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Two win degrees at St. Johns College

ANNAPOLIS — Leo L. Simms of Annapolis and Everett Henry Wilson of Delmar, Md., were among the 16 graduates who received degrees at the 164th commencement exercises of historic St. Johns College Monday.

The exercises were conducted under the famed Liberty Tree on the St. Johns campus where early American settlers made peace with the Indians and Revolutionary patriots later held their meetings.

The principal speaker at the commencement exercises, Richard Scofield, a member of the faculty, told the graduates that they had been equipped with a gleaning of the "best that has been thought and said" in world literature.

St. Johns primary purpose, he said, is to teach its students formal discipline of the mind and the art and habit of thinking.

So equipped and so taught, he declared, "You know what good company is and will not be satisfied with anything less. You will not turn from the love of wisdom; from severity and disinterestedness to the shallow and mean. . . ."

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MR. SIMMS, one of the two colored graduates in the class, was chairman of Student Polity during his senior year, an office corresponding to president of the Student Government in differently organized colleges.

He is the son of Mrs. Mary Simms of 58 College Creek Ter., Annapolis, and is a graduate of Bates High School.

During his sophomore year he won a college blazer for outstanding college athletic achievement. He won a second blazer during his senior year for team participation.

Mr. Wilson also won a blazer for athletic achievement.

'I hoped and prayed he would live'

"I thought he was going to live. I hoped and prayed that he would. Now he's dead.

"He would have been nine tomorrow."

While making preparations to attend services for her son who died on June 3rd, two days after being struck by an automobile at Orleans and Forrest Sts., that was the comment made by Mrs. Rosa Plaata Flanagan of 200 Aisquith St., Tuesday.

Mother of six, the bereaved woman expressed a desire that a stop light be placed at the intersection where her son was fatally injured.

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A pupil at School No. 116 located across the street from his home in Lafayette Court, Lee Flanagan, 8 ,was struck by a car while en route to a neighborhood store. Taken to Mercy Hospital, he never regained consciousness.

As a result of his death, residents in the community have urged the Traffic Commissioner to install a signal light at the busy intersection.

In a letter sent to **Traffic Commissioner Henry A. Barnes William S. Taylor, coordinator for the Eastside Community Committee declared that "public sentiment in the community is high," as a result of the accident.**

In reply, Commissioner Barnes said that he has received several letters asking for a traffic light at the Orleans-Forrest intersection.

The letters cited the death of young Flanagan. Mr. Barnes told the AFRO:

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"WE ARE currently re-investigating the possibility of placing a light at the intersection. A prior investigation, based on the traffic volume, pedestrian crossings and speed conditions did not warrant our placing a light there.

"However, because of the letters, we are re-evaluating the situation. If we can get it approved, we will let the contract for its erection in July.

"Our problem is that we have requests for 500 light at crossings and only have the money for 100."

Funeral services for young Flanagan were conducted Wednesday afternoona at Waters AME Church.

The youth is survived by his mother and father Mr. and Mrs. Earl Flanagan; three brothers, Earl Jr., 7; Eugene, 3; and Glenn, 22 months; and three sisters, Jacqueline, 4; Patricia, 5; and Denise, 7 months.

Funeral arrangements were handled by the Wilson Funeral Home.

Alumni Council to study UNCF and integration

Questions affecting the enrollment of white students in colored member colleges of the United College Fund will be discussed Wednesday night at 8 p.m. at the meeting of the Inter-Alumni Council at Carver Vocational High School.

The Inter-Alumni Council, composed of alumni of the 31 colleges in the United College Fund Drive, is headed by Dr. Saul Purdue, Carver principal.

Speakers scheduled to appear at Wednesday night's meeting include Randall Tyson, Fund field director, and Dr. Horace Mann Bond, president of Lincoln University.

Among the questions to be answered are: Will colored colleges accept white students, will the charters of all of the colored colleges in the fund permit them to accept white students, and how many white students are presently enrolled in colored colleges?

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THE MEETING of the Council is in conjunction with the annual College Fund Drive which is being conducted throughout June.

The national chairman of this year's $2 million drive is Lee Bristol, Jr., president of Bristol-Myers Co. The general chairman of the Baltimore drive, which has a goal of $75,000, is Richard Turke, president of the Pennco Corp.

All alumni of Fund member colleges are urged to attend.

Call in those News Tips!

The time is getting ripe for someone to collect a nice, fat News Tip check. Again the top prize is three dollars — to the person who called in about the man who jumped off the Orleans Street Bridge.

Two persons are being awarded checks for $2 — they are the two who reported an alleged rape attempt in the 100 block of Montgomery St. and the one who gave substantial information on the Charles Street Ave. murder suspect.

The following News Tips won $1 awards: accident at Carey and Mulberry Sts., accident in Harlem Square and truck afire on vacant lot.

Youth completes gunners' school

BAINBRIDGE, Md. — Arthur Cooper Jr., of 710 Dolphin St., Baltimore is one of 18 seamen who completed the Class A Gunners Mate School of the Service School Command, here at the U.S. Naval Training Center recently.

Young Cooper is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cooper of the Dolphin St. address. He is 19 years old and a 1955 graduate of Bates High School in Annapolis.

Cooper

After spending a few weeks leave with his parents and relatives in Baltimore, young Cooper left for Camden, N.J., where he will be assigned to duty on one of the Navy's guided missiles vessels.

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Service to God'

By LEONARD WIDDESS

WASHINGTON

"When I was young, I wanted to be of service to God. It is a good . . . noble life."

This is what the Rev. Cyprian Davis, O.S.B. declared Sunday after he sang his first solemn high mass as a priest at St. Anthonys Catholic Church, 12th and Monroe Sts., NE.

The Rev. Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence W. Davis, 1613 Webster St., NW., is the first priest of his race to become a monk in the Benedictine Order at St. Meinraud Archabbey in Indiana.

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THE REV. Rev. Msgr. Henry F. Grabenstein is pastor of the church to which the Rev. Davis returned to celebrate his mass.

A 1948 graduate of Dunbar High School, Father Cyprian was ordained into the society by The Most Rev. Paul C. Schulter, Archbishop of Indianapolis, Indiana.

More than 1,000 persons, including many friends and relatives of the Davis family attended Sunday's mass.

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ATTIRED IN bright green vestments, Father Cyprian wore white which is the symbol of the society.

Officers of the Mass were The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Grabenstein, archpriest; the Rev. Eamon Carroll, O. Carmelite White Friars Hall, served as deacon. The Rev. Carleton Sage S. S. J. of St Mary Seminary of Baltimore, was sub-deacon.

Following the mass, Father Cyprian conducted communion for 75 worshippers. He retired to the church rectory after the services for breakfast with friends, relatives and associates.

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FATHER CYPRIAN attended Catholic University for two years before completing his studies at the Indiana monastery. His father is an instructor in physical education at Cardozo High School.

The Saint Benedictine order of which Father Davis is a member, originated during the sixth century. It has monasteries throughout the world.

The head monastery is at famed Monte Cassino, Italy which was bombed repeatedly during World War II.

FIRST HIGH MASS—Father Cyprian Davis, O.S.B. sings his first solemn mass Sunday at St. Anthonys Catholic Church. He was ordained a monk in the St. Benedict Order last month. The Rt. Rev. Henry F. Grabenstein, pastor, assists in the service. Father Cyprian is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence W. Davis, 1613 Webster St., NW.

Woman dies ten days after bearing 7th child

Less than two weeks after giving birth to a baby boy, Mrs. Annabelle Johnson, 40, 1038 North Wolfe St., died Monday of a heart attack.

On Friday, June 8, her **seventh child was born at Johns Hopkins Hospital. She was released from the hospital the following Monday; the baby remained at the hospital in an incubator.**

At home, she stayed abed until Sunday at 7 p.m. when she became seriously ill. She was rushed back to the hospital Sunday night. On Monday, she died.

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SHE WAS the wife of Louis Johnson, employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad. She had had no serious illness previously, her daughter said.

In addition to Mr. Johnson, she is survived by: four daughters, Mrs. Jean V. Burden, Miss Lorraine Butler, 17; Hilda, 7, and Beverly Johnson, 4;

Three sons, Carroll Butler, 20; Louis Johnson Jr., one year, and Curtis Johnson, two weeks; four grandchildren, Dennis, Degise and Tony Burdent and Veronica Thornton; and two sisters, Mesdames Eleanor Thornton and Eva Scott.

Funeral services were held Thursday at Faith Baptist Church where she had been a lifelong member. The Rev. Walter E. Paige delivered the eulogy. Burial was in Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

Magistrate to administer two estates

Magistrate Linwood Koger has been named to administer the estate of James G. Booker, who died here, April 14.

The estate, according to papers filed by Mr. Koger, consists of 10 pieces of household property and is valued at $10,000 Debts are listed at $3,000.

Mr. Booker's widow, Mrs. Florence Booker, of 415 N. Pine St., is the only survivor.

Mr. Booker was a well known business man of this city, having owned a trucking business which employed 15 men.

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AN INVENTORY filed in the estate of Stephen A. Brown showed his estate to be worth $5,032.

The estate is from property at 1317 N. Mulberry Street valued at $5,000 and a pick-up truck, $35.

Heirs to the estate are relatives in the British West Indies.

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MAGISTRATE KOGER will administrate the estate of Presley L. Carter, who died at his home, 550 W. Lanvale St. on March 9, 1955.

Survivors are a daughter, Miss Emily E. L. Carter of the Lanvale St. address; and a son, Howard B. Carter of 1412 Harlem Ave.

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Sixth graders visit Cathedral and learn of archbishops

Every School boy knows that catacombs were places where the early Christians were buried and live ones sometimes hid from oppressors in ancient Rome.

They were nothing more than a series of underground graves, cut in a wall, where the departed could rest safely and peacefully.

The sixth - grade boys and girls of the Edgar Allan Poe school learned Friday that in Baltimore eight archbishops are buried in the Cathedral at 408 N. Charles St.

These archbishops are buried in what might be called catacombs, except that they are above ground and they are securely locked. The Cathedral is sometimes called the 'Mother Church of America.'

It is the Minor Basilica of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. During the youngsters' tour of the Cathedral, they paused reverently in the crypt.

FATHER JOSEPH GALLAGHER, an attendant at the Cathedral, told them and James E. Campbell their teacher, about the eight archbishops buried therein.

The crypt, located under the main alter where mass is sung everyday, is a small, rectangular room about 20 x 10 ft. and apparently empty, except for a long prayer bench in the center resting on a green throw rug.

Along the marble walls are the Latin names of the archbishops buried there. Father Gallagher's voice echoed through the hollowness of the crypt as he translated the names.

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JOHN CARROLL, who died in 1815 was the first archbishop of America; Martin Spalding; Francis Kenrick; Samuel Eccleston; Ambrose Marechal; James Whitfield.

James Cardinal Gibbons, interred in 1921 and the most famous of American archbishops; and the most recent, Michael Joseph Curley, buried there in 1947.

This usally dark shrine, can be lighted by a single electric lamp suspended from the low ceiling. A simple iron gate locks the crypt from the outside.

Priests and visitors alike come here, at times, for quiet prayer. The austere simplicity of the crypt is in marked contrast to the radiant beauty of the main altar immediately above it.

"THE MAIN part of any Catholic Church is its altar," Father Gallagher explained upstairs in the main Cathedral.

"The altar consists of a plain table on which there are seven candles and a gold cross rising above them.

"The red curtain in the center surrounds the tabernacle where the priest puts consecrated bread for mass," Father Gallagher continued.

On either side of the altar could be seen a candlebra with seven white candles. A carved wood canopy hangs over it.

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WHEN THE EYES of some of the children wandered to a large red and yellow umbrella and a tall, mysterious - looking bell at the right and left of the sanctuary and to the numerous candles flickering beneath them, Father Gallagher said:

"These are signs that this is a basilica, that this church has been given an honorary title from the Bishop of Rome.

"Only six or seven churches in America have been so honored. The candles represent the prayers of people who have prayed here."

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THE YOUNG visitors listened wide-eyed as Father Gallagher told of the four continental boxes there, which Catholics go to confess their sins.

They viewed with awe the series of blue stained glass windows, with tinges of red and green, depicting religious scenes and bearing small likenesses of the eight archbishops buried there.

It was time to go now, but looking up in the middle of the dome some of the children were able to read:

"One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism, the house of God, which is the Church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the Truth."

Father Gallagher led his little parish out to the spacious grounds, where on the corner of Charles and Mulberry Streets they saw a gigantic elm tree more than 100 years old.

POE SCHOOL PUPILS VISIT CATHEDRAL—Four sixth grade pupils from Poe School kneel in the crypt as Father Joseph Gallagher, an attendant at the Cathedral, pauses in his explanations of the history of the Cathedral and the stories of Baltimore's eight archbishops buried there. The pupils are, left to right, Betty Richbury, 1500 block Lexington St.; Thomas Burton, 1700 block Cairo St.; Ronald Roberson; 1700 block Lanvale St.; and Anna Carter, 1600 block Saratoga St. All are 11 years old. At the far right can be seen the tomb of Father Michael Joseph Curley, entombed in 1947.

—Triplets are one

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and this year things have changed quite a bit.

The fathers of the triplets are regularly employed, the families have moved to new homes, and the future seems bright.

When the Pugh triplets were born they weighed in at the following figures: Diane, 5 pounds three ounces; David, 5 pounds 15½ ounces; Debra, 6 pounds.

Now the weights read; Diane 19 pounds 7 ounces; David, 21 pounds 6 ounces; Debra, 19 pounds 6 ounces.

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SHORTLY AFTER the triplets arrived in town, the Pugh family moved from their home at 914 Coppin Ct., to the attractive home they now occupy.

As far as the triplets are concerned, this is how Mrs. Pugh describes their personalities;

"David is quiet and likes to play by himself. Diane is also quiet but she follows Debbie who is the leader. Debbie was the one to walk first, and the one to teeth first."

As far as the teeth are concerned, a census shows David has eight, Debbie five and Diane with four.

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"THEY ARE very healthy babies," said Mrs. Pugh, with a wide smile of pride," and they are good babies.

The father, Adolphus Pugh, is now employed by the City in the Department of Sanitation.

Rounding out the rest of the family are Pamela, 2; Candace, 4; Wesley, 5, and Phillip, 7.

As far as Mrs. Pugh is concerned, she views the future this way:

"We will do the best we can do for all of our children."

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NOT FAR from the Pugh family, live Mr. and Mrs. George Mack, with their triplets, Arthur, Benjamin, and Alfred, and four other youngsters, Nathaniel, 6; Carolyn, 4; Betty, 3, and Diane, just one month old.

When the triplets were born last year, the Mack family was living in the 500 block Fulton Ave., but they moved shortly thereafter to heir neat home in Cherry Hill.

Mr. Mack found a job several months after the arrival of the children, according to his wife, and is now employed regularly at a local trousers' factory.

"They keep me busy but I love it," is the way Mrs. Mack sums up life in her household.

Both mothers are very happy with the families; but as Mrs. Pugh points out:

"I've gotten over the shock but I wouldn't like for it to happen again."

MACK TRIPLETS THEN—When these triplets were born to Mrs. Alice Mack last June in City Hospitals, this is how they looked. The child in the incubator is Benjamin. His brothers are Arthur (left) and Alfred.

PUGH TRIPLETS THEN — Held by their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adolphus Pugh, this trio of youngsters was counted among the city's newest arrivals when this picture was taken last year.

MACK TRIPLETS NOW—One year later, and this is how the Mack triplets look today. They are, Arthur, Benjamin, and Alfred. The family now lives in Cherry Hill at 3318 Cherry Lane Rd. The brothers are all members in good standing of the NAACP.

PUGH TRIPLETS NOW — Celebrating their first birthday, these are the Pugh triplets as they look today. They are from left to right: Diane, David, and Barbara.

Republican Viewpoint

By HARRY A. COLE

There are several significant developments which should be reported at this time.

First, the Tydings-D'Alesandro faction have been in power in Maryland for over 40 years, but it was not until the Mahoney faction took over the control of the State Democratic party that colored Democrats were recognized as qualified to be delegates of any class to the National Committee.

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THIS TIME it was Mahoney who insisted that Robert B. Watts and Lloyd Randolph be alternates to the Democratic National Convention.

Of course, the Republicans have been recognizing the qualifications of all its party members for years and sending not only alternates but full delegates to the convention.

This time the Republicans have named Donald Boyce, Charles Cornish, and Senator Harry A. Cole as full delegates; they have also named Augustus Knox, William Turks, and Dr. John C. Woodland as alternates.

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among the Republicans there **IT IS** worthy of note that should be more delegates but the fact that there are not is due to their own failure to organize in this effort.

The Democrats have heretofore looked upon their colored compatriots with complete disdain.

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SECONDLY, IT is of equal import that the two leading aspirants for President of these United States have used the civil rights issue as a political football.

This is unforgivable, for the matter of civil rights goes to the very core of democracy. Its recognition presupposes that regard for human dignity which founds the American way, in theory, at least.

To treat it lightly as a means of telling people what they want to hear can not be condoned.

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PRESIDENT EISENHOWER is to be congratulated for his stand on this issue. He has admonished his staff to publicize only the facts as to what his administration has done—not to cast it about as a matter of trivial importance. To do so is to provide a fair basis of evaluation—performance as opposed to empty promises.

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FINALLY, IT is regrettable that more persons do not aspire to further their education. So few are the persons who apply for colleges other than Morgan State College.

I know that it is a natural phenomenon to be gregarious and no apology, for associating with persons who place one at ease is necessary.

However, in the matter of education many of our youths are missing a good opportunity by not "wanting" to go to the University of Maryland, St. John's College, Peabody Institute, St. Mary's Seminary, Johns Hopkins, University, Western Maryland, Hood College, West Nottingham Academy, Washington College and Goucher.

It may be helpful to realize that there are two ways to interrate — the mountain may come to Mohamed and Mohamed may go to the mountain.

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Democratic Viewpoint

By ROBERT B. WATTS

During the summer months the main concern of most politically minded people is the conventions of both parties. The Republicans meet in California and the Democrats meet in Chicago. As things stand now, the Democratic convention will produce the fireworks.

It is pretty clear that the **Republicans will nominate Eisenhower, his recent illness notwithstanding.** Vice President Nixon will in all probability be this running mate, although we might have a battle on that score.

The Democrats, on the other hand, have several men they must choose among as well as deciding the issue of so called extreme liberalism versus so called moderation, both hot issues.

As things stand now, Mr. Stevenson seems to be the favorite but he is far from clinching the nomination. The entrance of Harriman into the race might bring on a very bitter intra-party fight.

We cannot overlook such outstanding men as Kefauver, Governor Lausche of Ohio and Lyndon Johnson of Texas, and several lesser dark horses with favorite son ballots in their hip pockets.

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THE THING THAT concerns me, however, is this fight to determine concept and technique. Many in the party want the Democrats to tone down on such items as civil rights and labor legislation.

These people reason that Ike's victory can be traced to the fact the country wanted a conservative President.

Others in the party such as Harriman, Humphrey, Lehman, and young Franklin Roosevelt, insist that only by a strong liberal approach to all issues can the Democratic party hope to shake the country loose from the grip of Eisenhower popularity.

I feel that the liberals in the party are right. We must repudiate the Eastlands in the party and the conservatives and like Truman in 1948, take our case directly to the people.

We must talk in terms of jobs, the rights of minorities, the sudden disclosures which show that big business is running the government, the chicanery of the President in hiding behind the errors of his appointees, etc.

The 'give 'em hell' Truman type of campaign will awaken the people to the realization that behind the President's popularity, their is a government badly in need of new liberal, democratic blood of the New Deal-Fair Deal variety.

We need more of the programs as sponsored by the late Presidents Roosevelt and Harry S. Truman.

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IN TAKING our case to the people we must repudiate Eastland and his brand of backwoods politics. We must take those southern states which are willing to stay with the party and ignore those who would put States Rights above the welfare of the party and the country. This ideal of trying to convince one and all that there is unity in the party is a lot of bologna.

We cannot think for a minute that we can fool the people into believing one thing in the North and something altogether different in the south.

Our party platform will no doubt be unequivocal on civil rights and both North and South we should back that pillaform.

A two-faced party is doomed to defeat. Only by an honest approach, dedicated to the principals as set forth in the platform will appeal to the majority of the American people.

Coming Events

JUNE 15, 16 and 17

Jehovah's Witnesses will hold a semi-annual convention at the Coliseum, 220 N. Monroe St. L. L. Roper, Middle Atlantic States District supervisor, will speak.

JUNE 18

Pupils of Mrs. Alma J. Caswell, piano teacher, will present a recital at Payne Memorial AME Church, Madison Ave. and Laurens St., at 8:15 p.m.

JUNE 22

The monthly meeting of the Baltimore branch of the National Alliance of Postal Employees at the Druid Hill Ave. YMCA, 4 p.m.

Clean Block campaign opens.

JUNE 22 - 30

4-H Club Week at Maryland State College at Princess Anne.

JUNE 23

A musical tea will be held by Les Troubadors Social Club at the Madison Ave. branch of the YWCA at 6 p.m.

YWCA Notes

Mrs. Edward J. Fisher, chairman of the Madison Avenue Branch YWCA Committee for Teen Age program, announces plans for a full summer program for girls ten through fourteen.

Two types of camping will be offered; Camp Laughing Waters, a day camp, will begin on Monday, June 25. The spacious grounds surrounding the Mansion House at Gwynns Falls Park and the indoor facilities of the Central and Madison Avenue YWCA will be used for this camping program.

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CAMP WANDER WITHUS a living-in camping opportunity for girls will be held at Camp Druid Hill the YMCA camp site August 20 through August 25.

Many community organizations have indicated their interest in the YWCA camping program by donating campership.

Included in these organizations are the Annie S. Banks Chapter No. 42, Order of the Eastern Star, Mrs. Lillian Gordon Worthy Matron; Lambda Kappa Mu Sorority, Mrs. Ida B. Wroten, Basileus, Zeta Phi Beta Sorety, Mrs. Beatrice A. Mayo, Basileus; the Gay Nineteeners, Miss A. Dukye Woode, President; The Stork Club, Mrs. Irene Templeton, President; The National Business and Professional Club, Miss Margaret Johnson, president.

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ENROLLMENTS ARE now being accepted. Girls interested in attending camp should plan to register early.

Additional information may be secured from Miss Mary L. Allen, registrar at the Madison Avenue Branch YWCA or Mrs. Margarete B. Baker, registrar at the Central Branch YWCA.