DEDICATION CEREMONIES for the New Ralph J. Young recreation center, 2031 E. Fayette St., were held last Thursday. Dr. Young practiced (1893-1968) in East Baltimore for 48 years. Guests at the ceremonies were family members, (L to R): Mr. and Mrs. Roland H. Ganges, Dr. Lois A. Young, Dr. Robert L. Young, Jr., Miss Ernestine Robinson, center director; and Mrs. Robert L. Young.

23 practical nurses complete training

Provident Hospital was host Wednesday, to the graduation exercises of the Baltimore City Schools Adult Practical Nursing Program, which took place in the Provident Hospital Auditorium, 2600 Liberty Heights Avenue, at 1:00 p.m.

The 23 new practical nurses have been training at Provident for a year, and are now eligible to take the State Licensing Examination. Of the 23, ranging age from 19-54, there are 22 women and one man.

Many of the graduates had been working as aides in local hospitals and have taken advantage of the Baltimore City School's Program to get a better education, and higher salaries. A High School equivalencey is required, and admission procedures include a personal interview and an entrance test.

Provident Hospital is one of eight local institutions where the course is taught. The facilities at Provident provide students with the opportunity to gain invaluable experience in the clinical areas. They work directly with patients under the close supervision of their instructors in all areas of the hospital. They see service in the operating room, pediatrics, emergency room, ob-gyn, to name a few. The graduation ctremony was followed by refreshments, sandwiches, tea and coffee — and, of coursen the traditional graduation cake. About 220 guests attended.

During the graduation ceremonies the invocation was offered by the Rev. Earl E. Tucker. Presiding over the ceremonies was Charles G. Tildon, Jr., associate director for Development and Public Relations.

A message of welcome was extended by Miss Myra Chichester, coordinator of the Adult Practical Nursing Program, Baltimore City Schools. The class was presented by Miss Doris M. Jenkins, instructor of the Class of 1972. The Diplomas were presented by Mrs. Carmelia Bush and Mrs. Beulah Corkran, class instructors.

The air was filled with anticipation and pride. There was an aura of dignity and pride which pervaded the entire graduation. This was evidnt in the address of Mrs. Betty Wright, director of Nursing Service at Provident.

The theme of her speech was the opening line of a poem by Langston Hughes, "Put your hand on the Plow and Hold on." Mrs. Wright cautioned the "obstacles encountered in nursing make for rough and often tough going — and many times you will feel like giving up; but don't — hold on.

"The challenge of each patient encountered, each new medical technology encountered, each physician encountered, each new co-worker encountered seems to be just enough to whet the nurse's appetite to keep her holding on — climbing to greater heights, increasing her skills, expanding her knowledge and broaing her scope."

In response to all of the good wishes and congratulations offered by teachers and hospital officials, Miss Gilliam spoke on behalf of the Class of 1972. She said, "As we satnd before God and this assembly we solemnly vow to make each and every one of you proud of us. Where there is hatred, let us show love; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, hope."

Mr. Moss to direct Y camp

Alonzo Paul Moss, associate general executive of the YMCA of the Greater Baltimore Area, will be the resident director of the King's Landing Camp in Calvert County this summer.

Mr. Moss, who has directed camps for 33 years and heads the Y's camping program, will be in permanent residence at the camp during the camping season.

The resident camp is for boys and girls, 8 to 16 years of age. It is located along the Patuxent River on a 285 acre site, 60 miles from Baltimore.

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The program is divided into four short sessions, of two weeks each, and two long sessions, of four weeks each.

Short sessions begin July 2, July 16, July 30 and August 13. Long sessions start July 2 and July 30.

William Powell, of the Towson YMCA, and Miss Pauline Edwards, of the King's Landing staff, will direct the boy and girl programs respectively.

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The Ocean City, Md. Drug Crisis Intervention Center, where more than 1,000 persons sought and received help last year, is now open.

A $47,476 grant by the Drug Abuse Administration will be administered by the Health Planning Council of the Eastern Shore, Inc., Dr. Neil Solomon, the state's health and mental hygiene secretary said.

"The Ocean City operation last summer," he said" had the full cooperation of Ocean City and Worcester County Health, police, and government officials, and because of this was an outstanding success.

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