THAT'S HOW IT'S DONE — Mrs. Barbara Cassell, a teacher assistant at School No. 238, instructs little Antoinette Morris in the intricacies of counting blocks and balls, as part of the Model Early Childhood Learning Program.

REACHING HIGH — Dwayne Chase shows his eagerness to get his "counting box." Each box has a tag with a number corresponding to a number on the box. Each day students obtain their tags, then match them with numbers on the boxes.

TAKE YOUR TIME says Mrs. Barbara Elliott as she instructs Tracey Tripp in forming the letter "H." Mrs. Elliott is a teacher assistant with the Model Early Childhood Program at School No. 238.

HAVING FUN — Mrs. Paula Burley and Angela Graves have an enjoyable assignment as Angela is instructed in the use of the "musical alphabet machine." Angela is in the Model Early Childhood Learning Program at School No. 238.

'Every Child A Winner' In Learning Program

The Model Early Childhood Learning Program in the Baltimore Public Schools says of itself, "here every child is a winner."

The program is a federally-funded project oriented to pre-school age children, who "work through finely graded steps of (the) curriculum at a rate and in a manner suited to their own abilities."

The aim of the project is to enable each child to develop the basic skills that will assist him in successful learning. It is believed that this can be best realized through improvement in the quality of instruction in the basic skills areas (reading, reasoning and language).

The entire staff of counselors, teaching assistants and teachers is committed to an intensive training program which enables them to construct, evaluate and refine objectives and curriculum so that they remain relevant to the needs of individual learners.

Project planners explain this approach permits more innovative teaching and room for improvement.

Every child a winner

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Other broad objectives of the program are to:

raise the level of reading achievement;

increase the number facility of each child)

improve language development; and

increase ability in using abstract and academic symbols.

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Most of the children attending the program's 11 centers in five of the city's schools are from low-income families. There are 3-year-olds in some centers and 4-year-olds in others.

The federal government spends almost $2,000 per child for a half-day program lasting nine months. Baltimore's program is a precursor of the Head Start Program.

Emphasis is on strengthening the child's learning capabilities before he enters regular school sessions where "catching-up" is often an arduous or futile task.

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Schools represented in the project are: Nos. 11, 1624 Eutaw Place; 74, Homewood Ave. and 22nd; 112A, 1330 Laurens; 225, 2401 Nevada St., and 238, 1440 Chesapeake.

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Parents interested in enrolling for the fall term children who live within walking distance of one of these schools may contact Miss Betty Showell, director of the Model Early Childhood Learning Program.

City officials have designated May 24 through May 28 "Model Early Childhood Learning Program Week in Baltimore."

Others responsible for the co-ordination of the program are: Mrs. Peggie Brown, program assistant; Mrs. Treopia Washington, program assistant, and Mrs. Lavinia Campher, co-ordinator for Parent Counselors.

JOHN A. HAWKINS, veteran labor leader, was honored at a testimonial at Lord Baltimore Hotel, Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins are seen at left, above. Others, from left are William L. Kircher, speaker; Samuel T. Daniels, toastmaster; William H. Brown and Robert Brown, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walters.

500 honor John Hawkins for 35 years of labor leadership

Over 500 guests greeted John A. Hawkins, field manager of the AFL-CIO, at a testimonial on Saturday at the Lord Baltimore Hotel.

The 7 p.m. dinner was given in recognition of 35 years of service to the Trade Union Movement of the national AFL-CIO, the International Unions, religious, civic and fraternal organizations.

Mr. Hawkins, 65, was born in Elkridge, Md. He has been a long time member of First Baptist Church in Elkridge, is a member of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Mason, Hiram Consistory No. 2, Jerusalem Temple No. 4 Shrines, the YMCA and a life member of the NAACP and other civic and fraternal organizations.

for seven consecutive years, he served as president of Local No. 33 GBBA and at the same time served the union as delegate to the Baltimore Federation of Labor, the Maryland District of Columbia Federation of Labor and the National Conventions of GBBA.

In August, 1943, he was appointed Representative of GBBA by the late president, James Maloney.

During the Southern Drive instituted by the American Federation of Labor to organize the unorganized workers, he was assigned to the Southern Region of the AFL, Atlanta, Ga. in March, 1946, working under the direction of the late director, George Googe and later under his successor, J. Lew Rhodes.

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In January, 1949 he was appointed to the AFL organizing staff and served in that capacity until the merger of AFL-CIO in 1955. At that time, he became a member of the Department of Organization of the AFL-CIO and served as a field representative until his retirement.

Mr. Hawkins has been married to Mrs. Amy Jane Hawkins for 43 years. They have two sons, John A. Jr. and Frank Hawkins, who are both employed at Westinghouse.

Samuel T. Daniels, director of Council of Equal Business Opportunity and Grand Master of Prince Hall Masons of Maryland, presided.

Mayor Thomas J. D'Alesandro 3rd, hailed the honoree: "John A. Hawkins contributed to laying the foundation for hopefully a better tomorrow. He has paid a tribute to us."

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William L. Kircher, director of the organization, AFL-CIO, was the guest speaker. In addition to reminiscing about how Mr. Hawkins helped the labor force invaluably, he also noted he was one of the most successful organizers and labeled him as a "pioneer."

He also said it was due to Mr. Hawkins' ingenuity that it was practically impossible to get grapes in this city while the California grape pickers are on strike. He said "Many know him by his works. It gives me great joy honoring a man who has devoted his life trying to help others."

Among the gifts to the honoree were a two-week expense-paid trip to Europe from the Prince Hall Masons.

The presentation was by the Illustrious Potentate, Harrin Williams who invited Mr. Hawkins to visit the 13 other Masonic lodges abroad. He is scheduled to leave Baltimore on July 8 and return on July 22.

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Other gifts included a shotgun, fishing gear, color TV and a check for $1,000.

Mrs. Hawkins, who was elegant in a pink print, after-six dress, was gifted with $100.

Musical selections came from Mrs. Shirley Thomas, accompanied by Mrs. Gloria Tester.

As he rose to acknowledge the gifts, Mr. Hawkins was given a standing ovation. He said:

"You've made me very happy tonight. There were times this evening when the accolades were so great I had to stop to think if you were talking about me.

He also added, "In honoring me; you are also salluting the Urban League, Masons, NAACP and the many ministers with whom I've worked.

"I was in Houston, Texas and was scheduled to come

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MRS. ROSALIE McGUIRE, Mrs. Dorothy Sanders and Kurt Schmoke, left to right, will be recipients of awards when the Baltimore Chapter of the National Association of Business and Professional Women celebrate Founders' Day, June 13. An award will also go to Mrs. Harrie Harrison.

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Business-Professional Women To Cite Mrs. Rosalie McGuire

with Lula Mackay

Mrs. Rosalie Johnson McGuire, retired school principal, club woman and first national vice president, will be recipent of of the So journer Truth Award from the Baltimore Club of the National Association of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, this year. The award will be made at the annual Founder's Day Luncheon, June 13, at the Statler-Hilton Hotel.

The award is made for meritorious service in the community. Other recipients of the Dunbar High School P.T.A. and well known East Baltimore civic worker, who will receive the Community Service Award; Mrs. Dorothy Sanders, co-owner of the Rogers Beauty Supply Company, the Business Aard; and Kurt Schmoke, Jr., Maryland's first Rhodes Scholar, the Outstanding Youth Award.

Mrs. Erna P. Poston, president of the Civil Service Commission of New York State and highest ranked female appointee in the Rockefeller cabinet, will be speaker. Mrs. Poston is a National Urban League trustee and as such is a member of the Search Committee to find a successor to the late Whitney M. Young Jr. She also holds membership in the Zonta, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, the Links and the Girl Friends.

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The Baltimore Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority will hold a close-in banquet as its final activity of the year on Friday, June 11, at the Holiday Inn, Northwest. The social hour will begin a 6:30, with dinner following at 7:30. The speaker will be Miss Marva Scott of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Officers to be installed at the time are:

President: Thelma B. Cox; first vice-president, Chapelle Armsteads; second vice-president, Gloria Malrow; third vice-president, Dorothy Barrick; recording secretary, Geraldine Blackwell;

Corresponding secretary, Javel Duggins; financial secretary, Charlene Cooper; treasurer, Aloha McCullough; assistant treasurer, Muriel Brinkley; journalist, Florence McDonald; historian, Frances Lucas; parliamentarian, Laura Knight; chaplain, Louise Jackson; and sergeant-at-arms, Leah Hasty.

Reservations are being accepted by Chapelle Armstead, Helen Carr, Pat Carrington, Laura Knight, Hazel Parks, Barbara Rayland, Elsie Robinson and Audrey Williams.

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Delta Sigma Theta sorors held a "Delta Showcase" (a talent show) in the Provident Hospital Auditorium, Saturday afternoon.

The affair was a part of the sorority's annual May Week celebrations. In addition to scouting for talent, the group listed specific ways to encourage youth to become productive, creative citizens. Included were taking a young person to church, guiding a career, listening to a youth and providing opportunities for growth.

In addition to the sorors the audience included young people, parents and friends, with children of all ages.

The committee included Sorors Delores Jessup, chairman; Dorothy Barrick, co-chairman; Hedy Drummond, Betty Tax, Ethel Lineberger, Kay Thomas, Lucille J. Wiliams and Thelma Cox.

Participants were:

Larry Goins, Debbie Jacobs, Margaret Little, Douglas Johnson, Olga Martin and Vanessa Grogan, soloists;

Dorothy Marshall, Ella Stovall and Victor Myrick, accompanists;

The Southern Cherokees, who included Bobby Hinkle, Debbie Haines, Andrea Delgada, Debbie Dunn, Charles McElkose, Olive, Jimmy Sheila, Laurie, Madison and Joe, accompanied by Ella Stovall;

Readings by Joia Jefferson, Deborah Williams and Bertha Satterfield; dancing by Jacqueline Kess, Cheryl Hinton and a dance group which included Diane Fax, Karen Scott and Bernetta Owens and a musical pantomine by Annette Lee, Deborah Hough and Cynthia Coleman.

Melonie, Robyn and James Priest, and Belinda Scott, Arlene Adams and Cheryl Reese modeled fashions.

Mesdames Cleo Diggs and Ruperta Waters were hostesses at luncheon for members of the Northwest Club, Saturday, in the Babe Ruth Room of the Chesapeake Restaurant.

Cleo was chic as usual in a three-piece red, white and blue knit while Ruperta set a pace in a lovely cinnamon color suit with matching accessories.

Their greeting to arrivals were warm and their cocktails icy cold . . . which is a very right combination, if you ask me.

The Northwesterners are in high pitch these days. They are in the midst of commencements for their children, and this lends a special glow to their meetings. They are doing other interesting things also. For example, Alice Payne talked of the trip she and Bob made to Paris, France, recently, and where her brother and sister-in-law, the Lloyd Davises (Becky) entertained at a party for them. They ran into Dr. and Mrs. Nathan Pitts and Ollie Stewart at the affair.

Anethia Williams was full of answers to questions about her son, Ronnie, who graduates from Howard University Medical School on June 5th . . . but who has already passed the national board. A party is being planned for him on the sixth . . . that is if anyone can get his grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. M. L. Barksdale, and his godmother, Mrs. William Watts back from Cloud Nine in time.

Vyna Skinner is wishing she could be twins. She has two sons, John and Davis graduating the same day. Probably she will be going to Western Maryland College to see John receive his bachelor of science degree in physics and commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army. Davis is receiving a second degree in civil engineering from Tufts in Massachusetts.

Mary Sprow is readying for a trip to Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y., where her Otis is receiving a master's degree in mechanical engineering on June 6th; and Lucille Cephas is equally thrilled that her son, Charles Wesley, will graduate from Northwestern High School . . . and his godmother, Flozella Clark was announcing that he will enter Lincoln University in Pennsylvania come September.

A memorial was made to the late Mrs. Nellie H. Flint and the late Mrs. Marie L. Clark of Pulaski, Va. To their daughters-in-law, Vera Flint and Flozella Clark went silver and crystal vases, with a single rose bud, symbolic to the relationship that had existed. Mary Sprow made the presentations.

About for this meeting were Lucille Cephas, Flozella Clark, Iona Collins, Cleo Diggs, Vera Flint, Ellen Johns, Anita Myers, Alice Payne, Margarie Sheffey, Vyna Skinner, Mary Sprow, Ruperta Waters and Anetha Williams.

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Add to charming hostessing the dinner meeting Dell and Ben Foreman had for the Couples' Club on Sunday afternoon. All of the usual bunch was on hand for a pre-dinner business session (with Ethel Rich presiding) except the Lonnie Greenes.

Betty Williams and Emma Bright, looking like breaths of spring, the first in an embroidered linen; the latter in a polyester print . . . all mauves, dining in the Johns Hopkins Club Tuesday evening. Lula Mackey was their guest.

Baltimore Afro American

B—8 MAY 29, 1971 YOU KNOW BECAUSE YOU READ THE AFRO

BIRTHDAY PRESENT — Ralph Bell gave himself a really worthwhile birthday present when he turned 18 on Tuesday. He went to the Board of Supervisors of Elections and registered to vote. Bell has been working at the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene for the last year. If you have not registered to vote and if you will become of age before the September 14 Primary, you can register NOW too and give yourself a birthday present. August 16 is the LAST DAY you can register to vote before the Primary. Hurry!

On A Quiet Hillside In Small Churchyard

On a quiet hillside in a small country churchyard in rural Maryland, a 21-year-old youth was buried Thursday morning.

The body of Sp/4 Larry L. Robinson, U.S. Army, had been flown from Vietnam to the little town of Texas, Md., where his family and friends went to see him buried beside his cousin, Robert M. Waters, who had also lost his life in Vietnam, nearly five years ago.

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Larry Robinson had been reared with his aunt and uncle, Mrs. Mary and George Waters, in the town of Hereford, Md.

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There, he had attended Hereford High School, before going on to North Harford Junior College.

In his first semester at college, though, he was drafted. A year later he was in Vietnam.

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Everyone who knew him spoke of him as a nice boy, a kind and friendly boy, who went out of his way to be good to others.

His cousin, James Waters, who had grown up with him, corresponded with him while he was in Vietnam. Waters told the AFRO Robinson had not liked the Army, and was looking forward to getting out and returning to his family and friends.

A neighbor, Howard Moals, had also been close to the young man. He described Larry as "decent, well-mannered, and respectful," and added that Larry had treated him like a father.

The youth's mother, Mrs. Ruth Robinson, and his brother, James Govans, 15, of Street, Md., were too upset to talk about him.

After completing his tour of duty with the Army, which was to end in September, Larry had hoped to return to college, study business, and do something for his family and his community.

He was active member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, where the funeral service was held.

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Larry Robinson was the kind of young man who leaves behind happy memories for those who knew him, and the special sadness that follows the death of every young soldier who dies in a foreign land.

VIETNAM VET — Sp. 4 Larry Robinson, 21, inset, buried Thursday morning atop a hill in a Texas, Md. country cemetery beside his cousin, also a Vietnam veteran. (AFRO Staff Photo by Frank W. Phillips 3rd)

$1,100,000 HUD grant for Rosemont

Cong. Parren J. Mitchell, D-7th, Md., announced that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has obligated $1,100,000 for code enforcement in the Rosemont Code Enforcement Project.

Within the Rosemont area there are 10,836 dwelling units, of which 5,357 have code violations and 110 of which are to be demolished.

"I have been working in close concert with Commissioner Robert Embry and Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro in pushing for the approval and obligation of this grant, "Cong. Mitchell stated.

"This approval will permit the start of a concentrated code enforcement activities and public improvement in the project area," he added.

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The funds will also enable the city to make about 180 grants for rehabilitation of homes (as authorized by the Housing Act of 1965) occupied by low and moderate-income families. A grant of $630,500 is included for rehabilitation.

As required by law, anyone displaced by site operations will be offered relocation in decent, safe, and sanitary housing. This HUD grant includes a relocation grant of $26,922.

Mrs. Diggs new trustee of Bryn Mawr

At the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Bryn Mawr, Mrs. Robert H. Diggs was unanimously elected to the Board of Trustees to serve a four year term.

In commenting on the election, Mrs. William H. Richardson, president of the Board of Trustees, expressed delight at Mrs. Diggs' election and stated that the entire board looked forward to working with Mrs. Diggs during her term.

Mrs. Diggs is a psychologist attached to the Baltimore public Schools.

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