—Pinderhughes

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graduate credits are equal to two master's degrees.

She is the first person skilled in instruction in the system to take over the top post.

At $60,000 plus, she becomes the highest paid woman educator in the state.

Somebody special

Who is Alice Pinderhughes?

A visitor to her elegant Hilton Rd. home in northwest Baltimore on Wednesday simply had to read the dozens of congratulatory messages and listen to the phone callers to know she is somebody special.

Some callers, including city leaders, expressed the hope that she would become the permanent head.

For now, however, Mrs. Pinderhughes' role is to run the schools until the divided school board regroups and initiates a search which was aborted when a VA educator rejected its invitation earlier this month. Some estimate it will be mid-summer before the board acts.

In the meantime, Mrs. Pinderhughes' assignment is crucial. Among her immediate problems is selling City Fathers on the schools' need for a $15 million budget increase.

Her first priority, when she occupies her desk at 25th St. headquarters, is to be briefed on the budget. She believes she is realistic about city problems.

She observed: "Mayor Schaefer has evidenced his interest in the schools by his frequent visits, and I believe he intends to do for the schools what he has done for other urban enterprises. I hope I will have his support."

Mrs. Pinderhughes was quick to state her other priorities included "seeing the morale turned around."

She noted that the present system has "good teachers and administrators who deserve more support from the school administration."

Open Door policy

She sees the system needing "more teachers who believe children can learn if taught," and, "more teachers who can inspire their pupils."

However, she says, the Baltimore schools have many teachers who have pride, commitment and dedication on their jobs, and who are willing to expend their energies in teaching children."

She envisions her initial staff meetings will include discussions on how "we can improve instruction, and at the same time decrease worry about job status. If we can do this, teachers can do better teaching."

Do present staff members have cause to fear reassignment or drastic change under her temporary administration?

Mrs. Pinderhughes was emphatic: — "If people are doing their work, what their job description calls for, they should have no fears."

She added, she intends to keep her open door policy, making herself readily available as she has in her past positions.

No Laziness

Does she have any dislikes?

No, but she admits she is "intolerant" of laziness, people who go through the motions of doing a job, and don't produce, of people who are uncaring about children, and of those who belong to the "crab syndrome" — who spend their time belittling others — their chorus being, "If I can't have it, you won't either."

Of her ability to handle the superintendent job, she said: "the title doesn't awe me, the responsibility does, but I am equal to the responsibility, based on my experience of 36 years in the system."

She called the School Board call to her from Chairman David Daneker, "a surprise."

"It had never been in my thinking, and it won't change me at all."

1972 photo shows Baltimore city's new interim school superintendent, Mrs. Alice Pinderhughes, with her husband, the late William Pinderhughes, at that time as associate superintendent in the city schools. Mrs. Pinderhughes assumes her new duties January 1, 1983. (AFRO file photo).

Reference was to her present schedule, which sees her on the job frequently 14 hours a day, beginning at 6:15 in the morning, and extending to community meetings at night, and after refueling, back on the job early the next day.

She describes herself as "a high task person," who works best under pressure, and needs to be "very busy."

Of fellow administrators, Mrs. Pinderhughes has every reason to believe she will have their full cooperation.

Many have already expressed their support in telegrams and letters delivered to her home.

Asked about the role of Dr. Lewis Richardson, the assistant superintendent who has been mentioned as one of the finalists for superintendent, Mrs. Pinderhughes said, "He knows the system well. He is very capable and has a very promising future in education. I am going to rely on his knowledge and cooperation."

School career

The following shows the posts in the Baltimore City public schools held by Mrs. Alice Pinderhughes from 1943 until this week when she was named interim superintendent of the entire school system:

1943-1951 — Teacher, Gilmor Elementary No. 107, grades 4 and 5, Richard Randolph, principal
1951-1954 — Maternity leave
1954-1961 — Teacher, Elmer Henderson School No. 101, grades 3-4, principal, Arthur Williams; supervisor, Rebecca Carroll; area director, Romaine Jones, under whose direction did demonstrations and trained student teachers
1961-1963 — Elementary specialist
1963-1964 — Assistant principal, Robert Eden School No. 20
1964-1966 — Named first black assistant principal Margaret Brent Elementary No. 53, by appointment of elementary superintendent Mary Adams Patterson. It provided special training for youngsters in pre-kindergarten through grade 3 in 9 schools.

It was expanded under Dr. Crew and today offers such special training in 122 elementary schools, directed by a staff of 100.

Last month, the city's program was cited in national education circles for bringing pupils' math scores up to the national norm, and reading scores approaching the national level.

Mrs. Pinderhughes has been invited to relate the leadership role she has played at the International Reading Association Conference in Anaheim, CA this

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Test scores up

Mrs. Pinderhughes moves to her new post after six years as Assistant Superintendent, Elementary Education Division, where her program on Early Childhood Education has won national attention.

She became director of the division created in 1973, by late superintendent Dr. Roland N.

1966-1967 — Assistant principal, City Springs Elementary No. 4, a model school headed by Daniel Rochowiak, now a regional superintendent
1967-1972 — Elementary Supervisor, a first, in charge of Area B in northeast Baltimore under direction of Vivian Cord
1972-1973 — Acting Director of Model Early Childhood Learning Program
1973-1976 — Executive Director, Early Childhood Education Area
1976-1982 — Assistant Superintendent; Elementary Education Division
Jan. 1, 1983 — Interim Superintendent, Baltimore City public schools

Note: Mrs. Pinderhughes holds B.S. degree from Coppin State Teachers College, has done graduate work at NY University and additional graduate studies at Towson State Teachers College and Columbia University.

In review

Health '82

AIDS — Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome

A disease that was originally detected only among male homosexuals spread to several other groups.

AIDS is a virus which attacks the body's immune system thus interrupting its ability to fight off infections. Evidence of the virus has recently materialized among Haitians, hemophiliacs and users of injection drugs.

This often fatal disease is believed to have infiltrated blood and blood products. There is no available research on the origin of the virus thus there is no known cure.

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Herpes Update

A research team in Chicago has through genetic engineering developed a singleshot herpes vaccine that has proven effective in laboratory animals. They are preparing to test the vaccine in humans next year.

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Urology

Urologists in the city are currently researching responses of prostate cancer patients to hormonal therapy.

They are trying to determine who will respond favorably and who will not.

Reseahchers say they would feel comfortable administering hormonal therapy to those who will repsond to it and radical therapy will be used for patients who do not.

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Transplants

One year old Jamie Fiske from Bridgeport, Mass. was the youngest person to ever receive a liver transplant.

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Family Planning

Johns Hopkins University launched a pilot program to further educate city students about sex education and birth control.

Students at Lombard Junior High School and Dunbar Senior High can receive contraceptives and counseling through the program.

The Food and Drug Administration approved the dispensing of the cervical cap at Hillcrest Clinic as a part of FDA research being conducted by the clinic.

The cap is a small thimble shaped device used for contraception that is inserted over the cervix and held in place by gentle suction. The primary advantage of the cap is that it can be left in place for up to three days unlike the diaphragm which is removed after eight hours.

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Developments in Family Planning

Reversible Sterilization Procedure — in females is now being performed under clinical trial.

According to Planned Parenthood more than 1,000 women have received tubal implants which may allow them to regulate their fertility for convenience and to avert the potential risks of rare but serious complications and distressing minor side-effects associated with use of the pill and the IUD.

Researchers Confirm Induced Abortion to Be Safer For Women Than Childbirth

Epidemiologists from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) examined assertions that legal abortion is associated with a much smaller risk of death than childbirth.

The researchers refuted the claim after discovering "that the risk of dying as a result of childbirth is 6.9 times the risk of dying following a legal abortion (12.5 per 100,000, compared with 1.8 per 100,000).

They also determined that " younger women have lower mortality rates following each event than older women, but for each age group the abortion related mortality rate is lower than the childbirth-related rate."

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Rules and Regulations

The Department of Health and Human Resources met with strong resistance from Congress and the public when it tried to pass nw rules requiring abortion activities to be completely separated from all family Planning services financed by the federal government

A law requiring clinics to notify parents of individuals under 18 seeking abortions was

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OUR WORLD

When young lawyers party...!

Monumental Bar Association gives memorable holiday party

AFRO Photos by Martin Evans
SMILES OFTEN CAME IN PAIRS — Judging by their expressions Del. Nathanial Oaks and Vivian Muncie found the pre-holiday affair much to their liking.

LOOK WHO JUST FLEW IN! People came from all corners of town,. and then some. Tammy Durant, a stewardess, came from even further. Durant is based in Los Angeles

PARTYTIME — Wednesday nights are not normally considered partynights but for some people any time is a good time for a little dancing. Freddie Magwood, a guest, appears to be having fun at the association's party.

FRIENDLY FACES — A congenial atmosphere pervaded at Grey Rock Mansion, one which made meeting and greeting a source of good times.

MICHELLE WOODS CHATS WITH Judge Askew Gatewood at the Monumental Bar Association's party.

Return of the Madison...

THE MADISON RETURNS at the Guest Club's Pre-Christmas Party. For the first person who can correctly identify the 11 Christmas revelers, the AFRO picture editor has a $10 check for you. Send your identification to The AFRO-AMERICAN Photo Editor, Box 1857, Baltimore, Md. 21203.

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