to scchool by bus and was dissatisfied about conversion of a music room and photography laboratory room into classrooms to accommodate the new enrollees.

Dr. George B. Brain, superintendent, replied that the transfer program will be reappraised yearly and the policy of the department is still to preserve neighborhood schools.

The transfer program was initiated, he said, to enable children who were enrolled on a part-time schedule to spend full time in the classroom.

Short notice

Councilman Frank X. Gallagher (D., 3rd), spoke for parents who were angered because of the short notice they were given that their children would be transferred from the Yorkwood school.

Dr. Brain said several factors contributed to the short notices.

Allowing the City Solicitor to pass on the legality of the board's proposals, locating parents during vacation periods and obtaining special equipment for the instruction of the handicapped children all contributed to the delay, he said.

However, Mr. Gallagher's performance apparently displeased some of his constituents. They sent up a howl.

"You are not stating the case," a woman yelled from the audience.

"Speak up fellow," another man barked while the councilman was speaking.

Mr. G-llagher concluded that "I don't accept your (Dr. Brain's) explanation for the delayed notices," and charged that "if the board had acted more promptly, you would have voided this (meaning the noisy hearing.)"

Mr. Frank disagreed and added that department officials had done a commendable job a short time.

The board president announced that he was ending the hearing. This brought a chorus of boos, and angry debouncements.

When order was restored Mr. Frank permitted William J. Rafferty to speak for the Hamilton School delegation.

MR. RAFFERTY, a certified public accountant, charged that the board, in transferring the children to School 236 did so without notifying white parents of the area and acted "under pressure from the NAACP."

"We are at fault because we were not at the June meeting," he said, "We were asleep, but we are going to wake up."

Support threat

Mr. Rafferty said money to transport the children by bus came from school loans and vowed that parents of the school "would vote against every bond issue for schools and against office holders who support them.

His PTA would stop contributing gifts to the school, the accountant said, because they "resented children of different cultural backgrounds" being brought to Hamilton Elementary.

Mr. Rafferty got his facts on finances twisted and was straightened out by Dr. Brain.

Ninety per cent of the funds for the buses are contributed by the State Department of Education, he said, and the other 10 per cent come from the general budget.

The accountant was also stopped short by Commissioner Sweeney.

"Do you concede that a part-time education is not as good as a full time education?" he asked.

"Don't you know that 87 per cent of the children on part-time schedules were colored, or 13,000?"

"I won't answer that," Mr. Rafferty said.

AGAIN Mr. Frank attempted to cut off the discussion only to trigger robust yells from the assemblage.

While Mr. Rafferty was telling the board that "we are not concerned about defacto integration or segregation," a woman in the rear of the building muttered:

"I don't have anything against them, I just don't want those n——s in our school."

While the board was deciding whether to allow People Court Judge Carl W. Bacharach to speak on the transfer of handicapped children, one woman stalked out of the room arguing to herself.

Walking past the Rev. G. E. Vanderford, who was there with other members of the Interdenominational Ministers Alliance, she pointed and said:

"I have nothing against him or his children," and kept walking.

JUDGE BACHARACH pleaded for the board not to move the children because "they need stability and status."

Pointing out that one of his children is enrolled at Yorkwood, Mr. Bacharach said they and their parents have been accepted by the community and they should not be moved.

The hearing took on the appearance of a heated political controversy for a minute. In addition to Messrs. Gallagher and Bacharach, also present and wanting to speak were Johnny Pica, George Arthur and Joseph Curran, all Third District councilmen.

They will be heard at a special meeting set for Sept. 10, Mr. Frank said.

New appointees

THE LIST of appointments, effective today, included the naming of several colored teachers to posts in schools throughout the city. Among them:

William H. Britt Jr., unit head at Herring Run Junior High School; Geraldine R. Coleman, unit head, Calverton Junior High; Mrs. Catherine E. Crudup, unit head, Lombard Junior High;

Also Mrs. Ruth A. Green, vice principal at Garrison Junior High; Mrs. Evelyn C. Highsmith, vice principal of Cherry Hill Junior High; Mrs. Emelia P. McMillan, vice principal, Dunbar High;

Mrs. Jean Owens, appointed English specialist; Mrs. Margaret Ewing, principal of Josiah Diggs Elementary; Howard F. Spencer evening school principal in-charge, Cherry Hill Evening Center; and Mrs. Abdella Campbell, teacher-in-charge, Lombard Evening Center.

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MRS. Juanita J. Mitchell, president, NAACP, who leveled the charge earlier that defacto segregation existed in city schools, had this comment on the policy statement:

"Adoption of this new policy statement is a first step as the board begins to come to grips with the serious problem of widespread defacto segregation.

"There is much yet to be done in cleaning up areas of racial discriminatory practices at both teacher and pupil levels.

"Dr. Brain nad his staff are now in a position to further implement desegregation required by the Supreme Court decision of 1954."

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THE REVS. Marion C. Bascom, Frank L. Williams, and Robert T. Newbold Jr. and James Wooten, on the behalf of the Ministers Alliance, submitted a statement to the board denying some of their charges of discrimination within the department have "died a quiet death," as reported by the daily press.

Board President Frank promised that commissioners will study the six-page document quoting names, and statistics to support the charges.

BUS STOP — This was the picture at Fort Worthington Elementary School Lakewood Ave. and Oliver Sts., early Thursday as pupils from the city's most crowded public school facility gathered for rides to less crowded areas. (AFRO staff photo by I. Henry Phillips)

Edmondson Adult Center to open

Students may register at Edmondson Adult Center for the fall term on Sept. 16, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The term begins on Sept. 18 at 7:30 p.m.

Under the individual progress plan, each student is able to progress at his own rate. The time required to complete a course is determined by the time a student is willing to devote to his work.

For credit courses meeting twice weekly, there is a registration fee of $2. Textbooks and other materials are purchased by the students.

Adult schools will open on Sept. 17

Dr. Wilmer V. Bell, director of Adult Education, has announced that the Baltimore Public Evening Schools, located throughout the city, will be open for registration 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. on Sept. 16 and all classes are scheduled to start on or after September 17.

Midsummer phone calls point to a very heavy enrollment in the Adult Evening schools again this year. It is expected that more than 25,000 adults will return to the adult evening centers on opening night, with perhaps many hundreds of additional newcomers joining them, according to Dr. Bell.

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