15,874 Students Will Be On Half-Time Sessions

Thousands of Baltimore City Public School students will be forced to receive a second-rate education by attending split, or half-day sessions, this fall.

The total number is 15,874.

At Patterson Senior High, No. 405, this will affect 2,700 students; 1,500 will go to class from 8 a.m. to noon, while 1,200 will be there from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Northern Senior High, No. 402, will have 3,800 students in three shifts: 2,400 will go to class from 7:50 a.m. to 11:35 a.m.; 100 from 7:50 a.m. to 1 p.m., and 1,300 from 11:55 to 4 p.m.

In addition, five junior high schools will be similarly affected.

They are Nos.: 56, Robert Poole, 1,351 total students, 888 going from 8 a.m. to noon, and 463 from 12:15 to 4:15 p.m.;

Herring Run, 77, (seventh grade only), 2,815 students, in three shifts: 650 arrive at 7:50 a.m., leave 11:45 a.m., the second group goes from 8:55 a.m. to 2:45 p.m., with 1,755 students, and the third attends from 12:05 p.m. to 4 p.m., with 3,990 pupils;

Northern Pkwy., 93, 2,599 in all: 1,399 on the first shift, 8 a.m. to 11:35 a.m., and 1,200 on the second, 12:05 p.m. to 4 p.m.;

Canton, 230, 1,246 total, in two shifts: the first at 8 a.m. to noon, and the second from 12:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

The first shift has 640 students; the second 608;

Finally, there is 239, Benjamin Franklin, with total students affected at 1,381: 834 going from 8:10 a.m. to 1:35 p.m., and the second group from 8:10 a.m. to 11:55 a.m., with a third at 11:55 a.m. to 3:40 p.m.

In the first session are 834 pupils, 273 are in the second, 274 in the third.

Numbers Racket Crackdown

Feds Nab Forest Park Matron In $2 Million Ring

A 45-year-old Belle Ave. matron is among 17 persons who, FBI agents report, were arrested Aug. 30 in connection with an alleged $2 million-a-day lottery racket.

Arrested along with Mrs. Marie Person, 4400 block Belle Ave., was Robert S. Curreri, 38, 6900 block Donachie Rd., a former partner of Julius Salsbury, a Block gambling czar. Salsbury jumped bail and went underground about two years ago. Mr. Curreri's arrest is hailed by the FBI as a "big prize catch."

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Mr. Curreri testified in Baltimore four years ago that between 1963 to 1966 he was a "50-50 partner" with Salsbury in a lottery operation at the Oasis Nite Club on the famous Block.

Mrs. Person and Mr. Curreri and 16 others have been indicted by a federal grand jury on charges of operating, conducting, managing, supervising and directing or owning an illegal gambling business in violation of federal law.

Thomas Farrow, in charge of FBI, announced Aug. 30 the arrests were made following lengthy investigation by his office with the Justice Department into gambling activities in the Baltimore metropolian area.

Mr. Farrow says bench warrants for their arrest were issued Tuesday by the grand jury charging them with the violation of U.S. code prohibiting illegal gambling.

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Federal agents report on June 5, a combined force of federal agents, officials of Justice Department, City and County police organized a crime force which swooped down on suspected areas.

They report even though nobody was arrested in the June raid, $25,000 in cash and substantial amounts of gambling records and equipments were seized.

Arrested in addition to Mrs. Person and Mr. Curreri were Frank H. Kagler, 47, 1300 block Colbury Rd.; Doris Clark, 38, 4600 block Coleherine Rd.; Robert Thomas Burns, 51, 3300 block Chestnut Ave.; James Henson, 62, 1800 block Appleton St.

Others are John Thomas Chalk, 36, 100 block Reveloa Beach; Wallace Jagodzinski, 57, 1100 block Broening Highway; Dundalk; Willie Reaves Jr., 34, 9600 block Orpin Rd., Randallstown; Calman Charles Bernstein of unit block of Glen West Ct.; Melvin E. Broztek, 500 block South Lakewood St.; Georgina Gomez, 32, 3600 block Elmley Ave.; Charles J. Maney, 26, 600 block South Rose St.

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Also, Mrs. Pat Ann Bleau, 32, 4900 block Green Crest; Mrs. Nancy Ellen Byrant, 25, 2300 block Tarleton Lane; Edgar C. Hall, 37, 5700 block Rubin Ave, and John Emmitt Ayers, 43, 5500 block Rubin Ave.

In Aug. 30 hearing before a U.S. Magistrate, Mr. Curreri was released on $10,000 bond; Mr. Kegler on $5,000 bond and Mrs. Bleau and Byrant both on $2,500 bonds. All the others are released on their own recognizance.

Feds Hold Booze Raids On The Shore

Moonshine and marijuana brought brushes with the law last week for Mr. and Mrs. Book T. Burton of Route 2, Eden, Md. at their home in the woods near Allen, Wicomico County.

Agents from the Maryland Alcohol Tax Enforcement Unit, the Wicomico sheriff's office and Maryland State police say they found the plot of 480 marijuana plants from 18 in. to 10 ft. tall in a neat patch nearby a 5-gallon jug of moonshine whiskey and a 100-lb. burlap bag of grain.

Kenneth F. Stewart, agent in charge of the Alcohol Tax Unit, said in searching the house on the property, they not only found marijuana seeds but also more moonshine and three brown paper bags of marijuana drying out in the kitchen oven.

Mrs. Novella Burton was charged with possession of the "grass" (a dangerous substance) and alcohol violations and is held under $2,000 bail pending court action. Her husband has not been apprehended.

When the illicit booze distillery was found Aug. 23, the agents report the still was of 120 gallon capacity and daily output of six gallons.

They report they seized in the raid two 60 gallon steel stills, three 60-gallon mash barrels, 120 pounds rye mash, assorted jugs and jars plus a can of lye, often used, they say, to speed fermentation.

In an unrelated raid Wednesday, tax agents say they found another moonshine still in a wooded area on Flower Hill Church Rd., east of Eden in Somerset County.

Agents state they hid near the still which was in operation and when owner Filmore Christopher came and began working with it, nabbed him. He has been charged with manufacturing alcoholic beverages without a license. In addition to the two 60-gallon steel stills, moonshine and steel fermenters of 360-gallon capacity confiscated were certain other beverage ingredients.

THE OLD AND NEW Baltimore are shown in this Benjamin Phillips photograph looking down Druid Hill Ave. toward the North Ave. Post Office. Pictured are the traditional line of row houses at left, while the background shows new Baltimore in the form of high-rise apartment buildings and an upcoming skyscraper.

New trustees named at Goucher College

Dr. ELAINE DAVIS

Marvin B. Perry Jr., president of Goucher College, has announced the election of seven new members to the college's board of trustees.

The new trustees are Dr. Elaine Carsley Davis, James J. Jacobs, George E. Thomsen and Charles E. Utermohle Jr., all of Baltimore, and Miss Adela J. Gondek, Mrs. Donald W. Hartman and Mrs. Laurance M. Levy, all alumnae of Goucher.

Dr. Davis, director of curriculum development and former director of the Model Cities Pilot Schools Project of the Baltimore City Public Schools, received bachelor of science degrees in education from Coppin State and Morgan State Colleges and earned her master's and doctorate in education from the Johns Hopkins University and a bachelor of laws degree from the University of Maryland School of Law.

Jacobs is vice president and general manager of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Maryland, where he has held administrative positions since his graduation from the University of Pittsburgh in 1941.

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Thomsen, attorney and partner in the law firm of McKenney, Thomsen and Burke, was graduated cum laude from Harvard College in 1952 and was granted his doctor of laws degree from Harvard Law School in 1957.

Utermohle, chairman of the board and president and chief executive officer of the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company, is a director of a number of civic and charitable organizations and Baltimore business concerns.

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Miss Gondek majored in political science and was awarded the Eleanor Voss Prize for excellence in her major. She is presently a legislative aide to Massachusetts State Senator David H. Locke and is also a graduate student in political science at Harvard.

Mrs. Hartman, of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, became trustee ex officio by virtue of her election to the presidency of the alumnae association.

Mrs. Levy, of Tenafly, N.J., is a past president of the Goucher Alumnae Association and serves as a trustee ex officio from 1967 to 1969.

Register to vote Nov. 7

Qualified citizens must register in order to vote in the Nov. 7 General Elections.

WHERE TO REGISTER? All qualifiel citizens may now register in the offices of the Board of Supervisors of Elections on Gay and Fayette Sts. from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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The Board has announced registration will start in supplementary locations all over the city Sept. 7.

Some churches have approved Sunday registration in their buildings and registration in these places start Sept. 10.

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WHO REGISTERS? Citizens who are 18 years old and above are qualified to register. Students who are 18 are also qualified to vote.

The Board has announced new residents need not wait six months or a year to register for the Nov. 7 Presidential Elections. They can register after 30 days residence and before Oct. 10, 1972.

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DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION: Oct. 10, 1972, is the deadline for registration.

WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDACY: Oct. 2, 1972 is deadline for withdrawal of candidacy of election candidates nominated by petition or winners of party primary.

ABSENTEE BALLOT: Oct. 31, 1972 is deadline for receipt for Absentee Voting for the General Elections.

Here is how D. C. expects to register 100,000 black voters

Why can't Baltimore do just as Washington is doing in voter registration?

In D.C., the deputizing of roving registrars is done by a sponsoring committee, "Operation Black Vote" through special arrangement with the D.C. Board of Supervisors of Elections.

All the unpaid volunteers go through a training period before deputizing. As of now D.C. has 77 deputized volunteers and expect as many as 300 total before the drive ends.

Here is the Washington story as recorded in the Washington AFRO-AMERICAN this week:

BY JIM MANTELL

WASH., D.C. — Operation Black Vote, a city-wide campaign to register new voters, get under way in the District of Columbia with a bang this week.

As of July 1, the District of Elections showed a total of 262,925 registered voters on the city rolls and Operation Black Vote is designed to greatly improve that figure.

Richard Molley, coordinator of registration for Operation Black Vote, said at the District Building headquarters that the goal is to increase the registered voters in the city by 100,000 to 150,000.

Pride, Inc. got the campaign off to a big and glorious start Saturday with a Pride-WOL Voter Registration Radiothon, which saw 4,530 new voters added to the registration list within a day.

In addition to Pride, Inc., other agencies participating in the campaign include the Blackman's Development Center, BAP, Inc., the D.C. Statehood Party, AFL-CIO union groups including Council 20, American Federation of City, State and Municipal Employees and a number of churches.

Also such political and civic leaders as D.C. Delegate Walter E. Fauntroy, Rep. Ronald Dellums (C., Calif.); City Councilman Sterling Tucker, Julius Hobson, Councilman Tedson Meyers and a host of others are working to get those unregistered to get their names on the voting lists.

By special arrangement with the Board of Elections, more than 300 registrars will be deputized during the six-week campaign to help register the voters in various sections of the city.

As of the week, a total of 77 had been deputized and were at work as volunteers. They serve as roving registrars moving about the city to register the would-be voters.

Fifteen already are working on the staff of Operation Black Vote at the District Building and others are in training. The volunteers must go through a training period prior to being deputized for the job.

As the campaign swings into full gear, OBV officials hope that as many as 500 volunteers will be signed up as volunteer registrars for the registration drive. At least 300 are expected to be working by mid-September.

Deadline for registration in the District is Oct. 6, with the election set for Nov. 7th.

Churches, schools, office buildings and special organization headquarters will be used for the registration. In addition, the deputized traveling registrars will do a door-to-door canvas in various neighborhoods to get the unregistered voters to sign up.

Special efforts are being made to register the newly franchised voters in the 18 to 24-year-old group.

Slogans saying "Use Your Right To Vote" and "Your Vote Is Your Voice" dominate the literature being used to publicize the campaign.

CHUCKLE

A father who wants his children to get an education these days may have to pull a few wires: the television-wire, the telephone wire, the stero wire, and the radio wire.

LOOK AROUND YOU

Del. Douglass moves to end lily-white Sports Board

By SCOTT PONEMONE

EDITOR'S NOTE — Too often public agencies in the city and state offer more nuisances than services. Agencies may well be unable to handle the needs of Baltimore's black citizenry because too few of the agencies' workers and very few of their supervisors are black people.

This series of articles called "Look Around You," is written to help AFRO readers know more about their public agencies and to inspire them and the agencies to correct the inequities.

Appointing a black citizen to the new Sports Complex Commission, Del. John Douglass told the AFRO, "apparently slipped the minds of the Governor and the Mayor, but they are not willing to admit it."

To correct this "oversight," Del. Douglass remarked, he has prefiled a bill for the 1973 General Assembly session, calling for enlarging the Commission from five to six members so a black member could be appointed.

The Sports Commission, formed this summer on the threat of professional sports teams moving from the city, is instructed to arrange for the building of a cluster of sports arenas most likely within the city.

The Commission presently is composed of five white persons, three chosen by the Governor and two by the Mayor.

Del. Douglass declared, "It seems logical for a city half black that, when it comes to making a major economic decision, the Commission include one black person out of five."

If nothing else, Del. Douglass added, appointing a black person would be at least "good politics."

The delegate reported he has written the Mayor and the Governor advising them to enlarge the Commission. Their response, he said, has been ambiguous, saying, "There was no overt intention in not appointing a black member."

Governor Mandel does not have to wait until the bill is passed, Del. Doug-

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NOTICE

The Advertising Department of THE AFRO-AMERICAN CO. WILL BE CLOSED LABOR DAY MONDAY, SEPT. 4th

All display (block type) ads for the Tuesday, September 5th issue should be in this office before 3:00 p.m. Friday, September 1st . . . and all classified reader (per word) ads should be in this office before 12 noon on Friday, September 1st.

Labor Day Honors Working People

Labor Day is a legal public holiday honoring the nation's working people. It is observed on the first Monday in September—this year, Sept. 4 — and stands as the symbol of the end of summer.

President Grover Cleveland signed public law 90-363 in 1894 making Labor Day a national holiday. The act was signed after workers staged the first Labor Day parade in New York in 1882 and Oregon declared Labor Day a legal holiday in 1887.

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In Maryland all city, state and federal government offices will be closed Labor Day.

No municipal refuse or trash collections will be made in Baltimore City.

Collections during the remainder of the week will be made on schedule.

All agencies of the Enoch Pratt Free Library will be closed.

ASK YOUR DRUGGIST Kerr's Kell-A-Kough The Medicine with the Nasty Taste For Coughs Due To Colds Used in Subs. for 40 Years.

C.O.D. OIL CO. OR. 5-1818 Pay Cash and Save CALL EARLY FOR QUICK SERVICE WE OFFER PREMIUM QUALITY FUEL AT A BIG SAVING

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Enjoy LABOR DAY AT THE WESTWOOD 101 W. 22nd St., 539-7287 Delicious Buffet Dinner 4 to 8 P.M. Smorgasbord Every Sat. "Delicious Food-Unique Atmosphere"

Labor DAY WEEK-END Sale! Crosstown Discount Liquors CASH & CARRY—OFFER EXPIRES SAT., SEPT. 2nd

Calvert Soft Whiskey	SAVE 1.30 QUART 4.59	Budweiser 12-OZ. CANS	CASE 3.99
I.W. Harper 86 PROOF FIFTH'S	SAVE 1.41 4.69	Carlings 12-OZ. CANS	CASE 3.99
John Walker Red	FIFTH'S 5.69 SAVE 1.30	Jim Beam HALF GALLON	SAVE 1.94 8.69
Gilby's Vodka FULL QUART	SAVE 1.34 3.39	Melrose Gin HALF GALLON	6.99
Mr. Boston ROCKING CHAIR	HALF GALLON 6.99	Cutty Sark HALF GALLON 4.40	13.31
Calo Zo National 86 PROOF CANS	2-QT. CANS 4.99	Miller's CASE OR BOTTLES	CASE 4.69
		Schlitz CASE OR BOTTLES	CASE 4.69
Schaefer 12-OZ. CANS	CASE 3.99	Schmidt's 12-OZ. BOTTLES	CASE 3.49
		WINDSOR CANADIAN	HALF GALLON 5.39 / 7.89

CROSSTOWN DISCOUNT LIQUORS CORNER OF ERDMAN AVE. and BELAIR RD.

Free Parking Rear & Side of Store. Open Every Nite 10p.m.

Gadabouting in Baltimore

BY MARIE P. COOKE
(Substituting For Lula Mackay)

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur B. Jenkins, Sr. ha ve announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Naomi Lea Jenkins to Alvin A. Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pythias A. Jones, Jr.

Miss Jenkins is a graduate of Western High and Morgan State College. She is presently employed as a phamaceutical c hemist at the John D. Copanos Pharmaceutical Co. Miss Jenkins made her debu t at the 1967 Me-De-So Club Cotillion and is a member of the Zeta Phi Beta Sororit y, Inc.

Mr. Jones is a graduate of the Baltimo re Polytechnic Institute and the Baltimore College of Commerce. He is employed a s Regional Director for the H and R Block Co., Inc. He is a member of the Baltimor e Jay-cees and also writes articles on Income tax for the AFRO-AMERICAN. Th e couple will be married on October 7, 1972.

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Mrs. Ruth Brown, a charming lady with sparkling eyes and a radiant personality, is Provident Hospital's patient advocate.

It is her job to communicate with patients, on a daily basis to find out what their problems are and to make their stay in the hospital as comfortable as possible. Mrs. Brown is a "medical practitioner" of a very special kind.

Readily filling her prescription with a smile and a few kind words to each patient, she spreads cheer throughout the hospital. She listens attentively to the patients' complaints and somehow manages to leave even the most miserable ones with the feeling that someone cares. She also listens to the positive statements that they have about their stay in the hospital.

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Mrs. Brown has been with Provident as an employee since 1963 when the hospital was still on Division St. When the hospital was moved to Liberty Heights in 1970, Mrs. Brown continued to work as Director of Admissions.

In March, 1971, it was decided that channels of communications between the patients and the administrators of Provident Hospital should be established. Of course, a very special person had to be chosen to fill the job: one with a thorough knowledge of the hospital and a very outgoing personality.

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Mrs. Brown, with over eight years experience in the Admissions Office and a broad-based knowledge of the hospital, its various operations and its employees, was the logical choice.

Since March 22 when Mrs. Brown officially became the patient advocate, she has been performing her duties with zest.

She says that she finds her job very rewarding and is "proud to be the representative of the hospital and the administrators." She is very concerned about the patients and is anxious to do all that is within her power to make their stay more pleasant.

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She says that "at least 90 per cent of the patients have no complaints whatsoever. But those that do are pleased to know that someone is concerned about their problems and is making an effort to solve them." She finds it "very challenging to be able to help or to sooth a patient who is upset." If they are distressed about the service, she does not "attempt to defend the hospital," she tries to get at the root of the problem and solve it with the utmost diplomacy and tact.

A delightful and enchanting person, Mrs. Brown is also active in the community, particularly in groups which actively seek funds for Provident.

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She is a member of the Douglas Memorial Community Church, the Saturday Matinee Ensemble, the Provident Hospital Auxiliary and the VAGS, a group named after the late Vivian Garth Alleynne, which recently contributed $1000 to the hospital. (In recent years the VAGS have contributed a total of $3,013.78 to the hospital. They have also donated furniture).

Mrs. Brown is the wife of Cortlandt Brown, a prominent businessman.

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The summer vacation season's not over yet. Roland and Anita Henson from Hong Kong say —

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MRS. FRANK L. WILLIAMS JR, is the former Miss Josephine Horton. The couple was married at Wayland Baptist Church on Saturday.

Miss Horton, Mr. Williams honeymooning

In a double ring ceremony, Miss Ida Josephine Horton and Frank Lewis Williams Jr. exchanged vows. The setting was at Wayland Baptist Church on Saturday with the Rev. Edgar Henderson officiating.

The bride is the laughter of Mrs. Josephine M. Giles of Groveland Terrace. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Williams of S. Abington Ave.

Given in marriage by her uncle, William J. McKinnon, the new Mrs. Williams wore white chiffon and lace. She carried a cascade of miniature carnations and eucalyptus.

Mrs. Gladys M. Turner, sister of the bride, was the matron of honor. She wore a royal blue brocade gown with a flowing skirt. Her bouquet consisted of carnation in white and hues of blue with satin ribbon streamers.

Miss Evelyn G. Garner of Raleigh N.C. was the bridesmaid. In light blue brocade she carried a colonial bouquet of contrasting colors. Little Alice Turner sister of the bride, was the flower girl. Her gown was also made of brocade, except in white. Her basket of flowers were in royal blue, baby blue and white.

Randolph Williams served as best man. Glen Williams and Harod Bockhart were ushers.

A reception followed the 2 p.m. ceremony at the Forest Manor. Out-of-town guests came from Newark, N.J., Newburg, N.Y., Pa., and N.C.

For her weekend honeymoon trip to New York City, the bride wore an ensemble of beige and purple. The couple is now at home on Townbrook Drive.

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The new Mrs. William is a graduate of the Maggie L. Walker High in Richmond, Va. and was active in the Red Cross, school choir and school band. She is employed by the Md. State Police.

Mr. Williams is a graduate of City College and works at Montgomery Ward.

MR. AND MRS. JEROME PLUNKETT were married at City Temple Baptist Church on Saturday. The Rev. James E. Thomas III officiated the single-ring ceremony. The bride is the former Miss Janice Coleman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvester Coleman of Demarcay Way. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Plunkett of E. Preston St. The couple is now at home on Demarcay Way. (AFRO photo by Benjamin M. Phillips IV.)

WILL LIVE IN ST. LOUIS MO.

Miss Angela Marie Booker and Charles G. Case

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gregory Case returned from their honeymoon trip to the Poconos Mountains on Wednesday. The couple exchanged vows in a double ring ceremony at St. Edwards Catholic Church on Saturday. Father Joseph O'Meara officiated.

Mrs. Case is the former Miss Angela Marie Booker, daughter of Mrs. Clarence Edward Booker of Beryl Ave. Mr. Case is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Case of Druid Hill Ave.

Given in marriage by her uncle, Lloyd Williams of Harrisburg, Pa., the bride wore a Priscilla of Boston original of white silk organza fashioned on empire lines with a marchessa neckline, alencon lace beaded with seed pearls and a full train.

On her head was a flowered wreath with seed pearls, parisian swirl veil and blusher.

She carried a cascading bouquet of phalaenopsis orchids, roses, miniature carnations, baby's breath and ivy.

Mrs. Clara Richardson, sister of the bride, was the matron of honor. Her gown was peach and white voile with an empire line with puffed sleeves. Ruffles were in the front and at the bottom.

Bridesmaids were Misses Veatrice Streat, Carolyn Streat, both cousins of the bride; Deborah Chavis, Alice Case, sister of the bridegroom.

Misses Karen Franklin, cousin of the bride, and Jean Case, sister of the bridegroom, were junior bridesmaids. Kim Richardson, niece of the bride, and Dana Willis, the bride's cousin, were the flower girls.

All wore gowns like the matron of honor's except in blue, green, pink, yellow and lilac. They carried colonial bouquets of daisies, carnations and baby's breath.

Jerry Luck of Philadelphia was the best man. Ushers were Dennis and Nathaniel Case, the bridegroom's brothers; Godfrey Streat, Richard Smith, Raymond Case and Kevin Buckson, all of Baltimore.

Musical selections came from Joseph Neal, organist, and Mrs. Odell Winkler, soloist.

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A sit down dinner reception followed the noon wedding at the elegant Eastwind. Music was supplied by the Mickey Fields Band.

Out of town guests came from Harrisburg, Pa.; Va., Brooklyn, N.Y., N.J., Conn. and Wheaton, Md.

The new Mrs. Case is a graduate of Western High, Morgan State College and the University of Pennsylvania. She is a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. She taught at Hampstead Hill Elementary School last year.

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Mr. Case is a graduate of Edmondson High, Morgan State and Lehigh University and recently completed a tour of duty in Germany while in the Army. He will attend Washington University, St. Louis, Mo. in the fall.

The couple will move to their new home in St. Louis this month.

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Out of town guest included:

Messrs and Mesdames Lloyd Williams, Harrisburg, Pa.; Charles Foster, Greenbay, Va.; Walter Fowlkes Jr., Wheaton, Md.; Norris Johnson, Petersburg, Va.; William Lee, Colts Neck, N.J.; Clifford Willis Jr., Burkeville, Va.; Gregor Miles, Brooklyn, N.Y. and David Flanary, Pa.

From Baltimore: Messrs. and Mesdames James Robert, Ernest Watkins, Prince Green, Chester Streat, Robert Streat, William March and Leslie Jones.

Messrs and Mesdames Samuel Stokes, James Delaney, Matthew Marcus, Milton Bell, Silas Hopkins, Howard Winkler, Walter Ennals, Theodore Knight, William Sills and Nathan Gundy.

Messrs and Mesdames Willie Stokes, Edward Stokes, Fred Booker, Thomas Goines, Gary Burges, William Willis, Warren Glass, Joseph Hasins, William Burgess, Sydney Cousin, Cletus Wilkins, Philip Reid and the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Franklin.

Messrs and Mesdames Gary Bell, James Graves, Avon

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HONEYMOONING IN THE POCONOS are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gregory Case. The couple was married at St. Edwards Catholic Church on Saturday. The bride is the former Miss Angela Marie Booker. (AFRO photo by Benjamin M. Phillips IV

MR. AND MRS. NOTTINGHAM, III — Miss Laura L. Johnson and Whitt Dillar D. Nottingham, III exchanged vows at the Mt. Lebanon Church of Christ on Friday evening.

DELTA SIGMA THETA

'A pioneer in black adoptions'

By FRANCES N. BECKLES

Lovely was the reception given at the Clyburn Mansion by the Department of Employment and Social Services and the Baltimore City Department of Social Services to commemorate the ending of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. involvement in the ABCD program.

The program was launched by the Alumni chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. to celebrate the adoption of black children. It is called Adoption of Babies through the Md. Conference of Social Welfare and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., simply ABCD.

The foundation for the program was begun in 1967 when the Conference of Social Welfare approached the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. to make it aware that of the 3,000 children who were waiting to be adopted, 70 per cent were black and only 10 per cent of those black children were being adopted.

It was generally believed that blacks could not afford to adopt and that they would not take care of their own people. However, the Maryland Conference of Social Welfare disclosed that there was a lack of awareness of the existence of the thousands of children awaiting adoption.

Also, there was a lack of the knowledge of how to adopt these children because of the fear of general involvement in social agencies in the communities. They realized that in order to change these conditions, they had to go into the communities and try to dispel the distrust held there for the agencies and their policies.

Before July 1, 1969, one had to have a certain income, he must be married, and there was a long waiting period before he could adopt.

A new state law was enacted on this date for subsidized adoption which allowed people to adopt who, otherwise, couldn't afford it.

By mid 1968, the ABCD program was put into effect. Its main objective was to inform the communities of the need for these children to be adopted through adoption parties which was the recruitment of perspective parents through tea parties, luncheons and receptions; reaching out which was a 24 hour answering service through the telephone company to eliminate the long waiting periods for interviews, and to prevent perspective parents from having to take time off from work; and publicity through newspapers, radio and television.

One of the major publicity slogans was, "He (She) Wants to Be Somebody's Child."

Within the first year of the program, ABCD was able to get more black children adopted than any of the traditional agencies. Statistics proving this statement are that before the program was launched, nine black children were adopted; by the end of the first year, 19, and by the end of the second year, 29 children had been adopted.

Delta had achieved its main purpose which was to inform the community of the existence of the children and to prove to traditional agencies that people did care and were concerned about their children. Although they have recruited many perspective parents, there is still a need for more. However, the sorority, Inc. has dropped out of the program to let the traditional agencies mandate the project.

It has now received national acclaim for being a pioneer in black adoption.

At the reception, citations were given to Mrs. Thelma Daily, the first vice-president of the National Society of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and to the Baltimore Alumni Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., by the mayor. Miss Barbara Amstead, President of the Baltimore Alumni Chapter received this citation. Other recognized branches of the program were located in Annapolis and Cambridge.

MRS. MATTHEW SEPHES, JR. — is the former Miss Jacqueline Johnson, daughter of Mrs. Gladys Johnson of Lafayette Ave. The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Ida Sephes of Park Heights Ave. The couple was married at the New Pilgrim Baptist Church on Saturday, the Rev. Hosley officiated. A reception followed at the bride's home. The couple is now at home on W. Preston St.

Miss Johnson, Mr. Nottingham are married

Miss Laura Laureen Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Johnson of Bentalou St. and Whitt Dillar D. Nottingham III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Whitt Nottingham Jr. of Calhoun St. were married at Mt. Lebanon Church of Christ on Friday evening.

Given in marriage by her uncle, Ivior Edmonds, the bride wore yards and yards of white organza trimmed in antique white lace. Dozens of baby pearls were at the hemline and cuffs. Gold velvet was interwoven throughout.

She wore a matching headpiece with a rhinestone princess crown and carried a bouquet of yellow and white carnations with matching satin ribbon.

The Rev. James Griffin officiated the 8 p.m. ceremony.

Mrs. Laura Johnson stood next to her daughter during the ritual while Joseph Wesson served as best man, Master Louis Johnson, brother of the bride was the ring bearer.

A reception followed at the home of the bride's parents.

The new Mrs. Nottingham is a June graduate of Douglass High, where she was an active member of Spanish and French Clubs. She also participated in the Safety Monitor Force, girl guide and member of the Business Assistants. She was now an executive secretary at the AFRO-AMERICAN CO.

Mr. Nottingham is a 1971 graduate of Douglass where he was an active member of the Douglass Pipers, breakfast Choir, Safety Monitor Force and Student Council.

He is a second year student at Morgan State College, studying military science. This summer he is working as a clerk in the military science building at Morgan.

Among the other clubs and organizations of which he is a member are the Woodyear St. Association, ROTC Rangers and scout master with the Boy Scouts.

The couple is now at home on Calvert St.

Coppin State gets $358,499 for new program

Coppin State College received a $358,499, five-year grant award for a Rehabilitation Counselor Training Program from Social and Rehabilitation Services of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

The program is designed to enhance, improve and increase the social and vocational resources available to the residents in Maryland in general and in Baltimore city in particular.

The award for the first year is $74,441, while the awards for the four subsequent years are $71,022 annually.

AMONG THOSE PRESENT— a reception was held recently at Clyburn Mansion to honor the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and the Md. Conference of Social Welfare for their sponsorship of the ABCD Adopion Project which ended July 1. Sorors who attended were from left Mrs. Patricia Carrington, Mrs. Chapelle Armstead, new president; and Mrs. Dorothy Marshall. Quentin Lawson, Mayor's assistant is also shown. (AFRO photo by Benjamin M. Phillips IV).