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July 1, 1955

To the Honorable Members  
Board of Recreation and Parks  
City of Baltimore, Maryland

Gentlemen:

It is with pleasure that I transmit herewith the Annual Report of the Department of Recreation and Parks for the year ending December 31, 1954.

Nineteen fifty-four has been another successful year for this Department. Many projects being both initiated and completed as set forth in Section III of this report. The completion of the Stadium which had been delayed was accomplished in time for the opening of Big League Baseball and the completion and opening of the Mammal House at the Zoo, along with the construction of a field house and wading pool at Morrell Park Playground were the highlights of the year.

In connection with the accomplishments of this Department, I would like to make reference to our Loan funds which made the greater part of this program possible. They will be found detailed on the following pages. It will be noted that \$10,500,000.00 was entrusted to us under Loans One and Two, practically all of which has now been appropriated. The Third Loan was in the amount of \$3,250,000.00 and in November of 1954, \$2,400,000.00 of the total authorized loan was presented to the voters and approved, of which \$875,710.00 was then placed in the 1955 Budget. This additional money has allowed us to place in the 1955 Budget many projects that were, while urgent, impossible for us to reach in the First and Second Loans, and as pointed out under the section "Looking Forward" will enable the Department to continue to bring much needed facilities to the people of Baltimore.

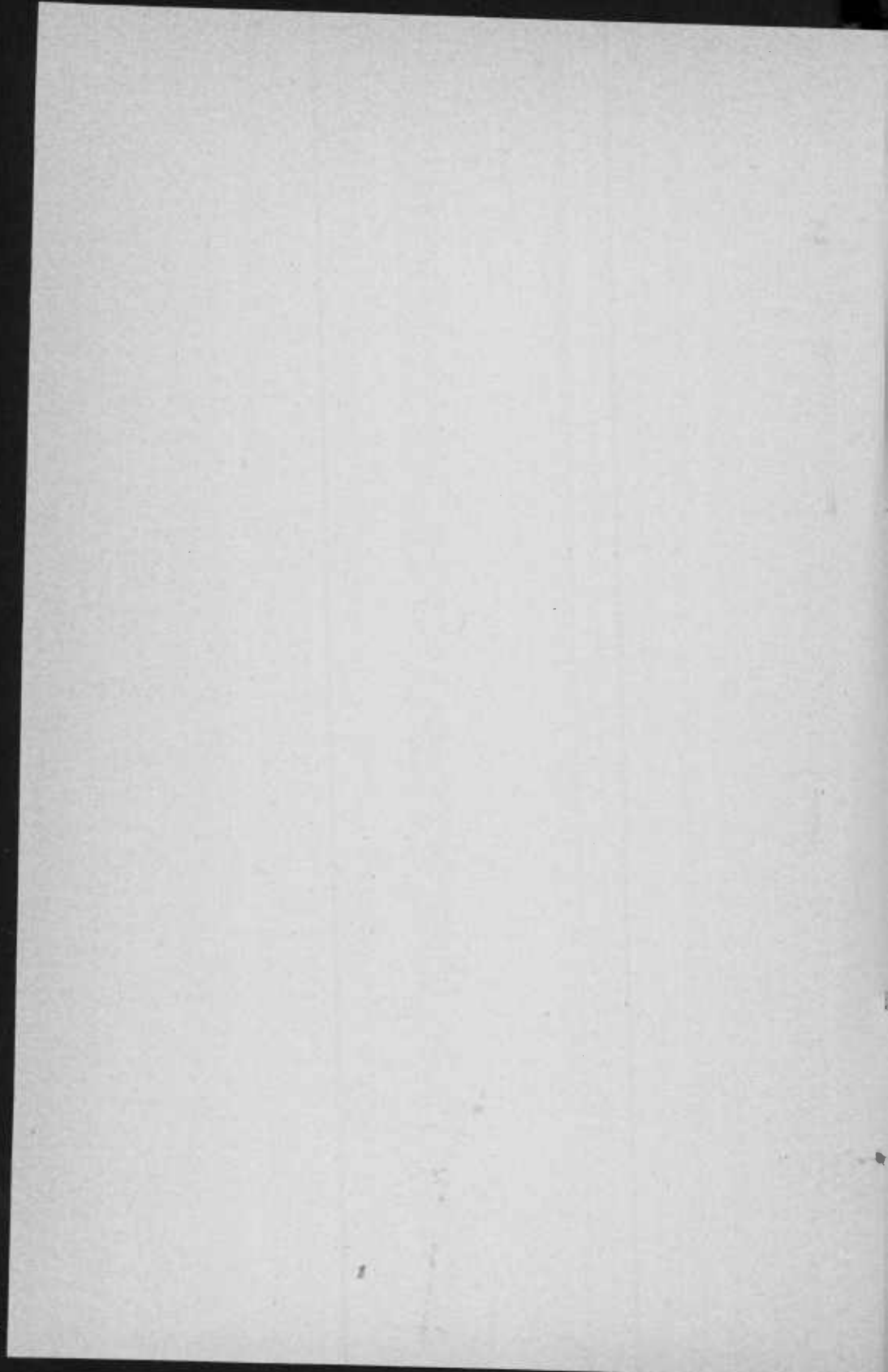
I wish to thank Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro, the City Council, and the members of the Board of Recreation and Parks for their generous support of our efforts during the year. Acknowledgment is also made of the friendly cooperation extended this Department by the officials of other City Departments and Bureaus, especially the Bureau of Building Construction and the Department of Education.

To the Bureau Heads, our Engineer, our Executive Secretary, and all officials and others of this Department who have been so cooperative and helpful in 1954, I am especially grateful.

Respectfully submitted,

*R. Brooke Maxwell,*

*Director*



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SECTION 1—ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

A. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

R. BROOKE MAXWELL.....*Director*  
JOSEPH J. KING.....*Executive Secretary*  
J. IRVING GRAY.....*Principal Administrative Officer*

1. BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARKS

The Board of Recreation and Parks held 12 Regular Meetings and 2 Special Meetings during 1954. The Real Estate Committee along with members of the staff conducted seven tours of inspection.

Active committees during the year were:

*Budget*—James C. Anderson, George G. Shriver and Reverend Wilbur H. Waters.

*Real Estate*—S. L. Hammerman, George G. Shriver and Gerald S. Wise.

*Municipal Sports*—James H. Gorges.

*Stadium*—James C. Anderson, S. L. Hammerman and George G. Shriver.

*Park Police*—James H. Gorges (Awards and Citations).

Committee to Study Recommendations of the  
Twist Committee and Personnel Problems in  
*The Bureau of Recreation*—James C. Anderson, Reverend Wilbur  
H. Waters and Mrs. William J. Rysanek, Sr.

Committee to meet jointly with a Committee from  
the Board of Education to discuss the Ban on  
*Playing High School Football games in the Stadium at night*—S. L.  
Hammerman, George G. Shriver and Gerald S. Wise.

## 2. CONTRACTS

The following contracts were entered into during 1954.

Bicycle Concession	American Legion Drum Corps Contest
Baltimore Colts Football	Hamilton Post—Cavalcade of Music
High School Football	Skeet Range—Loch Raven*
Oriole Parking Lot Agreement	Baltimore Orioles Baseball
Navy Football	Golf Professionals Contracts
Spring Music Festival	Boys Bowl Game
Eastern Open Golf Tournament	Removal Hopkins Monument
Vocal Contest	Auxiliary Scoreboard Contract
Baltimore Concession Company	Colts Parking Lot Agreement
Globe Trotters Basketball Game	
Parks Selling Concession	

## 3. PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS

The following properties were added to the holdings of the Department during 1954:

- a. Western Run Park—1.68 Acres.
- b. Albert D. Graham Memorial Park—116.2 Acres.

In December of 1954, the City acquired 116.2 acres of beautiful farm property, (partly open, partly wooded), with a natural stream running through it. This was donated to the City through the kindness and generosity of Mr. Albert D. Graham as a memorial to his late father and mother. This property is located on Harford Road, south of the Gunpowder Falls, and due to its natural beauty, it lends itself well to the development of a beautiful park for our citizens for recreation, picnics, and enjoyment of nature's resources abundantly abounding in this area. This will be known as the Albert D. Graham Memorial Park.

c. Rear of Fagley and Grundy Street—140' x 54'. This was a gift from Mrs. Katherine Appel.

d. Upland—between Pen Lucy and Sayer Avenue—.682 Acres.

e. Pressman—ss Pressman East of Ellamont Street—Lot 30' x 90'.

f. Hamburg and Plum—14 lots of various sizes on Hamburg, Sharp and Howard Streets and Plum Alley.

## 4. COOPERATIVE PLANNING WITH OTHER AGENCIES

The Department of Recreation and Parks keeps in constant contact with other agencies of the City in the matter of planning for

\* An agreement was entered into between the City of Baltimore and the League of Maryland Sportsmen, Inc. for the operation of a Skeet Shoot on the Loch Raven Watershed. The Bureau of Water Supply has requested the Bureau of Recreation to have general supervision of this activity. The privileges of the Skeet Range are open to the general public.



future development. The agencies principally concerned are the Planning Commission, Redevelopment Commission, Baltimore Housing Authority, and the Department of Education.

During 1954 many conferences were held with the above agencies, under the guidance and direction of Mr. Arthur McVoy, of the Planning Commission.

Continuous studies are being made having as its purpose the improvement of certain old portions of the City through the Inner-City Plan, and the Urban Renewal Plan. Wherever possible the Department of Education and the Department of Recreation and Parks develop joint facilities in the interest of economy and good practice.

## 5. CONVENTION

The 56th Annual Convention of the American Institute of Park Executives was held in Baltimore during the week of October 3, 1954. Under the direction of Commissioner James H. Gorges, General Chairman, and Superintendent Charles A. Hook, assistant General Chairman, the Convention was adjudged one of the finest ever held by the Institute.

The Program which had been prepared was well planned and embraced many topics of interest to Park, Recreation and Zoo personnel. The authoritative and competent lectures which were presented will be of profit to all delegates in their work.

The eight hundred delegates and guests were enthusiastic over the hospitality which was extended to them during their stay in Baltimore. It is interesting to note that the Convention was attended by visitors from all over the United States, from Canada and Hawaii, as well as Belgium and Denmark. More than 150 letters of approval were received after the Convention attesting to the degree of satisfaction felt by those in attendance.

## 6. NEW ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

In November 1954 the offices of the Director of Recreation and Parks and the Superintendent of the Bureau of Parks were moved from the Administration Building, located at the Madison Avenue entrance to Druid Hill Park, to temporary quarters in the Mansion House at Clifton Park. This move was made necessary so that the Building which was old, dilapidated and inadequate could be razed and a new building erected. It is expected as pointed out elsewhere in this report, that the new building will be ready for occupancy in the fall of 1955.

### B. ENGINEERING OFFICE

PAUL B. WOLF, *Principal Associate Engineer*

The Engineering Office is responsible for the proper execution

of contracts for enlarging and improving the facilities of this Department. Many of these projects, such as Field Houses, Wading Pools and Playgrounds, are designed and processed by the Engineers. In addition, the Engineering Division provides engineering service as needed by the various Bureaus in the Department.

## **1. PROJECTS DESIGNED, CONTRACTS LET AND SUPERVISED BY THE ENGINEERING DIVISION**

### **a. FORMAL BIDS**

- (1) Janney Street Playground—  
Shelter and surfacing of playground.
- (2) Lake Roland Comfort Station and Tool Storage.
- (3) Medfield Heights Playfield—  
Grading, topsoiling, seeding, sodding, drainage.
- (4) Uplands Playground—  
Storm water drain (designed by Bureau of Sewers).

### **b. INFORMAL BIDS**

Fourteen (14) items are included under this heading. The more important of these being as follows:—

- (1) Medfield Heights—  
Complete baseball diamond and softball diamond.
- (2) Lyndhurst Playfield—  
Complete softball diamond.
- (3) Greenmount Avenue Recreation Center (2306 Greenmount Ave.)—  
Razing building and clearing site.
- (4) Towanda Playfield—  
Increase height of fencing, and relocation of softball diamond and backstop.
- (5) Painting Contract—  
1010 Light Street, Patterson Park Casino, Lions Club, Joseph Lee Center and Hamilton Recreation Center.
- (6) Wilcox Playfield—  
Concrete footway along Ensor Street.

## **2. PROJECTS DESIGNED BY ENGINEERING DIVISION, CONTRACTS LET AND SUPERVISED BY BUREAU OF BUILDING CONSTRUCTION**

- a. Greenmount Ave. Recreation Center (2306 Greenmount Ave.)
- b. Morrell Park Field House and Wading Pool—  
(Tolley Street and Griffis Avenue).

- c. R. E. Lee Memorial Park—(Lake Roland)—  
8" water main for general service, in cooperation with the Engineering office of the Baltimore County Metropolitan District.
- d. City Springs Field House—  
Construction supervised by Bureau of Building Construction.

### 3. MISCELLANEOUS ENGINEERING SERVICES

Under this heading the Division of Engineering furnished a wide variety of services for the improvement to existing facilities. The more important of these are as follows:—

- a. Memorial Stadium—Reestablish grade stakes and diamond on playing field.
- b. Baltimore Zoo Mammal Building—Plans and specifications for installation of storm water drain, planting, etc.
- c. Frank Bocek Playfield—Grading study, setting of grade stakes, baseball diamond location.
- d. Medfield Heights—Improved layout of athletic field.
- e. R. E. Lee Memorial Park—Study of septic tank, disposal field.
- f. Venable Park—Preparation of preliminary plan for grading, parking and planting.
- g. Hilton Street—Edmondson Avenue Interchange—  
General survey, preparation of site plan.
- h. Memorial Stadium—Preparation of planting plan.
- i. Loch Raven Skeet Shoot—Preparation of plan for parking area.
- j. Presstman Street Playground—Field survey, grading plan, general development plan.

CITY OF BALTIMORE  
 BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
 DIVISION OF RECREATION AND PARKS

**Cost Statement of Operating Expenses for the Year 1954**

**1—GENERAL EXPENSES**

<b>11</b>	<b>Administrative Expenses</b>		
11-1	Executive Salaries and Expenses.....	\$22,203.84	
11-2	Clerical Salaries and Expenses.....	7,895.87	
11-3	Office Supplies and Expenses.....	1,527.17	
11-9	Miscellaneous Expenses .....	168.95	
	Sub-Total .....	<u>\$31,795.83</u>	
	TOTAL 1—General Expenses.....		\$31,795.83

**2—OPERATING EXPENSES**

<b>21-A</b>	<b>Operating Management Expenses—Engineering Division</b>		
21-A-2	Office Supplies and Expenses.....	\$ 16.20	
21-A-3	Engineering Expense .....	17.00	
	Sub-Total .....	<u>\$ 33.20</u>	
<b>21-D</b>	<b>Operating Management Expenses—General</b>		
21-D-1	Pay and Expenses of Employees.....	\$26,695.72	
21-D-2	Office Supplies and Expenses.....	455.41	
21-D-3	Engineering Expenses .....	42.50	
21-D-9	Miscellaneous Expenses .....	767.83	
	Sub-Total....	<u>\$27,961.46</u>	
	TOTAL 2—Operating Expenses .....		\$27,994.66
	GRAND TOTAL .....		<u><u>\$59,790.49</u></u>

CITY OF BALTIMORE  
BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
DIVISION OF RECREATION AND PARKS

Financial Statement of Appropriations as of December 31, 1954

Account	Description	Appropriations	Increments	Total Credits	Expenditures	Encumbrances	Total Expenditures	Balance
8.08 A	Salaries .....	\$54,635.00	—	\$54,635.00	\$53,826.74	—	\$53,826.74	\$ 808.26
8.9	Expenses .....	4,660.00	—	4,660.00	4,287.48	—	4,287.48	372.52
	Sub-Total .....	\$59,295.00	—	\$59,295.00	\$58,114.22	—	\$58,114.22	\$ 1,180.78
	To Supplemental Funds .....	—	(\$1,180.78)	(1,180.78)	—	—	—	(1,180.78)
	GRAND TOTAL..	\$59,295.00	(\$1,180.78)	\$58,114.22	\$58,114.22	—	\$58,114.22	\$ 0.00

( ) Indicates Negative Figure

## SECTION II

### A. EIGHT YEARS IN RETROSPECT

As we enter upon another year of accomplishments with new funds available for new and improved facilities, it seems appropriate to halt for a brief period for a review of past accomplishments. We of the staff, wish to report to our Board on the results of the past eight years since the consolidation of the new Department.

Since 1947, Loan funds have been available for major improvements which, prior to 1947, had been impossible to reach in the normal operating Budgets. The Loans may be summarized as follows:

<i>Allocation</i>	<i>Loan May 6, 1947</i>	<i>Loan Nov. 2, 1948</i>	<i>Loan Nov. 7, 1950</i>	<i>Balance Jan. 1, 1955</i>
Stadium .....	\$2,500,000.00		\$2,500,000.00	None
Bureau-Parks .....		\$2,000,000.00	500,000.00	213,039.48
Bureau-Recreation ..	1,500,000.00		1,500,000.00	666,611.12
<b>TOTALS .....</b>	<b>\$4,000,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,000,000.00</b>	<b>\$4,500,000.00</b>	<b>\$879,650.60</b>
			Totals of Loans.....	\$10,500,000.00

In the following, will be found a listing of the many facilities completed since the beginning of the loan work.

#### 1. Loan Funds

a—Baltimore Memorial Stadium \$5,000,000.00\*

b—The Bureau of Parks

Druid Hill Park Swimming Pool No. 1 and Reconstructed Bathhouse

Druid Hill Park Swimming Pool No. 2

Clifton Park Swimming Pool and Bathhouse

Patterson Park Swimming Pool

Cherry Hill Swimming Pool and Field House

Riverside Park Swimming Pool and Reconstructed Bathhouse

Roosevelt Park Swimming Pool and Bathhouse

Park Lighting—Druid Hill—Clifton—Leakin Parks

Fort Smallwood Park—Beach, Bathhouse, Utilities

High Service Field—Druid Hill Park

Cherry Hill Park—Grading, Drainage, Seeding, etc.

Mammal Building Baltimore Zoo—Druid Hill Park

Approximate total for this work—\$2,346,000.00

\* The total cost of this facility was in excess of \$5,000,000.00, the extra funds having been made available by the Mayor and Board of Estimates.

### c—The Bureau of Recreation

Under this heading, fifty-two (52) separate projects have been completed involving the approximate sum of \$2,235,600.00. The more important of these items are listed below:

Joseph Lee Playground City Springs	Field House and Playfield Field House and Multiple Use Court
Canton Playfield	Field House and Playground
Public School No. 2	Hard Surfaced Playground
Canton Market Playground	Wading Pool
Ambrose J. Kennedy Playground	Field House and Playground
Frank J. Bocek Playfield	16½ Acre Playfield
Hamilton Recreation Center	Complete Recreation Center
Govans Playfield	Complete Playground
Greenmount Avenue	Multiple Use Court
Elmley Avenue Playground	Complete Playground
Gardenville Playground	Complete Playfield
North Hamilton Playfield	Complete Playfield
Towanda Center	Field House and Playfield
Cloverdale Playground	Field House and Playfield
McAbee Playground	Field House and Playground
Medford Heights	Complete Playfield
Lucille Avenue Playground	Complete Playfield
Queensberry Playground	Field House and Playground
Lyndhurst Memorial Playground	Playfield
Lions Club Recreation Center	Complete Recreation Center
Morrell Park	Field House and Playground

NOTE: The thirty other projects have been fully covered in previous reports.

## 2. From Special funds made available by the Mayor and Board of Estimates

### a—Bureau of Parks

Baltimore Memorial Stadium—Additional funds required to meet Major League Requirements  
Ortman Field—Lighting  
High Service Field—Lighting  
Fort Smallwood—Bathhouse, Jetty and Beach  
Number of Projects—4  
Approximate Total for this work—\$1,195,000.00

### b—Bureau of Recreation

\*Chick Webb—Pool-Shower, locker room, spectators gallery and renovating  
School 37—Recreation Room  
\*Ambrose J. Kennedy—Playground  
11 City-owned lots—Play areas  
Number of Projects—14  
Approximate total for this work—\$297,000.00

\*These funds in addition to loan funds to complete these projects.

### **3. Capital Improvement Funds** **Bureau of Parks**

There were thirty-five separate projects completed involving the approximate sum of \$575,800.00. The more important of these items are as listed:

Druid Hill Park—Erected structure for servicing automotive and tractor equipment, wagon sheds remodeled for offices for forestry division. Storage shed converted into public comfort station. Converted tennis courts from clay to hard surface. Improvements to lighting. New heating plant in field house and several drinking fountains. Conservatory and mansion repaired and painted inside and out.

Penhurst Playground—Constructed comfort station.

Ocala Playground—Constructed and equipped and enclosed hard surfaced playground.

Union Square—Constructed new comfort station.

Lafayette Square—Constructed new comfort station.

Leakin Park—Constructed new comfort station with added room for Keeper—Installed picnic tables and fireplaces—Constructed sewer line.

Madison Square—Constructed new comfort station.

Collington Square—Constructed new comfort station.

Herring Run Park—Constructed field house—Installed water line and three drinking fountains—Major improvements to masonry shelter near Hall Springs—Constructed three new baseball fields.

Johnson Square—Constructed new comfort station.

Fort Smallwood—General Improvements—new fireproof bathhouse and new beach.

NOTE: The 24 other projects have been fully covered in previous reports.

### **4. Special Grants**

a—Chick Webb Memorial Recreation Center Committee

Purchased site and contributed money toward equipment and furnishings.

b—The Elizabeth Garrett White Bequest

Used for land acquisition (173.6 Acres), and preliminary development of Robert E. Lee Memorial Park (Lake Roland) approximately \$100,500.00.

c—The J. Wilson Leakin Legacy

Purchase of Leakin Park, also installation of modern toilets, lighting, etc.

### **5. Central Office Building**

Plans have been approved and construction is now under way. It is expected that it will be ready for occupancy by the Administration and Engineering Divisions, the Bureau of Music and the Bureau of Parks by the Fall of 1955.



## B. LOOKING FORWARD

1. Listed first under this heading are the projects yet to be completed under Loans One and Two.

### a—Bureau of Parks

#### BLOOMINGDALE OVAL—ELLICOTT DRIVE AND FRANKLINTOWN ROAD

Heating and plumbing work in existing building—New bleachers (plans in progress).

### b—Bureau of Recreation

#### ST. HELENA PLAYGROUND—PARNALL AND ROLLS AVENUE

Land Acquisition.

#### DEWEES PLAYGROUND (GOVANS)—TUNBRIDGE ROAD AND ALHAMBRA AVENUE

Field House, Wading Pool and Lighting. Bids due April 6, 1955.

#### HAMBURG AND PLUM PLAYGROUND—VICINITY OF HAMBURG AND PLUM STREETS

Field House, Wading Pool, Paving, Tot Area, Playground apparatus, Grading, (site plans being prepared).

#### \*BROOKLYN RECREATION CENTER—GARRETT PARK

Assembly and club rooms, arts and craft shop, office, kitchen, storage rooms and toilets (plans near completion).

#### \*\*FREMONT RECREATION CENTER—FREMONT AND LEXINGTON STREET

Share of architects fees and building costs.

#### ELWOOD PLAYGROUND—ORLEANS STREET AND ELLWOOD AVENUE

Redesign existing playground (plans in progress).

#### DOUGLAS HIGH (PUBLIC SCHOOL NO. 181) CAREY, CUMBERLAND, BAKER, STOCKTON STS.

Property acquisition (City Real Estate group authorized to proceed with acquisition). This is the first of our co-operative projects with the Department of Education.

#### PRESSTMAN PLAYGROUND—SOUTH SIDE PRESSTMAN BETWEEN ELLAMONT AND ROSEDALE

Grading, drainage, sodding, paving, fencing, multiple-use

\*Present Center will be lost because of the proposed approaches to the new tunnel.

\*\* In co-operation with Baltimore Housing Authority.

courts, tot area, backstop, apparatus and land acquisition.

**HOWARD PARK RECREATION CENTER—  
LIBERTY HEIGHTS AND WOODBINE AVENUES**

This is a cooperative project with the Department of Education. Awaiting word from them as to availability of their funds to proceed.

**UPLANDS PLAYGROUND—BEECHFIELD AVENUE  
AND PEN LUCY ROAD**

Contract let March 7, 1955 to fill this area for grading. Estimate 20,000 cubic yards of fill needed. Work now in progress.

**CURTIS BAY PLAYGROUND—CURTIS AVENUE  
AND FILBERT STREETS**

Wading pool to be constructed. Contractor has been engaged.

**BROOKLYN-CURTIS BAY PLAYFIELD—SIXTH AND  
VIRGINIA AVENUE**

Improvements at this facility consist of standard baseball and a Little League Baseball diamond, fencing, hooded backstops, topsoiling and seeding where necessary. Bids due April 6, 1955.

**GREENMOUNT AVENUE RECREATION CENTER—  
2304-06 GREENMOUNT AVENUE**

This Recreation Center is now under construction.

**ADDITIONS TO FIELD HOUSES—**

**WILKENS PLAYGROUND—**Catherine and Ashton.

**CLOVERDALE PLAYGROUND—**Cloverdale Road and  
Druid Hill Avenue.

**QUEENSBERRY PLAYGROUND—**Rear 3029-31  
Spalding Avenue.

**AMBROSE J. KENNEDY PLAYGROUND—**Harford  
and Eager Street.

These improvements consist of adding a janitors' supply room to each of these facilities.

**FRANK J. BOCEK PLAYFIELD**

Change existing baseball diamond to softball and relocate. Construct standard baseball diamond and backstops for each.

NOTE: There is also some miscellaneous work being done at other playgrounds which being of a minor nature is not being listed separately.

2. In January of 1954, the Maryland General Assembly approved an enabling act authorizing the City of Baltimore to place on the ballot a request for approval of Loan funds in the amount of

\$3,250,000.00, for the Department of Recreation and Parks. In November of 1954, \$2,400,000.00 of the total Authorized Loan was presented to the voters and approved, of this latter amount, the sum of \$875,710.00 was placed in the 1955 Budget as follows:

THIRD LOAN			<i>Authorized by Voters</i>	<i>Placed in</i>
<i>Enabling Act</i>		<i>Nov. 1954</i>	<i>Budget 1955</i>	
Parks .....	\$1,450,000.00	\$ 950,000.00	\$380,000.00	
Recreation .....	1,800,000.00	1,450,000.00	495,710.00	
Totals .....	\$3,250,000.00	\$2,400,000.00	\$875,710.00	

These 1955 Budget funds have been earmarked by your Honorable Board for the following purposes:—

**a—BUREAU OF PARKS**

- Druid Hill and Leakin Parks—Sanitary Sewers
- Federal Hill Park—Music Pavilion, Toilets and Retaining Wall
- Hillsdale Golf Course—To Complete Field House
- Baltimore Zoo—Studies for expansion
- John Street—Small Park—1300 Block
- R. E. Lee Memorial Park—Caretaker's House—Covered Boat Landing
- Fort Smallwood Park—Beach and Shore Protection

**b—BUREAU OF RECREATION**

- Frank J. Bocek Playfield—Completion
- Gardenville Playfield—Completion
- North Hamilton Playfield—Completion
- 30 Tax Sale Lots—To be converted into small neighborhood playfields
- Uplands Playground—Grading, fencing, apparatus
- Ambrose J. Kennedy Playground—Hard Surfacing, Grading walks and Drainage
- Pall Mall Playground—Raze old garages and construct fieldhouse
- Elmley Avenue Playground—Fieldhouse—Hard surfacing
- Patterson Park Casino—Install radiators on Porches
- Patterson Park Pavilion—Install a complete Heating Plant
- Harlem Park Tot Lot—Wading Pool
- Hillock Terrace Play Lot—Acquire stable and raze, Hard surface entire area, grading, curbing, and steps

In addition to those listed above, there are thirteen additional projects which will be scheduled on future years' Budgets of the Bureau of Recreation and the Bureau of Parks.

## SECTION III. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

### A. BUREAU OF RECREATION

#### 1—Completed Projects 1954

- a. **TOWANDA PLAYFIELD—Towanda and Oswego Avenues**  
The softball diamond at this facility was relocated and the existing fence was raised another six feet. Total expenditure \$1,374.00.
- b. **FRANK J. BOCEK PLAYFIELD—Edison Highway and Madison Street**  
The work completed at this location includes grading, installing a baseball diamond, softball diamond and a football field. The cost of these improvements was \$4,619.27.
- c. **MEDFIELD HEIGHTS PLAYFIELD—Roland Heights Avenue, West of Falls Road**  
This site was graded, topsoiled, drainage installed, seeded, sodded, fenced and a softball and baseball diamond and football field installed. Total cost—\$11,923.15.
- d. **ROBERT E. LEE MEMORIAL PARK—Lake Roland**  
A comfort station was completed at a cost of \$14,987.00. Funds for this improvement originated from the bequest of Mrs. Elizabeth Garrett White.
- e. **LYNDHURST MEMORIAL PLAYFIELD—Gelston and Stokes Drives**  
Completed work at this project, consisted of construction of a softball diamond and a backstop. Cost of these improvements was \$1,284.00.
- f. **CITY SPRINGS—Pratt and Eden Streets**  
A field house was constructed at a cost of \$19,340.82.
- g. **UPLANDS PLAYGROUND—Pen Lucy and Beechfield Road**  
This property was acquired through condemnation. The storm drain was extended and covered as well as a black top footway completed. Total cost including ground \$12,415.67.
- h. **GREENMOUNT RECREATION CENTER—  
2304-2306 Greenmount Avenue**  
This part of the project at this site consisted of the razing of the old building which stood here as well as restoring roof and opening in adjoining building resulting from razing work. Total cost for this part of the work was \$950.00.
- i. **JANNEY STREET PLAYGROUND—  
Janney and Kresson Streets**  
The completed work at this project consisted of the construction of a small building and the hard surfacing of the entire area. Total cost \$6,182.40.

**j. AMBROSE J. KENNEDY PLAYGROUND—Harford Road and Eager Street**

The work consisted of constructing a concrete footway along the west side of Ensor Street. This expenditure paid out of the special funds granted by the Mayor and the Board of Estimates at a cost of \$1,145.00.

**k. MORRELL PARK PLAYGROUND—Grinnalds, Tolley and Griffis Streets**

The work completed at this location consisted of a fieldhouse and wading pool. Total cost \$26,494.50.

**l. GARDENVILLE PLAYFIELD—Radecke and Frankford Aves.**  
This property was fenced in at a cost of \$475.00.

12 projects completed—Total Cost—\$101,190.81

2—Work under Contract

**a. GREENMOUNT RECREATION CENTER—  
2304-2306 Greenmount Avenue**

During 1954, contract was awarded for construction of a recreation center at this location at a cost of \$35,760.00.

**b. FRANK J. BOCEK PLAYFIELD—Edison Highway and Madison Street**

A contract in the amount of \$1,750.00 was awarded to change existing baseball diamond to softball and redirect to avoid interference with Madison Street and to construct a standard baseball diamond in the North Central portion of the field.

2 projects under contract—\$37,510.00

## **B. BUREAU OF PARKS**

1—Completed Projects—1954

**a. STADIUM**

Construction of the Baltimore Memorial Stadium was completed during 1954. Completed facility includes seating capacity for baseball of 47,855 and football 55,784 included in these figures are 16,818 chair-back seats. There are parking facilities for approximately 4,000 cars. It is constructed of reinforced concrete and consists of two decks. Facilities have been provided for the Press, Radio, Television and moving pictures and both Radio and Television have network connections. Due to its excellent location, it is easily reached by public and private transportation. Provisions were also made for splendid lighting for all night games making it comparable with the best in the

country in this respect. Electrically operated and lighted scoreboards make following the game an easy and pleasant experience. Refreshment facilities have been placed at strategic points in the Stadium to assure all prompt service. Home of Major League Baseball and Professional Football including the many facilities needed to assure comfort and convenience to Home and Visiting teams and officials. Many service facilities have been installed to mention a few: public address system, first-aid and police rooms, public comfort stations, administration offices, press rooms and public assembly room. Construction has been arranged so as to permit expansion if desired.

**b. BALTIMORE ZOO—MAMMAL BUILDING** **\$309,200.00**

This is a modern structure built only after checking around to incorporate the best features and the latest thinking. It is a one-story building with basement, built of concrete, beautifully landscaped and located on high ground overlooking a large part of the Zoo. Due to its construction, it affords the utmost in viewing of the animals by the greatest number of people in an orderly fashion as viewers come in one entrance, progress in a semi-circular fashion and exit opposite the door entered. The animals are separated by glass from the viewers, thus keeping odors to a minimum as well as providing protection to the animals due to changes in temperature. The cages are tiled, making sanitation an easier task. The basement is used as an office, hospital, food storage, and surplus animals are also kept there. A playroom has been incorporated in the building for the animals where exercise may be obtained as well as viewers given a chance to observe the animals playing with various toys kept there for this purpose. Included in the large variety of animals on display are two gorillas, chimpanzee, also some baboons, making the entire display of animals in this building of great interest to the public.

**c. CHERRY HILL POOL**

This facility consists of a swimming pool, bathhouse and field house, which will supply a long need for such a facility in this area. It will be opened to the public for the 1955 season.

2—Work under Contract—1954

**a. ADMINISTRATION BUILDING—Madison Avenue Entrance, Druid Hill Park**

This building when completed will be occupied by the Administrative and Engineering Divisions, The Bureau of Parks, and the Bureau of Music. Approximate cost—\$150,000.00.

## SECTION IV—REPORT OF THREE BUREAUS

### A. BUREAU OF PARKS

MR. CHARLES A. HOOK, *Superintendent*

MR. L. EDGAR MYERLY, *Deputy Superintendent*

(NOTE: The following is a condensation of the Annual Report prepared by the Bureau of Parks.)

#### 1. ADMINISTRATIVE DEVELOPMENTS (Within the Bureau)

a. *Personnel*: Because of the increased activity at the newly constructed Baltimore Memorial Stadium, a new position of Stadium Manager was authorized by the Board of Recreation and Parks. Mr. Douglas S. Tawney was promoted to this position on January 1, 1955, from his former position of Principal Administrative Officer of the Bureau of Parks.

With the promotion of Mr. L. Edgar Myerly to Deputy Superintendent of Parks, a vacancy was created in the District Park Superintendent of the Gwynns Falls Division. Mr. Hall N. Abrisch, being first in the test held by the City Service Commission, was appointed to this vacancy by the Board of Recreation and Parks on November 12, 1954.

Mr. Norman W. Daugherty is to be commended for his capable performance as Acting Superintendent of Gwynns Falls Division.

At the close of 1954, the following positions on the Bureau of Parks roster remain unfilled:

1 Senior Animal Keeper	3 Senior Clerks
1 Principal Foreman—Forestry	1 Janitor
2 Principal Foremen—Parks	5 Park Patrolmen

#### 2. BUREAU BUDGET

Below is given a brief summary of the Budget.

	<i>Allowance</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>Overspent</i>	<i>Underspent</i>
Salaries .....	\$ 569,649.45	\$ 606,305.68	\$36,656.23	
Labor .....	1,328,523.17	1,383,106.45	54,583.28	
Operating Expense....	456,459.78	382,819.74		\$73,640.04
Pool Expense .....	55,609.56	55,609.56		
Totals .....	\$2,410,241.96	\$2,427,841.43	\$91,239.51	\$73,640.04
			73,640.04	
			\$17,599.57	

The above amount less \$3,880.57 revenue from compensated work came from supplemental funds.

As in the past years, the Bureau of Parks maintained a close running check on the expenditures of its allotted budget funds.

The Bureau Office maintains books listing the expenditure of labor money and operating expense funds in such a manner as to make possible an immediate check of allotted funds spent by any of the divisions or for a particular project at any given date. In turn, each division is required to keep similar records and these are checked against those at the Bureau Office each month.

These control measures were especially important during 1954 because of the grave danger of overspending occasioned by the increased operating cost at the Stadium. It was found that the funds allowed the Bureau for this purpose were inadequate and in order to control expenditures, it became necessary to curtail many of the functions of the Bureau.

Complete financial statements concerning the operation of the Bureau of Parks will be found at the end of this report, including a cost statement showing Bureau of Parks funds expended for the operation of the park system.

### **3. AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF PARK EXECUTIVES CONFERENCE**

From October 3-8, 1954 the Board of Recreation and Parks through its entire department acted as hosts for the American Institute of Park Executives at its 56th Annual Conference.

This organization is composed of the outstanding executives of park systems, stadia, zoological gardens, etc., throughout the United States, Canada, and Hawaii. In addition, the Baltimore conference attracted many outstanding park or zoological personnel from Belgium, Holland, etc. The purpose of these annual conferences is to bring together park and recreation men and women, in order to exchange progressive ideas concerning the profession. The subjects covered include park maintenance and operation, recreational programs, methods and the expansion of both park and recreation facilities using loan funds.

All of these discussions and meetings were held during the course of this conference, but in addition, the Department of Recreation and Parks conducted many outstanding social events for the delegates, including a luncheon at the Art Museum, a banquet at the Lord Baltimore Hotel, and a boat trip to Annapolis, including lunch and dinner. Various distributors and manufacturers had the entire week to display their wares at the hotel and a field demonstration at Leakin Park.

Planning for this conference began as early as 1950. Up until the very time the convention was held, regular meetings were conducted by the staff members and the hundreds of volunteer personnel who worked on the project. Sincere appreciation is hereby expressed to all of these volunteers and all of the municipal bureaus and departments who cooperated so completely to make this conference an outstanding success. Special recognition is



hereby accorded to all personnel within the Bureau of Music, the Bureau of Recreation, and the Bureau of Parks, for the tremendous job performed.

At the conclusion of the conference, Institute officials and membership verbally stated and later wrote hundreds of letters indicating their approval of the manner in which the conference was conducted, and the hospitable nature of Baltimore City and its citizens.

#### 4. CARROLL DIVISION

(MR. HARRY KUES, *District Park Superintendent*)

The Carroll Division is composed of numerous small parks which are widely spread throughout its area. Being dispersed in this manner, its problems of maintenance are considerably increased. Therefore, without the allotment of special funds from the Capital Improvement Program, it is not possible for this Division to make any major improvements. Nevertheless, by careful management of the means at its disposal, several noteworthy projects were completed during the year.

Chief among these accomplishments was the acquisition of sod from the site of the Liberty Dam. Utilizing a newly purchased sod cutter, the Carroll Division cut, rolled and loaded 279,000 square feet of sod which was then used by all the Divisions for lawn and golf course renewal.

In order to eliminate a serious erosion problem at the Morrell Park Playground, the Carroll Division created 5,000 square feet of new lawn by topsoiling and sodding. This action not only proved effective in abating further erosion, but in addition, enhanced the appearance of the playground as well as adding to its usable area.

As in past years, the reconditioning of athletic facilities, such as tennis courts and baseball diamonds, continued. During 1954, 165 cubic yards of clay was applied to these areas and 18 cubic yards was stored for future use. This material was obtained without charge from various excavation projects in or near the parks.

Other improvements included extensive repairs and cleaning at Broening Park following Hurricane Hazel. The shingle roof on the Maryland Yacht Club was damaged by this storm and had to be replaced. Continuing its cooperation with the Civil Defense Organization, the Carroll Division furnished and installed flood lights in the storeroom which had been provided for them in Carroll Park.

New facilities added in 1954 consisted of the Morrell Park Field House and Wading Pool and the Cherry Hill Field House and Swimming Pool.

The greenhouses at Carroll Park are an important element in the Bureau's horticultural system. During 1954, as in the past, these greenhouses and their personnel continued to perform much of the gardening work of the Bureau.

## 5. CLIFTON DIVISION

(MR. CHARLES H. HEINTZEMAN, JR.,

*District Park Superintendent*)

The Clifton Division contains two of the four municipal golf courses and consequently, a large proportion of the work of this Division is devoted each year to the maintenance and improvement of these courses. During 1954, extensive improvements were made to the tees at the Mt. Pleasant Golf Course. All of the tees were newly sodded; those at holes No. 4, 8, and 16 were enlarged; and a new tee was constructed for the practice chipping green. Other work at Mt. Pleasant included replacing the steps at tees No. 6, 7, 14 and 16. At the Clifton Park Course, the tees at holes No. 1, 4, 5 and 6 were enlarged and all of these tees also were newly sodded.

Since the enclosed field near the Clifton Park Swimming Pool is used primarily for softball, the running track in the area was removed. This action provided additional space for softball while the enclosed field located further north still provided ample facilities for track.

Little League Baseball has grown enormously in popularity in the last several years and during 1954 the Clifton Division found it necessary to construct a Little League Diamond near Eastwood Drive in Herring Run Park to meet the demand for this type of facility. Altogether, the Clifton Division now has four of these fields, the other three having been added in the loan program of the Bureau of Recreation.

Continuing the policy of the Bureau to cooperate with other City Departments, the Clifton Division seeded the center plots on Walther Avenue from Glenarm Avenue to Glenmore Avenue for the Bureau of Highways and graded, topsoiled and seeded a conduit trench in the parking area of Loch Raven Road from Belvedere Avenue to Meridene Road for the Bureau of Mechanical-Electrical Service. Under this set-up, this Bureau performs the work in which it is skilled while the other Bureaus, in turn, are prepared to do the work for us in which they are proficient. By cooperating in this way, all the Bureaus are able to effect enormous savings in time and money which act to benefit the City as a whole.

Special flower planting programs in the Clifton Division during 1954 included: 9,000 Tulips in beds in the vicinity of the Clifton Mansion; 6,000 Chrysanthemums at the Mother's Garden in Clifton Park; 600 Chrysanthemums at the Clifton Greenhouse beds.

Properties added to the Clifton Division for maintenance during 1954, consisted of the Gardenville Playfield on Radecke Avenue and

the central parking on Walther Avenue from Glenarm Avenue to Glenmore Avenue.

For the maintenance of tennis courts and baseball diamonds, 560 yards of fill material were applied to 16 ball fields and 4 Little League Diamonds, and 460 yards of salvaged clay were applied to the tennis courts.

## 6. DRUID HILL DIVISION

(MR. GEORGE KEEN, *District Park Superintendent*)

The Druid Hill Division conducted a successful year of operation with numerous major improvements and park maintenance projects.

These included painting of many fences, light poles, benches and playground equipment throughout the district. Also, considerable amounts of 8-inch tile drain were installed in Druid Hill Park at the Negro Pool and Zoo Buffalo pen. Retaining walls were constructed at the Duck Pond and around several trees at the Mammal House.

During the course of the year, the boat lake in Druid Hill Park was dredged and greatly improved because of this work.

At R. E. Lee Memorial Park (Lake Roland), 5 brick fireplaces and related wing walls were constructed adding to the park's many facilities. In Wyman Park, two foot bridges were reconstructed and 150 feet of 18-inch storm drain were installed. Also, 2,400 sq. ft. of abandoned walks were removed from this park and the area vacated was converted into lawn.

The 39th Street Squares were top-soiled and seeded, while at Roosevelt Park the softball diamond backstop was extended. Along similar lines, 50,000 sq. ft. of sod were laid in the Mammal House area and 45,000 sq. ft. of abandoned bridle paths in Druid Hill Park were prepared for seeding in 1955.

The Gardening and Horticultural Section of the District maintained 70 flower beds located throughout the district. To indicate the scope of activity, this section propagated, cultivated and handled over 30,000 plants and held special showings at Easter, during the Fall, and at Christmas. These events were well attended by many local persons and also by visitors from other cities. The section handled decorations with palms and ferns for 202 patriotic, civic or charitable affairs.

Of considerable importance in the operation of the Druid Hill District is the central repair shop which handles much of the repair work on the motorized equipment assigned to the Bureau of Parks. There were 110 repair jobs such as engine overhauling, clutch installations, and transmission repairs handled. The entire number of work requests fulfilled totaled more than one thousand.

Newly acquired property for maintenance in the Druid Hill District in 1954 included 3 center plots along Cross Country Boulevard, totaling approximately 2 acres.

In addition, to the work specifically set out above, the district maintained the following facilities: 74 buildings, 7,385 linear feet of bench, 70 flower beds, 32 drinking fountains, 114 picnic tables, 23 monuments, 2 flagstaffs and 2 display fountains.

## 7. GWYNNS FALLS DIVISION

(MR. HALL N. ABRISCH, *District Park Superintendent*)

(MR. NORMAN W. DAUGHERTY, *Acting District Park Superintendent*)

Extensive improvements were made to the Hutton Mansion during 1954. In the spring of the year it was noticed that approximately 15 cubic feet of the front wall had started to disintegrate. Forces of the Division, made the necessary repairs. The walls were then repointed and now present a respectable appearance. In preparation for moving the Divisional offices to this building, the first floor was remodeled, painted and tiled. The interior of the comfort stations in the basement were also repainted.

Other major improvements made by the Division included repairing the stone retaining wall surrounding the parking area adjacent to the Field House in Hanlon Park, and erecting a head-wall of 900 cubic feet of stone masonry at the outlet of a 48-inch storm drain located at the toe of the slope on the southeast corner of Hilton Parkway and Edmondson Avenue.

At the Hillsdale Golf Course four existing tees (Nos. 1, 3, 6 and 17) were reconstructed and enlarged. Sod for this operation was taken from numerous areas around the Course.

The lawn at Leakin Park was utilized as an Equipment Demonstration Area for Various Kinds of Equipment during the Conference of the American Institute of Park Executives. To accomplish this, it was first necessary to fertilize and seed this lawn and also to construct on it a Golf Green so that a demonstration of Maintenance equipment of this kind could also be included.

During the season, 215 cubic yards of clay, which was obtained without charge from various construction projects, were applied on tennis courts and baseball diamonds in the District.

The ball diamond at Conlon Field was reconstructed to be used for Little League Play by the Howard Park Little League.

Newly acquired property for maintenance during 1954 consisted of the Lyndhurst Memorial Field located at Allendale Avenue and Gelston Drive.

In addition to the special accomplishments discussed in this section the Gwynns Falls Division maintains:

36 Flower Beds	41 Drinking Fountains
3,099 Linear Feet Park Bench	78 Picnic Tables
48 Buildings	6 Monuments
10 Flagstaffs	

## 8. PATTERSON DIVISION

(MR. GEORGE D. LEBRUN, *District Park Superintendent*)

The major development in the Patterson Division for 1954 was the completion of the installation for field events at the Patterson Park High School Athletic Field. These improvements included constructing pits for the pole vault and for the high and running broad jumps.

Other improvements in the Division included preparing and seeding the entire area of the Bocek Playfield. This project was done in cooperation with the Loan Program of the Bureau of Recreation.

Tennis courts, baseball and softball facilities throughout the District were treated with approximately 150 cubic yards of clay obtained without cost from construction projects on or near park property. An additional 30 cubic yards of clay was stored for future use.

Newly acquired property for maintenance during 1954 consisted of the Bocek Playfield located at Madison Street and Edison Highway. In addition, a new Field House was completed at City Springs, and also a small shelter at the Janney Street Playground.

The following special facilities are maintained by the Patterson Division:

42 Flower Beds	38 Drinking Fountains
6,614 Linear Feet Park Bench	4 Picnic Tables
30 Buildings	17 Monuments or Memorial Tablets
16 Flagstaffs	10 Display Fountains

## 9. CONSTRUCTION DIVISION

(MR. GEORGE L. NICKEL, *Superintendent*)

The Construction Division is charged with the major maintenance and repair projects which arise in the various park divisions throughout the year. Therefore, much of its activity is reflected in the reports of the other divisions and is accordingly mentioned in connection with major projects shown in other sections of this report.

This division is sub-divided into five sections as follows: Painting, Road Repair, Electrical, Plumbing and Carpentry.

The Painting section received 95 requests for painting from the various division Superintendents. These requests, included such assignments as painting the interior and exterior of the Druid Hill Park Conservatory, the Sea Lion and Polar Bear Tanks at the Zoo, and the interior of the Washington Monument.

The Road Forces fulfilled 70 requests for repairs to walks, roads and parking areas during 1954. Noteworthy accomplishments of this section were the complete surface treatment of the Memorial Stadium Parking Lot, the grading and preparation of the Stadium playing field, and the installation of a 12-foot wide stone-dust track. Walks, steps, and a sewer trench were installed at the Small Mammal House at the Zoo.

Personnel assigned to the Electrical Force are responsible for all installations and repairs to primary and secondary electrical feeders, oil burners, electric motors, panels and switches as well as performing many other special tasks. Included in the 320 requests for electrical service were the illuminating of a fairway at the Mt. Pleasant Golf Course for a Hole-in-One-Tournament; special electrical work for amplifying systems and telecasts for the American Institute of Park Executives Convention, the Eastern Open Golf Tournament and the Memorial Stadium; and extending 3,000 feet of primary feeder cable from Reisterstown Road to the Mammal House at the Zoo.

The Plumbing section handled 319 work requests for repairs throughout the park system. This included laying 420 lineal feet of water line to the Lily Pond in the north end of Druid Hill Park and the installation of 400 feet of 8" terra cotta pipe to complete sewage facilities at the Mammal House.

The Carpentry section fulfilled 127 requests for various carpentry and other work during the year. Being a versatile outfit, like other sections of the Construction Division, this force performed many jobs which are outside of the field of carpentry. These included installing chain link fence and concrete walls at the Buffalo Pens and repairing the large metal doors to the elephant yard and hippo pen. The Carpentry section made alterations to the Hutton Mansion to provide offices for the Gwynns Falls Division and to the Clifton Mansion to provide temporary space for the Department and Bureau Staff and permanent offices for the Clifton Division. Other accomplishments included creating and removing portable bleachers at the Stadium and scaffolding at the Conservatory for the Painting section, plus other special assignments in connection with the A.I.P.E. Convention, the Eastern Open Golf Tournament, and the opening of the Stadium.

The following is a summary of the operation of this Division for the year 1954:

Carpentry Work—127 jobs	Electrical Work—320 jobs
Painting Work — 95 jobs	Oil Burners — 67 jobs
Plumbing Work —319 jobs	Road Work — 70 jobs

TOTAL—998 items

## 10. FORESTRY DIVISION

(MR. CHARLES A. YOUNG, JR., *Park Forester*)

(MR. FREDERICK S. GRAVES, *Assistant Park Forester*)

The work of the Forestry Division was increased during 1954 by the many severe storms which were experienced in Baltimore. The storm in July alone necessitated an expenditure in this Division of 2,400 man hours in recovery operation, and Hurricane Hazel in October was so violent that 3,322 man hours were required to correct the more urgent damage which had been sustained. Altogether, a total of 6,696 man hours were expended by the Forestry Division in initial storm recovery operations, and it may be estimated that the cost of this work in man power, material and supervision exceeded \$15,000.00.

Along more routine lines, the Forestry Division continued its extensive service to all highway trees and those located on park property. Its planting program during 1954 consisted of 707 new trees added along highways and 55 trees planted in the parks. In addition, the Forestry Division participated in the following three special planting projects:

- (a) In conjunction with the landscaping of the newly constructed Small Mammals Building at the Zoo, the Forestry Division dug 23 dogwood trees, 17 yews and 27 boxwood plants at the Patapsco Water Reservation and moved these to the site.
- (b) The Forestry Division installed the foundation planting at the front of the Memorial Stadium during September. This work was accomplished under the direction of Mr. Frederick S. Graves, using plans made by the Director of Department of Recreation and Parks.
- (c) At the request of the Superintendent of Recreation, funds from the Recreation Loan were utilized for planting 118 trees at seven playgrounds. The types of trees selected for this purpose were Red Oak, White Ash, Tulip, Red Maple and Plane.

The program of spraying elm and pin oak trees with dormant spray oil for the control of elm scurfy scale, European elm scale and oyster shell scale, begun in the late fall of 1953, was continued in early 1954. Six-hundred, twenty-four (624) elm trees located on the streets, and eight hundred sixty-eight (868) elm trees located in the parks were sprayed with a 3% dormant oil mixture applied with a hydraulic sprayer. Two hundred and fifty (250) Pin Oak trees on the streets and one hundred ninety-four (194) in the parks were also sprayed.

For the control of Dutch Elm Disease, infected trees were removed as soon as symptoms were visible. Fifty-three (53) trees were removed, forty-one (41) of them from public highways.

The prolonged drought, which began in 1953, necessitated a continuation of the watering of sapling trees. In the parks, 464 trees, and on the highways, 107 trees were watered. This was in addition to the normal watering of newly planted stock.

The activities of the Forestry Division were affected by changes in direction of the traffic on St. Paul Street, N. Calvert Street and N. Charles Street. In order to expedite the movement of traffic particularly in the curb lanes, the following tree maintenance was required:

<i>Street</i>	<i>Cut Back</i>	<i>Removed</i>	<i>Pruned</i>	<i>Slabbed</i>
St. Paul St.....	4	8	48	4
N. Calvert St. ....	33	38	67	37
N. Charles St.....	0	2	2	0

Again, during 1954, the Christmas Season was marked by the erection of 25-foot Norway and Blue Spruce Trees at 13 locations throughout the City. In addition, a 60-foot Blue Spruce was erected in the City Hall Plaza to provide the largest and most attractive municipal Christmas Tree the City has enjoyed to date. Also, in cooperation with the Broadway Merchants Association, a red cedar tree, which was supplied by a contractor, was erected at Broadway and Eastern Avenue.

The Forestry Division continued its operation of the Leakin Park Nursery, during 1954. In February, activities were resumed with the planting of 1½" caliper stock of the following species: 50 Ruby Red Horsechestnut, 200 Chinese Chestnut, 100 Upright Red Maple and 50 Wheatley Elm. In April and May, over 750 whips of various species were planted in an area of the nursery which had been cleared in the preceding March. However, the absence of rainfall and the restrictions on the use of water seriously affected the success of this operation.

### SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS—1954

	<i>Parks</i>	<i>Highways</i>	<i>Totals</i>
Trees Pruned .....	2,752	1,789	4,541
Trees Planted .....	194	707	901
Trees Removed .....	523	1,160	1,683
Trees Sprayed .....	2,950	3,020	5,970
Trees Repaired .....	76	128	204
Stumps Removed .....	72	80	152
Trees Cultivated .....	1,084	15	1,099
Dangerous Limbs Removed .....	795	1,693	2,488
Trees Cabled .....	6	19	25
Trees Cut Back.....	62	268	330
Trees Root Pruned.....	5	162	167
Trees Restaked .....	305	127	432
Trees Fertilized .....	607	6	613
Trees Watered .....	464	107	571



## 11. POLICE DIVISION (CAPTAIN GORDON GAENG, *Commanding*)

The Police Division is responsible for policing all of the property under the control of the Department of Recreation and Parks. The extent of this work is realized when one considers that approximately ten percent of all the land area in the city belongs in this category. As this property is spread throughout the City, the Police Force is to be commended for their work in preventing any serious increase in crime in these areas.

The Park Police Organization, which totaled 108 in 1954, consists of one Captain, five Lieutenants, nine Sergeants, 88 patrolmen, three Senior Clerks, one Auto-Motorcycle Repairman and one Mechanics' Helper. The last two positions are concerned with the operation of the Park Police Repair Shop which is responsible for the service and maintenance of 34 pieces of motor equipment.

The activity of the police division is best evidenced by the summary below of cases handled.

Criminal and Park Rule arrests.....	607
Traffic Violations .....	1124
Miscellaneous (No arrests).....	3469

In addition to the above the park police continued the performance of their regular duties of patrol, traffic direction, public assistance and special event assignments. As an example of this, 554 varied events were policed during the year and it is estimated that more than 2,000,000 persons were in attendance necessitating 10,000 police man hours.

## 12. MEMORIAL STADIUM

(MR. CHARLES H. HEINTZEMAN, JR., *Manager*)

Several events ranked auspiciously in Stadium History during 1954. The first of these was the completion of the final stages of construction at the new Memorial Stadium. Baltimore now has a Stadium which compares favorably with any in the country, not only in beauty but in number and variety of facilities which it offers. The seating capacity of the stadium is 55,484 for football and 47,855 for baseball, 16,818 of these are chair-back seats.

The second major occurrence during 1954 was the return of major league baseball to Baltimore after an absence of fifty years. Under the leadership of His Honor, Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro, Jr., the franchise of the St. Louis Browns was transferred here, and the team was renamed the Baltimore Orioles.

The hard usage given the playing field during the football sea-

son again made it necessary to make complete repairs to this area, including grading and sodding. This work was performed early in the year and when the Baltimore Orioles played their first home game on April 12th, 1954, the field was in excellent condition.

Altogether, a total of 106 events were held in the Stadium during 1954 attracting a total attendance of 1,507,505 as against 108 events and an attendance of 645,492 for 1953.

#### a. Statement of Events and Revenue:

<i>Type of Event</i>	<i>Number</i>		<i>Revenue</i>	
	<i>of Uses</i>	<i>Attendance</i>	<i>Rental</i>	<i>Concession</i>
Baseball—Orioles .....	67	1,064,583	\$144,968.14	\$32,184.04
Baseball—Others .....	5	3,731	—	102.66
Football—Colts .....	8	218,764	19,948.81	12,816.48
Football—Navy .....	1	54,555	4,803.05	3,619.33
Football—Others .....	14	49,551	2,625.00	1,917.29
Other Uses .....	11	116,321	3,503.15	2,634.25
<b>Totals .....</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>1,507,505</b>	<b>\$175,848.15</b>	<b>\$53,274.05</b>
Total Rental Revenue.....			\$175,848.15	
Total Concession Revenue....			53,274.05	
Advertising Clock .....			1,500.00	
Total Stadium Revenue....			<u>\$230,622.20</u>	

#### b. Statement of Expenses:

Operating Management Expenses...	\$ 13,117.90
Operating Expenses .....	176,948.15
Stadium Repairs (Playing Field and Parking Areas)	51,324.07
Total .....	<u>\$241,390.12</u>
Less Revenue....	230,622.20
Loss for Year.....	<u>\$ 10,767.92</u>

#### c. Comparison with Previous Years:

<i>Year</i>	<i>Uses</i>	<i>Attendance</i>	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Expenses</i>	<i>Losses</i>
1952	101	338,844	\$ 54,780.84	\$ 66,606.20	\$11,825.40
1953	108	645,492	74,603.48	96,063.60	21,460.12
1954	106	1,507,505	230,622.20	241,390.12	10,767.92

### 13. ZOO DIVISION (MR. ARTHUR R. WATSON, *Manager*)

An event of major importance at the Zoo during 1954 was the completion of the new Mammal House. This is the first new build-

ing at the Zoo for many years and marks the first step in the proposed expansion of the facilities at the Zoo. This building was officially opened to the public on May 2, 1954 with an attendance of 11,607 persons.

Another event which attracted widespread public interest during the year, was the safari which the Zoo Manager, Mr. Arthur R. Watson, made to Africa for the purpose of collecting animals. This safari, which, with the exception of Mr. Watson's salary, was financed by Television Station WAAM, was a huge success. With the animals which were acquired, our Zoo now boasts one of the finest collections of primates in the country.

One unfortunate event occurred during the year to mar the many achievements of 1954. On November 11th, 1954, a fire broke out in the Druid Hill Mansion causing extensive damage to the building as well as the loss of some of the birds which were on display. Mr. S. L. Hammerman, Vice President of the Board of Recreation and Parks, came immediately to the Mansion House upon learning of the fire and supervised the removal of the birds, helping to keep losses to a minimum.

The many educational activities of the Baltimore Zoo were continued during 1954. The diversity and scope of these activities is shown in the following chart:

Guide Service	29 Groups	1,164 Persons
Travelling Zoo	1 Visit	75 Persons
Lecture Program	29 Requests	2,036 Persons
Television Program	52 Shows	319,146 Persons (Professional Estimates)
Maryland Building	Natural History Society of Maryland	22,000 Persons

Many public-spirited individuals and organizations generously contribute exhibits during the year. Mr. Robert W. MacDonald presented the Zoo with a female elephant (Sarah), a pair of Sumatran tigers, and two male and one female Java leopards. Another female elephant (Jenny) was donated by the C. Markland Kelly, Jr. Post No. 174, of the American Legion. Two ocelots were presented, one by Mr. Mano Swartz and the second by Mr. E. M. Kellough. Sears, Roebuck and Company donated a pair of whooping Swan, and the Rotary Club of Baltimore gave a pair of Kangaroos.

Approximately 100 fine specimens were acquired in the African safari including one gorilla and two female chimpanzees. As many of these animals were surplus for our collection at the Zoo, they were turned over to various animal dealers to be used in trade for species which are not represented at our Zoo. As a consequence,

an exact accounting of the animals acquired in the safari cannot be given until all of these trades are completed. Six birds were purchased to enlarge the Zoo's collection.

An inventory of the exhibits in the Zoo as of December 31, 1954, follows:

<i>Exotic Specimens</i>	<i>Species</i>	<i>Specimens</i>
Mammals .....	86	231
Birds .....	114	256
Reptiles .....	53	115
Amphibians .....	1	5
Fish .....	1	70
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	255	677
 <i>Domestic Specimens</i>		
Mammals .....	5	133
Birds .....	8	92
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	13	225
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GRAND TOTAL .....	268	902

#### 14. GOLF COURSES

Another successful year was recorded for golf play at the four municipal courses. Although the attendance dropped slightly under 1953's record high of 219,028 rounds, the 1954 total of 211,173 far exceeded the figures for any other previous year of play. Carroll Park continued to show an increase in patronage with a 1954 play of 41,134 rounds as compared to 1953's total of 40,419.

This increase in patronage at the Municipal Courses is again attributed to the Reserve Starting Time System, and the fact that the play remains high attests to the popularity of this system with Baltimore's golfers.

The following chart indicates the total rounds played in 1954 at each course, together with revenue and cost of operation:

	<i>Rounds</i>	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Operating Cost</i>
Carroll .....	41,134	\$ 17,818.50	\$ 33,677.89
Clifton .....	52,738	45,471.60	41,052.26
Hillsdale .....	59,358	50,510.40	53,376.73
Mt. Pleasant .....	57,943	62,290.60	67,143.15
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TOTAL—1954....	211,173	\$176,091.10	\$195,250.03
TOTAL—1953....	219,028	182,281.55	202,874.49

As in past years, several special tournaments were held on the municipal courses, including the Fourth Annual Hole-in-One-Tournament, sponsored by the *News-Post* with all receipts donated

to the Disabled Veterans of America and the Baltimore Golf Association. A total of 3,618 people participated in this tournament and receipts amounted to \$2,311.45.

The Medal Play Tournament conducted by the Baltimore Golfing Association was again held over the Labor Day holiday. This tournament lasts three days and each of the three Bureau of Parks eighteen-hole golf courses is used for one day of play. As usual, the tournament was well-attended and was pronounced to be an outstanding success.

*Eastern Open Golf Tournament:* This tournament was held for the fifth consecutive year at the Mount Pleasant Golf Course from May 17 to May 23, 1954. The Eastern Open is rapidly becoming a part of golfdom's nation-wide tradition as well as an outstanding event in Baltimore's sports scene.

This tournament was originally conceived by His Honor, Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro, Jr., in 1950, and each year the event is conducted by committee members and tournament workers appointed by him.

The tournament carries \$20,000.00 prize money for distribution for the 72-hole medal-type play governed as to entries, rules, etc., by the Professional Golfers Association of America. It is open to 150 golfers who qualify and nearly 100 nationally known professionals appear each year.

The complete efforts of all the members of this Department and Bureau and other Municipal Agencies who worked on the tournament, and many persons who volunteered their services made the tournament a success. Gratitude is hereby expressed to these individuals who generously give their time each year in the staging of the Eastern Open.

Because of early preparations the Mt. Pleasant Course was in excellent condition for the tournament, the layout and readiness for play was favorably referred to by the press and P.G.A. officials.

The 1954 tournament was sponsored by the National Brewing Company in cooperation with the Department of Recreation and Parks, the agency designated by the Mayor for conducting this tournament. As in the past, a large number of spectators were attracted to witness this outstanding sports event.

Tournament play itself was outstanding with the eventual winner Bob Toski, jumping into an early lead which he held throughout the remainder of play.

Special attractive events held during the tournament included a participants' and spectators' Hole-in-One Tournament, driving contests, and special matches, pairing professionals with local youth tournament champions as teams.

Officials of the Professional Golf Association again expressed complete approval of the manner in which the tournament was conducted.

The round of winners of this tournament now reads as follows:

1954—Bob Toski	1952—Sam Snead
1953—Dick Mayer	1951—Cary Middlecoff
1950—Lloyd Mangrum	

It is interesting to note that none of the champions has been able to repeat his success over the difficult Mt. Pleasant Municipal Course.

## 15. SWIMMING POOLS AND BATHING BEACHES

The swimming pools were open in 1954 from June 19th through September 6th. Once again, considerable difficulty was encountered in obtaining qualified guards at the pools, but in spite of this difficulty, the pools were open a total of 560 operating days.

Chart below shows the attendance, revenue and operating expenses at each pool in 1954, also 1953 totals:

<i>Pool Location</i>	<i>Days Open</i>	<i>Patrons 1954</i>	<i>Revenue 1954</i>	<i>Cost 1954</i>
Carroll Wading .....	52	429	\$ 21.45	\$ 1,594.55
Clifton .....	72	51,648	8,490.25	13,456.88
Druid Hill (W) .....	73	37,508	8,103.80	14,277.73
Druid Hill (C) .....	72	29,751	5,747.55	13,456.46
Gwynns Falls .....	73	16,516	2,728.57	10,610.11
Patterson .....	72	60,065	9,959.05	14,852.07
Riverside .....	74	33,342	5,024.45	11,690.63
Roosevelt .....	72	14,601	2,351.42	6,741.12
TOTALS—1954....	560	243,860	\$42,426.54	\$86,679.55
TOTALS—1953....	568	270,379	49,540.12	90,736.69

*Fort Smallwood:* Fort Smallwood is a beautifully situated park just outside of Baltimore on the Chesapeake Bay. The park offers facilities for picnicking as well as two fully equipped bathing beaches. Attendance at the park and bathing beaches during 1954 again showed an increase which was reflected in increased revenue. The following chart presents a comparison between the 1954 and 1953 seasons:

	<i>Beach Attendance</i>	<i>Park Attendance</i>	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Cost</i>
1954	40,720	235,044	\$4,403.52	\$31,557.01
1953	39,466	232,297	3,696.13	21,198.09

**BUREAU OF PARKS**  
**SUMMARY COST STATEMENT OF OPERATING EXPENSES**  
**FOR THE YEAR 1954**

**1—GENERAL EXPENSES**

11	Administrative Expenses—		
	Executive Division .....	\$ 60,312.85	
15	Injuries and Damages.....	141.73	\$ 60,454.58

**2—OPERATING EXPENSES**

21	Operating Management Expenses.....	\$579,773.21	
22	Squares, Blvd. Parking & Special Lot Expenses.....	122,194.23	
23	Playground Expenses .....	25,618.70	
24	Small Parks Expenses.....	111,521.53	
25	Large Parks Expenses.....	691,070.27	
25-A	Stadium Expenses .....	176,948.15	
26	Golf Expenses .....	181,639.78	
27	Pools Expenses .....	77,017.99	
28	Zoological Expenses .....	128,867.81	
29-A	Fire Damage .....	2,020.73	
29-B	Forestry Nursery Expenses.....	5,392.99	
29-C	Forestry Expense—Public Highways..	54,653.27	2,156,718.66

**3—MAINTENANCE EXPENSES**

31	General Repairs .....	\$ 35,425.15	
32	Squares, Blvd. Parking & Special Lot Repairs.....	11,905.98	
33	Playground Repairs .....	8,374.88	
34	Small Parks Repairs.....	26,413.57	
35	Large Parks Repairs.....	149,884.23	
35-A	Stadium Repairs .....	51,324.07	
36	Golf Repairs .....	13,610.25	
37	Pools Repairs .....	11,546.23	
38	Zoological Repairs .....	18,684.93	327,169.29

**4—MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE AND EXPENSES**

46-A	Gratuitous Work .....	\$ 10,525.72	
46-B	Special Services Rendered Other Bureaus .....	10 89	
47	Sundry Revenues and Expenses.....	752.36	11,288.97

**5—RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

54	Interest Expense .....	\$182,406.25	182,406.25
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**6—FIXED ASSETS AND FUNDS**

60-A	Construction Work— Levy Appropriations .....	\$ 51,974.70	
61	General Properties .....	372.40	
65	Large Parks Properties .....	134.00	
67	Pools Properties .....	805.00	
69	Miscellaneous Properties .....	12,703.62	\$ 65,989.72
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES—</b>			
BUREAU OF PARKS FUNDS....			\$2,804,027.47
42-4	Accessory Enterprises (Billwork).....		9,319.18
<b>GRAND TOTAL....</b>			<u>\$2,813,346.65</u>

## BUREAU OF PARKS

### STATEMENT OF REVENUE FOR THE YEAR 1954

<b>Playgrounds and Playfields</b>			
Carroll—Lockers, Soap and Towels.....	\$ 1,035.20		
Clifton—Lockers, Soap and Towels.....	1,568.60		
Patterson—Lockers, Soap and Towels.....	788.80		
Gwynns Falls—Lockers, Soap and Towels....	531.45	\$	3,924.05
<b>Golf</b>			
Carroll .....	\$ 17,818.50		
Clifton .....	45,471.60		
Hillsdale .....	50,510.40		
Mt. Pleasant .....	62,290.60		176,091.10
<b>Swimming and Wading Pools</b>			
Carroll .....	\$ 21.45		
Clifton .....	8,490.25		
Druid Hill—Colored .....	5,747.55		
Druid Hill—White .....	8,103.80		
Gwynns Falls .....	2,728.57		
Patterson .....	9,959.05		
Riverside .....	5,024.45		
Roosevelt .....	2,351.42		42,426.54
<b>Concessions</b>			
Boat Lakes .....	\$ 343.68		
Selling Concessions Contract.....	13,080.00		
Concession—Fort Smallwood .....	4,403.52		
Bicycles .....	500.00		18,327.20
<b>Stadium</b>			
Baseball Rentals (Balto. Orioles).....	\$144,968.14		
Football Rentals (Professional & Collegiate) ..	24,751.86		
Football Rentals (High School & Others)....	2,625.00		
Baseball Concessions (Balto. Orioles).....	32,184.04		
Baseball Concessions (Others).....	102.66		
Football Concessions (Professional & Collegiate).....	16,435.81		
Football Concessions (High School & Others)	1,917.29		
Other Rentals .....	3,503.15		
Other Concessions .....	2,181.12		
Telephone Commissions .....	453.13		
Advertising Commission .....	1,500.00		230,622.20
Railway Tax .....			453,374.32
Fines—Park Violations .....			1,183.00
<b>Miscellaneous</b>			
Rental Real Property.....	\$ 4,144.00		
Sale of Electricity.....	461.06		
Commissions on Telephones.....	642.23		
Colonial Dames—Building Maintenance.....	250.00		
Maryland Yacht Club—Rental.....	2,200.00		
Maryland Yacht Club—Utility Service.....	1,265.98		
Sundry Revenue .....	831.26	\$	9,794.53
Baltimore Transit Bus Tax.....			299,815.67
Busses—Other than Baltimore Transit.....			2,548.99
TOTAL REVENUE.....			<u>\$1,238,107.60</u>



CITY OF BALTIMORE  
BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
DIVISION OF PARKS

*Financial Statement of Appropriations as of December 31, 1954*

Account	Forwarded From Prior Years	Appropri- ations	Increments	Total Credits	Expenditures	Encum- brances	Total Expenditures	Balance
Salaries (8.13 A)	—	\$ 559,205.00	\$10,444.45	\$ 569,649.45	\$ 606,305.68	—	\$ 606,305.68	(\$36,656.23)
Labor (8.14)	—	1,309,518.00	19,005.17	1,328,523.17	1,383,106.45	—	1,383,106.45	( 54,583.28)
Expenses (8.15)	\$10,000.00	422,387.00	24,072.78	456,459.78	370,988.74	\$11,831.00	382,819.74	73,640.04
Pools Ex- pense (8.14 D)	—	50,720.00	4,889.56	55,609.56	55,609.56	—	55,609.56	0.00
SUB TOTAL Compensated Work	\$10,000.00	\$2,341,830.00	\$58,411.96	\$2,410,241.96	\$2,416,010.43	\$11,831.00	\$2,427,841.43	(\$17,599.47)
From Supple- mental Funds	—	—	12,987.83	12,987.83	9,107.26	—	9,107.26	3,880.57
TOTAL	\$10,000.00	\$2,341,830.00	\$85,118.69	\$2,436,948.69	\$2,425,117.69	\$11,831.00	\$2,436,948.69	\$ 0.00

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## B. BUREAU OF RECREATION

(MR. HAROLD S. CALLOWHILL, *Superintendent*)

### THE INDISPENSABLE VOLUNTEER

The Bureau of Recreation acknowledges, with grateful appreciation, the splendid services of individuals and groups during the past year. Such contributions as gifts of money, equipment, supplies and a great variety of services and leadership have aided our program extensively.

The basis of any recreation program lies in its leadership, both volunteer and professional, and could not be successful without the cooperative efforts of both groups.

The late Dr. Edward C. Linderman said, "We expect people in a free society to engage in volunteer activity because they really care about what happens to people. That means they are responsible citizens. The word responsible means 'capable of responding to need.'"

In 1954 over 1,700 individuals and nearly 200 different groups contributed volunteer service. Of the 1,700 volunteers, approximately 1,400 represent persons who gave their time and services as managers and coaches of athletic teams who participate in the program of the Bureau's Division of Amateur Sports. These volunteers served 1,335 teams and 19,044 players. Individuals volunteered anywhere from 2 to 246 leadership hours during the year.

### VOLUNTEER SERVICE

The following summary presents an idea of the scope and type of Volunteer Service that the people of Baltimore and the Bureau of Recreation believe is important:

Playground leaders	Doorkeepers
Crafts instructors	Monitors
Club leaders and Advisers	Ticket takers and sellers
Story-tellers	Ushers
Game room leaders	Hat and coat checkers
Attendants for equipment and supplies	Chaperones
Social dance instructors	Officials at athletic events
Tap dance instructors	Umpires, referees and scorekeepers
Accompanists	Managers and coaches of athletic teams
Drum and bugle corps instructors	Contest judges
Weaving instructors	Making signs and posters
Weight lifting instructors	Scenery construction
Fencing instructors	Cooking and serving at special functions
Nature class leader	Snack bar attendants
Camp counsellors	Decorating for special events
Photography instructor	Sewing costumes, curtain, etc.
Picnic leaders	Painting walls, furniture, etc.
Roller skating supervisors	Transporting children and adults
Social dance supervisors	Photography
Playing records at dances	Safety patrols
Masters of ceremonies	Clean-up squads
Hostesses	Secretarial assistance

## VOLUNTEER CONTRIBUTIONS

The following organizations and groups were responsible for many and varied contributions to Baltimore's public recreation program. The Bureau of Recreation deeply appreciates this cooperation.

Soroptomist Club	Social Clubs
Lions Clubs	Teen-age Councils
Optimist Clubs	Girl Scouts
Kiwanis Clubs	Police Boys Clubs
Exchange Clubs	Fellowship House
Story-Teller's League of Baltimore	Public School Choir
American Legion Posts	Middle Atlantic Tennis Association
Free Summer Excursion Society	Turnverein Vorwaerts
Business and Professional Women's Clubs	Musician's Guild
Har-Brook Congregation	Fresh Air Farm
American Red Cross	Improvement Associations
Women's Civic League Groups	Public School Vocational Class
Junior League	Public School Home Economic Classes
Parent-Teacher Associations	Newspapers
Empty Stocking Club	Radio and TV Stations
Community Councils	Fraternities
Neighborhood Committees	Employee Groups
Morgan College	Laundries
Notre Dame College	Confectionery Stores
Garden Clubs	TV Service Companies
Women's Missionary Society	Restaurants
AAA Safety Clubs	Drug Stores
Parents' Clubs	Bakeries
Mothers' Clubs	Tailor Shop
Fathers' Clubs	Concession Company
Men's Recreation Council	Variety Stores
Women's Auxiliaries	Super Markets
Women's Guild	Dairies
Church Fellowship Groups	Manufacturing Companies
Political Clubs	Beauty Shop
Athletic Clubs	Automotive Service Companies

## VARIETY OF VOLUNTEER CONTRIBUTIONS

It is interesting to note the wide range and types of contributions made to recreation centers, playgrounds and individuals in extending good will, financial support and human interest throughout the City. The following donations are among the many received through our recreation channels; all of which is acknowledged with gratitude.

Financial gifts	Coffee urn
Athletic Equipment	Silverware
Christmas trees	Portable electric fans
Christmas toys	Smoking stands
Food baskets	Games and puzzles
Dental care	Eggs for Easter hunt
Eyeglasses	Dolls
Uniforms for boys' drum corps	Party refreshments
Refrigerator	Tablecloths
Gas stove	Curtains and draperies
Kitchen cabinet	Pony rides
Typewriter	Bus trips
Television	Table and sink tops
Dishes	Laundering service
Trophies	Pianos
Medals	Storage space in private homes
Ribbon awards	

## **THE VOLUNTEER CITIZEN'S COMMITTEE FOR RECREATION**

In March, 1954, a group of interested citizens organized a Citizen's Committee for Recreation under the capable leadership of Mrs. James W. Foster, Chairman. This group has been especially helpful in assisting the Bureau of Recreation, and the Department, in advancing the cause of parks and recreation, and for this the Board and staff are especially grateful.

The Citizen's Committee rendered valuable service in matters of publicity, education, qualifications of personnel, space needs, legislation, and the securing of funds.

## **EXPANSION OF RECREATION FACILITIES**

The passage of the Recreation and Park Loan by the voters in November 1954 assured the continuance of the construction program of recreation facilities. The funds approved by the voters for such expansion amounted to \$1,450,000, increasing the total approved since 1947 to \$4,450,000. The new construction contemplates the development of 11 new playgrounds and athletic fields, 12 field houses, 11 wading pools, 8 multiple-use areas, 10 tots areas, 6 tennis courts, hard surfacing on 3 playgrounds and the installation of heating facilities at 2 buildings.

## **PLAYGROUND STUDY**

At the request of the Baltimore Youth Commission, the Baltimore Council of Social Agencies prepared a study of Leadership Needs and Qualifications appropriate for Baltimore Playgrounds. The report recommends that there should be a substantial increase over the eighty-one supervised playgrounds operated in 1953. The report also recommends that there should be an increase in the number of sessions given at fifty-two of presently supervised playgrounds.

The report recognizes that the present standards for playground leadership as formulated by the Bureau are acceptable, and that a substantial increase in budget funds will be required to implement the recommendation. Based on an estimated 1953 population of 963,000, it is indicated that the 15,863 sessions given on the City's playgrounds, is far short of standard. It is hoped that it will be possible to take initial steps to correct this situation in 1956.

## **MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON AGING AND THE PROBLEMS OF THE AGED**

The Commission on Aging and the Problems of the Aged, appointed by Mayor D'Alesandro, studied this problem from the point of view of recreation and educational needs, economic security, housing, case work and counselling, health facilities and home care.

Following a study of recreation services in Baltimore to older persons, the Commission recommended that a trained person be added to the staff of the Bureau to give full time service to the establishment and expansion of community and institutional recreational programs for older people throughout the City.

### **GOLDEN AGE CLUBS**

The Senior Citizens of Baltimore comprise a very special group. Clubs have been organized in Community Centers all over the city for these "over 65ers" who find opportunities to develop friendships and increase the pleasure of their hard-earned leisure. They are anxious to learn new skills and participate in happy, satisfying programs as well as enjoy the "serious business" of their club. All of these clubs, apart from leadership, are self-sustaining and, in addition to the nickels, dimes and quarters which are collected as members' fees, many contributions are made by outside sources toward the support of these groups.

### **LOCH RAVEN FISHING CONCESSION**

These facilities are operated by the League of Maryland Sportsmen, Inc., under the supervision of the Department of Recreation and Parks (Bureau of Recreation), with the cooperation of the Bureau of Water Supply, for fishing at Loch Raven and Prettyboy Reservoir and boating and fishing at Lake Roland. They are operated for approximately four months each year, from approximately the first of June, for the use of the general public as well as members of the League.

Fishing has always been associated with these locations and it is the desire of the Department of Recreation and Parks to further this interest in conjunction with their program of recreation for the public. Boats may be rented, bait and tackle purchased as well as fishing licenses. During the year 1954, these facilities were used by a large number of devotees to the art of angling, and many very fine fish were landed including some prize contest winners. Quite a variety of fish are obtainable which can and do test the skill of the fishermen. These places are also stocked by the Maryland Game and Inland Fish Department for the angler's additional pleasure.

### **LOCH RAVEN SKEET AND TRAPSHOOTING RANGE**

This facility is operated by the League of Maryland Sportsmen, Inc., under the supervision of the Department of Recreation and Parks (Bureau of Recreation), with the cooperation of the Bureau of Water Supply, custodian of the area.

It is open to the general public as well as members of the League, and has five courses for trap and skeet shooting as well as a very

fine club house where refreshments, ammunition and accessories are for sale.

This form of sport is rapidly gaining in national prominence and many people are, each year, finding this a great form of recreation. Since the Department of Recreation and Parks, in their program for recreation is desirous of furthering all appropriate forms of recreation for the public, they have been very happy to open this area particularly for such a fine facility as has been built by the League of Maryland Sportsmen, Inc.

Anyone interested in this sport will find one of the finest skeet and trapshooting ranges in this part of the country available to them through the cooperation of the Department of Recreation and Parks, the Bureau of Water Supply, and the League of Maryland Sportsmen, Inc.

### ATTENDANCE REACHES 3,474,899

The 154 locations where supervised recreation programs were conducted attracted an attendance of 3,474,899 this year. A registered individual enrollment of 97,366 was recorded at the playgrounds, community centers, indoor centers, pools and special centers throughout the city. This represents an attendance increase of 282,572 and an individual enrollment increase of 11,322.

Recreation has become an important factor in the community life of the city and the staff of the Bureau plans and directs a broad program of activities to suit the needs of all ages. The activities for children include games, stories, music, contests, folk dances, clubs, handwork, nature interests, outings and many others; for youth and adults there are social dances, parties, hobbies, family gatherings, organized team games and outings. The program for the older people includes meetings, music, quiet games, simple dramatics, discussions and parties.

### STATISTICS—1954

	<i>Enrollment</i>		<i>Attendance</i>		<i>No. of Centers</i>	
	<i>White</i>	<i>Negro</i>	<i>White</i>	<i>Negro</i>	<i>White</i>	<i>Negro</i>
Playgrounds .....	15,663	4,126	1,006,418	328,453	52	25
Community Centers ...	31,645	6,829	1,088,777	431,919	20	6
Indoor Centers .....	8,285	4,578	117,005	239,458	28	12
Swimming Pools .....	2,761	402	22,982	5,145	7	1
Special Centers .....	20,970	2,107	212,063	22,679	3	—
Totals .....	79,324	18,042	2,447,245	1,027,654	110	44
Combined Totals ...	97,366		3,474,899		154	

### HIGHLIGHTS OF 1954

The Baltimore Recreation Chorus passed a milestone in its 12th year of progress when it sang *The Damnation of Faust* (Berlioz)

with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra under the baton of Massimo Freccia at the Lyric in March.

The Baltimore Recreation Symphony Orchestra presented the second annual Under the Dome Concert in the State House, Annapolis.

The Children's City-wide Massed Chorus centered its interest in two major events—the midsummer Joseph Lee Concert in Patterson Park and the Christmas Tree Ceremony in Wyman Park.

Special activity groups of the Bureau presented Convention Capers as an entertainment feature for the American Institute of Park Executives.

Feature Days on the summer playgrounds centered around the themes of Travel Around the World and Indian Play.

The Women's Conditioning Class of the Northwood Recreation Center registered 125 participants.

The new swimming pool at Mergenthaler School was used for recreational swimming in cooperation with the Red Cross.

The Annual City-wide Golden Age Luncheon was held at the Hamilton Recreation Center and attended by 300 men and women.

Twice a month roller skating at the Lexington Recreation Center attracted an attendance of about 100 each evening.

Groups of boys and girls from the Lexington Recreation Center entertained the soldiers at Camp Meade and Aberdeen with dramatics, dancing and tumbling.

Cylburn Park has been approved for development as a Wild Flower Preserve and Garden Center. A Steering Committee is promoting interest through Garden Clubs, Conservation Societies and students of Natural History.

Several hundred boys and girls took part in 53 Bicycle Rodeos, emphasizing safety and riding skills.

Fourth of July was celebrated on 64 areas with 6,600 boys and girls participating.

The Annual Parochial School Track and Field Meet, held in cooperation with the Knights of Columbus had a gross participation of 3,492 boys and girls. The events started in the morning and continued through the day.

The games of Touch Football and Seven-Man Soccer are increasing in interest throughout the city.

Synchronized swimming was introduced at the Chick Webb and Druid Hill pools and the response was most encouraging on the part of participants as well as spectators.

The Stagecrafters produced "Good Bye My Fancy," a three act comedy, at Clifton Park High School. It was so successful that many repeat performances were presented.

Permits for the use of Bureau of Recreation and Department of Education facilities by clubs or neighborhood groups have been issued to 249 groups, with an attendance of 52,161 during the year.

Competitive swimming in the Municipal Games, *Evening Sun* Meet and *Guide* Meet had a gross participation of 1,114. The Municipal Games Track and Field Meets had a gross participation of 449.

A Christmas Greens Workshop was conducted in December for the purpose of demonstrating methods of making arrangements and designs suitable for home decorations.

About 500 persons visited the Annual Adult Craft Exhibit held at 1129 N. Calvert Street. A variety of articles in pottery, painting, weaving, jewelry and enamel were displayed by 222 exhibitors.

The New Year's Eve Party and Dance at the Cahill Recreation Center attracted 275 teen-agers who gathered together to Ring Out the Old and Ring in the New Year.

The annual Roosevelt Recreation Center Father and Son Banquet brought together 160 men and boys to honor the winning athletic teams who were presented trophy awards on this occasion.

At the Cherry Hill Homes Recreation Center, 506 enthusiastic banquetees attended the annual Mother and Daughter Dinner. This group comprised representatives of the Girls Choral, Dramatic and Dance classes.

The Tournament of Plays at the Cherry Hill Homes Recreation Center was participated in by 35 persons, representing 6 club groups, who presented one-act plays before an audience of 350 people.

The summer swimming program conducted in the park swimming pools in conjunction with the Red Cross resulted in the awarding of 1,114 certificates. There was a total attendance of 23,337 at these classes.

The indoor roller skating program at the Hamilton Recreation Center, which is participated in by boys and girls of all ages, carried an attendance of 6,566. This activity is conducted on the auditorium floor which was especially constructed for this purpose.

The popular tap and ballet dances conducted by the Bureau drew a large attendance of 58,474. Each group presented a Dance Recital in its own community at the end of the season.

The competitive program of the Division of Amateur Sports in tennis, softball, baseball, football, soccer, basketball and track and field continues to attract large numbers of boys and girls with



1,335 teams and 19,044 registered players as shown by the following table:

<i>Boys and Men</i>	<i>Leagues</i>		<i>Teams</i>		<i>Players</i>	
	<i>White</i>	<i>Negro</i>	<i>White</i>	<i>Negro</i>	<i>White</i>	<i>Negro</i>
Baseball .....	50	7	280	34	5,133	325
Football .....	9	2	56	9	1,799	135
Basketball .....	57	18	301	87	2,887	794
Softball .....	61	11	369	52	5,802	592
Soccer .....	5	—	21	—	355	—
<b>Totals .....</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>1,027</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>15,976</b>	<b>1,846</b>
	<b>220</b>		<b>1,209</b>		<b>17,822</b>	
<i>Girls and Women</i>						
Softball .....	4	2	22	8	298	38
Basketball .....	17	1	92	4	854	32
<b>Totals .....</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1,152</b>	<b>70</b>
	<b>24</b>		<b>126</b>		<b>1,222</b>	
<b>COMBINED TOTALS..</b>	<b>244</b>		<b>1,335</b>		<b>19,044</b>	

**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**  
**DIVISION OF RECREATION**

Summary Cost Statement of Operating Expenses for the Year 1954

**1—GENERAL EXPENSES**

11	Administrative Expenses .....	\$ 93,077.53
13	Leadership Training School.....	85.31
		<u>\$ 93,162.84</u>

**2—OPERATING EXPENSES**

21	Field Supervision Expenses .....	\$110,517.00
22	Playground Expenses—White .....	111,009.92
23	Community Centers Expenses—White..	247,066.73
24	Indoor Centers Expenses—White.....	9,654.17
25	Recreational Activities Expenses— White .....	29,307.27
26	Municipal Sports Expenses—White....	22,564.40
27	Playground Expenses—Colored .....	29,023.79
28	Recreational Centers Expenses— Colored .....	121,291.89
29	Recreational Activities Expenses— Colored .....	3,235.93
		<u>\$683,671.10</u>

**3—MAINTENANCE EXPENSES**

31	General Maintenance .....	19,037.91
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Total Expenses— Department of Recreation Funds		\$ 795,871.85
42	Accessory Enterprises .....	\$143,146.27
44	Day Care Centers.....	\$ 4,100.89
60-B	Recreation Loans Construction.....	192,129.97
60-H	Playlot Conversion .....	91.00
		<u>\$339,468.13</u>
		<u>339,468.13</u>
		<u>\$1,135,339.98</u>

**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**  
**DIVISION OF RECREATION**

**Financial Statement of Appropriations and Loan Funds as of December 31, 1954**

Account	Description	Forwarded From Prior Year	Appropriations	Increments	Total Credits	Expenditures Encumbrances	Total Expenditures	Balance
8.16 A	Salaries .....	—	\$ 538,640.00	(\$ 6,000.00)	\$ 532,640.00	\$527,211.74	\$ 527,211.74	\$ 5,428.26
8.16 D	Part Time Salaries.....	—	166,281.00	6,000.00	172,281.00	174,045.11	174,045.11	( 1,764.11)
8.17	Expenses .....	—	99,000.00	749.74	99,749.74	96,268.73	97,341.73	2,408.01
	Sub-Total .....	—	\$ 803,921.00	\$ 749.74	\$ 804,670.74	\$797,525.58	\$ 798,598.58	\$ 6,072.16
	To Supplemental Funds.....	—	—	( 6,072.16)	( 6,072.16)	—	—	( 6,072.16)
	<b>TOTAL .....</b>	—	\$ 803,921.00	(\$ 5,322.42)	\$ 798,598.58	\$797,525.58	\$ 798,598.58	\$ 0.00
8.202	Wilcox Playground .....	\$ 6,281.42	—	( 3,281.42)	3,000.00	—	—	3,000.00
8.302	Second Rec. Loan.....	249,857.11	250,000.00	( 433,265.13)	66,591.98	—	—	66,591.98
8.303 D	Recrea. Loans Constr.....	402,010.98	—	433,265.13	835,276.11	192,129.97	232,826.97	602,449.14
8.22	Playlot Conversion .....	7,187.73	—	—	7,187.73	91.00	91.00	7,096.73
	Forward to 1955.....	—	—	( 674,241.12)	(674,241.12)	—	—	(674,241.12)
	To Supplemental Funds.....	—	—	( 4,896.73)	( 4,896.73)	—	—	( 4,896.73)
	<b>GRAND TOTAL .....</b>	\$665,387.24	\$1,053,921.00	(\$687,741.69)	\$1,031,516.55	\$989,746.55	\$1,031,516.55	\$ 0.00

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## C. BUREAU OF MUSIC

(MR. EARL F. FORMAN, *Superintendent*)

A significant point was reached in the history of the Bureau of Music of Baltimore City in 1954, on the occasion of the celebration of its fortieth anniversary and also of the founding of the Number 1 Municipal Concert Band, forty years ago. The Bureau of Music, the first one of its kind to be established in the country, this year upheld its tradition of being the leader in municipal music in the United States. In observing these important dates, the Bureau introduced new adventures in the field of Municipal Music.

The most significant innovation was the VOCAL TALENT CONTEST sponsored by the Bureau in co-operation with the *Baltimore News-Post* and the *Sunday American*. This contest extended to local singers of classical and semi-classical music, the privilege of appearing as guest soloists with the concert bands. The sponsoring papers offered to the winners prizes of \$1,000.00 in U.S. Savings Bonds, together with other inducements. Applications were received by the Bureau of Music, and screened by a competent committee. Successful contestants were notified to appear before the judges for auditions, and from this group, twenty-four singers were chosen for the six weeks' competition. The winners were selected by ballots cast by the audiences. The twelve winners were then auditioned by a well-known out-of-town musical authority, who made the selections of the first, second, and third places, and also the fourth to twelfth place winners. All finalists were invited to appear at the Combined Concert given in Memorial Stadium on August 11. The first, second and third place winners were guest soloists.

### REGULAR CONCERTS

During the 1954 season, the four concert bands gave 130 night programs before large and enthusiastic audiences. The season's band schedules are set forth in a statement at the end of this report.

### SPECIAL CONCERTS

A series of special programs was presented to the public during the season as set forth below:

(a) *Polish Concert*—On June 27, this Sunday concert was held in Patterson Park. The No. 1 Municipal Concert Band presented special Polish music before a large and enthusiastic audience.

(b) *Annual Fourth of July Concert*—This Annual Patriotic concert was presented in Mt. Vernon Place on Sunday, July 4. In addition to patriotic music, appropriate motion pictures and community singing were added. Two contestants of the Vocal Talent Contest presented selections to the delight of the large audience.

(c) *City Hospital Concert*—Again this year, the Bureau gave a special concert for patients and personnel at the City Hospital. Band No. 2 gave its usual fine performance at this event.

(d) *"I Am An American Day"*—The Bureau again participated in this celebration. The program rendered by the 50 piece concert band was warmly received by the audience.

(e) *Combined Stadium Concerts*—

*First Concert*—July 14. In response to many requests, the Bureau featured the Alma Loth Ballet Group in this program. This talented ballet group, supported by music of the Combined No. 1 Concert Bands, presented a program of beauty and versatility, much appreciated by the large group of patrons. Community singing as always was included in the program.

*Second Concert*—August 11. This concert was presented to the largest audience ever to attend an event of this kind in Memorial Stadium. Winners of the first, second, and third places in the Talent Contest appeared as soloists that evening, after which prizes were presented by Miss Roberta Peters of the Metropolitan Opera. Miss Peters, the charming and brilliant young soprano, captivated the audience by her remarks and gracious manner in making the presentations. In addition to the \$500.00 bond which the first prize winner received, she was given the opportunity of appearing on the Ed Sullivan "Toast of the Town" show. The first prize winner also appeared as soloist with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, and as a result of her outstanding work, received excellent write-ups from local music critics.

(f) *Druid Hill Park Combined Concert*—This annual concert was given on August 1, by the Combined No. 2 Concert Bands. The Baltimore City Chorus, as usual, rendered a number of pleasing selections, and a young Baltimore tenor, who was the guest artist, rounded out an entertaining evening before an appreciative audience.

(g) *Baltimore City Orchestra and Chorus*—The Baltimore City Orchestra and Chorus during the 1954 season presented before large audiences several concerts. These two groups are constantly improving their performances and Baltimore music lovers may well be proud of them. Well-known local artists who were engaged for the concerts were favorably received.

## BALTIMORE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The Bureau of Music, in 1954, as in previous years, sponsored a series of Saturday evening concerts by the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, as well as thirteen concerts for children in the high schools. These popular concerts are given at reduced rates made possible through funds provided in the budget of the Bureau of Music. There is every indication in the growing size of the audiences at the Saturday evening concerts that the Orchestra under its present conductor is continuing to gain in popularity.

## GENERAL COMMENT

Approximately 50,000 schedules, programs, and song sheets were prepared by this Bureau and distributed to the public, industries, armed forces, and other groups in the Baltimore area.

Music for the American Institute of Park Executives' Convention was furnished by the Bureau of Music. Appropriate programs were furnished for the "get-together," luncheon, fashion show, and the all-day boat trip, also a special concert at Peabody Institute. The services of the musicians were generously donated by the Musical Union of Baltimore City, No. 40, American Federation of Music. Incidentally, the American Federation of Musicians has paid tribute to the work being done by the Bureau of Music, in an article which was published in their magazine, "International Musician." Special reprints of this article were distributed at the American Institute of Park Executives' Convention.

As Superintendent of the Bureau of Music, I should like to thank all persons who co-operated so effectively, to make the 1954 season a success. We are especially grateful to the conductors and musicians of the four concert bands. Acknowledgment is also made for the support given by the Mayor, the Board of Recreation and Parks, the Director, the Bureau of Parks, Park Police, City Police, and the press, radio and TV stations.

The 1954 financial report for the Bureau of Music, and the band schedules are appended.

## 1954 SCHEDULE—NUMBER 1 CONCERT BANDS

	Number 1 Park Concert Band Gerald Eyth Conductor	Number 1 Municipal Concert Band Wm. Sebastian Hart Conductor
Sun.—June 20	Druid Hill Park	Patterson Park
Mon.—June 21	Carroll Park	Union Square
Tues. June 22	Gwynns Falls Park	School No. 234
Wed.—June 23	Patterson Park	Dell—Charles & 31st St.
Thurs.—June 24	Federal Hill Park	Mount Vernon Place
Fri.—June 25	Clifton Park	Canton Park
Sun.—June 27	Druid Hill Park	Patterson Park
Mon.—June 28	Carroll Park	School No. 37
Tues.—June 29	Gwynns Falls Park	Northwood
Wed.—June 30	Patterson Park	Dell—Charles & 31st St.
Thurs. July 1	Federal Hill Park	School No. 98
Fri.—July 2	Clifton Park	Canton Park
Sun.—July 4	Druid Hill Park	Mount Vernon Place
Mon.—July 5	Carroll Park	School No. 410
Tues. July 6	Gwynns Falls Park	Towanda Recreation Center
Wed.—July 7	Patterson Park	Dell—Charles & 31st St.
Thurs.—July 8	Federal Hill Park	Mount Vernon Place
Fri.—July 9	Clifton Park	Canton Park
Sun.—July 11	Druid Hill Park	Patterson Park
Mon.—July 12	Carroll Park	School No. 236
Tues.—July 13	Gwynns Falls Park	Edmondson Village
Wed.—July 14	Combined Concert & Ballet at	Balto. Memorial Stadium
Thurs.—July 15	Federal Hill Park	Mount Vernon Place
Fri.—July 16	Clifton Park	Canton Park
Sun.—July 18	Druid Hill Park	Patterson Park
Mon.—July 19	Carroll Park	Springdale & Hillsdale Aves.
Tues.—July 20	Gwynns Falls Park	Norman & Mayfield Aves.
Wed.—July 21	Patterson Park	Dell—Charles & 31st St.
Thurs.—July 22	Federal Hill Park	Mount Vernon Place
Fri.—July 23	Clifton Park	Canton Park
Sun.—July 25	Druid Hill Park	Patterson Park
Mon.—July 26	Carroll Park	4800 Loch Raven Blvd.
Tues.—July 27	Gwynns Falls Park	School No. 2
Wed.—July 28	Patterson Park	Dell—Charles & 31st St.
Thurs.—July 29	Federal Hill Park	Mount Vernon Place
Fri.—July 30	Clifton Park	Canton Park
Sun.—Aug. 1	Druid Hill Park	Patterson Park
Mon.—Aug. 2	Carroll Park	School No. 231
Tues.—Aug. 3	Gwynns Falls Park	Hanlon Park
Wed.—Aug. 4	Patterson Park	Dell—Charles & 31st St.
Thurs.—Aug. 5	Federal Hill Park	Mount Vernon Place
Fri.—Aug. 6	Clifton Park	Canton Park
Sun.—Aug. 8	Druid Hill Park	Patterson Park
Mon.—Aug. 9	Carroll Park	School No. 88
Tues.—Aug. 10	Gwynns Falls Park	Garrett Park
Wed.—Aug. 11	Combined Concert & Award- ing Talent Prizes at	Balto. Memorial Stadium
Thurs.—Aug. 12	Federal Hill Park	Mount Vernon Place
Fri.—Aug. 13	Clifton Park	Canton Park
Sun.—Aug. 15	Druid Hill Park	Patterson Park
Mon.—Aug. 16	Carroll Park	School No. 231
Tues.—Aug. 17	Gwynns Falls Park	School No. 85
Wed.—Aug. 18	Patterson Park	Dell—Charles & 31st St.
Thurs.—Aug. 19	Clifton Park	Mount Vernon Place

## 1954 SCHEDULE—NUMBER 2 CONCERT BANDS

	Number 2 Municipal Concert Band Harrison M. Dodd Conductor	Number 2 Park Concert Band Charles E. Gwynn Conductor
Sun.—June 6	Druid Hill Park	
Wed.—June 9		School No. 112
Fri.—June 11	School No. 144	
Sun.—June 13		Easterwood Park
Wed.—June 16	School No. 138	
Fri.—June 18		Gilmor Project
Sun.—June 20	Harlem Square	
Fri.—June 25		1500 Argyle Ave.
Sun.—June 27		Druid Hill Park
Fri.—July 2	Perkins Square	
Sun.—July 4	Balto. City Hospital	
Fri.—July 9		School No. 142
Sun.—July 11		Madison Square
Fri.—July 16	Edgar Allen Poe Project	
Sun.—July 18	Lafayette Square	
Fri.—July 23		Cherry Hill
Sun.—July 25		Druid Hill Park
Fri.—July 30	School No. 100	
Sun.—Aug. 1	Combined Concert—Druid Hill Park	
Fri.—Aug. 6	Douglass High School	
Sun.—Aug. 8	Evergreen Park	
Fri.—Aug. 13		School No. 135
Sun.—Aug. 15		Druid Hill Park



CITY OF BALTIMORE  
BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
BUREAU OF MUSIC

Financial Statement of Appropriations as of December 31, 1954

Account	Description	Appropriations Increments	Total Credits	Expenditures	Encumbrances	Total Expenditures	Balance
8.10 A	Salaries .....	\$ 5,470.00	\$ 6,625.00	\$ 6,558.72	—	\$ 6,558.72	\$ 66.28
8-11	Expenses .....	50,775.00	50,775.00	50,368.13	—	50,368.13	406.87
8.12	Balto. Symphony Orchestra	70,000.00	80,000.00	80,000.00	—	80,000.00	0.00
	Sub-Total .....	\$126,245.00	\$137,400.00	\$136,926.85	—	\$136,926.85	\$473.15
	To Supplemental Funds....	—	(473.15)	—	—	—	(473.15)
	GRAND TOTAL .....	\$126,245.00	\$136,926.85	\$136,926.85	—	\$136,926.85	\$0.00

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# FINANCIAL REPORT

## BUREAU OF MUSIC

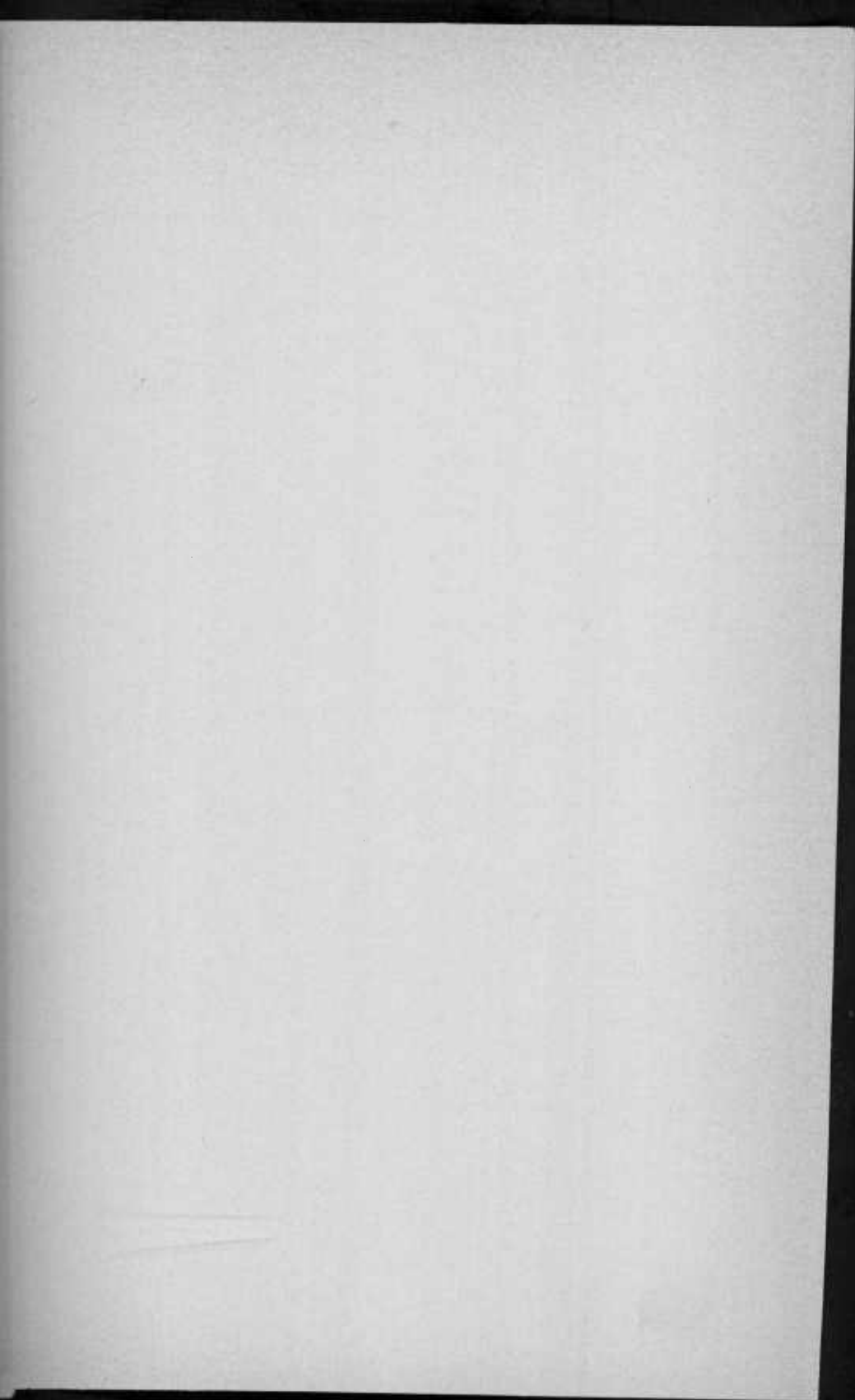
Detail Cost Statement of Operating Expenses for the Year 1954

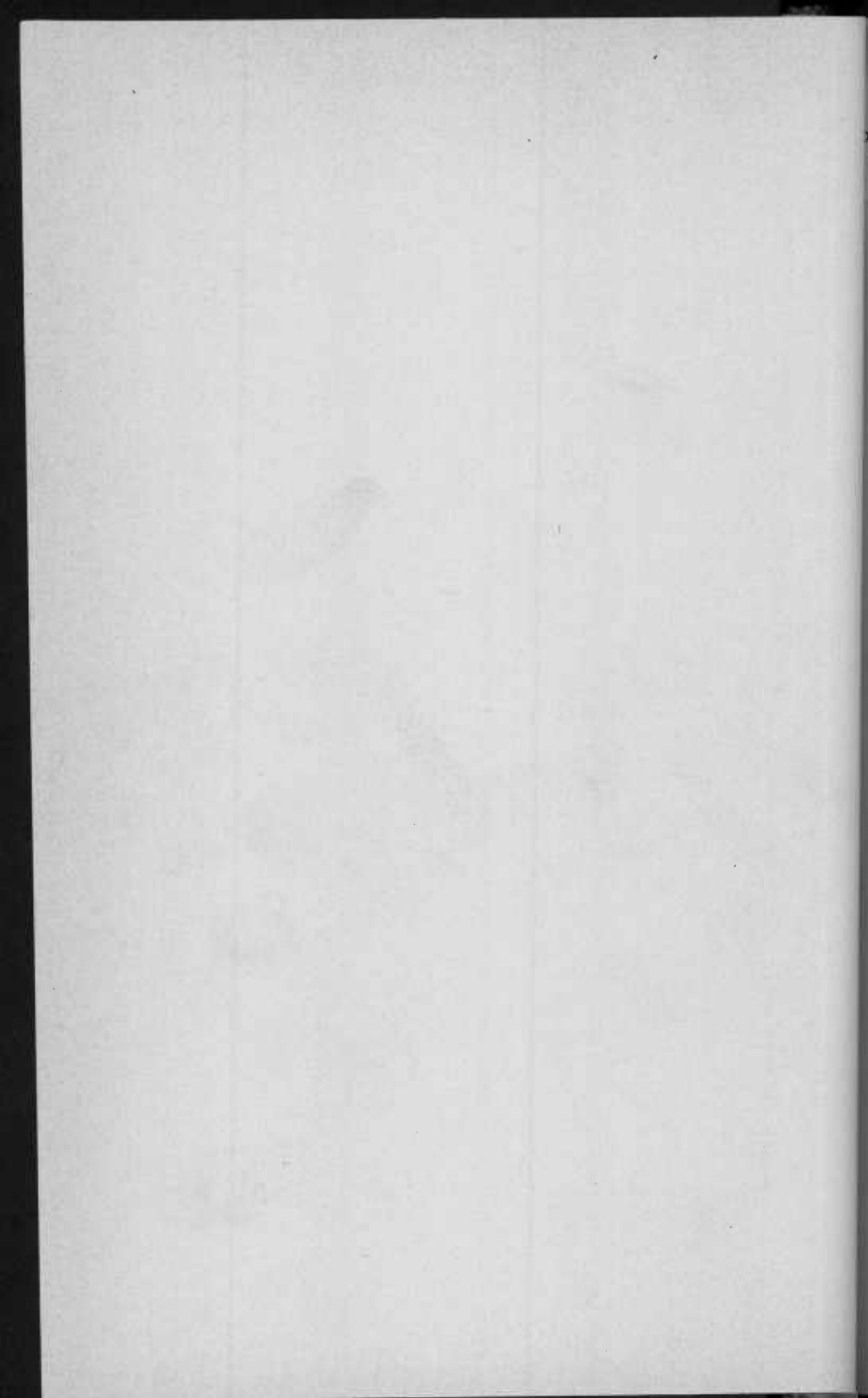
### 1—GENERAL EXPENSES

11	<b>Administrative Expenses</b>	
11-1	Pay and Expenses of Employees.....	\$ 6,558.72
11-2	Office Supplies and Expenses.....	613.18
11-9	Miscellaneous Expenses .....	41.08
	Sub-Total .....	\$ 7,212.98
	TOTAL 1—General Expenses.....	\$ 7,212.98

### 2—OPERATING EXPENSES

21-1	Moving and Erecting Stands.....	\$ 2,069.38
22	<b>No. 1 Municipal Concert Band Expenses</b>	
22-1	Pay of Musicians.....	\$17,647.00
22-3	Musical Scores .....	8.40
22-9	Miscellaneous .....	85.40
	Sub-Total .....	\$17,740.80
23	<b>No. 1 Park Concert Band Expenses</b>	
23-1	Pay of Musicians.....	\$17,324.00
23-9	Miscellaneous .....	46.00
	Sub-Total .....	\$17,370.00
24	<b>No. 2 Municipal Concert Band Expenses</b>	
24-1	Pay of Musicians.....	\$ 3,395.00
24-3	Musical Scores .....	72.00
	Sub-Total .....	\$ 3,467.00
25	<b>No. 2 Park Concert Band Expenses</b>	
25-1	Pay of Musicians.....	\$ 3,482.00
25-9	Miscellaneous .....	10.00
	Sub-Total .....	\$ 3,492.00
26	<b>Baltimore City Orchestra and Chorus Expenses</b>	
26-1	Pay of Musicians.....	\$ 1,330.00
26-2	Pay of Soloists (Chorus).....	932.00
26-3	Musical Scores .....	55.84
26-9	Miscellaneous .....	68.35
	Sub-Total .....	\$ 2,386.19
27	<b>Special Concert Expenses</b>	
27-2	Pay of Soloists.....	\$ 500.00
27-3	Musical Scores .....	385.51
27-6	Rental of Chairs.....	118.30
27-7	Rental of Motion Pictures and Spotlight Equipment.....	1,135.00
27-9	Miscellaneous .....	1,163.99
	Sub-Total .....	\$ 3,302.80
29	Baltimore Symphony Orchestra.....	\$80,000.00
	TOTAL 2—Operating Expenses.....	\$129,828.17
	GRAND TOTAL.....	\$137,041.15





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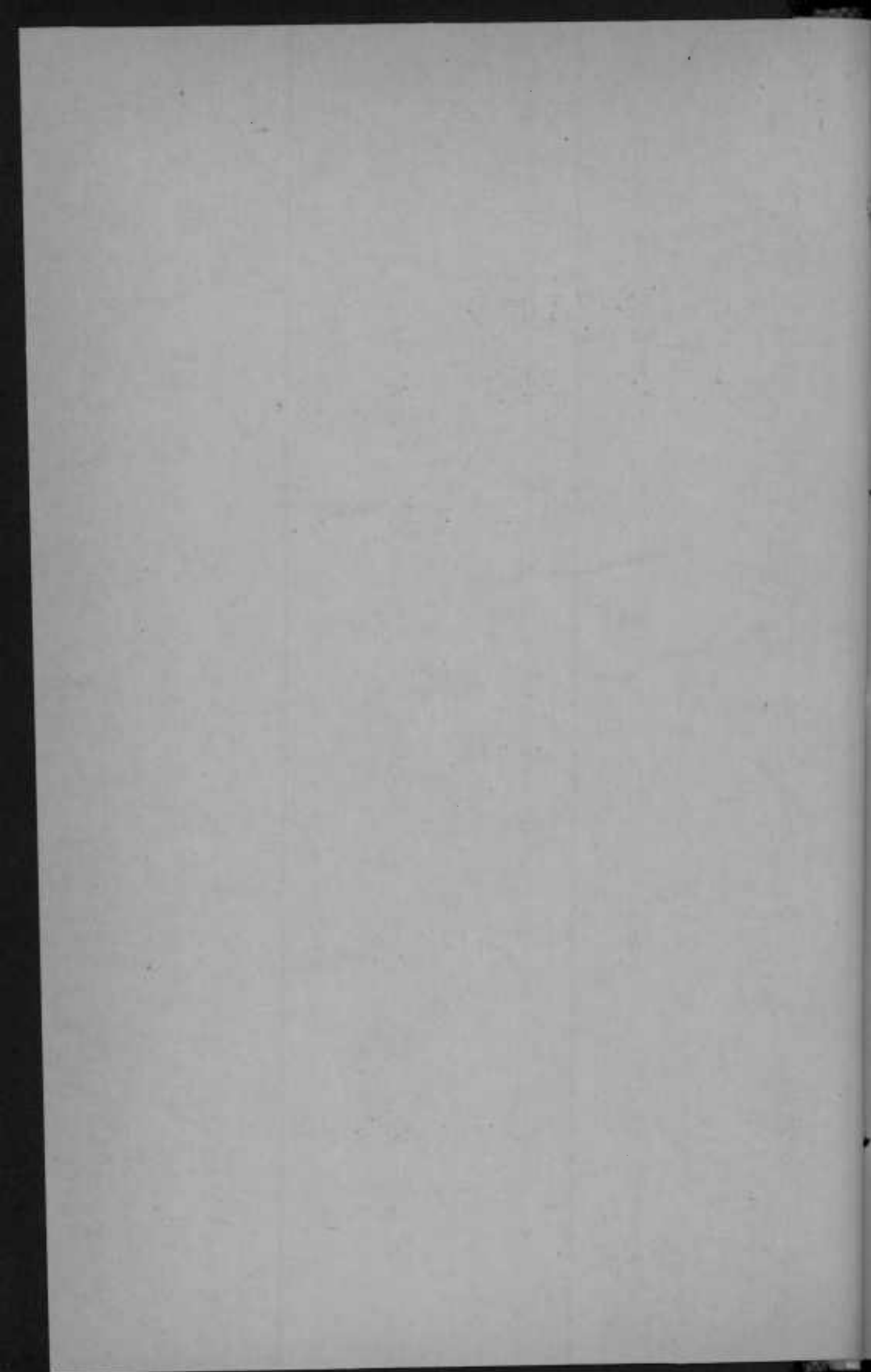
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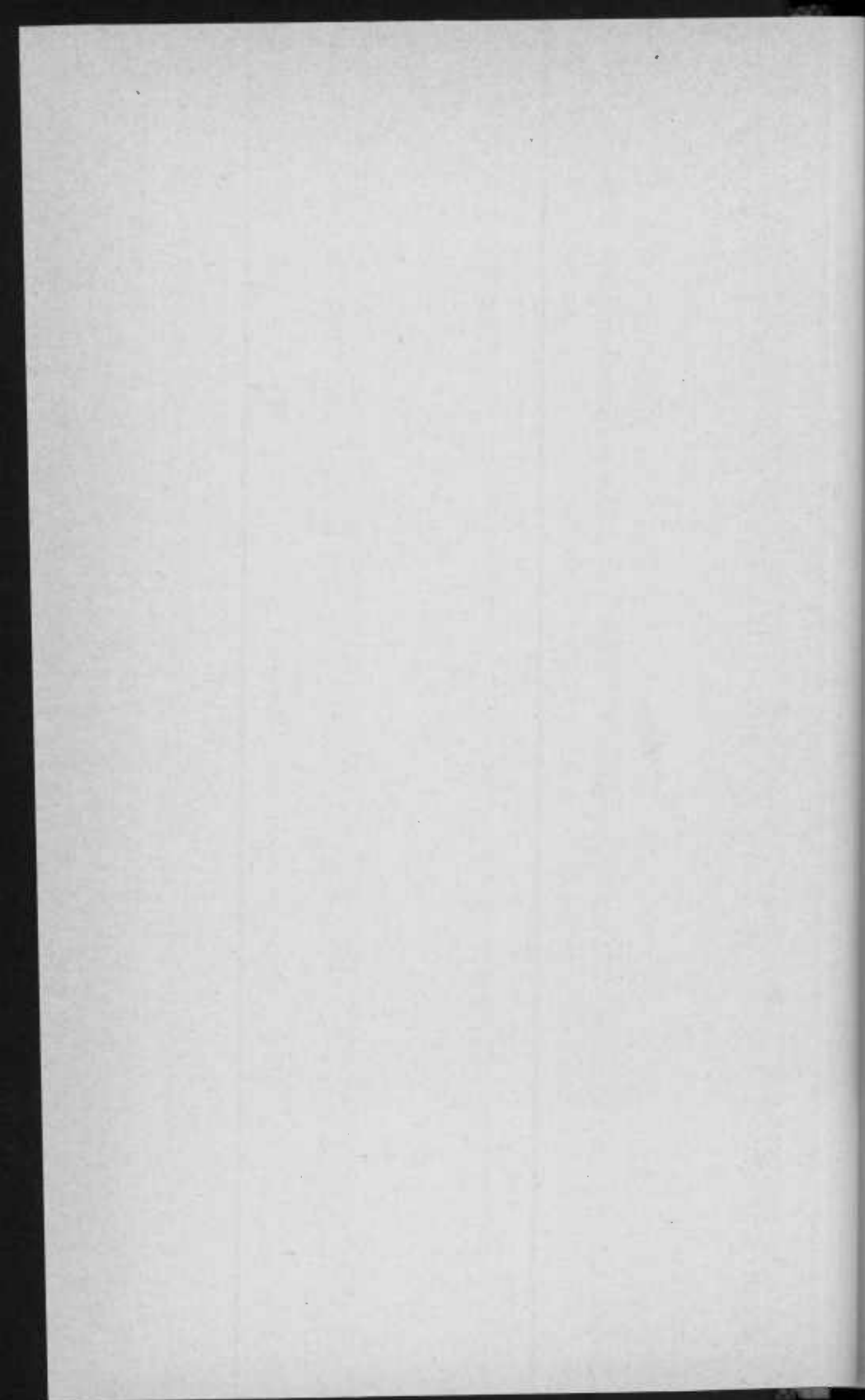
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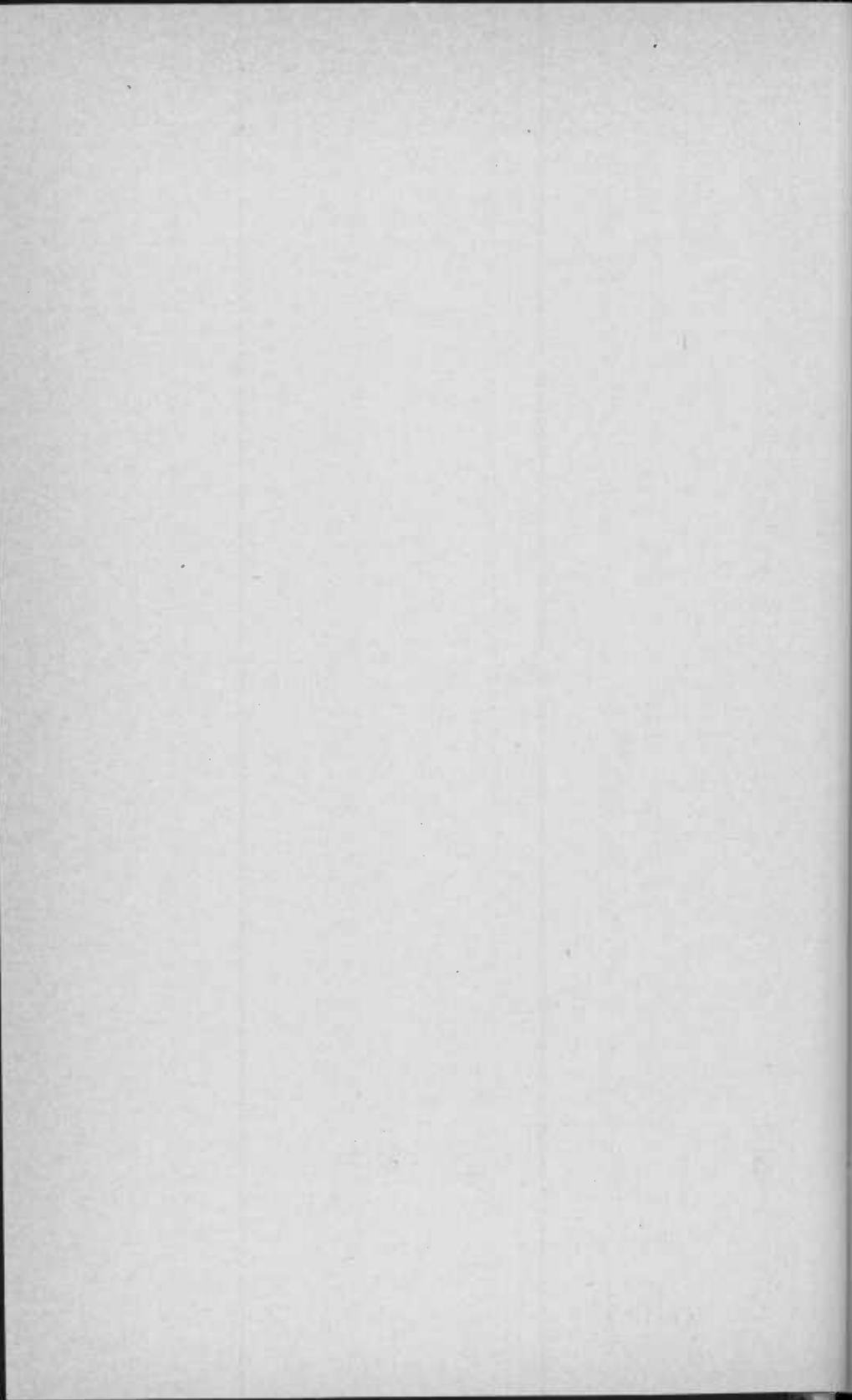
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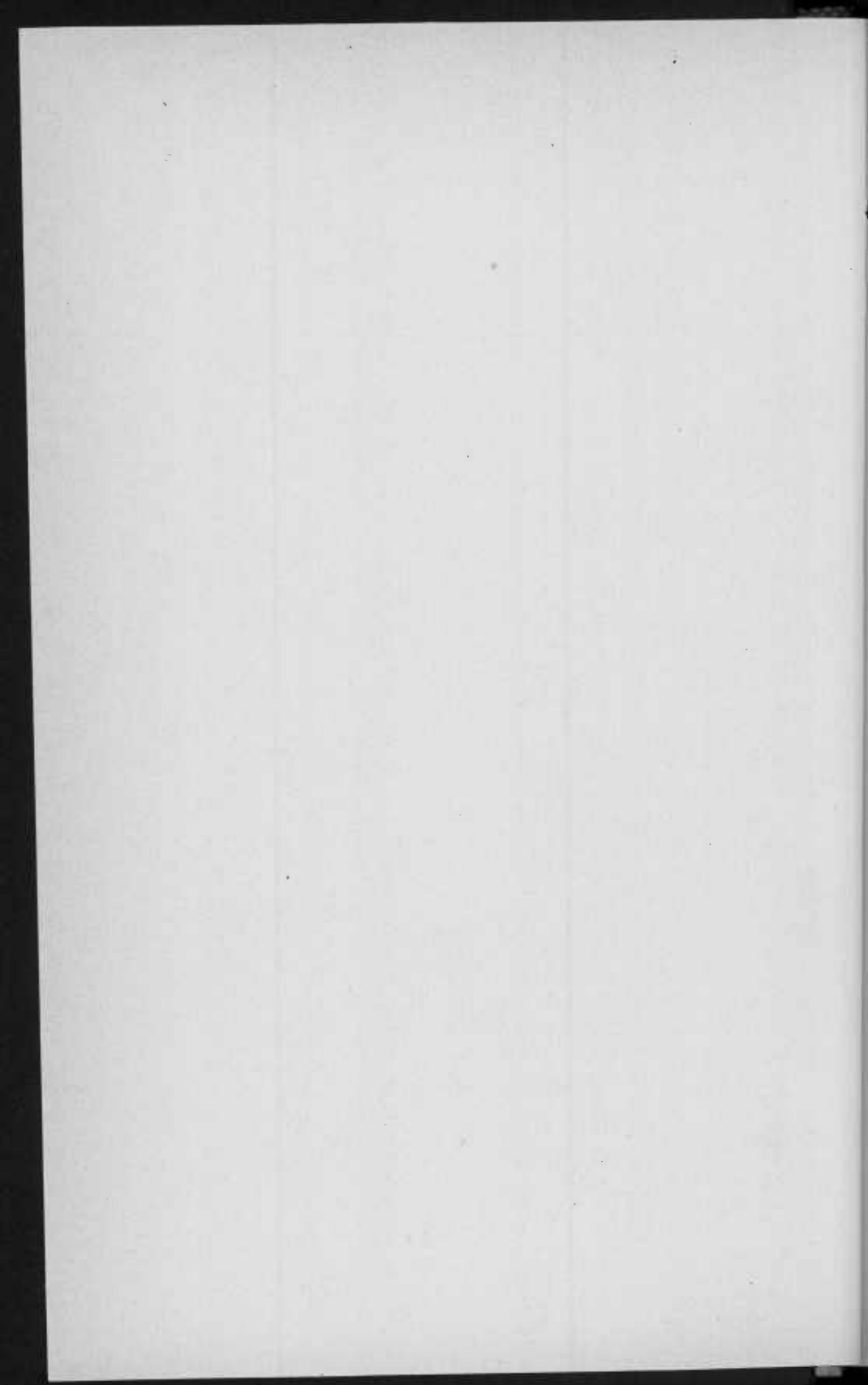
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July 1, 1956

To the Honorable Members  
Board of Recreation and Parks  
City of Baltimore, Maryland

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith for your consideration the Annual Report of the Department of Recreation and Parks for the year ending December 31, 1955.

Many interesting and complex problems came to us in nineteen fifty-five, and in handling them along with many other projects, both initiated and completed, as set forth elsewhere in the report, I can report to your Honorable Board a successful year.

Among the more important projects of special interest completed we include Greenmount Recreation Center; Dewees Playground, Field House and Wading Pool, and the Department of Recreation and Parks Office Building. This building enables us to bring under one roof, the Administrative Division, Bureau of Parks, Engineering Division and the Bureau of Music, thereby greatly increasing the efficiency of the work.

Many new projects are scheduled for 1956 (See Report) from the Loan Funds which have been entrusted to this Department. We shall continue to bring to the people of Baltimore through careful management and good judgment, the much-needed facilities at the selected locations to reach and benefit the greatest number of our people.

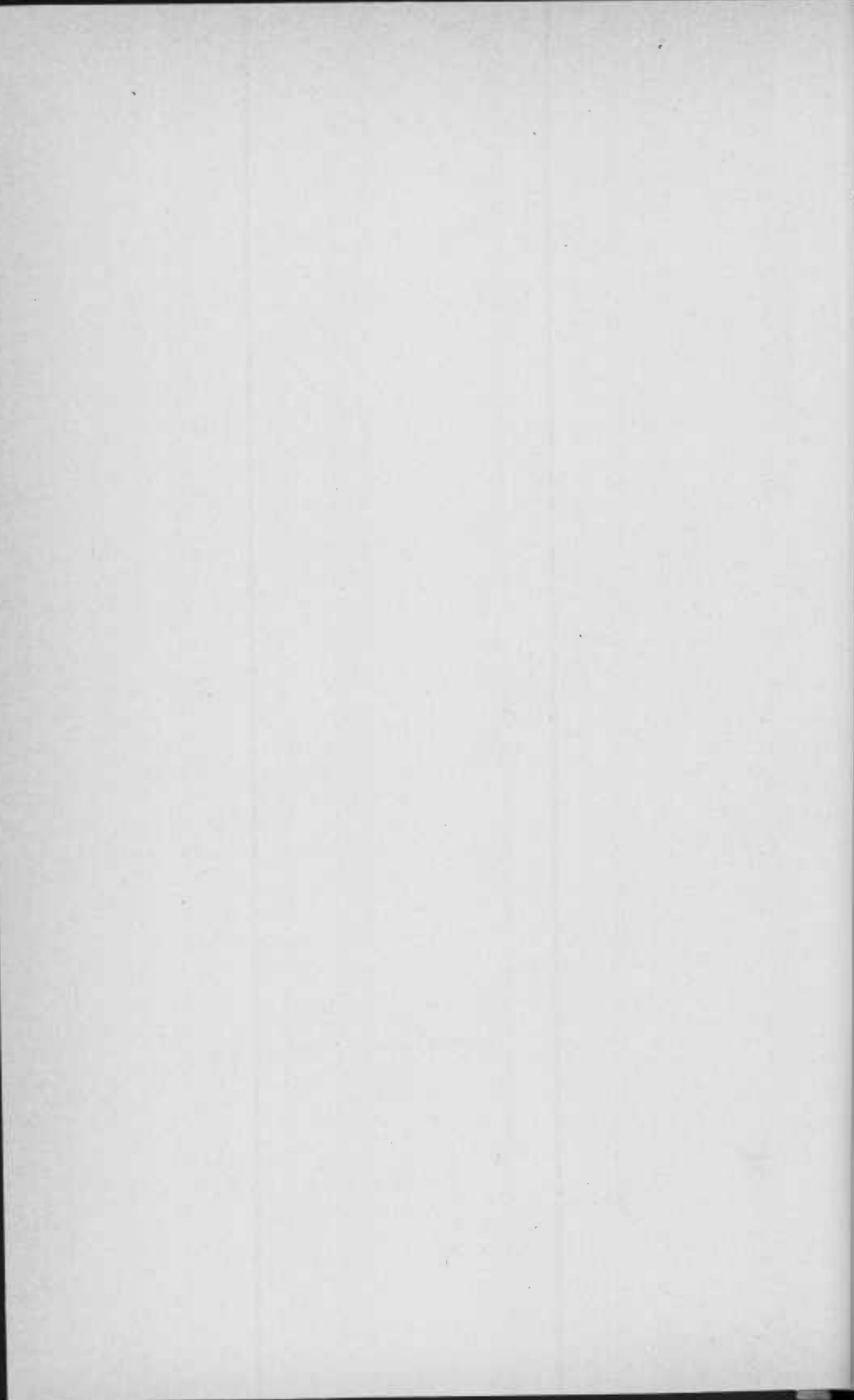
I wish to thank Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro, the City Council, the Board of Estimates, and the members of the Board of Recreation and Parks for their generous support of our efforts during the year. Acknowledgment is also made of the friendly cooperation extended this Department by the officials of other City Departments and Bureaus, especially the Bureau of Building Construction and the Department of Education.

I should like again to thank all employes of this Department who have so generously co-operated with this office during 1955, especially the Bureau Heads, our Engineer, our Executive Secretary, and the office personnel.

Respectfully submitted,

*R. Brooke Maxwell,*

*Director*





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DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

SECTION 1—ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

A. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

- R. BROOKE MAXWELL.....*Director*  
JOSEPH J. KING.....*Executive Secretary*  
J. IRVING GRAY.....*Senior Administrative Assistant*

1. BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARKS

The Board of Recreation and Parks held 13 Regular Meetings and 5 Special Meetings during 1955. The Real Estate Committee along with members of the staff conducted nine tours of inspection.

Active committees during the year were:

*Budget*—James C. Anderson, George G. Shriver and Reverend Wilbur H. Waters.

*Real Estate*—S. L. Hammerman, George G. Shriver and Gerald S. Wise.

*Municipal Sports*—James H. Gorges.

*Park Police*—James H. Gorges (Awards and Citations).

2. CONTRACTS

The following contracts were entered into during 1955.

- |                              |  |
|------------------------------|--|
| Eastern Open Golf Tournament | Colts Intra-Squad Game                   |
| Navy Football                | Drum Corps Contest (Cavalcade of Music)  |
| Oriole Parking Lot           | High School Football                     |
| Colts Parking Lot            | Golf Pro Contracts                       |
| Parks Selling Concession     | Circus—Alcala Caravan                    |
| Boat Lake Concession         | Circus—Ringling Bros., Barnum and Bailey |
| Boys Bowl Game               |  |
| McKim Playground Lease       |  |
| Ice Capades Show             |  |

Firemen's Fund—Mummers Parade—Stadium



NEW ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS—1955

### 3. PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS

The following properties were added to the holdings of our Department during 1955:

Loch Raven Boulevard and Hillen Road—0.16 Acres

Median strip on Cross Country Boulevard from Kelly Avenue to Ken Oak Road.

{ Lots 743-747 Alpaca Street	}	38' x 112'	
{ Lots 742-746 Foundry Court			
Lot 212-220 Otterbein Street		62' x 70'	
Lot on West Street beneath Russell Street Freeway			80' x 90'
Lot 701-709 Crisp Street		56' x 72'	
Lot 100 Block N. Vincent Street		75' x 100'	

### 4. NEW ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

One of the highlights of 1955 was the completion and occupancy of the new Administration Building constructed for this Department located at the Madison Avenue entrance to Druid Hill Park on the site of the former buildings.

The building itself is a modern daylight structure of brick construction with basement and slate roof. It is of colonial design, with modern lighting, air conditioning, and hot water heat. The landscaping was designed by the Director so that the building and grounds add materially to the beauty of the Madison Avenue Entrance to beautiful Druid Hill Park. The actual planting work was done by the Bureau of Parks, using in some cases plant material available in the park system. All of the planning of the building and the planting was done to add to the natural beauty of one of our finest parks, viz., Druid Hill Park.

Moving day was November 14, 1955 for the Director and his staff, the Bureau of Parks, the Bureau of Music and the Engineering Division which are all now housed in this one building.

The consolidation of these Bureaus under one roof will make for a smoother operation in a pleasant environment which, of course, will add to the efficiency of the Department.

This building was dedicated on November 25, 1955 with the Board of Recreation and Parks and the staff as hosts to His Honor, the Mayor, the City Council, Department Heads of the City government and other distinguished guests. The President of the Board of Recreation and Parks, Mr. James C. Anderson, welcomed the guests, and His Honor, the Mayor of Baltimore City, Thomas D'Alesandro, Jr., spoke accepting the building on behalf of the City of Baltimore.

### 5. INTEGRATION OF FACILITIES

On November 7, 1955 the Supreme Court of the United States rendered a decision which declared segregation of the races in

Parks and Recreational facilities unconstitutional. The Board of Recreation and Parks met in regular session on November 18th, 1955 to act upon the Supreme Court's decision, and held unanimously that the policy of the Board of Recreation and Parks of Baltimore, be that "the operation of all park and recreation facilities under its jurisdiction be, henceforward, operated on an integrated basis."

## **6. COOPERATION WITH CITY AGENCIES**

The Department of Recreation and Parks has close contact with all City Agencies interested in the expansion of our park and recreation program, and in furthering the aims of the Urban Renewal Program. The Baltimore Housing Authority and the Department of Education request the cooperation of this department in the planning of new facilities where they affect recreational use from a functional point of view. The Department of Education has approved the location of recreational facilities on its property and the Bureau of Recreation has paid for and developed additional recreation space adjacent to school properties.

The Board of Recreation and Parks has approved the expansion of school facilities on park land under the management of the Bureau of Parks, as exemplified recently in Gwynns Falls Park and Jackson Place. Where the Health Department has attempted through law enforcement to improve neighborhoods, our department has attempted to construct new facilities in their working areas. In all of these matters, the City Council, Board of Estimates and the Mayor's office have been most helpful.

## **7. TELEVISION SHOW—DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS**

Through the efforts of Mr. S. Lawrence Hammerman, Vice-President of the Board of Recreation and Parks, arrangements were made with WMAR-TV to present on television, as a public service feature, a series of TV Shows concerned with the organization, operations, functions, activities and programs of the Department of Recreation and Parks of Baltimore. Mr. Joseph J. King, Executive Secretary of the Board of Recreation and Parks, was given the assignment of preparing the program and acting as Moderator of the Series. Mr. King assembled material for 17 shows and called the series "Your Leisure Time, Sir," appearing bi-weekly on Wednesdays at 5:00 P.M. The first show started November 2, 1955, and the last show is scheduled for June 13, 1956.

This TV Series has given wide publicity to the Department's work and service to the public and has been accepted as a solid public service feature of combined educational and entertaining value. The programs have brought to the people of Baltimore first-hand insight into the personalities and complex operations behind the scenes of a City Department. By means of moving pictures, photos,

charts, personalities and other visual aids the Shows have been enlivened and made interesting.

So far the Series has covered the Board's work, growth and expansion of the Department, Bureau of Parks, Bureau of Recreation, Bureau of Music and Park Police. The future shows will feature the Recreation Orchestra and Chorus, Activities and Events held on Park properties, Dramatics, Arts and Crafts, the Baltimore Memorial Stadium, Amateur Sports Program, Floral Beauty, Golf and Tennis, Construction, Forestry, Pools and Beaches and Historic Monuments and Memorials.

The Board of Recreation and Parks and Staff are very grateful to WMAR-TV for the opportunity to present our story to the people of Baltimore and Maryland. We are also grateful to all persons and organizations who have in any way aided and assisted with these shows definitely adding to their interest and value.

#### **8. McKIM PLAYGROUND LEASED TO McKIM ASSOCIATION**

The Board of Recreation and Parks and the Board of Estimates on September 28, 1955, approved a 20 year lease with 20 year renewal option, whereby the McKim Community Association, Inc., now has the privilege and the responsibility of operating and maintaining the McKim Playground and building located at Fayette and Aisquith Streets.

The Association is responsible for the operation and supervision of a recreational program, both indoors and outdoors, at the site, including staff and equipment, and is also obligated to restore the building on the premises for recreational use. It was felt that the good work done by the Association in this neighborhood could be extended and made more effective by this arrangement since a major expansion of the Association's work was required because of increased demands by reason of new housing developments in the area. In view of the program of the Association and other recreational developments and plans of the Department of Recreation and Parks within the housing project nearby, the McKim Playground should be released to the Association. Our Department retains general jurisdiction and supervision over the activities and uses of the property by the Association.

#### **9. BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARKS**

The Board of Recreation and Parks makes an invaluable contribution to the citizens of Baltimore and to the staff and employees of the department. The members are extremely well qualified, earnest and enthusiastic about the work.

Many difficult and complex problems are brought before this Board for solution. Among the many, the following may be mentioned:—Hearings on controversial matters, clarification on policy

matters, real estate problems, departmental budgets, allocation of funds, distribution of playfields, playgrounds and other facilities, and a great variety of other problems all requiring experience, vision and enthusiasm for park and recreational work. The Board Members willingly give of their time and experience for this work, frequently at great sacrifice to their personal interests. This service and inspiration is deeply appreciated by the staff and the department. The citizens of Baltimore are indeed fortunate in having available the services of such a competent Board.

## B. ENGINEERING OFFICE

PAUL B. WOLF, *Principal Engineer*

The Engineering Office is responsible for the proper execution of all contracts except those new structures which are handled by the Bureau of Building Construction. Engineering service of a maintenance nature is also supplied as required by the Bureaus of Parks and Recreation. The items that follow under the various headings show in detail the volume of work handled by this division.

### 1. PROJECTS DESIGNED AND CONTRACTS LET AND SUPERVISED BY THE ENGINEERING DIVISION

- a. UPLANDS PLAYGROUND — BEECHFIELD AVENUE AND PEN LUCY ROAD  
Grading, drainage, topsoiling, seeding, playground equipment and fencing.
- b. CURTIS BAY PLAYGROUND—CURTIS AVENUE AND FILBERT STREET  
Standard wading pool built here.
- c. BROOKLYN-CURTIS BAY PLAYFIELD—SIXTH AND VIRGINIA AVENUES  
Baseball diamond, softball diamond, fencing, concrete gutters, etc.
- d. WILLIAM H. MCABEE PLAYGROUND—GILMOR AND LAURENS STREETS  
Drainage vault for wading pool.
- e. AMBROSE J. KENNEDY PLAYFIELD—HARFORD AVENUE AND EAGER STREET  
In order to eliminate a mud and dirt nuisance, the entire area was graded, drained and paved.
- f. ELMLEY AVENUE PLAYGROUND — REAR OF 3600 BLOCK ELMLEY AVENUE  
The entire area was graded, drained and paved, to eliminate mud and dirt.

g. **FRANK J. BOCEK PLAYFIELD—MADISON STREET AND EDISON HIGHWAY**

Improvements to athletic fields including softball and baseball diamonds, regrading, seeding and standard backstops.

h. **MEMORIAL STADIUM**

Design and construction of ticket booths, lines and grades given for paving, playing field, etc.

i. **PALL MALL PLAYGROUND—REAR OF 4610-4646 PALL MALL ROAD**

Shelter built here.

j. **ELLWOOD PLAYGROUND—ORLEANS STREET AND ELLWOOD AVENUE**

New fencing, equipment, and multiple-use court.

k. **CARETAKER'S ROOMS (UNDER CONTRACT)**

A room for caretaker's equipment, was added to each of the following buildings:—Queensberry Playground, Ambrose J. Kennedy Playground, Cloverdale Playground, and Wilkens Playground.

l. **NEW PLAYGROUNDS—CITY OWNED LOTS**

A contract is now under way for the improving of eleven city owned lots. These lots are being graded, paved and fenced for playground uses.

**2. PROJECTS DESIGNED BY ENGINEERING DIVISION, CONTRACTS LET AND SUPERVISED BY THE BUREAU OF BUILDING CONSTRUCTION**

a. **GREENMOUNT RECREATION CENTER — 2304-2306 GREENMOUNT AVENUE**

b. **DEWEES PLAYGROUND—TUNBRIDGE ROAD AND ALHAMBRA AVENUE**

Field house and wading pool, completed.

c. **FRANK J. BOCEK PLAYFIELD—MADISON STREET AND EDISON HIGHWAY**

Field house, shelter, multiple-use court, and playground equipment—Under Contract.

**3. DESIGNED BY OTHERS—SUPERVISED BY ENGINEERING DIVISION**

a. **JOHN STREET PARK—1300 BLOCK JOHN STREET**

This is the first small neighborhood park to follow the Urban Renewal pattern.

- b. HEATING INSTALLATIONS  
Patterson Park Pavilion and Casino
- c. SAM SMITH PARK—PRATT AND CALVERT STREETS  
Plans have been made to move this monument from its present location, to its new location at Calvert and Pratt Streets.
- d. DRUID HILL PARK  
Sanitary sewer contract. Supervision of the installation.

#### 4. DESIGNED BY OTHERS — PRE-ENGINEERING ASSISTANCE

The Division worked with architects and engineers in making preliminary studies on the following:—

- a. OFFICE BUILDING—DRUID HILL PARK
- b. ROBERT E. LEE MEMORIAL PARK
- c. BROOKLYN RECREATION CENTER
- d. SHARP AND HAMBURG STREETS PLAYGROUND
- e. BLOOMINGDALE OVAL

#### 5. MISCELLANEOUS ENGINEERING SERVICES

A wide variety of services were performed under this heading by the Division of Engineering. The more important of these are as follows:—

- a. FEDERAL HILL PARK—Arrangement of walks and planting
- b. FORT SMALLWOOD—Shore protection study
- c. SAM SMITH PARK—Landscape plan
- d. RECREATION BUILDINGS—Painting contract
- e. NORTH HAMILTON PLAYFIELD—Softball field backstops
- f. GARDENVILLE PLAYFIELD—Two (2) backstops
- g. QUEENSBERRY PLAYGROUND—Fence improvements
- h. WILKENS PLAYGROUND—Vault for wading pool
- i. WILLIAM H. MCABEE PLAYGROUND—Vault for wading pool



CITY OF BALTIMORE  
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 DIVISION OF RECREATION AND PARKS

**Cost Statement of Operating Expenses for the Year 1955**

**1—GENERAL EXPENSES**

11	<b>Administrative Expenses</b>		
11-1	Executive Salaries and Expenses.....	\$22,459.24	
11-2	Clerical Salaries and Expenses.....	7,602.01	
11-3	Office Supplies and Expenses.....	1,016.74	
11-9	Miscellaneous Expenses .....	1,034.40	
	Sub-Total .....	<u>\$32,112.39</u>	
	TOTAL 1—General Expenses.....		\$32,112.39

**2—OPERATING EXPENSES**

21-C	<b>Operating Management Expenses—Engineering Division</b>		
21-C-2	Office Supplies and Expenses.....	\$ 23.58	
21-D	<b>Operating Management Expenses—General</b>		
21-D-1	Pay and Expenses of Employees.....	\$27,328.54	
21-D-2	Office Supplies and Expenses.....	381.96	
21-D-3	Engineering Expenses .....	3.30	
21-D-9	Miscellaneous Expenses .....	461.71	
	Sub-Total .....	<u>\$28,175.51</u>	
	TOTAL 2—Operating Expenses.....		28,199.09

**6—FIXED ASSETS AND FUNDS**

68-A	<b>Motor Transportation Properties</b>		
68-A-2	Motor Vehicle Properties .....	1,163.12	
	GRAND TOTAL .....	<u><u>\$61,474.60</u></u>	

CITY OF BALTIMORE  
BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
DIVISION OF RECREATION AND PARKS

Financial Statement of Appropriations as of December 31, 1955

Account	Description	Appropriations	Increments	Total Credits	Expenditures	Encumbrances	Total Expenditures	Balance
8.08 A	Salaries.....	\$55,685.00	—	\$55,685.00	\$54,587.82	—	\$54,587.82	\$1,097.18
8.9	Expenses.....	4,660.00	—	4,660.00	5,094.54	\$101.00	5,195.54	(585.54)
	Sub-Total.....	\$60,345.00	—	\$60,345.00	\$59,682.36	\$101.00	\$59,783.36	\$561.64
	To Supplemental Funds.....	—	(\$561.64)	(561.64)	—	—	—	(561.64)
	GRAND TOTAL.....	\$60,345.00	(\$561.64)	\$59,783.36	\$59,682.36	\$101.00	\$59,783.36	\$ 0.00

( ) Indicates Negative Figure

## SECTION II—CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

### A. BUREAU OF RECREATION

#### 1. Completed Projects 1955

- a. GREENMOUNT AVENUE RECREATION CENTER—2304-06 Greenmount Avenue.  
This project consisted of the erection of a complete recreation center. Building to include playroom, two club rooms, kitchen, office and toilets. Total cost \$35,760.00.
- b. WILKENS PLAYGROUND—Catherine and Ashton Streets.  
The improvements at this location consisted of constructing a vault for the water valve at the wading pool, also laying a concrete walk around the wading pool. The cost of these improvements was \$335.00.
- c. FRANK J. BOCEK PLAYFIELD—Edison Highway and Madison Street.  
The work completed at this location consisted of changing existing baseball diamond in the southeast corner to a softball diamond and redirecting to avoid interference with Madison Street. Also, installing a standard baseball diamond in the northern central portion of the field as well as constructing standard backstops at both diamonds and all necessary sodding. Total cost \$1,750.00.
- d. WILLIAM H. MCABEE PLAYGROUND—Laurens and Gilmor Streets.  
This work consisted of construction of a vault for the water valve at the wading pool. Total cost \$235.00.
- e. AMBROSE J. KENNEDY PLAYGROUND—Harford Avenue and Eager Street.  
Black top surfacing applied to this area at a cost of \$11,711.64.
- f. ELMLEY AVENUE PLAYGROUND—Rear of 3500-3552 Elmley Avenue.  
Black top surfacing applied to this area; also, constructed hooded backstop. The cost of these improvements was \$7,481.60.
- g. ST. HELENA PLAYGROUND—Parnell and Ralls Avenue.  
This playground, on privately owned property, was leased at a nominal rental by this Department. However, in 1955, we were notified that the lease would not be renewed so this property, consisting of 12 lots, was purchased by the city for \$5,080.00.
- h. BROOKLYN-CURTIS BAY PLAYFIELD—Sixth and Virginia Aves.  
Improvements at this project consisted of construction of a standard and a Little League baseball diamond. Installing fencing on northeast and southwest boundary lines, also two

hooded backstops. On the northeast side a drainage gutter was constructed and necessary topsoiling and seeding was completed. Cost of these improvements was \$11,118.00.

- i. ELLWOOD PLAYGROUND—Orleans Street and Ellwood Avenue. A multiple use court was installed and the playground equipment re-located at a cost of \$7,495.00.
- j. CURTIS BAY PLAYGROUND—Curtis Avenue and Filbert Street. The work completed at this location consisted of construction of a wading pool and installing of fencing, drains and gutters at a total cost of \$8,667.00.
- k. DEWEES PLAYGROUND—Tunbridge Road and Alhambra Avenue.  
A field house and wading pool were constructed at this facility at a cost of \$46,700.00.
- l. UPLANDS PLAYGROUND—Beechfield Avenue and Pen Lucy Road. This property was acquired in 1954. It was developed in 1955, necessitating fill and grading, installation of drainage and the flat area was topsoiled and seeded. The slopes were fine graded and sodded. Fencing, footways and apparatus were installed and a berm of black top constructed at the northern end. Total cost of the work was \$14,364.00.
- m. PATTERSON PARK CASINO—Patterson Park.  
Radiators were installed on the porches at a cost of \$2,279.00.
- n. PATTERSON PARK PAVILION—Patterson Park.  
A complete heating plant was installed at this location at a cost of \$8,557.00.
- o. PALL MALL PLAYGROUND—Rear of 4500 Block Pimlico Road. This work consisted of the razing of some old garages and the construction of a field house at a total cost of \$8,692.68.

15 Projects Completed—Total Cost—\$170,225.92

## 2. WORK UNDER CONTRACT.

- a. BUENA VISTA—Buena Vista Avenue south of 41st Street.  
A contract in the amount of \$300.00 was awarded to install a drinking fountain at this location.
- b. FOUR ADDITIONS TO FIELD HOUSES.  
Wilkens—Catherine and Ashton Streets.  
Cloverdale—Cloverdale Road and Druid Hill Avenue  
Queensberry—Rear of 3029-31 Spaulding Avenue.  
Ambrose J. Kennedy—Harford Avenue and Eager Street.  
Contract was awarded in the total amount of \$6,297.00 to construct a janitor's supply room at each of these locations.
- c. FRANK J. BOCEK PLAYFIELD—Edison Highway and Madison Street.

This playfield is to be completed. Work consists of construction of field house, multi-use court, shelter, tennis court, installation of equipment and hard surfacing and sodding. Contract has been awarded in the amount of \$73,240.00

d. THIRTY PLAY LOTS (TOTAL).

Eleven lots have already been selected and approved and contract awarded in the amount of \$18,451.00 for grading, hard surfacing and fencing at the following locations:—

{ 743-747 Alpaca Street }	{ 1615-17 Ellsworth Street }
{ 742-46 Foundry Court }	{ 1614-26 Ellsworth Street }
1101 Brewer Street	100 Block N. Vincent Street
701-709 Crisp Street	212-226 Otterbein Street
13-21 N. Dallas Street	1620-32 Pierce Street
18-28 Amity Street	2-6 Wiesenfeld Court
Area beneath Russell Street Freeway at West Street	

e. FAGLEY AND GRUNDY STREETS PLAYLOT.

Contract awarded for grading and hard surfacing in the amount of \$1,538.00.

f. PALL MALL PLAYGROUND—Rear of 4500 Block Pimlico Road.  
Hard surfacing of multi-use court and fencing to be constructed at this project. Contract awarded in the amount of \$2,856.00.

g. MORRELL PARK—Grinnalds and Tolley Streets.

Contract awarded for hard surfacing and installation of sidewalk. Total amount of \$3,954.00.

h. MCABEE PLAYGROUND—Laurens and Gilmor Streets.

Hard surfacing for which contract has been awarded in the amount of \$6,371.00.

i. AMBROSE J. KENNEDY PLAYGROUND—Harford and Eager Streets.

Contract awarded for concrete paving to correct drainage condition in the amount of \$2,416.00.

j. CURTIS BAY RECREATION CENTER—Curtis Avenue and Filbert Street.

Hard surfacing of portion of low area adjacent to building. Contract awarded in amount of \$3,075.00.

k. DEDICATION PLAQUES.

Plaques to be installed at Morrell Park Playground, Greenmount Recreation Center and Dewees Playground. Contract awarded in the amount of \$479.00.

Eleven projects under contract—\$118,977.00

## 1. PROJECTS YET TO BE COMPLETED UNDER LOANS ONE AND TWO

### A. Bureau of Recreation

HAMBURG AND SHARP STREETS PLAYGROUND—Vicinity of Hamburg and Sharp.

Field House, paving, tot area, playground apparatus, grading. Final plans being prepared.

\*BROOKLYN RECREATION CENTER—Garrett Park.  
Bids were received January 11, 1956.

\*\*FREMONT RECREATION CENTER—Fremont and Lexington Streets.

Architect's fees and construction costs to be borne proportionately by the Departments of Education and Recreation and Parks. Plans now in preparation.

PUBLIC SCHOOL No. 181 (DOUGLAS HIGH)—Carey, Cumberland, Baker and Stockton Streets.

Property acquisition (city real estate group proceeding with acquisition.) This is a cooperative project with the Department of Education.

PRESSTMAN PLAYGROUND—South Side of Presstman Street between Ellamont and Rosedale.  
Property to be acquired.

HOWARD PARK RECREATION CENTER—Liberty Heights and Woodbine Avenues.

This is a cooperative project with the Department of Education. Architect now preparing revised plans.

## 2. UNCOMPLETED THIRD LOAN PROJECTS (1955 Budget)

### A. Bureau of Recreation

FRANK J. BOCEK PLAYFIELD (Completion)—Edison Highway and Madison Avenue.  
Under construction.

GARDENVILLE PLAYFIELD (Completion)—Radecke Avenue and Frankford Avenue.

Retarded because of lack of sewage facilities.

NORTH HAMILTON PLAYFIELD (Completion)—Old Harford Road and Berwick Avenue.

Plans in progress.

THIRTY TAX SALE LOTS.

To be converted into small neighborhood playlots. Eleven now under construction. (January, 1956.)

HILLOCK TERRACE PLAYLOT—1002-1024 Hillock Terrace.  
Property to be acquired.

\* Present Center will be lost because of approaches to the new tunnel.

\*\* In cooperation with Baltimore Housing Authority and the Department of Education.

## B. BUREAU OF PARKS

### 1. COMPLETED PROJECTS 1955

- a. JOHN STREET PARK—1300 Block John Street.  
A small neighborhood park was developed at a cost of \$8,975.00. This park was unique in many respects and represented a pilot project in this respect by this Department.
- b. ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING—Department of Recreation and Parks—Madison Avenue Entrance, Druid Hill Park.  
This building was completed and occupied by the offices of the Director; Superintendent, Bureau of Parks; Superintendent, Bureau of Music and the Engineering Division in November, 1955. This building is fully described elsewhere in this report and was constructed at a cost of approximately \$150,000.00, money being made available for this from sale of building at 1714 Park Avenue to the Department of Education.
- c. ZOO POWER LINE.  
Contract was let for power line from vault at Council Grove to the Mansion House in Druid Hill Park at a cost of \$5,859.77.

Three Projects Completed—Total Cost—\$164,834.77

### 2. WORK UNDER CONTRACT 1955

- a. BALTIMORE ZOO EXPANSION.  
Architect and site planners now engaged in the preparation of a master plan for zoo expansion. Any future zoo expansion will be in accordance with this plan.
- b. BALTIMORE ZOO.  
Contract awarded for certain changes at the Mammal House. Total cost of \$11,688.00.
- c. ROBERT E. LEE MEMORIAL PARK—Lake Roland.  
Improvements at this facility consist of construction of caretaker's cottage and covered boat landing. Contract in the amount of \$43,900.00.
- d. SANITARY SEWER—Druid Hill Park.  
Contract in the amount of \$79,011.50 awarded for installation of sanitary sewers in Druid Hill Park.

Four Projects Under Contract—Total—\$148,599.50

### 3. PROJECTS YET TO BE COMPLETED UNDER LOANS ONE AND TWO

- a. BLOOMINGDALE OVAL—Ellicott Drive and Franklinton Road.  
New field house to be erected. Plans and specifications completed. New bleacher seats ready for installation.

#### 4. UNCOMPLETED THIRD LOAN PROJECTS (1955 Budget)

- a. SANITARY SEWER—Leakin Park.  
Engineer preparing survey and specifications for this project.
- b. FEDERAL HILL PARK.  
Music pavilion, toilets and retaining wall. Plans and specifications completed. Bids due March 21, 1956.
- c. HILLSDALE GOLF COURSE.  
Field house to be completed. Contract awarded \$68,200.00.
- d. FORT SMALLWOOD PARK.  
Hurricanes of summer of 1955 caused considerable damage at this location. Work delayed for re-survey.

#### C. STATEMENT OF LOAN FUNDS

Prior to 1947 there were no Loan funds available for major improvements. Since then, we have been granted loan funds summarized as follows:—

##### LOANS ONE AND TWO

<i>Allocation</i>	<i>Loan May 6, 1947</i>	<i>Loan Nov. 2, 1948</i>	<i>Loan Nov. 7, 1950</i>
Stadium.....	\$2,500,000.00		\$2,500,000.00
Bureau-Parks.....		\$2,000,000.00	\$500,000.00
Bureau-Recreation.....	\$1,500,000.00		\$1,500,000.00
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$4,000,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,000,000.00</b>	<b>\$4,500,000.00</b>

##### THIRD LOAN

<i>Allocation</i>	<i>Loan Enabling Act Jan. 1954</i>	<i>Authorized By Voters Nov. 1954</i>	<i>Placed in 1955 Budget</i>	<i>Placed in 1956 Budget</i>	<i>Balance to be Authorized By Voters</i>
Parks.....	\$1,450,000.00	\$ 950,000.00	\$380,000.00	\$ 570,000.00	\$500,000.00
Recreation...	1,800,000.00	1,450,000.00	495,710.00	954,290.00	350,000.00
<b>TOTAL...</b>	<b>\$3,250,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,400,000.00</b>	<b>\$875,710.00</b>	<b>\$1,524,290.00</b>	<b>\$850,000.00</b>

TOTAL OF LOANS AUTHORIZED.....\$12,900,000.00



These 1956 Budget Funds have been earmarked by your Honorable Board for the following purposes:—

**a. Bureau of Parks**

Baltimore Zoo—Expansion

R. E. Lee Memorial Park—Roads, paths, parking spaces and ground improvements

Fort Smallwood Park—Beach and shore protection

**b. Bureau of Recreation**

P. S. 181—Purchase of property

Garrison and Denmore Play lot—Develop and equip

Lucille Playground—Construct field house and wading pool

Herring Run (Coxon's Meadow)—Development of large playfield and field house

Lyndhurst Memorial Playground—Development of playground and small field house

Patapsco River Valley Playfield—Develop and equip a large playfield

City Spring Playground—Acquire property—Raze buildings and extend playground

Joseph Lee Playfield—Development of additional facilities

Stiles Street Playground—Development of playground

Princeton Place Playground—Develop and equip

Medfield Heights Playfield—Construct wading pool

Baker and Longwood Playground—Develop playground with small field house

Mulberry & Franklin & Allendale Playground—Develop playground with small field house

John Street Recreation Center—Neighborhood recreation center jointly with public school

## SECTION III

### PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

In addition to the loan projects which are in the 1956 Budget, and those yet to be completed for which plans have already been made, (as outlined elsewhere in this report), there are several large pieces of beautiful property in which we are sure many persons are interested, and possibly they wonder just what plans are in store for their improvement.

As the city expands, and large numbers of our families move to the suburbs, (both city and county), the need for the development of our outlying parks becomes increasingly important. This is particularly true with respect to Clyburn Park, Robert E. Lee Memorial Park and Albert D. Graham Memorial Park.

The following articles on Cylburn Park and Robert E. Lee Memorial Park are presented under the caption, "Planning for the Future," and describes the property as well as our intentions regarding its development, as funds become available, for the enjoyment and recreation of the citizens of Baltimore.

#### A. CYLBURN PARK

A portion of Cylburn Park is now being used by the Department of Public Welfare as a home for dependent children. However, the Department of Public Welfare now has funds to be used for the erection of their own building on a new site which has been selected. The Department of Recreation and Parks is planning to take over the Cylburn property as soon as possible, without undue inconvenience to the Department of Public Welfare, and then to develop it for a wide variety of recreational uses.

Cylburn, the former country home of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Cotton, was purchased by the City of Baltimore at public auction for \$42,300.00 in 1942. This unusually attractive area contains 180 acres of open fields and unspoiled woodlands. It is convenient to the northwestern section of the City and is bounded by Greenspring Avenue, Cylburn Avenue and Belvedere Avenue. It is one of the few remaining examples near Baltimore of an era of elegant and gracious living. The property includes a Mansion House, Carriage House, Gardens, Garden Pools and abandoned Greenhouses.

It is the desire of this Department to restore the property for the proposed uses and to maintain and operate it as a naturalistic park for the thousands of persons interested in natural beauties, trees, shrubs, flowers and other horticultural subjects. A Wood-

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## **B. ROBERT E. LEE MEMORIAL PARK**

Lake Roland ceased to be a part of the municipal water system in 1901. In 1943 the lake and its adjacent lands were turned over to the old Department of Parks and Squares for recreational use. The area is unique in the park system since it contains a lake of 116 acres surrounded by attractive unspoiled fields and woods. The original land area was 118.28 acres, but in 1947 this was increased by the purchase of 173.6 acres, using funds from a bequest made in the will of the late Elizabeth Garrett White. Mr. Robert Garrett, former president of the Board of Recreation and Parks, was the moving spirit in the acquisition of this land.

Because of its natural beauty and ease of access, the department plans to develop the park (as funds become available), not as a city park for athletic games and field sports, but as a naturalistic rural park. Here the following recreational uses should be encouraged:—Boating, fishing, hiking, picnicking, horticultural study and bird watching. The lake is well within the limits of the Eastern Flyway, and it should, therefore, be used as a resting site for waterfowl in their seasonal migrations. A portion of the northern half of the property has been designated as a Wild-Life Demonstration area in cooperation with the Maryland Game and Inland Fish Commission. Recently, our department has constructed a very fine pedestrian bridge across Jones Falls just below the dam. This bridge joins the two (2) portions of the property making the entire area available for the uses indicated above. A new stone building has been constructed, serving as a toilet station, and also as a work center for maintenance. The facilities are being further expanded at present by the construction of a caretaker's cottage and a combination boat landing and picnic pavilion. Picnic tables and fire places are now available and will be further expanded as the need is indicated.

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## SECTION IV—REPORT OF THREE BUREAUS

### A. BUREAU OF PARKS

MR. CHARLES A. HOOK, *Superintendent*

MR. L. EDGAR MYERLY, *Deputy Superintendent*

MR. W. R. SCHMIDT, JR., *Principal Administrative Officer*

(NOTE: The following is a condensation of the Annual Report prepared by the Bureau of Parks.)

#### 1. ADMINISTRATIVE DEVELOPMENTS (Within the Bureau)

a. Personnel: At the close of 1955, the following positions remained unfilled on the Bureau of Parks Roster:—

- 3 Principal Foremen (Construction, Clifton, Forestry)
- 4 Senior Clerks (Construction, Gwynns Falls, Patterson and Police)
- 1 Park Caretaker (Druid Hill)
- 1 Animal Keeper (Zoo)
- 1 Janitor (Stadium)
- 1 Park Patrolman

On January 1, 1955, the position of Administrative Officer in the Central Office became vacant when Mr. Douglas S. Tawney assumed the duties of the new position of Stadium Manager. This vacancy was filled on January 24th by the appointment of Mr. William R. Schmidt, Jr., who had served in a similar capacity with the Administration Division of the Department.

#### 2. BUREAU BUDGET

Below is given a brief summary of the Budget.

	<i>Allowance</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>Overspent</i>	<i>Underspent</i>
Salaries .....	\$ 652,260.00	\$ 629,713.04		\$22,546.96
Labor .....	1,442,443.08	1,413,761.30		28,681.78
Operating Expense ...	477,118.92	462,975.33		14,143.59
Pool Expense .....	61,000.00	60,367.70		632.30
TOTALS .....	\$2,632,822.00	\$2,566,817.37		\$66,004.63

The above amount plus \$4,512.23 revenue from compensated work was transferred to supplemental funds.

As in former years, the Bureau of Parks continued to maintain a close running check on the expenditures of its allotted budget funds. Through records maintained at the Bureau Office, it is possible at all times to make an immediate check of allotted funds spent by any of the Divisions or for any particular project. Each division is required, in turn, to keep similar records and these are verified against those at the Bureau Office each month.

Complete financial statements concerning the operation of the Bureau of Parks will be found at the end of this report, including a detailed cost statement showing Bureau of Parks funds expended for the operation of the park system.

### 3. INSPECTION TRIP

In order to augment our knowledge of operating a major league baseball facility, the Board of Recreation and Parks authorized Mr. C. A. Hook, Superintendent, and Mr. L. Edgar Myerly, Deputy Superintendent, to inspect the parks and operation methods in Cincinnati, Ohio, Cleveland, Ohio, and St. Louis, Mo., during January, 1955. The prime purpose of these visits was to determine the facilities provided and services extended to patrons, and in the case of Cleveland, to review the relationship between the municipality and the tenant. Special emphasis was placed during these inspections on the following items: Concessions; Parking Facilities; Cleaning; Ticket Windows and Turnstiles; Seating Capacity; Field Covers; Size of Park; Other Field Uses; Field Renovation Methods, and Lighting.

Many valuable ideas were derived from this trip which will be of benefit in the operation of our Stadium. Of special importance, is a new method of cleaning which was introduced during 1955, after the discussions with the personnel of the parks visited. This method, which employs janitresses has resulted in a substantial savings to the Bureau.

In conjunction with the visits to the Ball Parks, the Board also instructed Messrs. Hook and Myerly to visit the Zoological Parks in these cities. It is felt that the study of the structures and procedures at these parks will be invaluable in utilizing to the best advantage the Loan Funds which have been authorized for our Zoo Expansion Program.

### 4. CARROLL DIVISION

(MR. HARRY KUES, *District Park Superintendent*)

The difficulties of the Carroll Division are greatly increased by the fact that it is composed of numerous small parks scattered throughout its area. Because of this dispersal, it is not possible without the allotment of special funds in the Capital Improvement Program for any major improvements to be made.

In addition, in August and September of 1955, the problems of this Division were magnified when severe storms wrought extensive damages at Fort Smallwood. Approximately 600 feet of the pier at Beach No. 2 was washed away and the road paralleling Beach No. 1 was severely damaged. The destruction caused by these storms necessitated extra effort on the part of the forces of the Carroll Division; but with the cooperation of the Construction Division and the Bureau of Harbors, the road was replaced and enough of the damage was cleared away to permit the facility to continue operating for the remainder of the season.

There still remains a large amount of work to be done as an aftermath of the storms and the Board of Recreation and Parks,

recognizing this need, has set aside for this purpose the sum of \$10,000.00 from the \$75,000.00 Loan Fund approved for the Park. The remainder of this money is scheduled to be used in constructing stone groins and other shore protective measures to reduce possible damage from future storms.

Other work of importance accomplished by the forces of the Carroll Division during the past year was the razing of the old pavilion at Federal Hill Park. This building was removed so that the site would be available for the new Band Shell and comfort station which is scheduled to be placed under contract during 1956 as another of the projects in the Park Loan.

At the Brooklyn Homes Park, three new ball diamonds were created during 1955, providing facilities for hardball, softball and Little League play. At Carroll Park, with the cooperation of the Bureau of Highways, approximately one mile of road was resurfaced and the edges were then backfilled and seeded by forces of the Carroll Division. The remaining roads in the park will be treated similarly during 1956.

In addition to the special accomplishments listed in the previous paragraphs, this Division maintains the following:—31 Flower Beds; 31 Drinking Fountains; 5,703 Linear Feet Park Bench; 450 Picnic Tables (Fort Smallwood); 54 Buildings; 6 Monuments; 14 Flagstaffs.

The greenhouses at Carroll Park continued as an important element in the Bureau's horticulture system. During 1955, as in the past, these greenhouses, along with those of the Druid Hill and Clifton Divisions, furnished most of the plant material used by the Bureau in its ornamental plantings.

## 5. CLIFTON DIVISION

(MR. CHARLES H. HEINTZEMAN, JR.,  
*District Park Superintendent*)

The offices of the Clifton Division were moved during the first part of 1955 from the Stadium to the Mansion House in Clifton Park. This change which was brought about by the creation of a separate Stadium Division, permitted the offices to be located more advantageously to all operations of the Division.

The year 1955 saw the addition of a new large park to the holdings of the Bureau. The park which has been named the Graham Memorial Park, consists of 116 acres and is located on Harford Road in Baltimore County, approximately three miles north of the City Line. Soon after acquiring the property, the Clifton Division began the extensive work of converting the old farm into suitable park land. The accomplishments in this connection during the year consisted of removing 17,500 feet of old fencing including posts; clearing fields, removing 200 small stumps; and clearing brush and dead trees from a proposed picnic area.

Another major project undertaken in the Clifton District during 1955 was the filling and grading of Chinquapin Park from Glen Eagle Road to Northern Parkway. Approximately 100,000 yards of fill were required for this task and this material was supplied without charge to the Bureau including the hauling and rough grading. The acquisition of the fill material will permit this section of Chinquapin to be converted to appropriate lawn which will act to enhance the beauty and desirability of the surrounding neighborhood.

Other important work carried on in the Clifton Division during 1955 was the extensive maintenance which was performed on the Division's two golf courses. All of the tees at the Mt. Pleasant Course were resodded, using 20,000 square feet of sod in the operation. An additional 12,000 square feet of material was employed to sod the border of twelve greens at the course and 150 tons of white sand were spread in the traps.

At the Clifton Golf Course, the improvement consisted of top-dressing, seeding and fertilizing all tees, sodding the borders of all the greens with 16,000 square feet of sod and spreading 100 tons of white sand in the traps. In addition, a 760 foot one inch water line was installed from the Clifton sheds to the No. 9 green and a nursery was established with 15 bushels of bent grass stolons.

Special flower planting programs in the Clifton Division during 1955 included:—5,000 Tulip bulbs planted in four beds at the Clifton Park Mansion; 4,000 Outside Chrysanthemums planted in the Mothers' Garden; 1,800 Outside Chrysanthemums planted in beds around the Clifton Greenhouse.

In addition to the Graham Memorial Park of 116 acres, fifteen center squares (1.5 acres) on Northern Parkway from Harford Road east to Everall Avenue were added to the properties maintained by the Clifton Division during 1955.

Through cooperation with the Bureau of Highways, approximately two miles of roads in Clifton Park were resurfaced and suitable gutters installed. The road edges were then top-dressed, seeded and fertilized by the Division using 600 yards of topsoil, 300 lbs. of seed and 1,000 lbs. of fertilizer. All slopes were later sprayed with 275 gallons of emulsified asphalt and straw. These improvements have greatly added to the appearance of Clifton and to the pleasure of the many people who daily visit the park.

In addition to the accomplishments discussed in this section, the Clifton Division maintains the following:—15 Flower Beds; 34 Drinking Fountains; 3,010 Linear Feet Park Bench; 49 Picnic Tables; 34 Buildings; 7 Monuments; 5 Flagstuffs; 1 Display Fountain (Gallagher's Memorial).

The operation of the Clifton Division was considerably hampered during the year by the violent hurricanes and storms to which it



was subjected. Of particular violence, was the electrical, wind and rain storm experienced on August 6, 1955, which resulted in considerable damage to park facilities and structures. The wind storm seemed to concentrate primarily over the Clifton Park-Herring Run Area and it was necessary to augment the forces of the division with emergency crews from the Forestry Division in order to permit the flow of traffic where roads were blocked by fallen trees and where trees fell over electrical transmission lines. The damages from this storm were so extensive that after the preliminary work had been accomplished and a survey made of the condition, it was deemed advisable to work crews on Sunday, August 7th and to supplement the Clifton Division crews with men from the other districts of the Park system.

In all, there were 80 trees lost which ranged in caliper from six inches to three feet six inches. Sixty of these were trees located in Clifton, Herring Run and Chinquapin Parks and the remaining twenty were street trees primarily in the Clifton area, although there were a few scattered trees in the west and northwest sections of the City.

## 6. DRUID HILL DIVISION

(MR. GEORGE KEEN, *District Park Superintendent*)

During 1955, the Druid Hill Division continued its activities of improving the many areas and facilities under its control. All of the park benches and athletic equipment were painted. Athletic fields were reconditioned and improved by using 12,000 plugs of bermuda grass. All rose beds were limed, fertilized, mulched and seeded and other flower beds received a treatment of manure and fertilizer. The shrubbery in Druid Hill Park and Wyman Park was pruned and all wild growth removed.

At Cylburn Park the evergreens were pruned and one mile of nature trail was opened and cleared. Also at Cylburn, 100,000 square feet of sod was removed for use in the Stadium and the area was then fertilized and seeded.

The azaleas and shrubbery at the Mammal House were also fertilized and mulched and over 2,000 hardy chrysanthemums, which had been propagated in the Division's Greenhouse, were planted for fall display. Ten acres of new park lawn were created during the year. Eight of these acres were at Upper Lake Roland and the remainder in the center parking of Ken Oak Avenue and at Mt. Royal Avenue and Cathedral Street.

In conjunction with the landscaping of the new Administrative Office, the Druid Hill Division cut and laid 25,000 square feet of sod. The Division also planted 1,300 tulip bulbs in beds at the office in addition to the 5,400 bulbs planted at other locations throughout the District. A new nursery for evergreen and shrubbery liners was created and enlarged during the year.

An 8 x 10 foot room was added to the reptile house which will be used to store supplies for High Service Field. Vaults were constructed under eight drinking fountains—seven in Druid Hill and one in Roosevelt. The washroom in Druid Hill was rebuilt and after the old Blacksmith Shop was turned over to the Zoo, a new shop was created. Eight new benches were installed—six at Druid Hill and two at Medfield Heights—and two new wall type fountains were installed at the Mansion House in Druid Hill Park. Other plumbing accomplished during the year, included the laying of 80 feet of 6 inch tile drain pipe to the Blacksmith Shop; 100 feet of 8 inch pipe to the lawn at the Duck Pond; and 50 feet of four inch pipe to the deck of Pool No. 1.

The Gardening and Horticulture Section of the Division, in addition to the accomplishments already mentioned, maintained 70 beds located throughout the District. As in the past, special shows were held at Easter, in the Fall and at Christmas which continued to attract an increasing number of spectators. The scope of the activities conducted by this Section can be indicated by citing that over 30,000 plants were propagated, cultivated and handled during the year and decorations for civic and patriotic affairs were dispersed on 212 occasions involving the handling of palms and ferns, 5572 times.

The Central Repair Shop continued its operation of repairing much of the motorized equipment assigned to the Bureau of Parks. Of considerable importance to the operation of the Bureau, this shop fulfilled over 1,000 work requests during the year including 120 major repair jobs such as engine overhauling, clutch installation and transmission repairs.

As in past years, the Druid Hill Division continued the reconditioning of tennis courts and baseball diamonds, using 150 cubic yards of clay. This material was obtained without charge from various excavation projects in or near the parks.

As a result of the damages from the storms during the summer, approximately thirty-five trees and stumps were removed from various locations throughout the Druid Hill District.

The general condition of Druid Hill Park proper was considerably improved when the Bureau of Highways resurfaced eight miles of road, installing at the same time over eighty-three thousand feet of curb and gutter. The forces of the Division then began the extensive work of backfilling and seeding along the edges of the new roads.

In addition to the work discussed, the Division maintains the following:—74 Buildings; 7,421 Linear Feet of Bench; 70 Flower Beds; 34 Drinking Fountains; 114 Picnic Tables; 23 Monuments; 2 Flagstuffs; 2 Display Fountains.

## 7. GWYNNS FALLS DIVISION

(MR. HALL N. ABRISCH, *District Park Superintendent*)

To improve the supervision of the forces of the Gwynns Falls Division, an additional gang leader was appointed during 1955, increasing the total to three. The forces were then reorganized into three components, comprising a General Maintenance, Square Maintenance and Gardening Maintenance Section. This latter section was utilized in caring for the flower beds and nursery in the district in addition to trimming the lawns and shrubbery. The arrangement of the forces in this manner proved highly effective and permitted the General Foreman to devote a greater portion of his time to the larger projects undertaken by the Division.

Other improvements effected during the year included the remodeling and painting of the Division Offices and the establishment of a nursery and leaf mold pit in Upper Leakin Park. The nursery which contains over 5,800 plants consists of privet, barberry, forsythia, arborvitae, jasmine and weigelia. These plants will be distributed throughout the district as needed and should prove very valuable in adding beauty to many locations. The leaf mold pit is 155 feet long, 25 feet wide and 10 feet deep and contains at this time approximately 1440 cubic yards of leaves.

Among the new facilities added to the Gwynns Falls District, during 1955, were two softball fields and two Little League diamonds. The new softball fields are located in Lower Leakin Park and Lower Gwynns Falls Park. Two tennis courts were eliminated at the latter location to provide space for the softball field which also required 3000 square feet of sod in its construction. The Little League diamonds are located in Upper Leakin Park and in Gwynns Falls Park. Five thousand square feet of sod were used in the construction of the second diamond.

Much of the work of the various park districts, in addition to continually improving the areas under their control, is the removing and correcting of any situation which might prove to be a potential source of danger. In this connection, the Gwynns Falls Division erected 600 feet of four foot chain link fence in the rear of the 3500 block of Flannery Lane along Powder Mill Park to eliminate a hazardous condition caused by a steep embankment. In another instance, a portion of the bridle trail in Lower Leakin Park was endangered by the erosive action of Gwynns Falls. To correct this situation, a 230 foot wall of stone masonry was constructed, followed by the building of 930 feet of new trail. The stone for the retaining wall was removed from Eagle Drive in Upper Leakin Park.

The Gwynns Falls Division continued its improvements at the Hillsdale Golf Course, which for the third consecutive year showed the greatest number of rounds of any of the municipal courses. Improvements during 1955 consisted of enlarging the number 9

and 12 tees, constructing additional traps at number 8 green and number 10 fairway, and erecting 102 feet of chain link fence and laying 940 square feet of footway at the first tee.

Other work accomplished during the year included the demolishing of the bleachers, grandstand and concession stand in Bloomingdale Oval in preparation for new stands and comfort station to be installed during 1956. Also, 35,000 cubic yards of fill were placed in the ravine at the east end of Stokes Drive which made possible the creation of an additional 1¼ acres of flat area. Another project carried on in the District was the laying of 300 feet of 12-inch terra-cotta drain line to carry spring water from the base of the slope in Hanlon Park to the stream and then filling and grading the area with 60,000 cubic yards of fill material. Other improvements were the construction of a new stone bridge on the bridle trail in Upper Leakin Park and the erection of 120 feet of four-foot chain link fence along the north side of the tennis courts in the same area.

A new concrete sidewalk was constructed along the south side of Lafayette Square. West Drive from Clifton Avenue to Chesholm Drive and Sewer Drive from Hilton Parkway to Franklinton Road were also improved by resurfacing and the installation of new gutters.

The Gwynns Falls Division continued to maintain the following facilities:—36 Flower Beds; 41 Drinking Fountains; 3,099 Linear Feet Park Bench; 78 Picnic Tables; 48 Buildings; 6 Monuments; 10 Flagstaffs.

## 8. PATTERSON DIVISION

(MR. GEORGE DEWEY LEBRUN, *District Park Superintendent*)

A site in Lower Herring Run, off Pulaski Highway, was utilized for the first time during 1955 as a Circus Ground and proved a popular location with the people of Baltimore.

The McKim Playground at Aisquith and Fayette Streets was transferred by the Board of Recreation and Parks to the McKim Association to provide additional space for the work being performed by this organization.

The special plantings at the Preston Gardens once again elicited favorable comment from the public, the two large beds of Chrysanthemums being exceptionally beautiful with their various colors and varieties. After the fall display the beds were then planted with 9,000 newly imported Tulip bulbs from Holland which should present an outstanding display during the spring of 1956.

The tennis courts, baseball and softball facilities throughout the district were treated with 200 cubic yards of clay and 150 yards of this material was stored for future use. This material was obtained without cost from construction projects on or near park

property. At Mt. Vernon Square two 6-foot benches were installed.

As in the case of the Carroll Division, it is well to note that the Patterson Division comprises many small properties such as squares and playgrounds which require the greater portions of the labor and expense fund assigned to this division. Extensive improvements are precluded therefore unless special funds are allotted for this purpose in the Capital Improvement Section of the Annual Budget.

The following special facilities are maintained by the Patterson Division:—42 Flower Beds; 37 Drinking Fountains; 6,626 Linear Feet Park Bench; 4 Picnic Tables; 29 Buildings; 17 Monuments or Memorial Tablets; 16 Flagstaffs; 10 Display Fountains.

Improvements to certain facilities in the district were made by the Division of Engineering using Loan Funds. These improvements include the following:—

a. **AMBROSE J. KENNEDY PLAYGROUND**

In order to abate mud and dust nuisance on this playground, the entire area was paved.

b. **ELMLEY AVENUE PLAYGROUND**

This area was hard surfaced to correct dust and mud nuisance.

c. **ELLWOOD AND ORLEANS PLAYGROUND**

An enclosed hard surface basketball court, with enclosing fence was built at this location. Additional fencing was also installed to enclose the tot area to protect small children while at play.

d. **FRANK J. BOCEK PLAYFIELD**

New softball and baseball diamonds were constructed.

## 9. CONSTRUCTION DIVISION

(MR. GEORGE L. NICKEL, *Superintendent*)

The Construction Division is responsible for the major maintenance and repair work occurring in the various park divisions throughout the year. The Division is organized for this purpose into five sections:—Painting, Road Repair, Electrical, Plumbing, and Carpentry. In the following, a brief description is presented of the most important accomplishments of each of the sections.

The Painting Section fulfilled 106 requests from the various divisions during 1955. The extent of their work can be demonstrated by citing that these requests required the use of 2,095 gallons of paint and embraced a wide diversity of projects, ranging from painting the grandstand, shelter, and toilets at Roosevelt Park to painting the Music Pavilion and Casino at Patterson Park. Other projects included the painting of the interior and exterior

of the buildings at Fort Smallwood; the scoreboard, toilets, and protective wall at the stands at the Stadium; and numerous buildings in the Clifton and Gwynns Falls Districts.

The forces and equipment of the Road Repair Section are utilized in many essential projects in addition to their regular work. Some of the more noteworthy accomplishments in this respect were the renovation of the ponds in Springlake Way, filling the smaller lagoon at Fort Smallwood, installing steps, stone walls and pipe railing from the lower section of the Zoo to the small Mammal House, and the construction of a concrete floor under the lower promenade of the Stadium between gates No. 3 and No. 4 on the West Side. In addition, this Section worked with personnel of other divisions to move approximately 12,000 cubic yards of topsoil from several locations to the various districts. The preceding accomplishments are only a few of the projects undertaken by this Section in addition to its basic work, which, during 1955, comprised forty-four requests necessitating an expenditure of material in excess of 600 tons of cold patch, 2,000 tons of stone and 56,950 gallons of road tar. Much of this material was used in resurfacing the parking lots at the Stadium and the remainder was used for completing the various requests for repairs to walks, roads and paths in the Districts.

The Electrical Section is responsible for all electrical installations, maintenance and repair of primary and secondary feeders, oil burners, refrigeration units, sound systems, motors, distribution and switch panels, and other fixtures and lighting installations throughout the park system. During the year, this force received 428 requests for service which included many special projects and among these can be listed the illumination for the Hole-in-One Tournament at the Mt. Pleasant Golf Course, the installation of special feeders and wiring for the Eastern Open at Mt. Pleasant and for the Ice Capades Show at the Stadium, and the furnishing of electrical current from portable generators for numerous events. Other important projects included the lighting of Christmas trees, the maintenance of lamps and light fixtures on the towers at the Stadium, Druid Hill Park and Patterson Park and the running of additional feeders to lower Leakin Park and Broening Park. Fire and storm damage required several extensive repairs, including the replacement of a large portion of the electrical system in the Mansion House at Druid Hill Park, removal of lamp posts from the portion of the pier at Fort Smallwood damaged by the hurricanes, and repairs at the Stadium to the scoreboard which was damaged by lighting.

The Plumbing Section processed 348 requests from the various divisions during the year for plumbing, heating and related work.

The Carpentry Section completed 138 requests during the year. Many of these were in the nature of maintenance, such as the repairs to the roof of the Clubhouse at Mt. Pleasant and the work on

the Druid Hill Mansion. Others were basic carpentry projects such as the construction of 50 heavy duty picnic tables for use throughout the various districts and the fabricating of four new cabanas for Fort Smallwood. However, many of the projects undertaken by this Section far surpassed the ordinary scope of work which might be expected of such a force. These included the construction of brick ticket booths at the Stadium, the replacement of the old coyote den at the Zoo with a completely new concrete block structure and general masonry repairs to the lion and tiger cages, and the building of a small slag block shed at the High Service Field in Druid Hill Park. Such projects as these and others cited in this report demonstrate the versatility of the forces assembled in the Construction Division.

## 10. FORESTRY DIVISION

(MR. CHARLES A. YOUNG, JR., *Park Forester*)

(MR. FREDERICK S. GRAVES, *Assistant Park Forester*)

Of particular significance in the Forestry Division activities during 1955 was the increase in the number of shade trees planted; the landscape plantings at the Memorial Stadium and the New Department of Recreation and Parks Building, and the extensive planting of trees and shrubbery in playgrounds with funds from the Recreation loan.

A total of 1,620 shade trees were planted; 1,426 on the public highways, 152 in parks, and 42 on playgrounds. Of the 1,426 trees planted on the public highways, 68% were in units of 5 trees or more, 13% as single trees, and 19% as replacements for dead saplings principally planted by building contractors. This latter expenditure could be greatly reduced by adequate control over the variety and quality of planting on the public highway by private corporations.

At the Memorial Stadium, the landscape planting was an extension of the work begun in October 1954 and completed the planting of the perimeter of the building. Included in the planting were 6 Firethorn 4'-5', 20 Spreading Yew 3'-4', Japanese Privet 4'-5', 3 English Boxwood 4'-5', and 16 Virginia Cedar 14'-16'. At the north end of the Stadium, 133 units of forsythia, mock orange viburnum and spirea were planted to increase the effectiveness of the natural screen and decorate the base of the scoreboard tower.

At the Department of Recreation and Parks Building, the following landscape planting was installed by the Division; 2 Pin Oaks 10' x 30', 2 Magnolia Grandiflora 16', 4 Japanese Andromeda 4', 4 Lavender Pink Rhododendron (*Roseum Elegan*) 4', single White Azalea (*Ryuka*) 2½', 12 Japanese Alba Azalea (*Amethyst*) 2½', 8 Coral Belle Azalea 1½', 8 Hino Moyo Azalea 1½', 21 English Boxwood, 2 Japanese Holly (*Buxifolia*) 6', 2 Pink Dogwood 6', 2 Winged Eunonymus 5', 6 Bridalwreath, Lemoine Deutzia 4', 2 Hatfield Yew 4½', and 500 Pachysandra plants.

With funds from the Recreation Loan, trees and shrubbery were planted in the following playgrounds:—

	<i>Tomanda Play- field</i>	<i>Medfield Hgts. Play- ground</i>	<i>McAbee Play- ground</i>	<i>Morrell Park Plgd.</i>	<i>Curtis Bay Rec.</i>	<i>DeWees Plgd.</i>
<i>Shrubbery</i>						
Philadelphus ..	10			5		6
Viburnum .....	10	5		5	6	3
Lonicera .....			5	10	5	3
Spirea .....			5	3		3
Forsythia .....	15	10		5	6	3
Althea .....			5	3	5	3
Deutzia .....	10	5		5	7	5
TOTALS .....	45	20	15	36	29	26
<i>Trees</i>						
Crabs .....	9	4				5
Lindens .....		7		8		
Ash .....			3			
Tulip .....			2			
TOTALS .....	9	11	5	8	0	5

Another project of interest was the landscaping of the recently completed Peoples Court Building using 8 Hatfield Yew 3', 16 Spreading Japanese Yew 2'. 16 Dwarf Japanese Yew 2½', 2 Upright Japanese Yew and 300 Pachysandra plants.

Through the generosity of Mrs. Charles Austrian and Mrs. Albert Hutzler, 48 Flowering Crab Trees 6'-8' were provided for planting in Eutaw Place. Nine Flowering Crab Trees for planting in Park Avenue Square and at the Family and Children Society Building were provided by the Mt. Royal Garden Club. The Mt. Washington Garden Club planted 4 Flowering Crab trees in the parkway of Cross Country Boulevard.

Storm Recovery operations during the year required the full attention of the Forestry Division for the periods shown:—

<i>Period</i>	<i>Man Hours</i>
May 29 to 31.....	435.50
Aug. 6 to 12.....	1478.00
Aug. 12 to 22.....	3562.75
Burning debris at Bowleys Lane Dump.....	291.50

The program of spraying dormant-type oil for control of scale insects was resumed during February when 392 Pin Oak trees in Druid Hill Park and 23 Pin Oak trees in the 2400 and 2500 blocks Longwood Street were sprayed with a 3% dormant oil mixture applied with a hydraulic sprayer.

Fifty (50) American Elm trees infected with Dutch Elm disease were removed from public highways and 4 from public parks during the year. The total of 54 trees is an increase of 1 tree over 1954 and indicates that the Dutch Elm disease continues to be a source of tree loss in the City.



The continuation of the rainfall deficiency begun late in 1953 necessitated resuming of a watering program. The survival of the trees and shrubbery planted in the playgrounds during the fall of 1954 and the spring of 1955 was the direct result of this effort. Beginning on May 9th and continuing to August 5th when Storm Damage Recovery operations necessitated the stopping of the watering, the hydraulic sprayer was used as a water tank in the playgrounds.

On November 15th the Bureau of Highways awarded two contracts for the removal of 418 dead or diseased trees on the public highways. The sum of \$39,100.00 provided for the removal and disposal of the trees and replacing the footways where required with 5 inches of Portland cement concrete including 5 inches of grading. The contract was to be completed by April 15, 1956.

Activities were directed to cultivating and watering the existing stock and to respacing trees for improved root and crown development. Trees of 1¾" caliper and larger were transplanted from the nursery in the following quantities:—69 White Ash, 4 Augustine Elm, 1 Ginkgo, 1 Sweet Gum, 88 Oaks, 43 Plane, 20 Zelkova.

For the Christmas season, Norway and Blue Spruce trees were erected at 9 locations in the parks and delivered to 8 institutions for erection by groups. Two Norway Spruce were planted as permanent Christmas trees—One tree in the 3400 Block Norman Avenue and one tree in the 200 Block S. Augusta Avenue. 53-foot Norway Spruce donated by Mr. George Pierce, 7103 Bristol Road, Baltimore, Maryland was erected in City Hall Plaza. This was the 2nd year in which the Municipal Christmas tree originated within Baltimore City.

A total of 15,000 board feet of oak and popular logs was sent to the Bureau of Water Supply Sawmill during the year. The Forestry Division received 3,500 stakes 2 x 2 x 8 in exchange for this material.

## 11. POLICE DIVISION

(CAPTAIN GORDON GAENG, *Commanding*)

The property which comes under the jurisdiction of the Board of Recreation and Parks comprises approximately one-tenth of the land area of Baltimore City in addition to several areas in Baltimore and Anne Arundel Counties. The responsibility of policing these widely dispersed properties rests with the Police Division of the Bureau of Parks and the fact that there was no serious increase in crime in these areas during the year reflects the efficiency that this organization has been able to maintain.

The roster of the Police Division for 1955 totalled 113 positions, consisting of one Captain, five Lieutenants, nine Sergeants, 93 patrolmen, 3 Senior Clerks, one Auto-Motorcycle Repairman and

one Mechanic's Helper. The last two positions are concerned with the operation of the Park Police Repair Shop which services and maintains the Division's equipment. During 1955 this equipment consisted of twenty-three motorcycles, ten radio cars, one truck and an ambulance which was donated to the Bureau by the Fire Department for use at the Stadium and throughout the system.

The Park Police Division maintains a school for training all new men in all phases of police work including First Aid and handling of, and rescue with, small boats, the latter being necessary because of the numerous water areas in the parks. These men, after their schooling, work for a time with veteran officers and are shown how their schooling works practically, thus assuring the public of good, well-trained and efficient policing of its parks system.

In addition, the Park Police work very closely with all law enforcement agencies and especially with all divisions of the County and City Police Departments. The Park Police Division is also hooked up with the Baltimore City Police Radio as well as the State Police Teletype System (14 State) which greatly increases the effectiveness of the Division in adequately policing the scattered areas in which they are responsible for the maintenance of law and order.

In any modern crime detection and protective agency covering unpopulated areas such as parks, the Detective Bureau plays an important part in the prevention and detection of all kinds of crime, especially the morals aspect. These men, operating in plain clothes and plain cars, work closely with the Detective Bureau of the City Police, thus ridding the areas of all undesirables who might think the parks are good spots for their unlawful operations, and giving added protection to the people of Baltimore for their fullest enjoyment of the facilities maintained for their pleasure and recreation.

The pistol team has competed in many matches and tournaments with City, State, and many other law enforcement agencies and has made a very creditable showing since its organization.

The activity of the Park Police is demonstrated in the summary below of cases handled:—

Criminal and Park Rule Arrests.....	720
Traffic Violations .....	1497
Miscellaneous (No Arrests).....	3603

In addition to the above, the Park Police continued the regular performance of their duties of patrol, traffic direction, public assistance, special event assignments and numerous other work. As an example of the extent of these, 537 varied events were policed by the Division during the year requiring over 10,800 man hours; the attendance at all of these special events is estimated in excess of 1,700,000 persons.

## 12. MEMORIAL STADIUM

(MR. DOUGLAS S. TAWNEY, *Manager*)

On January 1, 1955, a separate Stadium Division was created under the full-time supervision of Mr. Douglas S. Tawney, Stadium Manager.

A great deal of attention has been devoted to setting up office space, reorganizing administrative routines and making various physical improvements to Stadium properties. A stenographer was hired, furniture purchased, new filing systems established and a general reorganization took place. Foremost in this was the creation of a system of cataloging lost property, filing reports of lost property, and maintaining same for claim. During the year 621 articles or lost property reports were recorded and 113 lost items were returned to their owners. All of this information is forwarded to Park Police Headquarters for further classification and publication on police teletype.

As a part of the administrative arrangement, forms were devised whereby permanent records of accidents are maintained and the Stadium event sponsor receives complete records of all injuries sustained by Stadium patrons. There were 116 such injuries handled by the First Aid Room in 1955.

### *Adāition to Equipment*

During the year the following new equipment was added to the



BALTIMORE MEMORIAL STADIUM

inventory:—Office furniture, 32 chair-back seats,  $\frac{3}{4}$ -ton truck, 30" power mower, 12 additional trumpets for public address system, safety ladders on light towers and a soil shredder.

### ***Improvements to Stadium Structure***

The following are the more important of the physical improvements:—Roof on press rooms, waterproofing above auditorium, offices and transformer rooms, slag block walls at end of promenade deck, construction of ticket booths, resurfacing of parking area, construction of entrance roads into Venable Park, completion of landscaping and construction of safety ladders on light towers.

Complete offices for the Baltimore Baseball Club were constructed by the club at a cost of about \$50,000.00, being paid for by the club. The club pays a fair rental for the use of this space and after 18 years, the entire office space shall become property of the City of Baltimore. The arrangement is ideal for both parties in that the club office is close to its operation, and the city receives added revenue, the benefit of old Oriole office space, and improvement of previously unfinished area.

A new method of cleaning the Stadium was developed whereby it is no longer necessary to call upon other park divisions to assist. Acting on suggestions by Mr. C. A. Hook, Superintendent of Parks, and Mr. L. Edgar Myerly, Deputy Superintendent of Parks, from information gathered on their January, 1955 tour of major league ball parks, colored janitresses were employed for cleanup purposes. These women, together with the small Stadium force of men, clean the entire Stadium after all events. The newly purchased  $\frac{3}{4}$ -ton pick-up truck is employed on the lower promenade deck to haul trash cans and bags filled by the women as they work. All of this is hauled to the incinerator chute and then burned. A method of removing ashes without the use of a dump truck was also devised, making it unnecessary to ask for aid in cleaning except in cases of emergency, such as the double event on July 4th.

As to the Stadium season of events itself, the year was extremely successful; a total of 106 events being held. This included 66 baseball openings, 8 professional football games, 2 Navy football games, 12 High School football games, 1 Boys Bowl Game, 7 performances of the Ice Capades Show, the Easter Sunrise Services, Firemen's Benefit featuring the Mummer's Bands, Baltimore City Teachers' Meeting, 4th of July Celebration, 2 Bureau of Music Concerts, 2 Teen Age Rodeos (on parking lot), a 3-day Truck Rodeo (on parking lot), the March of Champions Drum Corps Contest, and finally the Christmas Tree sale.

Of particular interest was the holding of the Ice Capades Show from July 14th-20th. Although the temperature remained 90 degrees or more throughout the entire show's run, the ice rink was kept intact. Over 100,000 persons witnessed the show in the seven-day period establishing a record for the entire country for attend-

ing an ice show in a seven-day run. The affairs was sponsored by the Variety Club of Baltimore and profits realized were used to establish a children's clinic in a local hospital.

The entire season was crowded with all types of events, requiring rapid transition from baseball to football or other type of field preparation. On Easter and the 4th of July, two events were held on the same date.

Later in this report, a statement showing attendance, revenue from rental and concessions, the number of uses, and other revenue derived appears. This shows that the Stadium operated at a profit for the first time since 1950 when a comparison is made to the statement depicting expenses which also follows. However, in addition to the revenue listed in these statements, it must be kept in mind that the following values accrued to the City of Baltimore under existing contracts:

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| 1. Under contract with Baltimore Orioles 1/5 of the total value of \$400,000.00 for concession stands and equipment becomes the property of the City each year.        | \$80,000.00  |
| 2. Under contract with Baltimore Orioles 1/18 of the total value of \$50,000.00 for the Oriole office location becomes the property of the City each year.             | \$2,777.00   |
| 3. Under contract with the Spencer Display Corporation, 1/8 of the total value of \$172,000.00 for the Stadium scoreboards becomes the property of the City each year. | \$21,500.00  |
| TOTAL  | \$104,277.00 |

In addition to major events on the field and on the parking lots, the Stadium auditorium was used 125 times throughout the year by golf associations, improvements associations, football officials, Park Police for classes, and the Baltimore Symphony for rehearsals.

To summarize the activities of the year, the division developed and improved in the following ways:—

1. Increased activity, promotion and cost reduction produced the first profitable Stadium year since 1944.
2. Many improvements were made from the funds expended.
3. Increased efficiency in clean up operations and the elimination of disturbing other park district operations by being independent under our new system of cleaning.
4. Increased efficiency in office and administrative operations.
5. Harmonious relationships were maintained between Stadium tenants and management.

### a. Statement of Events and Revenue:

Event	Number of Uses	Attendance	Revenue	
			Rental	Concession
Baseball—Orioles .....	66	866,193	\$110,842.62	\$30,493.17
Football—Colts .....	8	302,779	26,583.76	18,012.56
Football—Navy .....	2	48,190	9,532.10	3,434.63
Football—Others .....	12	46,430	2,100.00	2,270.96
Ice Show .....	7	101,712	17,287.03	7,455.36
Other Events .....	11	86,868	1,953.25	2,256.03
<b>TOTALS .....</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>1,452,172</b>	<b>\$168,298.76</b>	<b>\$63,922.71</b>
Total Rental Revenue.....			\$168,298.76	
Total Concession Revenue..			63,922.71	
Sale of Utilities .....			11,254.57	
Parking Lot License.....			3,513.85	
Miscellaneous .....			7,662.80	
Total Stadium Revenue....			\$254,652.69	

### b. Statement of Expenses:

Operating Management Expenses...	\$ 21,426.84
Operating Expenses .....	163,728.80
Stadium Repairs (Playing Field and Parking Areas)	49,481.03
<b>Total Expenses .....</b>	<b>\$234,636.67</b>
Year 1955	
Total Revenue .....	\$254,652.69
Total Expenses .....	234,636.67
<b>Profit on Operation....</b>	<b>\$ 20,016.02</b>

### c. Comparison with Previous Years:

Year	Uses	Attendance	Revenue	Expenses	Profit	Loss
1953 .....	108	645,492	\$ 74,603.48	\$ 96,063.60		\$21,460.12
1954 .....	106	1,507,505	230,622.20	241,390.12		10,767.92
1955 .....	106	1,452,172	254,652.69	234,636.67	\$20,016.02	

## 13. ZOO DIVISION

(MR. ARTHUR R. WATSON, *Manager*)

With one of the finer collections of animals in this country, the Baltimore Zoo continued as a major attraction for a large number of Baltimoreans during 1955. Turnstiles, provided through the co-operation of the Stadium Division, were installed at the Bird Exhibit and the Small Mammal House and the figures recorded confirmed the great interest in these facilities. It is the estimate of the Zoo Manager that the total attendance during 1955 was three-quarters of a million.

In addition to providing a means of recreation for many Baltimoreans, the Zoo also serves as an important educational factor. This value is recognized by the public and private schools which send bus-loads of children to take advantage of this educational facility. Other forms of educational activity consist of lectures

and special appearances by members of the Zoo staff. The diversity and scope of these activities is shown in the following chart:

Guide Service	25 Groups	1,678 Persons
Travelling Zoo	2 Visits	20,100 Persons
Lecture Programs	29 Requests	1,689 Persons
Television Program	52 Shows	403,200 Persons
		(Professional Estimates)
Maryland Building	Natural History	23,000 Persons
	Society of Maryland	

In addition the Zoo Manager made other guest appearances on radio and television programs and he and staff members answered numerous telephone inquiries concerning animals and their care.

The Baltimore Zoo continues to be most fortunate in the many generous contributions of animals which it receives from public-spirited individuals and organizations. During 1955, the following major animals were donated to the Zoo:—Two orangutans, gift of the *Sunpapers* and Mr. J. B. McLaughlin; four penguins, gift of Hochschild, Kohn & Company; one otter, gift of the Game and Inland Fisheries Commission; one African gray parrot, gift of Mr. C. J. Hurlock, Jr.; and one lion cub, gift of Mr. Edward B. Koch.

In addition to these major donations, there were many other animals, birds, and reptiles contributed or purchased during the year. Altogether 598 specimens of 289 different species, ranging from the exotic gorillas and orangutans to the common rabbit, were displayed, which represents an increase of an additional thirty species over 1954.



NEW MAMMAL HOUSE—BALTIMORE ZOO

<i>Exotic Specimens</i>	<i>Species</i>	<i>Specimens</i>
Mammals .....	93	104
Birds .....	124	316
Reptiles .....	67	134
Amphibians .....	1	40
Fish .....	4	4
TOTAL .....	289	598

## Zoo Inventory

Because of lack of space in this general report it is not possible to give an inventory statement in exact detail. This information is available in the report of the Bureau of Parks published separately. A brief statement concerning the various exhibits is given below.

### A. ANIMALS

#### *Primates*

There are now on exhibit, 27 species of Primates with 61 specimens. The collection contains an excellent presentation of gorillas, chimpanzees, orangutan, baboons and monkeys.

#### *Carnivores*

Twelve (12) important kinds of carnivores are present at the Zoo and on exhibition. The important elements of this group are bears (4 kinds), lions, leopards, tigers, lynx, hyena and wolves.

#### *Ruminants*

A representative group of animals in this classification is on exhibit, and is increasing annually. The outstanding animals are zebu, American bison, water buffalo, yak, Highland cattle, antelopes and camels, fourteen (14) species, with 51 specimens.

In addition to the above, there are miscellaneous important animals including elephants, sea lions, hippopotamus and kangaroo.

### B. BIRDS

One hundred twenty-four species of birds are exhibited, with a total of 316 specimens. Among the more interesting rare exhibits should be mentioned the ostrich, emu, pelican, penguins, flamingo, hornbill, toucan and cock of the rock. The aquatic birds include cormorant, swan (4 kinds), geese (various kinds) and a wide variety of ducks. There is also a wide variety of parrots and macaws.

### C. REPTILES

There are 67 species of reptiles with 134 specimens. The more important items in this group are alligators, crocodile, pythons, cobras, boas, anacondas and tortoise.



## 14. GOLF COURSES

The total 1955 golf course attendance was 190,323 compared with 211,173 rounds last year. The loss in play is attributed in large measure to the extremely poor weather during the summer, particularly in the months of July and August when patronage fell off considerably.

The following chart indicates the total rounds played in 1955 at each course together with revenue and cost of operation:

	<i>Rounds</i>	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Operating Cost</i>
Carroll .....	35,807	\$ 15,489.00	\$ 33,603.01
Clifton .....	47,776	41,867.90	42,839.27
Hillsdale .....	53,457	45,130.45	48,316.14
Mt. Pleasant .....	53,283	56,588.90	68,549.83
<b>TOTAL—1955....</b>	<b>190,323</b>	<b>\$159,076.25</b>	<b>\$193,308.25</b>
<b>TOTAL—1954....</b>	<b>211,173</b>	<b>176,091.10</b>	<b>195,250.03</b>

As is customary, the public courses were utilized for many special tournaments. Outstanding among these were the Fifth Annual Hole-in-One Tournament at the Mt. Pleasant Golf Course and the Medal Play Tournament of the Baltimore Golfing Association which is alternated among the three Bureau of Parks' eighteen-hole golf courses.

The Hole-in-One Event, which was held from July 13, 1955 through the 17th, 1955 is sponsored by the Baltimore *News-Post* with proceeds going to the Wounded Veterans Fund and the Baltimore Golfing Association. One hundred yards of the practice fairway and green located to the right of the eighteenth fairway, at Mt. Pleasant are lighted by forces of this Bureau. Merchandise prizes in the amount of \$1,000.00, seven handsome trophies and many special prizes are offered to the participants who are divided into five divisions: Professional, Amateur, Women, Juniors (under 18), and seniors (over 50). A total of 4,515 persons participated in this tournament and receipts amounted to \$2,258.50.

The Public Links Medal Play Tournament was held at Mt. Pleasant on September 3rd, 1955, Clifton on the 4th and Hillsdale on the 5th. At stake were two championships—regular and senior—and the entires of 236 far exceeded last year's turnout of 186. Increased interest and a general improvement in the tournament's operation are cited as the reasons for the record entry.

### Eastern Open Golf Tournament

The sixth consecutive Eastern Open Golf Tournament was held at the Mt. Pleasant Golf Course from October 6 to October 9, 1955. This tournament which is conducted by a committee selected by His Honor, Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro, Jr., who originated the event in 1950, is rapidly becoming a part of golfdom's nation-wide tradition as well as an outstanding event in Baltimore's sports scene.



TENSE MOMENT—EASTERN OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT—MT. PLEASANT GOLF COURSE

The 1955 Tournament was sponsored by the National Brewing Company in cooperation with the Department of Recreation and Parks and carried a total of \$17,500.00 prize money. This tournament is open to approximately 150 golfers who qualify, of which nearly 100 nationally known professionals appear each year.

Preparations made in advance had the Mt. Pleasant Course in excellent condition for the tournament, and its layout and condition were favorably commented on by the press and P.G.A. officials.

The tournament play was characterized by the closeness of the competition and the eventual winner, Frank Stranahan, nosed out Art Wall, Jr., by only one stroke with a winning score of 280 for the 72 holes.

The roll of winners of this tournament now reads as follows :

1955—Frank Stranahan	1952—Sam Snead
1954—Bob Toski	1951—Cary Middlecoff
1953—Dick Mayer	1950—Lloyd Mangrum

Gratitude must be expressed to all members of this Department, other municipal agencies and to the many individuals who generously gave their time and ability to make this an outstanding event.

## 15. SWIMMING POOLS AND BATHING BEACHES

In 1955 the swimming pools were opened from June 18th through September 5th representing a combined total of 604 operating days for all the pools. Although considerable difficulty had been experienced in previous years in obtaining qualified guards, the City Service Commission was able to keep the pools adequately manned during the entire 1955 season.

1955 was noteworthy in that a new pool at Cherry Hill Park was put into operation. This facility, which was made possible with Loan Funds, consists of a fine pool, which corresponds to A.A.U. Standards, a bathhouse, and a field house.

In the chart which follows, the attendance, revenue and operating expenses at each pool for 1955 is shown, also the 1954 totals.

<i>Pool Location</i>	<i>Days Open</i>	<i>Patrons 1955</i>	<i>Revenue 1955</i>	<i>Cost 1955</i>
Carroll Wading .....	57	675	\$ 33.75	\$ 1,600.41
Cherry Hill .....	70	21,548	3,968.76	10,081.64
Clifton .....	69	60,243	9,951.55	15,123.59
Druid Hill No. 1.....	69	40,054	8,630.05	13,653.16
Druid Hill No. 2.....	68	31,678	5,918.60	13,974.40
Gwynns Falls .....	68	18,416	3,073.97	9,113.91
Patterson .....	65	68,558	11,418.65	14,612.90
Riverside .....	69	37,937	5,866.70	9,703.74
Roosevelt .....	69	16,249	2,643.70	6,441.93
<b>TOTALS—1955....</b>	<b>604</b>	<b>295,358</b>	<b>\$51,505.73</b>	<b>\$94,805.68</b>
<b>TOTALS—1954....</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>243,860</b>	<b>42,426.54</b>	<b>86,679.55</b>

### Fort Smallwood

This is the only bayside park in the Public Park System. It is beautifully situated just outside of Baltimore on the Chesapeake Bay at the mouth of the Patapsco River and Rock Creek. This park is truly a mecca all summer long for those who enjoy beautiful scenery, cooling bay breezes, wide open spaces, picnic facilities and complete rest and relaxation.

A family park catering to the desires of all ages from fishing on the pier and banks, cabanas, two sandy safe bathing beaches protected by life guards, refreshment stands and picnic groves to a playground for the kiddies.

Although severe damage was caused by storms (Diana and Connie), the Bureau of Parks forces were on the job early to insure operation of the park. The attendance at the bathing beaches in 1955 showed an increase which was reflected in increased revenue. The following chart presents a comparison between the 1955 and 1954 seasons.

	<i>Beach Attendance</i>	<i>Park Attendance</i>	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Cost</i>
1955	44,236	222,876	\$4,435.49	\$39,152.46
1954	40,720	235,044	4,403.52	31,557.01

**BUREAU OF PARKS**  
**SUMMARY COST STATEMENT OF OPERATING EXPENSES**  
**FOR THE YEAR 1955**

**1—GENERAL EXPENSES**

11	Administrative Expenses—		
	Executive Division .....	\$ 47,523.16	
15	Injuries and Damages.....	56.37	\$ 47,579.53

**2—OPERATING EXPENSES**

21	Operating Management Expenses.....	\$574,748.87	
22	Squares, Blvd. Parking & Special		
	Lot Expenses .....	129,471.14	
23	Playground Expenses .....	25,586.95	
24	Small Parks Expenses.....	118,120.51	
25	Large Parks Expenses.....	735,988.41	
25-A	Stadium Expenses .....	163,728.80	
26	Golf Expenses .....	174,454.22	
27	Pools Expenses .....	83,927.53	
28	Zoological Expenses .....	131,495.84	
29-A	Fire Damage .....	18,700.26	
29-B	Forestry Nursery Expenses.....	3,058.26	
29-C	Forestry Expense—Public Highways..	73,996.54	2,233,277.33

**3—MAINTENANCE EXPENSES**

31	General Repairs .....	\$ 46,918.99	
32	Squares, Blvd. Parking & Special		
	Lot Repairs .....	8,921.31	
33	Playground Repairs .....	9,442.28	
34	Small Parks Repairs.....	18,037.31	
35	Large Parks Repairs.....	165,146.28	
35-A	Stadium Repairs .....	49,481.03	
36	Golf Repairs .....	18,854.03	
37	Pools Repairs .....	12,414.10	
38	Zoological Repairs .....	11,629.70	340,845.03

**4—MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE AND EXPENSES**

46-A	Gratuitous Work .....	\$ 9,662.67	
46-B	Special Services Rendered		
	Other Bureaus .....	328.95	
47	Sundry Revenues and Expenses.....	771.36	10,762.98

**5—RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

54	Interest Expense .....	\$160,906.25	160,906.25
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**6—FIXED ASSETS AND FUNDS**

60-A	Construction Work—		
	Levy Appropriations .....	\$ 29,327.14	
61	General Properties .....	242.14	
65	Large Parks Properties.....	1,000.82	
68	Zoological Properties .....	2,660.00	
69	Miscellaneous Properties .....	43,465.97	\$ 76,696.07
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES—</b>		
	<b>BUREAU OF PARKS FUNDS....</b>		\$2,870,067.19
42-4	Accessory Enterprises (Billwork).....		10,137.51
	<b>GRAND TOTAL....</b>		<u>\$2,880,204.70</u>

**BUREAU OF PARKS**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUE FOR THE YEAR 1955**

<b>Playgrounds and Playfields</b>			
Carroll—Lockers, Soap and Towels.....	\$ 926.55		
Clifton—Lockers, Soap and Towels.....	1,611.65		
Patterson—Lockers, Soap and Towels.....	665.60		
Gwynns Falls—Lockers, Soap and Towels....	<u>512.30</u>	\$	3,716.10
<b>Golf</b>			
Carroll .....	\$ 15,489.00		
Clifton .....	41,867.90		
Hillsdale .....	45,130.45		
Mt. Pleasant .....	<u>56,588.90</u>		159,076.25
<b>Swimming and Wading Pools</b>			
Carroll .....	\$ 220.35		
Clifton .....	9,951.55		
Druid Hill—Colored .....	5,918.60		
Druid Hill—White .....	8,630.05		
Gwynns Falls .....	3,073.97		
Patterson .....	11,418.65		
Riverside .....	5,672.75		
Roosevelt .....	2,643.70		
Cherry Hill .....	<u>3,976.11</u>		51,505.73
<b>Concessions</b>			
Boat Lakes .....	\$ 241.84		
Selling Concession Contract.....	13,080.00		
Concession—Fort Smallwood .....	<u>4,435.49</u>		17,757.33
<b>Stadium</b>			
Baseball Rentals (Balto. Orioles).....	\$110,842.62		
Football Rentals (Colts).....	26,583.76		
Football Rentals (Professional & College)....	9,532.10		
Football Rentals (High School & Others)....	2,100.00		
Baseball Concessions (Balto. Orioles).....	25,743.52		
Football Concessions (Colts).....	12,646.68		
Football Concessions (Professional & Collegiate).....	1,181.62		
Football Concessions (High School & Others)	665.13		
Other Rentals .....	19,240.28		
Other Concessions .....	8,702.93		
Telephone Commissions .....	738.57		
Advertising Commission .....	1,500.00		
Sale of Electricity .....	12,924.27		
Parking Concessions .....	6,639.73		
Office Rental (Balto. Baseball Club).....	<u>1,383.75</u>		240,424.96
Railway Tax .....			386,915.59
Fines—Park Violations .....			<u>1,269.00</u>
<b>Miscellaneous</b>			
Rental Real Property.....	\$ 4,973.00		
Sale of Electricity.....	355.70		
Commissions on Telephones.....	472.62		
Colonial Dames—Building Maintenance.....	250.00		
Maryland Yacht Club—Rental.....	3,000.00		
Maryland Yacht Club—Utility Service.....	1,408.82		
Sundry Revenue .....	<u>829.47</u>	\$	11,289.61
Baltimore Transit Bus Tax.....			318,898.81
Busses—Other than Baltimore Transit.....			<u>2,389.37</u>
TOTAL REVENUE.....			<u><u>\$1,193,242.75</u></u>

**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**  
**DIVISION OF PARKS**

**Financial Statement of Appropriations as of December 31, 1955**

Account	Forwarded From Previous Yrs.	Appropriations	Increments	Total Credits	Expenditures	Encumbrances	Total Expenditures	Balance
Salaries (8.13 A).....	—	\$ 652,260.00	—	\$ 652,260.00	\$ 629,713.04	—	\$ 629,713.04	\$ 22,546.96
Labor (8.14).....	—	1,384,800.00	\$ 57,643.08	1,442,443.08	1,413,761.30	—	1,413,761.30	28,681.78
Expenses (8.15).....	—	427,000.00	50,118.92	477,118.92	431,279.33	\$31,716.08	462,975.33	14,143.59
Pool Expense (8.14 D).....	—	61,000.00	—	61,000.00	60,367.70	—	60,367.70	632.30
<b>SUB TOTAL.....</b>	—	<b>\$2,525,060.00</b>	<b>\$107,762.00</b>	<b>\$2,632,822.00</b>	<b>\$2,585,101.37</b>	<b>\$ 31,716.00</b>	<b>\$2,566,817.37</b>	<b>\$66,004.63</b>
Compensated Work.....	—	—	14,473.85	14,473.85	9,961.62	—	9,961.62	4,512.23
To Supplemental Funds.....	—	—	(70,516.86)	(70,516.86)	—	—	—	(70,516.86)
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	—	<b>\$2,525,060.00</b>	<b>\$51,718.99</b>	<b>\$2,576,778.99</b>	<b>\$2,545,062.99</b>	<b>\$ 31,716.00</b>	<b>\$2,576,778.99</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
Stadium Improvements (8.23).....	\$ 25,859.69	—	—	25,859.69	22,011.69	—	22,011.69	3,848.00
Administration Building (8.27).....	146,199.48	—	—	146,199.48	133,768.38	13,049.00	146,817.38	(617.90)
Second Stadium Loan (8.301).....	150,233.16	—	—	150,233.16	150,233.16	—	150,233.16	0.00
Third Park Bldg. Loan (8.303).....	—	380,000.00	(380,000.00)	0.00	—	—	—	0.00
Park Bldg. Loan Constr. (8.305 D).....	276,801.48	—	380,000.00	656,801.48	76,747.41	165,587.00	242,334.41	414,467.07
Forward to 1956.....	—	—	(417,697.17)	(417,697.17)	—	—	—	(417,697.17)
<b>GRAND TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$599,093.81</b>	<b>\$2,905,060.00</b>	<b>(\$365,978.18)</b>	<b>\$3,138,175.63</b>	<b>\$2,927,823.63</b>	<b>\$210,352.00</b>	<b>\$3,138,175.63</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>

( ) Indicates Negative Figure

## B. BUREAU OF RECREATION

(MR. HAROLD S. CALLOWHILL, *Superintendent*)

### URBAN RENEWAL

The Bureau is actively engaged in cooperating with the Urban Renewal Committee. It is hoped that through the Urban Renewal Program a number of School-Recreation Centers will be developed which will provide for both indoor and outdoor recreation space in areas of the city where such facilities are non-existent and where the need is great. The Board of Recreation and Parks has previously approved the construction of two such Centers—one to be developed at the new John Street School and the other in cooperation with both the Department of Education and the Housing Authority at the Fremont Homes site. A School-Recreation Center will provide for recreation facilities in a school building to include an auditorium, gymnasium, multiple-use room, game rooms, craft shop, office and storage facilities and a playground. Such a Center may serve as the focal point of neighborhood life.

### RECREATION INTERESTS

With attendance records used as a gauge to interpret the overall interests of those participating in recreational activity, the order of major interests is as follows:

Organized and informal sports—youths and adults.

Children's Play (the world of stories; rhythmic and circle games, handwork and dramatization, etc.)

Quiet Games—all ages (checkers, parchesi, dominoes, etc.—informal or tournament promotion).

Social Activities—mostly teen-age social dances and parties.

Dancing Classes—tap, ballet, square and social.

Clubs—Golden Age, Women's, Children's, Parents', Mothers', Fathers'.

**A GLIMPSE INTO THE SPECIAL ACTIVITIES OF A TYPICAL COMMUNITY CENTER, RECREATION PIER**—In addition to the scheduled daily program, following are some of the outstanding special activities conducted at the Pier, which are typical of what might be presented at any of the Centers throughout the City.

The Pier was host to a Teen-Age-Adult Panel Meeting consisting of 10 teen-agers and 4 adults. The topic was "What the Teen-agers Expect of the Community and What the Community Expects of the Teen-agers." The teen-age panel included representatives from the following Recreation Centers—Brooklyn Homes, Canton, Hamilton, Latrobe Park, Patterson Park Casino, South Baltimore and Recreation Pier. Mr. Ellis Ash, Director of Management for the Housing Authority of Baltimore, spoke on: "What the Community Expects of the Teen-agers"; Reverend W. Dohoney, of St. Patrick's

Parish, spoke on "What the Church Expects of the Teen-ager"; Sergeant Armstrong, of the Baltimore Police Department, spoke on "What the Police Expect of the Teen-ager"; and Mrs. Ratrie, of the Department of Employment Security for the State of Maryland, spoke on "What the Employer Expects of the Teen-ager." This was a very interesting and stimulating meeting and was considered most worthwhile by all those who participated as well as those who attended.

A Play entitled "The Best Gift of All" written and directed by the leader in charge of children's activities, was presented in connection with the Christmas Party. Forty children of the Public School No. 6 Glee Club participated in this program and approximately 250 people attended.

The Pier was host to the January meeting of the Southeastern Council on Community Services. This group is made up of representatives from the various social agencies working in the area. The topic for this meeting was "The Bureau of Recreation Program."

In July the Pier invited all other Centers and Playgrounds in the community to a "County Fair." Sixteen booths manned by boys and girls from different places offered entertainment and fun for the 165 who attended.

An Indian Pow Wow was held—the children being divided into 3 tribes and wearing head bands and costumes made especially for the occasion. Shots of these festivities appeared on television and pictures appeared in the *Evening Sun*. This was one of the most popular parties ever held at the Pier.

The children of the Cooking Class entertained their mothers at a "Beat the Clock Dinner Party." The game was played by the guests before dinner which was prepared by the girls in the class, ranging in age from 9 to 12 years. The menu consisted of beef stew, homemade rolls, fruit salad, ice tea, toll house cookies and ice-cream topped with homemade chocolate sauce.

At the suggestion of *The Sunpapers*, the Recreation Pier and the Southeastern Community Council sponsored a Snowman Contest on the deck of the Pier. This is probably a "Baltimore First" for this type of contest.

## COMMUNITY INTEREST

At the Curtis Bay Recreation Center, the Community Service Club of women continues to give voluntary assistance throughout the year. Interest from the mothers in the community continues to increase remarkably.

The Women's Civic League has pledged complete equipment for the city-wide craft shop which is to be included in the proposed John Street School-Recreation Center in the Mount Royal Area.





CLASSES IN GARDENING, BIRD AND NATURE STUDY

Since we have vacated the Brooklyn Recreation Center, the community is hopeful that the new building will be constructed in the not too distant future and money is being raised to furnish the new Center when construction is completed.

The Roosevelt Small Fry Baseball League, comprised of approximately 220 boys from 8 to 12 years of age, engaged in supervised competition. The social culmination of their athletic events was a Jamboree where the boys, their parents and the team managers had a combination Field Day-Feast Day. These teams were financed by neighborhood businessmen and contributions from neighborhood individuals—truly a community project.

The Towanda Mothers Club sponsored an all-day bazaar on the playground to raise money for uniforms for the athletic teams, to cover expenses for the children's Christmas-Chanukah Party and to equip the kitchen for the children's cooking classes. The parents and neighborhood commercial firms donated the cup cakes, hot dogs, favors, etc., and sold them at the various booths; children of the playground erected their own stands for games of skill and faithfully manned them. About 300 attended this all-day affair.

The Dewees Recreation Center, although in operation only a few months, has 5 parent groups who are sponsoring it—the Kiwanis Club, Optimist Club, Govans Civic Association, Mothers Club and Fathers Club. This Center cooperated with the North Baltimore Kiwanis Club in sponsoring a "Play Day" to celebrate National Kids Day. Over 400 children participated and enjoyed a happy day.



DEWEES PLAYFIELD AND RECREATION CENTER

Sixty children from the O'Donnell Recreation Center, 2 to 7 years of age, attended a Christmas Luncheon at the Park Plaza given by the Harmonic Charity Circle.

A fine community program marked the formal presentation of a Public Address System to Public School No. 230 Recreation Center by The Exchange Club of Highlandtown, while the Kiwanis Club has included in their budget money for medals and trophies for this Center.

Cooperation from the Junior League resulted in very happy Christmas Programs for small children at the Canton Rek and Canton Playground.

The Brooklyn Optimist Club again sponsored several boys clubs, bought uniforms, provided complimentary tickets to different sports events, gave a great deal of voluntary help and are very much interested in the general program of the Brooklyn Homes Recreation Center.

The Northwood Optimist Club is again sponsoring the boys basketball leagues at the Northwood Rek. They are furnishing the leagues with the trophies which are presented at the annual party arranged for this purpose.

Because of an alarming growth of juvenile delinquency activity in the Hamilton neighborhood, representatives from various community organizations in Hamilton were invited by the Director of

the Hamilton Recreation Center to come to a meeting to consider what kind of neighborhood action could be effectively used to curb the outbreak of juvenile delinquency activities. It is a long story of personal participation by the "good neighbors" who accepted assignments to work with police, parents and youth. A check on the ten months' achievement of this community action indicates a very successful experiment, pointing out that when good neighbors get together much can be accomplished.

### **LEARN-TO-SWIM PROGRAM**

The "Learn-to-Swim" Program for children under 14 years of age was conducted through the joint cooperation of the Baltimore Red Cross and the Bureau of Recreation. Playground leaders were urged to form swimming groups with a parent acting as volunteer leader to take the children from the playground to the nearest swimming pool. The classes were conducted in the following park pools—Clifton, Druid Hill, Gwynns Falls, Patterson, Riverside and Roosevelt. Many parents contributed funds to hire Department of Education buses to transport the neighborhood children to these parks. There was an attendance of 23,768 at the Learn-to-Swim Classes and 867 received Red Cross Certificates.

### **HIGHLIGHTS OF 1955**

The Baltimore Recreation Chorus sang the concert version of LA TOSCA with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra at the Lyric. This marked the second time our Chorus was honored to sing with one of America's major Symphony Orchestras.

Notable in the field of drama was the unexpected impetus given to Children's Creative Dramatics during the summer vacation period by the volunteer services of a 14-year-old school boy who had been trained in the Children's Experimental Theatre. He met regularly with children at 3 Community Centers and climaxed the season with an imaginative version of Cinderella at the Eighth Annual Joseph Lee Concert before a city-wide audience. A merited review appeared in the newspaper the following morning.

Members of the Gardenville Rek Advisory Committee contribute many hours of volunteer service in the operation of the program at Public School No. 211 and are actively engaged in money-raising activities to help equip and furnish the new Gardenville School-Recreation Center.

The summer playground season featured 481 Red Letter Days which included events such as doll shows, bicycle rodeos, twin contests, hobby shows, pigtail and freckle contests, hat shows and many other features.

Six thousand children participated in the City's Annual Fourth of July Games. In addition to a full program of games and races, popular peanut scrambles and peanut counting contests contributed to the day's fun.

Mayor D'Alesandro proclaimed the week of July 25 as Joseph Lee Week. Baltimore City Playgrounds, as well as playgrounds all over the country, honored Joseph Lee, who established the first playground in America, in song, stories, special games, contests and the annual Joseph Lee Concert presented by the Children's Chorus, with 100 children participating.

When Halloween arrived the elves and goblins came to life. All Recreation Centers held plays, parties and parades and hundreds of children in costume entered into the spirit of the day eager to be judged as the funniest, largest, fattest or tallest. In this way, abounding energies were directed toward lively, funful activities rather than destructive and hazardous pranks.

The Fourth Annual Christmas Tree Ceremony was held at the Museum of Art when an audience of about 400 adults joined the children from 5 Recreation Centers in singing Carols. Attention focused on the evergreen tree directly across Wyman Park Drive-way which burst into radiance at sundown, ushering in the Christmas Season.

The South Baltimore Recreation Center Golden Age Club is seven years old and has 102 members. Some of these members have taken a modified course in First Aid and appeared on a television program which portrayed the story of their activities.



GOLDEN AGE CLUBS PROVIDE ACTIVITIES FOR THE OLDSTERS

The All-Girl Drum and Bugle Corp is composed of 60 members who took part in 62 parades and competitions and won 16 first places, 8 second and 5 third places. They are the Automobile Association of America State Champions and placed third in the A.A.A. National Championships.

The first Children's Weaving Class has been organized at the South Baltimore Recreation Center. The Weavers Guild has donated time and money to make this a successful venture.

As a result of interest developed in the weaving class at the Patterson Park Casino, 50 individuals have purchased their own looms and are pursuing this interesting craft in their homes.

The Lions Club, in cooperation with the staff of the Lions Club Recreation Center, acted as hosts to a group of children for a week-end camping trip.

Over 300 women who are members of the Northwood Recreation Center, enrolled in the Conditioning Class at the Mergenthaler School. The Men's Class had an enrollment of over 150. Both of these classes are followed by an hour of swimming.

Over 10,000 boys, girls and adults attended 81 Christmas Parties held at 25 Recreation Centers.

The Bureau held 41 Open House Programs in cooperation with the Council of Social Agencies Community Services Week March 14-19.

The Arts & Crafts Class at the Perkins Homes Recreation Center made a Nativity Scene and presented it to the Children's Hospital.

A group of young people from Latrobe Park completed their seventh year of bi-monthly visits to the Perry Point Veterans Hospital where they play volley-ball and other active games with the patients. In 1952, they received the Veterans Administration Voluntary Service Program Certificate.

Volunteers from the American Turners Apparatus Club for the sixth year have conducted gymnastic classes at the Montebello School.

The Department of Education makes use of the Hamilton Recreation Center for school activities such as some physical education classes, testing programs, parent-education groups and Parent-Teacher Associations from other schools in the neighborhood.

About 2,200 girls and boys registered for the Tap Dancing classes which are held in 20 Recreation Centers and nearly 1,000 girls registered for Ballet Classes in 9 Recreation Centers.

Members of the Canton Park Soccer Team were represented on the Baltimore All-Star Team which played in the National Midget Tournament at Ludlow, Massachusetts. The team defeated New York, Trenton and Ludlow to win the championships.

## CYLBURN WILD FLOWER PRESERVE AND GARDEN CENTER

A group of citizens organized a Steering Committee to assist in planning for the Cylburn Wild Flower Preserve and Garden Center in Cylburn Park, located on Greenspring Avenue near Cold Spring Lane. This committee is working in cooperation with a Master Plan Committee of the Department of Recreation and Parks who are preparing plans for development. Early in the spring, trails were cleared and an extensive system established. When completed, there will be an Azalea Trail, a Spring Wild Flower Trail, a Woodland Trail, an Educational Trail and many others. This will form a network through the woods, and a nearby pond will be cleared and used for a bog area. Many plants and trees have been temporarily labelled and a plant file has been compiled. More than 200 plants growing in the trail have been identified and numbered stakes aid in locating some of the plant material. The Steering Committee plans to develop a permanent organization to cooperate with the Department of Recreation and Parks in the continued development of the area. It is anticipated that teachers and students will use the Center not only to enjoy wild flowers but will also devote time to the study of botany.

### THE INFORMAL DRAMA REACHES MATURITY

We report with pride the phenomenal development of the adult drama group, The Stagecrafters. Organized in 1944, this division of the Bureau's drama activity grew in stature and became an independent unit. Under very capable directors and most attentive supervision, it grew not only into a well-organized club but also was eventually recognized by many as an outstanding Civic Drama Group. They presented many Broadway hits—Sabrina Fair, Room Service, The Traitor and others. Permission was secured to give the first production of *The Robe* on the East Coast. By popular demand *The Robe* was repeated the following year. *The Song of Bernadette* was the major production during The Stagecrafters final year under the sponsorship of the Bureau of Recreation. Our best wishes to this enterprising and courageous group of Thespians! A newly organized group, The Spotlighters, has replaced The Stagecrafters under the sponsorship of The Recreation Bureau.

### DIVISION OF AMATEUR SPORTS

The amateur sports program continues to attract boys and men, girls and women of all ages. The 1955 statistics are as follows:

<i>Boys and Men</i>	<i>Leagues</i>	<i>Teams</i>	<i>Players</i>		
Baseball .....	76	423	5,541		
Football .....	13	66	1,535		
Basketball .....	74	359	3,130		
Softball .....	87	498	6,652		
Soccer .....	4	21	380		
		254	1,367		17,238
<i>Girls and Women</i>					
Softball .....	16	56	390		
Basketball .....	18	94	1,083	150	1,473
Totals.....		288	1,517		18,711

## STATISTICS—1955

	<i>Enrollment</i>	<i>Attendance</i>	<i>No. Centers</i>
Playgrounds .....	21,177	1,147,416	71
Community Centers ...	37,520	1,521,800	27
Indoor Centers .....	14,838	508,430	41
Swimming Pools .....	4,185	37,241	9
Special Centers .....	21,964	273,520	1
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>99,684</b>	<b>3,488,407</b>	<b>149</b>

### CITY OF BALTIMORE BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS AND DISBURSEMENTS DIVISION OF RECREATION

Summary Cost Statement of Operating Expenses for the Year 1955

#### 1—GENERAL EXPENSES

11	Administrative Expenses .....	\$ 93,718.94
13	Leadership Training School.....	139.40
		\$ 93,858.34

#### 2—OPERATING EXPENSES

21	Field Supervision Expenses.....	\$109,140.82
22	Playground Expenses—White .....	123,640.84
23	Community Centers Expenses—White..	252,721.64
24	Indoor Centers Expenses—White.....	12,283.23
25	Recreational Activities Expenses— White .....	29,769.81
26	Municipal Sports Expenses—White....	25,910.40
27	Playground Expenses—Colored .....	30,516.85
28	Recreational Centers Expenses— Colored .....	152,520.58
29	Recreational Activities Expenses— Colored .....	3,969.08
		\$740,473.25

#### 3—MAINTENANCE EXPENSES

31	General Maintenance .....	\$ 26,143.84
	Total Expenses— Department of Recreation Funds	\$ 860,475.43
42	Accessory Enterprises .....	\$119,069.66
60-B	Recreation Loans Construction.....	328,486.51
60-G	Wilcox Ave. Playground.....	3,000.00
60-H	Playlot Conversion .....	3,286.29
		\$453,842.46
		453,842.46
		\$1,314,317.89

**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**  
**DIVISION OF RECREATION**

**Financial Statement of Appropriations and Loan Funds as of December 31, 1955**

Account	Description	Forwarded From Prior Year	Appropriations	Increments	Total Credits	Expenditures	Encumbrances	Total Expenditures	Balance
8.16 A	Salaries.....	—	\$ 590,075.00	(\$22,000.00)	\$ 568,075.00	\$ 560,348.10	—	\$ 560,348.10	\$ 7,726.90
8.16 D	Part Time Salaries.....	—	167,000.00	22,295.23	189,295.23	197,398.65	—	197,398.65	(8,103.42)
8.17	Expenses.....	—	104,000.00	1,400.86	105,400.86	103,320.93	\$ 3,390.00	106,710.93	(1,310.07)
	Sub-Total.....	—	\$ 861,075.00	\$ 1,696.09	\$ 862,771.09	\$ 861,067.68	\$ 3,390.00	\$ 864,457.68	(\$1,686.59)
	From Supplemental Funds.....	—	—	1,686.59	1,686.59	—	—	—	1,686.59
	TOTAL.....	—	\$ 861,075.00	\$3,382.68	\$ 864,457.68	\$ 861,067.68	\$ 3,390.00	\$ 864,457.68	\$0.00
8.202	Wilcox Playground.....	\$ 3,000.00	—	—	3,000.00	3,000.00	—	3,000.00	0.00
8.302	2nd Recreation Loan.....	66,591.98	—	(45,439.24)	21,152.74	—	—	—	21,152.74
8.303 D	Recreation Loans Constr.....	643,146.14	—	541,149.24	1,184,295.38	288,731.93	89,980.00	378,711.93	805,583.45
8.22	Playlot Conversion.....	2,200.00	—	—	2,200.00	1.50	—	1.50	2,198.50
8.304	3rd Recreation Loan.....	—	495,710.00	(495,710.00)	0.00	—	—	—	0.00
8.205	Brooklyn Recreation Center.....	—	—	45,000.00	45,000.00	—	—	—	45,000.00
	Forward to 1956.....	—	—	(871,736.19)	(871,736.19)	—	—	—	(871,736.19)
	To Supplemental Funds.....	—	—	(2,198.50)	(2,198.50)	—	—	—	(2,198.50)
	GRAND TOTAL.....	\$714,938.12	\$1,356,785.00	(\$825,552.01)	\$1,246,171.11	\$1,152,801.11	\$93,370.00	\$1,246,171.11	\$ 0.00

( ) Indicates Negative Figure



## C. BUREAU OF MUSIC

(MR. EARL F. FORMAN, *Superintendent*)

The Bureau of Music, following its tradition of maintaining high standards, took pride in presenting to the citizens of Baltimore during 1955 a season of outstanding musical programs and other carefully planned and selected attractions.

As in previous seasons, large and appreciative audiences attended the concerts given by the four concert bands. The season opened on Sunday, June 3, 1955, with programs by the Number 2 Concert Bands. The Number 1 Concert Bands began their series of concerts on Sunday, June 19, 1955.

Unfortunately, unfavorable weather interfered with the schedule at the beginning and at the end of the season, making it necessary to cancel a number of concerts.

In addition to the regular weekly concerts, the Bureau of Music presented several Special Programs and participated in various other events.



COMBINED CONCERT AND VOCAL TALENT CONTEST,  
BALTIMORE MEMORIAL STADIUM—*William Sebastian Hart*, Conductor

### *Inauguration of Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro, Jr.*

At the inaugural ceremonies for Mayor D'Alesandro the Bureau of Music had the honor of providing the musical background, with a concert by the Number 1 Municipal Concert Band.

### ***Fourth of July Concert***

The Bureau of Music presented its Annual Special Patriotic Concert at the foot of Washington's Monument, in Mount Vernon Place. The program featured patriotic musical selections by the Number 1 Municipal Concert Band, and appropriate motion pictures were shown. As customary, those who attended the performance were invited to join in the community singing. These concerts always attract large and enthusiastic audiences.

### ***Polish Concert***

It was a great pleasure for the Bureau of Music to comply with the annual request for a concert comprising the works of eminent Polish composers. The concert was given at Patterson Park, on Sunday, July 17, before an exceptionally large and responsive audience.

### ***City Hospital Concert***

The concert which is scheduled each year for the patients and personnel of the City Hospital was given on Sunday, July 3, by the Number 2 Park Concert Band. These concerts are instrumental in lifting the morale of both patients and staff at the institution.

### ***Combined Concerts***

#### ***Combined Concert at Baltimore Memorial Stadium***

***July 24, 1955***

On Sunday, July 24, the Bureau of Music presented at the Baltimore Memorial Stadium, the first of two Combined Concerts by the Number 1 Concert Bands.

Since the popularity of the ballet is constantly increasing, the Bureau of Music engaged as the principal attraction for the evening, Miss Estelle Dennis and her ballet group. Miss Dennis and the members of her company distinguished themselves by performing a number of charming and artistically prepared dances.

The Combined Number 1 Concert Bands, which furnished excellent support for the ballet group, played, in addition, a number of appealing musical compositions. Two interesting motion pictures were included in the evening's entertainment, and the audience lustily enjoyed the community singing. The generous applause from the responsive audience throughout the evening was significant of the success of the entire production.

#### ***Combined Concert at Baltimore Memorial Stadium***

***August 16, 1955***

Before one of the largest audiences ever witnessed at a Combined Concert given at the Baltimore Memorial Stadium, the

Bureau of Music presented the second of its Combined Concerts. The program featured an excellent mixed quartette and two of Baltimore's finest vocal soloists. A new arrangement of selections from *The Student Prince* was introduced by the soloists and quartette.

The Combined Number 1 Concert Bands contributed their customary stimulating rendition of a number of well-chosen musical selections.



COMBINED CONCERT FEATURING GAY NINETIES REVIEW,  
BALTIMORE MEMORIAL STADIUM—*Gerald Eyth*, Conductor

Two motion pictures were displayed, and the audience gaily participated in the community singing which constituted a part of the program. The spontaneous applause and favorable comments from the audience were most gratifying and apparently everyone present had a thoroughly enjoyable evening. Through the cooperation of the Bureau of Parks, the especially constructed stages which were erected at the Baltimore Memorial Stadium for the two Combined Concerts and the grounds adjacent to the stages were decorated attractively with a display of graceful palms and ferns.

#### ***Combined Concert at Druid Hill Park August 6, 1955***

The Annual Combined Concert by the Number 2 Concert Bands scheduled for August 6, had to be postponed until the following week, due to inclement weather. However, a severe rainstorm which occurred the following week necessitated a complete cancellation of the concert.

### ***Baltimore City Orchestra and Chorus***

In 1955, the Baltimore City Orchestra and Chorus gave several concerts featuring local artists. The large audiences which attended these concerts were well rewarded by the fine performances presented.

### ***Baltimore Symphony Orchestra***

As heretofore, the Bureau of Music sponsored a series of Saturday evening concerts and children's concerts by the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra. Through City funds provided in the Bureau's budget, it is possible to give these concerts at reduced rates.

### ***I Am An American-and-Flag Day***

The Bureau of Music participated in this historical celebration by providing a fifty-piece concert band, which presented a musical program at Patterson Park.

### ***General Comments***

In 1955, the Bureau of Music continued its endeavors to provide to the public musical programs and diversified entertainment of a superior nature, with a view to pleasing the tastes of the most fastidious individuals in the audience. A number of new and popular selections were played for the first time by the Concert Bands.

Thousands of schedules and programs were distributed to interested individuals, to business and manufacturing firms, and to various branches of the armed services. Numerous requests for schedules and programs were received from persons living outside of Baltimore. As in the past, thousands of song sheets were prepared for the audiences to use during the sessions of community singing.

The Bureau of Music wishes to express to the Mayor of Baltimore, to the Board of Recreation and Parks, to the Director, to the Superintendent of Parks, and to the City and Park Police sincere appreciation for the support and cooperation extended throughout 1955.

The Superintendent of Music should like to take the opportunity to convey his personal good wishes to the conductors and musicians in the concert bands, and to the other personnel who contributed to making 1955 a successful year.

The newspapers, daily and weekly, and the radio and television stations who cooperated so effectively with timely publicity also deserve a large measure of gratitude.

The Bureau of Music pledges to the public that it will continue its endeavors to provide in 1956 and in succeeding years musical programs and entertainment of the highest quality obtainable.

The financial report for 1955 and the schedules of the Concert Bands of the Bureau of Music are appended.

## 1955 SCHEDULE—NUMBER 1 CONCERT BANDS

	Number 1 Park Concert Band Gerald Eyth Conductor	Number 1 Municipal Concert Band Wm. Sebastian Hart Conductor
Sun.—June 19	Druid Hill Park	Patterson Park
Mon.—June 20	Carroll Park	Union Square
Tues.—June 21	Gwynns Falls Park	School—Rogers & Magnolia Aves.
Wed.—June 22	Patterson Park	Dell—Charles & 31st St.
Thurs.—June 23	Carroll Park	Mount Vernon Place
Fri.—June 24	Clifton Park	Canton Park
Sun.—June 26	Druid Hill Park	Patterson Park
Mon.—June 27	Carroll Park	School—Biddle & Patterson Park Avenue
Tues.—June 28	Gwynns Falls Park	Northwood Shopping Center
Wed.—June 29	Patterson Park	Dell—Charles & 31st St.
Thurs.—June 30	Carroll Park	Mount Vernon Place
Fri. July 1	Clifton Park	Canton Park
Sun.—July 3	Druid Hill Park	Patterson Park
Mon.—July 4	Carroll Park	Mount Vernon Place
Tues.—July 5	Gwynns Falls Park	Towanda Recreation Center
Wed.—July 6	Patterson Park	Dell—Charles & 31st St.
Thurs.—July 7	Carroll Park	School—35th, Tivoly & Hillen Rd.
Fri.—July 8	Clifton Park	Canton Park
Sun.—July 10	Druid Hill Park	Patterson Park
Mon.—July 11	Carroll Park	School—Harford & Louise Ave.
Tues.—July 12	Gwynns Falls Park	Edmondson Village
Wed.—July 13	Patterson Park	Dell—Charles & 31st St.
Thurs.—July 14	Carroll Park	Mount Vernon Place
Fri.—July 15	Clifton Park	Canton Park
Sun.—July 17	Druid Hill Park	Patterson Park
Mon.—July 18	Carroll Park	Springdale & Hillsdale Ave.
Tues.—July 19	Gwynns Falls Park	Norman & Mayfield Ave.
Wed.—July 20	Patterson Park	Dell—Charles & 31st St.
Thurs.—July 21	Carroll Park	Mount Vernon Place
Fri.—July 22	Clifton Park	Canton Park
Sun.—July 24	Combined Concert at Balto. Memorial Stadium	Memorial Stadium
Mon.—July 25	Carroll Park	School—Brehms Lane & Chesterfield Ave.
Tues.—July 26	Gwynns Falls Park	Hanlon Park
Wed.—July 27	Patterson Park	Dell—Charles & 31st St.
Thurs.—July 28	Carroll Park	Mount Vernon Place
Fri.—July 29	Clifton Park	Canton Park
Sun.—July 31	Druid Hill Park	Patterson Park
Mon.—Aug. 1	Carroll Park	4800 Loch Raven Blvd.
Tues.—Aug. 2	Gwynns Falls Park	School—Stiles & Central Ave.
Wed.—Aug. 3	Patterson Park	Dell—Charles & 31st St.
Thurs.—Aug. 4	Carroll Park	Mount Vernon Place
Fri.—Aug. 5	Clifton Park	Canton Park
Sun.—Aug. 7	Druid Hill Park	Patterson Park
Mon.—Aug. 8	Carroll Park	School—Wildwood Parkway
Tues.—Aug. 9	Gwynns Falls Park	School—Lakewood & Oliver Sts.
Wed.—Aug. 10	Patterson Park	Dell—Charles & 31st St.
Thurs.—Aug. 11	Carroll Park	Mount Vernon Place
Fri.—Aug. 12	Clifton Park	Canton Park
Sun.—Aug. 14	Druid Hill Park	Patterson Park
Mon.—Aug. 15	Carroll Park	School—Ashton & Pulaski Sts.
Tues.—Aug. 16	Combined Concert at Balto. Memorial Stadium	Memorial Stadium
Wed.—Aug. 17	Patterson Park	Dell—Charles & 31st St.
Thurs.—Aug. 18	Clifton Park	Mount Vernon Place

## 1955 SCHEDULE—NUMBER 2 CONCERT BANDS

	Number 2 Municipal Concert Band Harrison M. Dodd Conductor	Number 2 Park Concert Band Charles E. Gwynn Conductor
Sun.—June 5		Druid Hill Park
Wed.—June 8	School—Calhoun & Laurens	Sts.
Fri.—June 10		School—Francis & Clifton Ave.
Sun.—June 12	Easterwood Park	
Wed.—June 15		Perkins Square
Fri.—June 17	School—133 McElderry St.	
Sun.—June 19		Harlem Square
Fri.—June 24	1500 Argyle Ave.	
Sun.—June 26	Druid Hill Park	
Fri.—July 1		Gilmore Project
Sun.—July 3		Balto. City Hospital
Fri.—July 8	School—Walbrook & Smallwood St.	
Sun.—July 10	Madison Square	
Fri.—July 15		School—22nd & Homewood Ave.
Sun.—July 17		Druid Hill Park
Fri.—July 22	2700 Spellman Road	
Sun.—July 24	Druid Hill Park	
Fri.—July 29		School—Mount & Saratoga Sts.
Sun.—July 31		Lafayette Square
Fri.—Aug. 5	School—Saratoga & Schroeder Sts.	
Sun.—Aug. 7	Combined Concert at	Hill Park
Fri.—Aug. 12		School—Chase & McDonogh Sts.
Sun.—Aug. 14	Druid Hill Park	

**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**  
**BUREAU OF MUSIC**

**Financial Statement of Appropriations as of December 31, 1955**

Account	Description	Appropriations	Increments	Total Credits	Expenditures	Encumbrances	Total Expenditures	Balance
8.10 A	Salaries.....	\$ 7,940.00	—	\$ 7,940.00	\$ 7,566.99	—	\$ 7,566.99	\$373.01
8.11	Expenses.....	50,775.00	—	50,775.00	51,246.29	—	51,246.29	(471.29)
8.12	Balto. Symph. Orch.....	70,000.00	10,000.00	80,000.00	80,000.00	—	80,000.00	0.00
	Sub-Total.....	\$128,715.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$138,715.00	\$138,813.28	—	\$138,813.28	(\$ 98.28)
	From Supplemental Funds.....	—	98.28	98.28	—	—	—	98.28
	GRAND TOTAL.....	\$128,715.00	\$10,098.28	\$138,813.28	\$138,813.28	—	\$138,813.28	\$ 0.00

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**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**  
**DIVISION OF MUSIC**

Detail Cost Statement of Operating Expenses for the Year 1955

**1—General Expenses**

11	<b>Administrative Expenses</b>		
11-1	Pay and Expenses of Employees.....	\$	7,566.99
11-2	Office Supplies and Expenses.....		782.60
11-9	Miscellaneous Expenses .....		3.90
	Sub-Total .....	\$	8,353.49
	TOTAL 1—General Expenses.....	\$	8,353.49

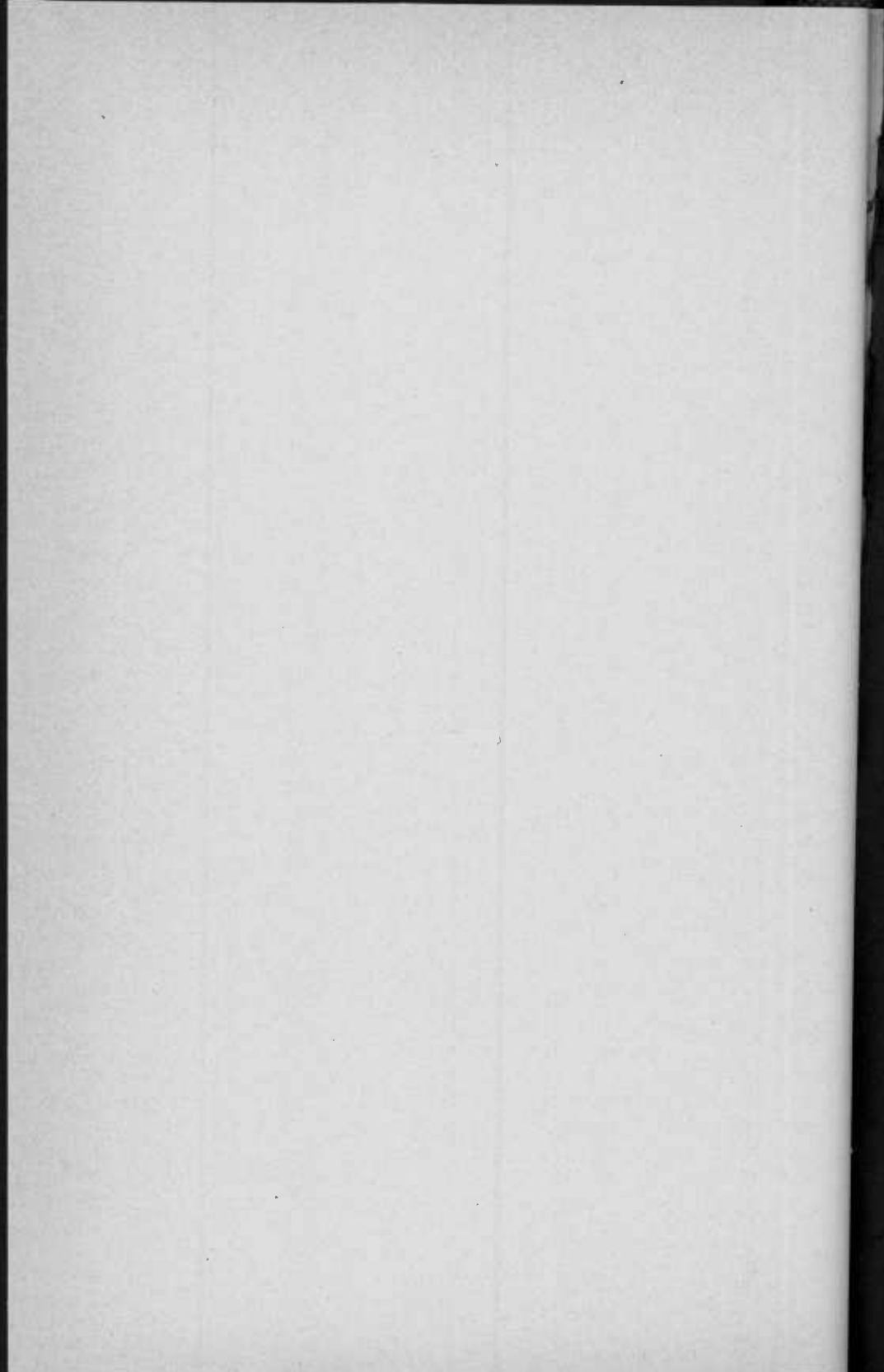
**2—Operating Expenses**

21-1	<b>Moving and Erecting Bandstands.....</b>	\$	2,824.98
22	<b>No. 1 Municipal Concert Band Expenses</b>		
22-1	Pay of Musicians.....	\$17,	638.00
22-3	Musical Scores (or orchestrations).....		210.60
22-9	Miscellaneous .....		100.68
	Sub-Total .....	\$17,	949.28
23	<b>No. 1 Park Concert Band Expenses</b>		
23-1	Pay of Musicians.....	\$16,	695.00
23-3	Musical Scores (or orchestrations) .....		112.50
23-9	Miscellaneous .....		6.00
	Sub-Total .....	\$16,	813.50
24	<b>No. 2 Municipal Concert Band Expenses</b>		
24-1	Pay of Musicians.....	\$	3,687.00
24-3	Musical Scores (or orchestrations).....		13.27
	Sub-Total .....	\$	3,700.27
25	<b>No. 2 Park Concert Band Expenses</b>		
25-1	Pay of Musicians.....	\$	3,815.00
25-3	Musical Scores (or orchestrations).....		27.00
	Sub-Total .....	\$	3,842.00
26	<b>Baltimore City Orchestra and Chorus Expenses</b>		
26-1	Pay of Musicians.....	\$	2,143.00
26-3	Musical Scores (or orchestrations).....		83.10
26-9	Miscellaneous .....		56.00
	Sub-Total .....	\$	2,282.10
27	<b>Special Concerts Expenses</b>		
27-2	Pay of Soloists.....	\$	535.00
27-3	Musical Scores (or orchestrations).....		210.55
27-6	Rental of Chairs.....		118.60
27-7	Rental of Motion Pictures & Spotlight Equipment .....		1,035.00
27-9	Miscellaneous .....		932.99
	Sub-Total .....	\$	2,832.14
29	<b>Baltimore Symphony Orchestra.....</b>	\$80,	000.00
	TOTAL 2—Operating Expenses.....	\$130,	244.27

**3—Maintenance Expenses**

31	<b>General Repairs</b>		
31-2	Lighting Equipment .....	\$	215.52
	TOTAL 3—Maintenance Expenses..	\$	215.52
	GRAND TOTAL.....	\$138,	813.28





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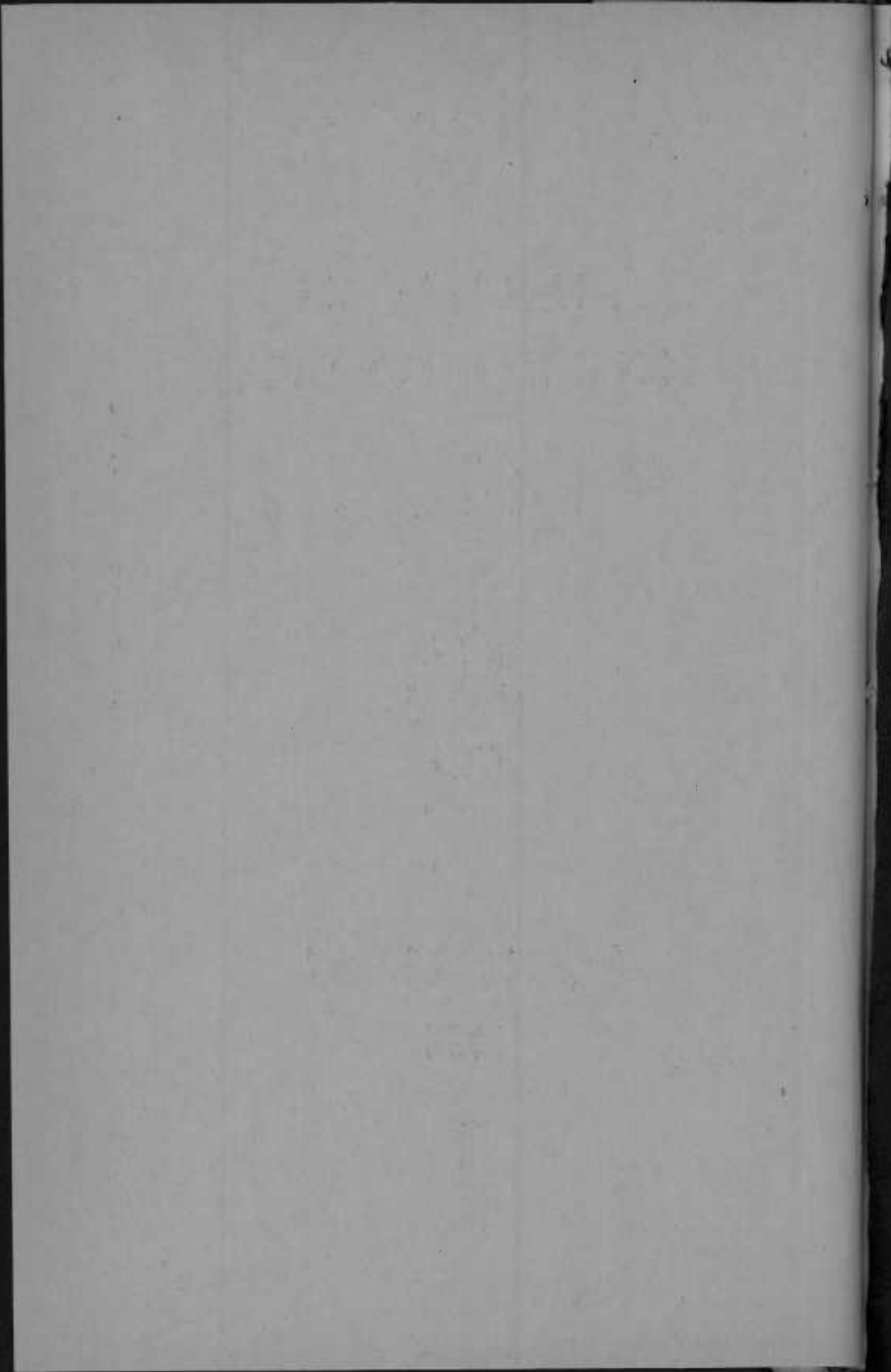
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THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO, JR., *Mayor*

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Mrs. William J. Rysanek, Sr.  
George G. Shriver  
Gerald S. Wise

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Joseph J. King ..... *Executive Secretary*  
H. S. Callowhill ..... *Superintendent, Bureau of Recreation*  
C. A. Hook ..... *Superintendent, Bureau of Parks*  
Earl F. Forman ..... *Superintendent, Bureau of Music*

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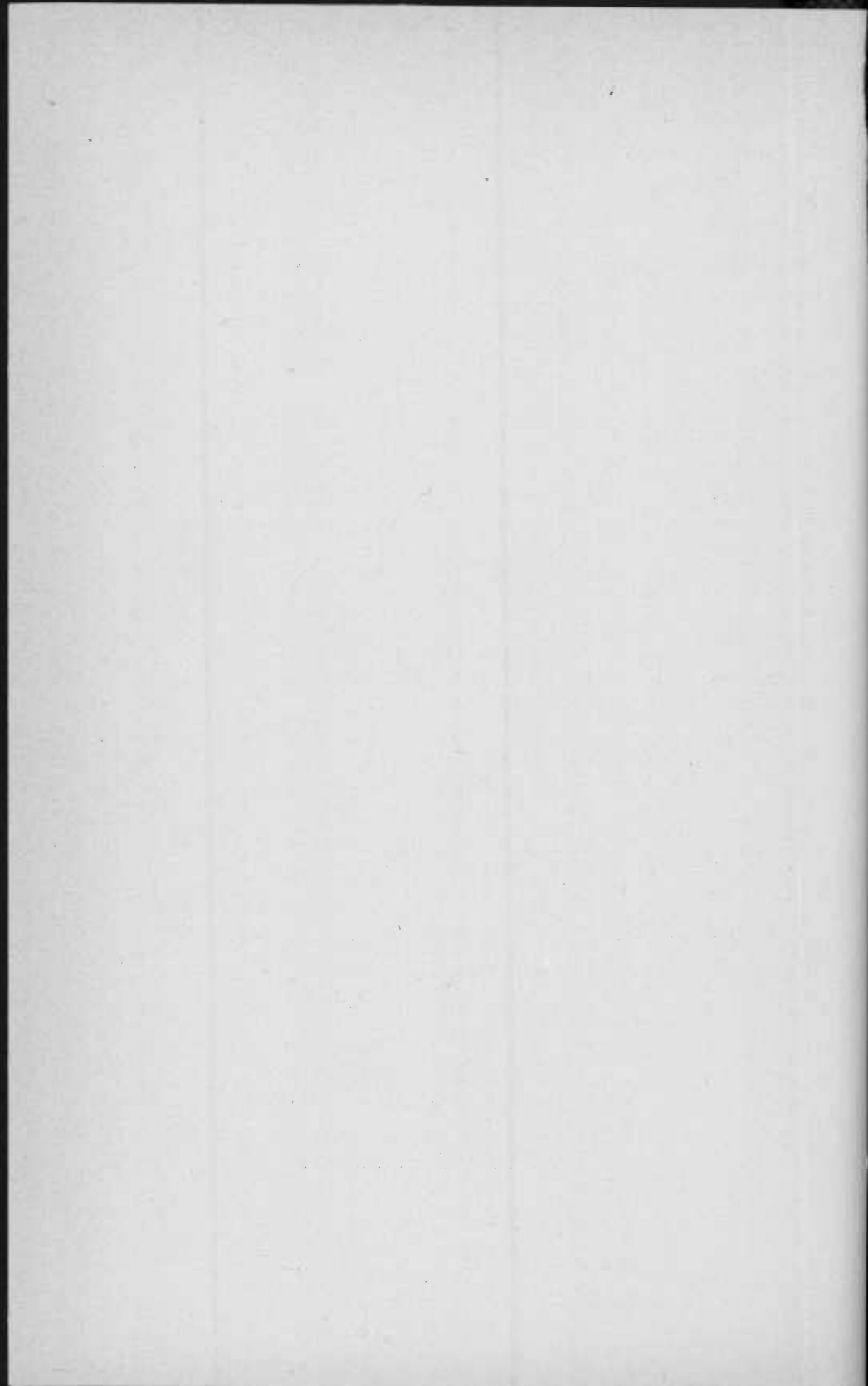
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July 1, 1957

To the Honorable Members  
Board of Recreation and Parks  
City of Baltimore, Maryland

Gentlemen :

I transmit herewith for your consideration the Annual Report of the Department of Recreation and Parks for the year ending December 31, 1956.

Important changes are planned, or are actually taking place in the physical pattern of our city. These changes, in many cases, have an important effect on the Master Plan of this Department. In certain cases, your Board has been called upon to make sacrifices of park land in the general public interest. This cooperative attitude on the part of the Board is evidenced by our relations with the Department of Public Works, Department of Education, Police Department, and the New Marsh Wholesale Produce Market Authority. Conversely, other Departments have been helpful to us, and this is very much appreciated.

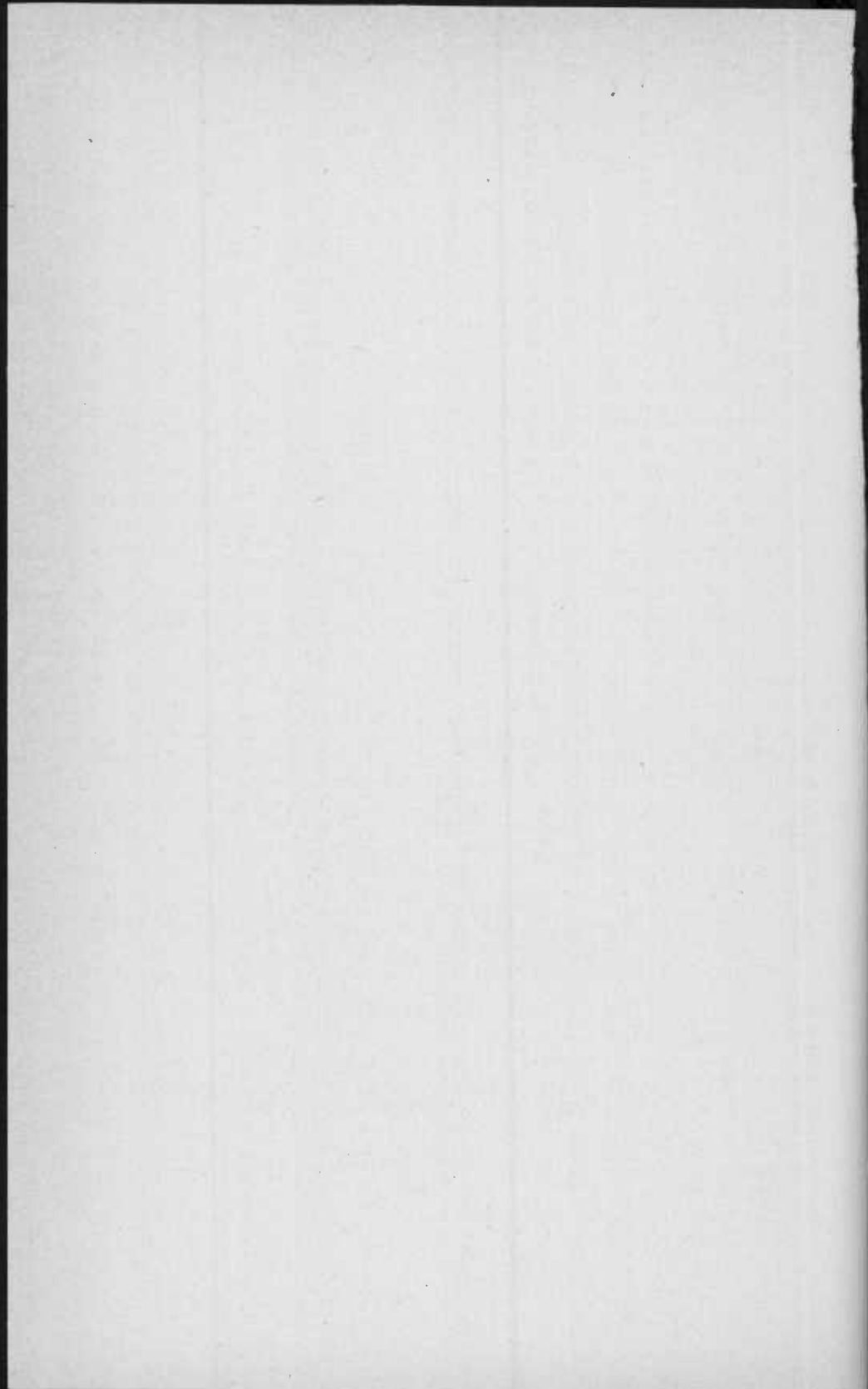
I wish to thank Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro, the City Council, the Board of Estimates, and the members of the Board of Recreation and Parks for their generous support of our efforts during the year. Acknowledgment is also made of the friendly cooperation extended this Department by the officials of other City Departments and Bureaus, especially the Bureau of Building Construction and the Department of Education.

I should like again to thank all employes of this Department who have so generously cooperated with this office during 1956, especially the Bureau Heads, our Principal Engineer, our Executive Secretary, and the office personnel.

Respectfully submitted,

*R. Brooke Maxwell,*

*Director*



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DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

SECTION I—ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

A. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

R. BROOKE MAXWELL ..... *Director*  
JOSEPH J. KING ..... *Executive Secretary*  
J. IRVING GRAY ..... *Senior Administrative Assistant*

1. BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARKS

The Board of Recreation and Parks held twelve Regular Meetings and one Special Meeting during 1956. The Real Estate Committee, along with members of the staff, conducted seven tours of inspection.

Active Committees during the year were:

*Budget*—James H. Gorges, Chairman, George G. Shriver.

*Capital Improvements*—George G. Shriver, Chairman, James H. Gorges, and Gerald S. Wise.

*Municipal Sports*—James H. Gorges.

*Park Police*—James H. Gorges (Awards and Citations).

*Real Estate*—S. Lawrence Hammerman, Chairman, George G. Shriver, and Gerald S. Wise.

*Zoo Development*—S. Lawrence Hammerman, Chairman, James H. Gorges, and J. Alvin Jones.

2. CONTRACTS

During 1956, the Board of Recreation and Parks entered into the following contracts:

Colts Parking Lot	Eastern Open Golf Tournament
Navy Football	Golf Professional—John J. O'Donnell
Ice Capades Show	Calvert Hall Football
Watchtower Society Assembly	Loyola High School Football
Fort Smallwood Concession	Public High School Football
Orioles Parking Lot	Tennis Professional—Clifton Park
Colts Intra-Squad Game	Pennsylvania Railroad Company
Drum Corps Contest (Cavalcade of Music)	Lots Presstman and Etting Streets
League of Maryland Sports- men—Lake Roland	
Circus—Ringling Bros., Barnum and Bailey	

### 3. PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS AND DELETIONS

Our properties totalled approximately 5292.36 acres as of January 1, 1956 divided as follows: Large Parks 4406.15; Small Parks 585.21; Playgrounds 160.51; Boulevard Streets 132.25; Odd Lots 8.24. During 1956 approximately 5.18 acres were added and approximately 74.15 acres deleted. Total acreage as of December 31, 1956 was approximately 5223.39 acres. Details on the property acquired and deleted for 1956 follows.

#### a. Acquired

Walbrook Oval—Southwest corner Clifton and Elsinor Avenue—3.8 acres.

Hillen Road and 32nd Street—Triangle—1.38 acres.

Sam Smith Park—Under jurisdiction of this Department for custody and maintenance only. Title to this property still remains in the Bureau of Highways.

#### b. Deleted

Lower Herring Run Sanitary Fill Land—21.3 acres approximately—To State Roads Commission for Northeast Expressway and connecting cloverleaf. Also, approximately 50 acres to The New Marsh Wholesale Produce Market Authority.

Hillock Terrace Playground—Fulton and Riggs Avenue—To Police Department for new police station—0.33 acre.

Center park area on Fulton Avenue from Edmondson Avenue to Reisterstown Road—Widening street by Bureau of Highways—2.52 acres.

### 4. BOARD CHANGES

The Reverend Wilbur H. Waters passed away suddenly on March 21, 1956. Reverend Waters had served on the Board since March, 1952 and his wise counsel, and his devotion to our work will be missed by all his colleagues who were privileged to serve with him.

Mr. J. Alvin Jones was appointed by his Honor, Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro, Jr. on October 10, 1956 to the Board to serve the remaining term of Reverend Waters.

### 5. TELEVISION SHOW DURING 1956— DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

The television show of the Department, "Your Leisure Time, Sir," a public service feature on WMAR-TV, continued during the first half of 1956, and was moderated and directed by Joseph J. King, Executive Secretary of the Board of Recreation and Parks. The bi-weekly series featured the Park Police in action, the Recreation Orchestra and Chorus, Outdoor Activities on park prop-

erties, such as Skeet Shooting at Loch Raven, Boating and Fishing at Lake Roland, Fishing Rodeo at Patterson Park, Art Festival at Druid Hill Lake, and Pet Shows in the parks. An original dramatic skit was presented by the "Spotlighters" and an exhibit of arts and crafts was explained by Miss Katherine Douglas of the Bureau of Recreation. The Golf Pros of all four municipal golf courses were featured and demonstrated the art of driving, use of long irons, pitching, chipping and putting. A half-hour show on the Baltimore Stadium featured Mr. James C. Anderson, Park Board President, and a fifteen-minute movie of the Stadium operation. An Amateur Sports Program featured Messrs. Fred Crosby and Fred Leidig of the Bureau of Recreation. In April, a beautiful flower bed operation was presented in both real flowers and movies. The Flowering Crab Tree Program and Cylburn Park Wildflower and Nature Trail project was explained by Mr. R. Brooke Maxwell and Miss Elizabeth Clarke. A unique forestry show was presented by Mr. C. A. Young, Jr., Park Forester. As a part of this show, Mr. Young presented the technique of planting a tree while in full leaf. In early June, the Construction Division was featured with Mr. George L. Nickel, Superintendent of Construction, and on June 20, the series was concluded with a dramatic presentation of a movie covering the monuments and historic memorials of Baltimore with the commentary by Mr. King.

The Department is grateful to WMAR-TV for its cooperation and free time, and it is hoped by Mr. King to continue this series, if a better time of day can be provided that will permit more adult viewers to see the programs.

## **6. LAKE ROLAND STOCKED**

Twice this year, The Maryland Game and Inland Fish Commission, cooperating with the Department of Recreation and Parks, stocked Lake Roland with large mouthed black bass. Four hundred fish were placed in the lake on March 20, 1956, and again on October 26, 1956, 300 fish were stocked, making a total of 700 large mouthed black bass put in the lake during the year 1956. The Maryland Game and Inland Fish Commission will continue to stock Lake Roland in subsequent years, which should make this a very popular spot for fishermen of all ages. With the added improvement of picnic shelter, boat landing, and the renting of boats for fishing by the League of Maryland Sportsmen, this park area should become increasingly popular.

## **7. FLOWERING CRAB TREE PROJECT**

This is a cooperative project with the Women's Civic League, Inc., for the beautification of the city by planting Flowering Crab Trees at selected locations.

The Women's Civic League, working with various other civic groups, clubs and organizations, receives money and suggestions

as to planting locations. The Director of the Department then checks the locations, suggests the number of trees and location of each to the City Forester, who selects the trees, plants and cares for them. The bill for the cost of the trees is then sent to the Women's Civic League for payment. In 1956, 108 trees were planted in the various parks and on school grounds with an additional 58 being planted along city streets. The overall plan at the present time calls for 1,237 trees to be planted on streets, 162 in parks, and 126 on school grounds. The Department appreciates the cooperation of the Civic League in this worthy project.

## **8. IN-SERVICE TRAINING PROGRAM—INTEGRATION**

In order to carry out the Board's directive on the integration of the races in our pools and other facilities, an In-Service Training Program was instituted by the Director at the Stadium on June 21 and 22, 1956. The program covered all aspects of integration. In addition to our own staff, outside speakers were invited to participate, including the Superintendent of Schools, the Executive Director Urban League, the Superintendent of National Capital Parks, Washington, D. C., and representatives of the Baltimore City Police Department. Group discussions and panels were held, all directed toward a complete understanding of the problem. The program was considered by all to have been highly successful as there were no incidents reported and integration of our activities proceeded smoothly as planned.

## **9. WORK OF REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE**

The work of this committee is increasing, and each year becomes more difficult. Available open spaces within the city limits are very scarce and are now at a premium. The rapid expansion of public streets and other facilities, together with the work of builders and developers, is increasing the number of requests for the use of public park lands. Each request is given careful consideration by the committee after examination of the tract in the field, and the answer is, in all cases, based on the public interest. During 1956, forty-seven (47) sites were visited by the committee on seven tours, to appraise the value of proposed gifts to the department, and the loss to the park system where deletions were proposed. Recent proposals for highway changes and extensions have made or will make in-roads on park lands. Examples of this nature are Jones Falls Expressway, through Druid Hill Park, the Northeast Radial Expressway through lower Herring Run Park, and Perring Parkway through a portion of Mt. Pleasant Golf Course. In all of these cases, the Board, acting on the advice of the Real Estate Committee, offered the fullest cooperation. Other important and difficult problems presented to the Board during the year included the Civic Center Site, the Produce Market Site, and the future use of the Broening Park area. The Board, acting on the advice of Mr. Hammerman and his commit-

tee, denied the use of land in Druid Hill Park as a site for the Civic Center. On the other hand, the fullest cooperation was extended to the Municipal Market Authority for the use of about 50 acres in lower Herring Run Park.

## B. ENGINEERING OFFICE

PAUL B. WOLF, *Principal Engineer*

The Engineering Office functions in many and varied ways in the operation of this Department. It has the responsibility to see that all contracts are properly carried out, with the exception of those structures which are handled by the Bureau of Building Construction. It designs and supervises many projects as well as furnishing engineering service of a maintenance nature as required by the Bureaus of Recreation and Parks. It also does field work in connection with surveys and renders engineering advice and assistance in our cooperative projects with the Department of Education.

### 1. PROJECTS DESIGNED AND CONTRACTS LET AND SUPERVISED BY THE ENGINEERING DIVISION

- a. JOSEPH LEE PLAYFIELD—PRATT AND DREW STREETS  
Grading, topsoiling, seeding and mulching area for Little League ball diamond.
- b. PIER—FORT SMALLWOOD  
Removal of portion of pier damaged by hurricane.
- c. QUEENSBERRY PLAYGROUND—REAR 3029-31 SPAULDING AVENUE  
Shelter built here.
- d. MEMORIAL STADIUM  
Concrete paving of area beneath the stands Sections 4 and 5.
- e. MAMMAL HOUSE—ZOO DRUID HILL PARK  
Stand-by and booster heating plant installed in boiler room.
- f. COMFORT STATION—LAKE ROLAND  
Installed heating plant.
- g. GARRISON AND DENMORE PLAY LOT  
Plans and specifications completed for construction of a shelter.

## **2. PROJECTS DESIGNED BY ENGINEERING DIVISION, CONTRACTS LET AND SUPERVISED BY THE BUREAU OF BUILDING CONSTRUCTION**

- a. EDMONDSON AND HILTON PLAYGROUND  
Comfort station, paved tennis courts, Little League diamond, drinking fountain and footway.
- b. NORTH HAMILTON PLAYFIELD—OLD HARFORD ROAD AND BERWICK AVENUE  
Field house, shelter, wading pool, retaining wall, paving, footways, sodding and relocating playground equipment.
- c. FRANKLIN PLAYGROUND—3600 BLOCK WEST MULBERRY STREET  
Field house, multiple-use court, playground equipment, grading, paving, topsoiling, retaining walls, footways and fencing.
- d. LYNHURST MEMORIAL PLAYFIELD—800 BLOCK LYNDHURST AVENUE  
Field house, multiple-use court, playground equipment, paving, footways, curbing and fencing.
- e. ELMLEY AVENUE PLAYGROUND—REAR 3600 BLOCK ELMLEY AVENUE  
Plans completed for Type "B" field house.

## **3. DESIGNED BY OTHERS—SUPERVISED BY ENGINEERING DIVISION**

- a. SANITARY SEWERS—DRUID HILL PARK
- b. MAMMAL HOUSE—ZOO DRUID HILL PARK  
Repairs to cage doors, etc.
- c. SAM SMITH PARK—PRATT AND LIGHT STREETS  
Monument moved from Charles and 29th Streets to new location at Pratt and Light Streets
- d. HAMILTON RECREATION CENTER—BAYONNE AND SEFTON AVENUES  
Air conditioning units installed.
- e. MONTEBELLO SCHOOL—32ND AND HARFORD ROAD  
Four fans and ducts installed in gymnasium.
- f. PRINCETON PLACE PLAYGROUND—REAR 307-25 E. NORTH AVENUE  
"C" type shelter, paving, multiple-use court, playground equipment and fencing.



#### 4. DESIGNED BY OTHERS—PRE-ENGINEERING ASSISTANCE

The Division worked with architects and engineers in making preliminary studies on the following :

- a. HOWARD PARK RECREATION CENTER—LIBERTY HEIGHTS AND WOODBINE AVENUES
- b. MT. ROYAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL-RECREATION CENTER—JOHN AND MCMECHEN STREETS
- c. HAZELWOOD AND HAMILTON SCHOOL-RECREATION CENTER—HAZELWOOD AND HAMILTON AVENUES

#### 5. MISCELLANEOUS ENGINEERING SERVICES

A wide variety of services were performed under this heading. Some are as listed :

- a. SAM SMITH PARK—Designed planting, footway installation.
- b. ELMLEY PLAYGROUND—Extended height of fence 6'.
- c. PALL MALL PLAYGROUND—Vault for drinking fountain and paving alley.
- d. YALE HEIGHTS PLAYGROUND—Playground design.
- e. BELVEDERE RIDING ACADEMY—LEAKIN PARK—Plans and specifications.
- f. MEMORIAL URN—STADIUM—Preliminary plans.
- g. POLICE GARAGE BUILDING—CLIFTON PARK—Plans.
- h. ROBERT E. LEE MEMORIAL PARK—Lighting and transformer room.
- i. BLOOMINGDALE OVAL FIELD HOUSE—Plans and specifications.

CITY OF BALTIMORE  
 BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
 DIVISION OF RECREATION AND PARKS

**Cost Statement of Operating Expenses for the Year 1956**

**1—GENERAL EXPENSES**

11	<b>Administrative Expenses</b>		
11-1	Executive Salaries and Expenses .....	\$25,059.65	
11-2	Clerical Salaries and Expenses .....	8,344.39	
11-3	Office Supplies and Expenses .....	1,596.26	
11-9	Miscellaneous Expenses .....	1,019.16	
	Sub-Total .....	<u>\$36,019.46</u>	
	TOTAL 1—General Expenses .....		\$36,019.46

**2—OPERATING EXPENSES**

21-D	<b>Operating Management Expenses—General</b>		
21-D-1	Pay and Expenses of Employees .....	\$27,708.39	
21-D-2	Office Supplies and Expenses .....	581.72	
21-D-9	Miscellaneous Expenses .....	194.35	
	Sub-Total .....	<u>\$28,484.46</u>	
	TOTAL 2—Operating Expenses .....		28,484.46

**6—FIXED ASSETS AND FUNDS**

61	<b>General Properties</b>		
61-1	Buildings .....	\$ 181.00	
68-A	<b>Motor Transportation Properties</b>		
68-A-2	Motor Vehicle Properties .....	\$ 1,846.00	
	TOTAL 6—Fixed Assets and Funds .		<u>2,027.00</u>
	GRAND TOTAL .....		<u><u>\$66,530.92</u></u>

CITY OF BALTIMORE  
BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
DIVISION OF RECREATION AND PARKS

Financial Statement of Appropriations as of December 31, 1956

Account	Description	Appropriations	Increments	Total Credits	Expenditures	Encumbrances	Total Expenditures	Balance
8.8 A	Salaries .....	\$61,184.00	(\$1,100.00)	\$60,084.00	\$58,253.91	—	\$58,253.91	\$1,830.09
8.9	Expenses .....	4,500.00	1,100.00	5,600.00	5,816.22	\$46.00	5,862.22	(262.22)
	Sub-Total .....	\$65,684.00	—	\$65,684.00	\$64,070.13	\$46.00	\$64,116.13	\$1,567.87
	To Other Funds .	—	(1,567.87)	(1,567.87)	—	—	—	(1,567.87)
	GRAND TOTAL .	\$65,684.00	(\$1,567.87)	\$64,116.13	\$64,070.13	\$46.00	\$64,116.13	\$ 0.00

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## SECTION II—CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

### A. BUREAU OF RECREATION

#### 1. COMPLETED PROJECTS 1956

During the year, work was completed for this Bureau at 29 locations, for a total cost of \$541,929.00. These are listed below.

##### a. SMALL PLAY LOTS (TAX SALE)

These small play lots at various locations as follows were graded, hard surfaced and fenced. (All city owned lots).

(743-47 Alpaca Street)	(1615-17 Ellsworth Street)
(742-46 Foundry Court)	(1614-26 Ellsworth Street)
1101-07 Brewer Street	100 block N. Vincent Street
701-09 Crisp Street	212-226 Otterbein Street
13-21 N. Dallas Street	1620-32 Pierce Street
2-6 Wiesenfeld Court	18-28 Amity Street
Area beneath Russell Street Freeway at West Street	

Total cost of this project was \$19,144.00.

##### b. \*FAGLEY AND GRUNDY STREETS PLAY LOT

This small play lot was graded and hard surfaced at a cost of \$1,538.00.\*

##### c. MORRELL PARK PLAYGROUND—Tolley Street and Grinnalds Avenue.

The rear of the field house and other close-by areas were hard surfaced and a sidewalk installed on Tolley Street. Total cost \$4,373.00.

##### d. WILLIAM H. MCABEE PLAYGROUND—Laurens and Gilmor Streets.

This work consisted of hard surfacing, particularly in the area of the drinking fountain. Total cost \$6,371.00.

##### e. AMBROSE J. KENNEDY PLAYGROUND—Harford Avenue and Eager Street.

To eliminate a bad drainage condition at this location, concrete paving was done. Total cost \$2,416.00.

##### f. CURTIS BAY RECREATION CENTER—Curtis Avenue and Filbert Street.

It was necessary to hard surface a portion of the low area adjacent to the building on the engine house side. Total cost \$3,075.00.

\* These funds were from Play Lot Conversion Account—No Loan Funds expended.

- g. PALL MALL PLAYGROUND—Rear of 4500 block Pimlico Road. This improvement consisted of hard surfacing the multiple-use court, installation of a 12 foot fence on the north side, and the erection of basketball backboards; also, a bad drainage condition was corrected. Total cost \$3,593.00.
- h. JOSEPH LEE PLAYFIELD—Pratt and Drew Streets. Improvements at this project consisted of grading, sodding, drainage, construction of a Little League baseball diamond, and a concrete footway along Pratt Street. Cost of these improvements was \$28,800.00.
- i. UPLANDS PLAYGROUND—Pen Lucy Rd. and Beechfield Ave. This area was graded and filled, drainage provided, and the flat area was topsoiled and seeded. Total cost of the work was \$5,475.00.
- j. FRANK J. BOCEK PLAYFIELD—Edison Highway and Madison Street.  
The work at this location was to complete this playfield by erecting a class "A" field house, shelter, construction of a multiple-use area, tennis court, baseball and softball diamonds, installing a tot lot, and playground equipment. Formal dedication ceremony was held September 30, 1956 with Mrs. Bocek and City officials attending. Total cost of this work was \$75,637.00.
- k. QUEENSBERRY PLAYGROUND—Rear 3029-31 Spaulding Avenue. This location was improved by the construction of a shelter at a cost of \$1,434.00.
- l. PUBLIC SCHOOL #181—Carey, Cumberland, Baker and Stockton Streets.  
In cooperation with the Department of Education, the Department of Recreation and Parks acquired residential property for a playground area. The Department of Education is to improve it by grading, hard surfacing, fencing and equipping it for playground purposes. Cost of acquiring property \$257,536.00.
- m. ELMLEY AVENUE PLAYGROUND—Rear of 3600 block Elmley Avenue.  
A 6 foot extension was made to the existing 10 foot fence along the left field foul line at a cost of \$379.00.
- n. \*BROOKLYN RECREATION CENTER—Garrett Park.  
This project consisted of the erection of a complete recreation center. Building included play room, two club rooms, craft shop, kitchen, office and toilets. This structure replaces the former field house at Garrett Park. Total cost \$94,000.00.\*

\* \$45,000.00 for this project came from sale of former center which was lost because of approaches to new tunnel.

- o. **\*\*HAMILTON RECREATION CENTER**—Bayonne and Sefton Avenues.  
Improvement at this location was the installation of an air conditioning system for the first and second floors at a total cost of \$26,600.00.\*\*
- p. **DEDICATION PLAQUES.**  
These were installed at Morrell Park Playground, Tolley Street and Grinnals Avenue; Greenmount Recreation Center, 2304-06 Greenmount Avenue; and Dewees Playfield, Tunbridge Road and Ivanhoe Avenue. Total cost \$479.00.
- q. **\*\*MONTEBELLO SCHOOL #44**—Harford Road and 32nd Street.  
An electric fan ventilating system was installed in the gymnasium of this school, which is used for Bureau of Recreation Dances. Total cost \$4,400.00.\*\*
- r. **BUENA VISTA PLAYGROUND**—Buena Vista and Greenwood Avenues.  
This work consisted of the installation of a drinking fountain. Total cost \$382.00.
- s. **FOUR ADDITIONS TO FIELD HOUSES.**  
The work completed at these locations consisted of an addition to the janitor's supply room and outlets for exterior lighting at Wilkens Playground, Catherine and Ashton Streets; Cloverdale Playground, Cloverdale Road and Druid Hill Avenue; Queensberry Playground, rear of 3029-31 Spaulding Avenue; and Ambrose J. Kennedy Playground, Harford Avenue and Eager Street. Total cost \$6,297.00.

## 2. WORK UNDER CONTRACT

Late in the year, contracts were let for 8 projects, totaling \$490,019.00. These are in various stages of completion.

- a. **NORTH HAMILTON PLAYFIELD**—Old Harford Road and Berwick Avenue.  
Contract awarded for construction of a class "A" field house and wading pool in the amount of \$73,975.00.
- b. **LYNDHURST MEMORIAL PLAYFIELD**—800 block Lyndhurst Avenue.  
This contract was awarded for the construction of a complete playground including a class "B" field house in the amount of \$43,962.00.
- c. **FRANKLIN PLAYGROUND**—3600 Block W. Mulberry Street.  
Contract awarded for construction of a playground including a class "B" field house, and other facilities. Total cost \$52,381.00.

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\*\* There were no Loan Funds used. These funds came from the Accessory Enterprises Account.

- d. \*HAMBURG AND SHARP STREETS PLAYGROUND—Vicinity of Hamburg and Sharp Streets.  
This contract covered grading, paving, playground apparatus, tot area and construction of a field house in the amount of \$78,993.00.\*
- e. PRINCETON PLACE PLAYGROUND—Rear 307-25 E. North Avenue.  
Development of a playground and construction of a shelter was covered by this contract in the amount of \$26,585.00.
- f. BAKER AND DUKELAND PLAYGROUND—Baker and Dukeland Streets.  
This contract was awarded for the development of a playground and construction of a shelter. Contract in the amount of \$56,978.00.
- g. HAZELWOOD AND HAMILTON SCHOOL-RECREATION CENTER—Hazelwood and Hamilton Avenues.  
This is a cooperative project with the Department of Education for a school and recreation center, our share for the recreation center \$150,000.00.
- h. †PAINTING RECREATION CENTER BUILDINGS.  
Contract awarded in the amount of \$7,145.00\* for painting at these locations: Canton Recreation Center, South Baltimore Recreation Center, Lions Club Recreation Center, Queensberry Playground Field House, Recreation Pier Recreation Center, and the Bureau of Recreation office.

## 1. PROJECTS YET TO BE COMPLETED UNDER LOANS ONE AND TWO

### a. Bureau of Recreation

\*\*FREMONT RECREATION CENTER—Fremont Avenue and Lexington Street.

Architects fees and construction costs to be borne proportionately by the Departments of Education and Recreation and Parks. Land acquired, plans and specifications now being prepared.

HOWARD PARK RECREATION CENTER—Liberty Heights and Woodbine Avenues.

This is a cooperative project with the Department of Education. This Department has now approved preliminary specifications as submitted by the Department of Education for our part of this cooperative project. Cost to this Department \$135,000.00.

\* \$3,000.00 contributed by South Baltimore Playground Committee for the enlargement of the activity room at this project.

† These were not Loan Funds. Taken from Regular Expense Account 8.17.

\*\* In cooperation with Baltimore Housing Authority and the Department of Education.

## 2. UNCOMPLETED THIRD LOAN PROJECTS (1955 and 1956 Budgets)

### a. Bureau of Recreation

GARDENVILLE PLAYFIELD—Redecke and Frankford Avenues. This is an excellent field now in use. Funds are available for the construction of a class "A" field house. The work must be delayed until sanitary sewers are available in the section.

#### TAX SALE LOTS.

As acceptable lots of this character become available, they will be converted into new play lots. Many of this character have been previously developed.

GARRISON AND DENMORE PLAY LOT—Garrison and Denmore Avenues.

Plans for this work are completed. The work will be advertised in 1957.

HERRING RUN PLAYFIELD—Brehms Lane and Parkside Drive. Plans and specifications for this work are practically complete. The work must be delayed because of the installation of a large water main by the Bureau of Water Supply. Excess material from the pipe trench will be used to bring a portion of the area to proper grade.

PATAPSCO RIVER VALLEY PLAYFIELD—North of B. & O. R.R. west of Potee Street.

This work cannot proceed until the Law Department acquires title to several needed properties. Filling will be required to secure firm land.

JOSEPH LEE PLAYFIELD—Pratt and Drew Streets.

MEDFIELD HEIGHTS PLAYFIELD—Roland Heights Avenue west of Falls Road.

Wading pools will be added at these areas.

MT. ROYAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL-RECREATION CENTER—John and McMechen Streets.

This is a cooperative project with the Department of Education. Plans and specifications are complete. Contract will be let early in 1957.

## 3. DORMANT PROJECTS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1956

LUCILLE PLAYGROUND—Small field house.

SCHENLEY ROAD PLAYGROUND—Building alterations.

PRESSTMAN STREET PLAYGROUND—Area will be abandoned.



## B. BUREAU OF PARKS

### 1. COMPLETED PROJECTS 1956

Work was completed for this Bureau at 14 locations during the year totaling \$388,234.00 as follows:

- a. **BALTIMORE ZOO**  
Certain necessary changes were made at the Mammal House at a cost of \$11,688.00.
- b. **SANITARY SEWERS—Druid Hill Park.**  
Installation of sanitary sewers at a total cost of \$80,512.00.
- c. **SANITARY SEWERS—Leakin Park.**  
Engineer employed and has completed plans and specifications for this project. Estimated cost of sewer installation \$30,000.00.
- d. **ROBERT E. LEE MEMORIAL PARK—Lake Roland.**  
The work completed at this site consisted of a caretaker's cottage, a covered boat landing and shelter, and the installation of electric service for park facilities. Total cost \$48,936.00.
- e. **FEDERAL HILL PARK**  
The building completed at this location provides a music pavilion, toilets, and a recreation room at a cost of \$42,879.00.
- f. **FORT SMALLWOOD PARK**  
The portion of the pier damaged in the hurricane was removed and the balance of the pier repaired. Total cost \$7,500.00.
- g. **BALTIMORE ZOO EXPANSION**  
Master Plan has been prepared by architect and engineers to provide for the orderly expansion, using available Loan Funds. The plan has been approved by the Board.
- h. **HILLSDALE GOLF COURSE**  
These improvements consisted of an addition to the existing building. The result is a complete club house including snack bar, professionals shop, men's and women's showers, lounge and toilet facilities at a cost of \$70,000.00.
- i. **\*MEMORIAL STADIUM—CONCRETE PAVING**  
Contract covered concrete paving under Stadium, west side Sections 5 to 11, and a storm water outlet. Total cost \$5,981.00.
- j. **STAND-BY BOILER—Mammal House, Zoo**  
This boiler was installed under contract in the amount of \$2,550.00.

\* Part of the cost was from Stadium Loan Funds, and balance from Regular Expense Account 8.15.

- k. **\*MEMORIAL STADIUM—PAVING**  
This improvement was for the paving of the enclosed parking lot between the front of the building and 33rd Street, including drainage at a cost of \$12,000.00.
- l. **EDMONDSON AND HILTON PLAYGROUND**  
Work completed at this location consisted of a small building and athletic facilities to replace those lost when the interchange was constructed. The approximate cost of the work was \$20,000.00 of which \$15,000.00 was supplied by the Department of Public Works.
- m. **\*SAM SMITH PARK**  
Sam Smith Monument was removed from Charles and 29th Streets to Sam Smith Park, Pratt and Light Streets. Footways were installed and planting and seeding was completed. The total cost of this work was approximately \$30,000.00.
- n. **\*WALBROOK OVAL—3700 Clifton Avenue**  
Property purchased and turned over to the Bureau of Parks for care and maintenance. Total cost approximately \$40,000.00.

## **2. WORK UNDER CONTRACT 1956**

- a. **\*GOLF COURSE—Loch Raven**  
This work is being done by the Bureau of Parks labor and equipment. Eighteen fairways have been 98% cleared and 75% of fourteen fairways have been limed, fertilized, and seeded. The greens have been started and many valuable trees transplanted to divide the fairways. Engineers have been employed to make a survey to locate all permanent structures, utilities, and roads. Water and irrigation system being planned. The Architectural Commission will be requested to name an architect to design the club house.
- b. **\*\*ADDITION TO POLICE GARAGE BUILDING—Clifton Park.**  
Construction Division of the Bureau of Parks enlarging the present building, following plans prepared by the Engineering Division.

## **3. PROJECTS YET TO BE COMPLETED UNDER LOANS ONE AND TWO**

- a. **BLOOMINGDALE OVAL—Ellicott Drive and Franklinton Road.**  
New field house to be erected. Plans and specifications completed. This project is retarded because the present sewer is overloaded. A new sewer is being constructed by the Bureau of Sewers. As soon as this sewer is completed, the project can be tied into it and bids secured for the field house.

\* These were Capital Improvement Funds. No Loan Funds were used.

\*\* No Loan Funds used. Taken from Regular Expense Account #8.15 and Labor Account #8.14.

#### 4. UNCOMPLETED THIRD LOAN PROJECTS (1955 and 1956 Budgets)

- a. SANITARY SEWERS—Leakin Park.  
Bids due on this project January 30, 1957.
- b. FORT SMALLWOOD PARK  
Funds available for jetties and beach repairs. Work temporarily suspended.
- c. ROBERT E. LEE MEMORIAL PARK—Lake Roland.  
Parking facilities, curbs, gutters and drainage. Bids due February 6, 1957.
- d. SANITARY SEWERS—Druid Hill Park.  
By-pass to be installed at the injector station at swimming pool #1.
- e. \*\*LEAKIN PARK LIGHTING  
Lighting to be improved in this park.
- f. WATERPROOFING AND TRANSFER OF TRANSFORMERS—Patterson Park.  
Waterproofing machinery room of the swimming pool building and moving transformers to the field house.  
(NOTE: Since one of these transformers is the property of the Department of Education, they have agreed to pay one-half the moving cost for the transformers.)
- g. SQUEEZE CAGE—Zoo.  
This cage is for transferring animals, from one cage or part of the building to another, and is to be built by our Construction Division.

#### C. STATEMENT OF LOAN FUNDS

The rapid increase in the physical facilities of our Department has been made possible through the use of Loan Funds, beginning with the Loan of 1947. From 1947 up to and including the authorization of November, 1956, the voters have authorized a total of \$13,750,000.00 as set forth below.

##### LOANS ONE AND TWO

<i>Allocation</i>	<i>Loan May 6, 1947</i>	<i>Loan Nov. 2, 1948</i>	<i>Loan Nov. 7, 1950</i>	<i>Total</i>
Stadium .....	\$2,500,000.00		\$2,500,000.00	\$5,000,000.00
Bureau—Parks .....		\$2,000,000.00	500,000.00	2,500,000.00
Bureau—Recreation .	1,500,000.00		1,500,000.00	3,000,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$4,000,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,000,000.00</b>	<b>\$4,500,000.00</b>	<b>\$10,500,000.00</b>

\*\* Part to come from Loan Funds Balance from Leakin Park Funds Account.

THIRD LOAN

<i>Allocation</i>	<i>Loan Enabling Act Jan. 1954</i>	<i>Authorized By Voters Nov. 1954</i>	<i>Authorized By Voters Nov. 1956</i>	<i>Placed in 1955 &amp; 1956 Budgets</i>	<i>Placed in 1957 Budget</i>
Parks . . .	\$1,450,000.00	\$ 950,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$ 950,000.00	\$500,000.00
Recreation	1,800,000.00	1,450,000.00	350,000.00	1,450,000.00	350,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,250,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,400,000.00</b>	<b>\$850,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,400,000.00</b>	<b>\$850,000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL OF LOANS AUTHORIZED . . . . .</b>				<b>\$13,750,000.00</b>	

These 1957 Budget Funds have been allocated by your Honorable Board to the following projects:

- a. **Bureau of Parks**  
BALTIMORE ZOO EXPANSION
- b. **Bureau of Recreation**  
HARLEM PARK SCHOOL-RECREATION CENTER—Recreation Center in new school building.  
BROADWAY REDEVELOPMENT AREA—Acquire property, improve, and equip for recreational purposes.  
NINE SCHOOL-RECREATION CENTERS—Planning for proceeding jointly with the Department of Education.

**Loan Funds Expended Prior to 1956**

- a. Stadium . . . . . \$5,000,000.00
- b. Bureau of Recreation . . . . . \$2,538,403.05
- c. Bureau of Parks . . . . . \$2,362,201.47

**Work Completed 1956**

- a. Bureau of Parks . . . . . \$268,234.00
- b. Bureau of Recreation . . . . . \$464,391.00

**Work Under Contract 1956**

- a. Bureau of Recreation . . . . . \$490,019.00

Balance of the Loan Funds, though available, are allocated to various projects in the Bureau of Parks and the Bureau of Recreation. In the Bureau of Parks, the Principal item is for the Zoo Expansion in the amount of \$961,922.00. The Bureau of Recreation has approximately \$957,000.00, plus \$350,000.00 which was placed in the 1957 Budget, available.

This balance of Loan Funds for both Bureaus represents 46 projects, which are now in various stages of processing. We are planning that many of them will be completed and the balance under construction by the end of 1957.

## SECTION III

### EXPANSION OF THE ZOO

As a result of increasing public interest in the Zoo, the Board of Recreation and Parks has determined to expand this facility in an orderly manner over the next 10 to 15 years. This expansion will be governed by the provisions of the Master Zoo Plan which was approved on November 16, 1956. It is the announced intention of your Board to develop the Zoo in such manner as to develop sources of income and therefore make it partially self-supporting. Therefore, the following provisions were included in the planning, and have received your approval:

1. The Zoo area is to be fenced to prevent entrance except at the gates.
2. Admission charges will be made in accordance with a schedule to be set up. Specified days will be free at the option of the Board. Entrance charges will be made in the form of parking fees or gate tickets for those without cars.
3. Auto parking spaces will be installed as indicated on Master Plan.
4. Automobile traffic will not be permitted within the fenced area.
5. Small tractor rubber-tired trains will be provided for the convenience of visitors who wish to traverse the Zoo area. A charge will be made for riding on these trains.
6. The suggested exhibits are distributed in such manner as to fully protect the aesthetic values of this famous park. Before construction starts, the sites will be studied in great detail, and the final plan for each exhibit will be made to fit the conditions.

An order of priority has been set up for the control of construction work providing for the improvement of the center of the present Zoo as the first item. The display of wild cattle will be exhibited at a new location thus affording us an opportunity to improve the present area which now is so unsightly.

Other items to be given early consideration are: Blacksmith Shop Area, Boat Lake Area, Duck Pond Area, and the Children's Zoo.

## SECTION IV—REPORT OF THREE BUREAUS

### A. BUREAU OF PARKS

MR. CHARLES A. HOOK, *Superintendent*

MR. L. EDGAR MYERLY, *Assistant Superintendent*

MR. W. R. SCHMIDT, JR., *Senior Administrative Assistant*

(NOTE: The following is a condensation of the Annual Report prepared by the Bureau of Parks.)

#### 1. ADMINISTRATIVE DEVELOPMENTS (Within the Bureau)

a. Personnel: At the close of 1956, the following positions remained unfilled on the Bureau of Parks Roster: 1 Park Patrolman (Police); 1 Park Maintenance General Foreman (Construction); 1 Watchman (Zoo); 1 Communications Clerk (Police); 2 Park Caretakers (Druid Hill); 1 Custodial Worker (Female—Druid Hill); 1 Custodial Worker (Male—Stadium); and 2 Senior Clerks (Construction and Gwynns Falls).

The most important administrative development during the year was the reclassification of all employees in line with the recommendation of the Jacobs Survey. The purpose of the survey was to adjust the relationship of city job classifications and salaries to each other and to those in industry and other governmental functions.

#### 2. BUREAU BUDGET

Below is given a brief summary of the budget.

	<i>Allowance</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>Overspent</i>	<i>Underspent</i>
Salaries .....	\$ 694,140.59	\$ 711,303.31	\$17,162.72	
Labor .....	1,602,775.73	1,503,205.33		\$ 99,570.40
Operating Expense .	634,632.16	657,735.30	23,103.14	
Pool Expense .....	66,000.00	48,412.13		17,587.87
TOTALS .....	\$2,997,548.48	\$2,920,656.07	\$40,265.86	\$117,158.27 40,265.86
				\$ 76,892.41

The amount underspent of \$76,892.41 plus \$1,403.45 revenue from compensated work totaling \$78,295.86 was transferred to supplemental funds.

As in former years, the Bureau of Parks continued to maintain a close running check on the expenditures of its allotted budget funds. Through records maintained at the Bureau Office, it is possible at all times to make an immediate check of allotted funds spent by any of the divisions or for any particular project. Each division is required, in turn, to keep similar records and these are verified against those at the Bureau each month.

Complete financial statements concerning the operation of the Bureau of Parks will be found at the end of this report, including a detailed cost statement showing Bureau of Park funds expended for the operation of the Park system.

### 3. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

There were no funds allotted in the 1956 Budget of the Bureau of Parks for Capital Improvements; however, funds from the Mayor and City Council Real Property Account were allocated for four projects as follows:

a. Loch Raven Golf Course .....	\$50,000.00
b. Walbrook Oval .....	\$40,000.00
c. Paving in Front of Stadium .....	\$12,000.00
d. Sam Smith Park .....	\$30,000.00

### 4. OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

The year 1956 was the first year operated under this new policy and although a marked decrease in patronage at the swimming pools was noted, there were no serious incidents either at the pools or other facilities resulting from integration.

The year 1956 also saw the Maryland Yacht Club vacate the facilities at Broening Park after a tenure of 27 years.

An important development in our Budget for 1956 was the inclusion of the funds for operating and maintaining park lighting. Immediately prior to this, the funds had been handled by the Bureau of Mechanical-Electrical Service, but because of the increase in contract costs for maintaining our lights due to vandalism, it was felt advisable to separate the two contracts.

### 5. CARROLL DIVISION

(MR. HARRY KUES, *District Park Superintendent*)

The Carroll Division is responsible for the maintenance of all the park facilities within the area bounded on the south and southwest by the City Line; on the north by Wilkens Avenue, Gilmor Street and Pratt Street; and on the east by the west side of Light Street to Lee Street, the Harbor and the Patapsco River. Outside of the city, the Carroll Division maintains Fort Smallwood in Anne

Arundel County. In addition, this Division is also responsible for the operation of the nine-hole golf course at Carroll Park, the swimming pools at Cherry Hill and Riverside Parks and the supervision of the operation of the concessionaire at Fort Smallwood.

The total area of the facilities maintained by the Carroll Division is approximately 460 acres. Although this total is small compared to the larger divisions, the problems of maintenance are considerable nevertheless since the areas are relatively small and widely scattered.

The two largest parks maintained in the Division are Carroll Park on the Washington Boulevard and Fort Smallwood Park which is some 19.2 miles from the offices in Carroll Park. Carroll Park is of special interest from a historic viewpoint because it is the location of the Carroll Mansion, home of Charles Carroll, Barrister. Other noteworthy features are the nine-hole golf course, the greenhouses which are an important element in the Bureau's horticultural system and the large wading pool. Fort Smallwood is unique in the Bureau in that it offers in addition to its 136 picnic centers, two fully equipped salt water bathing beaches.

Other major facilities in the Division are historic Federal Hill Park, Broening Park and Riverside Park. All of these and the many other well-kept facilities in this district combine to offer the residents of the southern sections of the City many fine hours of wholesome recreation.

The principal maintenance projects carried on in the Carroll Division during 1956 occurred at Fort Smallwood and at Federal Hill Park. At the former, much of the work was a continuation of the repairs to correct the damage caused by the violent hurricanes in 1955. This work comprised removing 788 feet of the damaged pier and transporting and dumping many truck loads of rock and broken concrete to correct the damaged sea wall. The remaining 400 feet of pier is scheduled for repair and renovation in the spring of 1957. Other work consisted of using 1200 cubic yards of sand, donated by the Maryland Yacht Club at Rock Creek, to improve the beaches.

At Federal Hill Park, the work consisted of repairing and pointing up 537 feet of retaining wall on the Battery Avenue side and 647 feet on the Key Highway side. A minor cave-in at the latter location caused, it is believed, by old subterranean tunnels required 12 cubic yards of fill to repair. Noteworthy in the facilities offered at this park is the new Band Shell and Comfort Station which was completed in October under the Park Loan Program.

An important event in the Carroll District during the year was the decision of the Maryland Yacht Club to vacate their quarters at Broening Park. After their departure in July, forces of the division were employed to clean the entire building thoroughly to minimize any fire hazard and to make the building secure pending final disposition by the Board.



Other projects worthy of note accomplished during 1956 were the sodding of all tees on the Carroll Park Golf Course, creating a new football field at the Brooklyn-Curtis Bay Playfield and having the coal fired boiler in the shop area replaced with a new oil burner for heating storerooms, carpenter shop, maintenance shop and garages. Also, there were 60 cubic yards of clay used to renovate athletic fields and quoit boxes throughout the District and approximately 22 cubic yards were stored for future use.

Newly acquired property for maintenance consisted of three tot lots, located at Otterbein Street, Foundry Court, and West Street under the Russell Street bridge.

Outstanding among the special events that took place in the Carroll District during 1956 was the annual pet show conducted by the Baltimore News-Post. The event was held in Carroll Park in September and always attracts a great deal of community interest. Carroll Park was also selected by the Veterans of Foreign Service for conducting their Memorial Service on Sunday, May 27, 1956.

In addition to the special accomplishments listed in the previous paragraphs, this Division maintains the following: 31 Flower Beds; 29 Drinking Fountains; 5,661 Linear Feet of Park Benches; 450 Picnic Tables (Fort Smallwood); 49 Buildings; 6 Monuments; 14 Flagstaffs.

## 6. CLIFTON DIVISION

(MR. CHARLES H. HEINTZEMAN, JR., *District Park Superintendent*)

The Clifton Division maintains a total of 1,210 acres of park land including the Graham Memorial Park in Baltimore County. Within the City, the boundaries of the district are the City line on the north and northeast; Radecke Avenue and Sinclair Lane on the east; Shannon Drive, Brehms Lane, Belair Road, and the north side of North Avenue on the south; and the east side of Charles Street on the west. In addition to Graham Park, other large areas in the district are Clifton, Herring Run, Mt. Pleasant, and Chinquin Run Parks.

There are many excellent facilities offered in this district including the eighteen-hole golf courses at Mt. Pleasant and Clifton Parks. Also at Clifton, there are twenty-three clay tennis courts, which comprise the largest group of such courts in the city, and the modern swimming pool. The Bureau is particularly proud of the Mt. Pleasant Golf Course, the home of the Eastern Open Golf Tournament, as it is generally credited with being one of the finest municipal courses in the country.

One of the major projects undertaken in the district during 1956 was the laying of over 193,000 square feet of sod. Much of this material was used to resod all of the regular and temporary tees

at the two golf courses and also to repair the borders around all the greens. Another major use of this material was the resodding of the center areas on 33rd Street from Hillen Road to St. Paul Street and on the Alameda from Harford Road to 33rd Street. Other uses included resodding at Harford Road and 32nd Street and at the area around the pool in Clifton Park.

Another major project performed by forces of the division was the fertilizing and seeding of eight acres of Chinquapin Park between Belvedere Avenue and Northern Parkway. Seven hundred and thirty pounds of seed and 5½ tons of fertilizer were utilized in this work. Other projects of importance accomplished during the year included installing a backstop at the softball diamond at Mt. Pleasant Playground, installing a new fountain at the Gardenville Playfield and applying 320 cubic yards of clay to ball diamonds and tennis courts in the district.

The greenhouses in the Clifton Division were particularly active during the year, providing bedding stock and approximately 100,000 plants for its own use and for the Patterson and Druid Hill Districts. The fifteen flower beds maintained by the district presented a very attractive appearance during the year and the 5,000 tulips planted in the four beds at the Clifton Mansion as well as the 5,800 outside mums planted at the Mothers' Garden and in the vicinity of the greenhouses contributed to this impression. The division also replaced 90 shrubs on Springlake Way in Homeland and 74 plants in the shrubbery beds in Clifton to maintain the attractiveness of these locations.

New area added to the district for maintenance during the year consisted of Jennifer Triangle at 32nd, 33rd and Hillen Road. This area was taken over from the Bureau of Water Supply at their request.

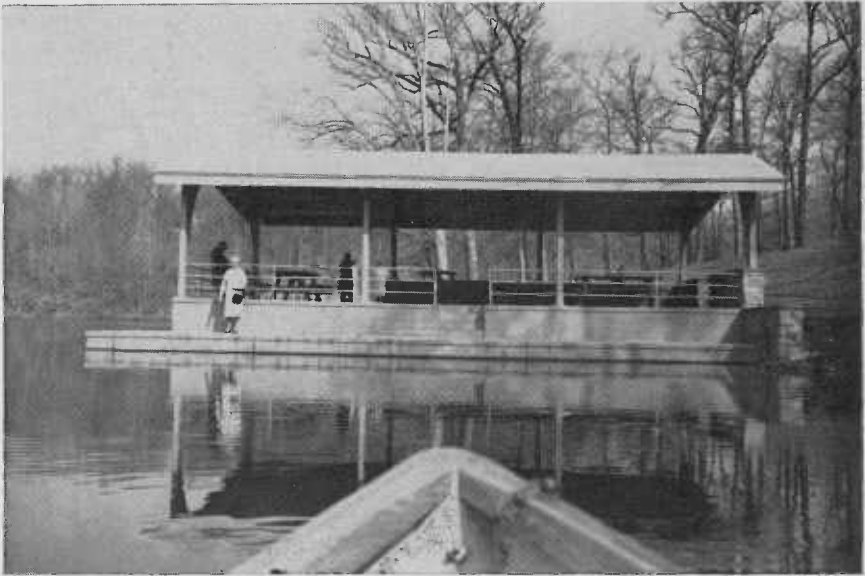
In addition to the accomplishments discussed in the preceding paragraphs, the Clifton Division continued to maintain: 15 Flower Beds; 35 Buildings; 5 Flagstaffs; 3,010 Linear Feet Park Bench; 35 Drinking Fountains; 49 Picnic Tables; 7 Monuments; 1 Display Fountain (Gallagher's Memorial).

## 7. DRUID HILL DIVISION

(MR. GEORGE A. KEEN, *District Park Superintendent*)

The Druid Hill Division with a total of 1,625 acres has the largest area to maintain of the five park districts. This area includes the Robert E. Lee Memorial Park at Lake Roland in Baltimore County and all the park property within the following boundaries: Starting from the city line on the north; south along Charles Street to the north side of Madison Street; west along Madison and northwest along Eutaw Place to the south side of North Avenue; west along North Avenue to the Western Maryland Railway and then northwest along the railroad to the city

line. Among the larger areas maintained by the district are the Robert E. Lee Memorial Park, Druid Hill Park, Wyman Park, Cylburn Park and Roosevelt Park.



BOAT LANDING AND PICNIC SHELTER AT BEAUTIFUL R. E. LEE MEMORIAL PARK

With a long history dating back to 1860, the Bureau is especially proud of Druid Hill Park which it feels compares favorably to any park in the country. A variety of athletic facilities and other opportunities for recreation are offered for all to enjoy as well as many sections of surpassing scenic beauty. This park is also very important to the operation of the Bureau because in it are located the Baltimore Zoo, the Druid Hill Conservatory and Greenhouses, the Central Office and the offices and shops of the Forestry, Construction and Druid Hill Divisions. Other distinctive features of the park are the boat lake, the Three Sisters Lakes, the Grove of Remembrance, the Rose Garden and two modern swimming pools.

In addition to the normal maintenance which this Division performs, it is also responsible for the operation of the Central Repair Shop which conducts much of the heavy repairs to automotive and power equipment in the Bureau. During 1956, this shop fulfilled over 1,000 work requests including 183 major repair jobs such as engine overhauling, clutch and transmission installations and repairs and valve grinding jobs.

Among the important projects conducted by the Division during the year was the rebuilding and replanting the northwest quarter of the Rose Garden in Druid Hill Park. This was an extensive

operation involving the handling of approximately 1,000 cubic yards of soil and the installation of 600 feet of drain tile. After this was completed, 30 tons of #3 stone, 500 cubic yards of broken stone (hauled from Powder Mill Run Park) and 30 cubic yards of cinders were applied to the area after which 1,000 cubic yards of top soil was added. Following this preparation, 675 new rose bushes were planted using 40 tons of manure and the area was completed with the laying of 6,000 square feet of sod around the borders and paths. Two hundred and fifty of these Floribunda Roses (Cocorico and Red Favorite) were generously donated to the city by Conard-Pyle Company of West Grove, Pennsylvania through the Allied Florists Association of Baltimore.

The marble bench in the Rose Garden was installed by the Allied Florists Association and inscribed, "Red Rose Garden Dedicated to the Official Flower of Baltimore City 1956."

Rebuilding of this garden was done in conjunction with the dedication of the rose as the official flower of Baltimore. The dedication took place on Monday, April 9, 1956, and His Honor, Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro, Jr., officiated at the ceremonies.

Other gardening and horticultural work included the maintenance of 70 flower beds involving the planting and care of 30,000 plants. The display in the conservatory at Easter time was especially beautiful with approximately 11,000 blooming plants including many tropical and exotic varieties. The fall show featured 3,500 chrysanthemums, roses, carnations, and snapdragons. Another show which drew a very favorable comment was the Christmas show for which the Division selected gladioli, chrysanthemums, poinsettias, Christmas Peppers, coleus, geraniums, and evergreen cuttings for display. In addition to these displays, the crews at the greenhouses propagated many other flowers for use at the outside gardens which enhanced the general beauty of the areas. Extensive maintenance was performed on the shrubbery in the division including work at such locations as the Mammal House, Mt. Royal Terrace, Druid Hill, Wyman and Cyburn Parks. In this connection, the division created a nursery for evergreen and shrubbery liners which will prove not only beneficial but economical in the operation of the Bureau.

The division performed many construction projects in its continuing endeavor to improve the areas under its control. Included in these were the building of 14 vaults under drinking fountains in the district and constructing 100 feet of retaining wall at Mt. Royal Terrace and 25 feet at Roosevelt Park. In addition, the wall at Bolin Square was repaired and 100 tons of rock were removed from #6 grove in Druid Hill Park to build up the sides of the stream along Parkdale Drive. Another project was the construction of a parking lot near the shop area in Druid Hill Park for the use of employees.

Other projects which received the attention of the division during the year were the repairing of approximately 500 feet of brick walks in Druid Hill Park and the removing of approximately 40 trees and stumps which were damaged by the past storms. The Division used 2500 square feet of bench stripping in the maintenance of the benches in the district.

In conjunction with the creation of a wild flower preserve at Cylburn Park, 2 miles of nature trails were cleared and opened to the public. Other work at Cylburn included fertilizing and seeding approximately 3 acres of lawn. Cylburn was also selected as the source of sod for renovating the Stadium playing field using approximately 100,000 square feet of sod for this purpose.

In connection with the construction of the Jones Falls Expressway, forces of the division removed 7,000 square feet of sod from the Mt. Royal area which was then used at the Mammal House and the Central Office. Other sodding operations included complete renovation of 39th Street squares which has attracted many favorable comments from the residents of the area.

As in past years, the Druid Hill Division continued the reconditioning of athletic facilities including rebuilding of the clay courts in Druid Hill Park using 445 cubic yards of clay for this purpose. An additional 40 cubic yards of clay were stored for future use.

In addition to the work discussed in the previous paragraphs, the division maintains the following: 65 Buildings; 70 Flower Beds; 114 Picnic Tables; 2 Flagstuffs; 7,661 Linear Feet of Bench; 36 Drinking Fountains; 23 Monuments; 2 Display Fountains.

## 8. GWYNNS FALLS DIVISION

(MR. HALL N. ABRISCH, *District Park Superintendent*)

The area of responsibility of the Gwynns Falls Division extends from the city line on the west; along the Western Maryland Railroad to the south side of North Avenue; then along North Avenue, the west side of Eutaw Place and Madison Street on the north; the east side of Cathedral Street and Liberty Street on the west; and the north side of Pratt Street, west side of Gilmor and the north side of Wilkens Avenue on the south.

The total park acreage within this area is approximately 1,570 acres with the major parks being Gwynns Falls, Hanlon, Hillsdale, and Leakin Park.

Gwynns Falls with 747.05 acres is the largest park in the entire bureau and extends from Purnell Drive south along Gwynns Falls to Wilkens Avenue. The acquisition of Leakin Park was made possible by the bequest left the city in 1921 by J. Wilson Leakin,

a Baltimore merchant. The initial portion of Leakin Park was purchased in 1941 with later acquisitions in 1948 and 1949. Leakin Park is composed primarily of the former estate owned by the Huttons when the property was known as "The Crimea."

The Gwynns Falls Division during 1956, continued its program of general improvements to the area in the district. Some of the projects completed, included constructing a 300 foot swale at the Stokes Drive ball field to prevent further erosion in the area and the hauling and grading of 100 cubic yards of fill along California Boulevard to eliminate an unsightly and hazardous condition and to provide for a lawn strip at street level. Another erosion condition necessitated the construction of a 50 foot stone masonry wall along the west side of Sewer Road. After the wall was erected, the area was back filled with 180 cubic yards of top soil, graded to manhole level, and then seeded.

One major project which occupied forces of the division for approximately 2 months was the clearing of fallen trees in Upper Leakin Park along Franklinton Road, Winans Way and Briarcliff Road. This work was prolonged because of the severe storms in July which caused heavy damage along Purnell, Cedar, and Chesholm Drives and at Bloomingdale Oval and Maiden Choice Park. At Easterwood Park 96 cubic yards of top soil was hauled and spread and the area was then seeded, which was followed by hard surfacing of the playground area. Along Hutton Avenue, in order to remove a hazardous condition, a strip approximately 20 feet wide was cleared from our property line to Wetherdsville Road to provide better vision to motorists. One innovation which has resulted in a more satisfactory operation was the replacing of the wooden goal posts at all football fields with 2" galvanized pipe posts. For this purpose sleeves, which can be capped when not in use, were placed in the ground to speed up the erection and removal of the posts.

The acquisition of the Walbrook Oval in 1956, required extensive labor by forces of the division to bring the property up to park standards. This work consisted of dismantling the three story frame structure which was unsafe for further use; grading, top soiling and seeding various areas; and using 47.6 tons of stone dust to rebuild three tennis courts which were located in the area. Much material was salvaged from the razing of the building, which was then used by the division in other projects in the district.

At the Hillsdale Golf Course the most important event during the year was the beginning of the construction of the new clubhouse. The popularity of this golf course has long indicated the inadequacy of the old structure and the need for a new building, offering modern facilities. In connection with the construction of the new clubhouse plans have been made to rearrange the golf course making the old number 7 hole the new number 1 hole. Accordingly, forces of the division were engaged in preparing the

seventh tee area for this changeover. Some of the work included removing large boulders and stumps; constructing 40 feet of 15" concrete drain pipe and grading with 480 cubic yards of fill in order to widen the fairway; constructing two split level tees; building a new practice green; and planting 32 dogwood trees obtained from Loch Raven. Other work at the course included sodding at the ninth and twelfth tees and tenth fairway, and enlarging the ladies' tee at the sixteenth hole. One hundred and eighty five feet of 4" drain line were installed at the number 8 green from the traps to the lake to improve drainage. Of importance to the maintenance of the golf course was the establishing of a bent grass nursery with an area of 7,000 square feet. This nursery was made possible by the obtaining of 150 bushels C-7 stolens at no cost to the division of which 60 bushels were used at the new practice green and the remaining 90 bushels were used to start the new nursery.

Another important project in the district which had its origin in 1956 was the construction of a stable to house the horses used on the Leakin Park Bridle Trails. At the end of the year the division had selected the location for the building; removed the usable sod from the area, dug and poured the foundation and constructed approximately 15% of the stone wall. On the bridle trail itself 600 additional feet adjacent to Dead Run was established to relocate the trail away from a gas line and another 150 feet was cut to provide entrance to the new stable area. Additional improvements were erecting 300 feet of rustic fence to prevent cars from parking on the trail and planting 50 shrubs on the edge of the trail in Upper Leakin Park.

At Hanlon Park the old softball field along Longwood Street was removed and 9,000 square feet of sod laid. This loss was compensated for by the construction of a Little League diamond including backstop in another area of the park. Also at Hanlon, 50,000 cubic yards of fill was added and graded to enlarge the usable area in the park. This area was then covered with top soil and seeded.

In Upper Leakin Park, the #2 ball diamond was converted to Little League size requiring 6,000 square feet of sod to make the adjustment. At the Bloomingdale Oval the old fence was removed and 230 feet of new fence erected. Also at Bloomingdale to replace the bleachers and grandstand torn down in 1955 due to unsafe conditions, new bleachers were constructed there. The bleachers at Maiden Choice Park were also dismantled as they were declared unsafe and unfit for further use. The grass plot on the 1000 block Wildwood Parkway was resodded using 3500 square feet of sod.

On Fulton Avenue 728 cubic yards of top soil were removed and hauled to various locations in the District. This was made possible by the widening of Fulton Avenue and hard surfacing of the center area. New well type drinking fountains were installed at

Stokes Drive and Wildwood Parkway, and at the Walnut Avenue ball field, including at the latter location the installation of 300 feet of 2" galvanized drain pipe. The playground which had been lost by the construction of the Hilton-Edmondson Interchange was completed by the contractor during the year and included a small building, hard surface tennis court, softball diamond including backstop and benches, and a drinking fountain. A fire on December 9, 1956, destroyed the men's locker room at the Gwynns Falls Pool.

In cooperation with the Sanitation Bureau, a second leaf pit was established in the district and 1,440 cubic yards of leaves stored for future leaf mold. Ninety cubic yards of clay for tennis courts and 600.5 yards of soil for ball diamonds were hauled and used to condition these facilities. An old trailer donated by the Construction Division and mounting a 275-gallon fuel oil tank was converted by the Division into a poison oak sprayer and water carrier which has proven very useful to the Division's operation.

In addition to the above work the division maintains the following: 36 Flower Beds; 78 Picnic Tables; 6 Monuments; 3,099 Linear Feet Park Bench; 43 Drinking Fountains; 45 Buildings; 10 Flag-staffs.

## 9. PATTERSON DIVISION

(MR. GEORGE DEWEY LEBRUN, *District Park Superintendent*)

The Patterson Division is charged with the maintenance of the park facilities in the eastern section of the city. The boundaries of the division are the city line on the east; south sides of Radecke Avenue, Sinclair Lane, Shannon Drive, Brehms Lane, Belair Road and the north side of North Avenue on the north; the east side of Charles Street to Madison and the west side of Cathedral and Liberty on the west; and the north side of Pratt, west side of Light, south side of Lee and the harbor on the south. There are approximately 495 acres of park land within these boundaries of which the largest units are Patterson Park and Herring Run Park south of Clifftont Avenue.

Among the improvements completed in the Patterson Division during 1956 was the complete landscaping and seeding of approximately 1¼ acres of the area around the Sam Smith Monument at Pratt and Light Streets. This new park was established after the old piers and warehouses were torn down and the Sam Smith Monument was transferred from its former location at 29th and Charles Streets. Another project was the pruning, thinning, and rearranging of the shrubbery in the south square at Mt. Vernon Place. At the Joseph Lee Playground, an additional 3½ acres of new lawn was created. Also at this location, a new Little League Baseball Diamond complete with backstops and players' benches was constructed and an outdoor drinking fountain installed.



Under the development program of the Bureau of Recreation, a new "Class C" fieldhouse was constructed at the Princeton Place Playground. Other work at the location included installing a drinking fountain, enclosing the hard surfaced dual basketball courts and installing 2 hard surfaced playgrounds, 1 for large children and 1 for tots. Another project in this program was the completion of the Bocek Playfield by constructing a new field house, multiple use court, hard surface tennis court, drinking fountain, and a fully equipped playground with a small shelter house. This playfield was dedicated on September 30th. The dedication was attended by a huge crowd of people including His Honor, Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro, Jr., members of the City Council, members of the Board of Recreation and Parks and representatives of the numerous civic associations and churches of East Baltimore.

Other projects completed during the year included installing 8 new benches at Preston Gardens, planting 3,000 hardy mums in the beds at the south end of Preston Gardens and treating athletic fields in the district.

The following special facilities are maintained by the Patterson Division: 42 Drinking Fountains; 42 Flower Beds; 6,616 Linear Feet of Benches; 31 Buildings; 16 Flagstaffs; 4 Picnic Tables; 17 Monuments or Memorial Tablets; 10 Display Fountains.

As in the case of the Carroll Division, it is well to note that the Patterson Division comprises many small properties such as squares and playgrounds which require the greater portion of the repair and expense funds assigned to this division. Extensive improvements, therefore, are precluded unless special funds are allotted for these purposes in the Capital Improvement Section of the annual budget.

## 10. CONSTRUCTION DIVISION

(MR. GEORGE L. NICKEL, *Superintendent*)

The Construction Division is responsible for the major maintenance and repair work in the various park divisions throughout the year. To carry out this responsibility, the division is divided into five sections: Painting, Road Repair, Electrical, Plumbing, and Carpentry.

During 1956, the Painting Section completed 103 requests. Among the major projects, included in the above requests, were the painting of 14 outdoor cages in the Zoo, the basement of the Mammal House, and several cages in the Bird Exhibit; also the concession stands, comfort stations, cabanas, picnic benches, and bathhouses at Fort Smallwood; the interior of the Riverside Park Swimming Pool; and the exterior of the bathhouse, Superintendent's Residence, concession stand, the interior and exterior of the music pavilion, and the interior of the police room in Patterson

Park. In the Clifton Division, the painting comprised the Mansion House, two employees' residences, pool pavilion, band shell, and benches in Clifton Park. At Mt. Pleasant, the exterior of the club house, the scoreboard, benches and fixtures and other items of equipment were painted. In the Gwynns Falls District, the painting included a building at Leakin Park, the exterior of McDowell Mansion in Gwynns Falls Park, and the interior of the residence in Hillsdale Park. In addition to these requests and the usual work at the Stadium in preparation for the opening of the Major League Baseball Season, the Painting Section also fulfilled requests for installation of floor tile, glazing, plastering, refinishing of office furniture, and other related operations.

The largest project undertaken by the Road Maintenance Section during 1956, was the reconstruction of the parking areas in the front of the Stadium. This project included removing the old surface and 3,500 cubic yards of sub-grade material and the installation of 1,200 feet of drain tile with 160 feet of 6" corrugated steel drain pipe for subterranean drains. While the area was open, the storm drainage was improved by adding 276 linear feet of terra cotta storm drain and five storm drain wells. After this work was completed, 2,500 cubic yards of granular fill was spread which was then topped with 5,200 square yards of 6" penetration macadam paving. In conjunction with this work, 250 linear feet of concrete curb was installed.

Other projects completed by this section included maintenance of walks and roads in the divisions, which required a total of 676 tons of cold patch, 2,739 tons of stone, 12,925 gallons of road tar and 184 cubic yards of concrete.

One important project performed by this division in conjunction with the other divisions, was the moving of 8,450 cubic yards of top soil from a field site to all districts.

The Electrical Section of the Construction Division is responsible for all electrical installations. During the year, the force received 376 requests for service which included many special projects such as lighting fairway, green and tee areas for the Hole-in-One Tournament at Mt. Pleasant Golf Course, special electrical installation for the Eastern Open Golf Tournament, special feeders, wiring and stand-by service at the Flower Mart and wiring the trees displayed at Christmas time. This section also maintained the lighting equipment on the towers in the Druid Hill Park and Patterson Park athletic fields, overhauled all oil burners, cleaned all boilers, and furnishing electrical current from portable generators for numerous events. Other important projects completed by this section consisted of installing conduit and feeder cables for sewage pumping unit in Druid Hill Park, rewiring of several park buildings and installing lights in the vicinity of McDowell Mansion and at the Robert E. Lee Memorial Park.

Work requests for plumbing and heating alterations and construction for the year totalled 328. Major installations made by this section included a new hot water heater for the hippo tank at the Zoo and the replacement of water lines in the Zoo and at Graham Memorial Park.

The Carpentry Section completed 141 work requests covering various repair and construction projects. The major items in this category included renovating the top floor of the Clifton Park Mansion, erecting new bleachers at Bloomingdale Oval and construction of a seed room at the Graham Memorial Park. Other work included re-roofing the building at the Number 2 Swimming Pool in Druid Hill Park and repairing various Zoo structures and other buildings throughout the park system. The forces of this section were also utilized on such projects as erecting, dismantling and storing of seating at the Stadium and making necessary preparations for the Eastern Open Golf Tournament, Hole-in-One Tournament, and opening of the bathing season at Fort Smallwood.

One innovation during 1956 was the organizing of a fence repair unit within the division which was able to complete 22 work requests at a considerable saving to the Bureau. Another innovation previously mentioned, was the supervision of the operation and maintenance of street lighting. The billings for the electricity, gas, maintenance and repairs necessary for the proper lighting of the park properties, were closely scrutinized and processed for payment. Effective supervision was applied throughout the system in an effort to keep at a minimum the cost of such utilities.

## 11. FORESTRY DIVISION

(MR. CHARLES A. YOUNG, JR., *Park Forester*)

(MR. FREDERICK S. GRAVES, *Assistant Park Forester*)

The Forestry Division was favored during 1956 by weather that was marred only by two minor windstorms and a period of low rainfall during May and June. The absence of violent wind accompanying thunder storms, fall hurricanes, and a rainfall deficiency that requires special planting operations permitted an appreciable number of man hours to be used for constructive activities rather than the removing and repairing of storm damaged trees.

Tree planting on the public highway and in the parks for the second successive year exceeded the combined number of trees removed. The total number of trees planted was 1,847 compared to a removal of 1,604; a gain of 243 trees. In 1955, 1,626 trees were planted compared to 1,541 trees removed; a gain in tree population of only 85. In the years previous to 1955 the annual reduction in tree population exceeded 500 trees. The above figures

do not reflect the trees removed by permit from the Bureau of Highways, contractors for the Bureau of Highways, nor trees planted by land development contractors and individual property owners.

Of particular significance was the planting of 11 Little Leaf Linden trees in the 600 and 700 blocks of Park Avenue and the planting of 14 Upright Norway Maple trees in the unit block of East Eager Street. Each planting was accomplished with the coordination of the interested property owners who provided the necessary opening in the footway for the tree. No trees or openings in the footway existed in these downtown locations prior to the fall of 1956 and the tree planting represents a renewed interest in shade trees in the downtown area.

At the newly created Sam Smith Park, 25 Augustine Ascending Elm trees were planted adjoining Calvert Street and 12 Flowering Crab, *Malus Florabunda*, brilliant, gift of the Women's Civic League, were planted in the south triangle. In the area surrounding the Monument, 12 Chinese Cork, 8 Flowering Crab, (*M. Hopa*), 6 Giant Arborvitae, 6 Japanese Yew and a hedge of 72 sheared *Taxus brevifolia* were planted.

During 1956 the Flowering Crab tree project sponsored by the Women's Civic League provided 108 trees for planting in the parks and 58 trees for planting on the parkways.

In the parks the 567 trees planted were of 15 varieties including Maples, Ash, Oaks, Gums and Chestnuts and were the products of the tree nursery operated by the Forestry Division in the Crimea area of Leakin Park. The trees were of 1¾" to 2½" caliper and were moved with earth and roots wrapped, but not balled and bagged. This method was possible due to the excellent moisture content of the ground during the fall months.

A total of 100 trees of mixed species and heavy caliper (1¾" to 2") have been tagged for planting at Loch Raven Golf Course during the spring of 1957.

Tree maintenance on the public highways was dominated by requests from the Baltimore Transit Company, Bureau of Mechanical-Electrical Services, contractors engaged in replacing footways, and the Department of Traffic Engineering. The conversion of transit service from fixed wheel to motor coach on Garrison Boulevard, Harford Road, Linden Avenue and North Avenue placed an extensive tree maintenance workload on the Forestry Division. The necessity to operate motor coaches in the curb lane brought conflict with tree trunks and low limbs. To provide the necessary clearance at the curb, trees were pruned, trunks were "slab cut," and trees removed where necessary on the above listed streets.

The program of the Bureau of Mechanical-Electrical Services to convert street lamps to modern types of standards required a continuation of tree pruning in the areas of conversion. On North

Fulton Avenue extensive tree maintenance was required to facilitate the installation of the 23 foot standards to illuminate the new thoroughfare.

Contractors to the Footway Division engaged in replacing un-serviceable footways required the pruning of roots on 346 trees. These trees were located in the 3000 to 3900 blocks of Gwynns Falls Parkway; 2200 to 3800 blocks of Garrison Boulevard; 2200 to 2300 blocks of Roslyn Avenue; 2300 block Elsinore Avenue; 1700 block Poplar Grove Street; and 2500 block Harlem Avenue. This type of root pruning eliminated the necessity of removing many large Elm and Plane trees that had outgrown the tree space at the curb, but required pollarding of the trees to compensate for lost roots.

No dormant spraying of Elm trees was accomplished during the year and a marked increase in trees affected with Dutch Elm disease was noted. A total of 181 trees were removed with symptoms of Dutch Elm disease. When compared to the 44 trees removed for this cause in 1955 the value of dormant spraying to control the vector of Dutch Elm disease is readily apparent. This figure represents a 400% increase in losses of Elm trees.

On November 15, 1956 the Bureau of Highways awarded two contracts for the removal of 397 dead or diseased trees on the public highway. The sum of \$34,743.00 was provided for the removal and disposal of the trees and the replacement of footways where damaged by trees. The contracts are to be completed by April 15, 1957.

At Crimea Nursery the following varieties of whips (small trees) were planted; 300 Zelkova Serrata, 100 Red Oak, 100 Sugar Maple.

For the Christmas season, one evergreen tree was transplanted, 6 trees were delivered to the Museum of Art for the Christmas Greens Show, 8 trees delivered to public buildings, and 11 trees erected on public grounds. The transplanted tree was at Norman Place where a 25' Norway Spruce was installed. At City Hall Plaza a 60-foot Red Cedar was purchased in Harford County and erected as the official Municipal Christmas Tree. The other trees used were Norway Spruce donated by property owners when the trees outgrew the lawn area.

During January, February, and March Mr. Fred S. Graves conducted a census of street trees and completed 25% of a new survey. This work will be resumed in January, 1957 with the intention of completing the survey and determining the tree population at an early date in 1957.

A total of 3,450 stakes 2" x 2" x 8' and 2,300 board feet of Oak lumber were received from the Bureau of Water Supply in exchange for an estimated 8,000 board feet of Oak and Poplar logs made available to the sawmill. There was one sale of timber in-

volving an estimated 10,000 board feet of Poplar timber growing in lower Herring Run Park from an area that is to be utilized as an Ash dump by the Bureau of Sanitation.

At Gallagher Memorial on The Alameda, an extensive renovation of the site was accomplished by transplanting 25 shrubs that had outgrown the space to the perimeter of the Stadium parking lots to provide a living screen. The remaining trees and shrubs were pruned and repaired and the memorial plot prepared for lawn grass.

In the Memorial Stadium, 250 feet of privet hedge 7 feet high was installed. This hedge was dug at Mt. Royal Gardens and moved bare root to the new site where, with the help of overcast weather and great quantities of water, all planting resumed growth and presented the appearance of an undisturbed hedge immediately following installation.

A renewed public interest in trees for ornamental and shade producing qualities was noted during the year. The purchase of 166 Flowering Crab trees by individuals and community groups for planting in the public domain and the construction of tree planting spaces at 25 locations in the downtown area were the principal manifestations of this interest. Requests from suburban home owners for tree planting exceeded the stock of trees available for planting and necessitated postponement of planting at 30 locations of block size.

The following tables show in detail the major activities of the Forestry Division:

### Recapitulation of Operations

#### TREES PRUNED

	1956	1955	1954
Parks .....	807	1,246	2,752
Highways .....	3,067	3,560	1,789
Total .....	3,874	4,806	4,541

#### TREES PLANTED

Parks .....	571	209	194
Highways .....	1,276	1,417	707
Total .....	1,847	1,626	901

#### TREES REMOVED

Parks .....	348	503	508
Highways .....	1,256	1,038	1,052
Total .....	1,604	1,541	1,560

#### TREES SPRAYED

Parks .....	1,774	1,837	2,950
Highways .....	7,495	7,868	3,020
Total .....	9,269	9,705	5,970

#### TREES REPAIRED

Parks .....	26	69	115
Highways .....	110	90	128
Total .....	136	159	204

#### STUMPS REMOVED

Parks .....	41	83	72
Highways .....	52	46	80
Total .....	93	129	152

Work of various types not included in the foregoing list was handled in about 3,200 cases, as compared with approximately 3,100 cases in 1955. This included such items as topping, cabling, root pruning, restaking, scar repairing, etc.

## 12. POLICE DIVISION

(CAPTAIN GORDON GAENG, *Commanding*)

With the Police Division rests the responsibilities of policing the widely dispersed properties that come under the jurisdiction of the Board of Recreation and Parks. These properties comprise approximately one-tenth of the land area of Baltimore City. In addition there are several areas in Baltimore and Anne Arundel Counties. The efficiency that this organization has built up and maintained reflects each year the able work and concerted effort put forth to keep violations and crime in these areas, at a minimum, and the fact that there has been no serious increase in crime attests to their ability.

The roster of the Police Division for 1956 totalled 116 positions, consisting of one Captain, five Lieutenants, ten Sergeants, 95 Patrolmen, 3 Communications Clerks, one Automobile-Motorcycle Mechanic, and one Mechanic's Helper. The last two positions are concerned with the operation of the Park Police Repair Shop which, during 1956, serviced and maintained a total of twenty-one motorcycles, ten radio cars, one truck, one ambulance, and one car reserved for the use of the Park Board and staff for official business.

The year 1956 again saw a large turnover of personnel involving 18 patrolmen, one clerk, and one Mechanic's Helper. This turnover causes a problem of training new recruits which has been met by the establishment of a Park Police Training School. The course offered by the school is very thorough and includes lectures by members of related organizations including the Baltimore Police Department, Department of Traffic Engineering, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Secret Service, Red Cross, and others. Upon the completion of the ten weeks training course, the graduated patrolmen receive diplomas from the Park Police, Federal Bureau of Investigation, a certificate from Civil Defense and Red Cross cards for the standard and advanced first aid courses and water rescue. The training of the probationary patrolman is recognized as one of the most important phases of police work and during 1956, a total of 35 patrolmen were trained in proper police procedure.

The Baltimore Park Police has also a Firearms Training and Qualification Program which calls for each member of the force to visit the pistol range twice each year. The training primarily concerns firing for qualification, care of pistol, and safety precautions. In this connection, the Park Police are justly proud of the Park Police Pistol Team which in six years of competition has won

five team plaques, four team trophies, and approximately 100 individual metals, trophies, and plaques. It is felt that the Park Police Pistol Team has been an important factor in improving the relations and cooperation with various other law-enforcing agencies in Maryland, as well as a morale builder within the organization.

The Bureau has long recognized the need for enlarging the Park Police Garage and was very happy that the opportunity arose during 1956 to begin this work. It is expected that the building will be completed before the summer of 1957, and the new structure will provide for an office, storeroom and five spaces. Three spaces will be for repairing of automobiles and motorcycles and two will be used for greasing and washing of equipment.

Numerous letters of commendation were received during the year both for individual patrolmen and for the division as a whole for efficiency in handling different phases of police work and for courtesies extended by officers during their tours of duty.

The effectiveness of the Park Police is demonstrated in the following summary of cases handled:

Criminal and Park Rule Arrests .....	720
Traffic Violations .....	2,637
Miscellaneous (No Arrests) .....	4,009

It is well to point out, however, that this summary shows only those incidents appearing on reports filed by the Officers at Headquarters, and does not include the regular performance of their duties of patrolling, directing traffic, public assistance, policing special events, and numerous other work. The policing of special events in itself is one of the major tasks of the force each year. During 1956, for instance, there were 636 events policed. These events attracted an attendance of two million persons. The control of these events required 11,546 police man hours.

### 13. MEMORIAL STADIUM

(MR. DOUGLAS S. TAWNEY, *Manager*)

The significant development in the Stadium Division's operation in 1956 was the establishing of a new all time Stadium gross attendance record of 1,532,011. This attendance represented an increase of 24,506 over the old record of 1,507,505 established in 1954, and an increase of 79,839 over the 1955 attendance of 1,452,172.

Similarly, the total revenue for 1956 of \$258,486.96 surpassed that of any previous year. The former high was achieved in 1955 when cash revenue totalled \$254,652.69.

Although the number of events decreased from 106 in 1955 to 95 during the past year, the increase in baseball attendance, professional football crowds and Navy football more than made up for the loss of several high school football events and a decrease in the crowds viewing the Ice Show.



As in 1955, the current year again saw the Stadium Revenue rise above the operating and maintenance expenses showing for 1956 a profit on operations of \$22,659.30.

Detailed statements dealing with revenue and expense will appear on later pages of this report. However, in addition to the revenue listed in the statements, it should be noted that the following values accrued to the City of Baltimore under the following agreements:

1. Under contract with Baltimore Orioles 1/5 of the total value of \$400,000 for concession stands and equipment becomes the property of the City each year .....	\$ 80,000.00
2. Under contract with Baltimore Orioles 1/18 of the total value of \$50,000.00 for the Oriole office location becomes the property of the City each year .....	2,777.00
3. Under contract with the Spencer Display Corporation, 1/8 of the total value of \$172,000.00 for the Stadium scoreboards becomes the property of the City each year .....	21,500.00
TOTAL .....	\$103,577.00

In general, the use of the Stadium during 1956 consisted of 69 baseball games, 8 professional football events, 2 Navy football games including the major event with Notre Dame, 3 high school football games, 7 performances of the Ice Capades, the Easter Sunrise Services, the 4th of July fireworks, two Bureau of Music concerts, the annual meeting of all members of the faculty of the Baltimore School System, and the Drum Corps Contest.

In addition, two teen-age Safety Programs and the annual Truck Safety Rodeo, which is sponsored by the Maryland Motor Truck Association, were held on the Stadium parking lots. Use of the parking lot was also extended to various organizations and companies as a parking area and loading station for trips and tours which they held. In cooperation with the Baltimore Transit Company and the office of the Director of the Department of Traffic Engineering, a park and ride arrangement was established as in previous years in November and December to permit motorists to leave their cars on the Stadium lots and take an express bus to the shopping section and return in the same manner. Late in December the Christmas Tree Sale for the benefit of the Maryland Workshop for the Blind was conducted on the Stadium east parking lot.

Furthering this, the Stadium Auditorium was used 171 times during 1956 as shown in the list below :

<i>Organization</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>No. of Uses</i>
Improvement Associations	Business Meetings	73
Baseball Club	Press Functions	10
Athletic Officials	Business Meetings	45
Bureau of Music	Band Rehearsal	4
Baltimore Symphony	Orchestra Rehearsal	12
Easter Sunrise, Inc.	Rehearsal & Business Meetings	8
Football Club	Clinic & Promotion	3
Bureau of Parks	Class for Pool Help	2
Supervisor of Elections	Polling Place & Registration	3
Boy Scouts	Business Meeting	1
Bureau of Sanitation	Safety Awards	1
Baltimore Zoo	Dinner Honoring Mr. George O'Bryan	1
Old Timers' Baseball Association	Business Meeting	1
*Maryland Professional Baseball Association	Charity Food Drive	1
Miscellaneous	Business Meetings	6
TOTAL		171

\* Over 16 tons of food were collected for distribution to underprivileged families.

This Division continued its improved administrative handling of lost and found reports and injury reports, keeping in close contact with the Police Division, insurance agencies, and the Central Bureau of Investigation of the City of Baltimore. During the year, 649 articles or lost property reports were handled and 130 lost items were returned to their owners.

There were 126 injuries reported to and handled by the Stadium First Aid Room. In this connection, the Park Police Ambulance, (which is stationed at the Stadium for all events), transported 25 persons to the hospital. In several cases, the prompt service provided by this ambulance and its crew was credited with saving the lives of patrons.

Further administrative development included the addition of Mr. Francis R. Jones in the position of Park Maintenance General Foreman which greatly added to the efficiency of the Division. Also, an electrician was permanently assigned to the Stadium, thereby making possible the closer and more efficient care and maintenance of the vast electric system of field lighting, boilers, public address systems, electronic scoreboard, etc.

The major improvement at the Stadium during 1956 was the excavation, regrading, paving, and asphalt treatment of the parking area immediately in front of the Memorial Facade of the Stadium. This work was performed during the winter months by the combined labor of the Stadium and Construction Division and

the equipment of the Construction Division. The project required considerable change in drainage lines and other utility connections. This improvement was made under the supervision of Mr. George L. Nickel, Superintendent of the Construction Division of the Bureau of Parks. Its completion has added considerably to the beauty of the front of the Stadium and greatly facilitates the parking of automobiles.

Another fine improvement consisted of concreting the areas under the west side stands from gates W-3 to W-7. These areas now present a neat and orderly appearance, are safe for pedestrians, and are invaluable as storage and garage areas.

Further improvement included the screening of openings at the first promenade deck level which prevents the illegal entry of persons who have not paid admission fees. Along similar lines, the flagpole ground wires were covered with shields to eliminate their use as a climbing device to the promenade deck level.

The football press box was also improved by a new roof, floor tile, better heating devices, and an exhaust fan to carry off cooking fumes and smoke.

In addition to the normal activities of preparing for the opening event of the season and for other events throughout the year, the following major projects were accomplished during the year:

1. Construction of 75' driveways into Venable Parking area.
2. Establishing and maintenance of flower beds in the immediate front of the Stadium. These beds were planted with tulips, cannas, geraniums and chrysanthemums, which developed and maintained beautiful blooms throughout the growing season.
3. Erection of a movie camera station at the top of the second deck, west side.
4. Erection of two still photographers 23' hanging platforms at the 1st and 3rd base locations in the mezzanine.
5. Regrading of playing field for better drainage.
6. Erection by baseball club of new outfield fence.
7. Planting of hedge along scoreboard fence greatly improving appearance of north end of Stadium. Also additional planting of north end slopes.
8. Erection of platform on scoreboard clock to make footing safer for workmen while working on clock.
9. Installing duct to carry off exhaust from Oriole office heating plant, keeping hot fumes from electrical transformer room.

10. Construction of football training room.
11. Installation of glass mirrors in all ladies' rooms.
12. Waterproofing area above main transformer room.

Another important development in 1956 occurred when the Board of Recreation and Parks granted the Baltimore Football Club the privilege of using the Stadium as the Colts practice field.

**a. Statement of Events and Revenue:**

<i>Event</i>	<i>Number</i>		<i>Revenue</i>	
	<i>of Uses</i>	<i>Attendance</i>	<i>Rental</i>	<i>Concession</i>
Baseball—Orioles .....	69	1,001,736	\$115,863.01	\$33,457.64
Football—Colts .....	8	310,601	26,563.85	19,542.55
Football—Navy .....	2	67,977	9,504.90	5,058.01
Football—Others .....	3	29,209	525.00	1,090.85
Ice Show .....	7	76,547	14,475.23	6,190.07
Other Events .....	6	45,941	1,920.45	1,288.77
<b>TOTALS</b> .....	<b>95</b>	<b>1,532,011</b>	<b>\$168,852.44</b>	<b>\$66,627.89</b>
Total Rental Revenue .....			\$168,852.44	
Total Concession Revenue .....			66,627.89	
Sale of Utilities .....			13,357.30	
Parking Lot License .....			3,513.85	
Miscellaneous .....			6,135.48	
Total Stadium Revenue .....			\$258,486.96	

**b. Statement of Expenses:**

Operating Management Expenses .....	\$ 27,241.32
Operating Expenses .....	178,028.52
Stadium Repairs .....	30,557.82
<b>Total Expenses</b> .....	<b>\$235,827.66</b>
Year 1956	
Total Revenue .....	\$258,486.96
Total Expenses .....	235,827.66
Profit on Operation .....	\$ 22,659.30

**c. Comparison with Previous Years:**

<i>Year</i>	<i>Uses</i>	<i>Attendance</i>	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Expenses</i>	<i>Profit</i>	<i>Loss</i>
1954 .....	106	1,507,505	\$230,622.20	\$241,390.12		\$10,767.92
1955 .....	106	1,452,172	254,652.69	234,636.67	\$20,016.02	
1956 .....	95	1,532,011	258,486.96	235,827.66	22,659.30	

## 14. ZOO DIVISION

(MR. ARTHUR R. WATSON, *Director*)

The most important event at the Zoo during 1956 was the adoption in principle of a Master Plan for future expansion. This plan has taken into consideration the topography of Druid Hill Park and the suggested exhibits are distributed in such a manner as to fully protect the aesthetic values of this famous park. Proposed exhibits such as a Monkey Island, Children's Zoo, and a Performing Arena are planned. Because of the extent of the park, consideration is being given to transportation by means of tractor trains, with the Zoo divided into zones enabling patrons to visit the exhibits in various sections of the park.

This planning was made possible through the support of the Administration and the people of Baltimore who approved Loan Funds for expansion at the Zoo in November, 1954 and 1956 totaling \$1,000,000.00. It is felt that this expression of confidence on the part of the electorate shows their approval of the rapid progress made at the Zoo in the past several years. It is also only fitting that these improvements be made as the Baltimore Zoo enjoys the distinction of being the second oldest Zoological collection in the country, having had its beginning on April 7, 1876.

Another important event at the Zoo during 1956 was the publication of the first guide book. This booklet entitled, "Pictorial Guide to the Baltimore Zoo" was prepared by Mr. Raymond Thompson who, for many years, wrote articles about the Zoo for the Sunpapers. The booklet has had excellent response from all who have seen it.

The staff of the Zoo continued its extensive program of providing educational services to the public by offering guide service as well as many personal appearances before various groups. The diversity and scope of these activities are shown in the following chart:

Guide Service	29 Requests	824 Persons
Travelling Zoo	4 Visits	23,100 Persons
Lecture Programs and Other Appearances	26 Requests	57,547 Persons
Television Program	52 Shows	425,000 Persons
Maryland Building	Natural History Society of Maryland	20,000 Persons

In addition, the Zoo Director made other guest appearances on radio and television programs and he and his staff members answered numerous telephone inquiries concerning animals and their care and feeding.

Improvements in the administration at the Zoo were made during the year consisting of designing and establishing a new analytical ledger system. This system will enable the Zoo staff to have

a visual picture before them at all times of their requisition purchases so that they can determine immediately any change in price trends on quantity consumption of any one item. Files have also been established for the accumulation of information to go into a Zoo Training Manual. It is proposed by the Zoo Director that after this manual is compiled, a training program will be initiated for all employees, both old and new, to standardize operational procedures at the Zoo.

Major donations to the Zoo during 1956 consisted of: Three Polar Bears and two Brown Bears from the C. Markland Kelly Post #374; three Sea Lions and one Brown Bear from Mr. Richard Carlin and Mr. John J. Carlin, Jr.; a Llama and Burro from Mr. Bayard Sharp of Wilmington, Delaware; and a Woolly Monkey from Miss Jane Dwight. Altogether, there were 108 donations of mammals ranging from the various monkeys to common wild animals; 231 donations of birds and 115 reptiles.

<i>Exotic Specimens</i>	<i>Species</i>	<i>Specimens</i>
Mammals .....	103	284
Birds .....	125	336
Reptiles .....	64	114
Amphibians .....	3	4
Fish .....	1	20
TOTAL .....	296	758

## Zoo Inventory

It is not possible to give an inventory statement in detail because of lack of space in this general report. Reference is made to the report of the Bureau of Parks published separately for this information. However, a brief statement on the various exhibits is given below.

### A. ANIMALS

#### *Primates*

There are now on exhibit 40 species of Primates with 84 specimens. The collection contains an excellent presentation of gorillas, chimpanzees, orangutan, baboons and monkeys.

#### *Carnivores*

Twenty-six (26) species of Carnivores are contained in the collection with 84 specimens on display which includes bear (4 kinds) lions, leopards, tigers, lynx, hyena and wolves.

In addition to the above, there are many other important groupings of animals such as 73 specimens of hoofed animals representing 15 species, which includes bison, buffalo, yak, antelope, etc.

Included in the marsupials are the kangaroos and exotic opossums. Among the rodents, outstanding specimens include Asiatic squirrels and African porcupines.

The three performing elephants and the sea lions continue to be among the most popular exhibits.

### B. BIRDS

One hundred twenty-five (125) species of birds are exhibited with a total of 336 specimens. One of the outstanding exhibits is the concave-casqued Hornbill.

There is also a very nice collection of parrot type birds such as macaws, love birds, exotic parakeets and many species of parrots. Interesting rare exhibits of Ostrich, Emu, Pelican, Flamingo, Hornbill, Toucan and Cock of the Rock should also be mentioned. The waterfowl collection is represented by a well balanced variety, including ducks, geese, swan (4 kinds) and cormorants.

### C. REPTILES

The reptile house containing a varied collection, displayed in naturalistic settings, continues to be one of the focal points of interest. There are on display 64 species represented by 114 specimens, including alligators, crocodile, pythons, cobras, boas, ancondas, tortoise and vipers.

## 15. GOLF COURSES

An increase in total attendance at the four municipal golf courses was noted in 1956 when 200,656 rounds were played as contrasted with 190,323 for 1955. All of the eighteen-hole courses showed increases with Clifton having the largest. For the fourth consecutive year, the Forest Park (Hillsdale) Golf Course turned in the largest number of rounds of any of the courses.

The following chart indicates the total rounds played in 1956 at each course together with revenue and cost of operation:

	<i>Rounds</i>	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Operating Cost</i>
Carroll .....	32,308	\$ 14,081.10	\$ 35,040.11
Clifton .....	54,191	46,191.55	51,884.14
Forest Park .....	57,290	48,878.20	53,566.68
Mt. Pleasant .....	56,867	60,441.10	78,896.81
<b>TOTAL—1956 .....</b>	<b>200,656</b>	<b>\$169,591.95</b>	<b>\$219,387.74</b>
<b>TOTAL—1955 .....</b>	<b>190,323</b>	<b>\$159,076.25</b>	<b>\$193,308.25</b>

As in the past, the public courses were utilized for several special tournaments including the Sixth Annual Hole-In-One Tournament at the Mount Pleasant Golf Course and the Medal Play Tournament of the Baltimore Golfing Association. The Hole-In-

One event, which was held from August 8 through August 12, is sponsored by the Baltimore News-Post with proceeds going to the Wounded Veterans Fund and the Baltimore Golfing Association. Lighting was provided for one hundred yards of the practice fairway and green, located to the right of the eighteenth fairway at Mount Pleasant, by forces of the Bureau for the tournament. A total of \$1,000.00 in merchandise prizes is offered in the play offs with the competition divided among Professional, Amateur, Women, Juniors (under 18), and Seniors (over 50). In addition, there are eight trophies and nearly one hundred special prizes offered during the qualifying rounds and there is a \$100.00 award awaiting anyone who scores an ace during the event. A total of 4,408 tickets were sold and receipts amounted to \$2,204.00.

The Public Links Medal Play Tournament was held at Forest Park on September 1, Mount Pleasant on September 2 and at Clifton Park on September 3. There were five championships at stake—Regular, A, B, C and Senior—with a turnout of 227 attracted to the tournament. The trophies are provided by the golf association for the A, B, C flights, and the Evening Sun provides the trophies for the championship and senior group including a replica of the championship cup which is retained permanently by the winner. In addition, merchandise prizes totalling \$1,000.00 are awarded to the winners of the various flights.



NEW CLUB HOUSE FOREST PARK GOLF COURSE (HILLSDALE)



## Eastern Open Golf Tournament

The seventh consecutive Eastern Invitational Open Golf Tournament was held at the Mount Pleasant Golf Course from July 26th through the 29th. This tournament (which is conducted by a committee selected by His Honor, Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro, Jr., who originated the event in 1950), is rapidly becoming a part of golfdom's nation-wide tradition as well as an outstanding event in Baltimore's sport scene.

The 1956 Tournament was sponsored by the National Brewing Company in cooperation with the Department of Recreation and Parks and carried a total of \$19,500.00 prize money. This tournament is open to approximately 150 golfers who qualify, of which nearly 100 nationally known professionals appear each year.

The Mount Pleasant Golf Course is maintained in top condition through the year and it is only necessary to make several minor changes in order to ensure its being in condition for championship play. These changes include brushing and cross cutting the greens to remove graininess and to give them uniform speed and also to permit the roughs to grow to a height of 4 to 6 inches. In addition, the sand traps are edged and a heavy growth permitted on their perimeters so that a proper shot is required to play out. In addition to the conditioning of the course, the Bureau of Parks is also responsible for many other important items dealing with the preparation for the tournament. These include determining with P.G.A. officials, the boundaries of all hazards and marking these with lime lines and stakes. These boundaries are then marked on a mimeographed sheet which is presented to each professional so that he will be familiar with these boundaries which precludes the possibility of any dispute during the tournament.

Another item is the placing of seven miles of gallery ropes in the roughs a few feet off the fairways at locations where shots can be expected to be made. By use of an aerial photograph and numbering of the ropes, it is possible to use the same equipment each year reducing the cost of preparing for the tournament. The Bureau also provides the press tent, marshal tent, and first aid tent as well as the temporary comfort stations. One big feature of the tournament which is rarely found at others is the six auxiliary scoreboards located at vantage points throughout the course which are tied in by a round-robin telephone system with the master scoreboard located at headquarters and the smaller scoreboard inside the press tent. By means of this system, the spectator can know the score of every participant with a maximum time lag of only three holes.

Among other outstanding features are the bleachers which are located at seven strategic spots along the course. Seating for approximately 2,500 persons is provided in such a manner that a number of shots can be viewed without moving from the area.

There are also three television towers (the highest being approximately 35 feet), in the vicinity of the 9th, 17th and 18th greens. These towers have been used in the past to facilitate the televising of portions of the tournament.

The roll of winners of this tournament now reads as follows:

1956—Arnold Palmer	1953—Dick Mayer
1955—Frank Stranahan	1952—Sam Snead
1954—Bob Toski	1951—Cary Middlecoff
1950—Lloyd Mangrum	

Gratitude must be expressed to all members of this Department, other municipal agencies and to the many individuals who generously gave their time and ability to make this an outstanding event.

## 16. SWIMMING POOLS AND BATHING BEACHES

The swimming pools were opened in 1956 from June 23 through September 3 representing a combined total of 469 operating days for all the pools. Considerable difficulty was experienced in obtaining a sufficient number of qualified guards, and it was only with the cooperation of the radio and television stations that we were able to obtain the guards needed to open the pools.

The most important development in the pools in 1956 was their operation on an integrated basis. In order to prepare for this major change in policy, the Bureau deferred the opening of the pools for one week so that a thorough indoctrination course could be offered to all personnel connected with the pools. This In-Service training covered instruction in crowd psychology and behavior, description of pools and methods of operation, as well as reports from experienced personnel such as Mr. Edward J. Kelly, Superintendent, National Capital Parks, Washington, D. C., and Dr. John H. Fischer, Superintendent of Education, on their experiences with integration at their facilities. Other speakers included Mr. R. Brooke Maxwell, Director, Department of Recreation and Parks; Mr. C. A. Hook, Superintendent of Parks; Mr. H. S. Callowhill, Superintendent of Recreation; Dr. Furman L. Templeton, Executive Director, Baltimore Urban League; Inspector Oscar L. Lusby, Baltimore City Police; and Lieutenant William T. Bell, Jr., Baltimore Park Police. The program was then concluded with group discussions under the direction of the respective district superintendents with the personnel assigned to the pools in their district. The fact that there were no serious incidents at the pools during the 1956 season, it is felt, can be attributed to the thoroughness of this training as well as to the conscientious efforts made by the superintendents, pool managers, and Park Police during the actual operation of the pools.

The attendance at the pools during 1956 showed a marked decline (47.3%) from previous years which necessitated the inauguration of a single session from July 18 to the close of the season. It was also found necessary to close the Druid Hill #2 pool on July 23 as the combined attendance at this pool and the #1 pool did not justify both remaining open. In the charts which follow, the attendance, revenue and operating expenses at each pool for 1956 is compared with the operation during 1955.

<i>Pool Location</i>	<i>Days Open</i>	<i>Patrons 1956</i>	<i>Revenue 1956</i>	<i>Cost 1956</i>
Carroll Wading .....	11	61	\$ 3.05	\$ 1,809.55
Cherry Hill .....	62	12,104	2,177.32	7,849.68
Clifton .....	61	22,305	4,449.30	13,714.67
Druid Hill #1 .....	63	26,560	5,986.80	11,523.97
Druid Hill #2 .....	25	9,677	1,943.60	7,203.74
Gwynns Falls .....	63	8,605	1,403.39	9,060.11
Patterson .....	58	38,434	6,036.50	15,341.87
Riverside .....	63	24,634	3,839.95	11,936.73
Roosevelt .....	63	13,361	2,239.80	6,188.45
<b>TOTALS</b> .....	<b>469</b>	<b>155,741</b>	<b>\$28,079.71</b>	<b>\$84,628.77</b>

<i>Pool Location</i>	<i>Days Open</i>	<i>Patrons 1955</i>	<i>Revenue 1955</i>	<i>Cost 1955</i>
Carroll Wading .....	57	675	\$ 33.75	\$ 1,600.41
Cherry Hill .....	70	21,548	3,968.76	10,081.64
Clifton .....	69	60,243	9,951.55	15,123.59
Druid Hill #1 .....	69	40,054	8,630.05	13,653.16
Druid Hill #2 .....	68	31,678	5,918.60	13,974.40
Gwynns Falls .....	68	18,416	3,073.97	9,113.91
Patterson .....	65	68,558	11,418.65	14,612.90
Riverside .....	69	37,937	5,866.70	9,703.74
Roosevelt .....	69	16,249	2,643.70	6,441.93
<b>TOTALS</b> .....	<b>604</b>	<b>295,358</b>	<b>\$51,505.73</b>	<b>\$94,305.68</b>

A two-year comparison:

	<i>Days Open</i>	<i>Total Patrons</i>	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Cost Over Revenue</i>
1955 .....	604	295,358	\$51,505.73	\$94,305.68	\$42,799.95
1956 .....	469	155,741	\$28,079.71	\$84,628.77	\$56,549.00

## Fort Smallwood

Fort Smallwood Park is located in Anne Arundel County on the Chesapeake Bay at the mouth of the Patapsco River and Rock Creek. Ample facilities for picnicking as well as two fully equipped bathing beaches are offered for relaxation from the city's heat. Like the pools, Fort Smallwood was operated on a fully integrated basis during 1956 and as the charts which follow will show the attendance at both the beaches and in the park increased over the previous years.

	<i>Beach Attendance</i>	<i>Park Attendance</i>	<i>Revenue</i>
1956 .....	47,711	268,990	\$4,705.24
1955 .....	44,236	222,876	\$4,435.49

The combined cost of operating the park and bathing beaches at Fort Smallwood for 1956 was \$31,002.97. In 1955 it was \$39,152.46.

## BUREAU OF PARKS

### SUMMARY COST STATEMENT OF OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR 1956

#### 1—GENERAL EXPENSES

11	Administrative Expenses— Executive Division .....	\$ 58,871.07	
15	Injuries and Damages .....	280.53	\$ 59,151.60

#### 2—OPERATING EXPENSES

21	Operating Management Expenses ....	\$642,544.84	
22	Squares, Blvd. Parking & Special Lot Expenses .....	113,242.44	
23	Playground Expenses .....	27,270.70	
24	Small Park Expenses .....	129,763.20	
25	Large Parks Expenses .....	756,452.13	
25-A	Stadium Expenses .....	178,028.52	
26	Golf Expenses .....	205,898.21	
27	Pools Expenses .....	70,014.04	
28	Zoological Expenses .....	144,254.05	
29-A	Fire Damage .....	95.38	
29-B	Forestry Nursery Expenses .....	3,686.06	
29-C	Forestry Expense—Public Highways ..	75,659.69	2,346,909.26

### 3—MAINTENANCE EXPENSES

31	General Repairs .....	\$ 76,452.00	
32	Squares, Blvd. Parking & Special Lot Repairs .....	16,068.68	
33	Playground Repairs .....	12,578.13	
34	Small Parks Repairs .....	31,321.72	
35	Large Parks Repairs .....	171,143.22	
35-A	Stadium Repairs .....	30,557.82	
36	Golf Repairs .....	18,655.53	
37	Pools Repairs .....	18,475.13	
38	Zoological Repairs .....	17,616.11	392,868.34

### 4—MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE AND EXPENSES

46-A	Gratuitous Work .....	\$ 8,197.78	
46-B	Special Services Rendered Other Bureaus .....	1,641.89	
47	Sundry Revenues and Expenses .....	173.87	10,013.54

### 5—RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

54	Interest Expense .....	147,718.75
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### 6—FIXED ASSETS AND FUNDS

60-A	Construction Work— Levy Appropriations .....	\$ 21,869.55	
61	General Properties .....	2,243.22	
65	Large Parks Properties .....	1,187.38	
68	Zoological Properties .....	1,744.48	
69	Miscellaneous Properties .....	71,428.87	98,473.50

#### TOTAL EXPENSES—

	BUREAU OF PARKS FUNDS .....	\$3,055,134.99
42-4	Accessory Enterprises (Billwork) .....	6,142.62
60-B	Construction Work—Sam Smith Park ..	27,247.14
60-C	Construction Work— Stadium Properties .....	7,010.81
60-D	Construction Work— Public Parks Bldg. Loan .....	323,354.00
60-E	Construction Work— Second Stadium Loan .....	306,550.67
60-F	Loch Raven Golf Course .....	69,319.31
60-G	Construction Work— Ortman Field—Patterson Park .....	36,229.78
60-H	Walbrook Oval .....	40,123.30
60-I	Paving in Front of Stadium .....	16,139.27

GRAND TOTAL ..... \$3,887,251.89

## BUREAU OF PARKS

### STATEMENT OF REVENUE FOR THE YEAR 1956

<b>Playgrounds and Playfields</b>			
Carroll—Lockers, Soap and Towels .....	\$	802.20	
Clifton—Lockers, Soap and Towels .....		1,392.35	
Patterson—Lockers, Soap and Towels .....		637.45	
Gwynn's Falls—Lockers, Soap and Towels .....		526.45	\$ 3,358.45
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<b>Golf</b>			
Carroll .....	\$	14,081.10	
Clifton .....		46,191.55	
Hillsdale .....		48,878.20	
Mt. Pleasant .....		60,441.10	169,591.95
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<b>Swimming and Wading Pools</b>			
Carroll .....	\$	198.20	
Clifton .....		4,449.30	
Druid Hill—No. 2 .....		1,943.60	
Druid Hill—No. 1 .....		5,986.80	
Gwynns Falls .....		1,403.39	
Patterson .....		6,036.50	
Riverside .....		3,644.80	
Roosevelt .....		2,239.80	
Cherry Hill .....		2,177.32	28,079.71
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<b>Concessions</b>			
Boat Lakes .....	\$	216.98	
Selling Concession Contract .....		13,080.00	
Concession—Fort Smallwood .....		4,705.24	18,002.22
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<b>Stadium</b>			
Baseball Rentals (Balto. Orioles) .....	\$	115,863.01	
Football Rentals (Colts) .....		23,452.54	
Football Rentals (Professional & College) ..		9,504.90	
Football Rentals (High School & Others) .....		350.00	
Baseball Concessions (Balto. Orioles) .....		27,544.78	
Football Concessions (Colts) .....		16,409.40	
Football Concessions (Professional & Collegiate) .....		2,049.31	
Football Concessions (High School & Other) .		1,373.16	
Other Rentals .....		16,395.68	
Other Concessions .....		5,986.59	
Telephone Commissions .....		823.64	
Advertising Commission .....		1,500.00	
Sale of Electricity .....		12,909.75	
Parking Concessions .....		8,772.11	
Office Rental (Balto. Baseball Club) .....		1,845.00	244,779.87
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Railway Tax .....			353,411.47
Fines—Park Violations .....			1,675.00
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<b>Miscellaneous</b>			
Rental Real Property .....	\$	4,407.00	
Sale of Electricity .....		726.09	
Commissions on Telephones .....		378.48	
Colonial Dames—Building Maintenance .....		250.00	
Maryland Yacht Club—Rental .....		1,200.00	
Maryland Yacht Club—Utility Service .....		817.62	
Sundry Revenue .....		648.48	8,427.67
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Baltimore Transit Bus Tax .....			300,224.51
Busses—Other than Baltimore Transit .....			2,772.24
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TOTAL REVENUE .....			<u>\$1,130,323.09</u>

**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**  
**DIVISION OF PARKS**

**Financial Statement of Appropriations as of December 31, 1956**

Account	Description	Forwarded		Appropriations	Increments	Total Credits	Expenditures	Encumbrances	Total Expenditures	Balance
		From	Years							
8.13A	Salaries	—	—	\$ 693,803.00	\$ 337.59	\$ 694,140.59	\$ 711,303.31	—	\$ 711,303.31	(\$17,162.72)
8.14	Labor	—	—	1,551,000.00	51,775.73	1,602,775.73	1,503,205.33	—	1,503,205.33	99,570.40
8.15	Expenses	—	—	600,000.00	34,632.16	634,632.16	596,691.30	\$61,044.00	657,735.30	(23,103.14)
8.14D	Pools	—	—	66,000.00	—	66,000.00	48,412.13	—	48,412.13	17,587.87
	<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	—	—	\$2,910,803.00	\$ 86,745.48	\$2,997,548.48	\$2,859,612.07	\$61,044.00	\$2,920,656.07	\$76,892.41
	Compensated Work	—	—	—	7,943.84	7,943.84	6,540.39	—	6,540.39	1,403.45
	To Other Funds	—	—	—	(78,295.86)	(78,295.86)	—	—	—	(78,295.86)
	<b>TOTAL</b>	—	—	\$2,910,803.00	\$ 16,393.46	\$2,927,196.46	\$2,866,152.46	\$61,044.00	\$2,927,196.46	\$ 0.00
8.23	Stadium Improvements	—	\$ 3,848.00	—	—	3,848.00	3,848.00	—	3,848.00	0.00
8.27	Administration Building	—	13,049.00	—	—	13,049.00	13,049.00	—	13,049.00	0.00
8.305D	Park Bldg. Loan	—	580,054.07	—	570,000.00	1,150,054.07	323,263.05	10,054.00	333,317.05	816,737.02
8.33	Sam Smith Park	—	—	30,000.00	—	30,000.00	27,247.14	—	27,247.14	2,752.86
8.30	Loch Raven Golf	—	—	50,000.00	—	50,000.00	58,517.12	1,800.00	60,317.12	(10,317.12)
8.31	Walbrook Oval	—	—	40,000.00	—	40,000.00	40,000.00	—	40,000.00	0.00
8.32	Stadium Paving	—	—	12,000.00	—	12,000.00	12,000.00	—	12,000.00	0.00
8.303	Third Park Loan	—	—	570,000.00	(570,000.00)	—	—	—	—	0.00
	Forward to 1957	—	—	—	(809,172.76)	(809,172.76)	—	—	—	(809,172.76)
	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	—	\$596,951.07	\$3,612,803.00	(\$792,779.30)	\$3,416,974.77	\$3,344,076.77	\$72,898.00	\$3,416,974.77	\$0.00

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## B. BUREAU OF RECREATION

(MR. HAROLD S. CALLOWHILL, *Superintendent*)

### PLANNING TOGETHER FOR SCHOOL-RECREATION CENTERS

The need for expanded play space in our growing city has been emphasized by increased demands of neighborhood groups, who consider playgrounds and recreational facilities as community essentials. Toward this end much progress is being made in the joint planning of future facilities by Recreation and School officials.

A recent pamphlet published by the Department of Planning points out that the neighborhood can be served most efficiently by combining schools and play space into a center which will serve as the focal point of the community—the hub of neighborhood activity. In this way the school of tomorrow is not a 6-hour-a-day plant designed solely for the education of children. It is rather a day and night center for cultural and recreational activity for all ages—the heart of a good neighborhood. The Baltimore Planning Commission believes that there is probably no phase of city planning that is more important for the present, or that holds greater promise for the future than in planning for the joint use of public schools and recreational facilities.

To date five combined School-Recreation buildings have been approved for construction by the Board of Recreation and Parks and the Board of School Commissioners. The first of these will be the Hazelwood Elementary School-Recreation Center to be located at Hazelwood and Hamilton Avenues in Gardenville. Construction will start early in 1957. This project will be followed by the Mount Royal School-Recreation Center to be located in the 1500 block of John Street. Architectural plans are being drawn for the Howard Park School-Recreation Center to be situated at Liberty Heights and Woodbine Avenues. The Urban Renewal and Housing Agency is cooperating with the Departments of Recreation and Parks and Education in the development of a fourth Center which will be located within the Lexington Terraces Housing Project and a fifth Center of this type is being planned to the north of Harlem Park.

The Board of Recreation and Parks authorized a Capital Improvement Program of \$2,000,000.00 which is to be submitted to the General Assembly for approval as an Enabling Act. Subject to approval by the voters, this program will make it possible to develop seven additional School-Recreation Centers in addition to other recreation projects.



## AGENCY TEAMWORK FOR YOUTH

An Inter-Divisional Committee on Problems of Individuals has been organized by the Council of Social Agencies for the purpose of studying the need and a suitable method of clearance between casework agencies and recreational agencies regarding the problems of individuals. The Committee's function is to determine the need for improved interagency communication with respect to failures of children and youth who present unusual and pressing behavior, health, family or social problems. The committee has met regularly during the year 1956 and has explored projects to clarify appropriate ways by which agencies and institutions concerned with health, welfare, recreation and education can better mobilize their resources in a teamwork fashion to provide services to these individuals in order to avert social breakdown. Progress has been made toward developing a suitable structure and methods of procedure to deal with such problems on a continuing basis. The committee will function in the South Broadway area. The Bureau of Recreation is very active in this work and believes that through its programs and leadership at a number of playgrounds and recreation centers much can be accomplished toward rehabilitating youth and in delinquency prevention.

## TRAINING

Recreation Centers are only as effective as their leaders. People, all ages, with a wide variety of tastes and changing interests come to the centers to participate in their chosen activities. The Bureau maintains several training programs for leaders in order that they may continue to develop their talents, skills and understanding necessary to provide satisfactory leisure-time programs for many different interests. The In-Service Training School for year-round personnel meets a total of 90 hours each year; the Training School for summer playground leaders meets 20 hours each season; Training Schools for major sports officials such as football, basketball, baseball and softball are conducted each season; two additional training projects were conducted by the Bureau in 1956 as follows: one for Patterson Park High School students and another for the Union Memorial Nurses Training Program where students spent six days observing and studying play reactions of normal children in contrast with sick children.

A Public School Science Workshop was conducted by the Bureau's Supervisor of Nature and Garden Activities in June. Eighteen teachers attended and all received credit for these meetings. Class members took notes and received information to be used for the elementary grades in teaching nature appreciation. Germination experiments, garden procedure, the care of plants for the classroom, how plants multiply and tree identification were stressed. These Workshops seem worthwhile for they acquaint more teachers with the vastness of the field and the many possibilities to give the children basic understanding and appreciation of growing things.

## JUNE—RECREATION MONTH

In cooperation with the National Recreation Association, Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro, Jr. proclaimed the month of June as "Recreation Month" in Baltimore. In his proclamation he emphasized the fact that recreation is essential to the well-being of all citizens, both young and old, and urged that all familiarize themselves with the many parks, recreation fields and other facilities furnished for them by the City of Baltimore and further advocated public participation in the various events being arranged by the Department of Recreation and Parks. During Recreation Month a Recreation Exhibit appeared in the window of the main library and another in the window of the Air Force Headquarters. The newspapers carried feature stories of our summer recreation activities and television and radio programs were presented throughout the month. The Baltimore Public Schools Staff Newsletter carried a story on National Recreation Month and the B & O Police showed their safety film at a number of Recreation Centers.



NEW SOUTH BALTIMORE PLAYGROUND IN HEAVILY POPULATED AREA—  
SHARP & HAMBURG STS.

## INTERNATIONAL RECREATION SERVICE

In a movement to share in a cooperative project for building international friendship and to spread the knowledge and values of recreation throughout the world, the International Recreation Service of the National Recreation Association arranged for about 30 leaders from top administrative and executive levels chosen

from the free nations of the world to be brought to America from June to October under a Cooperative Exchange Program. The purpose of this project was to study, observe and participate in the recreation movement as a means of life enrichment and obtain a first-hand experience of democratic living in homes, schools, churches and industries as guests of local communities. The Bureau of Recreation, at no expense to the City, sponsored Mr. Paolo Vinci, Public Relations Director for Italy's ENAL, for a period of 28 days—June 27 to July 24. The Bureau also acted as host to Mr. Wadood A. Jilani, of Karachi, Pakistan and to Mrs. Stina Wretlind-Larsson, of Stockholm, Sweden, for short periods. These visitors were received in a friendly, hospitable and understanding spirit by all those with whom they came in contact and they seemed very grateful for the opportunity to see how the American people live, work and play. Their interest in recreation was particularly profound and sincere and they indicated an enthusiastic desire to take back to their respective foreign lands a vivid picture of the "real America"—its hard work, its great heart, its simple pleasures and its democracy in action.

#### HIGHLIGHTS OF 1956

A total of 6,980 registered in the dance classes in 28 Recreation Centers during 1956. Of this number, 4,420 enrolled in Tap Dance Classes, 2,237 in Ballet and 323 in Ballroom Classes. The Body Conditioning Classes attracted 250 women and 137 women took advantage of free bowling lessons offered through the Monumental Bowling Alley Operators Association.

More than 200 girls from the Lafayette Courts Recreation Center, 5-15 years of age, engaged in dancing classes this year. For the first time at this Center, a dance specialist gave instructions to members of the tap class who paid for this service. The large number of enthusiasts in ballet classes were directed by volunteer leaders. Both groups assisted with the Christmal Festival, Spring Review, Mother-Daughter Banquet, and were formally presented at the Dance Recital.

Twenty children registered in the recreation music groups were selected to receive season tickets to the Young People's Concerts which were presented at the Museum of Art on five Saturday mornings.

A new adult drama group has been developed—The Spotlighters. After several varied workshop productions and a summer session devoted to "stage-crafting" they chose a project which gave great pleasure to the young people of Baltimore. On December 15 they presented a modified version of Maeterlinck's *THE BLUE BIRD*. Complimentary tickets were mailed, upon request, to all orphanages, children's hospitals, scout troops, private schools and were also distributed to interested children at all of our Recreation Centers.

Using the theme "Musical America" the Gilmor Recreation Center had its third annual musical review early in April. This dramatic presentation is quite unique because all ages and organized center groups participate. Included in this year's show were members of the Kiddie Klub, tap and ballet classes, music, dramatic and craft classes. The script was written by the whole cast under the guidance of the leader, scene-changing and stage-craft was done by the craft classes, costumes were made by the Golden Age Club, and the Mothers and Fathers Club members were used as stage hands, make-up artists and ticket sellers. Other performers came from the Social and Athletic Clubs. Sixty children and adults appeared in the review. Approximately 300 people saw the show.

The City-wide Track and Field Meet for this Olympic Year was re-named the "Playground Olympics." Each center took part and represented a nation with the boys and girls dressing in the costumes of that country. Four hundred and forty-three boys took part in the track and field events which were preceded by an impressive Olympic ceremony.

Seventy bicycle rodeos were held with over 1,800 boys and girls taking part. Two district rodeos were sponsored by community groups. The northwest rodeo was sponsored by the Safety-First Club of Baltimore and the northern rodeo was sponsored by Scout Troop #606 in cooperation with the North Baltimore Kiwanis Club and the Bureau of Recreation. Eighty-two volunteers worked on two consecutive Saturdays to make this event a success.

Over 900 boys and 1,857 girls took part in the Parochial School Games, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and conducted by the Bureau of Recreation in cooperation with the Parochial Schools of Baltimore.

More than 100 teams took part in playground softball leagues with 15 league winners taking part in the city-wide tournaments for under 13 and under 15 year old boys.

The Guide Newspaper sponsored the Annual Swim Meet at Patterson Park with 140 participants. Many events were pointed toward the beginner swimmers.

Sixty-two teams played informal playground baseball this year with many volunteer coaches, managers and umpires.

The Sixth Annual Mother-Daughter Banquet climaxed the indoor program of the Chick Webb Memorial Recreation Center. More than 100 mothers and daughters enjoyed the evening together amid beautiful decorations, wholesome fellowship and delicious food. To show the mothers a cross section of the regular program, members of the dancing class, choral group, girls' clubs and dramatic club performed during the evening's activities. Orchids were awarded to the oldest and youngest mother present as well as to the mother with the largest number of children. Members of male groups in the center served the ladies throughout the evening.

A large crowd gathered around the Children's Chorus singing in the Sculpture Court of the Museum of Art at the opening of the Annual Greens Conservation Exhibit on Friday afternoon, December 14. Hundreds of these spectators joined the children in singing familiar carols for 30 minutes. After this they followed the 125 carollers to the steps of the Museum where they hailed in joyous carols the initial lighting of the Christmas Tree across the driveway.

"The Hurricanes," an all-girl Drum and Bugle Corps, associated with the Claremont Homes Recreation Center, opened the 1956 season by participating in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. They also participated in 50 other engagements, including 5 Little League Baseball opening games and other charitable activities. This group traveled over 3,500 miles from March 17 to November 11, covering the states of Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Virginia, Ohio and the District of Columbia, competing in parades and exhibitions. In field competition they won 17 first prizes and 11 second prizes. This is one of seven all-girl corps in the United States and is considered one of the best trained in the nation, according to the Chicago World Newspaper. At present they are working hard for the American Legion State Championship to be held in Baltimore in July, 1957 and the American Legion National Championship to be held in Atlantic City September 14-19. With the exception of the salary of the leader-in-charge of this group all expenses are paid from private sources.

Building improvements at the Patterson Casino and Pavilion have made possible a broader and better program in the Patterson Park Area. Heat on the Casino porches provided additional space for activity during the winter months. At the Pavilion, because of heat installation, a children's daily afternoon program was made possible as well as many other activities. Large community programs such as The Fair, The Circus, Dance Recitals, Concerts, Golden Age Club meetings are all possible now that this building is adequate at all seasons of the year.

The Canton Playground children boasted a banner harvest of crops from their vegetable garden this summer. It would seem that every finger on every hand of every small gardener was a "green thumb" judging from the amazing yield of varied vegetables harvested—scallions, turnips, tomatoes, lettuce, kale, radishes, corn, carrots, squash, egg-plant, snap beans, lima beans and peppers were taken home by the children who grew them so that everyone in the family could have a fair share of his favorite vegetable while it was still fresh from the earth.

An outstanding feature of arts and crafts work with children at the Mt. Royal Recreation Center was a miniature diorama of a painting of Mary Pickersgill and her daughter Caroline sewing the American Flag. The faces of the five children in the room were modeled by youngsters and beautifully done; the ladies' dresses

and Generals' uniforms were made by mothers of children interested in the project; the room itself, windows, doors and all carpentry work was done by the Director of the Center with a great deal of help from boys of his woodwork class. Old doll furniture, china, and pewter were secured from several sources. All worked together, making a very successful reproduction. The diarama was first displayed in one of the Pratt Library windows, then shown at the Flower Mart at the Washington Monument and finally given to the Flag House as a permanent exhibit.

The Adult Craft Club of the Chick Webb Memorial Recreation Center broadened their interests and skills this year. In addition to ceramics, the members engaged themselves with enamel and wire jewelry crafts with very satisfying results. The wide variety of projects were both useful and attractive, thus making for a nice exhibit at the end of the twelve-week session. Fees paid by the individual members covered the total cost of instruction, supplies and items of equipment.

The Bureau of Recreation this year was invited to exhibit at the Timonium Fair. With the help of our maintenance department a very nice display of weaving, pottery, enamel and jewelry was shown. Many people stopped at our booth and expressed surprise that the Baltimore Bureau of Recreation classes produced work of the calibre shown. The booth was staffed all day with demonstrations of jewelry-making, weaving, pottery and enameling at scheduled periods of time.

The Cylburn Wildflower Preserve and Garden Center has made progress this year. The adoption of the By-Laws in May was of major importance. With this action the organization was able to offer membership to groups whose interests are similar to those of Cylburn and encourage active and associate membership. Volunteers have given unstintingly of their time and energy to plant in the woodland 213 plants purchased in the spring and fall. A group of volunteers marked desirable shrubs at Prettyboy. With the cooperation of the Bureau of Parks, approximately 20 shrubs were then moved into special locations at Cylburn. In addition, more than 450 plants were collected by members of the working committee from surrounding areas and transplanted to the proper position in the woods. In April, Dr. Edgar T. Wherry, expert on soil reaction and leading authority on the culture of wild flowers, visited the Preserve and submitted a very detailed and helpful report suggesting what plants to grow on various slopes and how to develop the woodland to the best advantage. Plans are going forward for the use of the first floor of the mansion for the Garden Center. It includes a library, meeting and exhibit rooms and field offices for the Wildflower Preserve and Garden Center. The Department of Education is cooperating with the Department of Recreation and Parks to make it possible for children to have an opportunity to study the native plants and continue science activities during school hours.

The Iota Chapter, Kappa Lambda Mu Sorority, in conjunction with the North Baltimore Civic and Home Improvement Association, combined forces on Sunday, October 28 to give a "Musical Tea" at Greenmount Recreation Center in order to raise funds for many needed articles. As a result, the two organizations were able to present to the Greenmount Center a 21-inch screen RCA Victor Television, a portable radio and a teletone clock.

The summer of 1956 was a busy one for little children on Baltimore's playgrounds. Many clubs were formed—adventure, pee-wee, safety patrol, clean-up, travel, kindness, early bird and others. "Around the World in Nine Weeks" filled the season with songs, stories, games and folk festivals. The countries visited included England, Ireland, Scotland, France, Italy, Germany, Holland, Poland, Japan and China in the children's world of make-believe. Oddities in the news included Red Letter Days, a Turtle Derby, Frog Hop, Freckle and Pigtail Contests, Shoe, Umbrella, Doll, Fashion and Hat Shows. Travel Clubs went to the Coca-Cola plant, Fort McHenry, the Zoo, B & O Museum, Washington, Annapolis, Newspaper Plants, Forest Preserve and Boat Trips. Eggs had their day on Easter Monday with egg rolling, egg and spoon dash, egg hunt—with best creations and decorations judged and rewarded. A May Queen reigned for a day and the children honored the Queen with May Pole dances and other appropriate activities. Circuses and Fairs exceeded all other years and the 4th of July was observed by thousands of children who participated in contests, bicycle rodeos, roller skating, treasure hunts and water events.

Recreation leaders cooperated with the Baltimore Hearing Society in integrating deaf and hard of hearing children into play groups of normal children. The purpose was to help the impaired children make a healthy social adjustment and enable them to fit into society more easily as they mature.

Wading pools offer great fun and relief from heat to many children throughout the city. The pool at the Canton Market Playground plays an important part in the lives of the small children of that neighborhood. Every sunny day finds the playground turned into a miniature "seashore," with its gay beach umbrellas, its chairs and benches and colorful beach towels. Picnickers—whole families of them—spread their lunches under the adjoining pavilion shelter, bring their own beach chairs and make a day of it. Baby sleeps in a guarded corner while brother and sister splash in the cool waters, ride the rubber sea-horses or take a trip in the rubber boats. Through it all, the leaders keep a watchful eye, and mother relaxes knowing "all is well." Similar activities are conducted at the other wading pools throughout the city.



FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION AT PLAYFIELDS AND RECREATION CENTERS  
THROUGHOUT THE CITY  
GAMES—RACES—AND THEN A COOLING DIP

## DIVISION OF AMATEUR SPORTS

The amateur sports program operated successfully during the year 1956 with baseball once more showing a healthy increase. The following figures indicate the participation in the various sports:

<i>Boys and Men</i>	<i>Leagues</i>	<i>Teams</i>	<i>Players</i>
Baseball .....	91	488	7,452
Football .....	10	62	1,471
Softball .....	74	412	6,134
Basketball .....	61	308	2,719
Soccer .....	4	22	382
	—	—	—
	240	1,292	18,158



*Girls and Women*

Softball .....	7		35		606	
Basketball .....	14	21	81	116	957	1,563
Totals .....		261		1,408		19,721

STATISTICS—1956	Enrollment	Attendance	No. Centers
Playgrounds .....	26,747	1,235,936	73
Community Centers ....	46,943	2,042,665	36
Indoor Centers .....	8,132	120,625	29
Swimming Pools .....	2,017	13,932	9
Special Activities .....	25,227	251,589	—
	109,066	3,664,747	147

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
DIVISION OF RECREATION**

Summary Cost Statement of Operating Expenses for the Year 1956

**1—GENERAL EXPENSES**

11	Administrative Expenses .....	\$100,948.48	
13	Leadership Training School .....	235.28	\$ 101,183.76

**2—OPERATING EXPENSES**

21	Field Supervision Expenses .....	\$118,919.08	
22	Playground Expenses .....	195,990.91	
23	Community Centers Expenses .....	481,759.55	
24	Indoor Centers Expenses .....	13,848.17	
25	Recreational Activities Expenses .....	32,810.99	
26	Municipal Sports Expenses .....	31,906.51	875,235.21

**3—MAINTENANCE EXPENSES**

31	General Maintenance .....		29,181.85
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Total Expenses—			
Department of Recreation Funds			\$1,005,600.82
	Levy Appropriation .....	\$ 1,544.00	
42	Accessory Enterprises .....	150,550.30	
60-B	Recreation Loan Construction .....	609,315.07	
60-D	Brooklyn Recreation Center .....	45,000.00	806,409.37
			<u>\$1,812,010.19</u>

**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**  
**DIVISION OF RECREATION**

**Financial Statement of Appropriations and Loan Funds as of December 31, 1956**

Account	Description	Forwarded From 1955	Appropriations	Increments	Total Credits	Expenditures Encumbrances	Total Expenditures	Balance
8.16 A	Salaries .....	—	\$ 678,877.00	(\$40,946.04)	\$ 637,930.96	\$ 630,501.60	\$ 630,501.60	\$7,429.36
8.16 D	Part Time Salaries .....	—	225,000.00	40,085.00	265,085.00	257,694.97	257,694.97	7,390.03
8.17	Expenses .....	—	115,000.00	980.56	115,980.56	118,258.48	123,490.48	(7,509.92)
	Sub-Total .....	—	\$1,018,877.00	\$119.52	\$1,018,996.52	\$1,006,455.05	\$1,011,687.05	\$7,309.47
	To Supplemental Funds .....	—	—	(7,309.47)	(7,309.47)	—	—	(7,309.47)
	TOTAL .....	—	\$1,018,877.00	(\$7,189.95)	\$1,011,687.05	\$1,006,455.05	\$1,011,687.05	\$0.00
8.303 D	Recreation Loan Constr. ....	\$895,563.45	—	801,514.97	1,697,078.42	567,021.24	774,272.24	922,806.18
8.304	3rd Rec. Loan .....	—	954,290.00	(954,290.00)	0.00	—	—	0.00
8.205	Brooklyn Rec. Center .....	45,000.00	—	—	45,000.00	45,000.00	45,000.00	0.00
8.302	Second Rec. Loan .....	21,152.74	—	(21,152.74)	0.00	—	—	0.00
	Forward to 1957 .....	—	—	(922,806.18)	(922,806.18)	—	—	(922,806.18)
	TOTAL .....	\$961,716.19	\$1,973,167.00	(\$1,103,923.90)	\$1,830,959.29	\$1,618,476.29	\$212,483.00	\$1,850,959.29
	TOTAL .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	\$0.00

( ) Indicates Negative Figure

## C. BUREAU OF MUSIC

(MR. EARL F. FORMAN, *Superintendent*)

The Bureau of Music, in the summer of 1956, presented another season of carefully planned outdoor concerts and special programs which were designed to give the utmost pleasure and entertainment to the citizens of Baltimore.

The attendance at all of the concerts was very gratifying. However, heavy rains which occurred throughout the season, particularly in the month of July, disrupted the band schedules considerably and necessitated the cancellation of several concerts or portions of concerts.

The Superintendent of the Bureau of Music would like to make special mention of an interesting and pleasant situation which developed during the summer. One of the new sites included in the schedule of the No. 1 Park Concert Band is located in picturesque Hanlon Park. In a covered pavilion, surrounded by beautiful old shade trees, appropriate lighting and seating arrangements were provided for the conductor and musicians.

On the evening of the initial concert at Hanlon Park it rained very heavily and it seemed that the concert would have to be canceled. Despite the rain, groups of people from the surrounding area arrived on the scene equipped with raincoats and umbrellas. Chairs were moved under the sheltering trees and, there, protected from the rain, those who had come to hear the concert remained seated and showed no inclination to leave. The conductor of the No. 1 Park Concert Band and the musicians, inspired by the genuine enjoyment of these music lovers, completed the concert. This episode was repeated many times during the summer at this location, since, unfortunately, it rained on many of the evenings on which concerts were scheduled. Instances like those just narrated confirm the constantly increasing popularity of the bands.

In addition to the regularly scheduled concerts, the Bureau of Music offered several special programs and participated in other local events.

### *Fourth of July Concert at Mount Vernon Place*

The annual Fourth of July Concert at Mount Vernon Place had to be canceled at the last minute because of a severe rainstorm. The large audience which had assembled in spite of the threatening skies was regretfully informed that the concert could not be given. A promise was made that the gifted young singer who had been engaged to appear on the program would be heard the following Thursday, when the No. 1 Municipal Concert Band would give its regular weekly concert at Mount Vernon Place. On the scheduled evening, the unusually large audience which had gathered, acknowledged with liberal applause the pleasure it derived from the vocalist's performance.

### *Polish Concert*

The annual concert commemorating the works of famous Polish composers was given on Sunday afternoon, July 14, at Patterson Park, before a large and appreciative audience.

### *City Hospitals Concert*

The concert which is included in the schedule each year for the patients and staff at the City Hospitals was presented on Sunday, July 1, and provided an enjoyable afternoon's diversion for those who attended.

### *Combined Concerts at Baltimore Memorial Stadium July 9, 1956*

The first of two combined concerts by the No. 1 Park Concert Band and the No. 1 Municipal Concert Band was given at the Baltimore Memorial Stadium, on Tuesday evening, July 9, before a large and enthusiastic audience. The theme of the program was "Musical Show Night," featuring music from such popular plays



BALLET NIGHT—BALTIMORE MEMORIAL STADIUM  
FEATURING COMBINED CONCERT BANDS AND ESTELLE DENNIS AND HER  
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as "Roberta," "Can-Can," "Carousel," and others. For this occasion the Bureau of Music had engaged a well-known quartette and an excellent chorus. Appropriate musical compositions were offered by the Concert Bands and the program included carefully selected motion pictures and community singing. The receptive audience applauded vigorously throughout the evening, and many of those who attended were heard to remark that they wished the concert could have been of longer duration.

#### *August 7, 1956*

The second and final combined concert by the No. 1 Park Concert Band and the No. 1 Municipal Concert Band took place at the Baltimore Memorial Stadium, on Tuesday evening, August 7. The program was entitled "Opera Night." The artists participating in the event, comprising excellent and well-trained soloists, a quartette, and a chorus, sang familiar selections from operas by Puccini, Bizet, Offenbach, and Verdi. The Concert Bands offered selections from operatic works by Wagner, Massenet, and other famous composers. Community singing and motion pictures rounded out a stimulating evening. The generous applause and frequent cheering from the record-breaking audience in attendance added to the gayety and confirmed the success of the program.

#### *August 5, 1956*

The annual concert by the No. 2 Concert Bands was planned for Sunday evening, August 5. An extremely heavy rainstorm which had occurred earlier in the day did not deter a large audience from attending the concert. A well-known soloist was featured, and the program included musical selections by the Combined Concert Bands, with the conductor from each band taking over a portion of the program. Community singing was included, and the outstanding Baltimore City Chorus contributed its customary share toward making the evening a complete success. The applause from the audience, as each number was presented, indicated its extreme pleasure.

#### *Baltimore City Orchestra and Chorus*

During the year 1956, the Baltimore City Orchestra and Chorus gave a number of successful concerts, featuring vocalists at various times, and on one occasion a talented eleven-year-old pianist. Large enthusiastic audiences attended these affairs.

## *Baltimore Symphony Orchestra*

As in previous years, through funds which are provided by Baltimore City and which are included in the budget of the Bureau of Music, a series of Saturday evening concerts by the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra was sponsored by the Bureau of Music, as well as a number of children's concerts. All of these programs, which are given at reduced rates, have proved to be very successful. The concerts presented especially for children provide an opportunity for these young listeners to become acquainted with the world's best-known and best-loved composers and their works and to develop a sense of musical appreciation which may well afford them much pleasure and enjoyment in the years that lie ahead.

### *"I-Am-An-American" Day and Flag Day*

The Bureau of Music, in response to an annual request by the authorities in charge of this event, again participated by presenting at Patterson Park, a concert by a fifty-piece Concert Band.

### *General Comments*

The Bureau of Music, which is constantly endeavoring to present to the public musical programs which will afford maximum pleasure to listeners of all ages, introduced during the 1956 summer season a number of musical compositions, some of which were heard for the first time in this section of the country.

In response to letters which were sent to all types of business firms, manufacturers, industrial plants, private associations and groups, and various branches of the Armed Forces, thousands of requests were received for programs and band schedules. In addition, countless requests for programs and schedules were received from individuals living outside Baltimore City. Approximately one hundred thousand programs, schedules, and community song sheets were prepared and distributed at the concerts throughout the summer.

During the year, the Bureau of Music received letters from officials in a number of key cities in the United States requesting information with respect to the organization and operation of the Baltimore City Bureau of Music, and expressing interest in developing similar bureaus in their respective cities. It gave the Superintendent of the Bureau great pleasure to respond promptly to these inquiries and to supply descriptive and explanatory data. There is no doubt that nationally the Baltimore City Bureau of Music has attained the enviable reputation of leadership in its field. Apparently at the present time more than at any time in the past there is a tendency to promote outdoor entertainment, with special emphasis on concert bands.



COMBINED CONCERT—BALTIMORE MEMORIAL STADIUM  
FEATURING SOLOISTS AND CHORUS IN "MUSICAL SHOW NITE"

It is the purpose of the Superintendent of the Bureau of Music to continue to devote his efforts to presenting to its loyal audiences superior, diversified programs.

The Superintendent of the Bureau of Music would like to take this opportunity to express his sincere appreciation to the Honorable Thomas D'Alesandro, Jr., Mayor of the City of Baltimore; to the Board of the Department of Recreation and Parks; to the Director of the Department of Recreation and Parks; to the Superintendent of Parks, and to the Baltimore City and Park Police, for their support and cooperation during 1956.

The musicians and other personnel who worked so conscientiously with the Bureau of Music are to be commended for their assistance in making the 1956 season a successful one.

The Superintendent is very grateful to the newspapers for the laudatory articles which appeared in their editorial columns about the Bureau of Music, and for the excellent publicity given in their daily editions with regard to the regularly scheduled concerts and special programs. The fine notices contributed by the weekly periodicals and the timely announcements made by the television and radio stations were very welcome and very effective.

The financial report for the Bureau of Music and the schedules of the Concert Bands are appended.

## 1956 SCHEDULE—NUMBER 1 CONCERT BANDS

Sunday Concerts 3:00-5:00 P.M.	Combined Concerts 8:30 P.M.	Week-Day Concerts 8:00-10:00 P.M.
	Number 1 Municipal Concert Band Wm. Sebastian Hart, Conductor	Number 1 Park Concert Band Gerald Eyth, Conductor
Sun.—June 17	Patterson Park	Druid Hill Park
Mon.—June 18	School—Wildwood Parkway	Carroll Park
Tues.—June 19	Union Square	Hanlon Park
Wed.—June 20	Dell—Charles & 31st Sts.	Patterson Park
Thurs.—June 21	Mt. Vernon Place	Carroll Park
Fri.—June 22	Canton Park	Clifton Park
Sun.—June 24	Patterson Park	Druid Hill Park
Mon.—June 25	School—Biddle St. & Patterson Park	Carroll Park
Tues.—June 26	Northwood Shopping Center	Hanlon Park
Wed.—June 27	Dell—Charles & 31st Sts.	Patterson Park
Thurs.—June 28	Mt. Vernon Place	Carroll Park
Fri.—June 29	Canton Park	Clifton Park
Sun.—July 1	Patterson Park	Druid Hill Park
Mon.—July 2	School—Millington Lane & Lehman St.	Carroll Park
Tues.—July 3	Edmondson Village	Hanlon Park
Wed.—July 4	Mt. Vernon Place— Patriotic Concert	Patterson Park
Thurs.—July 5	Open date	Open date
Fri.—July 6	Canton Park	Clifton Park
Sun.—July 8	Patterson Park	Druid Hill Park
Mon.—July 9	School—Harford & Louise Aves.	Carroll Park
Tues.—July 10	*Baltimore Memorial Stadium	*Baltimore Memorial Stadium
Wed.—July 11	Dell—Charles & 31st Sts.	Patterson Park
Thurs.—July 12	Mt. Vernon Place	Carroll Park
Fri.—July 13	Canton Park	Clifton Park
Sun.—July 15	Patterson Park	Druid Hill Park
Mon.—July 16	Springdale & Hillsdale Aves.	Carroll Park
Tues.—July 17	Norman & Mayfield Aves.	Hanlon Park
Wed.—July 18	Dell—Charles & 31st Sts.	Patterson Park
Thurs.—July 19	Mt. Vernon Place	Carroll Park
Fri.—July 20	Canton Park	Clifton Park
Sun.—July 22	Patterson Park	Druid Hill Park
Mon.—July 23	School—Brehms Lane & Chesterfield Ave.	Carroll Park
Tues.—July 24	School—Ashton & Pulaski Sts.	Hanlon Park
Wed.—July 25	Dell—Charles & 31st Sts.	Patterson Park
Thurs.—July 26	Mt. Vernon Place	Carroll Park
Fri.—July 27	Canton Park	Clifton Park
Sun.—July 29	Patterson Park	Druid Hill Park
Mon.—July 30	4800 Loch Raven Blvd.	Carroll Park
Tues.—July 31	School—Stiles & Central Ave.	Hanlon Park
Wed.—Aug. 1	Dell—Charles & 31st Sts.	Patterson Park
Thurs.—Aug. 2	Mt. Vernon Place	Carroll Park
Fri.—Aug. 3	Canton Park	Clifton Park



Sun.—Aug. 5	Patterson Park	Druid Hill Park
Mon.—Aug. 6	School—Rogers & Magnolia Aves.	Carroll Park
Tues.—Aug. 7	*Baltimore Memorial Stadium	*Baltimore Memorial Stadium
Wed.—Aug. 8	Dell—Charles & 31st Sts.	Patterson Park
Thurs.—Aug. 9	Mt. Vernon Place	Carroll Park
Fri.—Aug. 10	Canton Park	Clifton Park
Sun.—Aug. 12	Patterson Park	Druid Hill Park
Mon.—Aug. 13	School—Govans & Campbell Lane	Carroll Park
Tues.—Aug. 14	School—Lakewood Ave. & Oliver St.	Hanlon Park
Wed.—Aug. 15	Dell—Charles & 31st Sts.	Patterson Park
Thurs.—Aug. 16	Mt. Vernon Place	Clifton Park

\* Combined Concerts

## 1956 SCHEDULE—NUMBER 2 CONCERT BANDS

Sunday Concerts 3:00-5:00 P.M.	Combined Concerts 8:30 P.M.	Week-day Concerts 8:00-10:00 P.M.
	Number 2 Municipal Concert Band Harrison M. Dodd, Conductor	Number 2 Park Concert Band Charles E. Gwynn, Conductor
Sun.—June 3	Druid Hill Park Grove A	School—Calhoun & Laurens Sts.
Wed.—June 6		
Fri.—June 8	School—Francis St. & Clifton Ave.	
Sun.—June 10		Lafayette Square
Wed.—June 13	Perkins Square	School—Barre, Warner, Lee & Greene Sts.
Fri.—June 15		
Sun.—June 17	Harlem Square	1500 Argyle Ave. Musical Union Building
Fri.—June 22		
Sun.—June 24		Druid Hill Park Grove
Fri.—June 29	Gilmor Project	
Sun.—July 1	City Hospitals	School—Walbrook & Smallwood St.
Fri.—July 6		
Sun.—July 8		Madison Square
Fri.—July 13	School—22nd & Homewood	
Sun.—July 15	Druid Hill Park Grove A	Cherry Hill
Fri.—July 20		
Sun.—July 22		School—McElderry St.
Fri.—July 27	School—Mount & Saratoga Sts.	
Sun.—July 29	School—Federal & Greenmount Ave.	School—Saratoga & Schroeder Sts.
Fri.—Aug. 3		
Sun.—Aug. 5	Combined Concert at Druid Hill Park	
Fri.—Aug. 10	School—Chase & McDonogh Sts.	
Sun.—Aug. 12		Druid Hill Park Grove A

**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**  
**BUREAU OF MUSIC**

**Financial Statement of Appropriations as of December 31, 1956**

<i>Account</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Appropriations</i>	<i>Increments</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>Encumbrances</i>	<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<i>Balance</i>
8.10 A	Salaries .....	\$ 8,888.00	—	\$ 8,888.00	\$ 8,888.36	—	\$ 8,888.36	(\$ 0.36)
8.11	Expenses .....	50,975.00	—	50,975.00	51,442.33	—	51,442.33	( 467.33)
8.12	Balto. Symph. Orch.....	70,000.00	\$10,000.00	80,000.00	80,000.00	—	80,000.00	—
	Sub-Total .....	\$129,863.00	\$10,000.00	\$139,863.00	\$140,330.69	—	\$140,330.69	(\$467.69)
	From Supplemental Funds .....	—	467.69	467.69	—	—	—	467.69
	GRAND TOTAL .....	\$129,863.00	\$10,467.69	\$140,330.69	\$140,330.69	—	\$140,330.69	\$ 0.00

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**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**  
**DIVISION OF MUSIC**

Detail Cost Statement of Operating Expenses for the Year 1956

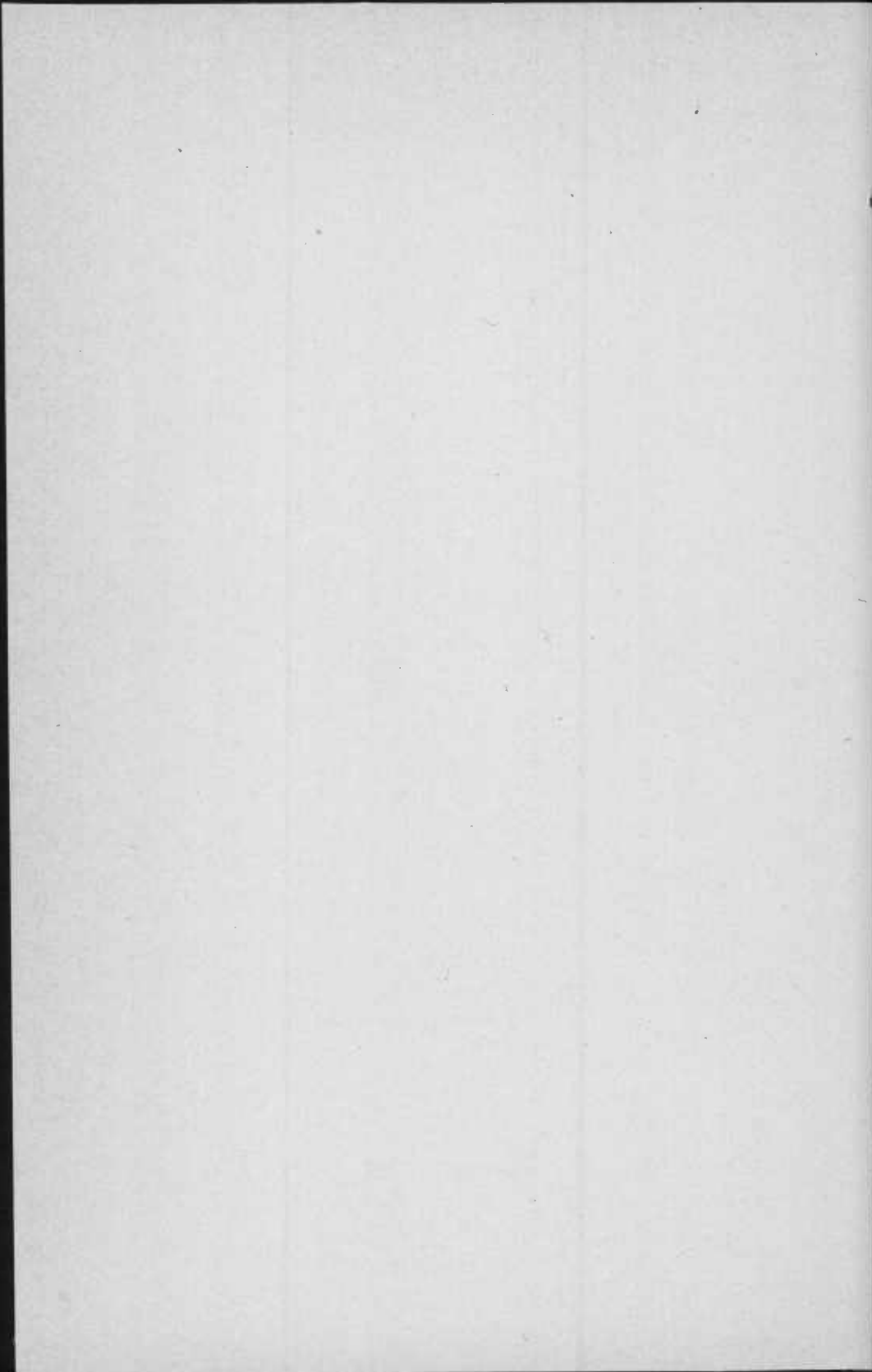
**1—General Expenses**

11	<b>Administrative Expenses</b>	
11-1	Pay and Expenses of Employees.....	\$ 8,888.36
11-2	Office Supplies and Expenses .....	660.90
11-9	Miscellaneous Expenses .....	12.93
	Sub-Total .....	\$ 9,562.19
	TOTAL 1—General Expenses....	\$ 9,562.19

**2—Operating Expenses**

21-1	Moving and Erecting Bandstands .....	\$ 2,829.77
	Sub-Total .....	\$ 2,829.77
22	<b>No. 1 Municipal Concert Band Expenses</b>	
22-1	Pay of Musicians .....	\$17,664.00
22-3	Musical Scores (or orchestrations) .....	72.61
22-9	Miscellaneous .....	79.84
	Sub-Total .....	\$17,816.45
23	<b>No. 1 Park Concert Band Expenses</b>	
23-1	Pay of Musicians .....	\$16,695.00
23-3	Musical Scores (or orchestrations) .....	65.85
23-9	Miscellaneous .....	150.00
	Sub-Total .....	\$16,910.85
24	<b>No. 2 Municipal Concert Band Expenses</b>	
24-1	Pay of Musicians .....	\$ 3,733.00
24-3	Musical Scores (or orchestrations) .....	7.88
24-9	Miscellaneous .....	35.04
	Sub-Total .....	\$ 3,775.92
25	<b>No. 2 Park Concert Band Expenses</b>	
25-1	Pay of Musicians .....	\$ 3,814.00
25-3	Musical Scores (or orchestrations) .....	10.80
	Sub-Total .....	\$ 3,824.80

26	<b>Baltimore City Orchestra and Chorus Expenses</b>		
26-1	Pay of Musicians .....	\$	2,135.00
26-2	Pay of Soloists .....		15.00
26-3	Musical Scores (or orchestrations) .....		166.73
26-9	Miscellaneous .....		55.88
	Sub-Total .....	\$	2,372.61
27	<b>Special Concerts Expense</b>		
27-1	Pay of Musicians .....	\$	350.00
27-2	Pay of Soloists .....		565.00
27-3	Musical Scores (or orchestrations) .....		135.07
27-6	Rental of Chairs .....		122.40
27-7	Rental of Motion Pictures & Spotlight Equipment .....		1,135.00
27-9	Miscellaneous .....		930.63
	Sub-Total .....	\$	3,238.10
29	<b>Baltimore Symphony Orchestra .....</b>	\$	80,000.00
	TOTAL 2--Operating Expenses ...		\$130,768.50
	GRAND TOTAL .....		\$140,330.69



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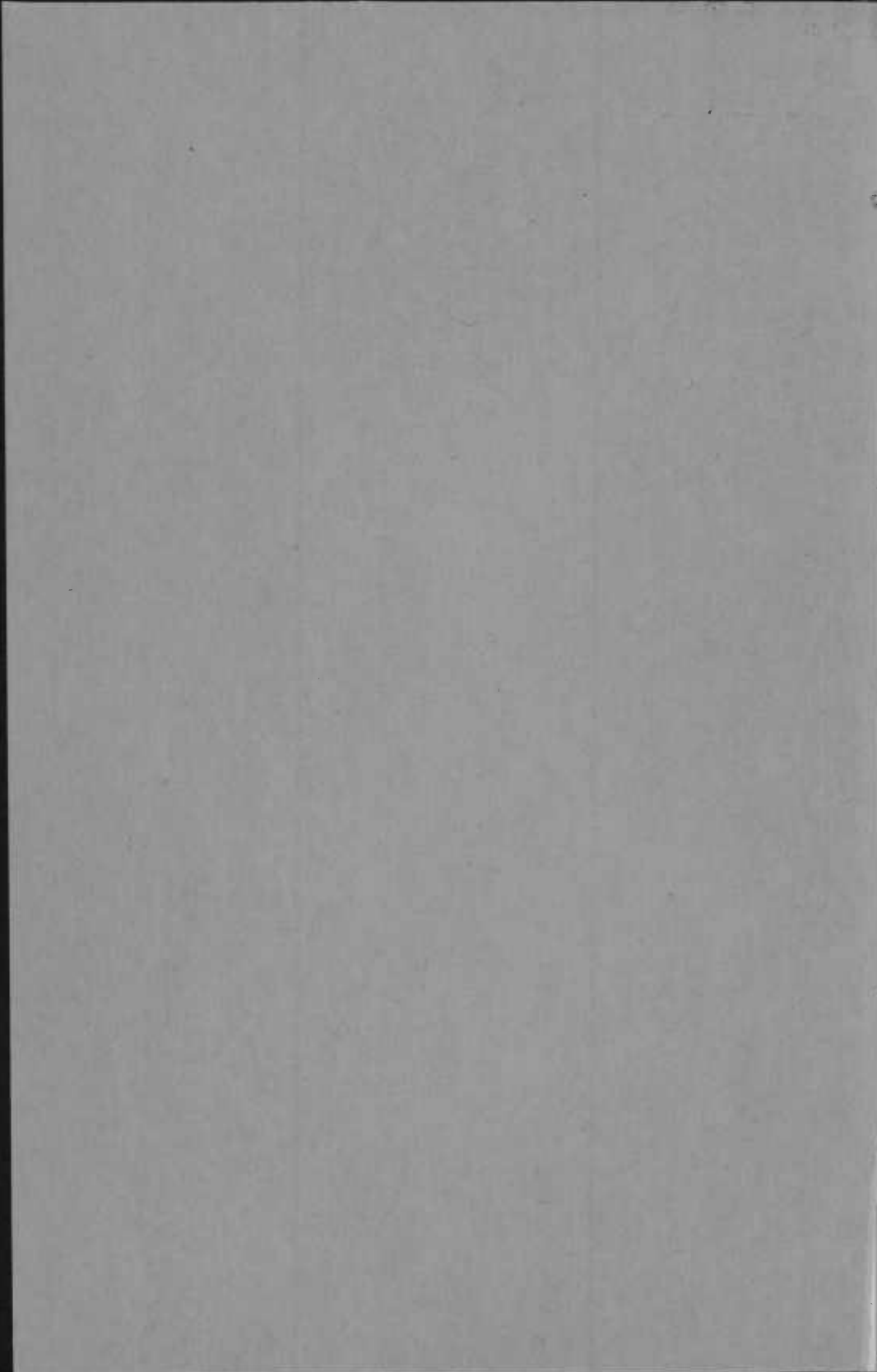
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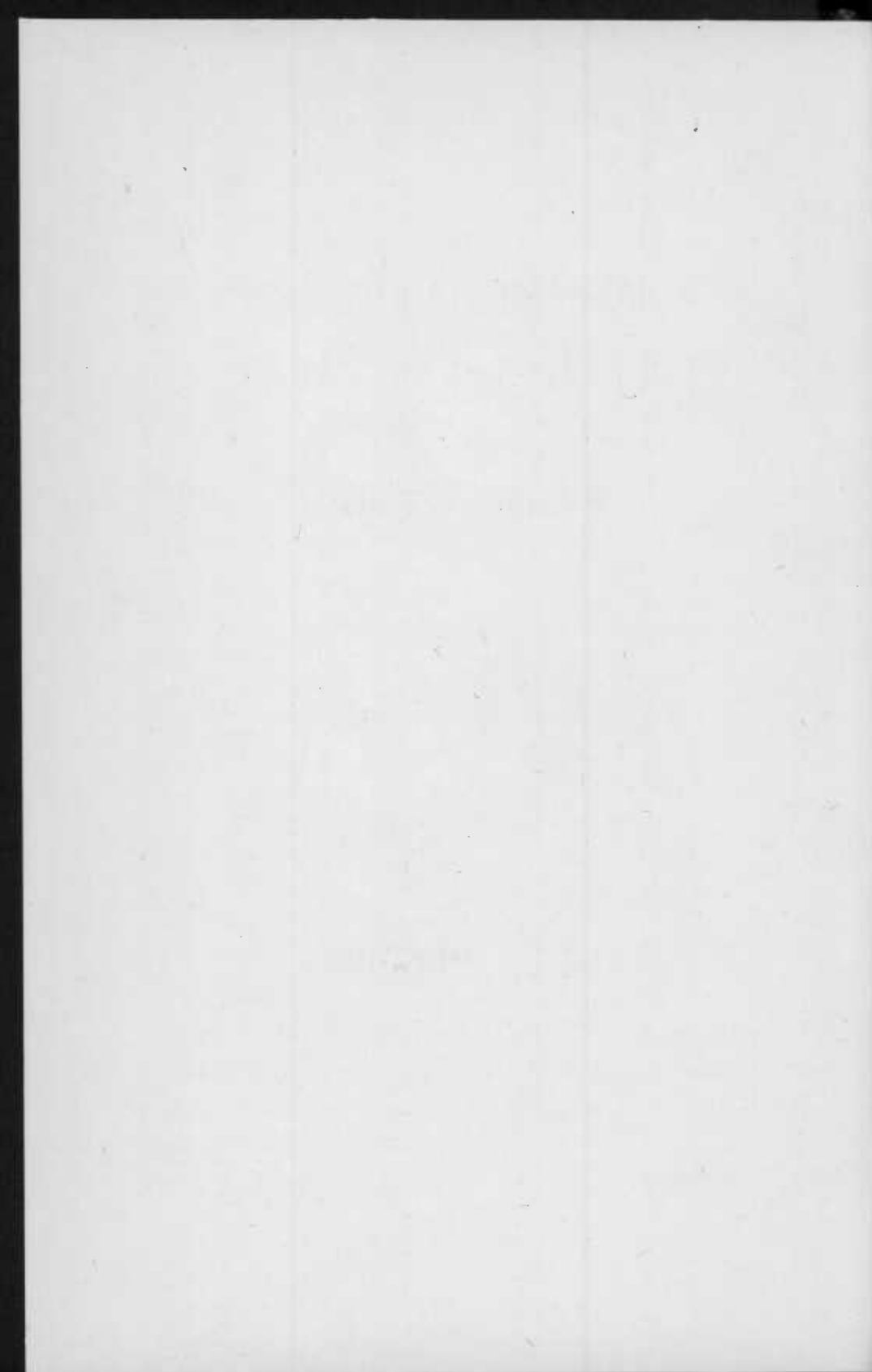
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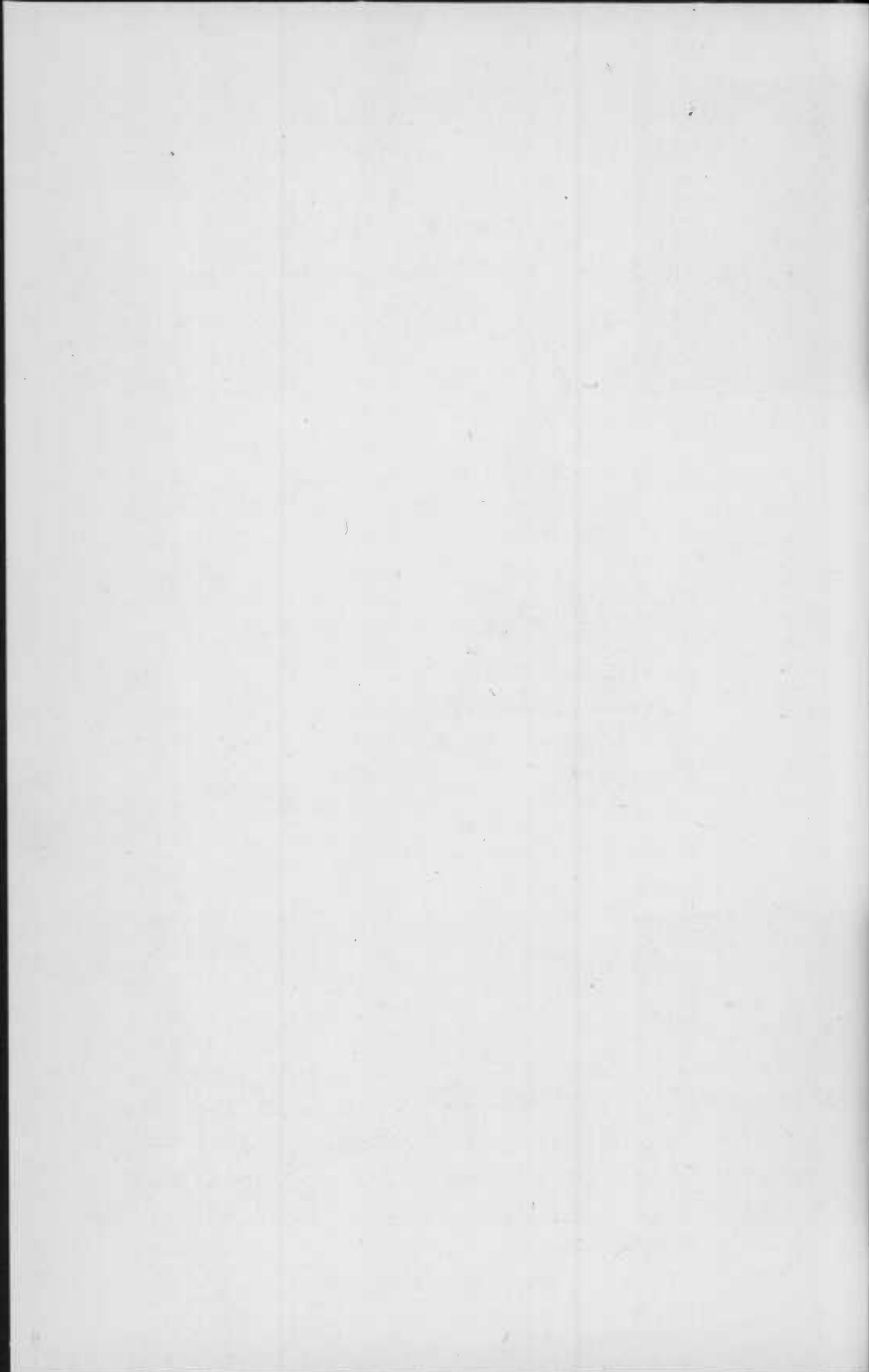
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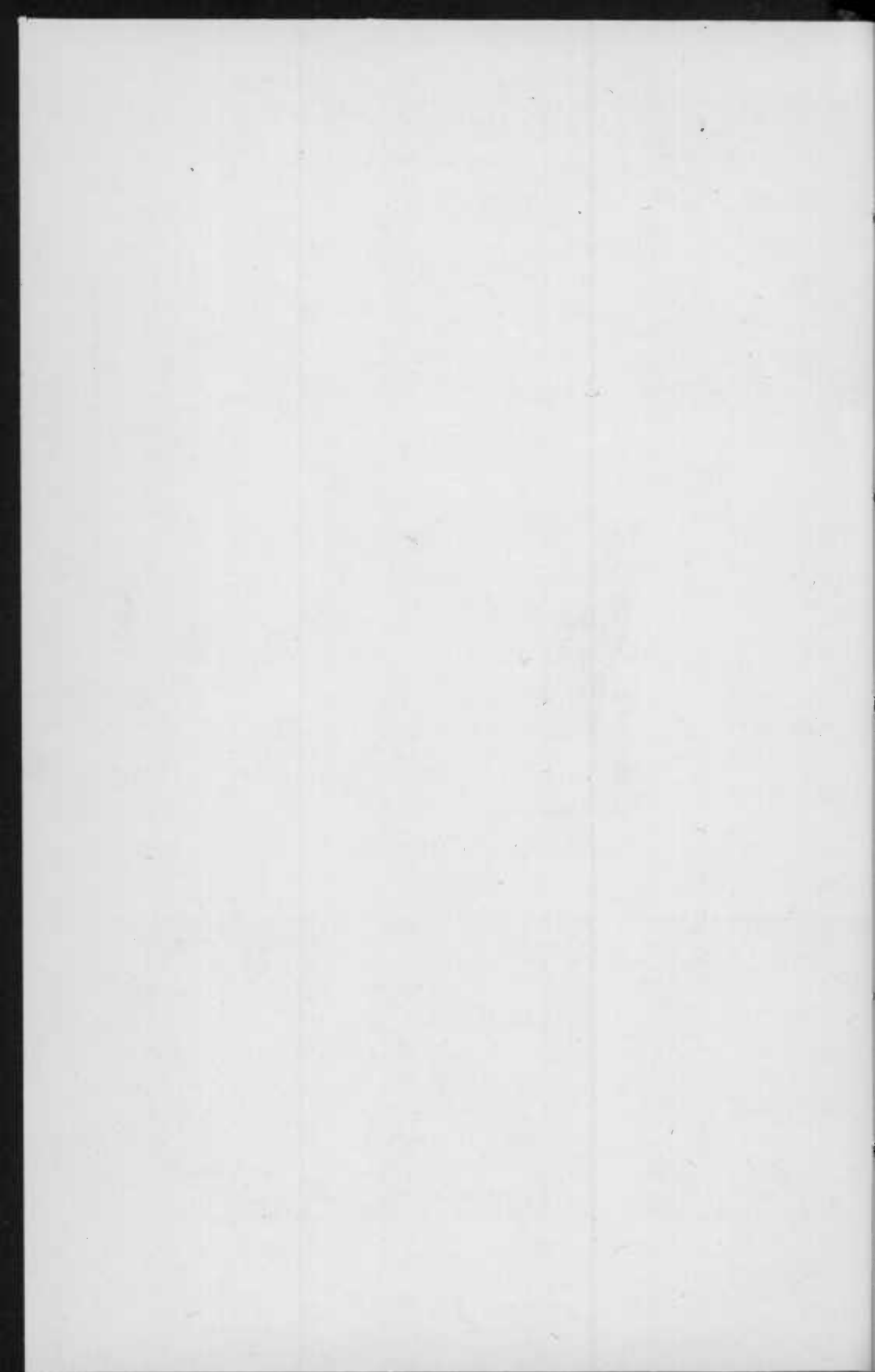
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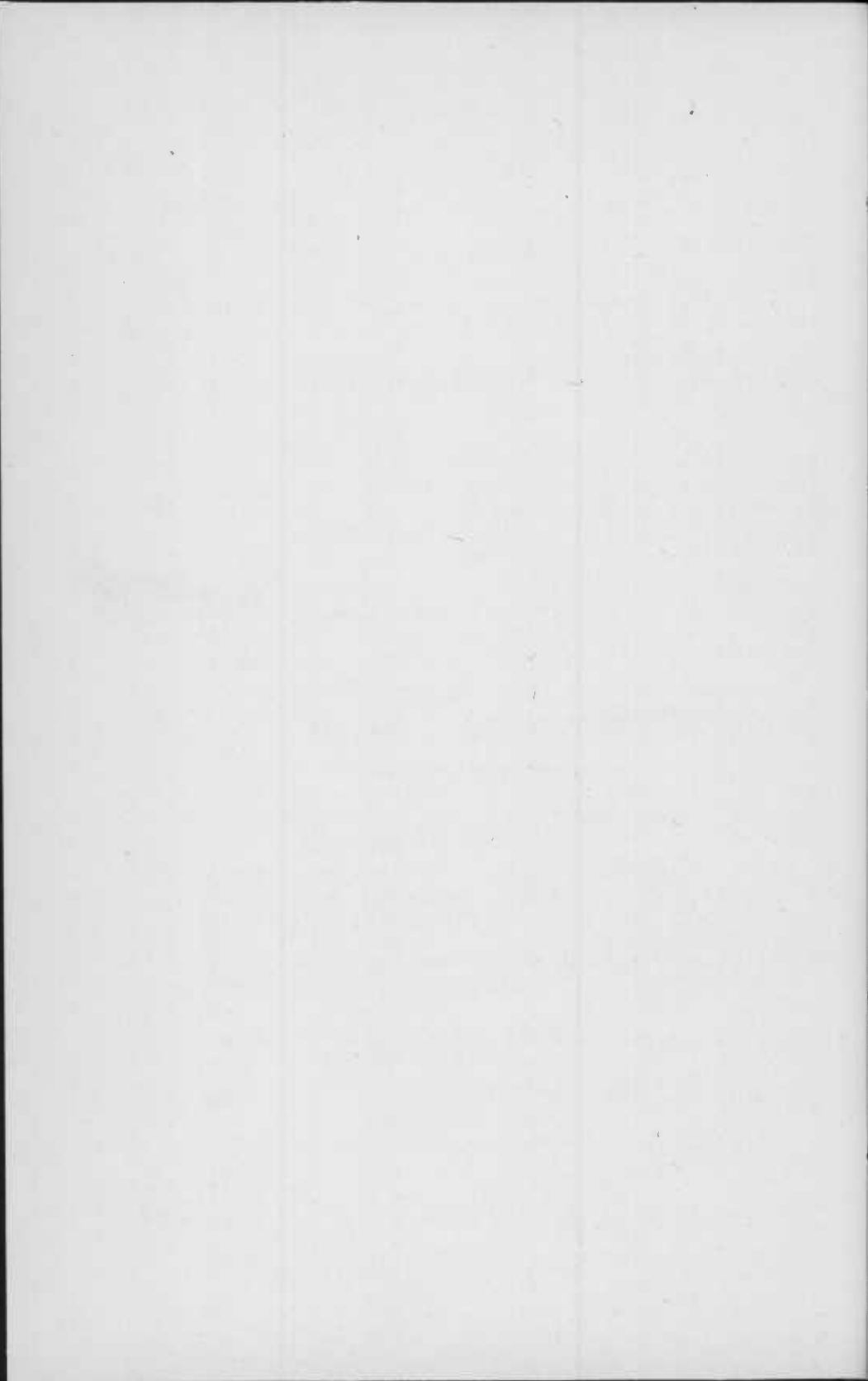


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June 15, 1958

To the Honorable Members  
Board of Recreation and Parks  
City of Baltimore, Maryland

Gentlemen :

I transmit for your consideration the Annual Report of the Department of Recreation and Parks for the year ending December 31, 1957.

Many changes are taking place in the physical pattern of our city and these, of course, reflect themselves in this Department in many ways. Our loan funds play an important part in enabling us to "keep up with the times." The funds and detailed information relating to them are as set forth in Section II, (Statement of Loan Funds) of this report.

Property requests were again in 1957 one of the major items, and your Real Estate Committee conducted ten tours of inspection with reports of recommendations presented to your Honorable Board on each request.

We of the staff, wish to express our appreciation to the Board for the able leadership, advice, and direction which has made possible the accomplishments listed in this report.

I feel it has been an altogether successful year, as in it we have been able together, to solve the many problems presented, overcome the obstacles, and bring to the people of Baltimore the facilities that are a responsibility of this Department.

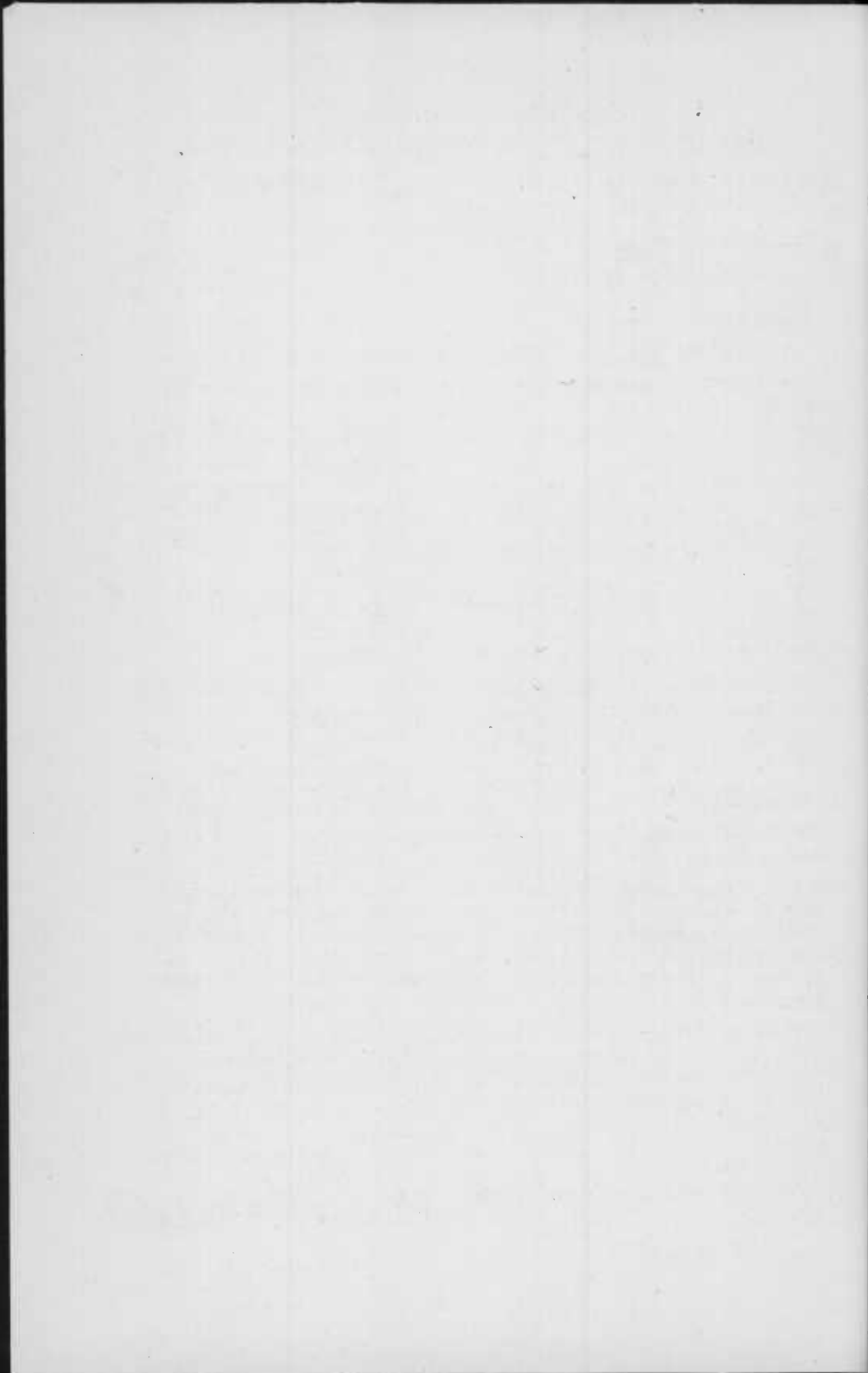
I wish to thank Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro, Jr., the City Council, and the Board of Estimates for their generous support of our efforts during the year. Acknowledgment is also made of the friendly cooperation extended this Department by the officials of other City Departments and Bureaus, especially the Bureau of Building Construction, the Department of Education, and the Bureau of Water Supply.

I should like again to thank all employees of this Department who have so generously cooperated with this office during 1957, especially the Bureau Heads, our Principal Engineer, our Executive Secretary, and the office personnel.

Respectfully submitted,

*R. Brooke Maxwell,*

*Director*



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SECTION I—ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

A. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

R. BROOKE MAXWELL.....*Director*  
JOSEPH J. KING.....*Executive Secretary*  
J. IRVING GRAY ..... *Senior Administrative Assistant*

1. BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARKS

The Board of Recreation and Parks held twelve Regular Meetings and one Special Meeting during the year 1957. The Real Estate Committee, along with members of the staff, conducted ten tours of inspection.

Active Committees during the year were:

*Budget*—James C. Anderson, Chairman; J. Alvin Jones.

*Real Estate*—S. Lawrence Hammerman, Chairman; George G. Shriver, and Gerald S. Wise.

*Park Police*—James C. Anderson, Chairman; S. Lawrence Hammerman, and James H. Gorges.

*Council of Social Agencies*—George G. Shriver.

*Board Representative Bureau of Recreation*—James H. Gorges.

*Board Representative Park Police*—James H. Gorges.

*Board Representative Art Commission of Baltimore*—George G. Shriver.

2. CONTRACTS

The following contracts were entered into by the Board of Recreation and Parks during the year 1957:

Circus—Ringling Bros., Barnum and Bailey	Watchtower Society—National Assembly at Stadium
Colts Intra-Squad Game	Sun and Sand (Fort Smallwood Concessions)
Colts Parking Lot	Eastern Open Golf Tournament
Cub Hill Riding School—Graham Park	Public High School Football
Drum Corps Contest—Hamilton Post #20	Loyola-Calvert Hall Football Game
Drum Corps Contest—Little Flower	Leakin Park Riding Stable
Pilot Program Playground Leases	Orioles Parking Lot Agreement
Navy Football	Tennis Professional—Druid Hill Park
Lake Roland—Boating and Fishing	Morgan College-Maryland State Football Game
	St. Bartholomew Church—Road Right-of-Way

### 3. PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS AND DELETIONS

Our properties totalled approximately 5341.96 acres as of January 1, 1957 divided as follows: Large Parks 4406.15; Small Parks (less than 100 acres) 584.23; Playgrounds 211.33; Boulevard Streets 131.63; Odd Lots 8.62. During 1957, approximately 71.97 acres were added and approximately 6.66 acres deleted. Total as of December 31, 1957 was approximately 5407.27 acres.

We should hold onto our park lands with great determination. There seems to be a widespread opinion that "idle" park lands are "waste lands"; that choice remnants of our native landscape if not developed for intensive use and teeming with children at play, are fair game for site-seeking institutions and highway builders. We should all realize that wooded tracts, large meadows, and water areas, serve to dress the urban scene with dignity, character and spaciousness, and that they serve as buffer areas between crowded residential and/or commercial developments. Once destroyed, such lands can never be restored. Every year they become more valuable, and there is urgent need now to preserve what we have and to acquire more such park properties for the benefit of increasing populations of succeeding generations (Roberts Mann—1957).

Details on the property acquired and deleted in 1957 follows.

#### a. Acquired

1. Property rear of Bethnal Drive, Eldoa Road, Cedar Garden Road and Yale Avenue, containing approximately 1.29 acres. This property was graded, fenced, and equipped by the Welsh Construction Company at their own expense and turned over to this Department. We are very grateful to the Welsh Construction Company for their fine cooperation, their generosity and far sighted attitude.

2. Property adjacent to the Nichols Playground, Edmondson and Braddish Avenues, was acquired by purchase. This is a narrow strip running along part of the western boundary containing approximately .078 acres.

3. Since the extension of Perring Parkway took away a portion of the Mount Pleasant Golf Course, (see property deleted for details), it was necessary to acquire property known as 2090 Woodbourne Avenue to restore the golf course. This fee-simple property was purchased and contains about 1.6 acres.

4. Graham Park addition—This additional property containing approximately 69 acres, is located immediately south of and adjoining our present property which is now known as Albert D. Graham Memorial Park, located on Harford Road south of the Gunpowder Falls. This 69 acres was donated to the City by the will of the late Albert D. Graham as a memorial to his wife, Margaret H. Graham. This park now contains a total of approximately 185 acres of beautiful property (partly open, partly wooded) with

a natural stream running through it. This park is being developed for picnics, horse back riding, bridle trails, and many other forms of outdoor enjoyment.

**b. Deleted**

1. Presstman Playground—South side of Presstman Street between Ellamont and Rosedale Avenues. This property was given to the Department of Education as part of a proposed school site. It has never been developed by us because of our inability to acquire certain adjacent property. It was felt that in cooperating with the Department of Education, our playground needs would be met as a result of the installations made on the school grounds. The area contains approximately 1.1 acres.

2. Extension of Perring Parkway from south of Echodale Avenue to Perring Parkway and north of Echodale Avenue to end of park property at Mount Pleasant Golf Course adjacent to Herring Run stream, necessitated our giving up a piece of property of approximately 5.3 acres.

3. The Carroll Mansion located on Lombard and Front Streets, was abandoned as a recreation center and turned back to the Comptroller's Office.

4. A triangular piece of property located on the east side of Roland Avenue below 34th Street is isolated and undeveloped and no longer needed for park and recreation purposes. The area is approximately .25 acres.

5. Property located immediately to the rear of 3004 Huntingdon Avenue on north side of 30th Street, (size 15' x 25') sold to Keene Memorial Methodist Church, 3004 Huntingdon Avenue, to be used by the church to erect a one car garage. Approximately .0086 acres.

**4. COOPERATIVE PLANNING—SCHOOL-RECREATION CENTERS**

Throughout the United States this new philosophy of cooperative planning is rapidly growing in favor. The benefits of combining the interests of Recreation with those of Education is obvious to all planners, and they are especially desirable in these days of rapidly increasing costs. The combined facility means not only economy in construction and operation, but also offers many opportunities for dual use.

Your Board has authorized the construction of recreational facilities at four (4) locations as follows: Hazelwood Elementary School, Hazelwood and Hamilton Avenues; Mt. Royal Elementary School, John and McMechen Streets; Howard Park Elementary School, Liberty Heights and Woodbine Avenues; Fremont-Lexington Housing Development, Fremont Avenue and Lexington Street.

The total cost of combining with the Department of Education and the Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing Agency in the above cases will be approximately \$550,000.00. Actual construction work is now under way in all of these cases.

## 5. GOLF FEES INCREASED

It was found after considerable study that fees being charged at the various municipal owned and operated golf courses were in need of some adjustment to bring them more into line with present day labor and operating costs. This information was presented to our Board together with recommendations for their consideration and action. The Board, after reviewing the matter carefully, directed that as of April 1, 1957, the fees at the various golf courses would be increased and set them as follows:

<i>Course</i>	<i>Twilight</i>	<i>Regular</i>	<i>Weekend and Holidays</i>
Carroll (9 holes) . . . . .	—	\$ .50	\$ .65
Clifton (18 holes) . . . . .	\$.50	1.00	1.25
Hillsdale (18 holes) . . . . .	.50	1.00	1.25
Mt. Pleasant (18 holes) . . . . .	.50	1.25	1.50

## 6. FISHING—LAKE ROLAND

Again this year, the Maryland Game and Inland Fish Commission, cooperating with the Department of Recreation and Parks, stocked this popular lake with black bass. In 1956, a total of 700 large mouth black bass were put into the lake and this year another 150. This restocking of the lake, should make this an attractive fishing spot especially when combined with the other facilities offered at this beautiful park.

## 7. MONUMENTS

Since the route of the Jones Falls Expressway will go through the present location of the Martin Luther Monument, located just inside of the entrance to Druid Hill Park on the east side of Mt. Royal Avenue, and the Soldiers and Sailors Monument, located at the intersection of Mt. Royal and Park Avenues, it is now necessary that they be moved to a new and suitable location. Considerable thought has been given to a new site for each monument by our Real Estate Committee, the Board of Recreation and Parks, our staff, and The Art Commission of Baltimore. The site selected for the Martin Luther Monument is in the triangle bounded by Hillen Road, 33rd Street, and 32nd Street. The Soldiers and Sailors Monument is to be placed in Wyman Park on land immediately behind the former site of the General Sam Smith Statue. These projects are to be accomplished with funds from the Expressway project.

Edgar Allan Poe Statue—Maryland Avenue and 29th Street. Plans have been made for improving the Poe Statue and its landscape

setting. The staff recommends that the work be accomplished as soon as funds are made available.

## **8. HORSEBACK RIDING AND BRIDLE TRAILS**

Recognizing the increasing popularity of this interesting sport, the Board during the year authorized the construction of two (2) riding stables. One is located in Leakin Park, and the other in Albert D. Graham Memorial Park. (For details of these installations see report of the Bureau of Parks). These stables will be operated by concessionaires.

The trails in Leakin Park are among the few remaining within the city limits. They are designed so as to form a round trip of about 8 miles, a ride of 2½ hours. On this trip, views may be had of hills and valleys abundantly covered with Dogwood, Laurel, Judas and other native plants. Trails in Graham Park will be installed as funds become available.

## **9. CYLBURN PARK WILD FLOWER PRESERVE AND GARDEN CENTER**

On December 6, 1957 the Department of Welfare vacated Cylburn Mansion, and returned it to the custody of the Department of Recreation and Parks. During the period of its occupancy, 1943 to 1957, the Department of Welfare made a very substantial contribution to the happiness and well-being of the underprivileged children entrusted to the care of the city.

It is now the intention of the Department of Recreation and Parks to recondition the buildings, and to improve the grounds for general public park and recreation use.

We have planned that Cylburn Park will become the horticultural center of the park system, where persons interested in shrubs, trees, flowers, birds, insects and other interesting forms of undisturbed nature may find answers to the questions of inquiring minds. Cylburn has the natural advantages to supply this need.

The Bureau of Recreation is presently engaged in the planting of wild flower trails which will be a feature of the park. Plans have been completed for the restoration of the formal garden, which added great beauty and distinction to the place many years ago. A herb garden in pattern design will be planted at the west end of the formal garden. Here culinary, medicinal and aromatic herbs will be grown and displayed.

The Mansion House will be restored, and used as offices, lecture rooms, study space, flower shows, garden club meetings and other appropriate uses.

## B. ENGINEERING OFFICE

PAUL B. WOLF, *Principal Engineer*

The Engineering Office functions in many and varied ways in the operation of this Department. It has the responsibility to see that all contracts are properly carried out, with the exception of those structures which are handled by the Bureau of Building Construction. It designs and supervises many projects as well as furnishing engineering service of a maintenance nature as required by the Bureaus of Recreation and Parks. It also does field work in connection with surveys and renders engineering advice and assistance in our cooperative projects with the Department of Education.

### 1. PROJECTS DESIGNED AND CONTRACTS LET AND SUPERVISED BY THE ENGINEERING DIVISION

- a. ST. LEO'S PLAYGROUND—905-19 E. PRATT STREET.  
Type III Shelter, multiple use area, playground equipment, fencing, footway paving, and planting.
- b. FORT SMALLWOOD—REPAIRS TO PIER.  
Renewed rotted piling, and complete replacement of railing, deck, stringers, posts, etc., down to top of piles.
- c. FORT SMALLWOOD—STONE GROINS.  
Extended the existing stone groin on the Bay side of the Park and constructed a new stone groin in the vicinity of the south property line and the Bay front.
- d. TOWANDA PLAYFIELD—TOWANDA AND QUANTICO AVENUES.  
Six and twelve foot extensions were made to the existing 6 foot fence along the north property line and also along Towanda Avenue just north of the field house.
- e. MEDFIELD HEIGHTS PLAYFIELD—ROLAND HEIGHTS AVENUE WEST OF FALLS ROAD.  
Installed softball backstop.
- f. FRANK J. BOCEK PLAYFIELD—EDISON HIGHWAY AND MADISON STREET.  
Installed softball backstop.
- g. MORRELL PARK PLAYGROUND—TOLLEY AND GRIFFIS AVENUES.  
Installed softball backstop.
- h. DRUID HILL PARK—ZOO.  
Constructed heavy hoofed animal pens and shelters.
- i. GARRISON AND DENMORE PLAY LOT—REAR 3311-27 GARRISON AVENUE.  
Type III shelter, playground equipment, paving and fencing.



j. **NORTH HAMILTON PLAYFIELD—OLD HARFORD ROAD AND BERWICK AVENUE.**  
Installed sink and gas line for kitchen equipment.

k. **CARROLL PARK**  
Installed new heating boiler in greenhouse.

l. **PAINTING RECREATION CENTER BUILDINGS.**  
Specifications written and contract awarded for painting of 14 Recreation Center Buildings: Bureau of Recreation Office Building, Ambrose J. Kennedy Field House, Schenley Road Community Center, Roosevelt Recreation Center, Hamilton Recreation Center, South Baltimore Recreation Center, Wilkens Field House, Morrell Park Field House, Hollins Recreation Center, Lions Club Recreation Center, W. S. Cahill Recreation Center, Joseph Lee Recreation Center, Patterson Casino and Canton Park Field House.

m. **NORTH HAMILTON PLAYFIELD—OLD HARFORD ROAD AND BERWICK AVENUE.**  
Plans drawn and specifications written for two tennis courts and footway.

n. **JOSEPH LEE PLAYFIELD—PRATT AND DREW STREETS.**  
Plans drawn and specifications written for wading pool, type III shelter, drainage and paving.

o. **PAVING AND FENCING OF FIVE PLAY AREAS**  
Towanda, Walter J. Dewees Playfield, 903 N. Calhoun Street, rear of 2814 Riggs Avenue, and rear of 3940 Elm Avenue. Plans and specifications completed and contract awarded.

p. **LEAKIN PARK—RIDING ACADEMY.**

## **2. PROJECTS DESIGNED BY ENGINEERING DIVISION, CONTRACTS LET AND SUPERVISED BY THE BUREAU OF BUILDING CONSTRUCTION**

a. **NORTH HAMILTON PLAYFIELD—OLD HARFORD ROAD AND BERWICK AVENUE.**  
Class "A" field house, shelter, wading pool, curb and footway, relocation of playground equipment, paving and fencing.

b. **FRANKLIN PLAYGROUND—3600 BLOCK WEST MULBERRY STREET.**  
Class "B" building, multiple use area, playfield, retaining walls, drainage, playground equipment, footways, paving and fencing.

c. **LYNDHURST MEMORIAL PLAYFIELD—800 BLOCK LYNDHURST AVENUE.**  
Class "B" building, multiple use area, drainage, playground equipment, footways, paving and fencing.

- d. ELMLEY AVENUE PLAYGROUND—REAR 3600 BLOCK ELMLEY AVENUE.  
Construction of a Class "B" building, repaving and fencing.

### 3. DESIGNED BY OTHERS—CONTRACTS LET AND SUPERVISED BY ENGINEERING DIVISION

- a. REVEREND WILBUR H. WATERS PLAYGROUND—BAKER AND DUKELAND STREETS.  
Type "C" shelter, retaining walls, mutiple use area, playground equipment, footways, paving and fencing.
- b. SANITARY SEWERS—LEAKIN PARK.
- c. LAKE ROLAND—PAVED PARKING AREA.

### 4. DESIGNED BY OTHERS—PRE-ENGINEERING ASSISTANCE

- a. SOUTH BALTIMORE PLAYGROUND—SHARP AND HAMBURG STREETS.  
Field house, wading pool, multiple use area, walls, playground equipment, footway, paving and fencing.
- b. BALTIMORE MEMORIAL STADIUM—Ice Rink.
- c. LOCH RAVEN—Pine Ridge Club House.
- d. HERRING RUN PARK (COXON'S MEADOW)—Field House and Playground.

### 5. MISCELLANEOUS ENGINEERING SERVICES

A wide variety of services were performed under this heading. Some are as listed:

- a. GRAHAM PARK RIDING ACADEMY—Plans and specifications.
- b. BUREAU OF RECREATION—Signs for field houses.
- c. CURTIS BAY PLAYGROUND—Making study for relocation and installation of new playground equipment.
- d. EDGAR ALLAN POE MONUMENT—Making study for renovating and landscaping.
- e. Suggested change of roads in vicinity of proposed site for South Baltimore General Hospital in Broening Park.
- f. VALLEY NORTH OF POLAR BEAR EXHIBIT—DRUID HILL PARK.  
Landscape study.
- g. LOCH RAVEN—PINE RIDGE GOLF COURSE.

CITY OF BALTIMORE  
 BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
 DIVISION OF RECREATION AND PARKS

Cost Statement of Operating Expenses for the Year 1957

**1—GENERAL EXPENSES**

11	<b>Administrative Expenses</b>		
11-1	Executive Salaries and Expenses .....	\$26,150.21	
11-2	Clerical Salaries and Expenses .....	8,924.74	
11-3	Office Supplies and Expenses .....	1,522.75	
11-9	Miscellaneous Expenses .....	846.21	
	Sub-Total .....	<u>\$37,443.91</u>	
	TOTAL 1—General Expenses .....		\$37,443.91

**2—OPERATING EXPENSES**

21-A	<b>Operating Management Expenses—Parks</b>		
21-A-2	Office Supplies and Expenses .....	\$ 225.00	
21-D	<b>Operating Management Expenses—General</b>		
21-D-1	Pay and Expenses of Employees .....	\$31,353.72	
21-D-2	Office Supplies and Expenses .....	703.74	
21-D-3	Engineering Expenses .....	22.05	
21-D-9	Miscellaneous Expenses .....	435.88	
	Sub-Total .....	<u>\$32,515.39</u>	
	TOTAL 2—Operating Expenses .....		<u>32,740.39</u>
	GRAND TOTAL .....		<u>\$70,184.30</u>

CITY OF BALTIMORE  
 BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
 DIVISION OF RECREATION AND PARKS

Financial Statement of Appropriations as of December 31, 1957

Account	Description	Appropriations	Increments	Total Credits	Expenditures	Encumbrances	Total Expenditures	Balance
8.8A	Salaries .....	\$62,999.00	—	\$62,999.00	\$63,167.03	—	\$63,167.03	(\$168.03)
8.9	Expenses .....	5,000.00	—	5,000.00	4,173.30	\$485.00	4,658.30	341.70
	Sub-Total .....	\$67,999.00	—	\$67,999.00	\$67,340.33	\$485.00	\$67,825.33	\$173.67
	To Other Funds ..	—	(\$173.67)	(173.67)	—	—	—	(173.67)
	GRAND TOTAL .	\$67,999.00	(\$173.67)	\$67,825.33	\$67,340.33	\$485.00	\$67,825.33	\$0.00

( ) Indicates Negative Figure

## SECTION II—CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

### A. BUREAU OF RECREATION

#### 1. COMPLETED PROJECTS 1957

The following projects totaling \$369,094.00 were completed for this Bureau during the year involving 16 locations :

- a. PRINCETON PLACE PLAYGROUND—Rear 307-25 E. North Ave. This location was improved by the construction of a shelter and a playground including fencing, playground equipment, and hard surfacing at a cost of \$26,585.00.
- b. NORTH HAMILTON PLAYFIELD—Old Harford Road and Berwick Avenue. This playfield was further improved by the addition of a Class "A" type field house, wading pool, tot area, shelter, playground equipment, paving, drainage, and sodding. Total cost \$73,975.00.
- c. JOSEPH LEE PLAYFIELD—Pratt and Drew Streets. The playing field and the slopes at this location were fertilized by the Bureau of Parks.
- d. LYNDHURST MEMORIAL PLAYFIELD—800 Block Lyndhurst Avenue. Improvements at this project consisted of the construction of a Class "B" field house, multiple use court, tot lot, playground equipment, hard surfacing, drainage, and footway. Total cost \$43,962.00.
- e. FRANKLIN PLAYGROUND—3600 Block W. Mulberry Street. A playground was constructed at this location including a Class "B" field house, tot lot, multiple use court, and baseball diamond. Total cost of this installation was \$52,381.00.
- f. \*SOUTH BALTIMORE PLAYGROUND—Sharp and Hamburg Streets. This project, at a cost of \$83,844.00, consisted of the construction of a special design field house, wading pool, tot area, multiple use court, playground equipment, and large hard surfaced area for baseball and many other forms of sports.
- g. TOWANDA PLAYFIELD—Towanda and Oswego Avenues. It was found necessary to raise the height of the existing fence behind the goal posts, and from third base to the back-stop. This was done at a cost of \$1,190.00.

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\* \$3,000.00 donated by the South Baltimore Playground Committee for the enlargement of the activity room.

- h. MORRELL PARK PLAYGROUND—Tolley Street and Grinnalds Avenue.  
A softball backstop was erected here at a cost of \$298.00.
- i. FRANK J. BOCEK PLAYFIELD—Edison Highway and Madison Street.  
An additional softball backstop was necessary at this location. Total cost \$298.00.
- j. MEDFIELD HEIGHTS PLAYFIELD—Roland Heights Avenue west of Falls Road.  
At a cost of \$298.00, an additional softball backstop was erected here.
- k. 900 BLOCK EAST PRATT STREET PLAYGROUND  
These improvements consisted of paving, fencing, curbs, hard surfacing, painted game lines, and basketball court. Total cost \$14,915.00.
- l. STANDARD SIGNS FOR "B" TYPE BUILDINGS.  
Signs designating the name of the playground were painted on the frieze of the buildings at these locations: South Baltimore Playground, Sharp and Hamburg Streets; Franklin Playground; 3600 block west Mulberry Street; Ambrose J. Kennedy Playground, Harford Avenue and Eager Street; Lyndhurst Memorial Playground, 800 block Lyndhurst Avenue; Wilkens Playground, Catherine and Ashton Streets; Queensberry Playground, Rear of 3029-31 Spaulding Avenue; and Canton Park Playfield, Ellwood Avenue and Toone Street. Total cost \$140.00.
- m. HILLEN ROAD PLAYGROUND—Hillen Road north of Argonne Drive.  
Sign designating name of playground erected at a cost of \$275.00.
- n. REVEREND WILBUR H. WATERS PLAYGROUND—Baker and Dukeland Streets.  
A "C" type shelter and playground including multiple use court, tot area, sodding, topsoiling, playground equipment, hard surfacing, fencing, drainage, and sidewalks, was constructed at this location at a cost of \$56,978.00.
- o. GARRISON AND DENMORE PLAYLOT—Garrison and Denmore Avenues.  
Improvements at this project consisted of hard surfacing, fencing, type II shelter and playlot equipment. Total cost \$12,840.00.
- p. TOWANDA PLAYFIELD—Towanda and Oswego Avenues.  
The area around the field house was hard surfaced at a cost of \$1,115.00.

## 2. WORK UNDER CONTRACT

Eight (8) projects totalling \$547,493.10 were under contract, and construction was in progress as of the end of this year.

- a. **NORTH HAMILTON PLAYFIELD**—Old Harford Road and Berwick Avenue.  
Contract was awarded for the installation of two tennis courts and hard surfacing of the existing multiple use area; also including curbing, gutters, footway extensions and a flight of stairs, in the amount of \$12,095.10.
- b. **HAZELWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL-RECREATION CENTER** — Hazelwood and Hamilton Avenues.  
This is a cooperative project with the Department of Education for a school-recreation center, our share for the recreation center—\$150,000.00. This project is now 46% complete.
- c. **MT. ROYAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL-RECREATION CENTER**—McMechen Street at John Street.  
This represents another cooperative project with the Department of Education for a school-recreation center. Our share for the recreation center—\$150,000.00. This project is now 22% complete.
- d. **ELMLEY AVENUE PLAYGROUND**—Rear of 3500-3552 Elmley Avenue.  
This contract awarded in the amount of \$22,807.00 covers the construction of a Class "B" field house at this existing playground. Project is now 20% complete.
- e. **HOWARD PARK SCHOOL #218-RECREATION CENTER**—Liberty Heights and Woodbine Avenues.  
This is another cooperative project with the Department of Education for a school-recreation center, our share for the recreation center—\$184,759.00.
- f. **JOSEPH LEE PLAYFIELD**—Pratt and Drew Streets.  
Contract was awarded for the construction of a wading pool, shelter, and Pony League baseball diamond in the amount of \$12,370.00. This project is now 20% complete.
- g. **TOT LOTS**—Rear 903-07 N. Calhoun Street; Rear 2814-38 Riggs Avenue; Rear 3940-58 Elm Avenue.  
This contract was awarded for grading, hard surfacing, and fencing at these three locations in the amount of \$13,822.00.
- h. **DEWEES PLAYGROUND**—Tunbridge Road and Alhambra Ave.  
Paving the area around the field house was covered by this contract awarded in the amount of \$1,640.00.

### 3. PROJECTS IN STUDY STAGE OR AWAITING LAND ACQUISITION. (FUNDS AVAILABLE)

#### a. Bureau of Recreation

FREMONT RECREATION CENTER—Fremont Avenue and Lexington Street.

Details being worked out with the Department of Education and the Urban Renewal and Redevelopment Agency.

GARDENVILLE PLAYFIELD—Radecke and Frankford Avenues. Awaiting installation of sanitary sewers for this general area.

HERRING RUN PLAYFIELD (COXON'S MEADOW)—Parkside Drive and Brehms Lane.

Awaiting transfer of land from the Welsh Construction Company.

PATAPSCO RIVER VALLEY PLAYFIELD—North of B. & O. R. R. west of Potee Street.

Awaiting acquisition of necessary land.

MEDFIELD HEIGHTS PLAYFIELD—Roland Heights Avenue west of Falls Road.

Additional facilities to be added to playground.

SEMINOLE AVENUE PLAYGROUND—Seminole Avenue near Walnut Avenue.

Plans being prepared for playground improvement.

CURTIS BAY PLAYGROUND—Curtis Avenue and Filbert Street. Plans being prepared.

HARLEM PARK SCHOOL-RECREATION CENTER.

Awaiting acquisition of land.

BROADWAY REDEVELOPMENT AREA—(CHICK WEBB MEMORIAL RECREATION CENTER)—623 N. Eden Street.

Awaiting acquisition of land.

OTHER PLAYGROUNDS.

Miscellaneous minor improvements are being planned for at Roosevelt Park, Queensberry Playground, Franklin Playground, and South Baltimore Playground.

### 4. DORMANT PROJECTS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1957

LUCILLE PLAYGROUND—Small field house.

SCHENLEY ROAD PLAYGROUND—Building alterations.



## B. BUREAU OF PARKS

### 1. COMPLETED PROJECTS 1957 (LOAN FUNDS—TOTAL \$157,358.22)

- a. FORT SMALLWOOD PARK.  
In order to protect the beach and shore lines, two (2) jetties were constructed at a cost of \$18,889.00.
- b. ROBERT E. LEE MEMORIAL PARK—Lake Roland.  
This park was further improved by the construction of additional parking facilities including drainage, curbs and gutters, at a cost of \$17,245.00.
- c. LEAKIN PARK—Sanitary Sewers  
Additional sewers were installed at this location to complete the system. Cost of the work was \$23,573.00.
- d. FORT SMALLWOOD PARK  
The pier at this location was severely damaged by a hurricane and was made unsafe for use. A portion of the structure was removed entirely, and the balance rebuilt at a cost of \$25,165.80.
- e. BALTIMORE ZOO EXPANSION  
Following the Zoo Master Plan, an exhibit area was constructed for the proper display of Zebu, Bison, Water Buffalo, and other heavy hoofed stock. Stone was used entirely for the building of shelters and pens. Great care was taken to preserve the sylvan beauty of the site. Cost—\$70,133.00.
- f. PATTERSON PARK POOL—Electrical Work  
Transformers were moved from the pool building to the field house. Cost—\$2,352.42.

### 2. BUDGET FUNDS ..... (Approximate Cost \$63,000.00)

#### a. Completed Projects

1. LEAKIN PARK—Belvedere Riding Academy.
2. MEMORIAL STADIUM—Memorial Urn.
3. CLIFTON PARK—Addition to Police Garage Building.

#### b. Under Construction

1. ALBERT D. GRAHAM MEMORIAL PARK—Riding Academy.

NOTE: Complete details regarding these projects are given in the Bureau of Parks section of this report.

### 3. WORK UNDER CONSTRUCTION 1957

- a. \*PINE RIDGE GOLF COURSE—Loch Raven  
This course is now approximately 95% completed. Plans and specifications for the club house have been completed and are now in the hands of the Bureau of Building Construction.
- b. \*\*LEAKIN PARK—Lighting  
This work is being done by the Bureau of Parks and the Welsbach Corporation to improve the lighting system in this park. It consists of a small building to contain automatic equipment for the street lighting, primary service, controls for the lights, and 28 street lights. This work will cost approximately \$25,000.00.
- c. MEMORIAL STADIUM—Ice Skating Rink  
Contract was awarded in the amount of \$111,864.00 for construction of this rink, (size 85' × 185') to be located on the west side parking lot near the ticket booths. Approximate total cost of this installation \$144,314.48.

### 4. OTHER FUTURE PROJECTS (LOANS ONE, TWO AND THREE)

- a. BLOOMINGDALE OVAL—New Field House  
Construction scheduled for 1958.
- b. ZOO EXPANSION—Master Plan  
Plans and specifications are well advanced for the installation of two (2) new zoo exhibits. The first one is an installation for the display of Atlas Mountain Barbary Sheep, and certain primates. The second installation is for the proper display of certain wading birds and small mammals. A feature of this second exhibit will be a series of pools with a stream connecting them.
- c. †ROBERT E. LEE MEMORIAL PARK—Park Lighting  
The lighting system is to be extended and improved. An appropriate sign is to be erected at the park entrance.
- d. PATTERSON PARK—Pool Facility  
The machinery room in the pool building is to be water-proofed.

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\* This is being done with Loan and Capital Improvement Funds.

\*\* Funds to come from Leakin Park Account and Loan Funds.

† Part to come from Loan Funds, balance from Robert E. Lee Memorial Park Funds.

### C. STATEMENT OF LOAN FUNDS

The loans that have been granted to this Department since 1947 are as set forth below. These loans have enabled us to increase the physical facilities, and in turn to broaden and extend the scope of our activities in both the Bureau of Parks and the Bureau of Recreation.

#### LOANS ONE AND TWO

<i>Allocation</i>	<i>Loan May 6, 1947</i>	<i>Loan Nov. 2, 1948</i>	<i>Loan Nov. 7, 1950</i>	<i>Total</i>
Stadium .....	\$2,500,000.00		\$2,500,000.00	\$ 5,000,000.00
Bureau-Parks .....		\$2,000,000.00	500,000.00	2,500,000.00
Bureau-Recreation .	1,500,000.00		1,500,000.00	3,000,000.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$4,000,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,000,000.00</b>	<b>\$4,500,000.00</b>	<b>\$10,500,000.00</b>

#### THIRD LOAN

<i>Allocation</i>	<i>Loan Enabling Act Jan. 1954</i>	<i>Authorized By Voters Nov. 1954</i>	<i>Authorized By Voters Nov. 1956</i>	<i>Place in 1955- 1956-1957 Budgets</i>
Bureau-Parks .....	\$1,450,000.00	\$ 950,000.00	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 1,450,000.00
Bureau-Recreation .	1,800,000.00	1,450,000.00	350,000.00	1,800,000.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$3,250,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,400,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 850,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,250,000.00</b>

**TOTAL LOANS AUTHORIZED .....\$13,750,000.00**

There is a balance of Loan Funds remaining and available in both the Bureau of Parks and the Bureau of Recreation. This balance has been allocated to various projects which are in one or more of the following categories: Planning, plans and specifications being completed, under contract, or under construction.

In the Bureau of Parks, the Principal items are Zoo Expansion, Ice Rink, Robert E. Lee Memorial Park, and Bloomingdale Oval. These items are estimated to cost slightly over one million dollars.

The Bureau of Recreation has a Loan Balance of \$833,227.00 for 17 major projects now in various stages of completion.

On March 18, 1957 the Maryland General Assembly passed an Enabling Act authorizing the city to sell additional revenue bonds for this Department in the amount of \$2,750,000.00. Approval of \$1,100,000.00 of this amount will be requested of the voters in the fall election. This amount will cover five (5) projects for the Bureau of Recreation and four projects for the Bureau of Parks.

## SECTION III—REPORT OF THREE BUREAUS

### A. BUREAU OF PARKS

MR. CHARLES A. HOOK, *Superintendent*

MR. L. EDGAR MYERLY, *Assistant Superintendent*

MR. W. R. SCHMIDT, JR., *Senior Administrative Assistant*

(NOTE: The following is a condensation of the Annual Report prepared by the Bureau of Parks.)

#### 1. BUREAU BUDGET

Below is given a brief summary of the budget.

	Allowance	Expenditures	Overspent	Underspent
Salaries .....	\$ 737,136.27	\$ 689,800.50		\$47,335.77
Labor .....	1,620,704.74	1,596,174.20		24,530.54
Operating Expense ..	631,099.50	650,217.87	\$19,118.37	
Pool Expense .....	55,000.00	44,273.24		10,726.76
TOTALS .....	\$3,043,940.51	\$2,980,465.81	\$19,118.37	\$82,593.07 19,118.37
				\$63,474.70

The amount underspent of \$63,474.70 plus \$1,214.30 revenue from compensated work less \$17,500.00 brought forward to 1958 totaling \$44,760.40 was transferred to other funds.

As in former years, the Bureau of Parks continued to maintain a close running check on the expenditures of its allotted Budget Funds. Through records maintained at the Bureau office, it is possible at all times to make an immediate check of funds spent by any division or for any particular project. Each division is required, in turn, to keep similar records and these are verified with those at the Bureau each month.

Complete financial statements concerning the operation of the Bureau of Parks will be found at the end of this report, including a detailed cost statement showing Bureau of Parks funds expended for the operation of the Park System.

#### 2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Although there were no funds allocated in the 1957 Budget for Capital Improvements, the use of funds realized from the sale of 21.3 acres of Herring Run to the State of Maryland for the North-

east Radial Expressway was approved by the City Administration for the following two projects:

1. PINE RIDGE GOLF COURSE AT LOCH RAVEN . . . . . \$210,000.00

At the end of 1957 work on the course was 95% completed with only a small portion of trap construction, grading in the vicinity of the greens and clearing roughs and wooded areas remaining. In addition our forces had completed excavating the foundation for the clubhouse and clearing and grading a fifty foot path in preparation for the hard surfacing of the access road. Plans and specifications for the clubhouse were completed by the architect and had been submitted to the Bureau of Building Construction for their processing.

2. 2090 WOODBOURNE AVENUE . . . . . \$40,000.00

Funds were allocated for the purchase of this property which will be used in altering the Mt. Pleasant Golf Course. This alteration is required to compensate for the area to be lost along the 15th fairway when Perring Parkway is extended.

### 3. PERSONNEL DEVELOPMENTS

At the close of 1957 the following positions remained unfilled on the Bureau of Parks Roster: 10 Park Patrolmen; 1 Assistant Superintendent of Park Maintenance (Construction); 1 Park Maintenance General Foreman (Construction); 3 Senior Clerks (Carroll, Construction, Gwynns Falls); 2 Park Caretakers (Druid Hill); 1 Watchman (Zoo); 1 Horticulturist; 1 Custodial Worker—Male (Stadium).

Consultation was held with the City Service Commission during the year in regard to filling the positions of Horticulturist, Assistant Superintendent of Park Maintenance and also Labor Foreman—Horticultural Division. Suggested specifications as well as the required questionnaires were submitted to cover our requirements for these positions. As of the close of the year, final action was still pending on these requests.

### 4. HORTICULTURAL DIVISION

The position of Horticulturist was newly created in 1957 with the ultimate object in mind of forming a separate Horticultural Division. The consolidating of all of these activities in one division will result not only in more efficiency but in a more uniform operation.

Our plans have called for Cylburn Park as the home of this division and in anticipation of this move, loan funds have been requested for the construction of a modern greenhouse. The selection of Cylburn as the center of our horticultural activity is particularly apt since this park is also the site of the Cylburn Wild Flower Preserve and Garden Center. With these activities and

with the Conservatory which we hope eventually to establish, Cylburn Park will offer a special treat to those who are interested in gardening, flowers, and all horticultural subjects.

## 5. ICE RINK

In response to an ever increasing demand from the public, the Board of Recreation and Parks authorized the construction of a municipal ice rink to be located on the west parking lot of the Stadium. The Stadium was selected as the most satisfactory location for this facility for the following reasons: First, since available funds were limited, it was necessary to select as economical a location as possible, and since the Stadium offered existing electrical, water and drainage facilities as well as interior areas, such as comfort stations and warm-up rooms, this requirement was adequately served.

In addition, use of the Stadium is at its lowest during the winter months when the rink will be in operation which would provide for year round utilization of Stadium facilities and assigned personnel. Finally, since rink appurtenances would be removed for storage in the Stadium during the off season and parking permitted on the concrete pad, the ice rink would offer no interference to the normal operation of the Stadium.

At the close of the year, work was proceeding on the excavation, which had been undertaken by our forces to conserve funds and time, and a contract had been awarded for the construction of the rink.

## 6. RIDING ACADEMIES

With the rapid development of urban areas that has taken place since the war, it has become increasingly difficult for operators to maintain private stables for renting horses to patrons of the park bridle trails. Facing the inevitable necessity of abandoning our considerable investment in these trails despite the increasing popularity of this sport, the Board of Recreation and Parks authorized the construction of two riding stables—one to be located in Leakin Park and the other, across town, at the new Graham Park as part of its development. These stables were built with bureau forces and have proven a boon to this popular form of recreation.

## 7. CARROLL DIVISION

(MR. HARRY KUES, *District Park Superintendent*)

The most important work accomplished in the Carroll Division during 1957 occurred at Fort Smallwood and consisted of two projects—replacing the pier damaged in the 1955 hurricanes and taking further measures for controlling erosion. On the first, it was decided that only 400 feet or one-third of the original pier

would be restored and after our Construction Division had completed salvaging decking from the old structure, a contract was let in the fall for this restoration including removing the pilings from the outer portion and replacing those which were found defective in the portion to be used. Erosion control has always been a major problem at Fort Smallwood and in order to mitigate the chance of damage from future storms, two new stone jetties were constructed at Beach #1. These jetties measure 100 and 320 feet in length and were planned for the dual role of controlling erosion as well as promoting the development of a better beach.

Another area which received much attention during the year was Carroll Park where several important projects were undertaken. One of these was the removal of the wading pool which had declined in usefulness during the years and which had been totally unused during the 1957 swimming season. Plans call for the site to be converted to lawn for general park usage. Another important project at Carroll was the replacement of the obsolete heating plant at the Carroll Greenhouses with a modern oil fired boiler. Final improvements in Carroll Park were the grading, sodding and seeding of areas disturbed in the reconstruction of the Monroe Street bridge and the installation of curbing and gutters along the roads including the grading and seeding of the areas behind the curbs.

Despite the fact that the Carroll Division is composed of many small areas widely scattered throughout the district, substantial progress was made during the year in many of these areas. At the Brooklyn Playfield an additional Little League diamond was constructed and one of the existing fields was converted into a Pony League diamond. Hoods were also added to the backstops at the two Little League diamonds to eliminate complaints from neighbors that foul balls were being hit on their property. This work was performed at the expense of the Little League Committee in the neighborhood.

Considerable difficulty had been experienced at the Morrell Park Playground since its construction, in maintaining the slopes because of the frequent washouts when rain occurred. To control this problem, ten loads of rock and fill were used along the rear slope and the area inside the fence was banked with soil and sod. At the Carroll Street Playground, the entire area was regraded and boards were placed along the base of the fence. The Construction Division then laid a new sidewalk in front of the playground. The services of the Construction Division were also utilized at the Curtis Bay Playground when the macadam walk along Hazel Street was repaired by them.

Other improvements made during the year included grading, topsoiling and seeding the area around the new Bandshell at Federal Hill Park. Fill material was used to correct a small cave-in on the Key Highway slope. Rock and fill dirt were also used along the shore line, south of the old Arundel Boat Club, at Broening

Park to correct erosion. This project was carried on with the cooperation of the Bureau of Highways who made the material available to our Bureau.

Other work of importance accomplished by the Carroll forces was the renovation of the clay tennis courts and athletic areas in the district using clay obtained from nearby construction projects. Twenty cubic yards of this material were used on four of the courts at Carroll Park and an additional twenty-four cubic yards on the courts in Garrett Park.

One new area was added to the properties maintained by the Carroll Division. This is the plot at Hanover and Cromwell Streets which was graded and seeded by the Bureau of Highways before being turned over to us. Additional area was also developed at the lower end of Cherry Hill Park when an area of approximately three acres was graded, fertilized and seeded.

One of the outstanding special events in the Bureau in 1957 was the selection of Federal Hill Park as the site for the "Today" television show. Federal Hill was selected for its historical background and excellent view of the city and the Carroll Division turned in its usual fine job playing host to Dave Garroway and his entourage for the performance.

The greenhouses at Carroll Park continued as an important element in the Bureau's horticultural system, producing thousands of plants which are distributed to the various districts for their flower beds and garden areas. During 1957, as in the past, these greenhouses along with those in the Druid Hill and Clifton Districts, furnished all of the flowering plants used throughout the park system.

## 8. CLIFTON DIVISION

(MR. CHARLES H. HEINTZEMAN, JR., *District Park Superintendent*)

The major maintenance performed in the Clifton District during 1957 was the renovation of the park areas disturbed by the Bureau of Water Supply in installing a new 84" transmission water main in Herring Run Park from Montebello south to Pulaski Highway. The total area involved comprised approximately 24 acres and required 1500 pounds of seed and 12 tons of fertilizer. This project is a prime example of the desire of our Board and staff to cooperate with other city agencies in important tasks. Although progress could be seen at the end of the year in renovated areas, it will take several years before the restoration of the turf is complete. However, since our Bureau enjoys a similar spirit of cooperation with the other city Bureaus and this particular project involved the health and welfare of the city, the sacrifice appears justified.

Other important maintenance work during the year was accomplished at the two golf courses in the Clifton District. At Mt.



Pleasant, 27,100 square feet of sod was placed on the regular tees, on the borders of the greens and on the paths from the clubhouse. One hundred fifty tons of white sand was also placed in the traps. Similar repairs were made to the Clifton course where 10,100 square feet of sod was used on the borders of the greens and 100 tons of white sand added to the traps. In addition all of the tees were fertilized and seeded and the number 6 green was rebuilt. This improvement also included rebuilding the traps and bunkers and renovating the approach to the green.

After the success achieved in constructing the Riding Academy at Leakin Park, it was decided to add a similar facility at the Albert D. Graham Memorial Park for devotees of horsemanship in the eastern section of the city. For this purpose, the barn at Graham Park, which is used by our Bureau for storage, was remodeled and wings were added on the lower level providing space for thirty horses. As this work was performed primarily by the Construction Division, additional information on this project will be found in their section of this report.

Another project in the Clifton District was the remodeling and addition to the Park Police Garage. This work was also carried out by the Construction Division and will be discussed in more detail in their section of the report.

Other work of importance accomplished in the Clifton District included constructing a new Little League field and backstop in Herring Run Park, installing six new benches in Chinquapin Park at the request of the residents of the area and planting the triangle at 38th Street and Ellerslie Avenue with barberry bushes for the Bureau of Highways. Athletic fields in the district, especially hard ball diamonds, were reconditioned with an application of 50 cubic yards of clay.

New property added to the district during 1957 included 69.25 acres at Graham Memorial Park and 1.6 acres at 2090 Woodbourne Avenue. The first was offered to the city in the will of the late Albert D. Graham and increases our holding to 185.45 acres. The second property was purchased for the alteration of Mt. Pleasant Golf Course.

The greenhouses in the Clifton District maintained their usual activity, providing bedding stock and approximately 100,000 plants for its own use and for the Patterson and Druid Hill Districts. The plants allotted the Clifton Division were used in the fifteen beds throughout the District and the favorable impression which these beds created was enhanced by the special plantings at the Clifton Mansion and Mothers' Garden.

## 9. DRUID HILL DIVISION

(MR. GEORGE A. KEEN, *District Park Superintendent*)

During the year 1957, the Druid Hill Division continued its activities of improving the facilities and areas under its control.

All playground and athletic equipment were reconditioned and repainted.

One hundred fifty feet of retaining wall in Wyman Park at the Dell was rebuilt, and in the Zoo area forty feet of retaining wall and thirty feet of stone gutters were constructed. At Lake Roland, three new fireplaces and an incinerator were built to meet the demand for continued expansion and improvement of the facilities offered at this popular boating, fishing and picnicking area. Work on the Nature Trails at Cylburn Park progressed during the year—new trails being opened and rustic trail markers erected.

The toilet facilities at the Mansion House in the Zoo area were improved with the installation of eight urinals on the men's side and a new ceiling on the women's side. Other work at Druid Hill Park included removing two hundred guard posts along roads where they were no longer required and installing 694 new posts and resetting 600 other ones.

In the maintenance of tennis courts and ball diamonds, one hundred cubic yards of clay was used. Also, 320 feet of players' benches were installed at ball diamonds. One hundred sixty feet of benches were removed from Mt. Royal Avenue in advance of the construction of the Jones Falls Expressway and stored for use in other park areas.

One hundred seven thousand square feet of sod was removed from Cylburn Park, 59,000 square feet from Mt. Royal Avenue and 14,000 square feet from Glen Avenue. This sod was then used for the reconditioning of the playing field at the Stadium, the squares on Eutaw Place, Park Avenue, 39th Street, Pimlico Circle and at Lake Roland.

The shrubbery in all areas of the district was pruned and wild growth removed. Also, shrubbery salvaged from Mt. Royal Avenue was planted in Druid Hill Park and a nursery of about 100 Flowering Cherry and Flowering Crab Apple trees was started.

The Gardening and Horticulture section of the division planted and maintained 70 flower beds involving the planting of 30,000 plants. They also planted approximately 12,000 tulips and 3,000 gladiolas for display and cut flowers. During Easter Week a special display of seasonal flowers was held in the greenhouse. Over 12,000 plants were used in this display including lilies, tulips, hyacinths, tropicals and other exotic plants. The Christmas Display of approximately the same number of plants featured poinsettias, cyclamen, peppers, and other plants associated with the holidays.

The Automotive Repair Shop in the Druid Hill District which repairs most of the Bureau equipment was kept busy during the year with 1046 truck and tractor requests for service of which 126 were major repair jobs.

The Druid Hill Division acreage was enlarged during the year by the acquisition of the center strip of Northern Parkway from Park Heights Avenue to Highgate Drive, and the Garrison Avenue Playlot. In addition, three acres of land in the Druid Hill Division were seeded as lawn areas during the year. Also, during 1957 the old Engineers' Office Building at the Fulton Avenue Entrance to Druid Hill Park, and the old flight cage at the Zoo were razed.

## 10. GWYNNS FALLS DIVISION

(MR. HALL N. ABRISCH, *District Park Superintendent*)

The Gwynns Falls Division is proud of its accomplishments in the way of improvements over and above the regular maintenance operation during 1957. The most outstanding of these was the completion of the new clubhouse grounds at the Forest Park Golf Course. The building with its modern toilet and shower facilities, large locker rooms, up-to-date pro shop and snack bar, compares favorably with the best clubhouses at other public courses.

Extensive improvements were made to the areas immediately surrounding the building. A completely new first tee was built, slopes in the area were sodded and new lawn developed adjacent to the clubhouse. This work required a total of 45,000 square feet of sod and 215 pounds of grass seed. A rustic cedar fence, 170 feet long, was erected around the first tee and a 186 foot walk of cross ties was built for the descent to the first fairway. An additional walk of 255 feet by 9 feet, extending from the 18th green to the clubhouse was built using crushed stone and stone dust for the purpose.

Another improvement was the paving of a service driveway from Hillsdale Road to the Clubhouse. Brick walks were then built from the back and front of the building leading to this driveway and also to Hillsdale Road. A hard surfaced parking lot was next constructed across from the clubhouse at the northeast corner of Hillsdale Road and Forest Park Avenue. To prevent the parked automobiles from detracting from the appearance of the area, 147 White Pine trees were transplanted from the Loch Raven Watershed to the south, east and west sides of the lot.

In landscaping the clubhouse area, a new flower bed, containing cannas, scarlet sage, senecia and acalphia, was placed in the center of the service driveway. Further landscaping required the planting of 143 plants along walks and around the building. Varieties selected for this planting included rhododendron, azalea, ilex, spirea, jasmine and spreading yews.

The new clubhouse was opened for public use on Friday, March 22, 1957, and was officially dedicated on Sunday, May 5, 1957. Speakers at the dedication included his Honor, Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro, Jr., Mr. James C. Anderson, Mr. R. Brooke Maxwell, and Mr. Charles A. Hook.

A second important project completed during 1957 was the building of the Leakin Park Riding Academy. The plans for this structure were drawn by the Engineering Division of the department. The Engineering Division also supervised the actual construction work. The walls and foundation of the stable were built of stone salvaged from the wall along Windsor Mill Road and the stream bed of Dead Run. A very practical and unique idea employed in the design was the installation of watering troughs of Belgian block construction, the material for which was obtained from the Bureau of Highways. The academy was completed on June 10, 1957 and opened for public use on the 14th. The building contains an area of 6,960 square feet and provides sufficient space for housing 44 horses. To border the access trail leading from the stable to the main trail, 145 plants, including yews, arborvitae, privet, and forsythia, were selected from the nursery maintained in Leakin Park. Other improvements connected with the academy were the construction of a parking lot in the area to service the stable and ball fields in the vicinity and the installation of a new well-type drinking fountain between the stable and the #2 ball diamond.



*New riding academy and stable—Leakin Park.*

Another important project accomplished during 1957 in the Gwynns Falls Division was the installation of twenty-eight street lights mounted on ornamental poles on all roads in upper Leakin Park. Power for these lights is supplied from underground cables eliminating the possibility of loss of service due to storm damage.

A further improvement along the same line was the construction of a new sanitary sewer through Leakin Park from the Shingle Cottage to the Franklinton Road, using Loan Funds. This improvement is of considerable importance since it permitted the abandonment of several cesspools previously in use.

Additional work performed in Leakin Park included filling over, grading and seeding the old parking lot on the west side of Eagle Drive and replacing it with a new lot on the east side with connecting drives to both Windsor Mill Road and Eagle Drive. This new lot services all activities in Leakin Park except baseball and horseback riding. Seventy-seven privet plants were then used to landscape this facility on the north and south sides. Along with this work, the old driveway running west from Eagle Drive near the model airplane field was eliminated and the area filled over, graded and seeded.

Many smaller projects were completed during the year. Chief among these, was the conversion of wooden frame sandboxes to concrete at the following locations: Penhurst Playground—two boxes; Kevin Playlot—two boxes; Edmondale Playground—two boxes upper and lower playgrounds Hanlon Park—two boxes each; and Cahill Center—three boxes. Other smaller projects included constructing a new sidewalk, 130 feet long, around the comfort station in Lafayette Square; replacing the old slide at the Penhurst Playground with a new baby slide; grading, topsoiling and seeding the outfield at the Stokes Drive ball field, adding wings to the backstop; and, in cooperation with the Bureau of Sanitation, excavating an additional leaf pit, storing 1,600 cubic yards of leaves for future leaf mold. This latter was the third consecutive year in which a new pit was established. Other work included grading the triangle at Bloomingdale Road and Baker Street and then transplanting 228 privet plants to the area from the nursery in Leakin Park; filling, grading and seeding property along Purnell Drive; and finally discing and seeding the median strips on Edmondson Avenue at Ten Hills and Liberty Heights Avenue.

The following new properties were turned over to the Division during the year: Yale Avenue Playground, Franklin Playground, Rev. Wilbur H. Waters Playground, and Liberty Heights Avenue median strips.

## 11. PATTERSON DIVISION

(MR. GEORGE DEWEY LEBRUN, *District Park Superintendent*)

During 1956 the Board of Recreation and Parks agreed to release to the New Marsh Wholesale Produce Market Authority and to the State of Maryland, that portion of Lower Herring Run Park between the north limit of the Northeast Expressway and Pulaski Highway. About 71.3 acres were involved. Substantial progress

was made during 1957 in the grading and construction work on the Expressway. Because of the elevation of the road and bridge over Herring Run it became necessary to regrade a large portion of the undeveloped park land. Permission was granted the grading contractor to make a substantial fill on both sides of Herring Run north of the Expressway, an area of about 30 acres. Upon completion of the fill the contractor will be required to do the finished grading, and to apply proper fertilizer at the rate of 1000 lbs. per acre, in preparation for seeding.

Upon completion of the installation by the Market Authority, certain landscape plantings will be installed to make the area acceptable from an aesthetic point of view.

In addition to the changes in Herring Run Park, there were many other areas in the Patterson District which received attention during the year. In Patterson Park, the old brick walk between 2623 and 2719 Eastern Avenue, was replaced with concrete. The paving of this stretch of 351 feet completes the installation of improved sidewalks around the perimeter of the park. Other improvements at Patterson included installing ground spot lights for illuminating the Pulaski Monument at Memorial Circle, and moving the two large transformers from the filter room of the swimming pool to the bath house. This latter project was required to keep the transformers dry at all times. A new Little League baseball diamond with a hooded backstop and 12 foot high chain link fence along the left field foul line was constructed at the president Street Playground. Other improvements at this site included enclosing the remainder of the field with snow fence to prevent batted balls from rolling out of the area, and locating a new drinking fountain to the rear of the backstop. At the St. Leo's Playground in the 900 block of East Pratt Street, an area of approximately one-half acre was hard surfaced and then fully enclosed with a 12 foot high chain link fence, using Loan Funds. An outdoor basketball court, a drinking fountain, playground equipment and a small shelter were then constructed on this area.

The two large chrysanthemum beds in Preston Gardens were exceptionally beautiful in the fall as the plants had been in the beds for the second year and the flower heads were unusually large. After the first frost nipped the flowers, they were removed and 9,000 newly imported tulip bulbs were then planted for blooming in the spring of 1958.

Other accomplishments during the year included treating the athletic fields in the district with 65 cubic yards of clay and installing seven new two-legged benches—four on the Broadway Squares in front of the Johns Hopkins Hospital and three on the Fallsway grass plot at Preston Street.

New area added during the year comprised three blocks of central parking on Monument Street from west of Haven Street to two blocks east of Kresson Street.

## 12. CONSTRUCTION DIVISION

(MR. GEORGE L. NICKEL, *Superintendent*)

The primary responsibility of the Construction Division is to make the major repairs and maintenance required in the Bureau. In addition it is also employed in projects involving original construction such as the Park Police garage and the stables in Leakin and Graham Parks. This division is divided into six (6) sections: Painting, Carpentry, Electrical, Road Maintenance, Plumbing, and Fencing. The accomplishments of these sections during the year are as follows:

- a. PAINTING—Memorial Stadium both interior and exterior, walls, wood trim, seats, benches, signs, ticket booths, etc. Other important items of painting included the buildings and bandstand and replacement of glass in the greenhouses in Carroll Park, buildings in Riverside Park, exterior of Cherry Hill Pool building, and buildings and equipment at Fort Smallwood. The Park Police garage, stable at Graham Memorial Park, the bandshell, and buildings and equipment at Mt. Pleasant Golf Course were painted in the Clifton Division. At the Zoo cages, and in the Patterson Division lobby and fence at Washington Monument. Various buildings including locker room at Hillsdale Golf Course and the newly constructed stable at Leakin Park in the Gwynns Falls Division, as well as the light poles in lower Leakin Park; buildings, bleaches, floodlight towers, and greenhouses in the Druid Hill Division.
- b. CARPENTRY—There were 51 requests during the year, several of them of major scope. The more important items were Graham Park Riding Academy (30 horses), Leakin Riding Academy (44 horses), and Park Police Garage. Other important items of a maintenance nature included seating changes at Memorial Stadium, preparation, erection, and removal work for Eastern Open and Hole-In-One Golf Tournaments at Mt. Pleasant Golf Course and building of combination picnic table-benches for the various divisions.
- c. ELECTRICAL—This group handled 265 requests during 1957 for electrical work on oil burners, refrigeration units, sound systems, plus motor and lighting installations throughout the park system. Special and complete new installations were made in the Leakin Park stables, Graham Park stables and the new Park Police garage, replacement of a three phase feeder, transfer of transformers, and revamping of control panels at the Patterson swimming pool; also, lighting and power for the Eastern Open, Hole-In-One Golf Tournaments, Flower Mart, and Christmas trees at various locations throughout the system.

- d. ROAD MAINTENANCE—This section has the responsibility for the maintenance of walks, paths, and roadways in the various districts. There were 34 requests received during the year which produced 15,262 square yards of new paved surface. In addition, the regular work of maintenance and repairing throughout the system was continued. The heavy construction equipment of this section was used in the excavating, movement and grading of thousands of cubic yards of earth as well as digging eight thousand feet of ditches for pipe lines.
- e. PLUMBING—During the year there were 250 requests for this service. Major accomplishments included the installation of water and drain lines at the two new stables, and the installation of approximately 4½ miles of water lines at the new Pine Ridge Golf Course.
- f. FENCING—Twenty-seven (27) service calls were met covering repairs and installations in several districts of the Bureau of Parks.

A summary of the activities of this division for 1957 showing origin and nature will be found on the following chart.



WORK REQUESTS PROCESSED—1957

CONSTRUCTION DIVISION

<i>Division</i>	<i>Carpentry</i>	<i>Painting</i>	<i>Plumbing</i>	<i>Electric</i>	<i>Oil Burner</i>	<i>Roads</i>	<i>Fence</i>	<i>Material</i>	<i>Total</i>
Carroll .....	2	7	30	34	15	5	2	149	244
Clifton .....	1	8	50	32	14	5	3	233	346
Druid Hill .....	7	10	43	30	13	8	5	280	396
Forestry .....	7	3	3	4	0	0	1	29	47
Gwynns Falls .....	8	7	32	44	12	8	9	169	289
Patterson .....	1	3	30	52	4	4	0	64	158
Police .....	9	1	3	18	0	0	0	62	93
Stadium .....	14	14	7	3	1	1	2	66	108
Zoo .....	2	10	52	48	16	3	5	156	290
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>51</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>1,208</b>	<b>1,971</b>

### 13. FORESTRY DIVISION

(MR. CHARLES A. YOUNG, JR., *City Forester*)

(MR. FREDERICK S. GRAVES, *Assistant City Forester*)

#### 1. Special Mechanical Equipment

The acquisition of two vehicles designed specifically for tree maintenance operations and the resulting increase in effectiveness of service provided was the most significant development within the Forestry Division for 1957.

With funds provided by the Bureau of Highways a mobile aerial tower, Hiranger Model 4-40PH, was placed in service on February 1, 1957. The tower is mounted on a 17,000 lb. GVW chassis, which provides space for a 175 cubic foot chipper and tows an Asplundh Brush Chipper. A 12" hydraulic chain saw and pole pruner complete the equipment. This hydraulically operated unit places one man in position to perform tree maintenance operations quickly, safely and with no loss of time required to climb or to ladder the tree. The hydraulically operated chain saw and pole pruner provide tools that permit speedy cutting; the brush chipper disposes of the problem of handling bulky loads of brush and allows the unit to perform a full day of operation without unloading the chip bin.

The Hiranger was used primarily to clear the light distribution cone of the newly installed 23 foot to 35 foot street lamps of interfering branches. The expenditure of \$13,030.00 for this unit has proven a most economical step during the first year of operation.

The second vehicle added to the motorized equipment was a 22,000 lb. GVW unit equipped with a McCabe Forestry Body, Model 700C and a 12,000 lb. rope pull winch. This unit provides all-weather accommodations for the crew and adequate storage space for tools and equipment permitting the deck space to be used for brush and logs. This unit was placed in service on October 31, 1957 at a cost of \$5,695.00.

#### 2. Operations at Pine Ridge Golf Course

During January and February the digging and moving of trees at Pine Ridge Golf Course continued when weather permitted. During March, 85 White Pine trees 6/7' were dug and delivered to the new parking lot at Hillsdale Golf Clubhouse for planting by Gwynns Falls Division employees.

The planting at the Pine Ridge Golf Course of 50 shade trees 8/10' dug, balled and burlapped in Crimea Nursery was accomplished during April. A screen of 104 Scotch Pine 6/8' was planted on the property line to the north of the entrance driveway between May 1st and June 10th. This operation utilized the back

hoe to dig and move the trees and to dig the planting holes. All pine trees were sprayed with Wilt-Proof to decrease loss of water through transpiration and proved most successful.

### 3. Tree Plantings and Removals

- a. PUBLIC HIGHWAYS—Twice the number of trees were planted on the public highways as were removed (Planted 2,008; Removed 1,004). One fine example of street tree planting in 1957 occurred when through cooperation of interested citizens, 10 Augustine Ascending Elms were planted in the unit block of West Mount Vernon Place, and the adjoining block of Cathedral Street. Another example was the Flowering Crab Tree project which is sponsored by the Women's Civic League. In 1957, 94 additional Crab trees were provided, of which 55 were located on public highways and 39 in the parks. Twenty-six of these were planted on the Baltimore-Washington Expressway along with 6 Sweet Gum, 2 Pin Oaks, 28 Norway Maples, and 84 Upright Norway Maples. The Flowering Crabs were planted at the City line to improve the appearance of the City entrance.

In addition to the work performed by our Forestry Division, the Bureau of Highways awarded two tree removing contracts to a private concern to remove 585 dead or diseased trees from the public highways. These contracts provided for sub-grade preparation, and paving of the spaces with bituminous concrete.

- b. PUBLIC PARKS—In the parks more than three times as many trees were planted as were removed. (Planted 1,349; Removed 407). This was the third successive year in which the number of trees planted exceeded the number removed.

The trees planted in the parks were dug from the nursery in Leakin Park. Most of them were 1¾ inch in caliper, root wrapped, but not balled and burlapped. This method permitted rapid handling, with the advantages of having the earth remain intact during planting. The varieties selected for these plantings included Buisman Elm, White and Mountain Ash, Zelkova, Sugar, Red and Upright Norway Maples, Chinese Chestnuts, Red and Pin Oaks, and Sweet Gums.

### 4. Sprayed

Dormant spraying of elms for control of elm bark beetles was resumed on January 22nd and continued until March 5th, whenever weather conditions permitted. In addition to spraying for the control of insects, the equipment was utilized successfully to dislodge starlings from their roosts at various locations.

## 5. The Weather

The rainfall deficiency which has dominated the weather picture in Baltimore for several years, reached its severest period with a 51-day span during which no rainfall was recorded. The four month period from April through August was the driest in 40 years as reported by the State Climatologist. August was the driest month for 71 years according to the same agency.

In contrast to these drought conditions, the month of September produced five inches of rainfall in the first 21 days. The extreme weather conditions are noted in this report because of their strong influence on tree growth, and the resulting effect on other operations within the Forestry Division.

The following tables show in detail the major activities of the Forestry Division:

### Recapitulation of Operations

#### TREES PRUNED

	1957	1956	1955
Parks .....	1,065	807	1,246
Highways .....	5,649	3,067	3,560
Total .....	6,714	3,874	4,806

#### TREES PLANTED

Parks .....	349	571	209
Highways .....	2,008	1,276	1,417
Total .....	2,357	1,847	1,626

#### TREES REMOVED

Parks .....	407	348	503
Highways .....	1,004	1,256	1,038
Total .....	1,411	1,604	1,541

#### TREES SPRAYED

Parks .....	1,236	1,774	1,837
Highways .....	5,501	7,495	7,868
Total .....	6,737	9,269	9,705

#### TREES REPAIRED

Parks .....	64	26	69
Highways .....	166	110	90
Total .....	210	136	159

## STUMPS REMOVED

	1957	1956	1955
Parks .....	76	41	83
Highways .....	27	52	46
Total .....	103	93	129

Work of various types not included in the foregoing list was handled in about 7,000 cases, as compared with approximately 3,200 cases in 1956. This included such items as topping, cabling, root pruning, restaking, scar repairing, etc.

## 14. POLICE DIVISION

(CAPTAIN GORDON GAENG, *Commanding*)

The new addition to the auto repair shop in Clifton Park has greatly improved the servicing and maintenance of motor equipment assigned to this Division. The shop constructed primarily by forces of the Bureau of Parks, provides office space and five stalls, three for repairing and two for greasing and washing. The facility now provides for proper servicing of the entire fleet of 12 radio cars, 19 motorcycles, 1 ambulance, 1 truck, 3 rescue boats, and 1 car for Board and staff use.

There was no change in the authorized personnel of the Division during the year same remaining at one Captain, five Lieutenants, ten Sergeants, three Clerks, 95 Patrolmen, three Communication Clerks, one Auto-Motorcycle Mechanic, and one Mechanic's Helper. Twenty-seven men left the division during the year. Three of the vacancies were filled by officers withdrawing previous resignations. Eleven new men were appointed and since the City Service Commission could not supply us with more applicants there were 13 vacancies at the end of the year.

**POLICE SCHOOL**—The curriculum offered by the school is very thorough. It includes lectures by members of the Baltimore Police Department, Department of Traffic Engineering, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Secret Service, Red Cross, and others. Upon completion of the ten-week course the graduate patrolman receives diplomas from the Park Police Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and certificates from Civil Defense and the Red Cross.

Twice during the year all personnel of the Park Police are given instructions in care of the revolver and in target practice. This work is carried on at the Baltimore and Ohio Pistol Range. Because of unusual non-recurring conditions, the Park Police Pistol Team was forced to cancel many of its matches during 1957. It is expected that in 1958 the team will be able to compete on a full schedule.

**COMMENDATIONS**—Numerous letters of commendation were received during the year for both individuals and the division as a whole for efficiency in police work and courtesies to the public.

The effectiveness of the Park Police is demonstrated in the following summary of cases handled:

- a. Breaking of Park Rules and Criminal Arrests ..... 595  
(Disturbing the Peace and Intoxication—Dominating Categories).
- b. Arrests for Traffic Violations ..... 1,345  
(Dominating Categories—Obstructing Traffic, and Reckless Driving).
- c. Other Cases—No Arrests ..... 4,239  
(Dominating Categories—Light Reports, Personal Injuries, and Auto Accidents).

In addition to the facts presented in the summary which covers only those incidents appearing in the reports filed with Headquarters, the Police Division performed its regular duties of patrolling, public assistance, policing special events and numerous other work. The policing of special events is in itself one of the major tasks of the force each year. During 1957, for instance, there were 545 events policed which attracted an aggregate attendance of over two million four hundred thousand persons. The control of these events required 11,062 Police man hours.

## 15. MEMORIAL STADIUM

(MR. DOUGLAS S. TAWNEY, *Manager*)

The year 1957 gave further evidence that Stadium revenue is on the rise and the picture for future years is even more encouraging.

The Stadium Revenue in 1957 totaled \$297,449.38 while operating maintenance and management costs totaled \$244,521.23 showing a profit of \$52,928.15. This figure represents the greatest margin of profit shown at the Stadium since 1950 when a profit of \$64,951.19 was posted. 1950 was the last operational year at the Stadium in which a profit was reported until 1955 which was the year when the separate Stadium Division was created and also one year after Baltimore entered the American Baseball League.

### a. Revenue Comparisons with Previous Years:

Year	Uses	Attendance	Revenue	Expenses	Profit	Loss
1954	106	1,507,505	\$230,622.20	\$241,390.12		\$10,767.92
1955	106	1,452,172	254,652.69	234,636.67	\$20,016.02	
1956	95	1,532,011	258,486.96	235,827.66	22,659.30	
1957	121	2,045,367	297,449.38	244,521.23	52,928.15	



**A. Receipts and Expenses:**

Close study of the overall situation shows that in addition to cash receipts certain monetary values accrue to the City of Baltimore under various agreements. Listed below is a statement showing accruals which should be added to cash receipts:

1. Cash Receipts .....	\$297,449.38
2. Annual accrual from Baltimore Orioles for 1/5 total value of concession equipment ....	80,000.00
3. Annual accrual from Baltimore Orioles for 1/18 cost of Oriole office space .....	2,777.00
4. From Spencer Display Corporation, accrual of 1/8 total value of Stadium scoreboards annually .....	21,500.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$401,726.38</b>

It is clear, therefore, that the Stadium operation shows a substantial annual profit if we exclude debt retirement and interest on the bonded indebtedness. The gap of total costs over total revenue will narrow since prospects for future years indicate a growing revenue, and a decrease in interest charges on the bonds. A further justification for operation of the facility would be the intangible values which are listed below:

- a. Wholesome entertainment provided for an attendance exceeding 2,000,000.
- b. Expenditure by Stadium patrons of an estimated \$15,000,000.00 in the commercial life of the Baltimore area.
- c. National advertisement and prestige accruing to the City, because of professional football, baseball and outstanding attractions.
- d. Encouraging sponsors for worthy charities.

A review of 1957 shows the greatest total revenue (\$297,449.38) ever derived from a year's operation of the Baltimore Stadium since its inception in 1922. A comparison of attendance is given below.

	1955	1956	1957
Baseball .....	866,193	1,001,736	1,133,054
Football .....	397,399	407,787	422,159
Ice Show .....	101,712	76,547	—
Circus .....	—	—	63,948
Other Events .....	86,868	45,941	426,206
<b>TOTALS .....</b>	<b>1,452,172</b>	<b>1,532,011</b>	<b>2,045,367</b>



In addition to the events held within the Stadium itself, the Annual Christmas Tree Sale, three Safety Truck Rodeos, parking for Express bus service during the Christmas Holidays, and parking for 30 special bus excursions originating from the Stadium, all were permitted on the Stadium parking lots. All proceeds from the Christmas Tree Sale go to the Maryland Workshop for the Blind.

Furthering this, the auditorium in the Stadium was used 301 times in 1957 for the purposes indicated in the following chart:

<i>Organization</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Number of Uses</i>
Improvement Associations (Charity & Civic Groups)	Business Meetings	162
Baseball Club	Press Function and Employees Meetings	7
Athletic Officials	Business Meetings	53
Baltimore Boys Choir	Christmas Program	1
Maryland Professional Baseball Players Association	Charity Food Drive	1
Little League	Business Meetings	6
Bureau of Recreation	Business Meeting	1
Football Club	Clinic and Promotion	2
Bureau of Music	Rehearsals	8
Old Timers' Baseball Association	Business Meetings	6
Easter Sunrise Service, Inc.	Business Meetings and Rehearsals	6
Baltimore Symphony	Rehearsals	6
Maryland Recreation Society	Business Meetings	2
American Institute of Planners	Business Meeting	1
Hobby Show	Business Meetings	5
Garden Clubs	Shows and Displays	11
Golf Associations	Business Meetings	14
Engineering Groups	Business Meetings	6
Baltimore County Recreation	Training Meetings	2
Mercy Hospital Drive	Fund Raising	1
	TOTAL	301

It is interesting to note in the above list of functions that the Maryland Professional Baseball Players Association secured over 16 tons of food for Charity distribution at Christmas time, and the Mercy Hospital Fund raised a large amount of money by use of the Stadium Auditorium.

One event at the Stadium in 1957 is worthy of special comment. The Jehovah Witness Convention from August 21-25 required conversion of the plant from a Stadium to a gigantic convention hall. This included setting up kitchens to cook food for as many as 40,000 meals per day, first aid stations, stages, special public ad-

dress systems and many other allied operations. As a direct result of this convention:

1. 15,000 delegates were rented rooms in private homes in the vicinity of the Stadium.
2. All available hotels were completely filled.
3. Nearby motels received overflow business.
4. Restaurants throughout the city received greatly increased patronage.
5. General business in the Waverly Section greatly increased.
6. A conservative estimated expenditure of \$1,500,000.00 "convention" money was created in Baltimore as a result of this convention.

During the 1957 season, 159 injuries were handled by our first aid room. Thirty-eight of these cases were dispatched to the hospital in the Park Police ambulance stationed at the Stadium at all events.

Also 648 articles were reported lost at the Stadium in 1957, 143 of which were eventually returned to the owner.

Of significance also, was the special drive made on drinking and rowdyism at football games. By special efforts of the Park Police, this nuisance was practically eliminated.

On December 7th, the Memorial Niche in the Lobby of the Stadium was formally dedicated with appropriate, dignified, televised ceremonies. The Niche contains an attractive bronze urn holding earth from all United States Military Cemeteries throughout the world as a tribute to those servicemen who made the supreme sacrifice defending their country during the World Wars and the Korean Campaign.

Outstanding maintenance and operational projects during the year included:

1. The fabrication and erection of 45' high foul poles.
2. The erection of new supports for the North end screen of sufficient strength and proper design to resist severe storms and wind pressure.
3. The purchase of a new nylon field cover after careful study of available materials in the present day market.
4. The painting of all chair back seats prior to the close of the 1957 season.
5. The tiling of the floor of the Stadium auditorium.
6. The tiling and furnishing of ladies rest room in Stadium lobby.

An outdoor ice skating rink was contracted for late in 1957 and is scheduled for completion in 56 working days. The rink, located

on the west side parking lot, is to be full sized (85' x 185'), and should be an outstanding self-supporting recreational facility.

During 1957, the Stadium Division continued careful maintenance of the area surrounding the Stadium. All trees, shrubs, and flower beds were kept in first class condition. Seasonal flowers added color and cheer to beds along 33rd Street. Many trees and shrubs were contributed by interested persons and this material was planted by the Forestry Division.

## 16. ZOO DIVISION

(MR. ARTHUR R. WATSON, *Director*)

The Zoo Division's highlight for the year 1957 was the Betsy story—an event which brought to the Zoo and the City of Baltimore publicity of a value difficult to estimate. The story began in 1953 when Betsy, the Zoo's famous chimpanzee, was first introduced to the art of fingerpainting. Momentary fame came in 1954 when articles appeared in the Sunday Sun and Collier's Magazine. Her interest in the medium, however, appeared to wane after this and it was not until 1957, with the encouragement of many would-be collectors, that she emerged as the ablest of the artistic apes. The impact she made after stories appeared in the local press and in an AP dispatch is now legend, but the culmination occurred when the comments of a radio announcer in Moscow rocketed her to world-wide fame. Seventy-six of Betsy's paintings were sold in fifteen states and three foreign countries including Canada, Sweden and Okinawa. Proceeds from the promotion amounted to \$3,125.80 and accounted for such major purchases as two chimpanzees (\$1,100.00), a camel (\$1,500.00) and three grizzly bear cubs (\$300.00).

Another event during the year of interest to the community was the holding of the Zoo's first photo contest which was made possible through the cooperation of the Master Photo Dealers and Finishers Association who sponsored the affair. His Honor, Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro, Jr., proclaimed the month of May, when the event was held, as "Visit Your Zoo Month" and spurred by this incentive, the contest was a huge success with over 1,000 entries competing for the many prizes made available.

The Staff of the Zoo continued its extensive program of providing educational services to the public by offering guide service as well as many personal appearances before various groups. The diversity and scope of these activities are shown in the following chart.

Guide Service	38 Requests	1,368 Persons
Lecture Programs, and Other Appearances	23 Requests	15,219 Persons
Television Program	52 Shows	400,000 Persons (per show)
Maryland Building	Natural History Society of Maryland	10,000 Persons

In addition, the Zoo Director made many guest appearances on radio and other television programs and he and his staff answered numerous telephone inquiries concerning the care and feeding of animals. The Zoo also cooperated with several educational institutions on important research projects which they were conducting. Specimens and practical advice were supplied to a member of Goucher College in studies of the psychological processes of lizards, and the same service was supplied to a member of the faculty of the Johns Hopkins Hospital in research on the heart and circulatory system of snakes.

Once again the Zoo was favored by the donations of varied animals from many public-minded citizens. In many instances these gifts represent pets, such as monkeys and other exotic types, which had outgrown their home confines. Of special interest among the donations were two retired army pigeons—Yank and Apex—and their mates which the Zoo received from the United States Army Signal Corps. Appropriate military ceremonies were conducted at the transfer of these veterans of many combat missions to inactive duty status. Another contribution from the services without, however, benefit of military honors was the reassignment of 699 guinea pigs from the United States Army at Fort Meade to the Zoo. Altogether there were 67 donations of animals, including one chimpanzee as well as a variety of monkeys, chinchillas, kinkajous, coatimundis and foxes; 53 donations of birds; and 75 donations of reptiles made during the year. Needless to say, the Zoo and the Department are very appreciative of these gifts and regret that limitations of space prevent the listing of the names of each donor.



*New exhibition area for Zebu, Water Buffalo, Bison, Yak and other heavy-hoofed stock, Baltimore Zoo. Note careful preservation of existing trees.*

The Zoo continued its usual growth during 1957 in both variety and number of specimens on hand and with the new facilities anticipated in its Loan Program promises to offer the people of Baltimore an even finer and more interesting exhibit in the future. There were 651 specimens displayed during the year representing 326 species.

<i>Exotic Specimens</i>	<i>Species</i>	<i>Specimens</i>
Mammals .....	99	290
Birds .....	146	297
Reptiles .....	76	139
Amphibians .....	4	8
Fish .....	1	17
	326	651

### Zoo Inventory

It is not possible to give a detailed inventory in this report because of lack of space. This information is available in the report of the Bureau of Parks which will be prepared separately. A brief statement of the various exhibits is given below.

#### A. ANIMALS

1. *Primates*—There are now on exhibit 32 species of primates with 86 specimens. Most of this collection is on display at the new Mammal House. The exhibit includes an excellent representation of Gorillas, Chimpanzees, Baboons, Orangutans, and Monkeys. The most outstanding addition to this collection was the purchase of a pair of White Handed Gibbons to complete our collection of great Apes.

2. *Carnivores*—Twenty-seven species of carnivores are now included in this collection represented by 62 specimens. Lions, Tigers, Leopards, Bears, Jaguar and Pumas are important items of this classification.

3. *Hoofed Animals*—There are 20 species of hoofed stock with a total representation of 82 specimens. American Bison, Water Buffalo, Yak and Antelope are among the very interesting exhibits.

4. *Miscellaneous Animals*—Important items in this classification are Indian Elephants, Sea Lions, Giant Red Kangaroos, two toed Sloth, African Porcupine as well as a pair of the rare Acuchi.

#### B. BIRDS

Our collection of birds has 146 species with 297 specimens. Of special interest to visitors to the Bird Exhibit are two outstanding habitat groups of birds not ordinarily displayed together such as the Toco Toucan, Green Billed Toucan, Aracari and Trumpeters.

During the year two birds, both entirely new to the collection, were exhibited; the Indian Blue Roller and the African Sunbird.

Birds of lesser importance exhibited for the first time were the Masked Tanager, Cherry Finches, Diamond Doves, and the Yellow Winged Cacique.

A constant effort is being made to obtain a closer relationship between the number of species and the number of specimens.

### C. REPTILES

There are 80 species on exhibit with 147 specimens. The more important items in this collection displayed at the Reptile House in naturalistic settings are:

Crocodile, Nile	Alligators, American
Caiman, Spectacled	Cape, Monitor
Lizard, Mexican Beaded	Boa, South American
Boa, Central American	Anaconda
Pythons, Rock	Cobras, Egyptian

### 17. GOLF COURSES

The most significant development in the administration of the golf courses during 1957 was the increase in green fees which was put in effect at the four municipal courses on April 1, 1957. This increase was found necessary because of the rise in the labor rate as well as in the cost of materials. The following rates were put into effect:

	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Sunday and Holidays</i>	<i>Twilight</i>
Carroll (9 Holes) .....	\$ .50	\$.65	—
Clifton .....	1.00	1.25	\$.50
Forest Park .....	1.00	1.25	.50
Mt. Pleasant .....	1.25	1.50	.50

The effect of these new rates can be noted in the figures for 1956 and 1957. In both of these years the attendance was approximately the same (200,656 as compared to 200,461), but the revenue rose from \$169,591.95 to \$207,254.00. The complete figures for 1957 including total rounds played and operating costs for each course are shown in the following chart:

	<i>Rounds</i>	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Operating Costs</i>
Carroll (9 Holes) .....	34,756	\$ 19,628.25	\$ 31,030.37
Clifton .....	50,290	52,923.75	55,596.95
Forest Park .....	57,396	60,725.25	53,028.63
Mt. Pleasant .....	58,019	73,976.75	89,039.70
<b>TOTAL 1957 .....</b>	<b>200,461</b>	<b>\$207,254.00</b>	<b>\$228,695.65</b>
<b>TOTAL 1956 .....</b>	<b>200,656</b>	<b>\$169,591.95</b>	<b>\$219,387.74</b>

In addition to the above there was also an operating cost of \$6,872.82 at the Pine Ridge Golf Course for maintaining the fairways and other portions of the course which had been completed.

During 1957 the name of Hillsdale Golf Course was changed to Forest Park Golf Course, and the Loch Raven Golf Course was designated the Pine Ridge Golf Course. Johnny Bass was named the professional for the new Pine Ridge Course. Johnny Bass has served successfully as professional at the Clifton golf course for the past 20 years and is scheduled to take over his new duties when Pine Ridge is opened.

As in the past, there were several special tournaments played at the public courses. The first of these was a Cancer Fund Match which was held on June 2nd at the Clifton Park Golf Course. This event featured a match between the professionals and amateurs and \$1.00 donation tickets were sold at all pro shops to raise money for the Cancer Fund.

Another golfing event was the Hole-In-One Tournament which was held from August 14th to 18th at the Mt. Pleasant Golf Course. This event is sponsored by the Baltimore News-Post and Baltimore Golf Association with proceeds going to the Association and the Wounded Veterans Fund. One hundred yards of the practice fairway and green located to the right of the 18th fairway at Mt. Pleasant are lighted for this event by forces of the Bureau. The tournament is divided into qualifying and play-off rounds, with the competition divided among Pros, Amateurs, Women, Juniors (under 18) and Seniors (over 50). There are eight trophies and nearly 100 special prizes offered during the first part of the contest and a total of \$1,000.00 in merchandise prizes is awarded during the play-offs. In addition there is a \$100.00 prize awaiting anyone who scores an ace during the event. The participation during 1957 was just shy of the all-time record with a total of 4,609 tickets sold and receipts amounting to \$2,304.50.

The Public Links Medal Play Tournament was held at Clifton Park on August 31, Forest Park on September 1, and Mt. Pleasant on September 2. There were five championships at stake—Regular, A, B, C, and Senior—with a turnout of 231 attracted to the tournament. The trophies are provided by the golf association for the A, B, C flights, and the Evening Sun provides the trophies for the championship and senior group including a replica of the championship cup which is retained permanently by the winner. In addition, merchandise prizes totalling \$1,000.00 are awarded to the winners of the various flights.

### **Eastern Open Golf Tournament**

The eighth annual Eastern Invitational Open Golf Tournament was held at the Mt. Pleasant Golf Course from July 25th through the 28th. The 1957 Tournament was sponsored jointly by the Junior Association of Commerce and the City of Baltimore and carried a total of \$20,000.00 in prize money. As in the past, the tournament was conducted by a committee appointed by his Honor, Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro, Jr., who originated the event in 1950.

The tournament is open to approximately 150 golfers who qualify, of whom nearly 100 nationally known professionals appear each year. The 1957 Tournament was characterized by many new faces, including such outstanding newcomers as Ken Venturi and Bill Casper. It was feared that the extreme dryness during the weeks preceding the event would reduce the calibre of play, but rain finally came two days before the tournament began and the usual high standard of play was produced. The tournament was won by Tommy Bolt who turned in a record breaking 64 in the first round.

As in past years the Mt. Pleasant Course was kept in first class condition to meet the exacting demands of professional golfers. All of the many detailed requirements of course conditioning were handled by the Bureau of Parks to the satisfaction of the contestants.

The public probably has a slight understanding of the many details involved in the proper preparation of a golf course for a first class tournament. Among these details are the following:

- a. Locating and placing miles of gallery ropes.
- b. Numbering of the gallery ropes.
- c. Providing tents for press, marshals, first aid, and comfort stations.
- d. Erection of main scoreboard and six (6) auxiliary scoreboards.
- e. Erection of bleacher stands at seven (7) points along the course.
- f. Erection of two (2) television towers.

The roll of winners of this tournament now reads as follows:

1957—Tommy Bolt	1953—Dick Mayer
1956—Arnold Palmer	1952—Sam Snead
1955—Frank Stranahan	1951—Cary Middlecoff
1954—Bob Toski	1950—Lloyd Mangrum

Gratitude must be expressed to all members of this Department, other municipal agencies and to the many individuals who generously gave their time and ability to make this an outstanding event.

## 18. SWIMMING POOLS AND BATHING BEACHES

The 1957 swimming pool season which extended from June 22 through September 2 opened with two less pools in operation than in former years. Swimming pool #2 in Druid Hill Park remained closed throughout the season in line with our action in 1956 when it was found that one pool was sufficient to handle the attendance in the Druid Hill area. A fire at the Gwynns Falls pool forced the



closing of this facility. The obsolete wading pool in Carroll Park was closed because it no longer served a public need. Attendance at this pool had fallen to a very low point, too low in fact to justify continuance of the operation. The area formerly occupied by the pool will be converted into lawn and used for general park purposes.

Notwithstanding the closing of these pools, the attendance during 1957 showed an increase of 5½% over the previous year although still down 44.4% from 1955. One point that should be noted in this connection is that while patronage and revenue declined, operating costs did not decrease at a proportionate rate for the pools remaining open. This fact is caused by the necessity of maintaining complete filtration and repairs as well as providing guards and attendants for the full period of operation. This situation can be demonstrated by the figures for 1957 and 1955 when attendance decreased 44.4%, revenue 42.5%, but operating costs only decreased 22.5%. In the charts which follow, the attendance revenue and operating expenses at each pool for 1957 is compared with the operation during 1956.

<i>Pool Location</i>	<i>Days Open</i>	<i>Patrons 1957</i>	<i>Revenue 1957</i>	<i>Cost 1957</i>
Cherry Hill .....	65	14,991	\$ 2,171.50	\$10,135.06
Clifton .....	65	23,140	5,043.38	13,493.18
Druid Hill #1 .....	65	35,460	8,014.85	14,735.31
Patterson .....	65	48,413	7,563.85	16,519.09
Riverside .....	61	27,670	4,338.85	11,849.61
Roosevelt .....	65	14,662	2,508.50	6,382.48
<b>TOTALS .....</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>164,336</b>	<b>\$29,640.93</b>	<b>\$73,114.73</b>

<i>Pool Location</i>	<i>Days Open</i>	<i>Patrons 1956</i>	<i>Revenue 1956</i>	<i>Cost 1956</i>
Carroll Wading .....	11	61	\$ 3.05	\$ 1,809.55
Cherry Hill .....	62	12,104	2,177.32	7,849.68
Clifton .....	61	22,305	4,449.30	13,714.67
Druid Hill #1 .....	63	26,560	5,986.80	11,523.97
Druid Hill #2 .....	25	9,677	1,943.60	7,203.74
Gwynns Falls .....	63	8,605	1,403.39	9,060.11
Patterson .....	58	38,434	6,036.50	15,341.87
Riverside .....	63	24,634	3,839.95	11,936.73
Roosevelt .....	63	13,361	2,239.80	6,188.45
<b>TOTALS .....</b>	<b>469</b>	<b>155,741</b>	<b>\$28,079.71</b>	<b>\$84,628.77</b>

A two-year comparison:

	<i>Days Open</i>	<i>Total Patrons</i>	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Cost Over Revenue</i>
1956 .....	469	155,741	\$28,079.71	\$84,628.77	\$56,549.00
1957 .....	386	164,336	\$29,640.93	\$73,114.73	\$43,473.80

## Fort Smallwood

Fort Smallwood again showed an increase in attendance and revenue over the previous years which can be attributed in part to the improvement in the weather for swimming and picnicking during 1957. This park is located in Anne Arundel County on the Chesapeake Bay at the mouth of the Patapsco River and Rock Creek and offers two fully equipped bathing beaches as well as ample facilities for parking and picnicking. The following chart compares the revenue and attendance at the beaches and in the park for the years 1957 and 1956.

	<i>Beach Attendance</i>	<i>Park Attendance</i>	<i>Revenue</i>
1957 .....	69,832	276,797	\$6,150.54
1956 .....	47,711	268,990	\$4,705.24

The combined cost of operating the parks and bathing beaches at Fort Smallwood for 1957 was \$34,001.98. In 1956 it was \$31,002.97.

## BUREAU OF PARKS

### SUMMARY COST STATEMENT OF OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR 1957

#### 1—GENERAL EXPENSES

11	Administrative Expenses—		
	Executive Division .....	\$ 58,627.60	
15	Injuries and Damages .....	14.89	\$ 58,642.49

#### 2—OPERATING EXPENSES

21	Operating Management Expenses .....	\$667,226.17	
22	Squares, Blvd. Parking & Special Lot Expenses .....	119,374.03	
23	Playground Expenses .....	33,363.74	
24	Small Park Expenses .....	126,496.81	
25	Large Parks Expenses .....	701,460.00	
25-A	Stadium Expenses .....	172,115.93	
26	Golf Expenses .....	216,419.15	
27	Pools Expenses .....	62,670.15	
28	Zoological Expenses .....	148,865.17	
29-A	Fire Damage .....	227.72	
29-B	Forestry Nursery Expenses .....	5,880.92	
29-C	Forestry Expense—Public Highways ...	79,324.06	2,333,423.85

### 3—MAINTENANCE EXPENSES

31	General Repairs .....	\$ 52,661.39	
32	Squares, Bld. Parking & Special Lot Repairs .....	14,973.17	
33	Playground Repairs .....	15,486.19	
34	Small Parks Repairs .....	32,783.79	
35	Large Parks Repairs .....	224,607.59	
35-A	Stadium Repairs .....	39,781.56	
36	Golf Repairs .....	19,149.30	
37	Pools Repairs .....	14,336.83	
38	Zoological Repairs .....	10,444.62	424,224.44

### 4—MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE AND EXPENSES

46-A	Gratuitous Work .....	\$ 48,037.28	
46-B	Special Services Rendered Other Bureaus	1,695.08	
47	Sundry Revenues and Expenses .....	398.87	50,131.23

### 5—RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

54	Interest Expenses .....		137,468.75
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### 6—FIXED ASSETS AND FUNDS

60-A	Construction Work—Levy Appropriations .....	\$ 83,772.56	
61	General Properties .....	1,065.50	
63	Playground & Playfield Properties .....	111.15	
65	Large Parks Properties .....	7,374.50	
66	Golf Properties .....	867.00	
68	Zoological Properties .....	2,511.45	
69	Miscellaneous Properties .....	69,727.72	165,429.88

#### TOTAL EXPENSES—

	BUREAU OF PARKS FUNDS .....		\$3,169,320.64
42-4	Accessory Enterprises (Billwork) .....		7,718.31
43	Animal Purchase Fund .....		2,748.57
60-B	Construction Work—Sam Smith Park ..		313.39
60-D	Construction Work— Public Parks Building Loan .....		227,481.63
60-F	Loch Raven Golf Course .....		102,651.64
60-H	Acquisition of Property .....		32,564.37

GRAND TOTAL ..... \$3,542,798.55

## BUREAU OF PARKS

### STATEMENT OF REVENUE FOR THE YEAR 1957

#### Playgrounds and Playfields

Carroll—Lockers, Soap and Towels .....	\$ 1,044.35	
Clifton—Lockers, Soap and Towels .....	1,944.65	
Patterson—Lockers, Soap and Towels .....	878.05	
Gwynns Falls—Lockers, Soap and Towels ....	1,380.60	\$ 5,247.65

#### Golf

Carroll .....	\$ 19,628.25	
Clifton .....	52,923.75	
Hillsdale .....	60,725.25	
Mt. Pleasant .....	73,976.75	207,254.00

#### Swimming and Wading Pools

Clifton .....	\$ 5,043.38	
Druid Hill #1 .....	8,014.85	
Patterson .....	7,563.85	
Riverside .....	4,338.85	
Roosevelt .....	2,508.50	
Cherry Hill .....	2,171.50	29,640.93

#### Concessions

Selling Concession Contract .....	\$ 13,080.00	
Concession—Fort Smallwood .....	6,150.54	19,230.54

#### Stadium

Baseball Rentals (Balto. Orioles) .....	\$129,519.63	
Football Rentals (Colts) .....	33,225.24	
Football Rentals (Professional & College) ....	11,364.80	
Football Rentals (High School & Others) ....	525.00	
Baseball Concessions (Balto. Orioles) .....	34,994.33	
Football Concessions (Colts) .....	18,825.77	
Football Concessions (Professional and Collegiate) .....	5,124.65	
Football Concessions (High School & Others) ..	1,090.85	
Other Rentals .....	22,500.00	
Other Concessions .....	7,816.53	
Telephone Commissions .....	1,153.72	
Advertising Commission .....	1,500.00	
Sale of Electricity .....	14,713.60	
Parking Concessions .....	8,281.17	
Office Rental (Balto. Baseball Club) .....	1,845.00	
Miscellaneous .....	516.53	292,996.82

Railway Tax .....		194,727.26
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Fines—Park Violations .....		1,064.00
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#### Miscellaneous

Rental Real Property .....	\$ 3,473.50	
Sale of Electricity .....	586.88	
Commissions on Telephones .....	498.89	
Colonial Dames—Building Maintenance .....	250.00	
Maryland Yacht Club—Rental .....	1,262.00	
Sundry Revenue .....	177.89	6,249.16

Baltimore Transit Bus Tax .....		385,361.43
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Busses—Other than Baltimore Transit .....		2,329.99
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Baltimore Transit Company Special .....		55,143.52
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TOTAL REVENUE .....		\$1,199,245.30
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**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**  
**DIVISION OF PARKS**

**Financial Statement of Appropriations and Loans as of December 31, 1957**

Account	Description	Forwarded from Prior Year	Appropriations	Increments	Total Credits	Expenditures	Encumbrances	Total Expenditures	Balance
8.13A	Salaries .....	—	\$ 737,059.00	\$ 77.27	\$ 737,136.27	\$ 689,800.50	—	\$ 689,800.50	\$ 47,335.77
8.14	Labor .....	—	1,562,000.00	58,704.74	1,620,704.74	1,596,174.20	—	1,596,174.20	24,530.54
8.15	Expenses .....	—	600,000.00	31,099.50	631,099.50	599,952.87	\$ 50,265.00	650,217.87	(19,118.37)
8.14D	Pools .....	—	55,000.00	—	55,000.00	44,273.24	—	44,273.24	10,726.76
	<b>SUB-TOTAL .....</b>	—	<b>\$2,954,059.00</b>	<b>\$ 89,881.51</b>	<b>\$3,043,940.51</b>	<b>\$2,930,200.81</b>	<b>\$ 50,265.00</b>	<b>\$2,980,465.81</b>	<b>\$ 63,474.70</b>
8.210	Compensated Work .....	—	—	6,060.76	6,060.76	7,275.06	—	7,275.06	(1,214.30)
	Forward to 1958 .....	—	—	(17,500.00)	(17,500.00)	—	—	—	(17,500.00)
	To Other Funds .....	—	—	(44,760.40)	(44,760.40)	—	—	—	(44,760.40)
	<b>TOTAL .....</b>	—	<b>\$2,954,059.00</b>	<b>\$ 33,681.87</b>	<b>\$2,987,740.87</b>	<b>\$2,937,475.87</b>	<b>\$ 50,265.00</b>	<b>\$2,987,740.87</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
8.33	Sam Smith Park .....	—	—	(2,439.47)	313.39	313.39	—	313.39	0.00
8.300	Rec. & Parks Bldg. Loan .....	—	500,000.00	(500,000.00)	—	—	—	—	0.00
8.300D	Rec. & Parks Bldg. Loan .....	—	500,000.00	500,000.00	500,000.00	—	—	—	500,000.00
8.305D	Park Bldg. Loan Constr. ....	—	—	114,875.10	941,666.12	227,578.88	120,669.00	348,247.88	593,418.24
8.30	Loch Raven Golf .....	—	210,000.00	(55,000.00)	146,482.88	104,877.96	3,478.00	108,355.96	38,126.92
8.31	Property Acquisition .....	—	40,000.00	(7,435.63)	32,564.37	32,564.37	—	32,564.37	0.00
	Forward to 1958 .....	—	—	(1,131,545.16)	(1,131,545.16)	—	—	—	(1,131,545.16)
	<b>GRAND TOTAL .....</b>	—	<b>\$3,704,059.00</b>	<b>(\$1,047,863.29)</b>	<b>\$3,477,222.47</b>	<b>\$3,302,810.47</b>	<b>\$174,412.00</b>	<b>\$3,477,222.47</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>

( ) Indicates Negative Figure

## B. BUREAU OF RECREATION

(MR. HAROLD S. CALLOWHILL, *Superintendent*)

### PLAY IS INSTINCTIVE

People do not have to be "taught to play." We all have a natural instinct for some form of recreation. The provision for outlets to express these instincts is a necessity. Everyone needs to discover which activities give him the most satisfaction. This can only be accomplished when individuals are exposed to many types of activity and are given opportunities to test their skills and interests. Through the trained guidance and help of a recreation leader people of all ages are aided in fulfilling these inner drives in the most satisfying manner.

The public and private recreation agencies of the city offer this important service through facilities, leadership and program to thousands of our children, youth and adults. The steadily increasing demand on the part of individuals and organizations for an expansion of recreational facilities and services in both the private and public field justifies the growth which has been accomplished in recent years. It is gratifying that these advances are the direct result of enthusiastic support of the voters as evidenced by the passage of four Recreational Loans by strong majorities.



*New Brooklyn Recreation Center—Patapsco Ave. and 3rd St.*

## **SUPPLEMENTING THE TAX DOLLAR—12.46%**

The annual budget of the Bureau is supplemented each year by receipts from fees, charges, dues, admissions, earnings and contributions. This income, which amounted to \$150,954.10 in 1957, represented 12.46% of the total funds available to the Bureau. We are proud of this achievement since we believe it is a comparatively high percentage of supplemental income. This Accessory Money is spent for such items as leadership, furniture, equipment, special activities, dance orchestras, uniforms, trophies, etc. It is the policy of the Bureau to steadily work toward increasing this supplementary aid.

## **THE VOLUNTEER IS ESSENTIAL**

The Bureau again acknowledges, with grateful appreciation, the splendid services of volunteer individuals and groups during the past year. Without the enthusiastic cooperation and effort of these people the activities of the Bureau would not be as widespread or as successful. Over 200 volunteers give service as Recreation Leaders, Game Room Attendants, Dance Hosts and Hostesses, and many other equally important services.

The Bureau is in the process of organizing a Volunteer Corps on a City-wide basis. This plan is an outgrowth of an organization of volunteers which was developed in the northeastern section of Baltimore. The purpose of the group is to recruit and train volunteers and to establish rules and regulations for the operation of the corps. It is planned to give official recognition to the many people who serve the Bureau on a volunteer basis.

## **USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES**

The Department of Education has for many years made its recreation facilities such as gymnasias, auditoriums, swimming pools and playgrounds available for after school and evening use by the general public. The Bureau of Recreation serves as a clearing house for such use and the private agencies and individual organizations have taken advantage of this opportunity. This year 140 permits were issued by the Bureau to 127 different organizations with 1,206 sessions and a recorded attendance of 62,179. These groups included Police Boys Clubs; Boy and Girl Scouts; church organizations; YMCA; YWCA; CYO; Jewish Community Center; Social Security; C & P Telephone Company; Tall Cedars; Sons of Pericles; Dog Owners Training Club and many others. In this manner the public facilities of the city serve to complement the program of the private agencies and it is important to note that all requests for such use were met.

## **PARENT-EDUCATION STUDY GROUPS**

In cooperation with the Parent-Education Division of the Department of Education, classes related to the better understanding

of teen-agers were held in eight Recreation Centers. The fact that these classes were held in Recreation Centers rather than in public school buildings afforded our Center Directors an opportunity to interest the parents of the teen-agers who participate in our program. Two of these Study Groups organized into permanent Mothers' Clubs for the purpose of study, social activity and for volunteer service to the Center and the community.

### **CHILDREN'S DANCE PROGRAM—TAP, BALLET AND BALLROOM**

This is a program for girls. The classes have a long record of participation and great interest over a period of more than 25 years. An enrollment of 7,184 was recorded in 1957 and there was an attendance of 115,815, representing an increase of 20,000 over 1956. The Bureau has a staff of 15 part-time dance instructors and 10 accompanists, most of whom are highly qualified, having received their training in local studios with advance study in New York and other training centers. These teachers handle an average of 95 children in a two-hour session and in most cases the results of their thorough teaching is remarkable. The tap class pupils pay an enrollment fee of \$2.00 a year and a minimum of \$75.00 is required to start a class of weekly instruction. The Bureau adopts a liberal attitude toward poor children who cannot afford to pay the required fee. Since these receipts do not totally support the tap dance program the money is supplemented by budget funds. The cost of ballet and ballroom dancing, however, is totally self-supporting.

### **PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL TV PROGRAM**

The Northwood School-Recreation Center accepted an invitation to participate in the national hook-up TV program "It's a Hit." Twenty-three girls, ten mothers and three leaders went to New York in a chartered bus where the girls, as members of a basketball team, participated in a Quiz Program and won an electric refrigerator and a year's supply of Pepsi-Cola for the Center. All expenses were paid by the TV sponsor and included a luncheon and a trip around the New York Harbor.

### **FAMILY NIGHTS**

The Leith Walk School-Recreation Center sponsored a most successful Family Night Program one evening a week in the gymnasium. Children were not admitted to this program unless accompanied by a parent. The mothers and fathers enjoyed an interesting activity program which included badminton, volleyball, quiet games, pool and table tennis. In addition, a full length film was included in the program. During the summer this same group planned and held a large family outing at one of the shore resorts.



## **SOUTH BALTIMORE PLAYGROUND**

The South Baltimore Playground was dedicated by Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro, Jr., on July 15 with an attendance of 1,100 persons. The Epsilon Omega Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, working in cooperation with the South Baltimore Playground Committee, contributed \$3,771.00 to the City to enlarge the John W. Woodlon playroom and to purchase equipment and furniture for the field house.

## **CYLBURN WILD FLOWER PRESERVE AND GARDEN CENTER**

The Cylburn Wild Flower Preserve and Garden Center continued its activities in cooperation with the Department of Recreation and Parks. The volunteers were active in clearing the areas and collecting and planting on various trails. The Naturalized Plant Trail and the Field Flower Trail were started. The Azalea Trail was planted by volunteers with plants purchased through contributions from friends of the late Richard D. Cole who was a member of the Cylburn group. To date, a total of \$1,012.00 has been donated toward the development of the Cylburn Center. In addition, hundreds of hours of volunteer garden labor have been contributed by devoted enthusiasts.

## **CLUB PROGRAMS**

The need for companionship is basic to all human beings. One hundred thirty-one clubs which are affiliated with the Bureau help to provide a means to meet this need. More than 5,000 members with an attendance of 106,330 make up club groups with varied interests such as music, cooking, dramatics, sewing, travel and social activities; in addition, there are a number of Social Clubs, Parents' Clubs, Golden Age Clubs, Youth Service Clubs, Youth Councils and a Cheer-Leader Club. The Youth Service and Parents' Clubs are organized primarily to give volunteer service to their centers and communities and are concerned with the analysis and solutions to many of the neighborhood problems. The Golden Age Clubs range from 25 to over 100 members and the age span is 65 - 92 years. The Youth Councils are interested in certain vital areas of responsibility in their Centers such as membership, self-government, fund raising enterprises and programs.

## **DIVISION OF AMATEUR SPORTS**

The Division of Amateur Sports again experienced an increased growth in its program of activities. The number of teams enrolled increased from 1,335 in 1956 to 1,581 this year. Leone's Baseball Team, representing the Bureau, won the All-American Championship at Johnstown, Pennsylvania. This is only the second time in the history of the Tournament that a Baltimore team has won this title for the intermediate class.

One of the outstanding features of our sports program is the Injured Players Fund. Through this fund the Bureau assists injured players in meeting doctor and hospital bills. Claims in the amount of \$4,813.98 were paid, of which \$2,813.98 came from fees charged the players and the balance contributed from budget monies. In 1951 the Bureau inaugurated a registration system for all players competing in age classifications. Over 26,000 of these cards, which are laminated for permanent use, have been issued. The cost involved in this operation is borne by the players. The following table indicates the participation in sports activities:

<i>Boys and Men</i>	<i>Leagues</i>	<i>Teams</i>	<i>Players</i>
Baseball .....	98	551	7,926
Football .....	14	71	1,437
Softball .....	75	479	7,291
Basketball .....	63	334	4,230
Soccer .....	5	33	470
	—	—	—
	255	1,468	21,354
<i>Girls and Women</i>			
Softball .....	5	32	339
Basketball .....	14	81	957
	—	—	—
	19	113	1,296
Totals .....	274	1,581	22,650

## HIGHLIGHTS OF 1957

A trolley car which had been used in Baltimore for passenger service from 1884 to 1914 was presented to the Bocek Playfield by the Maryland Historical Society. A contest to name the trolley was held among the younger children and the winning name was "Lollypop Special." The children spend many enjoyable hours on imaginary rides to places near and far. Play conductors are appointed for each trip and are equipped with money-changers and transfers. On pleasant days from 75 to 100 children participate in activities aboard the Lollypop Special. The trolley is of interest to many adults who come from all over the city to see this relic of the Gay Nineties.

About 60 children, members of the Willow Avenue, North Hamilton and Dewees Playgrounds, built toy boats and competed in contests which were held in their playground wading pools. Sailing for speed, accuracy and distance were the feature events and small power boats with gasoline motors also competed.

Nine public schools in the vicinity of the Chick Webb Memorial Recreation Center have made use of the swimming pool for instructional purposes during school hours. The classes are in charge

of the physical education instructors of the Department of Education. In addition, this swimming facility has been made available to groups outside of the immediate area so that the use of the pool reaches out into the whole community. The Chick Webb swimming team competed in 14 swimming meets during 1957 and the swimming program was culminated with a Water Sports Festival and Open House Program and Trophy Display. Three members of the team were given scholarships to college because of their swimming ability.

The Baltimore Recreation Symphony Orchestra played its Fifth Annual Concert in the State House in Annapolis before a large and appreciative audience. During the observance of National Music Week in May, the orchestra played in the Sculpture Court at the Museum of Art.

The annual Music in Industry Concert was held at Eastern High School in February as the final event in a week-long observance of employee participation in recreational music. Eight industrial groups presented a 90-minute program culminating in a mass chorus of 300 voices singing Gounod's "By Babylon's Waves."

The Baltimore Recreation Chorus suffered a great loss in the death of its Director, Mr. A. Lee Jones, who guided the Chorus since its inception in 1943. The members voted to change their name to The A. Lee Jones Recreation Chorus.

There was a gross participation of 1,702 boys in two Parochial School Track and Field Meets held at Patterson and Carroll Parks. These Meets were sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the Baltimore Parochial Schools and conducted by the Bureau.

Two motion picture projectors equipped for sound are in regular use during the fall and winter months at the various Centers. Our film library consists of 30 films of an instructional nature dealing with games and athletics.

Seventy Bicycle Rodeos, with a participation of approximately 2,000 boys and girls, included various skill and safety tests. Community organizations sponsored many of these rodeos and awarded prizes to the winners of the various events.

One hundred ten softball and 75 basketball teams participated in playground and recreation center leagues and the winners competed in City-wide tournaments. Basketball skill tests are given to emphasize the fundamentals of the game. Those achieving minimum standards are presented with certificates.

Eleven Hospital Schools of Nursing entered basketball teams in the Student Nurses league of Baltimore, conducted by the Bureau of Recreation Division of Amateur Sports. This league plays in both gyms at Patterson Park High School on Thursday evenings usually filling both balconies with spectators.

The Fortview Recreation Center, located in the Canton-Highlandtown area, has developed quite a reputation for its sponsorship of athletic leagues in cooperation with the Kiwanis Club of Highlandtown over the past 7 years. The girls competed in basketball, deck tennis and dodgeball with 22 teams and a membership of more than 100 girls. The boys competed in basketball and softball with 36 teams which involved over 300 boys. An annual "Awards Night" is held for the presentation of trophies with a member of the Kiwanis Club serving as the principal speaker.

During the summer months thousands of children who have been kept off the streets through school activities are suddenly left on their own to find a place to play. As a result many youngsters are killed or injured each year. We are endeavoring to organize Safety Clubs on playgrounds throughout the city in an effort to give the children a better understanding of safety. In organizing such clubs, membership drives are important. Everyone should be a member of the club. A playground with 100% membership will be a safe playground. The programs include special days for safety emphasis, story-writing contests on safety, games with themes of safety experiences, traffic safety rules and other activities. The Department of Education cooperates with the Bureau in allowing the use of safety belts during the school vacation period. These are worn by the members of the Corp who are assigned to "traffic" duty and are returned at the end of each day. Safety Clubs have been organized at 39 different centers with 761 children participating.



*School's Out—Playgrounds provide a safe place for outdoor activities.*

The Saturday Night Senior Dance at the Cahill Recreation Center continues to attract a large number of older boys and girls. This year the attendance mounted to 20,775 which is an average of 400 a night. This is our largest dance and one which has maintained a consistently high and steady attendance.

<i>Statistics—1957</i>	<i>Enrollment</i>	<i>Attendance</i>	<i>No. Centers</i>
Playgrounds .....	27,320	1,506,326	75
Community Centers .....	49,925	2,207,810	36
Indoor Centers .....	7,666	98,610	30
Swimming Pools .....	1,826	17,357	7
Special Activities .....	29,722	256,526	—
<b>TOTALS</b> .....	<b>116,459</b>	<b>4,086,629</b>	<b>148</b>

## CITY OF BALTIMORE

### BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

#### DIVISION OF RECREATION

#### Summary Cost Statement of Operating Expenses for the Year 1957

##### 1—GENERAL EXPENSES

11	Administrative Expenses .....	\$103,383.72	
13	Leadership Training School .....	234.58	\$ 103,618.30

##### 2—OPERATING EXPENSES

21	Field Supervision Expenses .....	\$125,786.45	
22	Playground Expenses .....	223,333.88	
23	Community Centers Expenses .....	507,116.42	
24	Indoor Centers Expenses .....	12,246.05	
25	Recreational Activities Expenses .....	35,622.49	
26	Municipal Sports Expenses .....	32,046.07	936,151.36

##### 3—MAINTENANCE EXPENSES

31	General Maintenance .....		27,525.99
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	Total Expenses—Department of Recreation Funds .....		\$1,067,295.65
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42	Accessory Enterprises .....	\$123,432.47	
60-B	Recreation Loans Construction .....	275,645.14	399,077.61

	<b>TOTAL</b> .....		<b>\$1,466,373.26</b>
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**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**  
**DIVISION OF RECREATION**

**Financial Statement of Appropriations and Loan Funds as of December 31, 1957**

Account	Description	Forwarded from 1956	Appropriations	Increments	Total Credits	Expenditures	Encumbrances	Total Expenditures	Balance
8.16 A	Salaries .....	—	\$ 684,633.00	(\$ 15,480.00)	\$ 669,153.00	\$ 677,271.33	—	\$ 677,271.33	(\$ 8,118.33)
8.16 D	Part Time Salaries .....	—	255,000.00	15,480.00	270,480.00	267,559.19	—	267,559.19	2,920.81
8.17	Expenses .....	—	120,000.00	871.86	120,871.86	119,247.66	—	119,247.66	1,624.20
	Sub-Total .....	—	\$1,059,633.00	\$ 871.86	\$1,060,504.86	\$1,064,078.18	—	\$1,064,078.18	(\$ 3,573.32)
	From Supplemental Funds .	—	—	3,573.32	3,573.32	—	—	—	3,573.32
	TOTAL .....	—	\$1,059,633.00	\$ 4,445.18	\$1,064,078.18	\$1,064,078.18	—	\$1,064,078.18	\$ 0.00
8.303 D	Recreation Loan Construction .....	—	—	(908,970.56)	221,086.62	274,762.14	\$57,602.00	332,864.14	(111,277.52)
8.301 D	Recreation Loan Construction .....	—	—	350,000.00	350,000.00	—	—	—	350,000.00
8.301	Recreation and Parks Loan .....	—	350,000.00	(350,000.00)	—	—	—	—	0.00
	Forward to 1958 .....	—	—	(238,722.48)	(238,722.48)	—	—	—	(238,722.48)
	TOTAL .....	—	\$1,409,633.00	(\$1,143,247.86)	\$1,396,442.32	\$1,338,840.32	\$57,602.00	\$1,396,442.32	\$ 0.00

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## C. BUREAU OF MUSIC

(MR. EARL F. FORMAN, *Superintendent*)

In formulating plans for the 1957 Summer Season, the Bureau of Music instituted several major changes for the purpose of revitalizing and modernizing its entire program structure.

The programs of the Number 1 Concert Bands were arranged to include favorite songs of the past, rhythmic Dixie land music and lively polkas. Another innovation was the selection of eighteen young Baltimore vocalists to appear with the Number 1 Concert Bands throughout the season. Each soloist was engaged for one week. The young performers delighted the audiences which, incidentally, increased considerably with each concert, and the soloists themselves were afforded much-sought opportunities for public appearances. With the season's opening concerts, it was evident that the efforts expended by the Bureau of Music to stimulate public interest were well rewarded.

Through a special arrangement with Television Station WMAR-TV, the Bureau of Music was afforded the privilege of presenting to the public a series of Saturday afternoon programs for a period of nine consecutive weeks, the broadcasts ranging in time from fifteen minutes to a half hour. The program, entitled "Song Time," introduced the soloists who were selected to appear with the Concert Bands each following week and notable guest speakers.

For the initial television program the Bureau of Music had the honor to present the Honorable Thomas D'Alesandro, Jr., Mayor of Baltimore, and Mr. James C. Anderson, President of the Board of Recreation and Parks, both of whom spoke enthusiastically about the plans and programs of the Bureau of Music. Other prominent guest speakers appeared on the programs with the soloists for the ensuing broadcasts.

The television series proved to be of inestimable value in conveying to the public information about the approaching concerts.

Various new locations which were selected for concert performances in 1957 produced such satisfactory results that members of the audiences at these new sites wrote letters requesting additional concerts for 1958.

Several special concerts were given during the 1957 season.

### *Fourth of July Concert at Mount Vernon Place*

The annual Fourth of July Concert, presented at the base of Washington's Monument, in picturesque Mount Vernon Place, attracted the usual large audience. The Concert Band offered musical compositions in keeping with the patriotic spirit of the

holiday, and the personable young soloist who had been engaged for the event received generous applause.

A triumph for the Bureau of Music was the premiere of an outdoor showing of motion pictures in cinemascope.

The audience required no urging to join in the community singing, which was included in the program.

### ***Polish Concert—Patterson Park***

At the request of many Polish people, the Bureau of Music presented in Patterson Park on July 14, a concert commemorating the works of famous Polish composers. As in previous years, a large loyal audience attended the concert, in deference to these composers who have contributed so much to the world's musical enjoyment.

### ***City Hospitals Concert***

The usual annual concert was presented at the City Hospitals on Sunday, July 21. This proved to be a pleasant entertainment for both patients and hospital personnel.

### ***I-Am-An-American Day and Flag Day***

In 1957 the Bureau of Music was requested to furnish again a fifty-piece Concert Band in observance of this historic day, and funds for the participation of the Band were granted by the City of Baltimore.

### ***Combined Concerts at Baltimore Memorial Stadium July 16, 1957***

When plans were in progress for the first Combined Concert of the Number 1 Concert Bands, to be held at the Baltimore Memorial Stadium, on July 16, members of the Musical Union of Baltimore, Local No. 40, A. F. of M., requested the privilege of presenting during the program a plaque and an Honorary Membership to Mayor D'Alesandro. The Superintendent of the Bureau of Music welcomed the idea, and suggested that after the presentation ceremonies the Mayor be invited to conduct the Concert Bands in a musical number but that the details of the plan not be revealed to the Mayor prior to the occasion.

On the evening of the concert, with the opening strains of our Municipal Anthem, "Baltimore, Our Baltimore," the Mayor was escorted to the stage by Mr. Anderson, accompanied by Mr. Victor W. Fuentealba, President of the Musical Union, and other members of the Mayor's party. The Superintendent of the Bureau of Music introduced Mr. Fuentealba to the audience, and Mr. Fuentealba presented the plaque and Membership Card to the





*His Honor, Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro, Jr., leading combined Concert Bands, International Night—Baltimore Memorial Stadium.*

Mayor. Mr. Anderson, with great dignity, presented a decorated baton to the Mayor, with the request that the Mayor lead the Combined Concert Bands. The Mayor, taken completely by surprise, graciously accepted the invitation, gave an admirable performance as a guest conductor, and received cheers and vigorous applause for his contribution to the evening's entertainment.

The Combined Concert program for the evening, entitled "International Night," featured a group known as the International Dancers. These dancers, in gaily designed costumes, performed a number of native folk dances associated with the various countries of the world.

Two outstanding vocalists, an American baritone and a Viennese soprano, combined their talents in singing several beautiful songs appropriately chosen for the occasion.

The Combined Concert Bands played musical selections in harmony with the theme of the program.

Motion pictures in cinemascope, and community singing added to the evening's gaiety.

The specially constructed, artistically decorated stage, flying the flags of friendly nations, provided an impressive background for the entire production.

*August 13, 1957*

The final Combined Concert of the 1957 Season by the Number 1 Concert Bands was presented at the Baltimore Memorial Stadium on August 13.

The program, entitled "Ballet Night," presented Miss Estelle Dennis and her accomplished ballet group. The versatile Miss Dennis performed several original dances. In one of these, entitled "Soaring," Miss Dennis in a beautiful costume with an especially designed scarf measuring twenty-five feet square, enchanted the audience with her artistry.

The well-trained members of the ballet group, in charming, vivid costumes, gracefully performed a polka, a waltz, a Spanish dance, and the ever popular can-can.



*Ballet Night—Baltimore Memorial Stadium. Estelle Dennis and her Ballet Group with combined Concert Bands.*

The Concert Bands gave excellent support to the dancers and played, in addition, several well-chosen musical selections.

One of the evening's attractions was the premiere of a new composition, entitled "Viennese Intermezzo," by Mr. Gerald Eyth, conductor of the Number 1 Park Concert Band. Mr. Britton Johnson, well-known flautist, with his customary skill, performed superbly the solo portion.

Throughout the evening the sizable audience which attended the concert exhibited its enjoyment by sustained applause.

**Combined Concert at Druid Hill Park**  
**August 4, 1957**

On August 4, in scenic Druid Hill Park, the Number 2 Concert Bands gave their annual combined concert. One of Baltimore's finest young baritones, who made his debut as soloist with the Concert Bands, received well-deserved applause from the responsive audience which had gathered to hear the concert.

The two conductors of the Number 2 Concert Bands, sharing equal honors in conducting the seventy musicians comprising the bands, presented a number of pleasing musical compositions. Included in the program were vocal selections by the famous Baltimore City Chorus.

On invitation from the song leader, who had been engaged for the event, the audience lustily participated in the community singing which rounded the evening's entertainment.

***Baltimore City Orchestra and Chorus***

During the 1957 season the well-known Baltimore City Orchestra and Chorus presented several concerts before large and appreciative audiences. Conforming with the policy of the Bureau of Music to aid promising young performers who are interested in continuing their professional careers, several talented musicians were selected to appear as soloists for these programs.

***Baltimore Symphony Orchestra***

The City of Baltimore, through funds provided in the Budget of the Bureau of Music, continued to support financially the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra. The orchestra, under the sponsorship of the Bureau of Music, has continued to give concerts as in the past for children and Saturday evening concerts at reduced prices.

The Saturday evening concerts by the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra have become exceedingly popular, and it has been particularly significant to observe that they have been attracting so many youthful music lovers.

***General Comments***

The success of the revised program styling, the favorable publicity, and the consequent noticeable increase in attendance at the regular and combined concerts contrived to make the 1957 season a memorable one in the annals of the Bureau of Music.

Over 100,000 programs and schedules were sent to various business concerns, manufacturers and other organizations during the season, as well as to the Armed Forces, community groups and

individuals. Many thousands of song sheets were also prepared for the use of the audiences at the concerts for community singing.

The Superintendent of the Bureau of Music wishes to express his appreciation to the Honorable Thomas D'Alesandro, Jr., Mayor of Baltimore; to the members of the Board of Recreation and Parks; to the Director of the Department of Recreation and Parks; and to the Superintendent of Parks, for their continued support and cooperation.



*International Night—Baltimore Memorial Stadium with the International Dancers and combined Concert Bands.*

The members of the Baltimore City Police Department and the Park Police merit a special expression of thanks for their competent and courteous assistance.

The Superintendent of the Bureau of Music is very grateful to the newspapers for their excellent publicity and commendatory editorials about the Bureau and its achievements, and to the television and radio stations for their well-timed announcements pertaining to the programs and schedules.

The financial report and schedules of the Bureau of Music are appended.

## 1957 SCHEDULE—NUMBER 1 CONCERT BANDS

Sunday Concerts 3:00-5:00 P.M.	Combined & Special Concerts 8:30 P.M.	Week-Day Concerts 8:00-10:00 P.M.
	Number 1 Municipal Concert Band Wm. Sebastian Hart, Conductor	Number 1 Park Concert Band Gerald Eyth, Conductor
Sun., June 16	Patterson Park	Druid Hill Park Grove 10
Mon., June 17	Govans & Campbell Lane, School 213	Carroll Park
Tues., June 18	Union Square	Hanlon Park—Liberty Heights Ave. & Hilton St.
Wed., June 19	Dell—Charles & 31st Sts.	Patterson Park
Thurs., June 20	Mount Vernon Place	Federal Hill Park
Fri., June 21	Canton Park—Ellwood Ave. & Boston Street	Clifton Park
Sun., June 23	Patterson Park	Druid Hill Park Grove 10
Mon., June 24	Ashton & Pulaski Sts., School 98	Carroll Park
Tues., June 25	Stiles & Central Ave., School 2	Hanlon Park—Liberty Heights Ave. & Hilton St.
Wed., June 26	Dell—Charles & 31st Sts.	Patterson Park
Thurs., June 27	Mount Vernon Place	Federal Hill Park
Fri., June 28	Canton Park—Ellwood Ave. & Boston St.	Clifton Park
Sun., June 30	Patterson Park	Druid Hill Park Grove 10
Mon., July 1	Garrett Park—Brooklyn	Carroll Park
Tues., July 2	Edmondson Village	Hanlon Park—Liberty Heights Ave. & Hilton St.
Wed., July 3	Dell—Charles & 31st Sts.	Patterson Park
Thurs., July 4	<b>PATRIOTIC CONCERT—</b> Mount Vernon Place	Federal Hill Park
Fri., July 5	Canton Park—Ellwood Ave. & Boston St.	Clifton Park
Sun., July 7	Patterson Park	Druid Hill Park Grove 10
Mon., July 8	Springdale & Hillsdale Aves.	Carroll Park
Tues., July 9	Loch Raven—Northwood Shopping Center	Hanlon Park—Liberty Heights Ave. & Hilton St.
Wed., July 10	Dell—Charles & 31st Sts.	Patterson Park
Thurs., July 11	Mount Vernon Place	Federal Hill Park
Fri., July 12	Canton Park—Ellwood & Boston Sts.	Clifton Park
Sun., July 14	Patterson Park	Druid Hill Park Grove 10
Mon., July 15	St. Matthews Church— Norman & Mayfield	Carroll Park
Tues., July 16	*Baltimore Memorial Stadium	*Baltimore Memorial Stadium
Wed., July 17	Dell—Charles & 31st Sts.	Patterson Park
Thurs., July 18	Mount Vernon Place	Federal Hill Park
Fri., July 19	Canton Park—Ellwood & Boston Sts.	Clifton Park
Sun., July 21	Patterson Park	Druid Hill Park Grove 10
Mon., July 22	Brehms Lane & Chesterfield Ave.—School 231	Carroll Park

Tues., July 23	Lakewood & Oliver St.— School 85	Hanlon Park—Liberty Heights Ave. & Hilton St.
Wed., July 24	Dell—Charles & 31st Sts.	Patterson Park
Thurs., July 25	Mount Vernon Place	Federal Hill Park
Fri., July 26	Canton Park—Ellwood & Boston Sts.	Clifton Park
Sun., July 28	Patterson Park	Druid Hill Park Grove 10
Mon., July 29	Harford & Louise Aves.— School 236	Carroll Park
Tues., July 30	Rodgers & Magnolia Aves.— School 234	Hanlon Park—Liberty Heights Ave. & Hilton St.
Wed., July 31	Dell—Charles & 31st Sts.	Patterson Park
Thurs., August 1	Mount Vernon Place	Federal Hill Park
Fri., August 2	Canton Park—Ellwood & Boston Sts.	Clifton Park
Sun., August 4	Patterson Park	Druid Hill Park Grove 10
Mon., August 5	St. Matthews Church— 4800 Loch Raven	Carroll Park
Tues., August 6	Bocek Playground— Madison & Curley Sts.	Hanlon Park—Liberty Heights Ave. & Hilton St.
Wed., August 7	Dell—Charles & 31st Sts.	Patterson Park
Thurs., August 8	Mount Vernon Place	Federal Hill Park
Fri., August 9	Canton Park— Ellwood & Boston Sts.	Clifton Park
Sun., August 11	Patterson Park	Druid Hill Park Grove 10
Mon., August 12	Wildwood Parkway— School 88	Carroll Park
Tues., August 13	*Baltimore Memorial Stadium	*Baltimore Memorial Stadium
Wed., August 14	Dell—Charles & 31st Sts.	Patterson Park
Thurs., August 15	Mount Vernon Place	Federal Hill Park
Fri., August 16	Springdale & Hillsdale Aves.	Clifton Park

\*Combined Concerts

## 1957 SCHEDULE—NUMBER 2 CONCERT BANDS

Sunday Concerts 3:00-5:00 P.M.	Combined Concerts 8:30 P.M.	Week-Day Concerts 8:00-10:00 P.M.
	Number 2 Park Concert Band Charles E. Gwynn, Conductor	Number 2 Municipal Concert Band Harrison M. Dodd, Conductor
Sun., June 2 Wed., June 5	Druid Hill Park Grove A	Calhoun & Laurens Sts.— School 112
Fri., June 7	Francis St. & Clifton Ave.— School 137	Lafayette Square
Sun., June 9 Wed., June 12 Fri., June 14	Perkins Square	Federal St. & Greenmount Ave.—School 113
Sun., June 16 Fri., June 21	Collington Square	1500 Argyle Ave.—Musical Union Building
Sun., June 23 Fri., June 28	Walbrook Ave. & Smallwood Street—School 142	Druid Hill Park Grove A
Sun., June 30 Fri., July 5	Harlem Square	22nd St. & Homewood Ave.— School 74
Sun., July 7 Fri., July 12	Gilmor Project	Druid Hill Park Grove A
Sun., July 14 Fri., July 19	Madison Square	2700 Spellman Road— Cherry Hill
Sun., July 21 Fri., July 26	Saratoga & Schroeder Sts.— School 161	City Hospital—2:00 P.M.
Sun., July 28 Fri., August 2	Druid Hill Park Grove A	Mount & Saratoga Sts.— School 100
Sun., August 4 Fri., August 9	COMBINED CONCERT Chase & McDonogh Sts.— School 135	Druid Hill Park Grove A
Sun., August 11		Druid Hill Park Grove A

**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**  
**BUREAU OF MUSIC**

Detail Cost Statement of Operating Expenses for the Year 1957

**1—General Expenses**

11	Administrative Expenses	
11-1	Pay and Expenses of Employees .....	\$ 9,008.16
11-2	Office Supplies and Expenses .....	1,154.55
	Sub-Total .....	\$10,162.71
	TOTAL 1—General Expenses .....	\$ 10,162.71

**2—Operating Expenses**

21-1	Moving and Erecting Bandstands .....	\$ 4,095.24
22	No. 1 Municipal Concert Band Expenses	
21-1	Pay of Musicians .....	\$22,301.00
22-2	Pay of Soloists .....	450.00
22-9	Miscellaneous .....	41.46
	Sub-Total .....	\$22,792.46
23	No. 1 Park Concert Band Expenses	
23-1	Pay of Musicians .....	\$21,016.00
23-9	Miscellaneous .....	10.00
	Sub-Total .....	\$21,026.00
24	No. 2 Municipal Concert Band Expenses	
24-1	Pay of Musicians .....	\$ 4,655.00
24-3	Musical Scores .....	4.50
	Sub-Total .....	\$ 4,659.50
25	No. 2 Park Concert Band Expenses	
25-1	Pay of Musicians .....	\$ 4,716.00
25-3	Musical Scores .....	10.58
	Sub-Total .....	\$ 4,726.58



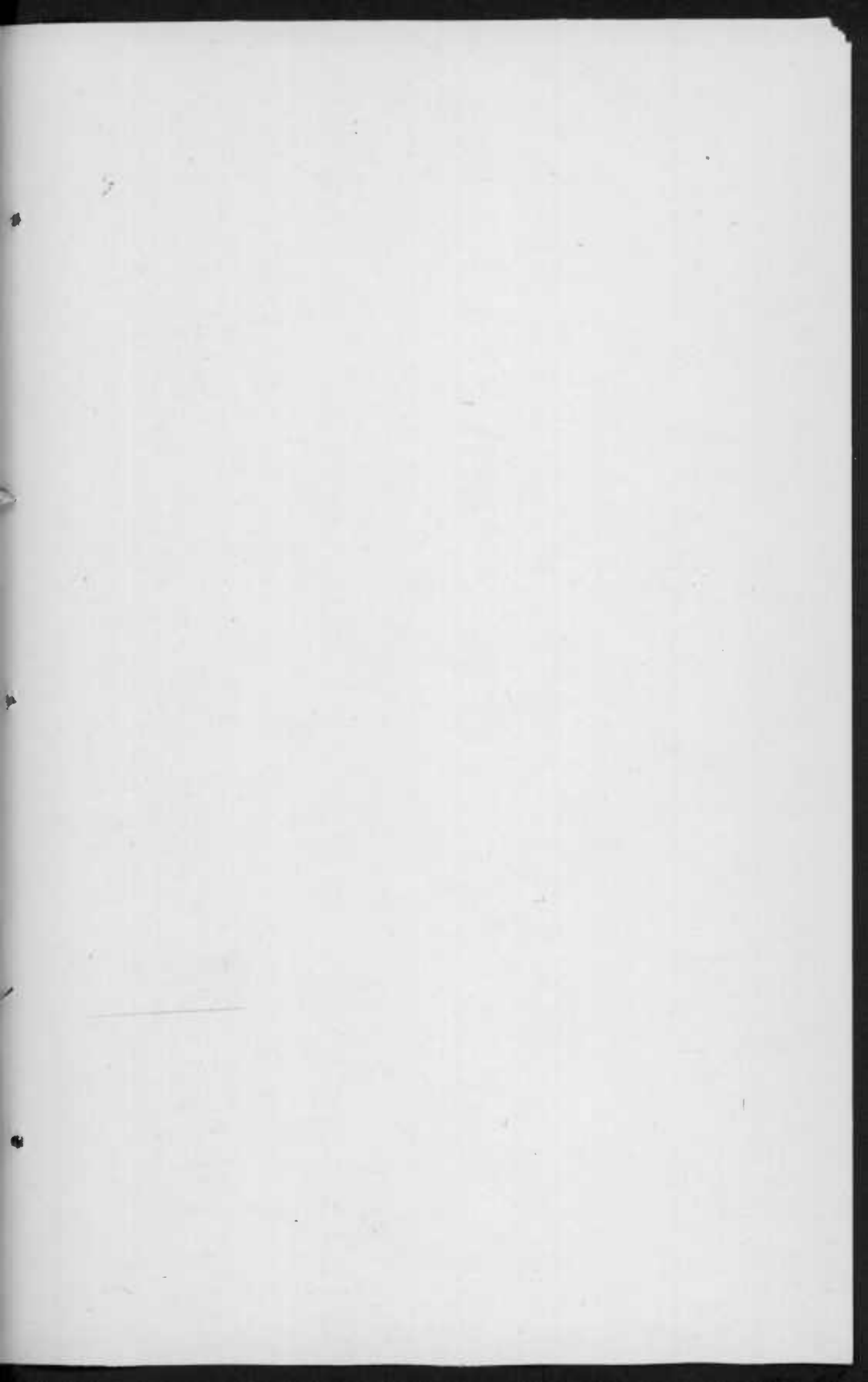
26	<b>Baltimore City Orchestra and Chorus Expenses</b>		
26-1	Pay of Musicians .....	\$	2,140.00
26-3	Musical Scores .....		26.44
26-9	Miscellaneous .....		89.68
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	Sub-Total .....	\$	2,256.12
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27	<b>Special Concerts Expense</b>		
27-2	Pay of Soloists .....	\$	715.00
27-3	Musical Scores .....		371.14
27-6	Rental of Chairs .....		138.40
27-7	Rental of Motion Pictures .....		1,375.00
27-9	Miscellaneous .....		1,097.21
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	Sub-Total .....	\$	3,696.75
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29	<b>Baltimore Symphony Orchestra .....</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>80,000.00</b>
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	TOTAL 2—Operating Expenses ....		143,252.65
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	GRAND TOTAL ....		<u>\$153,415.36</u>

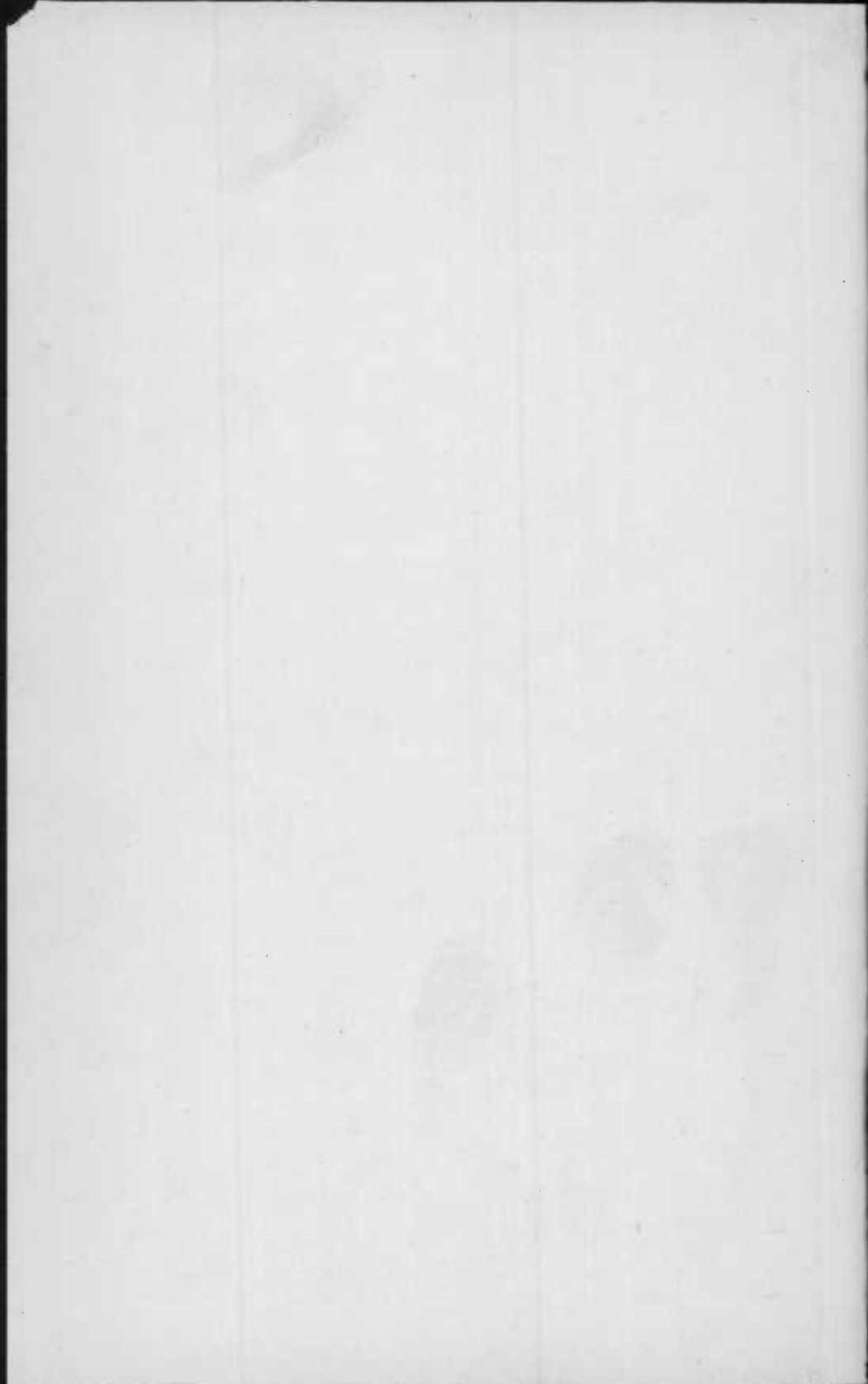
CITY OF BALTIMORE  
BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
BUREAU OF MUSIC

Financial Statement of Appropriations as of December 31, 1957

Account	Description	Appropriations	Increments	Total Credits	Expenditures	Encumbrances	Total Expenditures	Balance
8.10 A	Salaries .....	\$ 9,008.00	—	\$ 9,008.00	\$ 9,008.16	—	\$ 9,008.16	(\$ 0.16)
8.11	Expenses .....	62,210.00	—	62,210.00	64,407.20	—	64,407.20	( 2,197.20)
8.12	Baltimore Symphony Orch.	70,000.00	\$10,000.00	80,000.00	80,000.00	—	80,000.00	—
	Sub-Total .....	\$141,218.00	\$10,000.00	\$151,218.00	\$153,415.36	—	\$153,415.36	( 2,197.36)
	From Other Funds .....	—	2,197.36	2,197.36	—	—	—	2,197.36
	GRAND TOTAL .....	\$141,218.00	\$12,197.36	\$153,415.36	\$153,415.36	—	\$153,415.36	\$ 0.00

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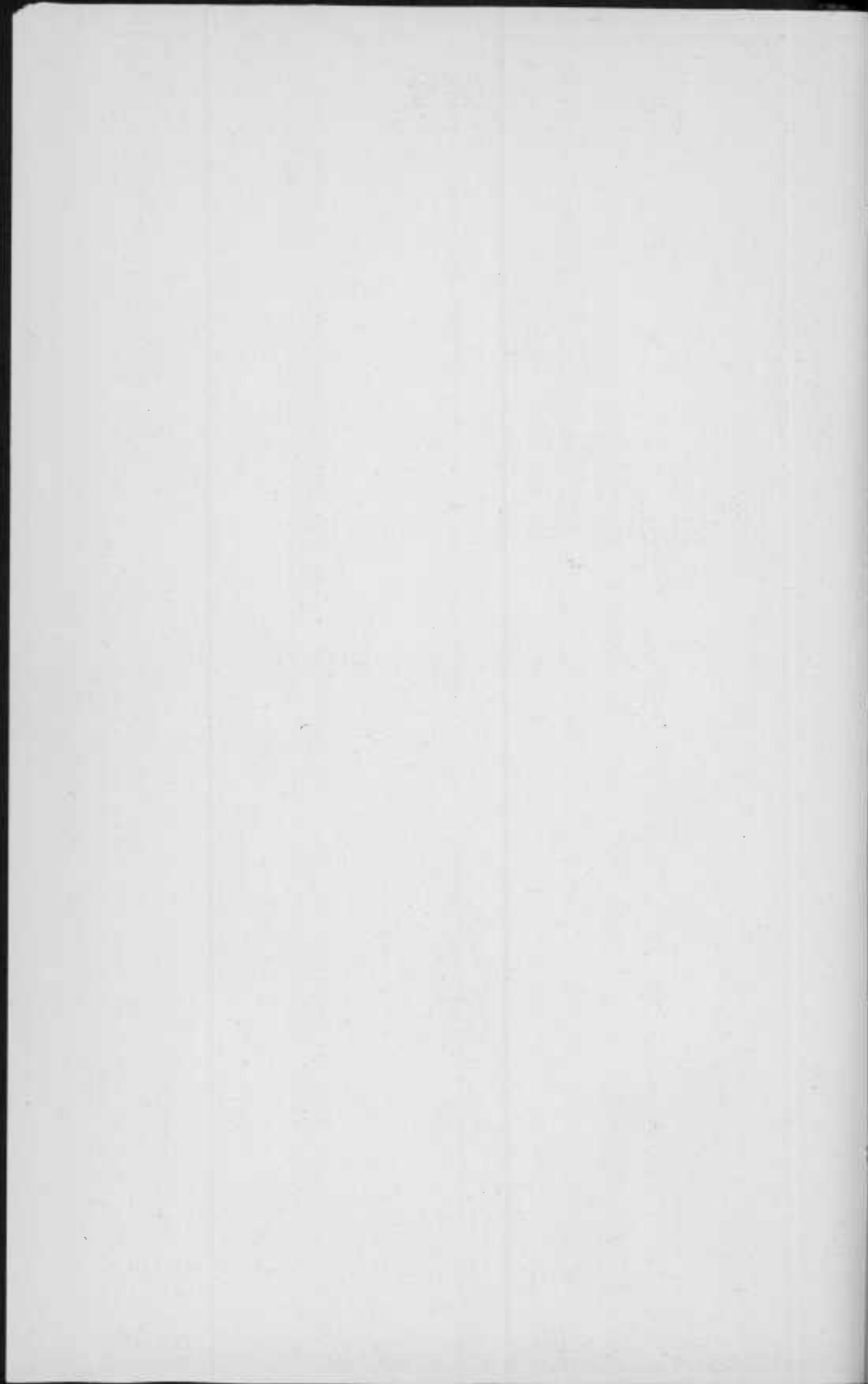
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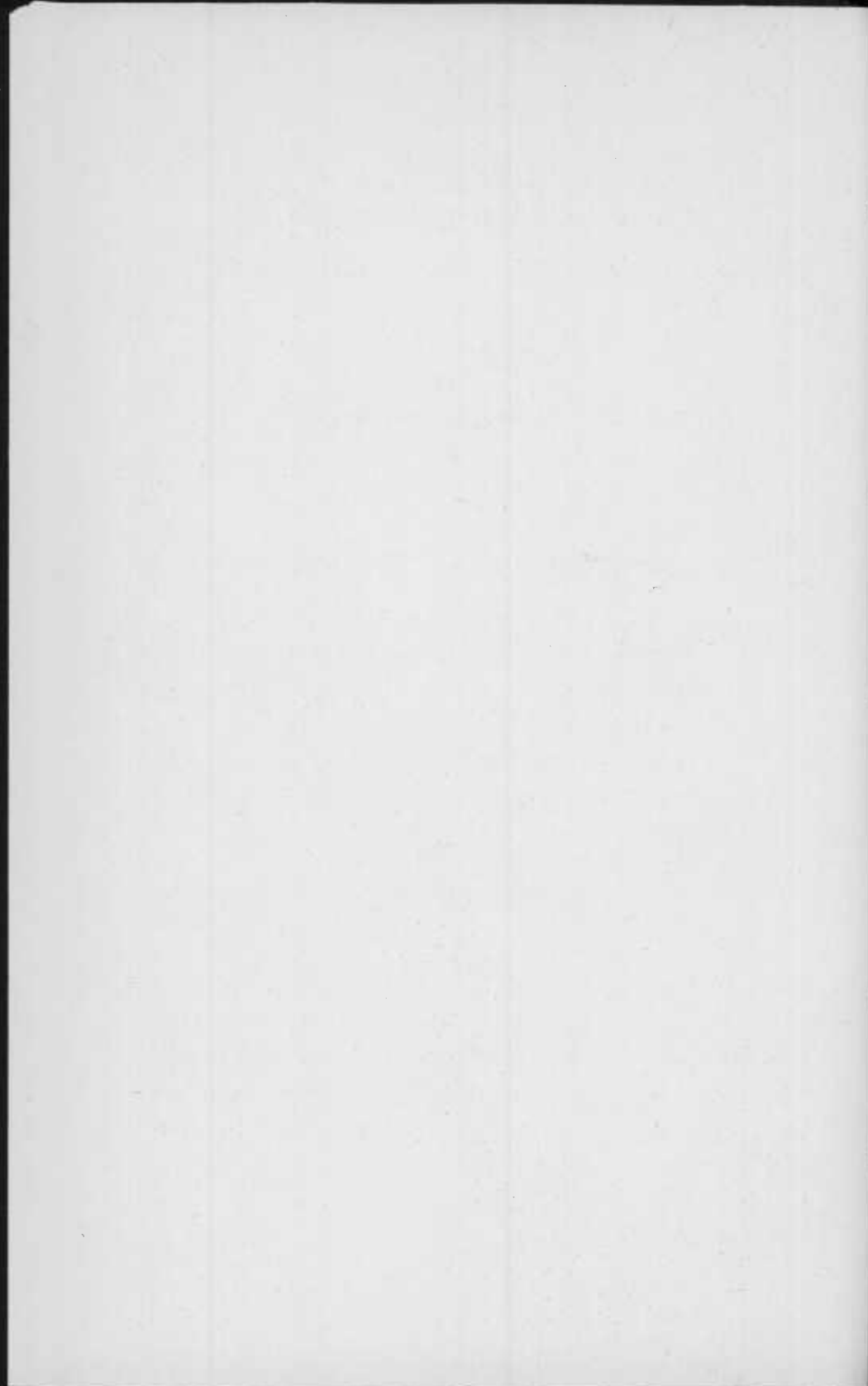






*New ice skating rink—Baltimore Memorial Stadium*





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THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO, JR., *Mayor*

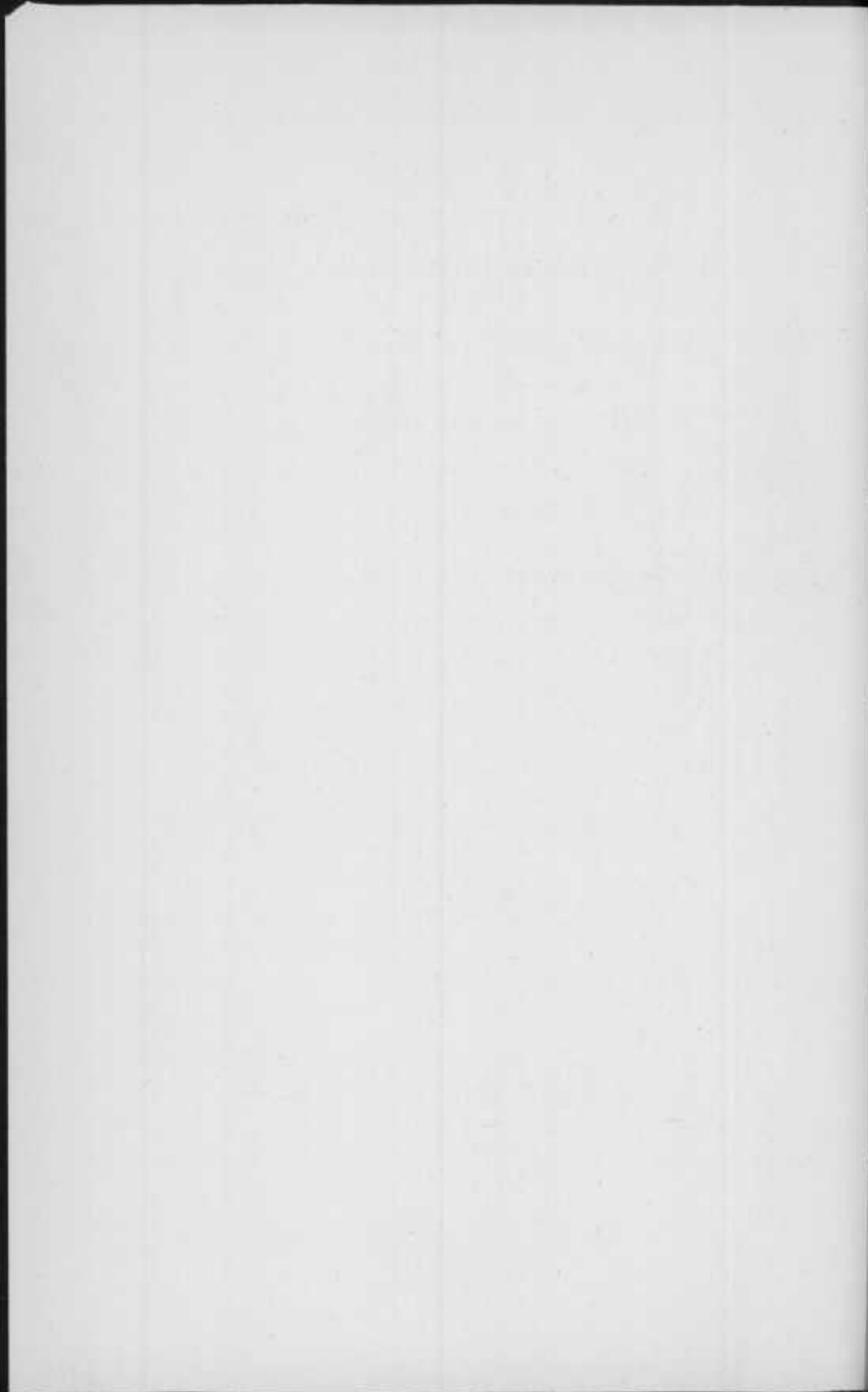
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J. Alvin Jones  
Mrs. William J. Rysanek, Sr.  
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Gerald S. Wise

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Joseph J. King.....*Executive Secretary*  
H. S. Callowhill.....*Superintendent, Bureau of Recreation*  
C. A. Hook.....*Superintendent, Bureau of Parks*  
Earl F. Forman.....*Superintendent, Bureau of Music*



DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

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August 15, 1959

To the Honorable Members  
Board of Recreation and Parks  
City of Baltimore, Maryland

Gentlemen:

I transmit for your consideration the Annual Report of the Department of Recreation and Parks for the year ending December 31, 1958.

Among the highlights of the year were the building and successful operation of the new Ice Skating Rink at the Stadium, the building of the new Pine Ridge Golf Course and Club House, (to be opened in the early part of 1959) and the construction and opening of the Gardenville Recreation Center in the Hazelwood Elementary School (which is the first of the new cooperative projects with the Department of Education for school-recreation centers), and the completion of the new Aquatic Fowl Exhibit at the old Boat Lake in Druid Hill Park.

In November, 1958 Loan Funds in the amount of \$1,100,000.00 were put on the ballot and approved by the voters. This was part of the 1957 Loan Enabling Act which was in the total amount of \$2,750,000.00. These approved Loan Funds of \$1,100,000.00 were immediately put in the 1959 Budget for the Bureau of Recreation and Parks. The Loan Funds and detailed information relating to them are set forth in Section II, (Statement of Loan Funds) of this report.

In these days of rapid changes, and varying needs, the problems confronting this department become more numerous, and frequently more difficult of solution.

The staff of this department has leaned heavily on members of the Board for advice and support during the year. We gratefully acknowledge the leadership and assistance given to us in the solving of difficult problems. Without such leadership our work would have been more difficult, and our accomplishments of smaller stature.

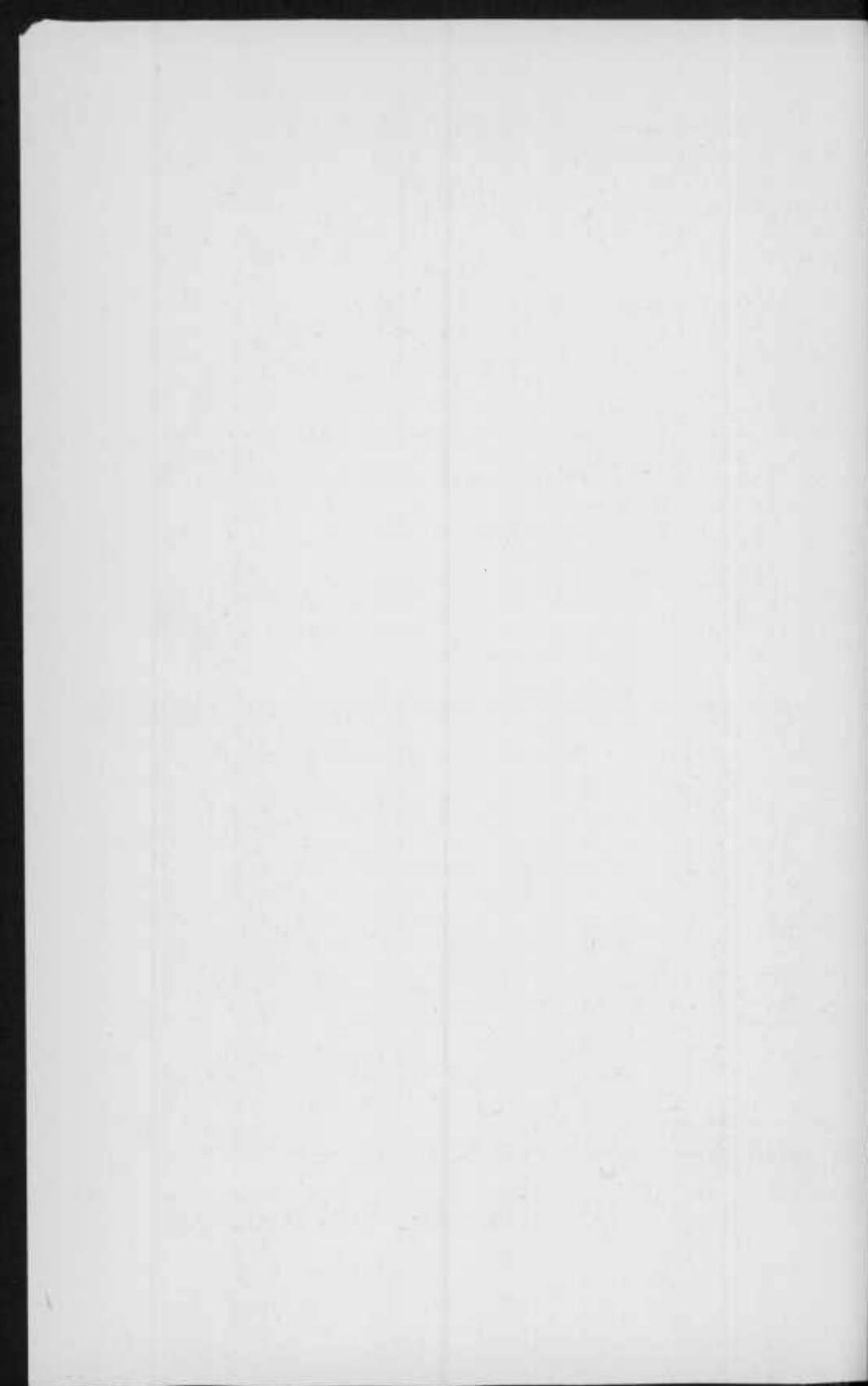
I wish to thank Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro, Jr., the City Council, and the Board of Estimates for their generous support of our efforts during the year. Acknowledgment is also made of the friendly cooperation extended this department by the officials of other City Departments and Bureaus, especially the Bureau of Building Construction, the Department of Education, and the Bureau of Water Supply.

I should like again to thank all members of this Department who have so generously cooperated with this office during 1958, especially the Bureau Heads, our Principal Engineer, our Executive Secretary, and the office personnel.

Respectfully submitted,

*R. Brooke Maxwell,*

Director



DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS  
SECTION I—ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION  
A. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

R. BROOKE MAXWELL.....*Director*  
JOSEPH J. KING.....*Executive Secretary*  
J. IRVING GRAY.....*Senior Administrative Assistant*

1. BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARKS

The Board of Recreation and Parks held twelve Regular Meetings during the year 1958. The Real Estate Committee, along with members of the staff, conducted eight tours of inspection.

Active Committees during the year were:

*Budget*—James C. Anderson, Chairman; J. Alvin Jones, and George G. Shriver.

*Real Estate*—S. Lawrence Hammerman, Chairman; George G. Shriver, and Gerald S. Wise.

*Park Police*—James C. Anderson, Chairman; S. Lawrence Hammerman, and James H. Gorges.

*Council of Social Agencies*—George G. Shriver.

*Board Representative Bureau of Recreation*—James H. Gorges.

*Board Representative Park Police*—James H. Gorges.

*Board Representative Art Commission of Baltimore*—George G. Shriver.

*Zoo Committee*—S. Lawrence Hammerman, Chairman; James H. Gorges, and J. Alvin Jones.

*Ice Rink Committee*—James H. Gorges, Chairman; Gerald S. Wise.

2. CONTRACTS

The following contracts were entered into by the Board of Recreation and Parks during the year 1958:

Sports Program—Amateur Federation of Maryland	Colts Intra-Squad Game
Colts Parking Lot	Release of A.A.A. Gun Unit—Fort Smallwood
Drum Corps Contest—Little Flower	City-Poly Football Game
Drum Corps Contest—Hamilton Post #20	Loyola-Calvert Hall Football Game
Lake Roland—Boating and Fishing	Orioles Parking Lot Agreement
Parks Selling Concession	Loch Raven Skeet Range
Circus—Ringling Bros., Barnum and Bailey	Y.W.C.A. Day Camp—Druid Hill Park
Lexington Terrace Project	Ice Skating Rink Concessions
B&O Lease—Sidney and Manokin Playground	Golf Professional—John Bass, Pine Ridge
Eastern Open Concessions—John O'Donnell	Golf Professional—Joseph Vaeth, Clifton



### 3. PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS AND DELETIONS

5645.95 acres comprised the property under the control of this department as of January 1, 1958. They were divided as follows: Large Parks 4790.33; Small Parks (less than 100 acres) 542.00; Playgrounds 194.03; Boulevard Streets 109.11; Odd Lots 10.48. During 1958, 2.82 acres were added and 8.94 acres deleted. The total as of December 31, 1958 was 5639.83 acres.

We should hold onto our park lands with great determination. There seems to be widespread opinion that "idle" park lands are "waste lands"; that choice remnants of our native landscape if not developed for intensive use (and teeming with children at play), are fair game for site-seeking institutions and highway builders. We should all realize that wooded tracts, large meadows, and water areas, serve to dress the urban scene with dignity, character and spaciousness, and that they serve as buffer areas between crowded residential and/or commercial developments. Once destroyed, such lands can never be restored. Every year they become more valuable, and there is urgent need now to preserve what we have and to acquire more such park properties for the benefit of increasing populations of succeeding generations (Roberts Mann—1957).

Details on the property acquired and deleted in 1958 follows:

#### a. Acquired

1. Median strip in Gwynn Oak Avenue from Liberty Heights Avenue to Ridgewood Road .268 acre.

2. City owned lot, 101-113 N. Vincent Street, for playlot .101 acre.

3. Property south side 2700 block of West Baltimore Street west of Garrison Lane. This property given by Baltimore Transit Company .67 acre.

4. Triangular piece of property lying in rear of homes on Woodbourne Avenue, Northbourne Road, and the 5300 block Hillen Road containing .83 acre. Property was graded, sodded, eight trees planted and a 50-foot area fenced for playground by the Welsh Construction Company at their own expense and then turned over to this department.

5. Property in rear of 4300 block of Robertson Avenue south of Bowley's Lane .48 acre. This was graded, and fenced for a playground by the Welsh Construction Company at their own expense and turned over to this department.

We would like to express our appreciation to the Welsh Construction Company for these fine examples of their generosity and cooperation in making these playgrounds available.

6. This property, while already City owned, was turned over to this department through City Council Resolution #2191 for maintenance and custody. It consists of the triangle at Eastern Avenue, Dundalk Avenue and Elrino Street, .16 acre.

7. This City owned lot on Kimberleigh Road, north of the 800 block Cold Spring Lane, was taken over by this department and developed for a tot lot, .27 acre.

8. This property, located 1009-13 South Ann Street, is a City owned lot taken over by this department and developed as a tot lot, .038 acre.

#### **b. Deleted**

1. Property consisting of six acres located in that part of lower Cylburn Park which lies west of Northern Central Railroad and north of Cold Spring Lane sold to Property Investors, Inc. (Monumental Millwork, Inc.) because City took 5.6 acres of their land for Jones Falls Expressway east of the Railroad and Cylburn Park. This property was sold for \$9,000.00, the money to be used by this department for development of Cylburn Park.

2. This playlot located 1112 Peach Street, .20 acre, was no longer needed for recreational purposes because of the new large playground at Sharp and Hamburg Streets. It was turned back to the Comptroller's Office.

3. Bentalou Park Playground—Bentalou and Saratoga Streets. Consisting of 2.61 acres was transferred to the Department of Education for custody and maintenance since they are to build a new elementary school and playground which facilities will also be used by the Bureau of Recreation for their activities.

4. This property, part of Bentalou Park Playground, is triangular shaped and located in rear of Monk Company, 212 Bentalou Street, .126 acre. It was sold to the Monk Company with the proviso that they build two retaining walls, one on the north and the other on the west boundaries of this triangle.

#### **4. FEES INCREASED—SWIMMING POOLS AND PARKING**

In line with its policy of endeavoring to keep revenue in line with increasing labor and operating costs, the Board, on October 23, 1958, directed that beginning with the 1959 season an adjustment would be made in the admission charge for adults using the city swimming pools. Also a charge for parking of cars and busses would be made at Fort Smallwood. These charges are as follows:

**SWIMMING POOLS**—Those patrons over 14 years of age, admission would be 50¢ instead of 35¢ effective on the opening of the 1959 season. The present childrens' rate of 15¢, however, has not been changed.

**FORT SMALLWOOD**—There will be a parking charge of 50¢ per car and \$3.00 per bus effective with the opening of the 1959 season.

#### **5. FISHING—LAKE ROLAND**

For quite a number of years the Maryland Game and Inland Fish Commission has cooperated with the Department of Recreation and

Parks in the stocking of Lake Roland with large mouth black bass. The year 1958 was no exception as again 150 large mouth black bass were released in the lake. This makes a total of 1,000 of these fine game fish that have been put into Lake Roland since 1956. This fine cooperation of the Maryland Game and Inland Fish Commission is appreciated by this Department as it has certainly helped to enlarge the activities at this popular and attractive park.

## **6. COOPERATIVE PLANNING—SCHOOL-RECREATION CENTERS**

Two recreation centers have now been completed jointly with the Department of Education in new school buildings at Hazelwood and Hamilton Avenues, and at John and McMechen Streets. These are the first to be completed in our program. Another is presently under construction at Liberty Heights and Woodbine Avenues, and it is planned to go ahead soon at Fremont-Lexington Housing Development, Fremont Avenue and Lexington Street. Others in the planning stage are Herring Run Junior High School, Sinclair Lane and Moravia Avenue; and Madison Square Elementary School, Eden, Bidle, Caroline and Chase Streets.

Reference is made to Section II Capital Improvements, (Bureau of Recreation, Completed Projects) for full details of the facilities included in these recreation centers and their cost to this Department.

## **7. SKEET RANGE AND TRAP SHOOT—LOCH RAVEN WATERSHED**

The Skeet Range and Trap Shoot was established on the Loch Raven Watershed in October, 1954. From October, 1954 to October, 1958 the facility was operated by the League of Maryland Sportsmen, Inc., under the supervision of the Department of Recreation and Parks, with the cooperation of the Bureau of Water Supply. In October of 1958 the League of Maryland Sportsmen, Inc., decided to discontinue operation of the facility and gave the city due notice of their intention. In accordance with this decision, a quitclaim deed was given to the city transferring all right, title and interest in the permanent improvements including the clubhouse and the skeet structures. The city has now entered into an operating contract with a new sponsor, The Loch Raven Skeet and Trap Club, Inc. This new contract embodies all of the terms and conditions contained in the former one. One new item, however, provides that the Bureau of Parks will be responsible for maintenance of the outside of the clubhouse and the care of the lawns and plantings. In accordance with the usual policy of the Department of Recreation and Parks, this fine facility is open to the general public as well as members. It has five courses for trap and skeet shooting, a clubhouse where refreshments, ammunition and accessories are for sale and where a parking area is available. It is

located on Dulaney Valley Road on the Loch Raven Watershed, property of the Bureau of Water Supply.

## 8. NEW SKATING RINK

Baltimore skating enthusiasts have been asking for a public ice rink ever since Carlin's Rink was destroyed by fire several years ago. At last the skaters have their wish. The new facility was opened with appropriate ceremonies on December 5, 1958 and it has been heavily used since that date.

The rink, which is of standard size, (85' x 185') was constructed close to the Stadium, in order to take advantage of all the facilities now available there. This included heat, light, water, warm-up room, concession areas, and adequate parking spaces.

It was evident from the very start that this new rink would not only be very popular, but would be self-supporting from a financial point of view. The rink and its operation will be more fully described in the report of the Bureau of Parks which follows.

## 9. ALBERT D. GRAHAM MEMORIAL PARK

In 1957, 69 acres were added to the original Graham gift, making the total area of this new park 185 acres.

In accordance with the wishes of the late Mr. Albert D. Graham, improvements are being made under the direction of the Bureau of Parks with the idea of creating an acceptable memorial.

The original barn was reduced in height, and two (2) one story stable wings have been added, making the new structure very pleasing in appearance. The stable facility has been leased to a concessionaire, who will rent riding horses and give riding lessons. Because of the pleasing terrain and abundant tree growth, the area is very well suited for picnicking and camping. Many park patrons enjoyed this recreational use during 1958.

In November, 1958 the voters approved new loan funds for the work of the Bureau of Parks. Thirty-two thousand five hundred dollars (\$32,500.00) has been earmarked for improvements at Graham Park. Plans are being developed to use this money for various purposes including installation of water lines, construction of a shelter and erection of a comfort station.

## B. ENGINEERING OFFICE

PAUL B. WOLF, *Principal Engineer*

During 1958 the Engineering Division continued its valuable work in design, surveys, letting of contracts and supervision of work under contract. The volume of work handled in cooperation with the Bureau of Building Construction was somewhat less than

in previous years, but miscellaneous work done for the Bureaus of Parks and Recreation increased as far as projects are concerned. Much of this work was not large in dollar value, but required careful surveys, specifications, and direction in the field. In the operation of a large park and recreation system, maintenance work is of extreme importance. In work of this nature the Division was extremely helpful in giving assistance in ground upkeep, maintenance of buildings and recreational facilities of all kinds.

In our cooperative school-recreation center projects, the Division rendered valuable assistance in the design stage, and followed construction work by attending progress meetings until the jobs were finally accepted.

## **1. PROJECTS DESIGNED AND CONTRACTS LET AND SUPERVISED BY THE ENGINEERING DIVISION**

- a. DRUID HILL PARK—ZOO.  
Completed the construction of heavy hoofed animal pens and shelters, started in 1957.
- b. PAVING AND FENCING OF FIVE PLAY AREAS.  
Towanda; Walter J. Dewees Playfield; 903 N. Calhoun Street; Rear of 2814 Riggs Avenue; and rear of 3940 Elm Avenue. Plans and specifications completed and contract awarded in 1957, but actual construction done in 1958.
- c. FRANK J. BOCEK PLAYFIELD—EDISON HIGHWAY AND MADISON STREET.  
Erected six foot high chain link fence (253 feet long) west side of Edison Highway Overpass.
- d. MEMORIAL STADIUM.  
Painting electric cables on the flood light standards.
- e. PAINTING RECREATION CENTER BUILDINGS (14 Buildings).  
Bureau of Recreation Office Building; Ambrose J. Kennedy Field House; Schenley Road Community Center; Roosevelt Recreation Center; Hamilton Recreation Center; South Baltimore Recreation Center; Wilkens Field House; Morrell Park Field House; Hollins Recreation Center; Lions Club Recreation Center; W. S. Cahill Recreation Center; Joseph Lee Recreation Center; Patterson Casino; and Canton Park Field House. The specifications were written and the contract was awarded in 1957, but actual painting work was done in 1958.
- f. DURHAM STREET PLAY LOT—700 BLOCK S. DURHAM STREET.  
Remodeled top of the existing six foot chain link fence around the area to prevent climbing over it.
- g. JOSEPH LEE PLAYFIELD—PRATT AND DREW STREETS.  
Constructed shelter, concrete wading pool, storm drains,

water supply, chain link fencing, bituminous paving, concrete paving and grading.

- h. PAINTING RECREATION CENTER BUILDINGS (6 Buildings). Specifications written and contract awarded for painting of portion of six recreation center buildings: Bureau of Recreation Office Building; Hamilton Recreation Center; Dewees Field House; Greenmount Recreation Center; Towanda Field House; and Morrell Park Field House.
- i. FRANKLIN PLAYGROUND—3600 BLOCK WEST MULBERRY STREET.  
Erected softball hooded backstop in southwest corner of playing field.
- j. SOUTH BALTIMORE PLAYGROUND—SHARP AND HAMBURG STREETS.  
Erected softball hooded backstop in southwest corner of paved area.
- k. NORTH HARFORD ROAD PLAYFIELD—6800 HAMLET AVENUE.  
Constructed two bituminous paved tennis courts, concrete steps, curbs, footways, combination curbs and gutters, 12 foot high fencing, grading and sodding.
- l. QUEENSBERRY PLAYGROUND—REAR OF 5010-28 QUEENSBERRY AVENUE.  
Erected a six foot high extension on the existing six foot chain link fence rear of 5010-28 Queensberry Avenue.
- m. D'ALESSANDRO PLAYFIELD—PRESIDENT AND FLEET STREETS.  
Erected an 18 foot high chain link fence along the east side of the alley west of President Street adjacent to the City Morgue.
- n. FRANK J. BOCEK PLAYFIELD—EDISON HIGHWAY AND MADISON STREET.  
Installed softball backstop in northeast corner of playfield.
- o. JOSEPH LEE PLAYFIELD—PRATT AND DREW STREETS.  
Installed softball backstop in northeast corner of playfield.
- p. DRUID HILL PARK—ZOO.  
Installed dumbwaiter, fruit and vegetable refrigerator, meat refrigerator, sink, electric range, counters and accessories in the Small Mammals Zoo Building.
- q. ROOSEVELT PARK—36TH STREET AND FALLS ROAD.  
Constructed a Little League baseball diamond including the necessary grading, sodding, fencing and backstop.
- r. DRUID HILL PARK—ZOO.  
Installed aluminum window frames in cages of the Small Mammals Zoo Building.
- s. PATAPSCO RIVER VALLEY—REEDBIRD AVENUE, SOUTH SIDE OF INCINERATOR.

Approximately three acres of additional park land to the west of the present Cherry Hill Playfield was graded and covered with a layer of soil from the stock pile on the south side of the incinerator.

- t. **NORTH HARFORD ROAD PLAYFIELD—6800 HAMLET AVENUE.**  
Constructed an outdoor fireplace in southeast corner of playfield.
- u. **SIGNS ON RECREATION CENTERS (12 Locations).**  
Specifications written and contract awarded for painting signs on twelve recreation centers; City Springs Play-ground; Joseph Lee Playfield; Frank J. Bocek Playfield; Canton Playground; Roosevelt Park Recreation Center; South Baltimore Recreation Center; Walter J. Dewees Playfield; North Harford Road Playfield; Hamilton Recreation Center; Brooklyn Recreation Center; Canton Recreation Center; and the Reverend Wilbur H. Waters Play-ground.
- v. **PAVED PLAY LOT—101-13 N. VINCENT STREET.**  
Area graded and paved with bituminous paving.
- w. **CURTIS BAY PLAYGROUND—PENNINGTON AVENUE AND HAZEL STREET.**  
Demolished the existing concrete pads, curbs and sand box. Regraded the area and constructed new concrete slabs, curbs, steps and fencing. Removed the old apparatus, used the original swing and double slide, and installed new units of "miracle" apparatus.
- x. **ELMLEY PLAYGROUND—REAR OF 3500 BLOCK ELMLEY AVENUE.**  
Relocated corner of the existing six foot chain link fence of southeast corner of playground.

## **2. PROJECTS DESIGNED BY ENGINEERING DIVISION, CONTRACTS LET AND SUPERVISED BY THE BUREAU OF BUILDING CONSTRUCTION**

- a. **ELMLEY PLAYGROUND—REAR OF 3500 BLOCK ELMLEY AVENUE.**  
Constructed class "B" field house, bituminous and concrete paving, fencing, apparatus, drainage and related work.
- b. **GARDENVILLE PLAYFIELD—RADECKE AVENUE AND FRANKFORD AVENUE.**  
Preliminary drawings for Gardenville fieldhouse made in 1958.

## **3. DESIGNED BY OTHERS—CONTRACTS LET AND SUPERVISED BY ENGINEERING DIVISION**

- a. **DRUID HILL PARK—ZOO—VALLEY NORTH OF POLAR BEAR EXHIBIT.**

Plans and specifications completed, and contract let for "Wading Bird Exhibit and Shelter" but actual construction not started.

- b. MEMORIAL STADIUM—33RD STREET AND ELLERSLIE AVENUE. Constructed "Artificial Ice Skating Rink" including bituminous walks, dasher boards, header trench piping, machine room, refrigeration equipment and fencing.
- c. DRUID HILL PARK—ZOO—FORMER BOAT LAKE. Constructed Bird Sanctuary for Aquatic Fowl, included new shelter, new roof on the existing boat landing, painting, water lines and other related work.
- d. HAMILTON RECREATION CENTER—SEFTON AND BAYONNE AVENUES. Installed air conditioner unit in the boiler room and duct work throughout the basement area.
- e. PINE RIDGE SEWAGE PUMPING STATION—LOCH RAVEN. Pumping station 75% completed in 1958. All equipment is on hand.
- f. DRUID HILL PARK—ZOO—FORMER DUCK POND. Plans and specifications completed for Moat and Rock Island. Contract let and construction work 8% completed in 1958.

#### 4. DESIGNED BY OTHERS — PRE-ENGINEERING ASSISTANCE

- a. PINE RIDGE CLUB HOUSE—LOCH RAVEN.
- b. RECREATION CENTER IN THE HAZELWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL—HAZELWOOD AND HAMILTON AVENUES.
- c. RECREATION CENTER IN THE HOWARD PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL—LIBERTY HEIGHTS AND WOODBINE AVENUES.
- d. RECREATION CENTER IN THE MT. ROYAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL—JOHN AND MCMECHEN STREETS.

#### 5. MISCELLANEOUS ENGINEERING SERVICES

A wide variety of services were performed under this heading. Some are as listed:

- a. LEAKIN PARK—Transformer vault.
- b. CHICK WEBB RECREATION CENTER—Demolition of old ice house on north side of Chick Webb Recreation Center.
- c. SEMINOLE AVENUE PLAYGROUND—Relocated baseball diamond.
- d. WILDWOOD PARKWAY AND STOKES DRIVE—Located new softball diamond.
- e. PLANS FOR PINE RIDGE SHOP AREA BUILDING—Loch Raven.
- f. PINE RIDGE GOLF COURSE AND ENTRANCE ROAD—Loch Raven.
- g. PINE RIDGE ENTRANCE—Loch Raven.



CITY OF BALTIMORE  
 BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
 DIVISION OF RECREATION AND PARKS

Cost Statement of Operating Expenses for the Year 1958

**1—GENERAL EXPENSES**

11	Administrative Expenses		
11-1	Executive Salaries and Expenses .....	\$29,244.75	
11-2	Clerical Salaries and Expenses .....	10,688.21	
11-3	Office Supplies and Expenses .....	1,428.93	
11-9	Miscellaneous Expenses .....	726.03	
	Sub-Total .....	<u>\$42,087.92</u>	
	TOTAL 1—General Expenses .....		\$42,087.92

**2—OPERATING EXPENSES**

21-D	Operating Management Expenses—General		
21-D-1	Pay and Expenses of Employees .....	\$33,637.50	
21-D-2	Office Supplies and Expenses .....	927.73	
21-D-3	Engineering Expenses .....	—	
21-D-9	Miscellaneous Expenses .....	43.18	
	Sub-Total .....	<u>\$34,608.41</u>	
	TOTAL 2—Operating Expenses .....		\$34,608.41

**6—FIXED ASSETS AND FUNDS**

68-A	Motor Transportation Properties		
68-A-2	Motor Vehicle Properties .....	\$ 1,423.00	
	TOTAL 6—Fixed Assets and Funds ..		<u>1,423.00</u>
	GRAND TOTAL .....		<u>\$78,119.33</u>

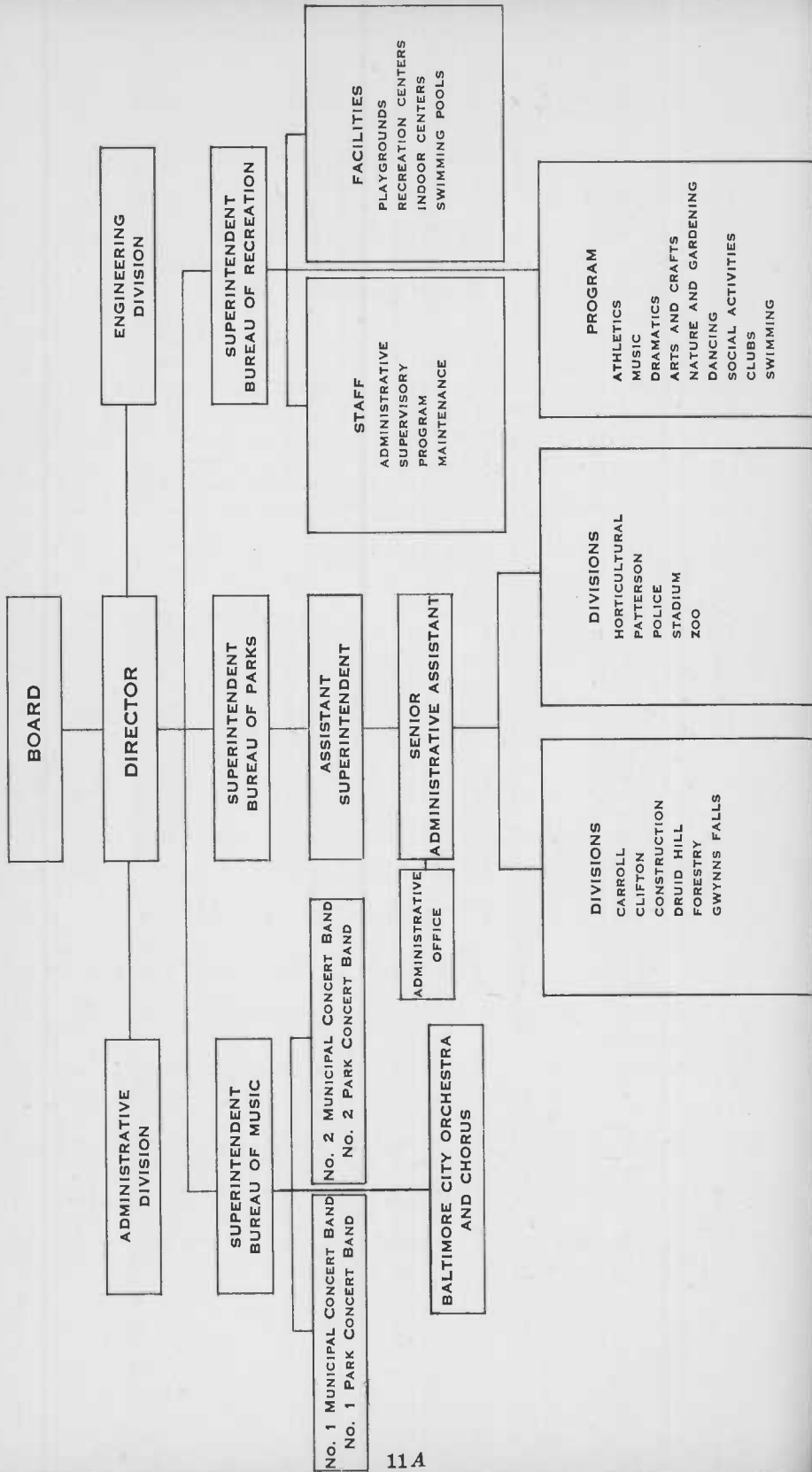
CITY OF BALTIMORE  
 BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
 DIVISION OF RECREATION AND PARKS

Financial Statement of Appropriations as of December 31, 1958

Account	Description	Appropriations	Increments	Total Credits	Expenditures	Encumbrances	Total Expenditures	Balance
8.8A	Salaries .....	\$71,981.00	—	\$71,981.00	\$69,863.82	—	\$69,863.82	\$2,117.18
8.9	Expenses .....	6,200.00	—	6,200.00	4,375.07	\$162.00	4,537.07	1,662.93
	TOTAL .....	\$78,181.00	—	\$78,181.00	\$74,238.89	\$162.00	\$74,400.89	\$3,780.11
	To Other Funds ..	—	(\$3,780.11)	(3,780.11)	—	—	—	(3,780.11)
	GRAND TOTAL .	\$78,181.00	(\$3,780.11)	\$74,400.89	\$74,238.89	\$162.00	\$74,400.89	\$0.00

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# DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



## SECTION II—CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

### A. BUREAU OF RECREATION

#### 1. COMPLETED PROJECTS 1958

The following projects totaling \$379,274.00 were completed for the Bureau during the year, involving 22 locations:

- a. GARDENVILLE RECREATION CENTER—Hazelwood and Hamilton Avenues.

This was a cooperative project with the Department of Education for a school-recreation center which was included in the school plans and built in conjunction with the school building. It contains multiple purpose room with sliding panel for conversion to two sections for lounge room; club room, craft shop, clothes check room, kitchen, storage room and office. School facilities such as adjacent gymnasium, locker room, shower facilities and playground are also available for use in connection with our programs. This is the first of these joint projects completed (one more is now under construction). Our cost \$150,000.00.

- b. WALTER J. DEWEES PLAYGROUND—Tunbridge Road and Alhambra Avenue.

Paving around the perimeter of the field house. Cost \$1,640.00.

- c. FRANKLIN PLAYGROUND—3600 block W. Mulberry Street. Hooded backstops for softball erected here at a cost of \$393.50.

- d. SOUTH BALTIMORE PLAYGROUND—Sharp and Hamburg Streets.

Hooded backstops for softball erected. Cost \$393.50.

- e. QUEENSBERRY PLAYGROUND—Rear of 3029-31 Spaulding Avenue.

Height of fence increased on the east side at a cost of \$230.00.

- f. ELMLEY AVENUE PLAYGROUND—Rear of 3500-52 Elmley Avenue.

Type "B" field house costing \$22,807.00 erected at this project.

- g. TOT LOTS—Rear 903-907 N. Calhoun Street; Rear 2814-2838 Riggs Avenue; Rear 3940-3958 Elm Avenue, and 101-113 N. Vincent Street.

The improvements at these locations consisted of grading, hard surfacing and fencing. Total cost \$15,620.00.

- h. FRANK J. BOCEK PLAYFIELD—Edison Highway and Madison Street.

Backstop erected for new Little League baseball diamond, and erection of fence at northeast corner. Total cost \$1,063.50.

- i. JOSEPH LEE PLAYFIELD—Pratt and Drew Streets.  
Improvements at this location consisted of construction of wading pool, shelter, backstop and Pony League baseball diamond at a total cost of \$13,263.00.
- j. \*HAMILTON RECREATION CENTER—Bayonne and Sefton Avenues.  
The air conditioning system was completed (second floor). Cost \$5,962.00.
- k. NORTH HARFORD ROAD PLAYFIELD—Old Harford Road and Berwick Avenue.  
Improvements consisted of installation of two tennis courts, hard surfacing of existing multiple use area, curbs, gutters, footway extension, steps, topsoiling, seeding, and outdoor fireplace. Total cost \$12,393.00.
- l. STANDARD SIGNS FOR BUILDINGS.  
Signs designating the name of the playfield were made and installed on buildings at Frank J. Bocek Playfield; Walter J. Dewees Playground; Joseph Lee Playfield; North Harford Road Playfield; and Reverend Wilbur H. Waters Playground. Total cost \$987.00.
- m. MT. ROYAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL—RECREATION CENTER—McMechen and John Streets.  
This is the second of our cooperative projects with the Department of Education that has been completed for a school-recreation center. This recreation center was included in the school plans and built in conjunction with the school building. It is located in one end of the building so that it can be closed off from the balance of the school building when in use. This facility contains multiple purpose room with sliding panel for conversion into two sections for a lounge room; club room, two craft shops, clothes check room, kitchen, storage room and office. Like the Gardenville Center, it has been constructed so that the school facilities such as adjacent auditorium, gymnasium, locker rooms, shower facilities and playground are also available for use in conjunction with our many varied programs. Our portion of the cost for the facility was \$150,000.00.
- n. ROOSEVELT PARK—36th Street and Falls Road.  
Improvements at this location consist of erection of hooded backstop, regrade area around third base line, relocate fences and light pole, and sodding. Total cost \$4,350.00.
- o. DURHAM STREET TOT LOT—1201-07 Durham Street.  
Fence was extended at this location at a cost of \$172.00.

## 2. WORK UNDER CONTRACT

Two projects totaling \$192,589.00 were under contract and construction was in progress as of the end of this year.

\* Funds from Accessory Account. No Loan Funds used.

- a. HOWARD PARK SCHOOL #218-RECREATION CENTER—Liberty Heights and Woodbine Avenues.

This is another cooperative project with the Department of Education for a school-recreation center, our share for the recreation center \$184,759.00. This project is now 92% complete.

- b. CURTIS BAY PLAYGROUND—Curtis Avenue and Filbert Street.

Contract was awarded to revise the layout of the playground and the equipment in the amount of \$7,830.00. This project now 95% complete.

**3. PROJECTS IN STUDY STAGE OR AWAITING LAND ACQUISITION. (FUNDS AVAILABLE)**

- a. FREMONT RECREATION CENTER—Fremont Avenue and Lexington Street.

Details being worked out with the Department of Education and the Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing Agency.

- b. GARDENVILLE PLAYFIELD—Radecke and Frankford Avenues.

This project was delayed awaiting approval in the 1959 Budget of personnel to operate it. Plans and specifications are now being completed by our engineers.

- c. HERRING RUN PLAYFIELD (COXON'S MEADOW)—Parkside Drive and Brehms Lane.

Awaiting transfer of land from the Welsh Construction Company.

- d. PATAPSCO RIVER VALLEY PLAYFIELD—South of B&O R.R. west of Potee Street.

Land being acquired through process of condemnation.

- e. SEMINOLE AVENUE PLAYGROUND—Seminole Avenue near Walnut Avenue. Plans and specifications being prepared by our engineers.

- f. HARLEM PARK SCHOOL-RECREATION CENTER.

Awaiting acquisition of land and letting of contract for school structure by the Department of Education.

- g. BROADWAY REDEVELOPMENT AREA—(CHICK WEBB MEMORIAL RECREATION CENTER)—623 N. Eden Street.

Awaiting acquisition of land.

- h. MANOKIN AND SIDNEY PLAYGROUND—Manokin and Sidney Avenues.

This installation being studied by our engineers.

- i. OTHER PLAYGROUNDS:

Miscellaneous minor improvements are being planned for at Poplar Terrace Play Space; McHenry Street Tot Lot; Queensberry Playground; Kimberleigh Road Tot Lot; and Towanda Playground.

**4. DORMANT PROJECTS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1958**

LUCILLE PLAYGROUND—Small field house.

## B. BUREAU OF PARKS

### 1. COMPLETED PROJECTS 1958 (LOAN FUNDS—TOTAL \$226,875.00)

#### a. \*LEAKIN PARK—Lighting.

The lighting at this park was further improved by the installation of primary service, controls, 28 additional lights, and a small building to contain automatic equipment. Total cost of this work was \$28,886.00.

#### b. MEMORIAL STADIUM—Ice Skating Rink.

This rink (size 85' x 185') was constructed on the west side parking lot near the ticket booths. It is lighted for night skating. Concession stands, warm up room, skate renting and sharpening facilities are available in the Stadium building which is very close by. This installation was made at a cost of \$145,213.00.

#### c. BALTIMORE ZOO—Mammal House.

To improve the commissary and facilitate the feeding of the animals, two refrigerators, an electric stove, sink, cabinets, and dumbwaiter were installed at a cost of \$5,915.00.

Certain necessary changes were made to the frames holding the glass in front of the cages at a cost of \$4,760.00.

#### d. BALTIMORE ZOO EXPANSION—Aquatic Fowl Exhibit.

Following the Zoo Master Plan, the old boat lake was redesigned and made into a very interesting exhibit for the proper display of aquatic fowl. Many species of pelicans, cormorants, ducks, geese and swan are present for viewing on and around the various islands that have been built in the lake. The four newly installed fountains will help to make this exhibit an outstanding attraction. This project was completed at a cost of \$42,101.00.

### 2. BUDGET FUNDS.....(Approximate Cost \$26,636.00)

#### a. Completed Projects

##### 1. ALBERT D. GRAHAM PARK—Riding Academy.

The existing barn at this location was remodeled as a stable for the renting and boarding of horses. This was put under contract to a concessionaire to operate.

##### 2. CHINQUAPIN FOOTBRIDGE—Chinquapin Park.

This footbridge was erected across Chinaquapin Run at Lenton Avenue.

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\* Funds from Leakin Park Account and Loan Funds.

### 3. WORK UNDER CONSTRUCTION 1958

- a. \*PINE RIDGE GOLF COURSE—Loch Raven.  
Both the course and the clubhouse are now (December 31, 1958) 98% complete. It is expected that this course will be opened early in 1959.
- b. BALTIMORE ZOO EXPANSION—Master Plan.
  1. MOAT AND ROCK ISLAND. This project, located at the site of the present Duck Pond, is under construction. This will feature Atlas Mountain Barbary Sheep and a species of the primate group available at the completion of the exhibit, probably the Guinea baboon. This represents the first moated exhibit to be constructed in the Baltimore Zoo. This form of exhibit is popular with the viewing public since there are no bars to obstruct the view, and since the animals are allowed ample room for action. Approximate cost \$225,558.00.

### 4. OTHER FUTURE PROJECTS (LOANS ONE, TWO AND THREE)

- a. ZOO EXPANSION—Master Plan
  1. WADING BIRD EXHIBIT AND SHELTER. Bids have been received and it is expected that contract will be awarded and construction started right after the first of the year (1959). The valley north of the polar bear exhibit is the location selected for this very fine display of certain wading birds such as flamingos, many species of storks, cranes, penguins and mandarin ducks. These will include crested and black neck screamer, crowned cranes, scarlet ibis and the rare shoebill stork. These birds will be featured in a series of pools with a stream connecting them. Appropriate landscaping and walkways will also be installed.
- b. \*\*ROBERT E. LEE MEMORIAL PARK—Park Lighting and Sign. The lighting system is to be extended and improved. An appropriate sign is to be erected. It is expected that the sign will be erected early in 1959.
- c. †WILDWOOD PARKWAY AND STOKES DRIVE. Softball diamond to be constructed.
- d. †FOOTWAY—North Side of Gwynns Falls Parkway west of Longwood Street.  
This will be installed as soon as weather conditions allow.

\* Loan and Capital Improvement Funds.

\*\* Part to come from Loan Funds, balance from Robert E. Lee Memorial Park Funds.

† Funds to come from 8.14 and 8.15 Accounts.



### C. STATEMENT OF LOAN FUNDS

Since 1947, the Maryland General Assembly has authorized Loan Funds for this department in the amount of \$16,500,000.00. Of this amount \$14,850,000.00 has been approved by the voters, leaving \$1,650,000.00 yet to be submitted to the electorate.

Available loans funds have been carefully guarded, and wisely spent in our effort to create new and badly needed facilities acceptable to our citizens who have supplied the funds. The statement below gives a complete tabulation of the funds as authorized, and as apportioned to the Bureau of Parks and the Bureau of Recreation:

#### LOANS ONE AND TWO

<i>Allocation</i>	<i>Loan May 6, 1947</i>	<i>Loan Nov. 2, 1948</i>	<i>Loan Nov. 7, 1950</i>	<i>Total</i>
Stadium . . . . .	\$2,500,000.00		\$2,500,000.00	\$ 5,000,000.00
Bureau-Parks . . . . .		\$2,000,000.00	500,000.00	2,500,000.00
Bureau-Recreation . . . . .	1,500,000.00		1,500,000.00	3,000,000.00
<b>TOTAL . . . . .</b>	<b>\$4,000,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,000,000.00</b>	<b>\$4,500,000.00</b>	<b>\$10,500,000.00</b>

#### THIRD LOAN

<i>Allocation</i>	<i>Loan Enabling Act Jan. 1954</i>	<i>Authorized by Voters Nov. 1954</i>	<i>Authorized by Voters Nov. 1956</i>	<i>Placed in 1955- 1956-1957 Budgets</i>
Bureau-Parks . . . . .	\$1,450,000.00	\$ 950,000.00	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 1,450,000.00
Bureau-Recreation . . . . .	1,800,000.00	1,450,000.00	350,000.00	1,800,000.00
<b>TOTAL . . . . .</b>	<b>\$3,250,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,400,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 850,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,250,000.00</b>

#### FOURTH LOAN

<i>Allocation</i>	<i>Loan Enabling Act Mar. 1957</i>	<i>Authorized by Voters Nov. 1958</i>	<i>Placed in 1959 Budget</i>	<i>Balance of Enabling Act</i>
Bureau-Parks . . . . .	\$ 750,000.00	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 450,000.00
Bureau-Recreation . . . . .	2,000,000.00	800,000.00	800,000.00	1,200,000.00
<b>TOTAL . . . . .</b>	<b>\$2,750,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,100,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,100,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,650,000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL LOANS AUTHORIZED (ENABLING ACT) . \$16,500,000.00</b>				

These 1959 Budget Funds have been allocated by your Honorable Board to the following projects:

**a. Bureau of Parks**

MT. PLEASANT CLUBHOUSE—Additional wing, north side to provide space for lockers, toilets, snack bar, and pro shop.

EASTERWOOD PARK—Retaining wall along railroad embankment.

CYLBURN PARK—First stage of general development of horticultural facilities.

GRAHAM PARK—Picnic shelter, water line, and comfort station.

ROBERT E. LEE MEMORIAL PARK (LAKE ROLAND)—Picnic shelter and water line.

**b. Bureau of Recreation**

MADISON SQUARE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL—Recreation center in new school building.

HERRING RUN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL—Recreation Center in new school building.

CHICK WEBB RECREATION CENTER—Addition of multiple purpose room over present indoor pool.

GLEN AVENUE PLAYGROUND—Small building and usual playground facilities.

SOUTHWEST BALTIMORE RECREATION CENTER—Recreation center, site not selected.

There is at the present time a balance of funds still unspent in our first three loans. However, this is to be expected since at the time loan funds are requested they are requested on the basis of a stipulated sum of money for each specific project. Many times unexpected developments, or situations encountered cause a delay in getting the project under actual construction. In the meantime, the money allotted these projects remains unspent on our loan account. Therefore, in judging the amount of unspent funds still remaining these very important delaying factors must be taken into consideration. In separating the balance of funds (allocated but unspent) from the original amounts, the delaying factors should be given full weight.

To illustrate more clearly, let us examine actual figures in the loan account of the Bureau of Recreation. The balance on December 31, 1958 was \$823,932.00. Projects delayed for reasons beyond our control totalled \$770,150.00 leaving a balance of \$53,782.00 for projects on the drawing board, under construction or completed.

## SECTION III—REPORT OF THREE BUREAUS

### A. BUREAU OF PARKS

MR. CHARLES A. HOOK, *Superintendent*

MR. L. EDGAR MYERLY, *Assistant Superintendent*

MR. W. R. SCHMIDT, JR., *Senior Administrative Assistant*

(NOTE: The following is a condensation of the Annual Report prepared by the Bureau of Parks).

#### 1. BUREAU BUDGET

Below is given a brief summary of the budget.

	<i>Allowance</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>Overspent</i>	<i>Underspent</i>
Salaries .....	\$ 871,652.00	\$ 841,255.67		\$30,396.33
Labor .....	1,894,788.11	1,918,612.58	\$23,824.47	
Operating Expense ..	675,008.17	665,957.44		9,050.73
Pool Expense .....	55,000.00	52,079.09		2,920.91
TOTALS .....	\$3,496,448.28	\$3,477,904.78	\$23,824.47	\$42,367.97 23,824.47 \$18,543.50

The amount underspent of \$18,543.50 plus \$164.83 revenue from compensated work or a total of \$18,708.33 was transferred to other funds.

As in former years, the Bureau of Parks continued to maintain a close running check on the expenditures of its allotted Budget Funds. Through records maintained at the Bureau office, it is possible at all times to make an immediate check of funds spent by any division or for any particular project. Each division is required, in turn, to keep similar records and these are verified with those at the Bureau each month.

Complete financial statements concerning the operation of the Bureau of Parks will be found at the end of this report, including a detailed cost statement showing Bureau of Parks funds expended for the operation of the Park System.

#### 2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

There were no Capital Improvement Funds allotted in the 1958 Budget. Special funds were provided, however, through the co-

operation of the City Administration for the following projects. These funds were required to augment existing Loan Funds and special funds from prior years.

**a. Clubhouse—Pine Ridge Golf Course**

At the end of the year the clubhouse was 98% complete and final inspection was scheduled for January 22, 1959. Work was also completed on the course itself except for final touching up which was necessarily deferred until the time when the course will be opened. Other projects, either completed or almost so, include the sewage pumping station, gravity sewer line, force main, entrance road and parking lots. Work was also progressing on schedule for landscaping and installation of walks. It is expected at this time that the course will be opened to the public in April, 1959.

**b. Municipal Ice Rink**

The first Municipal Ice Rink was dedicated on December 5, 1958, at a ceremony attended by his Honor, Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro, Jr., the Board of Recreation and Parks, Department Officials and other City Officials. Mayor D'Alesandro cut the ribbon and the first skaters to go on the ice were Hayes Allen Jenkins, famous Olympic Men's Figure Skating Champion, and Nancy Rouillard and Ronald Ludington, 1958 Senior Pair Skating Champions of the United States. A spectacular show followed with over 5,000 persons in attendance despite the very cold night. Immediately following the show, the rink was opened for free skating and over 1,200 persons took advantage of this opportunity.

On December 6th, the rink was opened to the public at very reasonable admission rates. Although only open for 27 days in 1958, the rink proved tremendously popular as shown by an attendance of 27,381 persons and admission receipts of \$12,914.00 during this period. The facility provides complete concession installations within the building and at the rink side in the form of a portable concession trailer. Checking and skate rental facilities are provided for those persons desiring this service. The skate shop just inside Gate W-2 offers all sorts of skating equipment for sale as well as many services such as skate sharpening and figure skating lessons. Of interest is the fact that this is the first outdoor ice skating rink in the City of Baltimore. The dimensions of the skating area are 85' x 185' which are standard for a facility of this kind. The rink is located on the west side parking lot at Ellerslie Avenue and 33rd Street. The rink is arranged so that the fences and hockey dashers can be removed at the conclusion of the skating season to permit cars to park on

the concrete slab which is the base of the ice rink area. Nine miles of pipe located in the slab carry the sub-freezing brine from the main engine room immediately inside of Gate W-3. Two one hundred horsepower motors power the plant. These are large enough to provide air conditioning for a ten-story office building. It is to be emphasized that as soon as the ice skating season ends the entire rink operation will be removed and stored away leaving the area free for Stadium parking. Also the skate shop will be turned back into a locker and shower room for the visiting baseball teams.

### 3. PERSONNEL DEVELOPMENTS

At the close of 1958, six positions remained unfilled on the Bureau of Parks roster: 1 Watchman (Zoo); 1 Animal Keeper (Zoo); 1 Park Maintenance General Foreman (Carroll); 1 Communications Clerk (Police); and 2 Park Patrolmen.

The most important administrative development during 1958 was the institution of a 40-hour work week for all park employees except some supervisory classifications and Park Police. Since our facilities function on a seven day per week basis, this required many adjustments in our work schedule to provide proper maintenance and operation at all times. In addition for those persons who were already on a five day week, the city allowed an increase of two increments in their yearly pay.

One important job that our Bureau was able to fill in 1958 was the position of Park Horticulturist. After examinations by the City Service Commission, Mr. Gerard J. Moudry, who was first on the eligible list, was appointed as Park Horticulturist on November 22, 1958. Mr. Moudry immediately began surveying the greenhouses and other horticultural equipment in the bureau in preparation for putting the new division into operation on January 1, 1959.

### 4. LOCH RAVEN SKEET RANGE AND TRAP SHOOT

In October 1958, the League of Maryland Sportsmen decided to discontinue their operation of the Loch Raven Skeet Range and Trap Shoot and executed a quitclaim deed turning over to the City their interest in the permanent improvements in the area. Subsequently, the City negotiated a new contract with another sponsor, The Loch Raven Skeet and Trap Club, Inc. This new agreement embraces all of the provisions of the former contract, and in addition provides that our Bureau will be responsible for the maintenance of the outside of the clubhouse and the care of the lawns and plantings. In line with the usual practice of our Department, the range is open to the general public as well as the members of the club. At the present time, facilities provided include clubhouse, parking area and five courses for trap and skeet shooting.

## 5. CARROLL DIVISION

(MR. HARRY KUES, *District Park Superintendent*)

Of prime importance in the Carroll District during 1958 was the return of Fort Armistead to the control of our bureau. This property, consisting of 45 acres at Hawkins Point, had originally been purchased from the Federal Government in 1927 for the sum of \$27,306.00 with the condition that its uses be limited to public park purposes. To meet the requirements of emergency national defense planning, however, permission was granted to the Federal Government on December 12, 1951, to use a portion of the area for field training exercises and later as a site for an anti-aircraft installation. After the adoption of rocket defenses and the establishment of missile launching sites, the government found it no longer required the area at Fort Armistead and this property was returned to us on February 28, 1958.

Immediately after the government vacated the area, forces of the Carroll Division proceeded to demolish various buildings and salvage material abandoned by the Army. Many useful items were acquired by our bureau in this operation including an oil burner, fuel tanks, a boiler and other miscellaneous items. In all, an area of approximately 25 acres was thoroughly cleaned and guard rails and posts installed in dangerous locations.

In addition to the work at Fort Armistead, forces of the Carroll Division accomplished many other tasks during the year. At Carroll Park, topsoil was spread on all bare spaces in preparation for seeding during the spring of 1959. Also, some 300 cubic yards of fill was applied to the area where the old wading pool had been located pending a decision on whether to blacktop the area for a parking lot or to seed for lawn. With the cooperation of the Bureau of Highways, the paving of the roads and installation of gutters in Carroll Park which had been started in 1957 was also completed.

At the Curtis Bay Playground, under the Loan Program of the Bureau of Recreation, the entire playground area was redesigned by the Engineering Division and new playground equipment installed. Also, in this operation, a wall was constructed along the slope on Pennington Avenue to correct an erosion problem.

At Cherry Hill Park, work continued on the project of reclaiming land from the swamps and during 1958 an additional two acres were graded, seeded and fertilized. Loan funds of the Bureau of Recreation were used for this work. Seed and fertilizer were also applied to all lawns in the District where necessary.

At the meeting of July 17, 1958 the Board of Recreation and Parks decided to discontinue operation of the Peach Street Playground because of its proximity to the newly created South Baltimore Playground at Sharp and Hamburg Streets. In line with

this decision, Carroll forces demolished the building on the playground before turning the area over to the Comptroller's Office.

A number of erosion problems were corrected during the year by depositing broken rock and other fill in the areas effected. At the Morrell Park Playground forty loads of asphalt and fill were used along the rear slope. This material, it is interesting to note, was obtained at no cost from outside contractors who were repairing streets. At Federal Hill Park, two timber bulkheads were constructed on the Covington Street side of the slopes. These bulkheads were then backed by ninety cubic yards of fill to complete this project.

Another project completed during the year took place at Fort Smallwood where sixty loads of rock and broken concrete were hauled to the Fort to correct an erosion problem along the #2 Beach and on the bay front of the seawalls. A final project of this nature was performed with the aid of the Bureau of Highways and consisted of dumping rock and fill dirt along the shoreline at Broening Park north of the old Arundel Boat Club Building.

An important improvement at the Brooklyn Homes Park consisted of welding benches to all the backstops in the area. Other accomplishments at this site were the construction of a baseball diamond at the existing field and the erection of a large backstop. The cost of erecting the backstop and installing the benches was borne by the Little League of this area who are to be commended for their fine community spirit as evidenced by this endeavor.

In a different light is the unfortunate occurrence at the Carroll Street Playground where the building had to be removed because of the damage done by vandals. Similarly at the Cummins Playground, although the building was not demolished, its use has been seriously curtailed because of the heavy damage to which it is constantly subjected. If people would realize the immense and useless waste in vandalism, both in cost to the City and in the reduction of facilities that can be offered, our work would be made considerably easier.

There were various special events in the Carroll Division during the year. In cooperation with the Baltimore News-Post, the annual pet show in Carroll Park was staged to the delight of both young and old. Band concerts under the auspices of the Bureau of Music were played each week during the season at Carroll and Federal Hill Parks. At the request of the Baltimore Police Department, permission was granted to hold the christening of the new police boat, William F. Broening, at Broening Park in November. This affair was attended by many notables and civic leaders of the city.

The greenhouses at Carroll Park continued as an important element in the Bureau's horticultural system producing thousands

of plants which are distributed to the various districts for their flower beds and garden areas. During 1958, as in the past, these greenhouses along with those in the Druid Hill and Clifton Districts, performed most of the gardening work of the Bureau.

## 6. CLIFTON DIVISION

(MR. CHARLES H. HEINTZEMAN, JR., *District Park Superintendent*)

With the development of the Pine Ridge Golf Course at the Loch Raven Watershed, the Bureau of Parks was confronted with the problem of disposing of the myriad of white pines that had been planted in the area as a conservation means and to impede erosion. Rather than plow through these valuable trees, it was decided to save as many as could be utilized for planting in the various parks. In line with this decision, 169 of these trees were planted at the Clifton Park Golf Course. Part of this planting came as a result of the complaint of the residents along Clifton Park Terrace of possible interference from golfers on the fourth hole of the course. To mitigate these objections, twenty-six white pines were planted at close interval along the curb of this street. As these trees develop they will present an effective screen for the course which should allay any further objection from the residents in the area.



*New Pine Ridge Golf Course from the air*



Other uses of the pines at the Clifton course consisted of locating them between adjacent fairways to act as dividers. In this way, 46 trees were planted between the second and fifteenth fairways, 56 between the twelfth and thirteenth and 41 between the first and eighteenth. The addition of these trees has enhanced the scenic value of the course as well as to make it more interesting from the golfer's viewpoint, by clearly delineating the areas between the fairways.

Other work accomplished at the Clifton course during 1958 included placing 28,200 square feet of sod along tees, borders and paths to correct areas that had become badly worn. An erosion problem on the sixth hole required the installation of 300 feet of drain tile to correct. In connection with this improvement, the sixth green was also rebuilt at a slightly different location to improve play. Final projects at the course consisted of placing 90 tons of white sand in the traps and applying 30 tons of mushroom soil to the greens. This latter item, it is interesting to note, is the soil that farmers take from the mushroom houses after the crop has been harvested and its use is beneficial both as a source of nutrients and a physical conditioner of the soil.

Similar work was performed at the Mt. Pleasant course where 34,300 square feet of sod was laid on the tees, borders and paths and 276 tons of white sand placed in the traps. Another project at the course was developing two new flower beds. One was located at the entrance to the course and the other in front of the club house. Both of these beds will add to the already attractive appearance which this course presents. The major project in 1958, however, concerned the practice greens. The old green was rebuilt using 50 tons sharp sand, 18 tons hyper humus and 10 pounds Penn Cross seed which is the same type seed planted on the greens at the new Pine Ridge Golf Course. To allow for intervals of rest, an additional practice green was begun in the area adjoining the first tee. This operation required the use of 315 tons #2 stone, 50 tons sharp sand, 18 tons hyper humus and 150 cubic yards of topsoil. At the end of the year all work was completed except final grading and seeding.

One very important accomplishment in the Clifton District during 1958 was the erection of 2,100 feet of two-rail, wooden fence along the bridle trail at Coxon's Meadow. This action was found necessary because of the irresponsible horsemen who left the trail at this point to gallop over the area endangering the safety of park patrons and damaging the turf and athletic areas. After the efforts of the park police and warnings to the stable owners proved futile, the fence was constructed at considerable cost and has proven successful in restricting the riders to their area. This is just another example of how the cost of operating our bureau is needlessly increased through the irresponsible actions of a minority of park patrons.

Other accomplishments in the district included the construction of a new Little League diamond and backstop in Herring Run Park off Eastwood Drive. In conjunction with this construction and as a convenience to the users of the area, a new drinking fountain was also installed. Another project during the year was installing fifteen new picnic benches at the Graham Memorial Park.

Through the cooperation of the Welsh Construction Company, a fully equipped and fenced playground in the rear of the homes along Woodbourne Avenue and Hillen Road was turned over to the Department and assigned to the Clifton Division for maintenance.

Two hundred fifty-six cubic yards of clay were obtained in 1958. Of this amount, 136 yards were used on the tennis courts at Clifton, and 100 yards on the hardball diamonds. The remaining 20 yards were stored for future use.

The greenhouses in the Clifton District continued to make their usual contribution to the horticultural activities of the bureau. During 1958, over 100,000 plants were propagated which were then used for ornamental plantings in the Clifton, Patterson and Druid Hill Divisions.

## 7. DRUID HILL DIVISION

(MR. GEORGE A. KEEN, *District Park Superintendent*)

The Druid Hill Division is charged with the responsibility of maintaining the largest district in the park system. In addition, it is also responsible for the operation of the bureau's motor repair shop and the largest group of horticultural facilities in the bureau including the Druid Hill Conservatory. Notwithstanding the scope of these responsibilities, the condition of the areas in the district has always drawn praise from the many visitors who enjoy the facilities which are offered.

To preserve the condition of these areas, many annual maintenance jobs are required in addition to the usual tasks of grass cutting, leaf raking and trash removal. Each year, for instance, all playground and athletic equipment is reconditioned and repainted. Repairs are made where necessary to the park benches (200 feet being repaired and painted in 1958). A final item in this category is the pruning and removal of wild growth from all shrubbery in the district which contributes to the neat appearance presented by the areas.

In addition to the work cited, the division is able each year to extend the development of the areas under its control. One accomplishment of this nature in 1958 was the placing of 4,000 cubic yards of fill along San Martin Drive. This fill was obtained from the ice rink excavation at the Stadium. Another item was the cultivating, fertilizing and seeding of an additional ten acres in the district. This work is carried forward as indicated by public need,

and as a part of normal expansion as labor and funds become available. Our bureau feels along with other park authorities, that there is a definite place in any park system for wooded areas reserved for passive recreation, and the retention of such areas will remain a part of the overall program for Baltimore's parks.

Cylburn Park was once again utilized as a source of sod for both the Stadium playing field and areas in the Druid Hill District. Accordingly, 89,000 square feet of sod were removed during 1958 and 45,000 square feet of this amount was used by the Druid Hill Division for reconditioning Eutaw Place, Druid Lake Drive, Weldon Circle Squares and an area in the vicinity of the Cylburn Mansion. Other work at Cylburn during the year consisted of further expansion and improvements to the nature trail and wild flower preserve. New trails were opened, rustic steps were constructed on three of the trails and approximately six acres of the preserve were cleared of poison ivy and honeysuckle.

In Druid Hill Park, fifty feet of eight inch terra cotta pipe was laid and three clean out boxes constructed in the rear of pool #2. Also, at grove #10, forty feet of retaining wall was built to correct an erosion problem.

Further improvements in the District included spreading 100 cubic yards of clay on the tennis courts and ball diamonds and replacing 100 guard posts in Druid Hill Park, San Martin Drive and in Ruxton.

The automotive repair shop in the Druid Hill District is responsible for repairs to all the equipment in the bureau with the exception of the vehicles assigned to the Park Police Division. A total of 1,070 shop orders were processed during the year with 134 representing such major repair jobs as overhauling motors and installing clutches, transmissions and rear ends.

The greenhouse section of the division maintained seventy flower beds which required the planting of some 30,000 plants. As in the past, special displays were held in the Conservatory and greenhouses at Easter and at Christmas. The Easter Show utilized 12,000 plants including lilies, tulips, hyacinths as well as tropical and exotic plants. Approximately the same number of plants were shown during Christmas week when such seasonal flowers as poinsettias, cyclamen and peppers were on display.

## 8. GWYNNS FALLS DIVISION

(MR. HALL N. ABRISCH, *District Park Superintendent*)

The first riding stable to be constructed in any Baltimore park was completed in Leakin Park in 1957. This facility has proven very popular and in an effort to make it even more of a convenience to the public who enjoy this form of recreation, further improvements were made during 1958. Chief among these improvements was the erection of a riding instruction ring in the area in front

of the stable. This ring which is oval in shape measures 235 feet in length and 160 feet in width, and was constructed of 6" x 6" locust posts with 7" wide oak fence boards. The ring has proven very popular and has resulted in two shows being presented at the Academy. A similar fence was also constructed to enclose the paddock, and this area is now being used as a training ring for beginners.

Along the same line, further enlargements and improvements were made to the riding trails in Leakin Park during the year. Approximately 1,500 feet of new trail were cut making a complete loop in the wooded area near Cook's Lane. The entire trail system was then widened from eight to fifteen feet and five new drain systems with stone head walls were built.

The bureau is proud of the facilities which the Gwynns Falls Division is able to offer to the riding public and although it recognizes that further refinements can be made, it feels that it has shown its consideration of the interest of those people devoted to this sport by preserving horseback riding for the people in the city through the construction of this academy. This was a unique venture and its success assures continual improvements to the facility as funds become available.

At the Forest Park Golf Course, 6,000 cubic yards of fill were hauled and deposited in the ravine between the new clubhouse and the old service road which created an easy rolling slope from the edge of the woods to the first fairway. A portion of the service road was then graded over and the entire filled area fertilized and seeded. It is of interest to note that the fill, hauling and grading were obtained by the bureau at no cost to the city.

When the headquarters of the Baltimore Police Department's K-9 Corps was transferred from the Northern to the old Southwestern Building, the area which the Board of Recreation and Parks had assigned to the section in Wyman Park became too distant for their further use. In cooperation with the Police Department, therefore, a new area was provided at the Oriole Gun Club for the outdoor training of the K-9 Corps. Forces of the Gwynns Falls Division furnished benches for spectators and assisted in clearing and conditioning the ground for this purpose.

In addition to the work for the K-9 Corps, further improvements were made in the area at the Gun Club site. These improvements consisted of sodding the area around the skeet traps, building a new driveway from the clubhouse to the traps and constructing a small parking lot.

Other projects in the district worthy of note were the reconditioning of the lawns at Lafayette Square and Easterwood Park. The work at Lafayette Square required nine yards of fill and 9,500 square feet of sod to complete. At Easterwood Park, forty yards of fill and 13,500 square feet of sod were employed to restore the

slopes and bare areas. A similar project was completed during the year at the entrance to Old East Drive, running south from Clifton Avenue. In this operation the entrance was filled over with 100 yards of fill and then graded. This improvement will now provide a continuous lawn area along Clifton Avenue at this point.

The ball diamond at the Walnut Field was relocated so as to provide additional space for the proposed Seminole Playground which will be constructed in response to the many requests from the residents in the area.

New areas added to the District during the year included lots #45 and 405 adjacent to the Nichols Playground and .07 acres south of the 2700 block West Baltimore Street. Also, the Gwynn Oak Avenue median strip was completed and turned over to our bureau for maintenance. In cooperation with the Bureau of Highways, forces of the Gwynns Falls Division fertilized and seeded this strip to complete the project.

During November and December the major part of the forces of the Gwynns Falls Division was employed on a winter project of cleaning the area from the Walnut Diamond on Seminole Avenue along Rokeby Road to and along Stokes Drive to its east end. Dead trees were cut, downed trees and limbs were removed and undergrowth cleared away in an attempt to beautify these areas and in consequence discourage dumping.

Notwithstanding the many accomplishments of the Division recorded in the previous paragraphs, our work was seriously hampered by the heavy snow storms in February and March of 1958. Following the storm of February when automobiles and trucks ran through the parkway median strips, much labor and material were required to restore the damaged areas. A total of 1,700 pounds of fertilizer and 415 pounds of seed were used to repair the center strips of Gwynns Falls Parkway, Wildwood Parkway, Route 40 and Calloway Avenue. During the snow storm of March, the entire labor force of the division was used on street tree work, cleaning up downed trees and limbs. The division snow plow was required in many cases to plow streets in advance in order for work crews to get in and out of stricken areas. This work was carried out in close cooperation with the Forestry Division and continued from March 20th to April 1st.

## 9. PATTERSON DIVISION

(MR. GEORGE DEWEY LEBRUN, *District Park Superintendent*)

The Patterson District is one of the smallest in the park system but since its areas are small and widespread, its problems of maintenance are considerable. As a consequence it is not usually possible for this division to complete any large projects without the addition of special funds and most of its energy therefore is de-

voted during the year to the task of maintaining the areas under its care.

Despite this handicap, several projects were completed in 1958 which merit the attention of this report. Chief among these from a maintenance viewpoint was the pointing-up and rebuilding where necessary of the entire retaining wall around the perimeter of the Patterson Park Boat Lake and also the entire wall around the island in the middle of the lake. Another large maintenance project was the replacement of the sheathing, where necessary, and re-shingling and flashing the entire three roofs of the Music Pavilion in Patterson Park.

Another important accomplishment in the district was the construction of Little League and Pony League Diamonds with backstops at the Bocek Playfield, and a Pony League diamond with backstops at the Joseph Lee Playfield. The problem of batted balls endangering automobiles and property at the City Morgue was solved by the erection of a fifteen foot high chain link fence along the entire right field at the President Street Playground. This fence has removed the objection of the personnel at the Morgue and still permits the youngsters to enjoy a ball game in an area where similar opportunities for such wholesome recreation are exceedingly limited.

The flower beds which the Patterson Division maintains in the downtown area, especially those at Preston Gardens, have always elicited favorable comment from the press and public alike. Nine thousand new tulips were planted at the two beds in Preston Gardens during 1957 and these flowers created an exceptionally beautiful effect in the spring with their varied colors. The tulips were then replaced with 3,400 hardy chrysanthemums which presented an equally favorable display in the fall. After frost had killed the chrysanthemums, the beds were replanted with tulips and for the first time tulips were also planted in the two large flower beds on the Holliday Street side of the Municipal Building for spring display in 1959.

At the request of the residents along Broadway, eight new benches were installed in the center parking between Baltimore and Fayette Streets. These benches proved a boon to the people in the area during the hot summer days and evenings.

The annual fishing rodeo held at the Boat Lake in Patterson Park was attended by the largest crowd of boys and girls to ever participate. There were numerous prizes given for the largest, smallest, greatest number and greatest variety of fish caught. In a similar line, the Evening Sun Annual Swimming Meet held at the Patterson Park Pool enjoyed the largest entry list and greatest number of contestants of all time and was considered by the sponsors to be one of its finest swimming meets.

New areas acquired in 1958 consisted of a triangular grass plot approximately  $\frac{1}{3}$  of an acre at Eastern Avenue and Dundalk

Avenue. About 75% of the area of the Mt. Royal Terrace Squares between St. Paul Street and Guilford Avenue along with the Fallsway Squares was taken over by the City in the creation of the Fallsway Express Route.

A final occurrence in the district during 1958 was the construction of a new type "B" field house at the Elmley Avenue Playground and a new wading pool and shelter at the Joseph Lee Playfield. Both of the projects were constructed under the Recreation Loan Program.

## 10. CONSTRUCTION DIVISION

(MR. GEORGE L. NICKEL, *Superintendent*)

In order to perform the many assignments it receives, the Construction Division is divided into six sections. The accomplishments of each of these sections is listed in the report that follows:

- a. PAINTING—A very large portion of the work performed by this section consists of the annual maintenance necessary to prepare various physical plants for their seasonal operations. Among these are the Stadium with its baseball, football, ice skating and other public functions and meetings; Fort Smallwood buildings, picnic and playground equipment (which suffers severely from the elements during the fall and winter); Mt. Pleasant Golf Course buildings and equipment used for the various tournaments, and other special events during the year.

A major project in which the painters participated was the renovation of Cylburn Mansion and its accompanying structures and equipment. The end result of this project was gratifying to those who took part in the restoration of this beautiful building.

Another large item of maintenance was the painting, glazing and caulking of the greenhouses in Druid Hill Park.

Other items included painting nine shelters in Druid Hill Park, interior of #1 pool building in Druid Hill Park, the comfort stations in the Druid Hill Mansion, roof of the superintendent's residence in Druid Hill Park; the exterior and a large part of the interior of McDowell Mansion, the exterior of the residence at 4700 Forest Park Avenue, and interior and exterior of buildings at Easterwood Park and Maiden Choice Playfield in the Gwynns Falls Division.

- b. ELECTRICAL—The duties of this group include the installation, maintenance and repair of primary and secondary electric feeders, appliances, and power and lighting distribution within the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Parks.

Among the items of annual maintenance are the lamping of Memorial Stadium towers, setting up power and equipment for the operation of the Eastern Open Golf Tournament and the Hole-In-One Tournament at the Mt. Pleasant Golf Course, annual overhaul of power and lighting equipment at Fort Smallwood, furnishing current necessary for the operation of the Flower Mart and the decoration and lighting of numerous Christmas trees.

During the year, repairs and alterations were made at Cylburn Mansion in connection with the restoration work done there. After a mid-winter fire at the Easterwood Park field house, the larger part of this building was rewired and distribution panel replaced with a new unit. Several thousand feet of underground cable was replaced in Fort Smallwood, Wyman and Clifton Parks.

Major installations included the laying of conduit, construction of manholes, pulling cable for underground feeder at Pine Ridge Golf Course and the complete installation of feeder, transformers, oil switches and raceways for the ice rink machinery at Memorial Stadium.

- c. CARPENTRY—The personnel employed in this operation perform many and varied annual chores. One item which requires the expenditure of many man hours is the handling of temporary seating. In the spring, thousands of seats are removed from Memorial Stadium in the transition from football to baseball; special seating units are transported, erected then returned to the Stadium for such events as the Eastern Open Golf Tournament, the Hole-In-One Tournament and the ice rink operation. In addition to the seating, these events require the labor of these men for the installation and removal of accessory equipment.

The buildings and equipment at Fort Smallwood are subject to severe weather conditions which contribute to the annual repairs and maintenance of this park.

Repairs and alterations were made at several parks, a few of them being Cylburn Mansion, Druid Hill Mansion and greenhouses in the Druid Hill District; McDowell Mansion in Gwynns Falls Park; Cummings Playground in the Carroll District; and the greenhouses in Clifton Park.

The field house in Easterwood Park was severely damaged by fire and required extensive repairs to building and equipment contained therein.

- d. ROADS—In addition to the work requests covering maintenance of walks, paths and roadways in the various divisions of the Bureau of Parks, this section accounted for a varied list of accomplishments at the Pine Ridge Golf Course. Grading for the service road and the parking lot required the excavation of ten thousand cubic yards of earth. Paving of



the areas amounted to approximately eighteen thousand square yards and required 3,600 tons of crusher run stone, 700 tons of #2 and #3 stone and 3,600 gallons road tar. Incidental to this project was the installation of 750 lineal feet of concrete curb.

Equipment of this group excavated for the installation of 2,000 lineal feet of 8" terra cotta storm drain, including eleven storm drain masonry boxes; 1,075 lineal feet of earth and rock for 8" terra cotta sanitary sewer from club house to pumping station; 850 lineal feet 6" cast iron force main from pumping station to county discharge main, including six brick manholes.

A new path was built in Burdick Park and a concrete and steel bridge built in Chinquapin Run Park with a macadam walk extended to it.

Our loading and other heavy equipment did extensive grading on the Pine Ridge Golf Course, handling approximately 20,000 cubic yards of topsoil.

The bureau purchased topsoil rights to the Franklin Realty Farm and our equipment removed 2,046 cubic yards of topsoil which was distributed to the various divisions of the Bureau.

The parking lot at the Oriole Gun Club was resurfaced with stone and topping, using 93 tons of materials.

The equipment and men of this division were utilized in the construction of the ice rink at the Stadium in that they performed grading and excavation work and related operations. Excavations at and adjacent to the rink area approximated 1,500 cubic yards. Material used to stabilize the sub-grade was hauled in from the abandoned car tracks on Harford Road south from Erdman Avenue and amounted to several hundred tons. In conjunction with this work, storm drain lines from the Stadium were tied in to storm drain trunk lines. Reshaping of the area surrounding the rink involved the resurfacing of more than 1,500 square yards of paving.

- e. **PLUMBING**—This unit capably handled numerous emergencies, installations and general maintenance calls during the year covering plumbing and heating throughout the park system. Several hot water heating units were replaced, water line breaks repaired, sewer stoppages opened and sanitary facilities revamped or repaired.
- f. **FENCING**—Several new installations were made in addition to numerous repairs to existing fences. A new item of annual maintenance is the erection, removal and storing of the fence and accessories at the ice rink at Memorial Stadium.

A summary of the activities of this division for 1958 showing origin and nature will be found on the following chart:

WORK REQUESTS PROCESSED—1958

CONSTRUCTION DIVISION

<i>Division</i>	<i>Carpentry</i>	<i>Painting</i>	<i>Plumbing</i>	<i>Electric</i>	<i>Oil Burner</i>	<i>Roads</i>	<i>Fences</i>	<i>Material</i>	<i>Total</i>
Carroll .....	5	5	14	39	12	5	2	76	158
Clifton .....	6	3	27	51	17	9	0	230	343
Druid Hill .....	18	7	46	28	15	0	6	270	390
Forestry .....	11	3	0	8	0	0	0	9	31
Gwynns Falls .....	12	4	13	17	11	11	9	136	213
Patterson .....	4	3	7	56	8	3	0	49	130
Police .....	6	0	5	19	0	0	0	20	50
Stadium .....	9	0	14	5	0	0	6	82	116
Zoo .....	7	6	31	23	9	5	3	78	162
TOTALS—1958 .....	78	31	157	246	72	33	26	950	1,593
TOTALS—1957 .....	51	63	250	265	73	34	27	1,208	1,971

## 11. FORESTRY DIVISION

(MR. CHARLES A. YOUNG, JR., *City Forester*)

(MR. FREDERICK S. GRAVES, *Assistant City Forester*)

### Storm Damage

The impact of the snowstorm of March 19th dominated the activities of the Forestry Division during the year. The storm began at 4:00 P.M. on the above date and continued through the night until 26 inches of snow had fallen on the northwestern quadrant of the city. This is the area in which the greatest tree population exists and hence the strong effect on the operation of the Forestry Division.

Beginning with the onset of the storm and continuing daily to April 3rd, the task received maximum effort. The division assisted by all available men and equipment from the other divisions of the Bureau of Parks and 40 men and 8 trucks from the Bureau of Highways cleared streets of debris in advance of snow plowing operations, removed hanging limbs and broken crowns of trees and began the task of repairing the tree damage.

For the period of April 4 to May 7th, the activities of the division were concerned with continuing the removal of hanging limbs and repair of damaged trees. This work was then continued by the "HIRANGER" crew until June 10th.

The cost of Forestry Division storm recovery activities to June 10th is estimated at \$10,700.00. It was estimated that storm recovery activities by other park divisions and the Bureau of Highways crews cost an additional \$20,000.00 for tree work.

The snowstorm of March 19th was the most destructive force the trees in Baltimore City has ever experienced based on a comparison of man-hours required to remove and repair the damaged trees.

Hurricane Hazel—October 15, 1954 . . . . .	4,000 man-hours (estimated)
Snow Storm—March 19, 1958 . . . . .	14,000 man-hours (estimated)

As the result of these storm recovery activities the funds for street tree maintenance were exhausted on November 1st. After that date only operations of an emergency nature were scheduled on the public highways.

The snowstorm of February 16th, which produced 17 inches of snow, was followed by high winds causing extensive snow drifts but did not produce any damage to trees. This condition was attributed to the low moisture content of the snow and the fact that none of it clung to tree limbs during the snowstorm. The Forestry Division gave its attention to recovering disabled snow plows following this storm.

The only other storm of significance was during the period of July 6th, 7th, and 8th when each day beginning at 5:30 P.M. a

wind and rain storm occurred. During this period, 4.86 inches of rain fell on Baltimore City.

### Tree Plantings and Removals

The planting of trees on the public highway was curtailed by the economy measures instituted by the administration beginning July 1st. The division made three major plantings in the parks during the year as follows:

Pine Ridge Club House Parking Area  
Aquatic Fowl Exhibit, Druid Hill Park  
Clifton Park Golf Course

As an economy measure, no tree removing contracts were awarded by the Bureau of Highways in 1958. The removing of trees by contract was deferred until January, 1959.

At the Pine Ridge Club House Parking area the following materials were installed:

134 White Pine 8/10'; 101 White Dogwood 6/8'; and 10 Red Cedar 8/10'.

At Clifton Golf Course 135 White Pine 8/10' were planted to separate fairways at three locations. Planting at this location was facilitated by the use of a 12" earth auger powered by a Fordson tractor.

At the Aquatic Fowl Exhibit 18 White Pine 8/10'; 458 clumps of bamboo; 110 clumps of pampas grass were planted on five newly created islands. On the perimeter of the lake, 4,000 California privet hedge plants were planted. The planting on the islands was facilitated by an overhead line on which a trolley operated to carry materials over the lake.

In 1958 flowering crab trees furnished by the Women's Civic League were planted at the following locations:

<i>Location</i>	<i>Number Planted</i>
Chinquapin Run Park—North and South side of Alameda from Northwood Drive to Chinquapin Parkway .....	10
Wyman Park—Art Museum .....	4
E. Cold Spring Lane—E. of Loch Raven Blvd. ....	17
E. Cold Spring Lane—W. of Loch Raven Blvd. ....	3
Perring Parkway—Beginning S. of Hillenwood Rd. ....	28
6200 Blk. Walther Blvd. ....	1
Medfield Heights School—4300 Blk. Buchanan Ave. ....	11
William S. Baer School—Opp. 2033 Wheeler Ave. ....	7
TOTAL PLANTED .....	81

In cooperation with the owner of the Tower Building, eight Upright Norway maples were planted in the unit block Guilford Avenue and on East Baltimore and East Fayette Streets. This is the first planting to be made on the public highway within the downtown area since Preston Gardens were established.

## Pruning

The delivery of a second "HIRANGER" and brush chipper on October 9th by the Bureau of Highways enabled the division to begin the systematic pruning of elm trees. This long desired program is directed to the elimination of deadwood from elm trees on a universal basis. Altogether, 279 elm trees were pruned at various locations throughout the city.

## Spraying

Dormant spraying of elm trees for the control of elm bark beetles was continued during the year and a total of 791 trees received this treatment.

The discouragement of starling roosting was conducted from July 7th to August 1st at the following locations:

2900 to 3300 Blk. Gwynns Falls Parkway  
400 Blk. Rosebank Avenue  
300 Blk. Broxton Road  
5300 Blk. Tilbury Way

## Other Operations

The inventory at Crimea Nursery on October 31st was as follows:

91 American Beech	179 Norway Red Oak
113 Chinese Chestnut	7 White Pine
5 Sweet Gum	243 Japanese Zelkova
74 Hornbeam	

For the Christmas season, evergreen trees and boughs were delivered to eight organizations and erected at six locations in the public parks.

The Municipal Christmas tree was a 55 foot Red Cedar purchased in Harford County and erected in City Hall Plaza. As in past years, this was a coordinated effort of Bureau of Parks erecting the tree, Fire Department decorating the tree and Bureau of Highways providing the fencing at the base of the tree.

The tree census begun in 1956 was advanced to 70% of completion by May.

A total of 1,750 stakes 2" x 2" x 8' were received from the Bureau of Water Supply as partial exchange for an estimated 36,970 board feet of oak and poplar logs sent to the sawmill for processing. There were no sales of standing timber during the year.

During the year 52,700 cubic feet of wood chips were produced. The bulk of these chips was placed in storage areas awaiting decomposition. These chips are being incorporated in the tree planting soil and as a mulch for newly planted trees.

At the close of 1957 all phases of tree maintenance were on a current basis except removing dead or dying trees in the parks. This operation was placed on a current basis in 1958. As previously noted the activities of the Forestry Division for the year were dominated by the snow storm of March 19th. In spite of this fact, a marked advance in all categories of operations except tree planting was recorded for the year. These advances in quantity of work performed were produced with 2,331 fewer man-hours during 1958.

The following tables showing in detail the activities of the Forestry Division do not include the activities during the period March 19th to May 7th. The exclusion of the above listed period was made to permit an accurate comparison of normal Forestry Division activities that were accomplished without the assistance of other forces.

### Recapitulation of Operations

#### TREES PRUNED

	1958	1957	1956
Parks .....	1,773	1,065	807
Highways .....	5,565	5,649	3,067
Total .....	7,338	6,714	3,874

#### TREES PLANTED

Parks .....	128	349	571
Highways .....	379	2,008	1,276
Total .....	507	2,357	1,847

#### TREES REMOVED

Parks .....	822	407	348
Highways .....	790	1,004	1,256
Total .....	1,612	1,411	1,604
Street Trees Removed by Bureau of Highways Contract #T-8 & #T-9—Completed April 15, 1958 .....			554

#### TREES SPRAYED

Parks .....	1,407	1,236	1,774
Highways .....	6,666	5,501	7,495
Total .....	8,073	6,737	9,269

#### TREES REPAIRED

Parks .....	34	64	26
Highways .....	188	166	110
Total .....	222	230	136

## STUMPS REMOVED

	1958	1957	1956
Parks .....	123	76	41
Highways .....	21	27	52
Total .....	144	103	93

Work of various types not included in the foregoing list was handled in approximately 6,930 cases, as compared with 7,000 cases in 1958. This included such items as cultivating, fertilizing, topping, cabling, root pruning, staking, scar repairing, etc.

## 12. POLICE DIVISION

(CAPTAIN GORDON GAENG, *Commanding*)

The year 1958 saw two important developments in the administration and operation of the Park Police Division. The first of these was the abolition of the 48 hour work week for personnel of the Division in favor of the system in effect for the City Police. Under this system, members of the Division are granted a total of 100 days leave each year which is broken down into one day off per week, three permission days per month and twelve vacation days per year.

To compensate for the loss in man-hours which this new system imposed, the 1958 Budget provided for eight additional Park Patrolmen and one additional Sergeant. Later when it was found desirable to reinstate the position of Headquarters Sergeant, one of the patrolmen positions was reclassified to the higher grade. Accordingly, with the changes just discussed, the roster for the Park Police Division at the end of 1958 stood as follows: 1 Park Patrol Captain; 5 Park Patrol Lieutenants; 12 Park Patrol Sergeants; 102 Park Patrolmen; 3 Communication Clerks; 1 Auto Mechanic; 1 Mechanic's Helper.

The second important development during the year was the introduction of a K-9 squad into the organization of the Division. With the cooperation of the City Police, interested park patrolmen were carefully selected and assigned German Shepherd dogs which remained with the officers for an initial period of five weeks to give the dogs an opportunity to accustom themselves to their masters and their new homes. After this period, the patrolmen and dogs will begin training early in 1959 and upon graduation will be assigned to various locations within the Park System where the skills and capabilities of the team can be put to best advantage.

Along more routine lines, the Park Police Training School for new officers was scheduled from October 1, 1958 through February 2, 1959. The curriculum of the school is arranged in such a manner that members of the class are made available for field duty at special events in addition to the work in the classroom. The combination of the practical with the theoretic has proven most

beneficial to the trainee and has had the further effect of relieving regular officers from performing many routine assignments thereby permitting them to concentrate on the more serious phases of police work.

The curriculum offered at the Training School is very thorough, and in addition to instruction and training in use of firearms, motorcycles and other tools of his trade includes lectures by members of related organizations such as the Baltimore Police Department, Department of Traffic Engineering, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Secret Service, Red Cross, Fire Department and others. Upon completion of the course, the graduate patrolman receives diplomas from the Park Police and Federal Bureau of Investigation, a certificate from Civil Defense, and Red Cross cards for standard and advance first aid as well as Water Rescue.

The Park Police Division has continued to make every effort to cooperate with all agencies both public and private, with which it comes in contact. In return, it is gratifying to report, it has engendered the appreciation of individuals and groups for a job well done. The many letters of commendation received during 1958 both for individual officers as well as for the division as a whole, attests to the success of this program.

The paragraphs which follow present some idea of the details of arrests and other activities performed by the division during 1958. It is well to note, however, that these charts are comprised only of those incidents requiring official reports to Headquarters and do not include the routine performance of such regular duties as patrolling, directing traffic, public assistance, policing special events, and numerous other assignments. The policing of special events is one of the larger tasks of the force in this category each year and in 1958, there were 497 events policed with an estimated attendance of nearly two million persons. A total of 13,941 man hours were required for the proper control of these events.

a. ARRESTS FOR VIOLATING PARK RULES, AND FOR CRIMINAL ACTS

During the year there were 680 arrests for acts falling within the above captions. There were 60 types of violations outlined in report of Police Division, the most important ones being: Disturbing the Peace, Intoxication, Vagrants, Possessing Alcoholic Beverages, Assault, Disorderly Conduct, and Auto Theft. Fines in the amount of \$6,995.00 were levied for the above arrests.

b. ARRESTS FOR VIOLATION OF TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

Under this heading, 2,006 arrests were made and dispositions returned covering 70 types of violations. The most important types include the following: No License, No Registration Card, One Way Drive, Illegal Parking, Prohibited Zone, Reckless Driving, and Speeding.



c. CASES HANDLED—NO ARREST

During the year 3,496 cases were handled, including 43 types requiring police attention. The most important types of cases included: Assault Complaints, Automobile Accidents, Fires, Larceny, Lost and Found, Missing Persons, Personal Injuries, and Vandalism.

13. MEMORIAL STADIUM

(MR. DOUGLAS S. TAWNEY, *Manager*)

**Ice Rink**

An outstanding accomplishment of the Bureau of Parks in the Stadium Division during the year 1958 was the opening on December 5th of a standard size 85' × 185' ice skating rink on the west side parking lot. This spot was selected as the most satisfactory location for this facility for the following reasons:

1. Abundant available parking areas.
2. Available utilities including electric, sewer and water installations.
3. Available interior rooms for comfort stations and warm-up rooms.

In addition, use of the Stadium is at its lowest level during the winter months when the rink will be in operation. This would provide for year round utilization of Stadium facilities and assigned personnel. Finally, since rink appurtenances would be removed for storage in the Stadium during the off season and parking permitted on the concrete pad, the ice rink would offer no interference to the normal operation of the Stadium.

During 1958, the ice rink was in operation for 27 days from December 5th through December 31st. There were 59 sessions of skating during this period and the popularity of this facility is attested by the fact that a total of 27,381 persons were in attendance at these sessions. The skating rink has not only proven popular with the public but profitable for the City as shown by the following chart:

**Ice Rink Revenue Comparison With Operating Costs  
December 5, 1958 to December 31, 1958**

Admission Receipts .....	\$12,914.00	Operating and	
Concession Revenue .....	2,992.64	Management Costs .....	\$ 8,189.35
Total Rink Revenue .....	\$15,906.64	Total Rink Costs .....	\$ 8,189.35
		(Operating only)	

**Stadium**

Stadium revenue for 1958 compared quite favorably with that of 1957 in spite of a drop in professional baseball attendance of over 200,000 persons during the year. The drop in revenue from base-

ball was compensated for by increased rental receipts from the Baltimore Colt Football Club, an increase in per capita concession take, and the scheduling of additional events such as the All Star Baseball Game and an extra Colt exhibition football game. The All Star Game, of course, can be considered as the Stadium's outstanding attraction for 1958 as the eyes of the sporting world were focused on the Baltimore Memorial Stadium on July 8, 1958, when the American League All Stars beat the National Leaguers 4 to 3. The game was a complete sell-out as were subsequent Navy-Notre Dame and four Colt football games. Gross attendance for the year totaled 1,569,859 and Stadium receipts totaled \$296,240.73 only \$1,208.65 less than the figure (a record) reached in 1957. This revenue does not include any receipts from the ice rink operation. In addition, there are amounts of \$934.83 and \$5,893.46 in dispute with the Baltimore Baseball Club, not yet collected nor posted in the above listed figures. In the event that any part of these amounts is collected, it would be added to the 1958 revenue statement, and for the second year would create another Stadium revenue record high.

**a. Details of Stadium Revenue and Attendance Excluding Ice Rink**

<i>Type of Event</i>	<i>No. of Uses</i>	<i>Attendance</i>	<i>Revenue</i>	
			<i>Rental</i>	<i>Concession</i>
Professional Baseball . . . .	67	891,745	\$109,081.07	\$31,028.69
All Star Baseball Game ..	1	48,764	2,000.00	1,964.49
Amateur Baseball . . . . .	1	4,043	444.53	435.04
Professional Football . . . .	9	399,661	52,346.62	26,664.25
Circus . . . . .	5	50,168	5,000.00	3,446.69
Fireworks—July 4th . . . .	1	25,759	1,000.00	1,061.81
Drum Corps Contests . . . .	2	13,958	1,500.00	717.36
Navy Football . . . . .	2	86,911	9,396.60	7,288.32
Bureau of Music Concerts	2	8,500	—	—
Teachers' Meeting . . . . .	1	5,000	—	4.85
Pet Show Finals . . . . .	1	300	—	12.15
Easter Sunrise Services ..	1	5,000	—	—
High School Football . . . .	2	30,050	350.00	1,439.57
<b>TOTALS . . . . .</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>1,569,859</b>	<b>\$181,118.82</b>	<b>\$74,123.03</b>

Total Rental Revenue . . . . .	\$181,118.82
Total Concession Revenue . . . . .	74,123.03
Sale of Utilities . . . . .	15,835.09
Parking Lot License . . . . .	9,956.00
Rental of Oriole Office Space . . . . .	1,845.00
Donation by Board of Recreation and Parks (Interfaith Game) . . . . .	3,008.48
Advertising (Clock) . . . . .	1,500.00
Telephone Commissions . . . . .	1,034.67
Parking Revenue Share . . . . .	7,819.64

**TOTAL STADIUM REVENUE  
EXCLUDING ICE RINK RECEIPTS. \$296,240.73**

**b. Revenue and Cost Comparisons—1954-1958**

<i>Year</i>	<i>Uses</i>	<i>Attendance</i>	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Expense</i>	<i>Profit</i>	<i>Loss</i>
1954 ....	106	1,507,505	\$230,622.20	\$241,390.12		\$10,767.92
1955 ....	106	1,452,172	254,652.69	234,636.67	\$20,016.02	
1956 ....	95	1,532,011	258,486.96	235,827.66	22,659.30	
1957 ....	121	2,045,367	297,449.38	244,521.23	52,928.15	
1958 ....	95	1,569,859	296,240.73	270,653.81	25,586.92	

Expense of operation rose somewhat in 1958 because of increased salaries of bi-weekly employees and because of the installation of a forty hour work week for per diem employees, making overtime payable after forty hours rather than after forty-eight in a given work week.

**c. Statement of Stadium Operating Expenses (Excluding Ice Rink Expenditures)**

Operating Management Expenses .....	\$ 36,973.92
Operating Expenses .....	182,486 22
Stadium Repairs .....	50,401.60
Construction Equipment Expenses .....	792.07
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES .....</b>	<b>\$270,653.81</b>

**Year 1958**

Total Revenue .....	\$296,240.73
Total Expenses .....	270,653.81

**PROFIT ON OPERATION .....\$ 25,586.92**

As pointed out last year in the Stadium's 1957 Annual Report, various newspaper articles have appeared indicating that the costs of the Baltimore Memorial Stadium far exceed, the revenue or monetary value derived from its operation. Close study of the overall financial situation, however, shows that in addition to cash receipts, certain monetary equities accrue to the City of Baltimore under various agreements. Listed below is a comparison of cash and accrual values of fixture installation as compared to Stadium costs including debt service and retirement for 1958:

**Stadium Costs—1958**

Operating, Maintenance and Management .....	\$270,653.81
Debt Retirement .....	225,000.00
Interest on Stadium Loans	101,500.00
Capital Improvements ...	787.89

**Stadium Revenue—1958**

Stadium Revenue .....	\$296,240.73
Annual accrual from Baltimore Orioles for 1/5 total value of concession equipment ..	80,000.00
Annual accrual from Baltimore Orioles for 1/18 cost of Oriole Office Space .....	2,777.00

**Stadium Costs—1958**

TOTAL STADIUM COSTS—1958 .....	\$597,941.70
TOTAL STADIUM REVENUE—1958 .....	400,517.73
TOTAL NET COST ....	\$197,423.97

**Stadium Revenue—1958**

From Spencer Display Corporation accrual of 1/8 value of scoreboards annually .....	21,500.00
TOTAL STADIUM REVENUE—1958 .....	\$400,517.73

Thus, for a net cost of \$197,423.97 in 1958 the City of Baltimore, by its operation of the Baltimore Memorial Stadium, derived the following benefits:

1. Provided wholesome entertainment for a total attendance of 1,569,859 patrons.
2. Created an estimated expenditure of \$14,000,000.00 in the Baltimore area in connection with Stadium events. Resultant employment and benefits flowing therefrom are difficult to estimate, but of prime importance.
3. National prestige and advertisement for Baltimore City by the presentation of Major League Baseball, Professional Football, major college football games and other outstanding Stadium attractions. This is particularly the case in 1958 for the following reasons:
  - a. The Baltimore Colts won the World's Professional Football Championship before a television audience of over 50,000,000 persons.
  - b. The All Star Baseball Game was played in Memorial Stadium before a similar nation wide television coverage.
  - c. Several Oriole baseball games were televised nationally as the CBS and NBC game of the week.
  - d. The Navy-Notre Dame game played in the Stadium in 1958 also received nation wide attention from the press and radio.
4. Not to be overlooked in the financial picture is the growing value of the Stadium. Constructed at a cost of \$6,000,000.00, our plant could not be duplicated today at a cost of \$7,000,000.00. Other cities have cost estimates of \$8,000,000.00 and upward for a similar plant.

The gap of total costs over total revenue will narrow, as prospects for future years indicate a growing revenue and decreasing costs, particularly in debt retirement. With concession percentages

for baseball events doubling in 1959, greater drawing power of the Championship football team, and an improved Oriole baseball team plus an ambitious program of scheduling events to keep the Stadium in use for a maximum number of dates, annual Stadium revenue is certain to top \$300,000.00 in early future years and push \$400,000.00 by 1962. In addition, the Stadium Ice Rink has proven to be very popular and will show revenue far above operating costs. The first review of a complete Ice Rink Season will be included in the 1959 Annual Stadium Report since the current rink season will not end until at least the middle of March, 1959.

A review of 1958 Stadium events shows the second greatest total annual revenue (of \$296,240.73) derived from a year's operation since the Stadium's inception in 1922. A study of the event chart shows a total of 95 events which attracted 1,569,859 persons and included 68 baseball events counting the All Star Baseball Game, 9 Colt football games, 5 Circus performances, 2 Navy football games, 2 High School football games, 2 Drum Corps contests, 4th of July Fireworks Program, Easter Sunrise Services, Baltimore Schools faculty meeting, 2 Concerts sponsored by the Bureau of Music and a pet show.

In addition to the events held within the Stadium itself, the Annual Christmas Tree Sale, parking for express bus service during the Christmas Holidays, and parking for sixty special bus excursions originating from the Stadium all were permitted on the Stadium parking lots. All proceeds from the Christmas tree sale went to the Maryland Workshop for the Blind.

Furthering this, the auditorium and other meeting rooms in the Stadium were used by civic organizations 387 times in 1958 at an average of 50 persons per meeting, totaling 19,350 persons.

Large maintenance jobs at the Stadium in 1958 included the painting of the feeder delivery cables on each light tower, the painting of all chair back seats exposed to the weather, the preparation of additional press and photographic facilities including the hanging of two more photographic boxes on the mezzanine facade. The latter work was performed at the expense of the Baltimore Baseball Club, under the supervision of the Bureau of Parks. There was also considerable temporary construction work performed in order to expand press facilities and seating for the All Star Baseball Game. It is also well to mention that the Navy-Notre Dame football game drawing over 58,000 persons was played on November 1, 1958. The next day, the Colt-Green Bay football game was played drawing a total of 50,000 persons. It is impossible to mention the details of the work that went on at the Stadium through the night of November 1st in order to be ready for a major sports event the next day.

In addition to the special work required for events, the Stadium Division continued its maintenance of the surrounding areas including all shrubbery beds, lawn areas and flower beds. Many

compliments concerning the grounds outside the Stadium were received in the past year, particularly when the 10,000 tulips were in bloom in the spring and when the chrysanthemums were in full bloom in the fall.

#### 14. ZOO DIVISION

(MR. ARTHUR R. WATSON, *Director*)

Perhaps the most significant development at the Baltimore Zoo during 1958 was the progress made on various projects in the Master Zoo plan. This Plan, which had been adopted by the Board of Recreation and Parks in 1956, came as a consequence of having loan funds available approved expressly for Zoo expansion. The plan has been designed to permit an orderly sequence in providing additional facilities and exhibits at the Zoo thereby reducing the possibilities of haphazard or ill-timed construction. Although the details of this program are reserved for the Departmental Report, it is well to note that substantial progress has been made to date on the following projects in the plan:

1. Panned areas and shelter for Heavy-Hoofed animals. (Completed)
2. Aquatic Bird Exhibit at the Old Boat Lake. (Completed)
3. Moat and Rock Island Exhibit at the former Duck Pond.
4. Exhibits for Valley North of Polar Bear enclosure.



*New Aquatic Fowl Exhibit—old Boat Lake Druid Hill Park*

Consideration is now being given to the preparation of a comprehensive plan for utilities to include water, electricity, sewers and roads in the Zoo area. The layout for utilities will be designed in conjunction with the Master Zoo Plan so that all facilities and exhibits will be tied into a tight network producing a maximum of economy in the eventual cost of expansion at the Zoo.

As in past years, personnel of the Baltimore Zoo continued the Zoo's program of providing information and educational services to the public including the presentation of lectures to various groups, and personal appearances at appropriate gatherings. In addition, staff members received numerous telephone inquiries concerning animals and provided information on their care and feeding. The scope of these activities is shown in the following chart:

Guide Service	32 Requests	1,156 Persons
Travelling Zoo	2 Visits	45,000 Persons
Lecture Programs, and Other Appearances	8 Requests	54,075 Persons

In cooperation with the Johns Hopkins Hospital, a research team from the institute was permitted to utilize Zoo specimens in its investigation of the circulatory system of snakes.

An important innovation in the Bird Department during 1958 was the display of 3" x 4" color photographs along with the identification signs in the Bird Exhibit. This device for identifying the exhibits has proven very popular with visitors since it makes possible the positive identification of species when more than one kind is housed in the same cage. It is of interest to note that the photographs as well as the signs are prepared in the Zoo's workshop.

The number and variety of animals at the Zoo continued to grow during 1958 both through purchases with budget funds and gifts from the public. Although most of the gifts were minor in nature, such contributions are appreciated and are used to maintain or augment the existing collection and, when surplus of the variety occurs, this surplus is used as trading material for species not represented. The most noteworthy growth during the year occurred in the reptilian department which saw the addition of several Galapagos Tortoises, a pair of Nile Monitor Lizards, and the deadly Gaboon Viper.

At the end of the year the collection at the Zoo consisted of 810 specimens representing 343 species broken down as follows:

	<i>Species</i>	<i>Specimens</i>
Animals .....	120	321
Birds .....	147	356
Reptiles .....	74	130
Amphibians .....	2	3
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	343	810

(NOTE: The list of specimens does not include more than one pair of common domestic animals.)

In an effort to make the collection as interesting as possible, the Zoo continued its endeavor to increase the variety of species while reducing, at the same time, the number of specimens on hand. In this way exhibit space can be best utilized to provide the public with an interesting and comprehensive display.

## 15. GOLF COURSES

The total 1958 golf course attendance was 195,964 as compared with 200,461 rounds last year. The loss in play is attributed to the extremely poor weather last year particularly during the snow storms in February and March which necessitated the closing of the courses for extended periods.

The following chart indicates the total rounds played in 1958 at each course with revenue and cost of operation :

	<i>Rounds</i>	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Operating Cost</i>
Carroll .....	38,170	\$ 22,368.55	\$ 37,797.19
Clifton .....	52,971	58,395.25	58,256.68
Forest Park .....	49,201	54,377.25	62,085.84
Mt. Pleasant .....	55,622	74,099.00	100,834.23
<b>TOTAL 1958 .....</b>	<b>195,964</b>	<b>\$209,240.05</b>	<b>\$258,973.94</b>
<b>TOTAL 1957 .....</b>	<b>200,461</b>	<b>\$207,254.00</b>	<b>\$228,695.65</b>
		<b>Operating Deficit ....</b>	<b>49,733.89</b>
		<b>Operating Deficit ....</b>	<b>21,441.65</b>

The Bureau of Parks is very happy to record the appointment of Mr. Joseph C. Vaeth as Golf Professional at the Clifton Park Golf Course to succeed Mr. Johnny Bass who was transferred to the new Pine Ridge Course in 1957. Mr. Vaeth served as assistant to Mr. Bass at Clifton for the past four years and his appointment has proven very popular with the patrons of the course.

As is customary, the public courses were selected as the site for many special tournaments during 1958. The first contest, the Bob Holland Memorial Tourney, was held at the Clifton Park Course on April 13th and featured foursomes composed of a leading professional and amateur and two members of the Frostbiter's Golf Association. Clifton was again utilized on June 22nd when a special pro-am honoring Johnny Bass and Joe Vaeth was held. This event attracted 26 pro's and 78 amateurs.

Beginning on July 30th and continuing through Sunday, August 3rd, the Eighth Annual Hole-in-One Tournament was held at the Mt. Pleasant Golf Course. This event is sponsored by the Baltimore News-Post and the Baltimore Golf Association with proceeds from the affair going to the Wounded Veteran's Fund and to public link activities. The contest is staged on the 100 yard practice fairway and green to the right of the eighteenth fairway. The green is specially lighted for the event. The 1958 Tournament featured



merchandise prizes in the amount of \$1,000.00 along with 10 trophies and 75 special awards. As in the past, there was also a standing award of \$100.00 awaiting anyone who scored an ace during the contest. In addition to the gallery of approximately 11,000 persons who viewed the five day affair, there were 3,685 entries with receipts amounting to \$1,842.50.

On August 11th, Jimmy Flattery, Pro at the Forest Park Golf Course, played host to the 151 youngsters who participated in his annual tournament. This event, which has been hailed as the Cake and Ice Cream Open, is designed for youngsters between the ages of 2 and 17. It is a tribute to Jimmy, who founded the tournament some ten years ago since many of the City's leading golfers are products of this event.

Another tournament held at Forest Park in 1958 was the National Post Office Employee Golf Tournament. This was a thirty-six hole event and was held on August 18th and 19th.

The Public Links Medal Play Tournament was held at Mt. Pleasant on August 30th, Clifton on August 31st and Forest Park on Labor Day, September 1st. There were five championships at stake—Regular, A, B, C and Senior—and with entries of 237 the event attracted the largest field yet recorded. The trophies for the A, B and C flights were furnished by the Public Golf Association, and the Evening Sun provided the trophies for the Senior and Championship groups including a replica of the championship cup which is permanently retained by the winner. In addition, merchandise prizes totalling \$1,000.00 were awarded to the winners of the various flights.

### **Eastern Invitational Open Golf Tournament**

For the first time since the inception of the tournament back in 1950, the City of Baltimore was sole sponsor of the Eastern Open Golf Tournament. As in the past, Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro, Jr., selected Mr. Thomas O'Donnell as General Chairman and Mr. C. A. Hook as Co-Chairman of the event and under their capable management the Ninth Annual Eastern Open proved to be one of the most successful matches yet staged.

The tournament was played at the Mt. Pleasant Golf Course on July 24-27 and with such outstanding stars as Snead, Middlecoff and Tommy Bolt competing, boasted one of the best fields yet offered. Jim Jocquin, P.G.A. Official, in fact commented after looking over the line-up of stars, "I honestly think this is a stronger field than the one in Philadelphia for the P.G.A. last week!" As might be expected under such circumstances, the tournament produced top notch golf throughout the four days of play. Young Gary Player of South Africa led throughout the first three rounds and

captured the fancy of the large galleries viewing the match. However, on the last day, in an exciting climax to an exciting week of golf, Player was nosed out by Art Wall, Jr., Bob Rosburg and Jack Burke, Jr., who all scored a 276 just one stroke off the record 275 posted by Sam Snead in 1952. In the "sudden death" playoff that followed, the faithful putter of Art Wall, Jr., came through as he won with a birdie on the first extra hole.

The roll of winners of the Eastern Open now reads as follows:

1958—Art Wall, Jr.	1954—Bob Toski
1957—Tommy Bolt	1953—Dick Mayer
1956—Arnold Palmer	1952—Sam Snead
1955—Frank Stranahan	1951—Cary Middlecoff
1950—Lloyd Mangrum	

Gratitude must be expressed to all members of this Department, other municipal agencies, and to the many individuals who generously gave their time to make the Ninth Annual Eastern Open an outstanding event.

## 16. SWIMMING POOLS AND BATHING BEACHES

There were six pools in operation in 1958 and with a total of 322 days open produced an attendance of 167,809, an increase of some 3,500 patrons over the figure for 1957. With fewer pools in operation and with an increased demand for summer jobs, no difficulties were experienced in 1958 in obtaining a sufficient number of qualified employees to operate the pools.

Under a special procedure set up with the City Service Commission, only applicants for whom definite assignments were available were processed for employment. This system resulted in a considerable saving of effort on the part of both the City Service Commission and prospective employees, and eliminated much of the disappointment formerly experienced by eligibles for the swimming pool jobs.

In the charts which follow, the attendance, revenue and operating expense at each pool for 1958 is compared with the operation in 1957:

<i>Pool Location</i>	<i>Days Open</i>	<i>Patrons 1958</i>	<i>Revenue 1958</i>	<i>Cost 1958</i>
Cherry Hill .....	56	12,501	\$ 2,085.60	\$11,364.15
Clifton .....	54	28,232	5,809.85	14,781.04
Druid Hill .....	56	31,890	7,696.15	14,080.16
Patterson .....	56	50,114	8,136.95	19,358.37
Riverside .....	53	30,134	4,709.85	13,421.90
Roosevelt .....	57	14,938	2,559.85	7,264.18
<b>TOTALS .....</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>167,809</b>	<b>\$30,998.25</b>	<b>\$80,269.80</b>

<i>Pool Location</i>	<i>Days Open</i>	<i>Patrons 1957</i>	<i>Revenue 1957</i>	<i>Cost 1957</i>
Cherry Hill .....	65	14,991	\$ 2,171.50	\$10,135.06
Clifton .....	65	23,140	5,043.38	13,493.18
Druid Hill .....	65	35,460	8,014.85	14,735.31
Patterson .....	65	48,413	7,563.85	16,519.09
Riverside .....	61	27,670	4,338.85	11,849.61
Roosevelt .....	65	14,662	2,508.50	6,382.48
<b>TOTALS .....</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>164,336</b>	<b>\$29,640.93</b>	<b>\$73,114.73</b>

Although attendance has not yet justified the operation of both of the pools in Druid Hill Park, the Board of Recreation and Parks permitted the Y.W.C.A. to conduct a day camp at Pool #2 for youngsters from the inner-city area from June 23, 1958 to August 11, 1958. All expenses incidental to the use of this facility were paid by the "Y" under the agreement between our Board and that organization.

Another Board action during the year involving the pools occurred at the meeting of October 23rd when, in recognition of the growing divergence between revenue and cost, the admission for adults was increased from 35¢ to 50¢ for the 1959 season. The Board also decided at that meeting to continue the ticket price of 15¢ for children under fourteen.

### Fort Smallwood

Fort Smallwood, which was acquired from the Federal Government on May 28, 1928, for the sum of \$50,000.00, consists of 100 acres in Anne Arundel County, twenty miles from Baltimore City. The park is located on the Chesapeake Bay at the mouth of the Patapsco River and Rock Creek. Facilities offered include two bathing beaches, two playgrounds, and 136 picnic groves. The following chart compares the revenue and attendance at the beaches and in the park for the years 1958 and 1957.

	<i>Beach Attendance</i>	<i>Park Attendance</i>	<i>Revenue</i>
1958 .....	58,612	237,308	\$5,213.79
1957 .....	69,832	276,797	\$6,150.54

The combined cost of operating the parks and bathing beaches at Fort Smallwood in 1958 was \$33,464.82 as compared to \$34,001.98 in 1957.

## 17. LAWN DEVELOPMENT

One of the primary responsibilities of the five park districts and the Stadium is the proper development and reconditioning of the lawn areas under their control. This program requires constant attention and includes not only treatment with fertilizer, topsoil,

seed and lime as well as mowing during the growing season, but also leaf raking in the fall since a covering of leaves is both unattractive and detrimental to the health of the grass if allowed to remain for any extended period of time.

The tremendous accomplishment under this program can be appreciated when it is realized that park property totals some 5,640 acres (grass lands, woodlands, etc.) including such particularly difficult areas to maintain as golf courses, stadium and other athletic fields and median strips on the highways. To indicate the scope of this operation, the following chart is presented showing materials used during 1958.

<i>District</i>	<i>Cu. Yds. Topsoil</i>	<i>Tons of Fertilizer</i>	<i>Pounds of Grass Seed</i>	<i>Tons of Lime</i>	<i>Tons of Manure</i>	<i>Sq. Ft. Sod</i>
Carroll .....	484	20	1,600	1	none	5,500
Clifton .....	556	36.5	540	20.2	none	62,500
Druid Hill ....	300	19	1,860	5.6	492	45,000
Gwynns Falls .	424	21	818	1.8	none	33,000
Patterson .....	60	18	4,200	none	none	9,000
Stadium .....	100	4	1,200	none	15	85,000
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>1,924</b>	<b>118.5</b>	<b>10,218</b>	<b>28.6</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>240,000</b>

An example of the extent of one small phase of this operation can be cited from figures compiled during a recent survey of the cost of maintaining median strips in the highways. It was figured that it costs us approximately \$66,600.00 to maintain these areas based on 111 acres at \$600/acre. This cost covered all phases of maintenance including mowing, trimming, edging, fertilizing, leaf raking, forestry and reseeding or sodding of worn areas as well as overhead and trash removal.

## Facilities

In addition to the special accomplishments of the five park districts cited in the preceding sections, the Bureau continued its regular maintenance of all its properties including buildings, shelters, field houses, Baltimore Memorial Stadium, Stadium Ice Rink, riding academies, bridle paths, roads, paths, walkways, pavilions, band stands, garages, athletic fields, lawns, tennis courts, comfort stations, boat piers, swimming pools, bathing beaches, playgrounds and equipment, golf courses, drinking fountains, flower beds, trees and shrubbery, wildflower preserve, fireplaces, picnic grounds, greenhouses, zoological buildings and cages, and all monuments located in the City.

It is also to be noted that this Bureau offers to the public facilities for a large variety of passive activities as shown in the lists that follow. These include scenic areas, walkways, benches for relaxation, picnic areas, band stands, natural open air theatres for music appreciation, and a rapidly expanding zoo for the pleasure of adults and children alike.

## Summary of Recreational Facilities

71 Clay Tennis Courts	1 Hockey Rink
54 Hard Surface Tennis Courts (10 Lighted)	10 Quoit Ranges
47 Outdoor Basketball Courts	2 Roller Skating Areas
19 Volley Ball Courts	5 Ice Skating Ponds
40 Baseball Diamonds	2 Fishing Lakes
19 Little League Diamonds	2 Boat Lakes
1 Pony League Diamond	6 Swimming Pools
87 Softball Diamonds (4 Lighted)	10 Wading Pools
39 Football Fields	2 Bathing Beaches
11 Soccer Fields	1 9-hole Golf Course
2 Lacrosse Fields	3 18-hole Golf Courses
5 Running Tracks	110 Playgrounds
2 Croquet Fields	4 Bridle Paths
1 Cricket Field	2 Model Airplane Fields
1 Archery Field	3 Scouting Areas
207 Picnic Areas	1 Wildflower Preserve
	59 Monuments
<b>TOTAL FACILITIES . . . . . 829</b>	

### Recreational Facilities—Carroll Division

10 Clay Tennis Courts	4 at Swann Park
6 at Carroll Park	1 at Garrett Park
2 at Garrett Park	1 at Curtis Bay Plgd.
2 at Cummings Plgd.	6 at Carroll Park
12 Hard Surface Tennis Courts	2 at Cherry Hill Park
2 at Riverside Park	8 Football Fields
6 at Latrobe Park	1 at Latrobe Park
2 at Garrett Park	2 at Swann Park
1 at Federal Hill Park	2 at Carroll Park
1 at Curtis Bay Plgd.	1 at Cherry Hill Park
7 Outdoor Basketball Courts	1 at Morrell Park
1 at Garrett Park	(6 man football field)
2 at Latrobe Park	1 at Brooklyn-Curtis Bay Plgd.
1 at Curtis Bay Plgd.	2 Soccer Fields
1 at Riverside Park	2 at Latrobe Park
1 at Wagners Pt. Plgd.	2 Running Tracks
1 at Morrell Park Plgd.	1 at Carroll Park
4 Volley Ball Courts	1 at Latrobe Park
1 at Carroll Park	9 Quoit Ranges
1 at Riverside Park	2 at Latrobe Park
2 at Latrobe Park	4 at Carroll Park
8 Baseball Diamonds	1 at Riverside Park
2 at Latrobe Park	1 at Federal Hill Park
1 at Swann Park	1 at Garrett Park
3 at Carroll Park	2 Swimming Pools
1 at Cherry Hill Park	1 at Riverside Park
1 at Brooklyn-Curtis Bay Plgd.	(Consisting of diving, swimming & wading pool)
5 Little League Diamonds	1 at Cherry Hill Park
1 at Carroll Park	2 Wading Pools
2 at Brooklyn-Curtis Bay Plgd.	1 at Morrell Park
1 at Cummings Plgd.	1 at Curtis Bay Plgd.
1 at Morrell Park Plgd.	2 Bathing Beaches
20 Softball Diamonds	2 at Fort Smallwood
1 at Riverside Park	
5 at Latrobe Park	

**1 Nine Hole Golf Course**

1 at Carroll Park

**19 Playgrounds**

1 at Carroll Park

2 at Riverside Park

1 at Latrobe Park

1 at Garrett Park

1 at Carroll St. Plgd.

2 at Fort Smallwood

1 at Cummings Playground

1 at Bevan St. Playground

1 at Federal Hill Park

1 at Wagners Pt. Plgd.

1 at Morrell Park Plgd.

1 at Indiana Ave. Plgd.

1 at McHenry St. Plgd.

1 at Otterbein St. Tot Lot

1 at Foundry Cts. Tot Lot

1 at West Street Tot Lot

1 at Conway St. & Fremont Ave.

**136 Picnic Groves**

136 at Fort Smallwood

**Recreational Facilities—Clifton Division**

**23 Clay Tennis Courts**

23 at Clifton Park

**10 Hard Surface Tennis Courts**

7 at Clifton Park

1 at Dewees Plfld.

2 at North Harford Rd. Plfld.

**7 Outdoor Basketball Courts**

1 at Herring Run Park

1 at Mt. Pleasant Park

1 at Willow Ave. Plgd.

1 at St. Lo Plgd.

1 at 23rd. St. & Greenmount

1 at North Harford Rd. Plfld.

1 at Gardenville

**15 Baseball Diamonds**

5 at Clifton Park

5 at Herring Run Park

1 at Mt. Pleasant Park

1 at Burdick Park

1 at Dewees Playfield

1 at North Harford Rd. Plfld.

1 at Gardenville

**5 Little League Baseball Diamonds**

2 at Herring Run Park

1 at North Harford Rd. Plfld.

1 at Gardenville

1 at Dewees Playfield

**21 Softball Diamonds**

13 at Clifton Park

2 at Mt. Pleasant

4 at Herring Run Park

2 at Gardenville

**12 Football Fields**

3 at Clifton Park

6 at Herring Run Park

1 at Burdick Park

1 at Mt. Pleasant Park

1 at Dewees Playfield

**4 Soccer Fields**

3 at Clifton Park

1 at Herring Run Park

**2 Lacrosse Fields**

1 at Clifton Park

1 at Herring Run Park

**1 Running Track**

1 at Clifton Park

**2 Croquet Fields**

2 at Clifton Park

**1 Swimming Pool**

1 at Clifton Park

(Consisting of diving,  
swimming & wading pool)

**4 Wading Pools**

1 at Willow Avenue

1 at Clifton Park

1 at Dewees Playfield

1 at North Harford Rd. Plfld.

**2 Eighteen Hole Golf Courses**

1 at Clifton Park

1 at Mt. Pleasant Park

**15 Playgrounds**

1 at Burdick Park

2 at Clifton Park

2 at Herring Run Park

1 at Mt. Pleasant Park

1 at Willow Avenue

1 at Chestnut Hill

1 at Hunters Street

1 at Govans

1 at Hillen Road

1 at North Harford Rd. Plfld.

1 at Gardenville

1 at Chinquapin Park

1 at Rear of 1700 Woodbourne Ave.

**2 Bridle Paths**

1 at Herring Run Park

1 at Graham Memorial Park

**1 Model Airplane Field**

1 at Herring Run Park

**1 Scouting Area**

1 at Graham Memorial Park

**9 Picnic Groves**

1 at Clifton Park

7 at Herring Run Park

1 at Mt. Pleasant Park

## Recreational Facilities—Druid Hill Division

- 10 Clay Tennis Courts
  - 10 at Druid Hill Park
- 19 Hard Surface Tennis Courts
  - 16 at Druid Hill Park
  - 3 at Towanda Park
- 9 Outdoor Basketball Courts
  - 2 at Druid Hill Park
  - 1 at Roosevelt Park
  - 1 at Stony Run Park
  - 1 at Towanda Park
  - 1 at Queensberry Plgd.
  - 1 at Mace St. Plgd.
  - 1 at Lucille Ave. Plgd.
  - 1 at Buena Vista
- 7 Volley Ball Courts
  - 2 at Druid Hill Park
  - 1 at Roosevelt Park
  - 1 at Towanda Park
  - 1 at Lucille Ave. Plgd.
  - 1 at Mace St. Plgd.
  - 1 at Queensberry Plgd.
- 7 Baseball Diamonds
  - 4 at Druid Hill Park
  - 1 at Roosevelt Park
  - 1 at Towanda Park
  - 1 at Medfield Heights
- 12 Softball Diamonds
  - 6 at Druid Hill Park (1 Lighted)
  - 1 at Roosevelt Park
  - 1 at Stony Run Park
  - 1 at Lucille Ave. Plgd.
  - 1 at Towanda Park
  - 2 at Medfield Heights
- 8 Football Fields
  - 5 at Druid Hill Park
  - 1 at Roosevelt Park
  - 1 at Towanda Park
  - 1 at Medfield Heights
- 1 Running Track
  - 1 at Druid Hill Park
- 1 Cricket Field
  - 1 at Druid Hill Park
- 1 Archery Area
  - 1 at Druid Hill Park
- 3 Ice Skating Ponds
  - 2 at Druid Hill Park (Casting Pond, Model Boat Pond)
  - 1 at Lake Roland
- 2 Fishing Lakes
  - 1 at Druid Hill Park
  - 1 at Lake Roland
- 1 Boat Lake
  - 1 at Lake Roland
- 2 Swimming Pools
  - 1 at Druid Hill Park—#1 (Consisting of diving, swimming & wading pool)
  - 1 at Roosevelt Park (Consisting of diving, & swimming pool)
- 2 Wading Pools
  - 1 at Roosevelt Park
  - 1 at Towanda Park
- 15 Playgrounds
  - 4 at Druid Hill Park
  - 1 at Mace St. Plgd.
  - 1 at Pall Mall Plgd.
  - 1 at Roosevelt Park
  - 1 at Queensberry Plgd.
  - 1 at Towanda Park
  - 1 at Lucille Ave. Plgd.
  - 1 at Buena Vista Plgd.
  - 1 at Asbury Plgd.
  - 1 at Crisp Street
  - 1 at Fawcett Street
  - 1 at Garrison & Denmore Aves.
- 1 Scouting Area
  - 1 at Druid Hill Park
- 1 Wildflower Preserve & Nature Trail
  - 1 at Cylburn Park
- 32 Picnic Groves
  - 10 at Druid Hill Park
  - 22 at Lake Roland

## Recreational Facilities—Gwynns Falls Division

- 11 Clay Tennis Courts
  - 4 at Gwynns Falls Park
  - 2 at Leakin Park
  - 2 at Maiden Choice Park
  - 3 at Walbrook Oval
- 10 Hard Surface Tennis Courts
  - 3 at Easterwood Park
  - 2 at Gwynns Falls Park
  - 4 at Hanlon Park
  - 1 at 269 N. Hilton Street
- 9 Outdoor Basketball Courts
  - 1 at Easterwood Park
  - 2 at Laurens & Gilmore Sts.
  - 1 at Wilkens Plgd.
  - 1 at Cahill Center
  - 1 at Franklin Plgd.
  - 1 at Lyndhurst Memorial Plfd.
  - 1 at Rev. Wilbur H. Waters Plgd.
  - 1 at Orchard Street

- 5 Baseball Diamonds**  
 1 at Hanlon Park  
 1 at Gwynns Falls Park  
 1 at Bloomingdale Oval  
 1 at Maiden Choice Park  
 1 at Leakin Park
- 6 Little League Diamonds**  
 1 at Hillsdale Park  
 (Conlon Field)  
 1 at Leakin Park  
 3 at Gwynns Falls Park  
 1 at Hanlon Park
- 1 Pony League Diamond**  
 1 at Leakin Park
- 14 Softball Diamonds**  
 2 at Easterwood Park  
 1 at Nichols Plgd.  
 1 at Wilkens Plgd.  
 4 at Bloomingdale Oval  
 2 at Maiden Choice Park  
 1 at Leakin Park  
 1 at Lyndhurst Memorial Plfd.  
 1 at 269 N. Hilton St.  
 1 at Franklin Plgd.
- 7 Football Fields**  
 2 at Bloomingdale Oval  
 1 at Hanlon Park  
 1 at Maiden Choice Park  
 1 at Easterwood Park  
 1 at Hillsdale Park  
 (Conlon Field)  
 1 at Lower Gwynns Falls Park
- 1 Eighteen Hole Golf Course**  
 1 at Forest Park
- 32 Playgrounds**  
 1 at Penhurst  
 1 at Maiden Choice Park  
 1 at Gwynns Falls Park
- 1 at Easterwood Park  
 1 at Nichols Park  
 1 at Wildwood Pkwy. & Stokes Dr.  
 1 at Wilkens Plgd.  
 2 at Hanlon Park  
 1 at Harlem Square  
 1 at Laurens & Gilmor Sts.  
 1 at Orchard & Tessier Sts.  
 1 at Rear 111-21 N. Amity St.  
 1 at Lafayette Ave. between  
 Payson & Brice Sts.  
 1 at Rear 4247 Rokeby Rd.  
 1 at Rear 911-19 Kevin Rd.  
 1 at Woodridge Plgd. rear  
 402 S. Fulton Ave.  
 1 at 800 blk. N. Vincent St.  
 1 at 500 Blk. N. Stockton St.  
 1 at Carlton St. between Lemmon  
 & Holton Alley  
 1 at Lyndhurst Memorial Plfd.  
 1 at Cahill Center  
 1 at Pen Lucy & Uplands Pkwy.  
 1 at 18-28 N. Amity St.  
 1 at 100 N. Vincent St.  
 1 at 1620 Pierce Street  
 1 at 1101 Brewer Street  
 1 at Franklin Plgd.  
 1 at Rev. Wilbur H. Waters Plgd.  
 1 at Yale Avenue  
 1 at Flowerton Avenue  
 1 at Boyd Street
- 1 Bridle Path**  
 1 at Leakin Park
- 1 Model Airplane Field**  
 1 at Leakin Park
- 1 Scouting Area**  
 1 at Gwynns Falls Park
- 30 Picnic Groves**  
 30 at Leakin Park

### Recreational Facilities—Patterson Division

- 17 Clay Tennis Courts**  
 17 at Patterson Park
- 3 Hard Surface Tennis Courts**  
 2 at Patterson Park  
 1 at Bocek Plfd.
- 15 Outdoor Basketball Courts**  
 3 at Patterson Park  
 1 at Joseph Lee Plfd.  
 2 at Princeton Place  
 1 at Luzerne Ave. Plgd.  
 1 at Canton Market Plgd.  
 1 at Boston St. Plgd.  
 1 at Elmley Ave. Plgd.  
 1 at A. J. Kennedy Plgd.  
 1 at Ellwood & Orleans Plgd.  
 1 at City Springs
- 1 at Bocek Plfd.  
 1 at St. Leo's Pratt Street
- 8 Volley Ball Courts**  
 4 at Patterson Park  
 1 at Joseph Lee Plfd.  
 1 at Luzerne Ave. Plgd.  
 1 at Canton Market Plgd.  
 1 at A. J. Kennedy Plgd.
- 5 Baseball Diamonds**  
 3 at Patterson Park  
 1 at Joseph Lee Plfd.  
 1 at Bocek Plfd.
- 3 Little League Baseball Diamonds**  
 1 at Patterson Park  
 1 at Joseph Lee Plfd.  
 1 at President Street



## 20 Softball Diamonds

- 11 at Patterson Park  
(3 Lighted)
- 2 at Boston St. Plgd.
- 1 at Elmley Ave. Plgd.
- 1 at City Springs
- 1 at A. J. Kennedy Plgd.
- 2 at Ellwood & Orleans Plgd.
- 2 at Bocek Plfld.

## 4 Football Fields

- 2 at Patterson Park
- 1 at Joseph Lee Plfld.
- 1 at Boston St. Plgd.

## 5 Soccer Fields

- 2 at Patterson Park
- 1 at Boston St. Plgd.
- 1 at Joseph Lee Plfld.
- 1 at Bocek Plfld.

## 1 Running Track

- 1 at Patterson Park

## 1 Hockey Rink

- 1 at Patterson Park

## 1 Quoit Shed

- 1 at Patterson Park

## 2 Roller Skating Rinks

- 2 at Patterson Park

## 2 Ice Skating Ponds

- 2 at Patterson Park

## 1 Boat Lake

- 1 at Patterson Park

## 1 Swimming Pool

- 1 at Patterson Park  
(Consisting of diving,  
swimming & wading pool)

## 2 Wading Pools

- 1 at Patterson Park
- 1 at Canton Plgd.

## 29 Playgrounds

- 1 at Bocek Plfld.
- 2 at Princeton Place
- 1 at Luzerne Ave. Plgd.
- 2 at Patterson Park
- 1 at Boston St. Plgd.
- 1 at Joseph Lee Plfld.
- 1 at Canton Market Plgd.
- 1 at Durham St. Tot Lot
- 1 at City Springs
- 1 at Stiles St. Plgd.
- 1 at President St. Plgd.
- 1 at A. J. Kennedy Plgd.
- 1 at Elmley Ave. Plgd.
- 1 at Janney St. Plgd.
- 1 at St. Helena Plgd.
- 1 at Pilot Area
- 1 at Hoffman St. Plgd.
- 1 at Curley St. Tot Lot
- 1 at Shuter St. Tot Lot
- 1 at McCubbin St. Tot Lot
- 1 at St. Leo's Pratt Street
- 1 at Dallas Street
- 2 at Ellsworth Street
- 1 at Fagley Street
- 1 at Ellwood & Orleans Plgd.
- 1 at Weisenfeld Ct. Plgd.

## 1 Bridle Path

- 1 at Herring Run Park

**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**  
**DIVISION OF PARKS**

Summary Cost Statement of Operating Expenses for the Year 1958

**1—GENERAL EXPENSES**

11	Administrative Expenses—		
	Executive Division .....	\$ 64,011.31	
15	Injuries and Damages .....	22.28	\$ 64,033.59

**2—OPERATING EXPENSES**

21	Operating Management Expenses .....	\$786,123.68	
22	Squares, Blvd. Parking & Special Lot Expenses .....	135,795.32	
23	Playground Expenses .....	36,051.85	
24	Small Park Expenses .....	149,572.61	
25	Large Parks Expenses .....	923,012.77	
25-A	Stadium and Ice Rink Expenses .....	189,962.24	
26	Golf Expenses .....	289,085.86	
27	Pools Expenses .....	69,899.55	
28	Zoological Expenses .....	176,812.78	
29-A	Fire Damage .....	2,963.00	
29-B	Forestry Nursery Expenses .....	7,641.34	
29-C	Forestry Expense—Public Highways ...	88,792.16	2,855,713.16

**3—MAINTENANCE EXPENSES**

31	General Repairs .....	\$ 51,992.10	
32	Squares, Blvd. Parking and Special Lot Repairs .....	12,034.88	
33	Playground Repairs .....	14,014.32	
34	Small Parks Repairs .....	27,751.53	
35	Large Parks Repairs .....	234,192.37	
35-A	Stadium and Ice Rink Repairs .....	51,114.93	
36	Golf Repairs .....	27,492.86	
37	Pools Repairs .....	14,163.67	
38	Zoological Repairs .....	14,726.64	447,483.30

**4—MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE AND EXPENSES**

46-A	Gratuitous Work .....	\$ 37,383.44	
46-B	Special Services Rendered Other Bureaus	1,675.58	
47	Sundry Revenues and Expenses .....	49.40	39,108.42

**5—RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

54	Interest Expense .....	127,218.75
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## 6—FIXED ASSETS AND FUNDS

60-A	Construction Work—Levy		
	Appropriations .....	\$ 59,978.46	
61	General Properties .....	1,102.61	
65	Large Parks Properties .....	9,487.14	
68	Zoological Properties .....	3,977.01	
69	Miscellaneous Properties .....	65,271.67	139,816.89
	TOTAL EXPENSES—		
	BUREAU OF PARKS FUNDS .....		\$3,673,374.11
42-4	Accessory Enterprises (Billwork) .....		5,025.51
43	Animal Purchase Fund .....		3,031.48
60-D	Construction Work—		
	Public Parks Bldg. Loan .....		382,723.23
60-F	Pine Ridge Golf Course (Loch Raven) ..		56,238.13
	GRAND TOTAL .....		<u>\$4,120,392.46</u>

**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
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Statement of Revenue for the Year 1958

<b>Playgrounds and Playfields</b>		
Carroll—Lockers, Soap and Towels .....	\$ 724.20	
Clifton—Lockers, Soap and Towels .....	2,088.80	
Patterson—Lockers, Soap and Towels .....	854.60	
Gwynns Falls—Lockers, Soap and Towels ....	<u>1,296.50</u>	\$ 4,964.10
<b>Golf</b>		
Carroll .....	\$ 22,368.55	
Clifton .....	58,395.25	
Hillsdale .....	54,377.25	
Mt. Pleasant .....	<u>74,099.00</u>	209,240.05
<b>Swimming and Wading Pools</b>		
Clifton .....	\$ 5,809.85	
Druid Hill #1 .....	7,696.15	
Patterson .....	8,136.95	
Riverside .....	4,709.85	
Roosevelt .....	2,559.85	
Cherry Hill .....	<u>2,085.60</u>	30,998.25
<b>Ice Rink</b> .....		10,909.05
<b>Concessions</b>		
Selling Concession Contract .....	\$ 13,299.39	
Concession—Fort Smallwood .....	<u>5,216.42</u>	18,515.81
<b>Stadium</b>		
Baseball Rentals (Balto. Orioles) .....	\$111,269.41	
Baseball Rentals (Others) .....	444.53	
Football Rentals (Colts) .....	52,346.62	
Football Rentals (Professional & College) ....	9,396.40	
Football Rentals (High School & Others) ....	175.00	
Baseball Concessions (Balto. Orioles) .....	31,028.69	
Baseball Concessions (Others) .....	435.04	
Football Concessions (Colts) .....	34,612.93	
Football Concessions (Professional and Collegiate) .....	<u>10,219.06</u>	
Football Concessions (High School & Others) ..	2,601.67	
Other Rentals .....	7,500.00	
Other Concessions .....	5,302.67	
Telephone Commissions .....	1,014.81	
Advertising Commission .....	1,500.00	
Sale of Electricity .....	15,926.33	
Parking Concessions .....	8,353.09	
Office Rental (Balto. Baseball Club) .....	1,998.75	
Miscellaneous .....	<u>50.00</u>	294,175.00
<b>Railway Tax</b> .....		143,357.17
<b>Miscellaneous</b>		
Rental Real Property .....	\$ 4,341.35	
Sale of Electricity .....	507.76	
Commissions on Telephones .....	602.33	
Maryland Yacht Club—Rental .....	202.00	
Sundry Revenue .....	<u>742.15</u>	6,395.59
<b>Baltimore Transit Bus Tax</b> .....		397,085.59
<b>Busses—Other than Baltimore Transit</b> .....		2,041.99
<b>Baltimore Transit Company Special</b> .....		113,090.50
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b> .....		<u>\$1,230,773.10</u>

**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**  
**DIVISION OF PARKS**

**Financial Statement of Appropriations as of December 31, 1958**

Account	Description	Forwarded from 1957	Appropriations	Increments	Total Credits	Expenditures	Encumbrances	Total Expenditures	Balance
8.13A	Salaries .....	—	\$ 871,652.00	—	\$ 871,652.00	\$ 841,255.67	—	\$ 841,255.67	\$ 30,396.33
8.14	Labor .....	—	1,837,596.00	\$ 57,192.11	1,894,788.11	1,918,612.58	—	1,918,612.58	(23,824.47)
8.15	Expenses .....	\$ 17,500.00	637,000.00	20,508.17	675,008.17	641,279.44	\$ 24,678.00	665,957.44	9,050.73
8.14D	Pools .....	—	55,000.00	—	55,000.00	52,079.09	—	52,079.09	2,920.91
	<b>SUB-TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$ 17,500.00</b>	<b>\$3,401,248.00</b>	<b>\$ 77,700.28</b>	<b>\$3,496,448.28</b>	<b>\$3,453,226.78</b>	<b>\$ 24,678.00</b>	<b>\$3,477,904.78</b>	<b>\$ 18,543.50</b>
8.210	Compensated Work .....	(2,000.00)	—	7,629.32	5,629.32	5,464.49	—	5,464.49	164.83
	To Other Funds .....	—	—	(18,708.33)	(18,708.33)	—	—	—	(18,708.33)
	<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$ 15,500.00</b>	<b>\$3,401,248.00</b>	<b>\$ 66,621.27</b>	<b>\$3,483,369.27</b>	<b>\$3,458,691.27</b>	<b>\$ 24,678.00</b>	<b>\$3,483,369.27</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
8.400	Animal Fund Purchases .....	—	—	821.73	821.73	3,031.48	—	3,031.48	(2,209.75)
8.305D	Park Bldg. Lean Constr. ....	714,087.24	—	75,674.46	789,761.70	382,464.64	247,599.00	630,063.64	159,698.06
8.300D	4th Parks Loan .....	500,000.00	—	—	500,000.00	—	—	—	500,000.00
8.30	Loch Raven Golf .....	41,604.92	—	15,000.00	56,604.92	51,317.92	5,287.00	56,604.92	0.00
	From Other Funds .....	—	—	1,031.48	1,031.48	—	—	—	1,031.48
	Forward to 1958 .....	—	—	(658,519.79)	(658,519.79)	—	—	—	(658,519.79)
	<b>GRAND TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$1,271,192.16</b>	<b>\$3,401,248.00</b>	<b>(\$499,370.85)</b>	<b>\$4,173,069.31</b>	<b>\$3,895,505.31</b>	<b>\$277,564.00</b>	<b>\$4,173,069.31</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>

( ) Indicates Negative Figure

## B. BUREAU OF RECREATION

(MR. HAROLD S. CALLOWHILL, *Superintendent*)

A properly operated Recreation Center is a symbol of a good neighborhood where children and young people cultivate wholesome leisure time attitudes, parents find outlets for civic and social interests, and Golden-agers find outlets for civic and social interests, and Golden-agers find companionship and fun. The promotion of recreation activities is the most pressing business of the Center, which engages in a wide variety of community relationships.

### HELPING CHILDREN WITH BEHAVIOR PROBLEMS

Last May the Bureau and the Public Elementary Schools began a cooperative experiment to reduce pre-delinquent tendencies in school children. Full time recreation leaders are assigned to work with at least two pre-delinquents—to befriend and interest them in Center activity. To date, 43 centers are cooperating with their local school and 127 boys and girls are receiving special guidance during their leisure time. Progress records are kept and periodic checks are to be made with the school personnel. There is reasonable belief that this cooperative experiment may prove to be a very effective but uncomplicated method of preventing pre-delinquents from developing into harder-to-help delinquents.

Traditionally, recreation leaders are alert to spot “problem children” and as long as these young folk stay in the Center, there is a good chance that some of the wrinkles will be ironed out. Youngsters who register at the Center and seldom attend are a continuous concern to the leader. An all-out effort is made to contact these hard-to-reach or stay-away youngsters through personal interest or program appeal. Our leaders estimate that they have brought back to the Centers nearly a thousand stay-aways. These hard-to-reach children and youths present a community-wide problem and the Bureau has determined to work steadily in this effort.

### PROMOTING THE GOOD NEIGHBORHOOD FEELING

There are many folks who find an outlet for civic interests by helping the local Center. Twenty Adult Neighborhood Advisory Councils with a membership of 259 met 230 times during the year; 20 Youth Councils with a membership of 360 held 451 meetings, while one Advisory Council with 13 youths and adult members met 12 times.

The Adult Councils are actively engaged in serving their Centers—volunteering their time in money-raising affairs, helping to solve some problems that reach into the neighborhood, and the promotion of activities. The Youth Councils give boys and girls the experience of learning how to administer and take responsibility in their affairs.



*Summer Playground Carnivals  
Ingenuity - Resourcefulness - Cooperation*

## **DEVELOPING VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP**

There will never be enough professional leadership to care for recreation needs. Exclusive of the estimated 2500 volunteers who work with the Municipal Sports there are 486 adults and 559 youths who perform other volunteer services in the Centers. Of these, 581 are organized into 34 Volunteer Corps and their 581 members in a 6 months period gave 19,328 hours of service in 43 different activities. There were club leaders; teachers of chess, drama, wrestling, roller skating, cooking, baton twirling, photography, square dancing; helpers at snack bars, wading pools, etc. Only two Centers had volunteers from out of the neighborhood.

## **RECEIVING AND GIVING SERVICES**

Community cooperation flourishes at the Centers. Exclusive of the neighborly sharing of services and facilities of the local churches and schools, 98 neighborhood organizations, business firms, social and service clubs, newspapers and radio stations contributed talent, service, money or merchandise to 37 Centers. These contributions are very important to the Centers because the Bureau of Recreation spends no budget monies for many items such as bus trips, refreshments, orchestras, uniforms, trophies, window draperies, television sets, juke boxes, refrigerators, etc. Twenty-five Centers were pleased to help 87 community groups by providing

meeting facilities, special leadership services such as hospital entertainment and leadership on boat rides.

## **STABILIZING CHANGING NEIGHBORHOODS**

In changing neighborhoods, the Recreation Center is a satisfying influence. In 18 such areas, recreation centers are helping restore the good neighborhood atmosphere. Bewildered youth and their families are helped to settle down to some satisfactory social interests. In time, new adult supports are lined up—gradually volunteers, neighborhood councils, parents clubs are reorganized.

## **DIVISION OF AMATEUR SPORTS**

The Division of Amateur Sports brought to a close for the year of 1958 one of the most successful seasons it has ever had. The entire program was marked by gradual increases in the number of teams and players participating.

The **BASEBALL PROGRAM** has reached the point of saturation for twilight ball. Practically 100% of all available diamonds are in use Monday through Friday of each week. An unusual trend in baseball has been the decrease in the number of teams desiring to play on Sunday. Once more the high percentage of increased participation came from the younger age groups—10 to 12 and 12 to 14 years of age.

One of the outstanding features in the baseball program was the playing of the final game between Dauphins and Gordon Stores in the Cardinal Gibbons Series at the Baltimore Stadium. A new organization known as the Maryland Amateur Sports Association sponsored the occasion at the Stadium, and for the first time in the history of the Cardinal Gibbons Series it was played in the Stadium before an attendance of 7,000 people. The American Legion Post of the Baltimore and Ohio provided the Color Guard. A group of boys and girls from the Walter Green Post 14, American Legion presented a program of marching and drilling.

The **SOFTBALL PROGRAM** continued to receive the popular support of players and spectators. This year an unusual number of people watched the State Play-Off Series, especially the night games played at Druid Hill Park under the lights. It was estimated that between 3,000 and 5,000 people per night attended these games.

The regular **FOOTBALL PROGRAM** was augmented by the introduction of Unlimited Touch Football. This is the first time that this program has been organized with teams paying a franchise fee and purchasing contracts. Another additional feature of the football program was the introduction of football for players between the ages of 10 and 12 years. Because of a demand by players and managers for this class of football, a league composed of six



teams was organized with a weight limit of 100 lbs. Protective steps were taken to try to keep the rate of injuries as low as possible by such measures as requiring all teams to be properly equipped; officials were instructed to permit no unusual roughness and to take immediate action in calling penalties and fouls. There was only one injury during the season.

The BASKETBALL season for 1958 was brought to a most successful conclusion with a total of 73 leagues, 381 teams and 3,537 registered players. The construction of new school gymnasias has contributed toward the increased interest in basketball.

The TENNIS PROGRAM which includes the Maryland State Open Tournament for boys and girls sponsored by the Baltimore News-Post and Sunday American and the Municipal Tournament sponsored by the Evening Sun were both highly successful.

The Injured Players Fund is of great assistance to the players who are injured while taking part in the program of the Division of Amateur Sports. During the season of 1958 a total of \$5,464.57 was paid for medical and hospital assistance.

A total of 22,726 contracts were sold to players participating in the various sports. The participation by leagues, teams and players follows:

<i>Boys and Men</i>	<i>Leagues</i>	<i>Teams</i>	<i>Players</i>
Baseball .....	100	557	7,892
Football .....	16	87	1,869
Softball .....	88	494	7,548
Basketball .....	73	381	3,537
Soccer .....	5	28	480
	282	1,547	21,326
<i>Girls and Women</i>			
Softball .....	7	35	438
Basketball .....	14	81	962
	21	116	1,400
Totals .....	303	1,663	22,726

## HIGHLIGHTS OF 1958

The Lafayette Rams, a football team of 35 older boys representing the Lafayette Courts Housing Project, won the City Unlimited Championship. These young men, grateful for their own health and physical prowess, became interested in helping those not as fortunate. They raised \$400.00 and purchased the following gifts which were presented at a large neighborhood gathering in the auditorium of the center. . . . 3 wheel chairs (muscular dystrophy), a pair of corrective shoes (polio), a collection of records (blind), an exerciser (hemophelia), medicine (skin disease), desk set (rheumatic heart), 3 pairs of eye glasses, repairs to a hearing aid and a wheel chair.



*Helping the handicapped—gifts presented by more fortunate youths*

## **TRAVELING PLAYLEADER**

During the 9 weeks summer playground season, a Traveling Playleader was assigned to work on 10 play spaces which had been graded, hard surfaced and fenced. It was her responsibility to teach children simple games, without equipment, that could be played on these areas throughout the year. In addition, and of equal importance, it was her duty to meet with parents in each neighborhood and encourage them to accept responsibility for the supervision of the play space—to see that it is clean at all times, to prevent older children from crowding out the small ones, to organize and promote activities and to purchase equipment. We believe that many parents have been made aware of how important a part they can play in the play life of their children and the betterment of their community and we are hopeful that such cooperation will have far-reaching results.

## **GIRLS ACTIVITIES**

A demonstration of girls activities was held at Mergenthaler School in the spring following the indoor season. Three hundred and sixty-nine girls participated in exhibitions of tap, ballet and square and folk dancing and tumbling. A large group of majorettes, twirling their batons, headed an all girls drum and bugle

corps. The evening closed with a series of exciting dodgeball games.

The annual Dance Recital at each recreation center has become an outstanding event from the point of view of quality, performance and neighborhood interest. Thirty such Recitals were held and included tap and ballet dancing.

### **CYLBURN WILDFLOWER PRESERVE AND GARDEN CENTER**

The Cylburn Wildflower and Garden Center Organization moved into its room at Cylburn Mansion in the fall. Assisted by the Fourth District of the Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland, the rooms of the Mansion were furnished, making it possible for the Fall Flower Show, sponsored by the Fourth District, to be held at the Mansion in October.

### **TOP SPINNING REVIVED BY GOLDEN AGERS**

Top spinning, like Hoop Rolling, is not as popular with children as it used to be. In the spring, when a Top-Spinning Contest was included as one of the activities in the "June—National Recreation Month" program, many children asked what to do with tops. Not many could spin them. The Golden Agers heard about the tops and very soon these folks, 65 years and over, became volunteer top spinning instructors. After several weeks of practice a District Contest was held with 425 boys and girls participating.

### **SLEDDING**

One of the most popular events of the year took place in February as a result of a heavy snowfall which created a perfect spot for sledding on the east side of Bocek Playfield. People came from all over the city to participate in this exciting and invigorating winter sport. In just one day there were about 5,000 participating in snow activities—sledding, snowballing and building snow men.

### **PLAYGROUND SAFETY**

A Playground Safety Skit, featuring the "Purple People Eater" was organized among the children at the Cloverdale Playground in Druid Hill Park. The skit was presented at 15 playgrounds in the northern district. The purpose was to dramatize the safety bulletin distributed by the Bureau in the interest of teaching and demonstrating playground safety habits. The performance was presented for more than 3,000 children.

### **JUNIOR FIRE FIGHTERS**

Perkins Homes Recreation Center and the Patterson Park Casino Recreation Center use the services of the only Junior Fire Fighters—Fire Prevention Club. The club organized and directed by repre-

representatives of the Fire Department is 2 years old and its membership consists of 25 boys 11 to 16 years of age. They are on the alert for fire hazards and report infractions of fire regulations to the Center Director. Other duties consist of standing watch at the center during assemblies to assist in case of emergency, showing safety films and presenting safety skits during Fire Prevention Week as well as removing snow from sidewalks during snow storms. Captain August G. Mannion, of Truck No. 28, and Mr. Leonard J. Margereth, of Engine Company No. 34, train and supervise the club. In recognition of its services the Board of Fire Commissioners presented a certificate of appreciation to the club.

#### **FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION AT LAFAYETTE COURTS**

Fourth of July was observed at the Lafayette Courts Recreation Center with a parade to the Flag House. Seventy-two costumed children, depicting Mary Pickersgill, Francis Scott Key, Spirit of '76 and Yankee Doodle Dandy marched with police escort to the Flag House. Highlighting the program was the presentation of a flag to the staff after which the group toured the historic landmark and sang patriotic songs. Thirty parents and members of neighborhood Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops accompanied the paraders.

#### **BOYS "ADVENTURE CLUB" AT GREENMOUNT**

The Boys Adventure Club at the Greenmount Recreation Center was one of the most popular activities of the year. Thirty-two boys between the ages of 10 and 14 years eagerly engaged in such activities as crafts, nature lore, Saturday hikes, swimming and team sports. Some fathers accompanied the boys on the hikes and as a result have been enlisted for regular volunteer service at the center.

#### **PHYSICAL FITNESS**

The Bureau of Recreation, in cooperation with the Physical Fitness Program of the President's Committee on Fitness for Youth, is emphasizing activities contributing to both physical and total fitness. Conditioning classes for youth and adults, efficiency tests for children and youth and physical fitness tests in cooperation with the United States Amateur Athletic Union have become a regular part of the recreation program. In addition, actual outdoor events are being promoted to help accomplish the aim of fitness.

#### **DRAMATICS**

The children at the Northwood Recreation and the Towanda Playfield presented dramatic programs which were an outgrowth of their own ideas. The story plots, costuming, staging and other details were developed by them. At Towanda, the Wizard of Oz and at Northwood the Isle of Dreams and the Christmas Story were fine examples of their creative ability.

Our adult group, The Spotlighters, have become concerned about the need for service to shut-ins and included in their Christmas schedule one hour programs at the Eudowood Sanitorium, Keswick and Mt. Wilson State Hospital.

<i>Statistics—1958</i>	<i>Enrollment</i>	<i>Attendance</i>	<i>No. Centers</i>
Playgrounds .....	25,436	1,448,022	65
Community Centers .....	51,505	1,992,765	39
Indoor Centers .....	8,055	79,352	24
Swimming Pools .....	1,830	15,690	7
Special Centers .....	30,122	215,317	—
<b>TOTALS .....</b>	<b>116,948</b>	<b>3,751,146</b>	<b>135</b>

**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**  
**DIVISION OF RECREATION**

Summary Cost Statement of Operating Expenses for the Year 1958

**1—GENERAL EXPENSES**

11	Administrative Expenses .....	\$117,023.91	
13	Leadership Training School.....	273.08	
			\$ 117,296.99

**2—OPERATING EXPENSES**

21	Field Supervision Expenses.....	\$138,936.76	
22	Playground Expenses .....	267,277.88	
23	Community Centers Expenses.....	572,120.40	
24	Indoor Centers Expenses.....	9,443.16	
25	Recreational Activities Expenses.....	33,510.58	
26	Municipal Sports Expense.....	33,825.17	
			1,055,113.95

**3—MAINTENANCE EXPENSES**

31	General Maintenance .....	\$ 30,985.43	
			30,985.43

	Total Expenses—Department of Recreation Funds .....		\$1,203,396.37
42	Accessory Enterprises .....	\$144,547.11	
60-B	Recreation Loans Construction.....	77,775.07	
			222,322.18
	<b>TOTAL .....</b>		<b>\$1,425,718.55</b>

CITY OF BALTIMORE  
BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
DIVISION OF RECREATION

Financial Statement of Appropriations and Loan Funds as of December 31, 1958

Account	Description	Forwarded from 1957	Appropriations	Increments	Total Credits	Expenditures	Encumbrances	Expenditures	Total	Balance
8.16A	Salaries .....	—	\$ 786,884.00	\$ 2,120.00	\$ 789,004.00	\$ 812,584.72	—	\$ 812,584.72	(\$23,580.72)	
8.16D	Part Time Salaries .....	—	260,000.00	1,480.00	261,480.00	253,761.77	—	253,761.77	7,718.23	
8.17	Expenses .....	—	126,340.00	1,008.96	127,348.96	137,264.40	—	137,264.40	(9,915.44)	
	Sub-Total .....	—	\$1,173,224.00	\$ 4,608.96	\$1,177,832.96	\$1,203,610.89	—	\$1,203,610.89	(\$25,777.93)	
	From Other Funds .....	—	—	25,777.93	25,777.93	—	—	—	25,777.93	
8.303D	TOTAL .....	—	\$1,173,224.00	\$ 30,386.89	\$1,203,610.89	\$1,203,610.89	—	\$1,203,610.89	\$ 0.00	
8.301D	Recreation Loan Construction .....	\$552,463.81	—	(5,568.81)	546,895.00	77,775.07	\$9,048.00	86,823.07	460,071.93	
	Recreation Loan Construction .....	350,000.00	—	—	350,000.00	—	—	—	350,000.00	
	Forward to 1959 .....	—	—	(810,071.93)	(810,071.93)	—	—	—	(810,071.93)	
	TOTAL .....	\$902,463.81	\$1,173,224.00	(\$785,255.85)	\$1,290,433.96	\$1,281,385.96	\$9,048.00	\$1,290,433.96	\$ 0.00	

( ) Indicates Negative Figure

## C. BUREAU OF MUSIC

(MR. EARL F. FORMAN, *Superintendent*)

In the Spring of 1958, preceding the opening of its regular outdoor summer concert season, the Bureau of Music presented a series of four indoor concerts. These concerts, which were made possible through a special grant from the Musical Performance Fund of the American Federation of Musicians and Musical Union of Baltimore City, Local Number 40, were given in the auditoriums of various Baltimore City high schools. Two of the concerts were performed by the Number 1 Park Concert Band and two by the Number 1 Municipal Concert Band. Several well-known Baltimore vocalists were engaged to appear on the programs.

During the entire outdoor summer season inclement weather prevailed, making it necessary to curtail or cancel a number of concerts. However, large audiences attended those concerts which were given, and generally the season can be considered one of achievement.

In 1958, Station WMAR-TV again contributed very generously to the season's success through the presentation of a nine-week series of Saturday afternoon television programs entitled "Song Time." Each broadcast introduced the soloists who were scheduled to appear with the bands for the following weeks and offered, also, special features in connection with the approaching Combined Concerts. The series of television programs proved to be of inestimable value in keeping the public informed of coming events.

### *Fourth of July Concert*

Because of rain, it was necessary to cancel the Fourth of July Concert at Mount Vernon Place. In spite of threatening clouds, a large audience had gathered, but even as final arrangements were being made for the evening's entertainment, an extremely heavy downpour interrupted the preparations and the concert could not be given.

### *Polish Concert—Patterson Park*

The annual concert given in commemoration of famous Polish composers, was presented in Patterson Park on July 13 and, as heretofore, the affair was well attended.

### *City Hospitals Concert*

The annual concert at the City Hospitals was given on the grounds of the institution on Friday afternoon, July 4. The Superintendent of the Bureau of Music has been informed that this yearly event is eagerly anticipated by both the patients and the staff members at the Hospital.

### *I-Am-An-American Day and Flag Day*

Again, in 1958, the Bureau of Music received a request to supply a fifty-piece Concert Band for this special occasion, and funds for the Concert were granted by the City of Baltimore.

#### *Combined Concert At Baltimore Memorial Stadium June 24, 1958*

In memory of one of America's foremost composers, George Gershwin, the Bureau of Music presented at the first Combined Concert, at Baltimore Memorial Stadium, on June 24, a program entitled "Tribute to Gershwin." A stimulating feature of the evening's entertainment was the performance by Hugh O'Meagher, a nationally recognized pianist, of the "Rhapsody in Blue." Mr. O'Meagher was accompanied by the Number 1 Concert Bands. Two excellent Baltimore vocalists made a very pleasing impression as they combined their talents in singing various familiar Gershwin melodies.

Included in the program were community singing and motion pictures.

It was quite apparent, at the close of the concert, that the members of the large, enthusiastic audience which had been attracted by the popularity of George Gershwin's music, left the Stadium feeling that they had been well rewarded.



*Tribute to Gershwin—Baltimore Memorial Stadium  
Combined Concert Bands featuring Hugh O'Meagher, Pianist*



***Combined Concert At Baltimore Memorial Stadium  
July 29, 1958***

The second Combined Concert, originally scheduled for July 22, had to be postponed until July 29 because of heavy rains. This concert, entitled "Gilbert and Sullivan Night," introduced an exceptionally artistic and versatile group of actors and vocalists known as "The Actors' Colony," under the direction of Richard D. Byrd. The major portion of the production, which was offered in concert form, was devoted to the presentation of musical selections, both instrumental and vocal, from Gilbert and Sullivan operettas.

Motion pictures and community singing completed the program.

The Gilbert and Sullivan program provided enjoyable diversion for the gay, responsive audience in attendance, which, incidentally, was estimated to be the largest audience that had ever appeared at the Stadium for a Combined Concert.



*Gilbert and Sullivan night with the Actors Colony and Combined Concert Bands—Baltimore Memorial Stadium*

***Combined Concert—Number 2 Concert Bands***

Unfavorable weather caused the cancellation of the Annual Combined Concert by the Number 2 Concert Bands.

***Baltimore City Orchestra and Chorus***

The Baltimore City Orchestra and Chorus again presented several fine concerts during the season. The performances, which

were attended by large audiences, were well received. In keeping with its policy, the Bureau of Music introduced at these concerts several promising young Baltimore musicians.

### ***Baltimore Symphony Orchestra***

As in previous years, the City of Baltimore, through funds provided in the budget of the Bureau of Music, contributed to the support of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra. The Bureau sponsored the popular Saturday evening concerts, as well as the children's concerts in the schools.

### ***General Concerts***

During the regular concert season, eighteen gifted vocalists were presented with the Number 1 Concert Bands. The added attraction of a singer at each concert has met with the enthusiastic approval of audiences throughout the City.

### ***General Comments***

Following its procedure each year, the Bureau of Music, in 1958, prepared thousands of song sheets for audience participation, and distributed over one hundred and twenty-five thousand programs and schedules to all types of business and industrial organizations; to private and professional groups; to the Armed Services; and to individuals who requested information pertaining to the Concert Bands.

The Superintendent of the Bureau of Music gratefully acknowledges the support and cooperation extended during 1958 by the Honorable Thomas D'Alesandro, Jr., Mayor of Baltimore; by the Board of the Department of Recreation and Parks; by the Director of the Department, and by the Superintendent of Parks.

The members of the Baltimore Police Department and the Park Police deserve praise for their usual efficient assistance.

The Superintendent of the Bureau of Music would like to express his appreciation for the excellent and timely publicity given to both the regular and special concerts by the daily and weekly newspapers, and by the television and radio stations.

Schedules and financial statements follow.

## 1958 SCHEDULE—NUMBER 1 CONCERT BANDS

Sunday Concerts 3:00-5:00 P.M.	Combined & Special Concerts 8:30 P.M.	Week-Day Concerts 8:00-10:00 P.M.
	Number 1 Park Concert Band Gerald Eyth, Conductor	Number 1 Municipal Band Wm. S. Hart, Conductor
Sun., June 15	Druid Hill Park, Grove 10	Patterson Park
Mon., June 16	Carroll Park	Deweese Playground— Tunbridge & Ivanhoe Rds. Union Square
Tues., June 17	Hanlon Park—Liberty Heights Ave. & Hilton St.	Dell—Charles & 31st Sts. Mount Vernon Place Canton Park—Ellwood Ave. & Boston St.
Wed., June 18	Patterson Park	
Thurs., June 19	Federal Hill Park	
Fri., June 20	Clifton Park	
Sun., June 22	Druid Hill Park, Grove 10	Patterson Park
Mon., June 23	Carroll Park	Bayonne & Sefton Aves.— School 41
Tues., June 24	*Baltimore Memorial Stadium	*Baltimore Memorial Stadium
Wed., June 25	Patterson Park	Dell—Charles & 31st Sts.
Thurs., June 26	Federal Hill Park	Mount Vernon Place
Fri., June 27	Clifton Park	Canton Park—Ellwood Ave. & Boston St.
Sun., June 29	Druid Hill Park, Grove 10	Patterson Park
Mon., June 30	Carroll Park	Garrett Park—Brooklyn Edmondson Village
Tues., July 1	Hanlon Park—Liberty Heights Ave. & Hilton St.	Dell—Charles & 31st Sts. Bocek Playground— Madison & Curley Sts.
Wed., July 2	Patterson Park	<b>PATRIOTIC CONCERT—</b> Mount Vernon Place
Thurs., July 3	Federal Hill Park	
Fri., July 4	Clifton Park	
Sun., July 6	Druid Hill Park, Grove 10	Patterson Park
Mon., July 7	Carroll Park	Springdale & Hillsdale Aves.
Tues., July 8	Hanlon Park—Liberty Heights Ave. & Hilton St.	Loch Raven—Northwood Shopping Center
Wed., July 9	Patterson Park	Dell—Charles & 31st Sts.
Thurs., July 10	Federal Hill Park	Mount Vernon Place
Fri., July 11	Clifton Park	Canton Park—Ellwood Ave. & Boston St.
Sun., July 13	Druid Hill Park, Grove 10	<b>POLISH CONCERT—</b> Patterson Park
Mon., July 14	Carroll Park	St. Matthews Church— Norman & Mayfield Aves.
Tues., July 15	Hanlon Park—Liberty Heights Ave. & Hilton St.	St. Leo's School—Stiles St.
Wed., July 16	Patterson Park	Dell—Charles & 31st Sts.
Thurs., July 17	Federal Hill Park	Mount Vernon Place
Fri., July 18	Clifton Park	Canton Park—Elwood Ave. & Boston St.
Sun., July 20	Druid Hill Park, Grove 10	Patterson Park
Mon., July 21	Carroll Park	Brehms Lane & Chesterfield Ave.—School 231
Tues., July 22	*Baltimore Memorial Stadium	*Baltimore Memorial Stadium
Wed., July 23	Patterson Park	Dell—Charles & 31st Sts.

Thurs., July 24	Federal Hill Park	Mount Vernon Place
Fri., July 25	Clifton Park	Canton Park—Ellwood Ave. & Boston St.
Sun., July 27	Druid Hill Park, Grove 10	Patterson Park
Mon., July 28	Carroll Park	Christopher Ave. & Old Harford Rd.—School 236
Tues., July 29	Hanlon Park—Liberty Heights Ave. & Hilton St.	Rodgers & Magnolia Aves. —School 234
Wed., July 30	Patterson Park	Dell—Charles & 31st Sts.
Thurs., July 31	Federal Hill Park	Mount Vernon Place
Fri., August 1	Clifton Park	Canton Park—Ellwood Ave. & Boston St.
Sun., August 3	Druid Hill Park, Grove 10	Patterson Park
Mon., August 4	Carroll Park	St. Matthews Church— 5400 Loch Raven Blvd.
Tues., August 5	Hanlon Park—Liberty Heights Ave. & Hilton St.	Bocek Playground— Madison & Curley Sts.
Wed., August 6	Patterson Park	Dell—Charles & 31st Sts.
Thurs., August 7	Federal Hill Park	Mount Vernon Place
Fri., August 8	Clifton Park	Canton Park—Ellwood Ave. & Boston St.
Sun., August 10	Druid Hill Park, Grove 10	Patterson Park
Mon., August 11	Carroll Park	Wildwood Pkwy.—School 88
Tues., August 12	Hanlon Park—Liberty Heights Ave. & Hilton St.	Glenmore & Walther Blvd. —School 235
Wed., August 13	Patterson Park	Dell—Charles & 31st St.
Thurs., August 14	Federal Hill Park	Mount Vernon Place
Fri., August 15	Clifton Park	Springdale & Hillsdale Aves.

\* Combined Concerts

## 1958 SCHEDULE—NUMBER 2 CONCERT BANDS

Sunday Concerts 3:00-5:00 P.M.	Combined Concerts 8:30 P.M.	Week-Day Concerts 8:00-10:00 P.M.
	Number 2 Park Concert Band Charles E. Gwynn, Conductor	Number 2 Municipal Concert Band Harrison M. Dodd, Conductor
Sun., June 1		Druid Hill Park, Grove A
Wed., June 4	Calhoun & Laurens St.— School 112	
Fri., June 6		Francis St. & Clifton Ave. —School 137
Sun., June 8	Lafayette Square	
Wed., June 11		Perkins Square
Fri., June 13	22nd St. & Homewood Ave.— School 74	
Sun., June 15		Collington Square
Fri., June 20	1500 Argyle Ave.— Musical Union Bldg.	
Sun., June 22	Druid Hill Park, Grove A	Walbrook Ave. & Smallwood St.—School 142
Fri., June 27		Harlem Square
Sun., June 29		
Fri., July 4	Baltimore City Hospitals 2:00 P.M.	
Sun., July 6	Druid Hill Park, Grove A	Gilmor Project
Fri., July 11		Madison Square
Sun., July 13		
Fri., July 18	2700 Spellman Rd., Cherry Hill	
Sun., July 20	Popular Grove St. & Lafayette Ave.—School 145	
Fri., July 25		Saratoga & Schroeder Sts. —School 161
Sun., July 27		Druid Hill Park, Grove A
Fri., August 1	Mount & Saratoga Sts.	
Sun., August 3	COMBINED CONCERT	Druid Hill Park, Grove A
Fri., August 8		Chase & McDonogh Sts.— School 135
Sun., August 10	Druid Hill Park, Grove A	

**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**  
**BUREAU OF MUSIC**

Detail Cost Statement of Operating Expenses for the Year 1958

**1—General Expenses**

11	<b>Administrative Expenses</b>		
11-1	Pay and Expenses of Employees.....	\$10,140.37	
11-2	Office Supplies and Expenses.....	676.85	
11-9	Miscellaneous Expenses .....	183.95	
	Sub-Total .....	<u>\$11,001.17</u>	
	TOTAL 1—General Expenses.....		\$11,001.17

**2—Operating Expenses**

21-1	Moving and Erecting Bandstands.....	\$ 4,602.88	
22	<b>No. 1 Municipal Concert Band Expenses</b>		
22-1	Pay of Musicians.....	\$22,308.00	
22-2	Pay of Soloists.....	470.00	
22-9	Miscellaneous .....	26.00	
	Sub-Total .....	<u>\$22,804.00</u>	

23	<b>No. 1 Park Concert Band Expenses</b>		
23-1	Pay of Musicians.....	\$21,006.00	
23-2	Pay of Soloists.....	20.00	
23-9	Miscellaneous .....	20.00	
	Sub-Total .....	<u>\$21,046.00</u>	

24	<b>No. 2 Municipal Concert Band Expenses</b>		
24-1	Pay of Musicians.....	\$ 4,251.00	
24-3	Musical Scores .....	35.96	
24-9	Miscellaneous .....	19.00	
	Sub-Total .....	<u>\$ 4,305.96</u>	

25	<b>No. 2 Park Concert Band Expenses</b>		
25-1	Pay of Musicians.....	\$ 5,093.00	
25-3	Musical Scores .....	54.90	
	Sub-Total .....	<u>\$ 5,147.90</u>	

26	<b>Baltimore City Orchestra and Chorus Expenses</b>		
26-1	Pay of Musicians.....	\$ 1,856.00	
26-2	Pay of Soloists.....	304.00	
26-6	Rental of Chairs.....	122.40	
26-7	Rental of Motion Pictures and Spotlight Equipment.....	125.00	
26-9	Miscellaneous .....	39.20	
	Sub-Total .....	<u>\$ 2,446.60</u>	
27	<b>Special Concerts Expense</b>		
27-2	Pay of Soloists.....	\$ 360.00	
27-3	Musical Scores .....	294.08	
27-6	Rental of Chairs.....	150.00	
27-7	Rental of Motion Pictures.....	1,325.00	
27-9	Miscellaneous .....	1,152.29	
	Sub-Total .....	<u>\$ 3,281.37</u>	
29	<b>Baltimore Symphony Orchestra .....</b>	<b>\$80,000.00</b>	
	<b>TOTAL 2—Operating Expenses.....</b>		<b>\$143,634.71</b>
<b>6—Fixed Assets and Funds</b>			
61	<b>General Properties</b>		
61-2	Amplifying Equipment Properties.....	\$ 564.11	564.11
	<b>GRAND TOTAL.....</b>		<u><u>\$155,199.99</u></u>

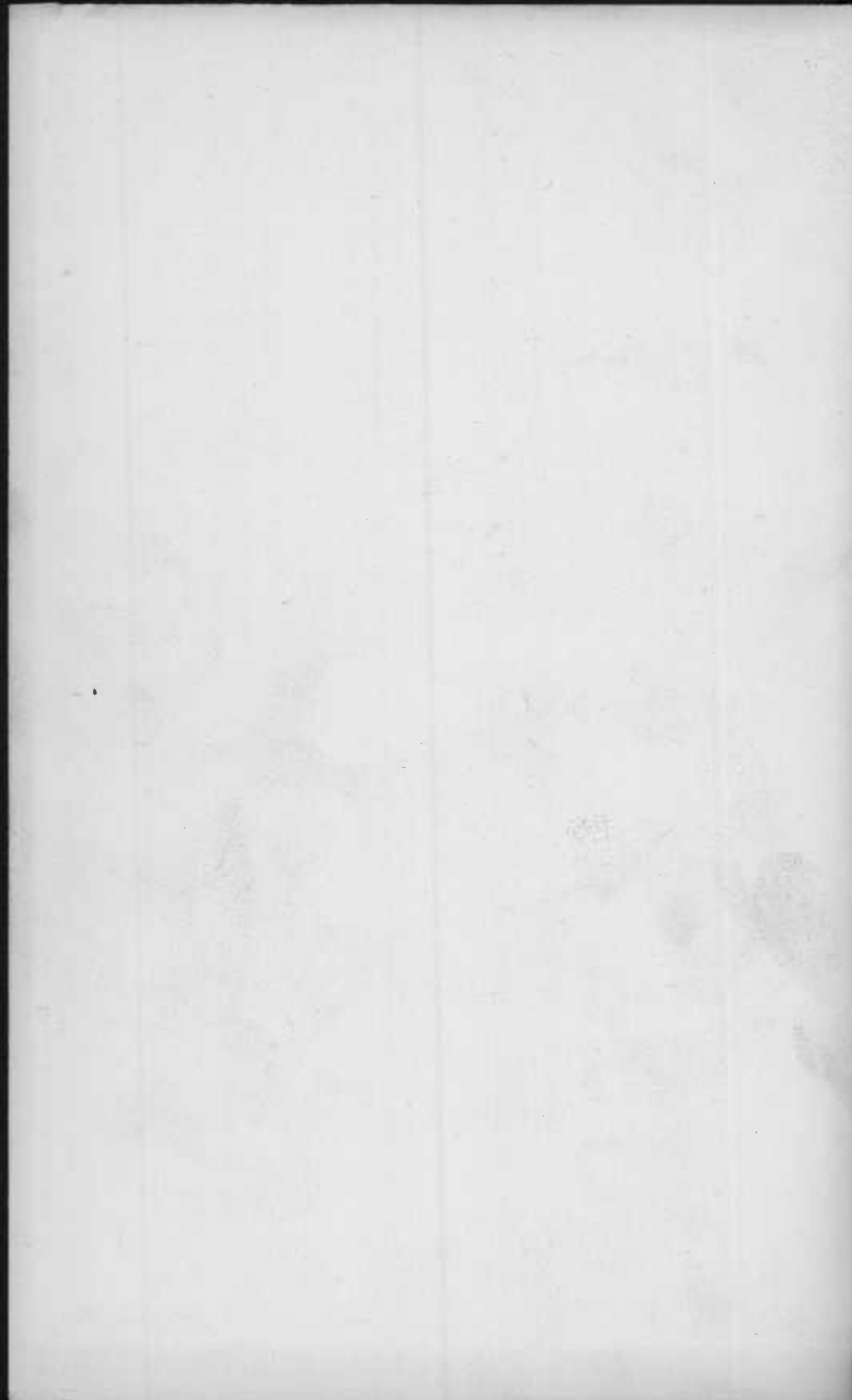
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 BUREAU OF MUSIC

Financial Statement of Appropriations as of December 31, 1958

<i>Account</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Appropriations</i>	<i>Increments</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>Encumbrances</i>	<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<i>Balance</i>
8.10A	Salaries .....	\$ 10,140.00	—	\$ 10,140.00	\$ 10,140.37	—	\$ 10,140.37	(\$ 0.37)
8.11	Expenses .....	64,210.00	—	64,210.00	65,059.62	—	65,059.62	( 849.62)
8.12	Baltimore Symphony Orch.	70,000.00	\$10,000.00	80,000.00	80,000.00	—	80,000.00	—
	Sub-Total .....	\$144,350.00	\$10,000.00	\$154,350.00	\$155,199.99	—	\$155,199.99	(\$849.99)
	From Other Funds .....	—	849.99	849.99	—	—	—	849.99
	GRAND TOTAL .....	\$144,350.00	\$10,849.99	\$155,199.99	\$155,199.99	—	\$155,199.99	\$ 0.00

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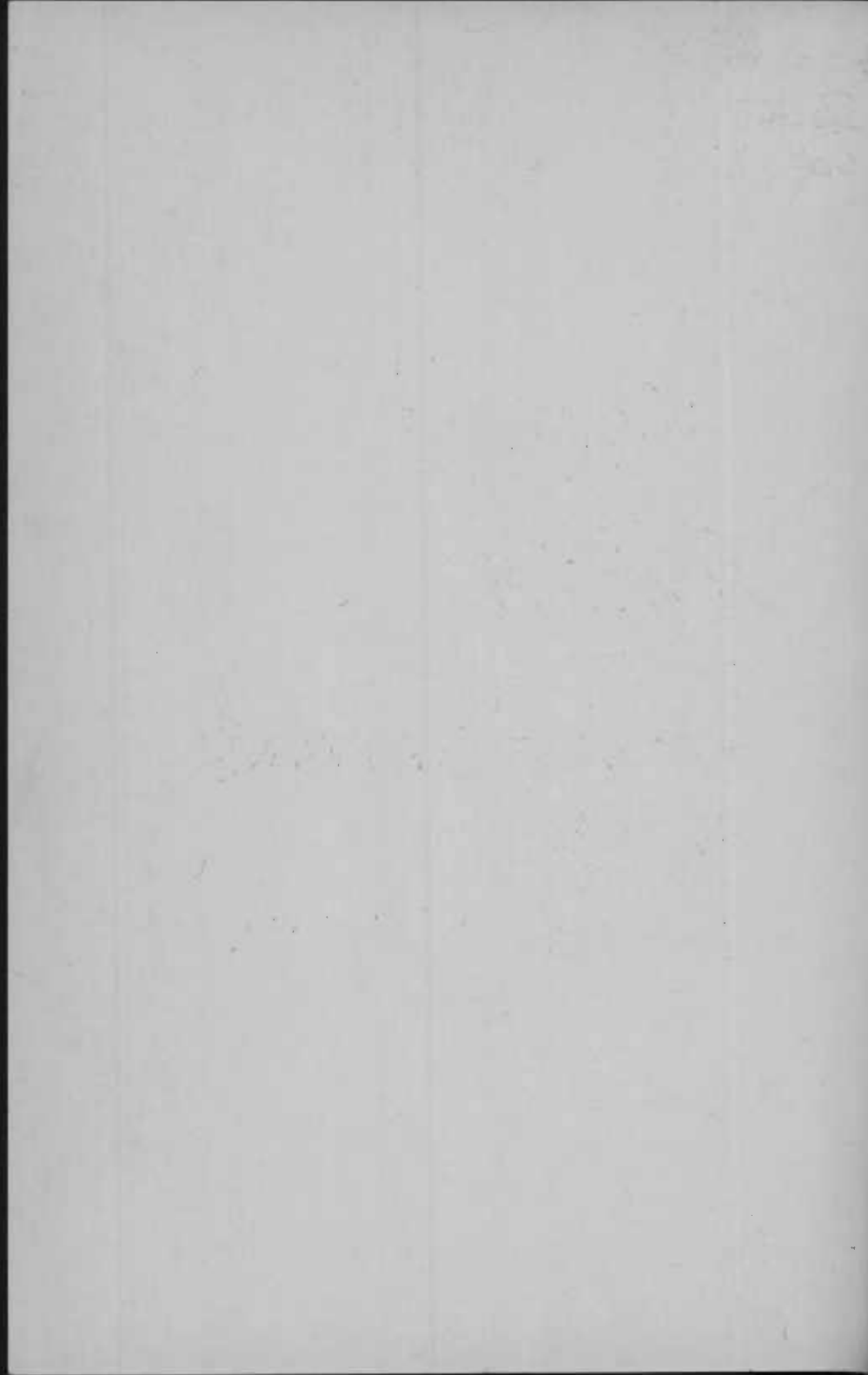
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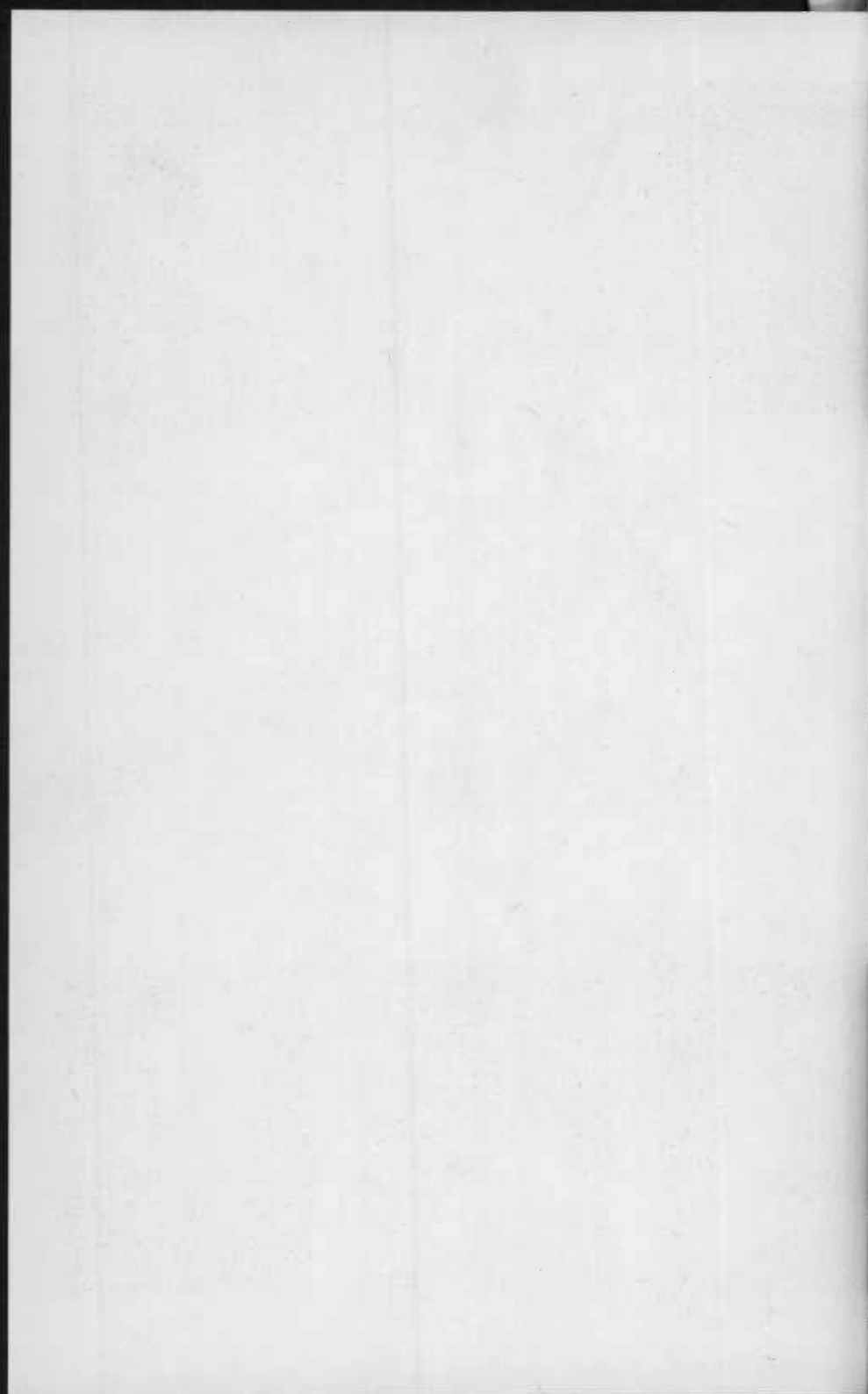
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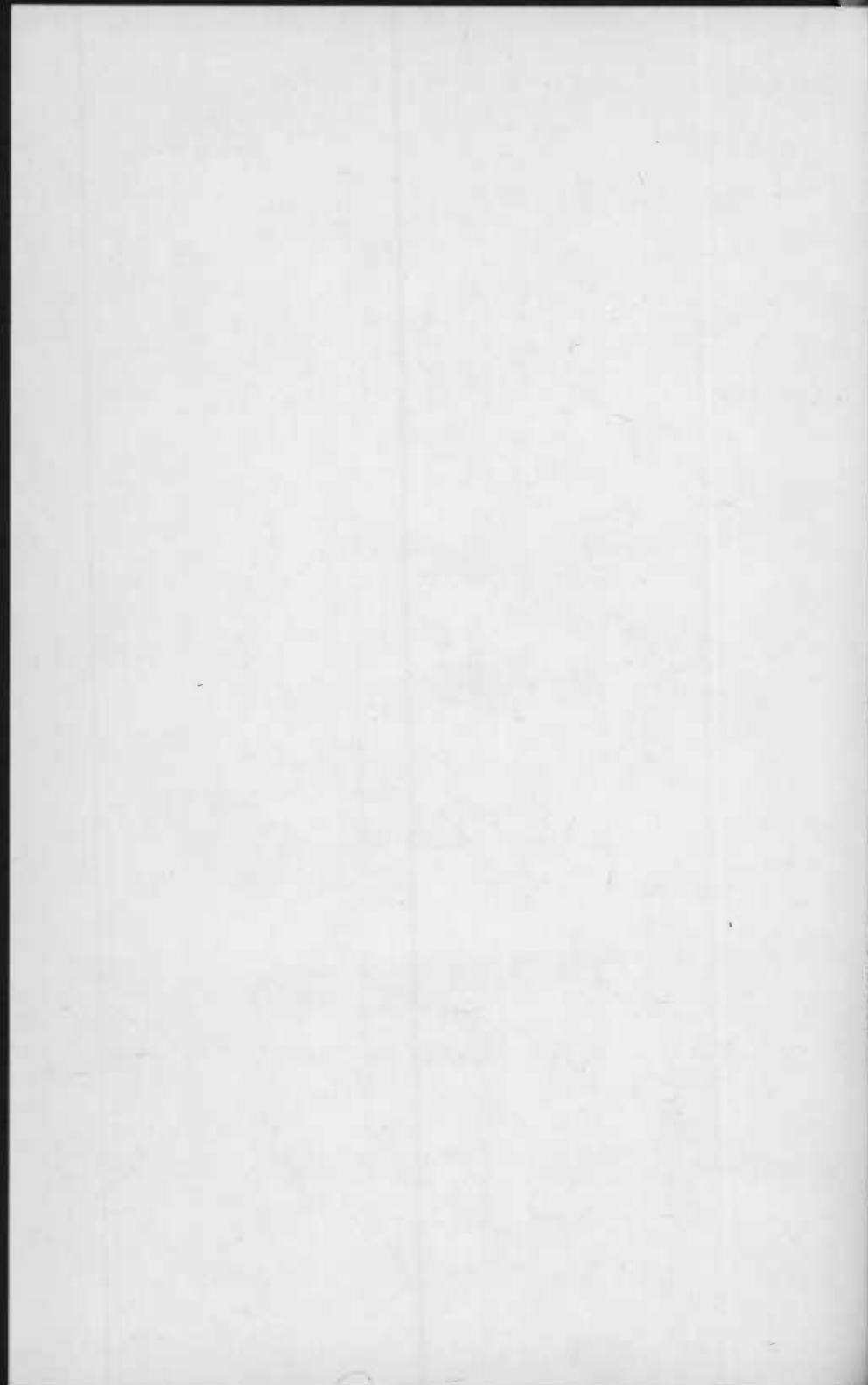


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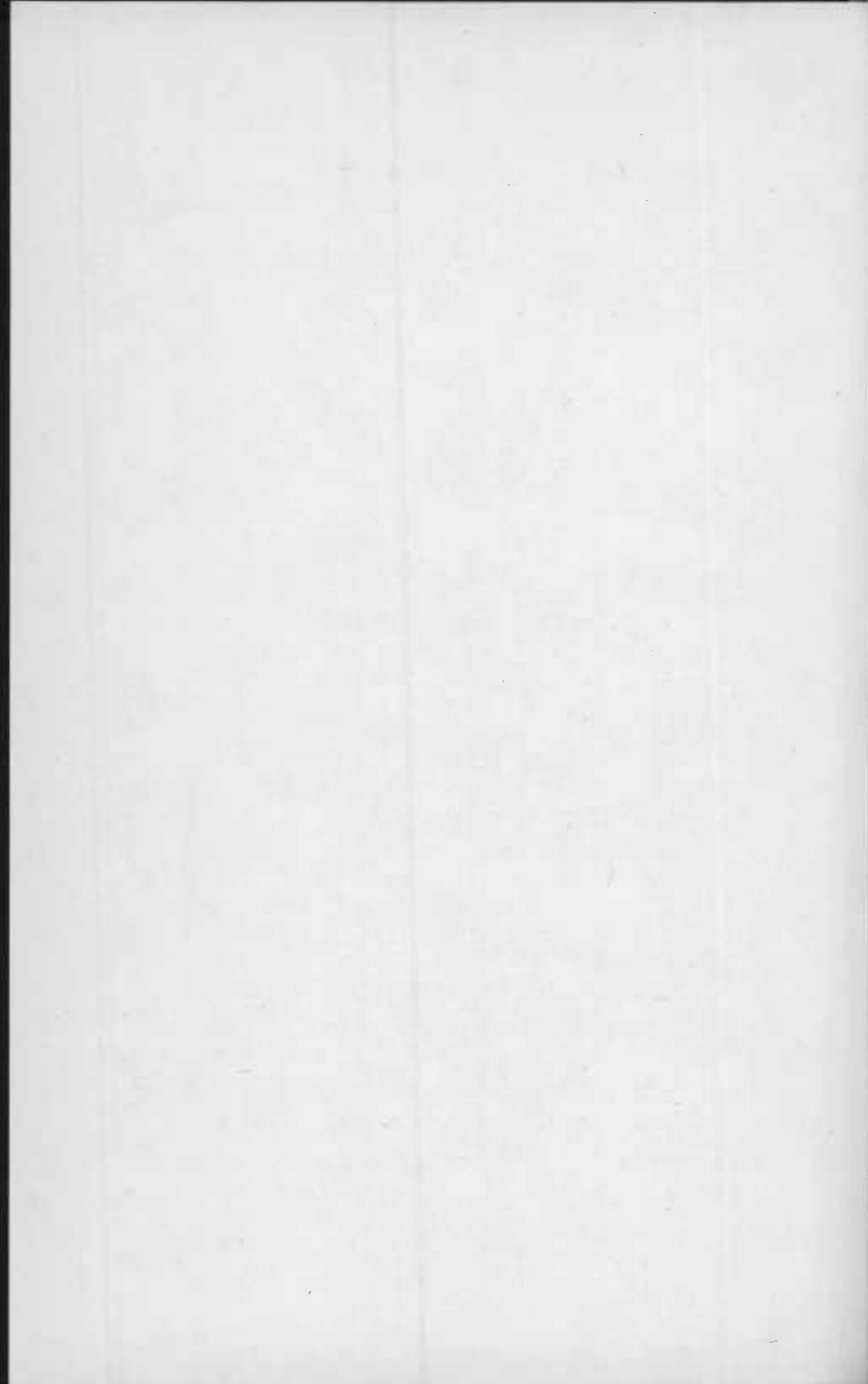
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Joseph J. King..... *Executive Secretary*  
H. S. Callowhill..... *Superintendent, Bureau of Recreation*  
C. A. Hook..... *Superintendent, Bureau of Parks*  
Earl F. Forman..... *Superintendent, Bureau of Music*



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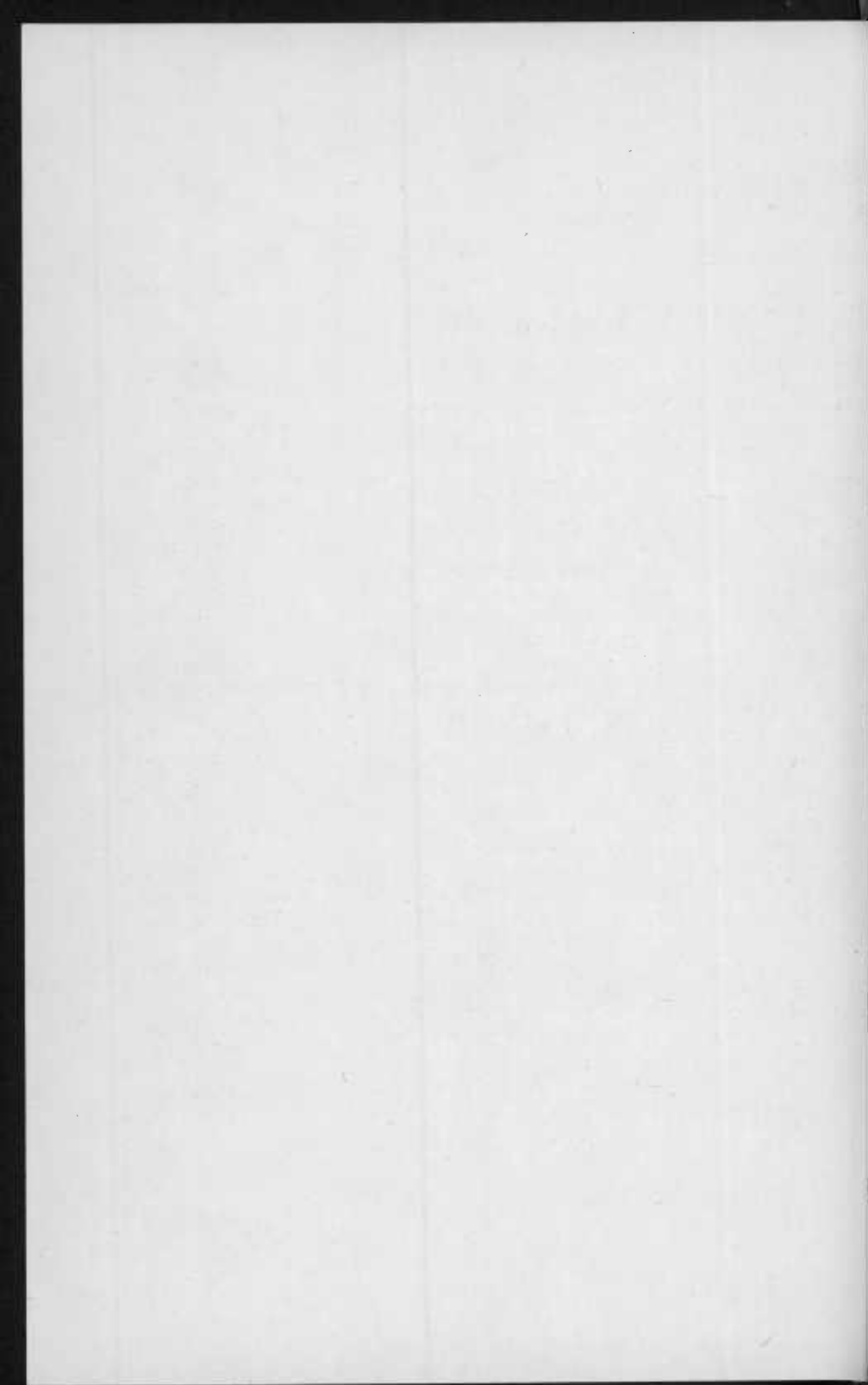
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October 00, 1960

To The Honorable Members  
Board of Recreation and Parks  
City of Baltimore, Maryland

Gentlemen:

I transmit for your consideration the Annual Report of the Department of Recreation and Parks for the year ending December 31, 1959.

This has been a rather satisfying year, as many projects have been both initiated and completed, as set forth in Section III of this report. To mention the more important: The Pine Ridge Golf Course and Club House was dedicated and opened to the public on April 4, 1959. There were two new exhibits completed at the Baltimore Zoo, the Moat and Rock Island and the Exhibit for Wading Birds. Also completed, and put in operation, was the Howard Park School — Recreation Center (which represents the third of these cooperative projects with the Department of Education). One other school recreation center is under construction (Herring Run Junior High School — Recreation Center), and another one is in the planning stage.

This year has brought many changes, including a change in the Administration of the City, under a new Mayor, the Honorable J. Harold Grady. Two new members were appointed to your Honorable Board, Dr. Frank C. Marino and Mr. Irvin Kovens. My retirement as Director of this Department became effective on December 31, 1959.

In this, my last report to your Honorable Board, I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to all the Board Members for their fine cooperation, valuable advice, guidance, and friendship, which were always accorded to me and which were of immeasurable help and support. I should like also to thank Mayor J. Harold Grady, the City Council and the Board of Estimates for their generous support of our efforts. The friendly cooperation extended this Department by the officials of other City departments and bureaus, especially the Bureau of Building Construction, the Bureau of Water Supply, the Department of Education, Planning Commission, and the Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing Agency (BURHA), were deeply appreciated.

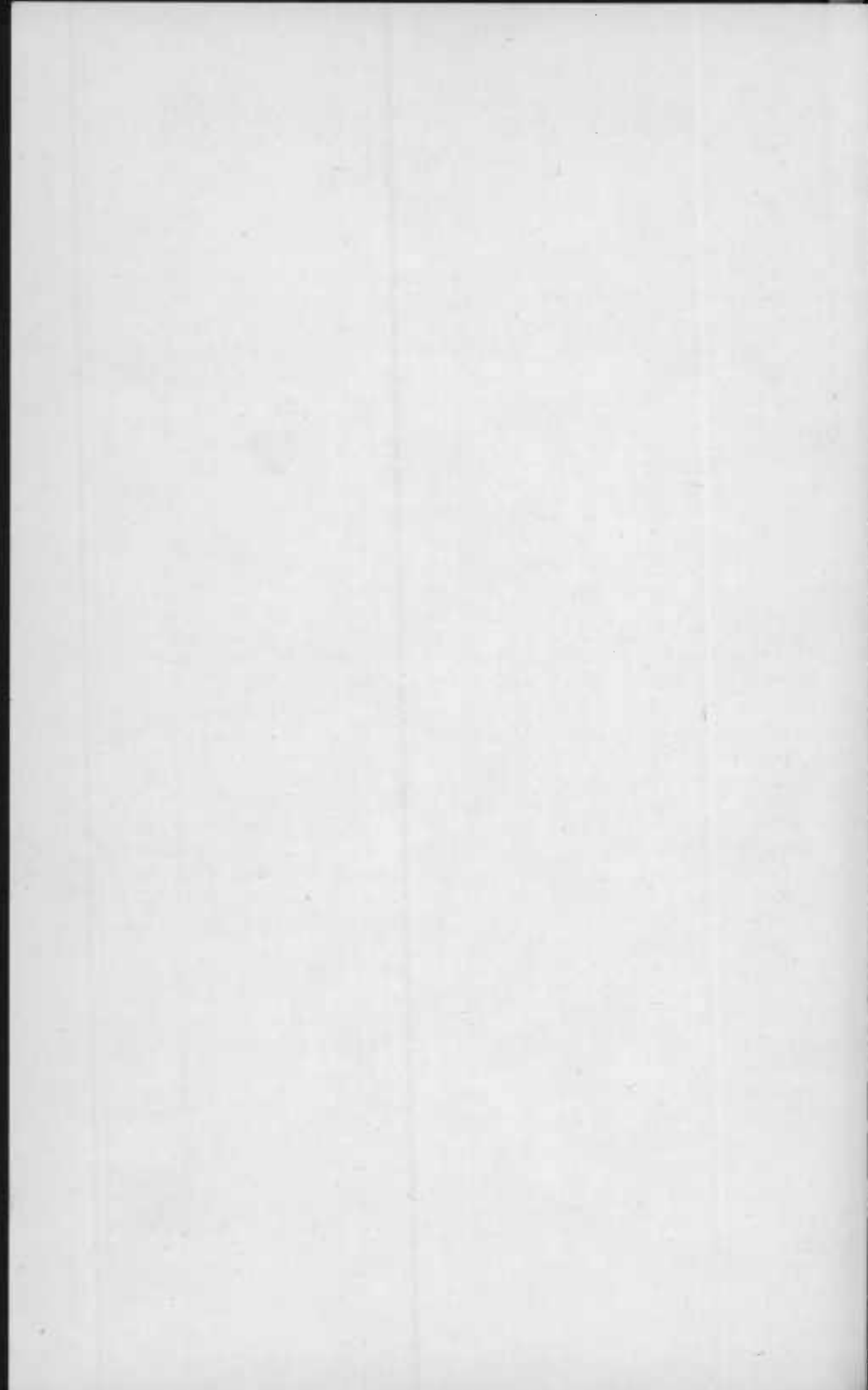
I want to especially thank all the employees of this Department, who have so generously cooperated with this office during my term as Director, especially the Bureau Heads, our Principal Engineer, our Executive Secretary, my Administrative Assistant, and the office personnel.

My interest in the welfare of our department will be a continuing one. If I can be of any help in the future, please feel free to call on me.

Respectfully submitted,

*R. Brooke Maxwell,*

*Director*



DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS  
SECTION I—ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

A. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

R. BROOKE MAXWELL..... *Director*  
JOSEPH J. KING..... *Executive Secretary*  
J. IRVING GRAY..... *Senior Administrative Assistant*

1. BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARKS

The Board of Recreation and Parks held twelve Regular Meetings and one Special Meeting during the year 1959. The Real Estate Committee, along with members of the staff, conducted seven tours of inspection.

Active Committees during the year were:

*Budget* — Gerald S. Wise, Chairman; Irvin Kovens, and J. Alvin Jones.

*Real Estate* — Irvin Kovens, George G. Shriver, and Gerald S. Wise.  
(Dr. Frank C. Marino, ex-officio.)

*Park Police* — James H. Gorges and Irvin Kovens.

*Council of Social Agencies* — George G. Shriver.

*Board Representative Bureau of Recreation* — James H. Gorges.

*Board Representative Art Commission of Baltimore* — George G. Shriver.

2. CONTRACTS

The following contracts were entered into by the Board of Recreation and Parks during the year 1959:

Navy-Maryland Football Game	Lake Roland Concessions—Baltimore Concessions Company
New Colts Football	Show —“Oklahoma” in Stadium
Orioles Parking Lot	— The Baltimore Starlight
Colts Parking Lot	Musicals Inc.
Colts Intra-Squad Game	Morgan College Football Game
Elks Club Circus	City-Poly Football Game
Pier and Parking Facilities—Fort Armistead (Approved but not in effect due to lack of insurance)	Loyola-Calvert Hall Football Game
Eastern Open Concessions	Golf Professional — Walter Stewart, Carroll Park
Holiday on Ice Show — Stadium	Hamilton Post March of Champions Drum Corps Contest
Lt. Norman Edward Melvin Post — Carnival Show	Y.W.C.A. Day Camp — Druid Hill Park
Super Shows, Inc. — Musical Show at Stadium	Repeater Station, Herring Run Park — American Telephone and Telegraph Company.
Golf Professional — James Flattery, Forest Park	
Baseball in Stadium — Amateur Federation of America	



### 3. PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS AND DELETIONS

Property under the control of this department as of January 1, 1959 was 5639.83 acres. During 1959, 10.39 acres were added and 6.818 acres were deleted. The total as of December 31, 1959 was 5643.40 acres. This was divided as follows: Large Parks, 4783.51; Small Parks (Less than 100 acres) 536.00; Playgrounds, 203.20; Boulevard Streets, 109.38; Odd Lots, 11.31.

Details on the property acquired and deleted in 1959 follows:

#### a. Acquired

1. Property located in rear of properties facing on Bonview Avenue, Sinclair Lane, Chesterfield Avenue and Eastmont Avenue, .29 acres. This was graded, fenced and equipped by the owners of the property, the Welsh Construction Company, and then turned over to this department. We are again indebted to the Welsh Construction Company for their fine cooperation and generosity.

2. Property known as lot #7 Renewal Area #3 (Broadway) located at the southeast corner of Eden and Monument Streets, purchased by this department from Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing Agency for \$76,701.33, including demolition of old building, for use as a playground, .54 acres.

3. Property bounded by Parkside Drive (Extended) Homesdale Avenue, Sinclair Lane and Herring Run, given to this department by Welsh Construction Company for playground, provided no field house is erected, 8.96 acres.

4. City owned lot 150' x 175' located in rear of Washburn Avenue, Jeffrey, 8th and 9th Streets, Brooklyn, for playlot, .6 acres.

#### b. Deleted

1. Property located Southernmost part of Broening Park, consisting of 6 acres sold to South Baltimore General Hospital as part of the site for the new hospital building.

2. At the request of the Bureau of Highways and the Commissioner of Transit and Traffic, a piece of property located at Southeast corner of Harford Road and Parkside Drive was given to be used for widening and channelizing Parkside Drive opposite Argonne Drive, .037 acres.

3. Since it was found necessary by the Director of Public Works to reduce the degree of curvature in the alignment of the Jones Falls Expressway to provide safer merging with the ramps of the Falls Road connection, a piece of property, (.781 acres) located on the eastern boundary of Druid Hill Park north of the Cedar Avenue bridge, was given for this purpose.

### 4. BOARD CHANGES

On July 1, 1959, the terms of Mr. James C. Anderson and Mr. S. Lawrence Hammerman, (President and Vice-President of the Board of Recreation and Parks) expired. His Honor, Mayor J. Harold Grady, appointed at that time, two new members to serve in their place on the

Board, viz: — Dr. Frank C. Marino, and Mr. Irvin Kovens. Dr. Marino was appointed by the Mayor as the new President.

## **5. DIRECTOR RETIRES**

After serving the city of Baltimore for fourteen years, Mr. R. Brooke Maxwell, Director of the Department of Recreation and Parks, decided to take a well-deserved rest and retire as of December 31, 1959. During Mr. Maxwell's term in office, the Loan Program of \$16,500,000.00 of this department was inaugurated, and at the time of his retirement was almost completed. He will be missed by everyone with whom he ever came in contact, for he was a loyal, conscientious and hard working public servant.

## **6. COOPERATIVE PLANNING — SCHOOL-RECREATION CENTERS**

In carrying out this planning, three recreation centers have now been completed jointly with the Department of Education in new school buildings at Hazelwood and Hamilton Avenues, John and McMechen Streets, and in the addition to the Howard Park School, No. 218, Liberty Heights and Woodbine Avenues. The Herring Run Junior High School at Sinclair Lane and Moravia Avenue will contain a Recreation Center, and is now under construction, being nearly 50% completed. It is planned to go ahead soon at Fremont-Lexington Housing Development, Fremont Avenue and Lexington Street. Others in the planning stage are Madison Square Elementary School, Eden, Biddle, Caroline and Chase Streets, and Harlem Park Junior High School north of Harlem Park, Gilmor, Calhoun and Mosher Streets.

Reference is made to Section II Capital Improvements, (Bureau of Recreation, Completed Projects 1958 and 1959 Reports) for full details of the facilities included in these recreation centers and their cost to this Department.

## **7. SUPERINTENDENT OF THE BUREAU OF MUSIC PASSES AWAY**

The sudden death of Mr. Earl Forman on June 4, 1959 came as a shock to all of his many friends, and the staff of this Department. Mr. Forman had been hospitalized for a heart ailment, but was improving so well that he was allowed to come to the office each day for one-half day, and seemed to be well on the road to recovery. Earl's great interest was in the Bureau of Music, and he worked diligently and long in his efforts to bring to the people of Baltimore the finest in Music Programs. He was a loyal and conscientious public servant who will be greatly missed throughout the City of Baltimore.

## **8. MONUMENTS**

In the 1957 Report of this Department, it was pointed out that the Martin Luther Monument then located just inside of the entrance to Druid Hill Park on the east side of Mount Royal Avenue, and the Soldiers and Sailors Monument located at the intersection of Mount

Royal and Park Avenues, were in the path of the Jones Falls Expressway, and it would be necessary that they be moved to new locations. After considerable thought had been given to a new site for each Monument by our Real Estate Committee, the Board of Recreation and Parks, our staff, and the Art Commission of Baltimore, the moving of the Martin Luther monument was completed in 1959. The site selected was the triangle bounded by Hillen Road, 33rd Street and 32nd Street. The Soldiers and Sailors Monument is now being moved to the selected site in Wyman Park, on land immediately behind the former site of the General Sam Smith Statue. These projects are being accomplished with funds from the Expressway project.

## **9. DOWNTOWN TREE PLANTING PROGRAM**

This department has been pleased to cooperate with the Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing Authority in the plan for the general improvement of the Downtown area.

An important part of this general rehabilitation program is the improvement of the aesthetic values by introducing small Parks and Street Trees wherever the opportunities are present. With this in mind, we cooperated with the appropriate city authorities and the Greater Baltimore Committee in the design of a Master Tree Planting Program, for the so-called Government Area. This included Fayette and Lexington Streets from the Court House on the west, to Police Headquarters on the east. A portion of this planting has already been accomplished.

## **B. ENGINEERING DIVISION**

*PAUL B. WOLF, Principal Engineer*

The Engineering Office has many functions in the operation of this Department. It handles design, survey, letting of contracts and supervision of work under contract. It has the responsibility to see that all contracts are properly carried out with the exception of those structures which are handled by the Bureau of Building Construction. Miscellaneous and maintenance work for the Bureaus of Parks and Recreation, has increased, and while not large in dollar value, it requires careful surveys, specifications, and direction in the field.

As our cooperative school-recreation center projects grow in number, the Division is continuing to render valuable assistance in the design stage, and also to follow construction work by attending progress meetings until the jobs are finally accepted.

### **1. PROJECTS DESIGNED AND CONTRACTS LET AND SUPERVISED BY THE ENGINEERING DIVISION**

#### **a. ROOSEVELT LITTLE LEAGUE DIAMOND — 36TH STREET AND FALLS ROAD.**

This project was started in 1958 and finished in spring of 1959. The final grading was delayed until spring due to wet condition of ground during the winter months.

- b. CURTIS BAY PLAYGROUND — PENNINGTON AVENUE AND HAZEL STREET.  
Demolished the existing concrete pads, curbs and sand box. Regraded the area and constructed new concrete slabs, curbs, steps and fencing. Removed the old apparatus, used the original swing and double slide, and installed new units of "MIRACLE" apparatus. Work started in 1958 but project was finished in 1959.
- c. PAINTING RECREATION CENTER BUILDINGS (6 BUILDINGS).  
Contract was awarded in December 1958, but actual work was done on the following buildings in 1959: Bureau of Recreation Office Building; Hamilton Recreation Center; Dewees Field House; Greenmount Recreation Center; Towanda Field House; and Morrell Park Field House.
- d. 101-13 N. VINCENT STREET.  
Erected 42-inch chain link fence around the perimeter of the paved play area.
- e. QUEENSBERRY PLAYGROUND—REAR OF 5009 PALMER AVENUE.  
Erected a six-foot high extension on the existing six-foot chain link fence rear of 5009 Palmer Avenue.
- f. MOUNT ROYAL RECREATION CENTER—JOHN AND MCMECHEN STREETS.  
Sign reading, "Mount Royal Recreation Center", composed of aluminum letters, was erected on South wall of the building facing Mosher Street.
- g. DEWEES PLAYFIELD — TUNBRIDGE ROAD AND IVANHOE AVENUE.  
Electric outlets installed on fence surrounding multiple-use-area for night activities.
- h. PAVING AND FENCING OF SIX PLAY AREAS.  
1—Rear of 2101-2123 Sidney Street — In addition to paving and fencing, a multiple-use-court, benches and playground apparatus were installed here.  
2—1009-1013 Sarah Ann Street.  
3—3001 Poplar Terrace.  
4—1406-1412 McHenry Street — In addition to paving, some of the existing playground apparatus was removed and others renovated.  
5—Rear of 832-834 E. Cold Spring Lane.  
6—North side of Seminole Avenue between Kevin Road and Wicklow Road — In addition to paving and fencing, playground apparatus and benches were installed here.
- i. PATAPSCO RIVER VALLEY — REEDBIRD AVENUE, SOUTH SIDE OF INCINERATOR.  
Approximately three acres of additional park land to the west of the present Cherry Hill Playfield was topsoiled and planted with grass seed.

- j. **BRONZE PLAQUES.**  
Bronze plaques were placed in the following recreation centers: Mount Royal Recreation Center, Gardenville Recreation Center and Howard Park Recreation Center.
  - k. **HOWARD PARK RECREATION CENTER — IN SCHOOL #218, LIBERTY HEIGHTS AVENUE AND WOODBINE AVENUE.**  
Installed kitchen equipment including refrigerator, sink, gas range, counters, base cabinets and wall cabinets.
  - l. **CHICK WEBB RECREATION CENTER — 623 NORTH EDEN STREET.**  
Stuccoed, painted and re-conditioned certain portions of the exterior walls.
  - m. **BOCEK PLAYFIELD — MADISON STREET AT EDISON HIGHWAY.**  
Installed drinking fountain with concrete block vault.
  - n. **ROOSEVELT PARK RECREATION CENTER — 36th STREET AND FALLS ROAD.**  
A contract was let to pave the dirt area in front of the building with concrete but as this work was let in December, the contractor put off operations until Spring due to weather conditions.
- 2. PROJECTS DESIGNED BY ENGINEERING DIVISION, CONTRACTS LET AND SUPERVISED BY THE BUREAU OF BUILDING CONSTRUCTION**
- a. **GARDENVILLE PLAYFIELD — 5610 RADECKE AVENUE.**  
Final drawings for Gardenville fieldhouse made in 1959 and bids for construction will be received in 1960.
- 3. DESIGNED BY OTHERS — CONTRACTS LET AND SUPERVISED BY ENGINEERING DIVISION**
- a. **DRUID HILL PARK — ZOO — VALLEY NORTH OF POLAR BEAR EXHIBIT.**  
“Wading Bird Exhibit and Shelter” contract was let in December 1958 but 99% of the project was completed by the end of 1959.
  - b. **PINE RIDGE SEWAGE PUMPING STATION — LOCH RAVEN.**  
Pumping station completed in 1959.
  - c. **DRUID HILL PARK — ZOO — FORMER DUCK POND.**  
Construction of “Moat and Rock Island” was 8% complete in 1958 and balance finished in 1959.
  - d. **CLYBURN PARK — GREENSPRING AVENUE.**  
Installation of greenhouses — 20% completed in 1959.
  - e. **CHICK WEBB PLAYGROUND — MONUMENT AND EDEN STREETS.**  
Plans and specifications completed. Waiting for contractor to finish “Chick Webb Multi-Purpose Room” project before letting bids for the playground.

- f. PATTERSON PARK PLAYGROUND — LINWOOD AVENUE.  
Engineer working on plans.
- g. PINE RIDGE CLUB HOUSE — LOCH RAVEN.  
Installed bronze plaque.

#### 4. DESIGNED BY OTHERS — PRE-ENGINEERING ASSISTANCE

- a. PINE RIDGE CLUB HOUSE — LOCH RAVEN.
- b. CHICK WEBB RECREATION CENTER — 623 NORTH EDEN STREET.  
Multi-purpose room addition.

#### 5. MISCELLANEOUS ENGINEERING SERVICES

A wide variety of services were performed under this heading. Some are as listed:

- a. MOUNT VERNON SQUARE — Planting plans.
- b. 4500 AND 4600 BLOCKS ROLAND AVENUE—Tree planting plans.
- c. LINDEN AVENUE, MOSHER STREET, BOLTON STREET, AND LAFAYETTE AVENUE — Tree planting plan.
- d. COURT HOUSE PLAZA — ST. PAUL STREET FROM FAYETTE TO LEXINGTON STREET AND CALVERT STREET FROM FAYETTE TO LEXINGTON STREET — Landscape planting plans.
- e. CITY HALL — LEXINGTON AND FAYETTE STREETS — Tree planting plans.
- f. MASTER TREE PLANTING PLANS — FAYETTE STREET, LEXINGTON STREET, AROUND ALL MUNICIPAL AND FEDERAL BUILDINGS.
- g. HARFORD ROAD — WEST SIDE OF CLIFTON PARK.  
Tree planting plan.
- h. CYLBURN PARK — GREENSPRING AVENUE.  
Plans drawn for Service Building for greenhouses.

CITY OF BALTIMORE  
 BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
 DIVISION OF RECREATION AND PARKS

**Cost Statement of Operating Expenses for the Year 1959**

**1—GENERAL EXPENSES**

11	<b>Administrative Expenses</b>		
11-1	Executive Salaries and Expenses.....	\$29,840.80	
11-2	Clerical Salaries and Expenses.....	10,763.47	
11-3	Office Supplies and Expenses.....	1,909.18	
11-9	Miscellaneous Expenses.....	508.06	
	Sub-Total.....	<u>\$43,021.51</u>	
	TOTAL 1 — General Expenses.....		\$43,021.51

**2—OPERATING EXPENSES**

21-D	<b>Operating Management Expenses — General</b>		
21-D-1	Pay and Expenses of Employees.....	\$33,538.60	
21-D-2	Office Supplies and Expenses.....	730.11	
21-D-9	Miscellaneous Expenses.....	199.45	
	Sub-Total.....	<u>\$34,468.16</u>	
	TOTAL 2 — Operating Expenses.....		34,468.16

**6—FIXED ASSETS AND FUNDS**

61	<b>General Properties</b>		
61-1	Administrative Properties.....	<u>\$281.00</u>	
	TOTAL 6 — Fixed Assets and Funds.....		281.00
	GRAND TOTAL.....		<u><u>\$77,770.67</u></u>

CITY OF BALTIMORE  
 BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
 DIVISION OF RECREATION AND PARKS

**Financial Statement of Appropriations as of December 31, 1959**

Account	Description	Appropriations	Increments	Total Credits	Expenditures	Encumbrances	Total Expenditures	Balance
8.8A	Salaries.....	\$74,218.00	—	\$74,218.00	\$71,800.41	—	\$71,800.41	\$2,417.59
8.9	Expenses.....	4,800.00	—	4,800.00	3,740.26	—	3,740.26	1,059.74
	TOTAL.....	\$79,018.00	—	\$79,018.00	\$75,540.67	—	\$75,540.67	\$3,477.33
	To Other Funds.....	—	(\$3,477.33)	(3,477.33)	—	—	—	(3,477.33)
	GRAND TOTAL..	\$79,018.00	(\$3,477.33)	\$75,540.67	\$75,540.67	—	\$75,540.67	\$0.00

( ) Indicates Negative Figure



## SECTION II — CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

### A. BUREAU OF RECREATION

#### 1. COMPLETED PROJECTS 1959

The following projects involving 14 locations were completed for the Bureau during the year totaling \$308,487.00.

- a. TOWANDA PLAYFIELD — Towanda and Oswego Avenues.  
The name of the playfield was placed on the building at a cost of \$45.00.
- b. QUEENSBERRY PLAYGROUND — Rear of 3029-31 Spaulding Avenue.  
Fence in rear of 3000 block Spaulding Avenue was increased in height to 12 feet. Cost \$310.00.
- c. PATAPSCO RIVER VALLEY PLAYFIELD — North of B. & O. R. R. West of Potee Street.  
Three acres of additional land to the west of the present Cherry Hill Athletic Field were graded, covered with layer of clay from stock pile, topsoiled, fertilized and seeded at a cost of \$3,873.00.
- d. TOT LOTS —  
POPLAR TERRACE — 3000 block Poplar Terrace  
SARAH ANN — 1009-13 Sarah Ann  
KIMBERLY ROAD — North of 800 block Cold Spring Lane  
MCHENRY STREET — McHenry and Norris Streets  
The improvements at these locations consisted of grading, hard surfacing, fencing and apparatus. Total Cost \$8,557.00.
- e. CANTON SCHOOL # 230 — Recreation Center — Hudson Street and Highland Avenue.  
Boys' toilet room was built at a cost of \$526.00.
- f. MANOKIN AND SIDNEY PLAYGROUND — Manokin and Sidney Avenues.  
Improvements consisted of grading, hard surfacing, erection of 6-foot fence, basketball backboards and tot area at a total cost of \$9,755.00.
- g. CURTIS BAY PLAYGROUND — Curtis Avenue and Filbert Street.  
The layout of this playground as well as the equipment and lighting was revised at a cost of \$7,830.00.
- h. SEMINOLE AVENUE PLAYGROUND — Seminole Avenue near Walnut Avenue.  
Improvements at this location consist of relocating the playground, erecting a 6-foot fence on the east and north sides and a 42-inch fence on south and west sides. Swings, sliding board and sand box were also installed. Cost \$5,616.00.
- i. HOWARD PARK SCHOOL #218 — Recreation Center — Liberty Heights and Woodbine Avenues.

This is the third of our cooperative projects with the Department of Education that has been completed for a school-recreation center. This recreation center was included in the school plans and built in conjunction with the addition to the school building. It is located in one end of the building so that it may be closed off from the balance of the school building when in use. This facility contains a lounge room with sliding panel for conversion into two sections, two club rooms, one craft shop, kitchen, storage room, and office. Like the other two school recreation centers (Gardenville and Mt. Royal), it has been constructed so that the school facilities such as adjacent gymnasium, locker rooms, shower facilities, toilets and playground are available for use in conjunction with our many varied programs. Our portion of the cost for the facility was \$189,759.00.

- j. **BROADWAY REDEVELOPMENT AREA** (Chick Webb — 623 N. Eden Street).  
Land was acquired from Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing Authority, old building torn down and the wall exposed was stuccoed. Total cost including land \$81,251.33.
- k. **FRANK J. BOCEK PLAYFIELD** — Edison Highway and Madison Street.  
Drinking fountain was installed at east edge of the ball field to serve both diamonds. Cost \$965.00.

## 2. WORK UNDER CONTRACT

There were two projects totaling \$242,125.00 under contract and construction was in progress as of the end of this year.

- a. **HERRING RUN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL — RECREATION CENTER** — Sinclair Lane and Moravia Avenue.  
This is the fourth of our cooperative projects with the Department of Education for a school-recreation center. Our share for the recreation center \$178,000.00. This project now 37% complete.
- b. **CHICK WEBB MEMORIAL RECREATION CENTER** — 623 N. Eden Street.  
Contract was awarded for the construction of an assembly room in the amount of \$64,125.00. This is to be located over the present swimming pool on the second floor. This project is delayed due to inability of the contractor to obtain steel.

## 3. PROJECTS IN STUDY OR AWAITING LAND ACQUISITION. (FUNDS AVAILABLE.)

- a. **GARDENVILLE PLAYFIELD** — Radecke and Frankford Avenues.  
Type "A" field house, wading pool, and exterior lighting. Plans and specifications being completed by our engineers, we expect to advertise for bids when steel becomes available.

- b. **FREMONT RECREATION CENTER** — Fremont Avenue and Lexington Street.  
Details being worked out with the Department of Education and The Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing Agency.
- c. **HERRING RUN PLAYFIELD (COXAN'S MEADOW)** — Parkside Drive and Brehms Lane.  
Awaiting transfer of land, after filling has been completed by the Welsh Construction Company.
- d. **PATAPSCO RIVER VALLEY PLAYGROUND** — South of B. & O. R. R. West of Potee Street.  
Land being acquired through process of condemnation.
- e. **HARLEM PARK SCHOOL — RECREATION CENTER** — North of Harlem Park, Gilmor, Calhoun, and Mosher Streets.  
This is a joint cooperative project with the Department of Education. The site plan has been approved by the Department of Education and the Bureau of Recreation of this Department.
- f. **BROADWAY REDEVELOPMENT AREA (CHICK WEBB MEMORIAL RECREATION CENTER)** — 623 N. Eden Street.  
Land has been acquired. Engineer expects to complete plans and specifications in January, 1960. This project will be delayed since contractor constructing assembly room will need this space for material, equipment, etc.
- g. **MADISON SQUARE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL — RECREATION CENTER** — Eden, Biddle, Caroline and Chase Streets.  
This is another joint cooperative project with the Department of Education. Awaiting letting of contract for school structure by Department of Education.
- h. **SOUTHWEST BALTIMORE RECREATION CENTER — GWYNNS FALLS PARK.** Near Wilkens Avenue.  
This installation is being studied by our engineers.
- i. **GLEN AVENUE PLAYGROUND** — Glen, Key, Rockwood and Merville Avenues.  
Our engineers working on preliminary plans.
- j. **PATTERSON PARK PLAYGROUND** — Patterson Park.  
Playground to be redesigned and improved. Plans and specifications now being prepared.
- k. **OTHER PLAYGROUNDS:**  
Miscellaneous minor improvements are being planned for Roosevelt Recreation Center; Reverend Wilber Waters Playground; St. Thomas Tot Lot; and Lucille Playground.

#### 4. DORMANT PROJECTS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1959

- LUCILLE PLAYGROUND — Small field house.
- \*GARDENVILLE RECREATION CENTER — Air Conditioning.

\* Funds from Accessory Account — No Loan Funds to be used.

## B. BUREAU OF PARKS

### 1. COMPLETED PROJECTS 1959 (LOAN FUNDS — TOTAL \$792,521.00)

#### a. ZOO EXPANSION — MASTER PLAN.

##### 1. WADING BIRD EXHIBIT AND SHELTER.

This is located in the valley north of the Polar Bear exhibit and contains a very fine display of certain wading birds such as flamingos, many species of storks, cranes, penguin, Mandarin ducks and giant tortoises. These will be featured in terraced gardens containing a series of pools with a stream and waterfalls connecting them, highlighted by a fountain. Appropriate walkways and landscaping make this an outstanding display and a welcome addition to our Zoo. This project was completed at a cost of \$117,540.00.

##### 2. MOAT AND ROCK ISLAND.

This new exhibit located at the site of the old Duck Pond, features Atlas Mountain Barbary Sheep and various compatible primates, included in which are the Drills and Rhesus Monkeys. For variety, several small mammals such as opossums and raccoons are occasionally introduced. This is another form of Moated exhibit that has been constructed in the Baltimore Zoo. The Moated form of exhibit is popular with the viewing public since there are no bars to obstruct the view and since the animals are allowed ample room for activity. This was constructed at a cost of \$225,758.00.

##### 3. MASTER PLAN OF ROADS AND UTILITIES.

Included in this Master Plan was also a report which included a statement of priorities of various items. This was completed at a cost of \$12,500.00.

#### b. \*PINE RIDGE GOLF COURSE — Loch Raven.

This fine installation consisted of an 18-hole Golf Course, Club House, Parking Lot, Practice Green, Entrance Way and Road. Built around the shores of this beautiful body of water it is noted for its scenic beauty as well as for its championship layout. This installation was completed at a cost of \$436,723.00.

### 2. BUDGET FUNDS..... (Cost \$3,511.00)

#### a. Completed Project

##### 1. WILDWOOD PARKWAY AND STOKES DRIVE.

New softball diamond, seeding, fertilizing, and sodding.

\* Funds from Loan, Real Property, and Special Accounts.

### 3. WORK UNDER CONSTRUCTION 1959

#### a. CYLBURN PARK GREENHOUSES.

Construction of Greenhouses, head house and potting sheds. Grading, drainage and walks have been completed. Some of the footings are complete, and the erection of the steel has been started. Bids are being obtained on the glazing.

### 4. OTHER FUTURE PROJECTS

a. BLOOMINGDALE OVAL — Ellicott Drive and Franklinton Road. Plans and specifications being prepared.

b. \*ROBERT E. LEE MEMORIAL PARK — Park Lighting and Sign. Plans completed, awaiting arrival of materials for the lighting system. Sign has been erected.

c. MT. PLEASANT CLUBHOUSE — Mt. Pleasant Golf Course. Additional wing to be constructed. Plans and specifications completed. Bureau of Building Construction now arranging to advertise for bids.

d. ROBERT E. LEE MEMORIAL PARK — Lake Roland. Shelter and water line to be installed.

e. ALBERT D. GRAHAM MEMORIAL PARK — Harford Road south of the Gunpowder Falls. Shelter, water line and comfort station to be constructed. Water line now being installed.

### C. STATEMENT OF LOAN FUNDS

This Department since 1947 has been granted Loan Funds in the amount of \$16,500,000. However, of this amount \$14,850,000.00 has been submitted to, and approved by the voters. The balance of \$1,650,000.00 has yet to be submitted to the electorate.

This Department recognizing its responsibility for the wise and careful planning and good judgment in the spending of these Loan Funds has, by strategically locating the facilities, and economical planning and construction, been able to obtain for the people of Baltimore many additional fine facilities that they can well be proud of. The following statement shows the funds authorized and apportioned to the Bureau of Parks and the Bureau of Recreation.

\* Part to come from Loan Funds, balance from Robert E. Lee Memorial Park Funds.

### LOANS ONE AND TWO

<i>Allocation</i>	<i>Loan May 6, 1947</i>	<i>Loan Nov. 2, 1948</i>	<i>Loan Nov. 7, 1950</i>	<i>Total</i>
Stadium.....	\$2,500,000.00		\$2,500,000.00	\$ 5,000,000.00
Bureau-Parks.....		\$2,000,000.00	500,000.00	2,500,000.00
Bureau-Recreation....	1,500,000.00		1,500,000.00	3,000,000.00
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$4,000,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,000,000.00</b>	<b>\$4,500,000.00</b>	<b>\$10,500,000.00</b>

### THIRD LOAN

<i>Allocation</i>	<i>Loan Enabling Act Jan. 1954</i>	<i>Authorized by Voters Nov. 1954</i>	<i>Authorized by Voters Nov. 1956</i>	<i>Placed in 1955- 1956-1957 Budgets</i>
Bureau-Parks.....	\$1,450,000.00	\$ 950,000.00	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 1,450,000.00
Bureau-Recreation....	1,800,000.00	1,450,000.00	350,000.00	1,800,000.00
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$3,250,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,400,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 850,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,250,000.00</b>

### FOURTH LOAN

<i>Allocation</i>	<i>Loan Enabling Act Mar. 1957</i>	<i>Authorized by Voters Nov. 1958</i>	<i>Placed in 1959 Budget</i>	<i>Balance of Enabling Act</i>
Bureau-Parks.....	\$ 750,000.00	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 450,000.00
Bureau-Recreation....	2,000,000.00	800,000.00	800,000.00	1,200,000.00
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$2,750,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,100,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,100,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,650,000.00</b>

**TOTAL LOANS AUTHORIZED (ENABLING ACT) \$16,500,000.00**

It has been pointed out in previous reports that Loan Funds are requested on the basis of a specific project for a stipulated sum of money. Hence the statement that the balance of Loan Funds available, are allocated to various projects in the Bureau of Parks and the Bureau of Recreation. These projects are in one or more of the following categories: planning, plans and specifications being completed, under contract, or under construction.

In the Bureau of Parks, the Loan Balance is \$656,418.85 covering six projects including the Zoo Expansion Program.

The Bureau of Recreation has a Loan Balance of \$1,238,417.85 covering sixteen major projects now in various stages of study or completion.

## SECTION III — REPORT OF THREE BUREAUS

### A. BUREAU OF PARKS

MR. CHARLES A. HOOK, *Superintendent*

MR. L. EDGAR MYERLY, *Assistant Superintendent*

MR. W. R. SCHMIDT, JR., *Senior Administrative Assistant*

#### 1. BUREAU BUDGET

A summary of the allowance for 1959 compared to 1958 follows:

<i>Account</i>	<i>1959 Allowance</i>	<i>1958 Allowance</i>	<i>Increase (Decrease)</i>
Salaries.....	\$ 869,071	\$ 871,652	\$(2,581)
Labor.....	1,870,596	1,837,596	33,000
Pool Labor.....	55,000	55,000	
Operating Expense.....	583,450	594,000	(10,550)
Capital Equipment.....	43,050	45,000	(1,950)
	\$3,421,167	\$3,403,248	\$17,919

Although the Budget Director reduced the anticipated salary surplus from \$53,942 in 1958 to \$50,000 in 1959, the overall Salary Account declined because of a net loss of three positions in Bureau personnel. In the Labor Account, the increase was provided for operation of the Pine Ridge Golf Course (\$18,000) and the Stadium Ice Rink (\$15,000). Both of these facilities are new and in each instance, the increase covers a facility which is expected to produce substantial revenue. Increases in Operating Expense were requested for Park Lighting (\$6,500) and the Ice Rink (\$3,000); however because of a 3% City-wide cut in expenses, a net reduction resulted in both the Operating Expense and Capital Equipment Accounts. In this connection, it may be pointed out that despite the steady rise in the cost of living, our operating expense account has only increased by \$8,450 or 1.5% since 1956.

At the end of the year, a comparison of expenditures with allowances, including the increments added during the year, showed as follows:

<i>Account</i>	<i>Allowance</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>Underspent (Overspent)</i>
Salary.....	\$ 869,260.91	\$ 887,295.43	\$(18,034.52)
Labor.....	1,928,309.20	1,885,156.77	43,152.43
Pool Labor.....	55,000.00	53,753.76	1,246.24
Operating Expense.....	648,118.08	650,630.17	(2,512.09)
	\$3,500,688.19	\$3,476,836.13	\$ 23,852.06

The deficit in the Salary Account can be attributed to the \$50,000 salary surplus which was carried. This amount is deducted from our total allowance at the beginning of the year and in the past when we experienced a heavy turnover in personnel and positions were difficult to fill, this amount was reached. These conditions however are no longer true and unless positions are deliberately left vacant to develop sufficient surplus, a deficit can be anticipated. In 1959, because of the loss of several positions, this action was not possible and the results are as shown. The Labor Account was deliberately underspent in order to ensure our finishing the year with an overall surplus in view of the conditions in the Salary and Expense Accounts. The surplus that remained at the end of the year was returned to the City's General Funds with the exception of \$5,500 which was forwarded to the 1960 Budget for the purchase of several exhibits for the Baltimore Zoo.

## **2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS**

As shown in the previous section, no capital improvement funds were provided in the 1959 Budget.

## **3. PERSONNEL DEVELOPMENTS**

At the close of 1959, five positions were unfilled on the Bureau of Parks roster. These positions and their locations were: three park patrolmen; one watchman (Baltimore Zoo) and one custodial worker-female (Druid Hill Division).

Major changes in Bureau assignments developed when Mr. George Dewey LeBrun, after more than thirty years of service, retired from his position as Superintendent of the Patterson Division on April 11, 1959. Mr. C. H. Heintzeman, Jr., Superintendent of the Clifton Division, then requested transfer to Patterson and this change was made effective on date of Mr. LeBrun's retirement. To fill the vacancy in the Clifton Division, a promotional examination was held by the City Service Commission and Mr. Francis R. Jones was appointed as District Superintendent of Parks on August 1, 1959. Mr. Jones was General Foreman of the Stadium at the time of his appointment, but immediately prior to his transfer to the Stadium he had served many years in Clifton as both acting superintendent and general foreman.

## **4. ADMINISTRATIVE DEVELOPMENTS**

As in former years, the Bureau of Parks continued to maintain a close running check on the expenditures of its allotted Budget Fund. Through records maintained at the Bureau office, it is possible at all times to make an immediate check of funds spent by any Division or for any particular project. Each Division is required, in turn, to keep similar records and these are verified with those at the Bureau each month.

Complete financial statements concerning the operation of the Bureau of Parks will be found at the end of this report, including a detailed cost statement showing Bureau of Parks funds expended for the operation of the Park System.



## 5. CARROLL DIVISION

(MR. HARRY KUES, *District Superintendent of Parks*)

The most important development in the Carroll District during 1959 was the establishing of a parking fee at Fort Smallwood Park. The decision to initiate this charge was made primarily for two reasons: First, to comply with the request of the City Budget Director that additional sources of revenue be found and, secondly, in an effort to increase income at this facility to a level commensurate with expenses. As the detailed report under "Fort Smallwood" shows, the operation was quite successful, producing added revenue in the amount of \$17,736.64.

Another development of interest during the year was the creation of a Wild Fowl Refuge on the western shore of the Patapsco River between the Hanover Street Bridge and Brooklyn. This project was approved by our Board at their meeting of September 15, 1959, and forces of the Carroll Division along with the Park Police cooperated with the sponsors in erecting signs, and in the initial feeding of the fowl. As an indication of the success of the project, the State Game and Inland Fish Commission received reports that up to 2,000 birds were feeding in the area including the valuable Canvasback Ducks. It is the hope of the sponsors that this project will prove as important in the preservation of migratory fowls as a similar sanctuary near Washington, D.C.

In December, 1959, a serious termite infestation was discovered in the Mount Clare Mansion with some of the floor joists being almost completely eaten away. All of the infected boards were removed and replaced by forces of our Construction Division, utilizing material salvaged from the razing of the old Band Shell in Federal Hill Park in 1952. A contract was then negotiated with a private concern for a five-year period to prevent further infestation.

In continuation of our constant battle against erosion, seventy loads of rock and broken concrete were hauled to Fort Smallwood and deposited along the Number 2 Beach and on the bay front of the sea-walls. A similar project was also carried on at Broening Park, north of the old Arundel Boat Club building, where rock and fill dirt were dumped along the shore line. Both of these projects were carried out with the assistance of the Bureau of Highways. At the Morrell Park Playground, sixty loads of asphalt and fill were used to prevent erosion. In this case, the material was obtained at no cost from outside contractors who were repairing streets in the area. Finally, at Fort Armistead, forty truck-loads of fill were employed to correct washouts and to prevent further erosion problems, and guard rails or posts were installed at several locations to block off hazardous areas.

Maintenance at the Carroll Park Golf Course was carried on at a high level during the year and attendance as a consequence, increased almost 18% from 38,170 rounds in 1958 to 44,991 rounds. Of interest at the course was the staging of the Annual Golf Tournament of the Alumni of Morgan College on May 2, 1959. This event attracted an entry of 170 participants and both players and tournament officials

were appreciative of the willing cooperation extended them in making this an enjoyable and successful day of golf.

Two new playgrounds were added to the properties of the Carroll District during 1959. The first, at Manokin and Sidney Avenues in Westport, was built under the Recreation Loan Program and consists of grading, hard surfacing, erecting a six-foot fence, and installing basketball backboards and tot area. The second at the rear of Washburn Avenue, Jeffrey, 8th and 9th Streets in Brooklyn, was a small (.6 acres) city-owned lot taken over for maintenance by our Bureau. The lot is not fenced or hard surfaced, but does contain some playground equipment.

During the year, all lawns in the District were fertilized and seeded where necessary. At the Patapsco Park, three additional acres of lawn were created by grading, fertilizing and seeding. In a similar manner three acres of lawn were added to Cherry Hill Park.

The Carroll Division was host to various special events during the year. In addition to the Morgan Alumni Tournament, the division cooperated with the Baltimore News-Post in staging its annual Pet Show in Carroll Park, an event that is enjoyed by young and old alike. Another event of appeal to park patrons was the weekly band concerts held in Federal Hill and Carroll Parks. As in previous years, they continued to add to the variety of attractions offered in the parks and many appreciative people were able to enjoy the interesting programs.

## 6. CLIFTON DIVISION

(MR. FRANCIS R. JONES, *District Superintendent of Parks*)

On August 1, 1959, Mr. Francis R. Jones assumed control of the Clifton Division, replacing Mr. C. H. Heintzeman, Jr., who had transferred to the Patterson Division. Mr. Jones having been both Acting Superintendent and foreman at Clifton in the past was well acquainted with the responsibilities and areas in the district.

A large part of these responsibilities involves golf, since two of the bureau's four eighteen-hole courses are located in this district, and consequently a large proportion of the yearly work is allotted to golf course maintenance. Because of the extension of Northern Parkway through the Mt. Pleasant Course, however, much of the effort during 1959 was devoted to the reconstruction which this highway project necessitated. The path of the extension was routed between the first green and second tee and the eighth green and ninth tee and as a result, in order to avoid any interference with the road, it was necessary to relocate and reconstruct the first green and second tee. This work was performed by forces of the Clifton Division with funds from the highway project and is scheduled to be completed prior to the beginning of the 1960 summer season. It is expected that even though the results of this work will shorten the course by some 93 yards from the back tees (however, only 31 yards from the front tees) the championship quality and interest of the course will be preserved. As part of the road project, a bridge, large enough to accommodate our mowing and other mainte-

nance equipment, will be constructed over the highway generally in the area between the two points of interference. This bridge will permit the golfers to pass to each section of the course without any danger from the traffic on the road below.

In addition to the work described above and the normal maintenance which the golf courses required, many other important projects were performed in the district during the year. In the development of new areas and facilities, approximately 2.5 acres of Herring Run along Shannon Drive and ending at Sinclair Lane were grubbed out, graded, fertilized and seeded. This work was necessary so that our property would conform with the standard of the new community development in that area. At Graham Memorial Park a six acre plot was graded, fertilized and seeded for a nursery to supply sod to the Stadium when the field is reconditioned each spring. The procurement of sufficient sod of the proper quality for the Stadium is always a difficult problem and since most of the usual sources, such as those at Cylburn and Graham Park, can no longer be used, the establishment of this nursery should contribute to the eventual solution of this problem.

Also at Graham Memorial Park, an 800-foot water line was installed to bring city water to the existing facilities as well as to a proposed comfort station for this area. Graham Memorial Park with the Cub Hill Riding Academy, scouting areas and large expanses of rolling hills has developed into a very popular recreation area. The absence of a sufficient supply of wholesome water has been a detriment to its maximum usage which this work will correct.

In connection with conditioning the athletic areas in the Spring, the division used 305 yards of clay in 1959. The tennis courts received 115 yards of this material; the ball fields 180 yards; and 10 yards were retained for stock. In conjunction with the use of this material all tennis courts and ball fields were tilled, edged, and regraded and defective or missing appurtenances, such as pitching slabs, home plates, tennis nets and poles, including also backstops and benches, were replaced or repaired.

The extent of the usage of parks and the amount of maintenance, preparation of areas, trash removal and policing which this demands is not always fully realized by the public. As an example, the facilities in Clifton Park are used daily from January through December with all types of athletic activities including golf, softball, baseball, tennis, football, lacrosse, basketball, volley ball, soccer, swimming, archery and track and field meets being offered. In addition, for relaxation during the warm summer nights, band music is provided each Friday evening by the Park Concert Bands. On other nights, the interest of many spectators is drawn to the maneuvering and music of the drum corps which utilize this park for their practicing. Activities outside of the usual recreational interests include safe-driving schools conducted by the Park Police, City Police, U.S. Post Office, City of Baltimore and inspection of taxicabs by the Public Service Commission. In 1959 the two driving courses around Lake Clifton were used a total of 72 days for safe-driving schools and in most cases a classroom was made avail-

able to the organizations in the Mansion House for instruction prior to the road performance test. Clifton Park also has many points of interest with its 100-year old houses, a beautiful mansion and memorial gardens, including the Mother's Garden and Cook's Rose Garden. These attractions entice countless numbers of bird-watchers, painters, historians and just plain nature lovers. Small monuments, flower beds and lovely trees including rare Cypress dot the area adding beauty and grace to a park that could well be one of the most interesting, complete and popular spots in our City. To attest to the renown of the park, an article in Ford Times for June, 1958, was devoted to "The Park that Hopkins Left" featuring two water color paintings, one of the mansion and the other showing a view of the City from the park.

With the approval of the Board of Recreation and Parks, the American Telephone and Telegraph Company constructed a repeater station on the triangle bounded by Harford Road, Parkside Drive and Walther Boulevard. This one-story, colonial brick building will be used by the A. T. and T. to house equipment required in a nation-wide program for improving telephone service. In consideration of this right, the A. T. and T. has agreed to pay the city the sum of \$200.00 yearly.

Among the interesting events that took place in the Clifton Division during 1959 was the Annual News-Post Pet Show which was held on October 3, 1959 at the Band Stand in Clifton Park. According to the News-Post this event attracted 300 contestants and approximately 700 spectators. Another event of interest was the National Swimming Meet held on August 30, 1959 at the Clifton Pool. This meet was conducted under the supervision of the Bureau of Recreation. The scouting activities at Graham Park are also worthy of mention. In addition to the Girl Scout Day Camps which are held at this park from June to September, a state-wide Scout Rally was conducted with approximately 5,000 Boy Scouts in attendance. The wooded areas, ravines and groves found at Graham Park are ideal for the use of these organizations and their training in scouting. Finally, numerous golf tournaments at all levels were held on the two golf courses in the district. These included school tournaments at both High School and College level, pro-ams, Maryland Scholastic Association Golf Tournament and the Baltimore Golf Association Public Links Championship.

Among the property maintained by the Clifton Division, the following changes for 1959 should be noted.

#### 1. Property Added

- a. Kimberly Road Tot Lot — North of 800 block of Cold Spring Lane. This lot is fenced and hard surfaced.
- b. Approximately 8.95 acres between the Herring Run stream and Parkside Drive south of Homesdale Avenue and bounded on the south by Sinclair Lane were acquired from the Welsh Construction Company. The Welsh Construction Company retains the right to dump on this property for two years or until January 15, 1961. At the conclusion it has been agreed that the con-

tractor will grade with sub-soil to within 12 inches of the existing grade and finish the remaining foot with clear dirt suitable for the creation of lawn surface.

- c. 0.38 acres in the rear of Bonview Avenue and Sinclair Lane. This triangular shaped playground has been graded, fenced and equipped with playground apparatus.

## 2. Property Deleted

- a. A small lot adjacent to 3827 Belair Road. This lot has never been used formally for park and recreational purposes and is located opposite developed Herring Run Park.

## 7. DRUID HILL DIVISION

(MR. GEORGE A. KEEN, *District Superintendent of Parks*)

With the creation of a separate Horticultural Division at the beginning of 1959, the Druid Hill Division was relieved of the responsibility of operating the largest group of horticultural facilities, including the main conservatory, in the Park System. Along with these, the Division also lost Cylburn Park which was turned over to the new Horticultural Division for the center of its activities, and the personnel and equipment which has been utilized in the division's Horticultural section. To compensate for these losses, however, the newly developed Pine Ridge Golf Course in Loch Raven along with its permanent staff and equipment was assigned to Druid Hill. Two other factors were also instrumental in the decision to assign the new course to Druid Hill. The first of these was that this division was already concerned with two areas in the county (The Robert E. Lee Memorial Park at Lake Roland and the Skeet Range at Loch Raven) and it was felt therefore that it already possessed the necessary organization and experience to operate a third outlying area. The second and final reason was that this division along with the Clifton Division was the most conveniently located to the new facility and since Clifton already was charged with the responsibility of two courses, it was felt that a third would be unwieldy and that it would be preferable therefore to place the new course in a different division.

Notwithstanding the novelty of operating a golf course for the first time, especially one which would be the site of the 10th Annual Eastern Open as well as 24 other local and club tournaments during the year, the Druid Hill Division was able to continue its efforts to improve all the facilities and areas under its control. Accordingly, all playground and athletic equipment were reconditioned and painted and the shrubbery in all areas of the district was pruned and wild growth removed. The eight clay tennis courts in Druid Hill Park were reconditioned and resurfaced with 320 cubic yards of clay being purchased and hauled to the site for this purpose. An additional 50 cubic yards of clay along with 100 cubic yards of sandy soil were obtained for the reconditioning of the ball diamonds in the district.

At the Loch Raven Skeet Range, the general appearance of the area was considerably improved by clearing three acres of wild growth and then seeding to develop lawn. It is well to note as an example of the Bureau's effort to operate as efficiently as circumstances permit, that most of the work performed at the skeet range is done with equipment and personnel from the nearby golf course. By utilizing these forces, the division is able to save the enormous transportation time that would be involved if it were necessary to send the men and machinery from the Druid Hill shop area. Another similar lawn development project was carried out at Western Run Park where an additional four acres were cultivated, fertilized and seeded to maintain the park in keeping with the private construction in the area. In other projects during the year, a total of approximately 25 acres were similarly cleared and developed.

Other noteworthy accomplishments during the year consisted of building a 250 foot welded steel fence at Upper Lake Roland, converting the Glass House in Druid Hill Park at the Reservoir from an enclosed building to an open picnic shelter and constructing a new softball diamond, complete with backstop, at the Medfield Heights Playfield.

The Automotive and Equipment Repair Shop which is operated by this Division continued its important function of repairing the equipment in the Bureau other than the vehicles assigned to the Park Police. During 1959 a total of 1,936 shop orders were processed including 117 major repairs. The capabilities of the Auto Shop and its value to the Bureau can be realized when it is considered that its service is enlisted for all types of repairs ranging from grinding the blades on hand mowers to installing transmissions in crawler loaders and bulldozers. An additional asset possessed by this section is that the mechanics not only can perform all types of service to regular automotive equipment, including greasing, tire and brake service, valve grinding and major repairs, but they are also familiar with the widely diversified and in some cases, unusual equipment, such as soil shredders, roll-pacs, mist blowers, etc., employed in the Bureau's work. This knowledge reduces time that these items must be held in the shop and consequently permits a greater use of the equipment. This is a very important factor in the economics of our operation in view of the high cost of equipment.

As in the past, there were many special events conducted in the Druid Hill District. One of the most spectacular of these is the Annual Columbus Day Celebration held at the Columbus monument, near the Reservoir, in Druid Hill Park. The festivities begin with a gala parade featuring various military, fraternal and church organizations and are concluded with a ceremony at the monument honoring the memory of Columbus. Another outstanding event is the Annual Outdoor Art Festival which is also held on the road around the Druid Hill Reservoir. This event offers the local art colony an opportunity to display and sell their products to the large crowds which are attracted. Other events held during the year include the Fishing Rodeo at the Three Sisters Ponds in Druid Hill Park; the Little League Baseball Clinic, conducted by the Baltimore Orioles, in Roosevelt Park; the

News-Post Pet Show at Towanda Park; and various skeet championships at the Loch Raven Skeet Range.

## 8. GWYNNS FALLS DIVISION

(MR. HALL N. ABRISCH, *District Superintendent of Parks*)

The Gwynns Falls Division during 1959 was able to complete several important projects in its program of improving the areas under its control. One of these was a major grading and filling operation carried out at Stokes Drive and Wildwood Parkway to obtain a level area for the construction of a new ball diamond for the Leakin Park Little League. The work consisted of cutting down the slopes along Stokes Drive and moving the fill to the low areas. Fill was also obtained from a mound south of Wildwood Parkway and from a project at Rokeby and Woodington Roads. In addition to the fill material, 437 cubic yards of top soil were obtained and spread over the area. The project was then completed by laying 5,000 square feet of sod on the diamond, fertilizing and seeding the outfield with 100 pounds of grass seed and 800 pounds of fertilizer and installing two new-style player benches.

Another accomplishment in the same general vicinity was removing a high wall of rock on the north side of Rokeby Road west of Woodington Road. The entire corner was then graded to curb level providing a future lawn area of approximately  $1\frac{1}{4}$  acres. The Gwynns Falls Division received many compliments on this work including even that the removal of the rock wall had greatly improved television reception in the neighborhood. In this project the divisional forces were assisted by our Construction Division. Another similar project which added considerably to the appearance of Leakin Park was the removal of the old stone wall along Windsor Mill Road to Forest Park Avenue. It is interesting to note that most of the stone used in constructing the Riding Academy came from this wall.

At the Oriole Gun Club a new Skeet Range was constructed which required excavating approximately 1,000 cubic yards of fill from the hill in front of the No. 1 Trap House in order to have the new area on the same level as the existing range. Part of the fill obtained from this operation was used to provide a lawn area in front of the old and new ranges and the remaining material was utilized in other projects throughout the district. In addition to the spreading of fill dirt, 25,000 square feet of sod, obtained from the area in Cylburn Park where the new greenhouses will be located, was used on the slope and between the Trap Houses. The project was then completed by using 225 cubic yards of top soil, 35 pounds of grass seed and 320 pounds of fertilizer.

Following the completion of the paving and curbing along Elliott Drive by the Highways Bureau our forces were required to do considerable back-filling in order to eliminate low areas and the resulting stagnant pools of water in the vicinity of the Edmonson Avenue Bridge and the 900 block Ellicott Drive. This work was accomplished by using 600 cubic yards of the fill obtained from the project at the Oriole Gun Club. A similar task was completed in the area on the east side of

Font Hill Avenue at Hurley Avenue. The work in this instance required 695 cubic yards of top soil. A project similar to the one accomplished at Stokes Drive and Wildwood Parkway was the construction of a new diamond in Leakin Park for the Forest Park Little League. The grading in this case however, was performed by forces of the Water Department under Mr. L. Ningard. This assistance was greatly appreciated. Following the grading our forces then applied 5,000 square feet of sod and 93 cubic yards of top soil. The project was completed by installing two of the new-style player benches.

An important accomplishment during 1959 was completing the renovation of the area formerly occupied by the Gwynns Falls Pool and buildings. The frame buildings were torn down and all usable lumber salvaged for later use in divisional maintenance. The sides and bottoms of the swimming tanks were broken up by a rented crane and ball. After this was completed, 3,500 cubic yards of fill, obtained from the excavation for the new southwest Police Station, was used to fill and grade over the tanks. The old boilers and steel beams were sold as junk by the City Purchasing Bureau. The wire and pipe in the fences that surrounded the old pool were also salvaged and some of the material was used during the year for the construction of new backstops at ball diamonds.

Among the improvements accomplished at the Forest Park Golf Course during the year 1959, the following are worthy of note. Greens No. 3, 4, 5 and 11, which had suffered severely from adverse weather conditions in previous years, were entirely reconstructed. In this operation 27½ tons of coarse sand, 200 pounds of lime, 160 pounds of fertilizer, and 7½ pounds of Penn Cross Seed were used on each green. Tees No. 1, 4, 12, 15, 16 and 17 were regraded and sodded, 30,000 square feet of sod and 75 cubic yards of top soil being required for this work. Both of the above projects will add considerably to the popularity of the Forest Park Course and consequently go a long way toward restoring the patronage this course formerly enjoyed.

In addition to the accomplishments at the course cited above, a further improvement was made by the planting of White Pine Trees, obtained from Loch Raven, between the fairways and around some tees and greens. In all 414 of these trees, ranging in height from 5 to 8 feet, were obtained with 280 of them being planted on the course and the remaining 134 spot planted in Leakin Park at the stable, at the entrances and along the driveways. Not one tree was lost in the transplanting operation and both the Forestry Division who dug and hauled the trees and the Gwynns Falls Division who did the planting are to be congratulated on the success of the operation. In addition to the White Pines, 512 Privet plants were planted in various areas in Hillsdale and Leakin Parks. The Privets were obtained at no cost from school board property along Clifton Avenue and Elsinore Avenue.

An important improvement at Easterwood Park which should go a long way toward satisfying complaints of the residents of the area was the erection of a 6-foot high chain link fence, 325 feet in length, at the bottom of the slope along Bentalou Street. The fence was placed in



this area primarily to prevent people from walking on the slopes and it is hoped that if it will accomplish this purpose, grass can be maintained on these slopes as desired by the residents. The erection of the fence was accomplished by forces of the Construction Division.

In addition to the major accomplishments already listed, there were many smaller projects carried out in the district during the year. To facilitate maintenance of water fountains, wells were constructed under two fountains at Leakin Park and under one fountain at Easterwood Park, Cahill Center, Lafayette Square and the Oriole Gun Club. At the Wilkens and Lyndhurst Playground, new horse shoe courts were constructed to satisfy a demand for this popular sport at these locations. All of the tennis courts in the district were reconditioned with 108 cubic yards of clay.

Due to the sale of Wakefield Farms, adjacent to Leakin Park, the League of Maryland Horsemen, an organization long interested in promoting the interest of horsemanship, found themselves homeless. Permission was requested and granted for this organization to hold their meetings in the Leakin Park Mansion and accordingly their first meeting was held in their new home on June 4, 1959. Other items of interest in this category include several special shows held at the Riding Academy in Leakin Park, notably the Spring and Fall Horse Shows. In addition the stable management acted as host of a trail ride sponsored by the League in which horsemen from all parts of the State were accorded the opportunity of riding the established trails in Leakin Park. The Riding Academy has proven very popular since its inception in its new location. It offers expert training in riding and horsemanship by competent instructors for both adults and juniors, with an average enrollment of 150 students per week. The Academy also provides horses for hire to those persons who are capable of handling well trained mounts on the trails.

There were four new playgrounds added during 1959. Their locations are: 1000 Vincent Street, 1009 Sarah Ann Street, 3000 block Poplar Terrace, and the Seminole Playground constructed at the Walnut Oval.

## 9. PATTERSON DIVISION

(Mr. C. H. HEINTZEMAN, *District Superintendent of Parks*)

As noted previously in this report, Mr. Heintzeman, who had been Superintendent of the Clifton Division since May 1, 1948, transferred to the Patterson Division on April 11, 1959. Mr. Heintzeman replaced Mr. George D. LeBrun who retired after many years of Park and Recreation work.

Although there were no major improvements made to the properties in the Patterson District during 1959, many smaller projects were completed. These accomplishments are important as they contribute to the overall impression which our facilities present. Several of the improvements consisted of important resodding jobs performed at locations which are heavily patronized by the public. At the Pulaski

Monument in Patterson Park, one thousand square feet of sod was placed around the monument to correct bare areas. In the same manner, on the grass plots on Broadway in front of the Johns Hopkins Hospital, twenty-five hundred square feet of sod was used to repair worn out areas. A final project of this kind was the placing of ten thousand square feet of sod at the Mt. Vernon Squares. These squares are used as the site of the Annual Flower Mart and this improvement went far to contributing to the pleasing appearance which this area presented.

The athletic facilities in the District were reconditioned by working an additional forty cubic yards of clay into the soil in the areas. Thirty-five cubic yards of this amount was used on the ball fields and tennis courts in Patterson Park and the five remaining yards on the ball field at Fleet Street. In addition to this work, the lawns at many of the play-fields as well as some of the other areas in the District were renovated by the use of top soil, fertilizer and grass seed. For this purpose three hundred eighty cubic yards of top soil, twelve tons of fertilizer and seven hundred pounds of grass seed were applied to these lawns.

In cooperation with the Horticultural Division several improvements were made to the flower displays in the District. At the Pulaski Monument seven Taxus, nine California Privets and two Arborvitae were added to the existing shrubbery. At the Mt. Vernon Squares, forty Taxus and one hundred sixty-eight Japanese Privets were planted. All of the shrubbery at the squares was then mulched using fourteen truck loads of wood chips which were acquired from our Forestry Division's operation. In connection with the razing of the vacant house at 2400 Bowleys Lane, one hundred fifty California Privets were salvaged and these shrubs were then replanted in Patterson Park and in Collington Square. An additional five truck loads of wood chips were then used to mulch the shrubbery in Patterson Park.

In an effort to eliminate the growth of algae and seaweed in the Patterson Park Boat Lake, one hundred pounds of copper sulfate along with other chemicals were added to the water in the lake. The presence of these plants tends to foul the water and it is expected that the chemicals used this year, which were recommended by the Fish and Game Commission, will prove effective in combating this nuisance.

There were many special events held in the Patterson District during 1959. The chief attraction of course was the annual flower mart which is sponsored by the Woman's Civic League with the proceeds being used for such worthy purposes as beautification of the City and fostering of public health. This year's affair, the forty-seventh, came on May 13th and despite the rain which failed to dampen the enthusiasm of hundreds of volunteer workers and thousands of flower mart patrons, the mart was considered successful. This year the community chest drive opened at the Washington Monument in Mt. Vernon Place. The monument was decorated for the occasion with flags and a Missile-Planet design to indicate the progress of the drive. Other outstanding events were the "I Am An American Day" parade which was held in and around Patterson Park, the Pulaski Day celebration in Patterson

Park and the Armed Forces Day celebration which also takes place in and around Patterson Park. In addition to the preceding events, Patterson Park was also the site of the Annual Parochial Field Day meet, the Annual News-Post Pet Show, and the Annual Fishing Rodeo which is sponsored jointly by the Collington Club, the Highland Fishing Club, and the Inland Game and Fish Commission. An unused portion of lower Herring Run was utilized on two occasions for special attractions. The first was the Cristanin Circus sponsored by the Baltimore Elks Lodge and the second a carnival sponsored by the Lieutenant Norman Edward Melwin Post No. 152, American Legion.

During 1959 the Patterson Division acquired one new playground located in the rear of the 3800 block of Sinclair Lane.

## 10. CONSTRUCTION DIVISION

(MR. GEORGE L. NICKEL, *Superintendent*)

The construction Division of the Bureau of Parks is charged with the responsibility of performing all of the major maintenance in the Bureau, as well as constructing many new projects. In order to perform the many assignments which it receives during the year, the Division is divided into six sections and the accomplishments of each of these sections is listed in the report that follows:

- a. PAINTING — The general scope of the painting section is basically the same from year to year, in that its primary object is to prepare the various physical plants of the Bureau for their seasonal operations. However, in addition to the annual maintenance performed at such places as the Memorial Stadium, Fort Smallwood, and Mount Pleasant Golf Course, the painting section handled 55 work requests from the various divisions in the Bureau. The capabilities of this section extends to allied trades and their work during the year included replacing broken glass in the Druid Hill and Clifton Greenhouses; repainting the roofs of the music pavilion and the casino in Patterson Park; and the mansion in Clifton Park.

Some of the major painting projects accomplished in 1959 included painting the exteriors of the club house and Skeet House at the Loch Raven Skeet Range; the interior and exteriors of the music pavilion and the exteriors of the casino and bathhouses at Patterson Park; and painting the lobby and fence of the Washington Monument.

Other large painting projects included the exterior and much of the interior of the Clifton Park Mansion, the bandshell at Clifton and the exterior of the field house at Carroll Park.

- b. CARPENTRY — In addition to the jobs requiring the ordinary skills of carpenters, this group is called upon to perform a program of scheduled maintenance, erection, removal and storage of equipment used at the several locations where various sports events and tournaments are held. During the winter months, the portable

seating used in the Stadium is removed and stored, and equipment is then put in place to prepare the Stadium for the playing of major league baseball. During the summer months, the varied equipment required for the Eastern Open Golf Tournament is transported and erected at the Pine Ridge Golf Course, and after completion of the tournament the equipment is removed and stored.

Also during the summer months, the efforts of this section is required for the Hole-In-One Tournament at the Mount Pleasant Golf Course. In the early fall the requirements of football necessitate another changeover at the Stadium and the temporary seats used during the football season must be taken out of storage and erected for use at this time.

The carpentry section also assists in the work that is necessary at both the beginning and the end of the ice skating season at the Stadium Ice Rink.

During 1959 the various park districts submitted 91 work requests for services of this section including the repair of the music pavilion at Patterson Park; razing a building at Bowleys Lane; repairing termite damage at the Carroll Park Mansion; repairing the ceiling and roof in the Hutton Mansion; repairing cages and dens; and building animal sleeping boxes at the Zoo.

- c. **ELECTRICAL AND PLUMBING** — The principal duties of this group include the installation, maintenance and repair of primary and secondary electric feeders and power and lighting distribution throughout the park system.

A large percentage of the work of this group each year is composed of repetitive assignments which include assisting in the lamping of the light towers at Memorial Stadium, the setting up and operation of power projects for the special events held each year, such as the Eastern Open Invitational Golf Tournament and the Hole-In-One Tournament; the annual conditioning of equipment at Fort Smallwood and the various swimming pools; the power requirements of the annual Flower Mart, and many lesser projects.

The men in this section of the Construction Division also serve in other capacities whenever the need arises. Repairs and installations are made in such categories as oil burner, plumbing, fencing and others. The broad scope of this group is evidenced in the table accompanying this report, wherein it is seen that they completed the work called for in 501 work requests throughout the system.

- d. **ROAD REPAIR AND FENCING** — During 1959, the road forces continued their operations at the Pine Ridge Golf Course which had begun the previous year. The road and parking lot required an additional treatment, consisting of 8,950 gallons of tar and 400 tons of stone. Extensive grading operations were undertaken in

the vicinity of the club house and brick walls were installed including a large area reserved for caddy carts.

While these operations were in progress, the stone masons in this section were constructing the symmetrical entrance walls to the golf course at the Dulaney Valley Road entrance. In order to economize, 100 tons of Butler face stone was purchased uncut to be shaped by our masons in constructing this wall which extends 108 lineal feet from each side of the drive. The ornamental iron fence which forms a part of this installation was then fabricated and installed by forces of this Division.

Another major project undertaken by the stone and masonry forces during 1959, was the complete re-laying of the 11 sets of steps with a total area of 4,400 square feet in the Mothers' Garden located in Clifton Park.

At the Zoo a 9 foot brick manhole was constructed and a 5 inch cast iron drain line installed to facilitate sewage disposal from the elephant house. This project was performed to correct the inadequacies of an obsolete 4 inch line. In the rear of the recently completed hoofed-animal pens, two hundred lineal feet of drain line and eight masonry drain boxes were installed to alleviate a drainage problem and a service road was also constructed in this area.

At Mount Vernon Place 1,800 square feet of concrete walk was replaced.

During the fall of 1959, ground was broken for the erection of six large greenhouses, and a greenhouse service building in Cylburn Park. All the excavation work was completed and in addition 10,000 square feet of concrete footway, 585 lineal feet of 8 inch storm drain and eight brick storm drain boxes were installed.

To augment the inadequate supply of water from the well at Graham Park, a supply from city water mains was installed which required the laying of 950 lineal feet of 4 inch water line, the construction of a brick valve vault and the installation of a fire hydrant for fire protection.

A field of topsoil was purchased from the Franklin Realty Company and 3,854 cubic yards of the material were removed. Of this total, 150 cubic yards were sold to the Bureau of Highways and the remaining 3,704 cubic yards hauled by the trucks of the various park districts for use on their facilities.

WORK REQUESTS PROCESSED — 1959

CONSTRUCTION DIVISION

<i>Division</i>	<i>Carpentry</i>	<i>Painting</i>	<i>Plumbing</i>	<i>Electric</i>	<i>Oil Burner</i>	<i>Roads</i>	<i>Fences</i>	<i>Material</i>	<i>Total</i>
Carroll.....	7	4	9	19	11	4	2	87	143
Clifton.....	4	7	28	32	18	9	—	178	276
Druid Hill.....	11	5	38	23	8	5	6	306	402
Forestry.....	9	4	4	6	—	1	—	21	45
Gwynns Falls.....	10	9	26	24	12	11	4	86	182
Horticultural.....	18	5	27	14	9	—	—	33	106
Patterson.....	7	11	24	58	—	9	—	93	202
Police.....	3	4	6	16	—	—	—	17	46
Stadium.....	17	2	11	7	—	2	3	43	85
Zoo.....	5	4	29	26	8	6	7	57	142
TOTALS 1959.....	91	55	202	225	66	47	22	921	1,629
TOTALS 1958.....	78	31	157	246	72	33	26	950	1,593

## 11. FORESTRY DIVISION

(MR. CHARLES A. YOUNG, JR., *City Forester*)

### The Operating Year

During 1959 the Forestry Division was able to operate under weather conditions which may be described as favorable but not ideal. The favorable aspect of the weather was the absence of snow or sleet storms, wind storms or hurricanes, or prolonged periods of rainfall. The conditions were not ideal in that rainfall was sparse and summer temperatures very high for extended periods. The Weather Bureau reported a rainfall of 37.90 inches which indicated a deficiency in the city of 6.84 inches. This marked decrease in rainfall required more frequent watering of newly planted trees and an accelerated loss of mature and over-mature trees. This latter loss was the result of a lowered water table and inadequate ground moisture.

During January and February the division resumed the digging of White Pine trees at Pine Ridge Golf Course. Trees in the 8/10' size were dug, balled and burlapped and planted in Western Run Park, Hillsdale Golf Course, Gwynns Falls Park and Chinquapin Run Park.

Dormant spraying of elm trees began during the first week of March and continued when weather permitted until May 15th. On this date the foliage development and windy weather dictated terminating of dormant spraying. Unfortunately only 2300 of the 9300 elm trees had been protected against the invasion of elm bark beetle and the possibility of Dutch Elm Disease infection. Elm bark beetles were observed in flight beginning May 7th. This observation indicates that the residual protection of the insecticide, a 12% DDT emulsion, must be effective until June 1st.

On March 13th the digging of trees in the Crimea Nursery began and a total of 25 Chinese Chestnut trees of 4" caliper were dug for planting at Pine Ridge Golf Course. This operation was resumed in October when 10 Chestnuts were planted in Collington Square. In addition to Chestnut trees, other varieties were planted in the parks.

During both the spring and fall planting periods the division directed its full attention to the planting of new trees. This effort was directed to satisfying requests from interested property owners and a total of 2,297 trees were planted during the year.

The planting of flowering crab trees which are provided thru the efforts of the Women's Civic League was continued in 1959. Flowering crab trees were planted at the following locations:

	<i>Number Planted</i>
Opposite 1545 E. Cold Spring Lane.....	1
Cross Country Blvd. at Glen Ave. Triangles.....	6
3300-3400-3500 Blks. Hillen Road Parkway.....	52
4500-4600 Blks. Roland Ave. Parkway.....	3
900 Blk. W. University Parkway.....	1
Druid Park Dr. at Towanda Ave. — P.S. #18.....	5
Druid Hill Park — South Side Druid Park Drive, West of Green Spring Ave. Ent.....	5
Eutaw Place — Opposite 2000-1901-1500-1325.....	4
TOTAL PLANTED.....	77

In 1958 the Ten Hills Association donated 40 Pink Dogwood Trees for planting along the Edmondson Avenue Parkway. This project was then completed in 1959 when an additional 40 White Dogwoods were donated by the Association and planted in March of the year.

At the Flag House, 7 big leaf Magnolia were donated by Mrs. Alexander Jenkins and planted to replace similar trees lost in the lawn area. This planting was completed on April 1st.

During the summer months, the efforts of the Forestry Division were directed to removing crowns of elm trees infected with Dutch Elm Disease. This action was deemed essential to eliminate material harboring large numbers of immature bark beetles. This material was then destroyed by burning. All standing trunks of elm trees were thoroughly sprayed with a 12% DDT emulsion to destroy emerging bark beetles prior to their removal during the winter months.

In November the planting of 19 specimen trees in the government area downtown was begun. This was the initial planting of 115 trees in a program instituted by the Planning Council of the Greater Baltimore Committee for the area bound by Fallsway on the east, Lexington Street on the north, St. Paul Street on the west and Fayette Street on the south. The trees planted consisted of 6 Sycamore maples in the 200 block Holiday Street, 4 Green Ash in the 300 block E. Lexington Street, 2 Willow Oak in the 200 block E. Lexington Street, 4 Willow Oak in the 300 block E. Fayette Street and 3 Willow Oak in the 100 block Guilford Avenue.

The trees were planted in pits 4' x 4' x 4' from which all earth and rubble were removed. A 6" layer of crushed stone was placed in the pit and then a backfill added of top soil mixed 8 to 2 with peat moss. The 15 foot trees with soil balls of 36" were placed in the prepared holes and sections of orangeburg fiber pipe filled with gravel installed in the corner of each pit. The pipe was perforated to facilitate the distribution of water and liquid fertilizer during the development of the trees.

To reduce settling of the top soil, the mixture was rammed during the filling of the pit. After 6 weeks, the surface of the tree openings were covered using cut granite block with 1/2 inch joints. The joints were left unfilled to facilitate the entrance of water and air. The trees were not staked or guyed as the stability was firm.

This tree planting project was accomplished with the full cooperation of the Bureau of Highways who prepared the openings, provided the top soil and peat moss mixture, and laid the granite block surface at the completion of the installation.

It is anticipated that the planting of trees in the downtown area will be resumed in the spring of 1960.

At Cylburn Park representative specimens of native and exotic trees growing in the Wild Flower Preserve were identified and labeled. This program was accomplished with the cooperation of the Cylburn Wild Flower Preserve and Garden Center. Dead and dying trees adjoining the Trails were removed and selected specimen trees transplanted to more desirable locations.



In April, 30 flowering crab trees were planted in Western Run Park between Labyrinth and Strathmore Roads. These trees were supplied by the Western Run Association and augmented flowering cherry and golden willow trees being planted by the Forestry Division.

### **Systematic Pruning of Elms**

With the use of the two HIRANGERS purchased by the Bureau of Highways, the division was able to continue the systematic pruning of elm trees. This long desired program is directed to the elimination of deadwood from elm trees on a universal basis. During 1959 2,128 elm trees were pruned at 144 locations throughout the city. Also in a further effort to control Dutch Elm Disease, dormant spraying of elm trees for the control of elm bark beetles, vector of the disease, was continued during 1959 and a total of 2,324 elm trees were sprayed at 108 locations.

The stock account inventory of trees at the Crimea Nursery on October 31 consisted of 84 American beech, 63 Chinese Chestnut, 74 Hornbeam, 173 Oaks of several varieties, and 234 Japanese Zelkovas. In addition to the formal stock, a number of other varieties were growing in this nursery and consisted of trees too small for planting or being held as potential replacements for loss on the public highway. The cultivation of trees in the nursery made possible the use of stock heavier than 8/10' when balled and burlapped trees were required for highway or park planting.

For the municipal Christmas tree, a 60 foot Red Cedar was purchased at Glen Arm, Maryland and erected in City Hall Plaza. As in past years, this project was accomplished by the combined efforts of the Bureau of Parks Forestry Division, Fire Department and the Bureau of Highways. The tree was hauled from its site and erected by the Forestry Division, decorated by the Communication Bureau of the Fire Department, and the fence installed by the Bureau of Highways Maintenance Division.

For the Christmas Season, evergreen trees and boughs were delivered to 9 organizations and 6 trees were erected in the public parks. These erection locations were Memorial Stadium, Washington Monument, Fairmount Park, Main Office Building, and Cylburn Mansion.

At the request of the Bureau of Purchases, the Forestry Division supplied Christmas trees and decorations for all bureaus and departments. This operation was on a C.W.O. basis and required 172 Christmas trees, 450 yards White Pine roping, 24 wreaths and one 23 foot spruce tree. The latter was delivered to Friendship International Airport. This method of purchase and distribution met with the approval of the various bureaus and provided desired decorations for the holiday period with a minimum of effort.

The census of trees on the public highway that was begun in 1956 was concluded during the year. The file now consists of 18,000 cards describing the size, species, number and condition of the trees in a street block. The reverse of the card contains headings for removing,

planting and pruning entries that will enable the census to be maintained on a current basis. On July 1, 1959 the census of trees were as follows: elms 9,364, maples 28,370, oaks 2,039, planes 13,960, ashes 2,045, linden 4,148, poplar 3,041, mixed species 5,647. The total being 68,614. Also noted by the census was the fact that 4,650 street blocks did not contain trees. This count is not final as the number of street blocks continues to increase and a number of streets still remain to be included.

The mechanical equipment of the Division on December 31, 1959 consisted of 2 automobiles, 4 light duty trucks, 5 heavy duty trucks, 2 HIRANGERS (40 ft.), 2 trailers, 4 portable electric generators with saws and flood lites, 2 mist blowers, 1-400 gallon hydraulic sprayer skid mounted, 1 soil shredder, 1 heavy duty truck with brush chipper powered by an industrial engine, and 3 trailer mounted brush chippers.

The addition of a 3rd brush chipper and a vehicle designed to receive chips and to dump the chips with the use of a conventional hydraulic hoist made a most significant improvement in the operation of the division. This equipment doubled the number of loads of chips produced and hence reduced the time and effort consumed by dump burning.

The 3 brush chippers produced 604 loads of chips of an average of 200 cubic feet per load for an aggregate of 120,800 cubic feet of chips. This material was stored at the Bare Hills Quarry and adjoining Stony Run in Wyman Park to await decomposition. Chips were also delivered directly to locations specified by the Horticulturist and by District Superintendent for mulching beds, covering fill areas and as temporary paths.

A total of 4,351 stakes (367 ea. 3" x 3" x 9' and 3,984 ea. 2" x 2" x 8') were received from the Bureau of Water Supply as partial exchange for an estimated 31,000 board feet of lumber acquired from 127 salvaged logs during tree removal operations. These logs resulted from removing operations in the parks that were necessitated by trees dying, lightning damage or wind storms.

The program of performing tree maintenance with the street block as the basic unit was continued in 1959. In the Ashburton and Homeland sections this concept was extended to the entire area and produced tree maintenance of the highest quality. All phases of tree maintenance were on a current basis during the year. The tree nursery at Crimea was improved by better drainage and additional planting space. A greater use of wire caging to protect newly planted trees was made possible thru the purchase of turkey wire in quantity.

The pruning of trees to improve the radiation of street lighting from the taller and improved lamp standards was performed immediately upon receiving the request from the Street Lighting Division as was the cutting of roots for the installation of footways.

The size of trees planted in the parks was increased by digging stock balled and burlapped in the nursery. This program assured a higher percentage of survival and mature trees at an earlier date. Trees of 2" to 4" caliper were used for this planting.

The tables which follow provide a detailed resume of some of the major activities of the Forestry Division for the year.

### Recapitulation of Operations

#### TREES PRUNED

	1959	1958	1957
Parks.....	1,501	1,773	1,065
Highways.....	7,002	5,565	5,649
Total.....	8,503	7,338	6,714

#### TREES PLANTED

Parks.....	249	128	349
Highways.....	2,048	379	2,008
Total.....	2,297	507	2,357

#### TREES REMOVED

Parks.....	533	822	407
Highways.....	651	790	1,004
Total.....	1,184	1,612	1,411

Additional Street Trees Removed by Bureau of Highways Contract  
#T-11 & #T-12..... 748

#### TREES SPRAYED

Parks.....	2,025	1,407	1,236
Highways.....	8,677	6,666	5,501
Total.....	10,702	8,073	6,737

#### TREES REPAIRED

Parks.....	38	34	64
Highways.....	90	188	166
Total.....	128	222	210

#### STUMPS REMOVED

Parks.....	44	123	76
Highways.....	13	21	27
Total.....	57	144	103

## 12. HORTICULTURAL DIVISION

(MR. G. J. MOUDRY, *Park Horticulturist*)

On January 1, 1959, the Horticultural Division was officially organized and immediately assumed the responsibilities of operating the various greenhouses in the districts, as well as planting and maintaining

all flower beds and shrubbery within the Park System. At the same time, in order to get the new division under way, greenhouse personnel and equipment were transferred to the control of the Park Horticulturist; and Cylburn Park, which was formerly in the Druid Hill District, was assigned to the new division as the center of its activities. The choice of Cylburn Park as the horticultural center was quite natural since it is the site of a Wildflower Preserve and Garden Center and in addition provides sufficient area not only for the new greenhouses which are currently being constructed but for future expansion.

The consolidation of all horticultural activities under one division allows for a uniform program and will eventually result in a more efficient operation as the aging greenhouses in the districts are abandoned. At present there are three groups of these houses located in Carroll, Clifton and Druid Hill Parks with the Druid Hill group including a conservatory. Under present plans, the greenhouses in Carroll will probably be the first to be abandoned, followed by the Clifton group. Because of the conservatory and excellent condition of the Druid Hill houses, this installation will undoubtedly be the last to go and will remain in operation until a new conservatory can be constructed at Cylburn Park. The shifting of the horticultural activities to Cylburn is being made possible by the construction of six new aluminum and glass greenhouses along with a concrete block service building in the Park. The erection of the houses is being carried on primarily by our Construction Division and the project is expected to be completed in 1960.



*New Greenhouses—Cylburn Park*

Immediately after appointment as Park Horticulturist in December, 1958, Mr. Moudry began a survey of the flower beds and shrubbery in the Parks. As a result of this study there were various changes made to the existing program in that some beds were discontinued because of repeated vandalism, as well as problems of maintenance, and other beds enlarged to give a maximum showing with the material available. At the end of the year there were 133 flower beds maintained in the bureau distributed as follows:

Stadium.....	4	Gwynns Falls.....	36
Clifton.....	19	Carroll.....	13
Druid Hill.....	38	Cylburn.....	1
Patterson.....	22		

In addition to the above beds, two rose gardens, one-half acre in Clifton and one acre in Druid Hill Park, were also maintained.

During the year, the Horticultural Division assisted in many of the landscaping projects being carried on in the Bureau. For this purpose, in addition to the regular greenhouse contingent, a landscaping section was organized and proved of great value in the proper planting and locating of the material used. Some of the projects for which this section was utilized included landscaping at Pine Ridge around the club house, parking lot and entrance; replacing the planting at Mount Vernon Place with 208 evergreen privets and spreading yews from our nursery in Clifton Park; and renovating the planting at Eutaw Place which had been destroyed by vandalism and abuse.

The activities at the greenhouses were conducted at a high level during the year and a total of over 100,000 bedding plants, which are used in the various flower beds throughout the Bureau, were produced. Some of the varieties grown included cannas, scarlet sage, vinca, marigolds, petunias and various types of border plants. During the fall months, over 15,000 assorted evergreen and flowering shrubs including azaleas and such unusual species as the Japanese Pagoda Tree and the Hedge Maple were propagated in the greenhouses and will be lined out in the nurseries during the spring of 1960 for eventual planting throughout the parks. The Easter Show at the Druid Hill Greenhouses featuring an unusually beautiful display of lilies, tulips, hyacinths and tropical plants attracted approximately 5,000 visitors who commented very favorably on the show.

The facilities of the Cylburn Mansion were made available to various garden clubs and during the year a total of 93 meetings were held by these organizations with an attendance of approximately 3,040 persons. Thirteen of the meetings included flower shows, which are open to the public and which give the organization an opportunity to demonstrate various elements involved in flower arrangement.

### 13. POLICE DIVISION

(CAPTAIN GORDON GAENG, *Commanding*)

During 1959 the Park Police Division continued the policing of the entire park system which encompasses locations throughout the City of Baltimore, Baltimore and Anne Arundel Counties.

In order to accomplish the policing of these park properties, the personnel roster consisted of the following in 1959: 1 Captain; 5 Lieutenants; 12 Sergeants; 102 Patrolmen; 3 Senior Clerks; 1 Auto-Motorcycle Mechanic; 1 Mechanic's Helper — totaling 125.

Personnel turnover in 1959 was extremely gratifying since only five vacancies occurred for various reasons. These vacancies were promptly filled in order to keep the Division at its full strength for its tremendous task. All newly appointed probationary patrolmen attended the training school and were thoroughly coached in the details of police work before being assigned to regular duty.

Police Division operational equipment included 12 radio cars, 19 motorcycles, 2 trucks and 3 rescue boats, all of which were kept in excellent condition by the Division's repair shop located in Clifton Park.

The paragraphs to follow shall contain mainly statistical data concerning the activities of the Police Division. However, it is impossible to record the tremendous deterrent effect uniform police officers in our parks have on would-be law breakers. It is also difficult to estimate the public assistance performed by these officers in addition to their traffic assignments, policing of special events, and reporting of conditions in the park systems needing maintenance attention.

**a. Arrests for Park Rule Violations and Criminal Acts**

During 1959, there were 735 arrests for violations of park rules and criminal acts. The arrests were made in nearly every piece of park property in our system showing an excellent patrol coverage of our property. 135 arrests were made at Patterson Park, 103 at Druid Hill Park and 70 at Memorial Stadium. Approximately 70% of arrests made are during the months April to September when activities in the parks are at their maximum. It is for this reason, the Division has restricted vacation leave for its personnel during the months of July and August. Arrests for these two months totaled 205. There were 35 types of arrests ranging from disturbing the peace to bribing an officer. The great majority of arrests were for violators of park rules, but also charges of assault, burglary, robbery, larceny and many others were involved. Total of fines levied for these offenses was \$7,080.00.

**b. Arrests for Violation of Traffic Regulations**

A total of 1,217 arrests for traffic violations were made, the great majority of which (639) were made in Druid Hill Park. 190 took place in Clifton Park, 97 in Wyman Park, 71 in Carroll Park, and the rest scattered throughout the park system. Violations were many and varied with parking violations totaling 488, reckless driving (mostly accident charges) at 153 and excessive speed charges at 116.

**c. Other Cases Handled Involving No Arrests**

During 1959, 3,334 additional cases requiring police action and the filing of the attendant report were handled by the Park Police. These included all complaint reports, lost children, mental cases, lost and found reports, missing persons, etc.

Of utmost importance were the assignment to special events of park police details. It is estimated that 2,126,000 persons attended the 630 events to which our police were assigned. This includes the details at Memorial Stadium and the Zoo.

It has been the aim of the Park Police Division to cooperate to the fullest extent with all other police organizations, municipal departments and sister Bureau of Parks Divisions. The success of the Park Police in this respect can be attested to by many letters of commendation and praise on file at their Headquarters.

#### 14. MEMORIAL STADIUM

(MR. DOUGLAS S. TAWNEY, *Manager*)

The year 1959 produced the greatest revenue in the history of the Baltimore Memorial Stadium with total cash income reaching \$420,101.12 as well as property accrual values of \$24,277.00.

In addition, the Stadium receipts exceeded operation expenses by \$112,476.74 representing the largest operational gain (not including debt retirement and interest) yet recorded, the previous high being in 1950 when a gain of \$64,951.19 was posted. In this connection, it should be pointed out that the figures quoted in this report are in an accrual rather than cash basis as maintained by the City Bureau of Accounts and Disbursements and also certain items of overhead, such as social security tax, are not included. Our figures are kept on an accrual basis since this allows a more accurate comparison of earnings from year to year.

The revenue and operating cost charts in this report include a full Season of Ice Rink operation (January through March, 1959 and December, 1959) so that the entire Stadium operation is reflected in the statistics to follow:

##### a. Details of Stadium Revenue and Attendance Including Ice Rink

<i>Type of Event</i>	<i>No. of Uses</i>	<i>Gross Attendance</i>	<i>Rental Revenue</i>	<i>Concession Revenue</i>
Professional Baseball.....	66	1,007,508	\$119,206.47	\$ 66,932.80
Amateur Baseball.....	1	3,286	354.74	363.00
Professional Football.....	9	471,562	75,632.70	31,628.79
Holiday On Ice Show.....	7	47,165	11,250.00	3,263.62
Fireworks — July 4th.....	1	29,453	1,000.00	1,267.58
Drum Corps Contest.....	1	6,819	750.00	248.77
Dick Clark Show.....	1	7,663	2,000.00	466.98
Navy Football.....	1	19,501	5,870.00	1,521.98
Morgan College Football....	1	4,649	1,923.00	229.76
Oklahoma Show.....	1	12,757	—	472.32
Music Concert.....	1	8,000	—	57.54
Teachers Meeting.....	1	5,500	—	15.63
Pet Show Finals.....	1	500	—	10.46
Easter Sunrise.....	1	9,000	—	—
High School Football.....	2	34,158	350.00	1,513.37
TOTALS.....	95	1,667,521	\$218,336.91	\$107,992.60

Total Rental Revenue.....	\$218,336.91
Total Concession Revenue.....	107,992.60
Sale of Utilities.....	14,894.20
Parking Lot License.....	9,956.00
Rental of Office Space.....	3,345.00
Donation by Board of Recreation and Parks (Interfaith) . .	4,894.52
Advertising (Clock).....	1,500.00
Telephone Commissions.....	1,206.83
Parking Revenue Share.....	16,981.03
Ice Rink Admissions (65,351 persons) .	33,926.00
Ice Rink Concessions.....	7,068.03

TOTAL 1959 STADIUM REVENUE  
INCLUDING ICE RINK RECEIPTS.. \$420,101.12

**b. Revenue and Cost Comparisons — 1954-1959**

<i>Year</i>	<i>Uses</i>	<i>Attendance</i>	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Expense</i>	<i>Gain</i>	<i>Loss</i>
1954	106	1,507,505	\$230,622.20	\$241,390.12		\$10,767.92
1955	106	1,452,172	254,652.69	234,636.67	\$ 20,016.02	
1956	95	1,532,011	258,486.96	235,827.66	22,659.30	
1957	121	2,045,367	297,449.38	244,521.23	52,928.15	
1958	95	1,569,859	296,240.73	270,653.81	25,586.92	
1959	95	1,667,521	420,101.12	307,624.38	112,476.74	

**c. Statement of Stadium Operating Expenses (Excluding Ice Rink Expenditures)**

Operating Management Expenses.....	\$ 37,540.27
Operating Expenses.....	188,985.60
Stadium Repairs.....	46,456.10

TOTAL EXPENSES..... \$272,981.97

*Year 1959*

Total Revenue.....	\$379,107.09
Total Expenses.....	272,981.97

GAIN ON OPERATION —  
STADIUM..... \$106,125.12

**d. Statement of Ice Rink Operating Expenses**

Operating Expenses.....	\$ 32,977.37
Ice Rink Repairs.....	1,665.04

TOTAL EXPENSES..... \$ 34,642.41

*Year 1959*

Total Revenue.....	\$ 40,994.03
Total Expenses.....	34,642.41

GAIN ON OPERATION..... \$ 6,351.62



It is to be noted in the Revenue chart that 1,667,521 persons patronized the Stadium during the year. The outstanding event, of course, was the National Football League Championship game between the Baltimore Colts and the New York Giants on December 27th which attracted nationwide attention and was witnessed by millions of televiewers. In addition to the regular professional football and baseball games played at the Stadium, many extra events were booked, such as the Holiday on Ice Show, The Dick Clark Show, The Drum Corps Contest and the Variety Bowl Football game, all of which add to Stadium Revenue and contribute largely to operational profits.

A comparison of Stadium Costs including debt retirement and interest on loan funds against Stadium Revenue including property value accruals follows:

<b>Stadium Costs — 1959</b>	<b>Stadium Revenue — 1959</b>
Operating, Maintenance and Management..... \$307,624.38	Stadium Revenue..... \$420,101.12
Debt Retirement (Stadium) . 225,000.00	Under contract with the Balti- more Orioles, 1/18 of the total value of \$50,000.00 expended for the construc- tion of the Oriole offices be- comes the property of the City each year..... 2,777.00
Interest on Loans (Stadium) . 86,000.00	Under contract with the Spencer Display Corpora- tion, 1/8 of the total value of \$172,000.00 expended for the Stadium scoreboards becomes the property of the City each year..... 21,500.00
Capital Improvements:	
Debt Retirement (Ice Rink) 2,238.38	
Interest on Loan (Ice Rink) 6,350.00	
TOTAL STADIUM COSTS, 1959..... \$627,212.76	TOTAL STADIUM REVENUE, 1959..... \$444,378.12

Thus, for a net cost of \$182,834.64 in 1959 the City of Baltimore by its operation of the Baltimore Memorial Stadium derived the following benefits:

1. Provided wholesome entertainment for a total attendance of 1,667,521 patrons.
2. Directly created an expenditure of an estimated \$15,000,000 in the Baltimore area in connection with Stadium events. Resultant employment and benefits flowing therefrom are difficult to estimate, but of prime importance.
3. National prestige and advertisement for Baltimore City by the presentation of Major League Baseball, Professional Football, major College Football games and other outstanding Stadium attractions. This is particularly the case in 1959 since the Colts won the World's Professional Championship before a TV audience of over 60,000,000 persons.

4. Not to be overlooked in the financial picture is the growing value of the Stadium. Constructed at a cost of \$6,000,000.00, our plant could not be duplicated today at costs of \$7,000,000.00 or more. Other cities have cost estimates of \$8,000,000.00 and upward for a similar plant.

Prospects for further narrowing the gap between Revenue and Costs are good. Now awaiting approval is a new lease with the Baltimore Colts doubling the rental which terms would be retroactive to 1959. The sum involved would be approximately \$65,000.00 which will probably be paid and deposited in 1960 and will appear as revenue for that year.

In addition to the events held within the Stadium itself, the Annual Christmas Tree Sale and parking for 32 special bus excursions originated from the Stadium and 4 safety demonstrations were all permitted on the parking lots.

Also, the Stadium Auditorium and other meeting rooms were used 479 times in 1959 at an average of 50 persons per meeting, totaling 23,750 persons.

No major capital improvements were made in 1959, but maintenance work on the entire Stadium and its environs was continual in order to keep the plant in first-class condition and attractive.

With a view to the future, a five acre area in Graham Park was cultivated and seeded for possible use as a source of sod for the Stadium field construction in future years.

It is unfortunate that no further budget progress was made on the improvement of Venable Park. The conversion of this area to be a paved parking-recreational area could give the City added revenue of \$50,000.00 per year.

## 15. ZOO DIVISION

(MR. ARTHUR R. WATSON, *Director*)

During 1959, work proceeded within the framework of the Zoo Master Plan in that construction continued on the conversion of the heavy-hoofed animal pens in the Zoo proper to the wading bird exhibit. Also, considerable progress was made on the goat island. Both of these exhibits are nearing completion and should be ready in 1960. Detailed description of the work on the Master Plan can be found in the Departmental report.

Although it is difficult to state exactly what Zoo attendance is in a given year, it should be noted that actual turnstile count in the Bird Exhibit and Mammal House totaled 529,985. With the increase of attractive units of the Zoo being created under the Master Plan, it is conceivable that Zoo attendance in the future could easily run well over 1,000,000 visitors annually.

One of the outstanding services of the Zoo, of course, is the educational visits, lectures, and guided tours conducted by Zoo personnel. Mr. Arthur Watson, Zoo Director, made many appearances on radio and television and as a lecturer for various clubs. All of this activity makes the public aware of our Zoo and its facilities.

Of particular significance administratively during 1959, was the formulation, in cooperation with the City of Baltimore Safety Division, of detailed arrangements for the handling of snakebite cases. This program included a restocking of an up-to-date supply of all available snakebite antisera, a course in snakebite first aid, and arrangements with Mercy Hospital for quick handling of any snakebite cases which might occur.

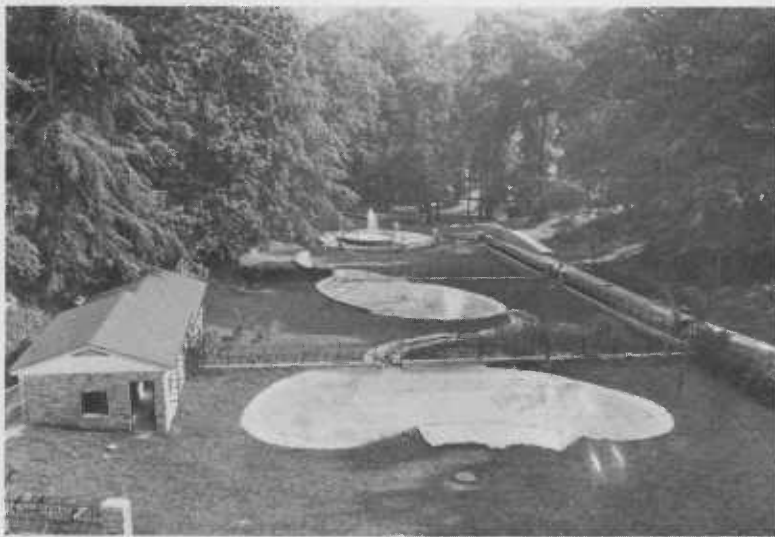
At the end of the year the collection at the Zoo consisted of specimens representing 346 species distributed as follows:

	<i>Species</i>	<i>Specimens</i>
Mammals.....	121	459
Birds.....	148	364
Reptiles.....	77	119
TOTAL.....	346	942

(NOTE: The list of specimens does not include more than one pair of common domestic animals.)

New acquisitions during 1959 included one pair of Saddlebilled Storks, one pair of Marabou Storks, six Abdim Storks, one pair of Stanley Cranes, one Lilliford Crane and Two pairs of West African Crowned Cranes in the Bird Section. The Reptile Section added a 10 foot King Cobra and a pair of Habu snakes, the latter being a considerable rarity in a zoological collection.

As in all years, there were numerous donations of specimens to the Zoo, mostly small birds, monkeys and other common animals. In addition to these however, were rock apes donated by the Governor of Gibraltar and Wallabys donated by the News-Post and Sunday American Carriers.



*New Wading Bird Exhibit—Baltimore Zoo*

Other than the construction work on the master plan, it is difficult to cite express major construction or maintenance developments. However, it must be remembered that there are a large number of minor maintenance problems which occur daily and are remedied by the Zoo maintenance force with special aid from the Druid Hill and Construction Divisions. In addition, the care and feeding of all the animals in the Zoological collection is an extensive one involving a great deal of trained personnel. It is extremely difficult to obtain experienced people for this work, so that those persons who are employed as keepers must be trained by the Zoo supervisory force.

During the year, the personnel assigned to the Zoo Division consisted of the following:

1 Zoo Manager	4 Watchmen
2 Principal Animal Keepers	1 Custodial Worker (Male)
3 Senior Animal Keepers	1 Zoo Maintenance Foreman
25 Animal Keepers	1 Senior Clerk Typist

It is to be noted that 1959 was the first full year of operation of our Waterfowl Lake which had been converted from the Boat Lake. Given isolated nesting sites and good ground cover, the waterfowl responded as expected and breeding proceeded at a satisfactory rate. Produced were 35 specimens of Redhead, Mandarin and Wood Ducks, a pair of European Shelduck-Egyptiana Goose crosses and a single male African Shell duck. Based on current prices, the value of this hatch totaled \$765.00.

In an effort to make the collection as varied and interesting as possible, the Zoo continued its endeavor to increase the variety of species without merely attempting to overload a specimen inventory. In this way, existing and planned exhibit space can best be utilized to afford the public the maximum enjoyment in Baltimore's Zoological Collection.

## 16. GOLF COURSES

The 1959 attendance of 247,660 rounds was the highest yet recorded, surpassing the previous high set in 1953 by some 28,632 rounds. This increase can be attributed in part to the opening of the new Pine Ridge Golf Course which helped relieve the congestion on the other municipal courses, also to the Reserve Starting Time System which the Bureau has used since 1952 and which assures a player of a definite tee time on weekends and holidays and finally to the tremendous growth in popularity of golf during the past few years.

A comparison of the attendance, revenue and operating cost at each course for 1959 is compared with the operation in 1958 in the chart that follows:

	<i>Rounds</i>	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Operating Cost</i>
Carroll.....	44,991	\$ 25,851.65	\$ 42,163.11
Clifton.....	56,378	61,968.75	49,110.42
Forest Park.....	54,078	57,651.85	59,978.53
Mt. Pleasant.....	57,845	77,517.50	63,726.13
Pine Ridge.....	34,368	74,645.00	144,071.79
TOTAL 1959.....	247,660	\$297,634.75	\$359,049.98
		Operating Deficit.....	61,415.23
TOTAL 1958.....	195,964	\$209,240.05	\$258,973.94
		Operating Deficit.....	49,733.89

During 1959 the big news in golf was the opening of the new Pine Ridge Golf Course at Loch Raven on Sunday, April 5. Preceding the opening to the public, a celebrity invitational round was held on Friday, April 3, and the formal dedication on Saturday, April 4. After the dedication ceremony, the course was opened to the public without charge for the remainder of the day.

Pine Ridge represents one of the first times that a watershed area has been used for this type of recreation and it has been demonstrated accordingly that a golf course will act effectively to prevent erosion and to maintain the sanitary standards required in this type of area.

Pine Ridge has also proven to be a very popular course among local players and certainly with the breathless views and superb landscaping it is considered one of the most picturesque municipal courses in the country. To show that it also presents a challenge as a golf layout, a compilation of the scores turned in at the 10th Annual Eastern Open was made and the results are as follows:

### ANALYSIS OF SCORES 10th Annual Eastern Open

<i>Hole</i>	<i>Par</i>	<i>Dist.</i>	<i>Total Scores</i>	<i>Number of Scores</i>			<i>Average Strokes</i>
				<i>Under</i>	<i>Par</i>	<i>Over</i>	
1	4	463	398	17	220	161	4.4221
2	4	430	397	44	257	96	4.1537
3	4	383	396	50	246	100	4.1440
4	3	190	397	28	277	92	3.1814
5	5	563	399	61	255	83	5.0727
6	4	402	396	40	272	84	4.1288
7	4	336	397	64	255	78	4.0504
8	3	190	397	14	245	138	3.3728
9	5	540	393	115	238	40	4.8244
10	4	375	396	40	247	109	4.1970
11	4	413	395	43	278	74	4.1139
12	5	507	397	195	184	18	4.5390
13	4	400	394	28	260	106	4.2614
14	3	185	396	39	255	102	3.1843
15	4	426	394	25	225	144	4.3325
16	4	327	390	83	255	52	3.9359
17	3	167	388	46	269	73	3.0902
18	5	523	390	121	238	31	4.7718
			7110	1053	4476	1581	73.7763

As is customary the public golf courses were utilized for various tournaments during 1959. Chief among these were the Ninth Annual Hole-In-One Tournament held at the Mt. Pleasant Golf Course from Wednesday, July 22 through Sunday, July 26 and the three day Public Links Medal Play Tournament. The hole-in-one event which is jointly sponsored by the News-Post and the Baltimore Golf Association featured the largest array of prizes in the history of the tournament including \$1,000 in golf gift certificates, 13 trophies, 200 special awards and the standing \$100 prize awaiting all acemakers. A record number of golfers — 5,806 to be exact — competed in this year's tournament and the proceeds of \$2,904.00 were divided among the Wounded Veterans' Fund and public links projects.

The Baltimore Golf Association's Public Links championship was played at Forest Park on Saturday, September 5, Mt. Pleasant on September 6 and the final round at Clifton on Labor Day, September 7. The 211 man field was divided into five classes according to age and ability — championship, A. B. C. Flights and Senior Division.

### Eastern Invitational Open Golf Tournament

Because of the construction work going on at the Mt. Pleasant Golf Course, the 10th Annual Eastern Open Tournament was transferred to a new location for the first time since its inception in 1950. The selection of the Pine Ridge Course as the new site for the tournament was quite natural because of its great beauty and the widespread interest everyone felt in the new course. That the course held up under championship play is attested by the figures previously quoted and it is interesting to note that the average round posted by the pro's was 73.8 as compared to par 72.

The 1959 tournament was again sponsored solely by the City of Baltimore with Mr. Charles A. (Gus) Hook providing able guidance as Tournament Chairman. The event was adjudged a success by all involved and according to the City Auditor's report, with an increase in the season ticket sales from 609 in 1958 to 2,125 in 1959, showed a net gain to the City of \$2,118.61 for the first time in its history.

The 10th Eastern Open was won by 23 year old Dave Ragan with a 72 hole score of 273, one stroke ahead of Gene Littler who set the pace for the first half of the event. Littler, who set the course record of 65 on the first day of play, started the final round tied with Ragan, but on the fourteenth hole, a three-putt green cost him a stroke and the tournament.

The roll of winners of the Eastern Open now reads as follows:

1950 — Mt. Pleasant	Lloyd Mangrum .....	279
1951 — Mt. Pleasant	Cary Middlecoff .....	279
1952 — Mt. Pleasant	Sam Snead .....	275
1953 — Mt. Pleasant	Dick Mayer .....	279

1954 — Mt. Pleasant	Bob Toski.....	277
1955 — Mt. Pleasant	Frank Stranahan.....	280
1956 — Mt. Pleasant	Arnold Palmer.....	277
1957 — Mt. Pleasant	Tommy Bolt.....	276
1958 — Mt. Pleasant	*Art Wall, Jr.....	276
	Bob Rosburg.....	276
	Jack Burke.....	276
1959 — Pine Ridge	Dave Ragan.....	273

\* Won playoff.

Many people volunteer their time and resources to help make the Eastern Open the outstanding event that it is and without their cooperation, our Bureau would find the operation of the tournament extremely difficult. It is a distinct pleasure to take this opportunity to thank all of these people and at the same time to express our gratitude to the Administration, to the various municipal agencies and to the members of this department for their generous contributions to the success of the tournament.

## 17. SWIMMING POOLS AND BATHING BEACHES

Because of the favorable weather during the 1959 season, the six municipal pools were able to operate a combined total of 67 additional days over 1958 resulting in an increase of 21,432 in total attendance. On a per pool-per day basis however, the average attendance dropped from 521 patrons in 1958 to 484 patrons in 1959.

Our swimming season regularly extends from the first Sunday after school closes through Labor Day and accordingly, during 1959, the pools were opened from June 20 through September 7. Our pools were again operated without any unusual or exceptional incident occurring and as in the past they were utilized for various swimming meets conducted by the Bureau of Recreation and the South Atlantic Association. Learn-to-Swim classes were again offered at the pools this year as a regular part of the Bureau of Recreation's summer schedule of activities.

In the charts which follow, the attendance, revenue and operating expense at each pool for 1959 is compared with the operation in 1958.

<i>Pool Location</i>	<i>Days Open</i>	<i>Patrons 1959</i>	<i>Revenue 1959</i>	<i>Cost 1959</i>
Cherry Hill.....	67	16,881	\$ 2,851.15	\$13,380.19
Clifton.....	64	30,334	7,191.00	17,061.88
Druid Hill.....	65	34,638	8,402.10	15,042.14
Patterson.....	64	57,233	10,004.40	17,940.59
Riverside.....	63	34,422	6,073.05	11,053.41
Roosevelt.....	66	15,733	2,838.20	7,477.44
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>189,241</b>	<b>\$37,359.90</b>	<b>\$81,955.65</b>

<i>Pool Location</i>	<i>Days Open</i>	<i>Patrons 1958</i>	<i>Revenue 1958</i>	<i>Cost 1958</i>
Cherry Hill.....	56	12,501	\$ 2,085.60	\$11,364.15
Clifton.....	54	28,232	5,809.85	14,781.04
Druid Hill.....	56	31,890	7,696.15	14,080.16
Patterson.....	56	50,114	8,136.95	19,358.37
Riverside.....	53	30,134	4,709.85	13,421.90
Roosevelt.....	57	14,938	2,559.85	7,264.18
TOTALS.....	322	167,809	\$30,998.25	\$80,269.80

Permission was again accorded to the Y.W.C.A. to conduct their Day Camp for youngsters from the inner-city area at Pool #2 in Druid Hill Park. All expenses incidental to the use of this facility were paid by the "Y" under the agreement with our Board.

### Fort Smallwood

Fort Smallwood Park comprises 100 acres of wooded areas and beaches on the Chesapeake Bay at the mouth of the Patapsco River and Rock Creek. The park is located in Anne Arundel County approximately twenty miles from Baltimore City and offers two bathing beaches, two playgrounds and 136 picnic groves for the relaxation and enjoyment of its patrons.

During 1959, our Board established a parking charge of three dollars per bus, fifty cents per car and twenty-five cents per motorcycle at Fort Smallwood in order to increase the revenue realized from this facility. The parking charge was placed in effect on April 1, 1959 and ran through the month of October. The operation proved very profitable with receipts amounting to \$17,736.64 derived from 22 motorcycles, 32,050 cars and 561 buses.

The following chart compares attendance, revenue and cost of operating the beach and park for the years 1959 and 1958.

	<i>Beach Attendance</i>	<i>Park Attendance</i>	<i>Concession Revenue</i>	<i>Parking Revenue</i>
1959.....	57,684	194,844	\$4,976.66	\$17,736.64
1958.....	58,612	237,308	\$5,213.79	None

The combined cost of operating the park and bathing beaches at Fort Smallwood in 1959 was \$34,105.72 as compared to \$33,464.82 in 1958.

## 18. LAWN DEVELOPMENT

One of the primary responsibilities of the five Park Districts and the Stadium is the proper development and conditioning of the lawn areas under their control. This responsibility requires constant attention



and the effects of adverse weather condition must be combated by proper turf management. The program includes not only treatment with fertilizer, top soil, seed and lime but proper and frequent mowing during the growing season and leaf raking in the Fall since a covering of leaves is both unattractive and harmful to the health of the grass if allowed to remain for any extended period of time.

The tremendous accomplishment under this program can be appreciated when it is realized that Park Property totals some 5,643.40 acres including such problem areas as golf courses, Stadium and other athletic fields, and center parking on the highways. The latter presents a particularly difficult and costly problem because of the fact that the areas involved are not concentrated but consist of narrow extended strips of turf. To indicate the scope of our lawn development and maintenance operation, the following chart is presented showing material used during 1959.

<i>District</i>	<i>Cu. Yds. Topsoil</i>	<i>Tons of Fertilizer</i>	<i>Pounds of Grass Seed</i>	<i>Tons of Lime</i>	<i>Tons of Manure</i>	<i>Sq. Ft. Sod</i>
Carroll.....	484	20	1,600	1.0	—	5,500
Clifton.....	689	28	1,469	20.0	—	—
Druid Hill.....	884	70	2,985	4.6	510	65,000
Gwynns Falls.....	1,235	26	661	2.5	—	65,000
Patterson.....	380	12	700	—	—	13,500
Horticulture.....	142	7	150	—	—	—
Stadium.....	100	6	1,000	—	—	75,000
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>3,914</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>8,565</b>	<b>28.1</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>224,000</b>

### **Facilities**

In addition to the accomplishments of the five Park Districts cited in the preceding sections, the Bureau continued its regular maintenance of its varied properties including buildings, shelters, fieldhouses, Baltimore Memorial Stadium, Stadium Ice Rink, Riding Academies, Bridle paths, roads, paths, walkways, pavilions, band stands, garages, athletic fields, lawns, tennis courts, comfort stations, boat piers, swimming pools, bathing beaches, playgrounds and equipment, golf courses, drinking fountains, flower beds, trees and shrubbery, Wild flower preserve, fireplaces, picnic grounds, greenhouses, Zoological buildings and cages and all monuments located in the City.

As will be shown in the lists that follow the Bureau offers to the public facilities for a large variety of activities. In addition, the Bureau also provides for those not able to participate in such active diversions, scenic areas, walk ways, benches for relaxation, picnic areas, band stands, natural open air theatres for music appreciation and a rapidly expanding zoo for the pleasure of adults and children alike. The following chart indicates the varied facilities available to the public throughout the park systems.

## Summary of Recreational Facilities

71 Clay Tennis Courts	1 Archery Field
54 Hard Surfaced Tennis Courts (10 Lighted)	2 Roller Skating Areas
48 Outdoor Basketball Courts	5 Ice Skating Ponds
19 Volley Ball Courts	2 Fishing Lakes
40 Baseball Diamonds	2 Boat Lakes
22 Little League Diamonds	7 Swimming Pools
2 Pony League Diamonds	8 Wading Pools
87 Softball Diamonds	2 Bathing Beaches
(4 Lighted)	114 Playgrounds
38 Football Fields	207 Picnic Areas
12 Soccer Fields	1 9-Hole Golf Course
2 Lacrosse Fields	4 18-Hole Golf Courses
5 Running Tracks	4 Bridle Paths
2 Croquet Fields	2 Model Airplane Fields
10 Quoit Ranges	3 Scouting Areas
1 Cricket Field	1 Wildflower Preserve
1 Hockey Field	7 Skeet Courts
<b>TOTAL FACILITIES..... 786</b>	

The charts which follow indicate the number and location of these facilities by Division.

### Recreational Facilities — Carroll Division

<b>10 Clay Tennis Courts</b> 6 at Carroll Park 2 at Garrett Park 2 at Cummins Plgd.	<b>20 Softball Diamonds</b> 1 at Riverside Park 5 at Latrobe Park 4 at Swann Park 1 at Garrett Park 1 at Curtis Bay Playground 6 at Carroll Park 2 at Cherry Hill Park
<b>12 Hard Surface Tennis Courts</b> 2 at Riverside Park 6 at Latrobe Park 2 at Garrett Park 1 at Federal Hill Park 1 at Curtis Bay Plgd.	<b>7 Football Fields</b> 1 at Latrobe Park 2 at Swann Park 2 at Carroll Park 1 at Cherry Hill Park 1 at Brooklyn-Curtis Bay Plgd.
<b>7 Outdoor Basketball Courts</b> 1 at Garrett Park 2 at Latrobe Park 1 at Curtis Bay Plgd. 1 at Riverside Park 1 at Wagners Pt. Plgd. 1 at Morrell Park Plgd.	<b>2 Soccer Fields</b> 2 at Latrobe Park
<b>4 Volley Ball Courts</b> 1 at Carroll Park 1 at Riverside Park 2 at Latrobe Park	<b>2 Running Tracks</b> 1 at Carroll Park 1 at Latrobe Park
<b>8 Baseball Diamonds</b> 2 at Latrobe Park 1 at Swann Park 3 at Carroll Park 1 at Cherry Hill Park 1 at Brooklyn-Curtis Bay Plgd.	<b>9 Quoit Ranges</b> 2 at Latrobe Park 4 at Carroll Park 1 at Riverside Park 1 at Federal Hill Park 1 at Garrett Park
<b>5 Little League Diamonds</b> 1 at Carroll Park 2 at Brooklyn-Curtis Bay Plgd. 1 at Cummins Playground 1 at Morrell Park Playground	<b>2 Swimming Pools</b> 1 at Riverside Park (Consisting of diving, swimming & wading pool) 1 at Cherry Hill Park
<b>1 Pony League Diamond</b> 1 at Brooklyn-Curtis Bay Plgd.	<b>2 Wading Pools</b> 1 at Morrell Park 1 at Curtis Bay Plgd.
	<b>2 Bathing Beaches</b> 2 at Fort Smallwood

**1 Nine Hole Golf Course**

1 at Carroll Park

**19 Playgrounds**

1 at Carroll Park  
2 at Riverside Park  
1 at Latrobe Park  
1 at Garrett Park  
1 at Carroll St. Plgd.  
2 at Fort Smallwood  
1 at Cummins Playground  
1 at Beven St. Playground

1 at Federal Hill Park  
1 at Wagners Pt. Plgd.  
1 at Morrell Park Plgd.  
1 at Indiana Ave. Plgd.  
1 at McHenry St. Plgd.  
1 at Otterbein St. Tot Lot  
1 at Foundry Courts Tot Lot  
1 at West Street Tot Lot  
1 at Conway St. & Fremont Ave.

**136 Picnic Groves**

136 at Fort Smallwood

**Recreational Facilities — Clifton Division**

**23 Clay Tennis Courts**

23 at Clifton

**10 Hard Surface Tennis Courts**

7 at Clifton  
1 at Dewees Playground  
2 at North Hamilton

**7 Outdoor Basketball Courts**

1 at Herring Run Park  
1 at Mt. Pleasant Park  
1 at Willow Ave. Plgd.  
1 at St. Lo's Plgd.  
1 at 23rd St. & Greenmount  
1 at North Hamilton  
1 at Gardenville

**15 Baseball Diamonds**

5 at Clifton Park  
5 at Herring Run Park  
1 at Mt. Pleasant Park  
1 at Burdick Park  
1 at Dewees Park Playfield  
1 at North Hamilton  
1 at Gardenville

**5 Little League Baseball Diamonds**

2 at Herring Run Park  
1 at North Hamilton  
1 at Gardenville  
1 at Dewees Playfield

**21 Softball Diamonds**

13 at Clifton Park  
2 at Mt. Pleasant  
4 at Herring Run Park  
2 at Gardenville

**12 Football Fields**

3 at Clifton Park  
6 at Herring Run Park  
1 at Burdick Park  
1 at Mt. Pleasant Park  
1 at Dewees Playfield

**4 Soccer Fields**

3 at Clifton Park  
1 at Herring Run Park  
1 at Gardenville

**2 Lacrosse Fields**

1 at Clifton Park  
1 at Herring Run Park

**2 Drivers Training Courses**

2 at Clifton Park

**1 Running Track**

1 at Clifton Park

**2 Croquet Fields**

2 at Clifton Park

**1 Swimming Pool**

1 at Clifton Park (Consisting of diving, swimming & wading pool)

**4 Wading Pools**

1 at Willow Avenue  
1 at Clifton Park  
1 at Dewees Playfield  
1 at North Hamilton

**2 Eighteen Hole Golf Courses**

1 at Clifton Park  
1 at Mt. Pleasant Park

**16 Playgrounds**

1 at Burdick Park  
2 at Clifton Park  
2 at Herring Run Park  
1 at Mt. Pleasant Park  
1 at Willow Avenue  
1 at Chestnut Hill  
1 at Hunter's  
1 at Dewees Playfield  
1 at Hillen Road  
1 at North Hamilton  
1 at Gardenville  
1 at Chinquapin Park  
1 at Rear of 1700 Woodbourne Ave.  
1 at Rear 2800 block Sinclair Lane

**2 Bridle Paths**

1 at Herring Run Park  
1 at Graham Memorial Park

**1 Model Airplane Field**

1 at Herring Run Park

**1 Scouting Area**

1 at Graham Memorial Park

**9 Picnic Groves**

1 at Clifton Park  
7 at Herring Run Park  
1 at Mt. Pleasant Park  
1 at Graham Memorial Park

## Recreational Facilities — Druid Hill Division

- 10 Clay Tennis Courts
  - 10 at Druid Hill Park
- 19 Hard Surface Tennis Courts
  - 16 at Druid Hill Park
  - 3 at Towanda Park
- 9 Outdoor Basketball Courts
  - 2 at Druid Hill Park
  - 1 at Roosevelt Park
  - 1 at Stoney Run Park
  - 1 at Towanda Park
  - 1 at Queensberry Playground
  - 1 at Mace St. Playground
  - 1 at Lucille Ave. Playground
  - 1 at Buena Vista
- 7 Volley Ball Courts
  - 2 at Druid Hill Park
  - 1 at Roosevelt Park
  - 1 at Towanda Park
  - 1 at Lucille Ave. Playground
  - 1 at Mace St. Playground
  - 1 at Queensberry Playground
- 7 Baseball Diamonds
  - 4 at Druid Hill Park
  - 1 at Roosevelt Park
  - 1 at Towanda Park
  - 1 at Medfield Heights
- 12 Softball Diamonds
  - 6 at Druid Hill Park (1 lighted)
  - 1 at Roosevelt Park
  - 1 at Stoney Run Park
  - 1 at Lucille Ave. Playground
  - 1 at Towanda Park
  - 2 at Medfield Heights Plgd.
- 8 Football Fields
  - 5 at Druid Hill Park
  - 1 at Roosevelt Park
  - 1 at Towanda Park
  - 1 at Medfield Heights
- 1 Running Track
  - 1 at Druid Hill Park
- 1 Cricket Field
  - 1 at Druid Hill Park
- 1 Archery Area
  - 1 at Druid Hill Park
- 3 Ice Skating Ponds
  - 2 at Druid Hill Park (Casting pond, Model Boat Pond)
  - 1 at Lake Roland
- 2 Fishing Lakes
  - 1 at Druid Hill Park
  - 1 at Lake Roland
- 1 Boat Lake
  - 1 at Lake Roland
- 3 Swimming Pools
  - 1 at Druid Hill Park #1 (Consisting of diving, swimming and wading pool)
  - 1 at Roosevelt Park (Consisting of diving and swimming pool)
  - 1 at Druid Hill Park— #2
- 2 Wading Pools
  - 1 at Roosevelt Park
  - 1 at Towanda Park
- 15 Playgrounds
  - 4 at Druid Hill Park
  - 1 at Mace St. Playground
  - 1 at Pall Mall Playground
  - 1 at Roosevelt Park
  - 1 at Queensberry Plgd.
  - 1 at Towanda Park
  - 1 at Lucille Ave. Plgd.
  - 1 at Buena Vista Plgd.
  - 1 at Asbury Playground
  - 1 at Crisp Street
  - 1 at Fawcett Street
  - 1 at Garrison & Denmore Aves.
- 1 Scouting Area
  - 1 at Druid Hill Park
- 1 Wildflower Preserve and Nature Trail
  - 1 at Cylburn Park
- 32 Picnic Groves
  - 10 at Druid Hill Park
  - 22 at Lake Roland
- 1 Eighteen Hole Golf Course
  - 1 at Pine Ridge
- 5 Skeet Fields
  - 5 at Loch Raven

## Recreational Facilities — Gwynns Falls Division

- 11 Clay Tennis Courts
  - 4 at Gwynns Falls Park
  - 2 at Leakin Park
  - 2 at Maiden Choice Park
  - 3 at Walbrook Oval
- 10 Hard Surface Tennis Courts
  - 3 at Easterwood Park
  - 2 at Gwynns Falls Park
  - 4 at Hanlon Park
  - 1 at 269 N. Hilton Street
- 10 Outdoor Basketball Courts
  - 1 at Easterwood Park
  - 2 at Laurens & Gilmor Sts.
  - 1 at Wilkens Playground
  - 1 at Cahill Center
  - 1 at Franklin Playground
  - 1 at Lyndhurst Memorial Plfd.
  - 1 at Rev. Wilber H. Waters Plgd.
  - 1 at Orchard Street
  - 1 at Vincent Street

- 5 Baseball Diamonds**
  - 1 at Hanlon Park
  - 1 at Gwynns Falls Park
  - 1 at Bloomingdale Oval
  - 1 at Maiden Choice Park
  - 1 at Leakin Park
- 8 Little League Diamonds**
  - 1 at Hillsdale Park (Conlon Field)
  - 2 at Leakin Park
  - 4 at Gwynns Falls Park
  - 1 at Hanlon Park
- 1 Pony League Diamond**
  - 1 at Leakin Park
- 14 Softball Diamonds**
  - 2 at Easterwood Park
  - 1 at Nichols Playground
  - 1 at Wilkens Playground
  - 4 at Bloomingdale Oval
  - 2 at Maiden Choice Park
  - 1 at Leakin Park
  - 1 at Lyndhurst Memorial Plfld.
  - 1 at 269 N. Hilton St.
  - 1 at Franklin Playground
- 7 Football Fields**
  - 2 at Bloomingdale Oval
  - 1 at Hanlon Park
  - 1 at Maiden Choice Park
  - 1 at Easterwood Park
  - 1 at Hillsdale Park (Conlon Field)
  - 1 at Lower Gwynns Falls Park
- One 18-Hole Golf Course**
  - 1 at Hillsdale Park
- 36 Playgrounds**
  - 1 at Penhurst
  - 1 at Maiden Choice Park
  - 1 at Gwynns Falls Park
  - 1 at Easterwood Park
  - 1 at Nichols Park
  - 1 at Wildwood Pkwy. & Stokes Dr.
  - 1 at Wilkens Playground
  - 2 at Hanlon Park
- 1 at Harlem Square
- 1 at Laurens & Gilmor St.
- 1 at Orchard & Tessier St.
- 1 at Rear 111-21 N. Amity St.
- 1 at Lafayette Ave. between Payson & Brice
- 1 at Rear 4247 Rokeby Rd.
- 1 at Rear 911-19 Kelvin Rd.
- 1 at Woodbridge Plgd. rear 402 S. Fulton Ave.
- 1 at 800 blk. N. Vincent Street
- 1 at 500 blk. N. Stockton Street
- 1 at Carlton St. between Lemmon & Holton Alley
- 1 at Lyndhurst Memorial Playfield
- 1 at Cahill Center
- 1 at Pen Lucy & Uplands Parkway
- 1 at 18-28 N. Amity St.
- 1 at 100 N. Vincent St.
- 1 at 1620 Pierce St.
- 1 at 1101 Brewer Street
- 1 at Franklin Playground
- 1 at Rev. Wilber H. Waters Plgd.
- 1 at Yale Avenue
- 1 at Flowerton Avenue
- 1 at Boyd Street
- 1 at 1000 Vincent St.
- 1 at 3000 Poplar Terrace
- 1 at 1009-13 Sarah Ann Street
- 1 at Seminole Playground

- 1 Bridle Path**
  - 1 at Leakin Park
- 1 Model Airplane Field**
  - 1 at Leakin Park
- 1 Scouting Area**
  - 1 at Gwynns Falls Park
- 30 Picnic Groves**
  - 30 at Leakin Park
- 2 Skeet Fields**
  - 2 at Gwynns Falls Park

### Recreational Facilities — Patterson Division

- 17 Clay Tennis Courts**
  - 17 at Patterson Park
- 3 Hard Surface Tennis Courts**
  - 2 at Patterson Park
  - 1 at Bocek Playfield
- 15 Outdoor Basketball Courts**
  - 3 at Patterson Park
  - 1 at Joseph Lee
  - 2 at Princeton Place
  - 1 at Luzerne Ave. Playground
  - 1 at Canton Market Playgrounnd
  - 1 at Boston St. Playground
  - 1 at Elmley Ave. Playground
  - 1 at Ambrose J. Kennedy Plgd.
  - 1 at Orleans St. Playground
  - 1 at City Springs
- 1 at Bocek Playfield
- 1 at St. Leo's Pratt St.
- 5 Baseball Diamonds**
  - 3 at Patterson Park
  - 1 at Joseph Lee
  - 1 at Bocek Playfield
- 20 Softball Diamonds**
  - 11 at Patterson Park (1 Lighted)
  - 2 at Boston St. Plgd.
  - 1 at Elmley Ave. Plgd.
  - 1 at Ambrose Kennedy Plgd.
  - 1 at City Springs
  - 1 at Orleans St. Plgd.
  - 2 at Bocek Playfield

**4 Football Fields**

- 2 at Patterson Park
- 1 at Boston St. Plgd.
- 1 at Bocek Playfield

**6 Soccer Fields**

- 3 at Patterson Park
- 1 at Boston St. Plgd.
- 1 at Joseph Lee Plfd.
- 1 at Bocek Playfield

**1 Hockey Field**

- 1 at Patterson Park

**1 Running Track**

- 1 at Patterson Park

**1 Bridle Path**

- 1 at Herring Run Park

**2 Roller Skating Rinks**

- 2 at Patterson Park

**8 Volley Ball Courts**

- 4 at Patterson Park
- 1 at Joseph Lee Plfd.
- 1 at Luzerne Ave. Plgd.
- 1 at Canton Market Plgd.
- 1 at Ambrose Kennedy Plgd.

**2 Ice Skating Ponds**

- 2 at Patterson Park

**1 Swimming Pool**

- 1 at Patterson Park (Consisting of diving, swimming & wading pool)

**1 Boat Lake**

- 1 at Patterson Park

**28 Playgrounds**

- 1 at Bocek Playfield
- 2 at Princeton Place
- 1 at Luzerne Ave. Plgd.
- 2 at Patterson Park
- 1 at Boston St. Plgd.
- 1 at Joseph Lee Plfd.
- 1 at Canton Market Plgd.
- 1 at Durham St. Tot Lot
- 1 at City Springs
- 1 at Stiles St. Plgd.
- 1 at Ambrose Kennedy Plgd.
- 1 at Elmley Ave. Plgd.
- 1 at Janney St. Plgd.
- 1 at St. Helena Plgd.
- 1 at Pilot Area
- 1 at Hoffman St. Plgd.
- 1 at Curley St. Tot Lot
- 1 at Shuter St. Tot Lot
- 1 at St. Leo's Pratt St.
- 1 at Bethel St.
- 1 at Dallas St.
- 2 at Ellsworth St.
- 1 at Fagley Street
- 1 at Orleans St. Plgd.
- 1 at Rear of 3800 blk. Sinclair Lane

**1 Quoit Shed**

- 1 at Patterson Park

**4 Little League Baseball Diamonds**

- 1 at Patterson Park
- 1 at Joseph Lee Plfd.
- 1 at President St.
- 1 at Bocek Plfd.

**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**  
**DIVISION OF PARKS**

Summary Cost Statement of Operating Expenses for the Year 1959

**1—GENERAL EXPENSES**

11	Administrative Expenses — Executive Division .....	\$ 64,113.81	
15	Injuries and Damages .....	605.70	\$ 64,719.51

**2—OPERATING EXPENSES**

21	Operating Management Expenses .....	\$819,141.71	
22	Squares, Blvd. Parking & Special Lot Expenses .....	135,081.81	
23	Playground Expenses .....	39,667.98	
24	Small Parks Expenses .....	154,806.40	
25	Large Parks Expenses .....	912,068.66	
25-A	Stadium Expenses .....	188,985.60	
25-F	Ice Rink Expenses .....	32,977.37	
26	Golf Expenses .....	331,160.90	
27	Pools Expenses .....	74,285.52	
28	Zoological Expenses .....	184,720.24	
29-B	Forestry Nursery Expenses .....	10,005.68	
29-C	Forestry Expense — Public Highways .....	87,632.73	2,970,534.60

**3—MAINTENANCE EXPENSES**

31	General Repairs .....	\$ 58,530.60	
32	Squares, Blvd. Parking & Special Lot Repairs .....	13,783.42	
33	Playground Repairs .....	10,751.65	
34	Small Parks Repairs .....	21,445.78	
35	Large Parks Repairs .....	178,760.44	
35-A	Stadium Repairs .....	46,456.10	
35-F	Ice Rink Repairs .....	1,665.04	
36	Golf Repairs .....	27,889.08	
37	Pools Repairs .....	10,754.12	
38	Zoological Repairs .....	13,459.46	383,495.69

**4—MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE AND EXPENSES**

46-A	Gratuitous Work .....	\$ 8,632.41	
46-B	Special Services Rendered Other Bureaus .....	1,290.96	
47	Sundry Revenues and Expenses .....	(413.07)	9,510.30

**5—FUNDED DEBT**

54	Interest Expense .....	\$126,968.75	
56	Amortization .....	325,000.00	451,968.75

## 6—FIXED ASSETS AND FUNDS

60-A	Construction Work — Levy Appropriations . . .	\$ 37,125.99	
61	General Properties . . . . .	884.95	
66	Golf Properties . . . . .	6,525.06	
68	Zoological Properties . . . . .	1,684.32	
69	Miscellaneous Properties . . . . .	48,505.18	\$ 94,725.50

### TOTAL EXPENSES —

	BUREAU OF PARKS FUNDS . . . . .		\$3,974,954.35
42-4	Accessory Enterprises (Billwork) . . . . .		15,202.46
60-D	Construction Work — Public Parks Bldg. Loan		358,671.47
60-E	Construction Work — Recreation & Parks Bldg. Serial . . . . .		13,449.41
60-F	Pine Ridge Golf Course (Loch Raven) . . . . .		4,213.00
60-H	Construction Work — Recreation & Parks Bldg. Serial . . . . .		12,704.95

GRAND TOTAL . . . . . \$4,379,195.64

( ) indicates negative figure



**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**  
**DIVISION OF PARKS**

Statement of Revenue for the Year 1959

<b>Playgrounds and Playfields</b>			
Carroll — Lockers, Soap and Towels.....	\$	743.90	
Clifton — Lockers, Soap and Towels.....		2,486.70	
Druid Hill — Lockers, Soap and Towels.....		4,409.90	
Patterson — Lockers, Soap and Towels.....		752.60	
Gwynn's Falls — Lockers, Soap and Towels.....		1,174.15	\$ 9,567.25
<b>Golf</b>			
Carroll.....	\$	25,851.65	
Clifton.....		61,968.75	
Pine Ridge.....		74,645.00	
Forest Park.....		57,651.85	
Mt. Pleasant.....		77,517.50	297,634.75
<b>Eastern Open Tournament.....</b>			2,119.28
<b>Swimming and Wading Pools</b>			
Clifton.....	\$	7,191.00	
Druid Hill #1.....		8,402.10	
Patterson.....		10,004.40	
Riverside.....		6,073.05	
Roosevelt.....		2,838.20	
Cherry Hill.....		2,851.15	37,359.90
<b>Ice Rink</b>			
Admissions.....	\$	34,651.06	
Concessions.....		6,807.02	41,458.08
<b>Concessions</b>			
Selling Concession Contract.....	\$	13,080.00	
Concession — Fort Smallwood.....		4,976.66	
Parking — Fort Smallwood.....		17,736.64	35,793.30
<b>Stadium</b>			
Baseball Rentals (Balto. Orioles).....	\$	119,206.47	
Baseball Rentals (Others).....		354.74	
Football Rentals (Colts).....		72,558.10	
Football Rentals (Professional & College).....		4,997.60	
Football Rentals (High School & Others).....		175.00	
Baseball Concessions (Balto. Orioles).....		66,932.80	
Baseball Concessions (Others).....		1,797.44	
Football Concessions (Colts).....		16,664.20	
Football Concessions (Professional & Collegiate).....		229.76	
Football Concessions (High School & Others).....		175.00	
Other Rentals.....		15,000.00	
Other Concessions.....		4,368.46	
Telephone Commissions.....		1,028.49	
Advertising Commission.....		1,500.00	
Sale of Electricity.....		14,943.53	
Parking Concessions.....		16,107.63	
Office Rental (Balto. Baseball Club).....		3,191.25	
Miscellaneous.....		12.00	\$ 339,242.47

<b>Miscellaneous</b>		
Rental Real Property .....	\$ 4,881.51	
Sale of Electricity .....	764.46	
Commissions on Telephones .....	759.24	
Colonial Dames .....	500.00	
Maryland Yacht Club — Rental .....	18.00	
Sundry Revenue .....	2,275.61	9,198.82
<b>Railway Tax</b> .....		130,237.28
<b>Baltimore Transit Bus Tax</b> .....		442,641.30
<b>Busses — Other than Baltimore Transit</b> .....		1,905.62
<b>Balto. Transit Company Special</b> .....		55,441.62
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<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b> .....		<b>\$1,402,599.67</b>
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**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**  
**DIVISION OF PARKS**

**Financial Statement of Appropriations as of December 31, 1959**

Account	Description	Forwarded from 1958	Appropriations	Increments	Total Credits	Expenditures	Encumbrances	Total Expenditures	Balance
8.13A	Salaries.....	—	\$ 869,071.00	\$ 189.91	\$ 869,260.91	\$ 887,295.43	—	\$ 887,295.43	(\$ 18,034.52)
8.14	Labor.....	—	1,870,596.00	57,713.20	1,928,309.20	1,885,156.77	—	1,885,156.77	43,152.43
8.15	Expenses.....	—	626,500.00	21,618.08	648,118.08	604,326.17	\$ 46,304.00	650,630.17	(2,512.09)
8.14D	Pools.....	—	55,000.00	—	55,000.00	53,753.76	—	53,753.76	1,246.24
	<b>SUB-TOTAL.....</b>	—	<b>\$3,421,167.00</b>	<b>\$ 79,521.19</b>	<b>\$3,500,688.19</b>	<b>\$3,430,532.13</b>	<b>\$ 46,304.00</b>	<b>\$3,476,836.13</b>	<b>\$ 23,852.06</b>
8.210	Compensated Work.....	—	—	13,008.12	13,008.12	15,206.73	—	15,206.73	(2,198.61)
	Forward to 1960.....	—	—	(5,500.00)	(5,500.00)	—	—	—	(5,500.00)
	To Other Funds.....	—	—	(16,153.45)	(16,153.45)	—	—	—	(16,153.45)
	<b>TOTAL.....</b>	—	<b>\$3,421,167.00</b>	<b>\$ 70,875.86</b>	<b>\$3,492,042.86</b>	<b>\$3,445,738.86</b>	<b>\$ 46,304.00</b>	<b>\$3,492,042.86</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
8.305D	Park Bldg. Loan Constr.....	\$407,297.06	—	—	407,297.06	358,930.06	48,367.00	407,297.06	0.00
8.300D	4th Parks Loan.....	500,000.00	—	—	500,000.00	14,085.81	57,482.00	71,567.81	428,432.19
8.309D	Recreation & Parks Building Serial.....	—	—	300,000.00	300,000.00	12,068.55	—	12,068.55	287,931.45
8.309	Recreation & Parks Building Loan.....	—	300,000.00	(300,000.00)	—	—	—	—	0.00
8.30	Pine Ridge Golf Course.....	5,287.00	—	(1,074.00)	5,287.00	4,213.00	—	4,213.00	1,074.00
	To Other Funds.....	—	—	(1,074.00)	(1,074.00)	—	—	—	(1,074.00)
	Forward to 1960.....	—	—	(716,363.64)	(716,363.64)	—	—	—	(716,363.64)
	<b>GRAND TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$912,584.06</b>	<b>\$3,721,167.00</b>	<b>(\$646,561.78)</b>	<b>\$3,987,189.28</b>	<b>\$3,835,036.28</b>	<b>\$152,153.00</b>	<b>\$3,987,189.28</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>

( ) Indicates Negative Figure

## B. BUREAU OF RECREATION

(MR. HAROLD S. CALLOWHILL, *Superintendent*)

### NEIGHBORHOOD RELATIONSHIPS

The Recreation Center's relationship with its neighborhood is often measured by the exchange of services between the neighborhood groups and the centers. In 1959 the centers provided leadership services, programs and equipment to 124 groups, including 28 Civic and Improvement Associations, Community Councils and Service Clubs; 25 neighborhood clubs, 15 church groups, 19 Brownie and Girl Scout Troops, 11 Cub and Boy Scout Troops, 7 hospital groups and others.

In turn, 121 neighborhood groups gave the Community Centers valuable help in the form of money donations, trophies, transportation, loan of special equipment, etc. They provided volunteer leadership for social and square dances, athletic programs, parties, swimming lessons, puppet shows, orchestras and other activities; they sponsored teams, donated draperies, food products and made many more contributions. A partial list of donors includes 44 merchants and industries, 34 clubs, 13 Improvement Associations, 4 fraternal and 6 community organizations, 2 Junior League groups and others. In terms of good will, this mutual helpfulness is service at its best.

### GROUP ACTIVITIES — 232 CLUBS, 5,035 MEMBERS

Many of the 55 Boys Clubs, the 42 Girls Clubs and the 26 Co-ed Teen-age Clubs are built around interests such as sports, cooking, travel, etc. while many clubs are of the small friendship type designed to meet a need of belonging or being accepted by their peers. Although some of the 38 Women's Clubs, 3 Men's and 9 Co-ed Adult Clubs are of friendship and hobby nature, most of them are motivated by the desire to be of service to the Centers — raising money, taking responsibility for the large social affairs at the Centers and giving leadership to crafts, cooking, sport groups, etc. The 27 Junior Councils and the 20 Senior Councils, with a total membership of 408, give stability to the program through self-government and fund raising responsibilities. Leisure often becomes a period of loneliness but for many of the 926 members of the 18 Golden Age Clubs, their leisure time has taken on a new meaning — companionship, new experiences and inspiration.

### REACHING THE HARD TO REACH

Regular participation in a recreation program under competent leadership should serve as a factor in the prevention of juvenile delinquency because of the character building potentials in leader-to-child relationships and the recreation activities themselves.

The Baltimore Bureau of Recreation is requiring, as a job responsibility, that each full time recreation leader work with two elementary school children who have shown pre-delinquency tendencies such as truancy or other behavior problems.



*Show Off Night—Claremont Recreation Center*

With the approval of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the names of such children are secured by the recreation leader through contact with the principal of the elementary school nearest to his playground or recreation center.

The leader, in connection with his responsibility for the operation of a recreation program for the neighborhood, gives special thought and attention to these children's problems in an adult-to-youth relationship and on a recreation program basis only. The child is unaware of the leader's interest in him, and the leader is advised not to attempt any case work procedures or responsibilities. If such service is needed, the appropriate agency is contacted.

Through the establishment of friendship, trust, respect and confidence and through participation in the recreation program, the leader is expected to carefully and steadily bring the relationship to a point where quiet, frank talks about behavior problems can be engaged in without embarrassment to the child. Through such a concentrated effort it is hoped that improvement in conduct, attitudes, and points of view will be made and eventually confirmed by the principal or teacher at the school.

1. Factual reports by the teacher or principal and the recreation leader are submitted when referral is made.
2. Quarterly reports are submitted by the leader to evaluate the progress at regular intervals and serve as a guide for future work with the child.

3. A yearly progress report is submitted by both the leader and principal at the end of each school year.

The impact of such a project in the community should bring positive results.

In 1959, thirty leaders worked with 134 children, and over a four month period, it was determined by the leaders and public school principals that 23 of these boys and girls no longer needed special guidance.

## **VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP**

The Bureau of Recreation has been very fortunate in having the continued service of Volunteer Groups. This year, 1120 volunteers served in many capacities in conducting recreation activities throughout the city. Of this number, 446 are members of the senior groups and 674 are members of the junior groups. Many of the achievements through such assistance have been outstanding.

## **RECREATION FOR THE HANDICAPPED**

Exact membership figures are hard to determine for the number of handicapped persons who are engaged in Bureau of Recreation activities. However, the membership is at least 155 persons who are handicapped as follows:

56 — Mental	28 — Hearing
20 — Eye	28 — Muscular
23 — Miscellaneous (includes speech, epileptic, deaf and dumb, amputee cases)	

## **DIVISION OF AMATEUR SPORTS**

The health and well being of the citizens of a municipality are assets to the community as well as to the individual. Recreation, especially team games, may develop mental attitudes that are beneficial. Sportsmanship, leadership, and cooperation all are generally carried beyond the field of play into the home and the community.

One of the most successful seasons for the Division of Amateur Sports came to a conclusion in December, 1959. Once more the program showed gradual increases in the number of teams and players participating.

## **THE BASEBALL PROGRAM**

The prediction made last year that the saturation point for Twilight baseball would soon be reached came true in 1959. For the first time it was impossible to schedule some leagues on twilight time because there were no diamonds available. The percentage of increase for 1959 came from the lower classifications; namely, the 10-12 and 12-14 baseball. The total of 117 leagues, 582 teams and 9,387 players participated in the baseball program.

For the second year, the Maryland Amateur Sports Association sponsored the final game in the Cardinal Gibbons Series at the Baltimore Stadium, and approximately 5,000 people witnessed this game and saw the Gordon Club win this important title. The Gordon team has won this championship for the past five (5) years establishing a record which will be difficult to surpass by any club in the future. The customary ceremony was held prior to the beginning of the game by the presentation of the colors at home plate, and brief speeches by representatives of the clergy brought to a conclusion by the playing of the late Cardinal Gibbons' favorite hymn "Lead Kindly Light."

### **THE SOFTBALL PROGRAM**

Four hundred eighty-seven softball teams representing 86 leagues and 7,360 players played under the supervision of the Division of Amateur Sports in the year of 1959. Once more the State Play-Off Series was held at Druid Hill Park and was very popular with the fans. It was estimated that between 3 - 5,000 people per night attended these games. The Maryland State Champions have won the Central Atlantic Regional title eight out of the last ten years.

### **THE FOOTBALL PROGRAM**

Last year the regular football program was augmented by the introduction of Flag Football. This innovation proved a success and in 1959 two leagues participated in this popular program. The introduction of football for players between the ages of 10-12 in 1958 was also successful and continued in 1959. A total of 15 leagues, 1,246 contracts and 102 teams enjoyed this part of the Division of Amateur Sports program.

### **THE TENNIS PROGRAM**

The Tennis program was once more highly successful. The Evening Sun Papers Municipal Tournament was handicapped by weather conditions, however, by the splendid cooperation of the Park Superintendents, it was possible to bring the tournament to a conclusion nearly on schedule.

### **THE BASKETBALL PROGRAM**

The Basketball season was brought to a successful conclusion with City Champions being decided in the different age classifications. There was an increase in registration and participation in both sports over the previous season. A total of 81 leagues, consisting of 405 teams played in the Basketball program with 3,763 players registering for this sport.

### **THE SOCCER PROGRAM**

The Soccer program showed an increase from 7 leagues in 1958-59 to 10 leagues in 1959-60. This increase was in the 12-14 age classification. A total of 10 soccer leagues, 49 teams and 785 players participated in this program.

<i>Boys and Men</i>	<i>Leagues</i>	<i>Teams</i>	<i>Players</i>
Baseball.....	117	582	9,387
Football.....	15	102	1,246
Softball.....	86	487	7,360
Basketball.....	81	405	3,763
Soccer.....	10	49	785
	309	1,625	22,541
 <i>Girls and Women</i>	 <i>Leagues</i>	 <i>Teams</i>	 <i>Players</i>
Softball.....	12	58	757
Basketball.....	19	99	969
	31	157	1,726
	340	1,782	24,267

A total of \$8,181.61 was disbursed to players injured while taking part in the Division of Amateur Sports' program through the Injured Players' Fund.

An estimated summary of the money spent by players and sponsors during the year 1959 follows. No city funds are included in this figure.

<i>Sport</i>	<i>Amount Paid</i>
Baseball.....	\$ 836.15
Softball.....	2,021.69
Basketball.....	608.15
Football.....	4,327.62
Soccer.....	388.00
	\$8,181.61

## HIGHLIGHTS OF 1959

### FLAG FOOTBALL

A new fall sport captured the interest of Baltimore youth this year. It is a variation of football and is called flag football. The game was first introduced in October, 1959 and within a period of six weeks over 100 teams had been formed. The teams ranged from six players to eleven players and included a total of over 850 boys who played regularly scheduled league games from October into December.

### PHYSICAL FITNESS

Over three hundred boys and girls have successfully passed the physical fitness tests as prescribed by the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States and they have received certificates issued by that organization. In addition, practically all recreation centers are conducting activities, both indoors and outdoors, that will encourage not only physical fitness but total fitness as well.



## PENTATHLONS

Five district pentathlons were held instead of the city-wide track and field meet. Twelve hundred and twenty-two boys and girls took part in the five running, jumping and throwing events which comprise the pentathlons, stressing the fundamental skills that are so important to the growth and development of boys and girls.

## GIRLS' DEMONSTRATION

There was a great increase in interest in the 1959 Girls' Demonstration. Participants and spectators almost doubled over 1958. New groups contributed color to the affair; there were tap dancers from twenty-two centers in a mass number, the Color Guard Unit of the Hurricanes, and a gymnastic team from P.S. #44 night center.

## GOLDEN AGE CLUBS

The continued growth and activities of Golden Age Clubs is worthy of attention. The clubs and what they mean to older people would be very difficult to evaluate. In 1959, our personnel worked with 17 Golden Age groups whose membership reached a high of 926.

These oldsters are brought together for companionship and the kind of recreation they like. They enjoy the importance of being part of the normal life of the community and such interests go a long way toward making their lives brighter, healthier and perhaps even longer.



*Golden Age Club Hamilton Recreation Center  
The Old Soft Shoe*

## THE BUREAU COOPERATES IN A HAPPY VENTURE

Noon time is a merry time at the Canton Playground, O'Donnell and Curley Streets, when three to four hundred children gather for recess prior to returning to St. Casimir's parochial school after lunch.

For years O'Donnell Street was barricaded for these school recess periods, but with the completion of the overpass and the approach to the tunnel, O'Donnell Street became a highway. Conferences were held between the Bureau of Recreation staff members and the Sisters of the school and a trial cooperative plan to use the playground was agreed upon.

Now, Monday through Friday, those children who remain at the school for lunch, walk up to the playground; from north, south, east and west boys and girls come from their homes. Many are brought by their parents, who frequently stay. Assigned teen agers serve as leaders and all children gather at designated areas over the playground. Ring games, step ball, dodge ball, basketball, various informal games — busy children everywhere! The same pattern persists every day. At 12:30 o'clock the Sisters arrive from the school to oversee the return of the classes, aided by several mothers.

The first bell rings! Each child falls into his given spot. At the second bell quiet reigns and the groups walk in orderly files outside and along the playground fence, back to St. Casimir's.

## WINDOW DISPLAYS

The following Recreation Centers in the Northeast cooperated with the Northwood Merchants Association and the Y.M.C.A. in a week-long exhibit of recreation activities displayed in the windows of the Northwood Shopping Center:

North Harford Recreation Center, Hamilton Recreation Center, Gardenville Recreation Center, Dewees Playfield, Northwood Recreation Center.

The exhibits included Golden Age activities, Little Cadets, cooking classes; dance classes; Little Theater groups; children's music; ceramics, jewelry making and mineral collections.

It is felt that the impact of this publicity has been stimulating and we have requested that we be included in the 1960 displays.

## A POSITIVE APPROACH TO HALLOWEEN

Fourteen children from Waverly School joined children from six other schools in the Waverly Area in a window-painting contest, sponsored by the Uptown Lions Club in cooperation with the Bureau of Recreation. The Lions Club Community Betterment Committee Chairman taped large squares in the Waverly merchants' windows and gave artists color trays and brushes, while Recreation leaders encouraged the designers, who decorated dime stores, shoe-shine parlors, jewelry shops, etc.

## **POSTER CONTEST — KEEP MARYLAND BEAUTIFUL**

In cooperation with the Governor's Committee to Keep Maryland Beautiful, the Bureau of Recreation sponsored a poster contest to help make children aware of the importance of keeping our city clean. Ninety-one posters from 16 Recreation Centers were entered in the contest. The posters were judged by members of the committee during the month of March. A first place winner and one poster worthy of honorable mention were picked in each of the three age groups. Five centers were represented by the winners. These winners were invited to meet Governor Tawes at his office in Baltimore where the Governor presented them with a small Maryland Flag pin and a certificate from the Keep Maryland Beautiful Committee. Every child was very much impressed by this meeting and felt that it was a fine reward for participating in and winning the contest.

## **CYLBURN WILDFLOWER PRESERVE AND GARDEN CENTER**

The Cylburn Organization has continually gone forward to increase its scope of activities during this year. One of the first ventures was to have printed a brochure giving a history of the organization, its present activities and the future that is planned for it. The Maryland Ornithological Society has been very cooperative and installed feeding stations and a bird bath along the bird walk. There have been a number of acquisitions to the Cylburn Organization. Among these is a metal cabinet for the Herbarium and a blackboard supplied by the Bureau of Recreation. Two desks, chairs and a typewriter have been loaned by the Department of Education. In the spring 50 azaleas were presented by a member of the Organization.

The Bureau of Parks has been very helpful in the general improvement of the trails and excavation of the Bog Area. Plans are now being made for filling this excavation with the proper materials to maintain these areas with different acidity requirements.

One of the outstanding advances made by the group is the program of activities which got off to a good start with two walks in the fall for tree identification. The Baltimore Chapter of the Maryland Ornithological Society has conducted bird walks every other Saturday during the fall and winter. These are proving most interesting and educational for children from various sections of the city.

## **CHRISTMAS TREE CEREMONY**

A highlight in the lives of children in our northeast area is the annual Christmas Tree Ceremony. Starting at 4:30 p.m. in the Sculpture Court of the Museum of Art and proceeding to the steps of the Museum, the vested children's choir is singing "Everywhere, Everywhere Christmas Tonight" when The Christmas Tree across this drive bursts into light at 5 o'clock. The eighth annual ceremony was observed Friday, December 18th.

## HAZELWOOD DRAMA GROUP

The newly formed Hazelwood Drama Group, rehearsing at the Gardenville Recreation Center, introduced itself to the community on the night of Monday, May 25th, entertaining the audience with several skits. Then followed weeks of planning, with the result that the members went into serious production of a Broadway hit, "Letters To Luzerne," presented on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings, November 5, 6 and 7 to an appreciative audience.

## RECREATION CHORUS

The Chorus gave a most unusual Christmas Concert at the Museum of Art on Sunday afternoon December 6th with a capacity audience. Lewis Henry Horton's "The Appalachian Nativity", a folk cantata based on The Shape-Note tradition found in the eastern area of the United States, attracted many musicians and earnest students. The concert ended with "The Song of Christmas" with Thomas O'Connor of WBAL as Narrator. All of the soloists were members of the Chorus.

## SWAP SHOP

Tom Sawyer himself would have been hard pressed to keep up with the bright-eyed young swappers at the Patterson Park Playground's First Swap-Shop day held Wednesday, June 24, 1959.

The affair was a "Tom Sawyer Day" swap-shop in which children of the neighborhoods could trade "good toys and games" that they were tired of for "good toys and games" other children were tired of.

Youngsters from 3 to 13 years brought story-books, games, toy trucks, dolls, and comic books from home.

The affair was organized and conducted as an auction. Each child came forward to present his item. When the article was a popular one there was considerable clamor for trading.

<i>Statistics — 1959</i>	<i>Enrollment</i>	<i>Attendance</i>	<i>No. of Centers</i>
Playgrounds.....	25,436	1,572,510	60
Community Centers.....	53,305	2,156,290	41
Indoor Centers.....	8,448	61,348	23
Swimming Pools.....	1,743	15,553	6
Special Centers.....	31,001	248,477	—
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	119,933	4,054,178	130

**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**  
**DIVISION OF RECREATION**

Summary Cost Statement of Operating Expenses for the Year 195

**1—GENERAL EXPENSES**

21	Administrative Expenses .....	\$ 119,084.92
13	Leadership Training School .....	403.51
		\$ 119,488.43

**2—OPERATING EXPENSES**

21	Field Supervision Expenses .....	\$ 140,013.97
22	Playground Expenses .....	269,835.69
23	Community Centers Expenses .....	603,252.35
24	Indoor Centers Expenses .....	7,670.15
25	Recreational Activities Expenses .....	32,028.71
26	Municipal Sports Expenses .....	36,609.98
		\$1,089,410.85

**3—MAINTENANCE EXPENSES**

31	General Maintenance .....	\$ 34,369.68
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TOTAL EXPENSES — DEPARTMENT OF  
RECREATION FUNDS .....

			\$1,243,268.96
42	Accessory Enterprises .....	\$ 163,160.92	
60-B	Recreation Loans Construction .....	45,341.85	
60-C	4th Recreation Serial Loan Construction ...	82,371.33	
60-G	2nd Recreation Serial Loan Construction ...	188,803.89	479,677.99
			\$1,722,946.95

TOTAL .....

**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**  
**DIVISION OF RECREATION**

**Financial Statement of Appropriations and Loan Funds as of December 31, 1959**

Account	Description	Forwarded from 1958	Appropriations	Increments	Total Credits	Expenditures	Encumbrances	Total Expenditures	Balance
8.16A	Salaries	—	\$ 847,352.00	—	\$ 847,352.00	\$ 863,797.48	—	\$ 863,797.48	(\$ 16,445.48)
8.16D	Part Time Salaries	—	260,000.00	\$ 19.00	260,019.00	253,986.35	—	253,986.35	6,032.65
8.17	Expenses	—	126,000.00	818.05	126,818.05	127,068.43	\$ 3,576.00	130,644.43	(3,826.38)
	SUB-TOTAL	—	\$ 1,233,352.00	\$ 837.05	\$ 1,234,189.05	\$ 1,244,852.26	\$ 3,576.00	\$ 1,248,428.26	(\$ 14,239.21)
	From Other Funds	—	—	14,239.21	14,239.21	—	—	—	14,239.21
	TOTAL	—	\$ 1,233,352.00	\$ 15,076.26	\$ 1,248,428.26	\$ 1,244,852.26	\$ 3,576.00	\$ 1,248,428.26	\$ 0.00
8.301D	Recreation Loan Construction	\$350,000.00	—	—	350,000.00	82,371.33	62,348.00	144,719.33	205,280.67
8.310D	Recreation Loan Construction	—	—	800,000.00	800,000.00	188,803.89	—	188,803.89	611,196.11
8.303D	Recreation Loan Construction	469,119.93	—	5,568.81	474,688.74	45,341.85	—	45,341.85	429,346.89
8.304	3rd Recreation & Parks Serial	5,568.81	—	(5,568.81)	—	—	—	—	—
8.310	2nd Recreation & Parks Serial	—	800,000.00	(800,000.00)	—	—	—	—	—
	Forward to 1960	—	—	(1,245,823.67)	(1,245,823.67)	—	—	—	(1,245,823.67)
	TOTAL	\$824,688.74	\$2,033,352.00	—	\$1,627,293.33	\$1,561,369.33	\$65,924.00	\$1,627,293.33	\$0.00

( ) Indicates Negative Figure

## C. BUREAU OF MUSIC

(MR. EARL F. FORMAN, *Superintendent*)

This year, the Bureau of Music reached two extremes, ranging from the heights to the depths. The former was reached when Mr. Forman's dream was realized in the production of the musical "Oklahoma", in the Stadium. The latter when Mr. Forman passed away suddenly, on the morning of June 4, 1959. He therefore did not live to see the actual production.

Before Mr. Forman's untimely death he had completed plans for the summer season of the bands, and had again selected 14 young Baltimore vocalists to appear with the Number 1 Concert Bands through the season. Each soloist sang with one of the bands for a week, as well as appearing on this Bureau's television program, "Song Time", on station WMAR-TV. We are very much indebted to these fine young performers for the grand job they did, as the increasing audiences were evidence of the delight with which they were received. In addition, the soloists themselves were afforded much sought after opportunities for public appearances. From the season's opening concerts public interest was aroused, and it was quite evident from their reaction that the programs were arranged and presented in a pleasing, entertaining and acceptable manner.

Once again, this Bureau is indebted to Station WMAR-TV for their cooperation in making our season a success through presentation of an eight-weeks series of Thursday afternoon television programs. These programs, entitled "Song Time", introduced and presented the soloists appearing with the bands, offered special features in connection with the presentation of the musical "Oklahoma", in the Stadium, and also acquainted the people of Baltimore with the Bureau of Music and its aims and objectives.

### **Inauguration of Mayor J. Harold Grady**

The Bureau of Music had the honor of providing the musical background at inaugural ceremonies for Mayor J. Harold Grady, at the City Hall Plaza, with a concert by the Number 1 Park Concert Band.

### **City Hospitals Concert**

This annual concert was presented at the City Hospitals on Sunday, July 5, 1959, at 2:00 p.m. This is presented for both patients and hospital personnel. We understand that a very pleasant and enjoyable afternoon was provided for those who attended.

### **I-Am-An-American Day and Flag Day**

The Bureau of Music again received a request to furnish a 50-piece concert band for this special occasion. Funds for the participation of this band were granted by the City of Baltimore.

## Oklahoma at the Stadium July 9, 1959

The biggest, and certainly the most lavish, production ever presented by the Bureau of Music was the musical "Oklahoma", produced by the Baltimore Starlight Musicals, in the Baltimore Memorial Stadium. Too much credit cannot be given to all those responsible for the production of this show. It was truly superbly cast and produced. The scenery was unique and very well done, all constructed with ease of handling and versatility in mind. The costuming was authentic and greatly added to the success of the show. The music was very ably handled by the augmented combined municipal concert bands; under the capable direction of Mr. Gerald Eyth, who, calling on his background of experience, wove the music into the show in a smooth manner.

Just before curtain time, his Honor, Mayor J. Harold Grady, and Mr. James C. Anderson, former president of the Board of Recreation and Parks, spoke of the show and the part the late Earl Forman had played in making possible this presentation. They then dedicated the show to Mr. Forman's memory.



*Scene from "Oklahoma" Baltimore Memorial Stadium*

It was quite evident after the tickets went on sale that this presentation of "Oklahoma", would be a sell-out due to the very reasonable admission charged for such a superb production. Boxes and reserved seats were \$1.00; general admission, adults 75c, and children 25c. Blessed with good, clear, warm weather, nearly 13,000 people gathered to hear the beautiful and popular songs of this fine production. When the "loving couple" went away in the "Surrey With the Fringe on the Top" and the stage darkened, a happy and satisfied audience went home still humming those haunting melodies, notwithstanding the difficulty, earlier in the show, with the amplification system.



**Combined Concert and Ballet**  
**July 28, 1959**

The only combined concert of the 1959 season was presented by the Number 1 Concert Bands, at Baltimore Memorial Stadium, on July 28, 1959, and directed by Mr. Leigh Martinet. The program, entitled "Ballet Night", presented Miss Estelle Dennis and her accomplished ballet company in a very fine program. Miss Dennis presented several original dances, which were not only well performed and received but demonstrated the range of her versatility. The highlight of Miss Dennis' performance was "Tragedy of Madness", an original so delicately and flawlessly done that it left the audience breathless. The Dance Theatre and Ballet Company, in many varied and beautiful costumes, performed several numbers which were thoroughly appreciated by the sizeable audience in attendance.

The concert bands, under the direction of Mr. Leigh Martinet (in addition to the excellent support given to the dancers), rendered well-chosen and expertly executed selections which were well received. The combination of the dancers, the concert bands, community singing and the varied and interesting program, proved to be pleasing to the six thousand-odd persons attending. The applause was enthusiastic.



*Ballet Night—Baltimore Memorial Stadium  
Estelle Dennis and her Ballet Group with  
Combined Concert Bands—Photo Baltimore News-Post*

**Combined Concert at Druid Hill Park**  
**August 2, 1959**

With scenic Druid Hill Park as its background, the Number 2 Concert Bands gave their annual combined concert. A very interesting program was arranged by the two conductors, who shared equal honors in conducting the 70 musicians comprising the bands. A number of familiar musical compositions were included in the program, arranged

especially for this combined concert. A popular young tenor rendered several vocal solos, and his selections proved to be very popular.

The audience, needing no urging from the song leader, lustily participated in the community singing portion of the program.

### **Baltimore Symphony Orchestra**

Through funds provided in the budget for the Bureau of Music, the City of Baltimore, as in previous years, contributed to the support of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra. The Bureau sponsors the popular Saturday evening concerts, as well as the children's concerts in the schools. It has been particularly gratifying to observe that these Saturday night concerts of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra have been attracting so many youthful music lovers.

### **General Comments**

The Bureau of Music is continually on the alert in its endeavor to present to the public, musical programs which will be attractive to listeners of all ages. Over one hundred thousand programs and schedules were sent to various business concerns, manufacturers and other organizations, during the season, as well as to the Armed Forces, community groups and individuals.

Many thousands of song sheets were also prepared, for the use of the audiences at the concerts, for community singing.

The staff of the Bureau of Music wishes to express its appreciation to the Honorable Mayor J. Harold Grady; the members of the Board of Recreation and Parks; the Director of the Department of Recreation and Parks; the Superintendent of Parks, and the Highways Engineer, Bureau of Highways, for their generous support and kind cooperation.

The members of the Baltimore City Police Department, and Park Police, merit a special expression of thanks for their competent and courteous assistance.

The musicians and other personnel, who worked so conscientiously with the Bureau of Music, are to be commended for their contribution in making the 1959 season a success.

The Bureau of Music extends its thanks and appreciation to the press and television and radio stations for their helpful cooperation in assisting the Bureau in producing a successful season.

The financial report and schedules for the Bureau of Music follow.

## 1959 SCHEDULE — NUMBER 1 CONCERT BANDS

	Week-Day Concerts 8:00-10:00 P.M.	Combined & Special Concerts 8:30 P.M.
	Number 1 Park Concert Band Gerald Eyth, <i>Conductor</i>	Number 1 Municipal Concert Band Leigh Martinet, <i>Conductor</i>
Mon., June 15	Carroll Park	Deweese Playground — Tunbridge & Ivanhoe Road Union Square
Tues., June 16	Hanlon Park—Liberty Heights Ave. & Hilton Street	
Wed., June 17	Patterson Park	Dell — Charles & 31st Streets
Thurs., June 18	Federal Hill Park	Mount Vernon Place
Fri., June 19	Clifton Park	Canton Park — Boston St. & Ellwood Ave.
Mon., June 22	Carroll Park	Brehms Lane & Chesterfield Ave — School 231
Tues., June 23	Hanlon Park—Liberty Heights Ave. & Hilton St.	Garrett Park — Brooklyn
Wed., June 24	Patterson Park	Dell — Charles & 31st Sts.
Thurs., June 25	Federal Hill Park	Mount Vernon Place
Fri., June 26	Clifton Park	Canton Park — Boston St. & Ellwood Ave.
Mon., June 29	Carroll Park	Glenmore & Walther Blvd. — School 235
Tues., June 30	Hanlon Park—Liberty Heights Ave. & Hilton St.	Edmondson Village
Wed., July 1	Dell — Charles & 31st Sts.	Patterson Park
Thurs., July 2	Federal Hill Park	Mount Vernon Place
Fri., July 3	Clifton Park	Canton Park — Boston St. & Ellwood Ave.
Mon., July 6	Carroll Park	Springdale & Hillsdale Aves.
Tues., July 7	Open date	Christopher Ave. & Old Harford Road — School 236
Wed., July 8	Open date	Dell — Charles & 31st Sts.
Thurs., July 9	*Baltimore Memorial Stadium	*Baltimore Memorial Stadium
Fri., July 10	Clifton Park	Canton Park — Boston St. & Ellwood Ave.
Mon., July 13	Carroll Park	St. Matthews Church — Norman & Mayfield Aves.
Tues., July 14	Hanlon Park—Liberty Heights Ave. & Hilton St.	Northwood Shopping Center — Havenwood & Loch Raven Rds.
Wed., July 15	Patterson Park	Dell — Charles & 31st Sts.
Thurs., July 16	Mount Vernon Place	Federal Hill Park
Fri., July 17	Canton Park—Boston St. & Ellwood Ave.	Clifton Park
Mon., July 20	Carroll Park	Leith Walk & Sherwood Ave. — School 245
Tues., July 21	Hanlon Park—Liberty Heights Ave. & Hilton St.	St. Leo's School — Stiles St.
Wed., July 22	Patterson Park	Dell — Charles & 31st Sts.
Thurs., July 23	Federal Hill Park	Mount Vernon Place
Fri., July 24	Clifton Park	Canton Park — Boston St. & Ellwood Ave.

on., July 27 Carroll Park  
 es., July 28 \*Baltimore Memorial Stadium  
 ed., July 29 Dell — Charles & 31st Sts.  
 urs., July 30 Federal Hill Park  
 i., July 31 Clifton Park

on., Aug. 3 Carroll Park  
 es., Aug. 4 Hanlon Park-Liberty Heights  
 Ave. & Hilton St.  
 ed., Aug. 5 Patterson Park  
 urs., Aug. 6 Federal Hill Park  
 i., Aug. 7 Clifton Park

Bocek Playground — Madison &  
 Curley Sts.  
 \*Baltimore Memorial Stadium  
 Patterson Park  
 Mount Vernon Place  
 Canton Park — Boston St. &  
 Ellwood Ave.

St. Matthews Church — 5400  
 Loch Raven Blvd.  
 Wildwood Parkway — School 88

Dell — Charles & 31st Sts.  
 Mount Vernon Place  
 Rodgers & Magnolia Aves. —  
 School 234

\* Combined Concerts  
 Oklahoma and Ballet Nights.

## 1959 SCHEDULE — NUMBER 2 CONCERT BANDS

Sunday Concerts 3:00-5:00 P.M.	Combined Concert 3:00 P.M.	Week-Day Concerts 8:00-10:00 P.M.
	Number 2 Park Concert Band Charles E. Gwynn, <i>Conductor</i>	Number 2 Municipal Concert Band James O. Jones & Weldon J. Irvine, Jr., <i>Conductor</i>
Sun., May 31 Fri., June 5	Druid Hill Park, Grove 5	Francis St. & Clifton Ave. — School 137 Lafayette Square
Sun., June 7 Fri., June 12 Sun., June 14 Fri., June 19	Perkins Square Harlem Square	22nd St. & Homewood Ave. — School 74 Druid Hill Park, Grove 5
Sun., June 21 Fri., June 26	1500 Argyle Ave. — Musical Union Bldg. Madison Square	Mount & Saratoga Sts. — School 100 Baltimore City Hospitals, 2:00 P.M.
Sun., July 5	Chase & McDonough Sts. — School 135	Saratoga & Schroeder Sts. — School 161 Druid Hill Park, Grove 5
Fri., July 10	Druid Hill Park, Grove 5	Calhoun & Laurens Sts. — School 112 Druid Hill Park, Grove 5
Sun., July 12 Fri., July 17	Poplar Grove St. & Lafayette Ave. — School 145 Collington Square	
Sun., July 19 Fri., July 24		
Sun., July 26 Fri., July 31		
Sun., Aug. 2	COMBINED CONCERT	

**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**  
**DIVISION OF MUSIC**

Detail Cost Statement of Operating Expenses for the Year 1959

**General Expenses**

11	Administrative Expenses		
11-1	Pay and Expenses of Employees.....		\$ 6,854.60
11-2	Office Supplies and Expenses.....		693.71
11-9	Miscellaneous Expenses.....		8.00
	Sub-Total.....		\$ 7,556.31
	TOTAL 1—General Expenses.....		\$ 7,556.31

**Operating Expenses**

21-1	Moving and Erecting Grandstands.....		\$ 2,415.75
22	# 1 Municipal Concert Band Expense		
22-1	Pay of Musicians and Technicians.....		\$16,543.00
22-3	Musical Scores.....		121.50
22-9	Miscellaneous.....		30.85
	Sub-Total.....		\$16,695.35
23	# 1 Park Concert Band Expenses		
23-1	Pay of Musicians and Technicians.....		\$15,549.00
24	# 2 Municipal Concert Band Expenses		
24-1	Pay of Musicians and Technicians.....		\$ 4,248.00
24-9	Miscellaneous.....		57.55
	Sub-Total.....		\$ 4,305.55
25	# 2 Park Concert Band Expenses		
25-1	Pay of Musicians and Technicians.....		\$ 3,544.00
25-3	Musical Scores.....		28.80
	Sub-Total.....		\$ 3,572.80
26	Musical Production Expenses		
26-1	Pay of Musicians and Technicians.....		\$ 3,174.50
26-5	Hauling and Erecting Stands.....		654.80
26-9	Miscellaneous.....		5,069.01
	Sub-Total.....		\$ 8,898.31

27	<b>Special Concerts Expense</b>		
27-2	Pay of Soloists.....	\$	500.00
27-3	Musical Scores.....		214.13
27-5	Hauling and Erecting Stands.....		687.05
27-6	Rental of Chairs.....		255.20
27-7	Rental of Motion pictures & Spotlight Equipment.....		250.00
27-9	Miscellaneous.....		428.21
	Sub-Total.....	\$	<u>2,334.59</u>
29	<b>Baltimore Symphony Orchestra</b> .....		<u>\$70,000.00</u>
	Total 2—Operating Expenses.....		<u>\$123,771.35</u>
	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<u><u>\$131,327.66</u></u>

CITY OF BALTIMORE  
BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
BUREAU OF MUSIC

Financial Statement of Appropriations as of December 31, 1959

Account	Description	Appropriations	Increments	Total Credits	Expenditures	Encumbrances	Total Expenditures	Balance
8.10A	Salaries.....	\$ 10,284.00	—	\$ 10,284.00	\$ 6,854.60	—	\$ 6,854.60	\$3,429.40
8.11	Expenses.....	49,710.00	\$ 4,815.82	54,525.82	54,473.06	—	54,473.06	52.76
8.12	Baltimore Symphony Orchestra.....	60,000.00	10,000.00	70,000.00	70,000.00	—	70,000.00	—
	TOTAL.....	\$119,994.00	\$14,815.82	\$134,809.82	\$131,327.66	—	\$131,327.66	\$3,482.16
	To Other Funds.....	—	(3,482.16)	(3,482.16)	—	—	—	(3,482.16)
	GRAND TOTAL.....	\$119,994.00	\$11,333.66	\$131,327.66	\$131,327.66	—	\$131,327.66	\$0.00

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