# Graduation Proof A Day Does Make A Difference

PARREN J. MITCHELL
School which once barred him rorior him.

Receiving an honorary doctorate last week at a branch of a university which denied him residence 20 years a go was Maryland's first Congressman Parren J. Mitchell (D. 7th).

In 1950, Mr. Mitchell was plaintiff in an NAACP suit, along with Miss Esther McCready, which compelled the university to admit them to dorms on the College Park campus where they pursued graduate studies in sociology and nursing respectively.

The Eastern Shore branch of the University of Maryland at Princess Anne awarded the degree in graduation ceremonies where the Congressman was the main speaker.

Because of his successful fight to open U. of Md. dorms, Mr. Mitchell and Miss McCready won AFRO Honor Roll citations.

Precedent was broken last month when Rep. Mitchell received an AFRO Honor Roll citation for the second time for his efforts in becoming the first representative from Maryland to the U.S. Congress.

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In his commencement address to the grads, Congressman Mitchell alluded to his bad memories of the U. of Md. He said:

"I was at the University of Maryland recently. That's my alma mater. That's where in 1950 I had to sue to get in, when they said: "You'll not put your black foot on one blade of grass," on the college campus.

"I was back there as a Congressman recently was welcomed as an alumnus and as a Congressman, and a great deal was said about how much had been changed since that time.

"And it was pointed out that when I was there, I was one black student out of 3500.

"Now there are 1400 black students at College Park. I did some simple arithmetic: 1400 out of 35,000.

"All it means is a ratio of 1 to 35 when I was there has been changed to 4 percent in 1971."

Mr. Mitchell added:

"Now I am saying all of these things because you young men and women have a commitment to this institution, the University of Maryland-Eastern Shore campus.

"You know, the faculty knows, the board of regents know, everybody in this audience knows that this institution was treated as the "bastard child" of the University of Maryland for so many years.

"You've got a responsibility to make sure this 'illegitimate' [illegible] ure' assumes full legitimacy.

"It is your responsibility to recruit.

"It is your responsibility to say here and now, we will not only maintain this institution, we will improve it.

"We will work with it, we will not let it be subsumed under or become a part of Salisbury state or any other state. It's here and that's your job — to keep it going."


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## Taxpayer hearings open to all

The Hon. J. Joseph Curran, Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee, has set June 6 at 2 p.m. at the Eastern High School Auditorium as the date and place for the Annual Taxpayers' Hearing by the City Council.

This is the opportunity for the general public to be heard with respect to the budget and the revenue measures to support it.

Among bond referenda are:

C.C. 1760—To authorize the City to borrow $7,800,000 to be used for converting unmetered water services to metered water services.

C.C. 1761—To authorize the City to borrow $4,500,000 to be used for the construction of a Central Dis-

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## Grand dad, 73, quits girl, 22

James Jennings, 73, father of 12 children, has been given a suspended sentence of 10 years and placed on five years probation in connection with the Dec. 24 shooting of his 22-year-old girlfriend and the fatal gun death of a male friend.

Mr. Jennings promised to heed directions of Criminal Court Judge James Murphy and through his attorney, Leonard S. Freedman, declared his romance with Mrs. Margaret Bernice Robinson, 22, is at an end.

Taking the stand, the grandfather of numerous grand and great-grandchil "with no other woman" and will make his home in the future with his oldest daughter.

Mrs. Essie Hurt, the daughter, told the court, "I will watch him pretty carefully."

Mr. Jennings, a highly respected Charles St. apartment house superintendent was charged with murder and attempted murder on Christmas Eve, 1970 after he fired a gun in the 500 block Gilmor St. Coffee Den operated by Mrs. Robinson's mother.

Bullets struck the 22-year-old woman he described as his girlfriend of 18 months. She was hospitalized for wounds of the hip and arm.

Clarence Jackson, an adult customer sitting at a table with the grandfather and his sweetheart, was struck in the chest and pronounced dead on arrival at the hospital.

From evidence produced by Assistant States Attorney Keith Meisser, Judge Murphy learned that the three persons were in an intoxicated condition.

Mr. Jennings testified: "I didn't know what I was doing."

The court was also told the grandfather was peeved because the girlfriend had failed shortly before Christmas Eve to fix his lunches to take to work.

HAT IN RING — From left to right: State Senator Clarence W. Blount, (D.-5th); Pinkney A. Howell, candidate for City Council, Fifth District; Dr. Jerusa Wilson, Mr. Howell's campaign manager; Darren Douglas, Mr. Howell's grandson; and Mrs. Rosemary H. Douglas, Mr. Howell's daughter.

## Pat Harris considered for UMBC

Dr. Albin O. Kuhn, chancellor of the Baltimore Campuses of the University of Maryland, has announced that 383 students will receive their Bachelor of Arts degrees in Commencement Exercises to be held outdoors on Sunday, June 6, at 6:30 p.m. for the University of Maryland Baltimore County.

Patricia Roberts Harris, former ambassador to Luxembourg and former dean of the Howard University School of Law, will deliver the commencement address.

The recent recipient of a honorary doctorate from Johns Hopkins University and newly appointed member of the Board of Directors of one of the world's largest corporations — IBM, she is being given serious consideration for the position of Chancellor at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County.

Mrs. Harris was one of fourteen names of outstanding and highly qualified men and women obtained from leaders in the community in March 1971 and recomended to the Chancellor Search Committee by the UMBC Black Caucus of Faculty and Staff.

Mrs. Harris received her Bachelor of Arts degree summa cum laude from Howard University, her law degree from George Washington University, and doctor of laws degrees from Tufts University and Dartmouth College, among many others.

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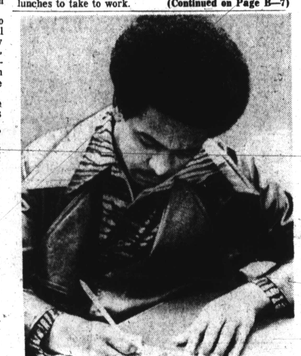

A GOOD CITIZEN is registered and prepared to vote, says 18-year-old Woody Jackson. AFRO Photographer Ben Phillips caught Mr. Jackson as he registered to vote at Supervisors of Elections, Fayette and Gay Sts. last week. Mr. Jackson, a Forest Park High senior, works part-time at the Hopkins School of Hygiene.

## Provident Hospital dedication

Dedication of the new Provident Hospital is scheduled for Sunday June 13. The 4 p.m. event will take place on the parking lot with Dr. Saul Purdue, the chairman of the Dedication Committee, presiding.

The Liberty Heights and Towanda Aves. location of the multi-million dollar complex will also be the scene of the dedication of the Helene Fuld School of Nursing at 1 p.m.

The public is invited to attend the affair which is the highpoint in the history of the institution founded June 13, 1894, 77 years ago.

## Pinkney Howell's hat in ring, files from the 5th Ditsrict

"With my experience as father and civic worker I have a broad insight into the city's problems . ."

The words are those of Pinkney Howell, president of the recently-formed Five-In-Five Democratic Club, formally entered the race for nomination as Democratic Fifth District Councilmanic candidate.

Former owner of a chain of barber shops in the city, Mr. Howell is a member of the Policy Steering Board of the Model Cities Agency, has taught barbering in the public schools since 1962, and is a teacher at Houston Junior High No. 181.

He is chairman of the board of Union Memorial United Methodist Church, a teacher in its adult church school class, a Mason, member of the Frontiers, YMCA, NAACP, Urban League and a delegate to the Metropolitan Baltimore Council of AFL-CIO unions.

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In addition, he is secretary-treasurer of the State Black Barbers' Organization, for which he served as first president and organizer. He has been in the barbering business a total of 33 years.

In his statement issued when he filed for the council, Mr. Howell stated: "Baltimore, like most cities of today, is a city with problem.

"Fortunately for us, however, in addition to our troubles, Baltimore has a great number of citizens — men and women, black and white, rich and poor — who love and are proud of their city and who are willing to dedicate every possible effort toward its welfare.

"As I look about me and see the needs of our city and hear the voices of my fellow citizens, I feel an urge, no a necessity, to offer my services to help Baltimore realize its true potential.

"Therefore, I announce my intention to enter the race for nomination in the Demorratic Primary as candidate for the Baltimore City Council from the Fifth Democratic District."

When he filed at the Office of the Supervisor of Elections on Tuesday, Mr. Howell was accompanied by his son-in-law, daughter and grandson and by Fifth District State Senator Clarence Blount, for whom he served as campaign manager in the 1968 Councilmanic elections.

"We are especially concerned about paying almost 60 percent of the city taxes but having more overcrowded schools than any other district.

"We are concerned about the pollution problem at Herring Run Park, the absence of traffic lights on

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## John Douglass files for 3rd district seat

John J. Douglass filed Tuesday as a candidate for anddate for the office of City Council from the 3rd district, "because I am interested in promoting the welfare of the 3rd district and the city of Baltimore."

His statement at the time said in part, "As you may recall, the 3rd district was spared the racial riots that plagued our city a few years ago.

"We are a district of home owners, of church goers, and of perhaps middle class people, who are known for sharing problems and for participating in and solving problems together . . ."

DR. PATRICA R. HARRIS

JOHN J. DOUGLASS

## Race issue dominates School Board meeting

By PAUL EVANS

The meeting at the Board of School Commissioners ended last night in one of the most sullen moods seen in recent years.

The Twenty-fifth Street board room was filled to capacity early as supporters of a parent of a Woodbourne Junior High School student expressed their sentiments to commissioners.

Paul A. Goss told commissioners he did not want his son to "leave his neighborhood high school," Northern, to attend the 10th grade at Lake Clifton.

The Board decided to shift the tenth grade from Northern to Lake Clifton temporarily as part of its Magnet Plan to make some high schools more attractive to students, thus relieving overcrowded conditions in other city facilities.

Students attending Lake Clifton, according to Board President, Robert L. Karwacki, are still Northern students and are guaranteed admittance to Northern for the junior and senior years.

However, Mr. Goss told the board he believed in neighborhood schools. He plainly admitted his son had been attacked by "black students" and this had turned the son into "a racist and a bigot." These incidents were intimated to have taken place in the Woodbourne Jr. High area. Although the parent never plainly said why he did not want his son to attend Lake Clifton, it was tacitly inferred that black students would predominate the school.

Mr. Goss has forbidden his son to take part in any extra-curricular activities at Woodbourne and would do the same if the student had to attend Lake Clifton for one year.

In response to Mr. Goss's complaints Board members Karwarki and Robert Theblot attempted to placate him by citing recent "rulings" of the Supreme Court which forbade districting of any type in city school systems.

Mr. Karwacki said the majority sentiment on the board was not in favor of any type of districting. He elaborated. If the city school board, he said, begins to district schools, then federal government would immediately step in and declare the policy unconstitutional.

Commissioner Kalman Heilleman in response to Mr. Goss said, "I hope that these remarks don't inflame people in this city unnecessarily."

The parent's request that his son not be assigned to Lake Clifton was denied. He and his supporters were outwardly displeased with the decision after the meeting.

The Board has agreed to end meetings after two and one-half hours of session, unless board members approve additional time.

This was put into action last night as things needed up as the deadline; it was

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## Dr. Cheek will tour Africa

Dr. King V. Cheek, president of Morgan State College, announced Thursday that he will participate in an African Seminar Tiur sponsored by the Phelps-Stokes Fund.

Presidents of 12 predominately black colleges will participate and will be visiting Liberia, Nigeria, Ethiopia, Kenya and Morocco.

The group departs from New York on June 14 and is scheduled to return on July 18.

During the five weeks in

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TEACHERS HONORED — Joseph Hilliyard, chairman of Red Cross Youth Programs for the Baltimore regional Red Cross chapter, presents the "Golden Apple" award to Mrs. Mabel Walters, L. and Mrs. Kathleen B. Newsome, for their contributions as Red Cross Youth Council coordinator in the past year. Mrs. Walters is a teacher at Franklin D. Roosevelt Elementary School, and Mrs. Newsome is a retired teacher, formerly at Robert Fulton Elementary School.

## Theophilus Jones buried Wednesday

"He was like a father to us. He reared us after our father (Clarence) died in 1960. He lived with us at the Gwynn Crest Apartments on Hilton St. . . . He was a grand person. We will certainly miss him."

His nieces, whom he began to care for shortly after their father died, were speaking of their uncle, Theophilus Jones, well known club owner.

Mr. Jones was proprietor, with his sister, Mrs. Emily Kelly, of Jones', a popular night club at 1724 W. Lanva'e St.

He was killed instantly on Memorial Day morning, when his car ran out of control and crashed into metal poles at the corner of Reisterstown Rd. and Wiley Ave.

Funeral services for Mr.

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INDUCTION of an eighth chapter into International Pivots, in Baltimore, over the weekend, brought a score or more of out-of-town members to the Maryland city. Shown above, from left, Mrs. Frances Henderson of Baltimore and Mrs. Amanda Webb, president of the New York City chapter; in second panel Mrs. Helen Guttis, vice president of the Baltimore chapter and Mrs. Marjorie E. Keith of Washington, national financial secretary; at right, Mrs. Geri McKee of New York, national research chairman; Mrs. Elizabeth Howe of Cleveland, Ohio, national chairman of human relations and Mrs. Dorothy M. Landers of Washington, national membership chairman.

MRS. ROMAYNE B. CLAY Hughes of Riversale, N.Y., Mrs. Joan Phillips, Balti-
of Washington, D.C. left, is national parliamentarian, is more, chairman of the in-
national treasurer of at center, and at right is stallation committee.
Pivots. Mrs. Blanche

## Pants hot, parties hotter as Baltimoreans join Pivot group

With the induction, here, over the weekend of the Baltimore chapter of Pivots, women from across the country had a sampling of Maryland's vaunted hospitality and unique entertaining.

The Baltimore chapter, as you probably know by now, is made up of Vera Carrington, president; Helen Gattis, vice president; Patricia Seldon, secretary; Helen Birt, corresponding secretary; Minnie Smoot, treasurer; Janet Woolridge, publicity

Joan Phillips, Gordine Blount, Jean Davis, Geri Desbordes, Frances Henderson, Lillian Jones, Helen Whittaker and Ada Woodland.

And there you have a set of hostesses expert in the party role . . . as was evidenced from the start of the weekend to its ending.

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For example, they did the cutest things:

At their get-acquainted party in Holiday Inn Downtown, Friday night, as representatives from chapters arrived, they were toasted. Since they have chapters from Canada, Detroit, New York, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Atlanta and Wasnington, the cocktailer was swinging pretty high by the time all had signed in.

The hostesses wore hot pants with Gordine Blount in a black and white number which featured a bare midriff and long flowing skirt; Minnie Smoot, unskirted bright red floral pants with high white kid boots enchanced with bright floral design down the sides;

Joan Phillips was in a red midi with hosiery to match; Vera Carrington, who heads the group, chose red, white and blue midi hot pants; Helen Birt, in black and white mod striped long pants; Gerri DesBordes, in red, white and blue cocktail dress;

And Helen Whittaker in silver and green; Helen Gattis turning to purple and silver, the design a sheath with feathered bottom;

Ada Woodland wore a hot pink pants set; Pat Seldon was in yellow, gold-trimmed pants; Lillian Jones chose a silver and blue cocktail frock; Jean Davis, black and white checkered pants, and Janet Woolridge in a green cocktailer with white applique.

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And the guests followed suit;

Amanda Webb of New York was in black and white zebra print pants, slit to the knees at the sides; and Elener Hereford of Cleveland enhanced pink print silk pants. GiGi Essase of Washington was in red and green long skirt over hot pants; and Dr. Eva Townes of Washington enhanced the party in black and silver cocktail pants.

Others who went down the pants trail included Valerie McCarr of Washington, Joselyn Hodgeson of New Jersey, Roberta Wise of Washington, Mildred Edgecombe of Washington and Dorothy Landers of the

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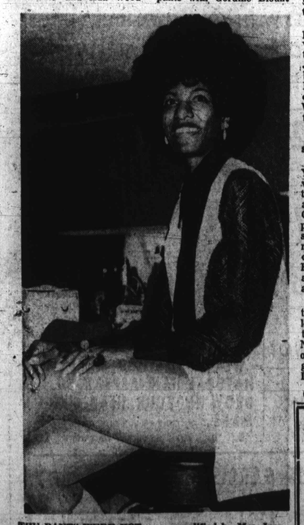

THE PANTS WERE HOT, as exemplified by Mrs. Inez Hill of Atlanta, Ga., in Baltimore for the Pivots weekend of induction parties.

*Gadabouting in Baltimore*

## Dean Percy Baker of Morgan weds Mrs. Jefferson of Va.

*with Lula Mackay*

Morgan State College campus was buzzing with news this week . . . beginning with Dean Percy J. Baker having been removed from the eligible list. His bride the former Mrs. Mary Jefferson, widow of the late famed coach of Virginia State College,, Harry (Big Jeff) Jefferson.

Other items: Mrs. Anne Young of the Romance Languages Department is now Dr. Young, having received the doctor of philosophy degree at Hopkins University. At the same university the same degree went to W. G. Scott. Dr. Benjamin Quarles is recipient of an honorary degree from the University of Maryland, and Mrs. George (Martha) Lancaster, a certificate in Higher Education from Hopkins and Mrs. Lena McKenney, a master's in education from Hopkins.

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The "love of a story" though is about Miss Clarice Thomas of St. John, Virgin Islands, and Dr. G. James Fleming of Morgan.

Miss Thomas will be the honoree at a retirement testimonial in St. John, this month. Miss Thomas, who had been earning her education piece meal, came to Morgan State College in 1954 at the age of 32. It was Dr. Fleming who gave her encouragement and fostered her ambitions. Miss Thomas graduated in 1956 and the teacher-pupil friendship has continued through the years.

Miss Anne Rachelle Carroll (she's the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Augustus I. Carroll, and employed in the Health Insurance Statistical Data Department of Social Security) was married to Robert L. Dooley of Bluefield, W. Va., on Saturday. Mr. Dooley, son of Robert Dooley and the late Mrs. Pauline Dooley, is a teacher of industrial arts at Lemmel Junior High School.

The Rev. Irving A. Moore, affiliated at the ceremony in Ames Memorial United Methodist Church, and the couple was attended by Robert Poth of Mt. Holly, N.J. and Miss Sylvia Payne of this city.

Following the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Carroll entertained for the couple at their W. North Avenue home. Out-of-town guests were Harry and Saundra Berney of Philadelphia, Gabriel Hardiman of Upper Darby, Pa., Reginald Billops and Charles Lawrence of Washington, Mrs. Kathleen Purnell of Salisbury, Md., Mrs. Francis Brabham of S. Ozone Park, N.Y.

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Peregrinators: Miss Deborah Simmons of New York City, who has just received her bachelor of arts degree from Farleigh-Dickerson College, is the guest of her uncle and aunt, Dr. and Mrs. G. James Fleming.

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Robert McDaniel, son of Dr. and Mrs. Robert McDaniel and grandson of Dr. and Mrs. Rayner Browne, who graduated from Johns Hopkins University on May 28th, will enter the University of Maryland School of Medicine in the fall.

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Miss Marilyn Thompson Oliver, member of the AFRO board of directors and daughter of AFRO trustee John J. Oliver Sr. and the late Mrs. Marye Thompson Oliver, will receive a masters degree in Sociology at the Saturday commencement exercises at Howard University.

Miss Oliver is the granddaughter of the late physician, Dr. Jacob B. Oliver of Brazil, Ind., who was a distinguished graduate of the Howard University Medical School. At present she is employed as a sociologist on the Bethesda National Institute of Mental Health staff of researchers studying the origins of social stress under direction of

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NATIONAL PIVOTS' president is Mrs. Blondine H. Jones of Shaker Heights, Ohio.


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