FIREMAN LAUDED— Fire Fighter Eugene P. Watson (center facing camera) receives words of commendation read by Battalion Chief Albert E. Stanek (left). The Fire Board conferred citations of merit on 52 city firemen Wednesday at a public ceremony held in the Board room. Board members are (from left, backs to camera): Thomas J. Burke, Chief of Fire Department; Winfield A. Showell, commissioner Howard R. Owens, board president; Calhoun Bond, commissioner; and John T. O'Mailey, executive secretary.

52 firemen praised for service

In informal ceremonies held in the board room, the Fire Board Tuesday promoted 13 and commended for "exemplary conduct" 52 deserving city fire fighters.

One of those promoted, Charles M. Brewer, a black formerly assigned to Engine No. 7 at the fire station located at Eutaw St. and Druid Hill Ave., will serve in his new capacity as a pump operator to Engine No. 19 at the station at North Ave. and Bond St.

An eight-year veteran, Mr. Brewer received commendation previously in 1972 when he and two other firemen saved the life of a 77-year-old women while trapped on the second story of a burning building.

Among those cited for distinguished service were, Fire Fighter Eugene P. Watson who assisted in the apprehension and arrest of a person later convicted of sounding eight false alarms.

Mr. Watson has served 19 years on the force. He is married and the father of 10 children. He and his family reside at 4222 Pall Mall Rd.

Others receiving departmental commendations were: Pump Operator Thomas Chambers who along with three others effected the rescue of three occupants of a burning second floor dwelling.

Fire Fighter Ronald E. Lloyd was cited for his part in rescuing an occupant whose escape had been cut off by fire and smoke from a third floor by use of a 35 foot ladder.

Fire Fighters Ben H. Richardson and Ronald A. Addison received citations for the assistance in the rescue of two children from the second floor of a burning dwelling.

For rescuing four occupants from second and third floors of a premises under extremely adverse conditions, Fire Fighter William F. Burch received similar commendation.

Judge to rule in firemen case

Federal Court Judge Joseph H. Young is expected to give his final decision in the case of four black firemen versus the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore within the next few days.

The case which began in Feb. involves a class action suit filed by the black firemen which charges the Baltimore City Fire Department with discriminating against blacks in its entrance and promotional tests.

The firemen are being defended by civil rights attorney Kenneth L. Johnson and NAACP Legal Defense Fund lawyer Jeffrey Mintz.

City solicitor George L. Russell is defending the city's position.

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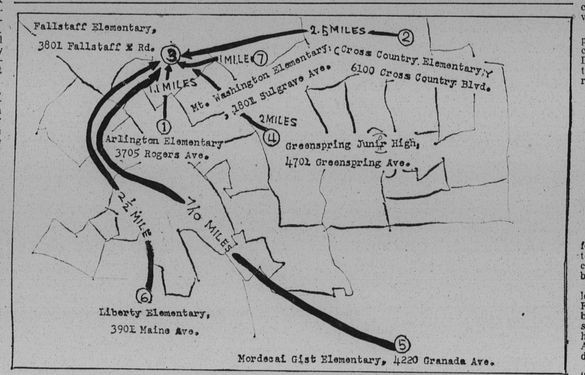

MIDDLE SCHOOL and surrounding schools involved in controversy can be seen in this map by AFRO artist Thomas Stockett. Fallstaff Elementary (3) is the proposed middle school, while Mt. Washington (7) and Cross Country (2) elementaries are the accepted feeder schools. The Concerned Citizens for Northwest Baltimore want Arlington (1), Liberty (6) and Mordecai Gist (5) elementaries included, as well as Greenspring Junior High (4), a proposal rejected by the Fallstaff supporters. Note that the distances between the two groups of schools from Fallstaff do not vary that much, meaning that all could be included.

Three women speak out on middle school controversy

By BLAINE TAYLOR

This is the third in an exclusive AFRO series of articles dealing with the controversy swirling about the proposed conversion of Fallstaff Elementary School, 3801 Fallstaff Rd., to a middle school this September.

The regular school structure provides for elementary (kindergarten-grade six), junior high (grades 7-9), and senior high (grades 10-12.

The middle school concept groups the same children in three different breakdowns: k-6, 7-8 and 9-12.

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The Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners March 22 approved a plan whereby Fallstaff will open as a middle school is September, 1973, using Cross Country and Mt. Washington elementaries as "feeder schools" to supply the middle school with new students each year.

Controversy arose over the fact that, according to city school superintendent Dr. Roland N. Patterson, "Fallstaff will be predominantly white within two-three years."

Also, the interracial group of parents backing the proposal refused to include other northwest Baltimore area schools such as Liberty and Mordecai Gist elementaries into the scheme as additional feeder schools.

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These two issues angered many area parents, leading them to form a protest group, the Concerned Citizens for Northwest Baltimore.

Three of the group's principal spokeswomen — Mrs. Joan Neverdon Parker, Mrs. Grace A. Hines and Mrs. Ernestine Jefferson — gave detailed statements to the school commissioners, visibly impressing both friend and foe alike of the Fallstaff plan.

These three women seem to typify a "new breed" of black women in the Monumental City today.

This unique black woman is involved, articulate, courageous and forthright,

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SPOKESWOMEN against proposed middle school plan are Mrs. Ernestine Jefferson, left, an aide at Arlington Elementary School; and Mrs. Grace A. Hines, vice president of the Greenspring Junior High School PTA, right. (AFRO photos by Martin M. Phillips.)

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44,000 set to march Sunday

The March of Dimes third annual 25-mile Walk-a-Thon is this coming Sunday, April 29, starting and ending at Memorial Stadium.

March of Dimes and Baltimore city officials will participate in the opening ceremony at 8 a.m.

To date, over 44,000 persons have registered to participate this year double the number who joined the walk last year.

Mrs. Abey Lazarus publicity coordinator of the March of Dimes stated, "We have over 540 representatives from Baltimore City and County schools. Every school will be represented in the Walk-a-Thon."

Mrs. Lazarus added, "With only 18,500 persons walking last year we raised a total of $502,406.65. This year with double that amount of people walking we have our fingers crossed for double the amount of money of last year."

This year the Walk-a-Thon will also cover the areas of East Baltimore, Herring Run Park, Hamilton, Cedarcroft and Roland Park.

In addition to three rock bands that will we waiting for walkers at the end of the trail, 80,000 hotdogs and buns, 60,000 candy bars, 46,000 cookies, 50,000 donuts and thousands of gallons of coffee and soda will be devoured during the day.

To accommodate each participant with added necessities, the March of Dimes will station 12 portable bathrooms along the route.

Judge denies new trial, wife weeps

A motion for a new trial for Mrs. Demarls E. Feimster, 40, was denied by criminal court Judge Robert Watts on Tuesday.

A teacher's aide at Bentalou Elementary School, Mrs. Feimster was found guilty by a jury on April 14 of conspiring and soliciting to have her husband, Robert A. Feimster, 40, a truck driver murdered for $400.

Judge Watts told the court "This case has given me more difficult then any I have ever had. I consider myself a good judge to the people. I do feel I have to give her a sentence. I am going to ask for a probation report."

Mrs. Feimster is still in City Jail awaiting the results of her report from the probation department.

The defendant, with tears in her eyes was greeted outside of the courtroom by her husband who kissed her on the cheek. The couple walked down the steps with their arms around each other along with the jail guard.

Sen. Mitchell arraigned on tax charge

Senator Clarence M Mitchell, III (D.4th) 33, is scheduled to appear in Federal Court today (Friday) 2 p.m. for arraignment.

Mr. Mitchell is charged with failing to file income tax returns from 1967 to 1970. During this time, the charges allege Mr. Mitchell earned a total of $54,171.

If convicted on the charges, the senator faces a fedearl prison term of up to four years or a $40,000 fine or both.

BADLY BEATEN — Harry Brashears, 35, was seriously injured in a fracas with Prince George's county police, Sunday.

Man claims police beat him on Easter Day

After a severe beating, allegedly inflicted by a county policeman, Harry Brashears, still evidencing the bare wounds, came to Baltimore to tell Cong. Parren J. Mitchell (D-7 Md.) the nightmarish details of his ordeal.

Enroute to Easter dinner at a sister's home in Washington, D. C., Mr. Brashears, 35, while stopped at a gas station near Seat Pleasant (Md.) claimed to have been attacked by a Prince Georges county police officer as he returned to his parked auto.

About to re-enter his car, Mr. Brashears, a self-employed auto repairman, charged he was, without explanation, beaten, handcuffed, thrown across the rear of another auto and then taken to the Seat Pleasant Police Precinct where charges were filed.

He is charged, according to police arrest reports, with assault on a police officer, resisting arrest and indecent exposure. A trial has been set for June 7, at the Oxon Hill District Court.

Mr. Brashers will be represented in court by Baltimore attorney Charles P. Howard.

Following emergency treatment at the Prince Georges County Hospital, Mr. Brashears was returned to the Seat Pleasant station where after some deliberation he was released on his own recognizance, by Judicial Officer Richard C. Bryant.

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Wife of the accused, Mrs. Virginia Brashears, a witness to the entire incident, said later, when asked, the arresting officer "refused to tell why he had arressed my husband."

The still shaken Mrs. Brashears, a health assistant at Crownsville State Hospital, added that his only comments were "I'm taking him to the station." failing to explain on what grounds her husband had been arrested.

Mr. Brashears told Rep. Mitchell that he was first advised of his rights by the Judicial Officer at the Seat Pleasant station.

She and several accompanying relatives were then left to find their own way to the police station in Seat Pleasant, whereupon, they were forced to wait the outcome of preliminary police questioning before being allowed to speak with Mr. Brashears.

Still suffering from head pains and dizziness the morning after, Mr. Brashears visited the Anne Arundel County General Hospital, where he was treated by a "house doctor" who took X-rays of his head, neck and mouth. Medication, "pain pills", was prescribed to comfort the still smarting wounds.

A visit the next day to a Baltimore physician produced, yet another, "pain" prescription, however, no further X-rays were taken at that time. Another appointment with the doctor was arranged for later in the week.

The Brashears reside at Holloway and Rockaway Rds., Arundel-on-the-Bay, Anne Arundel County.

For the past 12 years, Mr. Brashears has been employed as a repairman at Buds Body Shop, Brownswoods, Annapolis.

Mr. and Mrs. Brashears are members of Broadneck United Church off Route 50 on Broadneck Rd.

NO DATE SET — Drury Baskerville, 53, a teacher at Charles Carroll of Carrollton Elementary School remains in City Jail. A date has not been set for his hearing. He is charged with the Jan. 11 murder of a fellow school teacher, John M. Kraynak, 34. Baskerville was arrested at his home in the 2200 block Chelsea Terrace last Wednesday.

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Pictured at the annual Mad Hatters Luncheon were Mesdames Ann Drayton, left, Mary E. Jones and Alice R. Gribbs.

ON EASTER MONDAY

Mad Hatters Luncheon

AFRO photos by I. Henry Phillips, Sr.

Three Baltimore designers won the top cash prizes at the Maryland State Beauty Shop Owners Association annual Mad Hatters luncheon Easter Monday at Martin's West.

There were over 800 high-fashioned guests present, many of whom have attended the gala after-Easter affair since its beginning. And, many of the lively women came out in creations to prove that hats never went out of style or are coming back.

Judging was based on the craziest creations which included a birthday cake (stood over 3 feet high); an umbrella, a bbevy of shoe boxes (really crazy); pennies, tin foil, sponges, strings and ribbons, corsages, form and stick pins (entitled "Pin Pal"); cocktail toothpicks (called Cocktail Hour); feathers and others.

"Secret of the Sky", an original creation, featuring a four-foot bird, made by Mrs. Lillian Jackson and designed by Mrs. Geneiva Denton, won first place. Mrs. Virginia Stonestreet modeled the hat.

Second place went to Mrs. Gloria Griffin, whose hat entitled "Honeycombs" (made of dozens of starform cups, looked like a bee's nest) brought her $15. Third prize winner was Mrs. Mozella Banks. Her headpiece called "The Egg and I" featured pretty dyed Easter eggs nestled in a basket. Mrs. Phyllis Smith modeled the prize winner.

Judges for the contest were States Attorney Milton B. Allen, Mrs. Ellen Howard, director of Direct Search for Talent; George Boone, owner of Boone's Interior; Mrs. Mary Clayburn, public relations director, WWIN, and Walter E. Dennis, vice president, ALPMBA and owner of Dennis' Cut Rate.

Guest speaker for the afternoon was Mrs. Shirley Barber, instructor at School No. 91, Mrs. Barber told of the experiences of the average beautician. The gossip, problems and complaints she is subjected to during the day.

Throughout the program, ladies had a chance to view and purchase original hat creations by Mrs. Arnetta Starks.

Mrs. Elizabeth Foskey is president of the organization. Committee members were Mesdames Bernice Rochester, chairman; Evangeline Pearson, co-chairman, and Romaine Taylor, business chairman.

Other members are: Mesdames Zelma McCoy, Lillian Jackson, Rosetta Tilghman, Florence Knox, Bessie Pretlow, Mattie Hawkins, Maude Hutton, Catherine Scott, Clara Stanley, Rheba Holbrook, Louise Griffin, Helen R. Dukes, Louise Williams, Mary Miller, Flossie H. Brown, Etta Johnson, Theresa Collins, Ernestine Hawkins, Luretta Hall, Margaret Mitchell, Julia King, Adele Moody, Ethel Page, Ester Woods, Robena Tatum and Elizabeth Johnson.

Hostess for the luncheon were Misses Beryl Pearson, Evone Lee, Lillian Denton, Connie Denton, June Johnson and Sheri Thornton.

A SPR...G WEDDING — Pretty Miss Bernice Hawkins and Carlton Whelchel exchanged vows on April 14 at Union Memorial Church.

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Debutantes Bow This Weekend At Lord Baltimore Hotel

By MARIE MURPHY PHILLIPS COOKE
(AFRO Women's Editor)

It's that time of the year again when young college women will make their bow to society at the annual debutante balls. Tonight, Friday, some 15 lovely ladies will bow at the 27th annual Me-De-So Cotillion and tomorrow, Saturday, 23 misses will be presented at the Tri-State Elks Ball Both formal affairs will be held at the Lord Baltimore Hotel.

Those to make their debutes at the Me-De-So cotillion are:

Misses Lisa Cooper, Wanda Alderman, Patriice Meyers, Rae Ross, Donna Crabble, Mary Terrell Keets, Susan Murphy Wood, Shelley Brown, Milagron Wilson, Michele Clay and Diane Hutchins;

Also, Misses Lynn Froe, Michelle Lynn McRae, Teresa Marie Campbell Redd, Lenora Helen Thompson.

SUB-DEBS

This year's sub-debs are Minnie Grant, Daryl Denise Jones, Rachael Murphy Phillips, Barbara Keets, Candy Jones, Angela Gross, Renee Snowden, Stephanie Diane Phillips, Linda Marie Randall, Sharon Ann Wheaden, Diane Christopher, Sylvia Wilson, Yvette Britt, Vivian Brooks, Carla Clemons, Rita Clemons, Rosa Phillips, Gina Ross.

TRI-STATE DEBS

Misses Grace V. Hill, Patti Leap, Patricia Glaze, Natalie C. Greene, Darlene Corbin, Cassandra Issacs, Michele Towson, and Crystal Colman.

And, Misses Melanie B. Shaupe, Patricia Smith, Martha Sutton, Brenda Branch, Janelle Whye, Gloria Carter, Cheryl A. Rowley, Shirley Ann Broen and Terry Lee.

Also, Misses Marguerite Seward, Martha Sutton, Jacqueline Greene and Pamela Griffin.

URBAN LEAGUE DINNER

When the Baltimore Urban League holds its 48th annual dinner meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday at Martin's West, it will have as guest speaker a man who is a product of the Baltimore schools and who grew up in the city.

He is David T. Mason, Maryland's Secretary of Employment and Social Services. Mr. Mason is distinguished as being the first black to hold a top level cabinet post in the state.

The purpose of the annual affair is to bring the total League membership and friends together to elect executive board members and learn of the League's accomplishments. Travis W. Vauls is executive director of the Baltimore chapter.

Music for the evening will be furnished by the Rivers Chambers Trio.

EBONY SOPHISTICATES

There nearly 300 fast-stepping, high fashioned folks at the Hilton Hotel Easter Sunday evening. The occasion was the Ebony Sophisticates' annual cocktail sip-fashion show. Outfits came from an exclusive boutique in Pikesville, music was by The Generation and Miss Janice Dean.

Many know of the group. They're all professional models from the Baltimore area who have formed a non-profit organization to teach and direct youngsters who are also interested in modeling.

The coed group of young adults (most under 30) is headed by none other than Artartus. Other members are Misses Janice Holland, secretary; Sirah Boyd, Ivy Washing, Codine Finch, Shirley McClurkin, June Evans, Mary Green, Renee Goodman, Alma Miller, vice president; Madeline Stokes, female fashion coordinator; Renee Scott, assistant treasurer; Mrs. Florence Harris, Business manager and Miss Madeline Stokes, founder.

Also, Ted Pearson, treasurer; Dwight Lofton, public relations director; and Carroll Lewis, male fashion coordinator.

The Ebony Sophisticates meet every Thursday night at School No. 74, Homewood and 22nd St.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

There were four generations present at the recent birthday party for Mrs. Elizabeth H. Spicer. The

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Mesdames Beatrice McMorris, left, and Octavia G. Gentry at Mad Hatters Luncheon, Easter Monday, at Martin's West.

Columbia Capers

By PINNIE L. ROSS

The Howard County Bowie State College Alumni Chapter held its Annual Spring Dance recently at the Other Barn.

Guests frolicked to the music of the Dual Tones band from Halethrope until 2 a.m.

At intermission the chapter president, Mrs. Anna Hammond, gave away several unique door prizes.

Not only did the guests receive door prizes, but a delicious well-prepared home cooked dinner with steaming hot rolls. The dinner was catered by the lovely Mrs. Catherine Miles, sister of Mrs. Hammond.

There are only six active members of the Howard County Chapter. These six members have brought happiness to many students at Bowie State College, giving scholarships, making short term loans.

Other members of the Howard County Chapter, in addition to Mrs. Hammond, are Mrs. Dorothy Brasheals, Mrs. Edna Davs, Mr. and Mrs. Lennard Moore and Reginald Bowley

WHAT THEY WORE

Colorful long skirts, jumpsuits and pantssuits adored the lovely ladies at this affair.

Mrs. Carolyn Hunt, sister-in-law of Mrs. Davis, was seen wearing a black velvet pantssuit graced with a white frilly colonial style blouse. Prince George's County school teacher, Mrs. Vonderlear Russel Smith, guest of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Bowley, wore a gorgeous white pantssuit with pastel trim, chosen white; also was Reginald Bowley in a smashing well-designed suit.

DESIGNERS SHOW

Speaking of specially designed clothes, you should have been at the Designers' Show last Sunday at the Holiday Inn downtown.

The show was sponsored by the local designers of Baltimore, and what a show.

The ballroom was filled to the capacity with a lively and beautiful audience of well-dressed people.

A "thousand and one" was the theme chosen by NAPAD.

Many beautiful designs were shown by all of the designers, "out of sight" beach wear, fantastic lounge wear, well-designed pantssuits and the evening wear was unbelievable.

The gracious models swished down the runway easily, sensuously and looked well from every viewing vantage point. The silhouette had clean, beautiful lines developed in great elegant fabrics.

Some of the designers were fabulous Jacqueline Britton, president of NAPAD and that "out of sight" designer, Selena Thomas, Gwendolyn Biddie, who modelled her own creations, Monica White.

Giving some of the garments the total look were hats designed by Nell Sheridan, Kenneth Carter's Collection was just "too much" and was modeled beautifully by Artartus, Harold Brightful and Travis Winkey. Let's not forget Baltimore's own Lawrence Parker's men's fashions, modeled by Ganet Moore and Herman Winkey.

The designers' collections incorporated a combination of styling that paid homage to many mood swings; costumes easy to live in each hour of the day.

The participating models included Silvia Mackay, CEE Stokes, Shirley Harris, Carlotta Moore and Andra Blond, Panthea Wilson, Chandra Lewis.

Special guests were Florine Powers, regional vice president; AFRO social editor, Mrs. Marie Phillips Cooke.

Commentator for this extravaganza was one of the leading ladies of Baltimore, Mrs. Willa Bland.

TEENAGE PAGEANT

Teenagers of Howard County this is the last week for your applications to be accepted for the Miss Black Teenage pageant — hurry, hurry.

ST. JOHNS

Someone has aptly said "Watch the beginning of a thing" for the beginning reflects the direction and the significance of its fuction.

The St. Johns Baptist Church and the only black church in the Interfaith Center was borne out of a sense of urgency. Its first public worship service was held March 7, 1971, two years ago in the Conference Room of the Interfaith Center.

That event was described by the pastor, the Rev. Walter Long as one of the "new things" that God is doing in Columbia.

Recently, over 100 members gathered in the Conference Room where the first Baptist service was held to celebrate its second year of existing here in Columbia and its shared ecumenical venture with the Columbia Cooperative Ministry and to celebrate the well-liked pastor's birthday. The Rev. Walter Long, and for another reason to "get to know the members better."

The whole idea was master minded by his lovely wife, Mrs. Bernice Long

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On Easter Sunday Mrs. Charles Swain of Durley Ave., was quite chic on her way from Whitestone Baptist Church. She wore a lavender ensemble with white scarf, pocketbook and shoes. Her gloves were lavender. (AFRO photo by Benjamin Murphy Phillips, IV)

In The Easter Parade

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