MRS. GEORGIA TRAVIS: hard work and a lot of praying.

MRS. JENNIE STOKES: perfect picture of contentment

The only thing better than being the mother of a grad, is being mother of two.

MRS. NADINE REGIN: killin' two birds with an educated stone.

MRS. MARTHA SHAW: A long haul, but she made it!

Proud mothers rejoice over their June grads

By BILL RHODEN

According to Baltimore school officials, some 8,000 youngsters will be graduated from city schools the next week.

That's right! come June 14, the halls of almost every elementary and secondary school in the city will echo the joyous cries of teens and pre-teens who have finally "crossed the burning sands."

And smiling contentedly in the background with tears in their eyes, (or just plain relief!), will be those forgotten persons who worked and slaved to make this day possible: the parents.

Two AFRO reporters traveled through an East Baltimore neighborhood earlier this week to talk with a group of parents whose children will be graduated from either elementary, junior high or high school this month.

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Mrs. Georgia Travis, 810 N. Washington St., has no children but her nephew, Dennis James, who hsa been like a son to her, graduated from Morgan State College last week.

"I'm so happy for him!" Mrs. Travis elated. "His mother has five other sons and she struggled to send him through college.

"I'm also proud of him," she continued, "because he worked at the Post Office part time, to help himself through. I'm very happy, for him and his family!"

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Mrs. Jennie Stokes, 1217 N. Washington, was rather reluctant about being photographed, but brimmed with enthusiasm when asked how she felt about her son's (Dennis) graduation from Fairmount Hill Sr. High School.

"I'm very, very proud of my son! I worked hard to send him through high school and he worked very hard to get out.

"He was also sick alot so it took more hard work for him to graduate."

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Mrs. Mratha Shaw, 1225 Washington St., had a daughter who was graduated from Washington High School in North Carolina last week.

"I can't describe the feeling," she said. "It was beautiful, just beautiful."

This fall, Wilhemina will enroll in Beaufort Technical College, (North Carolina), and major in special education.

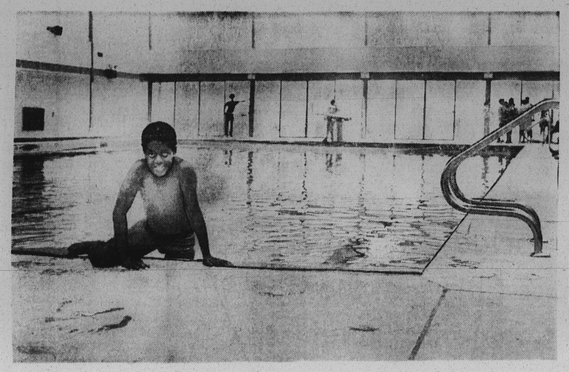
The last parent was perhaps the most unique because she had not one, but two sons graduating from Fairmont Hill Jr. High School.

Mrs. Nadine Regin, 1307 Washington St., will get a double treat on graduation night when her two sons, Tommy and Albert, graduate from junior high school.

"Naturally, I feel fine about the graduation," She said.

"It doesn't seem like a long struggle or anything," she added, as a matter-of-fact, it seems pretty comfortable.

Mrs. Regin said her sons weren't "all that excited" about the graduation but regardless of that, she was "Pretty proud of both of the boys."



'FIRST DIPPER'—Mark Butler, 13, a seventh grader at Franklin Jr. High School, was among the 'first in the pool' at the newly opened Cherry Hill Aquatic Center.

Large crowd witnesses pool debut

By FLETCHER ROBERTS

A crowd of nearly 500, mostly residents of surrounding housing developments, sat patiently, sweltered by the muggy air and the seemingly endless speech-making of politicians, to witness the opening of the Cherry Hill Homes Aquatic Center.

With the cutting of the ceremonial ribbon at approximately 3:45 p.m. Sunday, the $450,000 indoor swimming facility, the first of its kind in the nation, was officially opened.

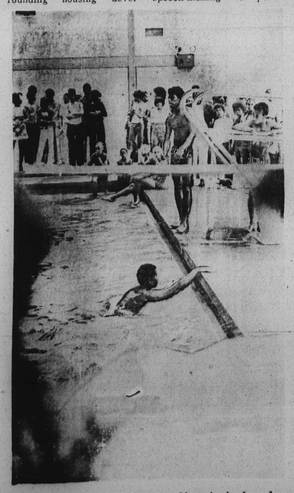
Suddenly, the doors, unlocked from within, burst open as a stream of children surged forward rushing through the now fully opened double doors.

Once inside, the excitedly expectant bystanders alternately watched those in the pool, already demonstrating their aquatic skills, while daydreaming of 'THAT FIRST SPLASH' in the pool.

But alas, "All that glitters is not gold."

Almost angrily aware of what seems its almost tokenary nature, yet ever thankful for its existence, one can not but wonder if this new, Olympic-sized swimming pool represents both the best and worst of government.

Despite the reassuranes of a few of those on hand for the opening Rep. Paul Sarbanes (D-Md.), Housing Commissioner Robert C. Embry and Bureau of Recreation and Parks Superintendent Alfred L. Cottrill, a mood of 'Just Another Summer Project' seemed to ominously hang over the affair.



COOL, COOL WATERS of the Olympic-sized pool will surely provide welcome relief from the summer's heat for the residents of the nearby Cherry Hill communities.

A DREAM FULFILLED — Mr. Coleman Grant, president of a coalition of community groups whose yearlong efforts culminated in the $450,000 facility, is assisted in last Sunday's ribbon cutting ceremonies by Mrs. Vickie Allen of the Department of Recreation and Parks.

SPEAKING OF GRADUATES — Miss Dorothy Hudson, East 32nd St., Baltimore a graduate of Eastern High School, received a degree in business administration from Morgan State College and has joined the 6,500 United Airlines stewardesses flying out of Baltimore's Friendship Airport.

Symposium on violence held at Bowie State

Five area personalities in the field of psychology, social work, government and politics, recently participated in a symposium on VIOLENCE, sponsored by the Bowie State College Social Work Club at the college's McKeldin Gymnasium.

The participants were: Loyal B. Calkins, chief psychologist, Maryland State Penitentiary; Dr. Agnes B. Hatfield, associate professor, Institute for Child Study, University of Maryland; Dr. Eldon Lanning, assistant professor, Government and Politics, University of Maryland; Lt. Col. William A. Harris, special assistant to Governor Mandel for Community Services; and Dr. Steven Ludwig of Child Abuse Team, Children Hospital, Wash. D.C.

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Speaking on the Psychology of Violence, Loyal B. Calkins described violence as being as old as life. "We couldn't have life without some kind of violence," he commented. The chief Psychologist traced the source of violence to frustration of early childhood and to daily crowding in life.

Dr. Agnes B. Hatfield said that the idea that it is alright to let some people suffer in the interest of the society is referred to as Socially Sanction Violence. "The largest violence in history has been done in the name of the good," Dr. Hatfield said.

Dr. Eldon Lanning spoke extensively on the motivating andchanneling factors of Political Violence.

Lt. Col. William A. Harris, spoke on the Police and Violence, while Dr. Ludwig presented a slide show on child abuse in the District of Columbia.

The symposium was preceeded by two film shows: Remedy for a Riot — a study of the riots and the President's Commission on Civil Disorder; and Attica — an in-depth study of the 1971 uprising at Attica Prison and the violent results.

BOWIE BRIEFS — Four students from Bowie State College are among 16 college students that will participate in a ten week Summer Institute at the Computer Space Center, Greenbelt, Maryland. Bowie State is the coordinating institution.

The students are Lavetta Alston, junior, social work major; Marion Jones, junior, elementary education major; Leatrice Miller, junior, business administration; and Robert Uhl, senior, social science major.

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Three new courses in music and two in theatre are included in the list of subjects to be offered this summer June 25 through August 2, 1973, at Bowie State College.

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The Four College Consortium for Strengthening Inter-Cultural Understanding — composed of Bowie State College and three other predominantly black state institutions of higher learning: Alabama State University, Montgomery, Alabama; Albany State College, Albany, Georgia; and Norfolk State College, Norfolk, Virginia — has been granted $166,000 for a Domestic Ethnic Heritage Studies project directed by Dr. Warren H. Brown behavioral scientist, professor of Anthropology and Sociology at Bowie State College.

POLICE MAJOR SPEAKS TO THE PEOPLE

Public telephone abuse, vandalism costs everyone

By Major JAMES A. WATKINS

On Tuesday of this week, I met with the Community Relations team of the C and P Telephone Company in the Cherry Hill area. They were interested in some Public Relations type work in the Southern part of the city. During our talk the subject came up about the vandalism of public telephones.

Information about vandalism of public telephone appeared last July in this column, which I would like to repeat.

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During a recent talk with Mr. P. B. White public information officer for C and P Telephone Co., I learned a potentially dangerous situation to the welfare and safety of various communities in the inner-city. Malicious destruction of phones on the street is not only a waste of money to repair and replace, but also in an emergency, people go to the phone to seek assistance only to find that it has been knocked out of service.

Last year just to repair and replace phones which had been maliciously damaged, the C and P Telephone Company spent more than $100,000. This expense becomes a part of the cost of telephone service for everyone.

White requested that if anyone finds a damaged phone or one that is not working for any reason, you can help by going to another phone and calling "611" and giving the telephone repair service the number or location of the phone that is out of order.

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The Telephone Company is doing serveral things about the problem:

1. Repairing public phones as quickly as possible.
2. Installing phones in well-lighted, well maintained locations.
3. Installing sturdier phones.
4. Maintaining crews who are responsible for keeping phone booths clean, making them less likely to be defaced.
5. Assigning roving patrols and working with the police to catch vandals.

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People who tamper with phones are not getting away so easily today, the spokesman said. Recently malicious destruction of a telephone brought a Baltimore man a sentence of nine months in the House of Correction.

Since 1970 in Maryland, 83 people have been arrested for phone tampering. Of these, 45 have been convicted and 14 cases are still pending.

I call on the AFRO readers to assist in reducing the amount of malicious destruction of a worthwhile service to the community, especially in an emergency. In a few areas of the inner-city there are emergency phones. These are pay phones which the Operator can be reached without depositing money.

This can be a "life saver" or "property saver" when the Police or Fire Department is needed in a hurry and the caller does not have change or any money at all.

The C and P Telephone Company representative states that there are some people who try to dial a number without depositing a dime. This action connects the caller with an operator who notifies the person dialing, to deposit a dime.

The person dialing the phone in some cases use very vial profanity to the Operators that complaints are rolling in from Operators in certain areas of the community.

This request is to the few people who misuse and abuse the emergency phone — don't destroy or cause an emergency service such as this to be taken out of our community.

Blount's bill returns $12 million to teachers

Sen. Clarence W. Blount (Balto. City, 5th) terms the passage of a bill to make refunds to certain Baltimore City teachers for retirement fund overpayments an important achievement of the last legislative session.

The bill was signed by the Governor last week.

The refunds totalling about $12 million will be made to approximately 7,500 active and retired teachers who made larger payments into the retirement fund.

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In 1954, Baltimore City offered teachers an option of continuing to make a 1/65 contribution into the retirement fund or increasing their contribution to 1/60 to obtain greater annuity.

The state moved from a 1/70 to a 1/60 contribution several years ago.

When the Baltimore City retirement system transferred into the state system all teachers automatically received the increased benefits.

This meant that teachers in Baltimore who had elected to make lesser payments were now getting the same benefits as those who had increased payments in 1954.

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The bill signed by the Governor will provide for the difference in payments to be refunded in a lump sum to all active or retired members. The money will come from the Teachers Retirement System.

Senator Blount said that he was glad to see this injustice rectified.

Sponsoring the legislation with Senator Blount were Senators Staten, Byrnes, Dalton, Staszak Lapiedes, Hodges, Curran, Bertorelli, McGuirk, Mitchell, Abrams and Welcome.

ABOUT US TEENS

BY ANGIE THORNTON

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June is Lursting out all over with warm weather, schools getting ready for closing and hundreds of graduates, high schools, colleges and even 6th graders. We salute those graduates and wish them best of luck.

Douglass High School seniors were graduated June 4 at the Civic Center. The three top-ranking students are Janet Hopskins, Valedictorian, Sheila Tolson, salutorian, and Rosalyn Carter, Honorarium.

Edmondson High School will enjoy their Prom June 5.

Tau Gamma Delta Sorority Pi Chapter held their Annual Taugadetta recently at the Madison Ave. YWCA.

Winners of the talent show tied for fourth place, the Gwynn's Falls Gospel Chorus and Impressions Dancers, third, Ispirers, secone.

Miss Cynthia Scott and Fairmount 1515 Dancers won first place. Fairmount 1515 is a group of young men from Elementar School No.4.

Even though they are small, they could probably out-dance most of the Soul Train Dancers, if given a chance.

Other participants in the show were the Dynamic Dance Groups, Miss Johnetta Johnson, Stephen Lang, Perry Stanfield, Jeffrey Lowe, Terry Rucker, Karen Harris, Arnold Eric Johnson, Michael Scott, and Princess Dupree, all instrumentalist from Elmer A. Henderson P.S. 101. Also the Wise Ones Dancers, The Modern Dancers of School No. 46, The Young Creators dancers, the Shondells, Miss Bland and the Sleek Dancers.

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The five winners received cash prizes and the other recipients received certificates.

Druid Hill YMCA had many festivities also, starting with a Father-Son Banquet May 31st and continued with a reception honoring Wilbur Cooke, Earl Banks, Youth of the Year-1971-72, Alfred Lansey-Youth of the Year-1972-73, Master Fleming James Jr., and Master Brent James.

Druid Hill Branch YMCA's Mother club sponsored this banquet.

Each of the young men honored have done outstanding jobs at the Y.

Congratulations to each of them. On June 2, food, games and plenty of fun were the highlights of the bazzar.

This past weekend was another busy one. There was DUFF Concert in Washington D.C., the Chicago Concert at the Civic Center, and last not least the Black Explosion presented by Friends Unlimited.

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WE had the pleasure of checking out the Black Explosion "73" and desoite the many other events happening around, this event was well attended. Music, provided by Gound Experience, Bad Brute, and Mad House, was continuously funky.

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Corn-rowing demonstrations, art work, and jewelry displays were also a part of the festivities.

Out of many folks there, we spotted Mary Donna Hall, one of the top ranking graduates of Edmondson High School, Debbie Lane, Bernard Ramsor, Earl Banks, and quite a few other people.

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Going back to the Chicago Concert, another out-of-sight affair, a very nice-sized crowd turned out. Chicago, as always, burned. The brass song commined with screaming guitars made the crowd rock and roll.

The Cast of Man of La Mancha had an enjoyable evening at the Dulaney Valley Dinner Theatre.

The cast of Man of La Mancha, recently preformed at Douglass High School.

Happy birthday to Craig Montgomery and Wendell Sheppard.

Say Goodbye for another Tuesday. Summer is almost here. Let us Know what's going on.

If you have any teen news or happenings, please write to About Us Teens, AFRO-AMERICAN Newspaper, Baltimore, Md. P.O. Box 1857 or write or call Angie Thornton, 1102 Glendenin St., Balto., Md 21217, 728-0567.

CCC offers aged care course

A practical course to help those in the community who must care for an aging person at home begun at Catonsville Community College (CC) on June 5 and will run run for five consecutive Tuesdays, from 7:30 to 10 p.m.

Sponsored jointly by the Ecumenical Conference on the Aging and the community services office of the college, the non-credit seminar course is part of a series of programs designed to help the senoir adult to maintain an active life in the community.

The physical and psychological needs of the aging person, community services available to senior adults and practical solutions to come of the common problems arising in the home care situation will be covered in the course.

Films from the White House Conference on the Aging, special guest lecturers and discussion sessions will be featured.

Instructor for the program is Jody Olsen, a social worker who has specialized in the problems of the aging and in community programs for them in Maryland. Ms. Olsen has just completed conducting a seminar on communicating with the aging person, a training program for volunteer workers for senior centers and nursing homes, which was also jointly sponsored by the college and the Ecumenical Conference.

CCB group to national convention

By DR. SIDNEY KOBRE

Community College of Baltimore (CCB) has been selected to send a team of administrators to a conference of the Community College Institute, in St. Louis, Mo. to discuss the college's developmental studies program.

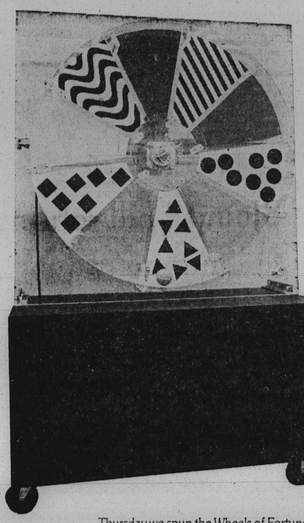
The program was developed by Mrs. Christine Moore of the CCB staff.

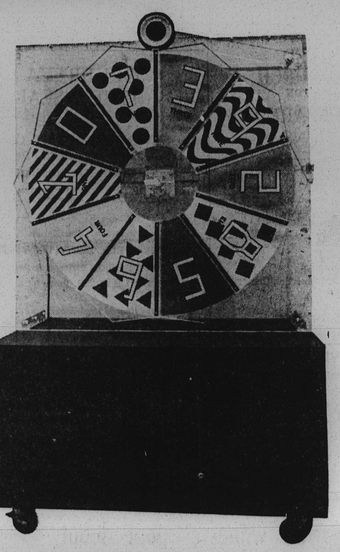
All trip expenses of the CCB representatives will be paid by the Danforth Foundation which is concerned with improving community college instruction and day-by-day operations.

The sessions of the conference will last for nine days, during which 20 college teams from all sections of the United States will present educational problems of national concern to administrators, faculties and students in community colleges.

The Maryland State Employment Service was instituted in December 1936 following the State General Assembly passage of the Unemployment Insurance Law of Maryland which created the Unemployment Compensation Board. This agency was the forerunner of today's Employment Security Administration.

The Wheels of Fortune spun, and thousands won... thousands.





Thursday we spun the Wheels of Fortune. And when they stopped thousands of people won thousands of dollars.

How much was won? How's $50,000 for openers! That's how much at least one lucky Lottery player won. Thousands of people won other cash prizes from $25 to $1000. And every single one of our weekly winners qualified for the Million Dollar Drawing. $50,000 a year for twenty years.

But what about the people who weren't lucky enough to win a weekly cash prize? Some of them still qualified for the Million Dollar Drawing. (You should be so unlucky.)

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