Douglass High graduates 315 at 83rd annual commencement

One of the most inspiring commencements of the year was the one held at the Civic Center when 315 young men and women of Douglass High School received their diplomas.

It was the school's 83rd annual commencement and over 3,500 friends, relatives, and alumni were seated in the auditorium to watch the graduation exercises.

Mrs. Edna O. Campbell, principal, introduced Sterling S. Keyes, acting superintendent of Baltimore Public Schools who then presented the class to Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro III, who conferred the diplomas.

The most significant part of the entire ceremony was the class theme, "With our rich heritage, let us enhance the future," which they felt had motivated each member to face the future with certainty and with the determination to seek his rightful place in society; contributing the best of his efforts for the good of mankind.

The graduation was highlighted by musical selections rendered by the famous Douglass High Mixed Choir and concert band.

The selections, both pop and traditional, all were written by black artists.

They included: "Lift Every Voice and Sing" by James Weldon Johnson; "That's The Idea of Freedom," Copland; "I Wish I Knew How It Would Feel To Be Free," by Billy Taylor and "Farewell to Thee" by Smith-Griggsby and the alma mater "Hail Douglass" written by James Hill and the late W. Meredith Birche of the Class of 1934.

As the audience sat in darkness in the huge auditorium, the Modern Dance Club, performed under colored spotlights as the choir and band continued under the direction of Miss Jewell Churn, and Thomas De Lanie.

Among the selections were: "What The World Needs Now," "Let The Sun Shine Through."

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At this point, Mark Saunders, class president and honor student, spoke to the class on their chosen theme, "Involvement Now."

He said, "We have taken our first steps of learning how to live. We know a better world is in the making but the answer to freedom's call is environment now."

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Principal Campbell paid tribute to the graduates and proudly presented their merits to the honored guests.

She observed the 1971 class was the first to exceed $250,000 in scholarship awards offered for higher education; to graduate students 16-years-old (Mark Saunders, Shafon Hynson, and Edward Richardson); to have a young man rank second in the class (Mark Saunders), and to graduate a representative number of young men in the Medical Careers Program.

The valedictorian was Miss Hattie Short, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Short. She plans to attend the University of Pennsylvania where she has been awarded a 4-year scholarship in excess of $11,000.

Miss Short also received other awards including the Reader's Digest Valedictorian Award, William H. Danforth Award, Fannie L. Barbour Award, National High School Award for Excellence, and Class of 1927 Scholarship Award.

Salutatorian was Mark Saunders, son of Mrs. Camae Saunders. Mr. Saunders, 16, and editor-in-chief of the school's newspaper, the Courier, is a member of the Honor Society, Chess Club, Debating Club and Cross Country Varsity Team. He plans to attend the University of Chicago where he was awarded a four-year scholarship in excess of $16,000.

Mr. Saunders also received the Elizabeth Murphy Moss Journalism Scholarship presented by the Wo-Be-Co Club; Catherine J. Mayo Scholarship Award, and William H. Danforth Award.

Other high ranking students were Misses Debra Smothers, Stephanie McCargo, Brenda Chaney, Pearl Garrett, Lavern Hanna, Alva Hunt, Gail Moses.

And George W. Jones II, Garry Baker, Alan Poulson, Jonathan Neale, and Reginald Carter.

Among special guests were members of the 1921 class, celebrating their 50th class reunion. Marshall Bright, representative of the class, was seated on the platform.

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An added highlight was the introduction of those students who plan to work as L.P.N.'s or in other medical careers at Provident Hospital.

Mrs. Campbell added, "As evidence of their success and readiness to move into a year of field service they will now receive their caps from their instructor, Mrs. Ethel Grandy."

The commencement exercises closed with Mrs. Campbell quoting Harry Halsey Sterrett, "Look upon life as a golden opportunity to render a helpful service to your fellow creatures, not as a way to make money. Be ever mindful that true wealth consists not in material but in spiritual values; not in a large estate of world goods but rather in a record of good works."

YWCA has summer classes for teens

Two summer classes offered by the YWCA Central Center, 128 W. Franklin St., give teenagers valuable training and the possibility of earning money thru a placement service run by the YWCA.

The party aid training course, instructed by Mrs. Anita Sterrette, will teach food preparation, proper methods of serving, and table arrangements. Class meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday from June 21 to July 2 for six sessions from 6 to 8 p.m.

A baby sitting training course will include a class with a librarian who will instrunt students in entertaining children with books, a nurse instructing in child care, a police department employee teaching self defense, and a Red Cross representative teaching emergency care.

Class will meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday, June 21 to July 2 for six sessions from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Fee is $6.

Persons needing party aides or baby sitters, especially for a regular day or afternoon out, should call the YWCA between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.; phone, 685-1460, ext. 41.

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Other classes of special interest to teens are "mini" classes, teaching the craft in one week.

Batik, creating original fabric designs, meets June 28, 30 and July 2, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for a $6 fee.

Macrame, the ancient art of knot tying to make belts and necklaces, meets Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, July 7, 8, and 9 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for a $6 fee.

Sandal making meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday July 12, 14, and 16 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for a $6 fee.

Other summer classes offered by the Central YWCA include sewing, jewelry making, writers' workshop, flower arranging, guitar, mixed media art, rapid reading, driving, swimming, figure improvement, tennis and fencing.

Glen Burnie summer program includes art, photography, drama, pottery, writing, books and coffee, karate, slimnastics, tennis, and childrens' activities in air-conditioned comfort Call 761-6444.

Miss Mayo, Mr. Swift married

Miss Gladenia Mayo, 22, daughter of Garland Mayo and Mrs. Georgeanna Atkins, exchanged vows with Ronald Morton Swift, in a double ring ceremony in Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, Saturday.

The evening ritual was performed by the Rev. Jessie Boykins.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a traditional gown of ivory, fashioned with short sleeves and a panel of lace.

She was attended by Mrs. Minnetti Alsups, who wore a yellow satin gown with a floor length yellow trail.

Best man was Alvin Morris. The ushers were Andrew and Curtis Mayo, uncles of the bride.

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A reception was held at the Sequoia Ave. home of the bride's father.

The former Miss Mayo is a 1966 graduate of Edmondson High School. She was a clerk typist at the Baltimore Gas and Electric Co.

The bridegroom is a '970 graduate of Morgan State College and is a chemist with the Allied Chemical Co. in Detroit, where they will make their home.

Out-of-town guests included: Moses Mayo and family from Binghamton, N.Y., uncle of the bride; Sylvester Outlaw, Mrs. Mabel Daniels, and Henry Daniels, of New Haven, Conn.; Arthur Mayo and family from Newark, N.J., uncle of the bride; Mrs. Christa Belle Parker.

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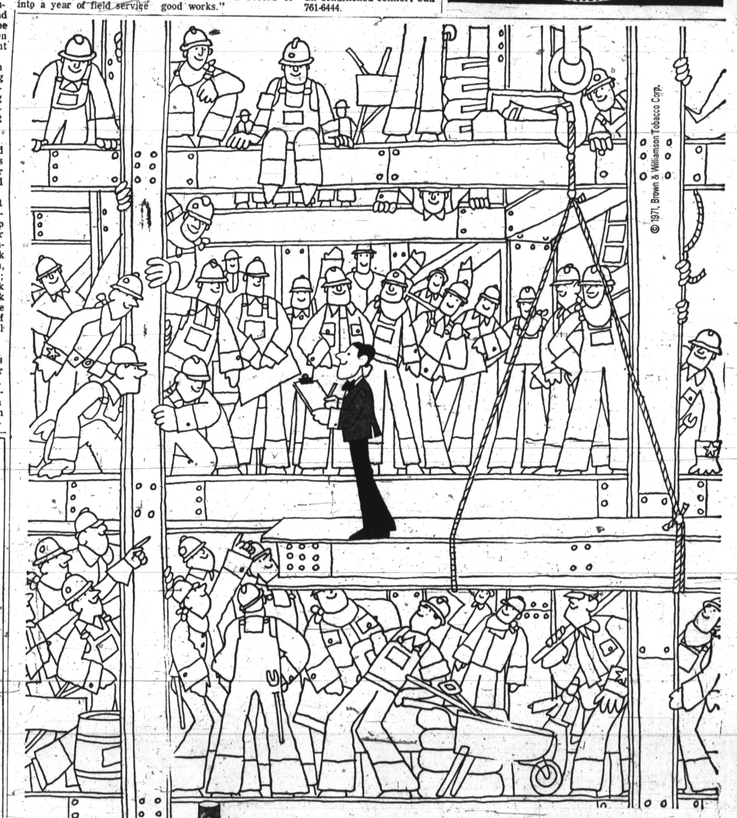

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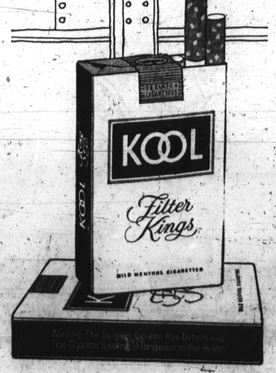

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Young window left to rear her son alone, the writer has nevertheless established herself in the community as "a person who is forever helping someone else." Now even in her grief, she tells the story of the loss of her son in the hope that "maybe just one" other mother whose children have chosen the wrong path in life.

With tears flowing down her cheeks, the deeply sorrowing mother bares her silent thoughts and ends with a prayer, "Lord, hold him in the hollow of Your hand."

Here is the story just as she wrote it:

NOW IT HAS HAPPENED TO ME

"It has happened to so many others. Now it has happened to me. My son is gone. Gone without a word.

"Our name is Legion. Mothers without men. Regardless of the reason — widowed, divorced, separated, unmarried, we are all walking that terrible tightrope. Especially with our sons.

"We want them to be manly, yet we want them to know that we love them. So often we feel that we're don'ts. If we insist on specified hours, dammed if we do hand dammed if we and that he cleans his room, we are cold tyrants. If we cook his special foods, accept his excuses for being late and clean his room ourselves, then we are smothering, not mothering.

MY SON

"To me, my son is somebody special. We wanted him. He was a beautiful baby. I remember him toddling toward the radiator, holding out his chubby hands and solemnly uttering his first word: "Hot!"

"He was a large child. One day I happened to be driving past his school when his kindergarten class was taking a walk. I was suddenly aware that he was a head taller than all the others.

"The first signs of rebellion came when he was in junior high school. After wanting to be in an accelerated class he then announced: "I don't want to be different. I want to make grades like everybody else."

CHILDREN LOVED HIM

"The children loved him. He was the "real gone guy" in the class. Just kept them in stitches. To his teachers he was a headache. To me he was becoming a heartache.

"We took trips together. He had experiences, I think every child, if possible, should have: summers in the country on a real farm, a ride on a plane, eating in good restaurants and at hot dog stands, seeing the circus.

"The Harlem Globetrotters, and baseball games. When his father was alive, he took him. Afterwards, I took him. We saw that his clothes were suited to each occasion.

"My son was reared in church. His first Bible is well-worn. For several summers he attended Christian camps. After witnessing to his faith in Christ, he was baptized.

"After barely finishing high school,

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PA. AVE. BOYCOTT ENTERS THIRD WEEK (Back Page)

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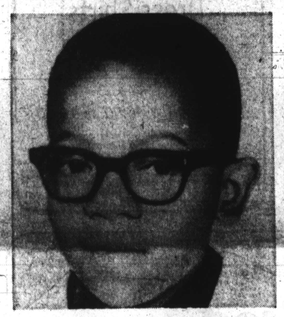
Youth, 15, Held In Love Triangle Murder

Boy Scout drowns in pond looking for frogs



MARK ANTONIO LINDSAY was drowned last Saturday morning while looking for frogs in a Harford County pond. Mark was on a Boy Scout trip with troop No. 193. This was his first time away from home.

By EDITH HOUSE

"Mama, if I don't go on this trip, I think I will die."

These were the words of 11-year-old Mark Antonio Lindsey, 4505 Reisterstown Rd. spoke just before he went to Boy Scout camp last week.

No one ever expected tragedy to follow. But Mark was drowned Saturday morning June 19 while looking for frogs in a pond at the Broad Creek Scout Camp near Whiteford in Harford County.

Funeral services for Mark were held 1 p.m. June 23 at the Park Heights Baptist Temple, where he had been a member for [illegible] years.

[illegible] mother of the drowned child, told the AFRO she wanted her son to have a nice time and consequently allowed him to go.

He was so excited about going, rather too excited," she added.

When Mark told me about the trip," I said:

"Well baby, you are going on this trip. This is

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Welfare:— what new bill means

WASHINGTON

Highlights of the Welfare-Social Security Bill passed this week by the House:

WELFARE

Families — Would create a new welfare program replacing present federal-state matching program, which has differing requirements from state to state. Key to the new program is the Family Assistance Plan which puts an income floor under all poor families.

A penniless family of four would receive $2,400 with payments gradually decreasing to zero as family income rises to $4,140.

Adults — Would be required to work or accept training. This includes mothers with children six or older (age three or older, starting July, 1974).

Low income working poor, now largely ineligible for welfare, also would receive federal payments.

Adults — Individual adults on welfare — the aged, disabled and blind — would receive $130 a

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COWBOYS AND INDIANS: Interest in cowboys and Indians is evident as young Roger Ross, 3-year-old Roger Ross. When the AFRO visited with him at his Johns Hopkins Hospital room this week, he was quiet at the entire time. Roger is recovering from injuries received when he fell from his third floor bedroom window last week. Shown in photo with Roger is his mother, Mrs. Linda Ross. She has been at Roger's beside day and night since the accident.

Happy ending: fall victim lives

By EDITH HOUSE

Tragedy narrowly missed striking the lives of the Ross family last Thursday when 3-year-old Roger Ross fell from his third floor bedroom window in the Perring Projects.

The incident that occurred June 17 around 9 o'clock had been feared by parents of Perring Projects for years

The upper windows of the apartment do not have screens and when the windows are opened for ventilation, there is no protection for the children, Mrs. Ross told the AFRO.

Roger's mother, Mrs. Linda Ann Ross said she tied a rope to the window after opening it to give the children air.

"Roger is a natural born climber," she said.

Mrs. Ross is not sure how the accident occurred because she hasn't had the chance to talk with Roger's six-year-old brother, Thomas.

Mrs. Ross told the AFRO:

"Roger was probably

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Lovers dash over girl, 14

Police report that two youths in love with the same girl clashed at her home before dawn Thursday.

As a consequence, the student, Ernest James, of 1300 block E. Madison St., is dead, shot between the eyes, he was pronounced dead on arrival at Johns Hopkins Hospital of a bullet fired into the bridge of the nose.

Charged with homicide and held for preliminary trial on July 19 is 15-year-old Michael White. The trial is scheduled for 9 a.m. at Central District.

The girl's name was withheld because of her age. Police said she was 14 years old.

The girl's mother was at work when the incident occurred.

The shooting occurred in the front doorway of a house in the 1500 block Albolston St. shortly after 1 a.m., police report.

An eyewitness told the AFRO she had knowledge that the teenaged girl had broken up with her 19-year-old sweetheart but had decided to take him back. They had been keeping company about a year before the breakup, the witness revealed.

The woman witness also said the 19-year-old suitor was seen down the street shortly before the incident and when he noticed his 15-year-old rival go in the teenaged girl's doorway, was heard to remark he was going to see why.

The eyewitness also told the AFRO that when 19-year-old James went in the

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Turco Case: Kebe Withdrawn, Testimony Stricken From Record

Tuesday, prosecution witness Mahoney Kebe stated he had been told when immunity was granted to him that "if I perjured myself, the state would have no recourse but to prosecute me."

Wednesday morning, Judge James Murphy described Kebe's testimony as too inclusive contradictory, and uncertain to be the basis of a legal conclusion," and agreed to a motion to withdraw him as a witness and strike all of his testimony from the record.

In what appears to be an unprecedented move in Maryland law, Kebe, one of the state's three key witnesses in the trial of lawyer Arthur Turco, was withdrawn by the prosecution when it became clear that his testimony contradicted in many important regards both his testimony in earlier trials and police records.

Turco, charged with being an accessory to the alleged torture-murder of Eugene Leroy Anderson, is acting as his own defense counsel, along with William Buchman.

Kebe's withdrawal fol-

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TURCO TRIAL—Drawing by AFRO artist Thomas Stockett shows defense attorney William Kunstler cross examining prosecution witness Mahoney Kebe. Kebe has since been withdrawn from the trial and his testimony stricken from the record.

Bishop Baber leaves wife $200,000 estate

WASHINGTON

Mrs. Elvira Baber, widow of Bishop George W. Baber, prelate of the Second Episcopal District of the AME Church, has been named the administratrix of the bishop's estate which is valued at nearly $200,000.

Bishop Baber died December 26 at the Washington Hospital Center. He was 72 years old.

The estate included three houses — one in Atlantic City, valued at $30,000; one in Detroit, worth $65,000 and another in Detroit, assessed at $15,000.

A checking account at American Security and Trust totaled $16,000 and savings and securities amounted to $35,000. He left personal property valued at $2,000 and an automobile, assessed at $4,000.

Mrs. Baber now resides in Atlantic City, N.J.

Bishop Baber's district included churches in the Baltimore area.

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AFRO Clean Block open; seeks $$$

By PAULA BROOKS

The AFRO Clean Block Campaign is celebrating its 37th birthday this year.

We want to celebrate with a bright campaign and to do this we need to get a goal of $3,000.

The opening meeting was held this morning (Friday) at the McCulloh Homes Center.

We need your cooperation, encouragement and dollars. All contributions will be used to award Clean Blockers at our closing with tokens of appreciation for their hard working efforts in the campaign.

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NOTICE
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All ads to appear in the Tuesday, July 6th issue must be in the office by 3:00 p.m. Friday, July 2nd.
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The last vote coupons for the AFRO Favorite Crossing Guard Contest are in today's AFRO, and you may send or bring those coupons in until next Wednesday, June 30. Any vote that is postmarked by June 30 and arrives at the AFRO no later than June 31 will be counted.

With the total votes nearing eight million, these last votes will make the final determination of who gets a share of the $1500 prize money.

First place will take $600; second place nets $300; third place $200; fourth, $100; fifth and sixth, $50 each, and the next 12 winners will each receive $25.

Winners of the contest will be anounced in the July 6 (Tuesday) AFRO, and all winness will be notified by mail as to when to receive their awards.

Mrs. Edith Cooper retains first place this week, with Mrs. Dorothy Butler

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