257 Douglass High Graduates to Get Diplomas at Exercises

Commencement exercises for 257 midyear graduates of Douglass High School will be held there tonight (Friday) at 8 p.m. in the school auditorium.

A diploma also will be awarded to John R. Bishop, who completed his high school work in September, 1949.

Those Getting Diplomas

February graduates are:

Donald Abrams, R. Abrams Jr., Marlene Allen, Freda Alston, Lorenzo Allen, Bertha Anderson, Eloise Anderson, Lester Anderson Jr., D. Anthony Jr., C. Armstrong, Elsie Ayers, Florence Ayers, Thelma Bail, Dorothy Barber, Ezra Barnes, Grace Barnes, Shallie Barrett, Reby Baskerville, David Bass, Garrett Bagley, Adella Bland, Ercella Blue, Naomi Boston, Dorothy Boyd, Mary Boyd, Margaret Boyd, John Childs Jr., John Childs Jr., J. Christmas, Bernice Cole, Betty Coleman, Ruth Collins, Mary Conaway, Mildred Conaway, Laura Cook, Bernice Copeland, Muri Copin Jr., Elaine Corbin, Lillian Corprew, Mary Cousin, Consuella Cox, Dorothy Curtis, Effie Davis, Harry Davis, Jean Davis, Riva Denfield, W. Dickerson, Odd Diggs, Maurice Dorsey, Earl Dowdell, Carl Dowdell, Helen Edwards, Casmus Evans, Barbara Failine, Donald Faulkner, Sylvia Fenwick, John Ferren, Earl Foster, Phyllis Fowlkes, Ethel Fraling, Roberta Fuller, D. Garlington, Doris Garnett, Leon Gilmore, Donald Glover, Donald Goode, Ernest Gordon Jr., Dolores Green, Ethel Greene, Leslie Gundy Jr., Herbert Hall Jr., Earl Hayes, Carlese Hamlin, Edward Harris, Lucy Harris, Walter Hayman, Mary Haywood, Odessa Hicks, Mattie Hicks, Adeline Hines, Louise Hodges, Sophia Hollie, Margaret Holt, Blanche Hudson, Donald Hughes, Annie Hurt, A. Isabelle Jr., Alice Jackson, Doris Jackson, Herman Jackson, Jackson, Joyce Jackson, Anna Jackson, Blanche James, Lois James, Aaron Jenkins, Ruby Jenkins, Alberta Johnson, Alice Johnson, Bernice Johnson, Daisy Johnson, Delores Johnson, J. Johnson Jr., Lemuel Johnson, Wattine Johnson, Ella Jolley, Doris Jones, Marjorie Jones, Janet Kaintuck, Jula Kelly, Laura King, Laura King, Ruth Knox, Margarie Lahoard, Clara Larkins, Eugene Lee, Nathaniel Lee, Shirley Lee, Lestrice Macer, Delores Maitb, Barbara Mallory, Norma Manns, Frances Martin, Luther Mathias, Donald Matthews, Curtis McFarland, D. McKnight, Lurina McKnight, Ruth McNeil, John McQueen, Cornelia Miller, Charles Robinson, Bernice Rodgers, Charles Ross, William Ross, Margaret Ray, George Sampson, Rosetta Sampson, Margaret Satchell, Marie Saunders, Marian Seay, Constance Shelly, Jeanette Sherman, Burton Shields, Gloria Short, Otto Silva, Clarence Simms, Dorothy Smith, Leona Smith, Mable Smith, Suzanne Smith, Winifred Smith, Beverly Snowden, Gilbert Stanley, Gloria Stewart, Betty Stith, Glover Street Jr., Earlar Taylor, Edna Taylor, Randolph Taylor, Ronald Thomas, Gladys Thompson, Gladys Thompson, Marian Thompson, Ernest Thornton, Norman Tilden, Bernard Travis, Bernard Walker, Reginald Turnbull, Delores Turner, Bernadine Tyler, James Valentine, William Valentine, Anna Walker, James Walker, E. Washington, Juanita Watkins, Thelma Watson, Antonia Webb, Gloria West, Evelyn White, A. Williams, Beatrice Williams, Enie Williams, Robert Williams, C. Williamson, Sylvester Wise, Marion Wright, Ione Woodridge, James Woodson, Amy Woolford, Bonnie Wynn, Elaine Young, Rita Young, Shirley Young

Won Support Suit

Miss Henrietta Tyler, former Baltimorean, now of New York, who won $7 weekly support for her 21-month-old child from Kiowa Costonie in NYC Family Court. Costonie, a self-styled prophet, was legally declared father of the child last November although two physicians testified that he did not have the blood factors necessary to father the child, after he admitted they had lived together 15 years.

13 School Clerks to Attend Session

Thirteen members of the Public School Secretaries' group will attend the Regional Conference of the National Association of School Secretaries in Atlantic City, Feb. 24 to 26.

They are Misses and Mesdames Delores Bailey, Bessie T. Carroll, Louise M. Church, Ethel J. Day, Marguerite Dickson, Roseanne Johnson, Alice Matthews, Lorraine McDowell, Fannie Poulson, Marian Ransome, Willie M. Scott, Doris B. Smith, Marguerite Smith, Elizabeth Smith and Esther C. Thomas.

At a recent meeting, the group appointed Miss Dixon chairman of its nomination committee, with Misses and Mesdames Mary Perry, Ruby Taylor and Martha Howell, members.

This group also sent a shower of cards to Elmer A. Henderson, assistant superintendent of schools, who is ill.

Other members attending the meeting included Misses and Mesdames Doris Carter, Alberta West, Mary Perry, Catherine Costley, Viola Stokes, Coritha M. Boyd, Althea Branch, Beatrice Wright, Marjorie Jones and Delores Bailey.

Druid Park Pool to Be Improved

$150,000 Project Gets 'Go Ahead' Vote

Citing the "dire need" for swimming facilities for colored persons, the Park Board, Tuesday, gave the "go ahead" signal to $150,000 worth of improvements to the Druid Hill Park pool.

R. Brooke Maxwell, director of parks and recreation, said that the construction will not be completed until August, which would mean the pool's summer opening will be delayed for at least 30 days.

S. L. Hammerman, vice-president, presiding at the Park Board meeting, declared that the work "ought to get started," even if it did mean a delay in the opening.

Dr. Harris Asks Speed

Dr. Bernard Harris made the motion that the work be begun and "finished as soon as possible." The motion was seconded by Westen B. Scrimger; and all other members supported it.

Robert Garrett, president, had left the meeting earlier. Others present were Dr. J. Ben Robinson, J. Marshall Boone and R. Wilbert Marshock.

Mr. Maxwell explained that immediate construction of the Druid project necessarily will mean the elimination of several smaller items also planned from loan funds.

$32,000 Project Upped

These he said, might include a couple of field houses and comfort stations, one in Perkins Square.

Originally, only $32,000 was planned for the Druid pool; while more than a million dollars was to be spent on white pools.

Later, however, the board voted to increase the Druid appropriation to $150,000, making possible the construction of an additional tank.

Bishop Walls to Make Fellowship Address

NEW YORK — Bishop W. J. Walls of the AME Church will address a city-wide fellowship service dedicated to race relations, Sunday, Feb. 12, 4 p.m., at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, Amsterdam Ave. and 112th St.

The service is sponsored by the Interracial Fellowship of Greater New York, with the local Protestant Council co-operating.

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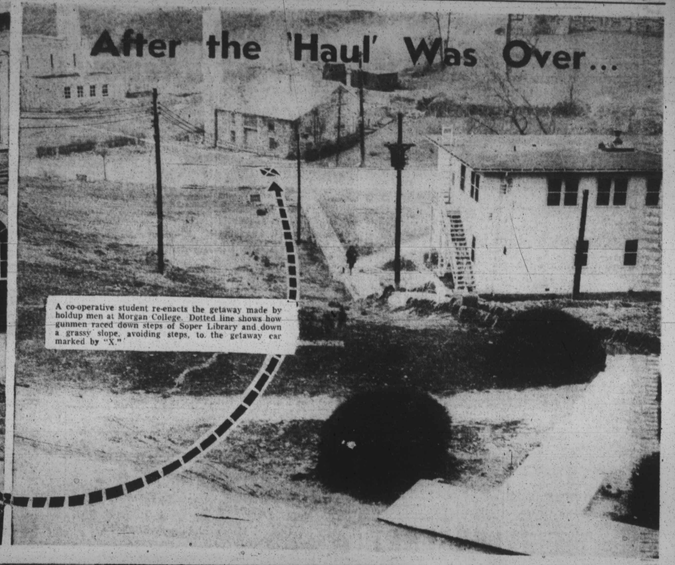
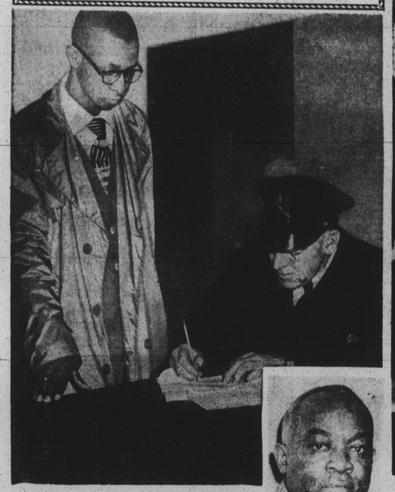


A co-operative student re-enacts the getaway made by holdup men at Morgan College. Dotted line shows how gunmen raced down steps of Soper Library and down a grassy slope, avoiding steps, to the getaway car marked by "X."

FOR THE FIRST TIME in its 83-year history, Morgan State College held registration, Tuesday, under the watchful eye of uniformed police. The guard was posted after four unmasked men held up eight college cashiers and escaped with $16,500 in registration fees Monday afternoon.

Additional police, many in plain clothes, swarmed over the campus Tuesday and Wednesday, seeking clues to the crime. Pictures on this page were made by AFRO Photographer I. Henry Phillips. The one below was taken a few minutes after the sensational holdup. The others were made as registration was resumed on Tuesday. Officials and students of Morgan were shocked by the crime which made headlines in newspapers throughout the country.



Above, Sgt. John Dubb takes a statement from John Mae-Caskill, student cashier who, a few moments earlier, faced the hold-up men's guns.

James H. Carter, right, business manager, was in charge of eight cashiers who were totaling the day's receipts when the hold up men enter.

Patrolman John Murphy stands guard at the cashier's cage as midterm registration is concluded on Tuesday. A plainclothes officer was also stationed in the room. In photo at lower right, registration in the college library is resumed Tuesday morning after the daring holdup Monday afternoon. Students file in the main entrance, pick up enrollment cards and then discussed subjects with their advisors. After a spot check of registration data, final stop is the cashier's cage midterm registration fees are paid.

This is a view of the college cashiers' cage as seen by the holdup man who walked down the counter and scooped up $16,500. This photo was made Tuesday morning after college officials had requested police protection. (Note officer in background.) The daylight holdup took less than three minutes. The leader of the gunmen, a six-footer, who brandished a blue steel pistol, jumped atop the cashier's counter, shouting, "This is a holdup. We want money. Drop it and back away."