

## Six New Students Are Enrolled

By Elinor Collins

State's student body increased by six at the beginning of the second semester.

Four entrants, having completed assignments for their country, have returned to continue their education at "State".

Entering the Senior Class were Sidney Sheppard, William Frierson and James Waters. From Salisbury High School come Herbert Mitchell and Merrill West as freshmen.

It is interesting to know some of the experiences of the "Vets", the positions they held in the service, and the many places to which they were privileged to travel.

Sidney Sheppard who was in the service 39 months became a lieutenant. He spent 30 months in the United States and nine in China, Burma and India.

King Anderson became a corporal during his service of 16 months. He was in the States seven months and was stationed in Korea nine months.

William Frierson was an air crew member and saw service with the 10th ACRS, 5th Air Force. He served 22 months seeing service in Netherland East Indies, China, Burma, India, Japan, Marshall Islands, Caroline Islands, and the Hawaiian Islands.

James Waters, who stayed in the armed forces 35 months, participated in the Normandy invasion. He was transferred back to the United States for six months of advanced training at which time he became a sergeant. He later spent six months in the Pacific theater.

## POET SPEAKS TO NEGRO LITERATURE CLASS

Miss Charlotte E. Hunter, our talented neighbor, talked to the Negro Literature Class and read several of her poems during the study of woman poets.

Miss Hunter recalled that her first effort dates back to 1884 when her poem was selected for the class song at the Teachers Training School in Washington.

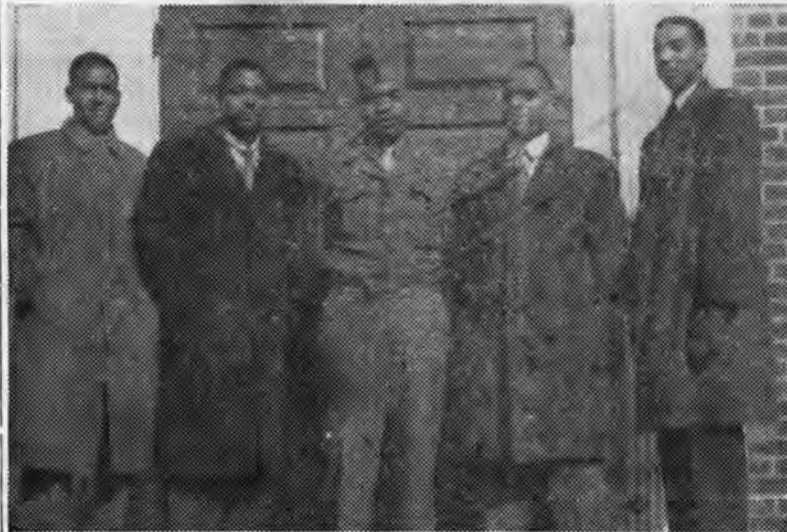
She was a guest of honor at the New York World's Fair during Poetry Week.

Two copies of her book, "Birds of Passage," may be found in the Library of Congress and three in our college library.

The poems read included "Out of the Depths," "Twilight," "Kinship," "Snowstorms" and "The Oak's Treasure."

Concerning her poems she said,  
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## Increase Campus Male Population



In the usual order: Merrill West, Herbert Mitchell, King Anderson, James Waters and Sydney Sheppard.

## State Officials Speak

By L. Dolores Ghent

Dr. Fontaine, dean of high school supervisors of Maryland, spoke to the juniors and seniors in the library on March 27, emphasizing the six-three-three plan recently set up in the State.

Dr. Fontaine stressed the problems of the teacher in dealing with children of junior high school age, prefacing his remarks with the statement that the major consideration is to teach the child

## NEGRO HISTORY WEEK

By Marian Bankins

From February 9th to the 14th we observed Negro History Week. The Junior Class gave a chapel program that was centered around the outstanding Negroes in the fields of music, sports and literature. The male quartet sang several of our Negro spirituals and folk songs. Ilean Jones sang "Blues in the Night" and Evelyn Roberts read several of our best poems.

A frieze made of pictures of famous Negroes was placed in the hall of the Administration Building.

To bring our observance to a close, the Junior Class gave a quiz on Negroes of yesterday and today. Priscilla Smith was Dr. I. Q. and had as her assistants Mary Powell, Evelyn Ridgley and Zilphia Presberry. All questions answered correctly brought cash prizes and at the end of the program a "Jack Pot" question was asked.

The person with the nearest correct answer was paid one dollar plus all money from unanswered questions. Lola Sterling was the winner of the prize.

rather than subject matter.

The speaker pointed out (1) that junior high children are in the early adolescent period and that this is the "gang age" period; (2) that this is the period in which the child wants freedom from family ties but does not want to sever ties completely, thus he looks to the teacher as a source for guidance; (3) that in this period the interest span of the child is very brief and (4) that these adolescents are hero worshippers.

Dr. Fontaine stated further that while each child is different from every other child individually, there are certain behavior traits that are common to all children of junior high school age.

Supervisor Huffington, who accompanied Dr. Fontaine, was interested in the localities in which the seniors wish to teach and gave them instructions concerning the proper approach for securing a position in the counties in which they are interested.

## STUDENTS ATTEND CONFERENCE

By Aurelia Mack

Ruth Conway, junior, and Marion Bankins, sophomore, were elected by the student body to represent "State" at the Eastern States Association's annual three-day conference of Professional Schools for Teachers in New York City, March 20-22 at the Hotel Commodore.

Mrs. Mary W. Law, instructor in English and industrial arts, accompanied the delegates.

Each of the students delivered a ten minute address. Miss Conway discussed "East Meets West" while Miss Bankins spoke on the subject, "Cultural Cooperation and World Organization."

## Malone and Taylor Begin Careers

Ralph (Pat) Malone, having completed his requirements here January 24th, is now in charge of the Physical Education Department and teaches the eighth grade at Oxon Hill, Prince George's County.

Pat, who was editor-in-chief of the EYE, will be remembered for his outstanding athletic ability and his participation in other campus activities.

Leon Taylor also completed requirements for the B. S. degree on January 24th. He is now teaching the primary grades at Centerville, Queen Anne's County.

Our campus will not seem the same without the jolly remarks of Mr. Taylor.

To Pat and Mr. Taylor, we wish the best of luck, happiness and success.

## THE AFTERMATH OF FIRE!



Mr. Stanford, campus photographer, took this picture of a section of the third floor of Tubman Hall, depicting the extent of the damage wrought by the fire.

## Library Remodeling Completed

By Pennington Mason

After having been without the services of the school library for approximately three months, the students at State point with pride to the beauty and spaciousness of the remodeled library that opened March 27.

Just before the Christmas holiday the carpenters, masons and electricians started tearing down and remodeling, simultaneously, what had formerly been the school gymnasium, auditorium and library all in one.

President Henry had worked doggedly in securing an appropriation to make the library at least meet the requirements necessary for a satisfactory rating of the school.

The workers have certainly made a complete transformation in the building. The reading room with its arched door, paneled walls, indirect lighting, sound-proof ceiling, and tiled sound-proof floors is both beautiful and comfortable.

The students at Bowie appreciate the fact that now, instead of having to study under crowded conditions, they have adequate library facilities.

## FIRE DAMAGE NEARS

\$20,000 MARK

The damage caused by the three alarm fire of undetermined origin which swept through the second and third floors of the old Harriet Tubman Hall on February 11 has been estimated to be about \$20,000.

The entire section formerly occupied by freshmen girls has been condemned. Bids are already out for repairs. In the meantime, the freshmen have been placed in rooms with upper classmen.

Discovered about 8:45 p.m. by Gertrude Jenkins, Junior College freshman, the fire had evidently been going on for sometime between the walls for it wasn't long after the alarm was sounded that dense smoke began pouring into the rooms.

The campus male population raced over in a matter of seconds with fire extinguishers and worked heroically until the Bowie Fire Department put in a quick appearance in response to Dr. Henry's call.

Ten additional fire companies from Prince George's County responded promptly to calls and played water, some from ladders,  
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### TEACHERS' SALARIES

For quite some time newspaper and magazine articles, and radio broadcasts, have been giving needed publicity to the inadequate salaries teachers receive.

As I see it, teachers are among the hardest working professional people, yet they have been placed in the lower paying brackets.

The average salary of a teacher is \$160 a month. With the cost of living constantly rising she spends around \$60 a month for board. Rooms, being hard to find, will cost about \$30 a month.

From the illustration, it can be supposed that the teacher spends more than half her check for room and board. She must use the remainder of her check to support her dependents, buy other necessary incidentals, and or traveling expenses, which in most cases creates a serious problem.

It is my opinion that teachers should receive an increase in salaries according to their classification and qualification. I shall place teachers in two classes: namely, the competent teacher and the clock teacher.

The competent teacher is one who will faithfully comply with five expectations. First of all, a good teacher is expected to relate knowledge to the best of her ability to the needs of the people concerned. Before she is able to do this she must first learn the pupil, then she will be able to successfully instill within the pupil that knowledge, those skills and attitudes which will be necessary for wholesome living.

Secondly, a good teacher will be expected to bring about a better pupil-teacher relationship making for a closer harmony, thus insuring that her work won't be in vain and causing her to reach her desired goal much more quickly.

In the third place, a good teacher is expected to take proper care of

### TYPICAL ROOM IN GIRLS' DORM SINCE FIRE



Rooms originally accommodating two girls now house three

her equipment and the building. She must teach the children to care for their books and other equipment that might be placed in her care. By doing this, maximum use will be acquired from the building and equipment and pupils will receive valuable lessons in citizenship.

Fourth, a good teacher will be expected to impress upon her pupils the importance of being able to work and live together. In doing this she should help pupils initiate and conduct experiences to show how people are dependent on one another, and how all must make a contribution to realize an objective.

Fifth, a good teacher will be expected to go out into the community and help solve the problems that concern her and the pupils. By working in the community she will be able to win over many friends; consequently her work will be more effective.

The clock teacher, on the other hand, thinks only in terms of receiving her check monthly. She goes to school daily putting in time rather than trying to help develop better future citizens.

It is mandatory that competent teachers receive much higher salaries than they are now receiving. It is to be hoped that all clock teachers develop a sensitivity to the demands of this noble profession and become worthy of whatever compensation they receive.

I have named only a few requisites expected of a good teacher. It can be expected that professional people, especially teachers, can never be fully paid for their services. The only reward that these public servants can hope to receive is being proud of their students in years to come, because they are doing outstanding work in their field and making worthy contributions towards making this the best of all possible worlds.

M.B.S.

### THIS IS COOPERATION

By Lola Mills

Doubtless have we ever witnessed a fine exhibition of that characteristic, cooperation, than was evident among us the night of the fire.

The young men joined the

young ladies and teachers in hurriedly snatching articles and gathering belongings in bundles to carry to safety.

Within a few hours, close to forty of us were deprived of living quarters. It was comforting to note how speedily and cheerfully offers were extended to the unfortunate to share rooms with the residents of Dormitories A and B.

And are the girls complaining because so many of them must live three in a room instead of the customary two? You bet your life they are not!

That's what I call COOPERATION!

### THE FIRE — In Retrospect

Fighting the fire that unexpected and unwelcomed arrival on our campus February 11, was no easy task. Nor was the safe evacuation of a hundred or more inhabitants of the girls' dormitory with all their belongings. The situation called for and received every bit of the collective resourcefulness of our president and his family, faculty, students, workers and firemen. It was a little short of miraculous that no one was hurt.

Congratulations are in order for the strictly businesslike manner in which everything was handled.

The eleven fire companies cannot be given too much praise for their prompt response to the alarms and the hard work put in getting the flames under control.

Especially are we proud of our student body. Confusion could have run rampant, but a few words here and a pat on the back there from cool-headed persons kept the situation under control.

The whole was a scene to be indelibly stamped on the mind of everyone present. — M.B.S.

### FIRE

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others from the interiors, for approximately three and a half hours before the stubborn blaze was conquered.

Hot coffee and sandwiches were served to all around midnight. It was 3:30 a.m. before everyone retired. Classes were resumed at 1 p.m., February 12.

### PRACTICE TEACHERS

#### GIVE VIEWS

By Maud Houston

Every senior class at Bowie has the opportunity to go to selected schools in Prince George's County to do their practice teaching.

The class of '47 having completed their practice teaching, are glad that they chose teaching as a profession. When asked, "What is your opinion of practice teaching?" their answers were:

*Evelyn Pritchett, Oakgrove Schools* "I have enjoyed my practice teaching. The greatest thrill that one can get from student teaching is to see the children accomplishing something."

*Lillian Ghent, Fietchertown* "I think it's fine. Being fond of children, I find them interesting to work with. I believe I am going to like teaching as a profession."

*Corinne Gregg, Bowies* "For me practice teaching has been full of many experiences. For the short time I have been acquainted with the profession, I see that we as future teachers have a task to do for the betterment of our race. I am willing to do my share."

*Aurelia Mack, Collington*: Practice teaching has been a wonderful experience. Being able to provide help in interpreting and enriching the child's experience and supervising his study has been at times exciting, disgusting and humorous."

*Gwendolyn Pritchett, Lincoln*: I like practice teaching. It is what you make it. The teachers are very cooperative; so are the children."

*Pennington Mason, Campus Demonstration School*: Practice teaching is a helpful experience for persons aspiring for the teaching profession. I have found it very pleasant."

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### IT WAS DONE

By Hytolia Roberts

What would you do if a fire suddenly appeared to rout you from the quiet tenor of your way? (Apologies to Gray).

The actions and emotions of some students on the occasion of the recent fire were incredible.

It was amazing to some and disgusting to others to see one young lady "make up" before leaving the building. Was she trying to resemble the red flames as much as possible?

"I tried and I tried my hardest to cry—that was the hard task for me," said one young lady. It was quite after the fire was under control when she tried to cry, mind you. We asked her why and this was her answer: "Blue makes me sigh and red makes me cry." We plan to give her the "blues" in the future.

I thought anyone could differentiate between going up and coming down. I can, but—one young gentleman was hastily moving a student's clothing from the third floor believing all the while he was on the ground floor. Suppose he had made one step from the ground from one of those windows.

Alone! Alone! She bore it all alone. She stood in the middle of the nearby cornfield with her head raised to the sky saying, "It's too much! Don't send Your Son, come Yourself."

Standing among a group of girls, one student said, "I think I'm blind; are my eyes visible?" The answer came as if out of nowhere, "I don't know whether your eyes are visible or not but you just told me. "That's my 'Pep-si' I left in the window."

May I ask, WHO TYPED WHILE BOWIE BURNED? Well, that I leave as the \$64 question. IT WAS DONE because on the following day one class was really "on the ball."

We sincerely hope that the students will "get off the ball" before another fire.

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JUNIOR JOTTINGS

The members of the Junior Class sponsored a Negro History program on February 7th during the assembly hour. Negroes in various fields were discussed. The "Bowie Harmonizers" (Pennington Mason, Arthur Neal, William Grace, Mack Simpson and Jean Jones) appeared in musical selections. Mr. Young was faculty advisor.

The class is proud to send Ruth Conway, one of the two Bowie representatives, to the meeting of The Eastern States Association in New York, March 20-22.

We are pleased to report that Blanche Robinson has returned to school after a period of illness. Ernest Black is said to be improving; the classes wish him a speedy recovery.

On February 14, Delores Hemsley went home with Marie McGrath who lives in East New Market. This was Delores' first visit to the Eastern Shore. Her impression? "It is quite different from the Western Shore and I imagine very pretty during the Spring, but I prefer the Western Shore." However, she says she enjoyed her week-end to the utmost.

Juniors sponsored a quiz program concerning Negro History in the recreation room on Friday, Feb. 21. Prizes were awarded to the contestants. Lola Sterling, freshman, was the lucky winner of the jackpot.

SENIORS ENTERTAIN

The Senior Class entertained the faculty and student body at "Club Collegiate" on Saturday, March 29th, in the college gymnasium.

Sydney Sheppard served in the capacity of emcee while John Butler acted as host and Nellie Garrison as hostess for the occasion.

The "Club" opened at 8:30 o'clock featuring Duke Simpson's Orchestra and the campus famous "Brown Splotches."

Further entertainment was provided by "Hut Horne," "Penny Eckstein," "Kilprety and Fry," and a line of dazzling Chorus Cuties.

Social dancing was in order.

EASTER THOUGHTS

Easter spells out beauty, the rare beauty of new life.—Gordon.

This is the wonder of the Resurrection: That things unvalued now reveal their worth.—Lucy Larcom.

This is the beauty of our Easter morning;

In Him humanity may now arise Out of the grave of self, all base-ness scoring.

—Lucy Larcom

"THE MOONSTONE" IS CLASS DRAMA

By Corinne Gregg

A mystery play in three acts, "The Moonstone," will be presented by the senior class during the latter part of May. Miss Josephine Brown, the class sponsor, is also play directress.

The cast consists of nine women and seven men. They are: Nellie Garrison, Amanda Cornish, Leoner Polk, Frances Roberts, Lillian Ghent, Gwendolyn Pritchett, Sylvia Wright, and Florence Nutter; Odyssey Gray, John Butler, Charles Williams, Morgan Jones, William Frierson, Sidney Sheppard, Pennington Mason, and Corinne Gregg.

The moonstone was once a beautiful diamond whose lustre changed with the waxing and waning of the moon. It is classified among the mystic jewels of India.

This jewel offers a means of revenge for a person who secures it from India. It is believed by the sister of the person that revenge against her will fall to her daughter through the use of this incredible moonstone.

EYE BALLIN'

The EYE sees ALL AND TELLS NOTHING.

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Nero fiddled while Rome burned, but who typed while Bowie burned?

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Who was the wrestling champion February 12, "Bowie Bull" or "Reliable Cab?"

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Fire was raging, everyone was fleeing except one lone freshman who stopped to freshen her make-up.

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All the members of the fair sex are out for the biggest catch of the year. Who is he girls? Ahem!

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Who was the coed that suffered a broken heart after a week of a broken engagement?

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Driver of a '46 Oldsmobile to his passengers: "Don't let me forget that I have to pick up two skirts before I get to town." P.S. He stopped at the Holland Dry Cleaning Establishment.

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Hungry student: "Do you have a heel?"

Chef: "Yes, I have two."

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SOPHOMORE SLANTS

By Maude Houston

Having passed the first semester, maybe not with flying colors, but passing anyway, the sophomores launched on another phase of their college journey.

In literature class, we have finished the Puritan Period in England and have started the corresponding one in America. Any sophomore can tell you who wrote the first book in America and give its revised title.

With History and Literature combined, we will really know something about America.

We have found astronomy an interesting phase of physical science. Maybe some members of our class will advance a better theory for the beginning of the Universe.

The sophomores are definitely becoming basketball players. Aren't we, Miss Stewart?

Our study of educational psychology will help us understand children.

A certain group of eight will be able to tell you all about European geography. Maybe the others can introduce you to education.

Our classmate, Thelma Jackson, has withdrawn because of illness.

OUR EDUCATED CAT

Who sits in a front seat in Negro literature class? Tommy Hawk. Who goes to the dining room at meal time? Tommy Hawk. Who goes to Chapel on Fridays and to Vespers on Sundays and sits among the speakers on the stage? None other than Tommy Hawk, the cat.

He never misses going to gym nor fails to strut across the floor in the middle of the game. He even goes to the Commissary every afternoon and tries to bum ice cream from everyone and when his favorite mtster, "Pat" Malone returns to the campus, the first to walk to him and sit upon his lap is Tommy Hawk.

Mr. Stanford can't take pictures without Tommy Hawk posing for his snapshot.

Of all the cats you've ever seen, Tommy Hawk tops them all.

CLASSWORK ON REELS

By Hytolia Roberts

Classes in biology, health, geography, industrial arts, literature, and physical education have been enriched and made more meaningful by the showing of the following motion pictures:

"Body Functions," "Eye, Ear, Teeth," "Interdependence of Living Things," "The Earth," "Rotation and Revolution," "The Moon," "ABC of Pottery," "Pottery Making," "Pueblo," "Puppet Making," "Julius Caesar," "Macbeth" and "Sound Waves and Their Sources,"

DEMONSTRATION

SCHOOL NEWS

Mrs. Craig, a teacher in the Demonstration school, attended the three day Child Study Conference, held here in January.

The students of the Demonstration school observed Negro History Week by studying the outstanding Negro historians.

They also worked diligently for a successful Valentine Party.

The 24th of January marked the end of the senior men's practice teaching period in the Demonstration school.

The tutors sponsored a Christmas program rendered by the Demonstration school. With Mason's direction, Simpson's accompaniment, and Hynson's and Malone's casting, they presented the play, "The Birth of Christ."

FRESHMEN PUSH

FORWARD

By Hytolia Roberts

At the beginning of the second semester two new students enrolled in the Freshman Class, both from Wicomico County.

The entire group is excited over the dissecting of worms, hogs and course.

Music appreciation is considered great by all of us. The hope of learning how to play a piano gives us all a desire to grasp all opportunities in the field of music.

Why does it snow today and why did it rain yesterday? Our geography class is giving us all the important factors and information for predicting and forecasting the weather.

Many of us are participating in the intramurals. We are hoping that our class will continue to push forward by following our motto of "Striving to seek, to find, and not to yield."

MISS PROUT'S POEM

SET TO MUSIC

Miss Edna M. Prout, librarian, has had her poem, "Hurry Home to My Heart," set to music by Lew Tobin. She has a tuneful recording of it that is a delight to hear. Pennington Mason, our favorite tenor, will sing it for the school before long.

Hurry Home to My Heart

By Edna M. Prout

Hurry, hurry home to me, Because my heart does miss you so. Hurry, hurry to my arms, They're so blue when lights are low.

Dearest, you left me so lonely and blue,

We have been ages apart.

Believe me, darling, I'm longing for you,

So hurry home to my heart.

We'll build a cottage all cozy and bright,

Lighted with love from the start, You'll keep it cheerful both day and night,

So I'll hurry home to your heart.

BOWIE BRIEFS

By L. Dolores Ghent

Gertrude Jenkins, freshman in the Junior College, made the front page of the Afro by virtue of having sounded the fire alarm on February 11 that brought almost the entire campus population out to fight the fire and help in evacuating the girls and teachers.

In all the excitement of that now cause celebre, no one was hurt. Two girls, however, suffered from nervous shock tension, but those on guard putting into practice their knowledge of first aid soon snapped the two out of it.

We are glad to have back with us Mrs. Coleman, dietician, who has been ill and has recently returned from Florida.

Ida Brown, freshman and Press Club member, has recovered from her illness and is back to studying again. We are glad to have you back, Ida.

Ella Jones has been called home on account of family illness. We hope you will be back soon, Ella.

Ernest Black, freshman and advertising manager of the Eye, and Eugene Johnson, freshman, are patients in the Freedman's Hospital, Washington. Black is recuperating from an attack of pleurisy and Johnson is recovering from an appendectomy.

We no longer have Mr. Johnson, fireman, and Mr. Stroud, night watchman, with us. Mr. Harris is our new night watchman, who hails from Baltimore. Our new farmer, Mr. Noah C. Taylor, is a nephew of our chef cook, Mr. Noah W. Taylor.

SENIOR HIGHLIGHTS

By Lucille Evans

The Senior Class is most delighted to welcome Sidney Sheppard, William Frierson and James Waters to its ranks. These young men entered the institution at the beginning of the second semester. They are all former students of "State" who have returned from the armed forces.

Now that the seniors have finished their practice teaching in the different practice centers, they have settled down to their daily classwork with much vigor and enthusiasm. It is interesting to note how the seniors have become easily adjusted again to the routine of being on the answering rather than the asking end of questions.

The instructors and the student body are proud of the way that the seniors are progressing in delivering their speeches on Sundays during the vesper hour.

One of the senior men, Ralph "Pat" Malone, is now teaching at Oxon Hill Elementary School.

