Carver students marvel at what Mervo has to offer

By ROGER J. NISSLY

It all began in the festive air of a picnic, but before the more than 60 Carver Vocational - Technical High School students had finished their tour of Mergenthaler Vocational - Technical High School Wednesday afternoon, the reactions were ones of awe and disbelief.

After the tour sponsored by CORE, several students who live only a few blocks from Mergenthaler said they were not aware that the school was a vocational school and that they were entitled to go here.

Others said they were routed directly to Carver by junior high school counselors without knowing they were allowed to chose to attend Mergenthaler.

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CORE, WHICH had pointed out the inequalities between the two schools in an earlier report, said the purpose of the tours (another one had been held several weeks ago) is to make students, parents and school officials aware of the differences in the all-colored and predominantly white schools.

Mrs. Marcia Kallen, education chairman of CORE, said the group in the future will sponsor tours of all schools, concentrating on junior high students "so that they will have a choice when they pick high schools."

As the proliferation of shops and different courses at Mergenthaler—electronics, printing, baking, auto and aircraft repair — became evident, the students asked more and more questions (wondering specifically about the edge Mergenthaler students had in employment) and became more accusing in their comments.

"And they told us Carver was the vocational - technical school and Mergenthaler one youth declared, referring was just a vocational school," to his junior high counselors.

CORE had stated in its report that "within a period of four years, a Mergenthaler graduate is making twice as much money as a Carver graduate."

It also felt that the "courses at Carver are more generally for menial jobs and are geared to poverty - level salaries."

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CORE'S statements began to be borne out by the Carver students as they progressed in the three comprehensive tours outlined by the Mergenthaler administration.

One youth on a tour conducted by Mervo counselor Frank Goedeke observed in an electronics laboratory, "There's an oscilloscope on each desk."

The students listened intently as Mr. Goedeke pointed out the scale houses for training electricians and plumbers and the lab for teaching oil burner installers and repairmen ("all good paying jobs").

He noted Mergenthaler's six automotive shops. "We only have one at Carver," a student observed.

The tour also included Mervo's aircraft shop with prop and jet engines for training. "We have nothing like that," the boys agreed.

The focal point of the machine shop was a drill press operated by computer. In response to questions, Mr. Goedeke said that a student able to operate this machine would have a definite advantage over other machinists in

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TOURING CARVERITES Among the approximately 60 Carver students who visited Mergenthaler to marvel at the equipment in the shops there. This second CORE - sponsored tour pointed up to additional Carver students how many more advantages Mervo students enjoy.

High-rise project damaged by fire

A 21 - year - old mother and her five children were led to safety by firemen Wednesday from their burning apartment on the seventh floor of Murphy Homes a high - rise projeit at 725 George St.

Mrs. Ernestine Campbell, who range in age from seven months to almost six years, were treated for smoke inhalation at University Hospital and released.

The fire, confined mostly to furniture in the living room, sent thick black smoke billowing through the building as far up as the 14th floor.

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"THIS IS terrible," said Mrs. Dorothy Trent, displaying her clothes, face and hands, which were covered with soot. She said she had come out of her 14th floor apartment to visit a friend and couldn't even see the corridor lights for the smoke.

Acting Battalion Chief Captain Paul Leplanche said the thick smoke came from burning foam rubber. The entire inside of the four-room apartment was jet black with soot.

Clothes on a rack in the closet looked as if they had been sprayed with black paint.

Capt. Leplanche said the mother and children hung out a window in the bedroom until firemen could get into the apartment and lead them to safety.

IVORY DANIELS, of 1502 E. Eccles, who was visiting his mother across the hall from the Campbell apartment, wrapped a blanket around his head after noticing the smoke and held the door to the burning apartment open with a broom.

"I don't see how in the world they could stand that smoke," Mr. Daniels said. "I could hardly take it myself."

John Mack, who lives two doors down the hall, said he went through an adjoining apartment out onto the front porch to try to get into the apartment. He was blocked by the smoke, but he threw in a bucket of water before firemen came.

"I saw the lady and her children at the window," Mr. Mack said, "and the lady said she couldn't get free. She was pretty upset."

Cause of the fire was not immediately determined.

Patrolman is suspended

A Western District patrolman, Gerald Junk, 32, has been suspended by Chief Inspector Millard Horton following an investigation by the police internal investigative unit headed by Inspector George H. Deuchler.

The investigation was made on a charge lodged with the Police Complaint Evaluation Board by Callow H. Young Jr., 32, 2900 block Chelsea Terrace.

Young charged Junk, six years on the force, with assaulting him on Feb. 6 in the Western District station house.

The suspension, without pay, is effective immediately pending a hearing on formal charges to be filed by the Chief Inspector.

Free youth, 15, in friend's death

The January 25 death by shooting of 14-year-old George W. Evans 3d was ruled "accidental" by Judge Charles E. Moylan Sr. in Juvenile Court Thursday.

In dismissing charges against 15-year-old Clyde Tatum, 3610 Wabash Ave., who admitted pointing and firing the gun at young Evans, Judge Moylan said:

"I am following the logic of the parents of the deceased boy in their belief no malace existed and the shooting was unintentional."

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TATUM, a 10th grade student at Forest Park High School and described as the youth's best friend, did not describe the fatal incident but corroborated the testimony of another witness to the shooting.

Alvin Turpin, 16, 3136 Normount Ave., testified he brought the .32 calibre revolver to the Evans home at 3110 Normount Ave. on the morning of the tragedy.

In other testimony the accused youth, Tatum, came to the Evans home and stayed to play cards following Evans' offer to write a "late" note to his teacher.

After losing a game, Evans playfully remarked, "I ought to shoot you," and asked Turpin for the gun.

"George asked for the gun, then started kidding Clyde with it," Turpin testified. "He asked for a bullet.

"I gave it to him, he put it in the gun and asked Clyde if he dared him to shoot. "You ain't got the heart," was the answer from Clyde as read in court.

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TURPIN described how Evans pointed the gun at Clyde Tatum and pulled the trigger. The gun failed to go off.

"Clyde then took the gun, said 'Now it's my chance', pointed the gun at George.

"The gun went off and George fell," the witness said.

The frightened Turpin and Tatum fled the house, Turpin throwing the gun into nearby woods and Tatum going on to school, where he was later arrested.

Under questioning from Judge Moylan, Tatum said he thought it was a blank Evans put into the gun.

Asked what made him think that, the youth replied, "George clicked it at me and nothing happened. I thought I could do the same thing to him.

"I didn't think George would point a loaded gun at me," Tatum replied.

Representing the freed youth was George L. Russell Jr., who described the incident as "a great tragedy that weighed heavy on everyone concerned."

Realtor for fair housing but not his

A suburban realtor who has played a part in integrating formerly white areas in Baltimore and Baltimore County Tuesday said he refused to sell his own home to colored buyers.

Marvin Asher, whose home at 3236 Rolling Rd. north of Woodmore is for sale, said he had promised a white buyer to whom he had recently sold a nearby house that he would "have no part of integrating this area.

"I have to tell you this," Mr. Asner told the AFRO. "There cannot be open ocupancy here. I just cannot do it."

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MR. ASNER, who runs his realty office from his own split level, eight - year - old home, said he didn't realize he would be selling his own house when he made his promise to the white buyer.

His advertisements offer homes in "all sections" and he has a colored agent. He said he had tried to make the colored agent see his predicament. "I hope he understands," the realtor said.

"It may sound funny," Mr. Asner added, "but I'm not against open occupancy. But I live out here, and I've got a lot of my work out here. I'm in a quandary."

The story came to light when a woman to whom Mr. Asner had formerly sold a house told a friend that the realtor's own house was for sale. On inquiring about an appointment to see the house, the prospective buyer was told it was "not for sale under open occupancy."

Cong better in jungles, said dead GI

MT. AIRY, Md. — "Most of them are young boys, and on the open field, they're no match for us. Our only problem is in the thick jungles. The snipers are very hard to locate."

This was how Pfc. Ronald M. Kenny estimated the Viet Cong in a letter received by his family about an hour before they got a telegram from the Defense Department notifying them of the 18 - year - old infantryman's death.

Mrs. Madeline Kenny, of Route 2 in Mt. Airy, said her son who was serving as a machine gunner with the 1st Regiment of the 5th Cavalry Division, died Feb. 21 in combat.

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THE LETTER, which was dated Feb. 13, also complained that the GI's weren't trained or equipped well enough to meet the Viet Cong on equal terms in the jungle.

However, Pfc. Kenny added, "things are getting better. The days are going fast."

Mrs. Kenny said her son, who enlisted in the Army last June, four days after graduating from Robert Moton High School in Westminster, planned to make a service career.

In addition to his mother and his father, Mr. Charles Kenny, the slain soldier is survived by an elder brother and two sisters.

Young GOPs hit marriage laws

The Baltimore City Young Republicans Club has passed a resolution condemning Maryland's laws forbiding intermarriage.

At a recent meeting the club called for "immediate repeal of those Maryland laws restricting choice of marriage partners on the basis of race or national origin."

Proponents of the resolution noted that the anti-miscegenation law under which a marriage license was refused here recently to a local girl and her Samoan fiance was passed by the 1935 Democratic - controlled legislature.

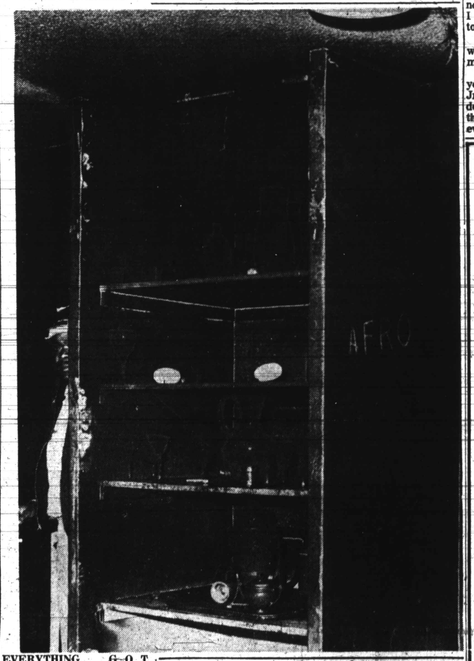
Morgan bars new students living in area from dorms

The Board of Trustees of Morgan State College announced today that beginning September, 1966, new applicants living within the Baltimore metropolitan area served by local - public transportation (Baltimore Transit Company) will not be considered for on-campus housing.

Morgan has space in five dormitories for only 750 residents. Space is reserved for approximately 120 freshmen women in Harper House and 95 freshmen men in Baldwin. The other dormitories, O'Connell Hall for men and Truth House and Tubman House for women, are for upperclassmen.

This semester, Morgan has registered 3,353 students of which 2,811 are regular students, 288 evening, 192 graduate and 62 are attending National Science Foundation Institutes.

According to the regulations, both freshmen and upperclass students with completed applications are to be assigned housing on a "first come, first served" basis within the confines of the in - state — out - of - state percentages.



EVERYTHING GOT SMOKED up during fire in high - rise apartment on seventh floor of Murphy Homes on Wednesday. No one was hurt but a number of nearby apartments reported smoke damage. Note glass ware on shelves

Readers share $50 newstips

AFRO tipsters who were FIRST with a variety of news tips share the week's $50 newstip pot this week.

Among the tips winning $$$ were those about a three-car crash, a neighbor killed in Vietnam, a fatal fire and a W. North Ave. crash.

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PEACEFUL PROGRESS IN CIVIL RIGHTS — Roger W. Wilkins, new director of the Community Relations Service. This is his challenge.

A WAY WITH FIGURES

- MATHEMATICS is their common bond
- MEN in space look to them for success
- SATELLITE—tracking is part of their job
- THEY speak language of the computer

WORKING with one of the high - speed 7094 computers at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Goddard Space Center in Greenbelt, Md. are Mesdames Melba Roy, left, and Joan T. Jones.

"They have a way with figures." This is a statement made often of Mrs. Melba Roy and her 12-man crew, and they should; their livelihoods depend upon them.

The success of space explorations is due in large measure to the scientific research and mathematical calculations of experts like Mrs. Roy who are employed at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

This agency is responsible for conducting research into problems of flight, both within and outside the earth's atmosphere.

Many of the scientific and technical programs of NASA are carried on in its several field installations.

Goddard Space Center

One of these installations is known as Goddard Space Flight Center, located at Greenbelt, Md. Here much emphasis is placed on the earth, sun, and astronomy aspects of the space science program.

Mrs. Roy and Mrs. Joan Jones are two of our women who hold important positions at the Greenbelt Center which supports the use of satellites in meterological and communications systems; and performs tracking and data acquisition functions.

Mrs. Roy is a mathematician and chief of Goddard's production programming section.

As head of her section, she supervises the work of 12 computer programmers, all professionals.

Although her mathematics computations translate scientific information to data that is compatible with high speed computers, Mrs. Roy notes that she is required to do considerable more than translate equations and formulae.

'Incredibly accurate'

For example, her primary concern is the tracking of scientific satellites. The work of her section was instrumental in the Center's receiving British scientists' praise for being "incredibly accurate" in their programming computations.

Mrs. Roy holds a master of science degree in mathematics from Howard University.

During her college days, she was active in the University's chapter of the Future Teachers of America, the Pi Mu Epsilon mathematic society, and the Pi Sigma physics honor society.

She entered the Federal Service in July, 1951 with the Army Mat Service as a GS-7.

In July, 1962, less than a year-and-a-half after the creation of the President's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity, Mrs. Roy was promoted to a GS-14, with a salary near $13,000.

A native of Manassa, Va., Mrs. Roy, her husband and two children reside in Washington.

Favorite pastimes

She enjoys home making and interior decorating.

She likes historical novels and enjoys reading house and home magazines — "for day-dreaming" — she says.

Mrs. Jones spends most of her time at Goddard engaged in the background analysis and planning for the Biosatellite Control Center.

Biosatellite is scheduled for a 1966 launching and will orbit and recover living things.

A study will then be made on the effects of weightlessness on the various organisms aboard the spacecraft.

Mrs. Jones is a native of Baltimore, where she attended Morgan State College after going to Crispus Attuck High School, Indianapolis, Ind. and Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind.

Former 'Miss Morgan'

When the former Joan Turner was graduated from Morgan in 1955 with a B.S. degree, she held the coveted title of "Miss Morgan."

She began work at Goddard in 1960, after previous employment at the Army Map Service, Washington, where she performed scientific computer programming for Univac I.

She is currently employed as a mathematician - programmer classified as a GS-13 with a salary in excess of $11,000.

Expectant mother

"I do not have a hobby as such, but I do enjoy the performing arts, notably music, drama and dance," said this mother of one who is expecting another child in early spring.

The essential and precise work of these young women and their success stories should be of vital importance not only to minority group youth but to all young people.

They inspire and remind youngsters of the necessity of obtaining the best possible education and training to qualify them for the vast field of new job opportunities opening up for them—whether it be government or private business.

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GLOSSARY

COMPUTER—an automatic electronic machine for performing calculations

PROGRAMMER—A person who takes a problem and puts it in the language of the computer so that the computer can solve it.

SATELLITE—a man-made object or vehicle intended to orbit the earth, the moon or another celestial body.