Musical festival set at Stadium Thursday

The Bureau of Music, Department of Recreation and Parks, will hold the first Festival of Music of the season 8:30 p.m. Thursday at Memorial Stadium, featuring the combined Municipal and Park Bands under the direction of Dr. Leigh Martinet.

The affair will bring Baltimoreans an array of music-al talent.

Guest soloists will be Miss Janice Hassell, former "Miss America" contestant; Miss Jean Westwood, Comic Opera Co. star; Ralph Quinn, tenor with the Alamedian Light Opera Co. and the husband wife team, Casper and Mrs. Ruth Vecchione, Baltimore Civic Opera Stars.

The program will include a sing-along, led by Marvin Clark, of old time favorites and popular show tunes.

Themes from "Scheherezade" and "Mexican Hat Dance" will be interpreted by the Wally Saunders Dance Troupe.

In the event of rain, the festival will be held at the same scheduled time Monday. Admission is free.

Tall Crop

EUREKA, Calif. (UPI) — Few farmers can boast of crops 200 feet tall.

But 122 of them in Northern California can. These are the tree farmers in the dense Redwood Region where 815,567 acres of timberland have been pledged for perpetual growth, the California Redwood Association reports.

MICHAEL CAINE, Jane Fonda, John Phillip Law, Diahann Carroll star in Paramount's "Hurry Sundown" now at the Regent Theatre.

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In Vietnam Pfc. Querer A. Fernandez, has been in Vietnam since January. He completed his training at Fort Gordon, Ga. and was selected soldier of the month at that time. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Fernandez of Kenilworth Ave., Baltimore. Send us names of your service men and the AFRO's Mike Davis, now in Vietnam, will try to visit them.

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Johnny Mathias due at Mechanic's Aug. 1-6

The "Johnny Mathis" show comes to the Morris A. Mechanic's Theatre for one week only, beginning Tues. Aug. 1 to Sunday Aug. 6.

Evening shows Tuesday thru Friday start at 8:30 p.m. There will be two shows Saturday, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. and one Sunday evening 7:30. The only matinee will be Wednesday, August 2 at 2 p.m.

In September of 1965, Johnny decided to form and manage his own singing group. Realizing the expense, hard work and dedication ahead, he placed ads in all the Hollywood trade papers asking for "Young Talented Singer-Dancers."

Needless to say, this resulted in a landslide of talented youth from all over the Sogthwest. One week and six hundred auditions later, things were beginning to look brighter to Johnny and his musical staff.

Out of these open auditions, eight young boys and girls were launched into show business, and called "Our Young Generation."

Then came all the rehearsals, wardrobe fittings, music lessons, dancing classes, vocal coaching and hundreds of hours of hard work.

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SINCE THEIR introduction into the world of glitter, at The Nuggett in Reno, Nevada, Johnny's had them on tours throughout the United States and Canada.

Recently completed was the tour to the Far East, where Johnny and "Our Young Generation" entertained at military bases in Okinawa, Manila, Korea, the Philippines, Japan and Vietnam.

"Our Young Generation" at the present time performs with Johnny, throughout the entire show, backing him choirally in many songs such as "Maria," "The Sweetheart Tree" etc.

They also have a segment of the show to themselves: this gives Johnny a breather and allows "Our Young Generation" to take the spotlight. And take it they do — for 20 minutes of song, dance and youthful "lavin' it up"

Seats are now on sale at the box office. Open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily except Sunday.

Nigeria, Biafra claim victories

LAGOS, Nigeria (UPI) — Each side claimed Monday it was winning Nigeria's civil war.

The federal government at Lagos said its troops were converging on Enugu, the capital of the Eastern region which seceded under the name of "Republic of Biafra" May 30.

But radio Biafra claimed that its own forces were driving the federal troops into retreat.

Few claims could be confirmed or proven false, but both sides reported heavy casualties along a 100-mile front.

The federal forces were under orders from Nigerian Chief of State Yakuru Gowon to capture Enugu at all costs and take rebel leader Odumegwu Ojukwu alive.

Ojukwu faces charges of treason in the federal capital of Lagos.

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EN ROUTE HOME — Lt. Col. Cauthion T. Boyd, left, who has been serving as chief Army chaplain at the Third Field Hospital, Vietnam, is enroute home. He is pictured with Effrim Zimbalist (at left) the actor, as they cheer a patient just back from the operating room.

THE JONES, FAMILY OF Marine Lance Cpl. Charles Jones of 1367 N. Gilmor St., were happy to see their own on the front page of the AFRO (June 24). Cpl. Jones was pictured with Mike Davis, AFRO correspondent. Left to right are Martin Baskerville, 5, and James Baskerville, 7 (nephews of Cpl. Jones); Mrs. Phyllis Baskerville, sister; Olvia Jones, 7, sister; Mrs. Mary Jones, mother. Standing are Army Pvt. Herman Jones, brother, and Miss Shirley Anthony, a friend.

—Arrest first black mark

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church members.

Communication was the main lack, it appeared.

AS FOR Larry Carr, the youth can serve his term in the House of Correction and return to his grandmother's house where he lives, at the E. 29th St. address.

His father is deceased. His mother is now remarried and lives in the 1900 block E. 30th St., only a block from the church.

His mother was indignant Sunday, insisting police beat her son. She held pills for him and told of his outpatient status at the Eastern Chest Clinic, 620 N. Caroline St.

She said Larry's tuberculosis has not been "arrested," and that until it is he cannot work.

Larry had no criminal record but — at age 11 — was given a year's probation in 1961 by Juvenile Court in a breaking and entering case.

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was a teacher in Baltimore's public schools.

"My father," Marshall recalls, "Never told me I'd become a lawyer. But he turned me into one by teaching me to argue, to prove every statement I made, and by challenging my logic on every point."

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MARSHALL'S GRANDFATHER was a union soldier in the Civil War.

Young Thurgood grew up in reasonably comfortable and secure circumstances in Baltimore. He graduated with honors in 1930 from Lincoln University, Lincoln Union, Pa., where he had started with the idea of becoming a dentist.

Failing to make the University of Maryland Law School because of his race, he took his law courses at Howard University in Washington, D.C. Later, through a lawsuit, he compelled Maryland to admit all citizens.

A stint of private practice which included numerous non-paying clients finally sent him to a $2,400-a-year job with the NAACP in New York in 1933. In 32 legal jousts with the nine men behind the U.S. Supreme Court Bench, he won 29 decisions.

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HIS CASES DEALT with exclusion of colored citizens from juries and from housing, their right to vote in Southern Democratic primaries and to travel freely in inter-state commerce.

From 1961 to 1965 he sat on the 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals in New York, where his work was thorough but not spectacular,

Thurgood to face more rights cases

By CHARLOTTE G. MOULTON

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Thurgood Marshall, who may have done more than any other man to break down segregation in the United States, will confront more racial issues as the first member of his race to sit on the Supreme Court.

But they will be more complex and more subtle than those he argued before the high court as an attorney in the 1940's and 1950's.

It was Marshall, representing the Legal Deense Fund of the NAACP, who won the celebrated 1954 decision ordering public schools desegregated with all deliberate speed.

Thirteen years later, however, the justices are still dealing with such questions as how fast desegregation should be carried out, who has responsibility for the job and should children be bussed across town to further integration.

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THE COURT ALSO has given numerous sit-ins and marches the protection of free speech. But it has served notice that the First Amendment's umbrella cannot shelter every kind of harassment a civil rights demonstrator may devise.

The justices unquestionably will be asked to continue sorting out these and similar issues and one of the big questions for legal observers will be Marshall's position.

Rightly or wrongly, many will see Marshall voting as a member of a minority rather than as the 96th Supreme Court justice. What kind of man has President Johnson chosen to meet this test? Will he surprise those who expect him to be a stereotype where civil rights are concerned?

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THE 59-YEAR-OLD Solicitor General expressed himself recently on one of the legal issues, at the heart of the civil rights movement, the right to disobey a law considered unjust. Responding to an inquiry by Sen. Ernest F. Hollings, D-S.C., Marshall said:

"I believe that in our democratic society the ways to challenge an unjust law are (1) by intelligent use of the vote in order to spur elected officials to change the law, and (2) by action in the courts if its validity is doubtful."

Despite unresolved racial issues, the court's most controversial decisions of late have been in the area of criminal law. Rights of suspects under police investigation have been defined, more sharply and more cases are on the way. Marshall also has stated a view in this field.

"A LOT of people talk in terms of balancing," he told an interviewer a couple of years ago. "You know, balance the public interest against the individual's rights. Well, I don't see this as a balancing problem.

"My original position has been that constitutionally protected personal rights take precedence, and that is still my position."

As Solicitor General, however, Marshall argued for something short of what the court accorded criminal suspects in its famous 1966 series of decisions on confessions. But Marshall the justice may look at things differently than Marshall the government lawyer.

In any case, he will have an opportunity to refine his position next term when the justices will look at the rights of suspects who are stopped on the street by police and frisked for weapons.

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"AMIABLE" AND "practical" are the words most often used to describe the Supreme Court nominee, a man of homespun manner and football build (6 ft., 2 in., 200 lbs.).

As a justice, he may not stick to an early resolve to "wear life like a very loose garment and never worry about nothin'," but neither is he likely to be a thorn in the side of any colleague on the bench.

Marshall looks solemn — perhaps mournful —when he is serious. But the expression can be deceptive. He hails acquaintances from a distance with a jovial "hi!" and is unsurpassed as a story-teller.

When Johnson named him to the court on June 13, legal observers predicted he would bolster the voting bloc headed by Chief Justice Earl Warren.

This group usually includes Justices Hugo L. Black, William O. Douglas, William J. Brennan Jr., and Abe Fortas.

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ON THE OTHER HAND, Justice Tom C. Clark, the mild conservative whom he succeeds, remarked as he stepped down that the balance on the court probably would remain about the same. Marshall will not "vote much different from me," Clark told reporters.

The American Bar Association, which takes a look at all judicial appointments, rated him "highly acceptable."

Marshall was born July 2, 1908, in Baltimore. His father was William Canfield Marshall, a waiter and steward at the Gibson Island Club on Chesapeake Bay. His mother was a teacher in Baltimore's public schools.

Carolina teacher named NEA head

MRS. ELIZABETH KOONTZ

MINNEAPOLIS — As instructor of retarded children who "always wanted to be a teacher" Friday was named vice president and president-elect of the National Education Association.

Mrs. Elizabeth D. Koontz, of Salisbury, N.C., will become president of the nation's largest and most powerful teachers' organization next July.

Earlier Friday the NEA Assembly passed by a unanimous vote a resolution calling for complete desegregation in public schools. The resolution would remove racial, religious and economic barriers in access to education.

The same resolution also asked that textbooks, reference materials, visual aids and other teaching materials "should portray our cultural diversity and the achievements of minority groups."

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MORE SIGNIFICANT than her race, Mrs. Koontz said, is the fact that "this association is too astute a body not to elect someone in whom they have confidence."

Nonetheless, she views her election as an "indication of tremendous change. It makes one humble to have such an honor thrust upon her."

Her sparkling, smiling eyes and almost athletic figure belie the teacher's 47 years, a reporter noted.

Mrs. Koontz, who headed the NEA's 850,000 member Department of Classroom Teachers in 1965-66, said she wants to build a "national consensus in which all citizens understand the goals of American education today."

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AMONG OTHER GOALS she listed a greater share in the decision-making process for teachers; greater acceptance, prestige and salary for teachers; and more concern for the individual child.

Mrs. Koontz, who has spent nearly three decades in the classroom, said, "I always wanted to be a teacher.

"When I was in fourth grade, I often heard and checked on lessons of an adult whom my mother was teaching to read. I knew then that teaching was for me."

Both of her parents were teachers and four of Mrs. Koontz's seven brothers and sisters also became teachers.

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ALTHOUGH HER DEDICATION as a teacher is obvious, with experience at all levels from elementary school to college, she can shift in a moment from the problems facing educators to savoring again her childhood experiences.

"With five brothers in Salisbury, I had to be a football player, but they just let me be a number. If they had enough boys to play," she said, "they'd send me back in the house."

Perhaps that is why she married Harry Koontz in 1947. He is athletic director and coaches football and basketball at Dunbar High School in East Spencer. The couple has no children.

Mrs. Koontz has been a teacher since her graduation from Livingstone College in 1938.

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"THE CONCEPT of four immovable walls surrounding 40 stationary children is a thing of the past," she said. "Our problem is to educate the people to a new, yet very old, concept. There still seems to be something sacred about four walls."

Mrs. Koontz, told her fellow NEA delegates:

"In a world of change one cannot promise what will be for another year," but added "I promise you that I will stand firm with conviction and do what you, the membership, have the courage to determine as be our goals.

"I will give it my very best."

—'Sour grapes'

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would be felt in "recruiting new teachers, both from in and out of the state."

As for its effect on teachers moving out of the system, he said, "no one can tell."

He said at this time it would be difficult to gauge how many more vacancies than usual will occur next year.

Asked to comment on whether the sanction move was political, in the light of BTU's charge of "sour grapes," he replied, "I would not undertake to compete with the BTU in the application of epithets."

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MR. FRANK did note that the city's dollar commitment to education next year would be about $3 million short of its contribution this year. The increase is made up from federal and state funds.

The board president stated that these increases is aid would enable the system "in building many more schools and replacing old schools at a rate never before possible."

Referring to the BTU's breaking off of relations on the salary question, he said the board would hold a meeting next week — and hoped the union would attend — to decide "how to apply the money in the best way for teachers."

Under the method of appropriating money for broad categories, it is not possible to apply the money from some other category to teachers salaries, he said.

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THE BTU, wanting the full salary scale the board asked for, telegramed the board Friday of its intention not to meet to bargain on the pay.

The telegram, sent by Union President Dennis Crosby said that "a meeting might create false hopes that the Baltimore Teachers Union will negotiate or compromise."

The union asked the board to honor its commitment made on salary scale during the union's May 10 strike.

Otherwise, hinting at strong action, the union said the board would "be responsible for the consequences this fall."

Asked at yesterday's press conference if he thought there were a possibility of a strike in the fall, Mr. Frank declared an emphatic, "No."

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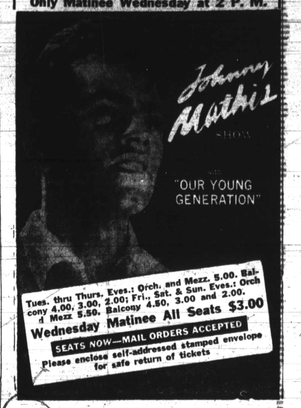

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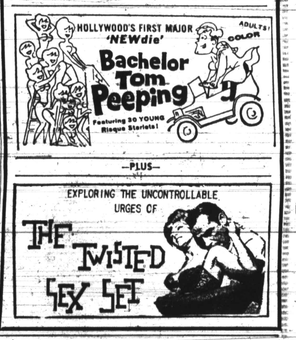

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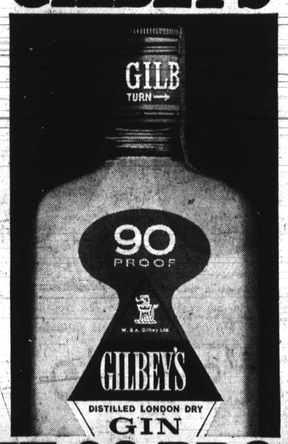

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