Inequalities Retard Pupils

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cussion," the head school official stated.

The fact that a comparable accelerated course for above-average colored pupils has never been in operation, Dr. Lemmel remarked, is another indication that Baltimore cannot afford a segregated school system.

With Elmer A. Henderson, assistant superintendent of schools, Ralph W. Reckling and Carroll Ion L. Davis, principals, respectively, of Douglass and Dunbar High Schools, Dr. Lemmel favors the "enrichment" rather than the accelerated program.

Select Pupils Learn More

Under the "enrichment" program, the individual needs of the exceptional or above-average pupils are met through enlargement of the prescribed course of study, but within the normal time allotment of the grade.

Under the accelerated program, junior high school pupils do three years work in two years, while in senior high school, two years work is done in one year and the remaining semester's work is, in reality, college freshman work.

An accelerated course might be begun in Douglass High School if parents requested it, just as it was done three years ago at Washington Junior High School, Dr. Lemmel commented.

White Schools' Programs Told

A total of 435 pupils from all the city are enrolled in the Robert E. Lee School, according to Miss Emily W. Eversfield, white, principal. The accelerated program began there in 1935.

John N. Cotton, principal of Washington School, reported that a total of 137 pupils among a total of some 1586 are working under the accelerated program.

Miss Eversfield assisted in setting up the stepped-up program at the Washington School, naturally their similarities are many.

Pupils recommended for these schools by their elementary school principals must have intelligence ratings of 110 or above.

Tests results must show them a year ahead of grade level in reading and five months ahead in arithmetic.

Work on "Two-Thirds Basis"

On a "Two-thirds basis," they finish work in eight days that a normal junior high school would need 12 days to do. Their terms for each half grade are 63 days long as compared with the 90 days of the regular classes.

In describing their program at Western High School, Miss Mildred Coughlin, principal, said that the 12th grade work includes advanced Latin, mathematics, German, English, history and chemistry, rhetoric, literature and a survey of European history.

At the conclusion of the 12th grade, pupils may take an examination which may qualify them for the sophomore year in college.

Accepted by Best Colleges

Thus, pupils need spend only three years in college. These pupils are accepted at Smith, the University of Maryland, Hopkins, Duke, Barnard, Temple, the University of Chicago and Goucher, Miss Coughlin said.

Wilmer Dehoff, principal of Polytechnic Institute, said that the graduates are often able to skip the first year of college work in engineering because of the "general excellence of Poly's engineering course."

Engineering is not offered at all to colored pupils. It has not yet been decided that it will be taught in the proposed new Carver Vocational High School, Saul Perdue, principal, stated.

City College Has Program

Often City College graduates take college entrance examination which enable them to be placed in the upper level of the freshman class, according to Dr. Chester Katenkamp, principal.

Greatest recognition is given City College's English courses, the principal noted. An accelerated program is also in effect at this school.

Baltimore Public School Inequality at a Glance

Many people thought that when teachers' salaries were equalized the school system became equal for both white and colored children.

That has been proved untrue repeatedly.

All one has to do is look at some of the antiquated school buildings still occupied by the majority of colored children in the elementary schools and he will understand that there is still gross inequality in school buildings, plans and equipment.

This article deals with additional inequalities.

A white lad who wants to study engineering has free public education offered him at Polytechnic Institute.

There are no engineering courses in Baltimore City for colored boys.

A smart white girl can be pushed along so rapidly in Western High School that she can enter college in the sophomore year.

There is no way for a smart colored girl or a smart colored boy in a Baltimore colored school to do four years work in three years and thereby enter the sophomore year in college.

The law requires the schools to be separate; but it also requires them to be equal.

If only 24 colored children in all Baltimore are thus required to spend an extra year in college because the colored high schools do not have accelerated courses, their parents, as taxpayers, are being robbed of benefits which other taxpayers receive simply because they are white.

In this case, colored parents who want their children to have a college education must send them to school for a year longer than white parents who have children of the same intelligence.

It is not only the money that is involved, but the smart colored boy and the smart colored girl lose a whole year that they could use to a much better advantage.

If we add up the total monetary loss, there is what it looks like: The parent pays for an extra year of school. The children lose the money they could earn by graduating a year sooner.

Coming Events

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copal Church, Arlington and Lafayette Ave.—6 p.m.

Sunday

"The Open Tomb," a pageant at Sharp St. Methodist Church, Dolphin and Etting Sts.—4 a.m.

Holy Eucharist and sunrise service at St. James PE Church—5 a.m.

Worship Service at First Baptist Church, Ashland Ave. and Bond St.—5:30 a.m.

Easter sunrise prayer meeting at Ames Methodist Church, Carey and Baker Sts.—6 a.m.

Easter Worship Service at New Hope Baptist Church, Biddle St. near Pennsylvania Ave.—6 a.m.

Dedication of a new pipe organ at Ames Methodist Church—11 a.m.

Monday

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Weekly meeting of the Frontiers Club at the Druid Branch YMCA, 1619 Druid Hill Ave.

Lecture "What is Behind the Iron Curtain" by Dr. George S. Counts, first speaker in the East-West Forum series at Emor Baptist Church, Edmondson Ave. and Schroeder St.—8 p.m.

Wednesday

Meeting of the Northwest United Protective Association at New Shiloh Baptist Church, Fremont Ave. and Lanvale Sts., where Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro is scheduled to speak—8:30 p.m.

Thursday

Mass meeting of the Eastside Community Committee, featuring division heads of the Department of Public Welfare in a panel discussion, Faith Baptist Church, Ashland Ave. and Bond St.—8

On Easter the Hat's the Thing

Miss Ruth S. McGuinn, teacher at School No. 100, Mount and Saratoga Sts., turned model to give an example of what to expect in the Easter parade, Sunday. This bonnet is described as a fisherman-style hat, of navy blue Milan straw, with taffeta bow and an open crown. Other popular Easter models come with veils and flowers.

Looking Toward 109th Birthday

Stopping into the Baltimore AFRO office last week to reminisce about the good old days when he sold AFRO's from a horse-drawn buggy, Miles T. Nixon, right, celebrated his 109th birthday on May 27, got a warm greeting from John H. Murphy, retired treasurer of the AFRO-AMERICAN Company, who he knew as a boy.

$7,500 Suit Filed for Loss of Leg

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Harry G. Parks Jr., Chandler B. Wynn and Charles C. Carter.

This suit, which seeks to enforce his claim under the Workmen's Compensation Law, points out that the youth was only 15 when the accident occurred in September, 1947, and therefore was illegally employed.

Boy Supported Family

The youth explained that he took the after-school job to help his widowed mother and family, which were Welfare Department clients at the time.

Because of his injuries, which also included serious cuts of the other leg, the State Industrial Accident Commission granted him in October, 1947, an award of $24.93 per week.

Later discovering that the youth was under age, the commission, by a supplementary order, on the following month, directed the company to pay him a similar amount, in addition to the compensation to be paid by its insurers.

Due $6,886 Suit Declares

Young Bland's petition states that on March 16, 1949, at a final hearing on his claim, the commission directed both the insurer and the company each to pay him the weekly award for 375 weeks, not to exceed the sum of $7,500, with credit for the payments made since April 1, 1948.

He contends that under this arrangement, the account now due him is $6,886.31 which he has been unable to collect from the company. His attorney is Harry L. Katz.

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