White parents—Dr. Williams

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a $14 million school as Lake Clifton, this is a good example that racial attitudes have not changed in Baltimore —".

One man became so incensed that he threw his large envelope on the floor and proceeded to tell the board of his experiences with black people.

Norman Bucker told of his days of youth when his mother did not have enough milk in her breasts to feed him. He said that a woman who was "large, black and beautiful" took him as her own and gave him milk from her breasts because she had borne a child near had given birth to him.

He said he objected to references to racism and felt he would never in life have thought the appellation would be to describe him, and that he loved black people.

Mrs. Moss said, "I don't care if they (students) are black, white, green, gray, grizzily or what-have-you, we are short-changing them Lake Clifton is under-populated by 1,200 students. There can be no justification for split-shifts.

One parent, Mrs. Shirley Sheppard said, "I am upset that this has been taken to be a racial issue. We are only asking that we get a little bit of what we have worked for.

Commissioner Stephen McNierney said, "Overcrowded education is bad education. Baltimore is in a position not to have any overcrowded schools. There is no education in a climaet of fear."

But, he too agreed with Commissioners Hettleman, Gibson and Moss that in light of the racial fear injected into the proposal what the board revoke its ruling.

However, Commissioner Robert Thieblot said, "There can be no justification for split shifts. Board members have succumbed to the fears of the audience." He opposed any move by the board to revoke its transfer plan.

Tom Tompsett, a June graduate of Northern said, "Political leaders are using this to further their positions.

Quentin Easter, a recent graduate of Northern noted, "I don't think this problem has been discussed intelligently and logically.

"No one can tell me that shifts are a good thing. Emotional arguments presented here are not based on facts. I would urge the Board to stand by its decision. In a society that is supposed to be run on logic we are giving in to fear."

At this Board President Robert L. Karwacki had to ask for order from the audience which again responded in circus-like jeers and cheers even as the students spoke.

After deliberations between the board and members of the audience and remarks from political leaders as Hyman Pressman, city comptroller and City Councilmen Frank X. Gallagher and J. Joseph Curran (D's, 2nd), the board agreed 6-1 on a motion by Commissioner Gibson.

His motion read "Any parent who wants the tenth grade at Northern who originally registered at Northern must notify 28th St. by a certain date."

This means any parents who don't want their children who were due to attend Lake Clifton High for the tenth grade must inform school officials at a later-to-be-named date of their desire. If that desire is not registered, the child will attend Lake Clifton as dictated previously by the board.

Many of the parents were not happy with this and milled around an attorney, Leonard J. Kerpelman, who told them that a suit scheduled for Tuesday would continue despite board action last night.

Acting Superintendent Sterling Keyes told the parents that having two shifts at Northern this year would mean: lessening class hours of instruction per day from six to five; lowering course offerings from 103 to 60 and re-arranging the entire master schedule of Northern which had already been completed.

All members were present except Commissioner Cyril O. Byron. The next meeting of the board is August 26, 7 p.m. in the board room at Twenty-fifth St.

During the meeting the board approved over 200 personnel items including that of Cadroll Wagner for the principalship of Pimlico Junior High where he succeeds Charles E. Brown who moves to Supervisor of Adult Education.

The other appointments appeaa in this edition on page B-2.

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priations from the state and providing a guiding hand tempered by wisdom and experience, Dr. Williams saw the school enter into a new era, first in 1948 with the changing of the name from Princess Anne College to Maryland State College, Division of the University of Maryland, to the most recent change in 1970 to that of the University of Maryland, Eastern Shore.

The year 1970 was not an easy one for Dr. Williams. Students had argued for some time that Dr. Williams ran the school with an "autocratic" hand.

Student disruptions and a greater style by parents of students marked many of his last days as president.

Dr. Williams said many times, "We are teaching boys and girls to make a living here. That's the function not being performed anywhere else in the State."

His philosophy was a source of contention among students, faculty and the administration.

Students, under the leadership of then Student Government President Rotan Lee, met several times with the governor's aide, Blair Lee III, secretary of state, demanding that Dr. Williams resign.

Blair Lee met with the students several times. Dr. Williams later contended he had been treated unfairly by state officials because he was not consulted as to his opinions on student arguments that he was autocratic.

In May, Dr. Williams announced he would retire. When he talked with the AFRO at that time, he denied that he was retiring because of pressudes by the governor's office od students.

He said he had reached the age of 65 and wanted to retire after more than 20 years as president. He was pleased at the progress of the school and was encouraged by the recognition from the University of Maryland of the school as a full-fledged branch.

Though it was never clear whether the retiring of Dr. Williams was a diplomatic way out for the state, since with the changing of the name of the school, the administrative staff was also changed.

Becoming a full branch of the University of Maryland brought the school under a system of chancellors. In August when Dr. Williams left the Board of Regents of the University of Maryland made then dean of the college, Dr. Howard Wright, acting chancellor until the chancellor of the campus.

Dr. Wright served as acting Board of Regents this year named Dr. Archie F. Buffins to serve as permanent chancellor.

Dr. Williams was born Oct. 24, 1904, in Minden, La. He attended Douglass Elementary School in Muskogee, Oklahoma and the Manual Training High School there.

He was graduated from Langston University High School in Langston, Oklahoma.

In 1928, he received the Bachelor of Science degree in English and Sociology from Langston University.

He won the Master of Arts degree in 1932 from the University of Cincinnati in Education.

Dr. Williams pursued the doctorate of education degree in School Administration and Educational Psychology in an unprecedented one year period in 1935-36.

He was named as an All-American End in 1926, 1927 and 1928. Biographical listings or Dr. Williams include: "Who's Who in America," "Biographical Encyclopedia of the World," "Who's Who in the East," and "Who's Who in American Education."

Honorary memberships are: Alpha Kappa Mu and Beta Kappa Xi. He was a member of Sigma Pi Phi, Kappa Alpha Psi and the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, 33rd Degree. He was named to the AFRO-AMERICAN Honor Roll in 1960.

In 1957, Morgan State College awarded him an honorary doctor of laws degree.

He saw teaching and administrative experience first as an instructor in English at Langston University in 1928. He served as professor of Sociology and history, Kentucky State College from 1928-31.

From 1932-37 he was professor of education at Kentucky State College. He was appointed dean and registrar at the same school from 1937-47.

Named in 1947 to the presidency of Maryland State, he was fully responsible for reorganizing the complete educational program subject to the approval of the Board of Regents of the University of Maryland.

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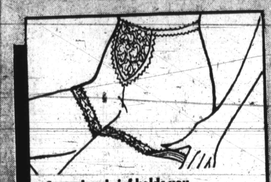

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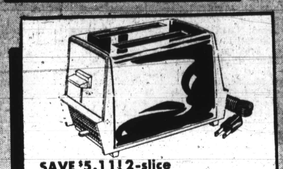

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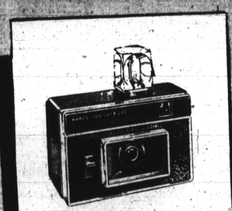

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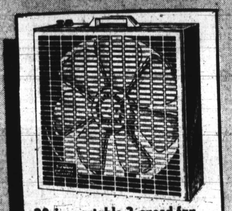

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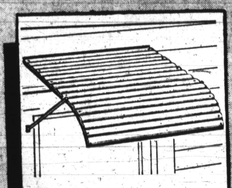

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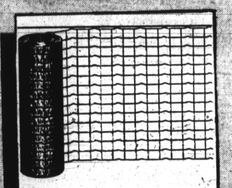

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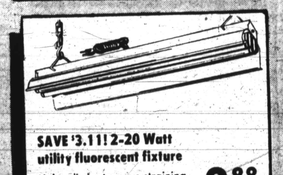

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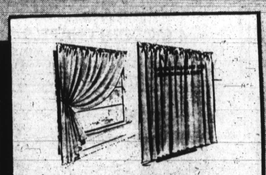

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