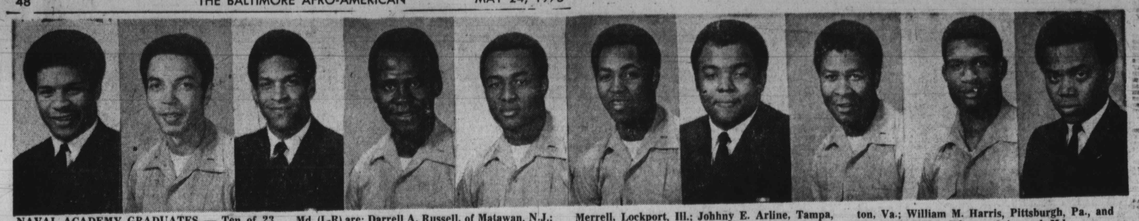

NAVAL ACADEMY GRADUATES — Ten of 23 black midshipmen who were among over 800 graduating from the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. (L-R) are: Darrell A. Russell, of Matawan, N.J.; James W. Robinson Jr., Youngstown, Ohio; Charles D. Hargrove, Freeport, N.Y.; William Merrell, Lockport, Ill.; Johhny E. Arline, Tampa, Fla.; Myron L. Hampton, Long Branch, N.J.; Larry J. Watson, Waller, Texas; Willie Everett, Hampton, Va.; William M. Harris, Pittsburgh, Pa., and Kerwin E. Miller, Edgewood Arsenal, Md.

MIDSHIPMEN — Eleven of 23 midshipmen who recently graduated from U.S. Naval Academy. (L-R): Cleveland E. Cooper, Rochester, N.Y.; Ronald O. Grover, Kansas City, Mo.; Cozy E. Bailey, St. Louis, Mo.; Ronald L. Casey, Asbury Park, N.J.; Thomas C. Nollie, Gardenia, Calif.; Raymond B. Williams III., St. Louis, Mo.; Douglas E. Jackson, Coldspring, Texas; Michael B. Washington, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Carl J. Willis, Lakeland, Fla.; Henderson Lawson Jr., Raceland, La.; and James T. Jackson Jr., Kensington, Md.

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Mitchell announces moves to honor Watergate guard

Cong. Parren J. Mitchell (D-7th-Md.) has announced two new developments in his effort to gain Congressional recognition of Frank Wills, the 26-year-old security guard who discovered and reported the initial Watergate break-in.

In February of this year, the Maryland lawmaker introduced a resolution stating that it is the sense of the Congress that 1) sincerest thanks and appreciation be expressed to Mr. Wills on behalf of all of the people of the United States of America; and, 2) every effort be made to assist him in obtaining gainful employment in a position commensurate with his past experience and training.

The legislation, H. Con. Res. 138 and 155, is being sponsored by 35 members of the House of Representatives, to include 11 members of the Congressional Black Caucus and also Cong. Peter Rodino.

Mr. Rodino is the Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, to which the Resoluiton was originally referred by the House Parliamentarian.

Cong. Mitchell stated that he was "happy and honored" to learn that Sen. Charles McC. Mathias Jr. (R-Md.) had introduced the Frank Wills Resolution in the Senate.

"Senator Mathias has consistently supported efforts to place foremost in the minds of all Americans those citizens who, through their unselfish deeds, have kept this country on course.

Mac Mathias' introduction of this resolution will be a tremendous boost toward final passage of this legislation." The Senate Resolution, S. Con. Res. 30, has been referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee, to which Mitchell also plans to urge citizens to write.

"I am glad that people are finally beginning to realize that national recognition of Frank Wills is long overdue," the Congressman concluded.

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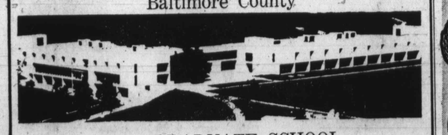

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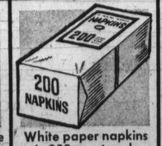

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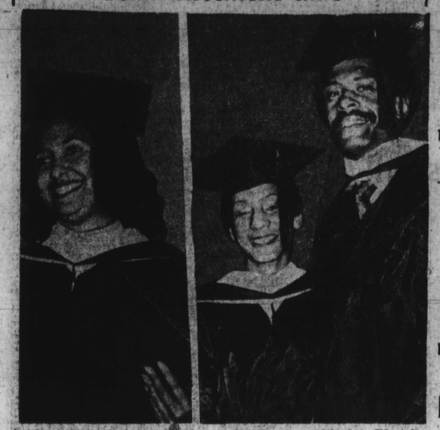

HANDSHAKE AND A SMILE—Mrs. Stephanie Brown, wife of Judge Benjamin Brown, the city solicitor, receives a master of education degree from Lt. Gov. Blair Lee III as do Mr. and Mrs. Eric (Cheryl) Adams, also masters degree holders from Coppin State College.
(AFRO staff photo by Benjamin M. Phillips IV)

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT—Two students receive bachelor's degrees from Coppin State College with high honors. From left, Ms. Joyce Appel graduated magna cum laude and Ms. Mildred V. Armstead graduated cum laude.
(AFRO staff photo by Benjamin M. Phillips IV)

Dead state trooper had set fall wedding
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CHARLIE BURMAN CASE

Jury to see party film High officials and citizens on screen

According to Assistant State's Attorney John Denholm, the jury and courtroom spectators will be shown a party fifth next week in the Charles Robert Burman Sr. narcotics case.

Mr. Denholm told the AFRO the movie was taken at a party last year in Mr. Burman's home in the 3600 block Burmont Ave. The movie will show several high ranking officials who attended the party, the state asserts.

The state claims the purpose of the film is to try to show the jury how Mr. Burman said he makes all his money.

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Mr. Burman, 42, is on trial in Criminal Court with his two sons and three other men. Judge Charles Harris is presiding at the trial which continues Monday because courts are closed today (Friday).

The five other defendants are Charles Burman Jr., 19; Michael Burman, 18; Elmer J. Gross, 38; Edward L. McClain, 34 and Harry Chase Jr., 39.

The Burmans are charged with heroin distribution and possession with intent to distribute as well as conspiracy to violate state narcotic laws.

Mr. Burman Sr. is also charged with maintaining a nuisance house in the 600 block E. 36th St. at the Caro Tavern.

The other defendants are charged with possession with intent to distribute heroin and conspiracy.

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According to State Police, the heroin was kept at the Caro Tavern and 192 phone conversations with Mr. Burman Sr. as a participant had been monitored for several months from his home.

Det. Charles Smoot testified after recording a Sept. 3, 1974 phone conversation between Mr. Burman Sr. and a man named Tillery at the Caro Tavern, a surveillance was set up around the bar.

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The recorded phone call

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Diahann, 37, weds editor, age 24, in N.Y.

Diahann and third husband, Robert A. DeLeon

Actress Diahann Carroll, 37, who received an Oscar nomination for her role as the welfare mother in "Claudine" this year was married Sunday in a very private ceremony to Robert A. DeLeon, 24 managing editor of Jet Magazine of Chicago.

The ceremony was held at St. Paul's Chapel on the campus of Columbia University. The Rev. Thaddeus Garrett, a special assistant to Vice-President Nelson A. Rockefeller and former staff assistant to the Hon. Shirley Chisholm of Brooklyn performed the ceremony.

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John H. Johnson, publisher of the Johnson Publishing Co. was best man. DeLeon is a native of Oakland, Calif. and attended Morehouse College and Columbia School of Journalism.

The bridegroom is 13 years younger than the bride and is recently divorced from the former Barbara Hundley. They have one daughter, Monica, 4. This makes the third marriage for the bride.

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At least 35 persons attended the quiet reception at her home at 89th and Riverside Drive. DeLeon's father and Miss Carroll's father attended the ceremony. He is reported as having met Miss Carroll early this year when he interviewed her for the movie "Claudine."

August 11

This is an important date —August 11, 1975—it's the LAST date voters may register in order to vote in the Sept. 8 Primary Election for mayor and other city officials, including comptroller, president of city council and council members. Register now—you can do so by picking up mail applications at public libraries, stores and shopping centers, and all Urban Service Agencies. Do So TODAY.

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Lt. Gov. Lee was awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters.

Some 368 senior men and women received bachelor of arts and bachelor of science degrees while another 302 students received master's degrees in Correctional Education, Rehabilitation Counseling and Special Education.

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The high ranking students in the diamond jubilee class were Ms. Dorothy Soelhe, 3.92; Ms. Gwendolyn Lindsay, 3.89; Ms. Jearlean Sampson, 3.87; Ms. Harriett Millard, 3.87; and Ms. Diane Millard, 3.87.

Sisters finish Walbrook

By Elizabeth M. Oliver

Parents of the Walbrook High School Class of '75 are busy this weekend getting ready for their teenagers' graduation at the Civic Center, June 3. There are only three days left before the big event.

Among them are Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Millard, 2707 Chelsea Terrace, who will have two pretty daughters in the commencement line.

Mr. Millard is a Ft. Meade stock clerk of 23 years service. His wife is at Social Security. Their other children are Nettie, 13, a Garrison Jr. Hi 7th

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Defendant refuses to testify in Swann murder

At AFRO press time today (Friday) the jury had not reached a verdict in the murder trial of the Rev. Dr. Melvin Chester Swann.

Courts are closed today for Memorial Day. However, a Criminal Court jury of 10 black and two white citizens returned to deliberate today at 11 a.m.

Garland Avon Spence, 22, accused of the Nov. 11, 1974 murder of the Rev. Dr. Swann, has been on trial eight days with Judge Harry Cole presiding. He refused to testify in his own defense.

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At 11:25 p.m. Thursday, the jury sent a note to Judge Cole stating that it could not reach a verdict.

Judge Cole told the court, the jurors had only been deliberating a short time and asked them to continue their deliberation.

Instead of being sent home for the night, the jurors spent the night in a downtown hotel.

The Rev. Dr. Swann was 59 when death came some time near midnight at his home, 1300 block Limit Ave.

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While defense attorney William H. Murphy Jr. and Assistant State's Attorney Joe Lyons presented closing arguments to the jury, Judge Cole allowed no one to enter the courtroom.

One spectator was seen in the hall on his knees, with his ear glued to the door trying to hear the closing arguments.

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During the time jurors were deliberating, spectators moved around in the courtroom talking to each other. Several members of the defendant's family laid down restlessly on benches in the hall.

Keys denies he is sought for superintendency

By Portia E. Badham

Sterling S. Keys, a former Baltimore school superintendent, may be the board's choice to replace Dr. Roland N. Patterson, if his contract is not renewed after Oct. 1.

AFRO school administration sources report that if a vote comes to dismiss Dr. Patterson, Mr. Keys stands next in line to the $50,000 post.

However, AFRO sources report that if the board does not take a vote on the tenure of Dr. Patterson, he may be retained for at least one year until a successor is found.

Mr. Keys, served as interim superintendent in 1971 when Dr. Thomas Sheldon vacated the post.

He was the first of his race to hold such a position and was selected by the board, who bypassed the late William Pinderhughes, known as Sheldon's "right-hand man" during his tenure.

Presently, Mr. Keys is with the New York State Department of Education in New York City. When phoned by the AFRO, Mr. Keys said, "I have not been contacted by the Baltimore school board.

"If I were offered the position at this time, I would have to say no, I have not been in communication to be on top of what's going on."

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It is expected that the board may present Dr. Patterson with a rough draft of a summary of his evaluation by Monday.

Although Board President Norman P. Ramsey would not say exactly when the summary would be ready, he did say, "It will be within the next week.

"We are trying to do this with as much speed as possible but consistent with the understanding with Larry Gibson, Dr. Patterson's attorney."

He will then be able to review the draft along with his attorney and comment on the board's assessment of the evidence he presented during the evaluation sessions.

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The board met over three hours Wednesday night working on the summary of Dr. Patterson's performance over the past four years.

Board members Dr. Beryl Williams and David E. Sloan issued to all board members a four-page joint statement this week in support of the superintendent even though other members have remained silent. (Part of the statement appears at the end of this story.)

"Dr. Williams and I thought it was important to personalize and individualize our appraisal of the evaluation evidence" stated Mr. Sloan, "in order that particularly the black community would know that some black board members were articulating their views in the evaluation process."

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Mr. Sloan also said he felt this did not indicate that the board was divided. He said the Wednesday night meeting went along very harmoniously, and that the board is working together as a unit even

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NORMAN P. RAMSEY GROVER L. McCREA DAVID SLOAN (not shown are Robert Schaefer and Oscar Helm) DR. BERYL WILLIAMS MRS. SHEILA SACHS HOWARD E. MARSHALL DR. W. EUGENE SCOTT DR. ROLAND N. PATTERSON

Citizens call for board members' dismissal, ask that they be elected

"We need to ask the board to come in one by one and be quizzed by a panel of citizens but in an open meeting.

"We can set a schedule of times for the hearings and they (board members) can bring their private counsel who will probably be paid by the city."

This was the call of action by Congressman Parren J. Mitchell during a session to evaluate the School Board held Thursday night at Coldstream Park Elementary School.

Other members of the community who spoke during the two-hour meeting called for the removal of the board members and recommended that all future school commissioners be elected by the community it represents.

Commissioners Mrs. Sheila Sachs and Dr. Eugene Scott were stated as members who should be removed immediately while Dr. Beryl Williams and David E. Sloan were cited for their openness during the evaluation of Superintendent Dr. Roland N. Patterson.

Dr. Oakley Saunders stated, "We shouldn't throw the baby out with the bath water. There are a few decent people on the board who know what they're doing.

"Most of the weight should be placed on the chairmen who sets the direction for the board."

Some 75 persons gathered in the Coldstream auditorium to participate in the hearing which was the first of its kind held on a School Board, by a citizens' group in Baltimore.

All board members were to have received letters requesting their presence, however none of the members attended.

James Griffin, a state

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