500 may get usual $90,000 scholarships

Five hundred applicants for state scholarships for study in colleges outside Maryland will probably get summer school grants for the last time this month.

The Morgan State College trustee committee, which administers this fund, agreed this week to recommend to the next full meeting of trustees that the regular awards be continued until state policy is determined.

Approximate $250,000

The out-of-state scholarships this year, according to committee secretary Edward N. Wilson will approximate $250,000.

Five hundred summer school applicants will be granted awards approximating $90,000.

Nearly all 500 will be teachers pursuing graduate courses in education.

204 At NYU

Last summer, 204 teachers received awards from $34 to $204 to study the teaching of industrial arts; science, languages, psychology, nursing, physical education, or school administration.

Seventy-three teachers received awards from $45 to $284 to study at Columbia University in New York.

Twenty-eight were given scholarships, varying from $77 to $223, to study in Philadelphia at Temple University.

Other Universities

Other universities to which teachers were awarded scholarships and the number for each school were as follows:

Pennsylvania, 23; American University 2; Boston University 12; Butler University, 1; Catholic U. 9; Colorado A. and M. 1; Cornell, 1; Drexel Institute, 2; Franklin School of Arts and Sciences, 1; Georgetown U., 1;

Hampton Institute, 3; Harvard, 2; Howard, 10; Indiana State Teachers College, 1; Indiana U., 2; Johns Hopkins, 8; Loyola College, 4; Marine Biological Laboratory, 1;

18 At Penn State

N.C. College, Durham, 1; Northwestern U., 1; Ohio State, 4; Oregon State, 2; Peabody Conservatory of Music, 1; Penn State, 18; Phila. Conservatory of Music, 1; Rutgers U., 2; Simmons College, 2; Univ. of Chicago, 1; Univ. of Denver, 4; Univ. of Illinois, 3; Univ. of Minnesota, 3; Univ. of Maine, 2; Univ. of Michigan, 3; Univ. of Wisconsin, 4; Va. State, 7; Wayne Univ., 1; Western Reserve, 1.

Begun In 1935

The out-of-state scholarship program was set up originally by Governor Nice in 1935 with an annual appropriation of $10,000.

It was designed for teachers and students, who were refused entrance to the University of Maryland to take such courses as were not available at Morgan or Princess Anne.

In two years, the state found the demands so great as to require annual grants of $30,000 instead of the original $13,000 per year. This year's awards may go beyond $250,000.

Supplement Not Substitute

In 1948, when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that out-of-state scholarships could not be considered a "substitute" for providing equal facilities, Maryland's attorney general advised the scholarship committee, that out-of-state scholarships could be continued to "supplement" educational opportunities available to colored persons.

It is under the ruling of the attorney general's office that the scholarship committee agreed this week to recommend continuance of the awards for summer school applicants as usual.

Discriminate Against Whites

The attorney general, who made this ruling in 1949, declared the only objection he saw to his ruling was that no similar out-of-state scholarships were provided for white students.

In recent years there have been mild protests from white persons that colored teachers had the advantage of state aid to study at the best colleges all over the country where white teachers are restricted to their home University of Maryland.

But none has tested the question in the courts.

Begun In 1935

The late Marse Callaway, Harry O. Levin, and Carl Murphy sold the original Maryland scholarship plan to Governor Nice.

Mr. Levin told the AFRO today, "I never dreamed that modest appropriation of $10,000 we got the first year from Governor Nice for scholarships would grow to $250,000 in 19 years."

According to Mr. Wilson, in the beginning the scholarships were administered by the Maryland Commission on Higher Education appointed by Governor Nice to study the possibility of purchasing Morgan College from the Methodist Church. Judge Morris Soper was commission chairman.

Awards were made by a subcommittee of Carl Murphy, chairman; Francis M. Wood, Dr. B. M. Rhetta, and Edward N. Wilson.

Top scholarships were limited to $200.

Independent Commission

In 1939 the state set up a special independent commission to handle out-of-state scholarships with offices at Madison and North Avenues in the Calloway Building.

The Commission included Dr. Ivan McDougle, chairman; Edward N. Wilson, secretary; W. N. Hillegist, the Rev. Charles E. Hodges, Dr. D. O. W. Holmes, Carl Murphy, the Rev. James F. Walker, Mrs. Violet Hill Whyte and Dr. Francis Wood.

Turned Over To Morgan

In 1939, the awarding of state scholarships was turned over to the trustees of Morgan State College. The members of the trustee committee now assigned to the awards includes Dr. McDougle, Josiah F. Henry and Dr. Willard Allen.

The committee awards are approved first by Morgan's Board of Trustees and then by the state Budget Director.

According to Mr. Wilson, since 1935 the commission has issued 10,685 grants with a total value of $1,593,000. The average scholarship in 1954 was $140.00.

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YOUNG PEOPLE WORK, PLAY TOGETHER—Carver Vocational High students have organized an all-girls' club, Les Petite Dames. Members of girls' clubs in all of the city high schools belong, and both races enjoy the club. Youngsters like these shown in above photo belong to the club. This photo was taken last month when the delegates registered for the Model Youth City Council, which was headed by Carver student, Calvin Parker, who served as mayor. (See accompanying story.)

Democracy in school club

Girls' League welcomes all

Democracy at work.

That in a nutshell is the story of the Girls League Organization, composed of pupils from Eastern, Southern, Mergenthaler, Douglass and Carver High Schools.

At each meeting of the GLO, members exchange ideas of the activities of clubs in their own schools, feeling that all schools can benefit by such an exchange of ideas.

The group came into being several months ago when Les Petite Dames, a club at Carver invited other high school pupils to attend its initiation ceremonies. The girls liked the idea of meeting together and so the GLO was formed. Meetings have been held during the school year with the last being held at Eastern High.

Organized Last Year

The Carver group which gave birth to the GLO was organized last year by Mrs. Lucille Marcus, music teacher, to help the girls prepare themselves for their roles as citizens of the future.

Other teachers have been added in the sponsorship, all selected carefully from other areas of the curriculum in order to provide the girls with a wide range and variety of activities.

They are: Mrs. Gladys Turner, English, Mrs. Irma Roy, dramatics, Mrs. Mildred Curtis, foods, Miss Margaret Young, librarian, Mrs. Grace Gaskins, business.

DR. WHARTON RETURNED TO OXYGEN TREATMENT

Dr. Heber Wharton, of Erie, Pa., reported improving from a serious illness, this week, suffered a relapse on Thursday, and has been returned to an oxygen tent.

First integrated adult classes work smoothly at Polytechnic

Approximately 70 students of both races enrolled Tuesday evening in the public school adult classes, the first in the school system to be operated on an integrated basis.

Last year, the courses were divided for white and colored students in two schools, Douglass and Polytechnic.

This year's courses, all at Polytechnic Institute, North Ave. and Calvert St., are conducted for all adult education students.

First School Integration

The courses mark the first division of the city schools to integrate the staff as well as pupils since the Supreme Court, on May 17, outlawed segregation in public schools.

Actually, a visitor to Polytechnic on Tuesday would have thought that students and teachers had been attending classes in the same school for years, from the easy manner in which they moved about their duties.

There was no fanfare nor discussion nor demonstration. The students seemed interested in getting an education. They had no time for color or other racial issues. They were not concerned with whether the pupil in the next seat was white or colored.

In the registration room where there were four guidance counselors, two colored and two white, students lined up on the basis of studies and interest rather than race.

Mrs. Minnie Graham, white, is principal of the evening school and Wardelle Richardson, who served as vice principal at Dunbar Evening School, is vice principal.

21 Teachers

There are 21 teachers, among them are:

William Hayes, mathematics; Mrs. Betty Williams, English; Mrs. Roberta Roberts and Mrs. Olga Dorsey, elementary coach classes which are geared for those who have not completed their elementary studies.

The courses offered are:

Citizenship, Americanization, general review, junior high school subjects, primary subjects, chemistry, english, U.S. history, trigonometry, typing, office practice, stenography and shorthand.

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The two hour classes are conducted on the first and second floors of the main section of the school building. They run from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Classes Even

As this reporter moved about the corridors, observing the classes and teachers, she found students evenly divided in most of the classes.

For example, in Mr. Hayes' algebra class, on the second floor, his approximately 40 students are half and half.

Most of the students appear to be older people . . . mothers and fathers and possibly grandparents who have missed out in their primary and secondary education.

When they have completed the necessary courses they will be eligible to take the state school board examination.

Many of them will receive high school diplomas while others will be given certificates stating they have finished their primary or junior high school education.

In the junior high school class, where the majority of the approximately 40 pupils were colored, the students were scattered in all sections of the room.

No Segregation

There appeared to be no voluntary segregation. Students who desired to sit to the front did so and those who preferred the back, took the rear seats.

At no time during this reporter's visit was there comment or complaint from anyone.

While talking with Robert Williams, one of the guidance counselors, a white pupil, who appeared to be about 35 years old, said, "Pardon me, Sir, but what room did you tell me to go to?"

Mr. Williams looked up and gave him the information and the student smiled and left.

'This Is Wonderful'

"Isn't this wonderful," Mr. Williams commented. "Why, you'd never dream that these people had once gone to separate schools."

The commercial courses are being conducted at Eastern High School because of the lack of proper facilities at Polytechnic. One of the five typing teachers is W. Dubois Johnson.

Blood needed!

Mrs. Lillie Mae Haywood, 20 N. Stricker St., is seriously ill at University Hospital, and in need of three pints of blood. She has already undergone several transfusions.

Interested persons should apply to the hospital's blood bank so that Mrs. Haywood may undergo an operation.

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The next regular meeting for the correction of birth records will be held Wednesday, June 9 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Bureau of Vital Records on the first floor of the Municipal Building, Holliday and Lexington Sts.

All city residents who wish to correct mistakes that appear on children's birth records are urged to attend. Assistance will also be given in the correction of records for such purpose as adoption, paternity and legitimation.

Sidney M. Norton, Director of the City Health Department's Bureau of Vital Records, will conduct the interviews which are confidential, and a representative of the Legal Aid Bureau will be present to act as legal adviser.

Legal Aid Free

The facilities of the Legal Aid Bureau will be made available to persons in low income groups only. All others who may require legal services will be referred to private practicing attorneys.

This service is also available during usual office hours 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Further information relating to the correction of birth records may be obtained by calling Plaza 2-2000, Extension 827.

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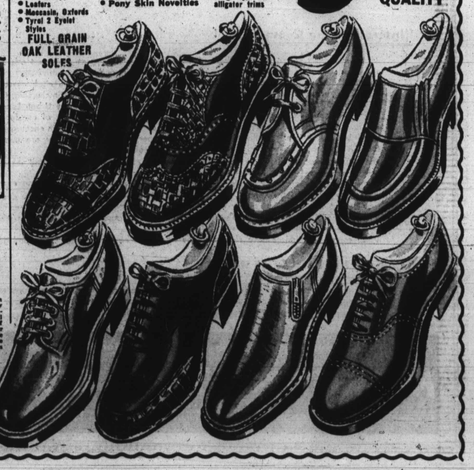

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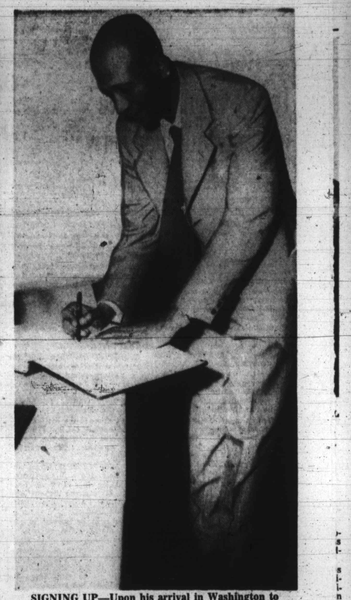
THE MAY DAY SPIRIT AT ALEXANDER SCHOOL NO. 112, LAURENS AND CALHOUN STREETS

BUSINESSMAN—John B. Laurie operates filling station at 557 Revolution St., Havre de Grace, Md. He was formerly in the home appliance business. He's a member of St. James AME Church and Chesapeake Lodge No. 48, Masons. He and his wife, Nina, have five children.

MUSIC IN THEIR MINDS—Sgt. William Phillips, voluntary bandleader of the Drum and Bugle Corps of the Havre de Grace Consolidated School in Swan Creek, Md., tightens one of the bass drums. He gets assistance from Earl Brown, one of the pupils. Retired from Army service, Sgt. Phillips served at Aberdeen, Md., from 1940 to 1947, as director of the Ordnance Replacement center band.

MORGAN SOPHOMORE — After attending classes at Morgan State College where she is majoring in business education, Miss Shirley Jackson, of 10 N. Caroline St., takes things easy on the front steps of her home.



SIGNING UP—Upon his arrival in Washington to attend the recent Chi Delta Mu convention, Dr. McDonald Bando of Baltimore stops at the registration desk. He was representing the Monumental City's Iota Chapter. Registration was held at the fraternity's home at 1439 Fairmount St., N.W. Chi Delta Mu is an organization of doctors, dentists and pharmacists.

REPRESENTING FOUR GENERATIONS, this family group attended the recent Mother-Daughter Banquet at the Cherry Hill Community Center. Left to right, Mrs. Helen Shorter, great grandmother, with great granddaughter, Cheryl Louise; Mrs. Myrtle Adams, grandmother with granddaughter Avis Cecelia beside her, and Mrs. Shirley Moulton, mother. More than 500 mothers and daughters attended the banquet, which was addressed by Miss Estelle Thomas, YWCA executive secretary.

LUSTILY SINGING "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" at NAACP state meeting are Kenneth Horner of Carolina County, state secretary; George Brown, Jr., Howard County, treasurer; the Rev. Howard Cornish and John Henderson of the Baltimore NAACP.

NO WASH DAY BLUES for Mrs. Thelma Pearsons of 39 Calvert St., Annapolis, because of the convenience of the Town Laundry. She has nine pounds of laundry already in the tub and 27 pounds more awaiting her pleasure. Service charge for laundering a nine-pound bundle is only 25 cents.

DELAWARE CRABS—Staying a jump ahead of the public demand for crabs, Charles Ross, 113 N. Castle St., prepares to ice down some of the 60 baskets received by the Goodwin and Sons Company at Market Pl. The seafood company employs special crabbers in Delaware.

STATE EMPLOYEE — Alexander White of Severna, Md., cuts grass along a center strip of the Governor Ritchie Highway near Hammonds Lane.

STORING UP ENERGY—Waiting for a bus to bring her into Baltimore on a "shopping spree," Mrs. Julia Gale of 2716 Giles Rd., Cherry Hill, takes a break for relaxation at Giles and Shellbanks Rd. She didn't really need the rest, a shopping trip always gives a woman a "lift."