My, how things have changed at Forest Park

By Marion Banfield

Those who know me are well aware of my special affection for Forest Park High School where three of my children were graduated.

My, how things have changed over the years! Change is part of living and I'm really excited to be a part of the present change in the old school.

For several weeks I have been leading a discussion of Dr. Frances Welsing's article on Black Americans, which is in the September, 1974 issue of Ebony Magazine.

This is part of the family life education program of Mrs. Frances Williams, head of the Home Economics Department.

Every class in the school shares this Tuesday morning two-period workshop.

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Mrs. Edmonia Yates has been Forest Park principal since August 1974. She is an example of change for the better due to her dynamic leadership. Each head of department is expected to present an innovation for students to the total staff.

Department heads are to discuss trends in their areas of specialties. Primary reasons are to encourage a cooperative atmosphere as faculty members share ideas and plans and to prepare for the 1977 evaluation of the school by the Middle States Association.

I remember the last evaluation at Forest Park when Norris Weis was principal. Believe me, folks work hard to prepare for that inspection!

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It's not surprising that some of the big, handsome male students at the school call Mrs. Yates, "Mom" or teasingly try out "Grandma!"

She personifies a good maternal parent who expects the best for the students, and equally important from the students. As she moves smilingly through the halls or cafeteria, she's getting across the message that, style or not, hats aren't worn in Forest Park High. . . . "Learning is not just a pleasant situation."

For jobs and hats inside a building aren't usually appropriate. She and her faculty are getting the students ready.

To Mrs. Yates, the students are a "beautiful group." She takes pride in cleaner walls because students show enough pride and maturity to have outgrown graffiti as the "in thing."

Custodians remark about a cleaner cafeteria.

Here may be a reason. The Health Department closed the auditorium. Therefore, an alternate place had to be found for the 50th anniversary celebration.

Students and faculty got together, asked for paint and brushes. They painted three of those high long walls of the cafeteria.

The maintenance department helped with one wall.

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The windows were too big and bare. Faculty sponsored a bake sale. That money went to a local merchant whose children were Forest Park graduates. At a fraction of the cost, fabrics and fixtures were chosen.

Miss Gwendolyn Biddle, of the Home Economics Department, supervised the sewing of the draperies which were in place for the April open house.

Faculty brought their own table decor, worked after school, Saturday or Sunday to get ready for guests.

Rallying point for the parents, students and faculty was the February report that their school's repairs were being shunted away to the future.

A bus load of students, parents and faculty worked together in approach the Board of School Commissioners.

As a result, the auditorium will be ready by September. Mayor Schaefer has visited the school twice. The entire building will be decorated.

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More something new: — Mrs. Yates visits classrooms and expects teachers to "instruct with depth" . . . "Learning is not just a pleasant situation."

In the fall, Room 128 will be a mathematics laboratory multi-purpose room.

Students participated on "It's Academic" this year. Their next appearance will be a winning one. They're already studying for the next show.

Faculty are prepared to offer honor courses for capable and interested students in September. Scholarship is being emphasized by regular and subject matter honor rolls.

Students are sent to every conference, science fair, math fair or related school program.

And, students are being given more responsibility. Juniors and seniors are encouraged to keep committees going.

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Faculty response to student morale has reached the high point where they are being asked to sponsor after-school activities for students.

A choice is for parents to increase their involvement, with the administration and faculty of this five-year-old school. Mrs. Ardella Lokeman, PTA president, needs followers in order to lead.

A choice is for Forest Park High School students to continue to take responsibility for their behavior and a basis for pride in themselves and their school.

A community choice is for radio, TV and newspaper to give recognition to scholastic excellence as much as to athletics and love songs. How about the top ten academic students!

Student with Sickle Cell Anemia now receive education at home

By Portia E. Badham

A ea for Exceotional Children of the Baltimore City Public Schools has developed a program for children with sickle cell anemia.

SCAP (Sickle Cell Anemia Program) provides education at home and in the hospital to help students during frequent absences and prepares them to continue regular classwork upon return to school.

The program which services 60 students from preschool through grade 12, was formed in September, 1974 under a federally funded Title III grant.

Mrs. Priscilla Hawkins, director of SCAP, told the AFRO, "We begin our service the very first day the child is at home. However, this is a voluntary program and we don't force it on anyone."

Mrs. Hawkins and her research associate, Mrs. Sylvia Matthews, are the only staff members of SCAP who are responsible for locating those students who are at home, obtaining assignments from teachers and designating a home teacher for the student.

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Teachers work either at home or in the hospital and provide the same assignments the student would normally receive in the classroom.

There are presently 35 full-time and 200 part-time certified teachers who are sent from the Home and Hospital Program of the public schools.

The parents, school, hospital or family doctor may submit a student' name. Once it is submitted, a letter and a SH-19 form are sent to the parents.

This form is filled out by the family doctor or hospital and returned to Dr. Susan Gufrnieri, director of School Health and Hygiene, City Health Department. She approves the adjustment of the educational program and forwards the SH-19 form to the Home. The student's educational level and subjects are verified with the regular school, then a teacher is assigned.

and Hospital Program.

"It is rewarding enough to hear students say that when they return to school, they didn't miss any work. They still can feel a part of things," Mrs. Hawkins said.

The program is also aided by an advisory council comprised of doctors, pediatricians, members of the state and city Health Department and parent representatives.

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HEW gives Balto. County a deseg date of June 30

(UPI) — The Baltimore County school system has been given until June 20 to explain to federal officials why there is "racial disproportion" in nine of its schools.

School Superintendent Joshua R. Wheeler received a letter Tuesday from the Philadelphia office of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare asking for information on nine county schools with black enrollments of more than 25 per cent.

HEW asked Wheeler to "rebut or explain the substantial racial disproportion" in the schools.

The letter follows a March order by U.S. District Court Judge Joan H. Pratt, who told HEW to contact 125 school districts in 16 states where there may be violations of the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

Seven Maryland School Districts include Baltimore, Montgomery, Howard and Frederick Counties, were to be contacted by HEW.

Wheeler said Montgomery County officials have been told they will not be subject to court action to correct racial disproportions HEW said were caused by "private housing patterns" rather than segregation policies.

Wheeler said he hopes Baltimre County's case "ends up the same way" as Montgomery County's.

City uses Ft. Holabird for Camp Variety site

Mayor Schaefer has announced that Baltimore has reached an agreement with the Department of the Army to lease the Officer's Club and adjacent grounds at Fort Holabird for Camp Variety this summer.

The Bureau of Recreation of the Department of Recreation and Parks has operated Camp Variety, a free summer day camp for physically handicapped and mentally retarded youngsters for the past nine years.

However, the camp has never had a permanent location and was forced to shift to different sites, both in the city and Baltimore County.

The new one-acre site at Fort Holabird lends itself to recreational activity with ample room for indoor and outdoor games, arts and crafts, athletics, music, creative play, talent shows and special events.

Baltimore City is presently involved in acquiring Fort Holabird from the federal government for industrial development. Yet, use of the Officer's Club will not conflict with the development plans since 40 acres have already been set aside for park and recreation purposes.

Camp Variety will begin July 7 and continue through August 22. Some 300 youngsters will be accommodated per week under a staff of 95 persons.

The operating budget, all from city funds is $30,000 which will allow the city to supply door-to-door transportation, breakfasts, lunches and late afternoon snacks.

DR. JAMES E. CHEEK, president of Howard University, will be guest speaker at the University of Maryland, Eastern Shore commencement Sun., May 18. Taking place in the Ella Fitzgerald Center for the Performing Arts, the graduation program will begin at 2:30 p.m.

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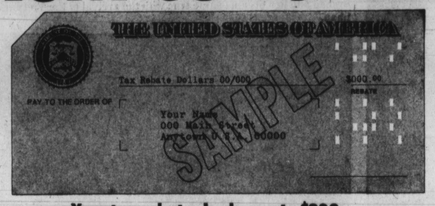

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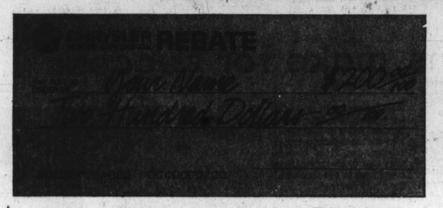

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A Teen Spectacular, the crowning of Miss Teenage Justice, sponsored by the Lawyers' Wives of Baltimore was held recently. Crowned queen was Tina Hall, pictured in center. Other contestants were: Cheryl Burgess, Romona Carter, Janice Copeland, Claire Dorsey, Edwina Foster, Grace Ann Griffin, Rochelle Burd, Denise Chambers, Joan Day, Pamela Ferguson, Denise Glover, Valerie Cade, Gail Connell, Frankie Dean, Veronica Forrester, Tyran Green, Toni Hamilton, Debra Hibert, Zelda Horton, Gay Miller, Eva Readitt, Kathy Schaffer, Dell Scott, Lisa Tyler, Laurie Wilson, Janice Hurt, Patricia Lee, Pamela Moore, Diane Robinson, Deborah Smith, Sherrill W. Tate, Colleen Walker, Susan Wilson, Decky Zurpwski, Cynthia Marine, Montez J. Pulley, Shella Ross, Rubye A. Smith, Alison Todd, Anna M. Waters, Sharon Yorbor. Mrs. Dorothy Reddick is president of the group. Proceeds went towards the scholarship fund and other charities.

SOUTH BALTIMORENOTES

Conference marks its 25th year

by Walter W. E. Hill
AFRO Columnist

The 25th session of the Washington Annual Conference of the AME Second Episcopal District adjourned last week, sending 90 per cent of its pastors back to the same charges.

Mrs. Charlotte F. Hill, the unanimously appointed delegate from Star of Bethlehem AME Church did a magnificent job covering the conference.

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The Cub Scouts of Troop No. 529 is sponsoring a Variety Supper at 3402 Calloway Ave. on Saturday from 10 a.m. until. Joan Mohorm, Jacqueline Jones and Marian Scott are the committee members.

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Deepest sympathy is extended to the bereaved family of the late Mrs. Lillian Johnson, 2441 Westport St., member of Bethany Baptist Church, Mt. Winans.

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A little inspiration has come to this neighborhood. The installation work on the sewage drainage system in several of the alleys and hopefully the utility wires will be moved to the alleys, thus making way for the new walkways and street paving.

Vernon Hill is recuperating at home, 3120 Oakfield Ave. following his weekend illness. Mr. Hill is chairman of the Trustee Board of Star of Bethlehem AME Church.

The Ten Pals Social Club has completed its plans for a bus trip to Miami, Fla. on July 17. Mrs. Lillian Bowie is president; Mrs. Foretta Taylor, secretary.

The Steering Committee of the Mt. Winans C.I.G. met at the home of its chairman, Mrs. Sadie Blocker where plans were formulated for the seasonal programs.

Joe Pratt is about to train another prospective HAM, (amateur radio operator), in the field of electronics. His student is Terry Ashley, an employee of the Veterans Administration.

Mr. Pratt has trained numerous students. He was honored with a program "This is Your Life" by the Baltimore Amateur Radio Club.

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Perkins, Pack win Patapsco Center honors

Willie Pack and Pam Perkins received top honors at the recent Patapsco Park Recreation Center awards ceremonies.

Both were voted the outstanding scholar-athletes at a banquet which drew notables from all walks, including Mayor William Donald Schaefer and Sixth District Councilwoman Charlotte D. Wheatley.

Stan White, the University of Maryland All-American tackle, was the guest speaker as the center paid tribute to prize winners in numerous crafts as well as sports.

Among the guests were Ms. Loretta Stokes, supervisor of probation and parole; Sgt. Earl Potter, Southeastern Police community relations officer; Doug B. Brady Jr., Bureau of Recreation District 7 supervisor, and Edward Boston, District 2 leader.

Other guests included Judson Woods, principal of the Patapsco Elementary School; Ms. Irene Joell, principal of Arundel Elementary; the Reverend Father Paul Banet, St. Veronica Church; Robert Cisco, Fireman Community Relations Officer; Warner Wells, director of Cherry Hill Homes Recreation Center; Ms. Kate Bates, director of Carter G. Woodson Recreation Center; Ms. Debbie Ross, director of Cherry Hill Aquatic Center, and Cordell Hunter, master of ceremonies.

WOODLAWN HIGHLIGHTS

Something about Robert Hairston

By Marjorie R. Green
AFRO Correspondent

Controlling and scheduling the passenger, mail and freight transportation services in and out of the Social Security Woodlawn complex is the responsibility of SSA's Transportation Manager, Robert Hairston.

Mr. Hairston arrived at Central Headquarters in 1968 with a background of transportation experience acquired while he was working with the Veterans Administration's Transportation division. His responsibilities also include the supervision of six office employees and 33 drivers.

SSA's transportation manager was born in Danville, Va., but he calls Baltimore his home. He is an active member of New Shiloh Baptist Church, where the Rev. Harold A. Carter is pastor. He has held several offices on the church usherboard and is currently coordinating all activities of the Usher Board leading up to celebration of their Annual Day on Sunday, May 18.

Robert Hairston is married to the former Eulhelia Hall, beautician and mother of his three children: Wesley, Phyllis and Ray Anthony. Wesley is an assistant manager at the Greyhound Bus terminal. Phyllis Croxton is a housewife and public school teacher working towards a Master's degree. Ray Anthony works in the Page Pratt building for the Social Security Administration. Hairston resides in Northwest Baltimore.

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A note received from the 707 Calvert St. building this week stated that employees in the downtown building feel as though they are "outcasts."

Employees complain that they have to sign for annual leave when they attend programs scheduled in the Woodlawn complex. Is this for real???

Retirements, promotions and new employment explain the changes taking place in the Calvert St. building. Mr. David Ross has been assigned to the position of Deputy Branch Chief of the Critical Case and Appraisal Branch. The position was formerly held by the recently retired Mrs. Gladys E. Palmer.

Last week I attended the Forum X conducted by the Bureau of Retirement and Survivors Insurance executive staff in the Altmeyer building. The panel of men included the new acting Bureau Director and seven Assistant Bureau Directors.

"We certainly have come along way" were the words that raced through my mind as I viewed the two very distinguished looking black assistant bureau directors in the group.

A few moments later I turned to view the audience of approximately two-hundred employees. Less than 25 of the BRSI group who are among SSA's highest graded employees were minorities. My previous thought was quickly replaced with "We certainly have a long way to go!"

I must learn more about SSA's "Equal Employment Opportunities" and "Affirmative Action Programs" before I can agree with those in the upper echelon who insist that "everything is beautiful at the Social Security Administration's central headquarters building.

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Members of VOSSA (Volunteers of The Social Security Administration) met last Saturday afternoon at Heritage United Church to make plans for their early June visit to the Correctional Institution for Women in Jessup.

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A very special "thanks" is extended to all the beautiful people who sent Mothers Day greetings to this writer. Special thanks to Mrs. Daisy Harts for her recent thoughtful greeting. It's so nice to work with such lovely people.

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ON THE EASTSIDE

Senior citizens luncheon

By Georgianna Moody
AFRO Correspondent

The Lafayette Courts Senior Citizens Club sponsored its annual luncheon last week. It was a beautiful affair, well decorated, complete with all the goodies that go with a well-planned activity.

Guest senior citizens from various clubs participated on the program; the songs, prayers and readings were quite inspiring.

Club members include: Esther Ford, Dora Woods, Bertha Smith, Viola James, Louisea Reeves, Mary Felton, Geneva Edmonds, Rhoda Harris, Lillie Mae Brown;

Ella Powell, Rebecca Adams, Nancy Stevens, Katherine Friend, Alice Johnson, Clara Allen, Parthenia Moore, Addie Mickens, Pat Moore, Maude Johnson;

Maggie Burrell, Viola Owens, Odelia Stover, Lonnie Braxton and Louis Gillings.

Mrs. Odessa Smith is the senior citizens coordinator; Frederick Turner, housing manager.

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