Student enrollment will witness a shifting situation

By Portia Badham

The Baltimore city public schools' enrollment will decrease by some 3,000 students in September.

With a desegregation mandate looming over the heads of many city youngsters, it stands questionable whether they're pulling out of city schools to avoid the racial mix in class.

However, according to Robert Armcost, acting deputy superintendent of planning and research, the student population decrease is not accountable to desegregation.

"We haven't lost a disproportionate number of students because of desegregation," said Mr. Armcost. "We usually lose about 3,000 to 4,000 students each year due to outward migration of child-bearing families from the city."

But, reports indicate that the 173,198 enrollment for last September dropped to 170,000 by the end of the term in June.

Pupils, for the first time, were faced with forced desegregation and many either boycotted classes for the entire 174-75 session or left the system.

STUDENT SURPLUS

The projected number of pupils in all grades for this school year is 170,500. Yet, 1974 health department figures show that there are 236,000 persons living in Baltimore between the ages of 5 to 18.

Where are all these other youngsters? There are still 65,5000 to be accounted for.

COUNTY ENROLLMENT DECLINES

Baltimore County schools expect 123,725 students in September, a 2,545 reduction.

Dr. Philip Rose, assistant superintendent, told the AFRO, "This figure is a little high, but primarily the decline is the result of the drop of the birth rate over the past few years."

Although there are indications that many students are fleeing to county schools, Dr. Rose stated, "If we had a large influx from the city, we wouldn't show a decline in our figures."

REFUGE TO CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

The city's Catholic schools, another place where pupils may take refuge, report that they also expect a drop in enrollment.

At the end of the term, some 20,966 youths were registered in Catholic schools.

WILL STUDENTS DESEGREGATE?

Last year's desegregation plan affected only the elementary and seventh grades.

But, when the system opens its doors Sept. 4, desegregation will hit all three levels of education.

Even though the new zoned plan does not severely breakup communities or drastically shift youngsters, the question whether the same students who refused to desegregate last year will comply this year, remains unanswered.

Tomatoes contain vitamins A, C; ripen best at room temperature

If you want best flavor and highest fool value, home grown tomatoes picked ripe from nearby farms or gardens will be your choice from now through September, says Virginia McLuckie, food economist, Cooperative Extension Service, University of Md.

When selecting tomatoes, look for those that are firm, but well ripened to insure flavor: free from blemishes to reduce waste; of good color — depending upon variety; and fairly well formed when serving whole or as slices.

The home storage of tomatoes depends on the degree of ripenss. The proper place for a fully ripe tomato is in the refrigerator. However, tomatoes stored in the refrigerator for some time lose their characteristic flavor and develop a flat taste. For peak flavor, place in the refrigerator for only 2 or 3 hours to chill before eating.

Mature tomatoes with a slight greenish cast will ripen in a day or two at room temperature. Research shows that for the best color, flavor and texture and for holding vitamin value, tomatoes should be ripened at room temperature or a little below, between 60 and 75 degrees F.

A sunny warm window sill is not the ideal place to ripen tomatoes. It is the heat, not the light, that's wrong for ripening. At temperatures above 85 degrees F. tomotoes turn yellow instead of an attractive red. On the other hand, do not place in the refrigerator. In the refrigerator, unripe tomatoes become pale, watery, soft and lacking in flavor.

Green tomatoes will not ripen and are likely to rot if kept too long. It is best to cook or pickle them soon after picking.

A medium size raw tomato provides nearly one half of the recommended daily allowance of Vitamin C for a normally active man. Studies show that field tomatoes are higher in Vitamin C than fall and winter greenhouse tomatoes. Plenty of summer sunlight accounts for the higher content of Vitamin C in vine ripened tomatoes.

Tomatoes are also a good source of Vitamin A with a medium size tomato providing about one third the recommended daily allowance for a normally active man. Calorie conscious shoppers will be glad to know that a medium size tomato has only 30 calories.

Vegetable Stuffed Tomatoes

2 cups cabbage, finely chopped
½ cup cccumber, finely chopped
2 tablespoons green pepper, finely chopped
½ cup mayonnaise
Salt to taste
1 cup celery, finely chopped
2 tablespoons onion, finely chopped
4 tablespoons parsley, finely chopped
8 tomatoes

Scoop out centers of eight medium size tomatoes and add to the other ingredients. Mix thoroughly and fill tomatoes. Or, for variation, stuff with your favorite recipe of potato salad. Serve on leaf or Bibb lethuce.

The heart of a wise man lies quiet like limpid water.

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Lower your head modestly while passing and you will harvest bananas.

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Deseg confabs set

Dr. John L. Crew, intern superintendent of schools, has set the Aug. 25 -29, two day workshop to assure the opening of schools will be be a smooth operation.

The accent he says is on implemetning the desegregation plan. An Aug. 21-22 training session is for persons who will help carry out integration and stave off problems.

These to be trained in human relations and methods of getting across to citizens and youngsters include members of the community, social workers, psychologists, counselors and members of the Community and Student Affairs Teams.

Dr. Crey states "recognizing all aspects of a community are affected by major changes in the educational system, we believe the community is best served when involvement in the changes is broad."

Therefore, he states, all segments of the local scene will contribute to implementation of desegregation.

Dr. William Perry, director of the Office of Staff Development, outlines purposes of the conference thus:

1. to provide a link between community school and community personnel.

2. to establish an action plan for mediation between students, staff and community.

3. to improve effectiveness through work with regional and school units.

4. to create positive intervention teams for the specific purpose of dealing with desegregation-related problems.

5. to provide information materials to alleviate confusion in respect to contact points within the school system and community.

The moon moves slowly but it crosses the town.

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One falsehood spoils a thousand truths.

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He who asks questions, cannot avoid the answers.

YWCA program offerings in city surroundings

Classes in art, dance, physical fitness, crafts, cooking and a variety of skills are taught in the central city YMCA, 128 Franklin St.; at the Memorist Episcopal Church, Bolton St. and Lafayette Ave., Bolton Hill; in Catonsville at St. Bartholomew's Church, 4713 Edmondson Ave.; and in Glen Burnie, 35 Baltimore - Annapolis Blvd., N.W. and seven other program locations near Glen Burnie.

In addition, "dip times" when women can have individual "Free" swims are available at 128 West Franklin St.

Also, the YWCA International Division, Franklin St., offers English and foreign conversation classes, cooking and dancing.

Art classes include water color and oils, pastels and acrylics. In dance, aerobic, Flamenco, East Indian, belly, tap, modern and ballet, as well as international folk dancing are taught.

For physical fitness, slimnastics, swimming, fencing, judo, karate, yoga and tennis are being offered. Crafts include crocheting, glasscrafts, macrame and photography. International cooking and Indian cooking will be taught.

Some of the fine skill classes offered are cake decorating, car repair, dog obedience, holiday workshop, guitar, ice skating, knitting, patchwork quilting, breadmaking and bridge.

The YWCA International Division offers courses in English — person-to-person and in groups — and in citizenship as well as Spanish, French, German, Russian and Czech conversation. International Cookery and International folk dancing will also be taught — the dancing in an inexpensive club. International Festivals and coffee hours and a ball are arranged during the year.

For information call is 685-1460.

Class fees areloy, partly because the YWCA receives support from the United Fund of Central Maryland.

School lunch program

Dr. John L. Crew, interim superintendent of Baltimore City Public Schools, announced the school policy concerning free and reduced priced meals and free milk for school children unable to pay the full price of meals and milk served in school under the National School Lunch, School Breakfast, Special Milk Programs.

Application forms are being sent to all homes in a letter to parents. Additional copies are available at the principal's office of each school.

The information provided on the application is confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility. Applications may be submitted anytime during the school year.

In certain cases, foster children are also eligible for these benefits. If a family has foster children living with them, they should contact the school.

Under the provisions of the policy, the principal will review applications and determine eligibility.

If a parent is dissatisfied with the ruling of the official, he/she may wish to discuss with the school.

If one wishes to review the decision further, one has the right to a fair hearing.

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Marjorie Adajid, age 17 and a senior, Western Senior High of special education in English School is wearing the flattering bangs below the eye and the flattering waves are the finishing part of the style.

Miss Brenda Bates, a teacher and mathematics at School No. 76 is wearing a French perm suburn hair color. The hair is styled with the close head movement and the new flipup bangs.

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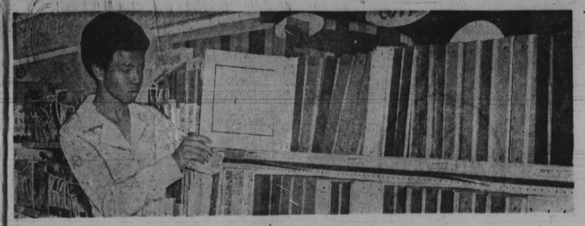

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Deseg implementation conference is at Greenspring

The Baltimore Desegregation Plan Implementation Work Conference for educational staff of the city schools is set for Aug. 25-27 tentatively at Greenspring Junior High School, 4701 Greenspring Ave., phone 396-0670.

Sponsoring agency is the Office of Staffe Development, 2330 St. Paul St. Conducting agencies are the Office of Staff Development and the Division of Pupil Personnel Services and Development.

Participants include 120 teachers from all secondary schools; 60 counselors from Target schools, principals, assistant principals, security staff, home visitors, student representatives, placement associates, work-study counselors, student senators, phychologists, social workers, Baltimore Community Relations Commission, business, industry and social agency sectors and urban - rural staff.

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African Proverb: Knowledge is better than riches

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Here are some interesting African Proverbs:

"Knowledge is better than riches.

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It is the calm and silent water that drown a man.

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When you follow the path of your father, you learn to walk like him.

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By the time the fool has learned the game, the players have dispered.

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There is no medicine to cure hatred.

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It's a bad child who does not take advice.

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Do not call the forest that shelters you a jungle.

Special school days

Should inclement weather or other unforeseen events cause the closing of schools for more than the four days allowed in the calendar, those days will be made up by extending the school year for pupils.

The following days, which are not school holidays, are observed in the schools with appropriate exercises:

Defender's Day — September 12 (Friday)
Citizenship Day — September 17 (Wednesday)
Columbus Day — October 13 (Monday)
Peggy Stewart Day — October 19 (Sunday)
United Nations Day — October 24 (Friday)
American Education Week — October 26-November 1 (Sunday-Saturday)
Verterans' Day — November 11 (Tuesday)

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Human Rights Day — December 10 (Wednesday)
Bill of Rights Day — December 15 (Monday)
Negro History Week — February 8-14 (Sunday-Saturday)
Lincoln's Birthday — February 12 (Thursday)
Race Relations Day — February 14 (Saturday)
Brotherhood Week — February 15-21 (Sunday-Saturday)

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Maryland Day — March 25 (Thursday)
Arbor Day — To be fixed by proclamation of Governor
Pan American Day — April 14 (Wednesday)
Malcolm X's Birthday — May 19 (Wednesday)
Flag Day — June 14 (Monday)

SCHOOLS DAYS FOR PUPILS

September 1975 — 18 days
October — 22 days
November — 17
December — 17
January, 1976 — 18
February 19 days
March — 23 days
April — 18 days
May — 20 days
June — 14 days
Total — 184 days

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June 21, 22 — 6 days
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