ENSEMBLE — Miss Aretha Copeland is wearing one of Irvin's knit 2-piece coat and dress ensembles. Her choice is a brown and white striped coat with a solid brown belted dress. Her shoes and bag are of beige leather; the bag is trimmed with gold. This is just one of the many ladies' Easter outfits at Irvin's Department Stores.

Study group foresaw problems for Pimlico

Although the problems at Pimlico are many, according to Dr. Norman Scotch, a Johns Hopkins social scientist and father of students at Pimlico, there is no more trouble there than at any other high school in Maryland.

He explained, "Unrest in society in general gets reflected in all of our institutions, Pimlico reflects the problems of a larger society. It's a mass social situation."

Dr. Scotch is a member of the Pimlico Study Group, which is made up of PTA members, parent representatives and community groups. Formed last November, the group recently issued a report detailing the problems the school faces and suggesting several steps for improvement.

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The report pointed out that the school has an enrollment of 2700 students, while its capacity is listed as 2303.

The cafeteria can accomodate only 350 students at a time. Because of this limitation, lunch periods lasting 25 minutes each begin at 10:10 a.m. and continue until 1:30 p.m. This creates a constant flow of traffic through the halls.

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The study group suggested first alleviating the overcrowded conditions by utilizing other school facilities or renting additional space, particularly for cafeteria use.

Instituting a House System with small organizational and administrative units encompassing all course levels, they suggest, could lessen the impersonality and inefficiency of a large school.

The report also called for increased security through the use of trained and paid adults from the community, regular hall duty by teachers and a more effective student patrol and student government.

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The report urged greater student participation by upgrading the homeroom period focused on student-oriented activities, and advocated individualized scheduling.

Another source of tension and hostility, the report said, is the housing of all special curriculum students in portable classrooms. This kind of separation marks the slower students and contributes to bad feelings among them.

Among other recommendations of the group were: comprehensive reading programs at elementary and junior levels; expansion of in-service education for teachers relating to urban problems; greater use of para-professionals; and strengthening of community involvement.

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Concern for the problems faced by Pimlico Junior High School and other schools like it is high in the aftermath of a disturbance Wednesday which started in the school's cafeteria and ended with the arrest of 12 students and injury to at least two others.

Students boycotting the food service overturned a table, whereupon the cafeteria was closed before the last group of students had eaten. Students then began running through the corridors, strewing paper around, and breaking windows.

School was dismissed for the day at 1:30 p.m., following which several students who did not leave when ordered to do so were arrested.

-APRIL 4

The Choir of Douglas Memorial Community Church will sing Handel's Messiah today at 5 p.m. The public is invited.

APRIL 6

The Corner Theatre, 891 North Howard St. will sponsor its next series of sensitivity classes beginning today. The series will consist of four three hour classes and will culminate in a weekend of intensive sensitivity sessions.

—Nine arrested

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ed over, food trays and other objects filled the air as students stampeded for the doors.

It was during the change of periods when the disturbance occurred and students entering the cafeteria were confronted by students leaving the cafeteria, and pandemonium broke out.

Special Officer McGrath called for assistance and city police scout cars surrounded the school.

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Three students were arrested. According to police the three, all age 15, were charged with aggravated assault on Cory Godfred, another student.

Police report shows that one of those arrested was carrying a gun and another was armed with a wooden club.

The students, all boys, were taken to Northwestern District Station and later released to the custody of their parents.

Yesterday (Thursday) school officials reported to the AFRO that "everything is fine." However, later during the morning police reported that six more arrests had been made "both in the school building and in the vicinity of the school."

Of those arrested yesterday, four were charged with trespassing, two with truancy. They, too, were released to the custody of their parents.

The Pimlico incident touched off a rash of rumors and by late afternoon the city desk had received 15 noon Thursday, the AFRO calls about "riots" in this school or that.

Investigation into one call revealed a real incident which Garrison Junior High principal Abdella Campbell called "normal situation between kids."

By way of explanation, he said, "there has been no disturbance here, but this afternoon a couple of kids were talking up a fight between each other and a crowd gathered.

"The police arrived and I along with six of my assistants were also present. Nothing occurred on the school campus and during the time we were out there no licks were passed."

Mr. Campbell explained that junior high school people "often make threats to each other and select their respective audiences for the fight after school. Those, who aren't invited see something going on and join the crowd also. There is nothing sinister about this however, we may get some repercussions later but there was certainly no 'disturbance.'"

Hearings for the nine students arrested at Pimlico Junior High are awaiting disposition by juvenile authorities.

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Del. Brailey wage bill in trouble

(AFRO BUREAU)

The House of Delegates voted last week for a bill that would strip thousands of workers in the state of overtime wage guarantees obtained for them a year ago by Del. Troy Brailey, (D-4th).

Mr. Brailey had sponsored a bill which became law in 1970 that guaranteed workers in many industries time-and-a-half for all hours worked in excess of 40 each week.

If the bill passed by the House, Saturday becomes law, workers in the majority of those industries will be deprived of that protection. The industries affected include railroads, motor carriers, hotels, motels and restaurants, nursing homes and gas stations.

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The loss of the overtime protection, passed after heavy industry lobbying, is not the only problem, according to Delegate Brailey.

"The companies have not paid the extra wages waiting to get this new bill through," he said. "These same companies owe these workers thousands of dollars of back pay from the time the bill went into effect."

Mr. Brailey added that the only way an individual worker could regain the lost wages is through the courts, an expensive process in itself.

DR. LILLIE M. JACKSON, age 81, will be honored as the oldest living alumnus during the Coppin State College Inauguration events for new president, Dr. Calvin Burnett. Dr. Jackson has become since her graduation from old Coppin Normal in 1910, the nationally famed NAACP executive who spearheaded successful efforts for civil rights legislation. Now president emeritus of the local NAACP and an AFRO Honor Roll member, she is also founder of Freedom House and recipient of recent awards from Western District Police Community Organization and the YWCA.

Servicemen in News

Marine Pvt. James D. Johnson, son of Mr. Albert Johnson of New Pittsburg Ave., Baltimore, has completed the Individual Combat Training and Basic Specialist Training course while serving with Third Infantry Training Battalion, First Infantry Training Regiment, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

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Marine Pvt. James L. McElveen, son of Mrs. Thelma L. McElveen of Dolphin St., Baltimore, has completed the Individual Combat Training and Basic Specialist Training course while serving with Third Infantry Training Battalion, First Infantry Training Regiment, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

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Navy Petty Officer Second Class Jeffries Robinson, husband of the former Miss Ethel Tyler of East Federal St., Baltimore, is serving aboard the guided missile cruiser USS Albany which is currently deployed with the U.S. Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean.

Cpl. Larry Damon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Waxter Damon of E. Hoffman St., Baltimore, has been promoted to sergeant at his army post in Germany where he is stationed with the 508th Service Co.

A Vietnam veteran, Sgt. Damon is a 1969 graduate of Northern High. He was employed at the Hecht Co., before he entered service in July 1969.

Marine Gunnery Sergeant Felder James, husband of the former Miss Carol L. Farabee of Wildwood Parkway, Baltimore, was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V" at the Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N. C.

He was cited for meritorious service while serving with Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron 18, Marine Air Control Group 48, First Marine Aircraft Wing in Vietnam from October 1968 to August 1970.

James entered the Marine Corps in June 1943.

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Marine Lance Corporal Garry M. Simms, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elijah W. Simms Jr. of 913 N. Collington Ave., Baltimore, was promoted to his present rank while serving at Kaneohe Marine Corps Air Station, Oahu, Hawaii.

Mr. Wedlock

Charles Wedlock Sr., 3300 block Garrison Ave., filed suit in Circuit Court Tuesday to sever the vows he took on May 30, 1959 to become bound in wedlock to his wife, Mrs. Luce Mae Wedlock, 2700 block Rayner Ave.

Represented by William R. Reineck, attorney, Mr. Wedlock accuses his wife of infidelity and asks a divorce and custody of their two children.

—Installation

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chairman of the Inauguration Committee, told the AFRO the theme of the Burnett Inauguration is "Reaching Upward and Out."

Dr. Burnett, the AFRO learned, is anxious that citizens of the community, students and officials have an interaction of thought and experiences during the two-day inaugural ceremonies.

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Highlights of the weekend festivities will include:

A Music-Dance Concert, Thomas Pullen Gymnasium tonight (Friday) at 8 p.m.

A Reception, Tawes Student Union, tonight (Friday) 9:30 p.m.

The installation ceremony itself will be tomorrow (Saturday) at 3 p.m. An academic procession will assemble an hour earlier.

Immediately following the address of the President, the Inaugural Dinner will be held at 6 p.m. in the Tawes Student Union.

This dinner will be open to the public. Buffet-style is expected to accomodate all who come.

Mrs. Dedmond explained, "This was done at the express wish of Dr. Burnett who wants the students and the public to have a meaningful exchange of ideas."

Closing event of the day will be the Inaugural Ball, 10 p.m., Thomas Pullen Gymnasium when Dr. and Mrs. Burnett will receive guests.

Serving as honorary chairman of the inauguration is 81-year-old NAACP President Emeritus, Dr. Lillie M. Jackson.

She was graduated from old Coppin Normal School in 1910 and is the oldest living Coppin alumnus.

The services and advice of many community leaders and alumni were sought in the planning of the festivities.

Among the alumni serving on the committee are Tom Ross (WBAL TV executive), Clifton Ball (alumni president and assistant principal in the Baltimore Public Schools).

Earl Booker, director of Community Relations for the Mondawmin Shopping Center served as a consultant.

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