

1 and he had served from 1952 until 1966 as Superintendent
2 of Schools in Allegany County.

3 In his service as Superintendent of Schools for
4 Allegany County, Ralph Webster made an outstanding record
5 during a period of considerable stress. Expansion of
6 facilities, provision of new programs, the founding of the
7 first community college in Western Maryland, and strengthen-
8 ing of faculty and administrative standards marked his
9 administration. His services were not limited to those
10 required of his vocation, and Mr. Webster made many other
11 contributions to his community, including service as chair-
12 man of Cumberland's Civil Service Commission, as an
13 advisor to the Naval Reserve, and as an officer or member
14 of many civic, church and fraternal groups. He was a
15 33rd Degree Mason, an honor which comes to few men.

16 Thousands of citizens of Maryland are better
17 men and women because of the devotion of Ralph R. Webster
18 to the cause of education and to the betterment of the
19 area in which he lived. More than forty years of daily
20 work among our young people have left with them a lasting
21 imprint of this fine man. Quiet and warm in personality,