379 graduated by Douglass

A severe thunderstorm failed to dampen the enthusiasm of 379 pupils who received diplomas Thursday night in the largest graduating class in the history of Frederick Douglass High School.

More than 2,300 persons witnessed the two-hour graduation exercises, held in the Baltimore Polytechnic Institute Auditorium at North Ave. and Charles St. The exercises began at 8:05 p.m., with a procession that lasted nearly 15 minutes, and ended shortly after 10 p.m.

Mayor D'Alesandro greeted the graduates and congratulated them on the successful completion of their high school studies and said their search for education reflected credit upon themselves, their parents, their teachers, school and the city of Baltimore.

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THE MAYOR WAS introduced by Dr. Houston H. Jackson, assistant superintendent of public schools. Dr. Elizabeth Morrissy, a member of the Board of School Commissioners, presented the diplomas to the 379 graduates. She was assisted by Willie Harris, a member of the Douglass faculty.

More than 35 pupils received scholarships and educational assistance grants during the commencement exercises. The names of the recipients were read by the principal, Ralph W. Recking. The total potential enablement offered to the pupils was $34,000.

Mr. Recking said 71 of the graduates have indicated they will continue their education following graduation. A total of 83 pupils was carried on the honor roll and over 66 per cent of the graduates had started in Douglass in the freshmen class of 1952.

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THE REV. WARD D. Yerby delivered the invocation, following the procession. This was followed by the presentation of the mayor. The visitors were greeted by Mr. Recking, who commended the graduates for their high purposes, spirit and outlook on life.

Each graduate then stood as his name was read by the assistant principals, Mrs. Edna Over Gray and James R. Hite. Dr. Morrisy then presented the diplomas, after congratulating the class in behalf of the Board of School Commissioners.

Miss Carolyn Mae Roberts was class valedictorian and Miss Justine Pearl Bonner was salutorian.

Music was furnished by the graduating class and the a capella choir, under the direction of Miss Georgeanna Chester; the school orchestra, directed by Chester Rowlette, and Daniel Comegys, a graduate, who rendered a solo selection.

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MISSES MARION T. Smith and Hazel Stewart, both graduates, were accompanists, and Blanton Scott is also a narrator for "The Creation."

The benediction was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Yerby, followed by the recessional. Among the visitors at the commencement exercises were Mrs. William J. Rysanek Sr., a member of the Board of School Commissioners.

CORNERSTONE LAID—Mayor D'Alesandro lays the cornerstone yesterday for the alterations and additions to the Douglass High School at Gwynns Falls Parkway and Pulaski St., which cost $579,000. From left, Dr. John H. Fischer, R. E. L. Williams, Councilman Walter J. Mitchell, Mayor D'Alesandro, Dominic Piracci, Principal Ralph Reckling, P. Montegna, Walter Shervington and Celia Lofton.

—State Bd. of Education

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THE RESOLUTION means that Salisbury, Towson, and Frostburg Teachers College, formerly open to white students only; and Bowie and Coppin Teachers Colleges, attended by colored only in the past, are now open to all qualified applicants.

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WHEN THE city schools abolished segregation last September, separate teachers lists were also abolished and a singel list is now in use.

However, in the case of the teachers colleges the staff is chosen by the presidents of the institutions.

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DR. DAVID W. ZIMMERMAN assistant state superintendent of schools, said that "good faith" on the part of the college presidents would be the only guarantee that teaching staffs will also be integrated in the teachers colleges.

The educator said that each college is run as an individual institution and the selection of staffs has always been the responsibility of the respective presidents.

Prior to the reading and adoption of the 5-page resolution Dr. Thomas G. Pullen Jr., state superintendent of schools, gave a brief review of steps taken in Maryland since the original Supreme Court ruling on desegregation. May 17, 1954.

Since that time, Dr. Pullen said, the matter has been "given careful consideration by every school board and superintendent in the state."

The resolution was drawn up, Dr. Pullen said, following consultation with Attorney General Sybert. This was necessary, he said, because the Supreme Court decree of last month is subject to various interpretations and the State Board wanted to make sure that it was acting legally and properly.

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THE FOLLOWING statement was included in the resolution regarding desegregation in the counties:

"The State Board of Education calls upon the local public school officials to commence this transition (desegregation) at the earliest practicable date with the view of implementing the law of the land.

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"VOLUNTARY compliance with deliberate speed without the necessity of court compulsion is advised on the part of all local public school officials throughout the state."

The resolution also called for "patience and tolerance" on the part of all citizens.

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THE RESOLUTION was read by Wendell Allen, president of the State Board of Education. The motion to adopt it was made by Board member Jerome Frampton. A second was offered by Dr. D. O. W. Holmes and subsequently seconded by each member of the 7-man State Board and the 8-man Board of Trustees.

The Full text of the resolution follows:

The members of the State Board of Education and the State Superintendent of Schools comprise the Board of Trustees of the State Teachers Colleges.

WHEREAS, The Supreme Court of the United States passed its final judgment and decree on May 31, 1955, in the consolidated groups of public school cases, determining the procedure to put into effect the Court's opinion of May 17, 1954, that the 14th Amendment of the Constitution of the United States, prohibiting any State from denying to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws, is no longer satisfied by the former doctrine of separate but equal public school facilities, but now, on the contrary, prohibits any State from requiring or permitting racial discrimination in public education; and

WHEREAS the Attorney General of Maryland has advised that the final decision of the Supreme Court is now the law of the land and is automatically binding upon the public school system of Maryland and upon the several local school officials throughout the State, and that the State Courts and the Federal Courts, should cases arise, are bound by the decision of the Supreme Court to recognize and give full force and effect thereto in the light of the equitable procedural considerations announced by the Supreme Court.

Therefore RESOLVED by The State Board of Education of Maryland—and The Board of Trustees of the State Teachers Colleges of Maryland, in joint session, pursuant to the law of the land and pursuant to the procedural steps announced by The Supreme Court of the United States, and pursuant to the authority vested in these Boards by the laws of The State of Maryland, that the following are adopted as policies for guidance in the public school system of Maryland and in the several geographic units throughout the State of Maryland, namely that:

1. It is recognized that the law of the land as announced by The Supreme Court of the United States automatically has had the effect of abolishing all laws of the State of Maryland which raised any distinction according to race in the public school system of the State of Maryland and of its local subdivisions.

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2. **SEGREGATION** according to race is hereby abolished, in all of the State Teachers Colleges of Maryland.

Historically and under the former practice of separate but equal facilities the present five State Teachers Colleges have heretofore been classed into three colleges for white students and two colleges for colored students. That classification is now eliminated.

3. The Supreme Court recognizes and the State Board of Education recognizes, that factual considerations vary in different localities throughout the State, growing out of the formerly established principle of separate but equal facilities, now declared lative of the 14th Amendment.

To be unconstitutional and in

Such conditions may include public school building facilities, location of new schools with respect to population density of residential areas, transportation problems, teaching staffs, and other local and geographic conditions if applicable and pertinent to the transition from segregation to integration.

4. The State Board of Education by its statement of May 26, 1954, recommended that the local public school officials evaluate their respective local conditions and problems in anticipation of the final decision of the Supreme Court. All of the County public school officials have made or are making such studies.

Now that The Supreme Court has passed its mandate and has directed compliance with its decree with deliberate speed and with due regard to local conditions and in conformity with the equitable considerations, the State Board of Education calls upon the local public school officials to commence this transition at the earliest practicable date, with the view of implementing the law of the land.

Voluntary compliance with deliberate speed, without the necessity of Court compulsion, is advised on the part of all local public school officials throughout the State.

5. The Staff of the State Department of Education shall cooperate in all possible ways with local public school officials to give effect to the law of the land in the process of the transition from segregation to desegregation.

6. Traditionally the citizenry of our State has always accepted constitutional principles as interpreted by The Supreme Court of the United States, as the law of the land.

The State Board of Education trusts that all citizens will exercise patience and tolerance to the end that the law of the land may be implemented in the elimination of racial discrimination in the public schools of the State.

Cherry Hill pupils give colorful parade

The third grade practice recital held at Cherry Hill recently 160 culminated its "Just For Fun" unit with a Story Book Character Parade.

The children visited each classroom and had the children guess the characters:

The entire class participated and were dressed as the following characters:

Snow White — Beth Matthews; Seven Dwarfs— William Bayton, Ernest Dorgan, Gregory Elliott, Quinten Jones, Donald Lisby, Barron Parker, Raymond Tucker, Gary Burgess;

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PINNOCCHIO, Glenwood Kubanks; Peter Pan, Capt. Hook— George Forrest; Capt. Hook's Man— Raymond Spence; Davy Crockett — Alvin Lee; King — Jerry Luck; Bartholomew— Andrew Nelson; Hansel and Gretel— James Plummer and Yvette Leeper; Rumpelstiltskin — Melvin Pringle;

Red Riding Hood and Grandmother — Mary Boone and Paulette Mintz; Bear — Patricia Boyd; Three Kittens — Helen Brown, Freda Campbell, and Gilda Johnson; Wendy—Lutricia Conner;

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CINDERELLA-Beverly Grainger; Cinderalla's sisters— Dorothy Cross and Cheda Henry; Rapunzel — Rose Hall; Witch-Venus Welch; Princess and Maid —Charlotte McQuay and Brenda Eaton; Alice in Wonderland—Shirley Shaw; Fairy Godmother Patricia Pinkney; Laziest Man— James Simpkins.

Mrs. Luck, one of the parents, assisted with the parade. She also gave a surprise closing party for the children and dedicated it to the teacher of the class, Miss Clarice Gardner. The huge cake was written "To Our Teacher."

See integration of training schools

The possibility that the Montrose School for Girls, now all white, will become an integrated training school was indicated here this week.

If it does happen then the Barrett School for girls, all colored, will; in all probability, become a detention center where girls will be detained to see if they are actually delinquent or under the "neglected child" category.

Both the Department of Welfare and James Rennie, state budget director, have recommended that the Barrett School be closed as a training school. Their suggestions followed revelations that at Barrett the cost of housing and training each girl is $3,083 while at Montrose it is $2,609.

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LAST WEEK a special committee of the General Assembly, headed by Senator Philip Goodman (D., 5th), and investigating the four state training schools for juvenile delinquents, met with state officials.

Since the meeting, the committee has toured both the Montrose School and the Maryland Training School for Boys. After the July 4 holiday weekend, the committee is to tour the Barrett School and Boys' Home.

Senator Goodman revealed that integration is possible at Montrose with some improvements made on present facilities.

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A RECOMMENDATION was also made to the committee at its meeting that an intermediate institution be established by the state for the 16 to 18 age group.

The special committee is also studying the present conditions between the State Department of Public Welfare which has general control over all the institutions and the boards of managers of the individual institutions who have operational control of them.

Whatever changes the special committee recommends will not go into effect for nearly a year for they must first be made and approved by the General Assembly which does not convene again until next year.

GOUCHER STUDENT — Miss Jewell Robinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maxie Robinson of Richmond is the first of her race to be admitted to Goucher College in Baltimore. Miss Robinson won a $1,500 scholarship through competitive examination which is renewable for four years. Her father is coach at Armstrong High School in Richmond.

Livingstone alumni in final meeting

The Baltimore chapter of the Livingstone College Alumni met last Friday, June 17, at the home of Dr. Robert Hill in its final meeting of the season.

Plans were completed for participation in the local drive for the United College Fund and in the Livingstone College Alumni Fund.

The initial meeting of the coming season will be held in October. At that time a plan of activities for the year will be presented to the alumni.

Graduates of Livingstone College in and around Baltimore are invited to affiliate with the local alumni chapter.

J. B. Edemy wins award for study of handicapped

One of the 17 national scholarship awards made by Alpha Gamma Delta, international women's fraternity and the National Society for Crippled Children and Adults went to J. Bruce Edemy of Baltimore.

The award is for training in specialized counseling and job placement of severely handicapped persons, according to Malcolm Hecht, member of the Executive Committee of the National Easter Seal Society.

"The winners of the awards were selected from applicants from every state in the Union," said Bruce G. Eberwein, executive director of the Maryland Society for Crippled Children and Adults.

He continued: "the awards are for study at the Institute of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, New York University-Bellevue Medical Center, in cooperation with the School of Education of New York University."

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FELLOWSHIP winners will study and attend lectures and demonstrations on the satisfactory placement of handicapped persons in gainful employment. The course runs from June 20 to July 15.

Mr. Edemy, a recipient of the scholarship, is an Employment Counselor for the Maryland State Employment Service Division in Baltimore. He resides at 1634 N. Appleton Street.

He was highly recommended for the scholarship by the Maryland Society for Crippled Children and Adults and the Baltimore League for Crippled Children and Adults.

Navy to integrate school this fall in Lexington Pk.

By G. M. KNIGHT JR.

LEONARDTOWN, M.D.—Frank Knox Elementary School at Lexington Park, operated by the U.S. Navy at the Patuxent River U.S. Naval Air Test Center will follow orders of the U.S. Supreme Court and integrate its classes of the fall, it has been officially reported.

It's reported that the school was offered to the St. Mary's County Board of Education which turned the offer down.

If they had accepted the school all the public schools in St. Mary's County would have had to integrate this fall.

The board is now facing the problem of placing approximately 200 elementary pupils who formerly attended Frank Knox Elementary School in that area.

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THE NEW addition to the Jarboesville school which was a Federal Grant of about $529,000 for construction is also held up with no explanation forthcoming as to why.

This is one of the burning issues constantly discussed at the Jarboesville P-TA meetings, according to the president, James Bush of Scotland.

The present makeshift Jarboesville school, built to accommodate some 75 pupils, now has to accommodate some 400.

NURSERY SCHOOL graduates of The Little School are left to right, first row, Marcia Lewis, Linda Wade, Mary Driver, Eryk Forrest, Goodrich Brame. Back row, Randolph Fortune, Janet Waters, Darlynne Hunter, Sandra Lamont, Richard Mitchell, Alan Forte, Jr. and James Carter Jr.

110 boys sent to Camp Francis Wood

Some 110 boys, ages 8 to 12, including counselors, left Monday for a week's free vacation at Camp Francis M. Wood, sponsored by the Eastside Community Committee, Inc.

Thirteen volunteer counselors donated their services.

They are: Alvin Harris, Gilbert Harris, William Hawkins, Bernard Jones, Wilbert Hemby, Lawson Johnson, Floyd Barnett, Jerome West, Bernard Barnett, James Burris and Robert Butts, James Jacobs.

Edgar Stanely is in charge of music and James Matthews will coach athletics.

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WILLIAM S. TAYLOR and Officer Walter S. Lewis are acting as Camp Directors.

On Sunday, June 26, parents and friends are invited to the Camp during "Open House" and will be served refreshments.

Play periods for the boys will consist of swimming, hiking, soft ball, touch-football, water polo, basketball, volley ball, table tennis and quiet games.

Baltimore Afro-American
SCHOOL PAGE
JAMES WILLIAMS, School Reporter

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14 Bates Hi grads win scholarships

ANNAPOLIS—Fourteen Bates High School graduates received scholarship awards ranging from $100 to $300, it was announced by school officials last week.

Agnes Wiseman received the $150 scholarship from the Anne Arundel County Teachers Association, along with the $200 Morgan State College Trustee Scholarship and a work grant of $200.

Mary Jackson also walked away with three awards: a $300 Morgan scholarship, a $300 work shop grant and $100 from the Alpha Mu Chapter of the Phi Delta Kappa Sorority.

Rosalie Richardson received a $250 work grant from Morgan College and $100 from the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. Sylvia Randall received $200 from the Hampton Institute and $100 from the Ancient City Lodge No. 175 and Pride of Temple No. 76 IBPOE of W.

Margaret Brown, class valedictorian, received scholarship awards of $250 to Elizabeth College, Elizabethtown, Pa. and a $150 grant from the Gamma Omicron Sigma Chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

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ADDITIONAL scholarship awards to Morgan College were: $300 to Louis Boston, Delbert Williams, $200 and Jerome Brown, $150. Work grants were issued to Rosalie Kess, $150; Agnes Sembley, $144, and Mauricio Tubaya, $225.

The only other awards were those of Wysonia Moreno, $250, with George Gaither receiving a $150 scholarship to Lincoln University, and Charles Clay $110 from the Delta Omicron Lambda Chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., at Princess Anne.

The Asbury Church gave $50 awards to Margaret Brown, Walter Nick, Rosalee Richardson, and Phillips Episcopal Church presenting awards of $30 to Vivian Hicks, Ruby Hicks, and Dana Brown.

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OTHER AWARDS for outstanding services throughout the school year were won by Geraldine Hicks, Franklin Hunt, Margaret Brown, James Baden, Louis Boston, Wysonia Moreno and Shirley Larkin, Mary Jackson, John Abel, George Gaither, Delbert Williams, Julia Bickham and Sandra Thompson, Ellen Pettigrew, Aliceteen Brown;

Odaris Johnson, Joseph Spriggs, Norman Randall, Claribourne Johnson, Eugene Byrd, Pauline Duckett, Lois Isaacs, John Brown, John L. Butler, Joseph Foote, Paul Holland, William Jones, Caralis Kimbrue, Leon Wallace, Goldie Ennis, Mary A. Jones, Shirley McGowan, Rosalee Richardson, Robert Green, Edward Monroe, Leon Jones, J. B. Johnson, Doris Crutchfield, Charles Simms;

Woodrow Ladner, Lavonne Barbour, Gracia Smith, Valerie Williams, Samuel Williams, Clarence Pettigrew, Carrolton Green, Cherron Pindell, Jean Amin, George Gaither, and Burma Smith.

The John Trockenbrot awards for excellence were given to George Gaither, mathematics; Yvonne Brown, scholastic spirit; James Beans, biology; Erkguard Mabell, English; Betty Hayes, stenography; Leola Moreland, home economics Jerome Johnson, mechanical drawing; Delbert Williams, art; Ronald Huff, dramatics, and John Bryan, band.

HOPKINS GRADUATE — William Brown, class valedictorian in N. Calhoun St. was awarded a bachelor of engineering degree from Johns Hopkins University recently. He will work for RCA in Camden, N.J. and participate in their design and development training program.

Henry Garnet School stages operetta based on 'Conrad's Magic Flight'

Teachers and pupils of Henry Highland Garnet School No. 103 recently presented an original operetta, based on the book "Conrad's Magic Flight," by Gertrude Kimsella.

The school PTA, under the leadership of Mrs. Josephine Johnson, assisted in the school-wide project. Principal of the school is Mrs. Beatrice T. Rawlings. Mrs. Geraldine B. Powell is general chairman; Mrs. Weida F. Alston is music teacher.

The lead roles in the operetta were played by the following pupils:

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HERMAN WATSON, James Mackay, Brenda Lane, Barbara Jones, James Scott, William Moore, Tamara Jones, Norma Carroll, Cecelia Chatman, Elverria Wilson, Leroy Williams, Stokely, William Beverly, Kenneth Jackson, William Gibson, Thurmond Williams, John Watson, Michael Weaver, Leroy Scott, Robert Walton, James Young and Lawrence Coleman.

Teachers who took part in the presentation included: Mrs. Alease Clark, Mrs. Lynch, Mrs. Irma Gilmore, Mrs. Frances Wooten, Mrs. R. C. Brooks, Mrs. J. E. Sheridan, Mrs. J. Morton, Richard Armstead, Mrs. Mildred Parrott, Miss Betty Jackson.

Also, Mrs. M. H. Newsome, Mrs. Smallwood, Mrs. Rice, Miss Beverly, Mrs. Ella Bell, Miss R. L. Russell, Mrs. Hagan and Miss Malin Pulsy from the various classes who took part were:

Andrea Gilmore, Glonia Bennett, Janeta Bagwell, Panajuna Tyler, Carolyn Sheridan, Patricia Summers, Irvina Whittico, Sharon Withers, Alecia Brooks, Judy Tyler, Sheila Matthews, Carolyn Smith.

Charlene Jordan, Tondaleon Lentz, William Gaines, Ernestine Resvis, Andrea Bartee, Geraldine Haynie, Yvonne Lanard, Romaine Logan;

Horace Staples, LeRoy Williams, William Smith, Jacqueline Lanney, Jacqueline Garnett, Geraldine Burnside, Randolph Willis, Mary Norris, Judith Sessoms, Alice Cooper, Barbara M. Jones, William Byrd, Judith Yates, Mary Ringgold, Linda Robinson, Edward Copeland, Lonzy Smith, Ernestine White, Charles Racks, Marsha Mallory.

Alice Cooper, Eleanor Peters, Jacqueline Garnett, Leroy Scott, Alfred Snowden, Brenda Brown, Barbara M. Jones;

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MYRA COFIELD Barbara Taylor, Beverly Jones, Barbara Meyers, Emma Justice, Bernadette Fallin, Alicia Bynum, Tamara Jones, James Mackey, Kenneth Jessup, Claude Langston, Freddie Gamble, Alfred Braxton, William Lansey, Gwendolyn Tilmann.

Carol Tilghman, Everis Wilson, Larry Pollard, Cheryl Jackson, Trazana Beverly, Mary Wigfall, George Mooney, Paulette Lentz, Gerald Cooper, Joan Bigby, Annie Lee Carroll, William Crane, Barbara Thompson, Ronald Temple, Joan Ross, Dolores Lloyd, Johnny Cooper, Yvonne Henry, Allen Bullock, Alice Hall Jones, Amy Barksdale, Sylvester Smith;

Jeanne Dougherty, Yvonne Faison, Roberta Pollard, Angela Peck, Milburn Taylor, Chiquita Brown, Thomasine Mitchell, Dolly Conyer, Helen Henlett, Patricia Grinnell, Gwendolyn Tates, Bernadette Thompson, Jeanette Grant, Michael Weaver, Walter McCloud, George Holman, Eric Sheridan, Sylvester Stokes;

Cynthia Briscoe, Sheila Biddle, Andrea Hill, John Watson, James Shearn, George Peck, Ernestine Jones, Margaret Braxton, Margaret Moore, Mary Young;

Brenda Cooper, Leroy Bess, Bailey, Lawrence Coleman, Michael Cecil Chapman, Ursula Stewart, Edwina Watkins, Carolyn Caldwell, Joe A. Haynie, Lynn Caldwell, Ricardo Tilghman, Ellena Clough, Laurence Robertson, Elmira Fowlkes, Harper Brown, Ruth Jones, Lester Langston, Mary Dixon, Ella Bell, Sandra Glenn.

Sandra Glenn, George Aldridge, Charlestina Pearsy, Nelson Copeland, Elis Decatur, Gwendolyn Caldwell, Patricia Berry William Bundy, Carolyn Dobson, Gareth Brown, William Carter, Hayward Byrd, Carlene Brown, William Beverley, Angelita Jones, Betty A. Dawson;

Patricia Harrell, Demetria Jones, Cheryl Franze, Jacqueline Wallington, Jane Cook, Barbara Williams, Clarence Digger, Cynthia Brown, Robert Walton, Ann Wilman;

Edgar Allen, Elmer Brown, Robert Carter, Sylvia Garnet, George Pines; Michael Pullen, Leroy Robinson, Richard Scott, Russell Thomas, Elwood Toliver, Sandra Allen, Beverly Brown, Lorraine Carving, Marsina Day, Lydia Green, Lillian Hewlett, Joan Jones, Marie Lloyd, Patricia Moore, Linder Myers, Paula Skinner, Jacqueline Smith, Blanche Brown, Carol Wright, Mary Fee, Helen Hambridge;

Victor France, Carroll Woodford, Arkley ohnson, Howard Jessoine Grant, Michael Weaver, Marjorie Chapman, Sandia White, Joan Sessoms, Paulette Thomas, Patricia Kyler, Patricia Scott, Winona Spence, Carita Williams, Odessa Williams, Rebekah Wilkins.

George Johnson, Eileen Bynum, Irene Bynum, Brenda Tates, Barbara Banks, Francine Turner, Arlene France, Vivian Hankins, Lorenda Marshall, Rita Harding, Elaine Garnett, Bernavia Edwards, Thomas Lanney, Russell Gross, Joseph White, Laura Tilghman, Rita DeCastor, Betty Hawkins, Shea Hurt Sandra Bomar, Dimaggio Moody, Beverly Henderson, Shirley White;

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Jollyette Palmer, James Murrill, John Spriggs, Joyce Lyles, Veronica McCullough, Gregory Tillman, Tyrone Harding, Oscar Tillman, Wilbert Bevans, Cornell Crawford, Bernard Bynum, Beverly Smith, Angela Lanney, Alvin Clarke;

Laura Benson, Dolly Lawson, Faye Pines, Inez Mayo, Marie Thomas, Dejores Lyles, Wanetah Wilkins, Karen Long.

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Barbara J. Smith, Martina Norton, Brenda Clarke, Edward Stoops, Thurman Williams, Brenda J. Lane, Jacqueline Middleton and James Walker.

28 Coleridge pupils hold closing day exercises

Twenty-eight certificates were presented when the occupational division of Samuel Coleridge Taylor School No. 122 held its closing exercises recently.

The certificates were presented by Dr. Charles W. Sylvester, assistant superintendent of vocational education.

Other honored guests were Mrs. Alfreda J. Pinkney, vice principal of School No. 130, who was the main speaker; Miss Nellie Buckey, supervisor of home economics; her assistant, Mrs. McFarrin; Miss Dukye Wood, Miss Alda Jackson, music supervisors, and Mr. Walker Shields, coordinator.

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THROUGH an original choral recitation by Mrs. Elsie T. Dotson, the class introduced a group of pupils from General vocational School No. 452, who told of the opportunities offered in their school.

They were under the direction of their guidance counselor, Mrs. Zelma W. Harris.

Music was furnished by the class and choir, directed by Mr. James Gaskins.

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MEMBERS of the class were: Lillian Haywood, Catherine Hatfield, Georgianna Hicks, Louise Riley, Angela Chester, Annie R. Williams, Rose M. White, Willie Mae Willmore, Barbara Carter;

Roselene Ball, Katie Besick, Joyce Besick, Elizabeth Paige, Helen Cardwell, Sylvia Brooks, Ardella Livers, Sarah Fields, Vionus Morse, Alphonso Jefferson, Bernard Robinson;

William Hemmond, Thomas Batty, Wardell Johnson, Linwood Wyche, Robert Brooks and Jerome Brown.

The principal is Charles W. Jones and vice principal, Mrs. Amy H. Weaver.

Cabaret Party at Snarrow's Beach
VI BURNSIDE
A Night Beach Cabaret Party, featuring Vi Burnside and Eugene Johnson and his Progressive Bop, will be held at Sparrow's Beach on Saturday, June 25.
A Battle of Shake Dancers, with Peggy and Barbara Shorter, will also be a part of the entertainment.
On Sunday Red Prysock and his orchestra will provide the music at the Annapolis playground. Prysock was formerly featured with the Tiny Bradshaw Orchestra.

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Chi Eta Phi plans boule at Hampton

WASHINGTON — Hampton Institute will be the scene of the tenth annual boule of Chi Eta Phi sorority, June 22-26.

The sorority is a national organization of registered professional nurses. In Washington, its charitable activities have included aid to the underprivileged and sponsorship of, health, education and guidance programs.

Business sessions and educational and social activities have been planned for the boule by the host chapter at Hampton.

The group will be welcomed to the Virginia town by Mayor Frank E. Mitchell and the Hampton Institute by President Alonzo F. Moron.

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For truth and duty it is ever the fitting time; who waits until circumstance completely favor his undertaking, will never accomplish anything.

— Martin Luther

Alexandria YWCA lags behind D.C.

- Mixed board administers dual set-up.
- Local custom shapes policy, director says

WASHINGTON

Despite an integrated staff and board of directors, the Alexandria YWCA is lagging far behind the District YW's in breaking down the barriers of race discrimination.

These activities are still held separately by the organization: teen-age gatherings, camping and dances. Occasionally, the adult class program is integrated.

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ACCORDING to Miss Augustus Roberts, executive director, the main emphasis is placed now with community attitudes in its integration program.

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"WE DO not believe integration can be forced." Miss Roberts said "it should be a natural development."

She stated that since the Alexandria YW was founded nine years ago, the "trend has been toward progress and gradual growth and development."

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MISS ROBERTS said the teen-age activities are conducted in separate buildings (one for white and one for colored) because of the segregated school system in the community.

"The Y sponsored teen-age activities originate in the schools," Miss Roberts said, "and as long as the schools are maintained separately, the affairs will naturally be separate."

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ALSO segregated are the summer day camps. The Cameron Street Y holds its camp at a church on Cameron Mills Rd. The Alfred Street camp (colored) is sponsored at the Alfred Street Building.

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MISS ROBERTS said the adult class program, which does not originate in the schools, is occasionally integrated.

"It depends on the demand," she stated.

She said little interest had been shown in the courses by non-whites. However, a bridge course, and a dancing class were taught at the Alfred Street branch last summer, she said.

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THE ALEXANDRIA Y maintains six adult craft pattern despite the fact that membership cards for both races are identical.

Miss Roberts said:

"A membership card does not designate Alfred and Cameron Street Centers. A member of the Y is a member of the Association and not of any particular branch."

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THE ALEXANDRIA YW has its central office on Cameron Street. The Alfred Street Center was formerly called the "Belmont Branch."

"We do not refer to the Alfred Street Center as the Bethune Branch anymore," Miss Roberts stated, "because we are trying to think in terms of being a complete unit without racial segregation."

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THE ALFRED STREET building is a converted residence. Its exterior is badly in need of repair. However, the interior of the building closely resembles that of the Cameron Street YW.

Both buildings are maintained by Community Chest and membership campaign funds contributed to by members of both races.

The Alexandria YW has no dormitories, or swimming pool. Of the total office staff of five persons, two are non-white.

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SERVING as secretary for both branches is Mrs. Thomas Major, whose office is located at the Cameron Street YW.

Mrs. Helen Whittington, Howard University School of Social Work, and Miss Myrtle Byrd, School of Religion, who are both graduate students, have been serving as part-time program directors for the Alfred Street Center.

During the fall, however, the two part-time directors will be replaced by a full-time non-white director.

A white program director is employed for the Cameron Street Center. The fifth staff member is the executive director, Miss Roberts.

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OF 28 persons on the board of directors, five are non-white. This includes two representatives of the Alfred Street Center operating committee.

The non-white regular board members who are serving three-year terms are Mesdames James Allen, George E. Weber, and Kenneth Barnes.

The two Alfred Street branch operating committee members serving one-year terms are Mesdames Noel Edwards and Lorraine Dunn.

Mrs. Roberts stated that there have been several occasions when both races were invited to hear speakers at the Central Building.

Gibbs student wins two scholarships

APPLING, Ga. — Miss Robertine Lampkin, 17, graduated recently, from the Gibbs High School, of which Mrs. Sarah Washington is principal, with the highest scholastic average and was awarded a $50 scholarship.

In a college educational contest among students in the Masonic districts by The Smooth Ashlar Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Ancient York Masons of Georgia for high school seniors, Miss Lampkin won the second scholarship, $200.

Miss Lampkin, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lampkin, will enter Paine College for the 1955-56 term where she expects to major in English.

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L. ROBERT BEST of Wake Forest, N.C., was among 112 graduates who received M.D. degrees from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University in the June commencement. Dr. Best will intern at the University of Rochester Medical Center, Rochester, N.Y. He is the son of Mrs. D. O. A. Best of Wake Forest and the late L. R. Best.

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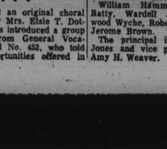
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