# In Our Schools

**OPEN HOUSE HELD LITTLE FOLKS THEATRE**

Over 400 persons attended an "Open House" program at the Little Folks Theatre on Sunday. The program featured several class demonstrations by pupils at the school.

Among the children taking part were:

Deborah Alexander, Bertram Bailey, Kernell Bailey, Dorothy Banks, Celeste Barnes, Merry Bisck, Arthur L. Britain, Yvonne Britain, Sheila Britain, Elaephan Brooks, Valierie Brooks, Brenda Brown;

Jo Ann Cockrell, Ralph Dawkins, Ronald Dett, Diane Dixon, De Lois Dorsey, Rodney Dotson, Montessie Everette, Noy Solomon, Deborah Stone, Harrietta Watters, Felicia Waynesboro, Cynthia Williams, Delesnor Harris;

Brenda Haywood, Betty Hall, John Highsmith, Andrea Hill, Milton Hillery, Russell Holbrook, Diane Jackson, Bertha Jenkins, Brenda Jennings, Phyllis Jennings, Cecelia Johnson, Carolyn Keene;

Elvira Martin, Patricia Howard, Frederick Martin, Anne Paxton, Gloria Perkins, Pearl Preston, John Robinson, Claudette Thornton, Sharon Wallace, LeVerne Wallace, Vanessa Westcott, Roslyn Cann, and Alma Burnett.

**Commencement Held School No. 160**

Commencement exercises for grade 6 were held recently at the Carter G. Woodson School No. 160.

The invocation was given by the Rev. M. Nelson of Linwood Baptist church. Greetings were extended by Joyce Green, an honor pupil. A play was given entitled "No Victory Without Labor."

The graduating class was presented by Norman Jenkins. Five beautiful southern songs were sung by the graduating class. The music was under the direction of Meredith Birche.

**The graduating certificates were awarded by Mrs. Ruth Webster, president of the PTA. A farewell to the school was given by Barbara Coleman, honor pupil.**

Mrs. Enna A. Payne, principal made remarks and presented awards for perfect attendance and outstanding safety and scholastic records.

Twenty - one of the 40 graduates were honor pupils. They are:

Norman Jenkins, Kenneth McLendon, Robert Moss, William Owens, Charles Powell, Ernest Risper, Edward Woodard, Josephine Alston, LaVerne Byrd, Barbara Coleman, Gwendolyn Dennis, Sylvia Elliott, Lois Goins, Joyce Green, Gloria Jenifer, Christine Nelson, Carolyn Ryan, Jacqueline Sparrow, Norma White, Joyce Wilson and John Harris.

Other graduates are: Lorenzo Bright, Charles Brown, John Faison, Ephraim Harvard, Ernest Hinton, Raymond Jackson, James Lynn, Frank Mashack, George McCullers, Robert Mitchell, Calvin Knox, Rodney Sewell, Oscar Webster, Viola Blackwell, Brenda Byrd, Delores Campbell, Kathryn Dilver, Christine Smith.

Teacher of the class is Mrs. Charlotte Harper. Mrs. Emma A. Payne is principal, and Thomas J. Wheeden Jr., is vice-principal.

**CLOSING EXERCISES HELD CHOOL NO. 159**

The closing exercises of the 6A class at School No. 159 were held recently in the auditorium of School No. 160. Mrs. Beulah Westcott and John Myers were co-directors.

**William Birche trained the children for the musical per. of the program which featured solos, folk dancing and a musical background. Mrs. Viola W. Wright is principal. Members of the class are:**

Eileen Evans, Reba Lewis, Lawrence Baker, Leonard Boone, James Carroll, Donald Colby, Phillip Davis, Delores Batty, Herman Bell, Guy Bryant, Leo Burroughs, Ronald Davidson, Raymond Fenwick, Ronald Francis;

Alphonso Green, Charles Green, Paul Hayes, Lydia Hoey, Lawrence Jones, Inez Jackson, Leola Laney, Roberta Lipscomb, Edith MacMurray, Esther Floyd, Francis Neale, Macklin Parker, Howard Shoats, Hezikiah Wilson;

Hattie McMurren, Yvonne Martin, Sylvia Miller, Joyce Oliver, Carolyn Owens, Catherine Richardson, Carlton Simmons, Thomas Simms, Robert Shannon, George Smith, Milton Stevenson, Ethel Scot, Nettie Small, Lawrence Taylor, Nathaniel Vaughn, and Elizabeth Wade.

**PTA Holds Meeting School No. 156**

School No. 156, located in Mt. Winans held its second PTA meeting recently. The program featured a talent show sponsored by the children of the school. The master of ceremonies was James Nicholas of the fifth grade.

Members who participated on the talent show were: Fern Davis, Benjamin Ross, Shirley Lee, Shirley Brothers, Milton Wyche, Lena Watkins, Harvey Conway, John Slater, Howard Gibson, Brenda Lee.

**James Nicholas, Harrietta Wallace, Dorothy Savage, Ellen Johnson, Dorothy Stewart, Barnes, James Mitchell, Robert Savage, Robert Nicholas, Bertha Richardson, Ernest Robinson, Walter Townes:**

Following this portion of the program, a demonstration was given by Mrs. Madeline Pullen. Mrs. Pullen, representative for the Carnation Milk co., gave an interesting talk, and showed a movie on milk. She then served refreshments to the more than 250 parents present.

Mrs. Myrtle Brooks is president of the PTA; Mrs. Inez Henson is the secretary; and James R. Forrest is chairman of the committee. Mrs. Blanche R. Powell is principal.

**FOUR YEARS AHEAD**—Ruby Plummer, left of Pittsburg, Pa., looks ahead, but Carrie Miller and Margery Wilmore of Baltimore, Md., and Constance Bessellieu a transfer student from New York, take time out from registering to smile. The first three are members of a freshman class of approximately 157 which entered Morgan State college last week.

## South Baltimore Notes

**By GEORGE W. E. HILL**

The South Baltimore personality choice for this week is Robert Wren, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wren Sr., 512 W. Hamburg st. A 12-A pupil at Douglass High school, he is captain of the wrestling team, a counselor for Camp Druid Hill and a member of the cross country team.

The members of the PTA of the Josiah Diggs School No. 162 are planning a meeting to discuss the recreational needs of the neighborhood. They are also requesting pedestrian signals at Russell and Barre sts.

Mrs. Helena Vennie is organizing a Brownie Troop at 162 and has requested eight parents to help care for the girls who have already signed up.

**Cook Recital**

The Mt. Winans Methodist Young People's group recently sponsored John Cook, a Mt. Winans resident, in recital. Mr. Cook thrilled the large audience with his selections.

The Baltimore Singers will be presented in recital at School No. 92, Sunday, Feb. 28.

We are very proud to bring to South Baltimore this outstanding musical group to help us raise funds for articles stolen from the school by intruders during Christmas holidays.

Gerald Burks Wilson, conductor of your columnist, PTA president, and Mrs. Vivian Bundy, principal.

**TB Survey**

We again remind you of the tuberculosis survey which will take place at the Enoch Pratt Library, Barre and Carroll sts. during March. All community plans are urged to make weekly reports. James L. Bundy, 707 S. Fremont ave. and Leroy Hammond are co-chairmen.

The Red Cross drive is on, so let's help to save humanity. The southside has been organied by Thomas Williams and the community has selected the following persons to lead the drive:

Mrs. Rebecca Coumodre, Mrs. Eliabeth Mitchell, Mrs. Lillian Moore, Mrs. Evelyn Bennett, Mrs. Herman Johnson, Mrs. Vivian Bundy, James L. Bundy, Mrs. Sarah Bundy, Miss Glenda

**BUSY ATHLETE** — In addition to being captain of the Douglass High school wrestling team, member of the school's cross country team, YMCA squad leader, and counsel at Camp Druid Hill, Robert Wren 16, of 512 W. Hamburg st., still finds time to major in five subjects and wind up on the Douglass honor roll. The 142-pound grappler, a 12-A student majors in Latin, chemistry, history, English, and dancecology. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wren.

## Dr. R. E. Jackson is Davis school speaker

Dr. Reid E. Jackson, of the editorial department of the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers, spoke for the History Week celebration Wednesday afternoon at Henry Winter Davis school.

He urged the pupils to develop their own talents fully, rather than to try to imitate well-known persons.

A skit, "The Cub Reporter," was presented by the 5th and 6th grades as a tribute to the guest speaker.

Miss Florence Nutter was director of the play.

**Frederick Douglass Speech**

Ronald Baldwin, 6B, delivered one of Frederick Douglass' famous speeches. Roscoe Handy, also 6B, rendered a clarinet solo.

A speech chorus from the 6A class, directed by Miss Kathrine McDonald, presented James Weldon Johnson's "The Creation."

Members of the 6A class gave their version of Dett's "Juba Dance."

The program was sponsored by Miss Julia Jenkins, school librarian.

## Dolls illustrate brotherhood theme

A collection of 50 dolls representing various races and nations are available for the teaching of brotherhood.

The project is sponsored by the Fellowship House which sends the dolls out to schools, churches and other public places, along with an inter-racial team of speakers who explain the history of the different dolls.

The dolls have recently been viewed at School No. 113 and are scheduled to be exhibited at Schools No. 109 and 104.

Any organization interested in viewing the collection may contact the Fellowship House.

## S. E. Smith will address fraternity

The Chi Psi Sigma fraternity, a business and professional men's group, is having S. Edward Smith, AFRO-AMERICAN personnel director, as guest speaker Saturday, at 8 p.m. at the YMCA.

The fraternity is headed by Leonard Thompson, president; James Barbour, secretary; Alonza White, business manager, and William Dare, treasurer.

Mr. White is chairman of the committee on arrangements for this affair. Mr. Smith will speak on the subject, "Financing Small Businesses."

## Business meeting scheduled by PTA

A business meeting of the Coordinating Council of the PTA will be held, Wednesday Feb. 24, in the auditorium of School No. 18, at 8:15 p.m.

During the meeting a Nominating Committee wil be elected. The committee will serve to bring in nominations for officers for election at the annual meeting of the council in April.

PTA presidents and Coordinating Council representatives of all PTA are requested to be present and be prepared to submit nominations from their schools at the district meetings, to name the member of the Nominating Committee from each Council District.

## Class in ceramics to open at center

Registrations for taking part in the second beginners class in ceramics, are now being accepted at Chick Webb Center.

Interested persons may call or visit the center between the hours of 2 p.m. and ten.

Due to limited class room space, the class will be limited to 15 persons. Registrations will be taken from now until March 1.

Classes will be held the first Thursday in each month for ten weeks, and will be taught by Walter Edmonds.

A total of nine pupils from the first class are returning to the center to take advance courses.

**MOUNT STREET HOUSE**

The house at 1446 N. Mount st., ground rent $72, will be sold at public auction on Wednesday, Feb. 24, at 2:30 p.m. Terms of sale include a $500 cash deposit.


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## Douglas wins fifth consecutive swim meet

The Douglass High school swimming team won a 41-34 victory from Dunbar Thursday at Morgan State college.

The win was their fifth victory in as many starts. The meet was held in the Edward Hurt Gymnasium on the campus.

The 50 yard dash, the first event on the program, was taken by Gussom of Dunbar in 29.4 seconds. Todd of Douglass placed second, and Brown of Douglass third.

**100 Yard Breast Stroke**

Reginald Holt of Douglass won the 100 yard breat stroke in 1:19.4. Conliffe of Dunbar placed second and John Holt of Douglass third.

In the 200 yard free style race Norman Dudley of Douglass ran out over Goldsborough of Douglass, and Dobbin of Dunbar in 2:31.

Brill of Dunbar completed the 100 yard back stroke in 1:24.4, with Green of Dunbar second and Martin Jones of Douglass third.

**Free Style Race**

In 1:11.4 Jones of Dunbar completed the 100 yard free style event with Lawrence Todd of Douglass second, and Stan Countess of Douglass third.

The fancy diving contest was won by Higgins of Dunbar with Colbert of Douglass second, and Clay of Dunbar third.

Reginald Holt won the individual medley relay race. Holt won in 2:3.3. Robert Utley of Douglass came in second and Grant of Dunbar third.

Dunbar tied up the meet in 1:46.1 in the 150 yard medley relay.

Douglass won the meet in the 200 yard free style race in 1:39.2 with Goldsbough, Brown, Cruse, and Dudley.

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## —Capture convict

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bowling alley, Officers Rawlings and Ruckle rushed after him. When they called his name, the officers later stated, Johnson tried to "run con" them.

When that failed, Johnson is said to have made a sudden rush down the back stairs. It was there that he reportedly put up a terrific struggle with the two officers.

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**Has Gold Crown**

In issuing a description of him officials said he weighs about 147 pounds, and has gold crowns on his two upper front teeth.

Johnson was said to be wearing a blue denim prison uniform when he escaped.

He was sentenced to the 40-year term May 25 of last year by Criminal Court Judge Joseph L. Carter.

At the time of his trial Johnson pleaded guilty to stealing two automobiles and to burglarizing a number of fashionable homes in the St. Albans st., and E. Belvedere ave. areas.

**Received Four Years Once**

Before then he had been sentenced to four years in the House of Correction for taking $263 from a Eutaw st. pet shop where he worked.

As a result of his second escapade, Johnson was charged with committing the following:

Larceny of a 1951 Mercury sedan belonging to Thomas White of the 4100 block Roland ave., on Jan. 21. The automobile was valued at $2,000.

The following articles according to police, were taken by Johnson on April 7 from the home of Leo Newbert in the 5500 block St. Albans way.

**Took Cases of Liquor**

A television set, radio clock, toaster, vacuum cleaner, waffle iron, two blankets, a refrigerator, wallet, four cases of whiskey, and two cases of gin and rum. The stolen goods were valued at $1,496.

On April 29, Johnson took an electric stove, an iron, coffee pot, toaster, and other household goods from a home in the 100 block E. Belvedere st.

Early in May he drove away with a 1953 Lincoln Capri autobile belonging to George Peters of the 5400 block Spring Lake way.

When police found the car stored in a garage in the rear of the 1900 block McCulloh st., Johnson had bought an expensive set of seat covers for it.

In the garage with the car police also found cases of whiskey, blankets, and a 21-inch television set.

Witnesses at the time said the car had usually been driven out at night, and returned to the garage in the early morning hours.

**Furnished Apartment**

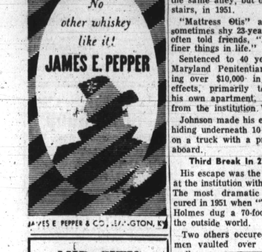
When arrested at his home in the 500 block N. Fulton ave., police found that Johnson had used some of the stolen goods to furnish his own apartment.

A relative was living in the same building at the time but not in the apartment.

Thursday when a reporter went to the apartment for an interview, no one answered the door although movements were heard inside.

According to the telephone company, the phone in the apartment has been disconnected.

**FIRE HERO** — Joe Louis Gladney, 16-year-old Turner Station resident, was a hero over week end. He climbed through a second - story window and rescued the grandchild of a minister from a burning house. The minister, the Rev. Richmond Latham, 82, was led to safety by two Dundalk firemen. Fire broke around 9:30 a.m. Sunday.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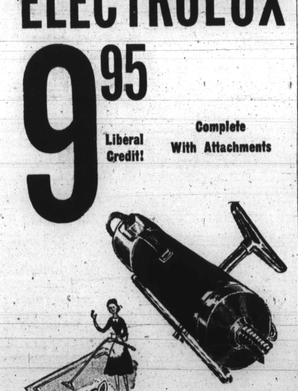

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## Jury disagrees in murder case; dismissed by judge

The decision in a dramatic murder trial was left hanging in mid-air in criminal court, late Thursday.

The jury, composed of four women (three colored) and eight men could not agree. Judge Emory H. Niles dismissed the jurors.

The case has been returned to the state's attorney's office where it will either be dropped or set for a new trial.

**Defendant On Bail**

Meanwhile, the defendant, Samuel Jones Jr., 20, 1700 block E. Madison st., has been released on $3,000 bail pending the decision from the state's attorney's office.

Mr. Jones, a cab driver for Yellow Isle Cab co., is accused of killing Walter Dodd, 53, white tavern owner of the 100 block Thames st., May 8, 1953.

The cab driver had responded to Mr. Dudd's call it was testified. The tavern owner objected to the cabbie because he was colored, witnesses said.

**'Black B—d'**

Mr. Duda was quoted as saying, "I don't want no black b—d hauling me around."

With that statement, Mr. Duda struck the driver while he was still seated in the cab, Mr. Jones testified.

Contending that he was acting in self defense, Mr. Jones said he opened the door and hit the tavern owner on the jaw, knocking him to the pavement.

Mr. Duda, refusing any medical aid, went back to his tavern where he was found unconscious the next morning by his wife and son.

**Died In Hospital**

He died the following night at Johns Hopkins hospital from a skull fracture, contusion of the brain and brain hemorrhage, medical reports showed.

In his opening statements to the jury, Bernard Felken, defense counsel, contended that the man died as results of falling out of bed.

Police had found the body lying face upwards, besides a bed, Mr. Felken pointed out.

Mrs. Duda and her son, who were sitting in the front row of the courtroom, disagreed, however.

**A Dirty Lie**

"It's a lie, a dirty lie!" the son shouted, jumping up in court. "My father was on his face."

Pointing to the cab driver, who was seated directly in front of the pair, in the prisoner's block, the son yelled, "He did it! He did it!"

The cab driver was immediately placed on the witness stand. Despite Judge Niles' calls and pounding of the gavel, the couple continued to rage on.

**Judge Gives Warning**

Finally, the judge warned that "serious action" would be taken if the coupe did not become quiet. The shrinking wife was carried from the courtroom and the son calmed down.

The case was continued.

The jurors deliberated for over an hour and were finally recalled by the judge. He dismissed them after learning there was no hope for agreement.

Julius A. Ramano prosecuted the case.

## Civil Service job open for accountant

The examination announced by the Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, for accountant GS-7, $4,205 a year, is still open for receipt of applications.

This examination, which also covers the position of Internal revenue agent and special agent-tax fraud, will fill vacancies in the various Internal Revenue Service district offices located in Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey and Maryland.

Full information and application forms may be obtained from the Commission's local secretary, Charles S. Fleming, at the Custom house, Calvert and Fayette sts.

## Guide sheet for tax purposes available

A special guide sheet to help self-employed persons in correctly reporting their net income for social security tax purposes is now available.

The leaflet, "Helpful Guides on Reporting Your Self-Employment Tax," has been issued by the Social Security Administration to supplement instructions given with Federal income tax forms.

The guide is available for the asking at the Baltimore social security offices at 462 Post Office building and 5227 York rd.

**ON AUCTION BLOCK**

The two-story brick house at 2806 Walbrook ave., ground rent $120, will be sold at public auction, Thursday, Feb. 25, at 4 p.m. Terms of sale include a $750 cash deposit.

By January, 1765, there were 23 newspapers in the thirteen colonies; four in Boston, three in New York, two in English, and one German in Philadelphia, one German in Germantown, Pennsylvania, two each in Connecticut, Rhode Island, North Carolina, and South Carolina and one each in Maryland, Virginia, New Hampshire and in Georgia.

**JOHNSON HOME FROM HOSPITAL**

Warren Johnson of 1619 Pulaski st. is convalescing at his home after undergoing an operation at John Hopkins hospital.


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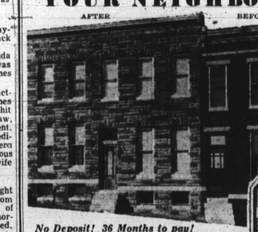


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