Towson's Carver High School Grads

The eight graduates of the George Washington Carver High School are shown following their commencement exercises held at the Towson school on Monday. Left to right are Belford Davis, Julia Levere, Faye McDaniel, Mabel Owens, Lauretta Harris, Janet Woodfolk, Jane Fields and Joseph Dorsey. Miss Minnie Woolford is principal of the school.

Softie Loops Being Formed at School 139

Four softball leagues are in process of organization at Playground No. 139, it was announced this week. Entry blanks may be obtained from the leader-in-charge for admittance to the following groups:

Midget League — Ages to 14 years; Junior League—15 to 17 years; Intermediate — 18 and 19 years; Unlimited—No age restrictions.

33 Get Diplomas at Bragg High

The sixth annual commencement of the Bragg High School in Sparrows Point, Md., was held Wednesday when F. C. Schnure, vice-president of the Baltimore City Board of Education, awarded diplomas to 33 graduates.

The exercises were held in the Union Baptist Church, Ninth and J Sts.

Graduates were:

Milton L. Gregory, William Hockaday, Jesse Harris, Charles A. Holden, Walter J. Kenzyre, Campbell C. Myers, Robert Perry, Roosevelt Tyler, Littleton B. Wyatt.

Ethel L. Bait, Dorothy L. Clash, Rose M. Edwards, Berta M. Goode, Malloy H. Goode, Doris B. Grant, Delia M. Greene, Agnis L. Harris, Lilly M. Harris, Hazel M. Hill, Joyce E. Holman, Sonia R. Jennings, Jeanne Johnson, Jetta E. Johnson, Juanita R. King, Joann Mackey, Bernice E. Major, Rosetta D. Mickey, Jean Patterson, Thelma D. Randolph, Ruby L. Roseborough, Helen Alfreda Smith, Jola V. Thrower and Gwendolyn E. Turner.

Planned by Elks 6-Day Carnival

Turners Station will have its first carnival in recent years, next week, when the Elks open a show on Maple Lane for a six-day stand.

County officials dropped the ban on such attractions to permit the Raymond Coates Lodge No. 1236, and the Octavia Washington Temple No. 883 to sponsor a carnival from June 14 to June 19.

Permits have been granted to rope off the entire block of Maple Lane near Oak Ave., and the street will be used as a "midway" with concession booths on each side.

$250,000 FOR PRIMARY

COLUMBUS, Ohio—Sen. Robert A. Taft spent nearly $200,000 and Harold A. Stassen, $50,000 in their Presidential primary fight.

8 Get Diplomas at Towson School

Ernest E. Wooden, president of the Baltimore County Board of Education, presented diplomas to eight graduates of the George Washington Carver High School in Towson, Md., at the sixth annual commencement exercises Monday.

The theme of the exercises, "Building Peace Through Christianity," was carried out in a panel discussion.

The choir sang O'Hara's "One World." The invocation was said by the Rev. Paul J. Harris of the Pleasant Hope Baptist Church in Govans, and the benediction by the Rev. J. Makell of the Long Green (Md.) AME Church.

Graduates were Belford Davis, Julia Levere, Faye McDaniel, Mabel Owens, Lauretta Harris, Janet Woodfolk, Jane Fields and Joseph Dorsey.

Baltimorean Is Seaman on 46,000-Mile Cruise

Seaman Albert W. Newton Jr., son of Mrs. Mary E. Johnson of 718 New Pittsburg Ave., is among those participating in the last leg of the world cruise of the USS Valley Forge (CV-45), completing a 46,000-mile trip.

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NAACP Poised to Picket Summer School Session

Winner of $400 Scholarship

Charming and talented Miss Rebecca Howard, honor graduate of Douglass High School, was the first winner of the $400 annual scholarship set up by the Samuelson Brothers, in honor of their mother, Mrs. Minnie Ella Samuelson. It was not until the award was made that it became known that judges had selected as recipient, the daughter of an employee of the donors. Talented as a public speaker, Miss Howard is one of eight children of Mr. and Mrs. William Howard of 1714 Lorman St. At Douglass, she was president of the student council, feature editor of the school paper, the Courier, and held membership in the Mask and Wig, science clubs, and the school chapter of the National Honor Society. She also won a plaque for her essay on tuberculosis prevention. She plans to study pharmacy at Howard University.

Dared Death, Youth Loses Life

Where Boy Lost Desperate Battle for Life

The distraught parents of James Gibbs, Baltimore's first swimming fatality of the season, are leaving Franklin Square Hospital after learning that their boy was dead. Left to right are an unidentified friend of the victim's stepfather; and Mrs. Ella Mae Gibbs, James's mother. Top photo shows scene of the drowning. A spectator stands at the point where the youth and a friend started in an attempt to swim across Waster ice pond. Arrow shows where he went down, about 40 feet offshore.

1st to Drown This Summer

Attempt to Cross Ice Pond Futile

SINKS FROM SIGHT

Victim Reported Excellent Swimmer

Desperately calling to a friend who swam nearby, James Gibbs of 610 Jasper St. sank beneath the murky waters of Waxter's Ice Pond in Mt. Winans, Tuesday afternoon, to become the first swimming fatality of the season.

Gibbs gave his life in a futile attempt to swim across the pond with Salvester Church, 17, of 517 N. Pace St.

Church told Southwestern District police that he and Gibbs decided to swim across the pond after spending several minutes wading near the shore.

Cries for Help Vain

Standing on the South side of the water, the youths jumped in, with Church hitting the water first. For a few seconds the youths swam without difficulty, the survivor reported, then Gibbs began screaming for help.

Church turned around, but his companion disappeared before he could reach him. Gibbs went down about 40 feet offshore.

Police and firemen dragged the waters for nearly an hour before recovering the body. More than 1000 persons lined the banks of the water to watch the operations.

Artificial respiration failed to save Gibbs was pronounced dead when removed to Franklin Square Hospital.

Funeral Services Set

Mrs. Ella Mae Dorsey, mother of the dead boy, said her son was an excellent swimmer and was fond of going into the water.

Funeral services will be held at the home at 2:30 p.m., Saturday, with burial in Mt. Auburn Cemetery. Gibbs was a pupil at Briscoe Vocational School.

He is survived by his mother, three sisters, a niece and a half-brother.

Douglass High Protest Scene

Marchers to Express Community's Digust

PROGRAM UNFAIR

Educators Assail Segregation Plan

Expressing the protest felt by the community at large, the NAACP will picket the University of Maryland's jim-crow summer school for teachers at Douglass High School.

The pickets will go on march as registration for the sessions gets under way at the school at 9 a.m., Saturday. Opening days of the study sessions, which are to begin on Monday, will also be picketed.

Sponsored by the University of Maryland's College of Special and Continuation Studies, headed by George J. Kabat, the courses are designed to permit teachers to earn master's degrees in four summers. White teachers will take the course at the university's College Park building.

Boycott of Program Planned

Civic organizations and educational leaders have voiced strenuous objections to this segregated setup and the teachers themselves plan to boycott the courses at Douglass.

As pointed out by the NAACP, "this program is inadequate for the educational needs of teachers who desire to advance their training and is merely a token gesture to sustain the argument that the University of Maryland is providing equal educational facilities for colored citizens."

Unequal Facilities

Maintaining that both the curriculum and physical facilities at Douglass High School are limited, the NAACP points out that neither the library services nor the laboratories can be compared with those provided for white teachers by the University of Maryland, saying:

"The University of Maryland is supported by taxes paid by all citizens.

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WILL MARRIAGE WRECK HEAVEN?

Divine Disciples Leave 'Kingdom' to Wed

PHILADELPHIA

How much influence will the publicized wedding of two former followers of Father Divine have on the rigid social restrictions of the far-flung movement?

That was the question asked by Philadelphians this week on the heels of formal invitations to the marriage, Sunday afternoon, of Prodigal Son, long-time favorite photographer of Father Divine, and Miss Florine Carol Sweet, also a photographer.

The couple, who pulled out of the movement after a rift with the leader, will be married with something like an interdenominational lineup.

Bishop to Officiate

The marriage will be held at St. Matthews AME Church, 37th and Summer Sts., with Bishop C. C. Alleyne of the AMEZ Church, officiating, and the Rev. William Lee Bentley, pastor of Emmanuel Institutional Baptist Church, assisting.

So far, members of the Divine group here have outwardly taken the pending nuptials in stride, showing less excitement than those not connected with the movement. This does not mean, however, that they will not watch to see what happens to the couple who dared to marry without the approval of Father Divine.

The leader, himself, who was quoted earlier in the week as stating he was not amiss to taking the

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Ex-Lottery Man Gets $10,000 Fine

Convicted of Income Tax Evasion in 1942

Convicted on a charge of understating his 1942 income by $22,000 on ex-Washington numbers baron who reportedly did a business of $1,500,000000 in three years, Thursday, was fined $10,000 and sentenced to serve four months in a Federal prison.

The self - confessed ex-numbers baron, Elbe C. Bettis, 37, of 1323 Hamlin St., N.E., told Baltimore District Court Judge W. Calvin Chesnut, who imposed the sentence, that he quit the chance business in 1944.

During the income tax evasion trial, which lasted two days, Bettis admitted owning four valuable houses, including a 30-unit apartment, approximately $23,000 worth of United States bonds, and a Cadillac.

Indicted in February

He went on trial Wednesday morning under an indictment charging that for the years 1941, 1942 and 1943 he had a clear income of $87,000, of which only $46,000 was reported in his Federal tax returns. The indictment was handed up in Baltimore last February 17.

He was acquitted, however, of

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Hipsters Prey on Numbers Players

Local "digit players" are complaining of being gipped by what they call "Hipsters."

They are described as former "pick-up" men of well-established "numbers" backers, who either have been discharged or have branched out for themselves independently.

The name is derived from the fact that their bank is their hip pocket, instead of turning in their "pick-up" money to a central headquarters, which is usually reliable.

Hit, But No Pay

Recent reports have it that sizable hits have come through on the "Hipsters" books, but the play-

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Suspect in Fiendish Attacks Pleads Innocent at Hearing

Arrested as a suspect in the criminal attacks and robberies of four young women during a wave of sex crimes which terrorized Northwest Baltimore, 17-year-old Elmer Burroughs pleaded not guilty this morning (Friday) when arraigned before Judge Herman Moser in Criminal Court.

Earlier this week, the AFRO learned that Joseph Rosenthal, attorney, who represented Burroughs at the preliminary stage of the case, had withdrawn his services.

This indicates that counsel for the youth will be appointed by the Judge. Nattily attired in tan and brown sport clothes, Burroughs had entered not guilty pleas to the charges of criminal abuse during an earlier hearing.

Same Pattern of Last

Sgt. Howard Connolly briefly cited the cases of attacks, which dated back to April 25, when the first victim was accosted at Biddle and Little George Sts.

In each of the cases, the sergeant said, the victims, unescorted when approached by the fiendish assailant, were forced to accompany their attacker to a deserted spot and compelled to submit to fiendish desires.

He made them strip naked and if he wasn't satisfied, beat them in the face with his fists," the officer charged.

The suspect was also accused of taking jewelry and cash before leaving his victims.

One Tells Sordid Tale

Only one of the four young women testified. She was the latest victim, who identified Burroughs when police lineup was formed in a library in Provident Hospital, where she was confined for treatment.

Wearing a yellow, print dress, the victim, a social security clerk and resident of the McCulloh Homes, named Burroughs.

She said she was accosted two doors from her home by a strange man, who wielding the neck of a broken bottle, forced her to ac-

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Park Police Force Gets 4 Recruits

Twelve probationary patrolmen, four of them colored, were named to the Baltimore park police force Wednesday, swelling the total strength of the force to 92 men.

The four are Herman Midgett, 1700 E. Preston St.; Joseph James, 1113 N. Carey St.; William Hudson, 1209 Myrtle Ave.; and George Brown, 1227 N. Caroline St.

To Work in 5 Weeks

According to Capt. George Useng, in command of the park police, the new men will be given a two-week training course and then assigned to duty either in the city squares or parks.

After the close of the outdoor season, they will be recalled and sent back to training school for four additional weeks of instruction.

The four recent appointees join Officer George D. Saunders of 400 Pressman St., who has been in the department for five years. At present he is assigned to the various neighborhood squares.

Official Inspection Held

On Thursday, the entire department of 92 men, which includes a captain, three lieutenants, six sergeants, 80 patrolmen and the rule-

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Segregation Lack Protested by Vets

The lack of segregation at the Perry Point and Ft. Howard, Md., veterans' hospitals was protested this week in resolutions adopted by the Maryland Department of the 20th Division Association, a veterans' organization.

Maintaining that white veterans are forced to lodge with colored patients "against their will and desire," the organization held that this situation "seriously curtails occupational therapy."

Blow to State Custom

The resolutions declared that adults born and bred below the Mason-Dixon Line are accustomed to segregation in the basic essentials, especially in the basic es-

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Presidential Election Registrations Accepted

Unregistered Baltimoreans who plan to vote in the Presidential election in the fall may qualify at the office of the Supervisor of Elections.

The office, located in the basement of the courthouse on the Lexington St. side, is open daily until 5 p.m., and on Thursday and Friday evenings, until 9 p.m.

Pursuant to a recently enacted law, a skeleton staff is to be on duty in the courthouse supervisor's office evening and 30 days before the general election.

Factions War Over GOP Seats

PHILADELPHIA

The quadrennial arguments over seating by opposing delegations from Southern States were heard by the Republican National Committee, Thursday, but the vote to determine which factions should be recognized was postponed until Friday.

Contests from Georgia, Mississippi and South Carolina involved the old "lily-white" issue. The issue, however, was not as clear-cut as at previous conventions.

All of the contesting delegations from Georgia and South Carolina had colored delegates on them. The Mississippi contest pitted an all-white delegation against an all-colored delegation.

16 Seats at Stake in Georgia

The question in the Georgia contest, involving 16 convention seats, was whether the Republican Party would follow a decision of the Secretary of State certifying the delegates elected by the Foster faction.

Headed by Roy Foster of Waycrosse, it is favorable to Senator Taft's candidacy as the duly elected group of the Republican Party in Georgia.

The group headed by W. R. Tucker of Dawsonville, charged that the Foster faction had conspired with the late Eugene Talmadge, the "Bilbo of Georgia," to have a Republican and six Talmadge Democrats certified as the

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Douglass High Auditorium is to be painted after 1213 Weeks

A School Board official revealed this week that bids are to be let for the repainting and redecorating of the school auditorium. The entire building, except the cafeteria and kitchen, is to be included. The last time the interior of the building was painted was in 1935, when during the days of the WPA a haphazard job was done.

Cupids Corner

Six From D.C. Among Those Given Licenses

Six Washingtonians and four applicants from Philadelphia were among the out-of-towners who obtained marriage licenses in Baltimore last week.

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SPORTS BIGOTRY CHALLENGED:

Mixed Athletic Group Answer to Rec Board

The interracial athletic association formed recently by Philip Boyer and a group of local civic and religious leaders may well be the answer to the jim-crow sports policy laid down last January by the Bureau of Recreation.

Inspired by the favorable response to the initial meeting, the provisional committee is now hard at work assisting the aid of organizations throughout Baltimore and making plans for a city-wide meeting to be held in the fall.

The association was formed as a result of a policy of racial segregation voted by the Bureau of Recreation for athletic contests on its supervision.

Issue Hyperbolical One

The bureau took the stand after considerable hedging when faced with interracial issue play in December, after Mr. Boyer placed two colored youths on his Fulton PCA team.

The mixed basketball team had already played and won a game against Cahill Recreation Center at Public School No. 42 on Garrison Blvd. when the issue arose.

The game was played without incident and the handful of white spectators cheered the colored players, one of whom was high point man for his team, as well

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Supreme Bench May Pick Juries

Appeal Court's Ruling Upholds That Method

With the Court of Appeals ruling, this week, that there was no evidence of discrimination in the personal selection of grand jurors by the Supreme Bench there may be a return to this system.

The Supreme Bench recently abandoned the method of hand-picking jurors and one result is that the current grand jury is all white for the first time in decades.

The present jury was garnered by spinning the "wheel of chance," which contained 780 names, 23 times to select the 23 talesman. Four colored persons whose names were selected declined to serve.

The Supreme Bench will select

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Mayor, Council Contribute $500 to Clean Block Fund

A $500 contribution from the mayor and City Council, this week, brought the total amount of prize money for the AFRO's 14th annual "Clean Block Campaign up to $561.05, just $938.95 short of the $1500 goal.

This money is to be used so that the some 10,000 children, expected to join the drive, can have block parties at the end of the summer.

Douglass High Gives $19

This year, schools have given more financial aid as well as moral support than in previous years.

Douglass High School has given $19 for blocks surrounding the school in response to a recent appeal made by Assistant Superintendent of Schools Elmer A. Henderson, who asked all principals throughout the city to contribute $.25 to the fund.

This is the largest amount given by any school to date. Ralph W. Heckling is principal, and Mrs. Thelma T. Lawrence is chairman of the school's clean block committee, which includes organizing the blocks around Douglass into clean block crews.

Schools No. 112 and No. 136 sent in $7.80 and $2.25, respectively.

All citizens who are interested in bringing about a cleaner, healthier and more attractive city are urged to participate in the

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Lawyer in Train Dispute Acquitted

Joseph A. Brown, attorney of Baltimore and Washington, was acquitted Thursday, by Judge Emory Niles on charges of being disorderly on a Pennsylvania Railroad train in a dispute about payment of his fare.

The lawyer, who is the son-in-law of Bishop M. H. Davis of the AME Church, was arrested May 29 at Baltimore's Pennsylvania Railroad Station when a train-

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Coming Events

Friday, June 18

Club 13, Inc., formal yacht party.

AME Church Conference, Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church, Perkins

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Flash

WASHINGTON

The House today (Friday) passed the draft bill by a vote of 283 to 130 and sent the measure to the Senate, where opponents of the measure have announced that they will filibuster it to death.

U.S. Judge Kills Golf Segregation

All of the city's golf courses are now open to colored players.

As ruling to this effect was rendered this afternoon (Friday) by Federal Court Judge W. Calvin Chesnut, who recently heard the case against the city brought by Charles Law, golf enthusiast, which sought an injunction to do away with the segregation.

Heretofore, colored players have been restricted to the 9-hole Carroll Park course, while white golfers have had access to three 18-hole courses.

Judge Chesnut decreed that the city Park Board, by this setup, failed "to provide "substantially equivalent" for colored persons, thereby violating the 14th Amendment of the Constitution.

He suggested, however, that a schedule of different hours be worked out to avoid any friction between the two races using the courses.

No Jurisdiction in North Case

At the same time, Judge Chesnut decided that the Federal Court had no jurisdiction in the case seeking to withhold city funds from the Maryland Institute of Art as long as it admits white students only.

This case was filed on behalf of Leon A. Nortis, war veteran and talented artist who was denied admittance to the school.

Judge Chesnut said such a "taxpayer's suit" could be filed in the State courts and if a Constitutional question were raised, that question could be taken to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Mulcting Vets Charged to Building Officials

Charged with conspiring to violate the building code in connection with a colored housing development in the Hoe's Heights section, officials of a building firm will stand trial today (Friday) before Chief Judge W. Conwell Smith.

Singled out by the Veterans' Committee of the area, the charges re-

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Wettest June in Years to Be Still Wetter, Weather Bureau Says

Although the past two months have been the wettest in 50 years, according to the local weather bureau, more showers are predicted for Saturday.

The week end should be generally fair and mild, with temperatures averaging near the mid-June normal.